

ALLERGY

# FRAUD, DISTORTION, DELUSION AND CONSENSUS

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Alvan Feinstein wrote a paper [with this title back in 1988](#). Unfortunately it is not online although being a great paper. Feinstein explains that

Certain deceptions are deliberately planned frauds, but many other occur inadvertently. They arise as distortions or delusions, produced by flaws in the conventional methods used for the “standard” practice of scientific research.

We published the [vitamin D hypothesis in 1999](#) – supplements biasing the immune system – while having in the meantime considerable empirical evidence for it.

Believe it or not, but how would you rate a review about vitamin D and allergy that reports only about BENEFICIAL effects of vitamin D? Deliberately planned fraud? Distortion? Delusion?