

Patient in diabetic coma

A 15-year-old girl is brought in a coma to ARO. She is a diabetic for 7 years, she took insulin. She already had several seizures hypoglycemia and ketoacidosis. She's been learning a lot at school lately and may have neglected some insulin injections.

+ Laboratory results on admission

-	'blood'	'urine'	-	pH	7.11	ketonuria	3	-	pCO ₂	2,7 kPa	glycosuria	3	-	HCO ₃ ⁻	8 mmol / l	-	pO ₂	12.7 kPa	-	saturation O ₂	97.90%	-	glycemia	58.3 mmol / l	-	Na ⁺	148 mmol / l	-	K ⁺	5.8 mmol / l
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'Questions:'

1. What is the diagnosis?
2. Calculate the anion gap (AG), what is the cause of high AG?
3. What is the significance of increased osmolality?
4. Why are chlorides and HCO₃⁻ reduced, what is the meaning of "normal" Na⁺ and increased K⁺ ?

Answers -

1. Diabetic ketoacidosis (hyperglycemia, acidosis, ketonuria, glycosuria).
2. $AG = Na^+ + K^+ - HCO_3^- - Cl^- = 58.8 \text{ mmol / l}$; the cause is ketoacidosis (other causes are lactic acidosis, uremia, intoxication ...).
3. Increased serum osmolality is due to water loss by osmotic diuresis and hyperglycemia. This is common in ketoacidosis.
4. Diabetic ketoacidosis is a form of MAC that leads to a decrease in HCO₃⁻. Patients breathe rapidly to compensate for acidosis and this leads to a reduction in pCO₂ (pO₂ is usually normal). Hypochloridemia occurs due to osmotic diuresis. High Na⁺ is a relative effect of water loss. The patient is thirsty, but usually drinks fluids without enough Na⁺ and other electrolytes. Plasma K⁺ levels should be evaluated carefully. Of the total body K⁺, only about 2-3% are in the ECT. Hyperkalemia is caused by severe acidosis and partly also osmotic diuresis. (K⁺ stores in a diabetic coma are always greatly reduced and K⁺ is required to correct the condition).

Patient with pulmonary insufficiency and hypokalemia

Patient 55 years old, with chronic pulmonary obstructive disease who has been treated with thiazide drugs for a long time (such as diuretic).

Laboratory results on admission

pH || 7.42

-	pCO ₂	11,6 kPa	-	HCO ₃ ⁻	55 mmol / l	-	pO ₂	8,4 kPa	-	K ⁺	2,6 mmol / l
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'Questions:'

1. 'What ABR fault is this?'

Answers -

1. Chronic lung disease leads to reduced gas exchange: CO retention → respiratory acidosis, O₂ deficiency → hypoxia → hypoxic lactic acidosis. Long-term use of thiazide preparations leads to loss of K⁺ in the urine → hypokalaemic metabolic alkalosis.

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