Subject: Decision on your manuscript – DIALOGUE OF AL-HIKMAH: GENERATING HARMONY IN MUSLIM AND NON-MUSLIM RELATIONS

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Dear authors,

Thank you for your submission to Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations and waiting to hear back from us. We completed our external review of your manuscript entitled. Based on the reviewers' recommendations and our own internal assessment, we would like to recommend that you revise the manuscript and resubmit it to us for further evaluation.

Overall, we find your topic to be very interesting and your objective to be promising. Unfortunately, the paper needs more work and we hope you will take the time to make the necessary revisions. Both reviewers have identified some of the important weaknesses in the paper. While Reviewer 2 thought the paper’s shortcomings were too substantial to merit publication, Reviewer 1 thought that with some revision, your paper would make a good contribution to our existing knowledge of interfaith relations. We agree with Reviewer 1 and urge you to pay particular attention to his/her suggestions when revising your manuscript.

The revisions we are seeking are somewhat substantial but we think they can be accomplished within a reasonable time period. If you agree with our assessment and wish to undertake the necessary revisions, please include a memo detailing how you have addressed the reviewers' concerns when you resubmit your manuscript. If you can resubmit the new draft by end-November and if we find the revisions satisfactory, there is a chance we might be able to publish your article in our spring issue.

The reviewer comments are pasted below. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Virginie

Reviewer 1:

The study has the potential to make an important contribution to the growing body of works exploring interfaith relations in light of the experiences of those who cross faithlines. In its present form, however, the paper suffers from a number of drawbacks. These cannot be addressed in a short period, but because the paper explores such an important subject, the author should be encouraged to take the time to revise their argument. One problem is that paper lacks theoretical grounding and does relate at all to existing scholarly works on this matter – references to Osman Bakar and other significant Southeast Asian