Microbiology

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Patient: SAMPLE PATIENT Age: 39 Sex: M

MRN:

Order Number:

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Microbiology	Additional Tests (if ordered)				
Bacteriology	Reference Inside Outside Range				
Beneficial Bacteria Lactobacillus species	Not Ordered Negative				
Escherichia coli (*NG) Bifidobacterium (*NG)	Campylobacter specific antigen				
Additional Bacteria Klebsiella pneumoniae NP 3+	Not Ordered Negative				
Mycology Geotrichum species PP 3+	Enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli Shiga-like Toxin				
	Human microflora is influenced by environmental factors and the competitive ecosystem of the organisms in the GI tract. Pathological significance should be based upon clinical symptoms and reproducibility of bacterial recovery. <i>Microbiology Legend</i>				
	*NG NP PP P				
	*NG				
	No Growth Non-Pathogen Potential Pathogen				

Commentary

Commentary is provided to the practitioner for educational purposes, and should not be interpreted as diagnostic or treatment recommendations. Diagnosis and treatment decisions are the responsibility of the practitioner.

Low levels of E. coli, Lactobacilli and Bifidobacteria were noted in the stool. The "friendly bacteria", Lactobacilli and Bifidobacteria, are important for gastrointestinal function, as they are involved in vitamin synthesis, natural antibiotic production, immune defense, digestion, detoxification of pro-carcinogens and a host of other activities. Reestablishing healthy levels may be desirable. E. coli have been noted at less than ample amounts in dysbiosis, and often rebound when intestinal imbalances are corrected. Ideally, levels of Lactobacillus and E. coli should be

Pathogen

Commentary

2+ or greater. Bifidobacteria being a predominate anaerobe should be recovered at levels of 4+.

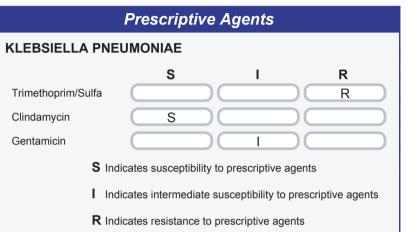
Geotrichum is a yeast that is considered an opportunistic pathogen. Symptoms of infection have been associated with diarrhea and enteritis. Geotrichum may also play a role in IBS. The species G. candidum is the etiological agent of Geotrichosis, and symptoms resemble those of candidiasis.

Bacterial Sensitivity

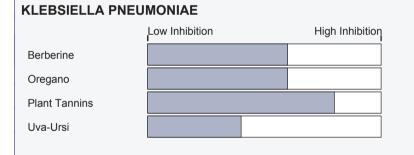
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Natural Agents



Prescriptive Agents:

Microbial testing has been performed in vitro to determine antibiotic sensitivity and resistance at standard dosages. Prudent use of antimicrobials requires knowledge of appropriate blood or tissue levels of those agents. Antibiotics that appear in the "S" (susceptible) column are more effective at inhibiting the growth of this organism. Antibiotics that appear in the "I" (intermediate) column are partially effective at inhibiting the growth of this organism. Antibiotics that appear in the "R" (resistant) column allow continued growth of the organism in vitro and are usually less effective clinically. Inappropriate use of antibacterials often results in the emergence of resistance.

Natural Agents:

In this assay, "inhibition" is defined as the reduction level on organism growth as a direct result of inhibition by a natural substance. The level of inhibition is an indicator of how effective the natural substance was at limiting the growth of an organism in an in vitro envrionment. High inhibition indicates a greater ability by the natural substance to limit growth, while Low Inhibition a lesser ability to limit growth. These natural products should be considered investigational in nature and not be viewed as standard clinical treatment substances.

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Yeast Sensitivity

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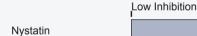
Azole Antifungals

GEOTRICHUM	SPEC	IES					
		S		I		R	
Fluconazole	(<=2					
Itraconazole	(<=0.125					\supset
Ketoconazole	(=0.5					\supset
S	S Indicat	es susceptibil	ity to pres	criptive	agents		

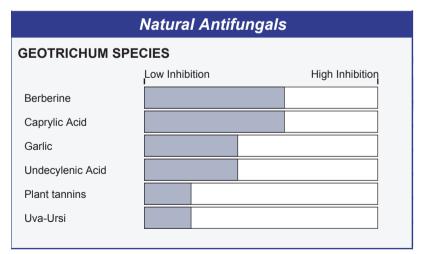
- I Indicates intermediate susceptibility to prescriptive agents
- R Indicates resistance to prescriptive agents

Non-absorbed Antifungals

GEOTRICHUM SPECIES



High Inhibition



Azole Antifungals:

Microbial testing has been performed in vitro to determine antifungal sensitivity and resistance at standard dosages. Prudent use of antimicrobials requires knowledge of appropriate blood or tissue levels of those agents. Antifungals that appear in the "S" (susceptible) column are more effective at inhibiting the growth of this organism. Antifungals that appear in the "I" (intermediate) column are partially effective at inhibiting the growth of this organism. Antifungals that appear in the "R" (resistant) column allow continued growth of the organism in vitro and are usually less effective clinically. Inappropriate use of antifungals often results in the emergence of resistance.

Nystatin and Natural Antifungals:

In this assay, "inhibition" is defined as the reduction level on organism growth as a direct result of inhibition by a natural substance. The level of inhibition is an indicator of how effective the natural substance was at limiting the growth of an organism in an in vitro environment. High Inhibition indicates a greater ability by the natural substance to limit growth, while Low Inhibition a lesser ability to limit growth. In accordance with laboratory guidelines for reporting sensitivities, results for Nystatin are now being reported with natural antifungals in this category.

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