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Dr. J. Marvin Herndon

Sent via email: mherndon@san.rr.com

Dear Dr. Herndon:

We received your e-mail complaint of July 28, 2016 alleging scholarly misconduct by Dr. Anwar Huq, Research Professor, and Dr. Jane E. Clark, Dean and Professor, in the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland College Park. We reviewed the complaint under the University of Maryland Procedures for Scholarly Misconduct at <http://www.president.umd.edu/sites/president.umd.edu/files/documents/policies/III-110A.pdf>.

The aforementioned policy defines misconduct by an individual as the "fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or other misconduct such as described below in proposing, performing, reviewing, or reporting research and/or in connection with other scholarly or creative activities." In reviewing and assessing your email complaint of July 28, we do not find that the allegations against Dr. Huq and/or Dr. Clark constitute scholarly misconduct as defined and prohibited by the University's policy.

Further, the decisions to retract the articles in question were decisions made by the *Frontiers in Public Health* journal in accordance with its established processes and procedures. We therefore recommend that you contact the publishers of the journals to pursue those complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'MAR', written in black ink.

Mary Ann Rankin
Senior Vice President and Provost

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