

ADDITIONAL FILE 2: SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Genetic Determinants Of Anti-Malarial Acquired Immunity In A Large Multi-Centre Study

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Factor	Relevance to study	Association with malaria	Association with anti-malarial antibodies	Covariate adjusted for in analysis
<i>Altitude</i>	Altitudes range from sea level (0m) in Kilifi, Kenya to 1845m in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevalence and duration of infection decreased with altitude¹. Incidence of malaria infection 2.5 times higher in lowland compared to highland areas². Living at higher altitude found to be protective against malaria infection³. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher MSP-1 levels seen in lowland than in highland residents⁴. 	Village [categorical]
<i>Topography</i>	Senegal data collected from two villages; a small river is present in one (Dielmo) and not the other (Ndiop). Information not collected at other sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close proximity to vector breeding grounds (i.e. swamps, rivers, vegetation) increases malaria transmission⁵. 		Village [categorical]
<i>Age</i>	Age of study participants ranges from 0-96 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of infection and disease decreased with age⁶. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-malarial IgG levels increase with age⁶. 	Age [categorical]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <1 year 1-2 years 2-5 years 5-15 years 15-30 years >30 years
<i>Ethnicity</i>	Study comprised of 76 different ethnic groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulani less susceptible to disease than sympatric ethnic groups in Mali⁷. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulani have higher IgG and IgE levels against malaria antigen than sympatric ethnic groups in Mali⁷. 	Ethnicity [categorical]
<i>Season</i>	Samples collected in dry and rainy seasons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malaria transmission higher in rainy season than dry season⁸. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-malarial antibody levels higher in rainy season than dry season⁹. 	Month [categorical]
<i>Site</i>	Data collected from 10 different sites across Africa and Asia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countries across Africa and Asia have inherently different malaria prevalence, which needs to be adjusted for. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countries across Africa and Asia may have inherent differences in anti-malarial antibody levels, which needs to be adjusted for. 	Site [categorical]
<i>Gender</i>	Study comprises both male and female participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequently higher malaria prevalence in males than females¹⁰. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher IgG levels to <i>P.falciparum</i> antigen seen in males aged >30 years compared to females¹¹. 	Gender [categorical]

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