

# Magnesium Status and Ca/Mg ratios in a Series of Children and Adolescents with Chronic Diseases

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**Table S1.** Regression analysis between serum magnesium, dietary magnesium intake and nutritional parameters in the groups by body mass index ( $n = 78$ ).

Obesity ( $n = 24$ )		Undernutrition ( $n = 30$ )		Eutrophic ( $n = 24$ )	
Serum magnesium Magnesium intake		Serum magnesium Magnesium intake		Serum magnesium Magnesium intake	
Linear regression		analyses			
$r = 0.347, p = 0.002$ Height-for-age		$r = 0.137, p = 0.048$ Height-for-age	$r = 0.236, p = 0.007$ Weight-for-height Z-score	$r = 0.281, p = 0.011$ Height-for-age Z-score	
$r = 0.342, p = 0.005$ kilograms muscular mass by A.		$r = 0.263, p = 0.021$ BMI Z-score		$r = 0.225, p = 0.030$ Weight-for-age Z-score	
$r = 0.308, p = 0.009$ Waist circumference		$r = 0.354, p = 0.002$ Waist/height ratio		$r = 0.298, p = 0.009$ Head circumference	$r = 0.187, p = 0.035$ Waist/hip ratio
$r = 0.177, p = 0.046$ Polyunsaturated fat intake	$r = 0.368, p = 0.004$ BCS absolute value				
$r = 0.350, p = 0.003$ Serum vitamin B12			$r = 0.243, p = 0.014$ Serum vitamin B12	$r = 0.274, p = 0.026$ Serum vitamin D	
$r = 0.193, p = 0.036$ Serum zinc	$r = 0.279, p = 0.010$ Serum phosphorus	$r = 0.186, p = 0.020$ Serum phosphorus	$r = 0.292, p = 0.014$ BUN		$r = 0.165, p = 0.049$ Leucocytes
$r = 0.498, p = 0.000$ MCH	$r = 0.309, p = 0.006$ IGF-1		$r = 0.176, p = 0.026$ CV risk index		$r = 0.210, p = 0.032$ CV risk index
Multilinear regression		analyses			
			$r = 0.438, p = 0.007$ Sum of skinfolds Z-score, waist/hip ratio		$r = 0.471, p = 0.002$ Bicipital skinfold and waist/hip ratio
$r = 0.824, p = 0.000$ Calcium, monosaturated fats, protein, folic acid, and cholesterol intakes			$r = 0.759, p = 0.000$ Vitamin B12, and zinc intakes	$r = 0.407, p = 0.006$ cholesterol, carbohydrates, and vitamin B1 intake	$r = 0.696, p = 0.000$ energy and iodine intakes
			$r = 0.631, p = 0.000$ AST and glucose		
$r = 0.814, p = 0.001$ T-lymphocytes	$r = 0.942, p = 0.000$ Ig A, complement C3 and Ig G2	$r = 0.335, p = 0.014$ Basophiles and leucocytes	$r = 0.563, p = 0.000$ Complement C3 and CD4/CD8 ratio		

Legend: A: Anthropometry. BMI: Body mass index. BCS: Bone conduction speed. BUN: Blood urea nitrogen. MCH: Mean corpuscular hemoglobin. IGF-1: Insulin-like growth factor-1. CV: Cardiovascular. AST: Aspartate aminotransferase. Ig: Immunoglobulin.

**Table S2.** Regression analysis between serum calcium, dietary calcium intake and nutritional parameters in the groups by body mass index ( $n = 78$ ).

Obesity ( $n = 24$ )		Undernutrition ( $n = 30$ )		Eutrophic ( $n = 24$ )	
Serum calcium	Calcium intake	Serum calcium	Calcium intake	Serum calcium	Calcium intake
Linear regression		analyses			
$r = 0.328, p = 0.010$			$r = 0.145, p = 0.041$		$r = 0.182, p = 0.042$
Subscapular skinfold Z-score			BMI Z-score		Head circumference
$r = 0.375, p = 0.003$			$r = 0.213, p = 0.014$		$r = 0.173, p = 0.043$
Fat mass by BIA			FA/MA index		Hip circumference
			$r = 0.418, p = 0.000$		$r = 0.440, p = 0.000$
			Iron intake		Saturated fat intake
$r = 0.220, p = 0.032$					
BCS absolute value					
$r = 0.201, p = 0.032$	$r = 0.271, p = 0.011$		$r = 0.185, p = 0.036$	$r = 0.225, p = 0.040$	
Beta-carotene	Serum vitamin B12		Serum vitamin B12	Serum vitamin B12	
$r = 0.211, p = 0.027$		$r = 0.417, p = 0.000$	$r = 0.154, p = 0.039$		$r = 0.199, p = 0.037$
Serum phosphorus	Serum phosphorus	Serum phosphorus	Serum phosphorus	Serum zinc	
$r = 0.233, p = 0.046$	$r = 0.357, p = 0.024$				$r = 0.318, p = 0.012$
Creatinine	AST				T-lymphocytes CD16+56
$r = 0.400, p = 0.002$	$r = 0.191, p = 0.042$		$r = 0.06, p = 0.005$		$r = 0.178, p = 0.040$
Lymphocytes	Lymphocytes		Lymphocytes	MCHC	
Multilinear regression		analyses			
$r = 0.391, p = 0.006$			$r = 0.705, p = 0.000$		
Height-for-age, bicipital skinfold			Sum of skinfold, BMI Z-score, height-for-age Z-score, head circumference		
$r = 0.734, p = 0.000$					
Magnesium, vitamin B2, iron and vitamin B6					
$r = 0.615, p = 0.014$	$r = 0.673, p = 0.007$		$r = 0.460, p = 0.005$	$r = 0.979, p = 0.000$	
T-lymphocytes	IgA, and complement C3		BUN, and HDL-cholesterol	Glucose, CRP, creatinine, albumin, transferrin, GGT, triglycerides, and ferritin	
CD8, and CD19		$r = 0.523, p = 0.001$			
		CD4/CD8 ratio, T-lymphocytes CD4			

Legend: A: BMI: Body mass index. BCS: Bone conduction speed. BIA: bioelectrical impedance analysis.

FA/MA: Fat area/muscle area. AST: Aspartate amino transferase. MCHC: Mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration. Ig: Immunoglobulin.

**Table S3.** Regression analysis between serum calcium/magnesium and calcium/magnesium intake ratios and nutritional parameters in the groups by body mass index ( $n = 78$ ).

Obesity ( $n = 24$ )	Undernutrition ( $n = 30$ )	Eutrophic ( $n = 24$ )
Serum Ca/Mg ratio Ca/Mg intake ratio	Serum Ca/Mg ratio Ca/Mg intake ratio	Serum Ca/Mg ratio Ca/Mg intake ratio
Linear regression  $r = 0.191, p = 0.042$ Height-for-age Z-score $r = 0.237, p = 0.035$ Head circumference $r = 0.190, p = 0.049$ BCS absolute value $r = 0.529, p = 0.000$ MCH $r = 0.445, p = 0.002$ Magnesium and vitamin B2 intake $r = 0.993, p = 0.000$ Serum Mg and Ca	analyses  $r = 0.406, p = 0.000$ Weight-for-height Z-score $r = 0.277, p = 0.017$ BMI Z-score $r = 0.165, p = 0.032$ Monosaturated fat intake  $r = 0.255, p = 0.017$ MCV  Multilinear regression	$r = 0.182, p = 0.038$ Waist circumference Z-score $r = 0.151, p = 0.038$ Waist circumference  $r = 0.243, p = 0.020$ Basophiles  $r = 0.736, p = 0.000$ Height-for-age Z-score, suprailiac waist circumference $r = 0.374, p = 0.006$ Waist/height and skinfold Z-score, BMI Z-score  $r = 0.529, p = 0.000$ Magnesium and iron intake  $r = 0.991, p = 0.000$ Serum Mg, Ca, and phosphorus  $r = 0.694, p = 0.000$ HDL-cholesterol, GGT, and creatinine $r = 0.632, p = 0.001$ ESR, transferrin, and GGT  $r = 0.405, p = 0.004$ MCH, and monocytes $r = 0.673, p = 0.000$ MCHC, monocytes, MCV, and eosinophiles  $r = 0.820, p = 0.000$ IgG2, IgG4, complement C3, and IgG1 $r = 0.720, p = 0.000$ Complement C3, T-lymphocytes and CD16+56 and CD3  $r = 0.200, p = 0.017$ CV risk index
$r = 0.270, p = 0.011$ IGFBP3	BMI Z-score $r = 0.242, p = 0.012$ Waist/height ratio	$r = 0.477, p = 0.002$ Cholesterol and carbohydrates intake $r = 0.664, p = 0.000$ Saturated fat, and niacin intake  $r = 0.987, p = 0.000$ Serum Mg and Ca  $r = 0.778, p = 0.000$ LDL-cholesterol, total bilirubin, cholesterol, and alkaline phosphatase
		$r = 0.537, p = 0.001$ Serum vitamin B12 and C  $r = 0.651, p = 0.000$ Complement C4, IgG3, and complement C3 $r = 0.528, p = 0.002$ T-lymphocytes CD19 and IgG2  $r = 0.261, p = 0.015$ CV risk index

Legend: IGFBP3: insulin-like growth factor-binding protein 3. BMI: Body mass index BCS: Bone conduction speed. MCV: Mean corpuscular volume. GGT: Gamma glutamyl transpeptidase. ESR: Erythrocyte sedimentation rate. MCH: Mean corpuscular hemoglobin. MCHC: Mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration. Ig: Immunoglobulin. CV: Cardiovascular.

**Table S4.** Regression analysis between serum and dietary calcium and magnesium levels and calcium/magnesium ratios and nutritional parameters in children ( $n = 42$ ).

Dietary calcium	Dietary magnesium	Ca/Mg intake ratio	Serum calcium	Serum magnesium	Serum Ca/Mg ratio
					$r = 0.234$ , $p = 0.004$
					Kilograms Waist/hip ratio
					muscle mass by A.
$r = 0.297$ , $p = 0.001$ Waist/hip ratio					
$r = 0.345$ , $p = 0.000$ Vitamin A and B1 intake	$r = 0.318$ , $p = 0.000$ Niacin, folic acid intake	$r = 0.709$ , $p = 0.000$ Niacin, calcium, folic acid intake	$r = 0.197$ , $p = 0.017$ Protein, vitamin E intake	$r = 0.289$ , $p = 0.003$ Vitamin B1 and E intake	$r = 0.280$ , $p = 0.003$ Vitamin B1, saturated fat intake
					$r = 0.529$ , $p = 0.000$ HDL-cholesterol, total protein, and bilirubin
$r = 0.237$ , $p = 0.004$ Serum vitamin B12	$r = 0.233$ , $p = 0.004$ Serum vitamin B12		$r = 0.445$ , $p = 0.001$ Total protein, AST, ferritin	$r = 0.397$ , $p = 0.001$ HDL-cholesterol total bilirubin	
					$r = 0.905$ , $p = 0.000$ Serum magnesium,
					calcium, beta- carotene
					$r = 0.270$ , $p = 0.001$ IGFBP3
$r = 0.133$ , $p = 0.026$ Eosinophils	$r = 0.112$ , $p = 0.043$ Leucocytes			$r = 0.503$ , $p = 0.002$ IGF-1	
					$r = 0.214$ , $p = 0.013$ IgG2
$r = 0.327$ , $p = 0.005$ T-lymphocytes CD 4, CD16+56		$r = 0.298$ , $p = 0.002$ T-lymphocytes CD8	$r = 0.593$ , $p = 0.000$ T-lymphocytes CD8, CD19, IgG2, IgM,		
					$r = 0.322$ , $p = 0.001$ CV risk,
					CV risk transferrin saturation

Legend: A: Anthropometry. AST: Aspartate aminotransferase. IGF-1: Insulin-like growth factor-1. IGFBP3: insulin-like growth factor-binding protein 3. Ig: Immunoglobulin. CV: Cardiovascular.

**Table S5.** Regression analysis between serum and dietary calcium and magnesium levels and calcium/magnesium ratios and nutritional parameters in adolescents ( $n = 36$ ).

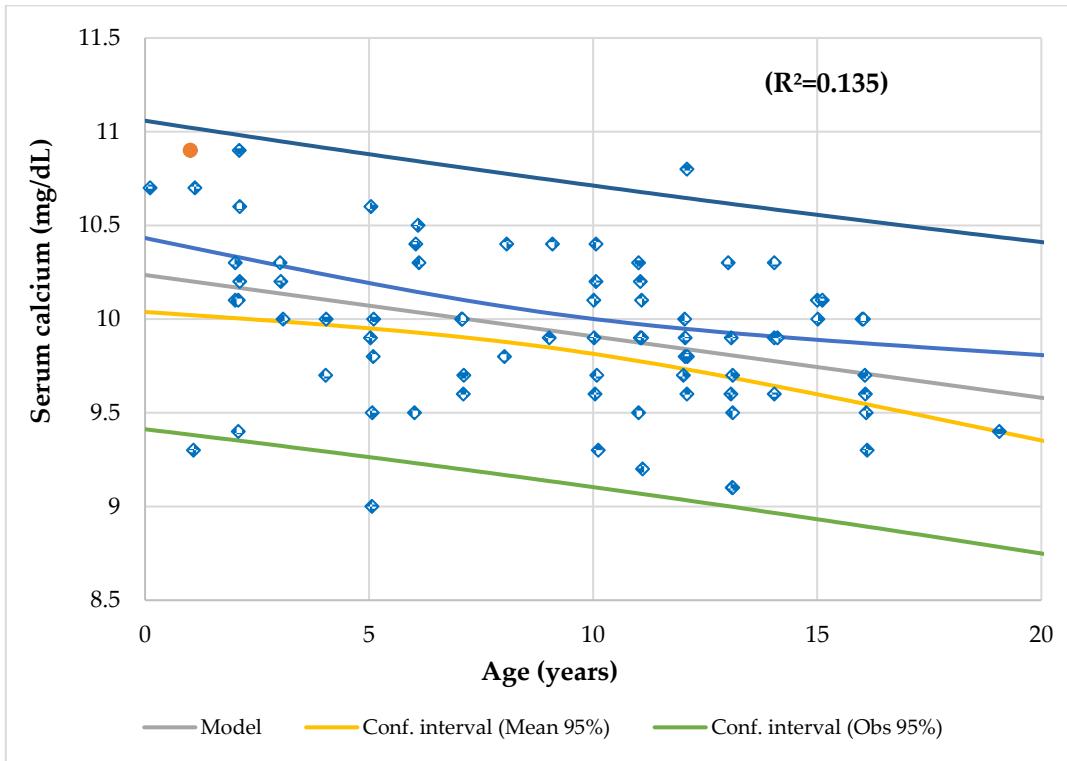
Dietary calcium	Dietary magnesium	Ca/Mg intake ratio	Serum calcium	Serum magnesium	Serum Ca/Mg ratio
$r = 0.409,$ $p = 0.000$ Height-for-age and Waterloo II	$r = 0.297,$ $p = 0.001$ Waist/hip ratio	$r = 0.768,$ $p = 0.000$ Calcium, vitamin D, saturated fat folic acid intake -			
$r = 0.448,$ $p = 0.000$ Magnesium, cholesterol intake	$r = 0.448,$ $p = 0.000$ Calcium, vitamin D intake			$r = 0.184,$ $p = 0.010$ Magnesium intake	$r = 0.130,$ $p = 0.033$ Magnesium intake
$r = 0.165,$ $p = 0.032$ Ferritin	$r = 0.163,$ $p = 0.033$ Ferritin	$r = 0.768,$ $p = 0.000$ Calcium, vitamin D, saturated fat folic acid intake -	$r = 0.232,$ $p = 0.011$ Albumin		
	$r = 0.427,$ $p = 0.000$ Serum vitamin D, zinc/copper ratio			$r = 0.183,$ $p = 0.016$ Serum iron	$r = 0.991,$ $p = 0.000$ Serum magnesium, calcium,
		$r = 0.211,$ $p = 0.007$ Basophiles	$r = 0.320,$ $p = 0.001$ Lymphocytes	$r = 0.267,$ $p = 0.002$ HbCM	$r = 0.361,$ $p = 0.004$ HbCM, Leucocytes
			$r = 0.570,$ $p = 0.000$ T-lymphocytes	$r = 0.329,$ $p = 0.004$ Complement C4	$r = 0.406,$ $p = 0.001$ Complement C4
			$r = 0.329,$ $p = 0.004$ CD8, CD19, complement C4		

Legend: MCH: Mean corpuscular hemoglobin.

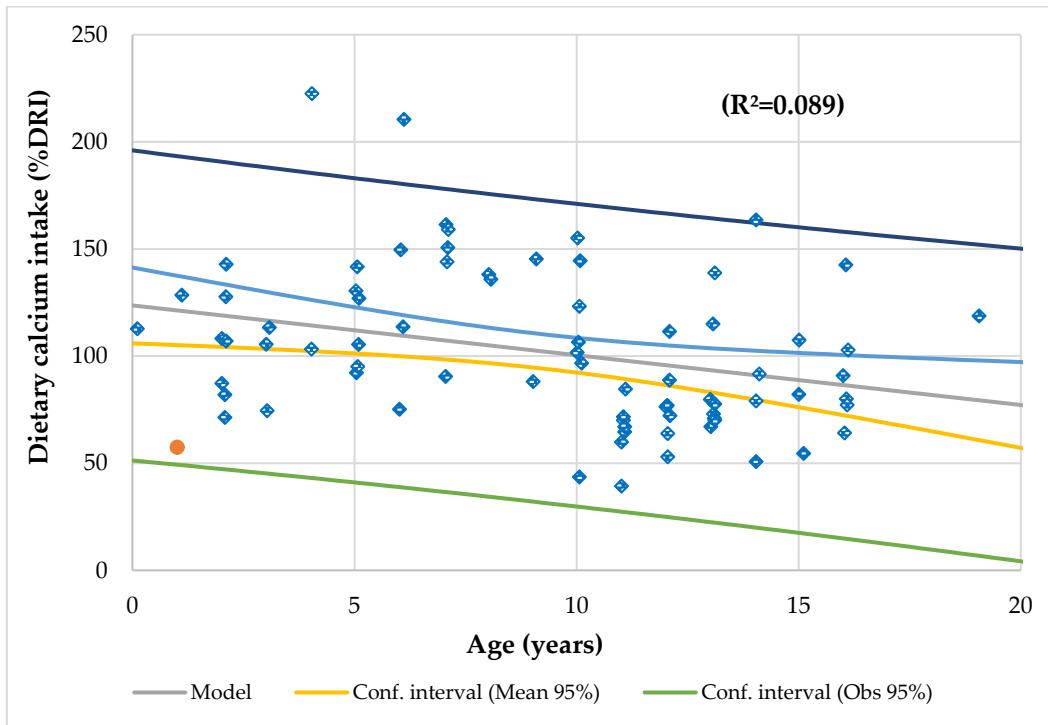
**Table S6.** Basic characteristic of patients with low bone conduction speed.

Cases No	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Age (years)	2	4	10	12	19
Gender	Male	Male	Female	Female	Female
Nutritional status by body mass index	normal	undernutrition	obesity	undernutrition	obesity
BCS Z-score	-2.31	-3.35	-2.29	-2.32	-2.24
Height Z-score	normal	normal	normal	Low	normal
Vitamin D (%DRI)	61*	15*	109	56*	17*
Calcium (%DRI)	143**	103	155**	89	109
Magnesium (%DRI)	111	92	199**	58*	116
Calcium/magnesium intake ratio	1.29*	1.11*	0.78*	1.28*	1.02*
Zinc (%DRI)	24*	96	93	45*	83
Serum vitamin D (ng/mL)	53	85**	19*	28*	10*
Serum calcium (mg/dL)	10.20	9.70	9.90	9.60	9.40
Serum magnesium (mg/dL)	2.2	2.2	1.9*	2.5**	2.1
Serum calcium/magnesium ratio	4.6	4.41	5.21**	3.84*	4.48
Serum phosphorus (mg/dL)	4.5	5.2	5.4	4.7	3.7*
Serum zinc (µg/dL)	85	76	85	85	92
Serum copper (µg/dL)	163**	143**	114	104	113
Copper/zinc ratio	1.92**	1.88**	1.34**	1.22**	1.23**
Zinc/copper ratio	0.52*	0.53*	0.75	0.82	0.81
C-reactive protein U/L	10.7**	3.75	6.3**	3.75	8.5**
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate mm/h	22**	30**	13	8	13

Legend: % DRI: percentage of dietary reference intake (normal values 80-120%DRI). Serum Ca 8.8-10.8 mg/dL [55] and hypercalcemia >11 mg/dL [56]. Symptomatic hypomagnesemia <1.22 mg/dL, asymptomatic hypomagnesemia 1.22-1.82 mg/dL, chronic latent Mg deficiency 1.82-2.07 mg/dL, interval for health 2.07-2.32 mg/dL, asymptomatic hypermagnesemia 2.32-4.86 mg/dL, symptomatic hypermagnesemia >4.86 mg/dL [57]. Deficiency vitamin D < 20 ng/mL, insufficiency vitamin D 20-30 ng/mL [61]. Serum phosphorus in children 4.5-6.5 mg/dL [55]. Hypozincemia levels <70 µg/dL in children under 10 years of age in both sexes and in females >10 years and <74 µg/dL in males older than 10 years [62]. Hypocupremia <70 µg/dL and hypercupremia >140 µg/dL [63]. The Copper/zinc ratio 0.7 to 1.0 [64]. The /copper ratio < 4.0 [65]. \*Low level. \*\*High level.



**Figure S1.** Regression serum calcium (mg/dL) by age (years).



**Figure S2.** Regression dietary calcium intake (%DRI) by age (years).