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Dear Dr. Peter Drotman,

Please consider our manuscript “Emerging Infectious Disease Repository (EIDR)” for publication as an article in *Emerging Infectious Diseases.* This article discusses the creation of a publicly available database that was created to analyze all infectious disease events from 1940 – 2013 (available at <https://eidr.ecohealthalliance.org/>). This work represents a valuable contribution to public health and the medical community. We feel the findings and practical applications of EIDR would be of particular interest to your readership, given the global interest in emerging infectious disease (EID) research.

We feel that this work represents a significant advancement in the tools available for

EID events. Technologies and databases, like the one discussed in this manuscript, are able to partially fill gaps in EID data and can be used to train the next generation of infectious disease researchers. This manuscript contains original research, unique analyses, and uses unpublished data. All coauthors have approved of this manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,



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