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Subject: Re: Decision not to include materials submitted to the BMJ's panel with its report

Dear Jane

Thank you for following up this issue so promptly with the Chair of the BMJ's panel.

In section 4 of the panel's Terms of Reference, it was stated that "All submissions to the panel and all documents used by the panel will be placed in the public domain on bmj.com, either at the time of submission or as part of the panel's final report". Based on your email, we understand that it has now been decided not to comply with these terms of reference in this particular instance.

Presumably you are aware that that decision would contradict the statement in Fiona Godlee's editorial of 7 August that "As part of our commitment to transparency, all documents submitted to and produced by the panel are published online (thebmj.com/statins)."

Best wishes,

Jane Armitage, Colin Baigent and Rory Collins