

On January 18, 2019 at 11:49:08 AM, marc.ackerman@childrens.harvard.edu (marc.ackerman@childrens.harvard.edu) wrote:

Dear Dr. Angus:

I am glad that you have taken the bull by the horns regarding this matter. The onus of proof is purely on the shoulders of Henry Schein Orthodontics. You state, "Not having found supporting literature either from a literature search or from the company itself, as of today we can neither substantiate nor refute their claims." Why did the RAE group not send an official response with this exact sentence after 30 days in review? At this point, your recommendation that I should undertake a prospective clinical trial to evaluate the potentially false claims of a manufacturer is ludicrous.

The whole point of my submission to your RAE group was to have an independent body staffed with "highly qualified individuals" assess, review and then respond to the query in a timely fashion. The definition of rapid is, "occurring within a short time; happening speedily". Do you think that a 60-day period qualifies as "rapid" or "until the cows come home"?

I would like to thank you for an official response to my submission in your capacity as President of the AAOF Board. I am thrilled that the most senior leadership person in the AAOF has gone on record as agreeing that the claims made by Henry Schein orthodontics cited (BTW not sited) in the submission cannot be substantiated.

Sincerely,

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