



Unit : Fluid therapy in cattle

Lesson : 4

Acid– base imbalances and rehydration management – Part II

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Rumen lactacidosis

Etiology

- ▶ Sudden ingestion of rapidly fermentable toxic doses of carbohydrate rich feed
- ▶ mmol of HCO_3 required
= 0.3 x body weight x base deficit

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Rough thumb rule

Mild

Moderate

Severe

Example

Calculate bicarbonate needed for a cattle weighing 100 kg

HCO_3 requirement

$$= \text{body wt} \times 0.3 \times \text{base deficit}$$

$$= 100 \text{ kg} \times 0.3 \times (-10 \text{ mmol})$$

$$= -300 \text{ mmol}$$

Availability

- 5% 10 ml ampoules
- 7.5% 10 ml ampoules or 25 ml ampoules
- How to get mmol from gm ????

Each ml of 7.5 % = 0.89 mmol of bicarb

So for 0.89 mmol we need 1 ml of 7.5 % solution

For 300 mmol we need = $\frac{300 \times 1}{0.89} = 337$ ml

**Thus 337 ml of 7.5 % NaHCO₃ will provide
300 mmol of bicarbonate**

Each ml of 5% = 0.6 mmol of bicarb

So for 0.6 mmol we need 1 ml of 5.0 % solution

For 300 mmol we need = $\frac{300 \times 1}{0.06} = 500 \text{ ml}$

**Thus 500 ml of 5.0 % NaHCO₃ will provide
300 mmol of bicarbonate**

Example

Calculate bicarbonate needed for a goat weighing 10 kg

HCO₃ requirement

$$= \text{body wt} \times 0.6 \times \text{base deficit}$$

$$= 10 \text{ kg} \times 0.6 \times (-10 \text{ mmol})$$

$$= -60 \text{ mmol}$$

HCo₃ requirement is - 60 mmol

For 0.89 mmol we need 1 ml of 7.5 % solution

For 60 mmol we need = $\frac{60 \times 1}{0.89} = 67.4$ ml

For 0.6 mmol we need 1 ml of 5.0 % solution

For 60 mmol we need = $\frac{60 \times 1}{0.6} = 100$ ml

HCO_3 requirement is - 60 mmol

7.5 % solution

we need 67.4 ml

5.0 % solution

we need 100 ml

If it is to be given using LRS ??????

If to be given by LRS

500 ml will supply 25 mmol of bicarbonate

= 1ml will supply 0.05 mmol of bicarbonate

For 0.05 mmol we need 1 ml of LRS for 60 mmol we need

= $60 \times 1/0.05$

= 1200 ml

= 1.2 litres

For 10 kg GOAT??????????????

Cow weighs250 to 450 kg

Example

Case A: 100 kg cattle with lactacidosis

For 300 mmol we need = 337 ml of 7.5 % NaHCO₃

Case B: 10 kg goat with lactacidosis

For 60 mmol we need = 67.4 ml of 7.5 % NaHCO₃

Case B dies while **Case A** do not

Why?????????

Take home points

Should not exceed : 2mmol/kg/min

Case A: 2 mmol x 100 kg = 200 mmol
 appro = 200 ml /min

Case B: 2 mmol x 20 kg = 40 mmol
 approx = 40 ml / min

Rate of administration

Case A: 100 kg cattle with lactacidosis
= 337 ml of 7.5 % NaHCO_3

Case B: 10 kg goat with lactacidosis
= 67.4 ml of 7.5 % NaHCO_3

Case A: 200 ml /min

Case B: 40 ml / min

Rate of administration

- ▶▶ An 8.4% sodium bicarbonate not faster than **1 ml/kg BW/ minute**



Thank you