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This is to certify that I have not been given any award in the past on the research work under reference. All the papers claimed for award were written by me on the research conducted by me. The idea was mine and I was the principal investigator for all the projects funded by the Central TB division, Ministry of Health and family Welfare, Government of India. The clinical and research work was done by me or by my direct supervision for all the papers under reference. I am the first and the corresponding author for most of the papers under reference as they were my ideas. Others co-authors helped in performing laboratory tests (microbiological tests) or radiological tests (Hysterosalpinography, Ultrasound, CT scan, MRI scan, or nuclear medicine test (PET CT scan).

Hence most of the research on FGTB was done by me as principal investigator and most of the articles were published by me as first and corresponding author.



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