

Dear Colleagues:

We attach a revised version of "Healing an Ailing Pharmaceutical System: A Prescription for Reform in the United States and Canada," for your further consideration for publication.

The paper has been revised as recommended.

Specifically, the editors:

1. **Requested that we adjust the title.** The title has been edited to reflect that this is a proposal for the US and Canada.
2. **Asked that we add a Standfirst.** One has been added [Page 6, Line 1-2].
3. **Requested that the abstract be replaced by a Key Messages box.** This has been done [Page 5].
4. **Requested that we eliminate Tables 1 & 2 and E-Tables 1-4.** The tables have been eliminated. References have been moved from the tables to the text where necessary. We have eliminated the economic analysis and have amended and greatly shortened the economics section of the text accordingly.
5. **Asked that we include a few sentences in the introduction acknowledging the ambitiousness of the proposal reforms and likely barriers to implementation, and possibly on the working group and its aims.** We have added material on these issues [Page 6, line 16-23; Page 7, line 1]
6. **Requested that we name both new divisions of the NIH/CIHR after introducing them.** This has been done [Page 12, lines 10-12]
7. **Noted that we cannot reference unpublished data.** The references to unpublished material have been eliminated and in one case replaced by a published citation.
8. **Made note of an awkward paragraph break.** This has been amended [Page 15]

Thank you in advance for your further consideration of this manuscript. We are open to additional recommendations and revisions as needed.

Sincerely,

Adam Gaffney and Joel Lexchin, on behalf of the US/Canadian Pharmaceutical Reform Working Group