



W. A. "Bud" Baeslack III  
Provost and Executive Vice President

10900 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106-7001

Visitors and Deliveries  
Adelbert Hall, Room 21

Phone: 216.368.4346

Fax: 216.368.4325

E-mail: Baeslack@case.edu

www.case.edu

November 11, 2008

Dear Publisher,

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed submission. This article is based on research at Case Western Reserve University that is funded in whole or in part by grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is therefore subject to the mandatory NIH Public Access policy (see <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/policy.htm>). This US federal regulation requires that the final, peer-reviewed manuscript be deposited with the PubMed Central database upon acceptance for publication and be made publicly accessible no later than 12 months after publication.

In order to ensure compliance with this mandate and to be sure that copyrights are addressed appropriately, we ask that EITHER

- You, as the publisher, submit the article directly to PubMed Central after acceptance and acknowledge in your standard publication contract that you will do so. In this case, we can work with your standard publication contract and need only ask to be informed when submission is complete so that the required reference number(s) that must be used in subsequent NIH applications can be obtained. OR
- The publication contract sent to the article author, when and if the article is accepted for publication, include language that allows us to retain the right to provide a copy of the article to NIH for deposit in PubMed Central. If the necessary language is not part of your standard publication agreement or copyright transfer, please include this additional wording, which is suggested by the NIH:  
*"The Journal acknowledges that Author retains the right to provide a copy of the final manuscript to the NIH upon acceptance for Journal publication, for public archiving in PubMed Central as soon as possible but no later than 12 months after publication by Journal."*

Please indicate clearly if you have any requirements about when, within the allowable 12 month period, the article can be made public through PubMed Central.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

W. A. "Bud" Baeslack III  
Provost  
Case Western Reserve University

Mark Cotichia  
Vice President for Research and  
Technology Management  
Case Western Reserve University