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Subject: Proposal to turn a lemon into lemonade
Importance: High

Officers and Editors of Frontiers:

I was correct in predicting that not only my reputation would suffer from the retraction, but Frontiers' would as well:

<https://scholarlyoa.com/2016/07/14/more-fringe-science-from-borderline-publisher-frontiers/>

For a number of good and sound reasons I would like for both Frontiers and MDPI journals to be successful. Both organizations' reputations have suffered as a result of assault by disinformation agents who are skilled at deception, deceit, and human manipulation. When you include the complaints I possess made to Current Science, those complaints comprise data pointing to three deliberate attempts to compromise scientific integrity and denigrate reputations. Both Frontiers and MDPI were manipulated into knee-jerk reactions, presumably just as intended by said disinformation agents. Permit me to make a proposal to turn a lemon into lemonade.

I propose the following: 1) Frontiers would unretract my paper; 2) Frontiers would invite me to write a short paper for publication with a title something like "Evidence of Deliberate Efforts to Corrupt Scientific Publications" and would provide me with verbatim copies of the complaints made, which I would integrate with the Current Science data into a document similar in style to what I wrote for Current Science <http://nuclearplanet.com/csresponse.pdf> with focus on the lies. I would encourage Frontiers' officials to contact MDPI officials to ask whether MDPI might share their complaint data as well.

If such a proposal is agreeable, I suggest that Guest Editor Judi Krzyzanowski serve as editor. Why she? She was the only person who survived the assault unscathed. When the paper was published, I told her to expect the disinformation assault, so when Mick West contacted her she did not buy into his nonsense. Besides, she is a very good editor.

I make this proposal in good faith and trust that it will be considered in good faith.

Sincerely, J. Marvin Herndon, Ph.D.