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**Watchdog Urges Scientific Journal to Retract Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Article after Whistleblower Reports Facility for Violating Federal Law**

**BOSTON, MA** – A national scientific journal is being asked to retract a Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center article because it violates the editorial policies of the magazine with repeated animal welfare violations, according to a national research watchdog group.

SAEN, an Ohio-based national research watchdog that monitors U.S. research facilities for illegal activity and animal abuse, has submitted a retraction request to the Journal of Neuroscience Research because it has evidence of animal welfare violations so numerous and severe the investigator and all those in his laboratory were immediately and indefinitely prohibited from any animal work at the institution.

Correspondence between Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and the National Institutes of Health Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare regarding reports made by two whistleblowers revealed: the purposeful, insufficient and inappropriate use of anesthetic resulting in animal movement during surgery; the falsification of surgery cards regarding the administration of analgesia; and unapproved retro-orbital bleeding conducted on animals by an unapproved researcher.

The committee investigating the infractions felt that there was a “serious and repeated lack of concern for animal welfare and policies,” and that there was a “clear lack of remorse for numerous animals that likely suffered unnecessarily.”

“Not only was the study published in this article continually out of compliance with federal guidelines and requirements, but numerous animals suffered unnecessarily, thus further indicating the lab’s apparent disregard for policies and procedures,” said Stacey Ellison, Research Analyst, SAEN.