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**Recommendations for the 2024 Colvin Prize**

Dear Colleague:

The ***Colvin Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Mood Disorders Research*** is an award of \$50,000 given by the **Brain & Behavior Research Foundation**, to an outstanding scientist carrying out work on the causes, pathophysiology, treatment, or prevention of bipolar illness. The scientist to be recognized is one who gives particular promise for advancing our understanding of affective illness or its basic brain mechanisms that will lead to new treatment approaches.

Before selecting the awardee(s) for 2024, a panel consisting of Drs. Wade Berrettini, Hilary Blumberg, William Bunney, Jr., Husseini Manji, Andrew Nierenberg, Karen Wagner, and myself will review the contributions of suggested scientists from around the world who are carrying out work on bipolar illness.

I am writing to you and to other leading scientists to ask if you would call to our attention outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to bipolar affective illness research in the last five years. Please forward to my address below **by Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, the name and a short note describing the nature of the contribution for which the investigator was primarily responsible and its significance to the field. Please keep in mind that contributions may be in either clinical research or relevant basic science. If your own work qualifies, please also call it to our attention.

The submission of this information does not constitute a nomination of an individual but will enable the panel to establish a list of eligible scientists for further consideration and deliberation. Thank you for your assistance in the awarding of this important honor. **Please send to the address below:**

**Robert M. Post, M.D.**, Chair, Colvin Prize Selection Committee

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Sincerely,

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