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Subject: RE: Updates to new variants FMQ - 3pm Tuesday

There are a few issues I'd highlight:

- You suggested revising wording to refer to the "Indian variant" however we don't use this terminology to avoid stigmatisation.

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Subject: RE: update info

Thanks Richard,

Just a thought but given the mix of events this weekend is it worth a slide explicitly suggesting a naming convention for comms use? The 'India variant' risks compounding some risks and 'April02 variant' might therefore be worth trying to establish?

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Subject: RE: IMT on Indian variant

Sorry just getting to this now, can we see a current version, please?

Please do not refer to countries except by way of explanation that it was first detected there -

So not to use the terminology 'the Indian variant'.

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“VOC-21APR-02” VARIANT OF CONCERN – SITUATION IN SCOTLAND

- A subtype of a variant of coronavirus first detected in India was designated a variant of concern on 7 May. This is known as APR-02 or B.1.617.2.

Comment: “Rejected changes to “Indian” variant.

This is because we don’t use “Indian” variant language to move to common nomenclature. We’re concerned that use of this language stigmatises.”

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Key Updates

2. [redacted] on Variants

[redacted] explained how variants were identified and who flagged them or designated them. We were asked not to refer to the commonly called 'Indian Variant' but rather the 'April 02 Variant'. Advised this has been identified as 'of concern' because its transmission has a higher secondary attack rate.

[redacted] 27 May 2021.