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Thank you for your e-mail of 24th April 2008 concerning the above manuscript.

In response to your questions:
1. I am afraid we don’t have any trial registration number for this work.
2. Written consent was obtained for this study and this has been included in the paper under Study population, page 7 last paragraph
3. The novel alleles and STs have been reviewed by the MLST curator and the new STs are now incorporated into the manuscript, tables and figures

I attached the revised manuscript, the tables and figures. Please let me know if you need anything else. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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