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Dear both,
These are excellent news!
Thank you very much
Best regards

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Dear (b)(7)(D), thanks for summarizing, nothing more to add than that (b)(7)(D) also though it was a good idea to invite WHO EURO in the PROMISE scientific advisory group. br (b)(7)(D)

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Dear (10)(2e)

We (myself, (10)(2e) and (10)(2e) just had a call with (10)(2e) at WHO Euro to discuss the PROMISE WP2 activities.

WHO Euro has a deep interest in RSV and they are strongly interested in a Bulletin. They understand that the current data reported to TESSy (which is all-age) needs to be modified in the future and they support the creation of a Network of Laboratories for RSV (WP2.2 activities).

The current focus of WHO's work is Covid-19 and that will probably be the case for the foreseeable future. This has an impact on the RSV activities at WHO, both at Euro and HQ.

(10)(2e) indicated there is a need for a reporting platform (probably TESSy in Europe) for surveillance and post-marketing data (hospitalised cases) in Europe. The focus of a Bulletin is still under discussion. Do we want one Bulletin for flu, RSV and Covid-19, or separate bulletins? (10)(2e) thinking, at the moment, is for an integrated weekly Bulletin. However, we are not there at the moment and he liked the idea of having a pilot Bulletin for RSV via the PROMISE project to explore the key indicators, the reporting issues and what would appear in the bulletin. (10)(2e) recommended that we talk to Siddhi at WHO HQ as this work needs to be also co-ordinated at a global level (at a Europe level, the UK

Whether this approach focusing on surveillance would fit the IMI requirements, I am not sure. If the group would opt for a more academic approach with specific innovative research questions, that would be fair enough. However, that would not be the core business of our epidemiology and virology

departments.

(10)(2e) suggested that the initiatives that you mentioned are not of direct benefit to local RSV surveillance as only a small number in Europe is participating in that. The WHO RSV EQA in which EU labs would participate has been cancelled, there is no centralised RSV sequence database for sharing and online analysis of sequences. No doubt that in establishing sustainable virological / epidemiological surveillance of RSV in Europe we should line up with what WHO is doing. I know that (10)(2e) is trying to get the view of WHO Euro on this (today).

N.B. I am not speaking for our RIVM immunology / vaccinology centre ((10)(2e)), replacing (10)(2e), which will definitely have an interest in participating in work of the other PROMISE work packages.

Best regards,

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Dear (10)(2e)

I have reviewed WP2 fiche on sharepoint and given specific comments there. In general I think Tasks 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.7 look good. Task 2.6 needs to be fleshed out as it relates to meetings but we need clear objectives and outputs / outcomes from these. I have serious concerns regarding feasibility of T2.1 and moderate concerns re T2.2. I think T2.1 is at risk if we do not have ECDC buy in. I would rather than this focus on trying to coalesce ideas re building a broad respiratory surveillance platform as that will deal with RSV, COVID and any new pathogen. This will be a real value addition (perhaps we can learn from what is being done by USCDC in this regard)?

T2.2 is re-inventing a lot of things that have already been done. Lots of work ongoing with regard to (10)(2e) surveillance by DIVERGE ((10)(2e) / (10)(2e)), RSV Society ((10)(2e) / (10)(2e)), WHO. So we need to be seen to be making value addition to this? This task is of importance for mab so what is it that EFPIA want here?

I do not see any academic partners involved / mentioned in any of WP2 tasks (except TUCH). You could indicate some acad partners even if they will have minor involvement.

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