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Dr Ajoy Kumar Verma works as Specialist Microbiology in the Department of Microbiology, National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease, New Delhi, India, since 2010. He has been actively involved in various modalities of tuberculosis diagnosis used for identification of mycobacterium and susceptibility testing of the specimen collected from the patients' care referral center and also the samples coming from all over Delhi and other states of India under the National Tuberculosis Control Program.

COVID -19 pandemic and onsite visit to most trouble site Mumbai in May 2020. He was involved in activities of observation and recommendation (containment plan of the containment zones, the screening and contact tracing and efforts of healthcare workers involved; enhancement of infection control practices at quarantine centres, preparedness of corona care centres and of CoViD hospitals, including Intensive Care Units and ventilators; infection control practices and biomedical waste management.

His involvement in these activities certainly benefit from the discoveries of his Tb work and will help the community. Suggestions and opinions on this international platform would update our knowledge, which is useful for developing guidelines for the diagnosis of TB and for adopting and practicing diagnosis and treatment policies at the national level.