



# The Great Plains Laboratory, Inc.

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Requisition #: 431860

Physician: TRACI GILES

Patient Name: Derrek Hooyman

Date of Collection: 3/23/2016

Patient Age: 21

Time of Collection: 08:40 AM

Patient Sex: M

Print Date: 03/31/2016



## Organic Acids Test - Nutritional and Metabolic Profile

Metabolic Markers in Urine      Reference Range (mmol/mol creatinine)      Patient Value      Reference Population - Males Age 13 and Over

### Intestinal Microbial Overgrowth

#### Yeast and Fungal Markers

Marker	Reference Range	Patient Value	Visual Representation
1 Citramalic	0.11 - 2.0	0.69	0.69
2 5-Hydroxymethyl-2-furoic	≤ 18	0.72	0.72
3 3-Oxoglutaric	≤ 0.11	0.05	0.05
4 Furan-2,5-dicarboxylic	≤ 13	1.2	1.2
5 Furancarboxylglycine	≤ 2.3	0.07	0.07
6 Tartaric	≤ 5.3	0.28	0.28
7 Arabinose	≤ 20	11	11
8 Carboxycitric	≤ 20	3.4	3.4
9 Tricarballic	≤ 0.58	0.13	0.13

#### Bacterial Markers

Marker	Reference Range	Patient Value	Visual Representation
10 Hippuric	≤ 241	741 <b>H</b>	741
11 2-Hydroxyphenylacetic	0.03 - 0.47	0.43	0.43
12 4-Hydroxybenzoic	0.01 - 0.73	0.37	0.37
13 4-Hydroxyhippuric	≤ 14	14	14
14 DHPPA (Beneficial Bacteria)	≤ 0.23	4.0 <b>H</b>	4.0

#### Clostridia Bacterial Markers

Marker	Reference Range	Patient Value	Visual Representation
15 4-Hydroxyphenylacetic ( <i>C. difficile</i> , <i>C. stricklandii</i> , <i>C. lituseburense</i> & others)	≤ 18	4.2	4.2
16 HPPHA ( <i>C. sporogenes</i> , <i>C. caloritolerans</i> , <i>C. botulinum</i> & others)	≤ 102	90	90
17 4-Cresol ( <i>C. difficile</i> )	≤ 39	14	14
18 3-Indoleacetic ( <i>C. stricklandii</i> , <i>C. lituseburense</i> , <i>C. subterminale</i> & others)	≤ 6.8	1.4	1.4

Testing performed by The Great Plains Laboratory, Inc., Lenexa, Kansas. The Great Plains Laboratory has developed and determined the performance characteristics of this test. This test has not been evaluated by the U.S. FDA; the FDA does not currently regulate such testing.

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## Oxalate Metabolites

19	Glyceric	0.21 - 4.9	2.0	
20	Glycolic	18 - 81	32	
21	Oxalic	8.9 - 67	57	

## Glycolytic Cycle Metabolites

22	Lactic	0.74 - 19	9.3	
23	Pyruvic	0.28 - 6.7	2.9	

## Mitochondrial Markers - Krebs Cycle Metabolites

24	Succinic	≤ 5.3	1.7	
25	Fumaric	≤ 0.49	0.08	
26	Malic	≤ 1.1	0.22	
27	2-Oxoglutaric	≤ 18	6.8	
28	Aconitic	4.1 - 23	9.0	
29	Citric	2.2 - 260	54	

## Mitochondrial Markers - Amino Acid Metabolites

30	3-Methylglutaric	0.02 - 0.38	0.28	
31	3-Hydroxyglutaric	≤ 4.6	3.0	
32	3-Methylglutaconic	0.38 - 2.0	0.82	

## Neurotransmitter Metabolites

### Phenylalanine and Tyrosine Metabolites

33	Homovanillic (HVA) <i>(dopamine)</i>	0.39 - 2.2	<b>H</b> 31	
34	Vanillylmandelic (VMA) <i>(norepinephrine, epinephrine)</i>	0.53 - 2.2	0.97	
35	HVA / VMA Ratio	0.32 - 1.4	<b>H</b> 32	

### Tryptophan Metabolites

36	5-Hydroxyindoleacetic (5-HIAA) <i>(serotonin)</i>	≤ 2.9	0.52	
37	Quinolinic	0.52 - 2.4	1.1	
38	Kynurenic	0.12 - 1.8	0.47	
39	Quinolinic / 5-HIAA Ratio	≤ 2.5	2.1	

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## Pyrimidine Metabolites - Folate Metabolism

40	Uracil	≤ 6.9	H	9.2	
41	Thymine	≤ 0.36	H	0.86	

## Ketone and Fatty Acid Oxidation

42	3-Hydroxybutyric	≤ 1.9		0.62	
43	Acetoacetic	≤ 10		0.00	
44	4-Hydroxybutyric	≤ 4.3		1.7	
45	Ethylmalonic	0.13 - 2.7		2.0	
46	Methylsuccinic	≤ 2.3		1.1	
47	Adipic	≤ 2.9		1.1	
48	Suberic	≤ 1.9		0.40	
49	Sebacic	≤ 0.14		0.04	

## Nutritional Markers

### Vitamin B12

50	Methylmalonic *	≤ 2.3		0.72	
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### Vitamin B6

51	Pyridoxic (B6)	≤ 26		1.8	
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### Vitamin B5

52	Pantothenic (B5)	≤ 5.4		1.9	
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### Vitamin B2 (Riboflavin)

53	Glutaric *	≤ 0.43		0.23	
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### Vitamin C

54	Ascorbic	10 - 200		81	
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### Vitamin Q10 (CoQ10)

55	3-Hydroxy-3-methylglutaric *	≤ 26		6.8	
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### Glutathione Precursor and Chelating Agent

56	N-Acetylcysteine (NAC)	≤ 0.13		0	
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### Biotin (Vitamin H)

57	Methylcitric *	0.15 - 1.7		0.40	
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\* A high value for this marker may indicate a deficiency of this vitamin.

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## Indicators of Detoxification

### Glutathione

58	Pyroglutamic *	5.7 - 25	18	
59	2-Hydroxybutyric *	≤ 1.2	1.0	
<b>Ammonia Excess</b>				
60	Orotic	≤ 0.46	0.21	
<b>Aspartame, salicylates, or GI bacteria</b>				
61	2-Hydroxyhippuric	≤ 0.86	0.85	

\* A high value for this marker may indicate a Glutathione deficiency.

## Amino Acid Metabolites

62	2-Hydroxyisovaleric	≤ 0.41	0	
63	2-Oxoisovaleric	≤ 1.5	0.19	
64	3-Methyl-2-oxovaleric	≤ 0.56	0.20	
65	2-Hydroxyisocaproic	≤ 0.39	0.01	
66	2-Oxoisocaproic	≤ 0.34	0.07	
67	2-Oxo-4-methylbutyric	≤ 0.14	0.04	
68	Mandelic	≤ 0.09	0	
69	Phenyllactic	≤ 0.10	0.02	
70	Phenylpyruvic	0.02 - 1.4	0.28	
71	Homogentisic	≤ 0.23	0.03	
72	4-Hydroxyphenyllactic	≤ 0.62	0.27	
73	N-Acetylaspartic	≤ 2.5	1.7	
74	Malonic	≤ 9.9	1.5	

## Mineral Metabolism

75	Phosphoric	1 000 - 4 900	1 104	
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## Indicator of Fluid Intake

76 \*Creatinine 47 mg/dL

\*The creatinine test is performed to adjust metabolic marker results for differences in fluid intake. Urinary creatinine has limited diagnostic value due to variability as a result of recent fluid intake. Samples are rejected if creatinine is below 20 mg/dL unless the client requests results knowing of our rejection criteria.

### Explanation of Report Format

The reference ranges for organic acids were established using samples collected from typical individuals of all ages with no known physiological or psychological disorders. The ranges were determined by calculating the mean and standard deviation (SD) and are defined as  $\pm 2SD$  of the mean. Reference ranges are age and gender specific, consisting of Male Adult ( $\geq 13$  years), Female Adult ( $\geq 13$  years), Male Child ( $< 13$  years), and Female Child ( $< 13$  years).

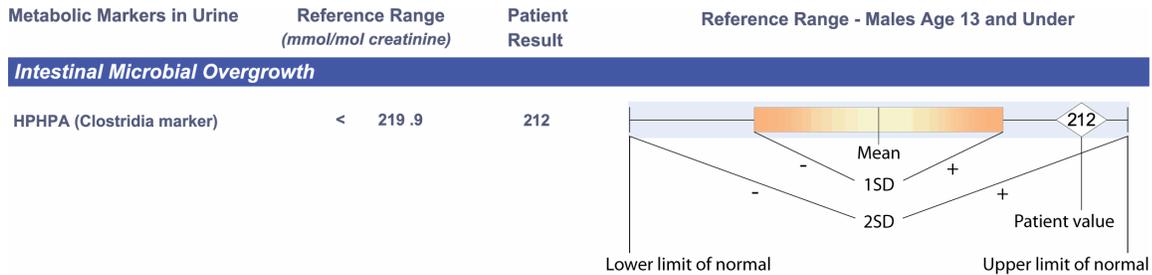
There are two types of graphical representations of patient values found in the new report format of both the standard Organic Acids Test and the Microbial Organic Acids Test.

The first graph will occur when the value of the patient is within the reference (normal) range, defined as the mean plus or minus two standard deviations.

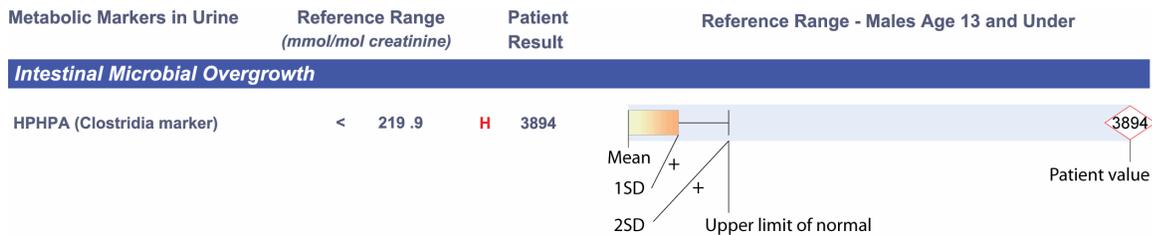
The second graph will occur when the value of the patient exceeds the upper limit of normal. In such cases, the graphical reference range is "shrunk" so that the degree of abnormality can be appreciated at a glance. In this case, the lower limits of normal are not shown, only the upper limit of normal is shown.

In both cases, the value of the patient is given to the left of the graph and is repeated on the graph inside a diamond. If the value is within the normal range, the diamond will be outlined in black. If the value is high or low, the diamond will be outlined in red.

### Example of Value Within Reference Range



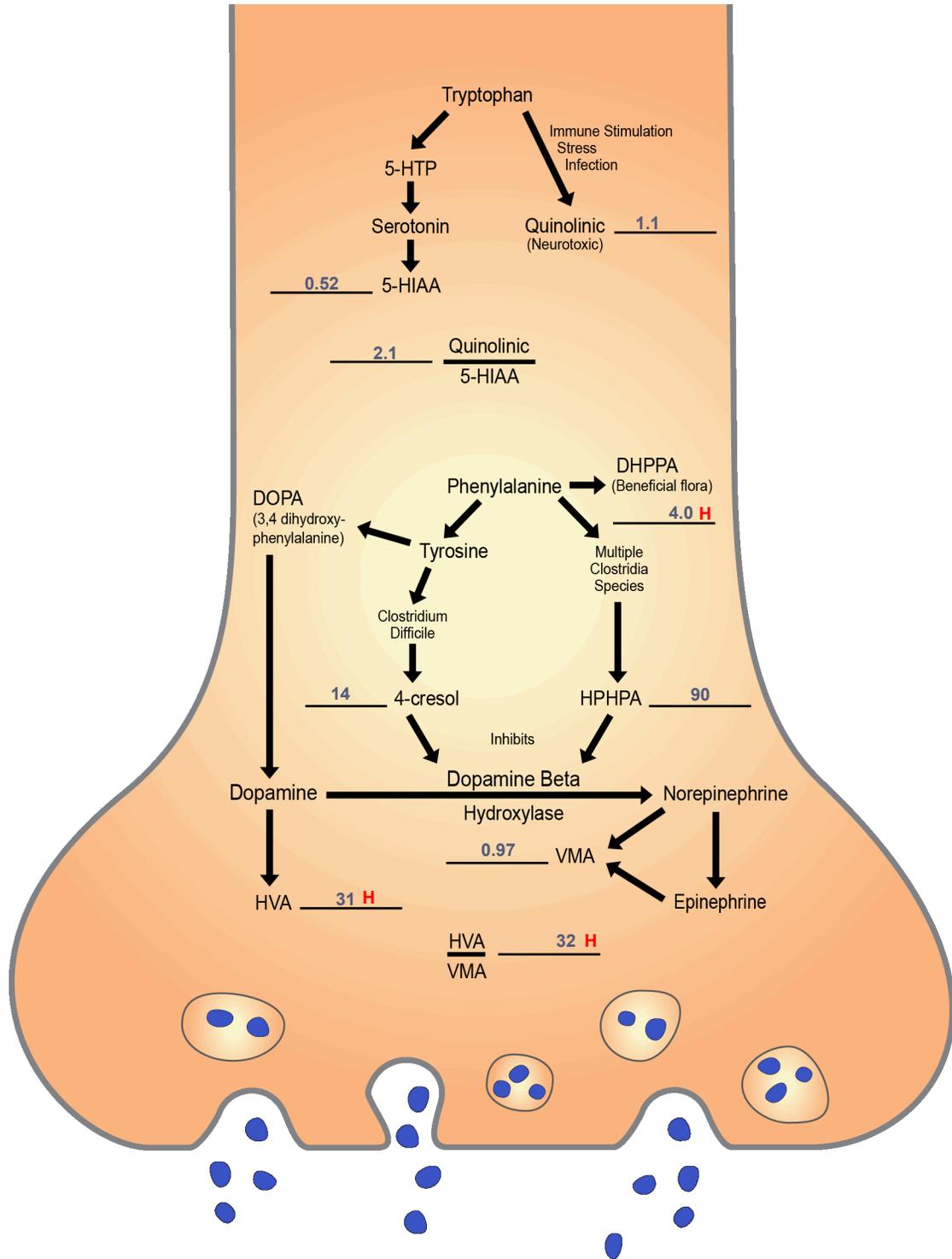
### Example of Elevated Value



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## Neurotransmitter Metabolism Markers



The diagram contains the patient's test results for neurotransmitter metabolites and shows their relationship with key biochemical pathways within the axon terminal of nerve cells. The effect of microbial byproducts on the blockage of the conversion of dopamine to norepinephrine is also indicated.

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## Interpretation

**High hippuric acid (Marker 10)** may derive from food, GI bacterial activity, or exposure to the solvent toluene. Hippuric acid is a conjugate of glycine and benzoic acid formed in the liver. Most hippuric acid in urine is derived from microbial breakdown of chlorogenic acid to benzoic acid. Chlorogenic acid is a common substance in beverages and in many fruits and vegetables, including apples, pears, tea, coffee, sunflower seeds, carrots, blueberries, cherries, potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, sweet potatoes, and peaches. Benzoic acid is present in high amounts in cranberry juice and is a food preservative. The workplace is the most common source of toluene exposure, but toluene may be absorbed from outgassing of new carpets and other building materials, or absorbed during recreational abuse of solvents such as glue-sniffing. Because most hippuric acid in urine is from GI sources, this marker is a poor indicator of toluene exposure and is being replaced by other markers in occupational safety testing. Bacterial overgrowth can be treated with natural anti-bacterial agents and/or probiotics (30-50 billion cfu's) that include *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*.

**High DHPPA (3,4 dihydroxyphenylpropionic acid) (Marker 14)** indicates excessive intake of chlorogenic acid, a common substance found in beverages and in many fruits and vegetables, including apples, pears, tea, coffee, sunflower seeds, carrots, blueberries, cherries, potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, sweet potatoes, and peaches. Harmless or beneficial bacteria such as *Lactobacilli*, *Bifidobacteria*, and *E. coli* mediate the breakdown of chlorogenic acid to 3,4-dihydroxyphenylpropionic acid (DHPPA), and high values may indicate increased amounts of these species in the GI tract. In addition, one *Clostridia* species, *C. orbiscindens*, can convert the flavanoids luteolin and eriodictyol, occurring only in a relatively small food group that includes parsley, thyme, celery, and sweet red pepper to 3,4-dihydroxyphenylpropionic acid. The quantity of *Clostridia orbiscindens* in the GI tract is negligible (approximately 0.1% of the total bacteria) compared to the predominant flora of *Lactobacilli*, *Bifidobacteria*, and *E. coli*. Consequently, this marker is essentially useless as a general *Clostridia* marker but may be a good indicator of the presence of beneficial flora.

**High HVA (Marker 33)** may result from toxic metal exposure (including lead, aluminum, manganese, and mercury), presumably due to increased release of dopamine from neurons. Heavy metal testing (blood or hair) might be useful to determine if such exposure is significant. Homovanillic acid (HVA), a dopamine metabolite, is often elevated due to stress-induced catecholamine output from the adrenal gland which depletes vitamin C. Supplementation with vitamin C (ascorbate) may be helpful in such cases.

Elevated HVA may also result from the intake of L-DOPA, dopamine, phenylalanine, or tyrosine. If values are more than double the upper limit of normal, the possibility of catecholamine-secreting tumors can be ruled out by 24-hour VMA and/or HVA testing in urine. Even in this subgroup, the incidence of tumors is extremely rare. High HVA may be associated with *Clostridia* or toxoplasmosis infection. If HVA is elevated and VMA is normal, avoid supplementation with phenylalanine or tyrosine until *Clostridia* or toxoplasmosis is treated.

**VMA levels below the mean (Marker 34)** may indicate lower production of the neurotransmitter norepinephrine or the hormone adrenaline, perhaps due to low dietary intake of the amino acid precursors phenylalanine or tyrosine. Vanilmandelic acid (VMA) is a metabolite of norepinephrine or adrenaline. Low VMA may also result from blocked conversion of dopamine to norepinephrine by *Clostridia* metabolites. Supplementation with phenylalanine or tyrosine may be beneficial. Enzyme cofactors magnesium, B6 (pyridoxine) or bipterin may also be deficient and respond to supplementation.

**High HVA/VMA ratio (Marker 35)** The most common reason for an elevation of the HVA/VMA ratio is the decreased conversion of dopamine to norepinephrine and epinephrine. The enzyme responsible for this conversion, dopamine beta-hydroxylase, is copper and vitamin C dependent, so an elevated ratio could be due to deficiencies of these cofactors. Another common factor is inhibition of this enzyme by *Clostridia* byproducts. A high HPPA, 4-Cresol, or other elevations of metabolites would be consistent with the latter explanation.

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**5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid (5-HIAA) levels below the mean (Marker 36)** may indicate lower production of the neurotransmitter serotonin. 5-hydroxy-indoleacetic acid is a metabolite of serotonin. Low values have been correlated with symptoms of depression. Supplementation with the precursor 5-HTP (5-hydroxytryptophan) at 50-300 mg/day may be beneficial. Supplementation with tryptophan itself may form the neurotoxic metabolite quinolinic acid, however, 5-HTP is not metabolized to quinolinic acid. Excessive tryptophan supplementation has been associated with eosinophilia myalgia syndrome.

**High uracil with normal/elevated thymine (Markers 40, 41)** is an abnormality that is found in about 10% of children with autism. Because folic acid is involved as a methyl donor in the conversion of uracil to thymine, this elevation may indicate a deficiency of folic acid or a defect in folic acid metabolism. Regardless of cause, supplementation with folic acid, folinic acid or methyl folate may be beneficial.

**Pyridoxic acid (B6) levels below the mean (Marker 51)** may be associated with less than optimum health conditions (low intake, malabsorption, or dysbiosis). Supplementation with B6 (20 - 50 mg/day) or a multivitamin may be beneficial.

**Pantothenic acid (B5) levels below the mean (Marker 52)** may be associated with less than optimum health conditions. Supplementation with B5 (250 mg/day) or a multivitamin may be beneficial.

**Ascorbic acid (vitamin C) levels below the mean (Marker 54)** may indicate a less than optimum level of the antioxidant vitamin C. Suggested supplementation is 1000 mg/day of buffered vitamin C, divided into 2-3 doses.

**Low values for amino acid metabolites (Markers 62-74)** indicate the absence of genetic disorders of amino acid metabolism. These markers are deamination (ammonia removed) byproducts that are very elevated only when a key enzyme has low activity; slight elevations may indicate a genetic variation or heterozygous condition which may be mitigated with diet or supplementation. Low values are not associated with inadequate protein intake and have not been proven to indicate specific amino acid deficiencies.

High quality nutritional supplements can be purchased through your practitioner or at New Beginnings Nutritionals, [www.NBNUS.com](http://www.NBNUS.com) <<http://www.NBNUS.com>>, or call 877-575-2467.

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