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In my report this morning, we advised that there was only one case of nurse ([redacted] EE) related to the case of [redacted] BB. We have searched our record again and reaffirm that this is the situation.

[redacted] was not a case of SCAP. Our record revealed that Union Hospital did report verbally to NTERO on 1 March that she was admitted to PWH because she was suffering from gastrointestinal tract symptoms. She was also reported to have been discharged uneventfully on the same day. Subsequently, NTERO was verbally advised by Union Hospital that [redacted] was admitted to PMH for the same symptoms. This information is collaborated by the Discharge Summary from Princess Margaret Hospital which your good office sent me this afternoon.

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Herewith the report Brief of SARS cases(UnionHosp).c from NTERO. Our NTWRO is checking its record on [redacted] UNH Nurse Z

I understand that the concern of the Expert Committee is whether the Union Hospital Case of [redacted] BB is the source of infection for Hong Kong. We submit that it is not because -

- [redacted] AA's onset date was 15.2.2003 while [redacted] BB's onset date was 16.2.2003.
- The gene sequence of [redacted] was said to be different frm that in the isolates from the major outbreak at PWH - bull point 10 of Union Hospital's letter dated 15 August refers.

BB

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