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The following section has been re-worded to make clear that ethics approval was not required and that the opinion of the local ethics committee was sought:

Ethics approval and consent to participate

Ethics approval and consent to participate were not required for this study as clarified by the Newcastle and North Tyneside Research Ethics Committee on condition that no additional samples were taken from patients for the purposes of this study. Culture results obtained from RGM medium were not used to inform treatment decisions.