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To Wikipedia,

December 4, 2017

Dear Sirs,

I have noticed that in Wikipedia, under my name, Demetrios Spandidos, you refer (references 4 and 5) to a fiction book entitled “Natural Obsessions” written by a reporter named Natalie Angier. As I recall, when I was working as a senior scientist at the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research in Glasgow, Scotland in 1986, she had called me under the pretense of being a reporter from New York. She had wanted to ask me what had taken place when I was working as a post-doctoral fellow at Louis Siminovitch’s Laboratory at the University of Toronto from 1976-1978, where I discovered cellular oncogenes by transfection. As I promised her, I wrote a document entitled “RECOLLECTIONS OF DEMETRIOS SPANDIDOS GLASGOW SCOTLAND NOVEMBER 1986” and sent it to her within one week. Since then, I have had not other contact with her. Sometime later, I heard that she had written a fiction book entitled “Natural Obsessions”, in which she aimed to discredit my discovery and tried to convince public opinion that Professor Robert Weinberg had discovered oncogenes himself. I later heard that she was paid for a number of years from grants of Professor R. Weinberg in order to write her book. As I heard later from other scientists, the lies written in her book had a negative influence on Professor R. Weinberg’s profile, and he consequently changed his story, then saying that I was a co-discoverer of oncogenes. Up to now, I have never had any contact with either Professor R. Weinberg or Natalie Angier. However, for the sake of the history of science and for truth’s sake, I think the document I wrote in 1986 should become public. Moreover, the references to her fiction book “Natural Obsessions” should be removed and include scientific references such as the following:

1. Spandidos DA: The cancer story. *Cancer Biology in Therapy* 3: 1184-1186, 2004.
2. Spandidos DA: Cover legend: Demetrios A. Spandidos. *International Journal of Oncology* 9: 2195-2196, 2016.

Yours truly,

Demetrios A. Spandidos

Attachments:

- 1) Recollections of Demetrios A. Spandidos
- 2) The cancer story
- 3) Cover legend: Demetrios A. Spandidos