

# FAX TRANSMISSION

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**PAGES:** 1                              **RE:** Strain differentiation results

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting two bovine epithelium samples from Choueifat Village, Lebanon, collected on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2003 and received by us on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003, for FMD diagnosis. We have now completed the serotyping investigation with the results listed below. Please confirm the strain of serotype O vaccine that was used, so that we can include this in our antigenic comparisons.

Your Reference	WRL Reference	Description of Sample	Submission Comments	Serotyping Result by ELISA	Remarks
-	LEB 1/2003	Bovine Epithelium	Vaccinated On 02/03/2003	O	Direct antigen ELISA negative but positive after passage in both BTY* and IB-RS-2** cells.
-	LEB 2/2003	Bovine Epithelium	Vaccinated On 02/03/2003	O	Direct antigen ELISA negative but positive after passage in both BTY* and IB-RS-2** cells.

BTY\*            Primary bovine thyroid cells  
IB-RS-2\*\*     Continuous pig kidney cell line

Yours sincerely

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