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Dr. Joan Rovira

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Dear Dr. Rovira,

Please consider our manuscript “A Qualitative Exploration of the United States’ Recent Pandemic Expenditures and the Effects on Preparedness” for publication as a peer reviewed research article in *Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation.* This article uses qualitative and quantitative analyses to determine how global pandemic policy changes the flow of pandemic related resources during and after infectious disease events. While many research articles have examined the economic losses attributed to pandemics and epidemics, very few have examined potential economic gains from emergency government response spending, and how emergency government response spending affects future pandemic preparedness or response.

This work represents a valuable contribution to the field of health resource allocation and cost effectiveness at the global scale. We feel the findings of this work would be of particular interest to your readership, given the global interest in cost effectiveness and resource allocation, as they apply to global government decision-making and health policy. We feel this work represents an advancement in infectious disease and resource allocation research, and believe that the results generalize globally to the numerous countries (wealthy and poor) engaged pandemic prevention and response. Epidemics are increasingly a global problem, and we all must work together and share the information that we have learned to combat them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,



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