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The potential importance of a vitamin B₁₂ assay as a possible early marker in the working diagnosis of malignancy and blood disorders

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Hypercobalaminemia (high serum vitamin B_{12} levels) is a frequent and underestimated anomaly. The most obvious cause of an elevated vitamin B_{12} level is taking too much of the vitamin in the form of supplements. On the other hand, the etiological profile of high serum cobalamin predominantly encompasses severe disease entities for which early diagnosis is critical for prognosis. These entities are essentially comprised of solid neoplasms, hematological malignancies and liver and kidney disease. Vitamin B_{12} is generally not considered toxic in high levels, but it's important to determine if the elevation is due to excess vitamin supplements since other causes of a high vitamin B_{12} level are usually serious. This review reflects the potential importance of the vitamin B_{12} assay as an early diagnostic marker of these diseases.

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