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Subject: Re: Concerns raised to the attention of COPE

Dear Dr Kageura,

I am writing to follow up on your queries in response to our review of the concerns regarding the letters to the editor submitted to the Journal of Radiological Protection.

As we indicated previously, the remit of the Facilitation and Integrity process is to undertake a review of the process that the journal followed in response to the concerns raised to their attention. It is beyond the scope of this process to evaluate the scientific content of publications, or the content of notifications posted on an article that pertain to the content. We review the information provided by the presenter and the journal and we assess whether the process described to us is consistent with the COPE guidelines for that particular issue. In this case, upon review of the information that you and the journal supplied, we determined that the journal followed a process consistent with COPE guidelines.

The retraction notice posted by the journal notes that some subjects within the study did not consent to their data being used for research. Thus, the ethical concerns about the study are made clear to readers: that is, some of the data were unconsented such that none of the data should be used in any future analysis.

Sincerely,

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