

Thanks very much again for your help in drafting the guidance handbook on SARS-CoV-2 sequencing. The document has now been reviewed by a group of experts at WHO, and is currently being reviewed by those other external academic experts that we identified.

We will collate all comments from external reviewers next week, and seek to resolve any issues that could benefit from broader discussion through a discussion with the reviewer group on Monday 13th July (proposed 12:00 UTC). We will send you all an invite to this discussion shortly, as it would be great to have you there to share your thoughts if you are available.

I've attached the current draft again for you here. If you have suggestions for changes that might be critically important to update certain sections since we first drafted this, please let me know by Thursday 9th.

Finally, I'm really sorry if any of you have tried to follow up on this document by emailing my temporary WHO email address, and haven't received a response from me. Unfortunately my WHO address was disabled at the end of May and we still haven't been successful in having it reinstated or a forwarding system arranged. I therefore haven't been able to access any emails that may have been sent there. Please do contact me at this email address, or email (10)(20) directly, if you want to get in touch.

Best wishes,

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