

TABLE I: Features differentiating exudative from transudative pleural effusion.

	<i>Transudate</i>	<i>Exudate</i>
Appearance	Serous	Cloudy
Leukocyte count	<10,000/mm ³	>50,000/mm ³
pH	>7.2	<7.2
Protein	<3.0g/dL	>3.0g/dL
Ratio of pleural fluid protein to serum	<0.5	>0.5
LDH	<200IU/L	>200IU/L
Ratio of pleural fluid LDH to serum	<0.6	>0.6
Glucose	≥60mg/dL	<60mg/dL