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Hi Jonna,

Good chatting this past Friday I am evaluating the issues with regard to the low level of positive viruses in Metabiota's DRC samples and will get you an evaluation shortly. Below are a few bullets that I took away from our discussion of GVP Data platforms and GVP in general:

*Thinking/planning developing a data platform in advance of and separate from a country paying for and doing the project (China and Thailand) is putting the cart before the horse.

*Problem with GISAID is that issue of users having to sign in goes against the policy of many governmental agencies and foundations

*Problem in that China is probably going to do their own thing with regard to what data they collect and how they provide access to no matter what we put together.

*Problem with Chan Zuckerberg BioHub and their potentially free data platform includes the fact that Zuckerberg / Facebook have a bad global name for data privacy, and the complexity of what GVP needs (In addition Joe Dirisi has had bad interactions with Metabiota in the past and does not want to work on something linked to Metabiota)

* Since China is going forward and is building a data platform for themselves maybe the thing to do is to decide what fields we need for a global GVP data base and ask them to include that.

General GVP issue is that after 2 + years despite progress we have not seen any doors swung wide open. USAID is not going to be our champion. Maybe we need to keep on searching for a champion as the project has clearly not yet found one. Maybe China. Another possibility we need to come up with is a more decentralized approach like that being used to the Earth Biogenome Project.

The take away is that we both agree that GVP is an important project for humanity that the planet needs and that we need to continue to knock on doors and test other approaches to the project forward.

Best
Eddy