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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

**ACCM** American College of Critical Care Medicine

**ACTH** Adreno cortical hormone

**ALT** Alanine aminotransferase

**ANC** Absolute neutrophil count

APTT Activated Partial Thromboplastin time

**AST** Aspartate aminotransferase

ARC Arcuate nucleus

**BMN** Bone mineral density

**BUN** Blood urea nitrogen

**Ca** Serum calcium

**CBC** Complete blood count

**CCK** Cholecystokinin

**CNS** Central Nervous System

**Creat.** Creatinine

**CRP** C-.reactive protein

**CSF** CerebroSpinal Fluid

**CVVH** Continuous Venovenous Haemofiltration

**DBP** Diastolic blood pressure

**DIC** Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation

**DVT** Deep Venous Thrombosis

**ECMO** Extra Coporeal Membrane Oxygenation

**FDP** Fibrinogen degradation products

FiO2 Fraction of inspired oxygen

GCS Glasgow coma score

**GFR** Glomerular filtration rate

**GH** Growth hormone

**Hb** Hemoglobin

**Hib** Hemophilus influenzae type b

**HS** High Significant

HR Heart Rate

ICU Intensive care unit

IFN Interferon

IL Interleukins

INR International normalized Ratio

**K** Serum potassium

MAP Mean arterial pressure

MIP\_1α Macrophage inflammatory protien-1-alpha

MODS Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome

MV Mechanical Ventilation

**n** Number

**NK** Natural killer cells

N meningitides Neisseria meningitides

NP (CPAP) Nasopharyngeal CPAP

**NPY** Neuropeptide Y

Na Serum sodium
NS Non Significant

**P** Probability

PaCO<sub>2</sub> Partial arterial carbon dioxide

PaO2 Partial arterial Oxygen

PALS Pediatric Advanced Life Support

PGI<sub>2</sub> Prostacyclin

PICU Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

Plat Platelet count

**PAF** platelet activating factor

PIM II Predicted Index of Mortality

**PMNL** Polymorphnuclear leukocytes

**PT** Prothrombin Time

**PVN** Para ventricular nucleus

**ROC** Receiver Operating Characteristic

**S pneumoniae** Streptococcus pneumoniae

**S** Significant

**S. Creat.** Serum Creatinine

SBP Systolic Blood Pressure

SD Standard Deviation

Sig Significance

SIRS Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome

**SpeA** Streptococcal pyrogenic exotoxin A

**Std. Deviation** Standard Deviation

SVO<sub>2</sub> Mixed Venous Oxygen saturation

SU Stress Ulcer

**Temp** Temperature

**TLC** Total Leucocytic Count

**TNF** Tumor Necrosis Factor

**TXA<sub>2</sub>** Thromboxan A<sub>2</sub>

**TSST** Toxic Shock Syndrome Toxin

**RR** Respiratory rate

VAP Ventilator associated pnemonia

Vs Versus

**WBC** White Blood Cell

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#### INTRODUCTION

Sepsis is a systemic inflammatory reaction that is triggered by an infective agent (such as bacteria, viruses, fungi or parasites) (Monneret G, 2010), It is one of the major health concerns worldwide and also the predominant reason for intensive care unit (ICU) admission (Arabi Y et al., 2003), With the rapidly increasing incidence, high mortality rates, complex pathophysiology and overall difficulties in its treatment, sepsis is becoming an important focus for researchers and clinicians (Martin GS, 2012).

Infections and sepsis are accompanied by clinical signs such as leukocytosis, changes in body temperature and the development of tachycardia. However, these classic indicators of systemic inflammation are neither sensitive nor specific for sepsis (*Fried E et al., 2011*). They have only moderate sensitivity and specificity and are not early markers due to the time taken to produce a reaction. Therefore, early markers are useful for the diagnosis and treatment of sepsis and are crucial for overcoming sepsis-associated mortality.

Cytokine levels are an obvious choice as a marker of sepsis. The systemic release of inflammatory cytokines occurs several hours prior to other markers of systemic inflammation, such as acute phase protein release and leucocytosis, suggesting their potential importance as diagnostic parameters in systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) and sepsis (*Andaluz-Ojeda D et al., 2012*). When sepsis occurs, multiple redundant inflammatory cytokines are released into the blood stream, including tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ), interleukin-6 (IL-6), leptin, C-reactive protein (CRP) and procalcitonin (PCT) (*Song R et al., 2012*), which are important for mediating the inflammatory response.

The hormone leptin (molecular weight of 16-kDa) is mainly generated by adipocytes and contributes to the regulation of energy balance by informing the brain of the volume of adipose tissue in the body, thereby regulating food intake and energy expenditure (*Hoda MR et al., 2012*), Leptin also regulates endocrine and immune function. It plays a role in innate and acquired immunity. Both the structure of leptin and that of its receptor suggest that leptin can be classified as a cytokine (*Margalet VS et al., 2010*).

## AIM OF THE WORK

Evaluation of the role of serum leptin level in early diagnosis of sepsis in critically ill patients and its possible prognostic value.

# **Sepsis in Critically ill Children**

#### **Introduction:**

Sepsis remains a major clinical problem as it affects many patients. Moreover, sepsis is a major cause of death in the intensive care units (ICUS) worldwide and uses a large amount of hospital resources (*Butt*, 2001).

Despite advances in the supporting care, severe sepsis carries a high mortality rate ranging from 30%-50% in adults. Whereas in children, It is estimated at between 10% and 20% (*Pastores*, 2004).