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Dear Doctor,

**Update on An Unknown Disease in Cambodia**

Further to our letter sent on 5 July 2012, I would like to provide an update on the latest development of an unknown disease in Cambodia.

According to information from the Cambodian Ministry of Health (MoH) and the World Health Organization (WHO) of 8 July, Cambodian MoH reviewed all hospitalised cases and found 59 affected children, of whom 52 died. The majority of children were under three years old (range: 3 months to 11 years). The male-to-female ratio was 1.3:1.

Laboratory findings revealed that a significant proportion of the samples were tested positive for Enterovirus 71 (EV71) which caused hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD). Other pathogens (e.g. dengue and *Streptococcus suis*) were also identified in some samples. The samples were tested negative for influenza A/H5N1 and other influenza viruses, SARS and Nipah. Further investigation is ongoing to ascertain the exact nature of the outbreak.

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) is monitoring the disease outbreak in Cambodia closely. If you come across any suspected case with recent travel history to Cambodia, please report to our Central Notification Office (Tel: 2477 2772; Fax: 2477 2770; CENO On-line: <http://www.chp.gov.hk/ceno>). Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours sincerely,



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