A Prospective Study of The Complement Depletion in Patients With Severe Abdominal Sepsis

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**Purpose**

The role of complement system in bridging innate and adaptive immunity has been confirmed in various invasive pathogens. The aim of this study is to investigate the alteration of complement C3 in patients with severe abdominal sepsis and evaluate the role of complement C3 depletion in prognosis of such patients. The relationship between complement C3 depletion and adaptive immunity is studied meanwhile.

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<td>Severe Sepsis Pancreatitis Abdominal Abscess Appendicitis Digestive System Fistula</td>
<td>Drug: Norepinephrine Procedure/Surgery: Open abdomen enteral nutrition parenteral nutrition</td>
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**Study Type:** Interventional  
**Study Design:** Screening, Single Group Assignment, Open Label, N/A, N/A  
**Official Title:** The Complement C3 Depletion in Patients With Severe Abdominal Sepsis: Risk Prediction and the Association With Down-regulated Adaptive Immunity
Further study details as provided by Jianan Ren, Jinling Hospital, China:

Primary Outcome Measure:
- All cause mortality  [Time Frame: within the first 28 days after admission to our hospital] [Designated as safety issue: No]
  Patients died within the first three days of admission would be excluded from this study.

Secondary Outcome Measures:
- Postoperative complications  [Time Frame: within the first 28 days after admission to our hospital]
  [Designated as safety issue: No]
  wound complications; pulmonary infection; incisional hernia, and bleeding.

Enrollment: 75
Study Start Date: November 2011
Study Completion Date: March 2012
Primary Completion Date: March 2012

Number of arms: 1
Intervention Details:
- Drug: Norepinephrine
  Intravenously, 10 ug/min, 24 hours
- Procedure/Surgery: Open abdomen
  IAH >=20 mmHg, and ACS emerged, such as low urine and decreased FiO2 quickly.
  enteral nutrition
  500-1500 kcal/day; Nasogastric tube feeding;
- Other Names:
  Peptison (SP; Nutricia, Shanghai, China)
  parenteral nutrition
  3000 mL parenteral nutrition fluid, intravenously.
- Other Names:
  Made by our hospital.

Severe abdominal sepsis remains a significant cause of death in patients undergoing intra-abdominal infection, in despite of recent declines in overall mortality. There is a abundant evidence to suggest complement activation during sepsis. While there is great interest in complement by-products in human sepsis, few studies focus on the persistent consumption of complement components and its role in prognosis of sepsis. Complement C3 is indispensable community pathway for complement activation. In a way, the alteration of C3 levels can affect the whole status of complement biological functions.

In clinical practice, the severe abdominal sepsis would develop compromised immune function if the intra-abdominal infection is not well controlled. The down-regulated T- and B-cell immune responses to sepsis are correlated to the decreased immune defense. To our knowledge, there are few human data that have investigated the relationship between complement depletion and adaptive immunity in severe abdominal sepsis. The investigators hypothesize that the complement C3 depletion during sepsis has a stronger association with the
down-regulated adaptive immunity and can be regarded as a essential risk factor to predict the prognosis of such critical illness.

The purpose of this prospective study is two-fold. First, the investigators observe, in a cohort of patients with severe abdominal sepsis, the levels of complement components and percentages of T cell subsets after admission to evaluate the relationship between complement system and adaptive immunity. Second, the investigators also evaluate the application of the C3 related-indexes (C3, C3a, Factor H, DAF, etc.) to patients undergoing severe abdominal sepsis and to develop an alternative model to predict its prognosis.

Eligibility

Ages Eligible for Study: 18 Years to 60 Years
Genders Eligible for Study: Both

Inclusion Criteria:

• Clinical diagnosis of severe abdominal sepsis

Exclusion Criteria:

• Age < 18 or > 60 years
• Pregnancy
• Leucopenia from radiochemical therapy due to malignant tumor
• Any primary diagnosis other than sepsis
• Confirmed immunodeficiency
• Requirement for blood transfusion, plasmapheresis, or immediate surgery

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Health Authority: United States: Institutional Review Board; China: State Food and Drug Administration