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Dear Editor / Publisher,

Thank you for your support of and participation in PubMed Central (PMC). We appreciate your commitment to ensuring long-term preservation and access to the content of your journal and look forward to working with you.

This letter is intended to give you a brief overview of NLM's ongoing expectations for journals that participate in its databases. As you know, NLM expects MEDLINE-indexed and PMC-participating journals, and the publishers of those journals, to follow established industry best practices (e.g., [Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals](#), ICMJE; and [Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing](#), joint statement by COPE, DOAJ, WAME, and OASPA) and to continue to meet NLM's scientific quality standards and technical data requirements for PMC over time. NLM monitors current MEDLINE and PMC journals for conformance with these standards and technical requirements. As such, the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) periodically evaluates titles indexed by MEDLINE. NLM will review a participating journal if any concerns with scientific and editorial quality are identified at any time and will periodically assess a publisher's ongoing conformance with professional and industry guidelines and best practices. If a journal is de-selected from MEDLINE, it will need to submit a new application to PMC, signifying its interest in continuing to archive its full-text content, and be formally reviewed for ongoing inclusion in the archive.

In addition to ensuring scientific and editorial quality, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with [PMC's technical requirements for production data](#). Please note that if persistent technical problems arise with a journal's production data at any point, PMC staff will inform the publisher and data provider of the concerns, and set a schedule for bringing the data for a title or set of titles into conformance with these requirements.

Finally, if you are interested in keeping up with more general announcements and updates to PMC, please consider subscribing to the [New in PMC RSS feed](#).

Again, we thank you for your contributions to and support of PMC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne Babski".

Dianne Babski

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