Reply to Korch

We thank Dr Korch for the clarification [1]. Although Dr Arnon consulted US government representatives, who encouraged him to submit the results of his studies [2, 3], the editors of The Journal of Infectious Diseases reviewed the submitted manuscripts, sent them for extensive peer review, and agreed to publish them with genetic sequence information.
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