

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES,  
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH,  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**AND**

**THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH,  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH,  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

**FOR  
COOPERATION ON AN INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN  
RESEARCH IN CHENNAI, INDIA**

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (“NIAID”), part of the National Institutes of Health (“NIH”), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) of the United States of America, and the Indian Council of Medical Research (“ICMR”) of the Department of Health Research (“DHR”) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (“MOHFW”) of the Republic of India, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as ‘Party’;

Recognizing that the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of India concluded an Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation, signed at New Delhi on September 20 and 23, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the “S&T Agreement”);

Recognizing that NIAID and ICMR signed a Joint Statement for the Establishment of an International Center of Excellence in Research (“ICER”) at the Tuberculosis Research Centre in Chennai, India, in 2003;

Recognizing that NIAID and ICMR affirmed their commitment to the ICER Program by concluding an Agreement for Cooperation on an International Center of Excellence in Research in Chennai, India, done at Geneva on May 20, 2008; and.

Recognizing that NIAID and ICMR re-affirmed and extended their commitment to the ICER Program through an exchange of letters in January 2017, to extend the Agreement for Cooperation until the S&T Agreement entered into force.

Seeking to build upon the success of the ICER program;