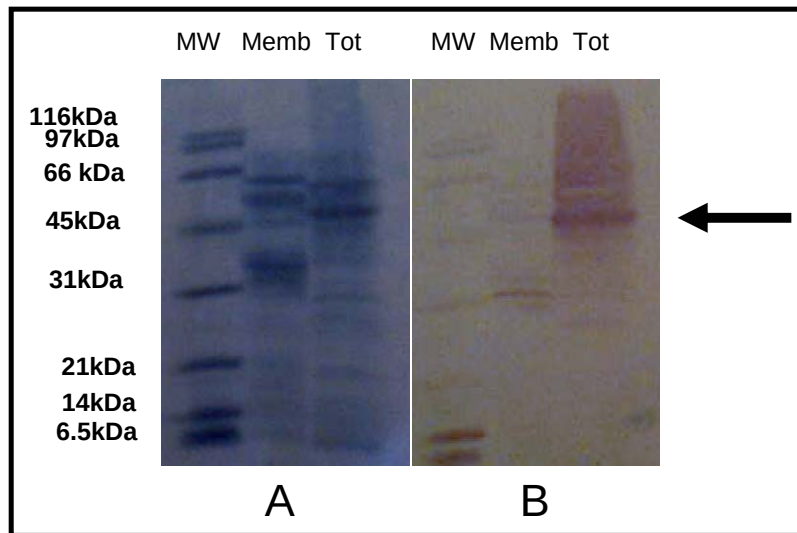




Additional file 9: Evaluation of membrane purity by Western blot. A. Coomassie stained gel loaded with 20 μ g of protein fraction. **B.** Western blot performed with anti-spa antibodies (mab-spa-27 from Sigma), revealed with anti-mouse Ig-phosphatase. An important signal around 50 kD is obtained from total protein extract whereas a very limited (but visible) signal was obtained from membrane preparation.