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Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 1:55 PM
To: Botham Phil GBJH; Hertl Peter CHBS
Subject: RE: Acceptance of your Epi Meta-Analysis Paper by PLOS One

Thanks Phil and Peter:

I looked up the gestation period for this manuscript (3 years compared to 22 months for the elephant). We started working on it in December 2012. The first draft was submitted to Australia on July 18, 2013 and resubmitted at the end of 2013. We submitted the first draft to the European Journal of Epidemiology in 2014 and to PLOS ONE in December, 2015.

Most complex publications are ball-busters, but this one ranked up there with the most difficult papers we have done. During the 3 years and approximately a dozen iterations, we learned quite a lot about meta-analyses and the systematic reviews of epidemiology data. Jack Mandel and Ellen Chang kept us on the straight and narrow with respect to epidemiology, Sir Colin brought his knowledge about neurodegenerative diseases and Bradford Hill and Bob Sielken did a yeoman's job on statistics as usual. Trent Stevens bore the brunt of navigating on-line submissions to EJEP and PLOS ONE.

I am grateful that this one is done – and apparently, according to an old Ciba-Geigy slogan, “just in time”.

CBB

From: Botham Phil GBJH
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 4:12 AM
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Charles

Let me take this opportunity to once again thank you for your incredible tenacity in getting this paper published. I know that Sir Colin and certainly Jack have had an active part in getting us to this point, but without your personal commitment, attention to detail and sheer hard work, this would never have happened. The availability of this paper will I am sure be invaluable in supporting our work, and not just in Brazil.

Regards

Phil