

Statement From GlaxoSmithKline

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This statement was provided to The New York Times by a GlaxoSmithKline spokesman in an e-mail on Monday, responding to allegations that the company funneled payments through travel agents to doctors, hospitals and government officials in China to bolster drug sales in the country.

· We are deeply concerned and disappointed by these serious allegations of fraudulent behaviour and ethical misconduct by certain individuals in the company and third-party agencies. Such behaviour would be a clear breach of GSK's systems, governance procedures, values and standards. GSK has zero tolerance for any behaviour of this nature.

· GSK shares the desire of the Chinese authorities to root out corruption. These allegations are shameful and we regret this has occurred.


· We will cooperate fully with the Chinese authorities in the investigation of these new allegations. We will take all necessary action required by the outcome of this investigation.

· In the meantime, we are taking a number of immediate actions. We are reviewing all third-party agency relationships. We have put an immediate stop on the use of travel agencies that have been identified so far in this investigation and we are conducting a thorough review of all historic transactions related to travel agency use.

· GSK fully respects the laws and regulations in China and expects all staff to abide by them.

· We also fully support the efforts of the Chinese authorities in their reforms of the medical sector and stand ready to work with them to make the necessary changes for the benefit of patients in China.

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