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Response: The demographic data used in this study were obtained from medical records of the hospital and clinic. The clinical specimens were received for routine diagnostic process and do not require ethical approval since the process is for the management of patients as indicated by National guidelines. Permission to conduct the study was obtained from the participating hospital and private clinic.

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