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Dear Professor Demailly,

I am delighted to tell you that the Editorial Board of Acta Mathematica is enthusiastic about accepting part of your joint work with Sebastian Boucksom, Mihai Paun and Thomas Peternell presented in the manuscript entitled *The pseudo-effective cone of a compact Kähler manifold and varieties of negative Kodaira dimension*.

Based on the expert information we have gathered about your work (see two enclosed expert opinions and the detailed referee report), it is clear that the part presented in the first half of your manuscript is very exciting, and of the high quality expected of papers in Acta. However, because of uniform lack of support for the latter part of your work, we cannot accept your paper in its present form. The significantly revised and shortened manuscript we propose to accept should be based on the first part of your work explicitly mentioned in the reports. Although you may not agree with the strong opinion expressed by the referee, and that there may be good reasons to carry out proofs in the general context of Kähler manifolds, we encourage you to seriously take into account the claims and suggestions made in the referees report.

We hope you agree with our proposal and are looking forward to receiving your revised and abbreviated manuscript as soon as possible. To speed up the process, please send your revision to me electronically with clear explanations of exactly what changes you have made. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely



Karsten Grove