

Re: Byline offer: international cooperation will help mitigate the spread of COVID-19

Hi XX,

With concerns increasing about the spread of the Delta and other variants around the world, I wanted to gauge your interest in a contributed article from Dr. Hamdi Mbarek [<https://www.qf.org.qa/about/profile/dr-hamdi-mbarek>], research partnerships manager at Qatar Genome Program, which is one of Qatar Foundation's Education City partner institutions.

Based on his research, Dr. Hamdi Mbarek would discuss the importance of international cooperation and collaboration in the global effort to curtail the spread of COVID-19, highlight the following:

- How researchers from Qatar Foundation's Qatar Genome Program and 24 other countries have collaborated on an important [study\[https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-03767-x\]](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-03767-x), which identifies genetic markers for COVID-19 risks, and offers implications for potential targeted therapies and drug repurposing to treat new infections and cases of COVID-19 long haulers
- What makes for successful international collaboration
- How data about different global populations helps guide our understanding about the potential for mRNA vaccines and how different groups are responding to the virus and its variants

I'd be happy to share additional information or a full draft of the piece if this is of interest.

Best,
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