

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI)

BETWEEN
THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH (ICMR),
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH (DHR), NEW DELHI, INDIA

AND
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & SOCIAL PROTECTION, BOGOTA,
COLOMBIA

AND
THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION, BOGOTA,
COLOMBIA

The ICMR (DHR) under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as "ICMR"), the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Colombia (hereinafter referred to as "MinSalud") and the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation of Colombia (hereinafter referred to as "MinCiencias") jointly intend to collaborate in various areas of health and biomedical research. This letter of intent will build on collaborative research, which will be mutually beneficial for the collaborating countries.

The collaboration will be to address health research topics, build capacity and develop sustained cooperation for research areas of mutual interest that are of public health importance to India and Colombia. The proposed activities will advance and accelerate research between the two countries.

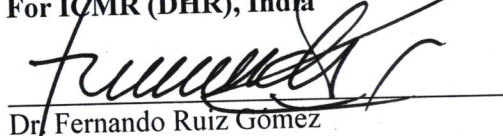
It is intended that this LoI would lead to further discussions and the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and could be signed after all necessary approvals as required in both the countries.

All Parties intend to identify the areas and modalities of cooperation, as part of the proposed MoU, in furtherance of this LoI.

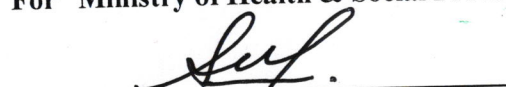
Signed on 2nd October, 2021 at New Delhi.



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