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विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के अधीन, एक स्वायत्त निकाय, भारत सरकार  
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**Regarding:** The study "Hepatitis B virus detected in paper currencies in a densely populated city of India: a plausible source of horizontal HBV transmission?" conducted at CSIR-IICB.

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This is to confirm that the aforesaid research work had been reviewed by the CSIR-IICB Institutional Ethical Committee on Human Subjects & CSIR-IICB Biological Safety Committee. The work was approved as part of the approval granted to Dr Subhajit Biswas on conducting research on molecular epidemiology of hepatitis B virus infections, especially occult hepatitis B virus infections (OBIs). This work involved no use of human subjects or human clinical materials.

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