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Prof. Shoba Ranganathan Chair of Bioinformatics Macquarie University

Dear Prof. Ranganathan,

The Centre for Genetic Epidemiology at UWA is pleased to support IVEC's proposal for a Western Australian node of the NeCTAR Cloud.

IVEC has been hosting a number of our application and database servers at the IVEC datacenter at UWA for several years now and we are impressed with their professionalism and dedication to ensuring that any issues that arise are solved with the appropriate degree of urgency.

We are increasingly leveraging the IVEC supercomputing facilities available in WA and are also very satisfied with the support that has been provided to setup new accounts and ensure that researchers have access to the appropriate software.

We have a number of applications that could be immediately deployed into the Cloud, negating the requirement for us to continue maintaining our own physical infrastructure. We are currently leveraging the NSP infrastructure based at Melbourne University but believe it would be appropriate to have a local eResearch Cloud node for Western Australian researchers to access. We are confident that IVEC will provide a robust and well supported Cloud facility.

Yours Sincerely,

Winthrop Professor Eric Moses

Director - Centre for Genetic Epidemiology & Biostatistics

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