LACK OF CORRELATION OF *BURKHOLDERIA PSEUDOMALLEI* QUANTITIES IN BLOOD, URINE, SPUTUM AND PUS

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**Abstract.** We evaluated the correlation of *Burkholderia pseudomallei* quantities in blood versus urine, sputum or pus. Correlations between bacterial counts in blood and other samples were not found. It is likely that an initial seeding event to extracellular organs is followed by independent growth of *B. pseudomallei*, and that bacteria in the urine were not passively filtered from the bloodstream.