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A biotech company made an unfortunate typo saying it's under criminal investigation



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It was, perhaps, one of the stranger typos in recent memory: A California biotech company submitted a regulatory filing this week saying, erroneously, that it is the target of a federal investigation into painkiller prescriptions.

Galena Biopharma issued a [press release](#) Friday acknowledging the typo and saying it plans to correct it.

The San Ramon, Calif., company [until recently](#) marketed a painkiller sold as Abstral that's prompted federal scrutiny. Two Alabama doctors [have been arrested](#) in a probe led by the local US Attorney's Office for allegedly operating a "pill mill" and accepting kickbacks in exchange for writing prescriptions.

"We are a target or subject of that investigation," the [company's filing](#) reads.

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a trial subpoena ~~for documents in connection with that investigation~~ and we have been in c  
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at the FDA and other governmental agencies may be investigating our Abstral promotion p  
of a broad range of documents pertaining to our marketing and promotional practices for Ab  
ted documents. We are unable to predict whether we could become subject to legal or adm  
k Statute, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or any other applicable state or fed

Unfortunately omitted: the word "not." (The company has, however, been subpoenaed for documents in that investigation.)

Galena spokesman Jason Rando wouldn't comment on what went wrong in the company's proofreading process.

Moral of the story: Always good to proofread carefully.

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