

In this study the effect of IVIG treatment on the activation of C was investigated. The patients' group consisted of 11 infants with bacterial sepsis. The conventional antimicrobial therapy in these patients was supplemented with acid /pH 4/ treated immunoglobulin for three days /daily dose 300mg/kg/. The possible effect of the IVIG treatment on the activation of C was studied by measuring the CH50 and AP50 activity as well as concentration of C3 and C3d/C3dg before and soon after the first dose of immunoglobulin was given and on the day after the three day treatment /Table/.

| | Before treatment | After the first dose | After treatment |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| CH50/ml | 37,5 | - | 36,2 |
| AP50/ml | 25,8 | - | 27,3 |
| C3 g/l | 0,8 | - | 0,86 |
| C3d/C3dg ⁺ | 30,5 | 15,5 | 19,5 |

+expressed as the percentage of C3d/C3dg in inulin activated NHS
 Taken together these results indicate no significant alteration in C activation during IVIG treatment of septic infants.

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