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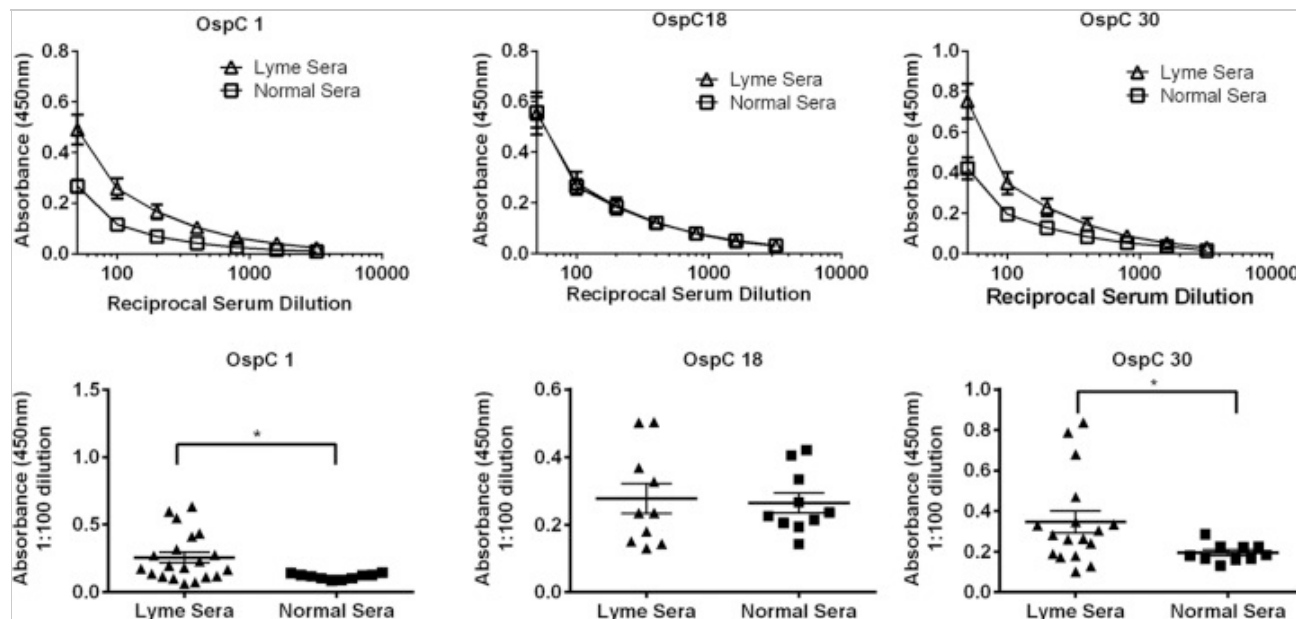
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**Fig 1**



IgG and IgM antibodies specific for OspC peptides in sera from patients with Lyme disease. Sera from patients with Lyme disease were confirmed to be positive for anti-*Borrelia* antibodies using commercially available Western blot strips prior to incubation with OspC peptides (10  $\mu$ g/ml) in an ELISA. Antibody binding was detected using a polyclonal HRP-labeled goat anti-human IgG and IgM ( $\gamma$ - and  $\mu$ -chain-specific) antibody. Upper panels show dose titration of Lyme disease patient sera (Lyme sera,  $n = 10$ ) and healthy control sera (normal sera,  $n = 10$ ) on OspC peptide-coated 96-well plates. Data are reported as mean absorbance  $\pm$  SD. Lower panels depict binding of serum from Lyme disease patients and healthy controls (normal sera) at a single dilution of 1:100. Data are reported as absorbance at 450 nm; the solid lines represent means  $\pm$  SD. Numbers of samples: for OspC1, Lyme disease,  $n = 20$ ; normal,  $n = 10$ ; for OspC 18, Lyme disease,  $n = 20$ ; normal,  $n = 10$ ; for OspC30, Lyme disease,  $n = 17$ ; normal,  $n = 10$ . Patient samples whose results are depicted in the upper panels are different from those used in the lower panels. \*,  $P < 0.05$  by the Mann-Whitney test.

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