

From: Harper, Jill (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Wed, 15 Apr 2020 14:51:17 +0000
To: Auchincloss, Hugh (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Cc: Harper, Jill (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: FW: For awareness

For your awareness –

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From: Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Billet, Courtney (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED] (b) (6); Harper, Jill (NIH/NIAID) [E]
[REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: For awareness

FYI

From: Abbey, Lillian (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Haskins, Melinda (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Draft response for review -- FW: Request for information: Senate Qs - Wuhan Institute of Virology

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Erbelding, Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Date: April 15, 2020 at 7:45:02 AM EDT
To: "Stemmy, Erik (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Cc: "Cassetti, Cristina (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED] (b) (6), "Abbey, Lillian (NIH/NIAID) [E]" [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: FW: Draft response for review -- FW: Request for information: Senate Qs - Wuhan Institute of Virology

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Erik, do you know if Peter Dazsak has a publication coming on the current outbreak?

From: Erbeling, Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:43 AM
To: Marston, Hilary (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E]
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Subject: RE: Draft response for review -- FW: Request for information: Senate Qs - Wuhan Institute of Virology

Peter's only publication on SARS CoV2 since epidemic began is thought piece in NEJM:

https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2002106?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub%3dpubmed

Note that all of the prior work on zoonotic reservoirs of CoV's was also supported by USAID funding through a program called PREDICT, which has since ended.

I will ask his PO if he knows of anything on the verge of submission now.
Emily

From: Marston, Hilary (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:02 AM
To: Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6)
Cc: Erbeling, Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Draft response for review -- FW: Request for information: Senate Qs - Wuhan Institute of Virology

There was this paper based on work before the outbreak but often cited with regard to animal origin: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/32040190>

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Emily might have more.

On Apr 14, 2020, at 10:27 PM, Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6) wrote:

Have they published anything seminal related to the current pandemic?

From: "Erbeling, Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6)
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 10:11 PM
To: "Tabak, Lawrence (NIH/OD) [E]" (b) (6)
Cc: "Marston, Hilary (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Draft response for review -- FW: Request for information: Senate Qs - Wuhan Institute of Virology

I am forwarding draft response below to inquiry from Rubio et al earlier.

PI is Peter Dazsak, Eco Health alliance in NYC. Wuhan subcontract is approximately 74k per year. I will try to find more accurate subcontract numbers.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Abbey, Lillian (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6)
Date: April 14, 2020 at 4:24:34 PM EDT
To: "Cassetti, Cristina (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6), "Erbelding, Emily (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6)
Cc: "Ford, Andrew (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6), "Bateman, Karen (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6), "Werner, Alyssa (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6), "Mulach, Barbara (NIH/NIAID) [E]" (b) (6)
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Dear Cristina and Emily,

Incorporated below in red font is a draft response Andrew developed based on his discussion with Erik. (b) (5)

(b) (5). Also, Andrew provided the attached publication from mid-March, noting that we may want to share it with the OD.

DRAFT RESPONSE:

Project Number:	2R01AI110964-06	Contact PI / Project Leader:	DASZAK, PETER
Title:	UNDERSTANDING THE RISK OF BAT CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCE	Awardee Organization:	ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE, INC.

https://projectreporter.nih.gov/project_info_description.cfm?aid=9819304&icde=49588715&ddparam=&ddvalue=&ddsub=&cr=1&csb=default&cs=ASC&pball=

I. What are the goals of the main grant:

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2. What are the specific activities supported by the sub to the Wuhan lab and the total costs associated with these activities. Please verify if the creation of recombinant bat in Wuhan is included in their research activities.

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Total award information is available in Reporter at link above but budget information about subcontracts is not publicly available as these awards are administered by the grantee institution.

From: Crawford, Chase (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:41 PM
To: NIAID BUGS (b) (6)
Cc: Auchincloss, Hugh (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); Harper, Jill (NIH/NIAID) [E] (b) (6); NIAID OCGR Leg (b) (6)
Subject: Request for information: Senate Qs - Wuhan Institute of Virology

Hi BUGS,

Staff to Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) has forwarded an email to Building 1 from the White Coat Waste Project (see bottom of email chain). The forwarded message links to recent articles in The Daily Mail and the Washington Examiner on NIH support for previous coronavirus studies involving the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Building 1 has asked if NIAID has any information related to this research that we can share with staff to Senators Rubio and Mike Braun (R-IN).

To help us better understand this congressional request, is there any background information that you can provide on the activities discussed in the articles referenced below?

Thanks,
Chase

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From: LaMontagne, Karen (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:23 PM
To: NIAID OCGR Leg <NIAIDOCGRLeg@mail.nih.gov>
Subject: Senate Qs - Wuhan Institute of Virology

Hi, NIAID,

Separately, we have heard from the offices of Senators Rubio and Braun about these linked articles:

[White Coat Waste](#)