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Dr. Sheldon Kotzin
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Dear Dr. Kotzin:

I am writing to express my strong support for the inclusion of the journal "Journal of Hypertension: Open Access" in Medline. The target audience of the journal includes all physicians involved in the management of hypertension, including specialists in CV diseases, GPs, and basic investigators. The journal's main aims are publishing original clinical and research manuscripts of a good quality which can be useful to readers in their clinical practice as well as to expand research. I would like to remark the expertise of the editorial board members and the journal staff who have worked very hard for the journal to establish its high standing. Clinical papers discussing etiology, pathogenesis, prevention and treatment in hypertension are welcomed. The journal includes articles from clinical, biological and behavioral disciplines related to blood pressure.

Notably, the journal already fulfils the editorial requirements to be included in Medline, as a peer-review journal with adherence to the ICMJE recommendations, and a distinguished qualified Editorial Board. Therefore, I highly recommend this journal to be promptly indexed in PubMed and I hope you see all fit to grant its application to become part of Medline.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'V. Barrios', written in a cursive style.

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