



# C3 Elevated (Isolated)

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(isolated)

‡Routine labs:

Glucose, electrolytes, blood gas, ammonia, CBC

Assay:  
Urine OA  
Plasma AC  
Plasma Homocysteine

Plasma C3 and C4DC – High  
Urine OA – MMA  
Plasma Homocysteine - Normal

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Urine OA – Propionic acid  
Plasma Homocysteine - Normal

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Plasma Homocysteine - Normal

Succinyl-CoA synthetase  
(SUCLA2) deficiency

Methylmalonyl-CoA mutase  
(Mut<sup>-</sup>, Mut<sup>o</sup>), CblA or CblB  
deficiency

CblC, CblD, CblF, TC-II, or  
vitamin B12 deficiency

Propionyl CoA carboxylase  
deficiency  
(Propionic acidemia; PA)

False positive  
Consider maternal vitamin B12  
deficiency

Optional Confirmatory  
Testing:  
SUCLA2 sequencing

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Testing:  
Mut assay/Cbl Complement  
studies (fibroblasts)

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Cbl Complement studies  
(fibroblasts)

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Testing:  
Propionyl-CoA carboxylase  
assay  
(fibroblasts)

## Abbreviations/Key:

AC = acylcarnitine  
CBC = Complete blood count  
Cbl = cobalamin  
MMA = methylmalonic acidemia  
Mut = mutase  
OA = organic acid  
TC-II = transcobalamin II

‡ - When the positive predictive value of screening is sufficiently high and the risk to the infant is high, some initiate diagnostic studies that are locally available at the same time as confirmation of the screening result is done.

Actions are shown in shaded boxes; results are in the unshaded boxes

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