Case of the week

68 year old male

BIBA, decreased LOC and hypoxia from home. Found by daughter

He has a history of COPD, alcohol misuse, depression and lower back pain

Patient vomited en route. Ambulance had given naloxone 100mcg with some improvement in GCS.

Patient smells of alcohol

HR 110 irreg BP 100/60 RR 30 Temp 37.5 O2 sats 100% Hudson

GCS 11 - E3 M5 V3

Na 135

ABG taken on FiO2 40%

K 6.0

pH 7.10 paO2 200 PCO2 28 O2 sats % - 100
HCO3 8 Base excess -16 Lactate 10

1. List and Interpret the abnormalities present on the ABG

Cl 99

2. List possible causes for this patient's presentation & initial ABG

Patient's daughter arrives and reports she found empty pill packets of panadeine forte at his house

Glucose 3.5

Cr 100

Patient was last seen well 18 hours previously

3. List further investigations and management relevant to this case