



BPNI/2019/IMS Act/04

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Sub: Continued infringement of the IMS Act 1992 and 2003.

Ref. DO letter of Secretary Health and Family Welfare Government of India (Z-28020/47/2017-CH dated 2nd August 2019), further information on Nestle subsidiary 'Nestec' sponsoring the research in hospitals.

Dear Dr Bhargava,

This is in relation to and follow up of the above mentioned letter from Secretary Health, GOI. We thank you very much for taking prompt action on the complaint we had filed to MOHFW Government of India. I understand that ICMR has completed its enquiry and submitted its report. May we request you to share a copy of the report and make it public.

At the same time we like to draw your attention to two more instances of similar cases, in which Nestec, a subsidiary company of Nestle, funds the research. Enclosed the evidence for your perusal and action.

1. Title of the study: **Study of milk composition from adequately nourished and undernourished mothers (CTRI/2014/11/005199)** Registered on: 13/11/2014, last modification on 21/05/2019.
Link: <http://ctri.nic.in/Clinicaltrials/pmaindet2.php?trialid=10390&EncHid=&userName=nestec>

Names of principle investigators and participating institutions are:

- a. Dr. Sarika Prasad, Adhithya Adhikari Hospital, Mysore
 - b. Dr. Nandini Malshe, Bharati Hospital & Research Centre, Pune
 - c. Dr. Anil Kumar Sapare, Mazumdar Shaw Medical Centre, Department of Pediatrics, Narayana Hrudayalaya Private Limited, Bangalore
 - d. Dr. Neelam Kler, Department of Neonatology, Institute of Child & Health Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi
2. Title of the study: **Infant Feeding Practice and Gut Comfort: A Multi-country, Cross-sectional Observational Study (CTRI/2018/12/016645)** Registered on: 13/12/2018, last modification 09/01/2019.
Link: http://ctri.nic.in/Clinicaltrials/pdf_generate.php?trialid=28393&EncHid=&modid=&compid=%27,%2728393det%27

Names of principle investigators and participating institutions are:

- a. Dr. K Dhanasekhar, Apollo Children's Hospital, Chennai

As a policy, BPNI does not accept funds of any kind from the companies manufacturing baby foods, feeding bottles etc. and from organization/industry having conflict of interest.



- b. Dr. Jasjit Bhasin, BLK Super Specialty Hospital, Dept of Pediatrics, Centre for Child Health Pusa Road New Delhi
- c. Dr. Praveen Gokhale, Dr Praveen Gokhale's Children's Clinic and Vaccination Centre, 203 Block 4 2nd floor Emerald Plaza, Hiranandani Meadows, Thane, Maharashtra
- d. Dr. Praveen Gokhale, Dr. L. H. Hiranandani Hospital, Hamilton B Hiranandani Estate Thane West Thane 400607
- e. Dr. Monjori Mitra, ICH Hospital, No 11 Dr. Biresh Guha Street Park Circus, Ballygunge Kolkata, West Bengal

Our analysis shows that these actions attract section 9.2 of the IMS Act. Kindly take necessary action on the above-mentioned violations of the IMS Act.

With our best regards and look forward to a positive response from your end,

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,



Dr. Arun Gupta
Central Coordinator BPNI

Copy to Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,

Attached: Clinical Trial details of above mentioned studies from CTRI website