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Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office

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TO: Knowledge Ecology International (KEI)
1621 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC 20009
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SUBJECT: KEI Comments regarding 86 FR 14331, "Prospective Grant of an Exclusive Patent License: Development, Production, and Commercialization of Ebola Neutralizing Single Monoclonal Antibody for the Treatment of Ebola Virus Disease in Humans" notice – Prospective Exclusive Patent License to Ridgeback Therapeutics, L.P.

Dear Claire Cassedy:

Thank you for providing us with your comments regarding the notice of the proposed license the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) intends to grant to Ridgeback Therapeutics, L.P.

Prior to posting a notice for a proposed grant of an exclusive license, the NIAID determines that the criteria set forth in 37 CFR 404 have been satisfied and that the company is qualified both technically and financially to be granted an exclusive license to the Government's intellectual property in the fields of use as specified. The notice period provides an opportunity for public comment and possible objection to the proposed license. We will consider your comments.

86 FR 14331 correctly lists the patent applications and issued patents that NIAID is proposing to exclusive license to Ridgeback Therapeutics, L.P. in the territory and field of use described in the notice. No other patents or patent applications, whether associated with the technology designated as E-045-2015 or not, are subject to the proposed exclusive license. In addition, the proposed exclusive license described in 86 FR 14331 would be the first such exclusive license for rights to the patents and patent applications listed in the notice.

Best regards,

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