



FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE FAST TRACK

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Pattern Recognition

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- Organic acid testing (OAT) has become very popular amongst functional medicine practitioners
- This urine-based test provides a wealth of information about the functioning of various bodily systems and can be used to identify possible nutrient deficiencies, gut dysbiosis, and more.

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What Is an Organic Acid?

In humans, organic acids are byproducts or intermediates of chemical reactions that occur within the body (1).

The quantity (and sometimes the type) of organic acids produced are unique to each individual and can be influenced by a variety of factors.

Some factors that can influence organic acid production within the body include (2, 3):

- Diet
- Environmental toxins
- Gut microbes
- Genetics
- Kidney and liver function
- Medications
- Nutrient status
- Oxidative stress

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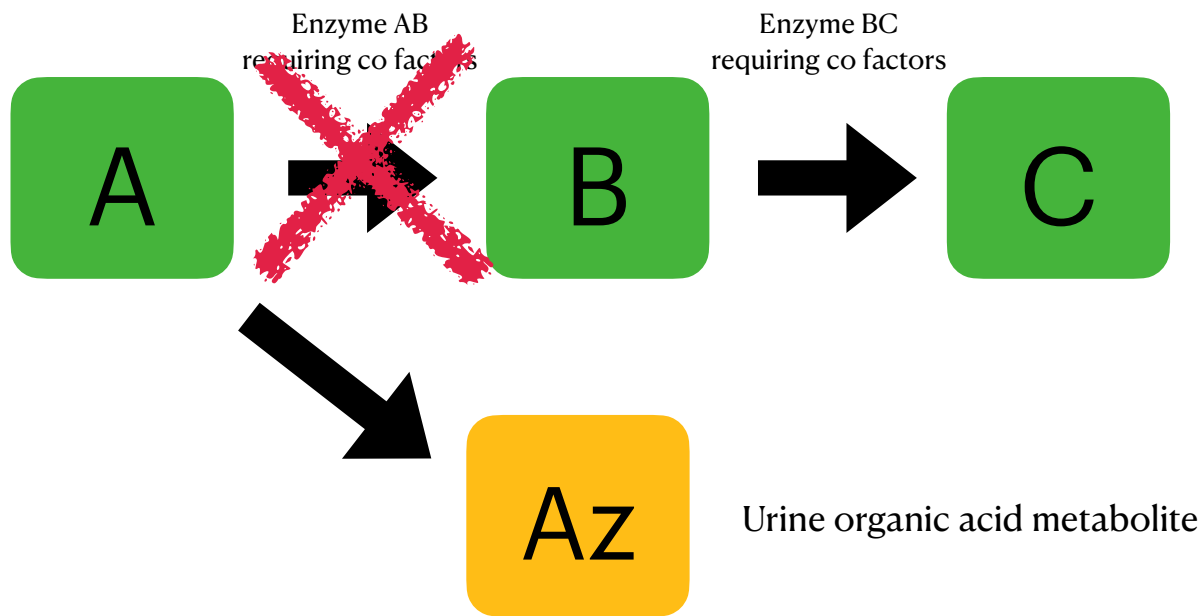
What Is an Organic Acid?

In order for the body to run effectively, it needs proper amounts of vitamins and minerals to act as cofactors for enzymatic reactions.

Without enough of these nutritional cofactors (or if someone has genetic mutations that affect how well their enzymes work), these chemical pathways are unable to proceed at their normal pace.

As a result, organic acids begin to build up and are excreted in the urine:

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Reasons for Abnormal OAT Results

When the body isn't functioning optimally, organic acids in the urine can become elevated or depleted, depending on what is occurring.

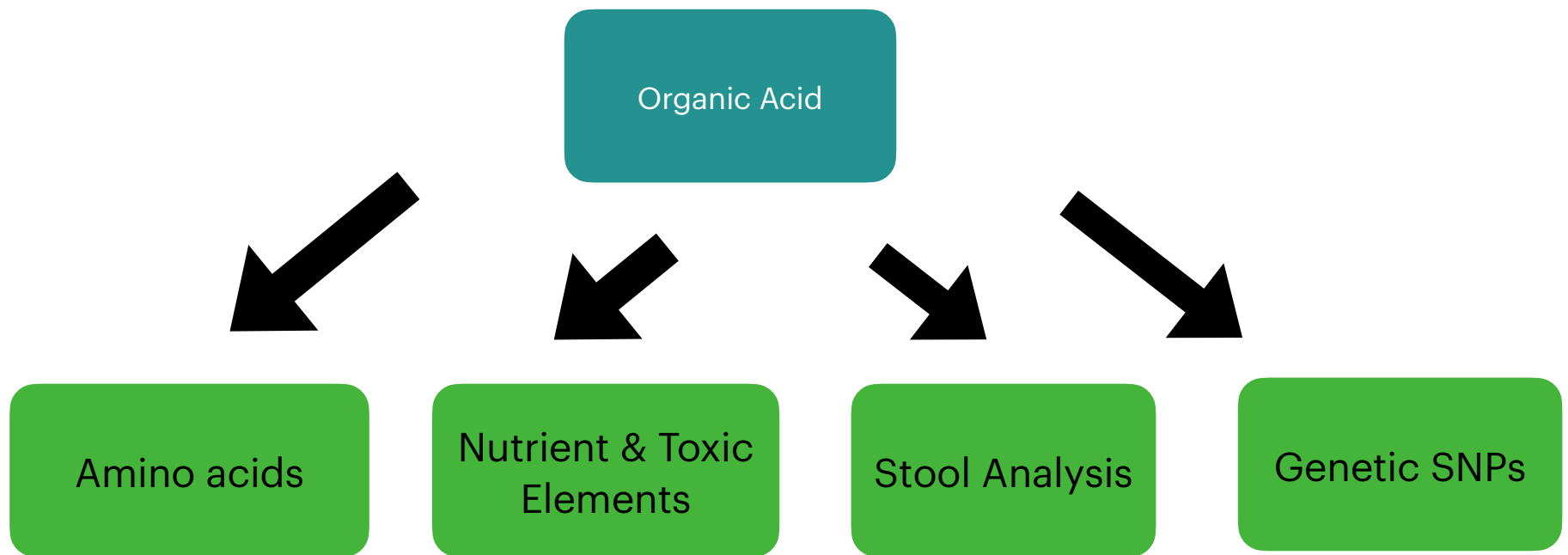
The main reasons for abnormal urinary organic acid results include:

1. Inborn errors of metabolism
2. B-vitamin deficiencies
3. Gut dysbiosis
4. Impaired fatty acid metabolism
5. Ketosis or poor carbohydrate metabolism
6. Neurotransmitter metabolism
7. Mitochondrial dysfunction
8. Oxidative stress
9. Poor detoxification
10. Inflammation

5 Examples of Pattern Recognitions In Organix Comprehensive

1. Low patterns
2. High patterns
3. Glutathione Status patterns
4. Kynunerine Patterns
5. Lipogenesis patterns

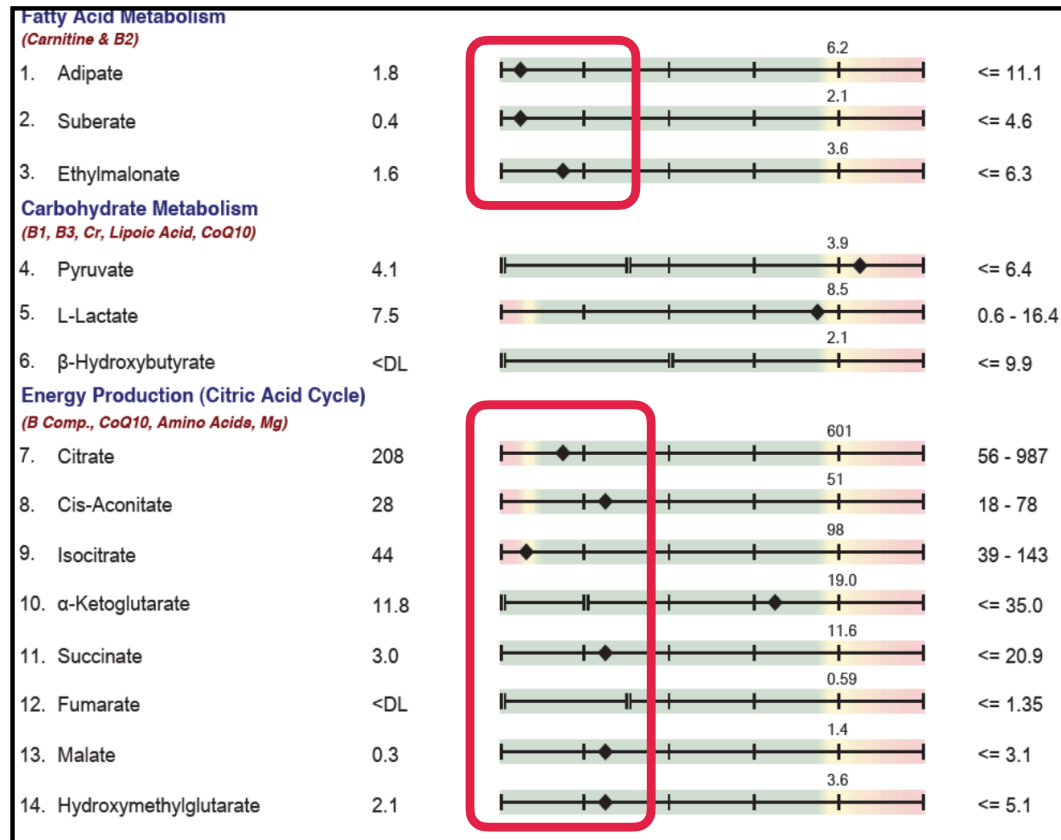
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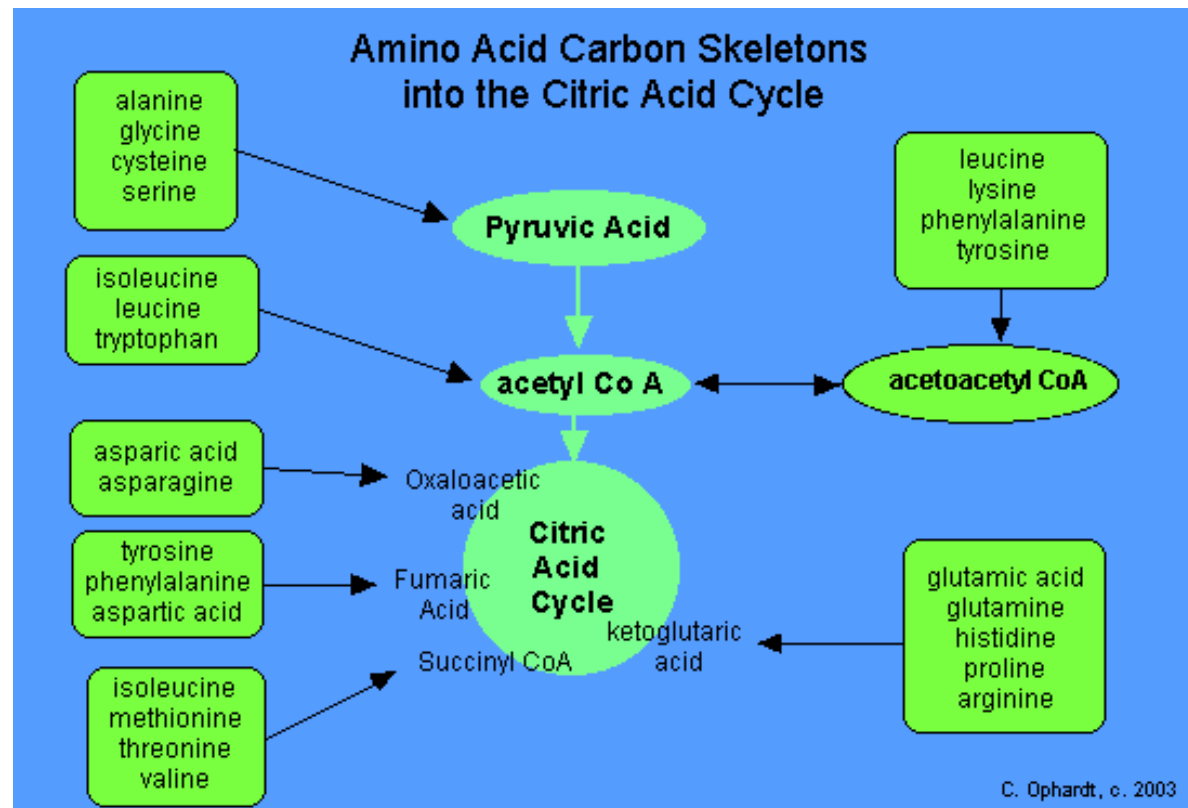
Pattern #1: Dominant LOW Markers

Patient A:

24 yo Female
Weight gain
Chronic Fatigue
Brain Fog
IBS
Acne



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Origins of low adipate, suberate or ethylmalonate

Low ethylmalonate is not directly associated like adipate and suberate with mitochondrial retracted states, but rather with pathways of amino acid catabolism. However, it is quite common to find ethylmalonate low along with low adipate and suberate. The linking factor is cellular free amino acid concentrations that are directly correlated with both amino acid catabolic flux and mitochondriogenesis via mTOR activation.

Excerpt From: Richard S. Lord. "Paths to Health:

Organic Acids." Arrowhead Bioscience, 2018. Apple Books. <https://books.apple.com/us/book/paths-to-health-organic-acids/id143949298>

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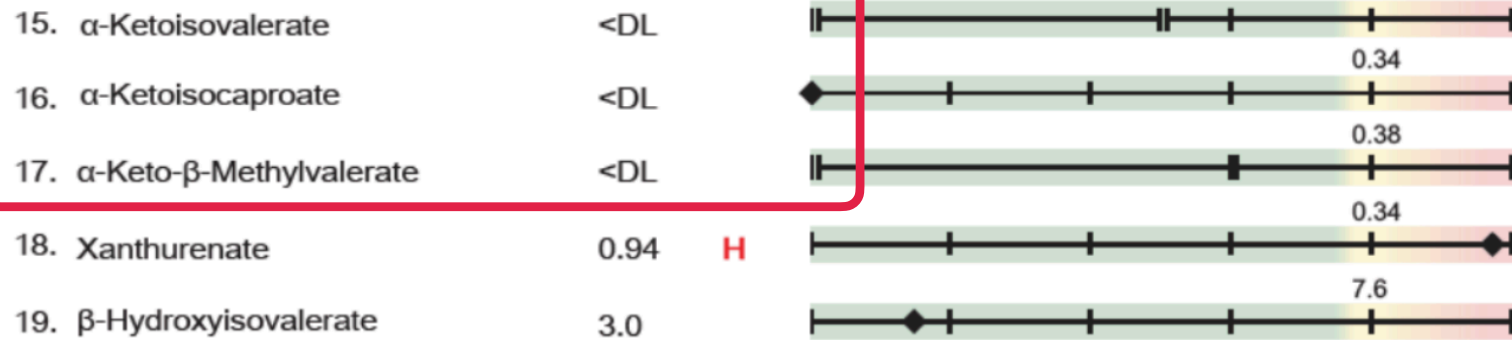
Low Amino Acid Patterns in Organic Acids

Patient A:

24 yo Female
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Chronic Fatigue
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Acne

B-Complex Vitamin Markers

(B1, B2, B3, B5, B6, Biotin)



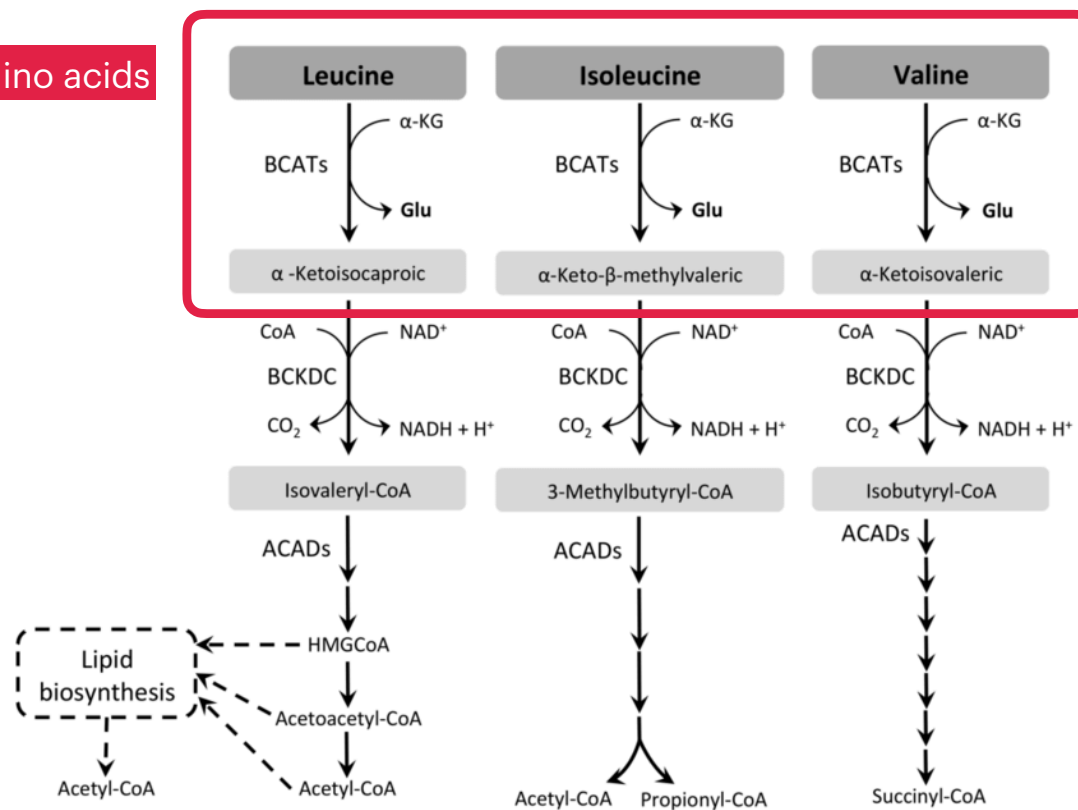
Methylation Cofactor Markers

(B12, Folate)



Branched Chain Amino Acid Metabolism

Low levels of amino acids



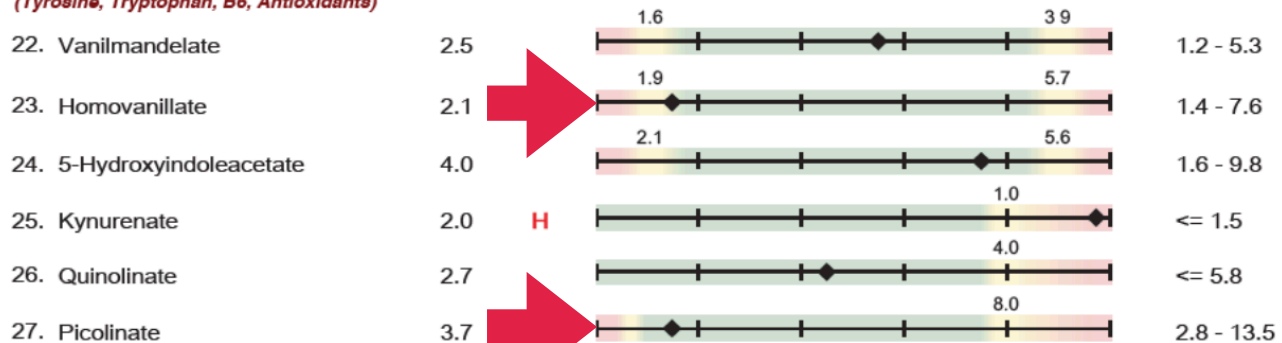
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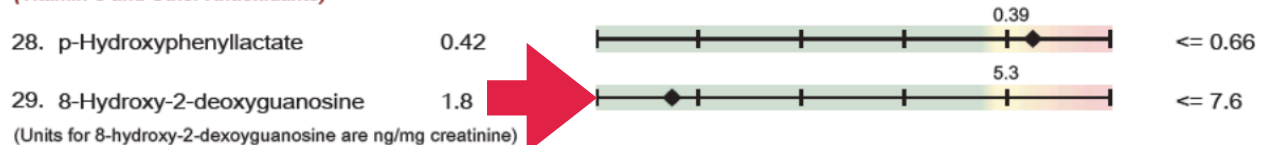
Neurotransmitter Metabolism Markers

(Tyrosine, Tryptophan, B6, Antioxidants)



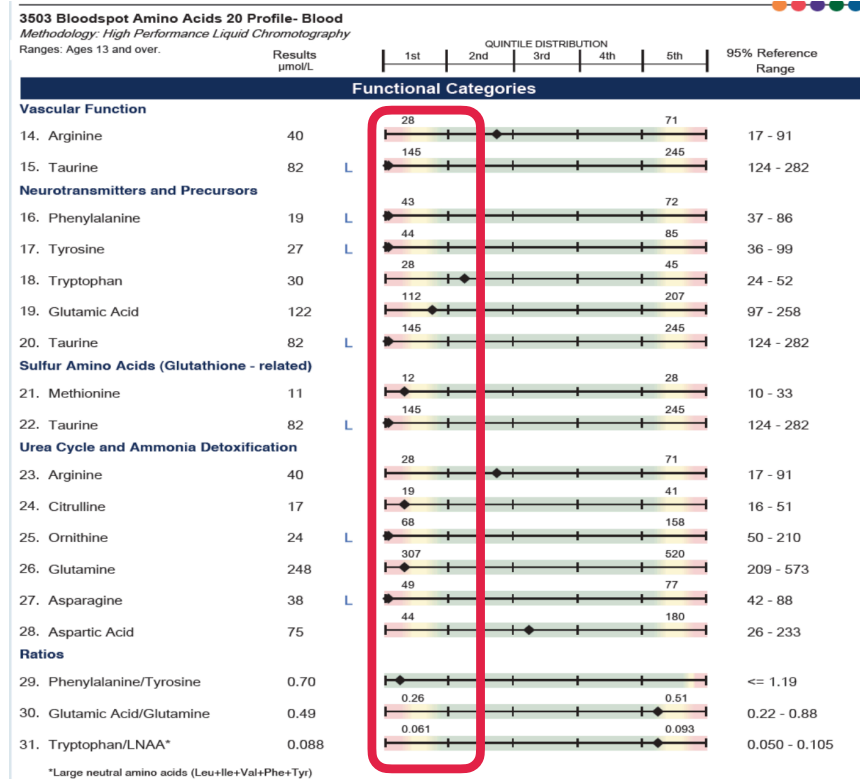
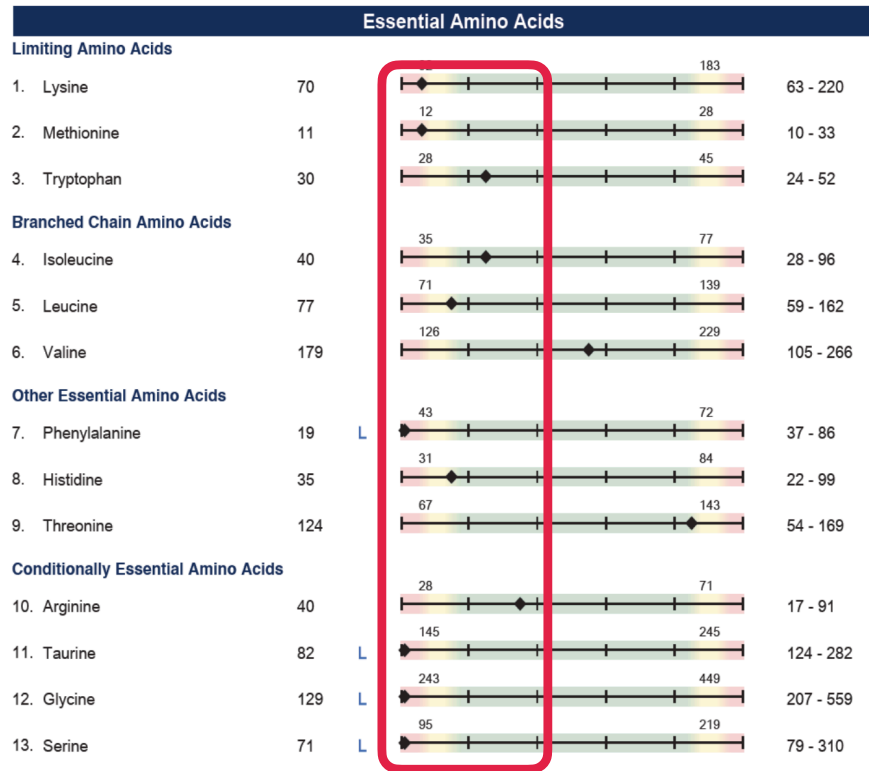
Oxidative Damage and Antioxidant Markers

(Vitamin C and Other Antioxidants)



(Units for 8-hydroxy-2-deoxyguanosine are ng/mg creatinine)

Connecting Organic Acid to Amino Acid



Connecting Organic Acid connection to CSAP

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Comprehensive Stool Analysis / Parasitology x2

BACTERIOLOGY CULTURE		
Expected/Beneficial flora	Commensal (Imbalanced) flora	Dysbiotic flora
4+ <i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> group	1+ <i>Citrobacter freundii</i> complex	
3+ <i>Bifidobacterium</i> spp.	1+ <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	
2+ <i>Escherichia coli</i>	1+ <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	
NG <i>Lactobacillus</i> spp.	3+ <i>Streptococcus anginosus</i>	
3+ <i>Enterococcus</i> spp.	2+ <i>Streptococcus salivarius</i>	
3+ <i>Clostridium</i> spp.		
NG = No Growth		

BACTERIA INFORMATION

Expected / Beneficial bacteria make up a significant portion of the total microflora in a healthy & balanced GI tract. They have many health-protecting effects in the GI tract including manufacturing vitamins, fermenting fibers, digesting proteins and propagating anti-tumor and anti-inflammatory factors.

Clostridia are prevalent flora in a healthy intestine. *Clostridium* spp. should be considered in the context of expected/beneficial flora. Absence of clostridia or over abundance relative to other expected/beneficial flora indicates bacterial dysbiosis. If a difficult associated disease is suspected, a Comprehensive *Clostridium* culture or toxigenic *C. difficile* DNA test is recommended.

Commensal (Imbalanced) bacteria are usually neither pathogenic nor beneficial to the host GI tract. Imbalances can result in insufficient levels of beneficial bacteria and increased levels of commensal bacteria. Certain commensal bacteria are not higher levels.

Dysbiotic bacteria consist of known pathogenic bacteria and those that have the potential to cause disease in the GI tract due to a number of factors including: consumption of contaminated water or food, exposure to chemicals that are toxic to the gut, use of antibiotics, oral contraceptives or other medications; poor fiber intake and high stress levels.

YEAST CULTURE

Normal flora	Dysbiotic flora
No yeast isolated	

MICROSCOPIC YEAST

RESULT	EXPECTED
Moderate	None – Rare
Yeast in stool is expected at a level of none-rare.	

YEAST INFORMATION

Yeast may normally be present in small quantities in the skin, mouth and gut. When investigating the presence of yeast, disparity may exist between culture and microscopic examination. Yeast are not uniformly dispersed throughout the stool. Undetectable or low levels of yeast identified by microscopy, despite the presence of yeast species. Conversely, microscopic examination may reveal a

Connecting Organic Acid to CSAP

Comprehensive Stool Analysis / Parasitology x2

DIGESTION / ABSORPTION			
	WITHIN	OUTSIDE	REFERENCE INTERVAL
Elastase	313		> 200 µg/mL
Fat Stain	None		None – Few
Muscle fibers	Rare		None – Rare
Vegetable fibers	Few		None – Few
Carbohydrates [†]	Negative		Negative

INFLAMMATION			
	WITHIN	OUTSIDE	REFERENCE INTERVAL
Lactoferrin	1.1		< 7.3 µg/mL
Calprotectin	<5		≤ 50 µg/g
Lysozyme*	196		≤ 500 ng/mL
White Blood Cells	None		None – Rare
Mucus	Negative		Negative

IMMUNOLOGY			
	WITHIN	OUTSIDE	REFERENCE INTERVAL
Secretory IgA*		9.9	30 – 275 mg/dL

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Clinical Application

1. Essential Amino Acids
2. Improve maldigestion and malabsorption
3. Use betaine HCL testing for optimal stomach acidity
4. Add digestive enzymes to aid low pancreatic function

Pattern #2: Dominant High Markers

Patient B:

57 yo Male
Depression
Anxiety
Brain Fog
Memory issues

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Medical Symptom Questionnaire

Name: [REDACTED] Date: 3-15-21

Each of the following symptoms based upon your typical health profile for: ☐ Past 30 days ☒ Past 48 hours

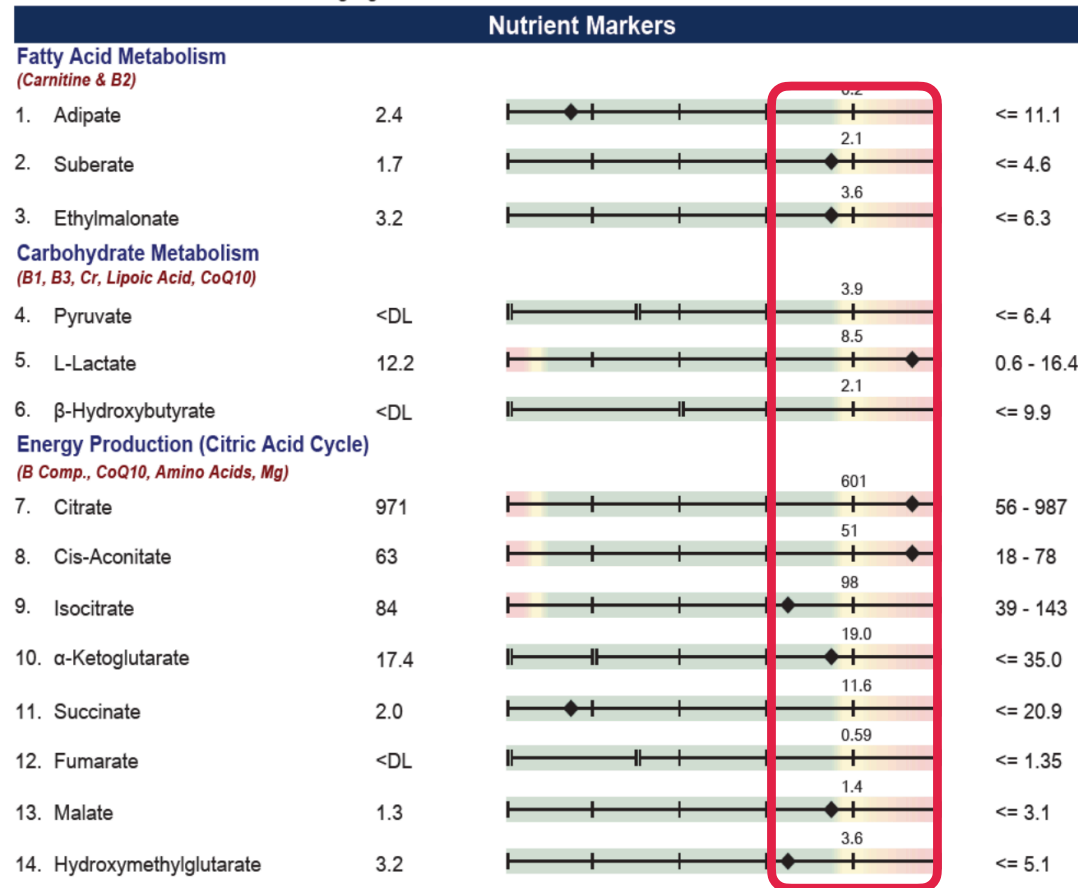
Point Scale: 0 — Never or almost never have the symptoms
1 — Occasionally have it, effect is not severe
2 — Occasionally have it, effect is severe
3 — Frequently have it, effect is not severe
4 — Frequently have it, effect is severe

Head 3 Headaches 1 Faintness 2 Dizziness 1 Insomnia Total 7	Digestive 3 Nausea, vomiting 1 Diarrhea 1 Constipation 1 Bloating, passing gas 1 Belching, passing gas 1 Heartburn 2 Intestinal/stomach pain Total 10
Eyes 1 Watery or itchy eyes 1 Swollen, redness or sticky eyelids 0 Bags or dark circles under eyes 1 Blurred or tunnel vision (does not include near- or farsightedness) Total 3	Joints/Muscles 1 Pain or aches in joints 0 Arthritis 1 Stiffness or limitation of movement 1 Pain or aches in muscles 1 Feeling of weakness or tiredness Total 4
Ears 0 Itchy ears 0 Earaches, ear infections 0 Drainage from ear 1 Ringing in ears, hearing loss Total 1	Weight 1 Binge eating/drinking 3 Craving certain foods 1 Excessive weight 1 Compulsive eating 0 Water retention 2 Underweight Total 6
Nose 1 Stuffy nose 1 Sinus problems 0 Hay fever 1 Sneezing attacks 2 Excessive mucus formation Total 5	Energy/Activity 1 Fatigue, sluggishness 1 Apathy, lethargy 0 Hyperactivity 1 Restlessness Total 3
Mouth/Throat 0 Chronic coughing 2 Gagging, frequent need to clear throat 1 Sore throat, hoarseness, loss of voice 2 Swollen or discolored tongue, gums or lips 2 Canker sores Total 3	Mind 3 Poor memory 1 Confusion, poor comprehension 1 Poor concentration 1 Poor physical coordination 3 Difficulty in making decisions 0 Slurring or stuttering 0 Slurred speech 0 Learning disabilities Total 11
Skin 1 Acne 0 Hives, rashes, dryskin 1 Hair loss 3 Flushing, hot flashes 0 Excessive sweating Total 5	Emotions 4 Mood swings 2 Anxiety, fear, nervousness 2 Anger, irritability, aggressiveness 2 Depression Total 10
Heart 0 Irregular or skipped heartbeat 1 Rapid or pounding heartbeat 0 Chest pain Total 1	Other 0 Frequent illness 0 Frequent or urgent urination 1 Genital itch or discharge Total 1
Lungs 0 Chest congestion 2 Asthma, bronchitis 1 Shortness of breath 0 Difficulty breathing Total 1	

Grand Total 71

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Patient B:
57 yo Male
Depression
Anxiety
Brain Fog
Memory issues

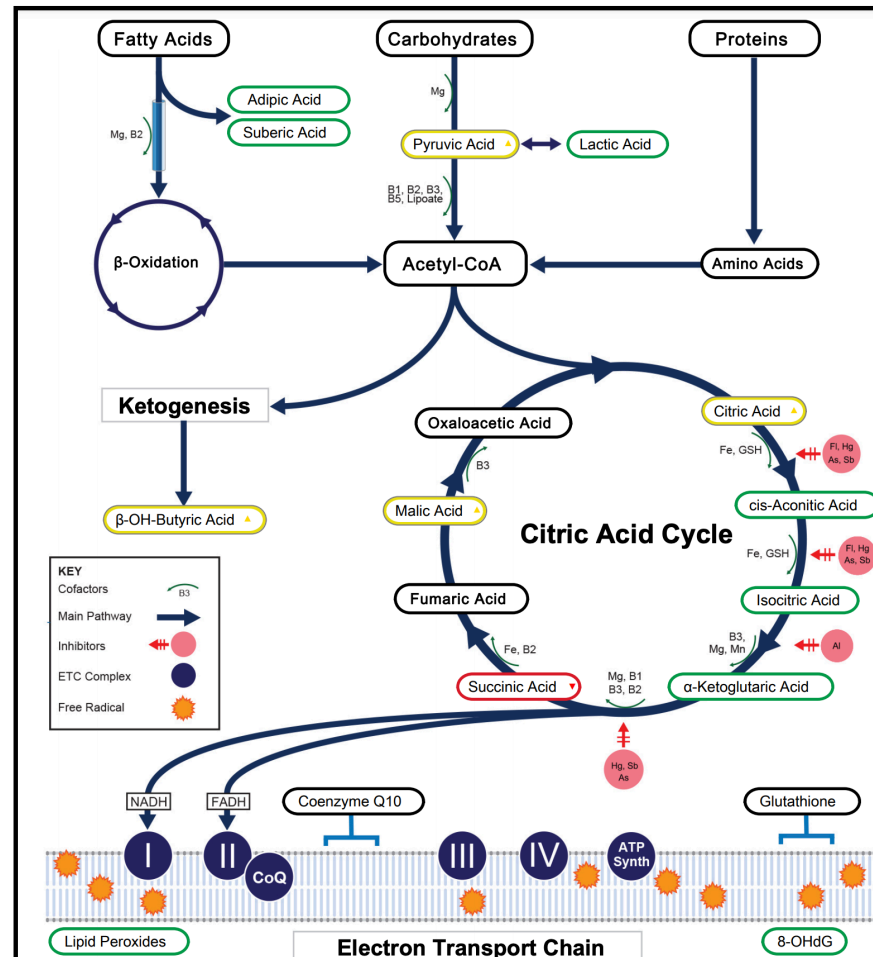


Pattern #2: Dominant High Markers

Reason #1:
Main Co factors:
Vitamins B 1,2,3,5
Magnesium
Iron
Manganese
Lipoic acid

Reason #2:
Main Heavy
Metal Inhibitors:
Fluoride
Arsenic
Mercury
Lead
Aluminium
Antimony

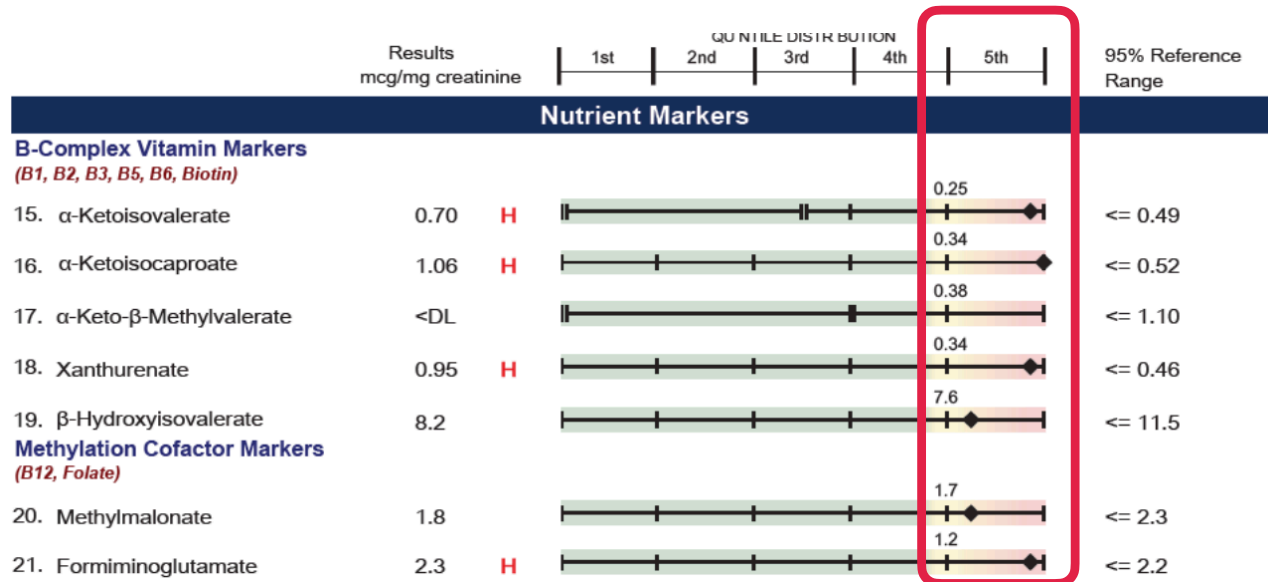
Reason #3:
Genetic SNPs



High B Vitamin markers

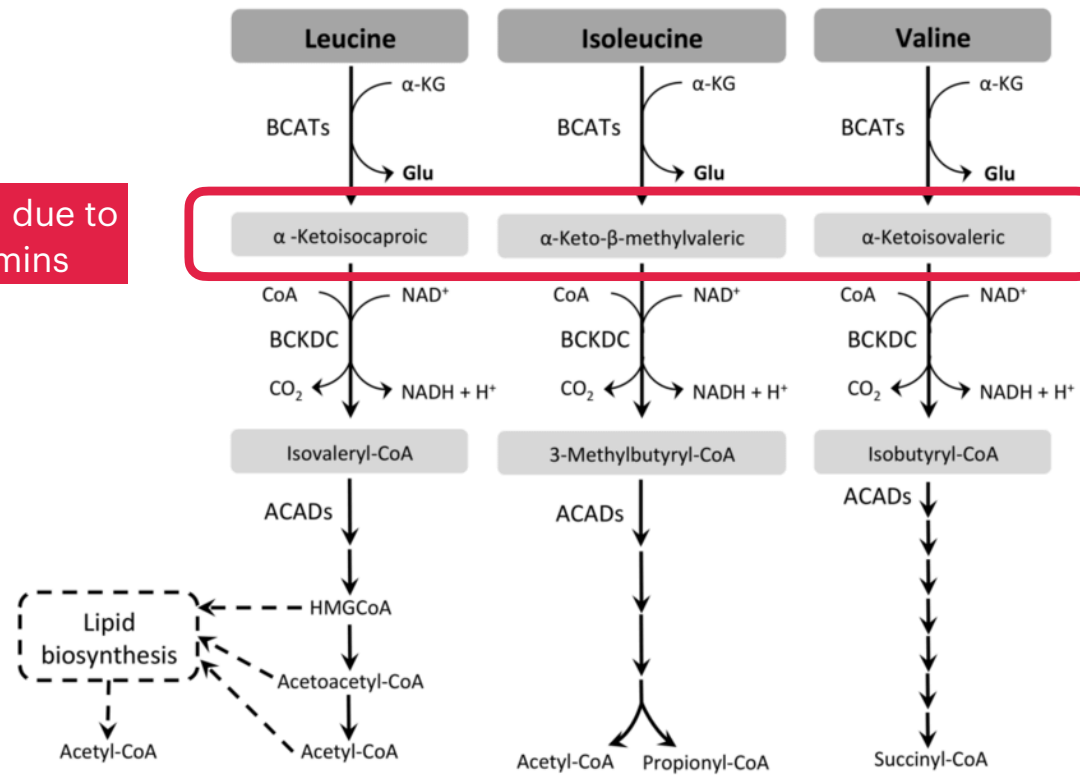
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Branched Chain Amino Acid Metabolism

Accumulation due to Low B vitamins

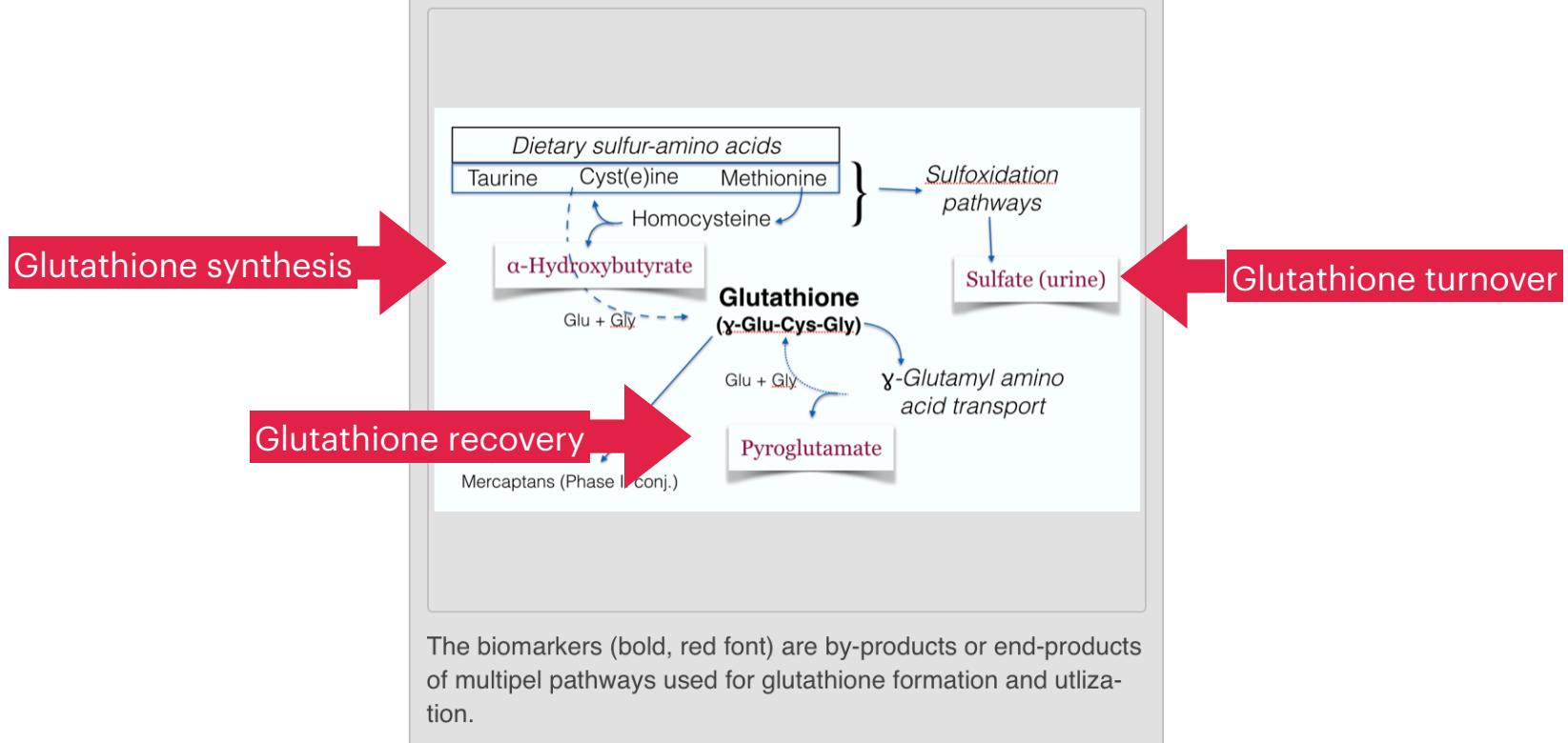


Clinical Application

1. B Vitamin Complex
2. Optimize gut health
3. Use 5R program
4. Multimineral
5. Possibly additional magnesium and iron

Pattern Recognition #3: Glutathione Status

Figure 4.9 Pathways to biomarkers of glutathione status



Pattern Recognition #3: Glutathione Status

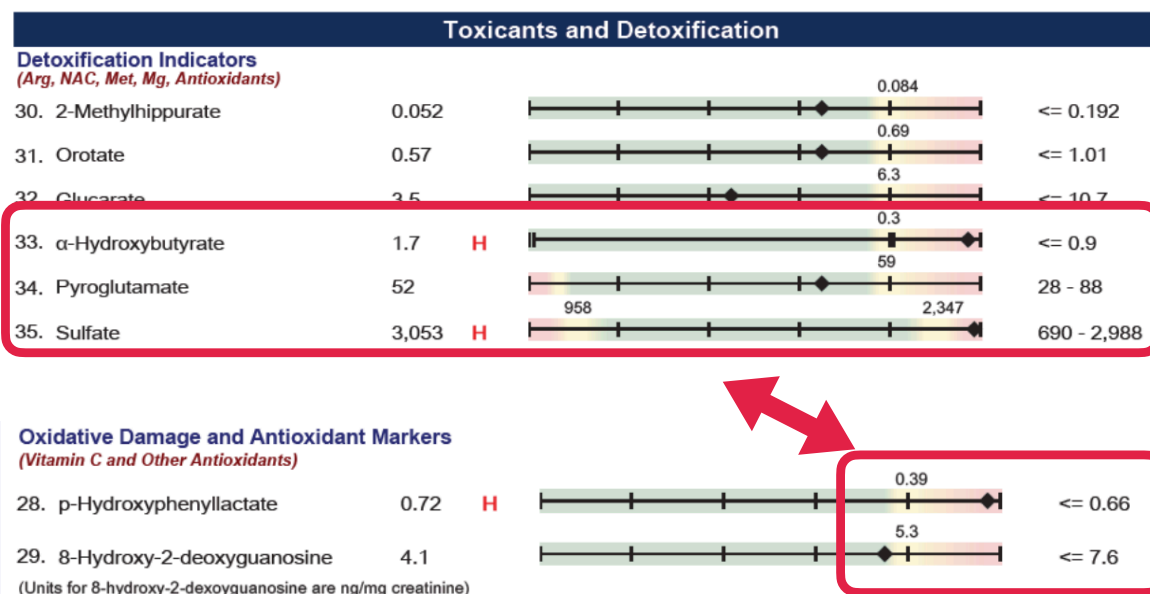
Table 5.1 Stages of Glutathione Capacity Erosion

Stage	AHB	PYRO	SO ₄	8-OHdG	Plasma Met, Tau, HCys
Early	> 4th Quintile	Variable	> 3rd Quintile	Normal	Normal
Middle	> 95th %ile.	High	< 3rd Quintile	> 4th Quintile	Low normal
Late	< DL	Low	Low	> 95th %ile	Low

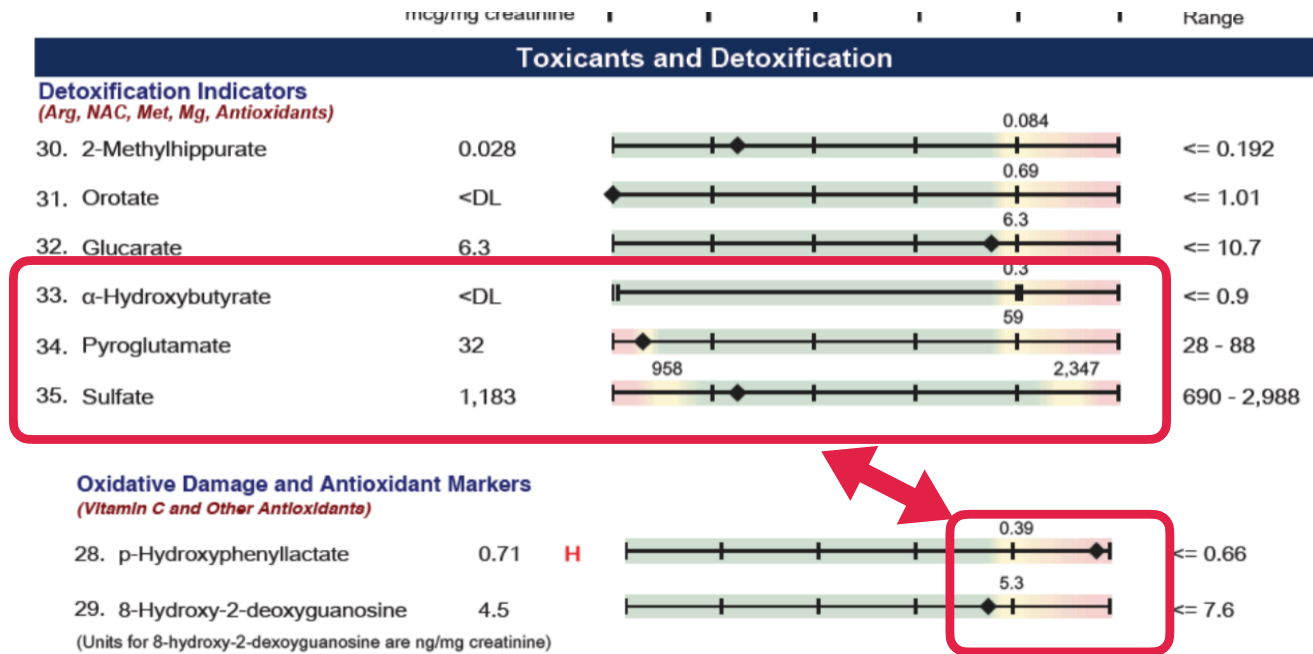
Mid Stage Glutathione Depletion

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Depression
Anxiety
Brain Fog
Memory issues



End Stage Glutathione Depletion



Glutathione response insufficiency confirmatory tests:

1. **LOW** AMINO ACID markers:

- Amino acids, plasma Sulfur-containing amino acids Met, Tau, HCys
- GSH precursor amino acids: Gly, Ser,

2. Markers of **OXIDATIVE STRESS** protection will be **HIGH**

- DNA oxidative damage - 8-OHdG - High
- Membrane PUFA damage - Lipid peroxides - High

Hypometabolic Compensatory States (HCS)

Compensatory responses, broadly defined, include hormonal secretions and cytokine responses that act to slow or reverse deviations from median or normal physiologic states. (Garcia-Fontana et al. 2016)

Hypometabolic State Pattern Recognition

“The Glutathione - Magnesium Dyad”

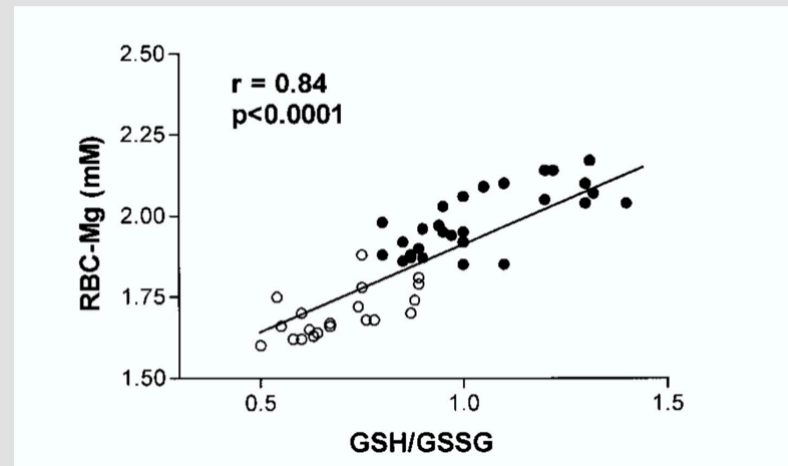
Because assimilation of magnesium produces immediate stimulation of mitochondrial ROS production, it is resisted by inadequate capacity for glutathione generation to offset the oxidative stress”

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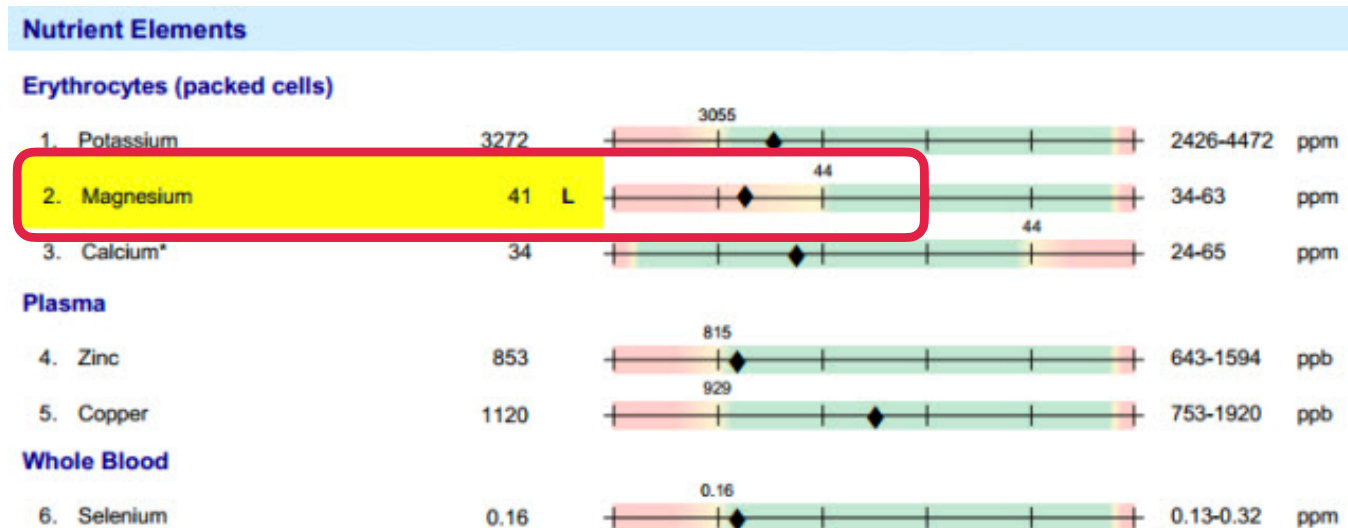
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Figure 6.1 RBC Magnesium Determines GSH Redox Status

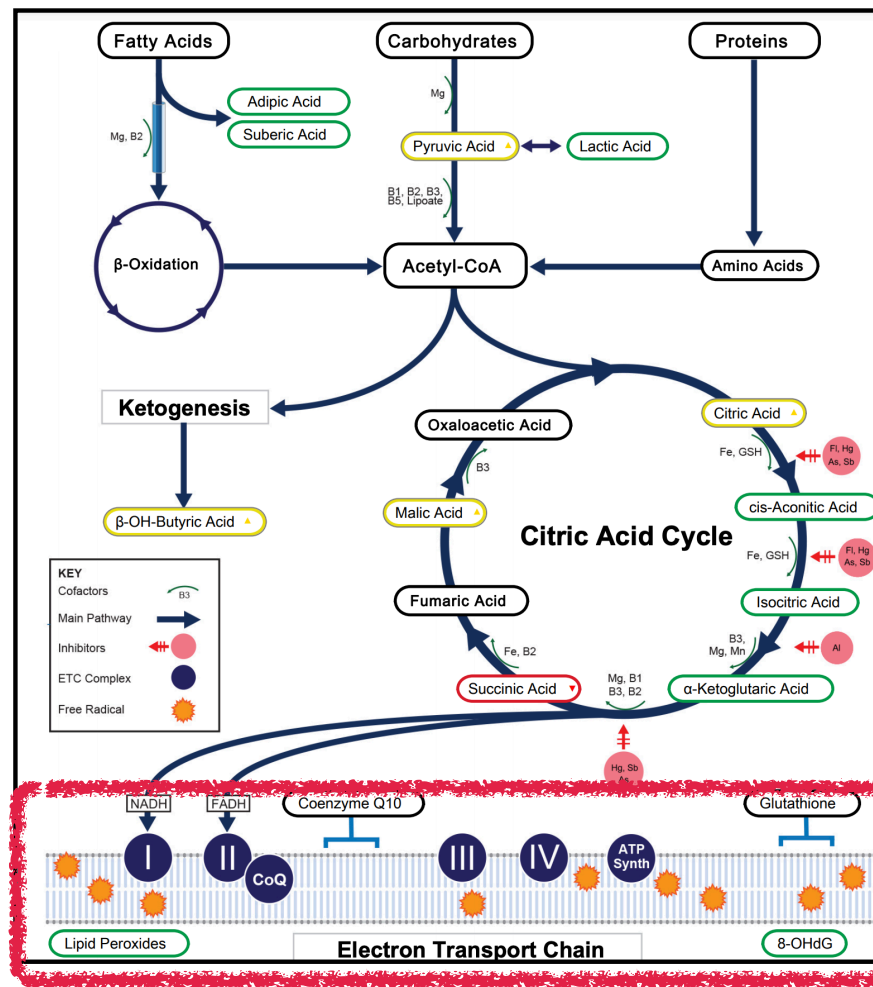


Hypertensive (open circles) and normotensive (closed circles) humans fall on a continuum of GSH redox status that varies directly with RBC magnesium. A common clinical outcome is that oral Mg therapy fails to correct low RBC Mg for individuals with poor GSH status. And, when GSH status is normalized, Mg levels may correct without added oral Mg.

Glutathione corrosion pattern associated with low magnesium



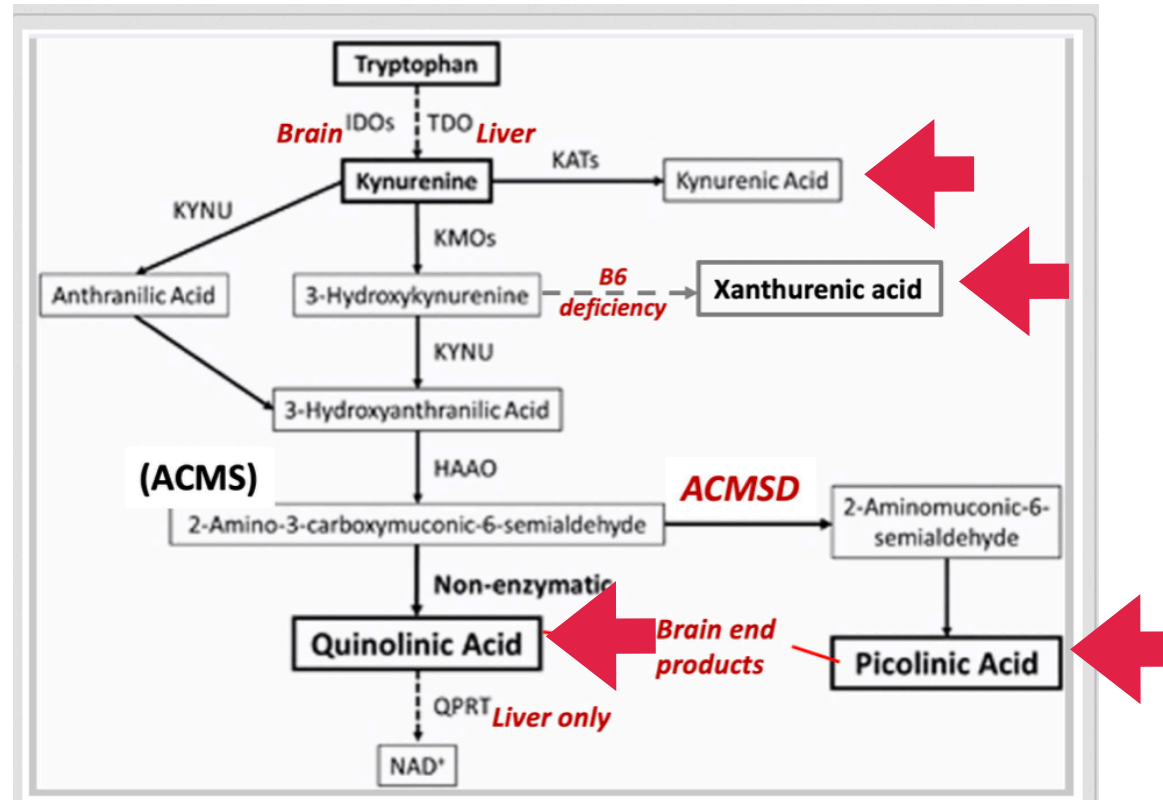
Glutathione and Krebs cycle



Clinical Application for Glutathione Depletion with Low Magnesium

1. NAC 600mg-1200mg
2. Glutathione
3. Methylation support
4. Magnesium glycinate
5. Amino acid

Pattern Recognition #4: Kynurenate and Xanthurenate



Pattern Recognition #4 : B6 vs INFg

Table 5.2 Interpretations of patterns found for xanthurenate, kynurenate, quinolinate and picolinate in urine.

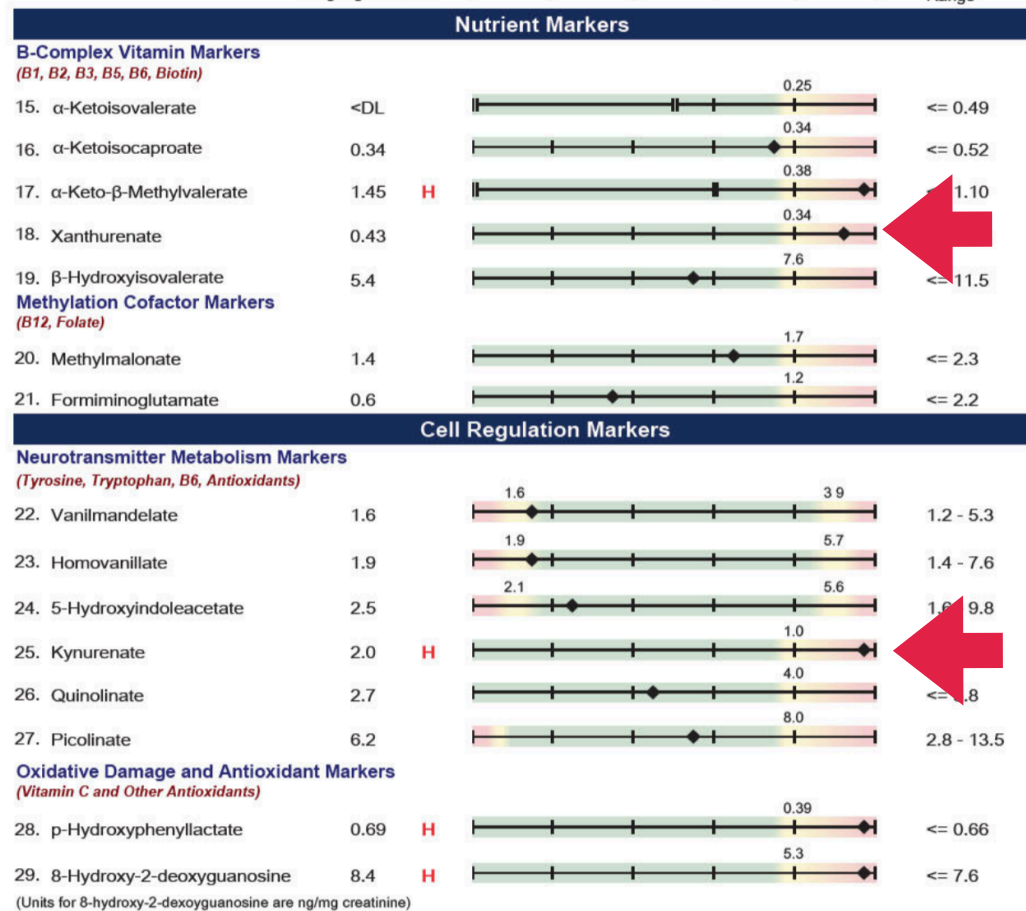
Pattern	Interpretation
High Xanthurenate AND High Kynurenate	Vitamin B6 deficiency metabolic effects on the hepatic conversion of Tryptophan to NAD. Finding this this pattern means that Kynurenate elevation is from hepatic, not brain kynurenin pathway.
High Xanthurenate AND Not High Kynurenate	A milder form of B6 deficiency
Not High Xanthurenate AND High Kynurenate & Quinolinate	Normal B6 status with brain-specific kynurenin pathway stimulation due to immune activation (INF-g). Quinolinate agonizes glutamatergic neurons, producing increased pain and sensitivities to light and sound.



Pattern Recognition of B6 Deficient Status: Kynurenate and Xanthurenate

Patient C:

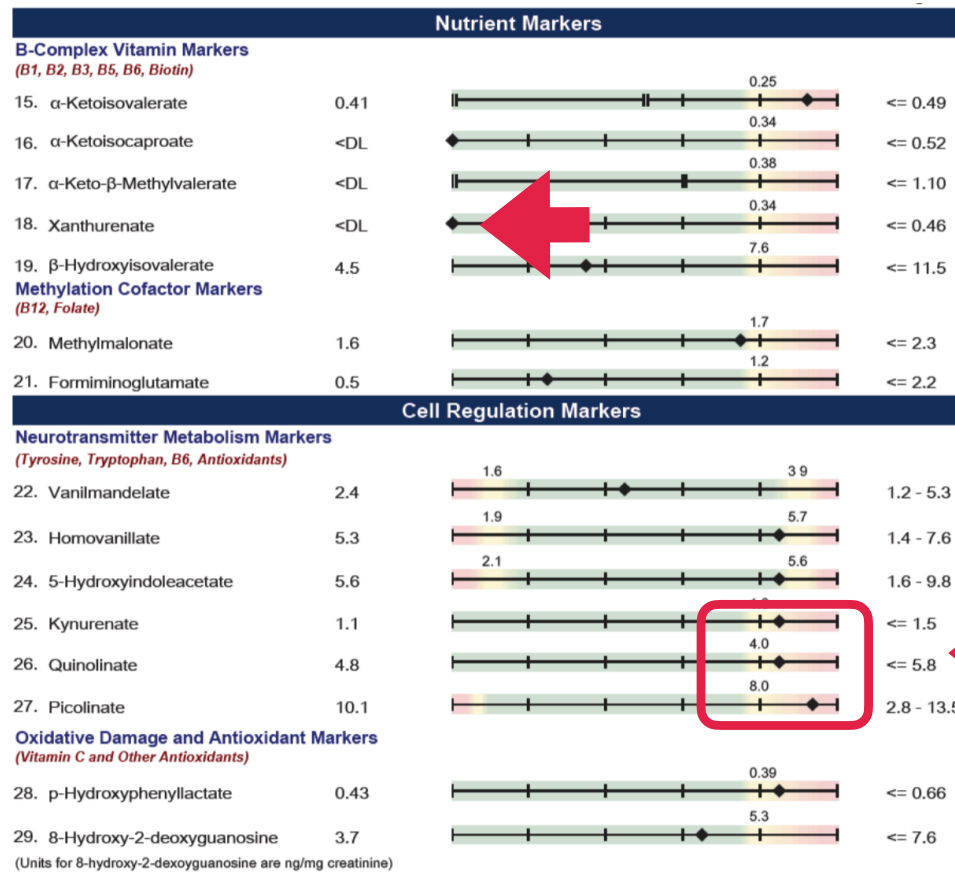
58 yo Female
Weight gain
Fatigue
Lethargy
Apathy
Anxiety
MSQ: 79



Pattern Recognition of Immune Activation: Kynurenate and Xanthurenate

Patient D:

23 yo Female
Migraines 8+/mnth
Brain fog
Chronic Pain
Fatigue

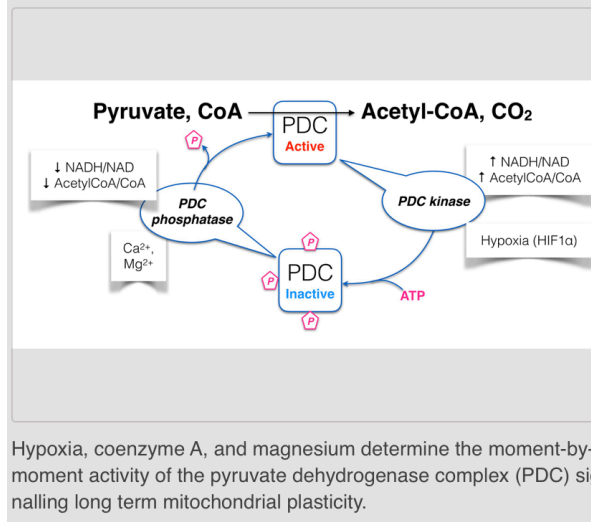


Pattern Recognition #5: BMI / Lipogenesis

Lipogenesis

Lipogenesis is the metabolic process through which acetyl-CoA is converted to triglyceride for storage in fat. The triglycerides in fat are packaged within cytoplasmic lipid droplets. The process begins with acetyl-CoA, which is an organic compound used to transfer energy from metabolism of carbohydrates, fatty acids, and ethanol.

Figure 6.2 Regulation of Acetyl-CoA formation and mitochondrial activity



Hypoxia, coenzyme A, and magnesium determine the moment-by-moment activity of the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex (PDC) signalling long term mitochondrial plasticity.

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“CoA-restriction Adaptive Hypometabolic Responses

The rate of lipogenesis falls when mitochondrial CoA is diverted to hippurate formation from benzoate”

“the available CoA in a given cell determines rates of metabolic activity. Surges in a given pathway tend to “soak up” available CoA, causing transient slowing of multiple other CoA-dependent processes.”

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“benzoate is the only one identified to date that can deplete available mitochondrial Coenzyme A to such an extent that slowing is demonstrable in the flux of energetic substrates and lipogenesis. Interrupted lipogenesis leads to slower rates of adipose fat deposition and lower BMI. In other words, people with sufficient intake of dietary polyphenols to produce post-prandial surges of benzoate have lower BMI than those with low urinary benzoate and hippurate.”

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“The principal metabolite pattern in people with higher BMI included low hippurate, citrate and succinate in addition to other compounds that are not organic acids. This is an example of a beneficial hypometabolic state transiently produced during postprandial intervals in healthy individuals”

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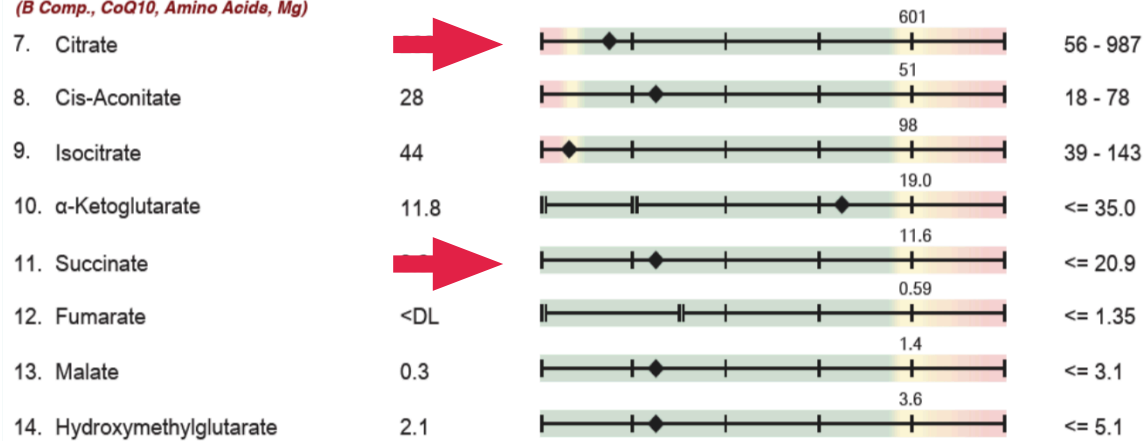
High BMI

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Energy Production (Citric Acid Cycle)

(B Comp., CoQ10, Amino Acids, Mg)

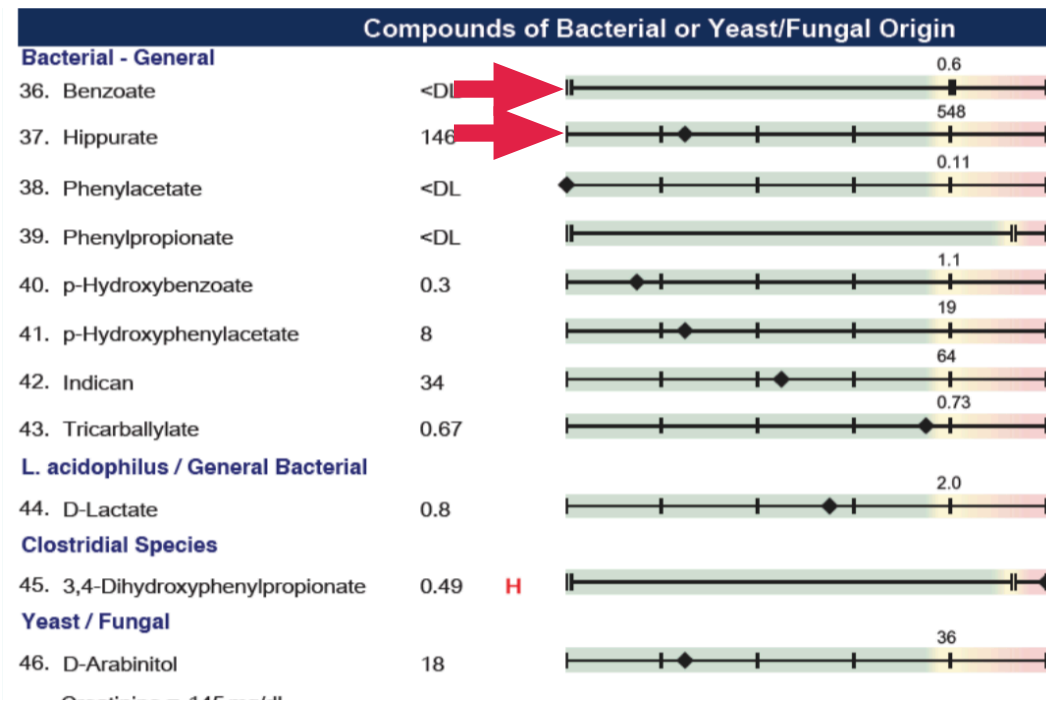


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High BMI

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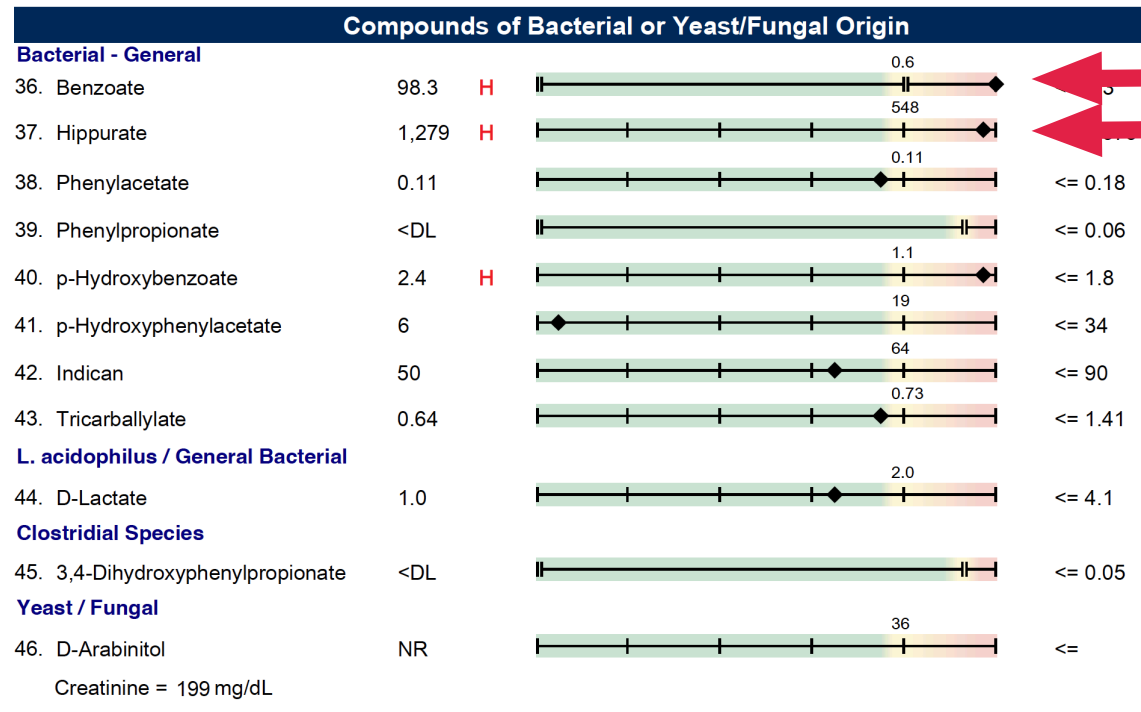
24 yo Female
Weight gain
Chronic Fatigue
Brain Fog
IBS
Acne



Pattern Recognition: Low BMI and High Hippurate / Benzoate

Patient D:

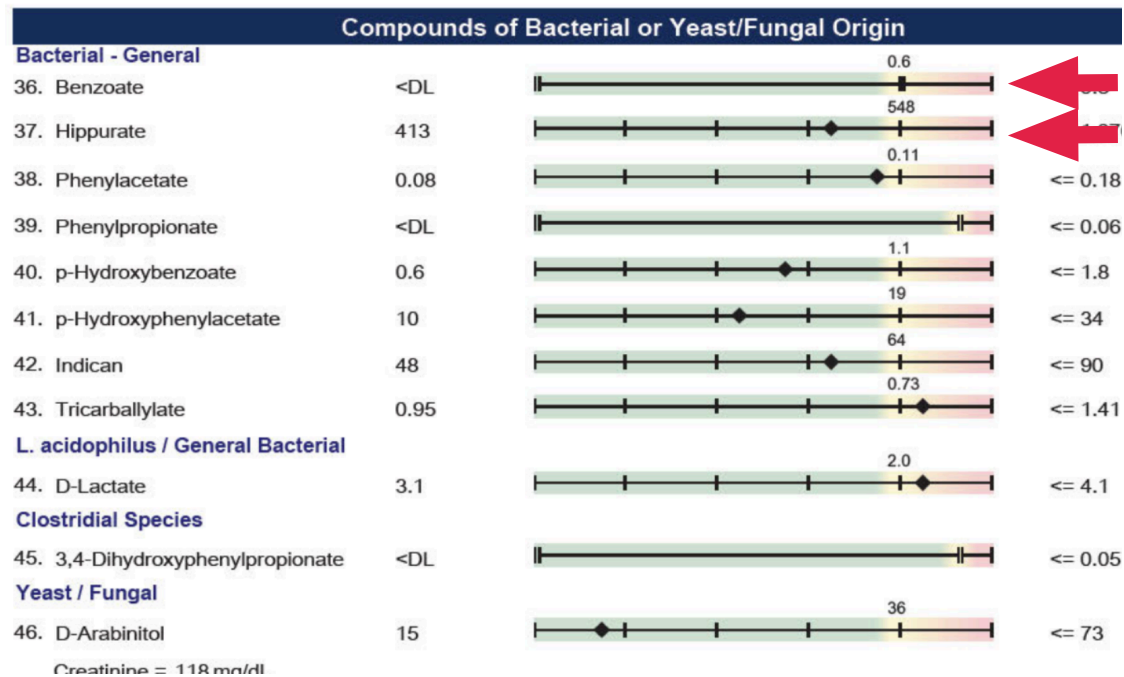
42 yo Male
Ex pro cyclist
BMI 21
Seasonal allergies



Pattern Recognition: Low BMI and High Hippurate / Benzoate

Patient E:

63 yo Male
Age group athlete
BMI 22



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“That subject was thoroughly reviewed by Jeremy Nicholson and coworkers (Lees et al. 2013) prior to their landmark metabolomic study revealing that human BMI is inversely related to urinary hippurate. ”

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1. Low patterns - amino acids
2. High patterns - cofactors, inhibitors, genetics
3. Glutathione Status patterns - NAC, GSH, amino acids, magnesium
4. Kynunerine Patterns - B6 or immune support
5. Lipogenesis patterns - microbiome and polyphenols

The End - Thank you

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