

Impact of age, body weight and metabolic risk factors on steroid reference intervals in men

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Figure 2 Steroid lower and upper limits per year of age in reference and dysmetabolic sub-cohorts. Green lines and dots: lower and upper limits calculated in the reference sub-cohorts. Black lines and white dots: lower and upper limits calculated in the dysmetabolic sub-cohorts. * $P < 0.05$.

Further a number of errors have been found in [Table 3](#) and the correct table is published in full here.

Table 3 Lower (LRL) and upper (URL) reference limits of age-dependent steroid hormones. Data are reported as the mean \pm 1.96 \times s.d. and mean \pm 1.96 \times s.d. of hormone distribution for LRL and URL, respectively, as calculated at every 5 years of adult age.

	Age (years)											
	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65		
17OHP5												
LRL	5.1 (41-6.3)	4.8 (3.9-5.8)	4.4 (3.6-5.2)	4.0 (3.4-4.6)	3.6 (3.0-4.0)	3.2 (2.7-3.4)	2.8 (2.3-3.0)	2.4 (1.8-2.7)	2.1 (1.4-2.4)	1.8 (1.1-2.2)		
URL	46.4 (35.1-68.6)	42.4 (32.6-59.4)	38.1 (30.0-50.1)	33.5 (27.1-41.6)	33.5 (27.1-41.6)	33.5 (27.1-41.6)	33.5 (27.1-41.6)	33.5 (27.1-41.6)	33.5 (27.1-41.6)	33.5 (27.1-41.6)		
DHEA												
LRL	9.9 (8.4-11.4)	9.2 (8.3-10.2)	8.4 (7.7-9.1)	7.5 (6.8-8.1)	6.5 (5.9-7.0)	5.6 (5.0-6.1)	4.7 (4.1-5.2)	3.8 (3.3-4.3)	3.1 (2.5-3.6)	2.4 (1.9-3.0)		
URL	70.8 (58.9-87.4)	64.0 (56.0-74.1)	57.3 (51.6-64.1)	50.4 (46.1-55.4)	43.7 (40.3-47.8)	37.2 (34.3-40.9)	31.0 (28.5-34.5)	25.5 (23.1-28.7)	20.5 (18.3-23.5)	16.2 (14.1-18.9)		
17OHP4												
LRL	1.50 (1.13-1.71)	1.46 (1.12-1.65)	1.43 (1.11-1.60)	1.40 (1.11-1.55)	1.39 (1.12-1.52)	1.38 (1.13-1.51)	1.39 (1.15-1.54)	1.41 (1.15-1.61)	1.45 (1.15-1.74)	1.50 (1.15-1.92)		
URL	7.36 (6.57-8.05)	7.17 (6.45-7.77)	6.95 (6.33-7.47)	6.72 (6.16-7.17)	6.47 (5.96-6.86)	6.19 (5.73-6.61)	5.90 (5.42-6.39)	5.58 (5.05-6.21)	5.23 (4.61-6.02)	4.87 (4.11-5.84)		
Cort. (B)												
LRL	3.5 (2.8-5.0)	3.3 (2.8-4.7)	3.1 (2.7-4.3)	3.0 (2.6-4.0)	2.8 (2.5-3.6)	2.6 (2.4-3.4)	2.4 (2.1-3.2)	2.2 (1.8-3.2)	2.0 (1.4-3.3)	1.9 (1.1-3.4)		
URL	53.0 (46.0-77.3)	50.9 (44.7-72.6)	48.4 (43.1-67.3)	45.4 (41.3-61.6)	42.1 (39.0-55.3)	38.6 (36.4-49.2)	34.8 (33.4-43.9)	30.9 (29.5-39.6)	27.0 (25.0-36.4)	23.1 (20.4-33.5)		
11S												
LRL	0.24 (0.19-0.31)	0.24 (0.19-0.30)	0.24 (0.20-0.29)	0.24 (0.21-0.28)	0.24 (0.21-0.28)	0.25 (0.21-0.28)	0.25 (0.21-0.28)	0.25 (0.21-0.30)	0.26 (0.20-0.32)	0.26 (0.19-0.34)		
URL	3.65 (3.15-4.40)	3.55 (3.12-4.21)	3.45 (3.08-4.02)	3.34 (3.02-3.83)	3.23 (2.94-3.63)	3.11 (2.83-3.49)	2.99 (2.70-3.40)	2.87 (2.55-3.34)	2.74 (2.36-3.28)	2.61 (2.17-3.24)		
Cortisol												
LRL	152 (111-182)	154 (119-180)	156 (126-177)	158 (134-176)	160 (141-176)	162 (144-177)	165 (145-181)	167 (143-186)	169 (140-192)	171 (137-198)		
URL	598 (564-645)	584 (554-624)	569 (544-603)	555 (533-584)	541 (521-566)	527 (508-550)	513 (494-538)	499 (477-527)	485 (459-516)	471 (441-506)		
A4												
LRL	1.20 (1.08-1.30)	1.15 (1.04-1.24)	1.10 (1.00-1.18)	1.06 (0.97-1.12)	1.02 (0.94-1.08)	0.99 (0.91-1.05)	0.96 (0.89-1.03)	0.94 (0.86-1.02)	0.93 (0.83-1.02)	0.92 (0.80-1.04)		
URL	5.13 (4.58-5.85)	4.85 (4.39-5.45)	4.57 (4.19-5.05)	4.30 (3.99-4.67)	4.02 (3.78-4.31)	3.75 (3.55-3.97)	3.48 (3.30-3.69)	3.21 (3.00-3.47)	2.95 (2.68-3.26)	2.69 (2.37-3.07)		

A4, androstenedione; Cort. (B), cortisosterone; 11S, 11-deoxycortisol; 17OHP5, 17-hydroxypregnenolone; 17OHP4, 17-hydroxyprogesterone.