



Diagnostiques alternatifs de la borréliose de Lyme (actualités)

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Interactions

Diagnostics alternatifs

Diagnostic indirect

- IFN- γ / IL-1 β /TTL
- Biomarqueurs (CXCL-13)
- Immuno-PCR
- IFN- α
- CD57
- Tests immunochromatographiques
- Spectroscopie Raman

Diagnostic direct

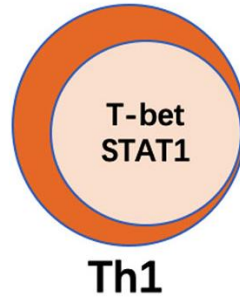
- Microscopie
- Phelix-Phage
- Xenodiagnostic
- OspA

Réponse Immunitaire cellulaire

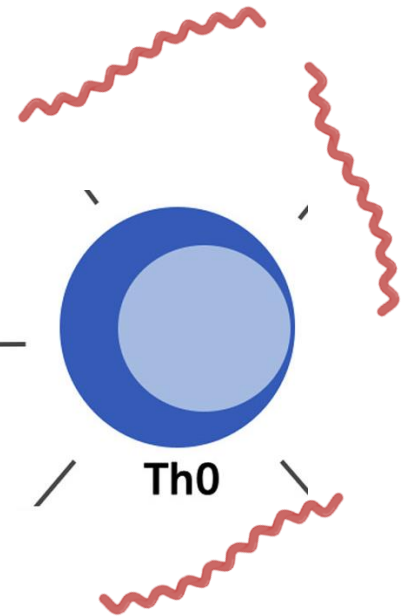
Interferon- γ

ELISpot

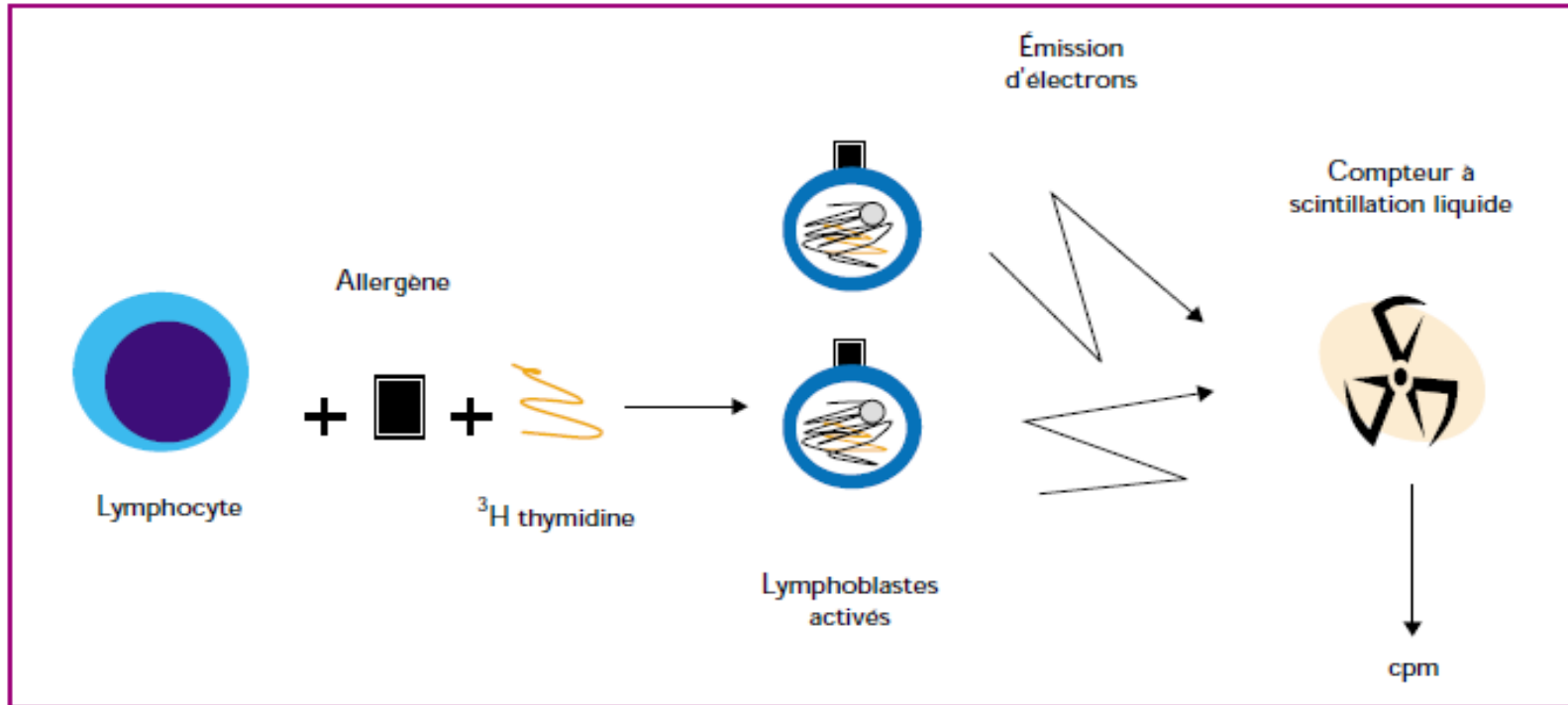
IFN- γ
TNF- α



IL-12
IFN- γ



Tests de transformation lymphocytaire



Résultats exprimés en « stimulation index » (+ si $SI > 10$)

Diagnostic parameters of cellular tests for Lyme borreliosis in Europe (VICTORY study): a case-control study

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Etude prospective cas-témoin

- Spirofind (IL1- β)
- iSpot Lyme (INF- γ)
- LTT-MELISA (TTL)
- STTT (comparateur)

| | Sensitivity at baseline (all patients with Lyme borreliosis) | | Specificity at baseline (participants without Lyme borreliosis [healthy controls]) | |
|--|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| | True positive, n; N | Sensitivity (95% CI), % | True negative, n; N | Specificity (95% CI), % |
| Spirofind (per-protocol) | 88; 204 | 43.1% (36.4–50.4) | 140; 171 | 81.9% (76.1–87.2) |
| Spirofind (all samples) | 116; 260 | 44.6% (38.7–50.6) | 174; 216 | 80.6% (75.3–85.5) |
| iSpot Lyme (primary) | 51; 94 | 54.3% (44.5–63.7) | 32; 103 | 31.1% (21.5–40.3) |
| iSpot Lyme (alternate) | 11; 94 | 11.7% (5.5–18.6) | 79; 103 | 76.7% (67.3–84.5) |
| LTT-MELISA (primary) | 66; 218 | 30.3% (23.8–36.7) | 100; 190 | 52.6% (44.9–60.3) |
| LTT-MELISA (alternate) | 42; 218 | 19.3% (14.1–25.0) | 130; 190 | 68.4% (61.2–75.0) |
| C6-ELISA (primary) | 135; 270 | 50.0% (44.5–55.5) | 212; 228 | 93.0% (89.2–96.4) |
| C6-ELISA (alternate) | 126; 270 | 46.7% (41.1–52.3) | 214; 228 | 93.9% (90.5–97.1) |
| Standard two-tier testing (STTT C6-ELISA and immunoblot) | 76; 270 | 28.1% (23.0–33.6) | 216; 228 | 94.7% (91.5–97.7) |

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| | 2030 | 7970 | |

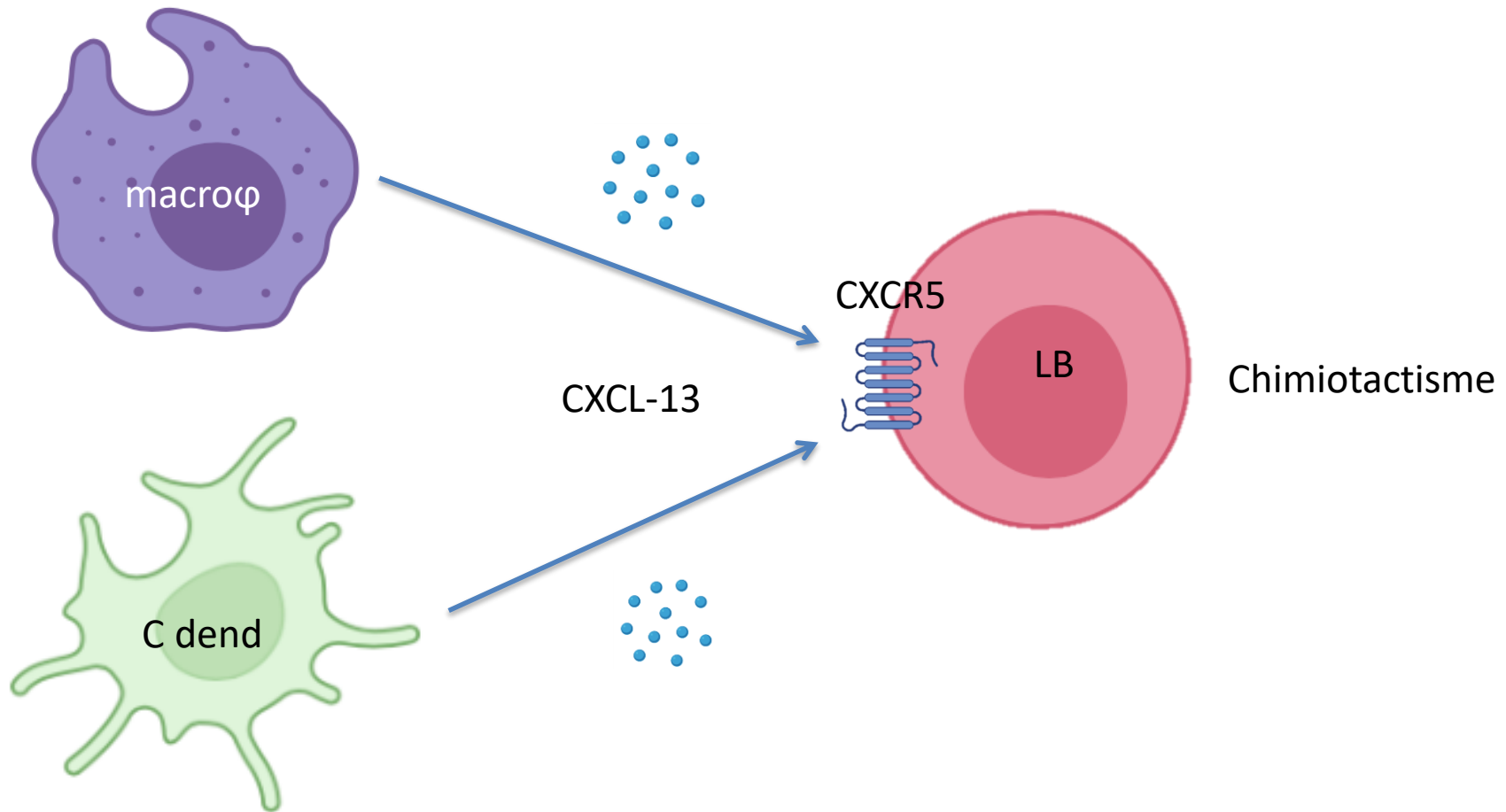
The Initial QuantiFERON-Lyme Prototype is Unsuitable for European Patients

Our findings strongly suggest that the initial QuantiFERON-Lyme prototype is not suitable for use in Europe. These findings may be explained by less cross-reactivity than was presupposed by Callister and colleagues between the B31 strain of *Borrelia burgdorferi* sensu stricto, from which the antigens were derived, and genospecies generally causative of LD in Europe, such as *Borrelia afzelii* and *Borrelia garinii* [1, 4]. Alternatively, these

Biomarqueurs (CXCL-13)

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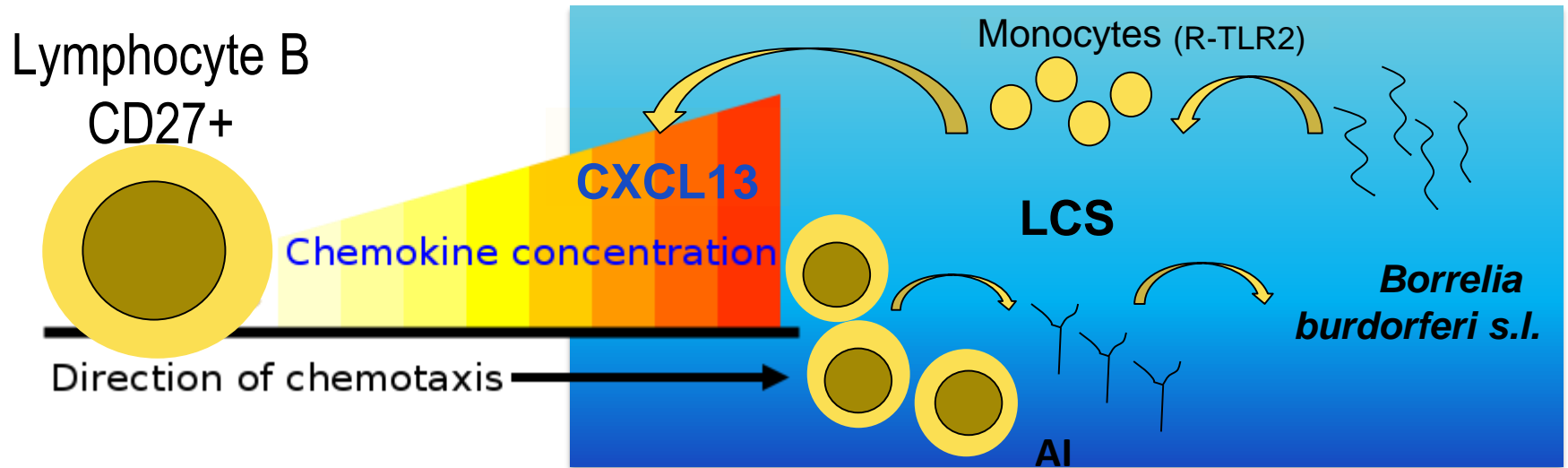
C-X-C motif chemokine ligand 13



Cerar *et al.* Clin Vaccine Immunol 2013

Wagner *et al.* J Neurol 2017

CXCL-13 intrathécal

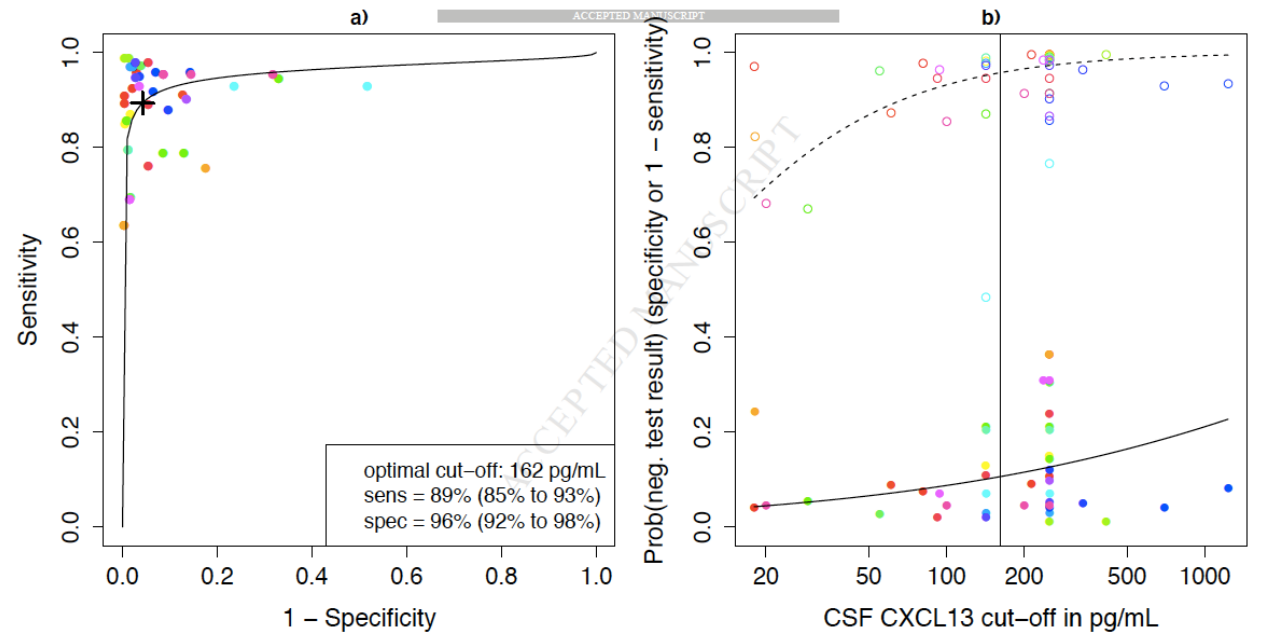


Lymphopléiocyte

CXCL-13 intrathécal

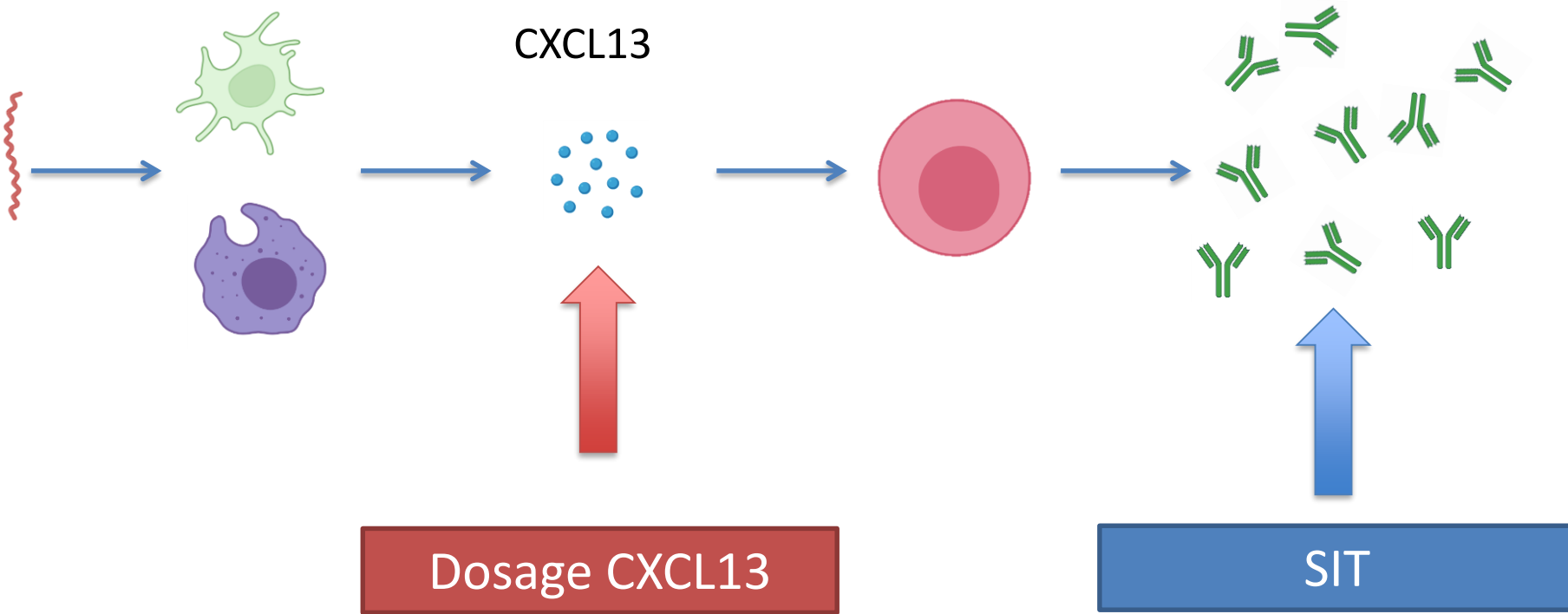
Bonne performance diagnostique

- Se : 85-93%
- Sp : 92-98%



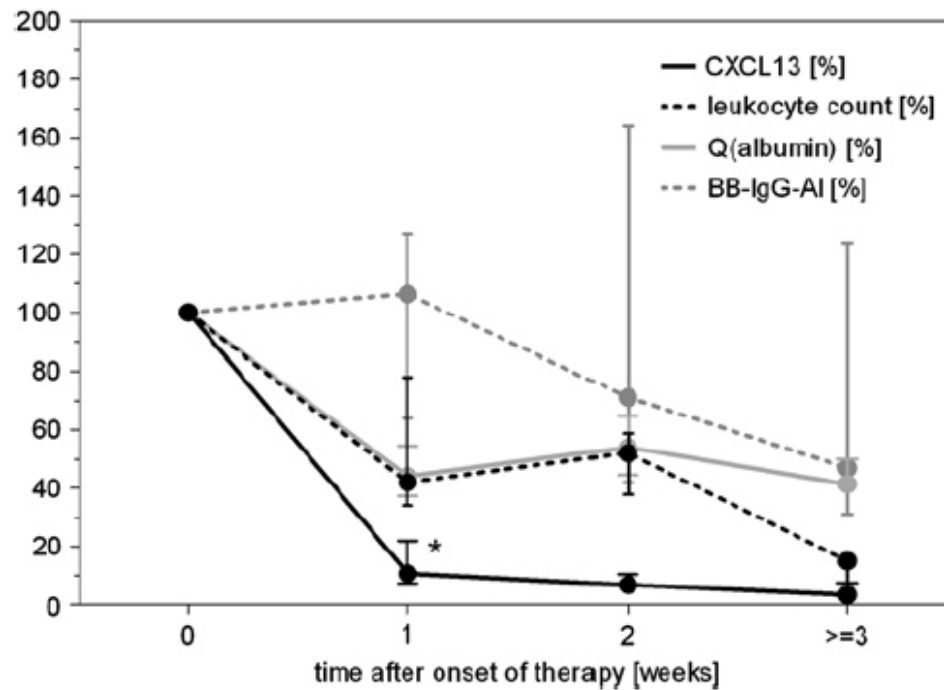
CXCL-13 intrathécal

Diagnostic précoce, avant positivité de la SIT



CXCL-13 intrathécal

Marqueur de l'efficacité du traitement



28 patients NB

CXCL-13 intrathécal

Utilisable chez l'enfant

Remy *et al.* J Neuroinflam 2017

Skogman *et al.* Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis 2017

Van Burgel *et al.* J Clin Microbio 2011

Knudtzen *et al.* Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis 2020

Sillanpää *et al.* Scand J Infect Dis 2013

Autres étiologies d'élévation du CXCL13

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absence de seuil universel

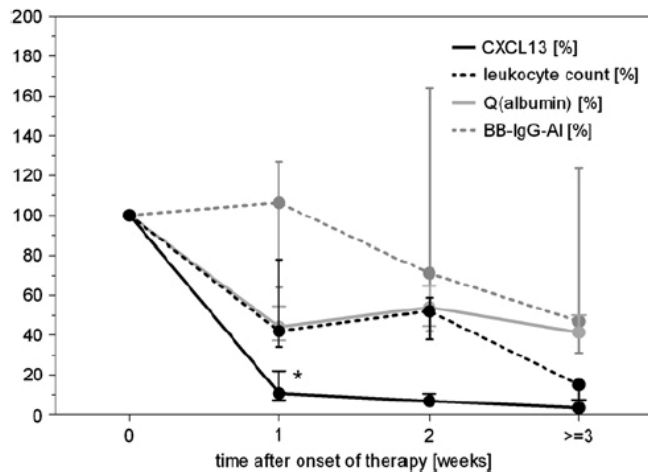
Seuil des études dépend :

- Kit utilisé
- Population (enfant/adulte)
- groupes de patients utilisés comme témoins pos et neg

Seuil utilisable actuellement : 162 pg/mL (Se 89%; Sp 96%) ou 91 pg/mL (Se 96%; Sp 94%)

CXCL-13 intrathécal

Utilisable uniquement en absence
d'antibiothérapie préalable



Chute de sensibilité **de plus de 20%** si
antibiothérapie préalable

CXCL-13 intrathécal

Et la NBL tardive ?

Les taux de CXCL13 auraient tendance à se normaliser avec le temps

=> Place inconnue

=> Intérêt pour différencier infections actives/passées ?

Microscopie

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Research Article

A simple method for the detection of live *Borrelia* spirochaetes in human blood using classical microscopy techniques

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ABSTRACT

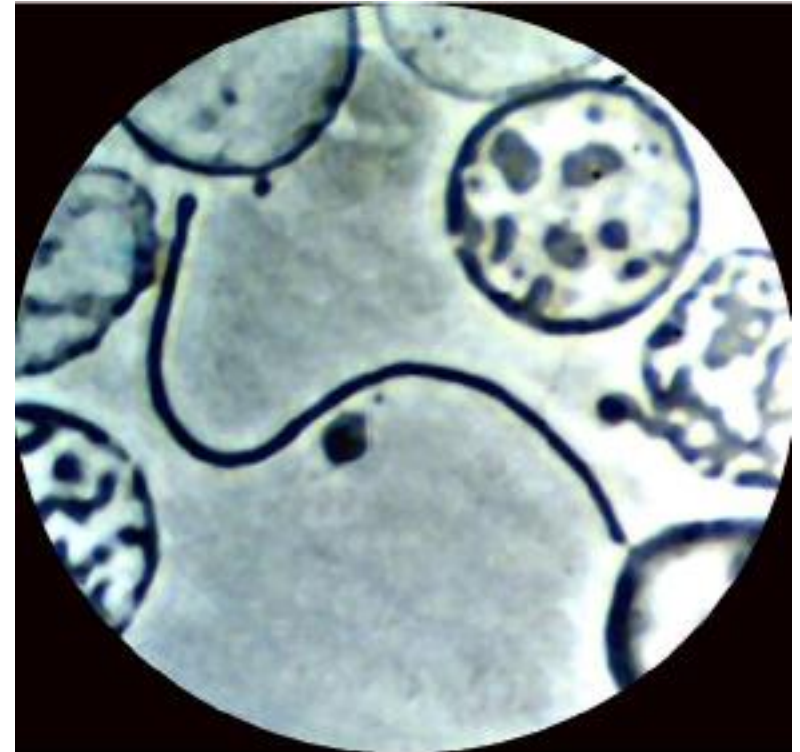
We have developed a simple method for the detection of live spirochaete stages in blood of patients where chronic borreliosis is suspected. Classic techniques involving phase-contrast and fluorescence microscopy are used. The method is also quite sensitive for detecting other bacteria, protists, fungi and other organisms present in blood samples. It is also useful for monitoring the effects of various antibiotics during treatment. We also present a simple hypothesis for explaining the confusion generated through the interpretation of possible stages of *Borrelia* seen in human blood. We hypothesize that these various stages in the blood stream are derived from secondarily infected tissues and biofilms in the body with low oxygen concentrations. Motile stages transform rapidly into cysts or sometimes penetrate other blood cells including red blood cells (RBCs). The latter are ideal hiding places for less motile stages that take advantage of the host's RBCs' blebbing-system. Less motile, morphologically different stages may be passively ejected in the blood plasma from the blebbing RBCs, more or less coated with the host's membrane proteins which prevent detection by immunological methods.

Keywords: spirochaetes; Lyme disease; *Borrelia*; borreliosis; microscopical detection method; human blood

Introduction

Since the discovery of *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the Lyme disease spirochaete, borreliology has evolved from a microbiological curiosity to a major branch of bacterial pathogenesis research. Lyme disease is a global health problem; indeed few infectious diseases have garnered more sustained attention from the scientific and, notably, the lay media [1]. *Borrelia*-related diseases are a major challenge in medical research in many countries of the world, and we refer to comprehensive sources for the history and characteristics of this dangerous disease [2]. The disease is of great relevance today, and will be even more important tomorrow [3].

The most serious challenges are connected to diagnosis. The relatively large *Borrelia*, i.e. *B. burgdorferi*, is in general not readily detectable in blood smears of varying thickness from Lyme disease patients and suspected host animals. Yet blood engorgement from infected host result in up to 100% infected ticks [4].



Borrelia spirochaete attached to RBC
Structure from inflated RBC are probably
infection sites

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Validate or falsify: Lessons learned from a microscopy method claimed to be useful for detecting *Borrelia* and *Babesia* organisms in human blood

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ABSTRACT

Background A modified microscopy protocol (the LM-method) was used to demonstrate what was interpreted as *Borrelia* spirochetes and later also *Babesia* sp., in peripheral blood from patients. The method gained much publicity, but was not validated prior to publication, which became the purpose of the study using appropriate scientific methodology, including a control group. **Methods** Blood from 21 patients previously interpreted as positive for *Borrelia* and/or *Babesia* infection by the LM-method and 41 healthy controls without known history of tick bite were collected, blinded and analysed for these pathogens by microscopy in two laboratories by the LM-method and conventional method, respectively, by PCR methods in five laboratories and by serology in one laboratory. **Results** Microscopy by the LM-method identified structures claimed to be *Borrelia* and/or *Babesia* in 66% of the blood samples of the patient group and in 89% in the healthy control group. Microscopy by the conventional method for *Babesia* only did not identify *Babesia* in any samples. PCR analysis detected *Borrelia* DNA in one sample of the patient group and in eight samples of the control group whereas *Babesia* DNA was not detected in any of the blood samples using molecular methods. **Conclusions** The structures interpreted as *Borrelia* and *Babesia* by the LM-method could not be verified by PCR. The method was, thus, falsified. This study underlines the importance of doing proper test validation before new or modified assays are introduced.

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Introduction

The diagnosis of various infections following tick bite may be challenging [1–3]. Lyme borreliosis (LB), also called Lyme disease, is caused by infection with the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* sensu lato and remains the most prevalent tick-borne infection in Europe and Northern America. This bacterium has a very complex genome and may change phenotypic expression and biological function depending on natural environments (reviewed by Samuels and Radek [4]) and may reveal different morphological variants, at least *in vitro*, although their role in LB could not be confirmed [5].

Borrelia miyamotoi is another *Borrelia* sp. related to the relapsing fever *Borrelia* group and has recently been found in ticks in Norway [6]. Although fever seems to be a common clinical manifestation of *B. miyamotoi* infection, other non-specific symptoms may be present and, unlike *B. burgdorferi* s.l., *B. miyamotoi* is detected in blood of infected patients by PCR or by microscopy [7, 8].

Direct identification of the *B. burgdorferi* s.l. in blood by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) has relatively low diagnostic

sensitivity, assumedly due to the low number of spirochetes in blood and temporary bacteremic phase [2, 9] whereas PCR on biopsy material or synovial fluid are more suitable for the detection of *Borrelia* spp. in specific disease manifestations. Accordingly, cultivation of *B. burgdorferi* s.l. from blood specimens has low sensitivity and, when present, they require special growth media and long incubation periods before they can be detected by microscopy. Hence, indirect detection methods such as identification of *Borrelia*-specific antibodies in serum or cerebrospinal fluid by ELISA or immune blot remain the most used methods in clinical diagnosis [2]. The sensitivity of the serological methods has been improved and the detection rate for disseminated early disease is 70–90% and for late disease (6–8 weeks after onset of symptoms) nearly 100% [10–12]. However, the interpretation of positive samples is hampered by a high seroprevalence of antibodies against *Borrelia* spp. in the general population, particularly in endemic areas [13–15].

Babesiosis is another tick-borne disease that may affect humans, particular immunocompromised individuals [4, 17]. Studies from Norway indicate, however, that human

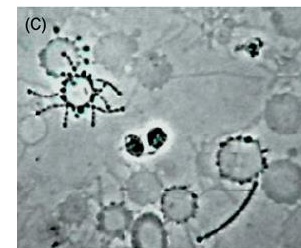
Table 2. Proportion (%) of subjects positive for *Borrelia* and *Babesia* like structures (95% CI) by microscopy; Lab. 1 using the LM-method and Lab. 2 using conventional protocol of the patient group ($n = 21$) and the control group ($n = 41$).

| | Lab. 1 (LM-method) | | Lab. 2 (Conventional method) | |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| | Patient group | Control group | Patient group | Control group |
| <i>Borrelia</i> | 52 (30–74) | 61 (45–76) | nd* | nd |
| <i>Babesia</i> | 57 (34–78) | 85 (71–94) | 0 | 0 |
| Double infection | 43 (22–66) | 59 (42–74) | na* | na |

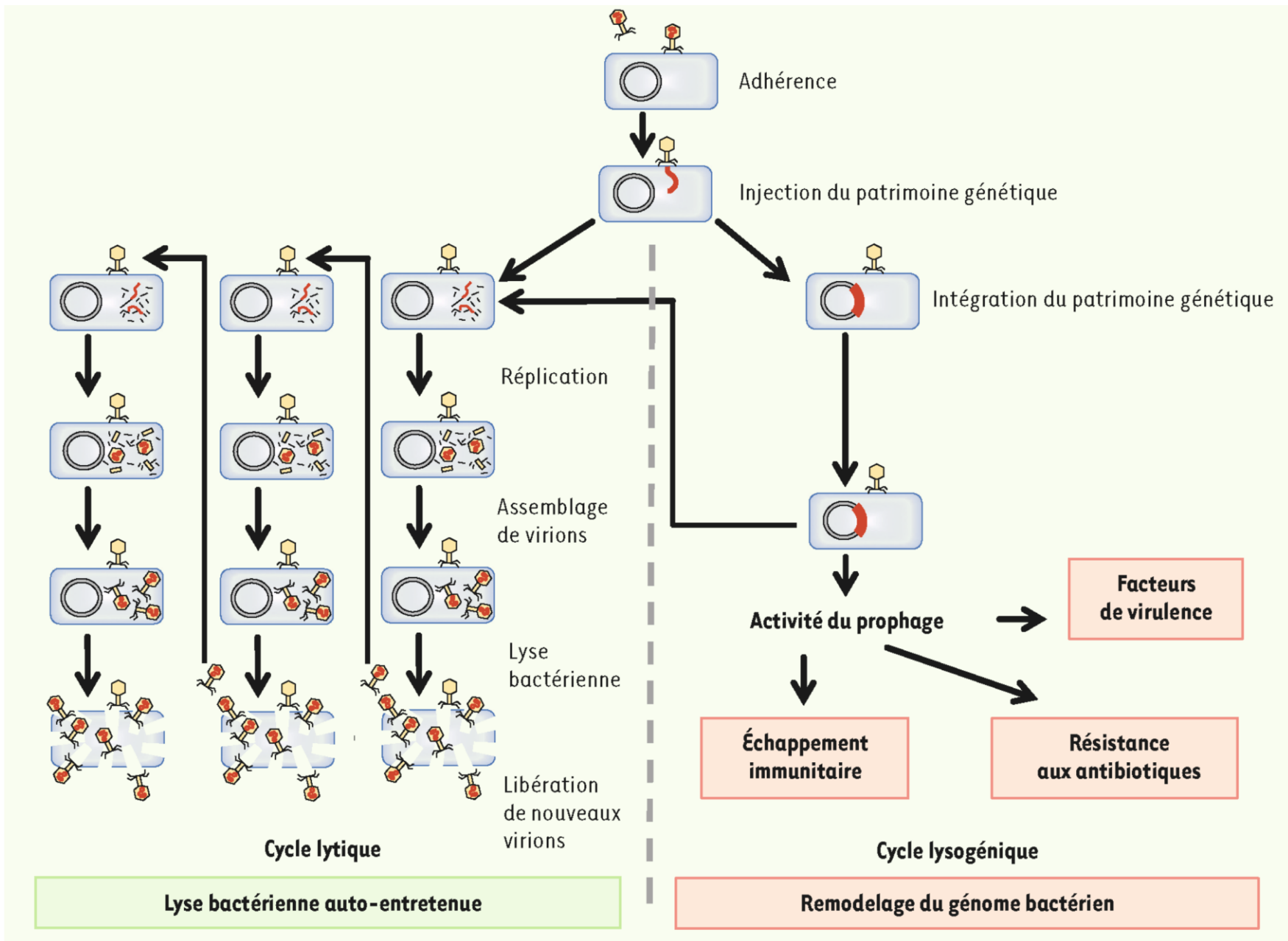
nd, not done at this Lab; na, not applicable.

Nombre de positifs :
groupe « contrôle » >> groupe « patient »

Aucun positif chez les témoins positifs !



Phelix-Phage





- Multiples plasmides
- Certains prophages
- Recherche par qPCR

Targeting Multicopy Prophage Genes for the Increased Detection of *Borrelia burgdorferi* Sensu Lato (s.l.), the Causative Agents of Lyme Disease, in Blood

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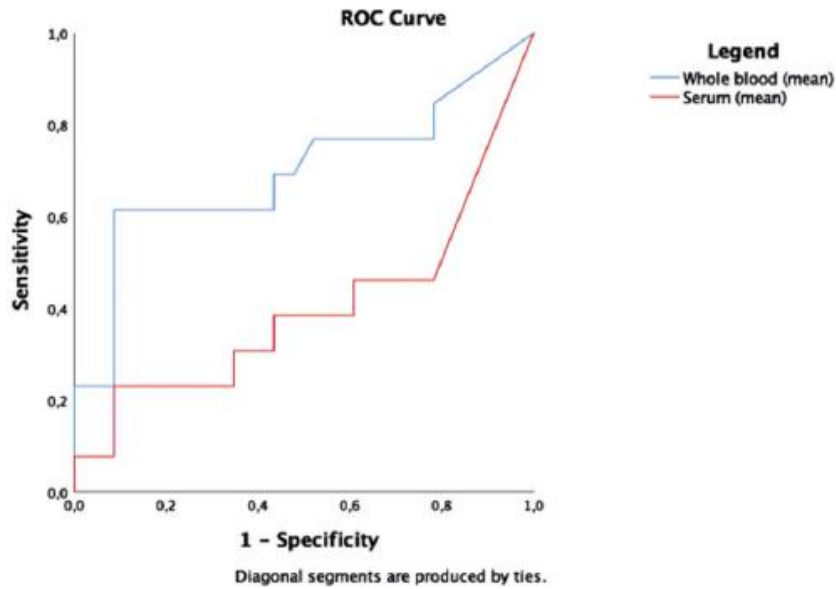
Opinion: Methodological Shortcomings in the Study on a Prophage-based PCR Test for Lyme Borreliosis

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- Usage d'une souche (Bbss B31) qui possède 13 copies du gène recherché
- Patients diagnostiqués par un seul médecin (Critères ?)
- Sur les 23 VS, 21 ont un signal positif
- Soucis statistiques (gonflement artificiel de l'effectif)

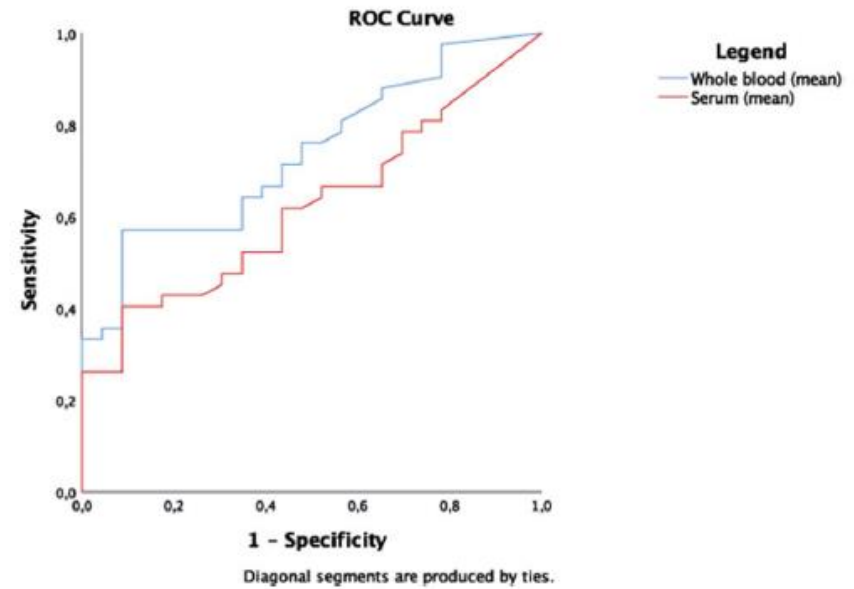
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Healthy volunteers vs. early LB



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Healthy volunteers vs. late LB



Au mieux, pour une spécificité de 90% :

- Se 62% early LB
- Se 57% late LB



That's all Folks

Spectroscopie Raman


TABLE 1 Vibrational band assignments for Raman spectra of mouse blood

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Exploring
detectionCharles Farber
Artem S. Rog

| Band (cm^{-1}) | Assignment |
|------------------------------|---|
| 562 | Fe-O ₂ stretch (heme) ⁵⁹ |
| 676 | Pyrrole symmetric bending (Heme) ⁵⁹ |
| 719 | C-C-O related to glycosidic ring skeletal deformations ⁶⁰ |
| 752 | Protein, ⁶¹ Heme ring breathing ⁵⁹ |
| 962 | Associated with alpha CH of porphyrin ring ⁶² |
| 1002 | Phenylalanine ring breathing ³⁹ , CH ₃ in-plane rocking of polyenes ³⁹ |
| 1126 | C-C stretching ³⁹ |
| 1172 | Trp, Phe ⁶¹ |
| 1226 | CH Bending (Heme) ⁵⁹ |
| 1249 | <i>meso</i> CH of porphyrin ring ⁶² |
| 1275 | Lipids, Amide III ⁶¹ |
| 1308 | <i>meso</i> CH of porphyrin ring ⁶² |
| 1340 | Trp, Adenine, Lipids ⁶¹ |
| 1376 | Pyrrole ring ⁶³ |
| 1447 | CH ₂ ³⁹ |
| 1462 | CH ₂ , CH ₃ ⁶⁴ |
| 1516 | C=C ³⁹ |

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FULL ARTICLE

Exploring a possibility of using Raman spectroscopy for detection of Lyme disease

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- Analyse en PLS-DA
- Aucune bande significative
- Bandes « discriminantes »: cycle de l'hème et alcène
- Calcul de probabilité de précision sans intervalle de confiance
- Quid des autres situations cliniques ?

Testing Raman spectroscopy as a diagnostic approach for Lyme disease patients

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