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## Diagnostic approach to Hereditary renal hypouricemia

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**H**ereditary renal hypouricemia is a new genetic disorder affecting renal transport of uric acid (UA). This disorder predisposes the patients to exercise-induced acute renal failure and/or nephrolithiasis. The known causes are defects in the *SLC22A12* gene, encoding the human urate transporter 1 (hURAT1), and impairment of *SLC2A9* gene, which encodes GLUT9 transporter. Diagnosis is based on hypouricemia (<119  $\mu\text{mol/l}$ ) and increased fractional excretion of UA (>10%). To date, this disorder has been reported in East Asia mainly. More than one hundred Japanese patients have been described. Hypouricemia is sometimes overlooked, therefore we have set up the flowchart. The patients were selected for molecular analysis from 660 hypouricemic patients. Other secondary causes of hypouricemia such as Fanconi syndrome or drug-induced tubulopathy were excluded. The estimations of: 1) serum UA, 2) excretion fraction of UA, 3) and analysis of *SLC22A12* and *SLC2A9* genes followed. We have found 3 transitions, 4 deletions in *SLC22A12* gene and two insertions in *SLC2A9* gene in 9 Czech patients, which is the second group worldwide, in terms of number of patients. Three patients had acute renal failure and urate nephrolithiasis. In addition, we have detected two transitions in the *SLC2A9* gene in two boys from UK.

**Conclusions:** Hereditary renal hypouricemia is still unrecognized disorder and probably not wide spread in East Asia only. Asymptomatic hypouricemia may be a risk factor for kidney injury. Patients with unexplained hypouricemia need detailed purine metabolic investigations.

### Biography

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