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re: International MS Differential Diagnosis Consortium participant invitation

Dear Dr. Diaz de Bedoya:

ACTRIMS has initiated a collaborative effort to update recommendations for clinical approaches to the differential diagnosis of MS.

In addition to updating the 2008 paper "Differential diagnosis of suspected multiple sclerosis: a consensus approach" by Miller et al, we have planned three working groups to produce important companion papers focused on approaches to MS differential diagnosis in specific populations

On behalf of the steering committee of the International MS Differential Diagnosis Consortium, we would like to invite you to participate in a working group to produce a paper for the topic tentatively titled: Differential Diagnosis Considerations in Non-Western Geographic Regions. The working group will be Co-Chaired by Drs. Jorge Correale and Dr. Kazou Fujihara.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you would like to participate in this project.

Sincerely,

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