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Dear Professor Dr.Kramer,

your letter is very shocking. As researcher I am unused to such tone. In research field it is important to discuss, to confront and to verify results. Only in this way it may be possible to improve.

To rely on Borna disease virus research, I would like to remember you that studies worldwide are increasing. It is true that the hypothesis that BDV is associated with human clinical illness must be definitely proven; however even if a small fraction of mental illness could be attributable to BDV infection, this would be an important finding. Certainly as for all emerging human pathogens, doubts and difficulties are enormous. However problems do not resolve stopping research group and demolishing scientific credibility of researchers.

If you think that the Wolff paper demonstrates the failure to detect BDV antigen in human blood by Bode's ELISA test, you, in my opinion, make a mistake. I agree with the data by Flower and Ludwig published on JCV 2006.

In controversial cases can be useful to analyse in different laboratories a high number of blinded sera and to compare results.

I work on Borna disease virus from 2003, supported by Liv Bode. I think that the CIC test is a test with a good specificity and sensitivity.

In this sense my lab is available to participate to multicentric studies because I think that a test can be improved and that the research must be not *killed*.

Sincerely
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