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Nikela and Joel,

I can confirm that I remain able to serve on the EB. However, I would request that papers sent to me for handling are Virology papers. This would ensure that I can correctly and quickly identify a reviewer or alternatively rapidly review the manuscript myself. If papers are sent to me for handling and they are bacteria/fungus/parasite based studies then I will request that the paper is reassigned to another more appropriate editor. This is the standard procedure with most journals. Specifically, this requires that the editorial office correctly identify a suitable handling academic editor if a manuscript does not have a cover letter addressed to a EB member. The EB members all have identified areas of expertise and so this process should be an easy task. Based on some manuscripts that have been sent to me for handling/review, I would say that currently this process is not as good as it could be.

Regards,

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Dear Dr. Alistair McGregor,

As you are probably aware, the Journal has been doing very well, receiving and publishing manuscripts of value and interest from around the globe. We are publishing papers both of scientific and of clinical merit. So far, it has been very satisfying. But the time has come to increase the efficiency of the EB.

In order to enable the further evolution of the Journal of Medical Microbiology & Diagnosis in this Darwinian world. The Editorial Office and I call upon the EB members to renew and declare their desire actively to serve on the EB. Such active membership implies, and requires, a willingness to handle and review manuscripts as they are assigned. Of course, we understand that occasionally there may be problems and delays. However, in each case, we try to assign the manuscript to an appropriate Editor. If you are unable to find Reviewers, then personally review the manuscript and promptly submit your review. Such a policy will help to distribute the editorial workload more equitably and efficiently.

Please respond ASAP to this email letting us know whether, or not, you wish to continue your EB membership, with the above comments in mind. We thank you for your interest in, and support of the Journal of Medical Microbiology & Diagnosis and look forward to your

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response. .

With best wishes.

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