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SUBJECT: Submission of Review Article for Publication

To Whom It May Concern,

I have recently prepared a narrative literature review entitled "Comparing Suctioning Techniques Used To Assist Mechanical Ventilation: Protecting You and Your Patients" to be considered for publication in the *International Journal of Infection Control*. The impetus for this summary was driven by our background and experience as a Company with the closed suctioning technique, and our interest in condensing and sharing what others have said in the literature about suctioning techniques in general.

The goal of the article is to make healthcare workers more aware of important comparative aspects of suctioning techniques so that they can make the best care choices possible for their mechanically-ventilated patients.

Conflict of Interest: I am employed full-time by Halyard Health as a Senior Clinical Scientist.

Submission declaration and verification: This manuscript has not been published previously or been submitted elsewhere for publication.

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I look forward to your feedback concerning this proposal. Please contact me, if you have any questions or concerns about the possibility of the article being published in the *International Journal of Infection Control*.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark C. Lavigne', written in a cursive style.

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