

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 _{cells/μL}	Yes	+1
	No	+0
CSF protein >80 _{mg/dL} (>800 _{mg/L})	Yes	+1
	No	+0
Peripheral blood ANC >10,000 _{cells/μL}	Yes	+1
	No	+0
Seizure at (or prior to) initial presentation	Yes	+1
	No	+0