

Editorial: Flaws in Evidence Based Medicine

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It is almost customary to make health related decisions according to the available evidence. Evidence based medicine (EBM) has become the cornerstone on which are built the treatments, investigations and health promoting issues. Results of Meta analyses and systemic reviews are considered the golden standards of EBM. All seems in perfect order and decisions appeared free from bias and free from the influence of drug companies (DC). EBM is basically built on PUBLISHED research. Two pitfalls have recently come to our attention: some research is not being published due to interference with the financial benefit of DC. Some renowned trusted researchers published flawed research. DC have seen the potential of EBM and are causing

changes in the outcome of meta analyses this way. The solution is theoretically simple: journals should publish all well conducted research without allowing DC financial interest to affect their decision of what to publish.

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