

TABLE 1
Système International (SI) units

Measurement	SI unit	Common unit	Conversion factors	
			Common → SI	SI → common
Acetone	μM	mg/dl	172	0.006
Aldosterone	pM	ng/dl	27.7	0.036
Amino acid fractionation				
Alanine	μM	mg/dl	112	0.009
α-Aminobutyric acid	μM	mg/dl	96.9	0.010
Arginine	μM	mg/dl	57.4	0.174
Asparagine	μM	mg/dl	75.7	0.132
Aspartic acid	μM	mg/dl	75.1	0.133
Citrulline	μM	mg/dl	57.1	0.018
Cystine	μM	mg/dl	41.6	0.024
Glutamic acid	μM	mg/dl	68.0	0.015
Glutamine	μM	mg/dl	68.4	0.015
Glycine	μM	mg/dl	133	0.008
Histidine	μM	mg/dl	64.5	0.016
Hydroxyproline	μM	mg/dl	76.3	0.013
Isoleucine	μM	mg/dl	76.2	0.013
Leucine	μM	mg/dl	76.2	0.013
Lysine	μM	mg/dl	68.4	0.015
Methionine	μM	mg/dl	67.0	0.015
Ornithine	μM	mg/dl	75.7	0.013
Phenylalanine	μM	mg/dl	60.5	0.017
Proline	μM	mg/dl	87.0	0.012
Serine	μM	mg/dl	95.2	0.011
Taurine	μM	mg/dl	79.9	0.013
Threonine	μM	mg/dl	84.0	0.012
Tryptophan	μM	mg/dl	49.0	0.020
Tyrosine	μM	mg/dl	55.2	0.018
Valine	μM	mg/dl	85.4	0.012
Amylase, enzymatic	U/L	U/L	1.00	1.00
Calcium	mM	mg/dl	0.250	4.00
Carbon dioxide content	mM	meq/L	1.00	1.00
Cholesterol	mM	mg/dl	0.026	38.7
Citrate	μM	mg/dl	52.1	0.020
Cortisol	nM	μg/dl	27.6	0.360
C-peptide	nM	ng/ml	0.331	3.02
Creatinine	μM	mg/dl	88.4	0.011
Creatinine clearance	ml/s	ml/min	0.017	60.0
Cyclic adenosine monophosphate	nmol/mmol creatinine	mol/g creatinine	113	0.009
Epinephrine	pM	pg/ml	5.46	0.183
Estrogen	pM	pg/ml	3.67	0.273
Fatty acids, nonesterified	g/L	mg/dl	0.01	100
Fructose	mM	mg/dl	0.056	18.0
Galactose (children)	mM	mg/dl	0.056	18.0
Gastrin	ng/L	pg/ml	1.00	1.00
Gastrointestinal polypeptide	pM	pg/ml	0.201	4.98
Glucagon	ng/L	pg/ml	1.00	1.00
Glucose	mM	mg/dl	0.056	18.0
Glycerol (free)	mM	mg/dl	0.109	9.21
Growth hormone	μg/L	ng/ml	1.00	1.00
Hydroxybutyrate	μM	mg/dl	96.1	0.010
Hydroxyproline	μmol · day ⁻¹ · m ⁻²	mg · day ⁻¹ · m ⁻²	7.63	0.131
Insulin	pM	μU/ml	6.00	0.167
Lactate (as lactic acid)	mM	meq/L	1.00	1.00
Lipase	U/L	U/L	1.00	1.00
Lipoproteins	mM	mg/dl	0.026	38.7
Norepinephrine (radioenzymatic procedure)	nM	pg/ml	0.006	169
Osmolality	mmol/kg	mosmol/kg	1.00	1.00
Pancreatic polypeptide	pM	pg/ml	0.239	4.18
Phosphate (as inorganic phosphorus)	mM	mg/dl	0.323	3.10
Phospholipid phosphorus, total	mM	mg/dl	0.323	3.10
Phospholipids, substance fraction of total phospholipid				
Lysophosphatidylcholine	Express as decimal	% of total	0.010	100
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Phosphatidylethanolamine	Express as decimal	% of total	0.010	100
Sphingomyelin	Express as decimal	% of total	0.010	100
Potassium	mM	meq/L	1.00	1.00
Prolactin	μg/L	ng/ml	1.00	1.00
Protein, total	g/L	g/dl	10.0	0.100
Pyruvate (as pyruvic acid)	M	mg/dl	114	0.009
Renin	ng · L ⁻¹ · s ⁻¹	ng · ml ⁻¹ · h ⁻¹	0.278	3.60
Somatostatin	pM	pg/ml	0.611	1.64
Steroids				
Hydrocorticosteroids (as cortisol)	μmol/day	mg/day	2.76	0.363
17-Ketogenic steroids (as dehydroepiandrosterone)	μmol/day	mg/day	3.47	0.288
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Ketosteroid fractions				
Androsterone	μmol/day	mg/day	3.44	0.290
Dehydroepiandrosterone	μmol/day	mg/day	3.47	0.288
Etiocanolone	μmol/day	mg/day	3.44	0.290
Thyroxine	nM	μg/dl	12.9	0.078
TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone)	mU/L	μU/ml	1.00	1.00
Urea nitrogen	mM	mg/dl	0.357	2.8
Vasoactive intestinal polypeptide	pM	pg/ml	0.331	3.02