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Project Grant Review Committee  
Canadian Institutes of Health Research  
160 Elgin Street,  
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**Re: CIHR Project Grant “Precision Medicine for Community Acquired Pneumonia (PM-CAP) Feasibility and Pilot Study”**

Dear CIHR Project Grant Review Committee,

I am writing this letter in my capacity as the President of the Canadian Critical Care Society (CCCS), in very strong support of Dr. Jennifer Tsang’s CIHR Spring 2022 Project Grant application entitled “*Precision Medicine for Community Acquired Pneumonia (PM-CAP) Feasibility and Pilot Study*”. Dr. Tsang’s proposed study is novel in the following ways:

1. Integrating translational research (biological sample collection) in pre-existing platform clinical trial.
2. Developing a biobanking network of ICUs across Canada including community ICUs that are historically not involved in research but care for the majority of Canadians.
3. Moving towards precision medicine for community acquired pneumonia.

Drs. Tsang and Binnie are valuable members of the Canadian Critical Care Society. Generally, we see the role of the CCCS to attest to the importance of work and how we can contribute to knowledge translation. We are prepared to provide a partnership with in-kind contributions of \$2,000 over the period of the proposal. This will include:

1. Having a member of the CCCS Executive sit on the team’s stakeholder committee.
2. Help the team to identify and liaise with relevant experts and knowledge users in the Canadian critical care community, once the tool is ready for national dissemination.
3. Work with the team to develop dissemination materials through our Knowledge Translation Committee and Clinical Committee, for provincial and national dissemination.
4. Engage a broader group of ICUs for eventual larger implementation and evaluation.

The CCCS is dedicated to promoting research, education and patient care in Critical Care Medicine. We believe that advocacy is an important role for the Society, and we speak *vigorously* for Critical Care in Canada. We have an



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active web and social media presence. Our official journal is the Canadian Anesthesia Journal. Ultimately, we will incorporate key principles into various national education initiatives, including training objectives for the Royal College, continuing medical education activities and review courses for our trainees. We will work with Drs. Tsang and Binnie and their team of highly qualified investigators to develop resources as this study evolves by inviting their input and feedback.

In summary, we believe that this research project will ultimately have a high impact for our patients, their families, and the Canadian Critical Care community. Drs. Tsang and Binnie are highly capable of leading this project.

This is an outstanding project grant application from an outstanding research team.

With Kind Regards,

**Karen E. A. Burns**  
President, CCCS