

April 16th, 2026

Dear Dr. Milivojevic,

Thank you for raising these concerns. ISAAC and Taylor & Francis have discussed the points in your letter, and our responses are below.

1. Policy and categories

The AAC journal will not be publishing ISAAC governance materials that have not been peer-reviewed. Any ISAAC policies or governance materials requiring release and dissemination, will be shared with the ISAAC membership on the ISAAC website.

The only prior instance where ISAAC governance-related materials were published in the AAC journal dates back to 2014, related to the ISAAC Position Statement on Facilitated Communication. For both 2014 papers on this topic, it is footnoted that as an editorial, the materials did not undergo peer-review.

2. Standardized, prominent labeling (web + PDF)

The standard workflow for the AAC Journal would not be able to support this change. If the workflow was to change in the future to accommodate this type of labelling, any changes made would only be going forward. The Taylor & Francis production department could not apply the changes retroactively. Any change to the workflow would need to be discussed with and approved by ISAAC.

3. Metadata and indexing alignment

The XML tagging used by Taylor & Francis does not include a way to identify the consent category and review route. Even if such dedicated tagging exists, most major indexing partners (including Scopus, Web of Science etc.) do not have space to display it on their article records. If the production team included tagging to this effect, the indexing partners would discard it.

Taylor & Francis, however, has dedicated tagging for disclosure statements, which may be an alternative worth considering. Declaring the review route is a type of disclosure, so the reader has the knowledge and context to critically examine the article.

If there is an error in a bibliographic database, Taylor & Francis will request a correction. Please note that the route of correction varies. For a small number of partners, we have access to an interface to correct the error ourselves (PubMed is an example of this). Others have data correction forms that we can complete online (e.g. Web of Science and Scopus). Smaller partners may also have a contact email address where we can reach out to request corrections.

4. Retroactive application and timeline

We can support corrections for past items within reason. As requesting corrections is a manual process, we can support historic corrections as far as capacity allows. Taylor & Francis cannot provide a specific timeline because we cannot account for the response times of our external partners.

Should you have any additional questions or require any further information, please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director, Franklin Smith, via email at franklin@isaac-online.org

Kindest regards,

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