

Desirable Biological Variation Database specifications

The 2014 edition of Desirable Specifications for imprecision, inaccuracy, and total allowable error, calculated from data on within-subject and between-subject biologic variation. This database was updated and compiled by Dr. Carmen Ricos and colleagues, before the EFLM took the helm. As of May 2019, EFLM is managing the new biological variation database. We were honored to host this database for 15 years.

Desirable Specifications for Total Error, Imprecision, and Bias, derived from intra- and inter-individual biologic variation

This most recent and extensive listing of biologic goals has been provided by Ricos C, Alvarez V, Cava F, Garcia-Lario JV, Hernandez A, Jimenez CV, Minchinela J, Perich C, Simon M. "Current databases on biologic variation: pros, cons and progress." Scand J Clin Lab Invest 1999;59:491-500. *This database was last updated in 2014.*

PLEASE NOTE: The EFLM now hosts the latest database on biological variation!

Annex I, Part I: Within-subject and between-subject CV values of analytes and Desirable Analytical Quality Specifications for imprecision, bias and total error

11-Desoxycortisol through a-Fetoprotein
Albumin through CA 549 antigen
Calcium through Cystine
Dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate through Hydroxylproline
Immunoglobulin A through Lycopene
Magnesium through Oxalate, output
pCO₂ through Rheumatoid factor
SCC antigen through Zinc

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Note on abbreviations:

CV_i = within-subject biologic variation

CV_g = between-subject biologic variation

I = desirable specification for imprecision
B = desirable specification for inaccuracy
TE = desirable specification for allowable total error

	Analyte	Number of Papers	Biological Variation		Desirable specification		
			CV _i	CV _g	I(%)	B(%)	TE(%)
S-	11-Desoxycortisol	2	21.3	31.5	10.7	9.5	27.1
S-	17-Hydroxyprogesterone	2	19.6	50.4	9.8	13.5	29.7
U-	4-hydroxy-3-methoximandelate (VMA)	1	22.2	47.0	11.1	13.0	31.3
S-	5' Nucleotidase	2	23.2	19.9	11.6	7.6	26.8
U-	5'-Hydroxyindolacetate, concentration	1	20.3	33.2	10.2	9.7	26.5
S-	<1-Acid Glycoprotein	3	11.3	24.9	5.7	6.8	16.2
S-	<1-Antichymotrypsin	1	13.5	18.3	6.8	5.7	16.8
S-	<1-Antitrypsin	3	5.9	16.3	3.0	4.3	9.2
S-	<1-Globulins	2	11.4	22.6	5.7	6.3	15.7
U-	<1-Microglobulin, concentration, first morning	1	33.0	58.0	16.5	16.7	43.9
P-	<2-Antiplasmin	1	6.2	---	3.1	---	---
S-	<2-Globulins	2	10.3	12.7	5.2	4.1	12.6
S-	<2-Macroglobulin	4	3.4	18.7	1.7	4.75	7.56
U-	<2-Microglobulin output, first morning	1	29.0	32.0	14.5	10.8	34.7
P-	<-aminobutyric acid	1	24.7	32.3	12.4	10.2	30.5
S-	<-Amylase	7	8.7	28.3	4.4	7.4	14.6
S-	<-Amylase (pancreatic)	2	11.7	29.9	5.9	8.0	17.7
U-	<-Amylase (pancreatic)	2	69.5	105.0	34.75	31.48	88.82
U-	<-Amylase concentration, random	1	94.0	46.0	47.0	26.2	103.7
P-	<-Carotene	1	24.0	65.0	12.0	17.3	37.1
S-	<-Carotene	1	48.0	65.0	24.0	20.2	59.8
S-	<-Fetoprotein(non hepatic carcinoma)	2	12.2	45.6	6.1	11.8	21.9
S-	<-Tocopherol	3	13.8	15.0	6.9	5.1	16.5
S-	Acid phosphatase	2	8.9	8.0	4.5	3.0	10.3
S-	Acid phosphatase tartrate-resistant (TR-ACP)	2	8.0	13.3	4.0	3.9	10.5
S-	Acid phosphatase prostatic activity (PAP)	1	33.8	---	16.9	---	---
P-	Activated partial thromboplastine time	3	2.7	8.6	1.4	2.3	4.5
P-	Adiponectin	1	18.8	51.2	9.4	13.6	29.1
S-	Adenosine deaminase (ADA)	1	11.7	25.5	5.9	7.0	16.7

P-	Alanine	1	14.7	55.8	7.4	14.4	26.6
S-	Alanine aminopeptidase	1	4.1	---	2.1	---	---
S-	Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)	9	19.40	41.6	9.7	11.48	27.48

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			CV _i	CV _g	I(%)	B(%)	TE(%)
S-	Albumin	24	3.2	4.75	1.6	1.43	4.07
U-	Albumin, concentration, first morning	3	36.0	55.0	18.0	16.4	46.1
U-	Albumin, output, night urine	3	29.5	58.0	14.8	16.3	40.6
S-	Albumin, glycated	1	5.2	10.3	2.6	2.9	7.2
S-	Aldosterone	2	29.4	40.1	14.7	12.4	36.7
U-	Aldosterone	1	39.4	40.1	19.7	14.05	46.56
S-	Alkaline phosphatase	22	6.45	26.1	3.23	6.72	12.04
S-	Alkaline phosphatase, bone	4	6.2	37.4	3.1	9.5	14.6
S-	Alkaline phosphatase, liver	1	10.0	27.0	5.0	7.2	15.4
S-	Alkaline phosphatase, placental	1	19.1	---	9.6	---	---
U-	Ammonia, output, 24h	1	24.7	27.3	12.4	9.2	29.6
S-	Amyloid A	1	25.0	61.0	12.5	16.5	37.1
S-	Androstendione	2	15.8	38.8	7.9	10.47	23.51
S-	Anion gap		9.5	10.1	4.8	3.5	11.3
P-	Antithrombin III	4	5.2	15.3	2.6	4.0	8.3
S-	Apolipoprotein A1	11	6.5	13.4	3.3	3.7	9.1
S-	Apolipoprotein B	9	6.9	22.8	3.5	6.0	11.6
P-	Arginine	1	19.3	34.1	9.7	9.8	25.7
S-	Arilestearase activity, non inhibited	1	3.8	37.2	1.9	9.3	12.5
P-	Ascorbate (Vitamin C)	1	20.0	21.0	10.0	7.3	23.8
S-	Ascorbate (Vitamin C)	3	26.0	31.0	13.0	10.1	31.6
P-	Asparagine	1	12.3	28.0	6.2	7.6	17.8
S-	Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)	13	12.3	23.1	6.15	6.54	16.69
P-	Aspartic acid	1	31.2	55.1	15.6	15.8	41.6
S-	®-2-Microglobulin	1	5.9	15.5	3.0	4.1	9.0
P-	®-Carotene	1	18.0	48.0	9.0	12.8	27.7
S-	®-Carotene	4	36.0	39.7	18.0	13.4	43.1
S-	®-Cryptoxantin	1	36.7	---	18.4	---	---
S-	®-Globulins	2	10.1	9.1	5.1	3.4	11.7
B-	Base excess	1	76.4	43.2	38.2	21.9	85.0
B-	Basophile, count	3	28.0	54.8	14.0	15.4	38.5

S-	Bilirubin total	11	21.8	28.4	10.90	8.95	26.94
S-	Bilirubin conjugated	2	36.8	43.2	18.4	14.2	44.5
P-	C Protein	1	5.6	55.2	2.9	13.9	18.7
S-	C reactive protein	3	42.2	76.3	21.1	21.8	56.6
S-	C reactive protein - high sensitivity	1	49.70	89.23	24.85	25.53	66.54
S-	C3 Complement	2	5.2	15.6	2.6	4.1	8.4
S-	C4 Complement	2	8.9	33.4	4.5	8.6	16.0
S-	CA 125 antigen	4	24.7	54.6	12.4	15.0	35.4
S-	CA 15.3 antigen	5	6.1	62.9	3.1	15.8	20.8
S-	CA 19.9 antigen	2	16.0	130.5	7.98	32.87	46.03
S-	CA 549 antigen	1	9.1	33.4	4.6	8.7	16.2

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			CV _i	CV _g	I(%)	B(%)	TE(%)
S-	Calcium	24	2.1	2.5	1.05	0.82	2.55
S-	Calcium, complexed	1	5.3	4.5	2.7	1.7	6.1
U-	Calcium, concentration, 24h	4	27.5	36.6	13.8	11.4	34.1
S-	Calcium, ionized	2	1.7	1.9	0.9	0.6	2.0
S-	Calcium, protein bound	1	4.1	6.1	2.1	1.8	5.2
S-	Calcium, ultrafiltrable	1	2.2	2.7	1.1	0.9	2.7
S-	Carbohydrate deficient transferrin	1	7.1	38.7	3.6	9.8	15.7
B-	CO ₂ , total	1	4.0	4.8	2.0	1.56	4.86
S-	Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA)	10	12.7	55.6	6.4	14.3	24.7
S-	Carnitine, Acyl-free	1	11.35	24.3	5.68	6.71	16.07
S-	Carnitine, free	1	8.05	16.65	4.03	4.62	11.26
S-	Carnitine, total	1	8.85	11.80	4.43	3.69	10.99
S-	Ceruloplasmin (ferroxidase)	2	5.8	11.1	2.9	3.1	7.9
S-	Chloride	19	1.2	1.5	0.6	0.5	1.5
S-	Cholesterol	46	5.95	15.3	2.98	4.1	9.01
S-	Cholinesterase, concentration	2	7.1	---	3.6	---	---
S-	Cholinesterase, activity	3	6.1	18.2	3.1	4.8	9.8
P-	Chromogranin A	1	12.8	26.3	6.4	7.3	17.9
P-	Citrulline	1	21.4	43.9	10.7	12.2	29.9
S-	Collagen type I C propeptide (PICP)	3	7.8	26.7	3.9	7.0	13.4
S-	Collagen type I N propeptide (PINP)	3	7.4	57.3	3.7	14.4	20.5
S-	Collagen type III N propeptide (PIIINP)	1	13.6	87.2	6.8	22.1	33.3
U-	Color, first morning	1	30.9	47.4	15.5	14.1	39.6
P-	Copper	3	8.0	19.0	4.0	5.2	11.8

S-	Copper	2	4.7	13.6	2.35	3.6	7.47
P-	Cortisol	1	21.7	46.2	10.85	12.76	30.66
S-	Cortisol	3	15.2	38.1	7.6	10.26	22.8
S-	C Peptide	3	16.6	23.2	8.3	7.1	20.8
S-	Creatine kinase (CK)	9	22.8	40.0	11.4	11.5	30.3
S-	Creatine kinase MB, %	1	6.9	48.2	3.5	10.8	16.5
S-	Creatine kinase MB, activity	4	19.7	24.3	9.9	7.8	24.1
S-	Creatine kinase MB, mass	1	18.4	61.2	9.2	14.88	30.06
S-	Creatinine	28	5.95	14.7	2.98	3.96	8.87
U-	Creatinine, concentration, 24h	8	24.0	24.5	12.0	8.6	28.4
U-	Creatinine, concentration, first morning	8	23.2	25.7	11.6	8.7	27.8
U-	Creatinine, concentration, random	8	36.3	32.4	18.2	12.2	42.1
U-	Creatinine, output, 24h	8	11.0	23.0	5.5	6.4	15.4
S-	C-Terminal telopeptide type I collagen (CTY I)	5	10.85	30.6	5.43	8.12	15.45
S-	Cyfra 21.1 Antigen	2	22.2	31.1	11.1	9.6	27.9
P-	Cystatin C	1	5.5	---	2.8	---	---
S-	Cystatin C	4	5.0	13.0	2.5	3.48	7.61
P-	Cysteine	1	5.9	12.3	3.0	3.4	8.3
P-	Cystine	1	38.3	48.5	19.2	15.4	47.0

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S-	D-Dimer (MoM)	1	23.3	26.5	11.65	8.82	28.04
S-	Dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate (DHEAS)	3	6.35	30.70	3.188	7.84	13.08
U-	Deoxypyridinoline/creatinine, 24h	2	16.0	30.7	8.0	8.7	21.9
U-	Deoxypyridinoline/creatinine, first morning	2	13.8	34.6	6.9	9.3	20.7
U-	Deoxypyridinoline/minute, first morning	2	15.4	30.3	7.7	8.5	21.2
P-	Dipeptidyl-peptidase IV (ACE)	2	8.2	14.5	4.1	4.2	10.9
S-	Dipeptidyl-peptidase IV (ACE)	1	12.5	27.7	6.3	7.6	17.9
P-	Elastase	1	12.4	15.1	6.2	4.88	15.11
B-	Eosinophils, count	3	21.0	76.4	10.5	19.8	37.1
(B)Plat-	Epinephrine	1	25.3	---	12.7	---	---
P-	Epinephrine	1	48.3	---	24.2	---	---
B-	Erythrocytes, count	7	3.2	6.3	1.6	1.7	4.4
B-	Erythrocyte distribution wide		3.5	5.7	1.8	1.7	4.6
U-	Estradiol	1	30.4	---	15.2	---	---
S-	Estradiol	5	22.5	24.4	11.25	8.3	26.86
S-	Estradiol, free	1	22.8	---	11.40	---	---

U-	Estradiol, free	1	38.6	---	19.3	---	---
P-	Factor V coagulation	1	3.6	---	1.8	---	---
P-	Factor VII coagulation	2	6.8	19.4	3.4	5.1	10.7
P-	Factor VIII coagulation	2	4.8	19.1	2.4	4.9	8.9
P-	Factor X coagulation	1	5.9	---	3.0	---	---
S-	Ferritin	6	14.2	15.0	7.1	5.2	16.9
P-	Fibrinogen	5	10.7	15.8	5.4	4.8	13.6
(B)Erythr-	Folate	1	12.0	66.0	6.0	16.8	26.7
S-	Folate	1	24.0	73.0	12.0	19.2	39.0
S-	Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH)	5	11.0	47.2	5.5	12.12	21.19
S-	Fructosamine	3	3.4	5.9	1.7	1.7	4.5
S-	Galactosyl hydroxylysine	1	11.8	25.8	5.9	7.1	16.8
P-	©-Fibrinogen	1	14.1	27.25	7.05	7.67	19.3
S-	©-Globulins	2	14.6	12.3	7.3	4.8	16.8
S-	©-glutamyltransferase (GGT)	10	13.4	42.15	6.7	11.06	22.11
S-	Globulins, total	1	5.5	12.9	2.8	3.5	8.0
P-	Glucose	1	4.5	5.8	2.3	1.8	5.5
S-	Glucose	15	5.6	7.5	2.8	2.34	6.96
(B)Erythr-	Glucose-6-phosphate-1-dehydrogenase (G6PDH)	1	32.8	31.8	16.4	11.4	38.5
B - spot	Glucose-6-phosphate-1-dehydrogenase (G6PDH)	1	7.3	10.3	3.7	3.2	9.2
P-	Glutamic acid	1	46.4	79.9	23.2	23.1	61.4
P-	Glutamine	1	12.1	22.0	6.1	6.3	16.3
S-	Glutathion peroxidase	1	7.2	21.7	3.6	5.7	11.7
P-	Glycine	1	11.8	40.3	5.9	10.5	20.2
P-	Haptoglobin	1	20.0	27.9	10.0	8.6	25.1
S-	Haptoglobin	3	20.4	36.4	10.2	10.4	27.3
S-	HDL cholesterol	25	7.3	21.2	3.65	5.61	11.63
S-	HDL 1 cholesterol	1	5.5	27.2	2.8	6.9	11.5
S-	HDL 2 cholesterol	6	15.7	40.7	7.9	10.9	23.9
S-	HDL 3 cholesterol	6	7.0	14.3	3.5	4.0	9.8
B-	Hematocrit	11	2.7	6.41	1.35	1.74	3.97
B-	Hemoglobin	13	2.85	6.8	1.43	1.84	4.19
B-	Hemoglobin A1 C	8	1.9	5.7	0.9	1.5	3.0
B-	Hemoglobin A2	1	0.7	7.7	0.35	1.93	2.51
P-	Histidine	1	9.7	27.2	4.9	7.2	15.2
P-	Homocysteine	3	8.3	33.5	4.15	8.63	15.48
S-	Hyaluronic acid	1	62.00	---	31.00	---	---
S-	Hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase	1	6.6	---	3.3	---	---
P-	Hydroxyproline	1	34.5	56.7	17.3	16.6	45.1
U-	Hydroxyproline/minute, first morning	1	36.1	38.8	18.1	13.2	43.0

U-	Hydroxyproline/minute, second void	1	40.5	32.9	20.3	13.0	46.5
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S-	Immunoglobulin A	7	5.4	35.9	2.7	9.1	13.5
S-	Immunoglobulin G	6	4.5	16.5	2.3	4.3	8.0
S-	Immunoglobulin M	5	5.9	47.3	3.0	11.9	16.8
S-	Immunoglobulins κ chains	3	4.8	15.3	2.4	4.0	8.0
S-	Immunoglobulins λ chains	3	4.8	18.0	2.4	4.7	8.6
S-	Inhibin B	1	10.0	25.0	5	6.73	14.98
S-	Insulin	4	21.1	58.3	10.6	15.5	32.9
S-	Insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1)	2	14.6	45.4	7.3	11.9	24.0
S-	Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 3 (IGFBP-3)	1	10.1	63.9	5.1	16.2	24.5
S-	Intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1)	1	1.9	21.0	1.0	5.3	6.8
(B)Leuc-	Interferon receptor	1	14.0	20.0	7.0	6.1	17.7
S-	Interleukin 1-β	1	30.0	36.0	15.0	11.7	36.5
S-	Interleukin-8	1	24.0	31.0	12.0	9.8	29.6
S-	Iron	11	26.5	23.2	13.3	8.8	30.7
P-	Isoleucine	1	15.5	45.5	7.8	12.0	24.8
S-	Kallicrein 6	1	11.80	27.6	5.9	7.5	17.24
B-	Lactate	1	27.2	16.7	13.6	8.0	30.4
S-	Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)	11	8.6	14.7	4.3	4.3	11.4
S-	Lactate dehydrogenase 1 isoform (LDH1)	2	2.3	8.3	1.2	2.2	4.1
S-	Lactate dehydrogenase 2 isoform (LDH2)	1	3.3	2.4	1.7	1.0	3.7
S-	Lactate dehydrogenase 3 isoform (LDH3)	1	2.8	3.8	1.4	1.2	3.5
S-	Lactate dehydrogenase 4 isoform (LDH4)	1	5.9	5.3	3.0	2.0	6.9
S-	Lactate dehydrogenase 5 isoform (LDH5)	1	8.0	9.6	4.0	3.1	9.7
P-	Lactoferrin	1	11.8	23.7	5.9	6.6	16.4
S-	LDL Cholesterol	6	7.8	20.4	3.9	5.46	11.9
P-	LDL Cholesterol (oxidized)	1	21.0	50.0	10.5	13.6	30.9
S-	LDL Cholesterol, small dense	1	9.1	20.0	4.55	5.49	13.0
S-	LDL receptor mRNA	1	21.5	13.6	10.8	6.4	24.1
P-	Leucine	1	14.8	44.0	7.4	11.6	23.8
B-	Leukocytes count	8	11.4	21.3	5.73	6.05	15.49
S-	Lipase	3	32.2	31.8	16.1	11.31	37.88
S-	Lipoprotein (a)	3	20.8	18.1	10.4	6.9	24.1
P-	Lutein	1	13.0	21.0	6.5	6.2	16.9

S-	Lutein	1	23.7	---	11.9	---	---
S-	Luteinizing hormone (LH)	5	23.0	27.4	11.5	8.94	27.92
P-	Lycopene	1	22.0	33.0	11.0	9.9	28.1
S-	Lycopene	2	40.1	33.0	20.1	13.0	---
B-	Lymphocytes, count	1	10.2	35.3	5.1	9.19	17.6
B-	Lymphocytes CD4	5	25.0	---	12.5	---	---
P-	Lysine	1	11.5	38.2	5.8	10.0	19.5

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(B)Erythr-	Magnesium	2	5.6	11.3	2.8	3.2	7.8
(B)Leuc-	Magnesium	1	18.5	12.4	9.25	5.57	20.83
(B)Mon -	Magnesium	1	18.1	20.3	9.1	6.8	21.7
S-	Magnesium	9	3.6	6.4	1.8	1.8	4.8
U-	Magnesium, ionized	1	1.9	5.1	1.0	1.4	2.9
U-	Magnesium, output, 24h	2	38.3	37.6	19.2	13.4	45.0
(B)Erythr-	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin (MCH)	4	1.4	5.2	0.7	1.35	2.5
(B)Erythr-	Mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration (MCHC)	5	1.06	1.2	0.53	0.4	1.27
(B)Erythr-	Mean corpuscular volume (MCV)	7	1.4	4.85	0.7	1.26	2.42
(B)Plat-	Mean platelet volume (MPV)	3	4.3	8.1	2.15	2.29	5.84
P-	Metionine	1	14.7	43.4	7.4	11.5	23.6
B-	Monocytes, count	3	17.8	49.8	8.9	13.2	27.9
S-	Myeloperoxidase	1	36.0	30.0	18.0	11.7	41.4
S-	Myoglobin	2	13.9	29.6	7.0	8.2	19.6
U-	N-Acetyl Glucosaminidase, concentration, first morning	2	52.9	22.0	26.5	14.3	58.0
U-	N-Acetyl Glucosaminidase/Creatinine	2	51.1	21.8	25.6	13.9	56.0
B-	Neutrophyles, count	5	17.1	32.8	8.55	9.25	23.35
U-	Nitrogen, output	1	13.9	24.2	7.0	7.0	18.4
B(Plat)-	Norepinephrine	1	9.5	---	4.8	---	---
P-	Norepinephrine	1	19.5	---	9.8	---	---
U-	N-Telopeptide type I collagen	3	15.5	37.6	7.75	10.17	22.95
S-	N-terminal (NT)-proBNP	2	10.0	16.0	5.0	4.7	13.0
P-	Ornithine	1	18.4	54.9	9.2	14.5	29.7
P-	Osmolality	1	1.3	1.5	0.7	0.5	1.6
Saliva-	Osmolality	1	9.5	35.8	4.8	9.3	17.1
S-	Osmolality	1	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.4	1.5

U-	Osmolality, first morning	1	28.3	57.9	14.2	16.1	39.5
S-	Osteocalcin	5	6.35	30.9	3.18	7.89	13.13
U-	Oxalate, concentration, 24h	1	44.0	18.0	22.0	11.9	48.2
U-	Oxalate, output, 24h	1	42.5	19.9	21.3	11.7	46.8

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B-	pCO ₂	1	4.8	5.3	2.4	1.8	5.7
B-	pH [H ⁺]	1	3.5	2.0	1.8	1.0	3.9
B-	pH (pH units)	1	0.2	---	0.1	---	---
S-	Paraoxonase 1	1	13.4	84.0	6.7	21.3	32.3
S-	Paraoxonase 1 substrate inhibition (PON 4SI)	1	3.9	80.1	1.9	20.0	23.2
S-	Paraoxonase, activity (salt stimulated)	1	8.0	86.4	4.0	21.7	28.3
P-	Parathyroid hormone (PTH)	1	25.3	43.4	12.65	12.56	33.43
S-	Parathyroid hormone (PTH)	1	25.9	23.8	13.0	8.8	30.2
S-	Phenylacetate	1	6.6	25.2	3.3	6.5	12.0
P-	Phenylalanine	1	9.5	40.6	4.8	10.4	18.3
S-	Phosphate	17	8.15	10.8	4.08	3.38	10.11
U-	Phosphate, output, 24h	5	18.0	22.6	9.0	7.2	22.1
Patient-	Phosphate tubular reabsorption	1	2.7	3.3	1.4	1.1	3.3
S-	Phospholipids	1	6.5	11.1	3.3	3.2	8.6
P-	Plasminogen	1	7.7	---	3.9	---	---
B-	Platelets, count	7	9.1	21.9	4.6	5.9	13.4
B-	Platelet distribution wide	2	2.8	---	1.4	---	---
B-	Plateletcrit	2	11.9	---	6.0	---	---
U-	Porphobilinogen	1	17.0	31.0	8.5	8.8	22.9
U-	Porphyrins (total)	1	40.0	---	20.0	---	---
(B)Leuc-	Potassium	1	13.6	13.4	6.8	4.8	16.0
S-	Potassium	20	4.6	5.6	2.3	1.81	5.61
U-	Potassium, output	4	24.4	22.2	12.2	8.2	28.4
S-	Prealbumin	1	10.9	19.1	5.5	5.5	14.5
S-	Pregnancy-associated plasma protein A (PAPP-A)	1	12.6	14.0	6.3	4.71	15.1
P-	Prolactin	1	39.2	65.1	19.6	19.0	51.34
S-	Prolactin	4	23.0	35.0	11.5	10.5	29.4
P-	Proline	1	17.0	104.4	8.5	26.4	40.5
P-	Prolyl endopeptidase	2	16.8	13.9	8.4	5.5	19.3
S-	Properdin factor B	1	9.5	11.2	4.7	3.7	11.5
S-	Prostatic specific antigen (PSA)	3	18.1	72.4	9.1	18.7	33.6

S-	Protein	18	2.75	4.7	1.38	1.36	3.63
S-	Protein, glycated	1	0.9	11.6	0.5	2.9	3.7
U-	Protein, output, 24h	2	35.5	23.7	17.8	10.7	40.0
P-	Prothrombin time	2	4.0	6.8	2.0	2.0	5.3
U-	Pyridinoline	1	19.4	23.6	9.7	7.6	23.6
B-	Pyruvate	1	15.2	13.0	7.6	5.0	17.5
S-	Receptor for advanced glycation end-products (RAGE)	1	14.6	56.5	7.3	14.59	26.63
B-	Red cell distribution wide (RDW)	4	3.5	5.7	1.8	1.7	4.6
B-	Reticulocyte highly fluorescent, count	1	10.0	62.0	5.0	15.7	24.0
B-	Reticulocyte low fluorescent, count	1	1.6	4.9	0.8	1.3	2.6
B-	Reticulocyte medium fluorescent, count	1	13.0	33.0	6.5	8.9	19.6
B-	Reticulocyte, count	1	11.0	29.0	5.5	7.8	16.8
P-	Retinol	1	6.2	21.0	3.1	5.5	10.6
S-	Retinol	2	13.6	19.0	6.8	5.8	17.1
S-	Rheumatoid factor	1	8.5	24.5	4.3	6.5	13.5

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S-	SCC antigen	1	39.4	35.7	19.7	13.3	45.8
P-	S Protein	1	5.8	63.4	2.9	15.9	20.7
P-	Selenium	1	12.0	14.0	6.0	4.6	14.5
B-	Selenium	1	12.0	12.0	6.0	4.2	14.1
P-	Serine	1	12.8	42.8	6.4	11.2	21.7
S-	Sex hormone binding globulin (SHBG)	2	13.05	36.35	6.53	9.66	20.42
(B)Erythr-	Sodium	1	1.8	12.4	0.9	3.1	4.6
(B)Leuc-	Sodium	1	51.0	36.4	25.5	15.7	57.7
S-	Sodium	21	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.23	0.73
B-	Sodium Bicarbonate	1	4.0	4.8	2.0	1.6	4.9
S-	Sodium Bicarbonate	7	4.8	4.7	2.4	1.7	5.6
Sweat-	Sodium Chloride	1	15.0	25.0	7.5	7.3	19.7
U-	Sodium, output, 24 h.	4	28.7	16.7	14.4	8.3	32.0
P-	Soluble CD163	1	9.0	35.9	4.5	9.3	16.7
U-	Specific gravity	1	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.27	0.60
Semen-	Spermatozoa, concentration	1	26.8	56.4	13.4	15.6	37.7
Semen-	Spermatozoa, morphology	1	19.6	44.0	9.8	12.0	28.2

Semen-	Spermatozoa, progressive motility	1	15.2	32.8	7.6	9.0	21.6
Semen-	Spermatozoa, fast progressive motility	1	18.8	51.8	9.4	13.8	29.3
Semen-	Spermatozoa, total motility	1	18.4	29.8	9.2	8.8	23.9
Semen-	Spermatozoa, vitality	1	10.3	25.8	5.2	6.9	15.4
S-	Superoxide dismutase	1	17.1	10.5	8.6	5.0	19.1
(B)Erythr-	Superoxide dismutase	1	12.3	4.9	6.2	3.3	13.5
P-	Taurine	1	30.6	44.0	15.3	13.4	38.6
P-	Testosterone	1	12.6	40.80	6.3	10.68	21.07
S-	Testosterone	7	9.25	22.05	4.63	5.98	13.61
Saliva-	Testosterone	1	17.3	28.8	8.7	8.4	22.7
U-	Testosterone	1	25.0	---	12.5	---	---
S-	Testosterone, free	3	9.3	---	4.7	---	---
U-	Testosterone, free	1	51.7	---	25.9	---	---
S-	Thyroglobulin	2	14.0	39.0	7.0	10.4	21.9
S-	Thyroglobulin antibody	1	8.5	82.0	4.3	20.6	27.6
S-	Thyroid peroxidase antibody	1	11.3	147.0	5.7	36.9	46.2
P-	Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)	1	29.30	48.4	14.65	14.14	38.2
S-	Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)	9	19.3	24.6	9.7	7.8	23.7
S-	Thyrotropin receptor antibody	1	4.8	---	2.4	---	---
S-	Thyroxine (T4)	11	4.9	10.9	2.5	3.0	7.0
P-	Thyroxine, free (FT4)	1	7.1	9.1	3.55	2.89	8.74
S-	Thyroxine, free (FT4)	5	5.7	12.1	2.9	3.3	8.0
S-	Thyroxine binding globulin (TBG)	2	0.09	0.06	0.0	0.0	0.1
P-	Tirosine	1	10.5	61.0	5.3	15.5	24.1
S-	Tissue polypeptide antigen (TPA)	1	31.1	63.7	15.6	17.7	43.4
S-	Tissue polypeptide specific antigen (TPS)	1	36.1	108.0	18.1	28.5	58.3
U-	Total catecholamines, concentration, 24h	1	24.0	32.0	12.0	10.0	29.8
S-	Transferrin	5	3.0	4.3	1.5	1.3	3.8
P-	Treonine	1	17.9	33.1	9.0	9.4	24.2
S-	Triglyceride	31	19.9	32.7	9.95	9.57	25.99
P-	Triiodothyronine (T3)	1	9.4	18.5	4.7	5.19	12.94
S-	Triiodothyronine (T3)	10	6.9	12.3	3.45	3.53	9.22
S-	Triiodothyronine, free (FT3)	4	7.9	17.6	4.0	4.8	11.3
P-	Troponin I	1	37.1	179.2	18.55	45.75	76.36
S-	Troponin I	5	14.05	63.75	7.03	16.32	27.91
S-	Troponin T	1	30.5	90.0	15.3	23.7	48.9
P-	Tryptophan	1	22.7	152.6	11.4	38.6	57.3
S-	Tumor Necrosis Factor- α (TNF- α)	1	43.0	29.0	21.5	13.0	48.4
S-	Urate	16	8.6	17.5	4.3	4.87	11.97
U-	Urate, output, 24h	2	16.8	14.4	8.4	5.53	19.39

S-	Urea	20	12.1	18.7	6.05	5.57	15.55
U-	Urea, output, 24h	4	17.4	25.4	8.7	7.7	22.1
P-	Valine	1	10.6	40.1	5.3	10.4	19.1
U-	Vanilmandelic Acid concentration, 24h	1	22.2	47.0	11.1	13.0	31.3
S-	Vascular cell adhesion molecule-1 (VCAM-1)	1	5.2	16.0	2.6	4.2	8.5
P-	Vascular endothelial growth factor	1	14.1	18.1	7.1	5.7	17.4
B-	Vascular endothelial growth factor	1	14.3	28.8	7.2	8.0	19.8
S-	Vascular endothelial growth factor	1	10.7	47.6	5.4	12.2	21.0
P-	Vitamin B1	1	4.8	12.0	2.4	3.2	7.2
B-	Vitamin B2 (Riboflavin)	1	5.8	10.0	2.9	2.9	7.7
(B)Eryth-	Vitamin B2 (Riboflavin)	1	6.4	11.0	3.2	3.2	8.5
(B)Eryth-	Vitamin B2 status (glutathione reductase activation)	1	5.2	40.0	2.6	10.1	14.4
(B)Eryth-	Vitamin B12	1	15.0	69.0	7.5	17.7	30.0
(B)Eryth-	Vitamin B6	1	14.0	24.0	7.0	6.9	18.5
B-	Vitamin B6	1	20.0	34.0	10.0	9.9	26.4
(B)Eryth-	Vitamin E (Tocopherol)	1	7.6	21.0	3.8	5.6	11.9
(B)Eryth-	Vitamin K (Phylloquinone)	1	38.0	44.0	19.0	14.5	45.9
S-	VLDL Cholesterol	2	27.6	---	13.8	---	---
P-	Von Willebrand factor	3	2.5	27.3	1.3	6.9	8.9
S-	Water	1	3.1	0.1	1.6	0.8	3.3
S-	Zeaxanthine	1	34.7	---	17.4	---	---
S-	Zinc	1	9.3	9.4	4.7	3.3	11.0
P-	Zinc	3	11.0	14.0	5.5	4.5	13.5