



# Lipoprotein electrophoresis

The following tests are available:

# Total cholesterol

## General:

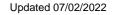
Cholesterol is an essential component of cell membranes and lipoproteins as well as a precursor for the synthesis of steroid hormones and bile acids. Cholesterol occurs in plasma - due to its low water solubility - exclusively as a complex with apolipoproteins. LDL bound cholesterol is transported to the peripheral tissues. Elimination of the excessive cholesterol to the liver occurs through HDL. Nutritionally supplied cholesterol is absorbed to only 40%. Endogenous cholesterol synthesis is normally prevented by high concentrations of LDL cholesterol in plasma and increased alimentary cholesterol supply. However oral supply of long-chain polysaturated fatty acids (triglycerides) or increased energy supply in general can lead to an increase of LDL cholesterol in plasma resulting in hypercholesterinemia and, as a consequence, to an elevated cardiovascular risk. Cholesterol elimination of LDL in plasma due to reduced transport of LDL cholesterol into the cell. Secondary hypercholesterolemia appears in cases of hypothyroidism or kidney disorders as well as in pancreas or liver disorders.

- Indication: Elevated serum cholesterol levels are considered a major risk factor of coronary heart disease.
  - Material: 1 ml serum
  - Stability: 7 days at 2 to 8°C
    - TAT: same day, FML
    - Units: mg/dl
  - Method: photometric
- Ref.- range: see report
  - Note: in case of values exceeding 200, HDL cholesterol and triglyceride determination is additionally recommended for the estimation of the LDL concentration (according to Friedewald).

Friedewald formula: LDL [mg/dl] = (Cholesterol total) - (HDL Cholesterol) - (Triglycerides/5)

(can be applied only in clear serum samples without chylomicrons and with triglyceride contents < 400 )

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# HDL cholesterol

General:

While LDL transports cholesterol to peripheral tissues, the HDL fractions are necessary for the return transport of excessive cholesterol to the liver. About 25% of the total serum cholesterol is transported in the High-Density Lipoprotein (HDL) class. HDL cholesterol is affected by several factors, e.g. smoking, sports, hormones, gender and age. In contrast to LDL, HDL is a protective factor in the development of coronary heart disease.

- Indication: hypercholesterolemia, risk estimation of atherosclerosis (e.g. heart attack), hypertriglyceridemia.
- Preanalytics: 12 hours fasting
  - Material: 1 ml serum
  - Stability: 7 days at 2 to 8°C
    - TAT: same day, FML
    - Units: mg/dl
  - Method: photometric
- Ref.- range: see report

## LDL-cholesterol

- Indication: Hypercholesterolemia, risk evaluation of atherosclerosis (e.g. heart attack), xanthoma
- Preanalytics: after 12 hours fasting
  - Material: 1 ml serum
  - Stability: 7 days at 2 to 8°C
    - TAT: same day, FML
  - Method: photometric
  - Ref.- range: see report

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#### • Extended lipid profile

General:

The examination provides detailed results of the different subfractions of LDL. Small, dense LDL are the most atherogenic and are often found in conjunction with high triglyceride levels (e.g. in metabolic syndrome, type 2 Diabetes mellitus) and often low HDL-levels. This easy-to-interpret patient lipoprotein profile shows lipoprotein distribution cholesterol level in each fraction and subfraction (from VLDL to HDL, 14 parameters) in comparison to cholesterol distribution for a normal lipoprotein profile. The highly atherogenic small dense LDL and IDL, the less atherogenic LDL and VLDL and the protective HDL are identified.\*

\*Oxidized LDL is not included but can be requested separately.

- Indication: evaluation of arteriosclerosis risk, screening and monitoring tool for lipid disorders associated with coronary artery disease
- Preanalytics: EDTA plasma possible, 12 hours fasting, keep cool not frozen for max. 7 days
  - Material: 1 ml serum
    - TAT: same day, FML
    - Method: electrophoresis

## • Lipoprotein electrophoresis

General:

The examination includes VLDL, LDL, and HDL cholesterol as well as the calculation of the ratio: LDL/HDL.

Indication: Phenotyping of primary dyslipoproteinemias (familial hyperlipoproteinemia according to the classification of Fredrickson), fat metabolism disturbances, evaluation of arteriosclerosis risk

Preanalytics: no plasma, 12 hours fasting

Material: 1 ml serum

- TAT: 5-7 days\*
- Ref.- range: see report

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Types according to Fredrickson:

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Synonym	fat induced hyper- triglycerid- emia	Hyper- cholesterol- emia	mixed hyper- lipidemia	Broad beta disease	endogenou s hyper- triglycerid- emia	endogenou s exogenous hypertrigly- ceridemia
fasting serum	turbid & clear	clear	slightly turbid	clear- turbid	turbid	turbid
cholesterol [mg/dl]	normal	increased	increased	increased	normal	increased
	200-500	500-800	500-800	350-800	200-350	350-600
triglycerides [mg/dl]	increased	normal	increased	increased	increased	increased
	3000-5000	150-250	250-500	350-800	400-1000	1500-5000
chylomicrones [%]	62-82	0-2	0-2	1-5	0-2	12-22
β-lipoproteins [%]	5-13	57-77	50-66	75	28-50	26-38
pre-β lipo- proteins [%]	7-19	5-15	21-31	95	38-58	39-51
α + pre-β lipoproteins [%]	3-9	14-30	9-21	7-17	8-18	3-9
occurrence	rare	approx. 10%	approx. 15%	<5%	approx. 70%	<5%
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