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Dear Alan,

I am excited to continue our collaboration studying the evolutionary ecology of *Daphnia*. This collaboration has led to the development of two main projects; one examining the quantitative genetics of predator induced plasticity and the other the evolutionary genetics of reproductive polymorphism. These collaborative projects are at the core of my research programme on the evolutionary ecology of *Daphnia*.

Over the last two years, I have assisted in the mentorship of two post-docs, Dr. Karen Barnard-Kubow and Dr. Dörthe Becker, including site visits, research seminars in the UK and time spent in my lab group.

After completing a post-doc with you, Dr. Becker won a prestigious Marie-Curie Independent Research Fellowship based out of my group at the University of Sheffield. The three of us maintain an active collaboration on her project and I look forward to continuing collaboration and co-mentorship.

This collaborative effort has also allowed two UVA undergraduates to work in my lab and do in field work in the Dorset, UK location where we collect the *Daphnia* and monitor their habitats. These have been very enjoyable and I look forward to hosting addition UVA undergraduate or masters students again.

Importantly, as long as Government regulations permit here, I will be able to assist in collecting *Daphnia* from Dorset (Southern England) on your behalf if the situation that travel abroad becomes prohibited (e.g., due to Covid-19).

Yours sincerely,

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