

Cover Letter

To

The Editor

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Dear Sir/Madam

We are very pleased to submit our manuscript entitled, “**Good Public Health Logistics: An important element of Resilient Health Systems: Lessons from Tamil Nadu in context of COVID-19 Pandemic**” to your esteemed journal, **Indian Journal of Medical Ethics**. This is a Commentary submission authored by Dr Adithyan G.S and Dr T Sundararaman.

The paper highlights the **importance of public systems strengthening** and how rapid scaling up of access to testing and to appropriate therapeutics requires robust public procurement systems for drugs and diagnostics to be already in place. The paper deals with the lessons from Tamil Nadu and validates the understanding that investing in public institutions is essential for responsiveness to pandemics and other public health emergencies. And further that a **robust public health procurement and logistics system** is an essential element of building both trust and resilience in public health services. These are lessons for every state.

We believe that it would be of interest to the IJME readers. It holds high contemporary relevance in the current COVID context.

As the pandemic is unfolding, the lessons from Tamil Nadu mentioned in the study provides new knowledge and evidences which might be pertinent for future clinical management and policy planning among other States in India.

We, wish to declare that we are the authors of the article in the order in which listed. This manuscript is original, has not been published and is not under consideration for publication

elsewhere. Moreover, we declare that we have no conflict of interest in connection with this paper. If you have any questions about our manuscript, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Dr Adithyan G.S and Dr T Sundararaman

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A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be 'T. Sundararaman', written over a horizontal line.

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