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**Subject:** Re: Draft report 22 Feb 1654 version; revised by research group  
**Attachments:** WHO-China Joint Mission - DRAFT REPORT V1.1research.docx

Updated draft attached.

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**From:** Maria VAN KERKHOVE (b) (6)  
**Date:** Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 4:59 PM  
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**Cc:** Bruce Aylward (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Draft report 22 Feb 1654 version

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for the tremendous work in drafting this together with our colleagues from China. It was a fascinating and productive day. Jun, can you please share this word document with Chinese colleagues?

As discussed, please use this version to update your technical sections (the narrative) adding in the discussed recommended text/tables/stats/figures. Please also revise your technical recommendations.

**I look forward to receiving your updated versions by 2200 tonight.**

Thank you!

Maria

**From:** Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Wed, 4 Mar 2020 09:44:59 -0500  
**To:** Foreign Language  
**Cc:** Maria VAN KERKHOVE  
**Subject:** Re: A Question from China's Caixin Media regarding WHO Joint Mission's Report

Thank-you for your note. Any information in the report would have been information provided by the authorities in China. I have copied Dr. Van Kerkhove from the WHO. She might be able to provide more detail.

Sincerely,

Cliff Lane

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 9:40 AM  
**To:** "Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** A Question from China's Caixin Media regarding WHO Joint Mission's Report

Dear Dr. Lane,

My name is ZENG Jia, and I'm a journalist from China's Caixin Media (caixin.com, caixinglobal.com). I'm writing to see if you would like to answer a question about the Report of the WHO-China Joint Mission on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), because you were among the members of this much anticipated joint mission.

Please allow me to give you a brief introduction of Caixin first: We're the leading independent media in China for investigative journalism, and we went on publishing reports about the coronavirus disease during the time when Chinese health authorities remained silent on the issue. The New York Times published an op-ed about how Chinese muckraker media tried to deliver truth to the Chinese public, and Caixin came on top (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/05/opinion/coronavirus-china-news-journalism.html>). It's been over a month since the lockdown of the city Wuhan, in the past several weeks Caixin has devoted all its people and resources to the coronavirus outbreak and hope to improve the transparency in public discussion, and we will keep on doing it. By the end of 2019, Caixin has more than 300,000 subscribers, in terms of number of subscribers we're only second to the Japanese Nikkei News in Asia.

So my question is, in the Report of the WHO-China Joint Mission on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/who-china-joint-mission-on-covid-19-final-report.pdf>), it says on Page 6 that there was at least one clinically diagnosed case of coronavirus on December 2th, 2019 in Wuhan; and from Jan 11th to 17th there were new clinically diagnosed and confirmed cases every day in Wuhan, which is not consistent with Wuhan Public Health Committee's numbers (<http://wjw.wuhan.gov.cn/front/web/showDetail/2020011309038>). I wonder if you could share with us the data source of diagnosed cases of Wuhan in the WHO report. Also, has the joint mission team or WHO communicated with China about the differences in cases data?

Thank you very much for your time! I look forward to your reply.

Best regards,

ZENG Jia

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