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Attacks Against Medical Researchers: Time to Take a Stand

Philadelphia, PA, March 31, 2008 – *Biological Psychiatry*, in its upcoming April 15th issue, is publishing a critically important commentary written by its Editors and members of its Editorial Committee and Editorial Board. This commentary is an urgent public statement, highlighting the increasing problem of terrorist acts against investigators conducting research in non-human primates in the United States. Collectively, the 87 authors wish to not only declare their stance against these terrible acts, but also to emphasize the unique and vital role that non-human primate research plays in furthering our understanding of the neurobiology and treatment of psychiatric disorders.

Attacks on these scientists are growing in number and intensity, with recent events having occurred at private residences and even against researchers' family members, beyond the relative protection of university or institutional campuses. The authors of this *Biological Psychiatry* commentary unequivocally state their support for their colleagues in neuroscience research, and bring this issue into the forefront of public awareness.

Biological Psychiatry has provided access to this commentary free of charge on their website, at www.sobp.org/journal.

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Notes to Editors:

The article is "It Is Time to Take a Stand for Medical Research and Against Terrorism Targeting Medical Scientists" by John H. Krystal, Cameron S. Carter, Daniel Geschwind, Hussein K. Manji, John S. March, Eric J. Nestler, Jon-Kar Zubieta, Dennis S. Charney, David Goldman, Raquel E. Gur, Jeffrey A. Lieberman, Peter Roy-Byrne, David R.

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