

Clinical pathology diagnostic challenge : case #29

Signalment: 9 year old, neutered female, mixed breed dog.

History: pre-dental work-up.

Physical exam observations: no abnormalities except severe build-up of dental plaque and mild gingivitis.

CBC results		Clinical chemistry results *	
Hematocrit (0.37-0.55 L/L)	0.48	Glucose (3.38-6.88 mmol/L)	9.0
Hemoglobin (120-180 g/L)	163	BUN (2.09-7.91 mmol/L)	supressed results
Erythrocytes (5.5-8.5 x 10 ¹² /L)	6.68	Creatinine (58-127 µmol/L)	489
MCV (60-77 fL)	72	ALT (4-62 U/L)	9
MCHC (320-360 g/L)	340	Alkaline phosphatase (6-80 U/L)	supressed results
Reticulocytes (<1 %)	-	Total protein (56.6-74.8 g/L)	supressed results
Reticulocytes (<60 000 x 10 ⁶ /L)	-	Albumin (29.1-39.7 g/L)	63.8
Platelets (200-900 x 10 ⁹ /L)	278	Globulins (23.5-39.1 g/L)	not available
Plasma protein (60-80 g/L)	80	Calcium (2.38-3.00 mmol/L)	1.97
Leukocytes (6.0-17.0 x 10 ⁹ /L)	6.8	Phosphorus (0.75-1.70 mmol/L)	1.67
Neutrophils (mature) (3.0-11.5 x 10 ⁹ /L)	5.0	Potassium (3.82-5.34 mmol/L)	6.13
Neutrophils (band) (0-0.3 x 10 ⁹ /L)	0	Sodium (143-154 mmol/L)	138.5
Lymphocytes (1.0-4.8 x 10 ⁹ /L)	1	Chloride (108-117 mmol/L)	126.9
Monocytes (<1.4 x 10 ⁹ /L)	0.4	Total CO ₂ (17-25 mmol/L)	14.8
Eosinophils (0.1-1.3 x 10 ⁹ /L)	0.3	Anion Gap (12-24 mmol/L)	2.87
Basophils (0 - rare x 10 ⁹ /L)	0	* Serum hemolysis (4+).	

Other tests

Clinical chemistry of the plasma (EDTA tube submitted for CBC) *

Glucose (3.38-6.88 mmol/L)	5.2	Calcium (2.38-3.00 mmol/L)	0.45
BUN (2.09-7.91 mmol/L)	5.2	Phosphorus (0.75-1.70 mmol/L)	1.15
Creatinine (58-127 µmol/L)	77	Potassium (3.82-5.34 mmol/L)	supressed results
ALT (4-62 U/L)	30	Sodium (143-154 mmol/L)	143.8
Alkaline phosphatase (6-80 U/L)	35	Chloride (108-117 mmol/L)	102.4
Total protein (56.6-74.8 g/L)	65.5	Total CO ₂ (17-25 mmol/L)	21.5
Albumin (29.1-39.7 g/L)	33.8	Anion Gap (12-24 mmol/L)	not available
Globulins (23.5-39.1 g/L)	31.7		

* No hemolysis noted.

Using the laboratory changes, submit a differential diagnosis and justify it (pathophysiology). If needed list other possible tests to confirm your diagnosis.