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To: Graham, Barney (NIH/VRC) [E] (b) (6)

Subject: Seeking comment on Indian paper about new Coronavirus

Dear Dr Graham,

I'm a science journalist with news agency Agence France-Presse writing with a request -- apologies for reaching out on a Friday evening! I was told by a contact you may be willing to give an opinion on this paper that has just gone live <a href="https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.01.30.927871v1.full.pdf">https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.01.30.927871v1.full.pdf</a> it suggests the new Coronavirus has four inserts similar to HIV-1 and this is not a coincidence.

Thanks you very much, if you are able.

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