

Table 3 Number of parasites in 100 thick smear fields of *Plasmodium vivax* and *P. Falciparum*

Parasite	No.				Total
	1+	2+	3+	4+	
<i>P. vivax</i>	5	7	8	3	23
<i>P. falciparum</i>	1	3	2	4	10
Total	6	10	10	7	33

A plus system of counting was used [15] as follows: 1+ = 1–10 parasites per 100 thick film fields; 2+ = 11–100 parasites per 100 thick film fields; 3+ = 1–10 parasites per single thick film field; 4+ = >10 parasites per single thick film field.