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Dear Professor LeDuc,

Thank you for accepting our invitation, please find attached the appointment letter signed by Professor Yigong Shi. We would like to ask your opinion on the design of our facility and our project proposal once we have them in maybe early next month.

Best,  
Ting

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Dear Ting Yuan,

Thank you for the kind offer to join the Biosafety Advisory Committee of Westlake University in Hangzhou, China. It would be my pleasure to join Professor Yigong Shi and my colleagues Professor Pei -Yong Shi and Professor Zhiming Yuan in this very important activity. I look forward to learning more about the new laboratory and how I might best contribute to your success.

With best wishes,

Jim

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**From:** Ting YUAN 袁婷 <yuanting@westlake.edu.cn>  
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Dear Professor LeDuc,

This is Ting Yuan, the Director Assistant of Center for Infectious Disease Research (CIDR), Westlake University (Hangzhou, China). We are writing to you because we wish that we have the honor to invite you as a member of Biosafety Advisory Committee of Westlake University.

Westlake University is a new type of private non-profit university led by Professor Yigong Shi, who is an outstanding structural biologist. CIDR was established by Westlake University in response to the emerging global infectious disease COVID-19. It aims to make transformative scientific advances that lead to an understanding of a broad spectrum of infectious diseases. Thus, BSL-3 laboratories will be the most needed facility right now.

You are an extraordinary microbiologist excel on infectious disease and biosafety so that we can get invaluable suggestions from you while we are building our BSL-3 labs at CIDR. The Westlake University Biosafety Advisory Committee will recruit experts domestically and abroad like Professor Peiyong Shi from UTMB, Professor Zhiming Yuan from Wuhan Institute of Virology, etc. It will guide our Biosafety Committee in terms of lab design and biosafety management during the first few years of lab operation. You are highly recommended by Professor Shi when we asked him for advice on the member list.

We would greatly appreciate that if you take the invitation. The invitation letter will be sent to you later. Thank you for your time.

Best!  
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