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it available to the research community. Many Indian journals are in print format and in regional languages. The UGC-CARE List will incorporate such journals after scrutiny through the CARE protocols. It should be noted that 72 journals published by various Indian Societies are already included in the List.

4. We believe that the multi-layered scrutiny followed by CARE is effective in ensuring the quality of journals.

5. *Kavaka* – a journal of mycology, referred to by Sarma¹, is already indexed in the UGC-CARE List.

6. The UGC-CARE List is dynamic and is updated quarterly.

It is unfortunate that Sarma did not make any effort to learn about the UGC-CARE initiative².

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Response

My letter¹ was submitted to *Current Science* on 11 April 2019, and it was

broadly based on the prevailing status of the issue at that point of time. The observations were momentary and reflect on the status of journal recognition policy by UGC during April 2019; subsequent changes made by the commission have been overlooked. Since several changes have been made by UGC on policies of recognition of journals, as explained by Patwardhan and Nagarkar, I withdraw the observations made in my letter¹, as they have now become irrelevant.

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