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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of The Institute of Tropical Medicine, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (EKUT), Wilhelmstr. 27, 72074 Tübingen, Germany, VAT number DE 146 889 674, and in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19 November 2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe and specifically Article 9 therein, Prof. Dr. Thirumalaisamy P. Velavan hereby submit an application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking.

The Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM-EKUT) is internationally recognized for its excellence in research, training, and capacity building in infectious and tropical diseases. EKUT shares the Global Health EDCTP3 JU's core objectives of strengthening research capacity, accelerating the development of health technologies, and reducing the burden of poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases, with a strong focus on collaborative work with African partners.

The Institute of Tropical Medicine, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen (EKUT), will contribute as an In-Kind Contribution to the Operational Programme (IKOP) over a five-year period for the 'Global collaborative action for strengthening the Regional Networks of Excellence and Epidemic Preparedness Consortia'. Under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Thirumalaisamy P. Velavan, EKUT will lead and coordinate Tasks 1–5 of Work Package 2 ("Arboviral Disease Surveillance and Vector Control in Central Africa"), including enhancing diagnostic capacity for human arboviral infections, conducting entomological surveys, determining mosquito host-feeding patterns, genetically characterizing circulating arboviruses in mosquito populations, and developing AI-driven mosquito identification systems.

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The contribution comprises personnel time, technician salaries of EUR 50,000 per year for five years (EUR 250,000 total) and principal investigator salaries of EUR 100,000 for the full period together with the use of institutional laboratory infrastructure, high-value molecular diagnostic equipment, and computing resources for genomic epidemiology analysis. This in-kind commitment will directly advance the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU by building sustainable regional surveillance capacity, enabling rapid outbreak detection and response, and fostering cutting-edge molecular and AI-driven approaches to vector control in Central Africa. We estimate the total value of this contribution to be EUR 350,000, entirely as in-kind contributions, allocated primarily to personnel costs, infrastructure, and laboratory resources over the five-year period.

We confirm the following:

1. We will comply with the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) No 2021/695; Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe; the Model Grant Agreement for Horizon Europe and applicable Global Health EDCTP3 JU rules, including the relevant work programmes and in particular the call conditions therein.
2. We will keep all information received in the context of our involvement as contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU confidential. This confidentiality obligation applies in particular but is not limited to the areas of Global Health EDCTP3 JU call topic preparation and publication, proposal submission and evaluation, and consortium formation. We further understand that this obligation strictly prohibits the release of confidential information to any legal entities save where specifically authorised by Global Health EDCTP3 JU. Internal dissemination of information within our organisation will be done on the basis of the “need-to-know” principle.
3. We are confident of our ability to fulfil the above commitments and further confirm our understanding that the Global Health EDCTP3 JU will allocate resources to the above topic based on these commitments.
4. The value of our contribution will be based on costs calculated in accordance with Article 6 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.
5. We accept that additional modalities regarding the provision of our contribution may be defined in subsequent agreements or documents, such as a funding agreement and topic text.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Dr. Peter G. Kremsner
Director