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Dr. Virginia Wiseman and Mrs. Sandra Mounier-Jack,

Editors-in-Chief

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Dear Dr. Wiseman and Mrs. Mounier-Jack,

Please consider our manuscript “A Theory of Public Health Necessity” for publication as a peer reviewed research article in *Health Policy and Planning.* This article uses data from qualitative and quantitative research to support a theory of public health necessity. While many research articles have examined the effectiveness of medical technology and other medical interventions, few have used this body of research to develop a concrete theory of public health system necessity.

This work represents a valuable contribution to the field of health policy 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 interest in the effectiveness of public health interventions at a global scale, as it applies to global government decision-making and health policy. We feel this work represents an advancement in public health policy and theory, and believe that the results generalize globally to the numerous countries (wealthy and poor). Public health problems are increasingly global problems, and we all must work together and think critically about our public health systems to advance and improve them for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,



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