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Heavy metals toxicity

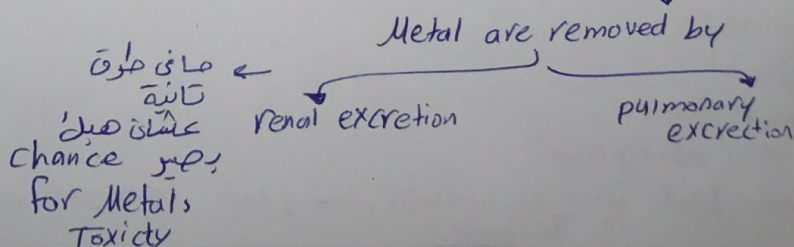
HEAVY METALS

- IRON ✓
- LEAD ✓
- MERCURY
- ARSENIC
- NICKEL
- CADMIUM
- THALLIUM
- ALUMINUM
- GOLD

* iron is imp
for heme. ←
Formation

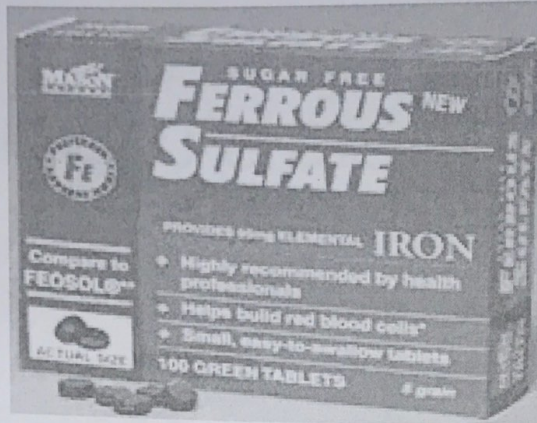
* plays a role in
some enzymatic
reactions for energy
production

- Some metals needed in trace amounts
- Body lacks any major system to remove excess metals



HEAVY METALS

IRON TOXICITY



~~acute~~ acute iron Toxicity happens → ^{نقص في حالة} ^{في overdose} ^{الiron} IRON

• CHRONIC IRON TOXICITY?

- genetic cause ←
- * defects in certain genes (HFE gene) which increases the absorption of iron
- * Hereditary hemochromatosis due to abnormal absorption of iron from the intestinal tract
- * Excess intake via the diet or from oral iron preparations
- * Repeated blood transfusion for some forms of anemia
- * Iron absorption ^{لا steady state} ^{في ال state} and there is no extra absorption
- ليس بغير الناس بمر
- او يكون عندهم خلل
- بحد الجين فيصير عندهم
- 'increase' in iron absorption
- Times → which leads iron accumulation in the body → Leads to organs damage

IRON

بجاءه ال acute

- Accidental ingestion of iron containing preparation is relatively common among children...3g lethal in 2yrs old
- Available as iron supplement tablets, multiple vitamin-mineral products
- May be found as ^①gluconate, ^②sulfate and ^③fumarate

← فماتنا

Salt	Elemental iron %
Ferrous sulfate	20
Ferrous gluconate	11.6
Ferrous fumarate	33

بهمنا كل salt
← elemental iron
كم بيحتوي

الكثر واحد
→ chance ال
Toxicity لا
بسبب انه ال iron
اعلى

IRON

- Toxicity related to the actual amount of elemental iron in the product

stages of
Toxicity and
symptoms are
dose dependent

EXAMPLE:

a 325 mg tablets of ferrous sulfate contains 65 mg of elemental iron

- < 20 mg/kg considered nontoxic
- 20-30 mg/kg potentially toxic (self-limited vomiting, abdominal pain, & diarrhea) → ^{بسيطة} طهور GI A.R
- > 40 mg/kg Potentially serious
- > 60 mg/kg Potentially lethal
- > 150 - 200 mg/kg lethal → ^{القائلة}

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- 2 types of body iron

[1] • Heme iron

e.g.: • Hemoglobin, myoglobin, catalases, ^{enzyme (antioxidante) enzyme} peroxidases, cytochromes (a, b and c – involved in electron transport), cytochrome P450 (involved in drug metabolism)

[2] • Non-heme iron

iron
Forms in the
body

- Ferritin, hemosiderin, transferrin, ferroflavoproteins, aromatic amino acid hydroxylases
- Food iron is also classified as heme and non-heme

Food iron

Heme iron → easily absorbed

- meats ✓
- poultry ✓
- fish ✓

* we can get it from animal sources *

* easily absorbed *

20-23% of heme-iron is absorbable

Non-heme iron

- vegetables ✓
- fruits ✓
- legumes ✓ بقوليات
- nuts
- breads and cereals

only ~ 3% of non heme iron is absorbed

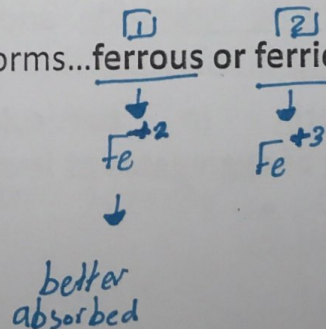
Heme iron * يسهل الامتصاص *

↳ by using Vitamin C

IRON

- The 4th most abundant element in the earth crust
- Most abundant trace element in body
- Needed in trace amounts
- Total dietary intake 10 - 15 mg daily, only 10% absorbed

- It occurs in two forms... ferrous or ferric



↳ dietary intake
non-heme iron
absorbed 10%
أقل من 10%

IRON ABSORPTION

- Ferrous is better absorbed than ferric form
- Occurs in upper part of small intestine
- Requires gastric HCl (maintains iron in a soluble state)

↳ Ferric ← لتحويل ال

↳ Ferrous → For Better absorption

خاصة بال non-heme iron

IRON DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE

iron ← بروتين (Transferrin) حقل ينقله Transport

- Iron is oxidized to its ferric state and couples to transferrin....carried in **blood stream** (glycoprotein)

← الناقل

اي ينقل

ال iron

من الا duodenum

↓

To the

bone

Marrow

(storage place)

- 80-90% of abs. iron is transferred to bone marrow...erythropoiesis

بصورة storage

- Excessive iron is stored in the body as 2 forms:

- Ferritin (a water soluble complex consisting of a core of ferric hydroxide and a protein shell (apoferritin))

← يتخزن على شكل الاسفكال

- Hemosiderin (a particulate substance consisting of aggregates of ferric core crystals)

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Main
storage
Site

- Stored in liver, spleen, bone marrow, intestinal mucosal cells and plasma

Small
amount

Trace amounts are lost in bile, urine and sweat (no more than 1 mg per day)

→ 1mg/day → of iron →
bile
urine
sweat

- There is no mechanism for excretion of iron
- Iron is normally lost by exfoliation of intestinal mucosal cells into the stools

Epidemiology

الأرقام موحدة

- In 2015, the Annual Report of the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) National Poison Data System reported 4072 single exposures to iron or iron salts. Out of these, 3211 cases were unintentional ingestion. Furthermore, 2036 of reported cases occurred in children 5 years old or younger, and 1161 cases were treated in a healthcare facility. There was one death.

* Iron Toxicity → أكثر شيوعاً
عند الأطفال
Childrens

IRON TOXICITY

- Normal serum iron is $50 - 150 \mu\text{g} / \text{dl}$
- Does this mean that doubling intake will initiate toxicity?

← لحد 300
8 يعبر
Toxic
Serum iron below $300 \mu\text{g} / \text{dl}$ usually non toxic

- Normal transferrin $1/3$ saturated

- About 20-50% of the iron-binding sites are filled
- Toxicity when the serum iron $> \text{TIBC}$free iron is present in the serum

❖ (TIBC = total iron binding capacity)

* يعني في ناقل (Transferrin) اي ينقل الـ iron من الـ intestine
 ↳ Bone Marrow
 High amount of absorption ← High amount of iron in the intestine
 Total iron binding capacity ← بصير زي عن الـ iron
 (ارتباط الـ iron بلا enzy حتى يروح لا مكان الـ storage)
 accumulation في بصير في iron → in the serum → > 300 → Toxicity
 بصرى

Mechanism of toxicity

- Toxicity results from direct corrosive effects and cellular toxicity:
 - A. Iron has a direct corrosive effect on mucosal tissue (GI) and may cause **hemorrhagic necrosis** and **perforation**
 - B. The presence of free iron in the circulation directly affect the **metabolism**, the **GIT**, **liver**, **CVS** and **CNS's**
- Iron enters the mitochondria and acts as a catalyst of lipid peroxidation resulting in cell damage....oxidative degradation of lipid by free radicals

Iron accumula
↓
produce energy

بس هاد
الشي هو
لصالحنا

* حكمة ركز على اي عليه هائلات *

Toxicity بس معون

- **GIT:** direct corrosive action on mucosal surface...hemorrhagic necrosis, perforation and infarction of the distal small bowel
- **CVS:** plasma volume drops, bleeding, hypotension, tachycardia and compensatory vasoconstrictioncardiogenic shock
- **Hepatic effects:** range from swelling to necrosis of hepatocytes
- **Metabolic effects:** generation of profound metabolic acidosis....(mitochondrial dysfunction forcing anaerobic resp.)
السبب → Mitochondria accumi of iron →
- **CNS:** range from depression to coma (acidosis & poor perfusion)

which leads to free radical generation

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CLINICAL PRESENTATION:

- **Stage 1:** within 6hrs; abdominal pain, N,V, D, bloody diarrhea...direct corrosive effect on intestinal mucosa → GI A.E
- N.B: massive fluid or blood loss may result in shock, renal failure, and death
بشكل
- **Stage 2:** victims who survive this phase may experience a latent period of apparent improvement over 12 hours.....quiescent phase....falsely stable....
excessive of blood loss
- **Stage 3:** 12 to 48 hrs worsening of GI hemorrhage, coma, shock, seizures, metabolic acidosis, coagulopathy, hepatic failure, and death
يعني ممكن
فجأة ينتقل المريض في stage 3 ← عشان هيك لازم يفضل المريض تحت الرعاية

IRON

CLINICAL PRESENTATION:

If the victim survives: * اذا ما مات من Stage 3 *
بدخل لا Stage 4 الامع

- Stage 4: 2 - 4 days post ingestion, hepatic failure, elevated transaminase enzymes

Latent stage

- Stage 5: 2 - 4 weeks, GI obstruction, cirrhosis

Diagnosis → patient condition / route of exposure / History of exposure / age / signs and symptoms

- Based on a history of exposure and the presence of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, & hypotension
- Specific levels. If the total serum iron level is higher than 450-500 mcg/dL, toxicity is more likely to be present
- Serum levels higher than 800-1000 mcg/dL are associated with severe poisoning

- Determine the serum iron level at 4-6 hours after ingestion and repeat determinations after 8-12 hours to rule out delayed absorption (eg, from a sustained-release tablet)

- Other useful laboratory studies include CBC, electrolytes, glucose, BUN, creatinine, hepatic aminotransferases (AST and ALT), coagulation studies, and abdominal radiography

if there's bleeding → Toxicity تكون ليس من ال sustained release Tablets
لانه ممكن اعتقد انه ال Iron conc قاعد ينزل ويكون بالعكس بزي

To rule out liver adverse reactions

MANAGEMENT

1. GENERAL

• ABC's

- Fluids in gastric Lavage ← **Gastric lavage** with normal saline is poorly absorbed with AC (ما يستخدم لأنه لا يمتص جيداً مع AC)
- ✓ Not bicarbonate (A) (hypernatremia, alkalosis) and phosphate (B) solutions (hypernatremia, hyperphosphatemia, hypocalcemia)
- Small Tablets ← Not deferoxamine (C) solution (may enhance iron absorption) (أو Small Tablets أو Chewable Tablets أو Liquid solution أو Large tablets cannot pass through the Tube of gastric Lavage)
- Subsequent radiographs of abdomen to look forward remnant pills
- * deferoxamine → given IV not by gastric Lavage

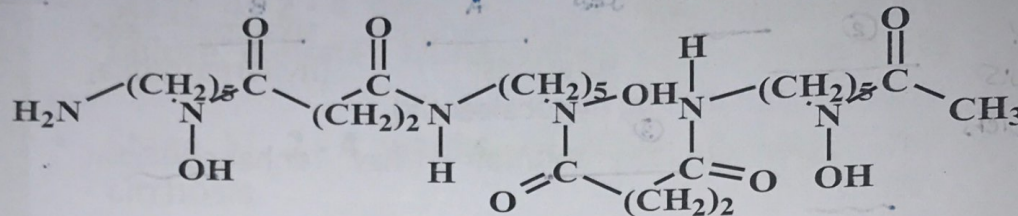
MANAGEMENT

1. GENERAL

- Whole bowel irrigation (iron tab beyond the pylorus)
- Activated charcoal does not adsorb Fe
- Ipecac is not recommended because it can aggravate iron-induced GI irritation
- Cathartics usually not necessary

2. TOXIN SPECIFIC MEASUREMENTS

- Deferoxamine → Antidote in iron poisoning
* chelating agent



Deferoxamine mesylate (DFOM)

CHELATION: DEFEROXAMINE

- For seriously intoxicated victims (eg, shock, severe acidosis, and/or serum iron >500–600 mcg/dL), administer deferoxamine
- ❖ **Specific chelator of ferric ion** which reacts with ferric ion to form a 1:1 chelate known as ferrooxamine
- It binds free circulating iron but not that incorporated in transferrin, hemoglobin.... → برتبه
Free iron
Hemo
Transferrin
- ❖ Limit the entry of iron in the cells
- ❖ Chelate intracellular free iron outside mitochondria

CHELATION: DEFEROXAMINE

- Poorly absorbed from GIT...given parenterally (IV/IM)

- However the iron-deferoxamine complex is absorbable

- Use in symptomatic patients, $Fe > 500 \mu g/dl$, or positive radiographs

✓ 100 mg chelates $9 \mu g$ of Fe → infusion not

✓ Constant I.V infusion 10-15 mg/kg/hr for 24h (max daily dose of 6g) *IV Bolus*

✓ Dose I.M = 50 mg / kg (max 1g) *Anaphylactic reactions*

✓ Vin - rose-colored urine...excretion of complex

← بنوفق
Therapy ال
لما يتحول
لون ال Urine
To the normal
Color

→ This Means iron in the serum started to decrease

↓ it can induce
Histamine + release
which leads to vasodilation
Hypotension *الي بعل*

DEFEROXAMINE SIDE EFFECTS

1. HYPOTENSION (histamine-mediated vasodilation)

Usually respond to iv fluids

2. EXCRETION OF FERROXAMINE is by kidney...

← اذا كان في
RF → ما ينفعني
deferoxamine
لانه هيصير
accumulation
complex 3. **PREGNANCY**

Pregnancy should not change the management of iron poisoning

removing By
Hemodialysis

Enhanced Elimination

- Hemodialysis and hemoperfusion are **not effective** at removing iron but may be necessary to remove deferoxamine-iron complex in patients with renal failure

← حکینا
قبل ٹوی

- Exchange transfusion is used occasionally for massive pediatric ingestion but is of questionable efficacy

← موہم
بس
اعرفوا