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Recommendation letter for Asian Pacific Journal of Tropical Biomedicine (APJTB)

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Our world has demonstrated to be extremely vulnerable. Numerous humanitarian missions in developing countries have revealed the monstrous devastation caused by tropical diseases and malnutrition. Paradoxically, the people in charge of the political decisions always seem to be far from recognizing this situation when facing the monstrous dose of reality of the transmissible diseases that have predilection for the people in disadvantage.

The abyss that separates what happens from what we should understand, on one hand, the true blindness and the cool stupidity displayed by some members of the countries' public health, on the other hand, is of a surprising and depressing width. But those who have official functions, have aspirations regarding them, or have exercised them in the past, have decided, with the complicity of the media, that the public will not be asked to compromise itself with a too great dose of the weight of the reality, mainly if it does not concern them in a direct way.

It is impossible not to think in the frightful power of the pain and its constant exercise possess. The people in charge of the public health and those who aspire to be in charge have showed us that they conceive their work as a manipulation: restraining it to a mere show of confidence and the administration of pain.

The policy of a democracy, one that includes disagreements and encourages sincerity, has been replaced by psychotherapy. We may have to suffer together, but let us no be stupid together. A little exercise of historic conscience can help us understand what was exactly happened, and it can continue happening. It is repeated to us very insistently that we can manipulate the genes. Truthfully, that does not represent any consolation to me. Who can doubt that the advances of science are solid? The truth is that medicine

should not be just like that. Anyone of us working in the unattended tropical diseases, have learned of the great quiet suffering they cause, and how they have become most common among the poorest people of the world.

Helen Keller mentioned that the universe reveals itself in the exact measure in which we are able to receive it. The subtlety of our vision does not depend on how much we are able to see, but on how much we are able to feel and to transmit. *APJTB* constitutes to bring an incredible opportunity for control of these unattended tropical diseases through the diffusion of knowledge, the education of doctors and even of the political leaders.

In the *APJTB*, the virtues of clarity and expression smoothness are encouraged. Conscious that the words are worn away, the numerous papers published are oriented to show that, at the present time, the never ending problems of public health can be confronted from a new perspective.

Naturally, "a vision without resources is only a hallucination". If it is true that the dreams are made while awake, we need the urgently attention to the immediate necessity to support this publication.

We need the moral support and the aid of the scientific community. For all these reasons, I have the hope that the *APJTB* will inspire and stimulate the scientific community and the citizens to participate in the eradication of the unattended tropical diseases, this way taking an important step in a tangible form to help the poorest and vulnerable people of the world.

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I declare that I have no conflict of interest.

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