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stabilizes the lives of your patients
by diagnosing a severe infection
"Invasive Aspergillosis (IA)"
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SERUM GALACTOMANNAN TEST

The disease

Invasive Aspergillosis (IA) is a severe infection which is often a fatal one that occurs in patients:

- with prolonged Neutropenia
- who have undergone solid organ or stem cell transplantation
- who are in conjunction with aggressive immunosuppressive regimens (e.g. prolonged corticosteroid usage, chemotherapy etc.)

Delayed diagnosis of IA and its therapy may lead to poor outcomes.

Incidences

- The incidence of IA is reported to vary from 5% to 20% depending on the patients' population
- IA has an extremely high mortality rate of 50% to 80% partially due to the rapid progression of the infection (i.e. 1-2 weeks from onset to death)
- Approximately, 30% of cases remain undiagnosed and untreated at death

Diagnosis of Invasive Aspergillosis

Definitive diagnosis of IA is made by clinical signs and symptoms along with:

- Histopathological evidence of deep-tissue invasion
- Positive culture
- Radiological investigations

Limitation of existing tests

Histopathological Examination	Culture Methods	Radiological Examination
• Invasive test • Less sensitive and specific • Observer based • More expertise is required	• Time taking (3 weeks)	• Observer based • More expertise is required

Galactomannan as a marker for detection

Galactomannan (GM) is a polysaccharide component of the Aspergillus cell wall that is released from growing Aspergillus hyphae.

The advent of biomarker tests such as the Galactomannan Enzyme Immunoassay (EIA) offers a potential adjunct for non-invasive diagnosis of Invasive Aspergillosis (IA).

Advantages of Serum Galactomannan test over existing test

- Serum Galactomannan can often be detected a mean of 7 to 14 days before other diagnostic clues become apparent.
- Turn Around Time (TAT) of test is less as compared to existing tests.
- Galactomannan antigen levels may be useful in the assessment of therapeutic response. Antigen levels decline in response to antimicrobial therapy.
- Monitoring of Galactomannan can potentially allow initiation of presumptive antifungal therapy before life-threatening infection occurs.

Result interpretation

- A positive result supports a diagnosis of Invasive Aspergillosis (IA)
- Positive results should be considered in conjunction with other diagnostic procedures such as Microbiologic culture, Histological examination of biopsy specimens and Radiographic evidence
- A negative result does not rule out the diagnosis of IA
- Repeat testing is recommended if the result is negative but IA is suspected
- Patients at risk of IA should have a baseline serum tested and should be monitored twice a week for increasing Galactomannan antigen levels

Test range available

- TEST CODE : S242
- TEST NAME : GALACTOMANNAN
- METHOD : ELISA
- TAT : SAME DAY*

** Sample by Monday through Saturday 12 noon at NRL-Rohini*