File No. M-11019/5/2026-CG
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health Research

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Red Cross Road, New Delhi
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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS

Subject: Regarding the proposed Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT) on Stem Cell Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme courtin *Yash Charitable Trust vs. Union of India*, W.P. (C) No. 369/2022, the National Stem Cell Research Regulation Committee (NSRC) has been constituted vide office order No. M-11019/5/2026-CG dated 24.03.2026, to oversee and regulate research on stem cells that have undergone minimal or less than minimal manipulation.

2. NSRC invites views and suggestions from interested individuals and stakeholders regarding eligibility in the proposed Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT) on stem cell therapy for autism spectrum disorders (ASD) being funded by ICMR.

3. Interested individuals and stakeholders are invited to submit their views and suggestions regarding the proposed RCT, particularly with respect to the eligibility criteria for participation in the two designated tertiary care sites (AIIMS, New Delhi and Amrita Hospital, Kochi) for the RCT. Any other relevant suggestions or concerns pertaining to the proposed RCT may also be submitted for consideration by the Committee.

4. Submissions should be concise, specific and supported by relevant scientific evidence or documentary references, wherever available in the attached format (Annexure 1).

5. **Email id for submission: suggestions.asd.rct.nsrc@gov.in**

6. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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ANNEXURE-1

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS

Regarding the proposed RCT on Stem Cell Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

A. Details of the respondent

1. Name:
2. Parent Organization / Institution / Clinic (if applicable):
3. Category (please select one):
    - Health care professional
    - Parent / Caregiver
    - Patient / Parent organization
    - Other (please specify)
4. Email address:

B. Views and suggestions

Please provide your specific views and suggestions as per the below mentioned format:

Issue	Specific suggestion / recommendation	Rationale / supporting evidence (if any)

C. Supporting documents (if any)

Please attach relevant published literature, guidelines, or other supporting documents.

Please note:

1. Please submit one consolidated response per individual or organization.
2. Submissions should be relevant to the proposed RCT and should be concise.
3. Submission of views does not confer any right to participate in the proposed RCT or entitlement to a personal hearing.
4. Promotional material and unrelated grievances will not be considered.
5. The NSRC may seek clarifications or invite selected respondents for a hearing, wherever considered necessary.