

AALP Apolipoprotein C3

NOTE: This test is also included within the HDL Function Panel with HDLfx pCAD Score (Order Code 37812)

CPT Code: 82172

Order Code: 37866

Synonyms: AALP ApoC3

ABN Requirement: No

Specimen: Serum

Volume: 1.0 mL

Minimum Volume: 0.5 mL

Container: Gel-barrier tube (SST)

Collection:

1. Collect and label sample according to standard protocols.
2. Gently invert tube 5 times immediately after draw. DO NOT SHAKE.
3. Allow blood to clot 30 minutes.
4. Centrifuge for 10 minutes.

Fasting: Patient should be fasting 10-12 hours.

Transport: Store serum at 2°C to 8°C after collection and ship the same day per packaging instructions included with the provided shipping box.

Stability:

Ambient (15-25°C): Not Acceptable

Refrigerated (2-8°C): 21 days

Frozen (-20°C): 21 days

Causes for Rejection: Improper labeling; samples not stored properly; samples older than stability limits; moderately lipemic specimens

Methodology: Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS/MS)

Turn Around Time: 10 days

Reference Range:

Male (nmol/L)	Female (nmol/L)
11.34-40.54	13.42-49.88

Clinical Significance: ApoC3 has been reported to be tightly associated with triglyceride metabolism and coronary artery disease (CAD) susceptibility. HDL-associated ApoC3 is elevated in CAD patients and inversely correlated with cholesterol efflux capacity.¹ Genetic epidemiological studies found that loss-of-function mutations in the ApoC3 gene is associated with reduced CAD risk and total ApoC3 is associated with increased risk for cardiovascular events.^{2,3}

References:

1. Luo M, et al. *Sci Rep.* 2017; 2312.
2. Crosby J, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2014;22-31.
3. Jørgensen A, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2014;32-41.

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