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Dr. Larry Gross Editor-In-Chief International Journal of Communication

Dear Dr. Gross,

RE: Submission of Manuscript for Publication

I am enclosing herewith a manuscript titled "Does Perceived Privacy Influence Patient Satisfaction Among College Students? A Comparative Study of Students at a Kenyan *University and at a Large American Midwestern University*" for possible publication.

I would like to affirm that this manuscript is original research and has not been published elsewhere, accepted for publication elsewhere, or under editorial review for publication elsewhere.

Guided by communication privacy management theory (CPM), the overarching goals of this study were to examine the extent to which perceived privacy influences patient satisfaction, the differences in concerns for privacy between students in a Kenyan university and those at a large Midwest university, and to investigate differences in privacy concerns among college men and women. The results of the study show that perceived privacy predicted perceived patient satisfaction, and that men and women did not have different concerns for privacy. Participant country moderated the relationship between privacy and patient satisfaction. Taken together, these results indicate that physicians and hospitals should emphasize effective patient privacy in spaces where medical interactions occur.

Due to its focus on international research, International Journal of Communication is an excellent place to share these findings with scholars across the world as it can generate insights and readership that can help inform policy change, and guide the design of health programs that ensure hospitals continue to safeguard both the safety of students and meet their privacy concerns.

For your ease of perusal, the manuscript is divided into abstract, literature review, method, findings, and discussion. I would greatly appreciate your review.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Yours faithfully, Robert G.nyaga Robert Nyaga, Ph.D.