To Whom It May Concern: ,

My name is Aleksander Orlov. I am a student-researcher at the School of Linguistics, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia. Ph. D V. Ju. Apresjan, Ph. D. Nicholas Howell and I are currently involved into a ‘Corpus of News Headlines’ project, which aims at describing the language used in in modern Russian media and the relation between the content of the headline and the content of the article (including study on the mechanics of clickbait and opinion manipulation).

In order to carry out this research successfully, we would like to get the rankings for the popular Russian media, especially for these ones if possible:

* Lenta.ru (<https://lenta.ru/>)
* Ридус/Ridus (<https://www.ridus.ru/>)
* Life.ru (<https://life.ru/>)
* Взгляд/Vzglyad (<https://vz.ru/>)
* Вести.ru/Vesti.ru (<https://www.vesti.ru/>)
* Известия/Izvestiya (<https://iz.ru/>)
* Жизнь/ Znizn’ (<http://zhizn.ru/>)
* Riafan.ru (<https://riafan.ru/>)
* Коммерсант/Kommersant (<https://www.kommersant.ru/>)
* РБК/RBK (<https://www.rbc.ru/>)
* РИА Новости/RIA (<https://ria.ru/>)

We are interested in the estimated number of people who visit the upper mentioned websites as we could not found any trustworthy data in Russian informational space.

We would also like to know if there exists any trustworthy metrics that could characterize the content of the upper mentioned media (like their predominant political views, trustworthiness, openness, etc.)

We guarantee that the data requested will only be used for science, for our research in Linguistics, which we plan to publish in a journal like *Pragmatics, Pragmatic Review, or Intercultural Pragmatics*.

We are looking forward to your replay.

Faithfully yours,

Alexander Orlov, School of Linguistics, NRU ‘HSE’