Regarding Gerald Weissmann’s editorial, “Shovel-Ready Science: Moses Applies for a GO Grant”

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Thank you for making Dr. Moses’ proposal available for public discussion [see Gerald Weissmann (2009) Shovel-Ready Science: Moses Applies for a GO Grant. FASEB J. 23: 2337–2340]. After reading this proposal, I am deeply concerned over his failure to acknowledge any of the research done by my team. Our work is based extensively on that of Dr. Moses’ important early studies, and we have achieved outcomes involving touch healing and reanimation of the dead. Others who have repeated our experiments also report the instantaneous conversion of bread and wine into flesh and blood.

My team’s work is widely known and documented, was done in collaboration with his own mentor’s son, and was even translated by the same K. James! At best, Dr. Moses’ failure to cite our vast body of literature clearly shows his limited understanding of the field, while at worst, shows that his personal bias influences his experimental work. As a result, I believe that his proposal is anything but “shovel ready.”

Response by Dr. Moses:

Thank you for sharing your concerns. Indeed, the work of Dr. Luke and his twelve colleagues is well known and documented. Despite claims from other groups that some of their results have indeed been reproduced, our own efforts have not been quite as successful. Furthermore, the work of Dr. Luke’s post-doctoral mentor—and senior investigator on the team’s published work—has been thoroughly investigated by local officials responsible for research integrity. In the most famous trial in human history, doubts were cast on data published by the Jerusalem laboratory.

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