

Macroglobulin

A macroglobulin is a [plasma globulin](#) of high [molecular weight](#).

Elevated levels of macroglobulins (macroglobulinemia) may cause manifestations of excess blood viscosity (as is the case for IgM antibodies in [Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia](#)) and/or precipitate within blood vessels when temperature drops (as in cryoglobulinaemia).

Other macroglobulins include [alpha 2 macroglobulin](#), which is elevated in nephrotic syndrome, diabetes, severe burns, and other conditions, while a deficiency is associated with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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