

Table 1. Wang severity scoring system

	Score			
	0	1	2	3
Respiratory rate (breaths/min)	<30	31-45	46-60	>60
Wheezing	None	Terminal expiratory or only with stethoscope	Entire expiration or audible during expiration without stethoscope	Inspiration and expiration without stethoscope
Retractions	None	Intercostal only	Tracheo-sternal	Severe with nasal flaring
General condition	Normal	—	—	Irritable, lethargic, poor feeding

Table 2. Comparison of the mean Wang severity scores and duration of hospitalization between the intravenous **magnesium sulfate** and only supportive care groups

		Magnesium treatment	Magnesium not received	p value
		Mean±SD	Mean±SD	
		(n=62)	(n=88)	
Wang severity score	0.hour	7,9±1,3	8,1±1,4	0,237
	1.hour	6,3±1,5	6,8±1,3	0,031*
	4.hour	5,6±1,3	6,2±1,3	0,008*
	8.hour	5,5±1,3	5,8±1,3	0,129
	12.hour	5±1,3	5,4±1,1	0,059
	24.hour	4,6±1,2	4,8±1,1	0,516
Duration of hospitalisation (day)		5,7±2	4,7±1,6	0,002*

SD: Standard Deviations, *p<0.05