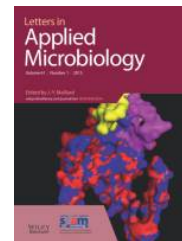
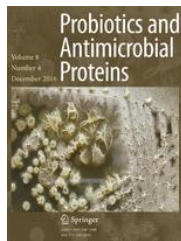


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RE: Dr. Ammar Al-Gburi's service provided to international journals in the field of microbiology

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Michael Chikindas and I am a founding Editor-in-Chief of *Probiotics and Antimicrobial Proteins*, the Springer's journal. Since 1994, I also serve on editorial boards of *Letters in Applied Microbiology* and *Journal of Applied Microbiology*, the Wiley's journals. Dr. Ammar Al-Gburi worked in my Health Promoting Naturals Laboratory towards his Ph.D. degree. During his Ph.D. candidacy he developed analytical skills enabling him to design, conduct and report his own research projects, and to critically evaluate various microbiology related studies performed by others. This skill allowed me to select Dr. Al-Gburi as a reviewer for numerous manuscripts submitted to the mentioned journals. It is an honor having Dr. Ammar Al-Gburi as an *ad hoc* reviewer for internationally recognized peer-reviewed microbiology journals.



Sincerely yours,

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