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Dear Dr. Smith. Hope you are well.

I am Alex Perez, curator at CosmoCaixa.

As you know, since 2003 the specimens SAM-PK-K01120 *Thrinaxodon* and SAM-PK-K08409 *Mesosaurus* are exhibited at CosmoCaixa, the Science Museum of Barcelona. *Mesosaurus* help us to explain the Plate Tectonics (your item share the showcase with a Brazilian *Mesosaurus*) and *Thrinaxodon liorhinus* is an enthralling fossil to explain the origin of mammals in our "Evolution of Life" permanent exhibition.

The purpose of this letter is a request to renew the loan of this item to our institution. Of course both items are displayed in showcases and maintained in good environmental conditions of 24°C, 55%RH and UV free lights. In case of any doubt do not hesitate to contact with me.

Sincerely

Alex Perez
"la Caixa" Foundation