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## March 6, 2024

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Dear Dr. Herrera Valencia:

The NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) is writing to Caucaseco Scientific Research Center (CSRC) to follow up on our meeting on February 27, 2024 regarding bilateral termination for awards R01AI148843 and U01AI155363. The awards were suspended on July 5, 2023.

Please provide your concurrence with bilateral termination within 14 calendar days of this letter for R01Al148843 and U01Al155363 in accordance with the NIH Grants Policy Statement 8.5.2. Bilateral termination does not preclude CSRC from future funding. As discussed in our meeting, the proposed changes indicate a significant change from the peer-reviewed application; therefore, it is recommended that the proposed work is submitted in a new grant application. In addition, NIAID determined it will not disallow costs; this determination is based on NIH's review of the documentation submitted by CSRC regarding "legitimate confidence" and compliance with local laws for animal licenses.

Per our records, the project period for R01Al148843 ended December 31, 2023 (not funded in its final budget year) and the project period for U01Al155363 was proposed to end October 31, 2025. Upon your written concurrence of bilateral termination, NIAID will terminate the awards and you will then have a 120-day closeout period to submit your <u>final reports for grant closeout</u> for both awards. If there are any questions, please contact me at (D)(6)

Sincerely,

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