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Letter of Support for CRC TRR 212 project C03

Dear Dr. Schoch,

I am happy to provide a Letter of Support for the CRC TRR 212 project C03 entitled "Effects of niche choice on host-parasite interactions of common buzzard".

I know Dr. Nayden Chakarov and Prof. Oliver Krüger for over ten years and my research group at the Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior is widely considered to be world-leading in the field of movement ecology.

The project C03 plans to equip 60 common buzzard chicks with e-obs GPS transmitters to document their niche choice and behavioral conformance from fledging to recruitment or death. We have several decades worth of experience with these types of transmitters and use them on a daily basis. I am happy to provide, together with my research group, logistical, technical and analytical assistance if needed and would be happy to share our vast knowledge with Nayden and Oliver if needed or wanted.

Yours sincerely,

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