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Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2016 9:58 AM
To: J. Marvin Herndon
Cc: Frontiers Editorial Office
Subject: Re: Unwarranted negative publicity, both for me and Frontiers in Public Health
Importance: High

Dear Dr Herndon,

Please allow me to present myself — I am the Executive Editor at Frontiers.

Following the receipt of a complaint, I worked together with Dr Soulière and her team, along with the Editors-in-Chief, to evaluate the paper and the review process.

The paper should have been rejected on the basis of the remarks of reviewer 2, who quite adequately summarises the issues involved.

Please let the office know if you would like us to consider a comment for publication in the retraction statement (which would concern the sentence highlighted in red), copied below my signature for your convenience.

Very best regards,

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The journal retracts the 30 June 2016 article cited above. Based on information discovered after publication and reported to Frontiers in July 2016, the article was examined, revealing that the complaints were valid and that the article does not meet the standards of editorial and scientific soundness for Frontiers in Public Health. The retraction of the article was approved by the Field Chief Editor of Frontiers in Public Health and the Specialty Chief Editor of Environmental Health. **The author does not agree to the retraction.**