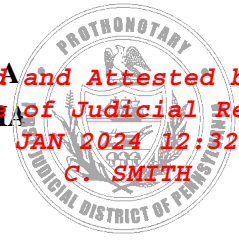


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**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

<p>DOMENICO PRATICO [REDACTED] Philadelphia, PA 19130</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>PHILLIP GIANNOPOULOS [REDACTED] Philadelphia, PA 19111</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant.</p>	<p>NO. _____</p> <p>JURY TRIAL DEMANDED</p>
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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Domenico Praticò (Dr. Praticò) through his undersigned counsel, complains against Phillip Giannopoulos, (Dr. Giannopoulos) as follows:

This matter involves the falsification of research data by Defendant, and intentional representations by Defendant to induce Plaintiff to rely on such data to Plaintiff's detriment.

PARTIES

1. Dr. Praticò is an individual who resides at [REDACTED] Philadelphia, PA 19130.
2. Upon information and belief, Dr. Giannopoulos is an individual who resides at [REDACTED] Philadelphia, PA 19111 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

VENUE

3. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure 2179(a)(3) and (4) because the causes of action asserted hereunder arose from transactions and occurrences in Philadelphia County.

FACTS

4. Dr. Praticò is a tenured Professor of Neural Sciences and the Director of the Alzheimer's Center at Temple University.

5. Dr. Praticò's research area is clinical pharmacology with a special focus on the cellular and molecular aspects of cell oxidative biology and a particular interest in small molecules such as bioactive oxidized lipids.

6. Dr. Praticò has authored or participated in authoring over 300 articles, and chapters of several books.

7. Dr. Praticò is the principal researcher in the Praticò Lab which is part of the School of Medicine at Temple University.

8. Students at Temple University use the Praticò Lab to research diseases of the brain, including those that affect memory, language, and the ability to learn.

9. Dr. Praticò served as doctoral advisor to Dr. Giannopoulos during his doctoral program at Temple University. Dr. Giannopoulos received his Ph.D. from Temple University in 2015.

10. Dr. Giannopoulos used Dr. Praticò's lab and certain testing equipment that is housed in the animal facility outside of Dr. Praticò's lab to perform studies that constituted original research ("the Giannopoulos Data"), which Dr. Giannopoulos used for his doctoral dissertation at Temple University.

11. At the time Dr. Giannopoulos received his Ph.D., neither Dr. Praticò nor any other person on his dissertation committee, nor the external reviewer was aware of issues or problems with the Giannopoulos Data. There were three permanent members of the thesis committee.

12. Springer Nature Academic Publishing, Inc. (“Springer Nature”) published two articles (hereinafter “the Articles”) in which Dr. Praticò and Dr. Giannopoulos were named as authors:

- a. Overexpression of 5-lipoxygenase Worsens the Phenotype of a Mouse Model of Tauopathy. *Mol Neurobiol* 2018; 55(7):5926-5936;
- b. Learning Impairments, Memory Deficits, and Neuropathology in Aged Tau Transgenic Mice Are Dependent on Leukotrienes Biosynthesis: Role of the cdk5 Kinase Pathway. *Mol Neurobiol.* 2019 Feb; 56(2):1211-1220

13. Dr. Praticò was the primary author of the Articles.

14. The Articles contains Giannopoulos Data.

15. Prior to submitting the articles to Springer Nature, Dr. Praticò spoke to Dr. Giannopoulos about the publications; in 2015, Dr. Giannopoulos had prepared and formatted text and figures for submission of the article to a different journal, which ended up not publishing the material.

See Exhibits A and B.

16. Dr. Giannopoulos was aware of the publication of the Articles and used the Articles in his public profile on ResearchGate. *See Exhibit C.*

17. In addition, the Articles was listed in Dr. Giannopoulos’ public profile on pubmed. *See Exhibit D.*

18. In March of 2020, after a website name “Pubpeer” posted comments challenging the Giannopoulos Data as set forth in the Articles, Dr. Praticò emailed Dr. Giannopoulos regarding the data.

19. In 2020, after Pubpeer criticized the Giannopoulos Data, Dr. Giannopoulos did not challenge authorship.

20. Upon information and belief, in 2023, Dr. Giannopoulos represented, through his attorney, to the Associate Editor and Publisher at Springer Nature that Dr. Giannopoulos was ‘unaware of the submission and publication’ of the Article, and that he did not consent to the publication of his data.

21. This representation directly conflicts with Dr. Giannopoulos’ ResearchGate and pubmed profiles, in which he indicates he is an author.

22. In 2023, after receiving feedback from peers in the academic community, Dr. Praticò conducted a very careful review of Dr. Giannopoulos’ source data, and of Dr. Giannopoulos’ dissertation, and is now extremely concerned about the integrity of the Giannopoulos Data.

23. To Dr. Praticò’s knowledge, Dr. Giannopoulos never expressed any concern to any person about authorship of the Article until the year 2023. Prior to the year 2023, Dr. Giannopoulos did not ever advise Dr. Praticò that he disagreed with the use of the Giannopoulos Data in the Article, or that he was unaware of its submission or publication.

COUNT I- DEFAMATION

24. All preceding allegations are incorporated herein by reference.

25. Because Dr. Giannopoulos’ attorney is his agent, the defamatory statement by the attorney constitutes a statement by Dr. Giannopoulos.

26. Dr. Giannopoulos’ made a false statement of fact when his attorney represented to Springer Nature Journal that Dr. Giannopoulos was unaware that he was named as an author of the Article and when he claimed that he did not consent to being in the authorship for the Article.

27. Dr. Giannopoulos’ statement to Springer Nature that he did not consent to the publication of the Article is a statement of defamatory character, which blackened Dr. Praticò’s reputation, exposed him to public contempt, and injured his business or profession.

28. Moreover, the statement tends to lower Dr. Praticò's estimation in the community and deter people from associating or dealing with him.

29. The defamatory statement was published when it was made to Springer Nature Journal.

30. The recipient of the defamatory statement understood its defamatory meaning, and understood the statement was intended to be applied to Dr. Praticò.

31. The defamatory statement is not subject to any privilege, or alternatively, to the extent there is a privilege, the privilege was abused.

32. Upon information and belief, when Dr. Giannopoulos, by his counsel, made the false statements, he intended to make them.

33. Dr. Praticò has suffered actual injury as a result of the defamatory statement including an impairment to his reputation and standing in the academic community, personal humiliation, and mental anguish and suffering.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests (i) judgment be entered in its favor and against Defendant; (ii) an award be entered in an amount in excess of \$50,000, plus attorney's fees, costs and interest; and (iii) the Court grant any further relief deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

COUNT II- FRAUD

34. All preceding allegations are incorporated herein by reference.

35. Dr. Giannopoulos represented to Dr. Praticò on at least two occasions that his data was reliable for scholarly publications, first when he used the data in his dissertation, and second in 2015, when he prepared and formatted text and figures for submission of the article to a journal.

36. Dr. Giannopoulos' misrepresentations were material to the matter at hand and Dr. Praticò continued to rely on the representations when Dr. Praticò submitted the same text and figures to Springer Nature for publication.

37. Dr. Giannopoulos developed the false data knowingly, and with knowledge of his deception.

38. After concerns were raised about the data, in 2023, a third-party expert used specialized software to review the Giannopoulos Data, and found that Dr. Giannopoulos had:

- a. duplicated, altered, and improperly reused data;
- b. appropriated experimental images from other sources not authored by himself, mislabeling them and then presenting them in the thesis as a purported result of his own research activity; and
- c. mislabeled images in an inconsistent way and reusing them to prepare experimental material in support of several research behavior.

39. Dr. Giannopoulos intended for Dr. Praticò to believe in the veracity and accuracy of the Giannopoulos Data both when Dr. Giannopoulos received his Ph.D. and when Dr. Giannopoulos responded to an email encouraging publication of the data.

40. Dr. Praticò relied on the Giannopoulos Data when he submitted Articles containing the Giannopoulos Data to various journals for publication.

41. Dr. Praticò was justified in relying on Dr. Giannopoulos. Neither Dr. Praticò nor anyone else on Dr. Giannopoulos' dissertation committee were aware of problems with the Giannopoulos Data until well after Dr. Giannopoulos received his doctorate and Dr. Praticò submitted the articles containing the Giannopoulos Data for publication.

42. Dr. Praticò has been damaged by this fraudulent conduct. Dr. Giannopoulos' reckless behavior profoundly polluted several manuscripts prepared by Dr. Praticò's lab, and thereby undermining Dr. Praticò's scientific reputation.

43. Dr. Praticò has suffered actual injury as a result of the defamatory statement including an impairment to his reputation and standing in the academic community, personal humiliation, and mental anguish and suffering.

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WISLER PEARLSTINE, LLP

Dated: January 9, 2024

By: /s/ Deborah R. Stambaugh
Christopher E. Ezold, Esquire
Deborah R. Stambaugh, Esquire
Attorneys for Plaintiff

EXHIBIT “A”

Htau-5LO AAV manuscript

Phillip Giannopoulos [REDACTED]

Fri 1/9/2015 12:54 PM

To:DOMENICO PRATICO <praticod@temple.edu>

 8 attachments (8 MB)

htau 5LO AAV- figure 7 in vitro 1-9-15.ppt; htau 5LO AAV figure 6 in vitro 1-9-15.ppt; htau-5LO AAV figure 5 inflam 1-9-15.ppt; htau 5LO AAV-figure 4 syp 1-9-15.ppt; htau 5LO AAV figure 3 insoluble tau-kinases 1-9-15.ppt; htau 5LO AAV figure 2-ptau 1-9-15.ppt; htau 5LO AAV behavior figure 1- 1-9-15.ppt; htau 5LO AAV manuscript 1-9-15 nature neuroscience.doc;


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Fri 3/13/2015 12:32 PM

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Re: greetings et al

Phillip Giannopoulos [REDACTED]

Thu 4/13/2017 12:49 PM

To: DOMENICO PRATICO <praticod@temple.edu>

I believe they have should at least have my initials on them. If there are any questions let me know. Also, Alana can take a picture on her phone of the box cover and message and I will be able to tell if it's my handwriting.

On Thu, Apr 13, 2017 at 12:23 PM, DOMENICO PRATICO <praticod@temple.edu> wrote:

Phillip,

thanks for your prompt response. We'll look in the freezer, I am sure the boxes will have your name also?

Best

On Thu, Apr 13, 2017 at 12:16 PM, Phillip Giannopoulos <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hey Dr. Pratico,

Great to hear from you. Excited to hear that Alana is prepping to submit. You can leave the Temple affiliation since I performed the work there.

As for the biochemistry files, I will take a look at my external hard drive at home in Philadelphia over the weekend where I have the files saved to see exactly what I have and compare it to what I sent you before I left. I will send you over any necessary files.

In the case I do not have the biochemistry data, I spoke with Alana and told her to check the freezers for the P301S/5LOAAV and P301S/zileuton tissue. I believe it is in the newer of the two freezers but she will double check for me.

Hope things are well with you and we'll be in touch soon.

On Thu, Apr 13, 2017 at 11:51 AM, DOMENICO PRATICO <praticod@temple.edu> wrote:

Hey Phillip,

How are you? I hope this message finds you well!!

Two things:

1. Alana is putting together her data on the P301S 5LO KO mice and since she is using some of your data showing the age/region dependent changes in the 5LO levels you will be in the authorship.

Do you want us to put your current address/work? or just leave the Temple affiliation since the work was performed here?

2. In reviewing the files you gave me with all the unpublished work I noticed that among the different studies, the P301S treated with zileuton and the P301S with aav5LO do not have any biochemistry data.

Can you please tell me where we can find the tissues of these studies? We have a new person in the lab that could complete them.

Looking forward to hearing back form you.

Domenico

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P301S zileuton and P3015LO

Phillip Giannopoulos [REDACTED]

Sun 4/16/2017 11:03 PM

To: DOMENICO PRATICO <praticod@temple.edu>

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Hey Dr. Pratico,

Below are all the biochemistry files for the P301 zileuton study. It includes the ptau, insoluble tau, kinases, synaptic and inflammatory markers. For P301S 5LO i could not find any files on the external hard drive. I will continue to look and see if I find anything. i do not recall completing the western blot for that study. I will continue to look and if i come up with any files, i will send them your way. Anything else you need let me know. Hope you had a wonderful Easter!!

Talk to you soon

EXHIBIT “B”

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Learning Impairments, Memory Deficits, and Neuropathology in Aged Tau Transgenic Mice Are Dependent on Leukotrienes Biosynthesis: Role of the cdk5 Kinase Pathway

February 2019 · *Molecular Neurobiology* 56(1):1-10

DOI:10.1007/s12035-018-1124-7

Authors:



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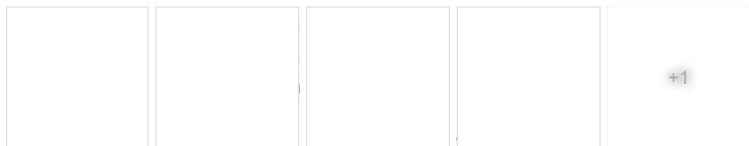


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Learning Impairments, Memory Deficits, and Neuropathology in Aged Tau Transgenic Mice Are Dependent on Leukotrienes Biosynthesis: Role of the cdk5 Kinase Pathway

Phillip F. Giannopoulos¹ · Jian Chiu¹ · Domenico Praticò¹

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Abstract

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Keywords Tauopathy · cdk5 kinase pathway · Five-lipoxygenase · Leukotrienes · Neuroinflammation · Behavior

Introduction

Neurodegenerative diseases represent a large and heterogeneous group of chronic disorders both sporadic and familial, often characterized by the progressive accumulation of signature protein aggregates, which in most cases provide the basis for their neuropathological classification [1]. To this end, the term “tauopathies” is typically used to define some of these diseases whose main feature is the presence of filamentous accumulations of highly phosphorylated tau protein only in neurons or neurons and glial cells [2, 3]. They comprise several different clinical and pathological entities and have been sub-classified into primary and secondary, depending on whether tau neuropathology is considered the major contributing factor to the pathogenesis or simply associated with it [4].

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While pathological post-translational modifications of tau have unequivocally been shown to be able to cause neurodegeneration, the precise molecular and cellular mechanism whereby this protein is involved in the pathogenesis of these diseases are still poorly understood. Interestingly, besides the accumulation of highly phosphorylated tau, its filaments, and ultimately the neurofibrillar tangles, consistent evidence has demonstrated that both human tauopathies as well as their animal models are also characterized by intense humoral and cellular neuroinflammatory responses [5, 6].

We recently showed that post-mortem brain tissues from subjects with a clinical and pathological diagnosis of progressive supranuclear palsy, one of the most common forms of tauopathy, have a significant up-regulation of the 5-lipoxygenase (5LO), an enzyme whose metabolic products, the leukotrienes, are potent pro-inflammatory lipid mediators [7, 8]. Further, in relevant mouse models of tauopathy, genetic absence or early pharmacological blockade of 5LO activation resulted in significant improvement of behavioral deficits and delay in the development of tau phosphorylation and pathology [7, 9, 10]. However, as these studies are to be considered as preventative in nature since all of them have used mice at an early stage of their phenotype,

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... Cdk5 is also associated with early inflammation of AD (Wilkaniec et al., 2018). Leukotriene, an inflammatory factor, may accelerate tau pathological accumulation through the Cdk5 pathway (Giannopoulos et al., 2019). Tau affects the function of subcellular organelles, such as mitochondria and The role of Cdk5 in neurological disorders and the underlying molecular mechanisms. ...

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... Secondly, we analyzed pharmacokinetics of MTK in a transgenic mouse model of AD, because recently it was shown that pharmacological inhibition of leukotriene signaling had beneficial effects in several mouse models of AD [30][31][32][33][34]. The leukotriene receptor antagonist MTK has been proposed as an interesting candidate for drug repurposing in AD patients [13][14][15], due to its potential to modulate neuroinflammation and improve memory in animal models of stroke [35], epilepsy [36,37] and Lewy body dementia [38]. ...

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VPS35 regulates tau phosphorylation and neuropathology in tauopathy

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The inflammasome assembles leading to increased cleavage and activity of caspase-1 and downstream IL-1 β release, which plays a significant role in the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease (AD). Previous studies have shown that caspase-1-mediated neuroinflammation occurs early in AD process. However, the detailed role of caspase-1 in aging-related AD-like neuropathology is still unclear so far. In ... [\[Show full abstract\]](#)

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Antileukotriene therapy by reducing tau phosphorylation improves synaptic integrity and cognition of...

March 2018 · Aging Cell

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The 5-lipoxygenase (5LO) is a source of inflammatory leukotrienes and is upregulated in Alzheimer's disease and related tauopathies. However, whether it directly modulates tau phosphorylation and the development of its typical neuropathology in the absence of A β or is a secondary event during the course of the disease pathogenesis remains to be fully elucidated. The goal of this study was to ... [\[Show full abstract\]](#)

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