

Janine McCarthy

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Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:44 AM
To: Janine McCarthy
Cc: lin@mdpi.org; Neal Barnard; maria-luz.fernandez@uconn.edu; lluis.serra@ulpgc.es
Subject: Re: Letter from the Physicians Committee regarding ethical concerns in Nutrients

Dear Dr. McCarthy,

When we received your message, our editorial office and Ethic Committee have investigated the 21 articles you mentioned. Thank you very much for your patience.

The Editorial Office and Editorial Board took the opportunity to reassess the 21 articles. We checked the articles themselves to confirm that they contained ethics statements that are in accordance with the journal policies. Besides, these articles were all checked by the Editorial Board before and after peer-review. The 21 articles and their evaluations are below my signature.

Details regarding animal use in research are available on the MDPI website here: <https://www.mdpi.com/ethics#4> and author instructions here: <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/nutrients/instructions#ethics>

For all submissions of our journal, authors should particularly ensure that their research complies with the commonly-accepted "3Rs" if their research is related to animals. If national legislation requires it, studies involving vertebrates or higher invertebrates must only be carried out after obtaining approval from the appropriate ethics committee. As a minimum, the project identification code, date of approval and name of the ethics committee or institutional review board should be stated in Section 'Institutional Review Board Statement'. Research procedures must be carried out in accordance with national and institutional regulations. Our assistant editors and academic editors will check it carefully.

Besides, considering the aims and scope of Nutrients, we will consider manuscripts for publication that provide novel insights into the impacts of nutrition on human health or novel methods for assessing nutritional status. This includes manuscripts describing the outcomes of animal studies that have relevance to human health.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Best regards,
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On 2022/9/13 19:37, nutrients@mdpi.com wrote:

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> Besides, we also have reported this issue to Ethic Committee.

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> Thank you for your attention.
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> Kind regards,
> Mosa Zhang
> Managing Editor
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> On 2022/9/12 22:23, Janine McCarthy wrote:
>> Dr. Lluís Serra-Majem
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>> Dr. Maria-Luz Fernandez
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>> Editors-in-Chief, Nutrients
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>> Dear Dr. Serra-Majem and Dr. Fernandez:
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>> I'd like to ask you to please see the attached letter requesting that
>> /Nutrients/ cease publication due to the journal's repeated reporting
>> of articles that violate its ethical guidelines and its refusal to
>> act on reports of these violations. This request is supported by more
>> than
>> 800 medical doctors, researchers, and health professionals, some of
>> whom are contributors to or reviewers for the journal /Nutrients. /
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>> Over the past year, the Physicians Committee has brought to the
>> attention of Nutrients' editors numerous examples of articles in its
>> publication that ignore its explicit ethical guidelines. Despite
>> repeated communications on our part, we have seen no evidence of an
>> appropriate response.
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>> At this point, we are now bringing our concerns to MEDLINE, the
>> National Library of Medicine's journal citation database as well as
>> the media in hopes of rectifying the perpetual issues within the journal.
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>> We appreciate your attention to the matter and look forward to your
>> reply.
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>> Sincerely,
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>> *Janine McCarthy, MPH*, Research Policy Specialist
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>> *Physicians Committee* for Responsible Medicine
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