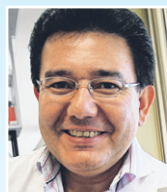


Rogue researchers

Academics who produced flawed papers. Where are they now?

Alirio Melendez



CASE REPORTED: DECEMBER 2012

• **Previous position in Singapore:** Associate professor at National University of Singapore's (NUS) Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine

• **The wrongdoing:** Fabricated 21 research papers published in international academic journals

• **Action taken:** University of Liverpool, which appointed him chairman of its immunopharmacology unit before he was found out, suspended him. He resigned before the investigations concluded.

• **Current position:** Consultant and professor in biomedical sciences at King Khalid University, Saudi Arabia

Dr Noel Chia



CASE REPORTED: APRIL 2016

• **Previous position in Singapore:** Associate professor in the Early Childhood and Special Needs Education Academic Group at the National Institute of Education (NIE)

• **The wrongdoing:** Research malpractice, after it came to light that primary data was not available to authenticate research data in 11 academic papers he had either led or co-authored

• **Action taken:** All 11 papers retracted, resigned from NIE

• **Current position:** Believed to be a consultant in private practice

Dr Ravi Kambadur



CASE REPORTED: JULY 2016

• **Previous position in Singapore:** Associate professor at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), senior principal investigator at Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences (SICS), which comes under the Agency for Science,

Technology and Research (A*Star)

• **The wrongdoing:** Wilful negligence in condoning data falsification in research papers and misdirecting his research group

• **Action taken:** Six papers retracted, sacked from posts at NTU and SICS

• **Current position:** Unknown

Dr Mridula Sharma



CASE REPORTED: JULY 2016

• **Previous position in Singapore:** Associate professor at NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine

• **The wrongdoing:** Co-authored six research papers with falsified data

• **Action taken:** Six papers retracted, left her post at NUS

• **Current position:** Unknown

Sudarsanareddy Lokireddy



CASE REPORTED: JULY 2016

• **Previous position in Singapore:** Cell biology researcher at NTU

• **The wrongdoing:** Falsifying data in three research papers, as well as his doctoral thesis

• **Action taken:** Five papers retracted, PhD revoked, left NTU and new position as research fellow at Harvard Medical School's department of cell biology

• **Current position:** Unknown

Sabeera Bonala



CASE REPORTED: NOVEMBER 2017

• **Previous position in Singapore:** Researcher at A*Star's SICS

• **The wrongdoing:** Falsifying data in three research papers and doctoral thesis

• **Action taken:** Three research papers listing Ms Bonala as first author retracted. PhD revoked in March this year, sacked from A*Star in August last year

• **Current position:** Executive director and co-founder of the website Biostandups