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Dear Madam,

Encouraging submission of country clinical data to the WHO COVID-19 clinical data platform

The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe presents its compliments to the Ministry of Health of Georgia.

The understanding of the clinical features of COVID-19 in different regions of the world and in subpopulations is as yet quite limited. Determining optimal clinical management strategies – especially with respect to at-risk groups – poses unique challenges for health-care providers worldwide. The WHO Global COVID-19 Clinical Data Platform has been created to respond to this problem, with the objective of informing the development of clinical management guidelines, as well as supporting operational planning for the public health response through rapid and systematic collection and pooling of clinical data from diverse settings.

The WHO platform uses standardized case report forms, is secure and will offer the global scientific and clinical community access to pooled data from diverse settings, as well as the opportunity to collaborate in research and publication. Moreover, the platform captures therapeutic interventions used outside clinical trials, thus allowing for observations that may help in the further prioritization of recruitment of medicines into adaptive randomized controlled trials such as the WHO Solidarity trial.

The anonymized COVID-19 data received from countries will remain the property of the contributing country or entity, as applicable, and will be used by WHO to inform an appropriate public health response and the development of clinical guidance concerning COVID-19.

We therefore encourage your country to allow health facilities or other entities to contribute data to the WHO platform. Details describing how to contribute data and the use of the data can be found in the enclosed information sheet and flyer.

In the hope that this information is found useful, WHO stands ready to continue providing technical assistance and aid to the Government of Georgia, and particularly the Ministry of Health.

Yours very truly,



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1. Information Sheet Global COVID-19 Clinical Platform for clinical characterization and management of hospitalized COVID-19 cases;
2. Flyer Global COVID-19 Clinical Data Platform.

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