# Tweets from 6th set of100 posts in S4ME thread: Michael Sharpe skewered by @JohntheJack on Twitter



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Messages: 674 Likes Received: 7,182 Location: UK MS retweeted this.



Why is it that, the context of **#mecfs**, one talks of "psychological" disorders, which can be devastating, as something one has to be "vindicated" from? Please explain @lucybannerman @thetimes. This language is stigmatising. thetimes.co.uk/article/me-suf... 8:24 PM - May 26, 2018



ME sufferer who was dismissed as hysterical vindicated in de... It took a death certificate for Merryn Crofts to be vindicated. For the last six years of her life she had fought to convince people that ME, thetimes.co.uk Various people have responded with impressively restrained explanations. I thought this one was a particularly good summary rebuttal for those who follow Sharpe and only know ME/CFS through his posts, to be exposed to (if they read the thread),



Dr. Homeslice @8Homeslice8 Replying to @HenrikVogt and 2 others Nobody is trying to stigmatise or belittle psychological disorders. But telling someone dying of a neuroimmune disease that they are hysterical and that it is all in their mind is extremely damaging. It

prevents people like Merryn receiving adequate biomedical



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treatment.

Psychological disorders are very serious and merit appropriate treatment and acknowledgment in their own right. ME is not a psychological disorder. There is enough biomedical research evidence of that. It needs to be acnowledgef as such and merits biomedical treatment.

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Replying to @8Homeslice8 and 3 others That is not to say that psychological or biological illnesses are mutually exclusive not that one is more legitimate than the other. The point is that ME has underlying physical causes and disease processes and these need to be properly acknowledged and treated appropriately.



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CBT and GET are simply not enough as they don't address the underlying physiological pathology. CBT might be helpful where anxiety is exacerbating symptoms for example. But that's a treatment for the anxiety, not for the ME itself. ME is not caused by false illness beliefs.

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Dr. Homeslice @8Homeslice8 27 May Replying to @8Homeslice8 and 3 others It's the same as how cancer patients are likely to need counselling. But that doesn't treat their cancer. They still need surgery, radiotherapy, chemotht etc.for that. It would be very harmful to tell them they are hysterical or having false illness beliefs.



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Like cancer, ME also has an underlying pathophysiology. This is what researchers at Stanford, Harvard, LSHTM and in Australia and many other institutions are finding. Patients are simply trying to put to bed the outdated theory that ME is psychosomatic. 4:47 PM - May 27, 2018

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Nobody is trying to undermine psychological illness or psychiatry. It's just not the appropriate approach to treating ME. It could help with the psychological impact of the illness and ant psychological exacerbating factors. But not the illness itself. Does that explain it?

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Joar Øveraas Halvorsen @joarhalvorsen 24 Mar Replying to @profmsharpe Thank you for your response, Michael. Could you be more specific as to why the reanalysis is misleading? Given the significance and controversy - of the #PACEtrial, wouldn't it be an idea to release the data for independent reanalysis?



michael sharpe @profmsharpe

Thanks I am afraid that would be a very long tweet! Please read the actual papers - the trial paper and the published analysis plan as well as the 'reanalysis'. qmul.ac.uk/wolfson/resear... And google all the reanalysis authors to see how objective they are. 10:08 AM - Mar 26, 2018

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## michael sharpe @profmsharpe

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Replying to @analoguefade and 3 others That is right - all participants met criteria for CFS and a subset also for (one set of) criteria for ME. All had to have fatigue as the principal complaint. I hope clear in the paper.



### Kelly Morris @KellyMorris1969

I'm confused! A subset of ME patients but their principal complaint was fatigue. If the principal complaint is fatigue, a patient gets a diagnosis of CFS? So the patients were misdiagnosed ME? But were labelled a subset of CFS as they met ME criteria also?

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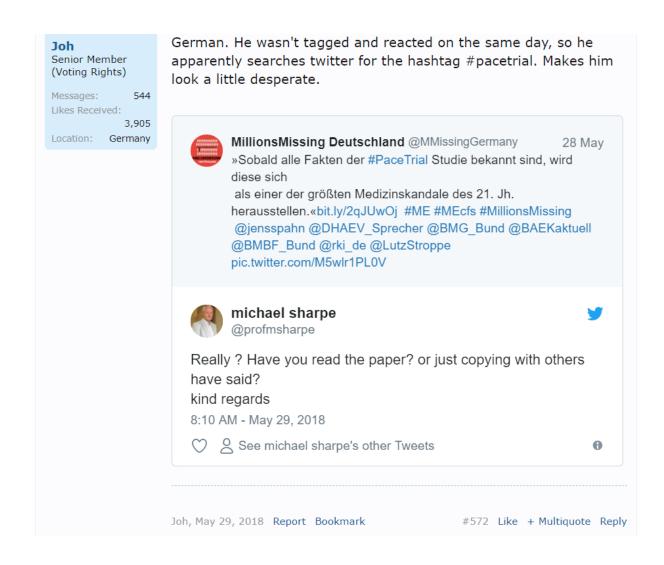
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If I'm reading this correctly, MS is now stating that the PACE patients did not have ME, but were misdiagnosed - some just happened to meet one set of ME criteria as well as having chronic		

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fatigue.

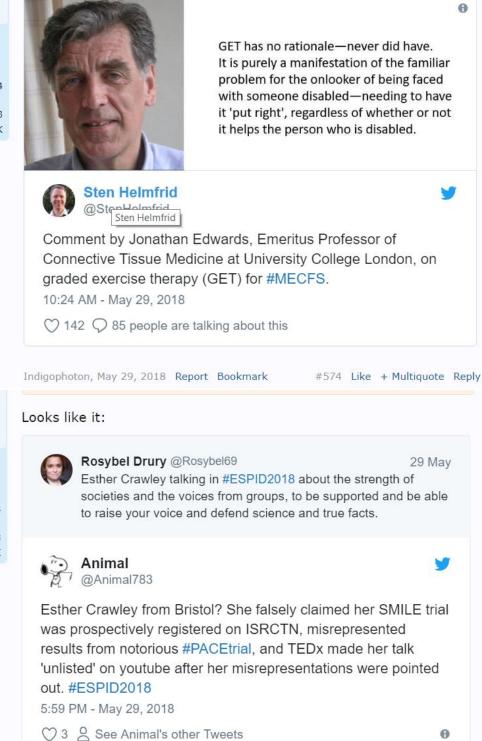
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Messages: 674 Likes Received: 7,183 Location: UK Sharpe follows an account called CFS research, which claims to belong to a recovered patient whose tweets are very pro CBT, GET, and PACE. Happily, that means that MS saw this tweet from physicist Sten Helmfrid,





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29 May

Replying to @Animal783 @Rosybel69 Nice to see notorious instead of discredited. We all need variety. How about well conducted- but a bit boring?



Certainly not boring. The failure to correct errors and the fight against releasing results for protocol outcomes are serious black marks, even ignoring other problems. Did you get TSC approval for recovery deviation? It's worrying that so far you've not said. 7:33 PM - May 29, 2018

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Do you really think the difference between treatments found in the trial is not real ?

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### Animal @Animal783

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### michael sharpe @profmsharpe

That is the real point. Not hundreds of loaded questions about details of scales and approvals. Please look at the graphs in the main paper and let me know. Thanks.

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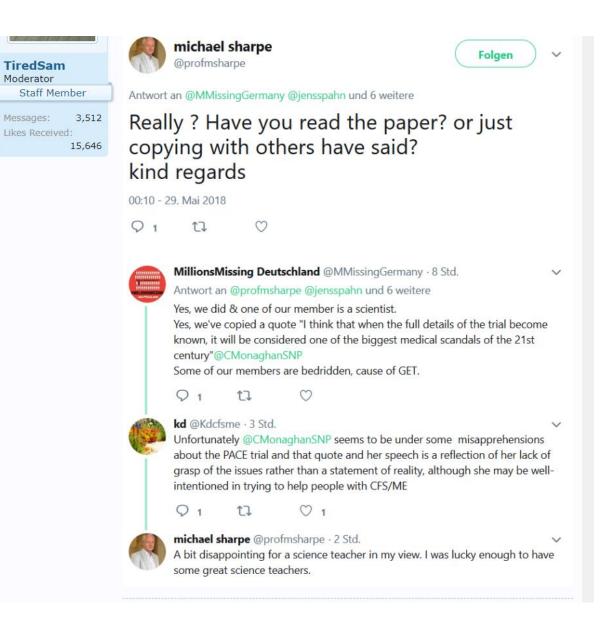
Never mind the ethics and the details of the measures used - our figures look good to us, do you like the pictures graphs too?

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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 9:37 PM - Mar 23, 2018



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