

TITLE

DIALYSIS SOLUTIONS CONTAINING PYROPHOSPHATES

BACKGROUND

[0001] The present disclosure relates generally to medical treatments. More specifically, the present disclosure relates to solutions used for dialysis therapy.

[0002] Due to disease, insult or other causes, a person's renal system can fail. In renal failure of any cause, there are several physiological derangements. The balance of water, minerals and the excretion of daily metabolic load are no longer possible in renal failure. During renal failure, toxic end products of nitrogen metabolism (e.g., urea, creatinine, uric acid and others) can accumulate in blood and tissues.

[0003] Kidney failure and reduced kidney function have been treated with dialysis. Dialysis removes waste, toxins and excess water from the body that would otherwise have been removed by normal functioning kidneys. Dialysis treatment for replacement of kidney functions is critical to many people because the treatment is life saving. One who has failed kidneys could not continue to live without replacing at least the filtration functions of the kidneys.

[0004] Past studies have shown that end stage renal disease (ESRD) patients are deficient in pyrophosphate. For example, pyrophosphate is thought to be instrumental in prevention of calcification of soft tissues and pyrophosphate deficiencies may be a risk factor in calciphylaxis. Plasma and cell bound (erythrocyte) pyrophosphate is reduced approximately 30% in dialysis patients over normal individuals even though the kidney that normally clears pyrophosphate from circulation is not functioning. These levels are below those previously shown to prevent vascular calcification of vessels in culture. Replacement of pyrophosphate in dialysis patients may inhibit the formation of calcium deposits in vessels and thus vascular calcification. Therefore, stable dialysis solutions containing this compound may be highly beneficial.

SUMMARY

[0004a] In a first aspect, there is provided a heat sterilized solution comprising a pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.

[0004b] In a second aspect, there is provided a heat sterilized dialysis solution comprising: a first dialysis part comprising a dialysis component selected from the group consisting of osmotic agents, electrolytes and combinations thereof; and a second dialysis part comprising pyrophosphate, bicarbonate and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.

[0004c] In a third aspect, there is provided a heat sterilized dialysis solution comprising a dialysis component selected from the group consisting of osmotic agents, electrolytes and combinations thereof, a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.

[0004d] In a fourth aspect, there is provided a stable heat sterilized peritoneal dialysis solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate, a pH greater than 7, an osmotic agent selected from the group consisting of glucose, glucose polymers, glucose polymer derivatives, cyclodextrins, modified starch, hydroxyethyl starch, polyols, fructose, amino acids, peptides, proteins, amino sugars, glycerol, N-acetyl glucosamine (NAG) and combinations thereof, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and electrolytes comprising sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium and chloride, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.

[0004e] In a fifth aspect, there is provided a method of making a dialysis solution, the method comprising: preparing a dialysis solution comprising pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, a pH greater than 7, and at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate; and heat sterilizing the dialysis solution.

[0004f] In a sixth aspect, there is provided a method for providing a dialysis solution, the method comprising: providing at least two separately housed dialysis parts, each dialysis part comprising at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, at least one of the dialysis parts comprising pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate; heat sterilizing at least the dialysis comprising the pyrophosphate; and mixing the dialysis parts to form a resultant heat sterilized dialysis solution.

[0004g] In a seventh aspect, there is provided a multi-part dialysis solution comprising: at least two separately housed dialysis parts, each dialysis part comprising at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, at least one of the dialysis parts being heat sterilized and comprising pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.

[0004h] In an eighth aspect, there is provided a sterilized dialysis solution comprising a dialysis component selected from the group consisting of osmotic agents, buffers, electrolytes and combinations thereof and a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate.

[0004i] In a ninth aspect, there is provided a stable peritoneal dialysis solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate, an osmotic agent selected from the group consisting of glucose, glucose polymers, glucose polymer derivatives, cyclodextrins, modified starch, hydroxyethyl starch, polyols, fructose, amino acids, peptides, proteins, amino sugars, glycerol, N-acetyl glucosamine (NAG) and combinations thereof, a buffer selected from the group consisting of bicarbonate, lactate, pyruvate, acetate, citrate, tris, amino acids, peptides and combinations thereof and electrolytes comprising sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium and chloride.

[0004j] In a tenth aspect, there is provided a method of making a dialysis solution, the method comprising: preparing a dialysis solution comprising pyrophosphate and at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte, a buffer and combinations thereof; and sterilizing the dialysis solution.

[0004k] In an eleventh aspect, there is provided a method for providing a dialysis solution, the method comprising: providing at least two separately housed dialysis parts, each dialysis part comprising at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, a buffer, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, at least one of the dialysis parts comprising pyrophosphate; sterilizing at least one of the dialysis parts; and mixing the dialysis parts to form a resultant sterilized dialysis solution

[0005] The present disclosure relates generally to dialysis solutions and methods of making and using same. More specifically, the present disclosure relates to dialysis

solutions comprising a stable and therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphates. For example, the dialysis solutions can be suitable for peritoneal dialysis and/or hemodialysis to replace deficient amounts or add therapeutically effective amounts of pyrophosphate. The dialysis solutions can be used, for example, as a single dialysis solution in a single container or as a dialysis part of a separately housed or multi-chambered container.

[0006] In an embodiment, the present disclosure provides a dialysis solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate. The dialysis solution can be sterilized, for example, using a technique such as autoclave, steam, high pressure, ultra-violet light, filtration or combination thereof. The dialysis solution can be in the form of one or more concentrates that can be combined to form a final dialysis solution. The dialysis solutions/concentrates can be specifically formulated so that the pyrophosphate in the dialysis solution remains stable (e.g. does not degrade) during the sterilizing and over extended periods of time (e.g. during storage).

[0007] In another embodiment, the present disclosure provides a peritoneal dialysis solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate, an osmotic agent, a buffer and an electrolyte. For example, the osmotic agent can comprise glucose, glucose polymers (e.g. maltodextrin, icodextrin), glucose polymer derivatives, cyclodextrins, modified starch, hydroxyethyl starch, polyols, fructose, amino acids, peptides, proteins, amino sugars, glycerol, N-acetyl glucosamine (NAG) or combination thereof. The buffer can comprise bicarbonate, lactate, pyruvate, acetate, citrate, tris (i.e. trishydroxymethylaminomethane), amino acids, peptides or combination thereof. The electrolytes can comprise sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium and chloride.

[0008] In an alternative embodiment, the present disclosure provides a dialysis solution comprising two or more separate dialysis parts (e.g. individual concentrates) with each dialysis part comprising one or more dialysis components, for example, that are combined and administered to a patient. A first dialysis part comprises an osmotic agent and a second dialysis part comprises a buffer. At least one of the first and second dialysis parts comprises one or more electrolyte salts and pyrophosphate.

[0009] In yet another embodiment, the present disclosure provides a method of making a multi-part dialysis solution. The method comprises providing two or more dialysis parts with each dialysis part comprising one or more dialysis components such as an osmotic agent, a buffer, an electrolyte or combination thereof. The pyrophosphate is

added to at least one of the dialysis parts and sterilized with the dialysis part. The sterilizing can be performed, for example, using heat (e.g. steam), high pressure, ultra-violet light or filtration. The dialysis parts are mixed to form the final dialysis solution.

[0010] In an alternative embodiment, the present disclosure provides a method of providing dialysis such as peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis to a patient in need of same. The method comprises administering a sterilized dialysis solution to the patient. The dialysis solution comprises an osmotic agent, an electrolyte, a buffer and pyrophosphate. In another embodiment, the method comprises providing two or more separately housed dialysis parts with each part comprising one or more dialysis components such as, for example, an osmotic agent, a buffer, an electrolyte and combinations thereof. At least one of the dialysis parts comprises pyrophosphate. One or more of the dialysis parts are sterilized. The dialysis parts are then mixed to form a resultant sterilized dialysis solution, and the sterilized dialysis solution is administered to the patient. The mixing can be performed onsite by a mixing system or by the patient or healthcare worker.

[0011] In yet another embodiment, the present disclosure provides a method of treating a dialysis patient. The method comprises providing a sterilized dialysis solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate to a dialysis patient having vascular calcification.

[0012] An advantage of the present disclosure is to provide improved dialysis solutions.

[0013] Another advantage of the present disclosure is to provide sterilized dialysis solutions comprising pyrophosphate.

[0014] Yet another advantage of the present disclosure is to provide improved methods of providing dialysis to patients.

[0015] Still another advantage of the present disclosure is to provide improved methods of making dialysis solutions.

[0016] Another advantage of the present disclosure is to provide ready to use sterilized dialysis solutions comprising a stable amount of pyrophosphates.

[0017] Yet another advantage of the present disclosure is to provide ready to use sterilized dialysis solutions comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphates.

[0018] Furthermore, an advantage of the present disclosure is to provide improved treatments for patients requiring dialysis.

[0019] Additional features and advantages are described herein, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0020] The present disclosure generally relates to dialysis solutions and methods of making and using same. More specifically, the present disclosure relates to dialysis solutions comprising pyrophosphates and methods of making and using the dialysis solutions. For example, the dialysis solutions in embodiments of the present disclosure are designed to reduce or prevent vascular calcification due to pyrophosphate deficiencies in patients who are undergoing dialysis therapies. In addition, the amount of pyrophosphate can remain stable (e.g. not readily degrade) in the dialysis solutions before, during or after sterilization or over a specific amount of time (e.g. during storage).

[0021] In a general embodiment, the present disclosure provides a dialysis solution or dialysis concentrate comprising one or more dialysis components (e.g. ingredients or constituents of a dialysis solution) and a stable and therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate. The dialysis solutions can be suitable for peritoneal dialysis, hemodialysis or any other dialysis therapies. In an embodiment, the dialysis solution comprises from about 0.1 μM to about 1000 μM of pyrophosphate. In another embodiment, the dialysis solution comprises from about 1 μM to about 15 μM of pyrophosphate. The dialysis solutions in alternative embodiments of the present disclosure can be used, for example, as a single dialysis solution in a single container or as a dialysis part of a separately housed or multi-chambered container.

[0022] In alternative embodiments, the present disclosure provides dialysis solutions/concentrates comprising pyrophosphates that are stable under sterilization conditions. For example, it has been surprisingly found that heat sterilizing dialysis solutions comprising pyrophosphates at a higher pH (e.g. above 6) and using specific dialysis components such as buffers reduces the amount of pyrophosphate degradation during the sterilization. Moreover, non-heat sterilization methods such as high pressure, ultra-violet or filtration provide sterilized dialysis solutions comprising a stable amount of

pyrophosphates at lower pHs (e.g. below 6). As a result, a greater amount of the original pyrophosphate remains in the sterilized dialysis solutions, which can be stored for later use.

[0023] The dialysis solutions can be sterilized using any suitable sterilizing technique such as, for example, autoclave, steam, high pressure, ultra-violet, filtration or combination thereof. The dialysis solutions can also be sterilized before, during or after one or more dialysis components and one or more pyrophosphates are combined.

[0024] The pyrophosphates can be, for example, pyrophosphoric acid, salts of pyrophosphate or combinations thereof. Salts of pyrophosphates comprise sodium pyrophosphate, potassium pyrophosphate, calcium pyrophosphate, magnesium pyrophosphate, etc. The dialysis components can be any one or more of osmotic agents, buffers, electrolytes or combination thereof as discussed in detail below.

[0025] The dialysis solution can also comprise one or more electrolytes in the following ranges from: about 100 to about 140 mEq/L of Na^+ , about 70 to about 130 mEq/L of Cl^- , 0.1 to about 4 mEq/L of Ca^{2+} , 0.1 to about 4 mEq/L of Mg^{2+} and/or 0.1 to about 4 mEq/L of K^+ .

[0026] In another embodiment, the dialysis solution/concentrate can comprise two or more dialysis parts (e.g. individual solutions/concentrates that make up the final dialysis solution when mixed) with each dialysis part comprising one or more dialysis components. The pyrophosphate can be added to one or more of the dialysis parts and sterilized with the dialysis part. The two or more dialysis parts can be stored and sterilized separately, for example, in separate containers or a multi-chamber container.

[0027] A variety of different and suitable acidic and/or basic agents can be utilized to adjust the pH of the osmotic, buffer and/or electrolyte solutions or concentrates. For example, a variety of inorganic acids and bases can be utilized including hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, hydrogen bromide, hydrogen iodide, sodium hydroxide, the like or combination thereof.

[0028] In another embodiment, the present disclosure provides a multi-part dialysis solution comprising at least a first dialysis part comprising an osmotic agent and a second dialysis part comprising a buffer. One or more of the separate dialysis parts comprises an electrolyte. In an embodiment, the pH of the first dialysis part ranges between about 2 to about 6. In alternative embodiments, the pH of the first dialysis part

ranges between about 2 to about 2.5, between about 3 to about 3.5 and between about 4 to about 4.5. The electrolytes can be balanced between the first dialysis part and the second dialysis part. In an embodiment, the second dialysis part comprises the therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate. The first and second dialysis parts can include a variety of other suitable dialysis components to ensure that the first and second parts can be, for example, readily and sterilely mixed to form ready-to-use dialysis formulations, which can then be administered to a person in need of same.

[0029] Additional ready-to-use formulations in embodiments of the present disclosure can be prepared in a number of suitable ways. In an embodiment, first and second (or more) individual parts of a dialysis solution are separately stored from each other, such as in separate and hydraulically connected chambers of a multi-chamber container, until mixed together to form a mixed solution. In this regard, the ready-to-use formulation can be prepared within the container by mixing its separate dialysis parts within the container. This can effectively eliminate the need to manually inject all or at least a portion of the dialysis parts into the container to form the mixed solution, thus ensuring that the ready-to-use formulation can be readily prepared under sterile conditions.

[0030] Further, the container can be configured such that one of the dialysis parts can be placed in direct fluid communication with the patient prior to mixing while the other part cannot be placed in direct fluid communication with the patient prior to mixing. This can provide an added level of safety with respect to the preparation and administration of the ready-to-use formulation of the present disclosure as the single part that cannot be placed in direct fluid communication with the patient physically cannot be fed to the patient unless it is first mixed with the other part. In this regard, if, by chance, the single dialysis part that physically cannot be placed in direct fluid communication with the patient were to have an undesirable concentration of dialysis components such as potassium, sodium or the like, this configuration would necessarily ensure that the undesirable level of constituents is not fed or administered to the patient.

[0031] In an alternative embodiment, the present disclosure provides a peritoneal dialysis solution comprising a stable and therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate, an osmotic agent, a buffer and an electrolyte. For example, the osmotic agent can comprise glucose, glucose polymers, glucose polymer derivatives, cyclodextrins, modified starch, hydroxyethyl starch, polyols, fructose, amino acids,

peptides, proteins, amino sugars, glycerol, N-acetyl glucosamine (NAG) or combination thereof. The buffer can comprise bicarbonate, lactate, pyruvate, acetate, citrate, tris (i.e. trishydroxymethylaminomethane), amino acids, peptides or combination thereof. The electrolytes can comprise sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium and chloride. The peritoneal dialysis solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate can be sterilized in any suitable manner such as, for example, heat sterilization.

[0032] It should be appreciated that the individual dialysis parts of the multi-part dialysis solutions can be housed or contained in any suitable manner such that the dialysis solutions can be effectively prepared and administered. A variety of containers can be used to house the two or more dialysis parts, such as separate containers (e.g., flasks or bags) that are connected by a suitable fluid communication mechanism. The two or more separate parts of a dialysis solution can be separately sterilized and stored in the containers. The pyrophosphates can be added to at least one of the dialysis parts and sterilized with that dialysis part. The dialysis part not containing pyrophosphates can also be sterilized.

[0033] In an embodiment, the dialysis parts can be stored separately, for example, in separate compartments or chambers of the same container (e.g. of a multi- or twin-chambered bag) and combined prior to or during dialysis treatment. An activation of a barrier such as, for example, a peel seal or frangible between the chambers can allow for mixing of the contents of both chambers. The container can be covered with a gas impermeable outer-container. Alternatively, the sterilized dialysis parts can be combined at any time to form a complete ready-to-use dialysis solution as previously discussed.

[0034] In still another embodiment, the present disclosure provides a method of making a stable multi-part dialysis solution comprising pyrophosphate. The method comprises providing two or more dialysis parts with each part comprising one or more dialysis components such as an osmotic agent, a buffer or an electrolyte. Pyrophosphate is added to one or more of the dialysis parts and sterilized with the dialysis part. The dialysis parts are mixed to form the final dialysis solution. The sterilization can be performed, for example, by autoclave, steam, high pressure, ultra-violet, filtration or combination thereof. The sterilizing can be performed at a temperature and a pH that does not result in significant breakdown of the pyrophosphate in the dialysis solution. For example, a

suitable buffer can be used to maintain the pH at a level that minimizes pyrophosphate degradation. In an alternative embodiment, the method comprises preparing a single dialysis solution comprising one or more of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte and a buffer along with pyrophosphate and sterilizing the dialysis solution.

[0035] In an embodiment, the pH of the dialysis solution or individual dialysis part comprising the pyrophosphate is 6 or greater during the sterilization. In another embodiment, the pH of the dialysis solution or individual dialysis part comprising the pyrophosphate is 7 or greater during the sterilization. In an alternative embodiment, the pH of the dialysis solution or individual dialysis part comprising the pyrophosphate is 8 or greater during the sterilization. In yet another embodiment, the pH of the dialysis solution or individual dialysis part comprising the pyrophosphate is 9 or greater during the sterilization. Preferably, the dialysis solution or dialysis part comprising the pyrophosphate also contains a suitable buffer during sterilization.

[0036] In an alternative embodiment, the present disclosure provides a method of providing dialysis to a patient in need of same. For example, the patient may have or be prone to vascular calcification or have a phosphate or pyrophosphate deficiency. The method comprises administering a sterilized dialysis solution to the patient. The dialysis solution comprises one or more of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte and a buffer along with pyrophosphate. In an embodiment, the pyrophosphate can be administered to the patient in an amount from about 0.01 $\mu\text{M/day}$ to about 20 mM/day.

[0037] In an alternative embodiment, the present disclosure provides a method for providing dialysis to a patient. The method comprises providing two or more separately housed dialysis parts with each part comprising a dialysis component such as, for example, an osmotic agent, a buffer, an electrolyte and combinations thereof. At least one of the dialysis parts comprises pyrophosphate. One or more of the dialysis parts are sterilized using any suitable sterilization technique. The dialysis parts are then mixed to form a resultant sterilized dialysis solution, and the sterilized dialysis solution is administered to the patient. The mixing can be performed onsite by any suitable mixing system or by the patient or healthcare provider. For example, the dialysis parts can be stored in separate chambers of a container, and barrier(s) such as, for example, a peel seal or frangible between the chambers can be broken to allow the parts to mix.

[0038] In addition to the pyrophosphates as previously discussed, the sterilized dialysis solutions and individual dialysis parts of the present disclosure can include any suitable number, type and amount of dialysis components that are typically used as part of, or during, dialysis treatments. By way of example, the dialysis components can comprise one or more suitable osmotic agents, buffers, electrolytes and combinations thereof. Examples of osmotic agents include glucose, glucose polymers (e.g. maltodextrin, icodextrin), glucose polymer derivatives, cyclodextrins, modified starch, hydroxyethyl starch, polyols (e.g. xylitol), fructose, amino acids, peptides, proteins, amino sugars, glycerol, N-acetyl glucosamine (NAG) and/or the like and combinations thereof. Examples of the buffers include bicarbonate, lactic acid/lactate, pyruvic acid/pyruvate, acetic acid/acetate, citric acid/citrate, tris, amino acids, an intermediate of the KREBS cycle and/or the like and combinations thereof. Examples of electrolytes include calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, chloride and/or the like and combinations thereof.

[0039] The peritoneal dialysis solutions can preferably contain a dialysis component such as an osmotic agent to maintain the osmotic pressure of the solution greater than the physiological osmotic pressure (e.g. greater than about 285 mOsmol/kg). For example, glucose can be a preferred osmotic agent because it provides rapid ultrafiltration rates. Other suitable types of osmotic agents such as amino acids can be used in addition to or as a substitute for glucose. The dialysis solution can be subsequently sterilized after the osmotic agent and the pyrophosphates are combined.

[0040] Another family of compounds capable of serving as osmotic agents in peritoneal dialysis solutions is that of glucose polymers or their derivatives, such as icodextrin, maltodextrins, hydroxyethyl starch and the like. While these compounds are suitable for use as osmotic agents, they can be sensitive to low and high pH, especially during sterilization and long-term storage. Glucose polymers, such as icodextrin, can be used in addition to or in place of glucose in peritoneal dialysis solutions. In general, icodextrin is a polymer of glucose derived from the hydrolysis of corn starch. It has a molecular weight of 12-20,000 Daltons. The majority of glucose molecules in icodextrin are linearly linked with α (1-4) glucosidic bonds (>90%) while a small fraction (<10%) is linked by α (1-6) bonds.

[0041] The sterilized dialysis solutions of the present disclosure can be used in a variety of suitable applications. For example, the dialysis solutions can be used during

peritoneal dialysis, such as automated peritoneal dialysis, continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, continuous flow peritoneal dialysis and the like. It should be appreciated that the present disclosure can be used in a variety of different and suitable dialysis therapies to treat kidney failure.

[0042] Although the present disclosure, in an embodiment, can be utilized in methods providing a dialysis therapy for patients having chronic kidney failure or disease, it should be appreciated that the present disclosure can be used for acute dialysis needs, for example, in an emergency room setting. Lastly, as one of skill in the art appreciates, the intermittent forms of therapy (e.g., hemofiltration, hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and hemodiafiltration) may be used in the in center, self/limited care as well as the home settings.

[0043] The dialysis components can also comprise bicarbonates and acids. The bicarbonates can comprise an alkaline solution such that the bicarbonate can remain stable without the use of a gas barrier overpouch or the like. The individual bicarbonate solution can have a pH that ranges from above about 8.6, preferably about 9. The pH of the bicarbonate solution part can be adjusted with any suitable type of ingredient, such as sodium hydroxide and/or the like. Illustrative examples of the bicarbonate solution of the present disclosure can be found in U.S. Patent No. 6,309,673, entitled BICARBONATE-BASED SOLUTION IN TWO PARTS FOR PERITONEAL DIALYSIS OR SUBSTITUTION IN CONTINUOUS RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY, issued on October 30, 2001, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.

[0044] The acids can comprise one or more physiological acceptable acids, such as lactic acid, pyruvic acid, acetic acid, citric acid, hydrochloric acid and the like. The acids can be in an individual solution having a pH that ranges from about 5 or less, about 4 or less, about 3 or less, about 2 or less, about 1 or less, and any other suitable acidic pH. The use of an organic acid, such as lactic acid, alone or in combination with another suitable acid, such as a suitable inorganic acid including hydrochloric acid, another suitable organic acid (e.g. lactic acid/lactate, pyruvic acid/pyruvate, acetic acid/acetate, citric acid/citrate) and the like in the acid solution can make the solution more physiologically tolerable according to an embodiment.

[0045] It should be appreciated that the dialysis solutions of the present disclosure can include any other suitable components/ingredients for dialysis treatment in addition to

those components described above. In an embodiment, the pH of the (mixed) dialysis solutions can have a broad range, preferably between about 4 to about 9. In another embodiment, the pH of the (mixed) dialysis solutions can have a broad range, preferably between about 5 to about 8.

EXAMPLES

[0046] By way of example and not limitation, the following examples are illustrative of various embodiments of the present disclosure and further illustrate experimental testing conducted with dialysis solutions comprising pyrophosphates.

EXAMPLE 1: Pyrophosphate Stability in Dialysis Solutions

[0047] Dianeal® and Physioneal® peritoneal dialysis (PD) solutions (Baxter Healthcare Corporation) containing disodium pyrophosphate salt served as the test articles for this study.

[0048] A stock solution of 2.5 millimolar (mM) solution of pyrophosphate (PPi) was prepared using disodium pyrophosphate salt and deionized water free of carbon dioxide. Predetermined volume amounts of this stock solution were diluted to 1-L with individual volume of PD solutions to generate 1-L solutions containing PPi (see Table 1) in a “ready-to-use” product.

[0049] For each test sample (i.e. 1 L PD solution with PPi), aliquots were placed into autoclavable Pyrex® bottles. The remaining solution volume for each test samples was reserved for analysis as T=0.

DATA ANALYSIS

[0050] The study evaluated changes in pyrophosphate concentrations upon steam sterilization in different autoclaves and with different sterilization times. PPi analysis was performed using a modified ion chromatographic method. The method provides results in parts per million (ppm). Results for PPi levels in the test samples contained in Table 1 were converted from ppm and are reported in micromoles per liter ($\mu\text{mol/L}$) and percent recovery (of initial) pyrophosphate (%PPi).

Table 1: Recovery of Pyrophosphate in PD Solutions Before and after Steam Sterilization

Sample	Time Zero		
	Expected	Observed	% Recovery
US-NaPyro-Dianeal	0.100	0.093	93
US-NaPyro-Physioneal	0.200	0.209	105
S-NaPyro-Dianeal Sol-1 Autoclave-A (30 min)	0.100	0.023	23
S-NaPyro-Dianeal Sol-2 Autoclave-A (30 min)	0.100		
S-NaPyro-Dianeal Sol-1 Autoclave-B (30 min)	0.100	0.000	0
S-NaPyro-Dianeal Sol-2 Autoclave-B (30 min)	0.100		
S-NaPyro-Dianeal Sol-1 Autoclave-A (40 min)	0.100	0.022	22
S-NaPyro-Dianeal Sol-2 Autoclave-A (40 min)	0.100		
S-NaPyro-Dianeal Sol-1 Autoclave-B (40 min)	0.100	0.000	0
S-NaPyro-Dianeal Sol-2 Autoclave-B (40 min)	0.100		
S-NaPyro-Physio Buffer Sol-1 Autoclave A (30 min)	0.200	0.191	95
S-NaPyro-Physio Buffer Sol-2 Autoclave A (30 min)	0.200		
S-NaPyro-Physio Buffer Sol-1 Autoclave B (30 min)	0.200	0.182	91
S-NaPyro-Physio Buffer Sol-2 Autoclave B (30 min)	0.200		
S-NaPyro-Physio Buffer Sol-1 Autoclave A (40 min)	0.200	0.186	93
S-NaPyro-Physio Buffer Sol-2 Autoclave A (40 min)	0.200		
S-NaPyro-Physio Buffer Sol-1 Autoclave B (40 min)	0.200	0.173	86
S-NaPyro-Physio Buffer Sol-2 Autoclave B (40 min)	0.200		

^AReported values for sterilized are averages of replicates

US - Unsterilized samples

S- Sterilized samples

[0051] The results demonstrate:

- Steam sterilized test samples of Dianeal® with PPi show a decrease in PPi concentration.
- Steam sterilized samples of Physioneal® Buffer with PPi show a small change in PPi level. This stability may be attributed to high pH conditions of the test sample compared with Dianeal®.

EXAMPLE 2: Effect of Buffer on Pyrophosphate Stability

[0052] Introduction: This study was designed to evaluate the stability of pyrophosphate salts with different buffers over a pH range from 4 to 10 during steam sterilization and after storage at 40°C. Two pyrophosphate salts and four buffers were obtained for the study. TRIS was added to all solutions as a pH stabilizer. Two of the solutions were also prepared without TRIS for comparison. The pH of the solutions was adjusted from pH 4-10 with 1N HCl or 1N NaOH. The solutions were sterilized at 121°C for 40 minutes. Pyrophosphate concentration was determined before and after sterilization and after storage. The pH was also determined after sterilization and after storage.

[0053] The salts tested were:

1. Disodium Pyrophosphate ($\text{Na}_2\text{H}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$)
2. Tetrapotassium Pyrophosphate ($\text{K}_4\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$)

[0054] The study was performed using the sodium and potassium salts of pyrophosphate with the buffers shown below. Solutions were not prepared with bicarbonate below pH 7 because bicarbonate will decompose at a lower pH.

1. Sodium Lactate
2. Sodium Bicarbonate
3. Sodium Citrate
4. Sodium Pyruvate

[0055] The concentrations of the solution components are shown below in Table 2.

Table 2

Components	Concentration
PPi Salts	0.2 mM
NaCl	90 mM
Buffers	40 mM
TRIS	10 mM

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

[0056] The results of this study are summarized in the following four tables:

Table 3: Recoveries for Disodium Pyrophosphate (Unsterilized)

pH	Sod. Lac	Sod. Lac N/TRIS	Sod. BiC	Sod. BiC N/TRIS	Citrate	Pyruvate
4	98	90	N/A	N/A	81	97
5	102	97	N/A	N/A	89	98
6	103	98	N/A	N/A	95	98
7	104	97	96	95	99	99
8	105	98	98	96	99	100
9	104	98	98	97	100	100
10	104	98	97	95	98	100

Reported values are the % recovery of the pyrophosphate

Values are rounded to the nearest whole numbers.

Results obtained before sterilization.

N/A = not applicable N/TRIS= No Tris

[0057] Unsterilized Disodium Pyrophosphate (Table 3):

- Recoveries were 95% or greater for all buffers at pH 6 and higher.
- The recoveries with citrate at pH 4 and 5 were 81% and 89%, respectively, and ranged from 90-102% in the other buffers at this low pH range.
- There is no difference in recovery between bicarbonate with or without TRIS, and with lactate values are similar, or slightly higher, with TRIS.

Table 4: Recoveries of Disodium Pyrophosphate (sterilized) at Time Zero and after Storage at 40°C

pH	Sod. Lac	Sod. Lac N/TRIS	Sod. BiC	Sod. BiC N/TRIS	Citrate	Pyruvate
4	9	0	N/A	N/A	9	8
5	9	10	N/A	N/A	9	9
6	10	13	N/A	N/A	17	9
7	10 (11) [11]	33 (23) [23]	52 (51) [51]	71 (66) [70]	35 (35)	9 (12)
8	14 (14) [15]	42 (39) [39]	73 (72) [71]	84 (81) [83]	47 (47)	14 (17)
9	54 (47) [50]	58 (53) [53]	94 (94) [92]	92 (88) [91]	73 (73)	51 (56)
10	84 (80) [80]	71 (68) [66]	99 (98) [97]	97 (94) [97]	86 (86)	84 (89)
Reported values are the % recovery of the pyrophosphate Values are rounded to the nearest whole numbers. Samples sterilized at 121C for 40 mins. Samples stored at 40C for 1week after sterilization are in () whereas samples after two months time point are in []. N/A = not applicable N/TRIS= No Tris						

[0058] Sterilized Disodium Pyrophosphate (Table 4):

- There was no change in pH after sterilization and less than 0.1 pH unit change after storage for up to two months at 40 °C for all solutions.
- There was less than 20% recovery of pyrophosphate after sterilization with all buffers at pH 6 and lower and less than 20% recovery with lactate with TRIS and with pyruvate at pH 7 and 8.
- Recovery after sterilization increased with increasing pH, from pH 7-10, with all buffers.
- Bicarbonate gave the highest recovery after sterilization at every pH from 7-10 and reached 99% at pH 10. Bicarbonate without TRIS gave higher recoveries than bicarbonate with TRIS at pH 7 and 8.
- Recoveries after sterilization were similar for lactate with TRIS and pyruvate from pH 7-10.

- Higher recoveries after sterilization were observed for citrate at pH 9 and 10, than with lactate with TRIS. Recoveries after sterilization were similar for lactate without TRIS and citrate, at pH 7 and 8.
- Pyrophosphate was stable for 1 week at 40 °C with all buffers, from pH 7-10, except for lactate without TRIS at pH 7. Solutions with pH 4-6 were not tested after one week because of the low recoveries after sterilization.

Table 5: Recoveries of Tetrapotassium Pyrophosphate (Unsterilized)

pH	Sod. Lac	Sod. BiC	Citrate	Pyruvate
4	91	N/A	86	97
5	97	N/A	93	99
6	96	N/A	99	100
7	98	96	101	102
8	98	97	102	103
9	98	97	102	103
10	98	95	102	102
Reported values are the % recovery of the pyrophosphate Values are rounded to the nearest whole numbers. Results obtained before sterilization. N/A = not applicable				

[0059] Unsterilized Tetrapotassium Pyrophosphate (Table 5):

- Recoveries for tetrapotassium pyrophosphate were similar to the recoveries for disodium pyrophosphate for all buffers at all pH's.

Table 6: Recoveries of Tetrapotassium Pyrophosphate (Sterilized) and after Storage at 40 °C

pH	Sod. Lac	Sod. BiC	Citrate	Pyruvate
4	4	N/A	8	9
5	4	N/A	9	9
6	5	N/A	15	10
7	5 (9)	55 (52)	32 (32)	9 (14)
8	11 (12)	71 (70)	41 (41)	11 (15)
9	45 (44)	91 (90)	71 (71)	54 (52)
10	80 (77)	97 (96)	89 (90)	83 (79)
Reported values are the % recovery of the pyrophosphate Values are rounded to the nearest whole numbers. Samples sterilized at 121C for 40 mins. Samples stored at 40C for 1week after sterilization are in parenthesis. N/A = not applicable N/TRIS= No Tris				

[0060] Sterilized Tetrapotassium Pyrophosphate (Table 6):

- There was no change in pH after sterilization and less than 0.1 pH unit change after storage for 1 week.
- There was less than 20% recovery of pyrophosphate after sterilization with all buffers at pH 6 and lower, as was seen for sodium pyrophosphate.
- Recovery after sterilization increased with increasing pH, from pH 7-10, with all buffers, as was seen with disodium phosphate.
- Bicarbonate gave the highest recovery after sterilization at every pH from 7-10, as was seen with disodium pyrophosphate.
- Pyrophosphate was stable for 1 week at 40 °C with all buffers, from pH 7-10. Solutions with pH 4-6 were not tested after one week because of the low recoveries after sterilization.

CONCLUSION:

[0061] There was no change in the pH of the solutions of either the sodium or potassium salts after sterilization and after storage for a week at 40°C. There was a substantial loss of pyrophosphate with both the sodium and potassium salts during sterilization, with all buffers, at pH 6 and lower. Both the sodium and potassium salts were the most stable during sterilization with bicarbonate at pH 9-10. Both the sodium and potassium salts remained unchanged on storage at 40°C for 1 week, from pH 7-10, with all buffers.

[0062] It should be understood that various changes and modifications to the presently preferred embodiments described herein will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Such changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present subject matter and without diminishing its intended advantages. It is therefore intended that such changes and modifications be covered by the appended claims.

Claims:

1. A heat sterilized solution comprising a pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.
2. The solution of Claim 1 comprising a pH greater than 8.
3. The solution of Claim 1 comprising a pH greater than 9.
4. The solution of Claim 1 comprising a component selected from the group consisting of osmotic agents, electrolytes and combinations thereof.
5. The solution of Claim 1 comprising at least two parts housed separately and the pyrophosphate is present with at least one of the parts and sterilized with said part.
6. The solution of Claim 1, wherein the solution is a dialysis solution.
7. The solution of Claim 1 comprising from about 0.1 μM to about 1000 μM of the pyrophosphate.
8. A heat sterilized dialysis solution comprising:
 - a first dialysis part comprising a dialysis component selected from the group consisting of osmotic agents, electrolytes and combinations thereof; and
 - a second dialysis part comprising pyrophosphate, bicarbonate and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.
9. The solution of Claim 8, wherein the second part comprises lactate.
10. The solution of Claim 8, wherein the second part comprises a buffer selected from the group consisting of pyruvate, acetate, citrate, tris, amino acids, peptides, an intermediate of the KREBS cycle and combinations thereof.
11. The solution of Claim 8, wherein the electrolytes are selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, chloride and combinations thereof.

12. The solution of Claim 8, wherein the second part comprises an electrolyte selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, chloride and combinations thereof.
13. The solution of Claim 8, wherein the second part comprises a pH greater than 8.
14. The solution of Claim 8, wherein the second part comprises a pH greater than 9.
15. A heat sterilized dialysis solution comprising a dialysis component selected from the group consisting of osmotic agents, electrolytes and combinations thereof, a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.
16. The solution of claim 15 comprising at least two dialysis parts housed separately and the pyrophosphate is present with at least one of the dialysis parts and sterilized with said dialysis part.
17. The solution of claim 16, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate has a pH greater than 7.
18. The solution of claim 5 or 16, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate has a pH greater than 8.
19. The solution of claim 5 or 16, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate has a pH greater than 9.
20. The solution of claim 5 or 16, where the electrolytes are balanced between the first part and the second part.

21. A stable heat sterilized peritoneal dialysis solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate, a pH greater than 7, an osmotic agent selected from the group consisting of glucose, glucose polymers, glucose polymer derivatives, cyclodextrins, modified starch, hydroxyethyl starch, polyols, fructose, amino acids, peptides, proteins, amino sugars, glycerol, N-acetyl glucosamine (NAG) and combinations thereof, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and electrolytes comprising sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium and chloride, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.

22. A method of making a dialysis solution, the method comprising:

preparing a dialysis solution comprising pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, a pH greater than 7, and at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate; and

heat sterilizing the dialysis solution.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the dialysis solution comprises at least two separately housed dialysis parts, each dialysis part comprising at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, a buffer, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, at least one of the dialysis parts comprising the pyrophosphate, and wherein at least one of the dialysis parts is sterilized.

24. The method of claim 23, comprising mixing the parts to form a resultant dialysis solution.

25. The method of claim 23, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate is sterilized and has a pH greater than 7.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate further comprises a buffer selected from the group consisting of lactate, pyruvate, acetate, citrate, tris, amino acids, peptides, an intermediate of the KREBS cycle and combinations thereof.

27. A method for providing a dialysis solution, the method comprising:

providing at least two separately housed dialysis parts, each dialysis part comprising at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, at least one of the dialysis parts comprising pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate; heat sterilizing at least the dialysis comprising the pyrophosphate; and mixing the dialysis parts to form a resultant heat sterilized dialysis solution.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the mixing is performed onsite by a mixing system.

29. A multi-part dialysis solution comprising:

at least two separately housed dialysis parts, each dialysis part comprising at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, at least one of the dialysis parts being heat sterilized and comprising pyrophosphate, a buffer comprising bicarbonate, and a pH greater than 7, wherein the bicarbonate buffer and the pH greater than 7 heat stabilize the pyrophosphate.

30. A sterilized dialysis solution comprising a dialysis component selected from the group consisting of osmotic agents, buffers, electrolytes and combinations thereof and a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate.
31. The solution of Claim 1, 8, 15, and 30, wherein the pyrophosphate is selected from the group consisting of pyrophosphoric acid, salt of pyrophosphate and combinations thereof.
32. The solution of Claim 30 comprising a pH greater than about 6.
33. The solution of Claim 4, 8, 15 and 30, wherein the osmotic agent is selected from the group consisting of glucose, glucose polymers, glucose polymer derivatives, cyclodextrins, modified starch, hydroxyethyl starch, polyols, fructose, amino acids, peptides, proteins, amino sugars, glycerol, N-acetyl glucosamine (NAG) and combinations thereof.
34. The solution of Claim 30, wherein the buffer comprises bicarbonate.
35. The solution of Claim 4, 15 and 30, wherein the buffer further comprises or is selected from the group consisting of lactate, pyruvate, acetate, citrate, tris, amino acids, peptides, an intermediate of the KREBS cycle and combinations thereof.
36. The solution of Claim 30 comprising at least two dialysis parts housed separately and the pyrophosphate is present with at least one of the dialysis parts and sterilized with said dialysis part.
37. The solution of Claim 36, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate has a pH greater than about 7.
38. The solution of Claim 36, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate has a pH greater than about 8.

39. The solution of Claim 36, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate has a pH greater than about 9.

40. The solution of Claim 36, where the electrolytes are balanced between the first part and the second part.

41. A stable peritoneal dialysis solution comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pyrophosphate, an osmotic agent selected from the group consisting of glucose, glucose polymers, glucose polymer derivatives, cyclodextrins, modified starch, hydroxyethyl starch, polyols, fructose, amino acids, peptides, proteins, amino sugars, glycerol, N-acetyl glucosamine (NAG) and combinations thereof, a buffer selected from the group consisting of bicarbonate, lactate, pyruvate, acetate, citrate, tris, amino acids, peptides and combinations thereof and electrolytes comprising sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium and chloride.

42. A method of making a dialysis solution, the method comprising:

preparing a dialysis solution comprising pyrophosphate and at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, an electrolyte, a buffer and combinations thereof; and

sterilizing the dialysis solution.

43. The method of Claim 1, 15, 22, 30 and 42, wherein the dialysis solution comprises a concentrate.

44. The method of Claim 1, 8, 15, 22, 30 and 42, wherein the sterilization is performed by a technique selected from the group consisting of autoclave, steam, high pressure, ultra-violet, filtration and combinations thereof.

45. The method of Claim 42, wherein the dialysis solution comprises at least two separately housed dialysis parts, each dialysis part comprising at least one dialysis

component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, a buffer, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, at least one of the dialysis parts comprising pyrophosphate, and wherein at least one of the dialysis parts is sterilized.

46. The method of Claim 45 comprising mixing the parts to form a resultant dialysis solution.

47. The method of Claim 45, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate is sterilized and has a pH greater than about 7.

48. The method of Claim 47, wherein the part comprising the pyrophosphate further comprises a buffer selected from the group consisting of bicarbonate, lactate, pyruvate, acetate, citrate, tris, amino acids, peptides, an intermediate of the KREBS cycle and combinations thereof.

49. A method for providing a dialysis solution, the method comprising:

providing at least two separately housed dialysis parts, each dialysis part comprising at least one dialysis component selected from the group consisting of an osmotic agent, a buffer, an electrolyte and combinations thereof, at least one of the dialysis parts comprising pyrophosphate;

sterilizing at least one of the dialysis parts; and

mixing the dialysis parts to form a resultant sterilized dialysis solution.

50. The method of Claim 49, wherein the mixing is performed onsite by a mixing system.