# Cover Letter

Dear Editorial Board,

we are pleased to send you our manuscript “Worlds of Long-Term Care: A Typology of OECD Countries”, which we consider of high relevance for Health Policy because it combines long-term care and social policy. This paper is one major output from our three-year research project “Comparing the Coordination of Elderly Care Services in European Welfare States: How Organizational Actors Respond to Marketization Policies”.

We are confident that this paper will reach a wide readership and that it will be well received in the scientific community because

- it offers a new typology of long-term care systems on the basis of new data (particularly institutional indicators), and a new method, and includes more countries compared to earlier typologies.

- it proposes a new and flexible methodological approach to construct long-term care system types (or typologies more generally),

- it employs a comparable approach in data and methods to the healthcare typology in your journal (Reibling, N., Ariaans, M. and Wendt, C. (2019) ‘Worlds of Healthcare: A Healthcare System Typology of OECD Countries’, Health Policy 123(7): 611–20.)

This work has not been published before and is currently not being considered for publication elsewhere.

We look forward to your response and the reviews.

Yours sincerely,

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