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I hereby express my great interest in continued service to *Journal of Bioterrorism & Biodefense (JBTBD)* as Editor-In-Chief. I further give my consent to disclose by the Journal my affiliation and contact information. I do not have any conflict of interest, which would interfere with this important service for science, medicine, and technology communities.

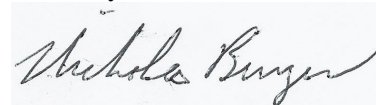
It has come to my attention that *JBTBD* articles are not currently indexed in PubMed Central. **I strongly recommend this journal to be indexed in PubMed Central.** Journal staff and editorial board members have worked very hard to publish the highest quality of research possible in an effort to help the journal to establish its high professional standing.

As Editor-In-Chief of the journal, I have heard, first hand, from multiple federally employed and/or funded researchers who have explicitly noted the importance of the journal and utility of the data reported within the journal. I have received praises for the journal from authors at the FDA, NIST and the U.S. Army. However, many notice one thing is lacking from the journal; PubMed indexing! It is my opinion that growth and sustainability of open-access journals such as *JBTBD* will strongly rely on PubMed indexing. Additionally, Because *JBTBD* is considered a useful research resource for many federally funded researchers and many federal research projects are published in *JBTBD* it seems like addition of *JBTBD* to PubMed indexing will follow the newly announced White house Office of Science and Technology open-access policy, and help researchers, and/or the public find data that was produced using public funds. Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,



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