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Commercial Influence on Psychiatric Drug Studies

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Summary of examples of design and reporting
modifications in industry-sponsored trials⁸
Technique used | Examples from the literature
Using doses
outside the usual
range

Selection of

than fluoxetine. In contrast, the research rhetoric of the sponsored trials tends to spin the meaning of the findings in published, positive studies.¹⁴ One published trial, for example, concluded that paroxetine is generally well tolerated and effective for major depression in adolescents.¹⁸

The rhetoric and discourse of science

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