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MBL2 Deficiency is Associated with Higher Genomic Bacterial Loads during Meningococcemia in Young Children

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ABSTRACT

Mannose binding lectin (MBL2) is a soluble pattern recognition receptor that is key to generating innate immune responses to invasive infection, including against the cardinal Gram-negative bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*. Individuals homozygous or heterozygous for any of 3 variant alleles of *MBL2* (O/O or A/O genotypes) have deficient concentrations of MBL2 in circulating blood,

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