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Anthony Habgood, Chairman  
Erik Engstrom, CEO  
Nick Luff, CFO  
Reed Elsevier Properties

Dear Sirs,

We write to bring to your immediate attention the results of our investigation regarding two of the main authors of "[An Open Letter for the People of Gaza](#)" that appeared in your company's publication, *The Lancet* medical journal, in July 2014. Our research conclusively shows that these two authors promoted a video made by American [white supremacist](#) David Duke. In December 2013, an Italian court ruled in favor of expelling Duke from Italy where he "[was allegedly trying to establish a pan-European neo-Nazi group.](#)" The court called him "[socially dangerous for his racist and anti-Semitic views.](#)"

On August 14, 2014, Dr. Paola Manduca forwarded an email from Dr. Swee Ang with the subject line "[CNN Goldman Sachs & the Zio Matrix](#)" to the Italian Google group [Sempre Contro la Guerra](#). The email contains a [link](#) to a video of the same title made by David Duke. Ang wrote, "This is shocking video please watch. This is not about Palestine - it is about all of us!" The email also contained, in bold red lettering, "SEE THIS VIDEO BEFORE IT IS REMOVED FROM CIRCULATION - Please do pass on to others who you think would be interested and would pass on>>>The whole world needs to know."

The video is described on [Duke's YouTube page](#) as "reveal[ing] how the Zionist Matrix of Power controls Media, Politics and Banking and how each Part of this Tribalist matrix supports and protects each other!" The video labels the Federal Reserve Bank as "the Zio Club FED," calls NBC News anchor Brian Williams a "good Shabbez goy Zioscript reader," identifies U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan as a "Zio tribalist," and states, "Zios invaded and took over Walt Disney Corp. just as they invaded and took over Palestine."

It is deeply disturbing that two self-proclaimed human rights activists would share Duke's racist and antisemitic message. It is all the more alarming that *The Lancet* would have given such prominence to a letter co-authored by Manduca and Ang who trade in antisemitic conspiracy theories. In light of this new information, we call upon Reed Elsevier Properties to prevail upon *The Lancet* to take the following steps: retract the "Open Letter," publicly distance itself immediately from these two physicians, and apologize for publishing their "Open Letter."

Attached to this correspondence is a fact sheet containing the relevant information.

Sincerely,

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President, NGO Monitor

CC: Richard Horton, Editor, *The Lancet*, Members of *The Lancet* International Advisory Board, Ombudsman, *The Lancet*, The Committee on Publication Ethics, International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, members of the media.