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Serologic Evidence of Exposure to *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, Nigeria

Appendix

Serologic *B. pseudomallei* protein microarray protocol

Testing of the sera with the *B. pseudomallei* protein microarray (fzmb GmbH, <https://www.inter-array.com/>) was carried out according to the manufacturer's instructions using a thermoshaker and the buffers mentioned below. In short, arrays were washed twice with array buffer (150 µl, 5 min, 400 rpm, 37°C), blocked with blocking buffer (100 µl, 5 min, 300 rpm, 37°C) and incubated with serum diluted 1:2,000 in array buffer (100 µl, 30 min, 300 rpm, 37°C). Subsequently, microarrays were washed once with array buffer (150 µl, 5 min, 400 rpm, 37°C), incubated with horseradish peroxidase-conjugated anti-human IgG antibody (Sigma-Aldrich, <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com>) diluted 1:667 in array buffer (100 µl, 30 min, 300 rpm, 37°C), washed twice in array buffer (150 µl, 4 min, 400 rpm, 37°C) and incubated with substrate (100 µl, 10 min, no shaking, room temperature) (Seramun Diagnostica GmbH, <https://www.seramun.com>). The array buffer consists of 1× phosphate-buffered saline, 0.05% Tween 20 and 0.25% Triton. Blocking buffer consists of 2% milk powder (Carl Roth, <https://www.carlroth.com>) dissolved in array buffer.