International Society
of Forensic Genetics
Groupe Francophone

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To the members of the Clarivate Society,

We are the representatives the French-speaking working group of the ISFG (Internal Society of Forensic Genetics). We recently learned that the journal *FSI-Genetics* was withdrawn from the Journal Citation Report (JCR) and would like to argue for a review of this decision.

FSI-Genetics is one of the leading journals in the field of forensic genetics and several articles, relevant to our area of expertise, are featured. Impact factors are an important element of reputation for scientific journals because they are widely used by various scientific circles as a reference for the prestige and the national or international scope of published articles. It is true that the field of forensic genetics is a small one, but this branch of biology needs journals such as *FSI-Genetics* in order to provide specific answers in the analysis of criminal cases files and in the resolution of particular cases. Several laboratories are operational laboratories which do not necessarily do research and for which access to specific and quality publications in the field is absolutely necessary.

We believe that the decision to withdraw this journal from the JCR will have a negative impact on the forensic genetics community and a negative effect on research and development in the field. Thus, we ask Clarivate to reconsider the decision to withdraw the FSI-Genetics journal from the JCR.

Sincerely,

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