A ASSOCIATION OF ABNORMAL COAGULATION PROFILE AND LIVER ENZYMES WITH DENGUE INFECTION AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE AS PREDICTORS OF ASSESSING SEVERITY OF DISEASE

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ABSTRACT

INTRODUCTION:
One of the most rapidly spreading mosquito-borne viral disease in the world in Dengue. In the last 50 years, incidence has increased 30-fold with increasing geographic expansion to new countries and, in the present decade, from urban to rural settings (Figure 1.1). An estimated 50 million dengue infections occur annually (Figure 1.2) and approximately 2.5 billion people live in dengue endemic countries (1). The 2002 World Health Assembly resolution WHA55.17 (2) urged greater commitment to dengue by WHO and its Member States. Of particular significance is the 2005 World Health Assembly resolution WHA58.3 on the revision of the International Health Regulations (IHR) (3), which includes dengue as an example of a disease that may constitute a public health emergency of international concern with implications for health security due to disruption and rapid epidemic spread beyond national borders. The fever of dengue is similar to any other viral illness and is highly difficult to differentiate from others. There may or may not be a rash during fever or defervescence. The symptoms of DF may not be very distinguished and signs of bleeding or capillary leakage may be absent.

Majority of the dengue virus infected persons are asymptomatic but symptomatic patients may present with undifferentiated fever, non-severe and severe manifestation. Some patients with dengue virus infection present with severe manifestations like shock, plasma leakage, bleeding and organ involvement. Based on thrombocyte count, haematocrit, evidence of capillary leakage, bleeding and hypotension, DHF has been divided into four grades. (Refer 3.8) Non severe cases may be DF and DHF grade I and II without significant bleeding. Severe dengue may be DHF III and IV with or without significant bleeding. DHF grade I and II may be severe when they present with significant bleeding or with metabolic and electrolyte abnormalities. Sometimes DF may present with life threatening significant bleeding without evidence of capillary leakage or haemocoagulation. Some dengue Fever patients may also present with multiple organ involvement without bleeding and shock. In some patient there may be unusual atypical presentation also.

CONTEXT:
Dengue fever is one of the most severe arthropod borne viral diseases in terms of human mortality and morbidity. The major cause of mortality is DHF/ DSS. There are multiple reasons for abnormal haemostasis such as vascular endothelial damage. Thrombopahy and coagulation abnormalities. Various studies have revealed significant abnormalities in the coagulation and inflammation systems in dengue fever. The imbalance between coagulation and fibrinolysis may be used a prognostic marker.

AIM OF THE STUDY:
To assess the liver enzyme and coagulation profile alterations among dengue patients.
To follow up dengue patients over a period of 10 days and assess the progression of disease.
To assess correlation between the abnormal lab parameters and their significance as early predictors of fluid leakage and bleeding

SETTINGS AND DESIGN
Analytical Case Control Study.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:
This The study will be conducted on 100 dengue patients admitted to GRH, Madurai during the study period of 12 months.

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• Patients presenting with fever from a dengue endemic
• H/o headache, joint pain, nausea, vomiting
• Lab confirmed dengue
• Positive tourniquet test

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• Patients with bleeding diathesis.
• Patients on Anticoagulant therapy.
• Alcoholics.
• CLD patients
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A previously designed proforma was used to collect the demographic and clinical details of the patients. All the patients underwent detailed clinical evaluation, appropriate investigations,

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One way ANOVA, Pearson correlation and Chi square test.

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RESULTS:
Chi square test and P value of < 0.05 was taken as significant. For continuous variables, mean, standard deviation and 'p' value were calculated through one way ANOVA, Pearson correlation and Student’s t-test were used. Using this software, percentage, mean, standard deviation and 'p' value were recorded in a master chart. Data analysis was done with the help of computer by using SPSS software and Sigma Stat 3.5 version (2012).

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:
The information collected regarding all the selected cases were recorded in a master chart. Data analysis was done with the help of computer by using SPSS software and Sigma Stat 3.5 version (2012).

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS:
Platelet count, liver function tests including serum bilirubin, albumin, globulin, transaminases, prothrombin time activated partial thromboplastin time and INR.

1) RESULTS:
SGPT in DHF vs Dengue fever:

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Comments: There is statistically significant elevation of SGPT in DHF.

9) aPTT in DHF vs Dengue fever:

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Comments: Statistically significant elevation of aPTT among DHF patients when compared to dengue fever patients.

9) INR in DHF vs Dengue:

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Comments: INR elevation also corresponds to the severity of dengue but doesn’t correlate with the aPTT values hence can not be statistically significant.

DISCUSSION:

• Our study was done to assess the usefulness of aPTT in predicting the severity of dengue in a tertiary hospital in Madurai.

• Among the dengue patients there were 81 patients in 20 to 40 age group 11 patients were more than 40, 8 patients were less than 20 years of age.

• Among the gender predilection, females were affected more than males.

• Secondary dengue was found to involve about 36 patients 36 percent had IgG positivity.

• Among the dengue fever patients 18 patients had dengue haemorrhagic fever and developed complications and were needing treatment.

• The mean platelet count among dengue fever patients was 76,300. And the mean platelet count among the patients with dengue haemorrhagic fever was 27,000.

• The average platelet count fell occurred during the 4th day and was more severe among the dengue haemorrhagic fever patients.

• The average SGOT in dengue haemorrhagic fever patients was 587 and among dengue fever patients was 113. There was statistically significant elevation. Dengue haemorrhagic fever patients had a higher SGOT when compared to the Dengue fever patients.

• The average SGPT in dengue haemorrhagic fever patients was 322 and among dengue fever patients was 75. There was statistically significant elevation. Dengue haemorrhagic fever patients had a higher SGPT when compared to the Dengue fever patients but not as statistically significant as SGOT.

• The average PT in dengue haemorrhagic fever patients was 17.8 and among dengue fever patients was 12.4. There was statistically significant elevation. Dengue haemorrhagic fever patients had a higher prothrombin time when compared to the Dengue fever patients.

• The average INR in dengue haemorrhagic fever patients was 1.61 and among dengue fever patients was 0.99. There was statistically significant elevation. Dengue haemorrhagic fever patients had a higher SGOT when compared to the Dengue fever patients.

• The average aPTT in dengue haemorrhagic fever patients was 45.22 and among dengue fever patients was 33.2. There was statistically significant elevation. Dengue haemorrhagic fever patients had a higher aPTT when compared to the Dengue fever patients.

CONCLUSION:

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