DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration Silver Spring, MD 20993

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RE: "Request for Correction of Information Disseminated to the Public that Improperly Attributed a Study to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)"

Dear Mr. Bakst:

Your May 21, 2015, request for correction of information disseminated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding a study which you characterized as improperly attributed by the Food and Drug Administration to CDC is still under review. While the goal of the Food and Drug Administration is to respond within 60 days to such requests, we are unable to do so in this case. We anticipate that a response will be forwarded to you by September 21, 2015.

Thank you for your interest in the quality of information disseminated by HHS. Should you have any questions, please contact Mical Honigfort at 240-402-1278 or mical.honigfort@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Laurie Lenkel Office of the Ombudsman Office of the Commissioner Food and Drug Administration