

# HUMAN D-DIMER

<b>Alternative nomenclature</b>	Fibrin degradation product
<b>Accession Numbers</b>	N/A
<b>Source</b>	Pooled normal human plasma
<b>Applications</b>	Critical reagent for quality control and calibrator material to support multiple applications including Biosensors, Clinical Chemistry, ELISA Assay, Lateral Flow

<b>Protein Occurrence</b>	D-dimer is formed during the coagulation cascade, it is a product from the Factor XIII mediated degradation of fibrinogen. <sup>1</sup> During clot formation three enzymes: Thrombin, Factor XIIIa, and plasmin sequentially act to breakdown Fibrinogen. Thrombin cleaves fibrinogen producing aggregated Fibrin monomers. Activated plasma Factor XIII bound to fibrin polymers produce active transglutaminase (Factor XIIIa). Factor XIIIa catalyzes the formation of covalent bonds between D-domains in the polymerized fibrin. When plasmin, the end product of the fibrinolytic system, is formed, it degrades insoluble, cross-linked Fibrin and results in the liberation of a variety of Fibrin degradation products (FDP's) with a large range of molecular weights. Among these FDP's is the D-dimer, a fragment with a molecular weight of ~180kDa. The D-dimer antigen exists as part of fibrin degradation products derived from soluble fibrin.
<b>Protein abundance and units</b>	Raised levels of D-dimer are associated with thrombosis. Normal D-dimer reference levels are assay dependent which rely on different antibodies but generally are <0.5µg/L. Attempts have been made to standardize the values across assay platforms. <sup>2</sup> Measured values are age dependent and the most diagnostic criteria suggest a correction for age. D-dimer levels also change in pregnancy and levels are different at different trimesters. Some assays measure using a different unit definition based on FEU, sFEU = Fibrinogen equivalent unit (500 ng FEU/mL = 250 ng D-dimer/mL).
<b>Function in Disease</b>	<p>D-dimer assays are used in the initial evaluation of patients suspected of having venous thromboembolism (VTE), deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and/or pulmonary embolism (PE).</p> <p>The D-dimer test is a sensitive assay for any disease process that causes intravascular or extravascular injury through infection, inflammation, cancer, or trauma. D-dimer testing has been shown to have importance in emergency medicine.<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Monitoring D-dimer levels during therapeutic intervention is helpful in disease management, decline in the D-dimer level provides assurance that the dose of anticoagulant being used is suppressing blood coagulation. Those patients without D-dimer suppression, on anticoagulants typically have SLE, obesity, or an infection, any of which may trigger extravascular fibrin formation or overwhelm the ability of the anticoagulant to suppress fibrin formation.</p> <p>Reports from Wuhan in China<sup>4</sup> have associated poor outcome with high levels of D-dimer in patients with COVID-19 pneumonia. D-dimer is being used widely to assess the health status of patients with COVID-19 and reports suggest that COVID-19 infection is associated with intra-alveolar fibrin deposition, leading to lethal respiratory failure. Evidence is emerging that Anticoagulation or fibrinolytic therapy can improve clinical outcomes, D-dimer testing is used to monitor the response to anticoagulant therapy.</p>

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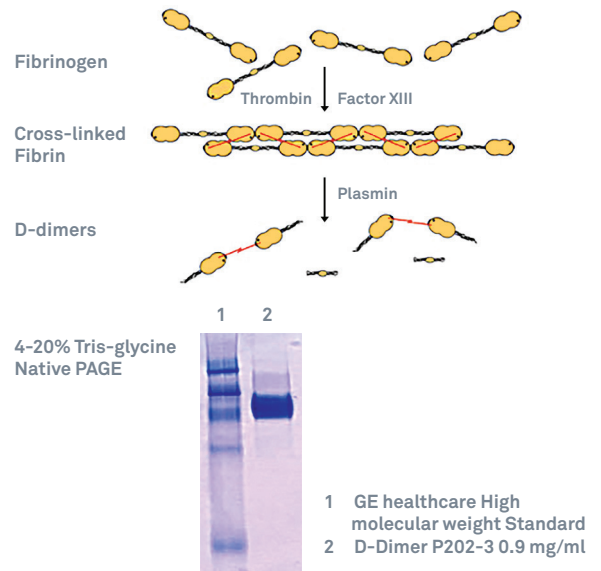
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