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Although lipoprotein-X separates out by density in the low-density lipoprotein (LDL) fraction and thus may appear as LDL in the laboratory report, it is biologically unique.

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Xanthomas: Differentiating atherogenic from nonatherogenic

The patient had tendinous xanthomas on the dorsal joints of the hand and eruptive xanthomas on the buttock, as well as xanthoma striatum palmare on the volar aspect of the hand.

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The double-tongue sign

Computed tomography showed enlarged mylohyoid and geniohyoid muscles, surrounding inflammatory findings, and small gas retentions.

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