Production and characterization of anti-NDM-1 mAbs.

Ten-week-old Biozzi mice were immunized by intraperitoneal injection of purified recombinant NDM-1 (50 µg) as previously described (1). The immune response was followed by measurement of the anti-NDM-1 antibodies in sera using biotin-labeled NDM-1 as antigen. The two mice with the highest antibody titers were selected for mAb production. Spleen cells were fused with NS1 mouse myeloma cells (2), and specific anti-NDM-1 antibodies in myeloma culture supernatants were detected using the same immunoenzymatic test as the one previously used for the polyclonal response evaluation (3). After cloning of the cells according to Kohler and Milstein (4), mAbs were produced in and purified from culture supernatant by affinity chromatography using protein A and dialyzed in 0.05 M phosphate buffer pH 7.4.

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