

From: "Ravin Hettiarachchi (NSW Health Pathology)"

Date: Tuesday, 5 April 2022 at 2:36 pm

To: "Daley, Denise" , Geoff Coombs

Cc: "Robert Stevens (NSW Health Pathology)" , Shakeel Mowlaboccus Subject:

RE: Staphylococcus aureus isolates Hi Denise,

Thank you once again for sending these isolates. Can we please get the genotypic information for each of these isolates (the PSSA and MRSA ones)? We are looking to validate an assay focussing on the presence/absence of the blaZ gene.

Kind regards,

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3 Mar 2022 at 06:14,

Ravin Hettiarachchi (NSW Health Pathology) wrote:

Dear Professor Coombs,

My name is Ravin Hettiarachchi, the microbiology registrar at St George Hospital. I am currently in the planning stages of my Major Project (RCPA) under the supervision of Dr Robert Stevens and was hoping to do some work on developing an assay for the detection of blaZ in clinical isolates of Staphylococcus aureus.

We have read the work by Pereira, et al. (2014) and saw you were acknowledged with providing well-characterised isolates for their study.

Would you be able to assist us in getting access to some isolates with and without the presence of the blaZ gene to help with our study?

Kind Regards, Dr Ravin Hettiarachchi Microbiology Registrar – St George Hospital