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ABSTRACT

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Identifying severe dengue virus infection is essential for prompt management of patients. There is a need to evaluate biomarkers and clinical parameters that can predict the complication. Hence, the biomarkers' level must be able to predict at least 24 hours prior to the development of complication. Unfortunately, none of the biomarkers were evaluated in a 'day-to-day' sequence when the disease progresses. This study aimed to evaluate vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and pentraxin 3 (PTX-3) as predictive and diagnostic markers in differentiating severe dengue from non-severe dengue. The study was conducted in Ampang Health Clinic, Ampang Hospital and Serdang Hospital. The dengue patients were followed up from the day of presentation until discharged. The plasma levels of VEGF and PTX-3 were compared between severe dengue and non-severe dengue by ELISA. The inclusion criteria were participants age 15 or more, presented within the first 72 hours of illness and with positive NS1 Ag test. Multiple logistic regression was used to develop predictive and diagnostic models by incorporating other clinical parameters. The Receiver Operating

Characteristics (ROC) analysis was used to assess the accuracy of the biomarkers. A total of 82 patients were recruited, 29 with severe dengue and four died. The Area Under the Curve (AUC) was statistically significant in VEGF as diagnostic marker at Day 2 and 3 of illness with sensitivity of 80.00%-100.00% and specificity of 76.47%-80.00%. The predictive model with AUC of 0.84 (95% CI: 0.73, 0.94, $p < 0.01$) has a sensitivity of 100.00% and specificity of 79.25% for predicting severe dengue. The diagnostic model with AUC of 0.71 (95% CI: 0.60, 0.85, $p < 0.01$) has a sensitivity of 76.19% and specificity of 73.58% for diagnosing severe dengue. The AUC for PTX-3 was not statistically significant. VEGF may be used in combination with other clinical parameters to predict the severity of the disease. As a single biomarker, it may be used as an adjunct investigation to support the diagnosis of severe dengue. PTX-3 was not able to differentiate severe dengue from non-severe dengue.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

WHO	World Health Organization
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
VEGF	Vascular endothelial growth factor
VCAM-1	Vascular cell adhesion molecule 1
PTX-3	Pentraxin 3
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
WBC	White blood cell
PLT	Platelet
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase
Ag	Antigen
DF	Dengue fever
DHF	Dengue haemorrhagic fever
DSS	Dengue shock syndrome
TNF- α	Tumour necrosis factor- α
IFN- α	Interferon- α

IL	Interleukins
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
OD	Optical density
CV	Coefficient variation
CI	Confidence interval
ROC	Receiver operating characteristics
SE	Standard error
AUC	Area under the curve
LR	Likelihood ratio
SPSS	Statistical Package for Social Science
MREC	Medical Research & Ethics Committee
SD	Standard deviation
IQR	Interquartile range
NA	not applicable
SD	severe dengue

CHAPTER 1.0

INTRODUCTION

Only nine countries had experienced severe dengue epidemics before the year of 1970, but the disease is now endemic in more than 100 countries in Africa, the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean, South-east Asia and the Western Pacific (World Health Organization, 2016). Not only is there a 30-fold increase in geographical expansion to new countries in the last 50 years, the spread of the disease is noted to be from urban to rural settings (World Health Organization, 2009).

Dengue virus infection is estimated to have affected 390 million individuals per year globally (Bhatt et al., 2013). World Health Organization (WHO) estimated 500 000 people with severe dengue require hospitalization each year and about 2.5% of those affected die (World Health Organization, 2016). Malaysia is also a dengue endemic country with 101,357 cases of dengue virus infection reported in 2016, of which, 1% was diagnosed with severe dengue. Selangor, a state in Malaysia, has the highest number of reported cases with the highest number of dengue death. This report has been consistent throughout the months in every year since 2011 (Ministry of Health, 2017). The incidence rate in Malaysia is approximately four times higher in individuals of

15 years of age or more than in individuals younger than 15 (Ministry of Health, 2010).

This has an impact on the country's economy. The mean health care cost per reported case in Malaysia between 2001 and 2005 was US\$ 1234 per annum (Suaya et al., 2009). The cost is definitely higher in recent years.

Dengue clinical manifestation is divided into three phases: febrile, critical and recovery phase. Critical phase is the most important phase where the patient can either recover or die from the disease (Gubler, 1998; Rigau-Pérez et al., 1998; Nishiura & Halstead, 2007). Unfortunately, the critical phase is difficult to predict even with the latest classification recommended by the WHO 2009 Clinical Practice Guideline (World Health Organization, 2009). The warning signs listed in the WHO 2009 classification are predictors for severe dengue. Hence, patients presenting with these warning signs will be admitted to the hospital for close monitoring. However, the specificity and the positive predictive value of these signs are poor which could lead to high false positive rates (Leo et al., 2013; Thein, et al. 2013). In addition, the clinicians are unable to predict the severity accurately, leading to unnecessary hospital admissions for intensive monitoring. Hence, this will have an impact on the healthcare cost and workforce (Horstick et al., 2014).

In order to reduce the burden of the disease, an optimally accurate predictive or screening method is essential. This method should be easily performed and cheap enough to be applied in a dengue-endemic population. This will allow safe triaging of the patients to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions.

Numerous biomarkers for dengue infection were identified and studied to differentiate the severity of dengue virus infection (Srikiatkhachorn & Green, 2010; Pawitan, 2011; John, et al. 2015). Biomarker tests for dengue severity are generally divided into three techniques: enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) (Bethell et al., 1998; Young et al., 2000; Murgue et al., 2001; van Gorp et al., 2002; Libraty et al., 2002; Gil et al., 2004; Koraka et al., 2004; Mairuhu et al., 2005; Srikiatkhachorn et al., 2007; Honsawek et al., 2007; Soundravally et al., 2008; Widjaja & Mantik, 2009; Michels et al., 2011; van de Weg et al., 2012), flow cytometry (Fadilah et al., 1999; Azeredo et al., 2006) and reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) (Calzavara-Silva et al., 2009; Nascimento et al., 2009; Ha et al., 2011). Among the different biomarker techniques, ELISA became relatively cheaper in recent years and easier to perform. Globally, most laboratories have the capability and expertise to conduct ELISA. More importantly, it has potential to be further developed into a 'bedside' rapid kit. Preferably, non-laboratory technicians such as short-course-trained nurses, medical assistants or doctors will be able to use this rapid kit.

A pilot study on ELISA-based biomarkers was conducted to evaluate the five most potential biomarkers: neopterin, vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), thrombomodulin, vascular cell adhesion molecule 1 (VCAM-1) and pentraxin 3 (PTX-3). VEGF and PTX-3 were the two best potential biomarkers in differentiating severe dengue from non-severe dengue cases (Low et al., 2015). VEGF and PTX-3 are involved in the pathogenesis of dengue virus infection. VEGF is specifically involved in plasma leakage when the endothelial cells in the blood vessels are damaged, releasing VEGF as a response to repair the damaged cells (Rathakrishnan et al., 2012). VEGF and cytokines were released into the circulation from dengue-infected mast cells, vascular endothelium, platelet and macrophages. VEGF along with other cytokines could stimulate other biochemical such as platelet-activating factor (PAF) to increase the vascular permeability through the activation of receptors on the endothelial cells (Malavige & Ogg, 2017).

Thus far, there is no in vitro study on PTX-3 in the pathogenesis of dengue virus infection. Based on other studies, PTX-3 is related but distinct from the C-reactive protein which is produced by a variety of cells such as macrophages and endothelial cells. These cells are activated during infection thereby releasing PTX-3 into the blood stream (Mantovani et al., 2003).

Detectable PTX-3 and VEGF levels in plasma before, during and after the identification of severe dengue, could offer various clinical usage. These proteins can serve as predictive markers to determine patient's admission, as

diagnostic markers or as prognostic markers to determine the likelihood of death. However, many studies conducted could not substantiate their use as predictive, diagnostic and prognostic markers because of the lack of generalizability and inappropriate study design (Bethell et al., 1998; Mairuhu et al., 2005; Tseng et al., 2005; Srikiatkachorn et al., 2007; Furuta et al., 2012).

Level of biomarkers must be able to predict at least 24 hours prior to the development of complication. Hence, typical cross-sectional and case-control study designs could not address the utilisation of biomarkers as predictors due to the lack of ‘day-to-day’ follow-up of patients until the occurrence of severe dengue, i.e. temporality (Bethell et al., 1998; Mairuhu et al., 2005; Tseng et al., 2005; Srikiatkachorn et al., 2007; Furuta et al., 2012). Furthermore, the studies conducted by using an older version of WHO 1997 case classification which is not contemporary to the current clinical practice. Thus, this poses difficulty in translating research results into clinical practice.

There is a need to conduct a study in which the patients were follow-up daily for the biomarkers and compare against the latest WHO 2009 case classification. Therefore, the primary objective of this study was to evaluate VEGF and PTX-3 as predictive and diagnostic markers in differentiating severe dengue from non-severe dengue. The secondary objective was to evaluate the biomarkers as prognostic markers to predict death among the severe dengue cases.

The null hypothesis for the primary objective was no difference in VEGF and PTX-3 levels between severe dengue and non-severe dengue. The alternative hypothesis for the primary objective was that there is difference in VEGF and PTX-3 levels between severe dengue and non-severe dengue.

The null hypothesis for the secondary objective was no difference in VEGF and PTX-3 levels between severe dengue patients who died and who did not. The alternative hypothesis for the secondary objective was that there is difference in VEGF and PTX-3 levels between severe dengue patients who died and who did not.

CHAPTER 2.0

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 The dengue virus

Dengue virus is a mosquito-borne flavivirus with four distinct serotypes namely, DEN-1, 2, 3 and 4. There is another distinct dengue serotype found. This new fifth serotype so far has been linked to only one human outbreak (Vasilakis et al., 2013). The four serotypes will give rise to the different severity of clinical presentation (Vaughn et al., 2000).

Dengue virus is a single-stranded ribonucleic acid (RNA) virus (Henchal & Putnak, 1990). Viral replication involves:

1. Attachment, penetration and uncoating
2. Primary translation and early RNA replication
3. Synthesis of viral proteins
4. RNA replication
5. Virus assembly and release

The virus binds to the host cell via the Fc receptor on the host cell and the trypsin-sensitive virus receptor. This is mediated by the viral envelope E glycoprotein. After binding with receptors of the host cell, the virus may fuse

with the membrane of the host cell or gain entry by disruption of the host cell membrane. The virus releases the nucleocapsid into the cytoplasm of the host cell after penetrating the membrane. A negative strand RNA is converted to a positive strand RNA for translation and synthesis of a negative strand template for the synthesis of viral proteins and RNA replication (Rothman, 1999). Following assembly, progeny virions are released by way of either ‘budding’ through the host membrane or by exocytic vesicles.

Dengue is transmitted by *Aedes aegypti*, *Aedes albopictus* and other less common types of *Aedes* which can be found mainly in tropical countries (Chen et al., 2006; World Health Organization, 2009; Ministry of Health, 2010). They breed in water-filled containers in the house, rain-filled discarded containers and blocked gutters. The mosquito is able to fly within 100 meters and feed during daylight (dawn and dusk) on a human (World Health Organization, 2009). Thus, vector control and preventive programmes are targeting on these key behavioural features of the mosquito.

2.2 The clinical manifestation

Dengue virus has an incubation period of four to seven days (ranging from three to fourteen days). The clinical manifestation begins with three phases: febrile, critical and recovery phase (Rigau-Pérez et al., 1998; Gubler, 1998; Nishiura & Halstead, 2007). During the febrile phase, the clinical features are generally non-specific such as facial flushing, skin erythema, generalized

body ache, myalgia, arthralgia, headache, anorexia, nausea, sore throat, injected pharynx and conjunctiva (Kalayanarooj et al., 1997; Gubler, 1998; Rigau-Pérez et al., 1998). Recently, diarrhoea was also found to be more pronounced in dengue virus infection (Seet et al., 2005; Kuan et al., 2015; Low, 2016). Thus, diarrhoea was also included in the Malaysian clinical practice guideline as one of the warning signs (Ministry of Health, 2015).

The critical phase is characterised by the warning signs of dengue virus infection which last about 24-48 hours (World Health Organization, 2009). The warning signs of dengue virus infection such as persistent vomiting, abdominal pain and mucosal bleed may sometimes occur early in the febrile phase. These warning signs are used as a guide to admit patients for close observation. During the critical phase, the patient may also develop a complication which is called severe dengue. Severe dengue is diagnosed when any one or more of the three criteria is fulfilled. These criteria are severe plasma leakage, severe haemorrhage and severe organ impairment (World Health Organization, 2009).

After 24-48 hours, the patient will enter the recovery phase if the patient does not succumb to the complication of severe dengue. The recovery phase is characterised mainly by the halt of plasma leakage followed by reabsorption of extravascular fluid (Gubler, 1998). Paradoxically, the presence of antibody against dengue virus will not reduce the severity of the disease (Vaughn et al., 2000). Hence, the disease will be more severe in secondary dengue cases.

The paradoxical severity of secondary dengue could be explained by the antibody-dependent enhancement hypothesis. It consisted of three functional states: neutralization, enhancing virus growth and antibody degradation. In neutralization phase, the dengue virus antibody is too low to block receptors that present in the cell surface. With the enhancement effect of antibodies such as anti prM monoclonal antibody and the interaction with DC-SIGN and Fc γ RIIA, Vitamin D receptors, the virus could easily enter the cells to replicated further (Guzman & Vazquez, 2010).

2.3 Biochemical and haematological changes

During the febrile phase, the first change to occur is the white blood cell (WBC) count which will decrease from about 11,000 cells/ μ L to about 6,000 cells/ μ L (Kalayanarooj et al., 1997). However, WBC count is a non-specific blood index because other medical conditions can also cause leukopenia.

Following leukopenia, a rapid decrease in platelet (PLT) count will occur in the critical phase and it precedes plasma leakage. Platelet count will fall to less than 100,000 cells/ mm^3 during this phase (Phuong et al., 2002). Haematocrit will rise from the baseline and it precedes blood pressure and pulse volume changes. This indicates haemoconcentration and it is clinically significant if there is a rise of more than 20% from the baseline (Srikiatkachorn, Krautrachue, et al. 2007). When dengue infection involves the liver, alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and aspartate aminotransferase (AST) will be elevated (Souza et al., 2004).

Viremia will occur in the first three to five days of fever. Hence, test to isolate the virus, detect the viral genome or virus particle NS1 antigen (Ag) for diagnosis of dengue is best conducted during this period. Antibodies (IgM) against the dengue virus are usually detectable after day five of illness (Vaughn et al., 1997).

In the recovery phase, the WBC count will rise back to normal range followed by the rise of platelet count. The liver function test will also show a normalisation of AST and ALT levels (World Health Organization, 2012). These biochemical and haematological changes are used to guide clinicians in their management of dengue patient.

2.4 The challenges of dengue virus infection

In the early febrile phase, it is difficult to distinguish dengue virus infection clinically from non-dengue febrile diseases (Rigau-Pérez et al., 1998). The presentation of the disease in the febrile phase is similar to that of upper respiratory tract infection and gastrointestinal disease. Symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose, rashes are common in dengue virus infection. Therefore, the NS1 Ag rapid diagnostic kit has been employed to diagnose dengue virus infection in the first three days of illness.

In other viral infections, the patient's condition improves as the temperature subsides. In dengue virus infection however, the condition will deteriorate further when the fever subsides. This is the critical phase of dengue which lasts for 24 to 48 hours (Rigau-Pérez & Laufer, 2006). This confusing pattern of fever often leads to a false sense of illness recovery whereby patients would seek medical attention late.

2.5 WHO classification

The WHO 1997 case definition for dengue has been used for more than 10 years. Dengue cases are classified into dengue fever (DF), dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF) and dengue shock syndrome (DSS). Alternatively, dengue can be graded from I to IV with grade I and II representing DHF and grade III, and IV representing DSS (World Health Organization, 1997).

DHF and DSS require four criteria to be met. Without any one of the criteria, the dengue patient will be classified as dengue fever even though the patient might already have developed shock (World Health Organization, 1997). Thus, the use of the WHO 1997 case definition was not sensitive enough to include some of the severe dengue cases (Balmaseda et al., 2005; Bandyopadhyay et al., 2006; Deen et al., 2006). The tourniquet test was evaluated to have low sensitivity and positive predictive value (Kalayanarooj et al., 1997; Phuong et al., 2002). Having a positive tourniquet test is one of the four criteria of DHF and DSS which indicates that there is a haemorrhagic tendency (capillary fragility and thrombocytopenia). A positive tourniquet test

is one of the earliest signs to indicate a haemorrhagic tendency. Due to the low sensitivity of tourniquet test, undiagnosed severe dengue cases can only be classified as dengue fever. This has prevented early treatment of the disease which can be fatal.

Due to the limitation of the WHO 1997 classification, the classification has been revised to form the WHO 2009 clinical practice guideline. The revised classification of severe dengue was based on the requirement of major intervention such as fluid resuscitation, blood products transfusion and other additional supports (Alexander et al., 2011). The WHO 2009 classification for severe dengue consisted of three subcategories: severe plasma leakage, severe bleeding and severe organ involvement. These subcategories were diagnosed clinically by the physician using the WHO 2009 clinical practice guideline. Severe plasma leakage was determined by shock (also known as dengue shock syndrome) or fluid accumulation with respiratory distress. Physical examination and investigations such as blood pressure, chest X-ray, haematocrit levels, serum albumin and ultrasound were used to determine the plasma leakage. Severe bleeding was determined by clinical judgement. Lastly, severe organ involvement was determined by the AST or ALT of more than 1000 U/L if liver was affected, heart or central nervous system involvement. The new classification has a sensitivity of 96% and specificity of 97%. The old WHO 1997 classification of DHF/DSS has a sensitivity of 76% and specificity of 54% (Alexander et al., 2011). Further study on comparing the old and revised versions of WHO classification showed that there is a reduction of unclassified dengue cases and misclassification of dengue cases with the use of the WHO

2009 classification (Barniol et al., 2011). However, the criteria of severe dengue in the revised classification indicate that pathological changes have already occurred and thus there is a short window period for treatment and intervention. The list of warning signs is based on symptoms and signs one day prior to the development of severe dengue (Alexander et al., 2011). This also does not allow the clinician to timely institute treatment within the short time frame.

2.6 Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)

Cytokines such as tumour necrosis factor- α (TNF- α), interferon- α (IFN- α), interleukins (IL) and VEGF, are involved in the immunopathogenesis of dengue virus infection particularly in increasing the vascular permeability leading to plasma leakage (Bethell et al., 1998; Juffrie et al., 2001; Srikiatkachorn & Green, 2010; Pawitan, 2011; Kumar et al., 2012). Some of the cytokines have been evaluated as possible predictive or screening markers (Bethell et al., 1998; Tseng et al., 2005; Srikiatkachorn et al., 2007; Furuta et al., 2012; Kumar et al., 2012).

Most studies have shown the potential of cytokines in predicting the disease outcome (Bethell et al., 1998; Mairuhu et al., 2005). VEGF and the associated forms such as VEGF receptors and total VEGF-A have been evaluated and found to be particularly useful in differentiating dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF) from dengue fever (DF) (Tseng et al., 2005; Srikiatkachorn et al., 2007; Furuta et al., 2012). One study demonstrated that the VEGF level two days before fever defervescence was statistically

significantly different between DF and DHF groups of patients (Srikiatkachorn et al., 2007).

Studies have demonstrated the predictability of cytokines on the days around the defervescence period (Bethell et al., 1998; Kumar et al., 2012). The cytokines measurement of the cytokines might pose difficulty in less resourceful laboratory centres. However, VEGF is one of the cytokines that could easily be measured by ELISA test kit which relatively cheaper and easier to performed compared with other techniques such as flowcytometry.

Nevertheless, some limitations found in the existing literature hampered the use of VEGF in a clinical setting such as the type of study designs i.e. case-control and cross-sectional study (Tseng et al., 2005; Thakur et al., 2016). These study designs only require an examination of the biomarkers at a single time point. This could not allow the development of prediction model because of the lack of temporality or a 'day-to-day' follow up sequence. Therefore, a cohort study is the preferred study design to evaluate the biomarker as a predictor. Cohort study requires a follow-up of patients from the development of disease to recovery from the disease.

A cohort study conducted blood samples collection since the day of admission (Furuta et al., 2012). Ideally, the blood samples should have been collected on the day when patients presented to the emergency department of

the hospital where they might or might not be admitted. Blood samples obtained upon admission could have been biased towards patients who has severe infection. The results of two other studies on VEGF were also not applicable to the clinical practice presently because an older version of WHO classification was employed (Srikiatkachorn et al., 2007; del Moral-Hernández et al., 2014).

Lastly, some studies were conducted in a cohort of children (Srikiatkachorn et al., 2007; Furuta et al., 2012). Dengue studies were previously focused on children population might be generalisable to the specific population where the study was conducted. Such studies may not be representative of dengue in Malaysian where the incidence of dengue virus infection is higher in the adult population (Ministry of Health, 2010).

2.7 Pentraxin 3 (PTX-3)

A study demonstrated that pentraxin 3 levels were significantly different between DF/DHF and DSS. The levels of pentraxin 3 were higher in DSS compared to DF/DHF in the first five days of admission (Mairuhu et al., 2005). The study population was children and the sample size was small. This was a retrospective study on frozen blood stored for several years, thus the stability of this biochemical compound is uncertain (Mairuhu et al., 2005). To our knowledge, this is the only study that evaluated PTX-3 in dengue virus infection.

CHAPTER 3.0

MATERIAL AND METHODS

3.1 Study design

This was a prospective study in which dengue patients were monitored from the day of presentation until hospital discharge. Blood samples were obtained daily after the patient was recruited. Hence, the trend of biomarkers for each day of the illness can be assessed. The plasma levels of VEGF and PTX-3 were compared between severe dengue and non-severe dengue (Definition of non-severe dengue: combined dengue without warning signs and dengue with warning signs).

The clinical classification of dengue virus infection was based on clinical practice guidelines from WHO (World Health Organization, 2012). Demographic data and clinical diagnosis were obtained using a standard data extraction form. The treating physicians were blinded from the biomarker test results. Fever in dengue virus infection was defined as more than 37.5 Celsius ($>37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) (World Health Organization, 2009), or a complaint of fever from the patients. Patients might not be having fever when the temperature was measured. Hence, complaint of fever by the patient was acceptable as having a fever because patients often would have been prescribed with antipyretics (Ministry of Health, 2010). All patients with fever were included in the study if they were NS1Ag positive. NS1 Ag detected in the blood of the patient is

indicative of acute infection. The diagnosis of acute dengue virus infection was also determined by virus isolation and serotyping via RT-PCR. The presence of virus in the plasma is indicative of acute infection because viraemia only occurs during the first three days of illness.

3.2 Settings

Patients who visited Ampang Health clinic and Ampang Hospital from January 2016 until October 2017 were recruited prospectively from the outpatient and emergency departments. In Serdang Hospital, blood was collected via the Department of Pathology where blood samples were stored. Ampang Health Clinic is a primary care facility where the majority of patients will seek their first consultation with the general practitioner. Ampang and Serdang Hospitals are the referral centres for the primary health clinics in Malaysia if patients require specialist care. The hospitals also cater for emergency care for dengue patients.

3.3 Participants

3.3.1 Inclusion criteria:

The included participants were: aged 15 or older; presented within the first three days (72 hours) of illness; and had tested NS1 Ag positive.

3.3.2 Exclusion criteria:

Patients were excluded if the participants were pregnant, had an autoimmune disorder, haematological disorder, cancer, cardiovascular disease or were on long term warfarin and aspirin. (These patients were already in a high risk of severe dengue virus infection and thus they did not necessarily need to be tested for biomarkers. Furthermore, the blood disorders or medication that change the blood parameters could possibly confound the level of biomarkers)

3.4 Specimen transport, storage and analysis

3.4.1 Blood specimen

The daily blood samples were obtained either separately by the investigator or concurrently with the managing health practitioner/s. The blood samples were collected using ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) tube. The EDTA tube was used because it is compatible with all biomarkers and other antibodies testing. A plain tube was not recommended for use with PTX-3 ELISA test kit as specified by the manufacturer. The blood samples were centrifuged and the plasma was obtained. The plasma was transported in an ice box until it could be stored at -20 degree Celsius (°C). The blood samples were stored at 4 °C if the test was performed within 24-48 hours. The handling of the specimen from collection, centrifuge of specimen, transportation using ice box until the storage of plasma samples in UTAR laboratory is the same from the hospitals and health clinic.

3.4.2 Specimen analysis

A commercial ELISA kit was purchased to compare with the 'in-house' optimised ELISA test kit. The reason for optimising is to reduce the cost and duration of the test performed. The duration needed to produce result for the commercial test kit of PTX-3 (Human Pentraxin 3/TSG-14 Immunoassay, DPTX30, R&D Systems, Inc, Minneapolis, USA) and VEGF (Human VEGF-A, Platinum ELISA, BMS277/2 / BMS277/2TEN, eBioscience, Bender MedSystems GmbH, Vienna, Austria) was approximately six hours.

The levels of VEGF and PTX-3 were measured separately using an optimised sandwich ELISA. The ELISA procedure was optimised to be similar to the commercial test kit with the exception of a shorter duration (around one to two hours in total during samples, biotinylated detection antibody, Streptavidin-HRP and TMB solution incubation period). The ELISA plates of 96 wells were coated with 100 µl capture antibody. The capture antibody is the respective PTX-3 and VEGF monoclonal antibody purchased commercially. It was in powder form which had to be reconstituted. The capture antibody was diluted in 50 mM carbonate buffer with pH 9.6. The plate was then sealed with a plastic film and incubated overnight for about 16-17 hours at 4°C. The wells were washed with 350 µl washing buffer on a shaker for 30 seconds. The process of washing was repeated for at least three times. After the plate was washed, it was blotted dry. Three hundred microlitres of blocking buffer (1% bovine serum albumin) were then pipetted into each well. Blocking buffer was used to block non-specific binding sites. The plate was incubated for an hour at room temperature. The plate was then washed with 350 µl washing buffer on a shaker

for 30 seconds. The process of washing was repeated for three times and blotted dry after the final wash. The plate was added with 300 μ l of 2% sucrose solution into each well and incubated for seven minutes at room temperature. The sucrose solution was removed and air dried at room temperature for two hours. The plate was stored at 4°C with desiccant in a sealed plastic bag until plasma samples were tested. The plate can be stored up to a week before using it. When the ELISA plate was ready for testing, 100 μ l of each standard (recombinant antibody), plasma samples, control was pipetted into the wells in duplicates. The plate was sealed and incubated for 30 minutes on a shaker at room temperature. Samples of inadequate volume were diluted up to 1:1 ratio. After 30 minutes, the plate was washed with 350 μ l, washing buffer for 30 seconds on a shaker for three times. After the final wash, the plate was blotted dry. 100 μ l biotinylated detection antibody was subsequently added to each well. The plate was incubated for 15 minutes on a shaker at room temperature. A 100 μ l of Streptavidin-HRP was added for another 15 minutes' incubation on a shaker at room temperature. The plate was washed after 15 minutes with 350 μ l of washing buffer for 30 seconds on a shaker for three times. After the final wash, the plate was blotted dry. TMB solution is the substrate solution which was added to produce a blue colour. A 100 μ l of the substrate solution was added to each well to incubate for 4-5 minutes, at room temperature and in the dark. (PTX3 was incubated for four minutes and 30 seconds and VEGF was incubated for five minutes. The substrate solution is sensitive to light. If the solution is exposed to light, the colour will change rapidly to blue and thus, it has to be incubated in the dark. Stop solution (50 μ l sulfuric acid) was then added which turned the blue colour into yellow colour. The plate was then analysed

immediately (within 30 minutes). The setting of the optical density (OD) reader for reference wavelength was 540 nm and the measurement wavelength was 450 nm. For samples that were diluted with 1:1 ratio, must multiply the OD reading was multiplied by a factor of two. All of the antibodies need (capture, detection and standard antibodies) were purchased from R&D Systems (Minneapolis, MN). The commercial ELISA was performed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

3.4.3 Validation of optimised ELISA procedure

The Spearman's correlation coefficient which is also known as validity coefficient was calculated to compare between the commercial ELISA results and the optimised ELISA results. The validity coefficient ranges from zero to one with the highest being perfectly correlated. Coefficient of more than 0.7 is considered acceptable validity (Baumgartner & Hensley, 2006). The precision of optimized ELISA protocols was determined by coefficient variation (CV) expressed in percentage. CV is defined as standard deviation divided by the mean of the biomarker level. CV is calculated in intra-assay and inter-assay precision. The validity of the optimised ELISA kit was based on 20 samples. These 20 samples were randomly selected by generating random numbers that matched to the specimen number to minimise bias. However, potential bias could occur as these samples were derived from the remaining samples at the end of the pilot study (Low et al., 2015). Therefore, the not all samples had a equal chance of being selected for testing because of inadequate samples.

3.4.4 NS1 Ag test and RT-PCR

NS1 Ag rapid test kit was used to diagnose dengue patients for the inclusion into the study. The test kit from Panbio has a sensitivity of 71.9% (95% confidence interval (CI) 64.1–78.9) and specificity of 99% (95% CI 83.1–99.4) (Pal et al. 2014). Virus isolation and RT-PCR was performed to determine the virus serotypes. The virus isolation and RT-PCR method were performed in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Putra Malaysia. The procedure is described elsewhere (Suppiah, et al., 2018). Failure to serotype the virus can occur due to inadequate plasma or serum samples, virus no longer present in the plasma after day three of illness or repeated freeze-thaw cycle that could degrade the viral RNA.

3.4.5 Dengue IgM and IgG

Dengue IgM assay was performed to confirm the dengue status of the patients. Secondary dengue virus infection was determined by a positive dengue IgG assay on the blood samples collected within the first four days of illness. Dengue IgM and IgG ELISA tests were performed using commercial test kits from SD Bioline. The dengue IgM test has a sensitivity and specificity of 96.4% and 98.9%, respectively. Dengue IgG test has a sensitivity and specificity of 98.8% and 99.2%, respectively. Both test kits of dengue IgM and IgG were performed according to the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, the samples and diluent were dropped in the wells of the precoated plate for incubation. The plate was then analysed in the OD reader after another solution was dropped into each well.

All blood tests were performed in the same UTAR laboratory using the same equipment. This reduces the variability of test kit results. The laboratory technicians were blinded from the diagnosis to avoid bias. Other blood investigation results (full blood count and liver function test) were recorded from the laboratory of the healthcare centres. The biomarker analysis and the test performed by the healthcare centres were conducted on the tubes of blood collected at the same time from the patients.

3.5 Sample size

The sample size was calculated by using receiver operating characteristics (ROC) based on the previous study conducted (Bradley & Longstaff, 2004; Low et al., 2015). The mean and standard deviation of the biomarkers in severe dengue and non-severe dengue were obtained. In SPSS Version 20 (Statistical Package for Social Science), a simulated data was created to produce a normal distribution of biomarker values by using the mean difference (the difference in mean between severe dengue and non-severe dengue group). The mean difference was adjusted three fold lower to produce a higher number of sample size. In this simulated data, 200 samples were assigned (100 sample for DF and 100 for DHF). The number of samples decided for the simulated data is arbitrary, but should be large enough to ensure that the biomarker levels follow a normal distribution.

Using this simulated data, the standard error (SE) of the area under the curve (AUC) was generated. Therefore, this SE was labeled as alternative hypothesis (SE_A). Sample size (n) was computed in the following formula:

$$SE \text{ of } AUC \times \sqrt{(100 \div n)}$$

The same method was used with the null hypothesis (SE_O) in which the mean difference is zero. This produced a 95% CI of AUC which includes 0.5. The standard errors of both null and alternative hypotheses were then used to calculate the sample size (n) and power of study (Z) with the following formulas:

$$Z = \frac{(AUC_A - AUC_O) - 1.96 \times SE_O}{SE_A}$$

$$Z = \frac{(AUC_A - AUC_O) - 1.96 \times (SE_O \times \sqrt{100 \div n})}{(SE_A \times \sqrt{100 \div n})}$$

The power of the sample size calculated could be obtained from the Z score. With a power of 80%, the sample size for VEGF and PTX-3 were 45 and 20 per group respectively. The highest calculated sample size was used in this study: a total of 90 patients. An interim analysis was performed when the total sample size had achieved more than 60%.

3.6 Statistical analysis

3.6.1 Univariate analysis of biomarker

A ROC analysis was used to analyse the biomarker levels for each day comparing severe dengue and non-severe dengue. The analysis included biomarker levels up to the day before they developed severe dengue. This was to ensure the results produced are valid for prediction.

3.6.2 Predictive model using multivariable analysis

The logistic regression model was employed to develop a predictive model by identifying other clinical parameters that can be incorporated with the biomarkers. The outcome variable for the multivariable logistic regression model was severe dengue and non-severe dengue. Other predictor variables were age, gender, race, IgG status, dengue serotype, PTX-3, VEGF, WBC, PLT, HCT, ALT, and AST levels. A backward likelihood ratio (LR) was used to build the predictive model. The equation of the model was used to calculate various cut-offs and its corresponding sensitivity and specificity in the ROC curve. The cut-offs from the equation was the log odds denoted by ' $\ln(p/1-p)$ '.

3.6.3 Diagnostic model using multivariable analysis

For diagnostic model, the analysis included biomarker levels on the day the severe dengue diagnoses were made. Biomarker levels for severe dengue were compared with non-severe dengue by stratifying the analysis according to the day of illness and without any stratification. Similarly, logistic regression

was employed to develop a diagnostic model by incorporating the same variables as in the predictive model. However, the patient with encephalopathy was removed since it did not change the diagnostic model. The logistic regression model cut-off values were chosen after a ROC analysis was performed.

Both the predictive and diagnostic models were constructed using data with valid, non-missing data and subsequently validated in the full data set. The prediction model was developed based on 44 patients and the diagnostic model was developed based on 60 patients.

3.6.4 Cut-off values selection

The ROC produces the AUC and the 95% CI, the sensitivity and specificity. AUC value of 0.5 and 95% CI of AUC which includes 0.5 were deemed as not statistically significant. The cut-off value and its sensitivity and specificity were presented only if it was statistically significant. The best few cut-offs for all models were chosen based on Youden's index and clinical applicability. Youden's index is an index which provides a guide to select a well-balanced sensitivity and specificity:

$$\text{Youden's Index} = \text{Sensitivity} + \text{Specificity} - 1$$

Cox regression was planned to analyse the prognostic value of biomarkers. This model allowed the estimation of the time of death. The

outcome variable was 'dead' or 'survived'. Unfortunately, due to inadequate number of patients that died (four patients), no conclusion could be drawn from the analysis. Thus, this planned analysis was not performed.

A p-value of less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant. Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) version 20 was used in the statistical analysis.

This study was approved by the Medical Research & Ethics Committee (MREC), Ministry of Health Malaysia (NMRR-15-1045-25937) and the study was registered in ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT02606019).

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RESULTS

The validity coefficients for PTX-3 and VEGF were 0.778 and 0.830, respectively. The intra-assay CV for VEGF and PTX-3 was 13.52% and 5.04%, respectively. The inter-assay CV for VEGF and PTX-3 was 20.35% and 19.88%, respectively.

A total of 82 patients with positive NS1 Ag test were included into this study. Acute dengue virus infection status of nine patients cannot be confirmed by IgM test or serotyping. The characteristics of patients were tabulated in Table 4.1. Samples that were not tested for the biomarkers were deemed as missing data accounting for 7.83%. The untested samples were due to insufficient plasma obtained and inability to obtain blood samples from the patients. A total of nine patients were excluded: five patients were lost from follow-up, two patients' samples were lost, one patient was asymptomatic and one patient was less than 15 years old.

Among the 28 severe dengue patients, 78.60% had severe plasma leakage alone leading to circulatory shock and respiratory distress. All patients with severe bleeding had to upper gastrointestinal bleed. All patients with severe bleeding were due to upper gastrointestinal bleed. Four patients with severe organ involvement were due to severe hepatitis except one patient who was

diagnosed with encephalopathy. The complications that occurred in patients with severe dengue are described in Table 4.2. Seven severe dengue patients were transfused with blood product and four died. One non-severe dengue patient had anaemia, one severe dengue patient had hypertension and another severe dengue patient had both diabetes and hypertension.

Table 4.1: Characteristics of all included patients.

	Severe dengue (n=29)	Non-severe dengue (n=53)
Male, n (%)	12 (41.40)	35 (66.00)
Female, n (%)	17 (58.60)	18 (34.00)
Race and nationality, n (%)		
Malay	22 (75.90)	38 (71.70)
Chinese	2 (6.90)	10 (18.90)
Indian	1 (3.40)	4 (7.50)
Other Malaysian	1 (3.40)	1 (1.90)
Other non-Malaysian	3 (10.30)	0 (0.00)
Serotype (57 samples detected), n (%)		
1	7 (28.00)	11 (34.38)
2	13 (52.00)	13 (40.63)
3	3 (12.00)	5 (15.63)
4	0 (0.00)	1 (3.13)
1 & 2	0 (0.00)	2 (6.25)
2 & 3	2 (8.00)	0 (0.00)
Number of secondary dengue (positive IgG), n (%)	9 (31.00)	8 (15.10)*
Age (years), mean (SD)	34.38 (15.96)	30.17 (13.36)
Day of discharge from care #, median (IQR)	7 (2)	6 (2)
Day of defervescence #, median (IQR)	4 (2)	4 (2)

Abbreviation: n, number of patients; SD, standard deviation; IQR, interquartile range.

* Two patients were not able to test IgG serology due to insufficient plasma.

#According to the day of illness.

Table 4.2: The complications that occurred in patients who were diagnosed with severe dengue.

Complications	Number of patients(%)
Severe plasma leakage	22 (78.60)
Severe plasma leakage and severe bleeding	1 (3.60)
Severe plasma leakage, severe bleeding and severe organ involvement	2 (7.10)
Severe plasma leakage and severe organ involvement	2 (7.10)
Severe organ involvement*	1 (3.60)

* Dengue encephalopathy was diagnosed in one patient.

Note: one patient had severe dengue diagnosis but the complication was not documented.

The mean and 95% CI of PTX-3 and VEGF levels of each day are displayed in Figure 4.1 and 4.2, respectively. The removal of one patient with encephalopathy did not change the AUC significantly in all models for both biomarkers. Hence, the result of the analysis that was tabulated in Table 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 included this patient with encephalopathy as part of the analysis. None of the AUC were statistically significant except for VEGF as a diagnostic marker at Day two and three of illness with AUC of 0.88 (95% CI: 0.73, 1.00) and 0.78 (95% CI: 0.60, 0.95), respectively. The best two cut-offs of VEGF level for the statistically significant AUC models were tabulated in Table 4.6.

The best predictive and diagnostic model with $p < 0.001$ has been tabulated in Table 4.7. The predictive model with AUC of 0.84 (95% CI: 0.73, 0.94, $p < 0.01$) has a sensitivity of 100.00% and specificity of 79.25% for predicting severe dengue with a cut-off of 0.34. The diagnostic model with AUC of 0.71 (95% CI: 0.60, 0.85, $p < 0.01$) has a sensitivity of 76.19% and specificity of 73.58% for diagnosing severe dengue with a cut-off of -1.07. However, with a cut-off of -3.22, the sensitivity and specificity was 100.00% and 3.77%, respectively. The equation for prognostic model was:

$$\ln(p/1-p) = 217.03 + (-110.35) \times \text{Gender}(\text{Female}=1) + 0.33 \times \text{VEGF} + (-16.86) \times \text{WBC} + (-6.15) \times \text{HCT} + 0.46 \times \text{ALT}$$

The equation for the diagnostic model was:

$$\ln(p/1-p) = (-4.27) + 0.01 \times \text{VEGF} + 0.02 \times \text{PLT} + 0.01 \times \text{ALT}$$

Figure 4.1: The mean PTX-3 level for each day of illness.

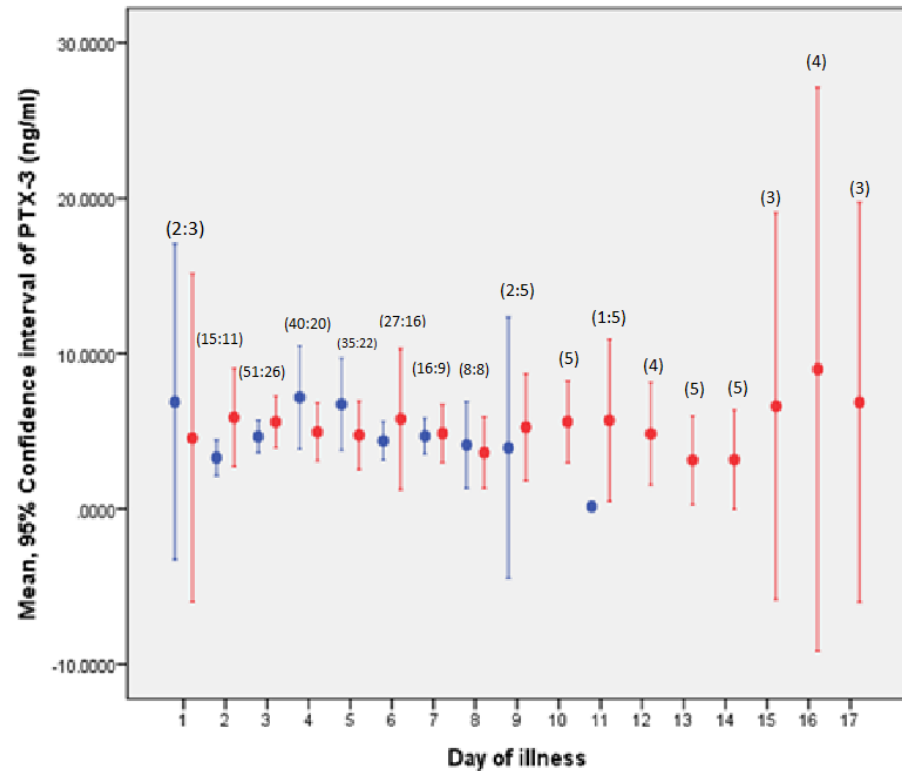


Figure legend:

Non-severe dengue is represented by the blue line: —

Severe dengue is represented by the red line: —

The brackets above each line represents the number of patients in each category: (non-severe dengue: severe dengue)

Note: Dot represents the mean and the line represents the confidence interval of the biomarker. None of the comparisons between non-severe dengue and severe dengue for each day were statistically significant ($p > 0.05$).

Figure 4.2: The mean VEGF level for each day of illness.

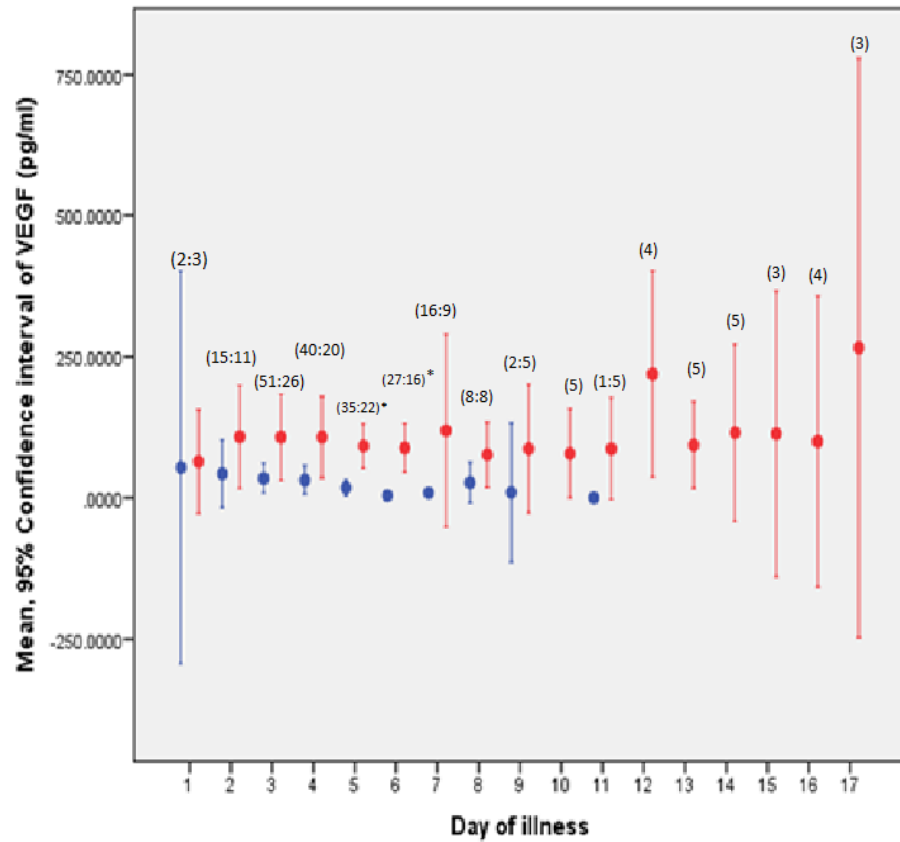


Figure legend:

Non-severe dengue is represented by the blue line: —

Severe dengue is represented by the red line: —

The brackets above each line represents the number of patients in each category: (non-severe dengue: severe dengue)

*p<0.05

Note: Dot represents the mean and the line represents the confidence interval of the biomarker.

Table 4.3: Receiver operating characteristics of PTX-3 and VEGF as predictive markers of severe dengue.

AUC (95% CI)	
PTX-3	VEGF
0.41 (0.15, 0.68)	0.54 (0.29, 0.78)

Abbreviation: AUC, area under the curve; CI, confidence interval.

Note: total number of patients is 44.

Table 4.4: Receiver operating characteristics of PTX-3 and VEGF as diagnostic markers stratified according to the day of illness.

Day of illness	Number of cases (SD: Non-SD)	AUC (95% CI)	
		PTX-3	VEGF
1	2:2	0.50 (0.00, 1.00)	0.50 (0.00, 1.00)
2	5:15	0.68 (0.34, 1.00)	0.88 (0.73, 1.00)*
3	10:51	0.45 (0.23, 0.66)	0.78 (0.60, 0.95)*
4	1:40	0.85 (0.74, 0.96)	0.33 (0.00, 0.72)
5	3: 35	0.68 (0.48, 0.88)	0.50 (0.11, 0.88)

Abbreviation: SD, severe dengue; Non-SD, non-severe dengue; AUC, area under the curve; CI, confidence interval.

* $p < 0.05$

Table 4.5: Receiver operating characteristics of PTX-3 and VEGF as diagnostic markers without stratification of the day of illness.

AUC (95% CI)	
PTX-3	VEGF
0.50 (0.34, 0.66)	0.71 (0.56, 0.86)*

Abbreviation: AUC, area under the curve; CI, confidence interval.

* $p < 0.05$

Note: total number of patients is 60.

Table 4.6: Cut-offs of VEGF levels as a diagnostic marker.

VEGF level (pg/ml)	Diagnostic accuracy (%)	
	Sensitivity	Specificity
Day 2 of illness		
37.50	100.00	80.00
50.53	80.00	80.00
Day 3 of illness		
19.03	80.00	76.47
48.65	70.00	88.24
Without stratification		
19.36	76.19	62.26
44.59	66.67	79.25

Table 4.7: Logistic regression model for prediction and diagnosis.

Predictor variables	Beta (SE)
Prediction model	
Constant	217.03 (25421.02)
Gender = Female	-110.35 (13928.20)
VEGF	0.33 (36.36)
WBC	-16.86 (2335.28)
HCT	-6.15 (633.79)
ALT	0.46 (52.53)
Diagnostic model	
Constant	-4.27 (1.19)
VEGF	0.01 (0,00)
PLT	0.02 (0,01)
ALT	0.01 (0,00)

Abbreviation: WBC, white blood cell count; HCT, haematocrit; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; PLT, platelet; SE, standard error.

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DISCUSSION

VEGF in combination with other variables was able to predict the complication of dengue infection i.e. severe dengue. VEGF as a single marker was also able to diagnose severe dengue on day two and day three of illness. However, PTX-3 was not able to predict and diagnose the severe dengue.

VEGF is involved in the pathogenesis of many diseases such as cancer and diabetic retinopathy particularly in the healing process of damaged blood vessel (Ferrara et al., 2003). However, VEGF is also involved in the pathogenesis of plasma leakage of dengue virus infection (Malavige & Ogg, 2017). Hence, a higher VEGF level is expected in a dengue patient who develops circulatory shock (Tseng et al., 2005; Srikiatkachorn et al., 2007; Furuta et al., 2012). One patient with dengue encephalopathy had almost all zero VEGF level which is consistent with findings from existing literature (Misra et al., 2014). This is expected because VEGF is derived mainly from endothelial cells found in blood vessels. The dengue virus causes inflammation of the brain cells

The VEGF levels detected were consistent with the observations of Thakur et al., 2016 and Yong et al., 2017. However, the study designs of both studies did not examine the VEGF daily before and after the development of severe dengue in contrast to this study. Hence, severe dengue could have already

occurred when the analysis was performed (Yong et al., 2017). This does not allow the biomarker to be predictive before the complication occurs thereby reducing the chance of early treatment to prevent death. Another study was a cross-sectional study whereby the temporal sequence of the VEGF levels in the patient and the diagnosis of severe dengue was unclear (Thakur et al., 2016). As such, the findings from our study is difficult to be compare with although generally agrees to the increase VEGF level in dengue with complications.

PTX-3 is related to but distinct from the C-reactive protein produced by a variety of cells such as macrophages and endothelial cells (Mantovani et al., 2003). Thus, PTX-3 might be involved in the pathogenesis of dengue virus infection. Unfortunately, the difference in PTX-3 level between severe dengue and non-severe dengue was not statistically significant. The finding is not in agreement with the existing study whereby dengue shock syndrome has a higher PTX-3 level (Mairuhu et al., 2005). To date, no other study has evaluated PTX-3 in dengue virus infection after 2005 indicating that PTX-3 may not be useful in predicting or diagnosing severe dengue because negative results were not easily publishable (Easterbrook et al., 1991).

The specificity of the prediction model (VEGF and other clinical parameters such as female gender, WBC, HCT and ALT) was better than the warning signs employed by the WHO 2009 guideline. The WHO 2009 guideline has a sensitivity similar to our study but the specificity is less than 50% (Leo et al., 2013; Thein et al., 2013). Other studies also developed models to predict

severe dengue but both sensitivity and specificity obtained were lower than those of our prediction model (Tanner et al., 2008; Potts et al., 2010; Soundravally et al., 2015). However, our diagnostic model and VEGF levels as a single marker have comparatively lower accuracy than the WHO 2009 severe dengue diagnostic criteria (Horstick et al., 2014). Therefore, it could not replace the current diagnostic guideline but may serve as an adjunct investigation to support the diagnosis.

The logistic regression model was chosen as the predictive method after exploring few other prediction models such as decision tree and neural network. The selection was based on simplicity and accuracy. All models explored had similar accuracy but logistic regression was considered relatively simple to compute than the others. The simplicity of a model is important to facilitate easier development of its usage in the population. It is also easier to create a mobile application or online software with the simple mathematical equation. The function of the backward LR of multiple logistic regression models was used to eliminate the least statistically significant variable in each step. When the final step was reached, the model was again tested to evaluate its accuracy in predicting the severe dengue. Until the model is satisfied with the best accuracy, the elimination step is stopped. This model was again tested in larger sample size to evaluate its accuracy. This is because when the model was developed, only valid data was used to build the model. Other non-valid data which is due to missing values were excluded. Thus, the model was again being evaluated in the full data set which consisted of some missing data. This is the actual scenario as some patients would not undergo some of the blood testings.

This study has achieved up to 91% of the total calculated sample size. It is unlikely that the result will change significantly even when 100% of sample size is achieved. Therefore, the study halted when the interim analysis indicated statistical significant result. This reduced the need for more patients to be recruited and avoided research fund wastage. Instead, allocation of funding for future multicentre study with bigger sample size for generalisability could be optimised.

The 'in-house' ELISA test was optimised with an acceptable degree of variation in comparison with the commercial ELISA test. However, the limitation of this 'in-house' ELISA test is that it must first be validated by the respective laboratories before being used to test patients'. Each ELISA kit has some amount of variability but the commercial product may have more control over the variability. Even with a commercial ELISA kit, when it is used in a different laboratory setting, variation may occur. This is due to the different equipment used to perform and analyse the ELISA. ELISA is operator dependent and thus, variation can also occur. Therefore, a well-trained technician may minimise the variation. Researchers or laboratory users who wish to replicate and employ any ELISA test kit, will be required to undertake validation by using controls of known biomarker concentrations in the ELISA plate.

CV is a form of variability measurement and is expressed as percentages. It is calculated for each sample that is tested in duplicates. Less than 20% of CV is considered acceptable in this study and thus, when any variation exceeds this threshold; the ELISA was repeated until it achieved the threshold. However, “inaccuracy” according to CV estimation might not be significant in a clinical setting. For example, if the value falls within a wide range of standard error but still above the estimated ROC cut-off value, then the value generated is still useful to predict the disease. Hence, the CV threshold should be determined only after multiple testing in a clinical setting. In clinical practice, if the value cannot be correlated with clinical findings, then the test should be repeated as in any other test. This is in accordance with the concept of “regression towards mean” in statistics whereby the subsequent test value would move closer to the average value. Unfortunately, the cost of multiple testing is a burden to the healthcare system. Hence, the first step for the clinician is to ensure the accuracy of the dengue diagnosis before interpreting the biomarker results so that an accurate correlation between the clinical condition of dengue and the biomarkers can be made.

Although this study was designed as a cohort study, the incidence rate of severe dengue could not be reliably calculated because patients were only recruited in the first 72 hours of illness. Hence, a high proportion of severe dengue found in this study does not reflect the true incidence rate of severe dengue because most cases of non-severe dengue that presented after 72 hours of illness could not be captured. Thus, the denominator of the incidence rate is

smaller than expected which leads to a falsely higher incidence rate of severe dengue.

VEGF may be useful in predicting severe dengue along with other available clinical parameters. The model was developed and validated in a full data set. However, to apply in another hospital or country, the equation must be revalidated because the incidence of severe dengue and clinical parameters may differ. If re-validation fails, a new prediction model must be developed. Therefore, replication of this study is essential before we can conclude its use internationally.

VEGF is a non-specific biomarker which can occur in many disease condition. The biomarker must be interpreted only if the dengue status of a patient is confirmed such as by a positive NS1 Ag or IgM. Other possible conditions that could have an effect on the biomarker levels were excluded in this study. Nevertheless, if dengue patients have these condition such as heart disease and pregnancy, they are already at higher risk of complication and death. Thus, the patient should be admitted for close monitoring with or without VEGF testing.

Another limitation of this study is that the fluid intake and other supportive treatments were not included in the development of the model. Treatment might affect the VEGF levels. For example, during blood transfusion

or dialysis, the VEGF levels might be reduced. Similarly, the fluid therapy administered parenterally could also have diluted the biomarker in the plasma. However, the analysis particularly for predicting severe dengue only included samples from patients who have not been treated parenterally because they were discharged from outpatient. This should not have impacted greatly on the prediction model.

Future studies should concentrate on the development of a biosensor for VEGF detection. A biosensor is a device that detects chemical reactions and converts them into digital data for interpretation. The detection via a transducer can be of various forms such as electrochemical, mass-based, thermometric, magnetic and optical. Relevant to dengue, the biosensor can be used as an immunosensor to detect the VEGF antigen-anti-VEGF reaction (Byrne et al., 2009). The development of an immunosensors could potentially reduce the time to produce results. Complications of dengue virus infection can occur rapidly and the patient might die within few hours or minutes. Hence, predictive or diagnostic results that can help the clinician to make a decision should be produced in a short period of time. More importantly, immunosensors could potentially reduce variations that are found in various steps of the ELISA. Immunosensors employ materials such as gold and electrical conducting material to detect signals from the antigen-antibody reaction. Materials used as a detecting probe must be able to bind to the capture antibody as in ELISA wells. The signal will be then transmitted via a transducer to form digital data. Hence, only samples were needed to produce a signal in contrast to ELISA which requires streptavidin-HRP and TMB solution to produce a colour of different

intensity (Byrne et al., 2009). The TMB solution is also light sensitive which can change the colour rapidly if it is exposed to light. Therefore, immunosensor has an advantage over ELISA by reducing the variation found in an ELISA.

An immunosensor can also be customised into a 'bedside' rapid kit. This will help clinician, especially in the rural areas where laboratory facility is not available. One widely used example is the glucometer. Glucometer requires only a drop of blood to create an enzymatic reaction which produces electrical activity. The signal of this electrical charge is then analysed within a palm-size machine to provide a measurement of the glucose level in the body (Dzyadevych et al., 2008). If the VEGF test can be customised into such a bedside kit for clinical use, there will be an enormous potential for it to be applied in many resource-poor dengue endemic countries. The variation of the measurement using such a 'bedside' test can be reduced to a minimum because most of the steps of the ELISA would have been eliminated.

One other way to make the test more user-friendly is to test on urine samples. Urinary VEGF may be detectable in dengue patients although no studies have been conducted on that. However, studies on cancers and other diseases particularly in the genitourinary system have offered insight that VEGF could be present in the urine (Matsumoto & Kanmatsuse, 2001; Bok et al., 2001; Chan et al., 2004). Studies can be conducted in dengue patients to determine whether VEGF is also excreted in the urine. If VEGF is present in the urine, then blood taking can be avoided. Furthermore, this can be used as a home-based test

kit that can be sold over the counter like the urine pregnancy test. This further reduces the cost of the healthcare system as the patient will buy the kit on their own. Detailed instruction should be provided to guide patients on how to use the test and calculate the probability of developing severe dengue using a standardised formula similar to what has been proposed in this study.

The prediction model developed in this study was based on a single blood sample from each patient one day prior to the development of severe dengue. Though high VEGF levels may indicate that plasma leakage has already occurred, it may still be useful as a predictor because clinical evidence of plasma leakage can only be detected a day later.

In conclusion, VEGF may be used in combination with other clinical parameters to predict the severity of dengue. As a single biomarker, it may be used as an adjunct investigation to support the diagnosis of severe dengue. PTX-3 was not able to differentiate severe dengue from non-severe dengue.

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APPENDIX A

List of publications during the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) candidature

1. Kuan, G.L.K., Yong, M.H., Isa, R.M., 2015a. Comparison of vomiting and diarrhoea frequency among dengue-infected patients. *Journal Coast Life Medicine*, 3(8), pp. 616–620.
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APPENDIX B

Data analysis of other variables not presented in the main text

1. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of PTX-3 levels among serotype 1, 2 and 3 (N=52).

Serotypes	Mean	Standard deviation	P value
1 (n=18)	68.7399	102.0563	
2 (n=26)	58.9883	93.663	
3 (n=8)	35.1811	23.0053	>0.05

Note: serotype 4 and mixed serotypes were not included into the analysis due to inadequate patients for comparison (one and two patients, respectively).

Interpretation: there is no statistically significant difference in the PTX-3 level among the three serotypes.

2. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of VEGF levels among serotype 1, 2 and 3 (N=52).

Serotypes	Mean	Standard deviation	P value
1 (n=18)	68.7399	102.0563	
2 (n=26)	58.9883	93.663	
3 (n=8)	35.1811	23.0053	>0.05

Note: serotype 4 and mixed serotypes were not included into the analysis due to inadequate patients for comparison (one and two patients, respectively).

Interpretation: there is no statistically significant difference in the VEGF level among the three serotypes.

3. The first logistic regression model for prediction and diagnosis.

(Model prior to development of the equation)

Predictor variables	Beta (SE)
Prediction model	
Constant	-38.37 (145414.65)
Gender = Female	-51.15 (35144.84)
Age	0.38 (2642.39)
IgG status	15.26 (75133.03)
Race = Malay	30.76 (27200.61)
Race = Chinese	-102.07 (35523.46)
Race = Indian	76.10 (73344.36)
PTX-3	-1.26 (2819.20)
VEGF	0.39 (115.85)
WBC	-11.34 (14872.89)
PLT	0.68 (503.31)
HCT	-1.49 (2216.21)
ALT	0.53 (650.48)
AST	-0.07 (595.10)
Diagnostic model	
Constant	-8.11 (5.61)
Gender = Female	-1.24 (1.69)

Age	0.05 (0.05)
IgG status	2.01 (1.39)
Race = Malay	0.29 (1.27)
Race = Chinese	-3.70 (2.24)
Race = Indian	14.69 (20979.97)
Race = Other Malaysians	22.12(20979.55)
PTX-3	-0.01 (0.09)
VEGF	0.02 (0.01)
WBC	-0.87 (0.59)
PLT	0.04 (0.02)*
HCT	0.06 (0.14)
ALT	0.01 (0.02)
AST	-0.01 (0.01)

Abbreviation: WBC, white blood cell count; HCT, haematocrit; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; PLT, platelet; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; SE, standard error.

*p<0.05

Interpretation: All variables in both adjusted models are not statistically significant between non-severe dengue and severe dengue except platelet count. The results indicate that after controlling for potential confounding factors and each other, there is no difference in all the variables between non-severe dengue and severe dengue. Note: although platelet count is the only variable that is significant (p=0.32), the result is likely due to chance. Thus, it must be interpreted with caution.

APPENDIX C

- 1. Master Data Set**
- 2. Commercial and Optimised ELISA Comparison Data Set**
- 3. Data For Constructing Figures**

Master Data Set

ID	Serotype	IgMEarly	IgMLate	IgG	Age	Gender	Race	PTX1	PTX2	PTX3	PTX4	PTX5	PTX6	PTX7	PTX8	PTX9	PTX10
269	1			0	15	0	0	NA	NA	4.81	5.66	7.02	5.56	8.07	6.7	NA	NA
1355	0		1	0	17	0	0	NA	NA	7.9	10.5	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
5014	0	0		0	41	1	0	NA	NA	11.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5027	0	0	1	0	44	0	1	NA	NA	0	2.16	1.49	2.51	NA	NA	NA	NA
5030	0	insufficien	1	0	31	1	0	NA	NA	9.73	insuffi	insuffi	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5047	0		1	0	20	0	0	NA	NA	1.02	7.19	8.68	16.5	5.11	NA	NA	NA
5054	1		1	0	33	1	0	NA	missin	10.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5068	0		1	0	63	1	0	NA	NA	7.87	missin	4.13	5.49	NA	NA	NA	NA
5069	1&2		1	0	28	0	1	NA	5.96	16.6	35.6	3.49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5114	0		1	0	17	1	0	NA	NA	3.79	missin	5.96	6.56	NA	NA	NA	NA
5117	2			0	54	0	1	NA	2.02	3.82	2.54	1.6	3.23	3.07	2.22	3.27	NA
5129	2	0		1	19	0	0	NA	NA	0.34	missin	0.77	1.34	2.62	NA	NA	NA
5149	2	0	0	0	17	0	0	NA	NA	0.93	2.37	2.18	0.88	3.64	2.1	NA	NA
5168	0	0	1	0	23	1	1	NA	NA	5.18	4.42	2.68	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5169	3	0	1	1	28	0	0	NA	4.66	8.29	14	1.12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5182	2			0	21	1	0	NA	3.3	3.27	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5185	3			0	27	0	1	NA	5.59	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5195	0		1	0	23	0	0	NA	NA	0	3.73	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5206	insufficient			insu	71	1	1	NA	NA	4.98	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5207	1	0		0	28	0	0	NA	NA	1.97	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5217	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	NA	NA	8.06	7.92	6.11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5219	2			0	20	0	0	NA	NA	1.75	3.29	4.04	4.79	2.94	2.43	missin	missing
5222	2	0		1	30	1	0	NA	NA	7.62	7.85	7.92	3.96	NA	NA	NA	NA
5261	2	1		1	34	0	0	NA	NA	6.33	5.89	14.9	3.24	NA	NA	NA	NA
5276	1&2			0	27	1	0	NA	0	2.96	1.77	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5303	3			0	25	0	0	NA	3.29	5.61	20.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5321	0		1	0	24	0	0	NA	4.27	4.23	18.8	20.3	6.04	NA	NA	NA	NA
5348	1			0	30	1	0	NA	NA	1.16	7.79	9.51	3.9	8.3	NA	NA	NA
5354	1			1	45	1	1	NA	NA	1.92	1.73	2.15	1.5	NA	NA	NA	NA
5362	0	0	1	0	46	1	0	NA	NA	4.91	4.45	5.46	4.3	3.49	NA	NA	NA
5368	2			0	32	1	0	NA	NA	0.94	4.68	7	3.59	2.43	NA	NA	NA
5373	2			0	21	0	0	NA	2.18	0.85	2.6	6.98	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Master Data Set

5398	3		1	0	33	1	0	NA	0.33	3.76	6.92	2.25	1.16	NA	NA	NA	NA
5405	0	1		1	33	0	0	NA	NA	6.56	5.31	9.38	7.1	NA	NA	NA	NA
5464	3		1	0	19	1	1	NA	NA	4.17	missin	missin	5.46	NA	NA	NA	NA
5473	1			0	28	0	0	6.08	3.63	7.43	1.27	3.96	3.14	4.02	NA	NA	NA
5474	1			0	46	1	0	NA	NA	0.42	1.67	0.87	0.76	6.72	NA	NA	NA
5506	2			0	34	1	0	NA	2.42	9.07	4	2.03	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5519	0	1		0	27	0	3	NA	NA	4.65	2.82	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5587	0	1	1	1	54	0	1	NA	NA	5.02	7.35	8.2	1.17	NA	NA	NA	NA
5651	2			0	24	0	0	NA	NA	6	7.37	7.7	missin	missin	NA	NA	NA
5657	1	0		1	28	0	0	NA	NA	2.38	0.27	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5672 2&3		1		1	49	1	0	NA	NA	1.83	3.51	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5675	0	0	1	0	20	0	2	NA	NA	6.08	2.13	7.3	2.52	7.8	0.71	NA	NA
5696	1			0	25	1	1	2.55	6.28	6.9	11.7	11.5	3.72	NA	NA	NA	NA
5703	1			0	60	0	0	NA	4.86	1.55	8.84	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5709	0		1	0	43	0	1	NA	NA	11.9	NA	NA	NA	2.94	3.61	4.6	NA
5718	2			0	16	1	0	NA	NA	1.75	1.6	1.89	5.19	NA	NA	NA	NA
5731	1			0	18	0	0	NA	NA	6.93	56.2	49.9	7.69	6.02	11.1	NA	NA
5735	3			0	22	0	2	NA	NA	5.38	missin	missin	missin	5.73	4.13	NA	NA
5792	0	0		0	25	1	2	NA	NA	7.24	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5793	1		1	0	17	0	0	NA	NA	11.5	8.97	6.66	missin	NA	NA	NA	NA
5874	2		1	0	41	1	3	NA	NA	9.38	7.9	1.31	2.05	3	4.58	9.71	7.85
5875	1	0	1	0	53	0	1	NA	NA	10.1	9.09	3.02	3.84	4.2	1.7	6.21	7.938
5878	1			0	35	1	0	NA	NA	4.36	missin	8.84	36.3	6.8	missin	missin	NA
5880	0	0		1	18	1	0	NA	4.39	6.84	2.22	2.9	4.36	Missin	3.62	NA	NA
5979	2		1	0	30	0	0	NA	4.34	6.24	1.58	3.48	3.26	NA	NA	NA	NA
5995	2			0	53	0	0	NA	NA	5.73	4.14	3.94	1.49	2.13	NA	NA	NA
6055	0		1	0	17	0	0	NA	NA	3.09	missin	missin	5.53	NA	NA	NA	NA
6203	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	NA	0.79	0	2.03	missin	missin	NA	NA	NA	NA
6292	3		1	0	56	1	0	NA	3.34	5.42	4.49	2.51	5.2	3.6	7.68	NA	NA
6489	1			0	23	0	0	NA	6.56	12.3	11.9	9.82	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6529	3			0	19	0	0	NA	NA	0.18	missin	4.66	3.64	5.14	NA	NA	NA
6536	0		1	0	24	0	0	NA	NA	0.06	1.83	3.11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8925	2	0		0	22	0	0	NA	8.37	5.97	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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170672	2	1	1	1	16	1	0	NA	NA	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
172081	1			1	0	33	1	2	NA	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
177613	2	0			0	26	1	4	NA	NA	4.38	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
549871	2	0		1	1	29	0	4	NA	NA	0.82	1.1	2.11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
550620	2			1	0	34	0	4	1.68	11.5	9.68	9.97	20.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
557599	2			1	0	62	1	0	NA	3.11	1.21	0.66	1.65	4.34	8.7	NA	NA	NA
558117	2	insufficien		1	1	23	0	0	NA	NA	insuffi	missin	11.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
558764	2	0	insufficier		0	76	0	0	NA	7.47	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
561064	1			1	0	69	1	0	9.45	15.6	7.26	6.5	5.19	5.7	NA	NA	NA	NA
562017	2	1			1	20	1	0	NA	NA	4	3.62	0.68	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
562210	2		insufficier		0	23	1	0	NA	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
562584	1			1	1	41	1	2	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	missin	0	NA	NA
5657(Adhil)	4				0	17	0	0	NA	NA	9.19	2.97	4.25	4.95	NA	NA	NA	NA
5875(Hadri)	insufficient				insu	25	0	0	7.69	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
SD875470	2,3	0			0	30	0	0	NA	NA	14.3	8.21	7.19	10.5	7.72	7.15	3.71	4.461
SD875805(6139)	0	1			1	37	0	0	NA	NA	insuffi	2.17	1.63	2.76	1.38	1.34	2.85	3.413
SD879358(5394)	2	1			1	32	1	0	NA	NA	2.97	insuffi	7.33	5.82	3.25	2.89	3.84	4.421

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PTX11	PTX12	PTX13	PTX14	PTX15	PTX16	PTX17	VEGF1	VEGF2	VEGF3	VEGF4	VEGF5	VEGF6	VEGF7	VEGF8	VEGF9	VEGF10	VEGF11	VEGF12
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	18.33	0	16.21	20.43	NA	NA	NA	NA
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6.088	missing	5.118	3.329	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	1.111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.77778	missing
1.587	2.157	1.43	1.207	3.802	3.198	NA	NA	NA	insuffici	168.3	185	220	94.17	90.83	217.5	171.667	188.333	249.167	
2.925	4.487	0	0	insuffic	3.066	2.618	NA	NA	201.7	60	127.8	135	111.1	0	99.44	45.5556	35	139.444	

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VEGF13	VEGF14	VEGF15	VEGF16	VEGF17	WBC1	WBC2	WBC3	WBC4	WBC5	WBC6	WBC7	WBC8	WBC9	WBC10	WBC11
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.6	6.3	4.3	3.3	3.6	4.9	NA	NA	NA
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NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.8	2.8	3.1	3.8	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	18.7	22.8	19.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.8	2.6	2.2	4	5.5	11.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
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79.1667	50.8333	26.6667	13.3333	NA	NA	NA	3.3	7.6	10.8	10.6	12.5	12.5	NA	NA	NA
138.333	57.2222	36.6667	18.8889	27.7778	NA	NA	2.8	6.5	13.4	22.1	15.6	10.5	7.6	NA	NA

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WBC12	WBC13	WBC14	WBC15	WBC16	WBC17	Plt1	Plt2	Plt3	Plt4	Plt5	Plt6	Plt7	Plt8	Plt9
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	14.1	15.2	14.8	14	NA	NA	NA	103	83	51	35	17	8	21
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Plt10	Plt11	Plt12	Plt13	Plt14	Plt15	PLT16	PLT17	HCT1	HCT2	HCT3	HCT4	HCT5	HCT6	HCT7
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	44.5	41	39.7	40.3	40.2
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	45.2	42.9	46.7	43.1	NA
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missing	305	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	43.2	46	46.2	47.5	50.9
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	73	75	85	74	62	71	114	137	NA	NA	39.2	37.7	39.1	33.7	23.1
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HCT8	HCT9	HCT10	HCT11	HCT12	HCT13	HCT14	HCT15	HCT16	HCT17	ALT1	ALT2	ALT3	ALT4	ALT5	ALT6	ALT7	ALT8
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51.6	48.3	41	39.2	36.7	38.3	42.2	43.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	154	182	201	256	190	198
27.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	132	192	171	185	161	131
30.9	29.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	775	644	386	279	NA	156

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ALT9	ALT10	ALT11	ALT12	ALT13	ALT14	ALT15	ALT16	ALT17	AST1	AST2	AST3	AST4	AST5	AST6	AST7	AST8	AST9	AST10	AST11	AST12	AST13
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AST14	AST15	AST16	AST17	Diagnosis	DlagDaySD	SDCat	SDSubcat	AfebrileDay	Admission
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NA	NA	NA	NA	1		3	0 Compensated shock	5	3
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NA	NA	NA	NA	1		2	0 compensated shock	4	2
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Master Data Set

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Master Data Set

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Master Data Set

Co-morbidis

Death

Transfusio DialysisDa\ Others

no plain tube(both)

Last day no blood (D7)

IgM positive at day 4

No last tube IgM positive

IgM positive at day 5

fever spike at D4 due to CAP

Antibiotic , Tonsilits at D6, thrombophlebitis D8

No last tube IgM positive

no plain tube on last day

only one day, no further follow up

insufficient sample to confirm dengue status

Only follow up for one day

IgM negative

No last plain tube

D3 treated as Lepto, increase CK

HPT, hypothyroid, gastritis

No plain tube on last day

thrombophlebitis D5

Master Data Set

no plain tu Bidayuh

Anemia

5

Subsequent pleural effusion, pericardial effusion, hepat
no plain tu Lepto and dengue IgM +

CCU D2 aft treated for Metabolic acidosis, resp distress
No plain tube early

No last blood both EDTA and plain

HPT

6,7,32
18 7,8,9

Iban
15

Thrombop No blood at D7

IgM negati Thrombophlebitis D5
Thrombophlebitis D6

Master Data Set

Diabetes
Philipine
Bangladeshi
Iraqi

7 3

3

DM and HPT

4

insufficien only one day, no further follow up

9

5,6

4

Master Data Set

Master Data Set

titis/failure, myocarditis, ascites.

(COPD?)

Commercial and Optimised ELISA comparison Data Set

PTXCom	PTXOptimi	VEGFCom	VEGFOptimized
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8	10	342	112
6	5	1500	1897
6	2	227	210
5	4	607	1800
14	13	430	698
18	20	765	1500
17	16	1042	1671
6	2	427	789

Data for constructing figures

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