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This is to certify that the research work under reference has not been given any award in the past. I wish to further clarify that I was the Principal Investigator for the projects on the sero-epidemiological studies for SARS-CoV-2, dengue, Chikungunya, hepatitis-B, rubella, Nipah and scrub typhus.

Conducting these national level studies was a team effort and I wish to clarify that the contributions of all the co-investigators was crucial in these studies. Specifically, I wish to acknowledge my following colleagues who assisted me in different activities:

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