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Dear

Strain differential results for type A FMD virus isolates received on 25th June 2008 from Turkey.

The following r₁ values were recently obtained by virus neutralization test at the FAO World Reference Laboratory for FMD.

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WRL Ref Number	r ₁ Values by neutralisation test against vaccine strains below									
	A22 Irq	A Eritrea	A Ind 17/82	A Irn 87	A Irn 96	A Irn 99	A Irn 01	A May 97	A Sau 95	A Tur 4/06
A TUR 1/2008	0.18	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested
A TUR 6/2008	Not tested	0.12	0.28	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	>0.83
A TUR 7/2008	0.11	0.12	0.23	0.17	0.07	0.14	0.10	0.18	0.10	>0.97
A TUR 8/2008	Not tested	0.19	0.36	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	>1.0
A TUR 11/2008	0.17	0.19	0.25	0.34	0.12	0.16	0.08	0.21	0.14	0.91
A TUR 28/2008	0.19	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested
A TUR 32/2008	< 0.16	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested
A TUR 33/2008	0.19	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested

Interpretation of r₁ values

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.

Yours sincerely

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