

Pipeline of Addiction:

- 1) Pills to Heroin, and NIDA's Shameful Response
- 2) Absence of accountability in NIH grant review system
- 3) Hypothesis Was: incompetence; Now: malfeasance



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Enthusiasm**

High

Low

Reaction to Poor Scores of First Application

Vatex: Expand the application to add the clinical testing phase so that many testable hypotheses were available for scoring. Add a full explication of the business case – not available to Phase I applicants.

NIDA: At a snail's pace, developed a woefully small RFA specific to the crisis.

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Phase I

Phase I+II
Combined

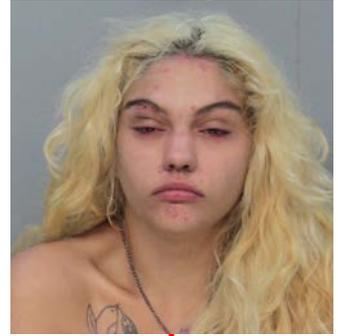
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**Reaction to Single Negative Review,
After Evidence Presented of COI and
Factual Errors:**

Vatex: Depletion of funds

NIDA: You are free to submit a Phase I

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A more than 24 month dystopian journey through NIDA lands us back where we started. Since our initial interactions with NIDA, 80,000 deaths (US DOJ) and untold new addictions can be attributed to pills.

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Ask #1

Design a separate set of rules or exceptions for declared national emergencies. Declarations by third parties (e.g., CDC, WHO) should trigger rules that provide a mechanism to repair defective reviews. Current NIH rules only allow for a very slow response. Emergencies cannot be mixed with plodding science.

Ask #2

For emergent healthcare challenges, consider funding via NIH appropriations but reviewing using external bodies. NIH too hidebound to do anything quickly?

Ask #3

Consider bringing in OIG to investigate the review of the Vatech application. Chronic incompetence was the early explanation. Instead, malfeasance may be at the root: 1) undiscovered felony by a senior NIDA official involved in this fiasco (dishonesty established); 2) concerted effort to avoid review conflict-of-interest details (cover-up); 3) NIDA Council not independent and not alerted (purposeful).

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Help get pills out of her middle and high schools.
NIDA leadership have failed.
Change. Investigate.



U.S. Production,
Normalized
to 1994

