## Modified TPPA Combined with Western Blotting Facilitates Syphilis Diagnosis in Isolated Reactive Treponemal Chemiluminescence Immunoassay Sera: A Prospective Cohort Study

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## Supplemental Table S1. Clinical and serological characteristics of individuals with discordant TPPA (titer, 1:80) and WB results

Sample No.	Gender	Age	CIA S/CO	TPPA (titer, 1:80)	WB	RPR	Modified TPPA (titer, 1:20)	Prior serological result(s)	Subsequent serological result(s)	History of prior syphilis	Treatment for syphilis	Diagnosis for syphilis
1	F	49 y	3.47	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	nonreactive (13 mo)	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (19 mo)	Yes	None	Yes
2	F	81 y	12.7	Reactive	Indeterminate	Reactive	Reactive	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR reactive (2 mo)	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR reactive (34 mo)	Yes	None	Yes
3	F	44 y	3.46	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (15 mo)	None	None	Yes
4	F	29 y	8.14	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
5	M	55 y	4.59	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
6	M	46 y	2.25	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
7	F	38 y	7.99	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
8	F	2 m	3.61	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (1mo)	CIA nonreactive (17 mo)	Yes	None	Yes
9	М	57 y	3.45	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (28 mo), CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (57 mo)	None	None	Yes
10	F	38 y	1.65	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
11	M	37 y	1.03	Reactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
12	M	26 y	9.64	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
13	F	62 y	6.2	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
14	M	60 y	1.32	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
15	F	57 y	8.07	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	Yes	Yes
16	M	60 y	2.79	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (18 mo)	None	None	Yes
17	M	13 d	1.24	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
18	F	39 y	1.42	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (1 mo)	None	Yes	None	Yes
19	M	49 y	1.31	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
20	M	1 y	1.77	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
21	M	29 y	3.19	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	Yes
22	F	60 y	17.3	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Isolated reactive CIA (29 mo)	None	None	None	Yes
23	F	27 y	3.97	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	None	Isolated reactive CIA (4 mo)	None	None	Yes
24	F	62 y	5.2	Nonreactive	Reactive	Reactive	Reactive	CIA reactive, reactive TPPA, RPR reactive (2 mo); CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR	CIA reactive, TPPA nonreactive, RPR reactive (17 mo)	Yes	None	Yes

								reactive (1 mo)				
25	F	74 y	34.4	Nonreactive	Reactive	Reactive	Nonreactive			None	None	Yes
26	М	61 y	11.6	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (2 mo)	None	Yes	None	Yes
27	M	62 y	1.33	Nonreactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	None	None	None	None	None
28	М	92 y	5.06	Nonreactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Reactive	CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (54 mo); CIA reactive, TPPA indeterminate, RPR nonreactive (25 mo); CIA reactive, TPPA reactive, RPR nonreactive (13 mo)	CIA reactive, TPPA indeterminate, RPR nonreactive (12 mo), CIA reactive, TPPA nonreactive, RPR nonreactive (23	Yes	None	Yes
29	F	27 y	3.67	Nonreactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	None	Isolated reactive CIA (6 mo), isolated reactive CIA (30 mo)	None	None	None
30	F	45y	6.28	Nonreactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	None	None	None	None	None
31	F	44 y	3.33	Nonreactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	None	Isolated reactive CIA (1 mo), isolated reactive CIA (6 mo)	None	None	None
32	F	25 y	4.19	Nonreactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	Isolated reactive CIA (6 mo)	None	None	None	None
33	M	29 y	4.58	Nonreactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	None	None	None	None	None
34	F	51 y	5.67	Nonreactive	Indeterminate	Nonreactive	Nonreactive	None	None	None	None	None

Abbreviations: CIA, chemiluminescent immunoassay; S/CO, signal-to-cutoff ratio; TPPA, *Treponema pallidum* particle agglutination assay; RPR, rapid plasma reagin test; WB, western blotting.