

Table II. ISTH Diagnostic Scoring System for DIC.

Scoring system for overt DIC

Risk assessment: Does the patient have an underlying disorder known to be associated with overt DIC?

If yes: proceed

If no: do not use this algorithm

Order global coagulation tests (PT, platelet count, fibrinogen, fibrin related marker)

Score the test results

- Platelet count ($>100 \times 10^9/l = 0$, $<100 \times 10^9/l = 1$, $<50 \times 10^9/l = 2$)
- Elevated fibrin marker (e.g. D-dimer, fibrin degradation products) (no increase = 0, moderate increase = 2, strong increase = 3)
- Prolonged PT (<3 s = 0, >3 but <6 s = 1, >6 s = 2)
- Fibrinogen level (>1 g/l = 0, <1 g/l = 1)

Calculate score:

≥ 5 compatible with overt DIC: repeat score daily

< 5 suggestive for non-overt DIC: repeat next 1–2 d