

Change Notification for the UK Blood and Tissue Services

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Implementation To be determined by each Service

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Correction – Saudi Arabia

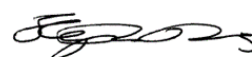
Note: This document corrects an error in the GDRI and does not represent a change to the assessed malaria risk for the entry.

Content changed	Type of change	Guidelines affected
1 Saudi Arabia	Corrected entry	Geographical index



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1. Saudi Arabia

Guidelines affected	Reason for change
Geographical index	Incorrectly stated malaria risk category (was A) has been corrected (now B). There is no change to the assessed malaria risk.

Malaria	<u>Risk Category B</u> Risk Category A Risk in the south and west provinces. No risk in the east, north and central provinces, Jeddah, Mecca, Medina and Taif. Previous Malaria risk: Until September 2006: All year in whole country (except urban Jeddah, Mecca, Medina and Taif).
<i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i>	No Risk
West Nile Virus	No Risk
Viral haemorrhagic fever	No Risk
Mosquito-borne viruses	Risk Dengue Virus Risk applies all year in whole country.