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ICMR demands clinical trials outcomes

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The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is making it mandatory for all clinical trials to report results back to them, regardless of whether they are published in peer reviewed journals or not.

The Clinical Trials Registry of India (CTRI) is run by ICMR, where investigators have to mandatorily register trials but it is only recently that the council realised that it has no information on trial outcomes.

ICMR stated that a lot of times when the results are negative, especially for trials that are funded by pharmaceutical companies, the data is never made public. According to the new decision, the investigators will have to within a year of completion of a trial come back and inform the registry about the outcome. This will be implemented from April 2018.

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There is no data on what percentage of Indian trials get published but internationally only 50-60% trials make it to the pages of peer reviewed journals.

The number of trials registered with CTRI has risen steadily from 545 in 2009 to 1,327 in 2017. The CTRI has 8,950 trials registered as on June 30, 2017, of which 2,036 have been completed and 28 terminated.