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[Date]

Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), registered at Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT, United Kingdom, under [VAT number] and in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19th November 2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe and specifically Article 9 therein, I hereby submit an application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU).

The MRC Unit The Gambia (MRCG) at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) is one of the oldest and most prominent research institutions in Africa, established in 1947. With world-class facilities including BSL2 and BSL3 laboratories, immunology and genomics platforms, and a dedicated TB clinic, MRCG conducts multidisciplinary research across epidemiology, clinical trials, and basic science. Its TB case-contact platform, led for more than a decade, provides a robust foundation for studying TB transmission, infection, and disease in close collaboration with the Gambian National TB Control Programme. Through its longstanding presence in West Africa, MRCG combines scientific excellence with deep engagement in national and community health systems. The Unit’s commitment to advancing infectious disease research and strengthening African research capacity is fully consistent with the mission of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking.

LSHTM functions as co-applicant (partner number 3) in the AddiCAD 2nd stage proposal which is currently in preparation (Proposal acronym: AddiCAD, proposal number 101248855-2, topic: HORIZON-JU-GH-EDCTP3-2025-04-ACCESS-02-two-stage.) To enable the implementation of the proposed project, the consortium offers to make significant own investments. On project level these amount to a total of € 387 500 (i.e. an additional 18.5% on top of the requested EC contribution) and will be made in the form of in-kind contributions to operational activities (IKOP) as defined in Article 2.8 of the EDCTP3 JU’s founding regulation (Single Basic Act, SBA).

LSHTM’s contribution will include personnel cost for the PI and additional staff: UKRI provide core funding for Jayne Sutherland (10% effort on the project) and for 1 clinician and 1 nurse (50% time on the project each). Specifically, MRCG at LSHTM is one of three field sites involved in WP2 “Field evaluation of biomarker tests for diagnosis”, and LSHTM functions as task leader for Task 4.2 “Stakeholder engagement”.

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This commitment will not only allow for more work to be done in the scope of the AddiCAD project, but also have the secondary effect of increasing the budget of Global Health EDCTP JU, in accordance with Article 103 of the SBA, and make possible the funding of more research projects.

We estimate the total value of this in-kind contribution to the AddiCAD project by LSHTM to be EUR 187 500.

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,

[Date, name and signature of the authorised representative]