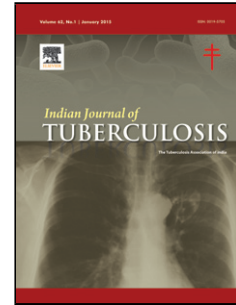


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Abstract

Meningitis is a serious infection of the nervous system associated with high mortality in HIV seropositive individuals. Asian clinical studies describing meningitis in people living with HIV are scarce. We describe the clinical features of meningitis in 116 HIV seropositive patients from a tertiary hospital in India as a cross sectional observational study. The mean age of the patients in our study was 35±9 years with 70.6% of them being men. Eighty five percent of the patients had altered sensorium during the illness. Tuberculous meningitis [82.6%] was the most common cause. Clinical features varied by aetiology. Cranial nerve deficits [40%] were common in Cryptococcal meningitis. Hydrocephalus [3%], infarcts [15.9%] and ICSOLs [39.1%] were common in tuberculous meningitis

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