

Suggested Email Subject: Urgent Request for Rare Disease Patients during 2020 Coronavirus Outbreak

To whom it may concern,

My name is [INSERT NAME HERE], and I am reaching out to you on behalf of the [Chinese Organization for Rare Disorders \(CORD\)](#) regarding an urgent request for help for rare disease patients currently affected by the [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) outbreaks.

The [COVID-19 outbreaks](#) have affected a total 80,239 people and resulted in more 2,700 deaths so far, with over 97% of all cases happening in China. With the increasing amount of restrictions to travel within China and worldwide, a large number of patients with rare diseases across China are now at immediate risk of losing access to important life-sustaining drugs and medical supplies. When current supplies inevitably run dry, conditions for patients with rare disease will deteriorate. In many cases, this could be fatal.

To address this crisis, CORD has released an urgent request for help from over 400 rare disease patients in China who need immediate assistance during this difficult time. Since February 13th, CORD has been releasing specific information on rare disease patients and their immediate needs, including individuals with conditions such as X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), Scleroderma, Hemophilia A, Hepatolenticular degeneration (Wilson's disease), and others. These lists have been published on the CORD website in Chinese:

<http://www.raredisease.cn/follow!detail?id=8a9d47546bacea90017063eea31205fd>.

I am hoping to assist CORD in their work to support these at-risk rare disease patients in China by reaching out to organizations like yours. We humbly ask you to respond to this crisis by spreading the word and sending financial assistance directly to CORD (Email: support@cord.org.cn; Phone: +86-134-6676-6169). Alternatively, donations can be sent to Boston Rare Connections, a Boston-based nonprofit focused on connecting rare disease communities worldwide (<https://rare-connections.org/donate/>). Donations to BRC will be directly transferred to CORD to help those in need.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Boston Rare Connections president Joan Xi at joan.xi@rare-connections.org. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

[Insert Name Here]