

TABLE 2. GLOBAL NETWORK OF LABORATORIES FOR CONFIRMING *MYCOBACTERIUM ULCERANS* DISEASE (BURULI ULCER)

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