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No. LAF/NIOH/22-23/brucella/02

To,
Dr. J.D. Lakhani, MD
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Vadodara

Subject: Regarding screening of blood sample of hospital attending cases of possibility of brucellosis-

Sir,
The ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health is a premier institute under the aegis of Indian Council of Medical Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India. This Institute is dedicated to improve workers' health through multidisciplinary approach and carrying out research in the field of Occupational and Environmental health.
Presently, NIOH is working on "**Estimation of Brucellosis burden among hospital attending cases of PUO, Testicular Pain/Epididymorchaitis/scrotal diseases and Osteoarticular pain**" The outcome of the study would be helpful to the high risk group occupations as well as public health. The study may help in devising mechanism to reduce the risk of exposure to brucellosis and would definitely contributes towards concrete step to understand occupational safety measures among high risk group occupation in day to day work.

One of the objective of the project is, to find out hidden burden of brucellosis in hospital attending cases and the correlation with the risk factors (such as animal husbandry related occupations, consumption of raw milk, assisting in parturition of cattle) of human brucellosis in in Gujarat. In this context you are requested to send us patients/samples of brucellosis possible patients having risk factors (and inclusion criteria of the subjects in the project). We are also looking for collaboration with your college for the said project.

I will be thankful to you, if you could provide us time for discussion/presentation on the same.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

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