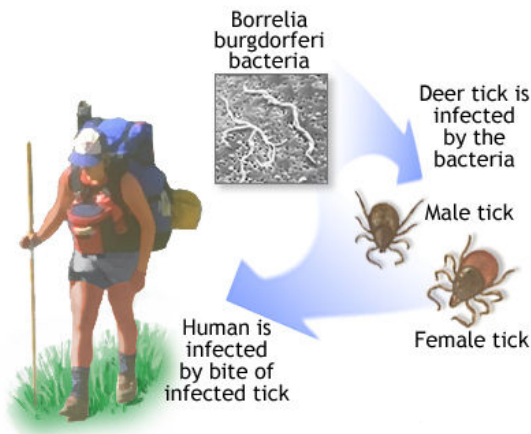


# Borreliosis Diagnosis

“There may not be a single reliable antigen for Lyme borreliosis diagnosis. But together, they can work pretty well.”

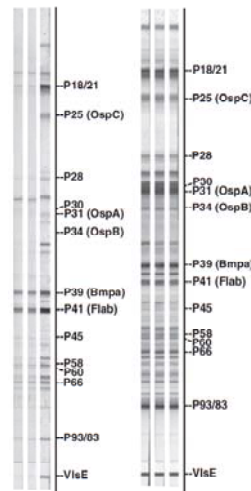
## 1) Infection

Around 2 000 people are yearly infected with *Borrelia* in Czech and 1.7 million worldwide<sup>1,2</sup>.



## 2) Testing

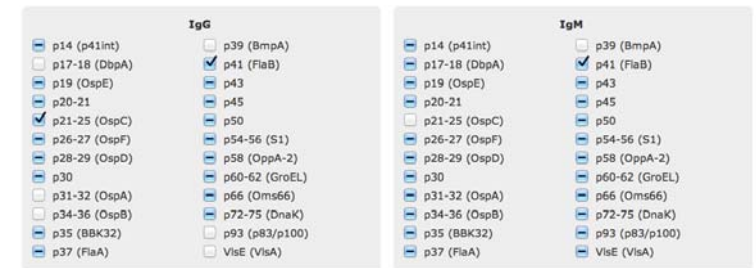
One of diagnostic tests is Western Blot. It measures immune response of the patient.



## 3) Interpretation

The current CDC criteria interprets a test as positive if it contains at least 5 of 10 bands, otherwise the test is negative<sup>3</sup>.

The proposed classification uses all available bands and weights them individually. The classifier is published at borelioza.cz<sup>4</sup>.



### Advantages of the Proposed Interpretation Method:

- 1) Probabilistic interpretation catches borderline cases better than binary classification.
- 2) Increases sensitivity from 34% to 81% while it preserves specificity at 98%<sup>5-8</sup>.
- 3) Optimized for Czech patients on sample of 1 700 Western Blots.

### Disadvantages of the Proposed Interpretation Method:

- 1) More antigens to remember. Alleviated by extensive tooltip description.
- 2) The public version considers only binary intensity of the bands for usability reasons (like CDC does). Nevertheless, a version with a continuous scale is currently evaluated by Dr. Klubal<sup>9</sup>.

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