In reply to your email September 12th:

1. In the incubation experiments performed commercially available donor plasma and A erythrocytes were used. We also used the Serratia strain that was initially cultured in our patients' blood. This microbiological sample is exempt from the requirement of approval as applicable to human specimens according to the Medical Ethics Committee in the Erasmus Medical Center.

2. I have included the title page in the revised manuscript.

3. I have included the abstract in the revised manuscript.