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Sub: Final Recommendations on TrueNat MTB and TrueNat MTB Rif for the National Programme

Dear Dr. Nair

We are pleased to inform you that the Expert Committee on TB Diagnostics set up by ICMR have reviewed the data presented on the performance and feasibility of TrueNat MTB and TrueNat MTB Rif that were conducted at AIIMS, New Delhi, NITRD, New Delhi, NJIL&OMD, Agra and NIRT, Chennai and 100 Designated Microscopy Centres (DMCs) under the RNTCP, in three phases, and have made their final recommendation to the National Programme as follows.

1. Taking cognizance of the analysed data, the Committee observed that the performance of TrueNat (MTB and MTB-Rif) is good and can be used as a point of care test for detection of TB and Rifampicin resistance at peripheral centres i.e Designated Microscopy Centres (DMCs).
2. In view of the satisfactory performance of the TrueNat MTB and TrueNat MTB-Rif in the feasibility study and the other factors including cost effectiveness, ease of performance, transportability, and placement at the peripheral level, the Committee recommended the use of TrueNat MTB and TrueNat MTB Rif under RNTCP at the Designated Microscopy Centres as part of the diagnostic algorithm for TB

The committee will continue to monitor and review the results of the extended feasibility study at the 100 DMCs as well as follow up and data analysis of discordant and pending samples.

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