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To:

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Dear Prof. van Reisen and Prof. Musen,

Re: LUMC Support to CONDUIT - Bridge2AI, NIH

At LUMC, we support the Establishment of the **Center for Originating New Data and Unbiased Informatics Tools (CONDUIT)**.

This research programme builds on the Virus Outbreak Data Network (VODAN)-Africa, which LUMC has fully supported.

VODAN-Africa is a practical architecture of health facilities, based on the **Findable Accessible Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR) Data** concept, which has its origin at LUMC. LUMC is a partner of VODAN-Africa. We are proud of this and would like to be part of any initiative to develop this further.

The aim of your research programme is to investigate how quality data for AI from vulnerable and hard to reach populations can be obtained, while maintaining rigorous ethical and regulatory norms to ensure compliance with data ownership and all other principles. This is a very important research initiative.

I express LUMC's support for collaboration with Stanford University BioStatistics group, the CEDAR Team and the VODAN-Africa research Group in CONDUIT and in the NIH Bridge2A.

Sincerely,

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