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BMC Infectious Diseases Editors,

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the status of the MRSA isolates used in the submitted manuscript titled: “Rapid and robust phylotyping of spa t003, a dominant MRSA clone in Luxembourg and other European countries” (#2139535009892165). The first paragraph of the Methods Sections of the revised manuscript addresses the status of isolates from each collection. No isolates were collected for the purpose of the study, and all were collected as part of standard of care or collected under a separated approved study. No patient identifiers were linked to any isolates, all isolates were stored as bacterial isolates and no human subjects were involved in the research. I hope this revised information clarifies the nature of the isolates to your satisfaction.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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