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The GISAID Compliance Board

Via Email: [REDACTED]@scripps.edu

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Dear Mr. Gangavarapu,

We have reviewed your appeal and related documents.

Unfortunately, based on the specifics in the DCA agreement with you, GISAID was obligated to terminate the agreement and discontinue the data provision, as a result of extensive periods of noncompliance with the DCA.

Specifically, in Section 1.6 of the DCA that you cite, you had agreed “that You will inform GISAID if, for *any* reason, You have stopped, or intend to stop, using the Data Package” to provide daily updates to your web application outbreak.info. You did not inform GISAID about the stoppages and you do not pretend to have done so.

Under the principle of equal treatment GISAID had to terminate the DCA.

We understand you will adhere to your requirements of the DCA as captured in the termination letter dated 12. February 2025.

The termination of your DCA for your web application should not hinder your ability to seek alternative collaborations with the GISAID Initiative.

Thank you for your understanding

On behalf of the GISAID Compliance Board

Dr. jur Jörg Paura

