

Tweets from 3rd set of 100 posts in S4ME thread:
Michael Sharpe skewered by @JohntheJack on Twitter

@Carolyn Wilshire has joined the debate.



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 **Cheshire** @cheshfr 9 Apr
Replying to @cheshfr @profmsharpe
1. CBT and GET were only moderately effective compared to other treatments on subjective outcomes. But at long term follow up there was no more difference with other treatments.

 **michael sharpe** @profmsharpe
1. Yes - that is quite right. 2. No - we cannot conclude that is patients were no longer receiving treatment according to randomisation. We do know benefit from CBT and GET didn't increase- but we don't have a comparison group.
12:35 PM - Apr 15, 2018

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Carolyn Wilshire @wilshica

17 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe @cheshfr

Yes, you did. You designed the study to have one. But the results did not please, so you made up an explanation based on post-trial therapy. We had an informal look at just those patients who didn't receive any post-trial therapy. Not much there to support your claim I'm afraid.



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



Nasty allegation. Your analysis is invalid. Sorry.

1:48 PM - Apr 17, 2018



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Carolyn Wilshire @wilshica

17 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe @cheshfr

You say in the tweet above 'we don't have a comparison group' But you did, and your stated plan was to compare other trial arms to the control group at LTFU. That was your PLAN. But when you saw the results, you changed tack. It was all down to 'post-trial therapy'.



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



I am sorry but really think you need to read the paper The patients were no longer in randomised groups. The trial had ended. You however did a post hoc subgroup analysis comparing nonrandomised groups; and found what you wanted to find.

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Replying to @profmsharpe @cheshfr

I have suggested we stop with the personal insults but "you found what you wanted to find" is indeed a "nasty allegation". I can see why people working in this field end up getting so angry, its like banging your head against a brick wall.



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



Agreed. But are you neutral in this matter - your tweets suggest not.

2:08 PM - Apr 17, 2018



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17 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe @cheshfr

Aren't you going to ask me if I'm a CFS patient, or if I've somehow been exploited by agenda-driven patients again? I'm looking forward to those questions.



Richard Cann

@RichardCann76



I presume that not being neutral refers to anyone who doesn't completely concur with the entirety of the PACE trial. I don't think Michael understands how science progresses. A truth isn't a truth just because you say it is. Unless you're Donald Trump.

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Snowy @SnowyPanthera

17 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe and 2 others

Lack of randomisation post-trial doesn't really matter when the obvious conclusion is clearly a null long term result, regardless of what combination of treatment during and after the trial. Table C of your supplementary data: thelancet.com/cms/attachment...



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



wrong sorry

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3:55 PM - Apr 17, 2018

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Lucibee @_Lucibee

17 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe and 2 others

No they didn't. They did the per-protocol analysis you were *supposed* to do, that you ditched because you knew things weren't going your way.



Carolyn Wilshire

@wilshica



Quite so, @_Lucibee. Instead they spun it as "benefits at 52 weeks were maintained". Really dodgy practice. Wonder if this guy even knows what QRPs are?

2:29 PM - Apr 17, 2018

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Carolyn Wilshire @wilshica

17 Apr

Replying to @wilshica and 3 others

Just saw this guy's tweets. He's very tightly bound to PACE, isn't he? Like a mother bear defending her cubs.



Lucibee

@_Lucibee



Not really. Mother bears tend to send their cubs into the trees when scared.

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John L Whiting

@John_CFS



Was the truth found or not?

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My favourite from MS's output today....

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@Robert 1973 got a reply from Sharpe,



Robert McMullen @RobertHMcMullen

16 Apr

Replying to @profmsharpe and 2 others

Actigraphy would have been an objective measure. Do you concede that dropping actigraphy was a mistake?



Robert McMullen

@RobertHMcMullen



Why do the TSC minutes not mention the burden on patients? Why were actometers considered too burdensome for measuring outcomes (when patients were supposedly improved) but not at baseline? (I am severe. I would be happy to wear an actometer but could no way do step test etc.)

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If the trial was done again it I agree it could be interesting as a secondary measure- and more manageable with better technology available now. But it is not objective - you choose how active to be.

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This seems *really* confused. It's not clear that he understands what objective means.

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Location: Mid-Wales

Do I win?



Lucibee
@_Lucibee



I guess in the same way you choose to be susceptible to your own unconscious biases wrt trial methodology

michael sharpe @profmsharpe
Replying to @RobertHMcMullen

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Barry
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Messages: 2,281
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Enter James Coyne stage left



James C. Coyne

@CoyneoftheRealm



Somehow getting into a twitter debate with [@profMSharpe](#) is like stepping into the Monty Python argument skit. [youtube.com/watch?v=wxrbOV...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxrbOV...) Too bad he did not accept my offer to debate in London in 2015. Could have sold tickets, given proceeds to charity.

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michael sharpe [@profmsharpe](#)

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Sean

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Messages: 672

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Seems to me that this is exactly what Sharpe is angling for. Not very successfully either.

Also, re this tweet from Sharpe:



John L Whiting @John_CFS

17 Apr

Replying to @postersandme @keithgeraghty

The statements made by @profmsharpe here in his lecture in 1999 are an abomination without foundation. I do hope that this view has changed in the opposite direction since these proclamations were made.

I can categorically state he is totally wrong here. I'm not an activist-idiot



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



I think you misunderstand. I was trying to meke the point that if a patient did not 'fit' into either medical or psychiatric services they were left in a medical 'no mans land' and consequently regarded by health care as the undeserving sick. I have clarified this before

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Prof Michael Sharpe's Oxford home & choice of venue for "special ethics" lectures.



https://twitter.com/SeanNeedsSleep/status/987403149462958080/photo/1



Sean Wilson 🍴🍰🍺
@SeanNeedsSleep



Was wandering around Oxford yesterday and came across St Cross College. The home of Prof Michael Sharpe @profmsharpe and his "special ethics lectures. @davidtuller1

No shaggedlooking knife wielding sociopaths spotted

7:50 PM - Apr 20, 2018

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Sharpe clarifies what he means by objective,



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Nasim Marie Jafry @velogubbed

19 Apr

Replying to @DrCSGillberg and 3 others

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I think I may not have been clear. All I mean is that activity is not necessarily more objective than self report. Whilst people with moderately severe CFS/ME may be limited in activity there is still an element of choice - at least in the short term.

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This sounds like it's recommending boom and bust?

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Julie Rehmeher attempts to pin Sharpe down:



michael sharpe @profmsharpe

8 Apr

This is what researchers who are studying aspects of CFS/ME that activists don't want studied are up against.
occupyme.net/2018/04/07/ret...



Julie Rehmeher

@julierehmeher



So, Michael, I'm curious: How do you explain the 100+ scientists who have demanded retraction of one paper (virology.ws/2017/03/13/an-...) and independent investigation of another (virology.ws/2016/02/10/ope...)? Signees including leading lights both in and out of ME/CFS. All "activists"?

5:17 PM - Apr 9, 2018

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Julie Rehmeher @julierehmeher

18 Apr

Would still love an answer to this, @profmsharpe.
[twitter.com/julierehmeher/...](https://twitter.com/julierehmeher/)



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



Thank you. Not really a question I can answer is it. But I expect you might know. Kind regards

6:31 PM - Apr 19, 2018

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michael sharpe @profmsharpe

19 Apr

Replying to @julierehmeher

Thank you. Not really a question I can answer is it. But I expect you might know. Kind regards



Julie Rehmeher

@julierehmeher



Well, yes, I think I know: Because your research has terrible flaws. Interesting, though, that you have no explanation.

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Erik Johnson @erikmoldwarrior 19 Apr
Replying to @profmsharpe @julierehmeyer
Spoken like a true politician.



michael sharpe
@profmsharpe



Thank you.

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Mark Guthridge tries to get answers,



Dr Mark Guthridge @Dr_M_Guthridge

20 Apr

Replying to @MBioanalytics @davidtuller1

"Recommendation of therapies of this type [CBT, GET], based upon the #PACETrial data which shows low (non-significant) positive outcomes and an increase in... adverse events and deterioration of function.. would be highly questionable" #MECFs #pwME pic.twitter.com/RVtjDXFzE2



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



Would be. But are you sure that is right?

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Dr Mark Guthridge @Dr_M_Guthridge

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True

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About the severely disabled I mean

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Esther12

Senior Member
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Messages: 1,593

Likes Received:
12,620

I was just looking through he's recent replies - I think that this was my favourite:



Erica Verrillo @EricaVerrillo

9 Apr

Dangerous activists standing the way of ... No wait, only their shoes are standing. The rest of them is lying in bed somewhere. @profmsharpe #MECFS pic.twitter.com/FEpxbmtIsZ



michael sharpe

@profmsharpe



Not all activists are ill.

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I wonder how he decides what to reply to.

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Cheshire

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Robert McMullen @RobertHMcMullen

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