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Dear Doctor,

Oriental Magpie Robin tests H5N1 positive in Hong Kong

We are writing to update you on the recent incident of influenza H5N1 detected in a carcass of a local wild bird (Oriental Magpie Robin) in Tai Po and other significant developments of avian influenza in the region.

On January 19, 2006, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Upon (AFCD) confirmed a positive influenza H5N1 laboratory result in an Oriental Magpie Robin carcass found in Kam Shan Tsuen, Tai Po. No abnormal deaths were found among chicken in chicken farms within five kilometers of the bird carcass. The Centre of Health Protection (CHP) is conducting medical surveillance on persons who handled the bird carcass. A photo of the Oriental Magpie Robin is attached for your easy reference.

Influenza H5N1 has been detected among dead wild birds in Hong Kong between 2002 and 2005. Positive detections usually occur during winter months.

Since May 2005, 16 provinces in China have reported either avian or human cases of influenza H5N1. Guangdong province has not reported any cases. Recent human cases of influenza H5N1 mainly appeared in Turkey and Indonesia. More details on the regional situation are available at CHP's Avian Influenza Report at <http://www.chp.gov.hk/epidemiology.asp?lang=en&id=332&pid=134&ppid=29>, updated regularly.



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Influenza A (H5), influenza A (H7) and influenza A (H9) are statutorily notifiable diseases in Hong Kong. Cases meeting the reporting criteria (Annex) should be reported 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 hospital for further management and investigation.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex

Criteria for reporting

(a) Person with acute respiratory illness, characterized by fever (temperature $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$) and cough and/or sore throat, **AND EITHER**

- contact with a case of Influenza A (H5), Influenza A (H7) or Influenza A (H9) during the infectious period, **OR**
- recent (less than 1 week) visit to a poultry farm/zoo in an area known to have outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), **OR**
- worked in a laboratory that is processing samples from persons or animals that are suspected from HPAI infection

OR

(b) Person with severe pneumonia caused by Influenza A (e.g. Directigen test positive for Influenza A) **AND** had contact with live birds / poultry within 1 week before onset of illness

OR

(c) Death from an unexplained acute respiratory illness **AND EITHER**

- residing in area where HPAI is suspected or confirmed, **OR**
- contact with a case of Influenza A (H5), Influenza A (H7) or Influenza A (H9) during the infectious period



Oriental Magpie Robin