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Post Graduate Thesis	No		
Type of Trial	Interventional		
Type of Study	Drug Preventive Process of Care Changes		
Study Design	Other		
Public Title of Study	Local application of Povidone Iodine solution in nose and oral gargle for house hold contacts of COVID19 cases		
Scientific Title of Study	Povidone Iodine Gargle and Intranasal application: A Quasi-Experimental study to reduce the spread of coronavirus infection in community with Covid-19 positive clusters.		
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	IEC of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Mangalagiri	Approved	30/05/2020	No
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Regulatory Clearance Status from DCGI	Status		Date	
	Not Applicable		No Date Specified	
Health Condition / Problems Studied	Health Type		Condition	
	Healthy Human Volunteers		Primary and Secondary contacts of COVID19 positive patients	
Intervention / Comparator Agent	Type	Name	Details	
	Intervention	Povidone Iodine	2% Povidone Iodine gargle diluted to 1% (w/v) is used as oropharyngeal gargle. 15 ml of diluted 1% (w/v) Povidone Iodine 4 times daily gargle at prescribed time and intranasal application- 4 times daily using 1% (w/v) Povidone Iodine using applicator tip.	



	Comparator Agent	NIL	NIL
Inclusion Criteria	Inclusion Criteria		
	Age From	18.00 Year(s)	
	Age To	75.00 Year(s)	
	Gender	Both	
	Details	1- Household (HH) contacts of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 case(s) (more than or equal to one case per HH) 2- Willing to carry out the procedures four times daily for 7 days if provided with the gargle solution. 3- Resident in the area for the last six months. 4- Persons willing to be part of this protocol and sign informed consent. 	
Exclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria		
	Details	1- Allergy (hypersensitivity) to povidone iodine. 2- Currently have or have ever had a thyroid problem, including swelling. 3- Pregnant women and lactating mothers. 4- Persons who are unable to carry out the intervention due to intellectual disability. 5- Persons who are too ill to participate.	
Method of Generating Random Sequence	Not Applicable		
Method of Concealment	Not Applicable		
Blinding/Masking	Open Label		
Primary Outcome	Outcome	Timepoints	
	The Decrease in the attack rate of Primary and Secondary contacts of COVID19 patients and reduction of the Viral Load (Using cycle threshold values of RT PCR at different timelines)	7th day	
Secondary Outcome	Outcome	Timepoints	
	Early recovery from infection and no relapse of infection.	7th and 21 st day	
Target Sample Size	Total Sample Size=204 Sample Size from India=204 Final Enrollment numbers achieved (Total)=Applicable only for Completed/Terminated trials Final Enrollment numbers achieved (India)=Applicable only for Completed/Terminated trials		
Phase of Trial	N/A		
Date of First Enrollment (India)	30/06/2020		
Date of First Enrollment (Global)	No Date Specified		
Estimated Duration of Trial	Years=0 Months=3 Days=0		
Recruitment Status of Trial (Global)	Not Applicable		
Recruitment Status of Trial (India)	Open to Recruitment		
Publication Details	NIL		
Brief Summary			



The COVID-19 pandemic caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus has spread to 215 countries with 3,525,116 confirmed cases and 243,540 deaths¹. As per the latest update by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the country with 31967 active cases and the state of Andhra Pradesh has 1717 confirmed cases and 36 deaths as of May 5, 2020. A major administrative and public health concern is spread of COVID-19 in slum communities as overcrowding, lack of basic amenities, poor nutrition and ill health pose high risk of transmission and casualties to COVID-19^{2,3}. Moreover, most of the residents are low income groups who venture outside for daily wages or domestic work in peoples' homes thereby further increasing the chances of overall spread⁴. As COVID-19 is transmitted via droplets, fomites and even fecal contamination, context based strategies need to be implemented to prevent spread within and outside vulnerable slum populations^{5,6}. However, preventive measures advocated by the World Health Organization and national nodal bodies, MoHFW and Indian Council of Medical Research such as frequent hand washing, physical/social distancing and home isolation maybe practically impossible in such communities^{7,8}. Additionally, SARS-CoV-2 is more transmissible in households than the earlier SARS-CoV and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV)⁹. Highest risk exposure group are household contacts of COVID-19 cases and attack rate is reported to be higher among household and non-household family contacts than that in health care or other settings¹⁰. Transmission by infected persons even before symptom onset, prolonged viral shedding and overburdened health facilities necessitates early protection of household contacts where COVID-19 cases are present^{11,12}. In this context, Povidone Iodine (PVP-I), a widely used antiseptic in the healthcare setting with virucidal activity has the potential to contain the spread of COVID-19 from cases to household contacts. Rapid virucidal activity of Povidone Iodine (PVP-I) has been reported against Ebola virus (EBOV), the European reference virus (Modified vaccinia virus Ankara; MVA), MERS-CoV, influenza virus A (H1N1) and SARS coronavirus (SARS-CoV)¹³⁻¹⁵. In-vitro studies indicated that PVP-I products for gargling and spraying the throat inactivated the MERS-CoV, H1N1 virus and SARS-CoV in about 15 seconds to 2 minutes indicating the prophylactic role during outbreaks¹⁶. The recommended diagnostic testing for COVID-19 requires collection of nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swab specimens and higher viral load has been found in patient samples obtained from the nasopharynx than that those from the oropharynx^{17,18}. Hence considering the routes of transmission which pose highest risk to close contacts, particularly among household contacts where other preventive measures mentioned earlier are difficult and healthcare staff who collect specimens for COVID-19 testing, PVP-I could serve as a protective barrier against SARS-CoV-2 virus. PVP-I is readily available in the market and intranasal application, oral gargles can be done easily by households and healthcare workers without any demanding procedures. Hence, the present study is aimed to assess the effectiveness of PVP-I in reduction of COVID-19 transmission from cases to household contacts. The study has significant policy level implications for community protection against COVID-19.

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