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RE: Strain differentiation results

Dear [REDACTED]

Strain differentiation result for serotype SAT2 FMD virus isolate received from Namibia.

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

r_1 Values by VNT	
	SAT2 Eritrea
Sat2 NMB 1/08	0.16

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Head: Epidemiology Division

Cc: [REDACTED]

In the case of neutralisation:

$r_1 = \geq 0.3$. 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.