

INDICATION

Calculates the likelihood of the presence of disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This calculator should only be used where there is clinical suspicion of DIC. The score should be repeated daily if positive and every other day if negative where there remains clinical suspicion.

Patients should be managed as clinically indicated, often therapy should be aimed at treating the underlying cause.

INTERPRETATION

SCORE	DIAGNOSIS / MANAGEMENT
<5	Not suggestive of overt DIC. Possible non-overt DIC: repeat within 1-2 days. Treat as clinically appropriate
≥5	Compatible with overt DIC. Treat for DIC as appropriate and repeat scoring daily

CALCULATION

Total score = sum of scores for each question

QUESTION	POINTS
Platelet count (cells $\times 10^9/L$)	≥100
	50 to <100
	<50
Elevated levels of a fibrin-related marker: D-dimer / Fibrin degradation products	No increase
	Moderate increase
	Severe increase
Prolonged <u>PT</u> (secs)	<3
	3 to <6
	≥6
Fibrinogen level (g/L)	≥1
	<1