



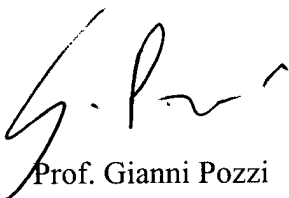
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

On the 1st of October 2003, the University Hospital of Siena, the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, and the Local Ethical Committee gave the authorisation to the Laboratory of Molecular Microbiology and Biotechnology (LA.M.M.B.) to perform *in vivo* experiments based on the use of animal models of infection by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (Prot. no 754/03, 12.9.03). The use of experimental murine models of pneumococcal pneumonia, sepsis and meningitis in mice was thereby approved. The authorisation allows the use of 600 mice and it is valid until the 30th of September 2006 (36 months).

Sincerely yours,



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