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\* Maple Syrup Urine disease (MSUD)

- MSUD also called Branched Chain Ketonuria
- Incidence is 1 per 1 lakh births
- Characteristic smell of urine similar to burnt sugar or maple sugar due to excretion of branched chain keto acids.
- Biochemical defect - Deficient decarboxylation of Branched Chain keto acid.
- Oxidative decarboxylation with the help of CoA, NAD<sup>+</sup>, and branched chain

alpha-keto acid dehydrogenase

Lacking In Maple Syrup Urine disease

which convert

- Valine - Isobutyryl-CoA
- Leucine - Isovaleryl-CoA
- Isoleucine - Alpha-methylbutyryl-CoA

→ Clinical finding

- disease start in the first week of life
- convulsions, severe mental Retardation Vomiting, Acidosis, coma
- Death within first year of life
- fatal Ketacidosis



# Laboratory finding

- Plasma and Urinary level of leucine, Isoleucine, Valine and their alpha keto acid are elevated,
- Rothera's test is Positive
- Diagnosis depend on enzyme analysis in cells.
- Diagnosis should be done prior to 1 week after birth.

# MSUD

## Normal

Protein from food  
↓  
Branched-chain Amino Acid (BCAAs)

↓  
(Branched chain Keto acid Dehydrogenase) BCKAD

↓  
Energy  
+  
Growth

## MSUD

Protein from food  
↓  
BCAAs  
(Branched-chain Amino Acids)

↓  
BCKAD enzyme

↓  
BCKAD enzyme ~~X~~ deficient

↓  
Build up of BCAAs and other substances  
+

Acidosis & Mental Retardation



## Treatment

→ Low protein diet, low quantity of branched chain amino acid.

→ Mild variant is called Intermittent branched chain ketonuria, this will respond to high doses of thiamine.

→ Because decarboxylation of BCAA requires thiamine.

→ Liver transplantation successfully tried in some cases of MSUD.