

Cartas ao Editor

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Lactato

Dear Editor,

I read the recent publication on serum lactate with a great interest. Rocha et al. [1] noted that "After Jatene's operation, morbidity and mortality can be assessed with the serum lactate levels, suggesting increased values in the third hour is suggestive of a worse prognosis [1]." I agree that lactate measurement is useful. However, I would like to add up some concerns on lactate determination. First, the vitamin C in serum can cause a false decrease in lactate result [2]. Second, the nutritional status of the infant showed also be concerned as an important cofactor affecting the resulted lactate level [3].

Viroj Wiwanitkit, Bangkok/Tailândia

Answer

Dear editor,

I agree with the concerns presented by professor Viroj Wiwanitkit. They are comments about potential factors that could influence serum lactate determinations, i.e. anything that influences the supply/demand of tissue oxygen. Nutritional status and serum levels of vitamin C are just some of them, among so many that we could not assess in our study.

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Invitation

Reproduzimos abaixo o convite recebido pelo Dr. Rodolfo Neirotti, para participar de congresso na China, em função de artigo publicado na RBCCV/BJCVS.

Domingo Braille - Editor RBCCV/BJCVS

Dear Dr. Neirotti R

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we cordially invite you to participate to the EPS Global Chongqing International Heart Congress to be held from April 22 to 23, 2011, at the Sofitel Forebase Chongqing, Chongqing, China. The conference is organized by EPS Global Medical Development Inc., and hosted in collaboration with Daping Hospital, Third Military Medical University (TMMU) in Chongqing.

We would like to welcome you to our Conference as our valuable speaker and present your recent work and ideas of "New technology: valve repair using biodegradable rings" that were published in Rev Bras Cir Cardiovasc 23.4 [1]. Please visit our website at www.epsglobal.ca and www.epswordlink.com for program details.

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