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Simplified treatment strategies to fluid therapy in diarrhea

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It has come to our attention that the following statement in the section on “Hypernatremic dehydration” should be disregarded:

Patients with a serum Na⁺ concentration less than 125 mEq/l are often symptomatic, especially if the hyponatremic dehydration has developed rapidly over a few hours. Symptomatic patients require infusion of hypertonic saline (3%) in an amount to increase the serum sodium level to 125 mEq/l.

This passage is a duplication of information already found under “Hyponatremic dehydration” and is inaccurate in the context of “Hypernatremic dehydration”.

There is also an error in Table 4. The values representing a moderate degree of dehydration have been reversed (column 3, lines 5-6). They should read 100 ml/kg in infants and 60 ml/kg in children.

The authors apologize for these errors.

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