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It is important to extend the information collection in order to ensure that laboratories are up to standard in detecting EIA. It is crucial that labs are qualified to detect EIA in order to stop outbreaks. Accidentally getting a false negative can bring various consequences like death or an increase in life long carriers and therefore further spread of the virus. Thorough investigation/information collection can help ensure that animal welfare is not being neglected.

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