



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PLANNING, RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

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RE: NIMR REPORT ON THE GENETIC ANALYSIS OF INDEX CASE OF SARS-COV -2 VIRUS FROM ITALIAN EXPARTRATE IN LAGOS STATE, NIGERIA:

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

I am directed to convey the warm compliments and appreciation of the Honourable Minister of State for Health to the entire staff and management of NIMR on the display of professionalism in the successful genetic analysis of Nigeria's index case of SARS – CoV -2 virus from an Italian expatriate in Lagos State.

2. The Ministry appreciates and commends your efforts in accessing and mobilizing both human and material resources to successfully carried out the genetic PCR sequencing of circulating strain of Corona virus SARS –CoV -2 index case in Nigeria.
3. Please accept the assurances and warm regards of the Honourable Minister of State for Health.

Dr. Geoffrey Okatubo
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For: Honourable Minister of State for Health