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Dear Doctor,

Update on H5 Detection in Birds in Hong Kong

We are writing to update you on recent incidents of H5 detection in three wild birds and one chicken in Hong Kong.

On 19 January and 29 January 2006, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has confirmed positive influenza H5N1 laboratory results in two Oriental Magpie Robins (鵲鴝) carcasses obtained in Tai Po and Sha Tau Kok respectively. All contacts were put under medical surveillance and remained asymptomatic. Today, preliminary tests results by AFCD found two more positive PCR influenza H5 results in a Crested Myna (八哥) carcass in Wong Tai Sin and a chicken carcass in Sha Tau Kok. Confirmatory laboratory tests are being performed on these two results. Three persons potentially exposed to the dead chicken are being isolated in Princess Margaret Hospital as a precautionary measure. The origin of infection of the chicken is now being investigated by AFCD.

In view of these incidents, we are reviewing reporting criteria for Influenza A (H5, H7 and H9) to reflect the latest developments. We will let you know about any new requirements as soon as possible. In the meantime, you are kindly reminded to report any suspected case of human avian influenza to the Central Notification Office of CHP via fax (24772770), phone (24772772) or CENO On-line (www.chp.gov.hk/ceno). Please also refer patients meeting the reporting criteria to public hospital for further clinical management and investigation.



You may suggest your clients to browse AFCD's website (http://www.afcd.gov.hk/news/news_e.htm) for the management of birds to prevent avian influenza. For more information, they can dial government enquiry hotline "Citizen's Easy Link (CEL)" at 1823.

Please browse our Avian Influenza Report (AIR) at the following link (<http://www.chp.gov.hk/epidemiology.asp?lang=en&id=332&pid=134&ppid=29>) for the latest information.

Yours sincerely,



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