From: **Adam Mazzocchetti** adam@spqrtech.ai
Subject: Re: [jair] Editor Decision [19430]
Date: 13 June 2025 at 07:40
To: Edith Elkind edith.elkind@northwestern.edu

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Dear Dr. Elkind,

Thank you for your candid and thoughtful response.

Lex Fiducia was always meant to serve as a provocation—an architectural blueprint for constraint in autonomous systems, rather than a conventional research paper. It's part of a broader initiative to translate constitutional principles into real-time enforcement through code, where legal and ethical safeguards become runtime defaults.

I understand why it doesn't sit within JAIR's current editorial scope, and I genuinely appreciate your clarity in outlining that. Your note helps guide not just this paper, but the trajectory of the broader work ahead.

Thank you again for your time and for your stewardship of such an important journal. I hope we'll cross paths again, this conversation is far from over.

Warm regards,
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> On 8 Jun 2025, at 03:02, Edith Elkind via <editors@jair.org> wrote:
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> Dear Adam Mazzocchetti,
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> Thank you for submitting your paper to JAIR. However, I regret to inform you that the paper does not meet our submission requirements. JAIR's Editorial Charter (available at https://jair.org/index.php/jair/about) states:
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> "The Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR) is dedicated to the rapid dissemination of important research results to the global artificial intelligence (AI) community." Your paper reads a position paper. While it outlines a distinct vision, it does not evaluate it for plausibility or implementability, and does not discuss the associated challenges (e.g., whether it is possible to design an ethics policy layer that allows for continuous verification and is compatible with usability while capturing important intuitions regarding what constitutes acceptable behavior). As such, the paper is not a research paper, and therefore is not suitable for JAIR (including the AI&Society track).
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> Please note that this letter should not be taken as a statement regarding the quality of your research. The paper has not been reviewed. This letter is based on an editorial decision that the submission does not meet the requirements for JAIR.
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> We thank you for your efforts in preparing this submission, and hope that you will find an appropriate forum for this work.
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> Sincerely,
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> Associate Editor, JAIR
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