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Brad J. Bushman
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Dear Dr. Bushman:

On January 23, 2015, the Ohio State University received concerns regarding irregularities in data published in Whitaker, J.L. and Bushman, B.J. (2014). "Boom, Headshot!": Effect of Video Game Play and Controller Type on Firing Aim and Accuracy. *Communication Research*, Vol 41(7):879-891.

As required by the University Policy and Procedures Concerning Research Misconduct, the university conducted an inquiry into the matter. Following a thorough review of the available information, the university determined that while there were clearly data irregularities that called into question the validity of the published data, there was no evidence that you participated in, or were aware of, the inappropriate data manipulation. Therefore, the university found that the allegations brought against you did not have sufficient substance to warrant an investigation and they were dismissed.

The institution appreciates your continued cooperation and assistance as we reviewed this matter and acknowledge that you have put steps in place to ensure the proper handling and retention of data by your laboratory going forward.

Please contact me at 614-247-8831 or yucel.4@osu.edu, if you require additional information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer K. Yucel, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Research Compliance
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