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#### List of abbreviation

ALA..... α-linolenic acid

ALP..... Alkaline phosphatase

ALT..... Alanine Transferase

APACHE II.... Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation

AST..... Aspartate Transferase

BEE..... Basal energy expenditure

BIL..... Bilirubin

BMI..... body mass index

BUN..... blood urea nitrogen

CRP..... C-reactive protein

CVC..... central venous catheters

DHA..... docosahexaenoic acid

EEE..... Estimated energy expenditure

EFA..... Essential fatty acid

EPA..... eicosapentaenoic acid

ESR.. .... erythrocyte sedimentation rate

FA..... Fatty acids

FO..... Fish oil-

GGT..... 

γ-Glutamyl Transferase

IBW..... Ideal body weight

ICU..... Intensive care unit-

IFALD..... intestinal failure-associated liver disease

IV..... Intravenous

IVFE..... Intravenous fat emulsion

LCT..... long chain triglycerides

LPL..... Lipoprotein lipase

MAP..... Mean arterial pressure

MCT..... Medium-chain triglycerides

MPS..... the mononuclear phagocyte system

MUFA..... Monounsaturated fatty acids

OO..... Olive oil

ω-3 FA..... Omega-3 fatty acids

ω-6 FA..... Omega-6 fatty acids

ω-9 FA..... Omega-9 fatty acids

PLT..... platelet count -

PN..... parental nutrition

PUFA..... polyunsaturated fatty acids

REE..... Resting metabolic rate

SD..... Standard of deviation

SIRS..... Systemic inflammatory response

SO..... soy bean oil

SPSS...... Statistical Package of Social Science

TG..... triglycerides level

TLC..... total leucocytic count

TPN..... Total parental nutrition

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# **Abstract**

OBJECTIVES: evaluate plasma elimination as well as systemic and local tolerance of fish oil based lipid emulsion (contains omega 3 and 6 fatty acids) in comparison to standard soybean based lipid emulsion (contain  $\omega$ -6 fatty acids) in intensive care patients following digestive surgery

PATIENTS AND METHODS: The studies included 60critically ill patients (newly admitted to the ICU for post operative care after major abdominal surgery necessitating TPN)( 20-60 years old)were randomly chosen to be enrolled in this study. All patients received the same standard total parenteral nutrition started 24 hours after the operation except for lipid emulsion. Where **Group A contains 30** patients received standard parenteral nutrition but with the use of soybean based lipid emulsion. **Group B contains 30** patients received standard parenteral nutrition but with the use with the use of omega-3 fat based lipid emulsion. The study period lasted for 5 days. Parenteral nutrition began 24 hours after the operation. Laboratory parameters were recorded on 1st post operative day before the beginning of parenteral nutrition then on 3rd day, and 5th day after starting parenteral nutrition.

**RESULTS:** The results showed that there was statistical significant increase in parameters of cholestasis, lipid profile and parameters of systemic inflammatory response.

**CONCLUSION:** The present study show better tolerance for omega 3 fatty acids based lipid emulsion than soybean based lipid emulsion in post gastrointestinal operations.

#### Introduction

Nutritional support has become a routine part of the care of the critically ill patient. It is an adjunctive therapy, the main goal of which is to attenuate the development of malnutrition, yet the effectiveness of nutritional support is often affected by an underlying metabolic response. This requires that these metabolic changes be taken into consideration when designing nutritional regimens for such patients (Ziegler, 2009).

Patients who have undergone a major operation or severe trauma may develop a posttraumatic dysregulation of their host defense, which is characterized by the suppression of specific and non specific immune functions and an enhanced susceptibility towards microbial infections. The increased susceptibility to infection results from a multitude of metabolic or immunologic imbalances due to trauma, tissue ischemia, and operation injury, length of surgery and anesthesia, loss of blood and associated However, the mechanisms of the pathophysiological illness. alterations are complex. The interaction of various factors such as the traumatic insult, microbial pathogenicity factors or mediators of the neuroendocrine axis leads to adverse host reactions, which are driven by excessive production of inflammatory mediators (e.g. proinflammatory cytokines or proinflammatory lipid mediators such as the leukotrienes) and may result finally in systemic inflammatory reactions (Bessey, 2002).

Lipid emulsions provide energy and essential fatty acids to patients requiring parenteral nutrition. Recently, the important role of some fatty acids and lipid-soluble vitamins to modulate key metabolic functions was recognized. Conventional emulsions derived from soybean oil contain a high share of omega-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids, mainly linoleic acid and low amounts of antioxidants. Their infusion may lead to an unbalanced fatty acid profile in cell membrane phospholipids and an augmentation of peroxidation. This could adversely affect immunologic functions and inflammatory events. To avoid undesirable effects of excessive linoleic acid intake, substitution of part of the soybean oil in a lipid emulsion by other lipids is strongly recommended (Laviano A, Fanelli F., 2010).

# Chapter 1 Nutrition support intensive care unit

The provision of specialized nutrition support to the patient in intensive care unit (ICU) is a complex task. Nutrition support benefits the critically ill patient by facilitating wound healing, ameliorating the maladaptive response to injury, and decrease the overall morbidity. Although nutrition support can prevent mortality and morbidity associated with prolonged malnutrition, its use can cause infectious, metabolic and mechanical comlications. Clinicians providing nutrition support do so with the goals of improving the patient outcomes (Brak et al., 2002).

#### 1) Physiological changes post operatively (Table 1):-

The metabolic response to critical illness or injury is grouped into two phases. It is based on their temporal relation to the injury or insult. The **Ebb phase** is the early phase of the response to injury. And the following phase is the **Flow phase (Bessey, 2002).** 

Table1: Metabolic Stages (Bessey, 2002).

Day	Phase	Characteristics
1-2	Ebb (or Shock)	Low metabolism
2-25	Catabolic flow	high metabolism high nitrogen consumption Redirection of protein synthesis
25+	Anabolic Flow	Lower metabolism normal protein synthesis

#### a)Protein metabolism:-

Protein loss is accelerated by increases in proteolysis even in the critical care setting, where protein and nonprotein substrates are provided; negative nitrogen balance can be an expected result. Urinary nitrogen excretion can exceed 15–20 g/day. The excessive protein catabolism occurs because of not only gluconeogenesis, but also thermogenesis, immune function, acute phase protein synthesis and tissue repair. These processes may result in a substantial loss of body protein within a relatively short duration of ongoing critical illness. Body composition studies in critical illness have revealed that a majority of these losses occur in skeletal muscle. Most experts recommend that protein be given as amino acids at a rate of at least 1.5-2.0 g/kg/day (McClave and Mallampalli, 2001).

#### b) Carbohydrate Metabolism:-

Glucose is a primary source of fuel for the brain. It also provides energy for immune function, red blood cells, bone marrow, and for the healing wound. Hyperglycemia is highly prevalent among critically ill patients, which occurs because of resistance in peripheral muscle to the effects of insulin despite increased insulin secretion in concert with increased rates of gluconeogenesis and increases in counterregulatory hormones. The catabolism of protein is a major source of the glucose critical produced in illness. Administering exogenous carbohydrate these patients does to not suppress the gluconeogenesis as it does in healthy patients, and it may further hyperglycemia. exacerbate The degree and control of hyperglycemia in the ICU are being revealed as increasingly important to predicting outcomes related to critical illness. The maximum rate of glucose oxidation in critically ill patients is about 5 mg/kg/minute. Administering glucose in excess of this rate leads to lipogenesis, hepatic steatosis, and hyperglycemia (Btaiche and Khalidi, 2004).

#### c)Lipid Metabolism:-

Lipid metabolism also is altered in critical illness; lipolysis is accelerated because of increased adrenergic stimulation. This increase in lipolysis is suppressed by hypercaloric not carbohydrate administration. The rate of turnover of glycerol and free fatty acids increases and reflects the degree of acceleration in lipolysis because of stress. The concentrations observed indicate increases in re-esterification of free fatty acids to triglyceride concentrations and increased lipolysis of triglyceride concentrations to free fatty acids. The contribution of fat oxidation to energy production is increased in critically ill patients. The fatty acids liberated by lipolysis are oxidized as a primary source of adenosine triphosphate during stress. In patients fed parenterally, lipid emulsion must be provided to prevent the development of essential fatty acid deficiency (Woodcock, et al., 2001).

#### d)Fluid Changes:-

Fluid and electrolyte changes are a constant challenge to critical care practitioners. Critical illness predictably results in