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Dear Craig,

I would like to thank you for participating in the Coral Disease and Health Consortium's (CDHC) workshop, *Coral Health and Disease in the Pacific: Vision for Action* and for helping us develop a strategic plan to guide the effective detection, identification and management of coral diseases in the Pacific region. Your involvement and contributions enriched our working group discussions and brought ideas to the table that were otherwise not represented among the participants. These efforts have helped initiate a cohesive strategic research plan by enabling us to identify key research areas and set the foundation for meeting the challenges of coral disease.

On behalf of the Coral Disease and Health Consortium Planning Committee, thank you again for working with us on this project. I believe we have taken the first critical steps in building a solid foundation to understand and eventually manage coral disease. I hope you will continue to partner with us to meet the challenges of coral disease in the Pacific.

Sincerely,

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