# TEST REPORT

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Ordering Provider: Dr Feelbetter

Samples Received 04/18/2019

Urine - 04/15/19 05:03 Urine - 04/15/19 07:03 Urine - 04/14/19 17:49 Urine - 04/14/19 22:02

Samples Collected

**Report Date** 04/24/2019

Patient Name: Advanced Neurotransmitters Patient Phone Number: 555 555 5555

Gender **Last Menses** Waist Height 5 ft 7 in 26 in Female 04/06/2019 DOB **Menses Status** Weight **BMI** 138 lb 3/19/1981 (38 yrs) Pre-Menopausal 21.6 TEST NAME RESULTS | 04/14/19 **RANGE Urinary Inhibitory Neurotransmitters** Serotonin 61.2 47.6-140.3 μg/g Cr (Optimal 61.0-103.2) 5-HIAA 4880 2205-11816 µg/g Cr (Optimal 2988-5850) **GABA** 205 167-463 µg/g Cr (Optimal 193-367) **Glycine** 37 L 41-295 mg/g Cr (Optimal 61-159) **Urinary Excitatory Neurotransmitters** Glutamate 1213-4246 µg/g Cr (Optimal 1515-2710) 1494 **Histamine** 9.1 3.6-44.3 µg/g Cr (Optimal 5.2-15.3) **PEA** 3.5 L 3.6-38.8 µg/g Cr (Optimal 5.3-16.1) **Dopamine** 155 103-282 µg/g Cr (Optimal 144-240) **DOPAC** 1357 495-2456 µg/g Cr (Optimal 658-1449) **HVA** 5927 3025-9654 µg/g Cr (Optimal 3737-7048) Norepinephrine 18.2 10.0-35.7 μg/g Cr (Optimal 15.0-28.1) (pooled) Normetanephrine 21.8 13.4-44.8 µg/g Cr (Optimal 17.9-31.7) **Epinephrine (pooled)** 1.4 0.8-6.2 µg/g Cr (Optimal 1.4-4.2) Ratio: Norepi/Epi 13 2.9-25.2 (Optimal 5.2-13.7) **VMA** 2636 1996-5939 µg/g Cr (Optimal 2580-4766) **Urinary Creatinine** 

<dL = Less than the detectable limit of the lab. N/A = Not applicable; 1 or more values used in this calculation is less than the detectable limit. H = High. L = Low.</p>

1.69

0.3-2.0 mg/mL



Creatinine (pooled)

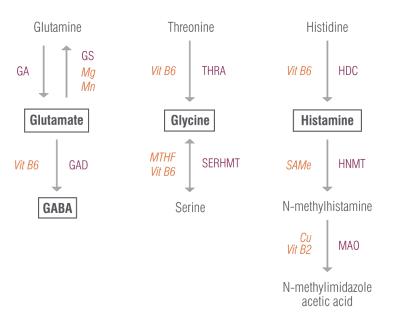
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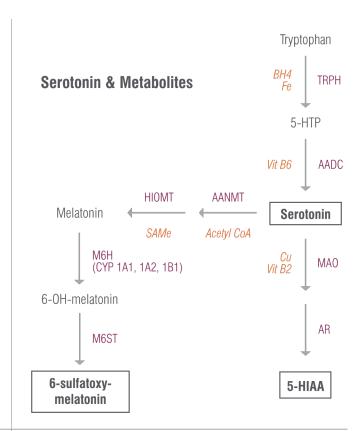
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## **Therapies**

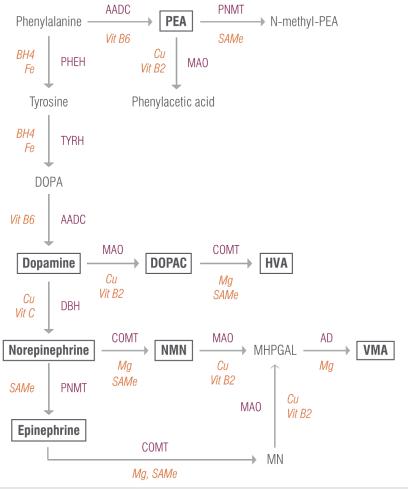
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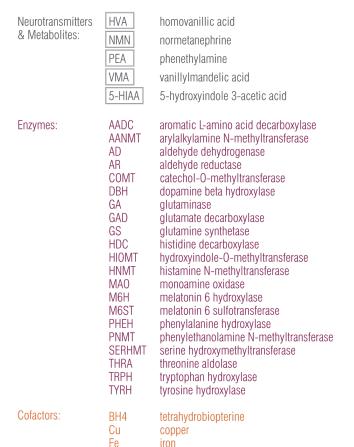
# Glutamate/GABA, Glycine & Histamine





## **Catecholamines & Metabolites**





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MTHF

SAMe

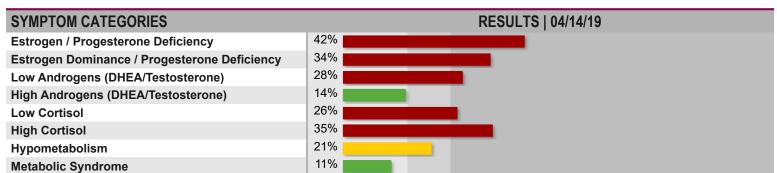
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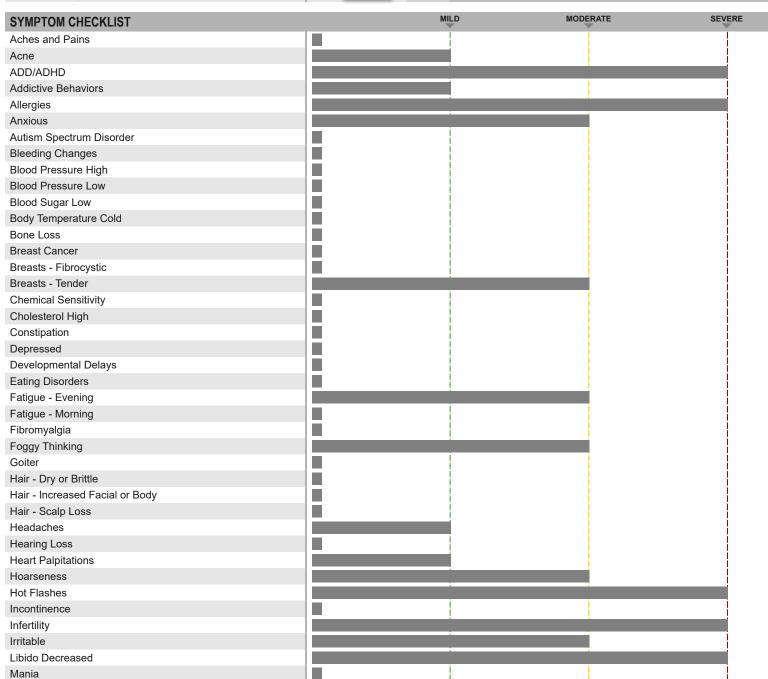
S-adenosyl methionine

magnesium

manganese

Disclaimer: Symptom Categories below show percent of symptoms self-reported by the patient compared to total available symptoms for each category. For detailed information on category breakdowns, go to www.zrtlab.com/patient-symptoms.





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# Lab Comments

### INHIBITORY NEUROTRANSMITTERS

### **SEROTONIN**

Serotonin is within reference range. Serotonin has calming effects and contributes to the feelings of well-being. Serotonin elevates mood, decreases anxiety, appetite, and libido, improves sleep and memory, eases depression, and helps regulate body temperature. Most of serotonin in the human body is produced in the gastrointestinal tract, where it stimulates gut motility.

5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid (5HIAA) is within reference range. 5HIAA is the primary metabolite of serotonin via the actions of monoamine oxidase and aldehyde dehydrogenase enzymes.

GABA is within the reference range. The brain's major inhibitory neurotransmitter GABA functions as the off switch in the brain. GABA is essential to limiting excitation so that input signals are balanced and not overdone. GABA prevents anxiety, improves mood, promotes sleep, lowers blood pressure, acts as a muscle relaxant, aids in formation and storage of fear memories, increases insulin secretion and decreases blood glucose levels.

Glycine is lower than the reference range. Glycine is a neurotransmitter and a simple, nonessential (can be made in the body) amino acid that plays a role in the production of DNA, phospholipids, collagen, creatine, heme and glutathione. Glycine serves as an anti-inflammatory agent, calms aggression, improves sleep quality, stabilizes blood sugar, improves metabolic parameters and modulates excitatory signals in the brain. Low levels may be indicative of chronically increased demand for tetrahydrofolate (active folic acid) production, for which glycine serves as a precursor. Research shows that glycine levels are reduced after intense exercise (Corsetti, et. al. 2016) and in patients with rheumatoid arthritis (Jones, et. al. 2005), hypometabolism, such as hypothyroidism (Friedrich, et. al. 2017), obesity (Ahmad, et. al. 2016), and diabetes (Sasaki, et. al. 1988).

THERAPEUTIC CONSIDERATIONS: Glycine supplementation has been shown to improve metabolic response - such as cholesterol parameters and insulin sensitivity, reduce blood pressure, and aid with decreasing the levels of hemoglobin A1C and pro-inflammatory cytokines (Diaz-Flores, et. al. 2013; Perez-Torres, et. al. 2017). Additionally, vitamin B6, serine support, and MTHF may all support the production of glycine.

#### **EXCITATORY NEUROTRANSMITTERS**

#### **GLUTAMATE**

Glutamate is low-normal (< 20th percentile). The brain's major excitatory neurotransmitter glutamate functions as the "on" switch in the brain. Glutamate regulates appetite, thinking, increases gut motility, optimizes learning, modulates memory, improves libido, and decreases sleep. Low urinary glutamate levels have been reported in patients with migraines (Ragginer et al., 2012). Clinically, lower glutamate levels may contribute to agitation, depression, chronic fatigue, lack of concentration, low energy levels, and sleep difficulties.

THERAPEUTIC CONSIDERATIONS:: L-glutamine may be beneficial to restore glutamate to normal values.

### **HISTAMINE**

Histamine is within reference range. Histamine plays a dual role in the body as a neurotransmitter and a modulator of the immune system. Histamine has anti-pain properties, plays a neuroprotective role in the brain, and contributes to optimal maintenance of cognition and memory. Histamine stimulates wakefulness and decreases sleep, stimulates gastric acid production, increases metabolism, suppresses appetite, and prevents weight gain. Histamine is a potent vasodilator and a pro-inflammatory agent.

#### PEA

Phenethylamine or PEA is below the optimal range. Low PEA may contribute to fatigue, depression and decreased attention span. PEA acts as a "neuro-amplifier" - increasing the actions of dopamine (for wellbeing and feeling pleasure), norepinephrine (the brain's stimulant for wakefulness, alertness and higher performance), acetylcholine (for improving memory and mental activity), and serotonin (for better mood emotion and impulse control) (Paterson, et. al. 1990).

Recently, PEA has been recognized as a biomarker in ADHD and research shows that urinary levels of PEA are low in patients with ADHD (Irsfeld, et. al. 2013). Patients whose symptoms improve in response to treatment, typically show higher PEA levels than patients who do not experience an improvement in the condition.

Additionally, low PEA has been implicated in a number of psychological disorders, such as depression (Sabelli and Mosnaim, 1974), eating disorders (bulimia nervosa) (Davis et al., 1994), inattentiveness (Faraone et al., 2014), Parkinson's disease (Wolf and Mosnaim, 1983), and Tourette's syndrome (Bornstein et al., 1990)

THERAPEUTIC CONSIDERATIONS: when PEA is low, supplementation with vitamin B6 (cofactor) and phenylalanine (precursor) to promote biosynthesis may be beneficial. Exercise helps increase PEA levels (Szabo, et a. 2001). Additionally, curcumin and passionflower, botanical MAO inhibitors, may help by preventing rapid PEA metabolism.

### **DOPAMINE**

Dopamine is within reference range. Dopamine improves attention, focus, and motivation, helps with decision making, modulates movement control, promotes lactation, increases blood pressure, urine output and sodium excretion, and allows for feelings of reward and pleasure. Additionally, dopamine plays a central role in the etiology of addiction. Dopamine also serves as the parent precursor to norepinephrine and epinephrine.

### DOPAC

DOPAC is within reference range. DOPAC is the primary metabolite of dopamine formed via the actions of monoamine oxidase.

Homovanillic acid (HVA) is within reference range. HVA is a dopamine metabolite.

### **NOREPINEPHRINE**

Norepinephrine is within reference range. Norepinephrine functions both as a neurotransmitter and a hormone, participating in the body's "fight or flight" response. Norepinephrine increases alertness, focuses attention, fine-tunes vigilance, increases blood pressure, heart rate, and blood sugar, reduces digestive activity, pain, and sleep, prevents bladder emptying, and regulates body temperature. Norepinephrine is very similar in structure and physiological effects to epinephrine. The adrenal gland produces approximately 20% of the total output with 80% produced by the sympathetic nerve fibers.

#### **NORMETANEPHRINE**

Normetanephrine is within reference range. Normetanephrine is a norepinephrine metabolite formed via the actions of catechol-O-methyl (COMT) transferase enzyme in response to stress.

#### **EPINEPHRINE**

Epinephrine is below the optimal range. Produced by the adrenal medulla, epinephrine regulates the "fight or flight" response to increase alertness and focus attention. Clinically, low levels of epinephrine are implicated in attention impairment, low mood, and fatigue. Research shows that patients with ADHD (self-reported) excrete lower epinephrine levels than controls (Anderson, et. al. 2000), suggesting that altered adrenal function in ADHD may contribute to the etiology of the disorder. However, the observed lower catecholamine output by the adrenal system may

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be a consequence, rather than a cause, of reduced attention.

THERAPEUTIC CONSIDERATIONS: Adrenal support may be beneficial to increase epinephrine levels.

VanillyImandelic acid (VMA) is within reference range. VMA is a norepinephrine and epinephrine metabolite formed via the actions of monoamine oxidase, catechol-O-methyl transferase (COMT), and aldehyde dehydrogenase.

Creatinine is within range showing normal concentration of urine.