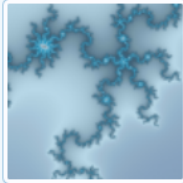


Tweets from 5th set of 100 posts in S4ME thread:  
Michael Sharpe skewered by @JohntheJack on Twitter



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Messages: 250  
Likes Received: 2,531  
Location: Mid-Wales

Probably... But I just. can't. stop!



**michael sharpe** @profmsharpe

23 May

Replying to @MEMilitant1 and 4 others

Ok. Those are accusations of research fraud. Not questions.  
Please look at the graphs and tables in the Lancet table and let me know what you think. Thanks.



**Lucibee**  
@\_Lucibee



If it helps, I can tell you what I think of some of the tables and figures, and the questions I would have asked had I been editing it for @thelancet. These are things I spotted on my first read-through:

6:36 PM - May 23, 2018

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Sharpe thinks questions in parliament about ME and PACE are unhelpful...



**Sense about Science**  @senseaboutsci

18 May

Full reporting of clinical trial results improves medicine and improves research – so it improves lives. People who volunteer for clinical trials trust that the results will contribute to understanding.  
[#AllTrials](#) [#ICTD2018](#)



**Sense about Science** 

@senseaboutsci



Researchers who do not report results are choosing to flout the legal, ethical and professional requirements related to their own trials and choosing to damage that trust for all others.

[alltrials.net/find-out-more/...](http://alltrials.net/find-out-more/) [pic.twitter.com/er7ZlzCCQc](https://pic.twitter.com/er7ZlzCCQc)

4:19 PM - May 18, 2018



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**MEMilitant**

@MEMilitant1



Yet Sense About Science UK has been supportive of the PACE trial researchers who spun their results and refused to release data on their prespecified outcome. Sile Lane part of meeting that classed FOIs as 'harassment'!

[centreforwelfarereform.org/news/major-bre...](http://centreforwelfarereform.org/news/major-bre...) #AllTrials

#ICTD2018 #askforevidence [pic.twitter.com/ObTD0CEG5y](https://pic.twitter.com/ObTD0CEG5y)

3:33 PM - May 21, 2018

**Harassment**

- Harassment is most damaging in the form of vexatious FOIs.
- Complaints are also causing problems. Researchers are still dealing with complaints about them to the GMC.
- House of Lords Debates on CFS/ME can result in Parliamentary Questions which often require detailed responses



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**michael sharpe** @profmsharpe

23 May

Replying to @MEMilitant1 @senseaboutsci

I don't know where your text box is from but you do realise that this is exactly what is happening at present ( substitute parliamentary committee for Lords).

Do you think that it helpful?



**MEMilitant**

@MEMilitant1



The text box is from minutes from a meeting on 'harassment' (with Wessely, Chalder, Crawley, etc) - from the page I linked to above. Seems political intervention is required to get you to answer basic questions. Sad it had to come to this.

[#askforevidence twitter.com/profmsharpe/st...](https://twitter.com/profmsharpe/st...)

5:48 PM - May 23, 2018

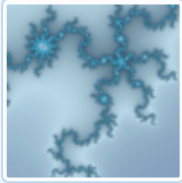


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Sly Saint said: ↑  
Random question for MS ; has he seen 'Unrest', what did he think of it?

He has, but he deleted his tweet about it (thread here)...



**Julie Rehmeyer**  
@julierehmeyer



Would you prescribe a course of graded exercise therapy to her? Would that seem to you to be safe and likely effective for her? [twitter.com/profmsharpe/st...](https://twitter.com/profmsharpe/st...)

8:16 AM - Apr 27, 2018

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No, me neither...



**Lucibee** @\_Lucibee

23 May

And what a huge assumption that is! Maybe someone should test whether that assumption is actually valid? #PACEtrial [twitter.com/profmsharpe/st...](https://twitter.com/profmsharpe/st...)



**michael sharpe**  
@profmsharpe



That's what the trial did.

8:23 AM - May 24, 2018

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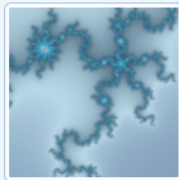
**michael sharpe** @profmsharpe

@CMonaghanSNP I have listened to your interview on the podcast. I share you interest in patients being believed. However the PACE trial does not assume that the illness is entirely psychological - only that psychological and behavioural factors play a part in disability.

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He's right, but misleadingly so. PACE assumed people had a physical disability (deconditioning) entirely recoverable from if people could be fixed psychologically. So the point about PACE and BSP'ism for PwME, is **not** that the condition is assumed to be entirely psychological, but that recovery from ME/CFS is blocked due to entirely psychological problems. And therefore deemed that recovery from ME/CFS is entirely feasible with psychological treatments alone. A fine distinction, but crucial, which MS is skating around. Maybe Carol Monaghan needs to be made aware of this?

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It's here. It was just a tweet from MS to CM:



**michael sharpe**

@profmsharpe



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6:05 PM - May 23, 2018

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I subsequently quoted it and commented that he left out the words "perpetuating the" disability.

Elsewhere he said he'd written about CFS not being a "psychological" condition. I'm going to have a look for that... In fact, I'm going to ask him. It might actually be the only question that he answers.

Last edited: May 24, 2018

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**Keela Too**

Senior Member  
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Messages: 316

Likes Received: 3,001

Location:  
Sally Burch -  
Northern Ireland

Sorry couldn't help myself:



**michael sharpe** @profmsharpe24 May

Replying to @StenHelmfrid

Oh no. Not the readers digest !



**Sally Burch**

@KeelaToo



This may be a game to you @profmsharpe as you mock a popular magazine & its contents. Yet to those of us with the devastating, life-altering illness of ME, this is no game. Smart sounding sound-bites help no-one. Therapies promoted by PACE do more harm than good. #RealScience4ME

3:58 PM - May 24, 2018

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Sally Burch  
Blog "**Just ME**"

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**Indigophoton**

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@Robert 1973 attempted to get Sharpe to engage in greater depth,



**Robert McMullen** @RobertHMcMullen

23 May

Replying to @profmsharpe and 5 others

Michael, I appreciate your engagement but Twitter is not an appropriate forum for these discussions. Would you be willing to respond to written questions from academic critics such as @davidtuller1 or Jo Edwards, which could be published online?



**Robert McMullen**

@RobertHMcMullen



And/or would you agree to an email Q&A with the Science 4 ME Forum (@s4me\_info) as other researchers like Prof Jose Montoya, @mecfsbiobank and @CGATist have?

10:31 PM - May 23, 2018

♡ 5 👤 See Robert McMullen's other Tweets



**Helen Spandler** @HSpandler

24 May

Replying to @RobertHMcMullen and 7 others

I agree. This isn't helping us understand what went wrong with the PACE trial. But it feels only fair that patients get answers & @profmsharpe et al. get chance to respond.



**michael sharpe**

@profmsharpe



You are assuming something went wrong?

4:14 PM - May 24, 2018

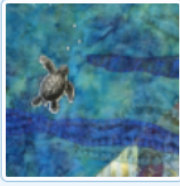
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I wonder if Sharpe would prefer a video Q&A, similar to that with Montoya? He keeps saying on twitter that he shouldn't be held to things said in the past - because ideas/thinking/understanding evolves - so maybe he'd like to clarify his current thinking on ME?

Indigophoton, May 24, 2018 Report Bookmark #425 Unlike + Multiquote Reply





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**michael sharpe**  
@profmsharpe



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4:14 PM - May 24, 2018



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No, no assumptions needed at all. PACE is its own proof. It's clear Well he's answered @dave30th ...



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**davidtuller** @davidtuller1

28 Mar

Replying to @profmsharpe and 3 others

.@profmsharpe And now that I'm in Oz, why did you say in your radio interview with Norman Swan in 2011 that what PACE doesn't show is whether these treatments are any better than no treatment at all?



**michael sharpe**  
@profmsharpe



Hi just seen this. Simply because the trial does not include a no treatment comparison. Everyone got more medical care than (sadly) they usually would in the UK. There was no 'no treatment' arm.

kind regards

8:38 AM - May 25, 2018



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I think some of those in the SMC group would disagree about whether they did actually receive more medical treatment than they usually did (in the UK).

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Location: Mid-Wales

Now he's just being rude. 🙄



**Trish** @ozfish

25 May

Replying to @ozfish @profmsharpe

"We changed our original protocol's threshold score for being within a normal range on this measure from a score of  $\geq 85$  to a lower score as that threshold would mean that approximately half the general working age population would fall outside the normal range." TSC approval?



**michael sharpe**  
@profmsharpe



OK not really curious questions are these.  
sorry  
M

1:00 PM - May 25, 2018



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**Lucibee**  
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It's all a game to him. I'm not going to respond.



**Lucibee** @\_Lucibee · 14h

It's NOT because I "didn't like the results" that I criticise the likes of the #PACEtrial. It is because it is BAD SCIENCE!



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**michael sharpe**  
@profmsharpe

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are you sure?

7:28 AM - 26 May 2018



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Location: UK

Just when you thought it couldn't get any more surreal...



**Joar Øveraas Halvorsen**

@joarhalvorsen



Besides the ad hominem, do you have any actual, substantial critique of the reanalysis?

[bmcp psychology.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.11...](http://bmcp psychology.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.11...)

**Henrik Vogt** @HenrikVogt

Amazingly @BBCHealth uncritically blurbs this analysis from a - for some reason - extremely biased group hellbent on proving #mecfs is not "psychological" as the truth about the #PACEtrial. This is patient activism in guise of scholarshipbbc.com/news/health-43...

@KristianGunder

11:50 PM - Mar 23, 2018

♡ 48 👤 See Joar Øveraas Halvorsen's other Tweets



**michael sharpe** @profmsharpe

24 Mar

Replying to @joarhalvorsen

Yes. The reanalysis is misleading and designed to yield the desired result.



**davidtuller**

@davidtuller1



.@profmsharpe Michael, you have to be kidding me. And when PACE defined people as "recovered" and "disabled" simultaneously on an outcome measure, that is not misleading data manipulation designed to yield the results you desired?

11:02 AM - Mar 28, 2018

♡ 12 👤 See davidtuller's other Tweets





**Tom Kindlon** @TomKindlon

27 Mar

Replying to @profmsharpe @joarhalvorsen

I may have my biases, it doesn't mean the paper is necessarily badly flawed.

Also research the PACE investigators & one will find they have their biases also e.g. are strong proponents of CBT +/- or GET for CFS. Would they like all their work dismissed based on this reasoning?



**Kati Debelic**

@Katiissick



Being a patient is not a bias. Patients participating in research is a strength not an impediment. Patients receive no money from publishing papers. Patient-oriented research is not a thing from the future. It's happening now! Congrats to the patient authors!

5:53 AM - Mar 27, 2018

♡ 22 👤 See Kati Debelic's other Tweets



**michael sharpe** @profmsharpe

26 May

Replying to @Katiissick and 2 others

Bias is everywhere. That's why trials are so regulated and supervised. Being a patient may not be a bias. A record of expressing strong views on the subject over a long period probably is.



**Tom Kindlon**

@TomKindlon



Are you saying neither you, Peter nor Trudie (nor the other authors) have a record of expressing strong or particular views on the subject over the years?

Or are you admitting one or more of you have a bias?

2:12 PM - May 26, 2018

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Since MS has a record of expressing strong views on ME, he's now confirmed himself as, in his own estimation, probably biased 🤔

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**Esther12**

Senior Member  
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Messages: 1,594  
Likes Received: 12,626



**Tom Kindlon** @TomKindlon

26 May

Replying to @profmsharpe and 2 others

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**michael sharpe**

@profmsharpe



No. But a regulated trial makes it very hard to bias the results. Not so in reanalysis and commentary. Simply responding to accusations of bias. It is more complicated.

4:28 PM - May 26, 2018



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**Joar Øveraas Halvorsen** @joarhalvorsen

23 Mar

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[twitter.com/henrikvogt/sta...](https://twitter.com/henrikvogt/sta...)



**michael sharpe**

@profmsharpe



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