

ISRAELI CLINICAL CASE

UTI & Metabolic Acidosis—More than meets
the eye

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Behind the corpse in the reservoir,
behind the ghost on the links, Behind
the lady who dances and the man who
madly drinks, Under the look of fatigue,
the attack of migraine and the sigh
There is always another story, there is
more than meets the eye.

— *W. H. Auden* —

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Case presentation

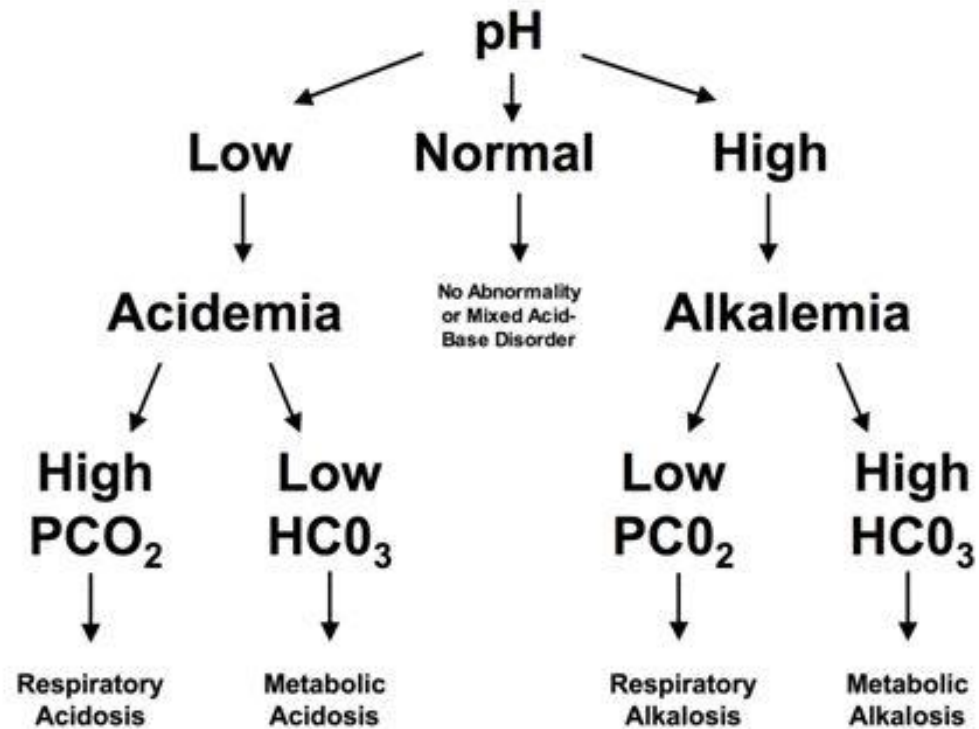
- ▶ 77 y/o female
- ▶ Background–
 - Cognitive decline
 - IHD(pci+stent in 1995)
 - Paroxysmal A.FIB
 - Ischemic CVA
 - Epilepsy
 - APLA (known PE&DVT)
 - OP & S/P hip replacement

Case presentation

- ▶ Presenting complaint:
 - mildly reduced level of consciousness.
 - polyuria + dysuria
 - fever – 38.8
- ▶ Urine dipstick– Leucocyte +3, Nitrite +.
- ▶ Laboratory– dehydration
- ▶ Diagnosis – Urinary Tract Infection.
- ▶ Started on antibiotic treatment –
Clindamycin+Ofloxacin→Meropenem
- ▶ Venous Blood Gas – PH 7.29, HCO₃⁻ 15.9 mmol/L , PCO₂– 33 mmHg.

Acid base disturbances

Figure 1: Identifying the Primary Process



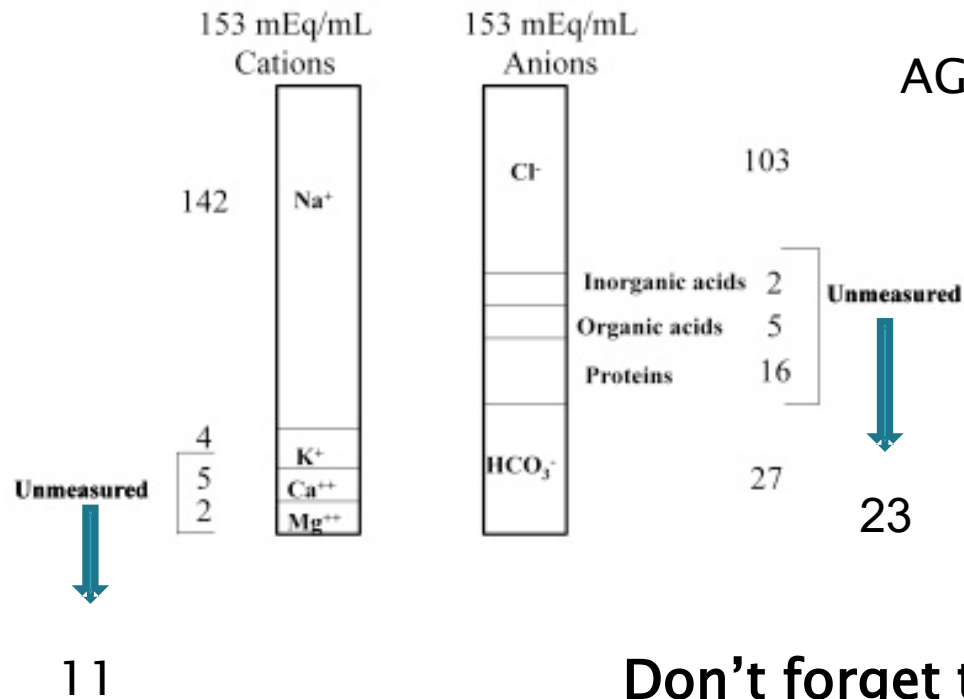
Metabolic Acidosis

- ▶ Metabolic acidosis can be produced by three major mechanisms:
 - Increased acid generation due, for example, to lactic acidosis or ketoacidosis
 - Loss of bicarbonate due, for example, to diarrhea
 - Diminished renal acid excretion due, for example, to RTA

Respiratory compensation- Prediction of compensation

Metabolic acidosis		$\text{Pa}_{\text{CO}_2} = (1.5 \times \text{HCO}_3^-) + 8 \pm 2$
Metabolic alkalosis		Pa_{CO_2} will \uparrow 0.75 mmHg per mmol/L \uparrow in $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ or $\text{Pa}_{\text{CO}_2} = 40 + \{0.7(\text{HCO}_3^- - 24)\}$
Respiratory acidosis	Acute	$[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ will \uparrow 1 mmol/L per 10 mmHg in Pa_{CO_2}
	Chronic	$[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ will \uparrow 4 mmol/L per 10 mmHg in Pa_{CO_2}
Respiratory alkalosis	Acute	$[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ will \downarrow 2 mmol/L per 10 mmHg \downarrow in Pa_{CO_2}
	Chronic	$[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ will \downarrow 4 mmol/L per 10 mmHg \downarrow in Pa_{CO_2}

$$\text{Anion Gap} = \text{Na}^+ - (\text{Cl}^- + \text{HCO}_3^-)$$



$$\text{AG} = 142 - (103 + 27) = 23 - 11 = 12$$

NORMAL AG = 10 OR NORMAL AG = 10 + 2

Don't forget the albumin-

- For every 1g/dL (normal albumin), add 2.5 to the gap.
- Adj gap = calc gap + 2.5(4 - measured albumin)

Delta delta

$$\text{DELTA RATIO} = \frac{\Delta \text{ anion gap}}{\Delta \text{ HCO}_3^-} = \frac{[\text{AG} - 12]}{[24 - \text{HCO}_3^-]}$$

Diarrhea	←	< 0.4	Hyperchloraemic non-anion gap metabolic acidosis
DKA + diarrhea	←	0.4 - 0.8	HAGMA + NAGMA [may be isolated renal failure]
DKA	←	1 - 2	uncomplicated HAGMA
		> 2	Metabolic acidosis w/ pre-existing elevated HCO ₃ ⁻ [metabolic alkalosis or respiratory acidosis]

Osmolar gap

$$\text{Calculated osmolality (osm)} = 2[\text{Na}^+ \text{ (meq/L)}] + \frac{\text{Glucose (mg/dL)}}{18} + \frac{\text{BUN (mg/dL)}}{2.8}$$

$$\Delta\text{osm} = \text{Measured osmolality} - \text{Calculated osmolality}$$

Table 9. Agents That Increase The Osmolar Gap.

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Methanol

Ethylene glycol

Diuretics (osmotic diuretics like mannitol)

Isopropyl alcohol

Ethanol

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► Interpretation of LAB results–

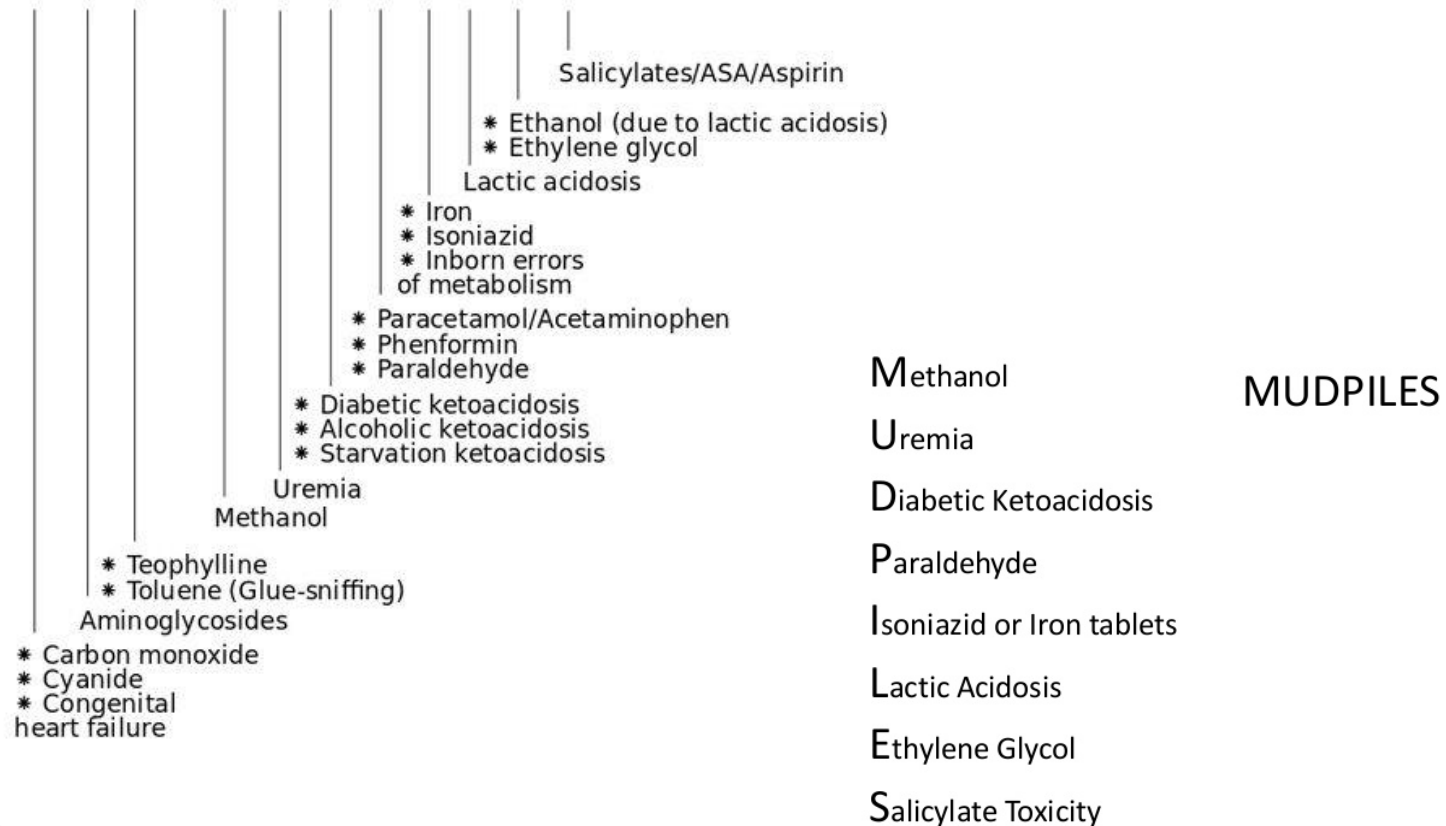
- Acid base disturbance– PH 7.29, HCO₃⁻ 15.9, PCO₂– 33 : metabolic acidosis
- Compensation status– PCO₂–33.3 (1.5X15.9)+8=31.8 ± 2=33: full respiratory compensation.
- Anion gap– Na– 152, Cl– 116, HCO₃⁻– 15.9: **High AG= 20. Adj gap= 24.5**
- Delta delta– (20–12)/(24–16)=8/8=1: **Pure high AG metabolic acidosis.**
- Osmolar gap– measured–321. calculated– 321.83: **no gap.**

	03/01/17	05/01/17	06/01/17	08/01/17	09/01/17	10/01/17
PH	7.298	7.244	7.273	7.255	7.204	7.268
PCO ₂	33.3	34	26.5	25.9	30.9	22.5
HCO ₃	15.9	14.4	12	11.2	11.9	10.1

High AG metabolic acidosis

Causes of high anion-gap metabolic acidosis

C A T M U D P I L E S



What
Do I Do
Now



High AG metabolic acidosis

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▶ List of patients drugs:

- Clexane (Enoxaparin)
- Phenytoin(Epanutin)
- Tegretol (Carbamezabine)
- Vigabatrin(Sabrilan)
- Risperdal
- Cipramil
- Fusid(Furosemide)
- Atorvastatin(Lipitor)
- Omepradex(PPI)
- Aerovent
- Slow-K SR
- Osmolite HN

The image shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text "vigabatrin+high anion gap metabolic acidosis". Below the search bar, there are tabs for "All", "Images", "Videos", "News", and "More", with "All" selected. To the right of the tabs are "Settings" and "Tools". Below the search bar, it says "About 5,790 results (0.86 seconds)". A search result is displayed in a box, showing a snippet of text: "Pyroglutamic acidemia (5-oxoprolinemia) is a rare cause of **high anion gap metabolic acidosis** that should be suspected in patients presenting with sepsis, hepatic, and/or renal dysfunction who are receiving drugs such as acetaminophen, flucloxacillin, and **vigabatrin** after the more common **causes** of a **high anion gap** ...". Below the snippet is a link: "Pyroglutamic acidemia: A cause of high anion gap metabolic acidosis ..." with the URL "https://www.researchgate.net/.../12427793_Pyroglutamic_acidemia_A_cause_of_high_a...".

Pyroglutamic Acidemia

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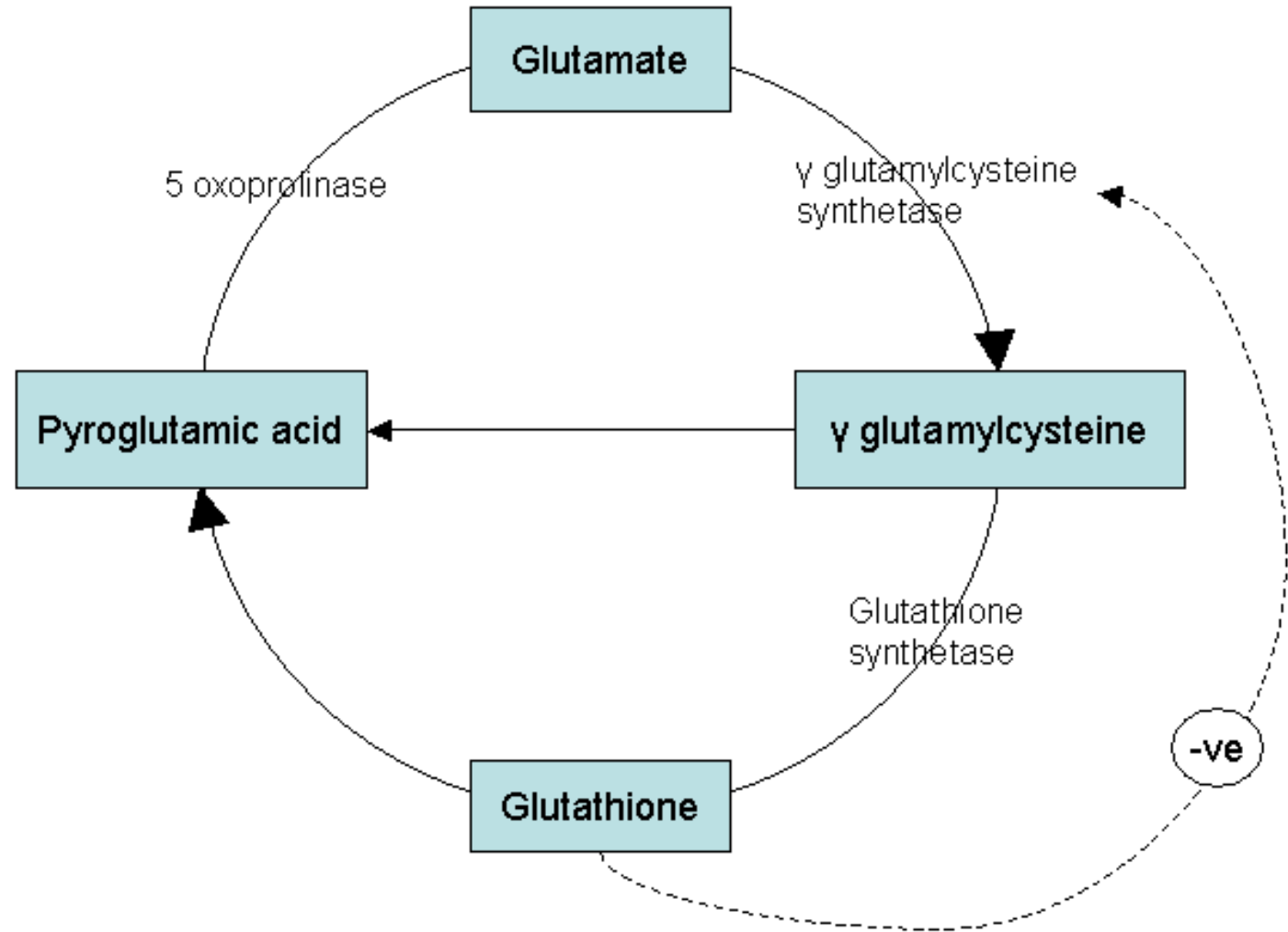
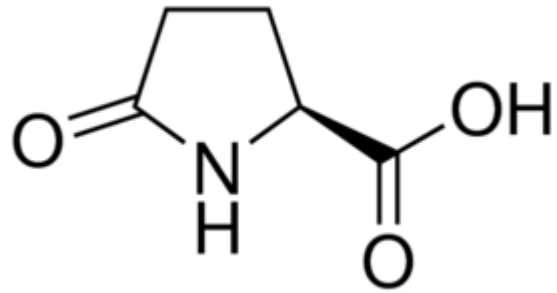
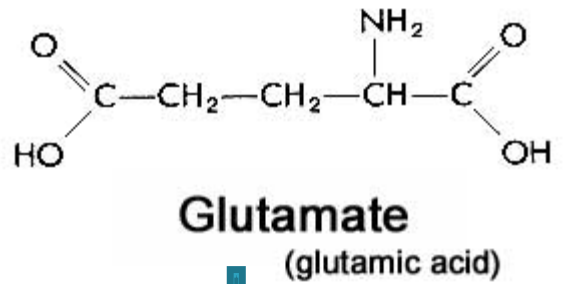
Profound metabolic acidosis from pyroglutamic acidemia: an underappreciated cause of high anion gap metabolic acidosis

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Pyroglutamic Acidemia



Factors which predispose patients to Pyroglutamic Acidemia

▶ Depletion of glutathione

- Paracetamol
- **Severe sepsis**
- Chronic alcoholism
- Chronic liver failure of any cause
- **Malnutrition**

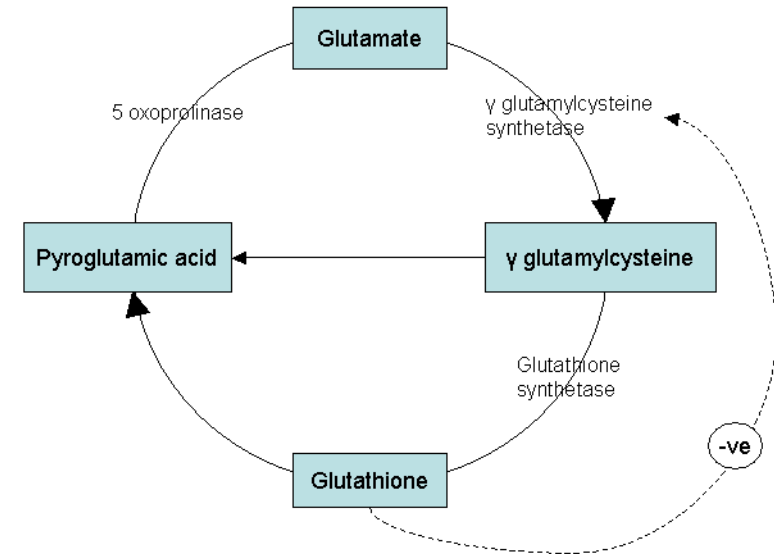
▶ Dysfunction of 5-oxoprolinase

- Flucloxacillin
- **Vigabatrin**
- Netlimicin
- Inherited enzyme deficiency (Known only from case reports)
- **Gender-specific- women**

▶ Diminished 5-oxoproline clearance

- Renal failure

▶ Old age is also associated



Literature

► Only case studies

Crit Care Med 2000 Vol. 28, No. 6

THE LANCET, JUNE 24, 1989

Pyroglutamic acidemia: A cause of high anion gap

PYROGLUTAMICACIDURIA FROM VIGABATRIN

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SIR,—Your March 11 editorial on the anticonvulsant agent vigabatrin (γ -vinyl- γ -aminobutyric acid) cites efficacy in refractory epilepsy and the absence of toxicity in 300 patients treated for over a year in support of restricted use of this drug in specialist centres. Others¹ have also proposed its use in conditions not associated with convulsions but in which γ -aminobutyric acid metabolism may be affected.

During routine metabolic screening of organic acid excretion by gas chromatography we detected excessive excretion of pyroglutamic acid in urine (5.1 and 0.23 mmol/mmol creatinine) from two unrelated children receiving vigabatrin. The children aged 14 months and 15 months, respectively, had poorly controlled seizures and were receiving clonazepam, phenytoin, and vigabatrin (50 mg/kg daily) at the time. Urine taken before treatment with vigabatrin showed no trace of pyroglutamate excretion.

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While far from conclusive, these data do suggest that patients who can be presumed to have ingested large amounts of antacids containing Al are not at a greatly increased risk of Alzheimer's disease. We await with interest further information from workers who have kept large numbers of ulcer patients under observation.

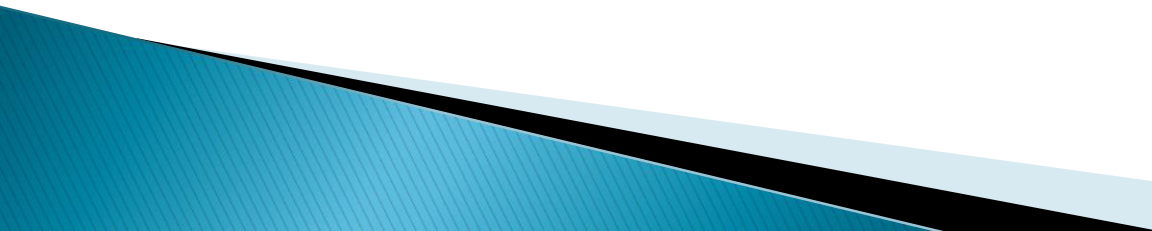
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acidemia (5-oxoprolinemia) is a metabolic acidosis that should be considered in patients presenting with sepsis, hepatic, and/or

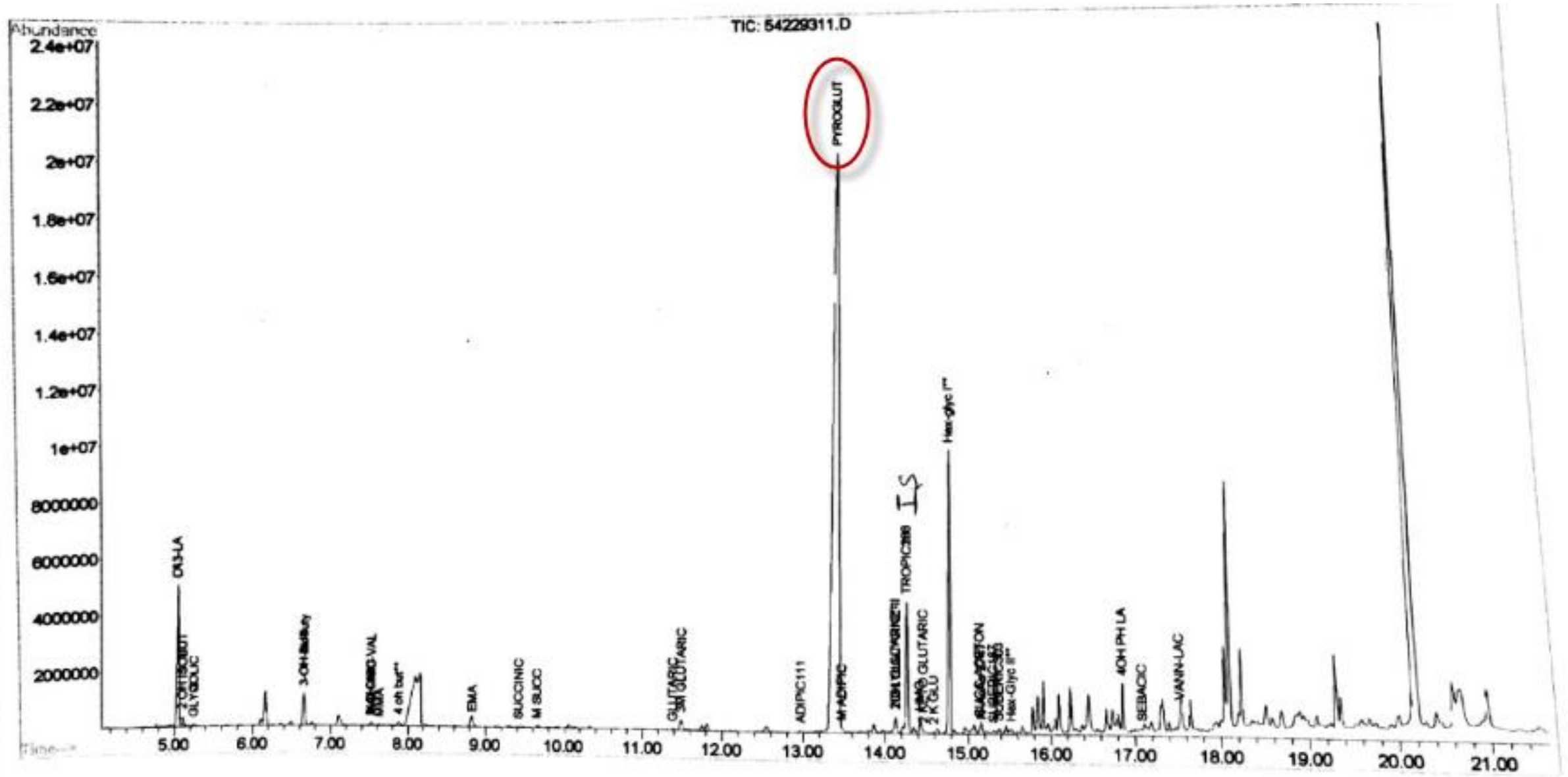
ive management should be instituted. (Crit Care Med 2000; 28: 1803-1807)

KEY WORDS: pyroglutamic acidemia; 5-oxoprolinemia; high anion gap acidosis

Diagnosis

- ▶ High anion gap metabolic acidosis without a good explanation.
 - ▶ Plasma assay by gas chromatograph mass spectrometry.
 - ▶ Urine assay (by same method).
 - ▶ Normal value of pyroglutamic acid in urine is up to 63 $\mu\text{mol}/\text{mmol}$ creatinine.
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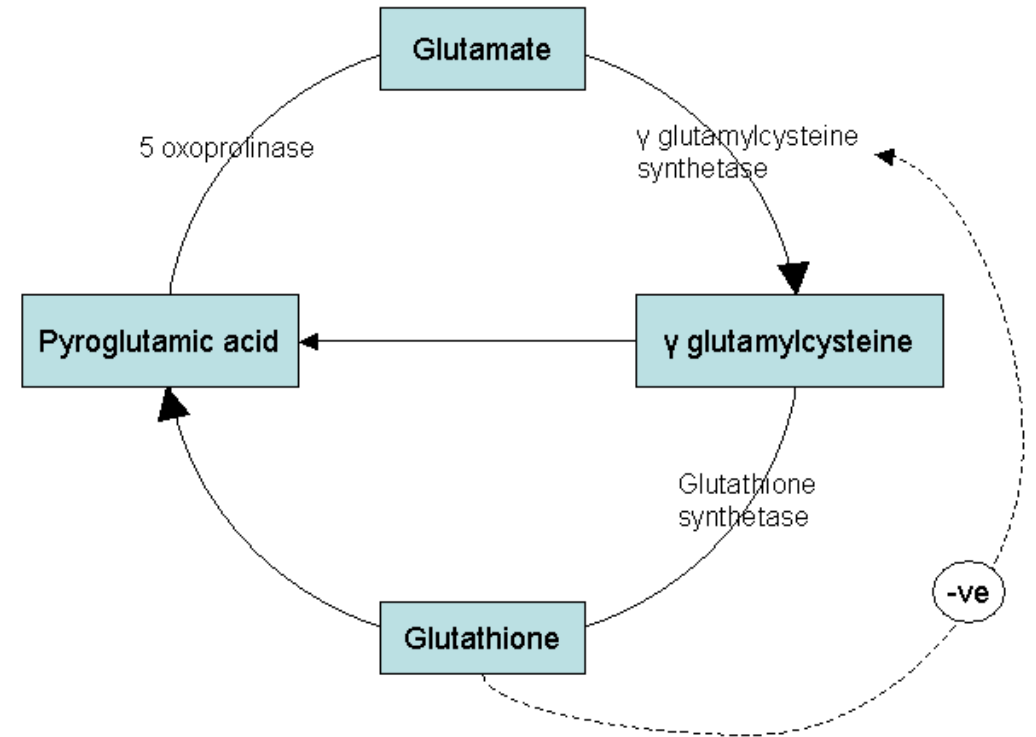


Treatment


- ▶ Cessation of the causative agents.
- ▶ Remove source of sepsis.
- ▶ Supportive care and monitoring.
- ▶ Glutathione repletion with N-acetylcysteine.
- ▶ Dialysis– 5-oxoproline is cleared renally.
- ▶ Bicarbonate– when the bicarbonate is very low and the pH is below 7.1.

N-acetylcysteine

- ▶ restoring hepatic glutathione
- ▶ serving as a glutathione substitute
- ▶ *IV* 21-hour regimen consists of 3 doses; total dose delivered—300 mg/kg

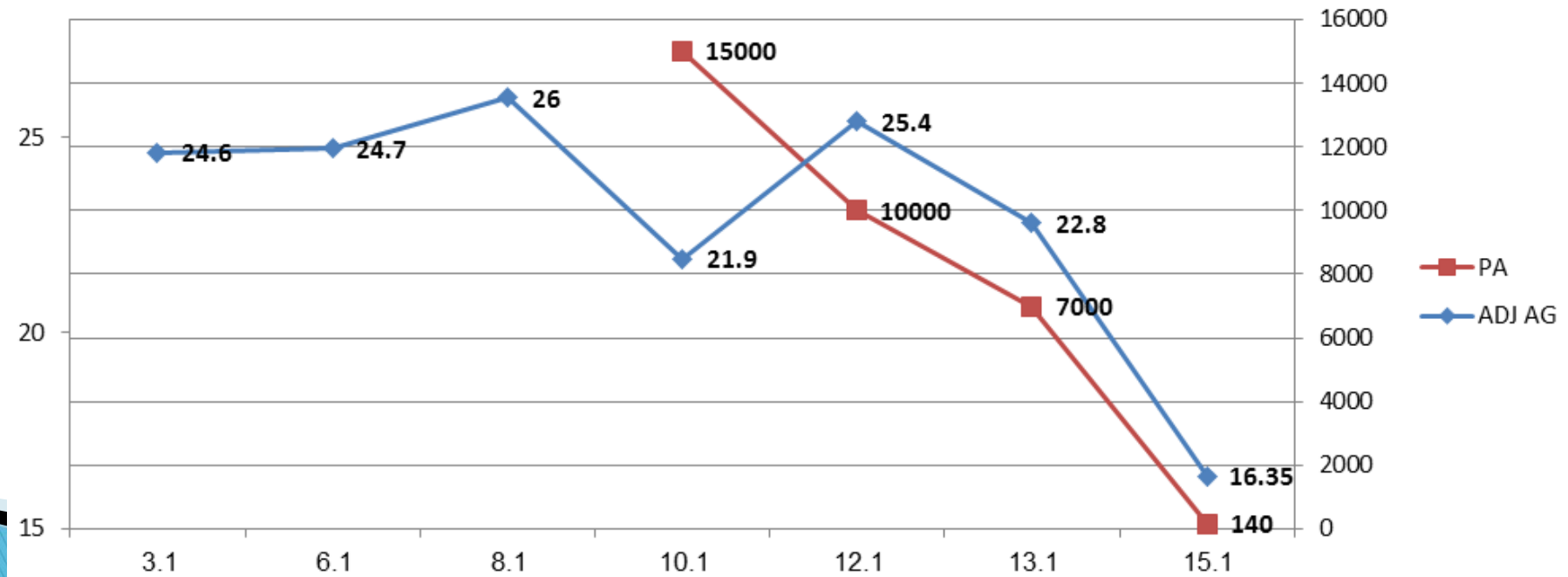


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- ▶ Cessation of Vigabatrin.
 - ▶ N-acetylcysteine– (as protocol for Acetaminophen overdose).
 - ▶ Meropenem for UTI.
 - ▶ Dialysis.
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Case presentation– outcome

- ▶ Patient regained consciousness
- ▶ Urine assay shows decreased levels of pyroglutamic acid
- ▶ AG decreased



Take home messages

- ▶ Aim to find out the cause to metabolic acidosis.
 - ▶ Pyroglutamic Acidemia– a rare/underdiagnosed entity.
 - ▶ Majority of cases linked to acetaminophen use.
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