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The following members attended the meeting:

- The agenda of the meeting was as follows

- *To discuss and finalize the technical specifications of Equipment for use in the NVHCP and other related programs.*
- All annexures with respect to the items of equipment were reviewed and the following decisions were taken:

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4. Refrigerated Microfuge

Technical specifications

1. Bench top, compact, refrigerated
2. Robust metal housing; compact design with chemical-resistant (coated) housing.
3. Low access height (≤ 23 cm) and space-saving design (≤ 24 cm \times 32 cm; W \times D).
4. Maximum speed: 18000 rpm. Speed adjustable in 100 rpm steps.
5. Max. RCF: Approximately 30,000 g or more
6. 45° fixed angle rotor.
7. Control system: Microprocessor control (brushless motor), LCD display protected; showing time and relative centrifugal force or speed in rcf or rpm. Speed, rcf, time, g.sec, acceleration & deceleration, temperature, 20 channel or more memories.
8. Temperature setting & Indication: Cooling range: -10°C to 40°C; Fast Pre cooling and should maintain +4°C at maximum speed
9. Easy-to-clean, smooth rotor chamber that is resistant to acids, alkali, disinfectants used in the laboratory.
10. Autoclavable rotors
11. Rotors should have autoclavable lids for minimizing aerosolization
12. Automatic lid lock, starting with and during run of rotor.
13. Option: Automatic opening at the end of the run.
14. Emergency unlock for electricity blackout.
15. Abnormality Detection: Lid open, Imbalance, over speed and Temperature shoot sensor, abnormal rotor mounting, electric abnormality.
16. Acceleration/Deceleration: Three level selectors: Rapid, slow and super slow.
17. Integrator setting & indication: Digital display: From 1, 00 to 9.99×10^9 g-sec.
18. Timer setting & indication: Digital display with hold and flashing in 1sec, 10sec, 1min, 10min increment, showing rpm, RCF and time
19. Refrigerant: CFC / HCFC free should be environment friendly
20. The centrifuge must have a minimum of 4 "direct recall" program keys
21. Rotors: 24 x 1.5-2ml rotor aerosol-tight (chemical-resistant coated); exchangeable.
22. Adaptors for 0.5 ml and 0.2 ml tubes requirements.
23. Auto balancing in situation of minor imbalance.
24. Noise level: ≤ 60 dBA.
25. Power supply requirements: Supply voltage: 220- 240 V, AC, 50 Hz.

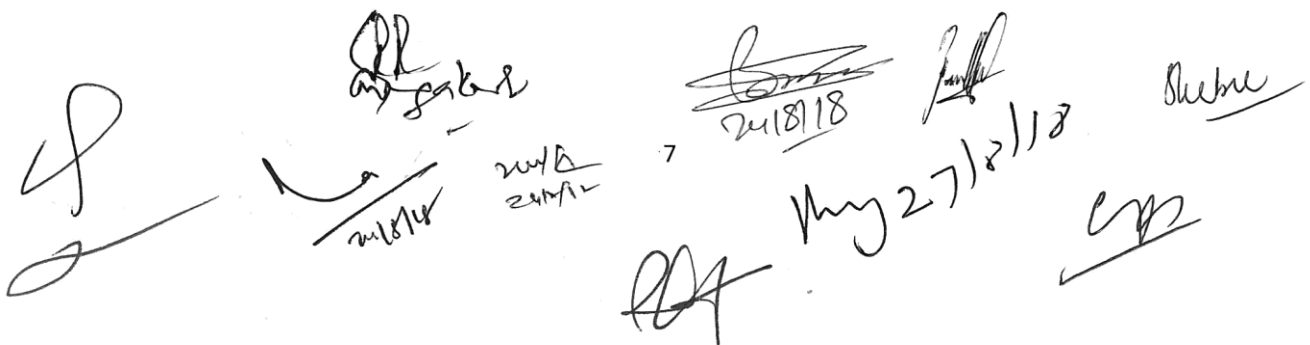
General specifications:

1. Satisfactory working report of the quoted model from three reputed government institutes/hospitals should be included (within two years of submission of bid).
2. The manufacture should specify Installation qualifications, Operational Qualifications and Performance qualifications. Validation and calibration reports should have traceability towards applicable national / international standards.
3. Original product catalogue should be provided by the firm. Necessary documents, technical write up in English shall be attached with the offer both in hard and soft copies. Performance, efficiency, other factors such as distortion etc. as applicable be also furnished.
4. Installation: the bidder must arrange for the equipment to be installed by certified or qualified personnel; any prerequisites for installation to be communicated to the laboratory in advance. Onsite, in lab customer training to be provided. The equipment should be supplied with 2 meter cord at input and fitted with plugs of appropriate rating (5/15Amp)

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5. 5 years back to back warranty including preventive maintenance followed by 5 year CMC should be provided by the company and warranty should commence only after delivery of satisfactory working report.
 - a. Complete with comprehensive set of spare parts.
 - b. The make, rating, model, description, specifications, quantity of each item shall be furnished separately.
 - c. Downtime commitment to be restricted to maximum period of 48 hours in metro cities and 96 hours in hard to reach areas (working days) and punitive actions shall be taken in case of failure to maintain the desirable downtime.
 - d. Preventive maintenance plan and technical support to be provided.
6. After installation must provide IQ/OQ/PQ report. The bidder must arrange for calibration as and when required.
7. A suitable voltage stabilizer to be given. A line voltage corrector of appropriate rating should form part of standard configuration. Copper wound single phase automatic line voltage corrector conforming to IS: 9815(5t.I)/94 with latest amendments or equivalent international standards fitted with a voltmeter and switch to indicate output/input voltage as under:
 - a. Capacity/rating: 10 KVA: As per the requirement of the equipment.
 - b. Output voltage: 220 volts \pm 10% volts. Input-out voltmeter and ampere meter. Protection: high-low voltage cut-off, overload and short circuit protection.
8. Certifications:
 - a. Product Certification : CE Class II A or US FDA certified
 - b. Quality Certification : ISO certified
 - c. Electrical Safety : Equipment meets electrical safety specifications such as that of IEC (Class I)

The committee approved the technical specifications of the Refrigerated Microfuge

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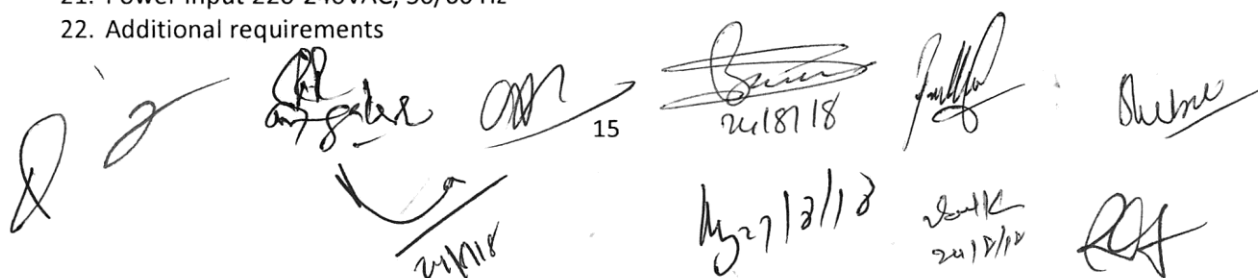
9. NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCER

The equipment is a high end equipment and will be deliberated upon separately

10. REAL TIME PCR

Technical specifications

1. Table top model
2. Automated for both real time and post PCR analysis.
3. Complete system including basic system, essential accessories, the state-of-art computer workstation, acquisition and analysis software, startup kit inclusive of calibration standards etc. The system should support applications including SNP Genotyping, Gene Expression profiling, Micro RNA expression, Translocation analysis, Gene detection and Viral load analysis.
4. Real Time PCR with Peltiers for uniform heating and cooling and with temp range between 4°C-100°C with 96 well block. The Relative Quantitaion software should be provided along with the system and should provide facility of viewing Ten, 96 well plates together for gene expression
5. Standard optical 96 well plates, 0.1/0.2 ml strips, 0.1/0.2ml tubes compatibility. Min sample value requirement - 5µl; Min sample value requirement - 10µl. Should cover 20- 50µl reaction volume
6. Thesystemshouldbeenabledtorunfastchemistryandmusthaveapeakblockramprate of 4.4°C/secor more.
7. Should complete a minimum of 40 cycles within 2 hours
8. Temperature range of 4-100°C. Temperature accuracy +/- 0.25°C
9. CCD camera with LED or Tungsten halogen or high intensity Xenon lamp (No PMT System acceptable) and at least five excitation and five emission filters (covering wavelengths from 515-700 nm.). Multiplexing ability up-to five dyes in a single run.
10. Calibrated dyes at installation: FAM/SYBR Green, VIC/JOE, NED/TAMRA/Cy3, ROX/Texas Red and Cy5, Should offer flexibility in dye selection. Facility to calibrate new dye within the wavelength range without addition of new filters; Passive reference dye ROX or any other calibrated dye and should be optional.
11. The system should be capable of multiplexing 5 targets per well.
12. Should support all real time PCR chemistry like Taqman, SYBR Green, molecular beacons and all other fluorescent dye based Chemistries and should be calibrated for Multiple dyes.
13. Licensed version of primer probe designing software and relative gene expression software should be provided along with the system.
14. The system should include a licensed high resolution melting curve analysis software
15. The instrument should have software that can analyze multiple perspective in the multiple plot view, with side by side view of all data aspects including amplification plot, standard curve, multi-component data plot and raw data.
16. Software for absolutequantitation, relative quantitation, multiplex PCR, allelic discrimination (SNP), plus/ minus assay
17. Normalization to multiple endogenous controls.System should have facilities for system control, analysis, net-working of multiple systems.
18. Sensitivity: Detection of less than 10 copies of template
19. USB port for data export to Powerpoint, Excel or JPG file formats
20. Compatible UPS- microprocessor controlled, line interactive, compatible pure sinewave online continuous transducer with ≥ 4 hours backup and maintenance battery
21. Power input 220-240VAC, 50/60 Hz
22. Additional requirements

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- a. One startup kit and consumables of each parameter should be provided by the firm free of cost for the training and installation purposes.
- b. Branded non assembled PC with the following configuration or better to be included: OS Windows 7 or 10, 64-bit, Intel i7, 4 GB RAM processor with Intel H87 chip set or better, minimum 3.5 GHz, minimum 3 Mb cache, hard disk minimum 500GB, 7200 r.p.m. SATA, Intel HD graphics 4400, atleast 4 USB ports, 1KVa UPS with 30 min backup.

General specifications:

1. Satisfactory working report of the quoted model from three reputed government institutes/hospitals should be included (within two years of submission of bid).
2. The manufacturer should specify Installation qualifications, Operational Qualifications and Performance qualifications. Validation and calibration reports should have traceability towards applicable national / international standards.
3. Original product catalogue should be provided by the firm. Necessary documents, technical write up in English shall be attached with the offer both in hard and soft copies. Performance, efficiency, other factors such as distortion etc. as applicable be also furnished.
4. Installation : the bidder must arrange for the equipment to be installed by certified or qualified personnel; any prerequisites for installation to be communicated to the laboratory in advance. Onsite, in lab customer training to be provided. The equipment should be supplied with 2 meter cord at input and fitted with plugs of appropriate rating(5/15Amp)
5. 5 years back to back warranty including preventive maintenance followed by 5 year CMC should be provided by the company and warranty should commence only after delivery of satisfactory working report .
 - a. Complete with comprehensive set of spare parts.
 - b. The make, rating, model, description, specifications, quantity of each item shall be furnished separately.
 - c. Downtime commitment to be restricted to maximum period of 48 hours in metro cities and 96 hours in hard to reach areas (working days) and punitive actions shall be taken in case of failure to maintain the desirable downtime.
 - d. Preventive maintenance plan and technical support to be provided.
6. After installation must provide IQ/OQ/PQ report. The bidder must arrange for calibration as and when required.
7. A suitable voltage stabilizer to be given. A line voltage corrector of appropriate rating should form part of standard configuration. Copper wound single phase automatic line voltage corrector conforming to IS: 9815(5t.I)/94 with latest amendments or equivalent international standards fitted with a voltmeter and switch to indicate output/input voltage as under:
 - a. Capacity/rating: 10 KVA: As per the requirement of the equipment.
 - b. Output voltage: 220 volts \pm 10% volts. Input-out voltmeter and ampere meter. Protection: high-low voltage cut-off, overload and short circuit protection.
8. Certifications:
 - a. Product Certification : CE Class II A or US FDA certified
 - b. Quality Certification : ISO certified
 - c. Electrical Safety : Equipment meets electrical safety specifications such as that of IEC (Class I)

The committee approved the technical specifications of the Real time PCR

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11. FULLY AUTOMATED NUCLEIC ACID EXTRACTOR

Technical specifications

Features

Automated system for Nucleic Acid extraction	The system should be automated for DNA and RNA to provide a very high quality of extract for sensitive detection
Chemistries	It should work with proven magnetic bead based or spin column chemistries for all applications
Sample type	The system should be compatible with a wide variety of sample types like: blood, body fluids, serum, plasma, sputum, urine, CSF, stool, saliva, cultures etc. to use with different downstream molecular biology applications
Minimum sample volume	100µl and varies till 1000µl
Through-put	The system should be able to extract upto 20±5 per run, with option to run one sample per run also if and when needed.
Pre-treatment	The system should be able to do complete process including the pre-treatment steps like lysis etc.
Pipetting system	Pipetting system should avoid cross contamination. Should have a robust robotic system. No manual pipetting required.
Elution volume	50-200µl
Load-check	A comprehensive load check should be performed prior to sample processing to check work table setup and to help to ensure correct loading of the instrument.
Reliability and reproducibility in results	Results should be reliable and reproducible.
LIS compatibility	System should be LIS compatible Software should be upgradeable free of cost by company
Additional	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Run time is 20-45 minutes depending upon sample and batch size All desired samples can be isolated by instrument and free from cross contamination and can be used for PCR/RT PCR reactions. Don't require external device like vacuum pump or tubing/pumps All products are pre installed and require no external device Instrument should have integrated HEPA filter, UV decontamination and bar code scanning facility Meets the desired power requirement (220-240V, 50Hz)
General specifications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Satisfactory working report of the quoted model from three reputed government institutes/hospitals should be included (within two years of submission of bid). The manufacturer should specify Installation qualifications, Operational Qualifications and Performance qualifications. Validation and calibration reports should have traceability towards applicable national / international standards. Original product catalogue should be provided by the firm. Necessary documents, technical write up in English shall be attached with the offer both in hard and soft copies. Performance, efficiency, other factors such as distortion etc. as applicable be also furnished.

- The committee approved the technical specifications of the fully automated nucleic acid extractor*

- Due to paucity of time, the committee felt the technical specifications of Equipment at S.No.12-20 will be deliberated in the next meeting*

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21. QUANTITATIVE VIRAL LOAD TESTING PLATFORM FOR HBV AND HCV

Technical specifications

- 1: Closed HCV and HBV nucleic acid extraction and Viral Load Testing Platform using human whole blood derived serum/plasma
- 2: Technology Platform should be based on real time PCR chemistry like TaqMan, molecular beacon probes, SYBR Green and all other fluorescent dye based chemistries and should be calibrated for multiple dyes. .
- 3: The Assay should be FDA-approved and CE-IVD marked. The quoted test shall be licensed to bidder in India by DCGI(I).
- 4: The limit of detection must be -
HCV RNA: 15 IU/ml or lower for 0.5 ml input
HBV DNA: 20 IU/ml or Lower for 0.5 ml input
- 5: Dynamic range of the quoted assay shall be
HCV: $15 - 1 \times 10^8$ IU/mL or better
HBV: $20 - 1.7 \times 10^8$ IU/ml or better
- 6: Specificity of the assay shall be 100%
- 7: Genotype coverage: Assay shall cover HCV genotypes 1 to 6 & HBV genotype A to H plus Pre-Core Mutants.
- 8: The assay shall have inclusion of reagents/enzymes (either built in or external addition) to remove the carry over contamination by degrading of Nucleic Acid templates amplified in previous runs.
- 9: Capable of completing a cycle of extraction and testing within 8 hrs.
- 10: Automated sample extraction and the testing should have a throughput of up to 96 specimens in batches of 24 to 96.
- 11: The platform shall have barcode system for specimen tube identification

General Specifications:

1. The bidder will provide installation qualification, operational qualification and performance qualification at the time of installation with all certificates and log book for maintenance of the equipment at no extra cost.
2. The agency shall provide an EQAS on a 6-monthly basis provided by any ISO 17043 approved provider which should be part of the package with two sets of proficiency testing panels for HBV DNA and HCV RNA.
3. Yearly preventive maintenance and calibration, shall be the responsibility of the bidder as per requirement of quoted system/assay. Timely upgradation of the facility with respect to hardware/ software/reagent/workflow shall be provided free of cost.
4. The manufacturer should provide 95% uptime of the HCV & HBV viral load testing facility
5. The bidder shall provide free of cost replacement of the viral load platform in case new model or upgraded version is released by the manufacturer.
6. The bidder shall submit the details of engineer and application support team
7. The bidder will be responsible for training of laboratory staff on operation of equipment at the time of installation and subsequently every year for optimal utilization of the equipment. The cost of refresher trainings will be borne by the government but the technical aspects will have to be dealt with by the vendor.
8. The bidder shall set up the operational facility as per the requirement of proposed system and assay such as refrigeration (4/-20/-80 degree Celsius), centrifuge, Air conditioner, biosafety cabinets, HEPA filters, Pipettes or any other equipment/consumables required for running of quoted assay. The same shall be calibrated by the bidder as per requirements of NABL.

9. Compatible (5 to 10 KVA) UPS for nucleic acid extraction and testing equipment with back-up to complete one cycle atleast..
10. Electrical Requirement:
 - a) Output voltage: 220 volts +/- 10% volts. Input voltmeter and ampere meter. Protection: high-low voltage cut-off, overload and short circuit protection.
 - b) Electrical safety: Equipment meets electrical safety specifications such as that of IEC (Class I)
11. Downtime commitment to be restricted to maximum period of 48 hours in metro cities and 96 hours in hard to reach areas (working days) and provide alternative to ensure uninterrupted testing services. Punitive actions shall be taken in case of failure to maintain the desirable downtime.
12. Satisfactory report from atleast three government sites which have the equipment installed in last three years.

The committee approved the technical specifications of the quantitative viral load testing platform for HBV and HCV and agreed for procurement of the same under reagent rental model wherein the kits procured for HBV DNA and HCV RNA would be compatible with the platform.

22. WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM

23. THERMAL CYCLER

Due to paucity of time, the committee felt the technical specifications of Equipment at S.No.22&23 will be deliberated in the next meeting

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Cumulative Time Temperature Indicator for diagnostic test kit

1. The cumulative time/temperature indicator should indicate the exposure to temperature in the range of 2-8⁰ C
2. The cumulative time-temperature indicator technology used should be pre qualified by WHO
3. The indicator should change colour uniformly, irreversibly and the rate of reaction should be predictable by appropriate kinetic parameters
4. The colour change should have a well defined start point and end point that can be correlated to the heat stability of the kit







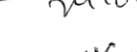
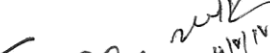
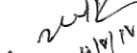

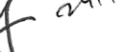


The committee approved the specifications for Cumulative Time Temperature Indicator for diagnostic test kits

Cartridges for HCV RNA Assays using Cartridge based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test, (CBNAAT)

Technical Specifications

1. An HCV Viral Load assay designed for the quantification of hepatitis C virus (HCV) RNA in human serum or plasma (EDTA) from HCV-infected individuals.
2. The test must utilize automated reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) using fluorescence to detect the RNA of interest for the quantification of HCV.
3. Assay components must be contained within a single-use, disposable cartridge which performs RNA extraction, reverse transcription, and real-time PCR targeting the 5'untranslated region (UTR) of the HCV genome. Reagents must all be contained within the cartridge.
4. The test cartridge must contain atleast two internal controls to ensure accurate test performance and to quantify HCV viral load.
5. The software for running tests and viewing the results must be provided and uploaded on the lab system
6. HCV Viral Load test must quantify HCV genotypes 1–6 over the range of at least 10 to 10⁸ IU/mL and a limit of detection of 15 IU/ml or lower in serum/plasma. Specificity of the assay shall be 100%
7. The test must automate and integrate specimen purification, nucleic acid amplification, and detection of the target sequence in simple or complex specimens using real-time reverse transcriptase PCR (RT-PCR) which uses fluorescence to detect the RNA of interest.
8. The assay performance characteristics must be aligned with limited hands-on time, short run time, random access testing, and uncomplicated operator input to enable rapid, same day evaluation and reporting of HCV status.
9. The type of assay should not require more than general laboratory equipment such as centrifuge, vortex and must be able to be performed in laboratories with limited facilities. No requirements for PCR room settings.
10. A volume of not more than 1000µl (1.0 ml) of plasma or serum should be needed to perform the assay.
11. The HCV VL Assay kit must contain cartridges in packs of not more than 10/pack.
12. The assay kits provided should have an expiry date of not less than 10 months at the time of delivery.
13. The assay must be CE-marked / FDA approved *in vitro* diagnostic (IVD) test.
14. Scheduled, periodic, on- site training on the use of assay to be provided to the laboratory staff.

The committee approved the specifications for Cartridges of CBNAAT HCV RNA Assays and was informed that as on date validated HCV RNA detection by this method is only available from a single vendor.

A. Sofosbuvir 400mg
B. Sofosbuvir +Velpatasvir(FDC 400mg+100mg)
C. Daclatasvir60mg
D. Daclatasvir30mg
E. Ribavirin 200mg

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General specifications

1. Standard Shelf Life: at least 18 months at the place of dispatch to the consignee
2. Primary Container: Suitable, Opaque Plastic Bottle to contain 28---30 tablets. It should be sealed with plastic plug/diaphragm and should contain silicon packs, and should have a tightly fitting suitable screw cap.
3. Label: It should be glazed label in accordance with the statutory requirements as per drug and cosmetic Act. The standard color of the label as approved by Division of Viral hepatitis, NHM should be used. Each label should have clearly marked as "Government of India Supply, Not for sale" on primary packaging. The packaging and labeling requirements must meet the GMP practices
4. Each lot shall be tested in compliance with the pharmacopeia specifications by a designated laboratory before supply.

5. Ribavirin

Technical specifications

1. Each tablet/capsule contains ribavirin 200mg.
2. Number of tablets per container:100 tablets
3. Should be licensed under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules *There under.*
4. The product insert must indicate dosage form (tablet) and the drug content, interactions adverse effect and contraindications. The product should conform to standards of Indian Pharmacopoeia or any other pharmacopeia
5. The label must indicate clearly the manufacturing and the expiry dates, specific storage requirements, batch number and manufacturer's address and other requirements as per Drugs and Cosmetics Act (India) *and Rules Thereunder*

General specifications

1. Standard Shelf Life: at least 18 months at the place of dispatch to the consignee
2. Primary Container: Suitable, Opaque Plastic Bottle to contain 100 tablets. It should be sealed with plastic plug/diaphragm and should contain silicon packs, and should have a tightly fitting suitable screwcap/Box with strips of Ribavirin
3. Label: It should be glazed label in accordance with the statutory requirements as per drug and cosmetic Act. The standard color of the label as approved by Division of Viral hepatitis, NHM should be used. Each label should have clearly marked as "Government of India Supply, Not for sale" on primary packaging. The packaging and labeling requirements must meet the GMP practices
4. Each lot shall be tested in compliance with the pharmacopeia specifications by a designated laboratory before supply.

For Ribavirin, explore the possibility of a pack of 50 tablets and include if available.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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