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## **FAX TRANSMISSION**

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TO: FROM: FAX NO: PAGES: 2 RE: Strain differentiation results

Strain differentiation results for serotype SAT2 FMD virus isolates received from Botswana.

The following  $r_1$  values were recently obtained by VNT at the WRL.

r <sub>1</sub> Values by VNT					
	SAT2 Zim 7/83				
SAT2 Bot 6/08	Virus did not grow				
SAT2 Bot 7/08	Virus did not grow				
SAT2 Bot 11/08	0.15				

Yours sincerely

Head:	World Reference Laboratory for FMD
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## 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.