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Philippa Harris
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Dear Dr. Harris,

Response to the request for clarification of ethics approval status for the current study

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This is in reference to your email dated 20\textsuperscript{th} December 2012 requesting for clarification of ethical approval to use the sera samples presented in our submitted manuscript.

Attached is a scanned copy of the original ethical approval letter granted to Prof. S.D. Puthucheary, a co-author of the current study. The majority of the sera samples used in the current study were collected when Prof. S.D. Puthucheary initiated the project in 2002, which was approved by the medical ethics committee, University Malaya Medical Centre, Malaysia. As stated in the attached letter, consent was obtained from patients who donated the sera for the project and includes future projects on melioidosis.

We hope that the provision of evidence of the ethics approval granted to collect and use the sera samples described in our submission is satisfactory and the editorial board will proceed with the peer review process for this manuscript.

Yours sincerely

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