2 April 2008

Dear Publisher:

The enclosed article is based on research conducted at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences funded either entirely or in part by grant(s) from the National Institutes of Health. Therefore, the article is subject to the mandatory NIH Public Access Policy (http://publicaccess.nih.gov/policy.htm).

In accordance with the NIH Public Access Policy, a copy of the final article must be submitted to the PubMed Central database at the time the article is accepted for publication and NIH must be authorized to make the article publicly accessible within 12 months of publication. Normally compliance with the policy is accomplished by one of the following methods:

1. You, as the publisher, submit the article directly to PubMed Central after acceptance. In this case, the authors may sign your standard publication agreement. The authors must be informed when submission is complete so that they may obtain the PubMed Central reference number.

2. Your publication agreement includes language that allows the authors to retain the right to grant a license to NIH to deposit the article in PubMed Central. The authors will deposit the article in PubMed Central.

In the event your publication agreement does not include the necessary language to allow the authors to grant a license to NIH to deposit the article in PubMed Central, then the following NIH approval language must be added to the publication agreement:

"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."

With the addition of the language, the authors will deposit the article in PubMed Central.

NIH funding supports a significant amount of research at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. It is our goal to ensure that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences complies with the NIH Public Access Policy and that publication of articles produced by UAMS researchers continues unabated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lawrence E. Cornett, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Research