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To:

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Dear Professor Hu Xiaoxiang,

Chinese Non-Human Primate Practical Training Workshop, University of Oxford

Thank you for your recent interest in attending our Non-human primate practical training workshop to be held at the Biomedical Sciences Building, Mansfield Road at the University of Oxford between 22nd to the 29th March 2018.

You will be attending this event as a guest of myself, Associate Professor Anna S Mitchell and my team, including Mr Stuart Mason, our lead primate trainer. During your visit you will attend our primate training workshop. This is a three-day event that will run from Monday 26th March until Wednesday 28th March 2018. In addition, you will also attend our annual 3Rs research day held at the University of Oxford on Friday 23rd March 2018. You may also have the opportunity to visit our Centre for Macaques Breeding Colony based in Porton Down, Salisbury Plain, UK. During the training workshop, you will be involved in hearing a series of scientific lectures about methods we use to work with the monkeys on a daily basis as well as practical hands-on classes working with our group of monkeys to training them in their daily cognitive testing sessions. Topics that we will cover include positive reinforcement training methods, daily behavioural monitoring procedures, optimising primate welfare and the methods we use to produce good welfare and good science, enrichment methods, husbandry methods, food and fluid control methods, anaesthesia methods, and details about the equipment that we use to work with our monkeys. We will also organise a series of neuroscientific talks to discuss the research work that is being conducted in our primate laboratories.

We very much look forward to your upcoming visit and to welcoming you in our primate laboratory here at the University of Oxford.

With best wishes

Anna S Mitchell, PhD