Dear Pat,

During the time that we have both been at the University of Michigan, I have always enjoyed our discussions around implementing data science practices and developing approaches to help members of our labs to develop their skills. I think the concept of a Code Club, which your group developed is innovative and has proven itself an effective training tool. I have been a fan of your Riffomonas instructional materials for fostering better reproducible research practices. In fact, borrowing your idea of a Code Club, my group has used your original reproducible research modules to seed discussions and tutorials at our lab meetings. I was excited to learn that you are submitting a proposal, “Code Clubs: Repeated practice opportunities to develop reproducible data analysis skills”, to develop materials to help individuals and labs to strengthen their data analysis skills through the Code Club format. These materials will have a significant impact on training the next generation of scientists.

As you know, my research group studies the biology, evolution, and epidemiology of influenza and polio. We would be thrilled to help you find interesting questions and datasets to as you develop the materials for your Code Club sessions.

Sincerely,