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## FAX TRANSMISSION

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TO:		FROM:	
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Dear

Strain differentiation results for Iran type A FMD virus isolates received in batches of samples on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

The following  $r_1$  values were obtained by VNT testing at the FAO World Reference Laboratory for FMD.

Yours sincerely

Head: World Reference Laboratory for FMD

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	r1 Values by neutralisation test against vaccine strains below		
WRL Ref Number	A22	A Irn 96	
A IRN 54/06	0.49	0.21	
A IRN 57/06	0.20	0.15	

In the case of neutralisation:

 $r_1 = \ge 0.3$ . Suggests that there is a close relationship between field isolate and vaccine strain. A potent vaccine containing the vaccine strain is likely to confer protection.

 $r_1 = < 0.3$ . Suggests that the field isolate is so different from the vaccine strain that the vaccine is unlikely to protect.