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Dear Dr. Wolter,

We write to thank you for the exceptionally fine quality of your peer reviewing for *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety* of manuscripts submitted during 2018. The strength of our journal, like all peer-reviewed journals, depends in large measure on our reviewers' abilities and efforts. As editors, we weigh your comments carefully.

While a superb review is the product of both expertise and commitment, it is also a remarkably anonymous accomplishment. The editors and the authors of a paper appreciate the help a good critique provides, but under the present peer review system the authors rarely know the identity of the reviewers, and deans, departmental chairs, division chiefs, and tenure and promotion committees are often totally unaware of the amount and quality of this important academic work. We would like to offer you the opportunity to change this.

Not all reviews are of the same high quality. We grade each review, and we know our best reviewers. Out of the 608 reviewers of 2018, you are one of the reviewers to be given the highest score. The quality and timeliness of your review for *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety* placed the work you did for us among the best of all reviews in 2018. We thank you and wish to inspire you to sustain your high standards. Further, because we are interested in giving more credit to reviewers like you who provide exceptional service to medical science in this important role, I would encourage you to send a copy of this letter to others who should be aware of it, and to note on your curriculum vitae (CV) the honor conveyed by it.

Again, many thanks for your fine help. Not only have the editors and authors benefited, but so have the journal's readers and, ultimately, medical science.

Sincerely,



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