# Acute Kidney Injury in Patients with Dengue Shock Syndrome

Dang Şok Sendromlu Hastalarda Akut Böbrek Hasarı

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### ABSTRACT

Dengue virus is a major cause of arthropod-borne viral disease in the world especially in tropical countries. Its clinical manifestation varies from mild to severe which includes Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), also known as hemophagocytic syndrome that carries extremely high morbidity and mortality rate. Bacterial and fungi coinfection in dengue may complicate the clinical manifestations and management. Initially diagnosis may become a challenge as well as it can have an unorthodox presentation. This was a case of dengue fever where the clinical course and the clinical presentation was atypical and challenging. It was also associated with multiorgan complications. It is of pertinent to establish the diagnosis and address the complications promptly as to avoid irreversible end organ damage.

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### ÖZET

Dang virüsü, dünyada özellikle tropik ülkelerde artropod kaynaklı viral hastalıkların önemli bir nedenidir. Klinik olarak, son derece yüksek morbidite ve mortalite oranı taşıyan hemofagositik sendrom olarak da bilinen Hemofagositik lenfohistiyositoz (HLH) dahil olmak üzere hafif ila şiddetli arasında değişir. Dang hummasında bakteriyel ve mantar koenfeksiyonu klinik belirtileri ve yönetimi zorlaştırabilir. Başlangıçta tanı, alışılmışın dışında bir sunuma sahip olabileceği gibi bir zorluk haline gelebilir. Bu, klinik seyrin ve klinik sunumu atipik ve zorlu olduğu bir dang humması vakasıydı. Ayrıca multiorgan komplikasyonları ile ilişkiliydi. Geri dönüşü olmayan uç organ hasarını önlemek için tanıyı koymak ve komplikasyonları derhal ele almak uygundur.

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We would like to congratulate the authors for publishing an interesting article (1). Dengue is one of the most important arthropod-borne viral diseases. Dengue illness affects tropical and subtropical regions especially in South East Asia with high morbidity and mortality. There are a few issues that we would like to discuss and highlight with the authors.

It is clinically practical to grade the presentation and severity of dengue based on 2009 WHO Dengue Classification and Level of Severity. The term dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF) was no longer recommended to use as it may cause confusion. From the history given, the patient was presented with severe dengue in dengue shock syndrome (DSS) and severe organ involvement. She came to hospital at Day 5 of illness and was still in febrile phase as her body temperature was 39ºC. However, according to the course of dengue illness and her blood parameters result, she was going into defervescence phase which is also known as critical phase. Since the Ig-M anti-dengue negative, but Ig-G anti-dengue was positive, we would recommend the authors to repeat Ig-M after Day 7 of illness. In our opinion, she may have secondary dengue infection due to the severity of her clinical presentation and initial anti-dengue Ig-M negative. In secondary dengue infections, anti-dengue IgM was detected in among 78% of patients after day seven (2). This can be due to the appearance of high levels of anti-dengue IgG before or sometimes simultaneously with the IgM response. Furthermore, this information is also pertinent to the epidemiological data in public health medicine.

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It would be of valuable information if the authors provide the total fluid boluses or fluid replacement given to the patient as well as the repeat blood parameters result and clinical response prior to the initiation of haemodialysis. We also recommend that serum lactate is taken as it will be useful in this case to establish the severity of tissue hypoperfusion as well as response to fluid therapy. Lastly, in our opinion, monitoring of serum chloride after fluid resuscitation with crystalloid fluid especially in dengue shock syndrome is important as it helps to identify hyperchloremic acidosis which can aggravate and confused with lactic acidosis from prolonged shock. Hence, it is advisable to change to Ringer's lactate when the serum chloride exceed normal range.

#### **Conflict of interest**

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