

PLASMA PROTEINS

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INTRODUCTION

- Plasma : It is a clear liquid part of blood, Which contains 91-92% of water and 8-9% of gases & solid substances.
- There are some major proteins which present in plasma like:

Serum Albumin	}	Present in Serum
Serum Globulin		
Fibrinogen		
Prothrombinogen		
- In Serum, There is deficiency of Fibrinogen.

Normal Value

- Content: Normal value of plasma proteins is 6-8 g/dl

Plasma Proteins	Value (g/dL)
Serum Albumin	4.7
Serum Globulin	2.3
Fibrinogen	0.3
Total Value	7.3 (approximately 6-8%)

- A/G Ratio: It is important indicator of some disease of liver,kidney...etc
- If, it increase- kidney disease
Infection
Thyroid disease
- If, it decrease- Hepatitis B
Hepatitis C
HIV/AIDS
(Swelling
Dried skin
Hair loss
Diarrhrea/Vomiting
Dehydration)

Properties of Plasma Protein

1. Molecular Weight: Molecular weight of plasma protein is respectively

➤ **Albumin<Globulin<Fibrinogen**
(68,000) (1,58,000) (4,00,000)

2. Pressure: Plasma proteins is mainly responsible for Blood Pressure.

All of plasma proteins, Fibrinogen Plays major role in blood pressure

Value: 25 mm-Hg

3. Specific Gravity: 1.026

4. Water Solubility: There are soluble in water cause of polar residues like -NH₂ & -COOH are present.

Properties of Plasma Protein

5. Buffer Action: It has Amphoteric nature because of NH_2 & $-\text{COOH}$. It act as efficient buffer.
6. Electrophoretic Mobility: It act as ions in Alkaline solution & cation in Acidic solution.
Because of this properties, they posses electrophoretic mobility.

Functions of Plasma Proteins

1. **Expert Osmotic pressure:** Protein molecules are unable to pass capillary membrane. So, they exert 25mm-Hg colloid pressure on membrane...out of them 70-80% pressure is given by Albumin fraction.
 - Colloid Osmotic pressure plays an important role in exchange of water between Blood & Tissue fluid.
2. **Coagulation of Blood :** Mainly Fibrinogen and Prothrombinogen plays important Role in coagulation of blood.
3. **Defence Mechanism :** *γ Globulin* plays important role in immune system. it defence body from microorganism
4. **Acid-Base Balancing :** Plasma protein plays important role in balancing pH.
 - In Acidic pH: NH_3 act as base and forms NH_4^+
 - In Basic pH: COOH act as Acid and forms COO^-

Functions of Plasma Proteins

5. Transport: Plasma proteins are essential for transport of various substances in Blood.
 - Albumin, Globulin (alpha,beta) are responsible for transportation of enzymes,hormons.....
 - α & β Globuline are used in Iron transportation.
6. Viscosity: Plasma proteins provides viscosity to blood, which is important in Blood Pressure.
Mainly Viscosity is Provide by Fibrinogen cause of molecular weight is highest.
7. Role in genetic info.: Many plasma proteins exhibit polymorphism.
8. Role as reserve proteins: Plasma proteins serve as reserve protein.
 - It is utilised by Body tissue During: Fasting
 - Inadequate protein intake
 - Excessive catabolism of body proteins.

Functions of Plasma Proteins

9. Role in production of trophic substances: trophic substances promote the growth of cells. They are necessary for the nourishment of tissue cells in culture.
10. Role in ESR: Globulin & Fibrinogen accelerate the tendency of rouleau formation by RBC, which is responsible for ESR.

Origin

❖ In Embryo:

- In Embryo, It synthesized by mesenchyme cells
- Firstly, Albumin is synthesized.

❖ In Adults:

- In Adults it synthesized in mainly- Reticuloendothelial cell of liver
 - Spleen
 - Bone marrow
 - General tissue cell.

Albumin & Globulin - Liver

α & β Globulins - Liver, Spleen

γ Globulins - B-Lymphocytes

Plasmapheresis

- Plasmapheresis is also known as “Whipple’s Experiment”.
- This experiment was done to demonstrate the importance of Plasma Proteins.
- DOG: Blood is removed completely, washed in saline, and re-infused into the body with a solution.
- Due to lack of proteins, the animal undergoes the state of shock. If an animal fed with a diet containing proteins, the normal level of Plasma Proteins is restored.

-These are synthesized by the liver of dog.

-After removal of liver, the shock persists and the animal leads to death...

Importance: *Plasma Proteins are essential for survival.*

Plasma Proteins are mainly synthesized by liver.

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