

**Overview**
**Useful For**

Evaluation of fibrinogen deficiency

Measuring fibrinogen in patients with elevated plasma levels of fibrin degradation products, patients receiving heparin, and in patients with antibodies to thrombin (following surgical use of topical bovine thrombin)

Identifying afibrinogenemia, hypofibrinogenemia, and dysfibrinogenemia when ordered in combination with fibrinogen activity (FIB / Fibrinogen, Plasma)

**Method Name**

Immunoturbidimetric

**NY State Available**

Yes

**Specimen**
**Specimen Type**

Plasma Na Cit

**Specimen Required**

**Collection Container/Tube:** Light-blue top (3.2% sodium citrate at 9:1 ratio)

**Submission Container/Tube:** Plastic vial

**Specimen Volume:** 1 mL

**Collection Instructions:** Centrifuge and aliquot plasma into plastic vial. Send refrigerated.

**Specimen Minimum Volume**

0.5 mL

**Reject Due To**

Gross hemolysis	Reject
Gross lipemia	Reject
Gross icterus	Reject

**Specimen Stability Information**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Plasma Na Cit	Refrigerated (preferred)	14 days	
	Frozen	30 days	
	Ambient	72 hours	

## Clinical and Interpretive

### Clinical Information

Fibrinogen (clotting factor I) is an essential protein responsible for blood clot formation. In the final step of the coagulation cascade, thrombin converts soluble fibrinogen into insoluble fibrin strands that crosslink and form a clot.

Fibrinogen is synthesized in the liver and has a biological half-life of 3 to 5 days in the circulating plasma. Fibrinogen deficiencies can be congenital or acquired and lead to prolonged coagulation times. Isolated fibrinogen deficiency is an extremely rare inherited coagulation disorder.

Acquired fibrinogen deficiency is most commonly caused by, acute or decompensated intravascular coagulation and fibrinolysis (DIC). Other causes of fibrinogen deficiency include advanced liver disease, L-asparaginase therapy, or fibrinolytic agents (eg, streptokinase, urokinase, tissue plasminogen activator).

### Reference Values

> or =18 years: 196-441 mg/dL

Reference values have not been established for patients that are less than 18 years of age.

### Interpretation

This method measures the total amount of fibrinogen protein (ie, fibrinogen antigen) present in the plasma.

Adequate fibrinogen antigen levels in a context of low fibrinogen activity suggests a dysfibrinogenemia.

Fibrinogen antigen levels lower than 100 mg/dL are associated with an increased risk of bleeding.

### Cautions

Differentiation of congenital from acquired defects of fibrinogen requires clinical correlation and the results of standard clotting-based fibrinogen activity (FIB / Fibrinogen, Plasma) testing.

Fibrinogen is an acute phase reactant; plasma levels can be increased by inflammatory illnesses, nephrotic syndrome, liver disease, pregnancy, estrogen therapy, and/or compensated intravascular coagulation.

### Clinical Reference

de Moerloose P, Casini A, Neerman-Arbez M: Congenital fibrinogen disorders: an update. *Semin Thromb Hemost.* 2013 Sep;39(6):585-595

## Performance

### Method Description

The K-ASSAY Fibrinogen test analyzes the quantitative determination of fibrinogen in human plasma by immunoturbidimetric analysis. Samples and antibody reagent are automatically pipetted into individual cuvettes. Following an initial incubation and measurement of sample blank, antiserum is added to the cuvettes. The sample (antigen) solution and antiserum are then mixed in the reaction cuvettes. Insoluble antigen-antibody complexes form. The immune complexes cause an increase in light scattering, which correlates with the concentration of plasma fibrinogen. The absorbance of the solution is measured. (Package insert: K-ASSAY Fibrinogen+Calibrator. Kamiya Biomedical Company; 11/09/2020)

### PDF Report

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No

**Day(s) Performed**

Monday through Sunday

**Report Available**

1 day

**Specimen Retention Time**

7 days

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Rochester

**Fees and Codes****Fees**

- Authorized users can sign in to [Test Prices](#) for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact [Customer Service](#) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their Regional Manager. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

**Test Classification**

This test has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

**CPT Code Information**

85385

**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC Value
FIBAG	Fibrinogen Antigen, P	3256-5

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC Value
FIBAG	Fibrinogen Antigen, P	3256-5