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INTRODUCTION

Dengue infection is the most common disease the tropical and subtropical district, especially Southeast Asia, central America, America and Carriibia. The natural object of dengue is human, the agent is dengue virus that is included to family of Flaviridae and Flavivirus genus, contains of 4 serotypes for instance Den-1, Den-2, Den-3 and Den -41. The disease was transmitted to human through infected mosquito's bite, mainly *Aedes aegypti* mosquito and *Ae. albopictus* 2 that is nearly found in entire of Indonesia¹.

Usually, Dengue patients were experienced the fever phase for 2-7 days, followed by critical phase for 2-3 days. The critical phase and occurs when patient has not in fever anymore, they in the phase patient will be at risk to get shock if do not get adequate treatment². On dengue fever, after incubation intrinsic moment for 4-6 days, appears non-specific clinical symptom, constitutional symptom, headache, backache and malaise. Dengue bleed fever is indicated with two or more clinical manifestation as follows : headache, retro orbital ache, rash, antralgia and mialgya, bleeding manifestation (positive tourniquet test, petekie), leukopenia and positive dengue serology examination. Onset Dengue is usually marked by high fever, headache and flushing³.

In general, the diagnosis of dengue is difficult to enforce in the first few days of illness because the symptoms that appear are not specific and difficult to distinguish from other infectious diseases⁴. Diagnosis of dengue infection only based on clinical syndromes which cannot be fully trusted, so the diagnosis needs to be confirmed using laboratory tests. Laboratory tests that can be done to diagnose dengue infection include: virus isolation, detection of viral nucleic acids, detection of viral antigens, tests based on immunological

responses (anti-dengue IgM and IgG), and hematological parameter analysis⁵.

Hematologic parameters that are routinely examined to screen suspected patients with dengue fever are through examination of hemoglobin levels, leucocyte counts, hematocrit values, platelet counts, and peripheral blood smears to see the presence of relative lymphocytosis and blue plasma lymphocyte⁶.

Nowadays NS1 antigen examination has been developed to detect the presence of dengue virus infection in the acute phase, where in various studies it has been shown that NS1 is superior in sensitivity than viral culture and *polymerase chain reaction* (PCR) examination as well as antidengue IgM and IgG antibodies. The bag-specific NS1 antigen 100% is as high as the gold standard for viral culture or PCR⁷.

Dengue virus has two types of proteins, namely structural envelope (E) proteins, matrix (M) and capsid (C)) and nonstructural proteins (NS1, NS2A, NS2B, NS3, NS4A, NS4B, NS5)^{8,23}. Protein E, Pr M protein and NS1 protein has antigenic properties⁹. Nonstructural protein NS1 in the dengue virus is a glycoprotein measuring 46-50 kilodalton expressed on infected host cells both membrane associated (mNS1) and secreted (sNS1) and not part of the virion structure component¹⁰. NS1 is produced by all flaviviruses and plays an important role in the process of replication and survival of the virus¹¹. NS1 acts as an important immunogen in dengue infection and plays a role in protecting against diseases, especially in secondary infections where anti-CSF antibodies are found in the patient's serum. pathogenesis of dengue infection¹².

In addition to the viral bond with antibodies, NS1 antigens also play a role in plasma leakage and bleeding in dengue infections. NS1 antigen will bind to specific

antibodies resulting in vascular endothelial cell apoptosis and activation of the complement system which contributes to plasma leakage and platelet lysis¹³.

However, NS1 examination is rarely done in health laboratories, especially in rural areas, this is one of them because the examination price is quite expensive. Routine blood tests which include hemoglobin examination, leukocytes, platelets and hematocrit are determinants in diagnosing other than clinical symptoms¹⁴.

Based on the background above, in this study the researchers intend to find out whether or not there is a relationship between NS1 examination results and clinical signs and symptoms as well as routine blood examination results which include hemoglobin level, leukocyte count, platelet count and hematocrit value in patients suspected of dengue infection.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

This type of research is an observational analytic study with a cross sectional approach. This study aims to determine the relationship between NS1 antigen examination results on clinical symptoms, platelet count and hematocrit values in patients suspected of dengue infection clinic Vita Medika Kepung, Kediri Regency. The research was conducted in November 2017 - February 2018 in the Clinical Laboratory section and inpatient Vita Medika Kepung clinic in Kediri Regency.

The sample used in this study were patients with suspected dengue infection at the Vita Medika Kepung clinic in Kediri Regency in November 2017 - February 2018 with inclusion criteria as stated below male and female sex, age 0-10, 11-20, 21-30, >30 year⁴, (with total of 30 subjects for all classifications), illness duration at hospital admission <5 days from the onset of fever, no other illness indications, not consuming any medicine which suppress spinal cord,

complete medical record, no blood deviation, willing to be research subject. The sampling technique in this study was consecutive sampling. At consecutive sampling, all subjects who arrived and met the selection criteria were included in the study until the required number of subjects were met. This consecutive sampling is the best type of non-probability sampling and is the easiest method. Most clinical studies (including clinical trials) use this technique to select subjects. The number of samples was determined a formula.

Exclusion criteria in this study were patients with suspected dengue with a long illness since the onset of fever for more than 5 days, patients who were taking medications that suppressed bone marrow, patients who had a history of blood disorders, patients with other coincidental diseases, such as typhoid fever, patients with indications of other infectious diseases, such as respiratory infections, urinary tract infections and gastrointestinal infections, incomplete medical records, patients with symptoms and signs of shock, and unwilling to become respondents in the inform consent.

The independent variable (independent variable) in this study is the results of nonstructural antigen 1 (NS1). The dependent variable in this study is the clinical signs and symptoms of dengue infection, hemoglobin level, leukocyte count, platelet count and hematocrit value. Clinical symptoms referred to in this study are fever, which is accompanied by at least 2 of the following symptoms: headache, retroorbital pain, myalgia, arthralgia, rash, and bleeding manifestations such as petechiae, positive tourniquet test, and spontaneous bleeding.

Data processing including the examination of the completeness and clarity of the data, assigning code to each variable data, entering data in the SPSS program (Statistical Program for Social Science), and checking back to

ensure that the data has been cleared of errors. Data analysis consisted of univariate and bivariate analysis. The statistical test used in this study is the chi square test. The reason for using the test is because the two variables studied are variables with data in the form of a categorical scale. If the chi square test does not meet the requirements (the expected count value is less than 5 > 20%), then use the Fisher exact test for 2x2 tables, Kolmogorov Smirnov test for 2x2 tables.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In this part, we provide the research result, it consists of 12 tables.

Table 1. Characteristics of research subject.

Characteristics	N	%
Gender		
Male	16	53,3
Female	14	46,7
Range of age (years old)		
0 - 10	15	50
11 - 20	8	26,7
21 - 30	3	10
>30	4	13,3
Total	30	100

Adv: n=frequency

Table 1 was showed that in this study it was found that according to gender the number of male respondents were more than female respondents with a ratio of 1.14: 1. These results are in line with the results of research conducted by Libraty^{6,824} who get more male sufferers than women with ratio of 2.2: 1, as well as in the research conducted by Mayer *et al*¹⁵, the number of male respondents was more than women with a ratio of 3: 2 and research by Juranah²¹ in 2011. Production of anti inflammation sitocyn in female was more abundant, therefore, female who get dengue infection give unclear clinical complaint and are rarely to be hospitalized or clinic⁸.

In women the production of anti-inflammatory cytokines is greater, so that

women infected with dengue provide clinical complaints that are less clear and rarely treated in hospitals or clinics². This is also confirmed by Soedarmono *et al*¹⁷ who stated that the XX chromosome in women has a role in managing immunoglobulin production quantitatively. But Halstead *et al*¹⁸ research shows that there is no difference between the response of infection in women and men.

Based on the age in this study found the youngest respondents in this study were 3 years and the oldest 38 years, the highest percentage of 15 (50%) respondents were children aged <10 years, followed by respondents with the age group 11-20 years as many as 8 (26.7 %). The results of this study were supported by a statement from the Caribbean Epidemiology Center in 2000, which stated that the most epidemiology of dengue patients was in children and young adults. Age is one of the factors that influence sensitivity to dengue virus infection¹⁸. Study was conducted in Kuba which showed that age had an important role for the emergence of clinical symptoms in the form of plasma leakage¹⁹.

Table 2. Distribution of Clinical Signs and Symptoms of Patients Suspected of Dengue Infection during Admission

Clinical symptoms andn	%	
Signs of dengue (fever,arthritis,headache,nausea)		
Without bleeding signs	25	83,3
With bleeding signs	5	13,3

Adv: n=frequency

Table 2 is showed that from 30 respondents as many as 25 (83.3%) experienced clinical symptoms of dengue, namely fever (in this case selected respondents were those who had fever 1 - 4 days), headaches, joint pain, nausea without signs of bleeding and 5 (16, 7%) of the respondents accompanied by a sign of bleeding which is positive for Rumpel Leed (RL) examination. These results indicate that often the initial clinical symptoms of dengue

infection are not typical, as evidenced by the variation in clinical symptoms experienced by respondents.

From 25 respondents who do not show bleeding sign, 14 of them (56%) has positive NS1 antigen and 11 of them (44%) has negative NS1 antigen. While in 5 respondents who show bleeding signs, there are 3 respondents (60%) has positive NS1 antigen and 2 respondents (40%) has negative NS1 antigen. Chi square test result between respondents clinical symptom when admission toward NS1 antigen checking result obtain p value = 0.310 ($p > 0.05$) means that there is no correlation between signs and clinical symptoms and NS1 antigen checking result. This result is in line with research Muhamad¹² in 2007 who claims that there is no correlation between symptoms and clinical signs with NS1 antigen checking result with p value = 0.115 ($p > 0.05$).

Table 3. Distribution of Hemoglobin Levels in Patients Suspected of Dengue Infection during Admission

Hemoglobin Levels (g / dL)	N	%
Male		
<13,5	7	23,3
13,5 – 18,0	9	30,0
>18,0	0	0
Female		
<11,5	0	0
11,5 – 16,0	14	46,7
>16,0	0	0
TOTAL	30	100

Adv: n=frequency

Table 3 was described that at the time of admission from 30 respondents there were 7 (23.3%) respondents had Hb <normal, 23 (76.7%) respondents had Hb levels within the normal range, and no (0%) respondents had Hb levels > normal. In this study the determination of normal values is distinguished by the sex of the respondents.

Chi square result between Hb and NS1 antigen checking result obtains p value =

0.235 ($p > 0.05$) which has meaning that there is no correlation between Hb and NS1 antigen checking result. This result is in line with research¹⁰ conducted in 2016 which found that there is no correlation between Hb of patients suspected with dengue infection and NS1 antigen checking result with p value = 0.483 ($p > 0.05$).

Table 4. Distribution of Patient Leukocytes Suspected of Dengue Infection during Admission

Leukocyte count		
(sel/mm ³)	n	%
< 4.000	22	73,3
4.000 – 10.000	8	26,7
>10.000	0	0
Total	30	100

Adv: n=frequency

Table 4 was showed that in this study, at the time of admission, 22 (73.3%) respondents had leukocyte counts <4,000 cells / mm³ (<Normal), and as many as 8 (26.7%) respondents had leukocytes between 4,000 - 10,000 cells / mm³ (Within Normal Limit) and no respondent experienced an increase in leukocyte count. This shows a tendency to decrease the number of leukocytes in the early phase of dengue infection.

Chi square result between leucosite amount and NS1 antigen checking obtains p value = 0.013 ($p < 0.05$) which shows that there is significant relationship between leucosite amount and NS1 checking result which is decreasing of leucosite amount and NS1 positive checking result. Similar result was claimed by a research Irawan¹⁰ in 2016 which states that there was a correlation between leucosite and NS1 antigen checking result with p value = 0.000 ($p < 0.05$)

Table 5. Distribution of Patient's Platelet Number Suspected of dengue infection during Admission

Platelet count		
1 (sel/mm ³)	N	%
<100.000	13	43,3
>100.000	17	56,7
Total	30	100

Adv: n=frequency

Table 5 was illustrated that at the time of admission as many as 13 (43.3%) respondents had platelet counts <100,000 cells / mm³ and 17 (56.7%) respondents still had a platelet count > 100,000 cells / mm³ and of the 17 respondents who had platelet counts > 100,000 cells / mm³ there were 4 (13.3%) having normal platelet counts. These results were indicated that in the initial phase of infection some respondents experienced thrombocytopenia and some did not / had not experienced thrombocytopenia. Thrombocytopenia usually occurs after the onset of heat on the 3rd - 7th day. Respondents who have not experienced thrombocytopenia may not have entered the platelet decline phase.

Chi square test result obtains p value = 0.028 (p > 0.05) which shows there is significant result between trombocyte amount and NS1 antigen checking result, where the trombocyte decreasing is in line with NS1 positive antigen checking result, however, there are some subjects who did not experienced trombocyte decreasing.

This result is in line with a research Muhamad¹² in 2017 which claimed that there was a significant relationship between trombocyte amount and NS1 antigen checking result with p value = 0.031 (p < 0.05).

Table 6. Distribution of Hematocrit Value in Patients Suspected of Dengue Infection during Admission

Hematocrit value	N	%
(%)		

Adult male		
<40	1	3,3
40-48	2	6,7
>48	2	6,7
Adult female		
<37	1	3,3
37-43	1	3,3
>43	3	10,0
Kids		
<= 15 years old		
< 33	1	3,3
33 - 38	7	23,4
>38	12	40,0
Total	30	100

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In Table 6 it can be seen that at 3 (10%) the respondents had hematocrit values below normal, 10 (33.3%) respondents had normal hematocrit values and 17 (56.6%) respondents had hematocrit values above normal. This shows that most respondents experienced an increase in hematocrit values during admission. But if it is associated with the criteria for dengue diagnosis applied by WHO that is an increase in hematocrit value > 20%, then there are only 5 (16.7%) respondents who meet these criteria

This result is in line with the research conducted Irawan¹⁰ in 2016 which claimed that there is no significant result between hematocrite and NS1 antigen checking result with p value = 0.810 (p > 0.05).

Table 7. Distribution of NS1 antigen examination results in patients suspected of dengue infection during admission

1 NS1 Antigen	n	(%)
Positive	17	56,7
Negative	13	43,3
Total	30	100

Adv: n=frequency

Table 7 was described from 30 respondents found 17 (56.7%) had positive NS1 antigen examination results and 13 (43.3%) had NS1 negative antigen examination results. The existence of negative results in this study

could be due to misinformation regarding the length of fever experienced by respondents (fever > 4 days) so that the NS1 antigen was undetectable or it could also be because the respondent was really not infected with dengue, therefore further investigation is needed. Namely serological examination of dengue Ig M and IgG which usually begins to be detected on days 5 - 10 of fever (in the convalescence phase)¹⁵.

At present, an examination of dengue antigen has been developed, namely non-structural 1 dengue antigen (NS1 antigen) which can detect dengue virus infection earlier even on the first day of onset of fever^{16,22}.

NS1 is a non-structural glycoprotein with a molecular weight of 46-50 kD and is a highly conserved glycoprotein. Initially NS1 was described as a Soluble Complement Fixing (SCF) antigen in the culture of infected cells. NS1 is needed for the survival of the virus but its biological activity is unknown. Existing evidence shows that NS1 is involved in viral replication. NS1 itself is produced in two forms: membrane associated and secreted form. During cell infection, NS1 is found to be associated with intracellular organelles or transferred via secretion pathways to the cell surface (cytoplasmic membrane). NS1 is not part of the structure of the virus, but it is excreted on the surface of infected cells and has group-specific determinants and types. The role of NS1 in immunopathogenesis has also been submitted based on the findings of anti-SCF antibodies in serum patients with secondary infection but not in primary infection.¹⁷

NS1 dengue is secreted into the blood system in individuals infected with the dengue virus. NS1 circulates at high concentrations in the serum of patients with primary and secondary infections during the clinical phase (Clinical Phase of Illness) and the first days of the convalescence phase (recovery)¹⁸.

From the results of the study it was also shown that NS1 detection can provide a specific diagnosis of dengue infection¹⁰.

Datta and friends in India in 2010 were, compared NS1 in the acute phase was NS1 positive 71.42% in the acute phase, while in the NS1 positive convalescence phase only 6.38%. High sensitivity in the initial phase of fever because NS1 protein circulates in high concentrations in the patient's blood during the initial acute phase, both in primary infection and in secondary infection. The high level of NS1 until day 5 of fever is related to the time of viremia because it is a period of viral replication and the absence of antibodies against the virus. Levels of viremia and NS1 levels also depend on intrinsic characteristics and strains of the virus that infects and immunity status of the patient itself¹¹.

Another study was conducted by Kumarasamy et al., It was obtained the results that the sensitivity of commercial reagents for NS1 dengue antigen for acute dengue infection was 93.4% and specificity was 100%. Positive and negative forecast values are 100% and 97.3%, respectively. Lastere et al studied 181 patients with DHF in Perancis polynesia found NS1 sensitivity of 76.5% and specificity of 96.2%¹².

Table 8. Relationship between Clinical Signs and Symptoms and Results of NS1 Antigen Examination

Clinical symptoms and signs	NS1 Antigen	Total	Value PR
Dengue (Fever, Headache, Arthritis, Nausea)	Positive	P	(ik95%)
Bleeding signs	n	11 14 25	
(%)		(44,0) (56,0)	(100)
			0,3101,071
With bleeding signs	n	2 3 5	
(%)		(40,0) (60,0) (100)	
Total		13 17 30	
		(43,3%) (56,7%) (100%)	

Adv: n=frequency

Table 8 was showed that in this study obtained from 25 respondents who showed no signs of

bleeding found 14 (56%) respondents had positive NS1 antigen examination results and 11 (44%) respondents had negative NS1 antigen examination results. While the 5 respondents who showed signs of bleeding found 3 (60%) had a positive NS1 examination results and 2 (40%) had negative NS1 antigen examination results. Chi square test results between respondent clinical signs and symptoms during admission of NS1 antigen examination results were obtained p value = 0.310 ($p > 0.05$) which means there is no relationship between clinical signs and symptoms with NS1 antigen examination results. The results of this study are in line with the research¹² in 2007 which states there is no relationship between symptoms and clinical signs with NS1 antigen examination results with $p = 0.115$ ($p > 0.05$).

Signs and clinical symptoms typical of dengue infection are signs of bleeding, the most are skin bleeding such as a torniquet test (positive RL test, weir test), but not all of the signs of bleeding occur in dengue patients¹⁵. Torniquet test is positive if there are more than 10 petechiae in a diameter of 2.5 cm at the bottom of the front (volar) including the elbow fold (cubital fossa). A positive tourniquet test shows that capillary fragility is increased, but this condition can also be found in diseases caused by other viral infections such as measles, chikung fever, and abdominal typhus bacterial infection⁷. The presence of a variety of early clinical signs and symptoms that are not typical often results in delays in diagnosis. The course of this disease can be very fast in a few days, even in a matter of hours sufferers can enter the critical phase. To avoid delays in diagnosis, physical examination and anamnesis alone are not enough, it is necessary to do other examinations, namely laboratory tests as a supporter as well as enforcement of the diagnosis.

Tabel 9. Relation of Hemoglobin Levels to NS1 Antigen Examination Results

Hb levels	NS1 Antigen		Total	Value PR
	Negative	Positive		
< Normal	n 4 (57,1%)	3 (42,9%)	7 (100)	0,235 1,420
Normal	n 9 (39,1%)	14 (60,9%)	23 (100)	
	4	3	7	
Total	13 (43,3%)	17 (56,7%)	30 (100%)	

Adv:n=frequency

Table 9 was showed that in this study the results obtained when the admission of 30 respondents there were 7 (23.3%) respondents had a normal Hb level and 23 (76.7%) respondents had a normal Hb level.

Of the 7 respondents who had <normal 3 hemoglobin levels (42.9%) had a positive NS1 examination result and 4 (57.1%) had a negative NS1 antigen examination result. Chi square test results between hemoglobin levels and NS1 antigen examination results obtained values $p = 0.235$ ($p > 0.05$) which means there is no relationship between hemoglobin levels and NS1 antigen examination results. These results are in line with research conducted by Irawan Anasta Putra, et al in 2016 which stated that there was no relationship between hemoglobin levels in patients with suspected dengue infection and NS1 antigen examination results with $p = 0.483$ ($p > 0.05$).

Hemoglobin is a molecule consisting of heme (iron) and globin polypeptide chains (alpha, beta, gama and delta), are in the erythrocytes and are responsible for transporting oxygen⁸. Blood quality is determined by hemoglobin levels. The structure of Hb is expressed by mentioning the number and type of globin chains that exist. There are 141 amino acid molecules in the alpha chain and 146 amino acid molecules in the beta chain, gama and delta. Hb levels in the first days of the dengue infection are

usually normal / slightly decreased, but then the levels will increase following the increase in hemoconcentration¹⁵.

Table 10. The relationship of leukocyte count with NS1 antigen examination results

Hb value	NS1Antigen	Total	Value P	PR (ik95 %)
	egative	Positiv e		
< Normal	n 6	16	22	
	(%) (27,3)	(72,7)	(100)	
			0,013	5,816
Normal	n 7	1	8	
	(%) (87,5)	(12,5)	(100)	
Total	13	17	30	
	(43,3%)	(56,7%)	(100%)	

Adv: n= frequency

Table 10 is showed that in this study the results obtained at the time of admission as many as 22 (73.3%) respondents had leukocyte counts <4,000 cells / mm3 (<Normal), and as many as 8 (26.7%) respondents had a leukocyte count of 4,000 - 10,000 cells / mm3 (Within Normal Limit) and no respondent experienced an increase in leukocyte count. Chi square test results regarding the relationship of leukocyte count and NS1 antigen examination results obtained p value = 0.013 (p <0.05) which indicates that there is a significant relationship between leukocyte count and NS1 antigen examination results in a decrease in the number of leukocytes proportionally / in line with the results of the examination NS1 antigen is positive

Similar results were revealed by Hottz, et al¹⁹, which in his research found the results of leukocyte counts with NS1 antigen examination results with p = 0.000 (p <0.05). Lecocytes are white blood cells that function as the body's defense against bacteria or viruses in the body. Normal levels of leukocytes range from 4,000 - 10,000 cells / mm³. Lecocytes also have an important role in the body's immunological function, if there is

an increase in leukocytes can be used as a sign that infection occurs in the body.²⁰

At the beginning of dengue infection (when the fever starts) the leukocyte count is usually normal or decreases with neutrophil cell dominated. The occurrence of leucopenia is mainly caused by mature PMN (Polymorphonuclear) leukocytes production, while in the last phase pain is found to increase lymphoblastoid cells¹¹. Lekopenia reaches its peak just before the fever drops and is normal again in 2-3 days after defervescence¹². Increased lymphoblastoid cells at the end of dengue disease originate from the transformation of T cells in leukocytes. T cells play a role in cellular immuno responses, recognize and destroy virus-infected cells and activate macrophages in phagocytosis due to immunological stimulation of dengue infection²⁰.

Table 11. Relationship of Platelet Amounts with NS1 Antigen Examination Results

Platelet Amount	NS1 Antigen	Total	Value P	PR (ik95 %)
(sel/mm ³)	Negative	Positive		
<100.000	n 9	4	13	
	(%) (69,2)	(30,8)	(100)	
				1,400
>100.000	n 4	13	17	
	(%) (23,5)	(76,5)	(100)	
Total	13	17	30	
	(43,3%)	(56,7%)	(100%)	

Adv: n=frequency

Table 11 was showed that in this study results were obtained, when the admission of 13 (43.3%) respondents had platelet counts <100,000 cells / mm3 and 17 (56.7%) respondents still had a platelet count > 100,000 cells / mm3

And of the 17 respondents who had platelet counts > 100,000 cells / mm3 there were 4 (13.3%) having normal platelet counts. Of the 13 responses that had platelet counts <100,000 cells / mm3, 9 (69.2%) responses had a

negative NS1 antigen examination result and 4 (30.8%) had positive NS1 antigen examination results.

While in respondents with platelet counts > 100,000 cells / mm³ there were 4 (23.5%) had negative NS1 antigen examination results and 11 (76.5%) had positive NS1 antigen examination results.² The chi square test results obtained by shine $p = 0.028$ ($p < 0.05$) which showed a significant relationship between platelet counts and NS1 antigen examination results, where the decrease in platelets was in line with the positive NS1 antigen examination results, but there were some who did not experience a decrease in platelets have positive NS1 antigen examination results. This result is similar to the results of research conducted by Muhamad¹² which states there is a significant relationship between platelet counts and NS1 antigen examination results with $p = 0.031$ ($p < 0.05$). Thrombocytopenia has an important role in the pathogenesis of dengue infection. Thrombocytopenia in dengue infection occurs through the mechanism of bone marrow suppression, platelet destruction and shortening of platelet life. In this study, the lowest platelet count occurred on day 4 since the onset of fever and decreased platelet count (00150000 cells / mm³) generally occurred on the 2-3rd day since the onset of fever. Decreased platelet count to .000100,000 cells / mm³ or less than 1-2 platelets / large field of view (LPB) with the average inspection carried out at 10 lpb. In general thrombocytopenia occurs before there is an increase in hematocrit and occurs before the temperature drops. Platelet count $\leq 100,000$ / mm³ is usually found between days 3 - 7¹⁴. Platelet count can be used as a tool to diagnose dengue because it shows high sensitivity from day 4 of fever at 67.7%, even on day 5 to 7th shows 100%. Very high specificity in the use of thrombocytopenia as a parameter is caused by infrequent infectious diseases accompanied

by a decrease in platelet count below 150,000 cells / mm³. Even if the criteria for thrombocytes below 100,000 cells / mm³ are used, the specificity is almost 100% from the first day, but reduces the sensitivity between 10-20%.¹⁵ Thus the daily platelet examination will greatly help the diagnosis of dengue because it increases its sensitivity and specificity¹³.

Table 12. Relationship of Hematocrit Value with NS1 Antigen Examination Results

Hematocrit value	NS1 Antigen	Total	Value PR	P	(ik95 %)
(%)	Negative	Positive			
< 39	n	5	6	11	
	(%)	(45,5)	(54,5)		
				0,132	1,062
>=39	n	8	11	19	
	(%)	(42,1)	(57,9)		
Total		13	17	30	
		(43,3%)	(56,7%)	(100%)	

Adv: n=frequency

Table 12 was showed that the results of the study were obtained during admission as many as 3 (10%) respondents had hematocrit values below normal, 10 (33.3%) respondents had normal hematocrit values and 17 (56.6%) respondents had hematocrit values above normal. This shows that most respondents experienced an increase in hematocrit values at the beginning of dengue infection. But if it is associated with dengue diagnosis hematocrit criteria applied by WHO that is an increase in hematocrit value > 20%, then there are only 5 (16.7%) respondents who meet these criteria. From the results of the chi square test to determine the relationship between hematocrit values with NS1 examination results, hematocrit values in this study were divided into two groups, namely the group with hematocrit value <39% and the group with hematocrit value > 39%. From the results of the grouping on the chi square test obtained 11

(36.7%) respondents had a hematocrit value <39% where 5 (45.5%) respondents had negative NS1 antigen examination results and 6 (54.5%) respondents had antigen examination results NS1 is positive. And in groups with hematocrit value > 39%, 19 (63.3%) respondents divided into 8 (42.1%) respondents had NS1 negative antigen examination results and 11 (57.9%) respondents had positive NS1 antigen examination results. The results of the chi square test obtained p value = 0.132 ($p > 0.05$) which means there is no relationship between the hematocrit value of respondents during the admission⁵ with NS1 antigen examination results. This result is in line with the results of research Irawan¹⁰ which states that there is no significant relationship between the matrix value and the NS1 antigen examination results with p value = 0.810 ($p > 0.05$).

In general, a decrease in platelets precedes an increase in hematocrit. In dengue infection, hematocrit values usually begin to increase on day 3 of the course of the disease and increase according to the process of dengue disease.¹⁸ Increased hematocrit value is a manifestation of hemoconcentration that occurs due to plasma leakage into the extra vascular space with serous fluid effusion through damaged capillaries. As a result of this leakage, plasma volume is reduced, resulting in hypovolemic shock and circulatory failure. In severe cases accompanied by bleeding, generally the hematocrit value does not increase even decreases¹⁴. Regular examination of hematocrit is needed in the treatment of dengue infection so as to prevent the possibility of hypovolemic shock that causes blood circulation failure.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, there is no significant correlation between signs, clinical symptoms, and haemoglobin level in dengue suspected

patient, moreover, there is significant correlation with the amount of leucocytes, thrombocytes, hematocrit toward dengue infection. Because of that, we will be able to diagnose dengue patient, as a result, we will be able to clinical symptoms in more detail way.

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