

# Concentration of ketones in plasma

Here is an overview of the **plasma concentrations** of **3-hydroxybutyrate** (3-HB) in different situations:

	Concentration of 3-hydroxybutyrate in plasma	Concentration of free fatty acids (FFA) in plasma
After a meal	~ 0.05 mmol/l	< 0.2 mmol/l
12-hour fasting	< 0.2 mmol/l	~ 0.4 mmol/l
21-day fasting	~ 5.0 mmol/l	~ 1.5 mmol/l
T1DM; ketoacidosis; pH = 7.0	~ 20.0 mmol/l	~ 5.0 mmol/l

The maximum rate of formation of ketone bodies is reached at a **plasma concentration** of ~ 12 mmol/l.

## Links

### Related articles

- Reduction diet
- $\beta$ -oxidation
- Diabetes mellitus
- Acetyl-CoA

### References

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