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Immunoblot analysis for immunodetection of HIV proteins.

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ABSTRACT

Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) was used for screening while the Western Blot was used for confirmation.

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1 Aliquots of 3-5 μl of the serum are applied to the gel and run on a protein electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE).

2	Gels are transferred to nitrocellulose membranes (Immobilon-Nc, pore size 0.45 μm, during 75 min at 40 mAmps using a semi-dry electroblotter, HEP-1 Model, Owl Scientific Inc).
3	The running buffer contains 25mM Tris, 192mM glycine pH 8.3 and 20% methanol.
4	The nitrocellulose membranes are blocked overnight in 10% nonfat skim milk in PBS with 0.05% Tween-20 pH 7.4 and then washed 4 times for 10 minutes with PBS-Tween 20.
5	Peroxidase-labeled anti-HIV conjugate are added and incubated at 4°C overnight.
6	Membranes are washed as above and then tetra-methyl-benzidine are added and the reaction is stopped with deionised water.
7	A positive test displays two or more HIV proteins.
8	Only patients with positive confirmatory tests are classified as HIV positive.