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### **List of Abbreviations**

ABCs : Airway, Breathing and Circulation

ABG : Arterial blood gases

ACS : Antenatal corticosteroids

ADHH: Autosomal-dominant hypocalcemia with

hypercalciuria

APD : Action potential duration

APs : Action potentials

ATP : Adenosine triphosphate

ATPase : Adenosine Triphosphatase enzyme

AV : Atrioventricular

C-AMP : Cyclic Adenosine Monophosphate

CASR : Gene encodes for calcium-sensing receptor

CaSR : Calcium-sensing receptor CBC : Complete blood count

cc : cubic centimeterCCr : creatinine clearanceCKD : Chronic kidney disease

CLC-Kb : Kidney specific choloride channelCLCNKB : Chloride channel voltage-sensitive kb

CLDN > : Claudin > 7 gene

DCT : Distal convoluted tubuleDNA : Deoxyribonucleic acidDTRs : Deep tendon reflexes

EADs : Early after depolarization activities

ECG : ElectrocardiographyED : Emergency departmentEGF : Epidermal growth factor

EGFR : Epidermal growth factor receptor

EP : Electrophysiological

ERP : Effective refractory period

### List of Abbreviations (Cont.)

ESRD : End-stage renal disease

Fab : Digoxin antidote

FDA : US Federal Drug Administration FE

Fractional excretion

FEMg : Fractional excretion of magnesium

FGF-23 : Fibroblast growth factor-23

FHHNC : Familial hypomagnesemia with hypercalciuria

and nephrocalcinosis

FXYD7: A gene encoding Sodium/potassium-

transporting ATPase gamma chain

GFR : Glomerular filtration rate

HD : Hemodialysis

HSH : Hypomagnesemia with secondary

hypocalcemia

ICU : Intensive care unit

IDH : Isolated dominant hypomagnesemia

iPTH : Intact Parathyroid hormone

IRH : Isolated recessive hypomagnesemia

ISIS- : Fourth International Study of Infarct Survival

IV : Intravenous

LIMIT- : Second Leicester Intravenous Magnesium

**Intervention Trial** 

MDI : Metered-dose inhaler
MFM : Maternal-fetal medicine
MgSO : Magnesium sulphate
NCC : Na<sup>+</sup>-Cl<sup>-</sup> cotransporter

NICU : Neonatal intensive care unit NKCC : Na<sup>+</sup> K<sup>+</sup> Cl<sup>-</sup> cotransporter PCT : Proximal convoluted tubule

PD : Pritoneal dialysis

PE/E : Pre-eclampsia/Eclampsia

## **List of Abbreviations** (Cont.)

PPIs : Proton-pump inhibitors PTH : Parathyroid hormone RNA : Ribonucleic acid

ROMK: Renal outer medullary  $K^+$  channel

SA : Sinoatrial node

SLCYAT : Gene encodes the thiazide-sensitive NaCl

cotransporter

SNRT : Sinus node recovery time

TAL : Thick ascending limb of the loop of Henle

TRP : Transient receptor potential

TRPM : Transient receptor potential cation channel

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#### Introduction

Magnesium is the second-most abundant intracellular cation and, overall, the fourth-most abundant cation. It plays a fundamental role in many functions of the cell, including energy transfer, storage, and use; protein, carbohydrate, and fat metabolism; maintenance of normal cell membrane function; and the regulation of parathyroid hormone (PTH) secretion. Systemically, magnesium lowers blood pressure and alters peripheral vascular resistance. (*Drueke et al*, Y··V).

Almost all enzymatic processes using phosphorus as an energy source require magnesium for activation. Magnesium is involved in nearly every aspect of biochemical metabolism (eg, deoxyribonucleic acid [DNA] and protein synthesis, glycolysis, oxidative phosphorylation). Almost all enzymes involved in phosphorus reactions (eg, adenosine triphosphatase [ATPase]) require magnesium for activation. Magnesium serves as a molecular stabilizer of ribonucleic acid (RNA), DNA, and ribosomes. Because magnesium is bound to adenosine triphosphate (ATP) inside the cell, shifts in intracellular magnesium concentration may help to regulate cellular bioenergetics, such as mitochondrial respiration. (*Drueke et al*, Y···V).

Extracellularly, magnesium ions block neurosynaptic transmission by interfering with the release of acetylcholine. Magnesium ions also may interfere with the release of catecholamines from the adrenal medulla. Magnesium has been proposed as an endogenous endocrine modulator of the catecholamine component of the physiologic stress response. (*Drueke et al*, Y··V).

Magnesium deficiency has been reported in to % of patients in the ICU. Reduction in serum total magnesium on

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admission to the ICU has been shown to be associated with increased morbidity and mortality. (Esen& Telci, Y. A).

Abnormalities of magnesium levels, such as hypomagnesemia, can result in disturbances in nearly every organ system and can cause potentially fatal complications (eg, ventricular arrhythmia, coronary artery vasospasm, sudden death). Despite the well-recognized importance of magnesium, low and high levels have been documented in ill patients,[] as a result of which, magnesium has occasionally been called the "forgotten cation". (*Martin et al*, ۲۰۰۹).

Studies have shown the effectiveness of magnesium in eclampsia and preeclampsia, arrhythmia, severe asthma, and migraine. Other areas that have shown promising results include lowering the risk of metabolic syndrome, improving glucose and insulin metabolism, relieving symptoms of dysmenorrhea, and alleviating leg cramps in women who are pregnant. The use of magnesium for constipation and dyspepsia are accepted as standard care despite limited evidence. (*Mary et al*, Y., 9).

## Aim of the Work

This work will discuss current concept about the Magnesium electrolyte highlighting its serum level disturbances effect and its therapeutic uses in critically ill patients.

#### Chapter I

## Hypomagnesemia in ICU

The total body magnesium content of an average adult is g, or mmol. Approximately % of the body's magnesium is present in bone, % is in muscle, and another % is in soft tissue and the liver. Approximately % of total body magnesium is intracellular or bone-deposited, with only % present in the extracellular space. Seventy percent of plasma magnesium is ionized or complexed to filterable ions (eg, oxalate, phosphate, citrate) and is available for glomerular filtration, while % is protein-bound. Normal plasma magnesium concentration is . - . mg/dL ( . - . mmol, or . - . mEq/L).( *Drueke et al*, Y··V).

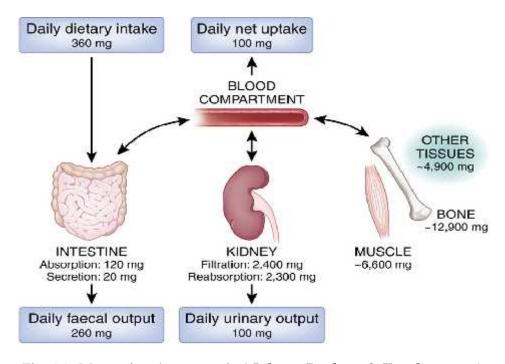


Fig. ( ): Magnesium homeostasis. ( Jahnen-Dechent & Ketteler, \* \* \* \* \* \*).