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RE: Application by the *Journal of Genetic Syndromes & Gene Therapy* for indexing in PubMed

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To Whom It May Concern:

The *Journal of Genetic Syndromes & Gene Therapy* was launched in late 2010 as a novel open access platform for publication of original research, reviews, editorials, conference proceedings, clinical case reports, and perspective articles on the genetic basis of human disease and its treatment by gene therapy. The journal has enjoyed outstanding success in attracting high-quality articles from scientists and physicians with international reputation, and I highly recommend it for PubMed indexing. It has been a pleasure for me to serve as an Executive Editor and member of the editorial board of the journal. I would like to point out that there are other open-access gene therapy journals, which are PubMed indexed but neither receive the quantity nor the quality of articles that the *Journal of Genetic Syndromes & Gene Therapy* does. Our journal has a broad appeal to geneticists and physicians alike and has a high standard for editorial and peer review. Articles have to meet such standards for scientific accuracy and quality of writing. I had a chance to edit a highly successful special issue on gene therapy for hemophilia in 2012/13. In fact, the response by authors was so strong that we decided to publish two volumes on the topic, with a total of 18 articles. Many articles are from NIH-supported investigators, and all are from leading gene therapy experts in the USA, Europe, and Asia. Most articles have already been downloaded by readers more than 4000 times, with >8000 total views per article. A similarly successful topic on gene therapy for autoimmune disease was recently released by the journal. Because of broad appeal of the journal and its high relevance of its contents for biotechnology, the European Biotechnology Thematic Network Association selected *JGS&GT* as its official journal, an impressive achievement. The editorial board members and journal staff have worked very hard for the journal to establish its high professional standing, and therefore I highly recommend this journal to be indexed in PubMed.

Sincerely,



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