## Digestion/Absorption

### Analyte | Result | Reference Range
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1. Pancreatic Elastase 1 | 285 | >= 201 mcg/g
2. Putrefactive SCFAs (Total*) | 0.6 | 1.3-8.6 micromol/g

*Total values equal the sum of all measurable parts.

## Gut Immunology

### Analyte | Result | Reference Range
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3. Eosinophil Protein X | <0.5 | <= 7.0 mcg/g
4. Calprotectin | <17 | <= 50 mcg/g

## Metabolic

### Analyte | Result | Reference Range
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5. Beneficial SCFAs (Total*) | 37.3 | >= 13.6 micromol/g
6. n-Butyrate | 7.5 | >= 2.5 micromol/g
7. pH | 6.7 | 6.1-7.9
8. Beta-glucuronidase | 4,367 | 337-4,433 U/g

## Secondary Bile Acids

### Analyte | Result | Reference Range
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9. Lithocholic acid (LCA) | 1.25 | 0.65-5.21 mg/g
10. Deoxycholic acid (DCA) | 1.01 | 0.67-6.76 mg/g
11. LCA / DCA Ratio | 1.24 | 0.39-2.07

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### Digestion/Absorption

Digestion encompasses the functional activities of: mastication, gastric acid production, pancreatic activity, bile production and brush border maintenance. Absorption depends on all of the above actions, as well as a healthy gut mucosal barrier.

### Gut Immunology

These immune markers are derived from the activation and degranulation of eosinophils (EPX) and neutrophils (calprotectin). EPX reflects inflammation and tissue damage and can be elevated in food allergies, celiac disease, helminthic infection, IBD and cancer. Calprotectin is inflammation specific and can elevate with infection or post infectious IBS, NSAID enteropathy, IBD and cancer. Children with chronic diarrhea from cows milk allergy or multiple food allergies may also have increased calprotectin. Levels greater than 120 mcg/g warrant further investigation.

### Metabolic

Gut metabolism is representative of the bacterial milieu, primarily through the presence of commensal bacteria. Metabolic activities include: mucous production, vitamin synthesis and absorption, deconjugation of steroid hormones and bile acids, fat regulation, and SCFA metabolism. These metabolic activities require a normal population of commensal bacteria without active bacterial, viral, or parasitic infection.
Microbiology

The Markers in this section reflect the bacteriological status of the gut.

**Beneficial bacteria** Beneficial flora controls potentially pathogenic organisms, influences nutrient production, removes toxins from the gut and stimulates the intestinal immune system (GALT). The composition of the colonic flora is affected by diet, transit time, stool pH, age, microbial interactions, colonic availability of nutrients, bile acids, sulfate and the ability of the microbes to metabolize these substrates. Ideally, levels of Lactobacilli and E. coli should be 2+ or greater. Bifidobacteria being a predominate anaerobe should be recovered at levels of 4+.

**Additional bacteria**

**Non-pathogen**: Organisms that fall under this category are those that constitute normal, commensal flora, or have not been recognized as etiological agents of disease.

**Potential Pathogen**: Organisms that fall under this category are considered potential or opportunistic pathogens when present in heavy growth.

**Pathogen**: The organisms that fall under this category are well-recognized pathogens in clinical literature that have a clearly recognized mechanism of pathogenicity and are considered significant regardless of the quantity that appears in culture.

**Mycology**: Organisms that fall under this category constitute part of the normal colonic flora when present in small numbers. They may, however, become potential pathogens after disruption of the mucosal lining, which enables fungi to colonize and establish a local infection.

The Reference Range is a statistical interval representing 95% or 2 Standard Deviations (2 S.D.) of the reference population. One Standard Deviation (1 S.D.) is a statistical interval representing 68% of the reference population. Values between 1 and 2 S.D. are not necessarily abnormal. Clinical correlation is suggested. (See example below)

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The performance characteristics of all assays have been verified by Genova Diagnostics, Inc. Unless otherwise noted with as cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, assays are For Research Use Only.

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**Lab Comments**

SENSI'S: All yeast, add'l bacteria
### Shiga toxin E. coli
Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) is a group of bacterial strains that have been identified as worldwide causes of serious human gastrointestinal disease. The subgroup enterohemorrhagic E. coli includes over 100 different serotypes, with 0157:H7 being the most significant, as it occurs in over 80% of all cases. The pathogen is transmitted primarily by food, in particular dairy and beef cattle.

### Campylobacter
Campylobacter jejuni is the most frequent cause of bacterial-induced diarrhea. While transmission can occur via the fecal-oral route, infection is primarily associated with the ingestion of contaminated and poorly cooked foods of animal origin, notably, red meat and milk.

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Natural Agents:
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Azole Antifungals

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Non-absorbed Antifungals

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Patient: SAMPLE REPORT
Completed: May 08, 2009
Received: April 23, 2009
Collected: April 18, 2009
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Dientamoeba fragilis: Many Trophozoites

Methodologies used for the Ova & Parasites examination are sedimentation concentration of specimens followed by analysis by iodine wet mount and Trichrome stain permanent smear.

Parasitology EIA Tests

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Specimen Tested: Stool

Representative photograph of organism(s)

Dientamoeba fragilis
trophozoites
Commentary

Reported quantitation values were derived from a concentration of the sample(s) submitted and represent an "average" value.

Lab Comments
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Dientamoeba fragilis is a pathogenic flagellate. Transmission is by direct ingestion of the trophozoite, via contaminated water. The organism usually resides in the cecum and proximal colon. Symptoms may include diarrhea, abdominal tenderness, weight loss, fatigue, blood in the stool and eosinophilia, although asymptomatic infections can occur.