Validation Centres for qRT-PCR Diagnostics for COVID-19

ICMR has identified the following 05 Centres of Excellence for validation of non-US FDA and non-EUA/CE-IVD approved kits for COVID-19 testing.

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- All the above centres are advised to share validation report of the test kit with the concerned company.
- Validation of US-FDA and European CE/IVD approved kits is not to be undertaken.