

Table 6. Postoperative measurements

	Postoperative chloride level (mmol/L)	Postoperative base excess (mmol/L)	Postoperative hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis	Gastric tonometry (CO ₂ gap)
Hetastarch LEI	3.3	-0.9	0 patients	0.9 kPa
Hetastarch NaCl	9.8	-5.5	14 patients (67%)	1.7 kPa
P value	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0.0394