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“A suicide, a cover-up, and the strange recent history of antipsychotic drugs”

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When a young man committed suicide in an industry-sponsored clinical trial of atypical antipsychotic drugs at the University of Minnesota in 2004, some critics charged that he had been coerced into the study. Others claimed the trial had been rigged to produce positive results for the sponsor's antipsychotic. Both claims may well be correct, but recent events suggest an even darker story.

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