**Email IF MICROBIOTA REPORT IS AVAILABLE**

Subject:

Traveler microbiota project: Thank you and microbiota report

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We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your participation in our study, titled “A prospective epidemiological approach to study the emergence and dissemination of antimicrobial resistance in Hong Kong travelers”. The samples and information you provided was crucial to our research on the changes one’s microbiota undergoes during traveling.

For your interest, we’ve attached two documents to this email.

The first document is a copy of the research article we published, using the data you provided. The second document is a personal gut microbiota report that reports the changes in your gut microbiota composition before and after you travelled from Hong Kong in 2019.

One of our colleagues should have contacted you earlier via phone, and asked if you’re interested in participating in a follow-up study, which involves collecting **one feces sample** and completing **one questionnaire about your travel history and COVID-19 experience since 2019**. As compensation for your time, you will receive **HKD100** and an **updated microbiota report** on how your gut microbiota might’ve changed since you returned from travels and been through the pandemic.

This follow-up study is completely optional, but we would highly appreciate your help. If you said no in the phone call, but have changed your mind since or would like to learn more, you can contact me (Tel/WhatsApp: 67427303) or Hilda ON (Tel/WhatsApp: 67012447). You may also send an email to thetunlab@gmail.com.

Once again, thank you very much for your participation. We are extremely grateful for your contribution to Science!

Yours Sincerely,

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As per our phone call earlier, you mentioned that you prefer if we meet at HKU Main Campus for sample collection. In that case, it’d be great if you could click on the link below and let us know what time you’d prefer to meet up. We’ll send you a text the day before to remind you too!

(Insert doodle link)

Also, could you please fill out the questionnaire below – it should take ~15 minutes to complete, and is about your travel history since 2019 and your experiences during the COVID pandemic.

(Insert questionnaire link)

Thank you and see you soon!

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(Insert questionnaire link)

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