



Microbiology (Practical)



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Case 1:

It is about one week after the Hajj time, Mr. Mohammed Khan, a Pakistan citizen has completed the Hajj holy duty and is preparing to go home. A day before his travel he present to the emergency department (A & E) at Al Noor Hospital in Makkah because of headache, vomiting and high temperature. On clinical examination he has a rash on his body, (see the picture provided). Mr. Khan's relatives who has brought him to the Hospital mentions that Mr. Kahan received vaccination required for Hajj, a day before his travel for Hajj.

The doctor in the emergency department takes a detailed history and conducts a clinical examination. Because of clinical findings, he decided to do lumber puncture. The result of the lumber puncture are shown in below:

CSF	Patient's Result	Normal Range
Appearance	Turbid	Clear
WBC and differential	1400 per mm3 Mainly polymorphnuclear leucocytes (80%)	Few (<5 cells/mm3)
Protein	5.0	0.1-0.4 g/L
Glucose	1.3	3.0-4.5 mmol/L
chloride	110	115-130 mmol/L

Q1: What is your diagnosis?

Acute bacterial or pyogenic meningitis

Q2: What is the most likely infection responsible?(Select only one)

Bacterial infection (one of 3 capsulated bacteria either Strep.pneumo, N.menin or H.Flue)

Q3: What is your justification for your answer to question two?

From the table Turbid CSF, $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$ WBC polymorphnuclear leucocytes, $\uparrow \uparrow$ protein, $\downarrow \downarrow$ glucose, \downarrow chloride.

Q4: What further investigation would you like to do at this stage?

A- CSF 1-Gram stain 2-culture 3-Latex agglutination B- Blood culture C- Compelete Blood Count CBC

Q5: Mr. Khan has received the required vaccination before his travel, how would you explain his infection despite vaccination?

CASE1:

- Most likely organism: Neisseria meningitides
- Drug of choice: Initially for all bacterial meningitis ceftriaxone +/- vancomycin Then if confirmed*N.meningiditides* ie after culture identification and sensitivity , then Penicillin

skin rash (purpura)



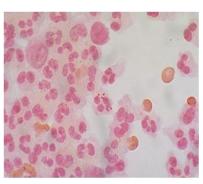
characteristic of meningococcal septicemia, caused by *Neisseria meningitidis*

Normal and turbid CSF





Gram Stain



gram negative diplococci + pus cells

Culture



Chocolate agar



Case2:

A 10-year old boy is brought to the emergency department (A&E) at King Khalid Hospital accompanied by his mother. He has fever, headache, and vomiting for the last 2 days. Clinical examination confirmed that he has meningeal irritation. The doctor decided to do a lumber puncture.

CSF	Patient's Result	Normal Range
Appearance	Clear	Clear
WBC and	100 per mm3	Few (<5 cells/mm3)
differential	Mainly lymphocytes (80%)	
Protein	0.5	0.1-0.4 g/L
Glucose	3.7	3.0-4.5 mmol/L
chloride	100	115-130 mmol/L

Q1: What is your most likely diagnosis?

Aseptic or viral meningitis

Q2: What is the most likely infection responsible?(Select only one)

- Mycobacterium Avium
- Fungal infection
- Parasitic infection
- Viral infection (HSV or Enterovirus)
- Bacterial infection
- Trepanoma pallidum (Neurosyphilis)
- Mycobacterium tuberculosis

Q3: What is your justification for your answer to question two?

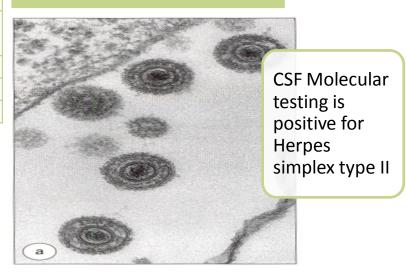
Clear CSF, ↑ WBC lymphocytes, ↑protein, Normal glucose, ↓chloride.

Q4: What further investigation would you like to do at this stage?

PCR, EM (in addition to these 2 mention the investigation of acute bacterial meningitis as well)

Treatment for Herpes: Acyclovir

Microbiological Finding





Case3:

A 65-year-old is referred from a general practitioner because of headache, fever, excessive sweating at night, and weight loss over the last 4-5 months. He has lost his appetite for food. On examination, there is neck rigidity. Laboratory tests including blood count, serum and electrolytes, blood urea, creatinine and blood culture are all normal. The doctors decides to do a lumber puncture.

The results of the lumber puncture are shown below:

CSF	Patient's Result	Normal Range
Appearance	Turbid	Clear
WBC and	300 per mm3	Few (<5 cells/mm3)
differential	Mainly lymphocytes	
Protein	0.8	0.1-0.4 g/L
Glucose	2.0	3.0-4.5 mmol/L
chloride	115	115-130 mmol/L

Q 1:What is your most likely diagnosis?

TB or chronic meningitis

Q 2:What is the most likely infection responsible?(Select only one)

Mycobacterium tuberculosis

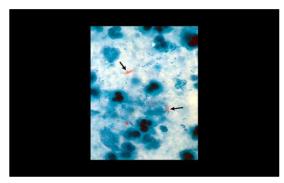
Q3:What is your justification for your answer to question two?

Turbid CSF, \uparrow WBC lymphocytes, \uparrow protein, \downarrow glucose, normal chloride and history Q4:What further investigation would you like to do at this stage? (State 3)

-CSF sample: Gram stain, Bacterial culture, Blood culture, Latex agglutination, AFB stain, TB Culture, -Tuberculin skin test -Chest x-ray (You can say TB PCR optional) Q5: what is the treatment?

1-Rifampicin then
2- Isonized(INH) Rifampicin for 4-6months
3- Ethambutol for 2months INH microbiology team

Acid Fast Smear



TB Culture





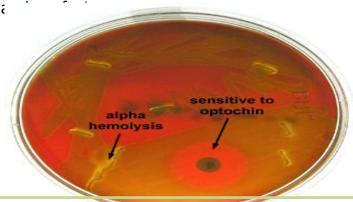
Case4:

A 59 y.o. male farmer with sudden onset of fever, headache, neck stiffness a Peripheral Blood count:

12,800 wbc's/mm³ (73% neutrophils; 12% bands) Cerebrospinal Fluid:

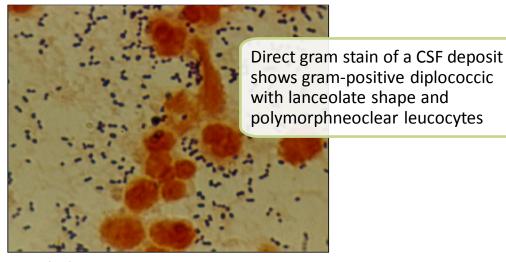
- 3520 wbc's/mm³ (100% neutrophils)
- Glucose: <1 mg/deciliter
- Protein: 368 mg/deciliter

What is the most probable Pathogen isolated? Streptococcus Pneumoniae What is your most likely diagnosis? Bacterial meningitis Drug of choice? Ceftriaxone + Vancomycin



Gray white, alpha-hemolytic colonies recovered on blood agar with increased CO2 from spinal fluid sediment was Optochin sensitive

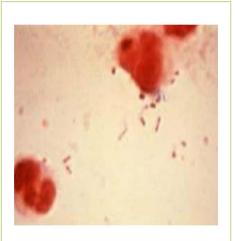
Bacterial meningitis: Pneumococcal Meningitis





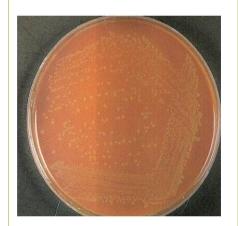
Bacterial meningitis: H.influenza Meningitis:

- is caused mainly by hemophilus influenzae type b
- Gram negative coccobacilli
- Requires X & V growth factors for growth
- The optimum growth temperature is 35°C 37°C in 5% CO2



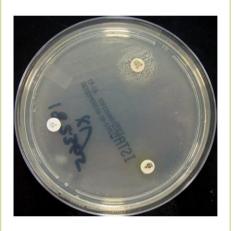
Gram stain : CSF Deposit

Gram-Negative coccobacilli with many polymorphneuclear leucocytes



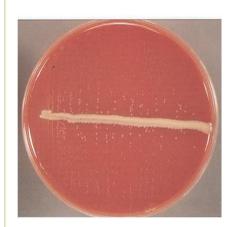
Culture: H.influenzae on chocolate agar

colonies are convex, smooth, pale, grey or transparent



X, V, and X+V factors

H.influenzae Growth around XV factors requires both factors XV



Satellitisim

Growth on blood agar showing satellitisim adjacent to a streak of S.aureus.
S.ureus producing surplus factor increasing growth of adjacent H.influenzae



Bacterial meningitis: E.coli

Neonatal meningitis is most common due to Colonization of infants with *E. coli* at delivery







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Thank you