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## Malignant pertussis

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The World Health Organization reported 24.1 million pertussis cases and 160,700 deaths in children younger than 5 years in 2014 worldwide. Malignant pertussis is complication of Pertussis infection characterized by severe respiratory failure severe leukocytosis, pulmonary hypertension, leading to multiple organ failure and death. Apparently healthy baby, born at term birth weight 3.1 kg, presented with history of cough for 3 days and fever. On arrival baby was alert and active. She was tachypnea with subcostal recessions, bilateral crackles and rhonchi. She was admitted to pediatric ward since vitals were acceptable (temp. 37.4 °, RR: 64 /min. SpO<sub>2</sub> 94% on room air). Chest x-ray showed opacification of the upper right lobe and to lesser extent on the left side. Initial ls showed: (WBC: 29000, HB: 11.9, Platelet: 718X10<sup>3</sup>, neutrophils: 31%, lymphocytes: 49.5%. Pathology report: Neutrophils with toxic granulation and vacuolation, CRP: 73, procalcitonin: 7.5, capillary blood gas: PH 7.37, PO<sub>2</sub> 29.0, PCO<sub>2</sub> 56.0, saturation 51, bicarbonate 31. Preliminary diagnosis was Pneumonia. Baby was started on cefotaxime, vancomycin and ampicillin on admission. Soon after arrival to ward baby deteriorated, required extra oxygen and was shifted to PICU, 15 hours after admission she deteriorated further and there was insufficient response to high flow cannula. Capillary blood gas showed PH 7.29, PO<sub>2</sub> 41.0, PCO<sub>2</sub> 65.1, saturation 69, HCO<sub>3</sub> 30.1. The child was exhausted, rapidly breathing with respiratory rate of 85-90 /minute, patient was intubated and connected to the mechanical ventilator with (PCV-VG) mode and Oxygen of 50%. patient condition were deteriorated, repeated blood investigation showed sever leukocytosis WBC 61000, platelets 638X10<sup>3</sup>, sputum culture were negative sample were taken for H1N1 & Pertussis. Patient remained ventilator and circulatory unstable. Commenced on Inotropic support after placement of PICC line Conventional ventilator could not deliver sufficient tidal volumes due to decreased compliance and tube leakage, so she was ambu-bagged. Over the next 18 hours the patient remained critical with another few episodes of cardiac arrest resolved with CPR, IV adrenaline and bicarbonate. As the conventional ventilator was not useful in providing the ventilation and oxygenation, High frequency Oscillation ventilation (HFOV) was considered. She was commenced on HFOV. Due to clinical picture of insufficient pulmonary blood flow she was given sildenafil via the nasogastric tube. Despite aggressive ventilator treatment, inotropic support and repeated doses of adrenaline and bicarbonate she died from persistent hypoxemia. RSV and H1N1 came out negative, no growth in cultures from blood and sputum. PCR for Bordetella Pertussis DNA- POSITIVE.

## Biography

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