

Guidelines for Replacement Electrolytes: Clarification

It has come to our attention that in our paper on evidence-based guidelines for replacement electrolytes,¹ the second section of Appendix 1 should be entitled “Guideline for replacement of ionized calcium” rather than “Guideline for replacement of calcium”. Because the levels of ionized calcium are about 50% lower than those for total calcium, we believe that most readers will be aware that the guideline refers to ionized calcium. Nonetheless, we wish to bring this point to readers’ attention to avoid any confusion.

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