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**From:** Botham Phil GBJH [/O=MESSAGING/OU=BE-AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=PHIL.BOTHAM]  
**Sent:** 4/21/2011 10:00:17 AM  
**To:** Sullivan Jonathan Dale CHBS [/O=MESSAGING/OU=BE-AG/cn=Recipients/cn=SULLIJO2]  
**CC:** Maeder Christoph CHBS [/O=MESSAGING/OU=BE-AG/cn=Recipients/cn=BMAEHH]; Aruffo Sandro CHBS [/O=MESSAGING/OU=BE-AG/cn=Recipients/cn=u455882]; Atkin John CHBS [/O=MESSAGING/OU=BE-AG/cn=Recipients/cn=BATKIJ]  
**Subject:** RE: Widnes paper

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Yes, we'll revisit the question of which type of journal when (if) we get feedback on why this paper apparently didn't meet the standards expected for an epidemiology study. Give that one of the UK's most respected epidemiology experts (David Coggon) had reviewed the paper before submission and agreed it was a good study, we remain perplexed, but we also need to be ready to amend our paper if the feedback points to something fundamental we have overlooked.

Phil

-----Original Message-----

From: Atkin John CHBS  
Sent: 21 April 2011 10:38  
To: Sullivan Jonathan Dale CHBS; Aruffo Sandro CHBS  
Cc: Maeder Christoph CHBS; Botham Phil GBJH  
Subject: RE: Widnes paper

Indeed. Astonishing at the scientific level, less so when one thinks more broadly. What about medical journals since it concerns human health? - John

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From: Sullivan Jonathan Dale CHBS  
Sent: Donnerstag, 21. April 2011 11:31  
To: Atkin John CHBS; Aruffo Sandro CHBS  
Cc: Maeder Christoph CHBS; Botham Phil GBJH  
Subject: Widnes paper

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John and Sandro,

Subject to any explanation which may be forthcoming from the journal involved, the development reported below has the ability to put us in significant difficulty as it clearly impairs our prospects of securing publication of a key piece of epidemiological evidence on paraquat and Parkinson's disease and there will in any event be discoverable communications which show that it was rejected for publication by two journals .

Jonathan .

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From: Botham Phil GBJH  
To: Hull Sarah CHBS; Sullivan Jonathan Dale CHBS  
Cc: Brown Richard Anthony CHBS; Breckenridge Charles USGR; Mewes Kersten CHBS; Hertl Peter CHBS  
Sent: Thu Apr 21 09:47:57 2011  
Subject: Widnes paper

Sarah/Jonathan

We have received the very surprising and deeply disappointing news that the Widnes paper has now been rejected by the International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health. Most unusually, John Tomenson received no explanation for the rejection and one suggestion must be that, as with Environmental Health Perspectives, it didn't even reach the stage of peer-review, as authors would normally expect to receive the comments made by reviewers to justify rejection or need for amendment.

As a consequence, I urged John to ask the editors for an explanation, and he sent the e-mail below yesterday.

We will keep you informed on further developments

Phil

-----Original Message-----

From: John Tomenson [mailto:john\_tomenson@causation.co.uk]  
Sent: 20 April 2011 15:42  
To: Botham Phil GBJH; Campbell Clive CHBS; Cook Andy GBJH; Smith Lewis GBAP  
Subject: FW: Your submission %ARTICLE\_NAME%

For info.

-----Original Message-----

From: John Tomenson [mailto:john\_tomenson@causation.co.uk]  
Sent: 20 April 2011 15:41  
To: 'The Editors at IAOEH'  
Subject: RE: Your submission %ARTICLE\_NAME%

Dear Professors Drexler and Schaller,

I was very surprised that you feel that our paper does not meet the standard of the IAOEH. We discussed the proposed study with Professor David Coggon at the protocol stage, and he also commented on the draft paper which he described as a nice paper which will contribute usefully to risk assessment for paraquat. Consequently I am at a complete loss as to know what to do next with the paper.

If there is something fundamentally wrong with the paper, then I would like to know what it is and try to rectify it. It would help greatly if you could provide some feedback about why you feel the paper does not meet the standard of the IAOEH or share with us the comments made by the reviewers.

Best regards,  
John Tomenson

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From: em.iaoe.0.22794f.29ec0558@editorialmanager.com  
[mailto:em.iaoe.0.22794f.29ec0558@editorialmanager.com] On Behalf Of The Editors at IAOEH  
Sent: 19 April 2011 13:09  
To: John Andrew Tomenson  
Subject: Your submission %ARTICLE\_NAME%

Dear Dr Tomenson,

Thank you for your submission entitled "Mortality from Parkinson's disease among a workforce manufacturing paraquat".

Unfortunately, we have to inform you that the Editorial Board of the International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health is not in a position to publish the a.m. paper as it does not meet the standard of the IAOEH.

We hope that this news will not discourage you from submitting further papers to our journal.

Sincerely yours,

Hans Drexler, Editor-in-Chief  
Karl Heinz Schaller, Associate Editor