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Peter Daszak, Ph.D.

Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Dr. Peter Daszak,

Please consider our manuscript “Emerging Infectious Disease Repository (EIDR)” for publication as an article in *EcoHealth.* 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/>). Also, this manuscript statistically compares the EIDR database to the Jones et al. (2010) emerging infectious disease database. This work represents a valuable contribution to public health, medical, and One Health communities. 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 This manuscript contains original research, unique analyses, and uses unpublished data.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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