

Change Notification for the UK Blood Transfusion Services

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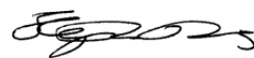
Viral Haemorrhagic Fever risk in Ethiopia

This notification includes the following changes:

	BM-DSG Bone Marrow & Peripheral Blood Stem Cell	CB-DSG Cord Blood	GDMI Geographical Disease Risk Index	TD-DSG Tissue - Deceased Donors	TL-DSG Tissue - Live Donors	WB-DSG Whole Blood & Components	Red Book Guidelines for the BTS in the UK
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1. Changes apply to the **Geographical Disease Risk Index**

Ethiopia

(revised entry)

<i>Malaria</i>	Yes All year in whole country. Visitors to city of Addis Ababa only, accept.
<i>Malaria Risk Category</i>	B
<i>Previous Malaria Risk</i>	Yes all year whole country until Sept 2006
<i>Trypanosoma Cruzi Risk</i>	No
<i>Sub Saharan Africa</i>	Yes
<i>West Nile Virus Risk</i>	No
<i>Tropical Virus Risk</i>	Yes Chikungunya Virus, Dengue Virus and Yellow Fever Risk applies all year in whole country
<i>Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Risk</i>	Yes Marburg fever outbreak in Jinka Town, South Ethiopia Regional State: ongoing from November 2025 «to January 2026»