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To the administrators of the National Library of Science,

I am writing this letter as Editor-in-Chief to support re-inclusion of abstracts from the Journal of Vaccines and Vaccination (JVV) on PubMed. I note that I am independent to the OMICS group and hence I see my role is solely to ensure the scientific integrity and quality of the journal. I further note that for 7 years I was the Editor-in-Chief of Immunome Research, another specialty open access scientific journal that is listed with PubMed. I have myself published over 120 peer-reviewed scientific papers many in the area of vaccine research.

Since being appointed as an independent Editor-in-Chief of JVV I can confirm that the papers being submitted to the journal are peer reviewed and only accepted by the editorial board if they meet the journal's quality requirements. Similarly I will be working to further build the Editorial Board membership, which already includes many highly credible scientists. Given my reputation is on the line you will appreciate that I would resign immediately for the JVV Editorial Board if I were to perceive that the publisher were to try in any way to interfere with the editorial process, but I am confident from my discussions with them that they only share my desire to make this a high quality focused scientific journal providing a unique opportunity for vaccine research to be published using an open access platform. The APC charges for authors to publish in the journal are similarly transparent and reasonable and actually lower than many other open access journals such as the BMC journals.

A review of the papers published by the journal since its exception show them to be of overall high quality with many authors submitting manuscripts being senior scientists at leading US and overseas universities and academic institutions.

The arbitrary removal of the JVV journal from listing on PubMed does not appear to have any reasonable basis and is highly discriminatory and damaging to the ability of the journal to continue to attract high quality manuscripts. Hence I would urge PubMed to urgently reconsider this decision with respect to this specific journal and agree to its immediate relisting.

With kind regards,

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