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Besten,

Inderdaad duidelijk bericht van de zijde van Eurosurveillance. Een apart bericht van de zijde van RIVM lijkt me nu inderdaad niet meer nodig.

Wel zou ik 5.1.2e adviseren te reageren met een 'thank you for keeping us updated, etc.' " 5.1.2e zou toe kunnen voegen dat het correct is dat zij in de communicatie met de board of editors niet wordt meegenomen. En 5.1.2e, jij kunt ook vriendelijk aandringen op een spoedige afhandeling van het onderdeel ii) scientific misconduct.

Beste groet,

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Onderwerp: Allegations of flaws and misconduct for Detection of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) by real-time RT-PCR

Hoi,

Schrijven van Eurosurveillance. Wellicht is ons schrijven dan niet meer nodig?

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Dear co-authors,

This email is to inform you formally as co-author of [Detection of 2019 novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) by real-time RT-PCR](#) by Corman et al that at Eurosurveillance we have been made aware of an *External peer review of the RTPCR test to detect SARS-CoV-2 reveals 10 major scientific flaws at the molecular and methodological level: consequences for false positive results.*

In this the authors claim (i) scientific flaws, (ii) scientific misconduct by two co-authors who are associate editors of Eurosurveillance (i.e. 5.1.2e and 5.1.2e) and (iii) that no peer review was conducted for your article published in Eurosurveillance on 23 January. In conclusion they request we should retract your article. A website <https://cormandrostenreview.com> has been set up on which an article and supplementary materials can be found.

We have started looking into the matter as per our usual procedures and following e.g. COPE guidance. In the way forward we will consult as in previous instances with our associate editors and experts in research integrity; however, 5.1.2e as

associate editors who are also co-authors of the article concerned will not be involved in respective email exchanges with other board members.

You may already be aware of the matter through social media posts and we may request a short statement with respect to the allegations depending on advice we receive about next steps.

Kind regards,

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