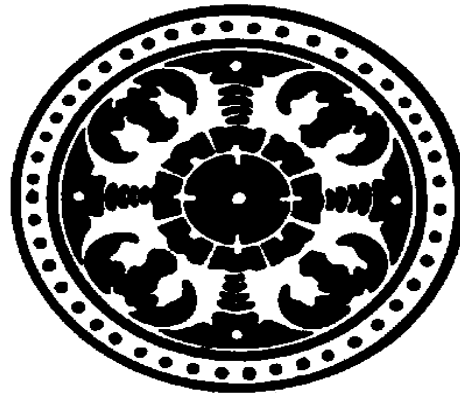


# MANAGEMENT OF METHANOL INTOXICATION

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# INTRODUCTION

Alcohol Intoxication

Ethanol, Methanol,  
ethylene, glycol,  
diethen glycol,  
propylene glycol,  
alcoholic keto  
acidosis &  
isopropanolol

Often appeared in  
society

- Nowadays, alcohol is consumed by world society widely.  
Mild - moderate level - decrease anxiety, euphoria-happiness
- AS : almost 75% adult population drink alcohol regularly
- 10% abuse alcohol - alcoholics
- Consumed Methanol - Dangerous - Immediate attention

- Methanol / $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  methyl alcohol, carbine, wood alcohol are obtained by the distillation process at a lower temperature than ethanol, at  $64.5^\circ\text{C}$  boiling point, with the characteristic: light, flammable, toxic, and has a specific scent
- Used as alternative substance to petrol, fuel for heating and cooking, industrial dissolving material, material in photocopy liquid



- Methanol Poisoning rarely occurs in USA → greater Methanol and Alcohol controls.
- Indonesia (Bali & Lombok) → the number of the death is 45 people & 13 people permanently blind as well as more than 10 tourists (2013)
- Bali is a tourism area – it is important that you know the Methanol poisoning symptoms, and react fast

# ETHIOPATOGENESIS

- Methanol intoxication occurs by two mechanisms :
- 1st : methanol which is swallowed, sniffed, or absorbed by the skin could compress the central nervous system such as ethanol intoxication
- 2nd : Intoxication of Methanol happened after getting fission by alcohol dehydrogenate / ADH enzym to be formaldehyde and format acid in Hepar



# ETHIOPATHOGENESIS

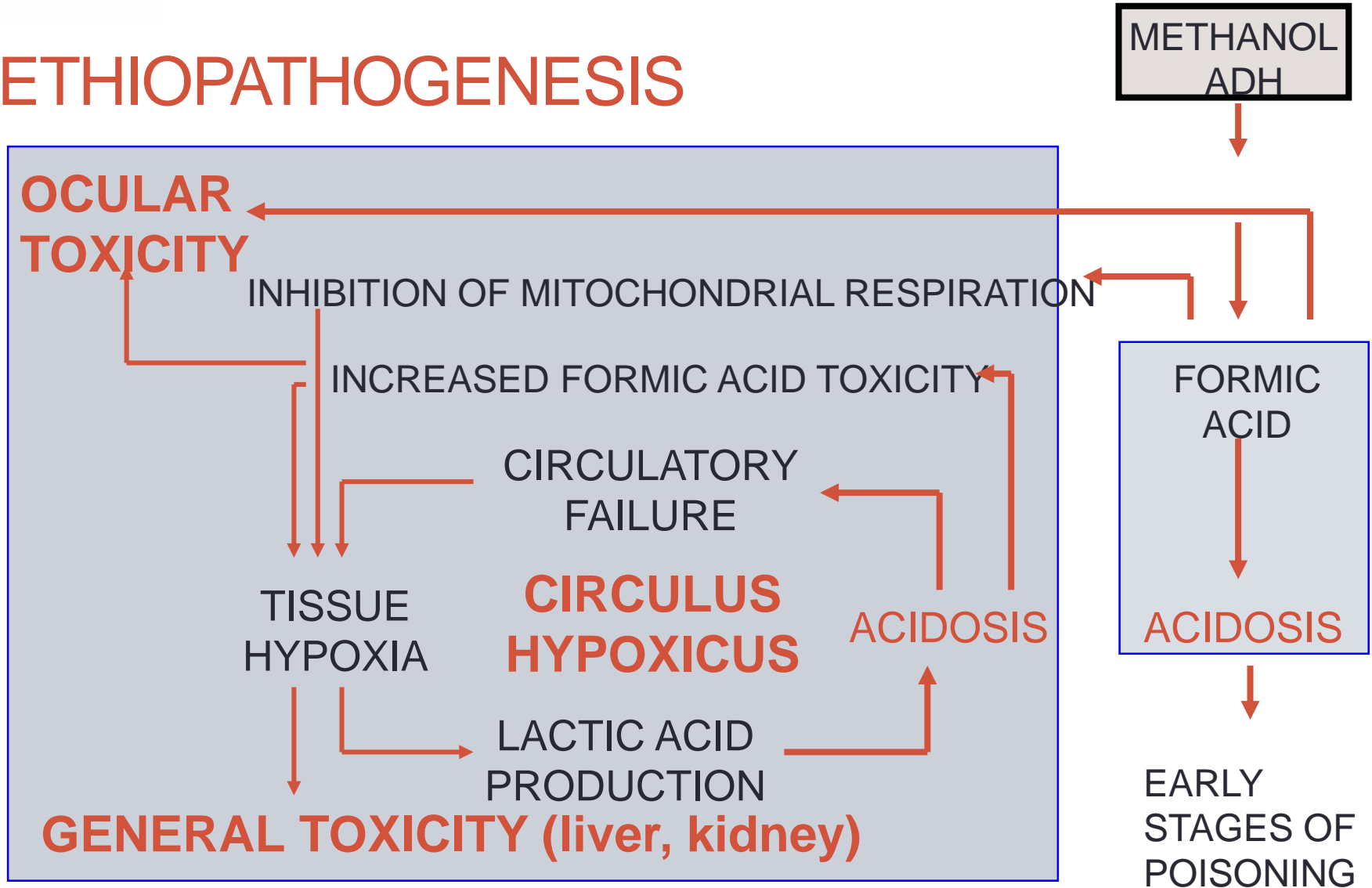
- Formic acid >> is oxidated by tetrahydrofolat  $\text{CO}_2$  &  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Formic acid metabolism is very slow to be accumulated >> acidosis metabolic
- formic acid is also obstructing cellular respiration >> lactic acidosis and cell or tissue damage
- Methanol absorption is getting slowed if: there's food in GI tract especially protein and fat

## ETHIOPATHOGENESIS

After getting absorbed >> methanol is distributed to all tissues and body fluid, except fat and bone ( low concentrate)

- The concentration in blood is reaching its maximum  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 hour after being consumed
- The concentration in brain ( after reaching the balance) : lower than in the blood
- Normal : body could metabolize 10 g of pure methanol, if it's consumed excessively >> increasing of the concentration in the blood>> start to show intoxication symptom. Except it has a tolerance to methanol

# ETHIOPATHOGENESIS



# Methanol = Metil alcohol = wood alcohol = spirits

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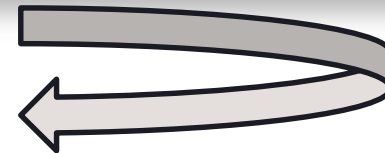
industry

Toxic dosage: 15-500ml in 40% blend to 60-600ml in pure methanol

Metabolize in Hepar: ADH →  
Formaldehid → ASAM FORMAT →  
Oksidasi oleh Tetra hidro folat : H<sub>2</sub>O &  
CO<sub>2</sub>

Absorbed by skin, airway, GI  
tract → body fluid

actually it has low intoxication  
Toxic → metabolized to: ASAM FORMAT →  
slow metabolize → stack → ASIDOSIS



# Methanol INTOXICATION

- Related to the development of anion gap severe metabolic acidosis
- Methanol metabolized in hepar by alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH)  Formaldehyde  Format acid+ lactat acidosis  severe metabolic acidosis
- Increasing of anion gap and osmolar gap acidosis metabolic: important warn to diagnose methanol intoxication

# Methanol Poisoning Symptoms

**Eye, appear 4-24 hr after methanol consumption**

**Cause: stack of formaldehyde that ruin retina's oxidation phosphorylation & format acid which ruined optic disc**

**CNS : after 6-24hrs, or longer 72-96hrs if patient drink ethanol**

**Damage: basal ganglia, putamen, necrosis of the cortex → disability (MRI)**

**Lab: osmolarity of the serum high, metabolic acidosis anion gap high because of the stack of format acid**

**Dx: measurement of methanol level in blood**

**Blur → scotoma → BLIND**

**Emergency treatment → fail → disability**

**Assessment : pupil reflect slow, pupil dialatation, narrow of vision**

**Funduscopy: odema of retina/ hyperemia in optic disc**

**Bleeding /No**

**Hard to start moving**

**Parkinson/dystonia/ hypo kinetic**

**unconsciousness: apatic – coma, seizure**

**Kusmaul : rapid and deep breath**

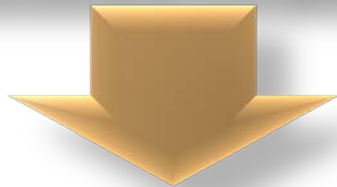
**Useful to check the achievement of therapy**

# MANAGEMENT INTOXICATION OF METHANOL

DECONTAMINATION → depend on how it applied



Eye: clean water irrigation / NaCl 0,9% 15-20'  
Skin: splash with water 10', contaminated cloth should be taken off  
Digestion: empty the gastric if the contaminated more than 1 hr (KL)



Patient getting coma: protect the airway with *rendelenberg position* or turn to left or the right side with endotrakheal intubation



Absorbent: active charcoal 1g/kgBB (30-100g) blended with water (5-10g charcoal : 100-200 ml water)



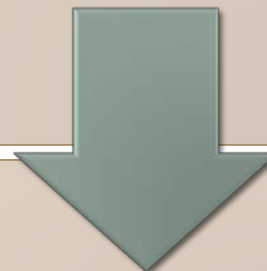
# Management of Methanol Poisoning

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| <b>Supportive therapy</b>  | <b>Protect the airway, Oxygen, liquid</b>   |
| <b>Forced diuretic</b>     | <b>Methanol excreted by kidney</b>  |
| <b>Fomepizole</b>          | <b>Stop ADH</b>   |
| <b>Etanol</b>              | <b>Competitive → metabolized by ADH</b>   |
| <b>Na.bikarbonat</b>       | <b>Correction to acyosis</b>  |
| <b>Asam folat</b>          | <b>Degradation of format acid → CO<sub>2</sub> &amp; H<sub>2</sub>O</b>                                 |
| <b>Hemodialysis (best)</b> | <b>Eleminating toxic metabolic, acidosis correction, prevent lung odema, brain odema, renal failure</b> |

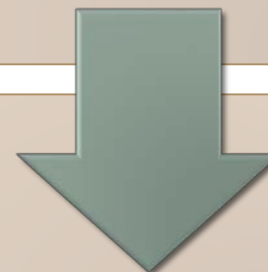
# Management of Methanol Poisoning

Hemodialysis (HD), use to :

**Eliminating toxic metabolic, acidosis correction, prevent lung odema, brain odema, renal failure**



HD → 40-50X faster than renal clearance



Indication:

Severe acidosis metabolic (pH,7,2)

Doesn't give a good response to renal failure therapy, vision disturbance, methanol concentration in blood >50 mg/dL

# Antidote Methanol Poisoning

Folate acid

- IMPORTANT, format acid metabolism  $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub> + Air  $\rightarrow$  depend on providence of folate acid in the body. Dosage: 50mg iv every 4-6hr for some days

ETANOL  
infused

- If you suspect the patient consumed methanol  $>$  20mg/dL
- Fixed diagnosed given : methanol intoxication

ETANOL

- Competitive characteristic inhibitor for alcohol dehydrogenase  $\rightarrow$  methanol metabolism will be blocked, if the affinities 20X  $>$  dp methanol  $\rightarrow$  delay the methanol half life till 40hrs
- Concentration of ethanol in blood will be stay 100-150 mg/dL

# Other Antidotes

1

Fomepizole /  
4-metilprizol:  
Ethanol work way  
like

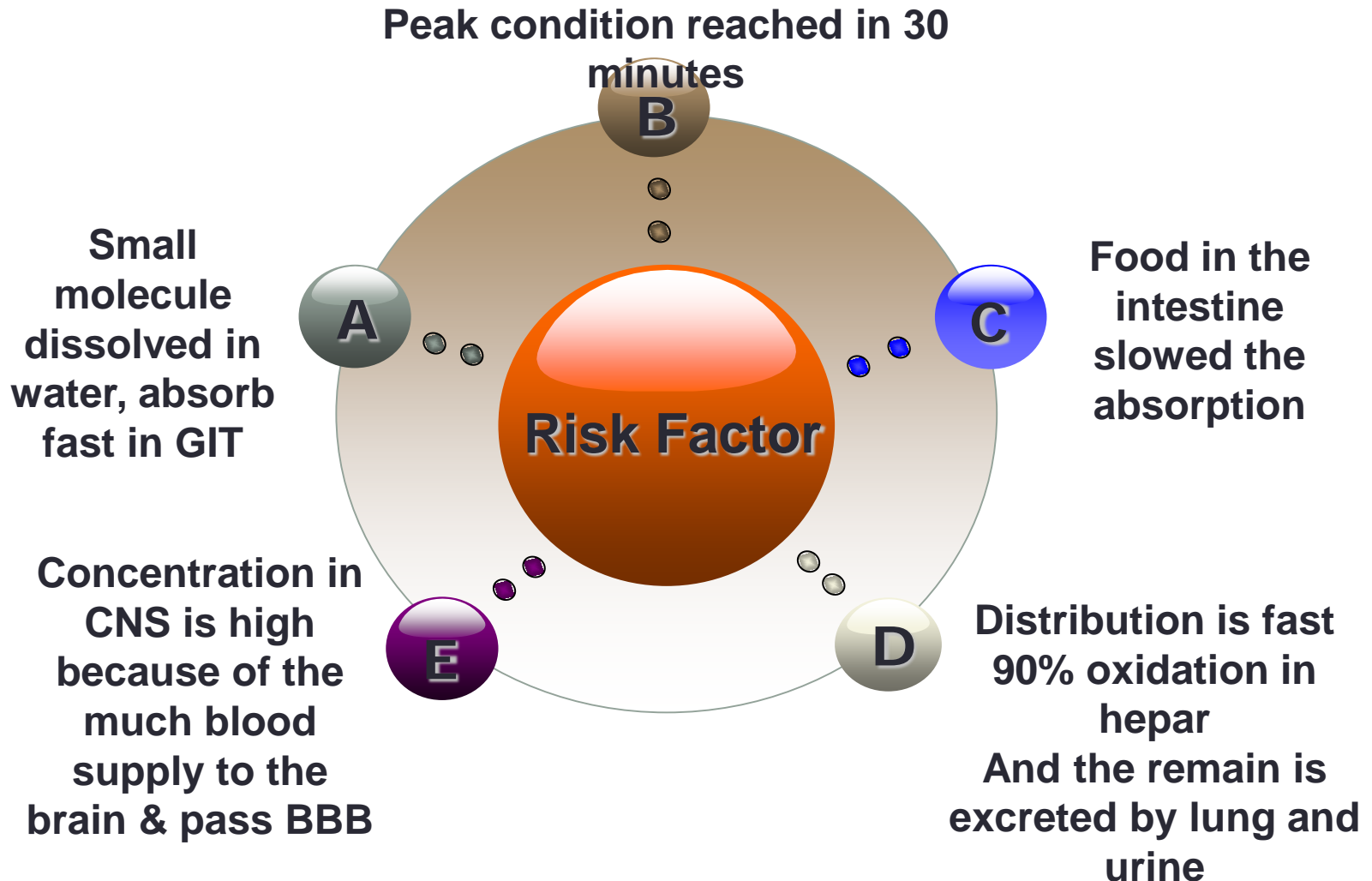
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Has a stronger  
blockage than  
ethanol, but have  
no moderate  
sedation & longer  
half life

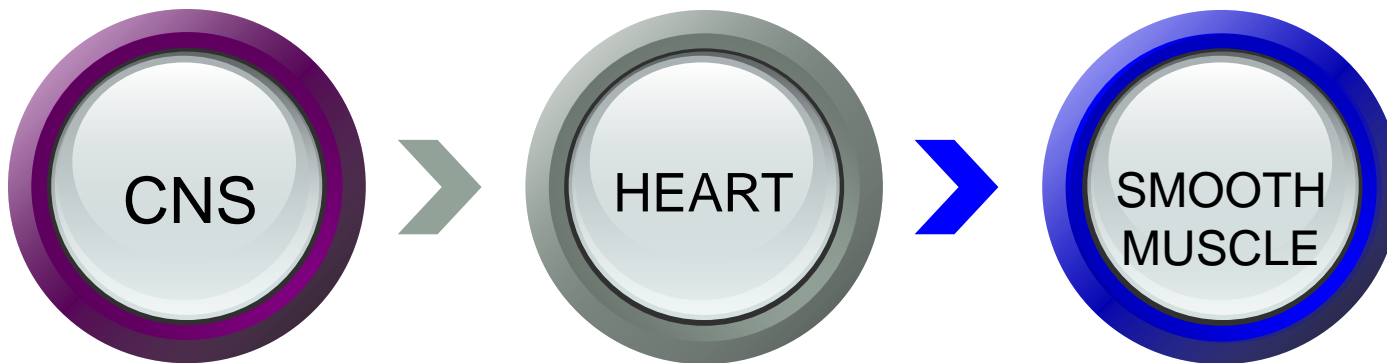
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**Dosage:**  
**20 mg / kg BW /**  
**day**

# Ethanol



# Acute Methanol Effect



mild: Sedation,  
decrease anxiety.  
Concentration > →  
drunk: talk & do  
something  
uncontrollably  
measurement  
disturbance  
Severe →  
unconsciousness

Concentration > 100mg/dL  
→ heart  
muscle  
depression

vasodilator  
characteristic →  
hypothermia,  
hypotension,  
skin redness



**Result of methanol intoxication  
research at extra ordinary event**

- **Ratih Wulansari, Sudhana and friends in 2002 reported :**
- **15 patients (male) hospitalized because of methanol intoxication**
- **21-25 yrs old**
- **Symptoms appears 24-48 hrs after drank**
- **Main complaint when hospitalized:**
  - **Breathless 9 (60%) patients**
  - **Blur vision 1 (6,7%) patients**
  - **Unconsciousness 4 (26.7%) patients**
  - **Vomit/nausea 1 (6.7%) patients**



- **Lab result:**

- leukocytosis in 10 (66.7%)
- secondary polycythemia in 8 (53.3%)
- hyper glycaemia in 4 (26.7%)
- Increasing of AST levels > 2 times : 6 (42.9%)
- Increasing of ALT levels > 2 times : 4 (26.7%)
- Increasing of **creatinine levels : 6 (40%).**
- Blood gas analyzing :
  - **13 (86.7%) metabolic acidosis**
  - 5 (33.3%) pH < 6.9,
  - 1 (6.7%) hyponatremia
  - 4 (26.7%) hyperkalemia

- **Patients treated with bicarbonate sodium, thiamin iv & folate acid oral**
- **6 (42.9%) patients hemodialysis treatment**
- **8 (53.3%) patients die**

- Sudhana , et al in 2002 reported : Of the 15 patients, 60% methanol poisoning with acute renal failure ( AKI )  
Metabolic acidosis compensation is a picture of the main pulmonary disorders blood gas analysis

## Clinical Manifestations of Methanol Intoxication in Sanglah General Hospital, Denpasar, Bali, 2009

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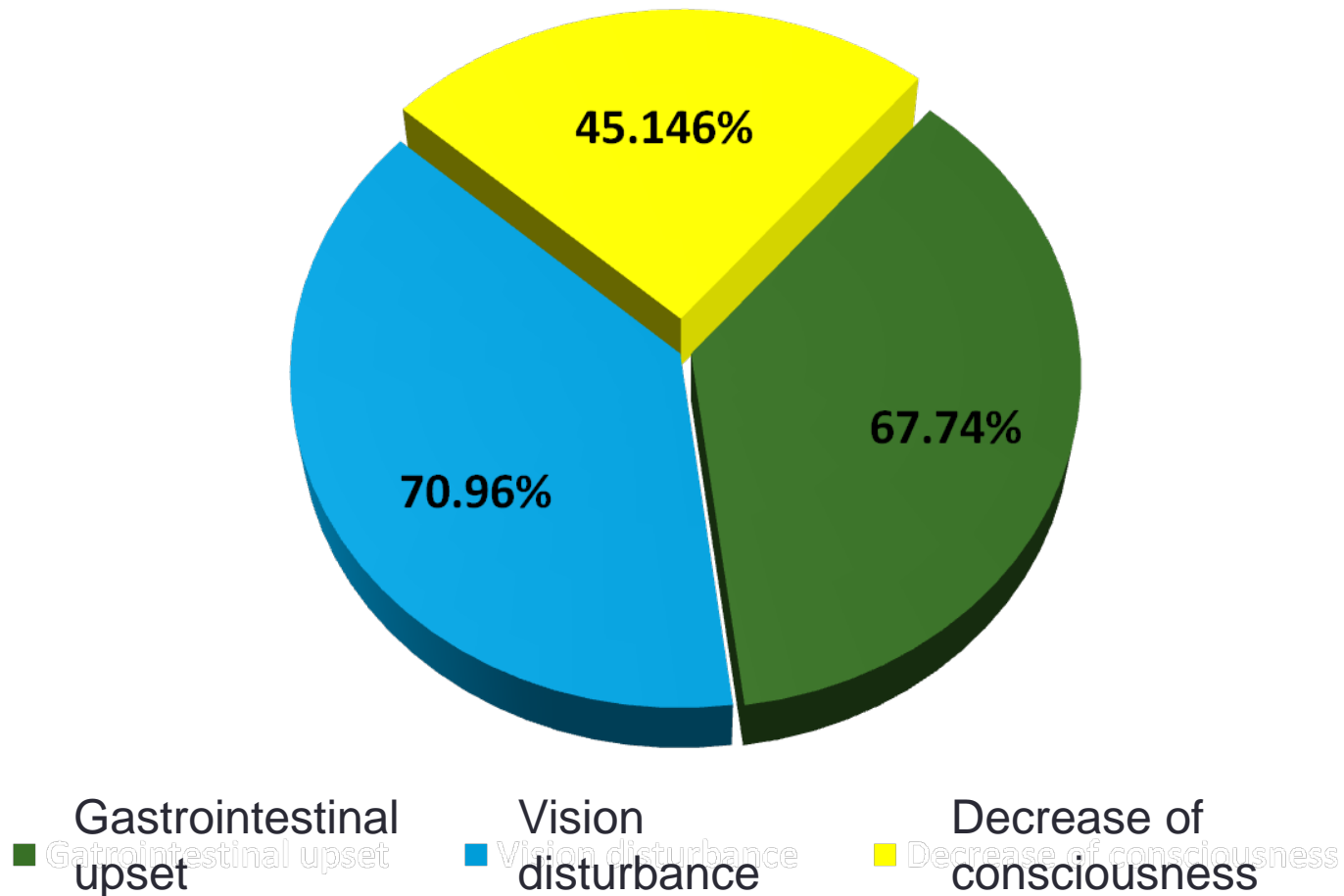
From 31 patients :

- **93,54% (29) were male**
- range of age from 18 to 57 years old

Clinical Findings :

- 45,16% (14) with DOC
- **70,96% (22) with vision disturbance**
- 67,74% (21) with gastrointestinal upset (abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting)

# Clinical findings of Methanol intoxication



Laboratory findings :

**pH < 7,1 : 54,83% (17)**

pH 7,1 - < 7,2 : 19,35% (6)

pH 7,2 - 7,35 : 22,58% (7)

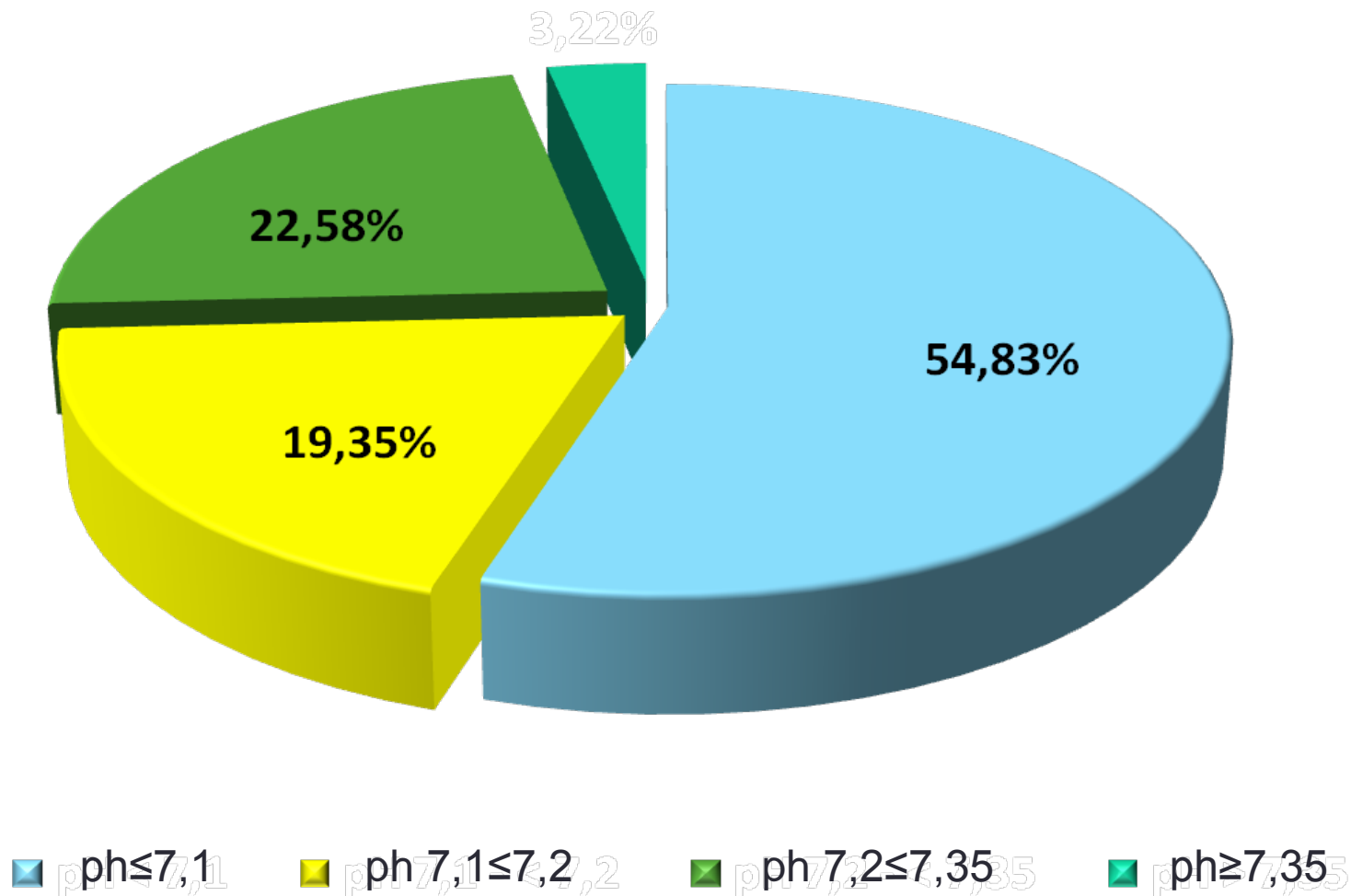
pH >7,35 : 3,22% (1)

**HCO<sub>3</sub> < 10 : 90,32% (28)**

HCO<sub>3</sub> > 10 : 9,68% (3)

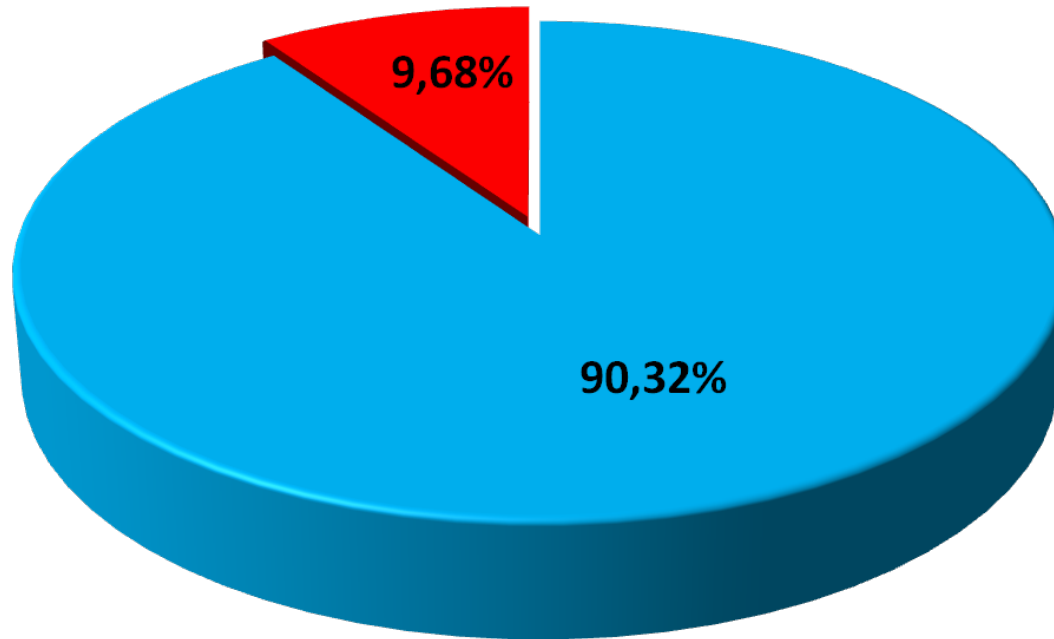
**Creatinine serum of >1,5 → 41,93% (13)**

## Characteristic of pH in Methanol intoxication





# Characteristic of HCO<sub>3</sub> in Methanol intoxication



■ HCO<sub>3</sub> < 10

■ HCO<sub>3</sub> > 10

- Of 17 patients who had  $\text{pH} < 7,1$ , 3 of them survived (had hemodialysis)
- 45,16% (14 patients) passed away due to severe metabolic acidosis (100% had  $\text{pH} < 7,1$  and  $\text{HCO}_3 < 10$ )
- 3 patients presented to the hospital with death on arrival

- Vision disturbance occurred the most in patients with methanol intoxication (70,96%)
- metabolic acidosis occurred in patients with methanol intoxication (96,78%)
- 45,16% (14 patients) passed away and 100% of patients that passed away had severe metabolic acidosis ( $\text{pH} < 7,1$  and  $\text{HCO}_3 < 10 \text{ mEq/L}$ )

## SUGGESTION :

ALCOHOL INTOXICATION CASE: NEED TO BE CONSIDERED BEING INTOXICATED BY METHANOL AND THE MANAGEMENT

Patient should come earlier especially severe intoxication. Come late → hard to be treated and fatal

Go to hospital that has hemodialysis unit


THE LAB RESULT SHOULD COME FASTER AND MEASURED CORRECTLY → MANAGEMENT COULD BE CHOSEN

## **SUGGESTION :**

DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOL WITHOUT  
THE CLOSING LABEL



THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE  
FORBIDING THE BLEND OF ARAK WITH  
METHANOL



SEVERE CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT SHOULD  
BE ENFORCED FOR THOSE THAT SELL AN  
ALCOHOL MIXED WITH METHANOL

- **SUDHANA, AND FRIENDS IN 2009 REPORTED :**
- 31 INTOXICATION OF METHANOL AR 29 MALES, 2 FEMALES
- CLINICAL SYMPTOMS :
  - STOMACHACHE
  - BREATHLESS
  - UNCONSCIOUSNESS
  - BLURRY VISION
  - HYPOTENSION
  - DEATH

## Sudhana and friends in 2009 reported

- HEMATOLOGY DISTURBANCE FOUND:
  - leucosiytosis with *median count* 15.700
  - count leukosit < 15.700 got in 15 victims
    - → 6 people (40%) died
  - count leukosit  $\geq$  15.700 goy in 16 victims
    - → 8 people(50%) died.

## Sudhana and friends in 2009 reported

- Polysitemia with *median count* level Hb 17 G/dL
  - Level Hb  $\geq$  17 G/dL : 14
    - → 7 victims (50%) died.
  - level Hb < 17 G/dL : 17 victims
    - → 7 victims (41,17 %) died.