



## Khurana's Internet Report

In March 2008, Dr. Vini Khurana put a report on the Internet alleging that mobile phones pose a great risk to public health.<sup>1</sup> This report is a discussion of selective scientific literature by one individual and does not present any new research findings.

More importantly, the report does not provide a balanced analysis of the published RF science with due consideration of the relative scientific quality of different studies. For this reason, Khurana's conclusion is at odds with many reviews of the extensive scientific literature on this subject by national and international regulatory and health agencies around the globe.

There are no established health risks associated with the use of mobile phones which comply with the WHO recommended international guidelines. For example, the World Health Organisation (WHO) concludes that *"considering the very low exposure levels and research results collected to date, there is no convincing scientific evidence that the weak RF signals from base stations and wireless networks cause adverse health effects"*<sup>2</sup> and that *"international guidelines have been developed to protect everyone in the population: mobile phone users, those who work near or live around base stations, as well as people who do not use mobile phones."*<sup>3</sup>

The Australian Centre for RF Bioeffects Research (ACRBR) released a statement in reaction to this report mentioning that *"the review is inexpert and incomplete, containing a number of factual errors. In particular, Khurana fails to consider the relative scientific quality of different studies. This produces an unbalanced analysis of the literature, which is also selective in support of the author's claims."*<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mobile phones and brain tumours; <http://www.brain-surgery.us/mobilephone.html>; <http://www.brain-surgery.us/mobph.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> WHO Fact Sheet 304, May 2006, <http://www.who.int/peh-emf/publications/facts/factsheets/en/index.html>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.who.int/docstore/pehemf/publications/facts\\_press/efact/efs193.html](http://www.who.int/docstore/pehemf/publications/facts_press/efact/efs193.html)

<sup>4</sup> <http://acrbr.org.au/CommunityInteraction/News.aspx>