Table 2. Diagnostic criteria for DKA (Kitabchi, 2009)

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	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Plasma glucose (mg/dl)	>250	>250	>250
Arterial pH	7.25-7.30	7.00-7.24	<7.0
Serum bicarbonate (mEq/l)	15-18	10-<15	<10
Urine ketones*	Positive	Positive	Positive
Serum ketones*	Positive	Positive	Positive
Effective serum osmolality (mOsm/kg)†	Variable	Variable	Variable
Anion gap‡	>10	>12	>12
Alteration in sensoria or mental obtundation	Alert	Alert/drowsy	Stupor/coma

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* Nitroprusside reaction method
† Effective serum osmolality = $2[Na^+ (mEq/l)] + [glucose (mg/dl)/18]$
‡ Anion gap = $[Na^+] - [Cl^- + HCO_3^-]$