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Government of India

Department of Health and Family Welfare

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

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Dear *Dr. Sand,*

This is in reference to the letter received from Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI) regarding the trial No - CTRI/2018/12/016715 registered under the Clinical Trial Registry (CTR), of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). As per this letter (copy enclosed) the Principal Investigator of this trial is Dr. Monjori Mitra, Trial Coordinator of Medclin Research Pvt. Ltd and five hospitals mentioned in the letter are participating in the trial. The primary sponsor of the trial is Nestle India Limited.

Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI) has been notified by the Government of India to monitor compliance of the IMS Act. BPNI has informed MoHFW regarding the violation of IMS Act by Nestle India Limited and the five participating hospitals as per the provision of Section 9(2) of IMS Act, which states that no producer, supplier or distributor referred to in subsection (1), shall offer or give any contribution or pecuniary benefits to a health worker or association of health workers, including funding of research work, sponsorship etc.

In this regard, you are requested to please get this examined and take necessary action at your end to comply with the provisions of the IMS Act and also ensure that all the trials in future are screened for any infringement of the IMS Act.. You are also requested to share a report with the Department of Health and Family Welfare regarding this.

Kind regards
Yours Sincerely

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