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Dear All,

The National Task Force for COVID-19 has constituted the following research groups to identify the research priorities and quickly initiate research studies.

1. Clinical Research Group
2. Research on Diagnostics and bio-markers
3. Epidemiology and surveillance
4. Operations Research
5. Vaccines/Drug Research and Development

The composition of these groups and TORs are enclosed. The Chairs of these groups will convene meetings of the respective groups through video-conference to identify research priorities, develop research protocols and identify partners institutes for initiating studies.

I request you to kindly convey your willingness to be a part of the above-mentioned research groups.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

(Balram Bhargava)

TOR for each group

- Identify research priorities
 - Review evidence
 - Align them in consonance with current level of outbreak and response
- Identify protocol lead and create a protocol development team
 - Develop concept notes
 - Develop complete protocols
- Identify partners for implementation

A. Clinical Research Group

1. Randeep Guleria (Chair)
2. Naveet Wig (AIIMS)
3. RR Gangakhedkar (ICMR)
4. Sanjay Pujari (Instt Inf Dis, Pune)
5. OC Abraham (CMC, Vellore)
6. Rajeev Soman (Hinduja)
7. Atul Patel (Ahmedabad)
8. N. Kumarasamy (YRG)
9. DK Behra (PGIMER)
10. Padma Priyadarshini (NIRT)

(Immediate Priority from NTF: Establish India COVID-19 Clinical Research Collaborative Network)

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B. Research on Diagnostics and biomarkers

1. DA Gadkari (Chair)
2. Jagdeesh Deshpande (ICMR)
3. Lalit Dhar (AIIMS)
4. Priya Abraham (NIV)
5. Pragya Yadav (NIV)
6. Madhuri Thakar (NARI)
7. Amita Jain (KGMU)
8. Nivedita Gupta (ICMR)
9. Sandhya Kabra (NCDC)
10. Director, ICGEB
11. Naveen Khanna

(Immediate priority from NTF: Periodically advise about testing strategy)