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Re: Your November 8, 2018 letter to me responding to ASA's Information Quality Requests for Correction dated 6/4/18 and 8/7/18

Dear Dr. Dowling:

The third sentence of the second paragraph of your November 8, 2018 letter states that "the bullet point noted in your letter will no longer appear on our webpages." The bullet point referred to stated, in part, that "more than 400,000 cases of skin cancer could be related to indoor tanning in the United States each year."

There have been extensive changes to the CDC's website in regard to indoor tanning since the November 8, 2018, which I assume reflect the revisions referred to in your letter. Yet on the first page of a section on the CDC's current website titled "Policies and Practices for Cancer Prevention: Indoor Tanning Among Minors", there is a link titled "View policies and practices" which, when clicked on, produces a document titled "Reducing Indoor Tanning Among Minors." On page 2 of this document there is a box titled "Skin Cancer Facts" with 4 bullet points. The fourth bullet point states: "**More than 400,000 new cases of skin cancer in the United States each year may be related to indoor tanning.**" [Emphasis added]. Although no citation is referenced to support this statement, it is clear that it comes from the 2014 study by Wehner and colleagues, which was the subject of our letter. Our prior filings with the Office of Science Quality show that this study is a total piece of trash that should not be cited or followed by any responsible person and should never have been published. We hereby request that the above-referenced fourth bullet point be deleted from the document titled "Reducing Indoor Tanning Among Minors" and from any other place it may appear on the CDC's website or other written materials. We also request that all references to the Wehner et al. 2012 and Wehner et al. 2014 studies be deleted from the CDC's website or other written materials.

I have attached for your convenience a copy of the document titled "Reducing Indoor Tanning Among Minors" with the offending fourth bullet point highlighted. I have also attached a copy of a 2017 study by Dr. John McGrath of Australia finding that Individuals in the 25OHD-deficient group at mid-gestation had more than twofold increased risk of ASD (odds ratio (OR)=2.42, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.09 to 5.07, P=0.03) compared with the sufficient group.

Sincerely,

/S/

Melinda Norton  
President

