

**The Complainant –
Brian Deer, the ABPI, Medico-Legal Investigations,
and Dr. Andrew Wakefield**

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Abstract

I wrote *The Complainant* in March 2008, after the GMC hearing had been going on for almost a year. Throughout this time and later Brian Deer denied that he had made the original complaint to the GMC, or that the complaint had grown directly from his 2004 *Sunday Times* article. In this essay I tried to trace Deer's background and give some indication as to why he would have been involved in writing his article in *The Sunday Times* and then making the complaint. This essay elicited a furious response from Deer who publicly denounced me as a 'Dribbling Idiot', inside and outside the GMC, while furiously denying that he was in any way associated with the pharmaceutical industry.

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