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cc President, BSAVA

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Dear Mr Lonsdale

Your letter of 29 December to Liz Payne has been passed to me. As Editor, I am solely responsible for anything published in the Journal and I am surprised and sorry that you saw fit to trouble the President over her Christmas holiday especially as she is in no way concerned with the day to day matters of the Journal.

Your letter of 15 September is basically a criticism of a paper by Bellenger and Beck published in this Journal last year. This paper was subject to the normal peer review by referees. If you are to level criticism at the paper, as you are quite entitled to do, such criticism should be pertinent and to the point. The first paragraph of your letter is not applicable and does not make sense whilst the second paragraph is vague and I am not sure what responses 'researchers' should make, if any, to comments in the Australian Veterinary Association News.

It was on this basis that the decision was made on 21 December not to publish your letter. This decision is as much in your interest as of the Journal if you only think about it, especially in note of your standing in the RCVS and BSAVA.

I stand by my decision and I hope that you will refer any matters relating to the Journal to me.

With all best wishes for 1995.

Yours sincerely,
W.D. Tavernor

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