

Subject: Attn: Ms. Annie Evans
From: Patrick Frank <pfrank@slac.stanford.edu>
Date: 9/5/18, 11:25 PM
To: Annie Evans <plosone@plos.org>

Dear Ms. Evans,

Thank-you for your email.

I appreciate it is difficult to accept that PLoS is corrupt.

However, every single responsible person at PLoS deliberately violated PLoS ethics.

Dr. Añel has an adversarial relation to the study, but did not recuse himself.

Knowing this, Dr. Mueck nevertheless set aside Dr. Añel's violation.

Dr. Mueck also accepted Dr. Añel's thoroughly incompetent review. Dr. Mueck also lied about the state of the evidence.

Dr. Joerg Heber allowed all of this to stand. I kept him informed every step of the way.

Every one of these people, right up to Dr Heber, failed to apply published PLoS ethics. One can only conclude PLoS ethics are a fraud and the personnel are corrupt.

I am a well-published scientist, Mr. Evans. I know the review process. PLoS is a disgrace.

Yours,

Pat

On 9/5/18 1:01 PM, Annie Evans wrote:

Dear Dr. Frank,

Thank you for following up with us and please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

We appreciate that the decision is disappointing; however, please know that your manuscript was considered carefully by all parties. Again, we sympathize with your disappointment and apologize that the outcome of the evaluation of your submission was not more positive.

Kind regards,
Annie Evans

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----- Original Message -----
From: Patrick Frank [pfrank@slac.stanford.edu]

Sent: 8/23/2018 7:24 PM
To: jheber@plos.org
Cc: frances.trayler@editorialoffice.co.uk; plosone@plos.org
Subject: Editorial Judgement Requested

Dear Dr. Heber,

Do you accede to the clear and objective violation of PLoS ethical standards in the appeal decision of case 05876565 PONE-D-18-14400? [EMID:8b1ee6ca19d337da]

The case is grave, the breach is obvious, and your explicit judgement is requested.

I have included you in all my prior email concerning this submission.

However, either Ms. Trayler or Ms. Massingham in the editorial office can provide you the case file.

Please include Ms. Trayler and Ms. Massingham in your reply, as witnesses to your decision.

Thank-you for your consideration,

Pat

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