

Order: 190522-2327 Client #: 18220

Doctor: Ronald Peters, MD 13951 N Scottsdale Rd #100 Scottsdale, AZ 85254 U.S.A.

Patient: Jamie Ashe Id: ASHE-J-00024 Age: 46 DOB: 10/17/1972 Sex: Female Body Mass Index (BMI): 34 Sample Collection Date/Time **Date Collected** Wake Up Time **Collection Period Date Received Date Reported**

05/17/2019 02:30 1st morning void 05/22/2019 05/24/2019

Analyte	Result	Unit per Creatinine	L	WRI	Н	Reference Interval
Serotonin	2.0	µg/g				60–125
Dopamine	136	µg/g		\land		125-250
Norepinephrine	8.2	µg/g				22-50
Epinephrine	2.5	µg/g		\bigtriangleup		1.6-8.3
Norepinephrine / Epinephrine ratio	3.3					< 13
Glutamate	37	µmol/g				12.0-45.0
Gamma-aminobutyrate (GABA)	4.8	µmol/g				2.0-5.6
Glycine	1286	µmol/g				450-2200
Histamine	20	µg/g				14-44
Phenethylamine (PEA)	31	nmol/g				32-84
Creatinine	130	mg/dL				30-225



Neurotransmitter Comments:

- Urinary neurotransmitter levels provide an overall assessment of the body's ability to make and break down neurotransmitters and are representative of whole body levels. They are required for neurotransmission throughout the body. Direct assessment of neurotransmitter levels and metabolism in the central nervous system is not clinically feasible and approximately twenty percent of the total urinary levels are derived from the brain. The enzymes, cofactors and precursors in neurotransmitter metabolism in general are the same in the periphery and in the central nervous system. Therefore, alterations in urinary neurotransmitter levels assessed in urine provide important clinical information, and may be associated with many symptoms including cognitive and mood concerns, diminished drive, fatigue and sleep difficulties, cravings, addictions and pain.
- Low serotonin may contribute to mood concerns including anxiety, OCD, depression, anger and a sense of discontentment. Low serotonin may also be associated with poor sleep quality and appetite changes, as well as chronic fatigue, rheumatoid arthritis, and over-all lassitude. Failure to regenerate tetrahydrobiopterin [BH4], an essential cofactor for serotonin synthesis, may decrease serotonin levels, and could be reflected in urine. BH4 regeneration may be supported by folates, vitamin B3, C, molybdenum and zinc. Additionally, production of serotonin requires vitamin D, iron and vitamin B6. Tryptophan is the essential precursor of serotonin. 5-HTP may increase serotonin, and L-theanine may affect serotonin function.
- Low range dopamine may be associated with anxiety/depression, difficulty concentrating, decreased libido and obesity, and may be associated with increased addiction and other stimulation seeking activities. Failure to regenerate tetrahydrobiopterin [BH4], an essential cofactor for dopamine synthesis, may decrease dopamine levels, and could be reflected in urine. BH4 regeneration may be supported by folates, vitamin B3, C, molybdenum and zinc. Additionally, production of dopamine requires vitamin D, iron and vitamin B6. L-tyrosine, L-theanine and Mucuna pruriens may influence dopamine signaling.
- Low norepinephrine and low range epinephrine may be associated with depression and mood changes as well as fatigue, difficulty concentrating, decreased ability to stay focused on tasks and diminished sense of personal/professional drive. Norepinephrine is converted from dopamine requiring vitamin C, copper and niacin (B3). L-tyrosine, L-theanine and Mucuna pruriens influence this pathway.
- Upper range glutamate may contribute to anxiety, poor concentration, attention deficits and hyperactive tendencies as well as poor sleep and nighttime awakening. Glutamate may be increased in association with hypoglycemia, Alzheimer's, ALS and chronic compromised blood flow to the brain. Possible sources of increased glutamate include MSG, yeast extract and other hidden sources of free glutamic acid. L-theanine may modulate elevated glutamate levels and attenuate glutamate signaling, and taurine may provide protection from excitotoxicity and neuroinflammation.
- Upper range GABA may contribute to difficulty concentrating, diminished memory, dampened mood and decreased cognitive processing as well as fatigue, decreased exercise endurance, sleepiness and an inability to feel alert. L-theanine may modulate the effects of GABA. Upper range levels of GABA may be associated with bacterial overgrowth (i.e. urinary tract infection or gastrointestinal dysbiosis).

Notes:

Results are creatinine corrected to account for urine dilution variations. Creatinine is not meant to be used as an indicator of renal function. RI= Reference Interval, L (blue)= Low (below RI), WRI (green)= Within RI (optimal), WRI (yellow)= Within RI (not optimal), H (red)= High (above RI) Methodology: LCMS QQQ, Creatinine by Jaffe Reaction

- Low phenethylamine (PEA) may be associated with depression, attention deficits and hyperactivity (ADHD), Parkinson's disease and bipolar disorder. Phenylalanine is the precursor amino acid to PEA, and vitamin B6 is a required co-factor in the conversion to this primary trace amine. Use of Reserpine can result in depletion of PEA.
- Note: The reported low to low range monoamine neurotransmitters may be associated with genetic disruptions in methylation and/or suboptimal quantities of required co-factors. Further testing may be warranted.
- Considerations to address the demonstrated imbalances beyond the identified co-factors and amino acid precursors may include dosage
 adjustments if indicated, as well as nervine and adaptogenic herbs, methylation support, vitamin D, and gastrointestinal health optimization.



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