

Roger McClellan

From: Roger McClellan <[REDACTED]@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 4:39 PM
To: Whalley, Charles
Cc: Roger McClellan
Subject: Re: Glyphosate notes and correspondence

Charles:

Thanks for the note. As I have conveyed to you, I can not agree to the proposal for retraction you have offered in your memo of May 18th.

Alternatively, I am in the process of finalizing a memo entitled -" Context for Decision-Making on Papers Published in Special Supplemental Issue on Potential Carcinogenic Hazard of Glyphosate" It has taken me some what longer to prepare this document and the attachments then I originally anticipated. I will get it to as soon as possible. I hope review of my memo and the attachments will provide you and your advisors a broader context for considering this very complex matter and the ramifications of two alternative courses of action.

By way of background I am interested in learning of any actions involving retraction of papers from Taylor and Francis journals that have occurred in the last 10 years. If you could share that information with me it will be useful to me in considering the context for your retraction proposal and the proposed course of action.

Best regards,
Roger

On Wednesday, May 30, 2018 2:25 AM, "Whalley, Charles" [REDACTED]@tandf.co.uk> wrote:

Dear Roger,

I hope this finds you well today. We had a tremendous weekend of thunderstorms here.

Have you had time yet to review the information and policies that I sent on to you last week? In return, am I still expecting some additional notes and correspondence from you and Mildred?

Best wishes,
Charles

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From: Roger McClellan <[REDACTED]@att.net>
Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 12:25 PM
To: Charles Whalley
Cc: Roger McClellan; Mildred B. Morgan
Subject: Fw: Kier Publications in CRT
Attachments: Kier Glyphosae Paper in Vol 45 Issue 3 2015.pdf; Kier Glyphosate Paper in Vol 43 Issue 4 2013.pdf

Charles:

I want you to have the attached papers in your files since they are relevant to our current and on-going discussions on the five Glyphosate papers and the question of who knew what and when.

My professional association with both Drs Larry Kier and Kirkland goes back decades since they are accomplished scientists in fields that I have followed for decades. Key facts as to their past employment and consulting activities are spelled out in the Declarations of Interest for both papers.

The point I am making is their professional and compensated relationships with Monsanto were well known to me before I received the five papers on Glyphosate ultimately published in the Special Supplement. There is no hidden or secret science involved and it very clear who paid the bills for the prior publications published before the IARC review or the five papers published in the CRT Special Supplement published after the IARC review.

I pride myself on my circle of acquaintances going back decades. I am rarely deceived by unknown and unrevealed relationships.

I wish other journals adhered to the standards used by CRT, it would make it easier to maintain our standards. I hope you appreciate how different the standards are for CRT compared to those used by most journals including those published by Taylor and Francis.

Best regards,
Roger

On Friday, June 1, 2018 11:51 AM, Mildred Morgan <mbmorgan@[REDACTED]> wrote:

Attached are copies of Larry Kier's published papers in CRT and both are on Glyphosate.

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TO: Charles Whalley

FROM: Roger McClellan

SUBJECT: Context Memo

Charles:

Attached is a memo I have prepared to help guide my own decisions and, hopefully yours and your advisors, on handling the controversy around the five papers in the Glyphosate Supplement to Volume 46 of Critical Reviews in Toxicology. I hope that after you read this memo you will agree the best approach to handling the controversy is the approach we had mutually agreed on in March 2018-- publish Revised Acknowledgements and Revised Declarations of Interest for each of the five papers.

I do not think retraction of any of the papers is appropriate. The papers were prepared in a scientifically sound manner without external influence from the Monsanto Corporation as attested to by all 16 authors and the papers report valuable conclusions. I acknowledge that the original Acknowledgements and Declarations of Interest were not fully adequate, however, I do not believe the flaws warrant retraction of the scientifically sound papers that draw conclusions of broad interest and global importance. It is also clear that the policies and procedures of Taylor and Francis were not adequate for handling complex authorship issues such as encountered with these papers. All of us can learn from this situation and take steps to improving our handling of review papers such as the Glyphosate papers that address important Societal issues at the interface of science and public policy. Retractions of the papers would do irreparable harm to multiple parties including, most of all, the authors, the Journal, the publisher and key employees such as you and, in addition, me in my role as the Scientific Editor of CRT. Moreover, retraction of the papers would remove from the public domain the scientific analysis and conclusions published in the papers.

As I have previously indicated, I am willing to travel to England for discussions with you and senior Taylor and Francis about these matters and their resolution and to also discuss strategies and actions to minimize the occurrence of future problems related to preparation, submission, review and publication of other papers on complex scientific matters at the interface of science and public policy. The need for thinking strategically on these matters is of vital importance because this is the niche that CRT fills in the scientific publication arena.

Respectfully,
Roger

On Thursday, May 31, 2018 3:35 PM, Mildred Morgan <mbmorgan@<redacted>> wrote:

Final Context memo attached.

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