

## C-CAMP AMR Quest 2020 picks winning startups

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The C-CAMP AMR Quest 2020, launched by Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms - C-CAMP as part of the CARB-X Global Accelerator Network (GAN) has identified four winning startups / innovators as winners at the Grand Finale held recently.

Another four found special mention by the Grand Jury. The rewards for the winners include a 3-month C-CAMP AMR Accelerator Programme and an all-expenses paid participation in any one of 4 major AMR international Conferences/Programs in France, UK, Netherlands and Germany.

The Anti-microbial resistance or AMR Quest 2020 that was launched on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, aims to identify, reward and nurture exceptional innovative ideas and solutions in the AMR domain that can potentially cut across geographies in tackling superbugs and superbug-related infections.

The winners of the first C-CAMP AMR Quest 2020 are Dr Shridhar Narayanan, FNDR Labs, for novel, small-molecule antibiotics, Tanay Bhatt, an academician from DBT Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine for a nextgen antimicrobial class of peptides, Dr Dhananjay Dendukuri, Achira Labs for a rapid molecular diagnostic platform for UTI-related infections and Dr Chirag Pandya, Ampligene for a real-time AMR test panel.

The 4 special jury recommendations are Dr R. Chidambaram from MKV Organics, for an antibacterial fabric using Ganoderma Lucidum, a traditionally known medicinal fungus, Dr Vasudha B from Aristogene, for bacteriophage treatment for infections in poultry, Dr Dipti Sareen, Panjab University, for two-component lantibiotics, and Dr Sarath Nair, SRM Institutes, for a one-step nucleic acid based pathogen detection.