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Dear Dr. Daszak,

The Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, has an high interest in working with EcoHealth Alliance and its scientists to identify and prevent the transmission of bat coronaviruses to human populations globally. In particular, the NIAID funded R01 renewal proposal entitled "Understanding the risk of bat coronavirus emergence" will provide an excellent opportunity to achieve these goals.

The Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, recognizes the mutual benefits to be gained through research cooperation and a successful partnership with EcoHealth Alliance in the field of identification and prevention of zoonotic disease transmission. It is vital to not only identify the diseases themselves, but also identify high-risk human populations and the actions that put them at risk for infection along with evaluating approaches to intervention and disease management.

Understanding and preventing exposure and transmission of zoonotic diseases from wildlife to humans remains a high priority for prevention of pandemics. In our discussion with EcoHealth Alliance, we have agreed to participate in activities that will strengthen the ability of China and other countries in the region to respond to epidemic disease outbreaks – particularly those of animal origin. To assist in this study, we will provide participating laboratories in China with human samples both new and archived and support research in bat coronaviruses.

We at Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, look forward to our continued collaborations with the EcoHealth Alliance team and working further on this worthwhile study.

Sincerely,

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