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From:	Lipman, David (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]
Sent:	Friday, February 24, 2012 11:03 PM
To:	Sequeira, Ed (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]
Subject:	RE: eLife and PMC

Ed -
I would only agree if these accepted papers are "final" - i.e., there's no assumption that they will be updated.

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From: Sequeira, Ed (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 5:57 PM
To: Lipman, David (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]
Subject: RE: eLife and PMC

David

A reminder, in case you've forgotten: a while ago, the PMC production group and Sergey decided that we won't take any early publications in PMC because it takes a lot of effort on our side to make sure the publisher syncs the early version with the final version, etc. We've made an exception for JBT because PMC is the only place the journal is available.

Ed

-----Original Message-----
From: Lipman, David (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 1:33 PM
To: Patterson, Mark; Sequeira, Ed (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]
Cc: McEntyre, Jo
Subject: RE: eLife and PMC

Hi Mark (and hello Jo!) -
I'm glad to speak with you guys but I don't see how you can publish articles for eLife - peer reviewed & accepted - without eLife existing as a journal yet.   You don't need a live website for this though you could have a single page up indicating current status and approach for peer review. It would go into PMC and into Pubmed (through PMC).

I'm available to speak Monday if you like.

-----Original Message-----
From: Patterson, Mark [mailto:M.Patterson@wellcome.ac.uk]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 7:04 AM
To: Sequeira, Ed (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]
Cc: Lipman, David (NIH/NLM/NCBI) [E]; McEntyre, Jo
Subject: eLife and PMC

Hi Ed

I'd like to run an idea by you about a way to preview content that's accepted for publication in eLife (the HHMI, Wellcome, Max Planck funded journal) ahead of the launch of the journal, using PMC as the publication vehicle.

I've discussed this briefly with Jo here in the UK – hence the cc, and she felt that it might be feasible.

The motivation is that we are already getting approached by authors who have some very interesting work for eLife to consider. However, we're unlikely to launch the journal before October/November (and authors are reluctant to wait that long). It struck us that if we could somehow preview eLife articles 'accepted for publication' via an established mechanism (PMC would be the best), then this could be a fantastic way to start taking submissions early and build confidence in the journal, if prospective authors can see the calibre of the early content ahead of the actual launch.

An interesting possibility (pointed out by Jo) is that if this mechanism proves popular with authors, we might want to think about making this a routine part of the publication process at eLife after launch – a way for authors to share their accepted article as early as possible. We'll need to give that further thought.

I haven't discussed this idea with any potential authors yet, because I wanted to see first whether it was possible from a technical/publishing standpoint.

I'd be happy to discuss on the phone next week if you have time and think that would be useful.

Cheers
Mark

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