

INDICATION

A score used for ruling out meningitis in children

INTERPRETATION

SCORE	RISK BACTERIAL MENINGITIS
0	Very low risk
≥ 1	Not very low risk

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

QUESTION	POINTS
CSF Gram stain positive	Yes +1
	No +0
CSF Absolute neutrophil count (ANC) $>1,000_{\text{cells}/\mu\text{L}}$	Yes +1
	No +0
CSF protein $>80_{\text{mg/dL}} (>800_{\text{mg/L}})$	Yes +1
	No +0
Peripheral blood ANC $>10,000_{\text{cells}/\mu\text{L}}$	Yes +1
	No +0
Seizure at (or prior to) initial presentation	Yes +1
	No +0