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Sent: Fri 3/20/2020 2:40:25 PM (UTC-05:00)
Subject: RE: 回复: Vox article

Dear Zhiming,

Thank you for your kinds words and your heroic efforts to control the epidemic in Wuhan. Your success is an inspiration to all of us as we work to halt transmission here in the USA and in other countries. We are just at the start of the explosion of cases in our region and we expect that over the next few weeks we will see very high numbers of cases requiring hospitalization and ICU support. We are preparing as best we can, but as you know well the challenges will be substantial.

Pei Yong and his team continue to make remarkable progress on different aspects of study and it would be excellent if we could identify areas for collaborations.

With all good wishes,

Jim

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Dear Jim ,

I am sincerely hope everything goes well with you and your family!

The 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) outbreak is a major challenge for global public health security. Infection with SARS-CoV-2 has been associated with serious acute respiratory distress syndrome with large number of patients' hospitalization and relatively high mortality. We had a very hard time in combating the infection in Wuhan, the epicenter of the COVID-19 in China, and now we can see the situation goes in good direction, with no reported confirmed case, no reported suspected case in last two days here.

My colleagues and I, have been working on characterization of pathogens, antiviral screen, vaccine development, animal modeling since the early January this year, and some progresses have been made. I hope our understanding of the virus and the technology could be valuable in the global fighting to the virus.

As I can see from the media, the virus is spreading in your country, and more people are infected during the last days, and the situation worries me a lot. I am confident that we could finally curb the spreading of the virus with our joint effort, and our life will return back to the normal soon. I do not know what I can do in the special moment and I hope you could protect you and your family.

Best regards

Zhiming

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From: LeDuc, James W.
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Subject: Vox article

Dear Zhiming and Zhengli,

I hope you are both well during this very difficult time.

The link below is to an article just published that may be of interest to you.

With all good wishes for your personal health and safety as we all work together to control the new virus.

Jim

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Hi Jim,

The story went up today. Thanks so much for your help with it, and let me know if you see any inaccuracies to fix or updates I should make.

Very best, and hope to stay in touch,

Eliza

<https://www.vox.com/2020/3/4/21156607/how-did-the-coronavirus-get-started-china-wuhan-lab>

On Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 3:06 PM Eliza Barclay <eliza.barclay@vox.com> wrote:
Sure, will do.

On Feb 28, 2020, at 12:16 PM, LeDuc, James W. <jwleduc@utmb.edu> wrote:

Thanks, Jim

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Subject: Re: Wuhan

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Thanks for the connection, Jerry.
And thanks so much for the quick response, Jim. I will give you a call in about an hour.
Best,
Eliza

On Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 10:50 AM LeDuc, James W. <jwleduc@utmb.edu> wrote:
Hi Jerry,

Thanks for the introduction and happy to meet you, Eliza. I'm happy to chat about this issue at your convenience. My direct office line is 409-266-6516.

Thanks, Jim

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Hi Jim,

I was talking to Eliza Barclay from Vox (copied above) who was referred to me by our friend Peter Daszak. Eliza is working on a story to address the various conspiracy theories being bandied about on the origin of the Covid19 virus. One of the issues, of course, was the Wuhan laboratory as a source – whether accidental or deliberate – and the questions being raised about it biosecurity and biosafety protocols. I said that I was absolutely confident that they had proper protocols and trained people in place, in part because I am aware that GNL had connections with that lab, had trained many of their staff, and that you have been there.

Eliza will follow up and if you have the time she would like to talk with you. She is trying to gather the scientific argument and be able to translate it for a general audience to be able to distinguish between evidence and conspiracy.

Hope all is well.

Jerry

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