

INDICATION

Differentiates heparin-induced thrombocytopenia from other causes of thrombocytopenia.

INTERPRETATION

SCORE	INTERPRETATION
≤3 points	Low probability of HIT (≤5%)
4-5 points	Intermediate probability (~14% probability of HIT)
6-8 points	High probability (~64% probability of HIT)

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

QUESTION		POINTS
Thrombocytopenia	Platelet count fall <30% OR Platelet nadir <10×10 <sup>9</sup>	0
	Platelet count fall 30%–50% OR Platelet nadir 10–19×10 <sup>9</sup>	1
	Platelet count fall >50% AND Platelet nadir ≥20 ×10 <sup>9</sup>	2
Timing of platelet count fall	Platelet count fall <4 days without recent heparin exposure	0
	Consistent with days 5–10 fall but not clear (e.g. missing platelet counts) OR Onset after day 10 OR Fall ≤1 day (prior heparin exposure 30–100 days ago)	1
	Clear onset between days 5 and 10 OR Platelet fall ≤1 day (prior heparin exposure within 30 days)	2
Thrombosis or other sequelae	None	0
	Progressive or recurrent thrombosis or non-necrotising (erythematous) skin lesions or suspected thrombosis (not proven)	1
	New thrombosis (confirmed) OR Skin necrosis at heparin injection sites OR Acute systemic reaction after intravenous heparin bolus	2
Other causes of thrombocytopenia	Definite	0
	Possible	1
	None apparent	2