

H₂/METHANE BREATH TEST – HOME KIT

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Clinical Question: ? Fructose malabsorption

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Time (min)

Lactulose 2025	0	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	Symptoms
Hydrogen (ppm)	2	2	2	2	3	5	9	5	9	28	Borborygmi
Methane (ppm)	3	2	4	4	3	5	7	5	7	13	

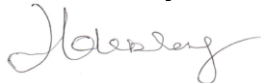
Time (min)

Fructose 17.10.25	0	20	40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	Symptoms
Hydrogen (ppm)	5	5	32	93	49	38	25	14	1*	7	None reported
Methane (ppm)	5	5	12	22	18	14	11	8	1*	7	

Comment: This study supports evidence of Fructose malabsorption.

* Reading is low due to dilution of sample with room air in breath sample bag

Yours sincerely,



Helen Dong - Senior Medical Scientist

PLEASE NOTE: These breath tests provide you with a diagnosis regarding carbohydrate malabsorption/intolerance +/- SIBO/IMO.

As symptoms you may be experiencing can be the result of other illnesses,

We recommend a consultation with your practitioner, who can advise you on these issues.

How these tests work: Carbohydrates (sugars) are fermented by bacteria to produce hydrogen and/or methane which, in most people, will be found in expired air. If these gases are produced following the ingestion of a carbohydrate, this indicates a malabsorption/intolerance of that carbohydrate +/- the presence of bacteria/archaea in an abnormal place (ie: SIBO or IMO).

Notes on the interpretation of breath hydrogen and methane tests: FODMAP tests - A rise in Hydrogen ≥ 20 ppm above baseline breath sample is considered a positive response. If there is < 5 ppm hydrogen response for any sugar, breath methane results are used. A rise in Methane ≥ 10 ppm above baseline breath sample is considered a positive response. A hydrogen rise of 10-19 ppm above the baseline is considered an equivocal positive response. **Lactulose SIBO test** - A rise in Hydrogen ≥ 20 ppm above the baseline breath sample or in Methane ≥ 10 ppm above baseline breath sample between 60-90mins of sampling, indicates presence of proximal/distal SIBO / IMO. **Glucose SIBO test** - A rise in Hydrogen ≥ 20 ppm above the baseline breath sample or in Methane ≥ 10 ppm above baseline breath sample indicates the presence of proximal SIBO / IMO.

When the baseline breath Hydrogen is > 10 ppm, interpretation of results is more difficult and may be up to the discretion of your practitioner. This can be due to insufficient test preparation and/or sampling error (Home Test Kit). In contrast to breath hydrogen, there is often a high baseline breath methane, which does not impact on interpretation.

The gas numbers produced during each test do not necessarily reflect severity of the malabsorption/intolerance. A small percentage of the population does not produce either hydrogen or methane as an indicator of fermentation.

BreathTracker Specifications:
Resolution: 1ppm H₂ and CH₄
Accuracy: $\pm 2-3$ ppm or 5% of full range for H₂ and CH₄
Linear Range: 2-150ppm H₂; 2-75ppm CH₄

Sugar Doses – 12 years and older:
Lactulose: total volume 100ml - Pure Lactulose 10g
Fructose: total volume 200ml - Pure Fructose 25g
Lactose: total volume 200ml - Pure Lactose 25g
Sorbitol: total volume 100ml - Pure Sorbitol 10g
Glucose: total volume 200ml - Pure Glucose 75g
Sucrose: total volume 200ml - Pure Sucrose 35g
Mannitol: total volume 100ml - Pure Mannitol 10g
(Patients 6-11 years – sugar amount and total volume is 1g per kg up to the maximum dose as listed above)