

Dear _____,

Thank you for your reply dated _____. However, I must express my disappointment with the explanation provided, as it raises some serious concerns about the fairness and impartiality that are fundamental to scholarly publishing.

Given the lack of substantive reasoning or evidence suggesting that our manuscript, “[Title of the Manuscript],” submitted on [submission date] was reviewed in accordance with standard academic practices, I am compelled to view the rejection as potentially indicative of discriminatory treatment that may be related to the fact I'm working for / collaborating with an Israeli university. Such actions undermine the principles of equity, objectivity, and academic integrity that scholarly journals are entrusted to uphold.

I hereby demand a thorough and transparent re-examination of our manuscript's suitability for [Journal Name]. If the initial editorial decision was based on legitimate grounds, I would expect a clear and detailed explanation of these criteria, including any reasons the manuscript was deemed unsuitable for peer review.

In this context, I am addressing this letter not only to you but also to the editor-in-chief / members of [Journal Name's] board. I trust that this request will be treated with the seriousness and urgency it requires.

Should this issue remain unresolved, or should there be no response within 30 days of this communication, I reserve the right to pursue legal channels to investigate and address potential discriminatory practices that may have influenced the handling of this submission.

I sincerely hope this matter can be resolved amicably and fairly, in keeping with the academic community's shared commitment to rigorous and unbiased scholarship.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
