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EXPOSED: ELI LILLY CONCEALS THE SUICIDE RISK OF PROZAC FOR 16 YEARS

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A document acquired by CNN showed that Eli Lilly &Co.

concealed significant side effect information from the early clinical trials of Prozac ®.

The internal document, provided to CNN by Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-NY, indicated that 3.7% of patients in the trials attempted suicide while on the drug, a rate more than twelve times higher than that of four similar antidepressants. The document also states that 2.3% of users suffered psychotic depression while on the drug, more than double the next highest rate on another antidepressant, and that 1.6% of patients reported incidents of hostility, more than double the rate of other antidepressants.

And lastly, the report stated that 0.8% of users reported causing an intentional injury – eighttimes the rate of any other anti-depressant.

And yet, Eli Lilly &Co. proceeded to acquire FDAapproval on this drug and take it to market. In 1994, the sales of Prozac reached an estimated \$4 billion. And on the decade leading up to 2001, the number of prescriptions for antidepressants of all kinds went up from nine million per year to 24 million per year.

The document was made publicly available at: <http://i.cnn.net/cnn/2005/images/01/03/eli.lilly.pdf>.

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