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Dear Veterinary Colleagues,

We are currently enrolling human participants in a research protocol, ***Novel Diagnostics for Early Lyme Disease***. Since canine owners may be exposed to ticks carrying Lyme disease while engaging in activities with their canine pets, we ask your cooperation in expanding study awareness and outreach to people who develop early Lyme disease with a bull's eye rash.

This study will evaluate a new blood test for early Lyme disease based on antibody-secreting cells. This test may offer an earlier diagnosis as compared to existing tests and may measure response to antibiotics used to treat Lyme disease. This research will take place at the Greenspring Infectious Diseases Clinic, 10751 Falls Road, Suite 412, Lutherville, MD 21093.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Adult humans, 21 – 80 years of age
- Recent (7 days or less) diagnosis or strong suspicion of Lyme disease
- Must have an erythema migrans rash
- Must be willing to return for up to nine study visits and blood draws over one year

Enclosed are flyers, which you may post or hand out to your “human parents” interested in the study.

To obtain more information about this research project or submit a prospective subject, please contact our research manager, Yvonne Higgins.

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Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to a unique collaboration with our veterinary colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Auwaerter".

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