

	Viral meningo encephalitis	Bacterial	Tuberculous	Fungal	Normal
Opening pressure	Normal or high	High	High	High/ very high	10 – 20 cm
Colour	Clear	Cloudy	Cloudy/yellow	Clear/cloudy	Clear
Cells/mm ³	5 - 1000	100 - 50000	25 - 500	0 -1000	<5
Differential	Lymphocytes	Neutrophils	Lymphocytes	Lymphocytes	Lymphocytes
CSF/plasma glucose ratio	Normal	Low	Low/very low <30%	Normal /low	66%
Protein (g/l)	0.5 – 1.0	> 1.0	1.0 – 5.0	0.2 – 5.0	< 0.45