

가족성 소아 고요산신병증 환자에서 확인된 Novel Uromodulin Gene Mutation

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A Case of Familial Juvenile Hyperuricemic Nephropathy with Novel Uromodulin Gene Mutation, a Novel Heterozygous Missense Mutation in Korea

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Familial juvenile hyperuricemic nephropathy (FJHN, OMIM #162000) is a rare autosomal dominant disorder characterized by hyperuricemia, gout and chronic kidney disease. More than 50 families in various ethnic groups have been described. The hyperuricemia, which is associated with decreased urinary excretion of urate, is known to cause chronic kidney disease in most patients. Affected family members show the impairment of urate excretion before puberty and usually develop hyperuricemia and gout after adolescence. Renal function gradually deteriorates and results in end-stage renal disease within 10 to 20 years. Diagnosis is suggested by a fractional excretion of uric acid of <5% (normal, 10–15%) with the symptoms and signs of FJHN. In most but not all families with FJHN, genetic studies have revealed mutations in the uromodulin (UMOD) gene located on chromosome 16p11–p13.

A 16-year-old male had been suffered from waxed and waned symptoms of swelling and pain of right 1st metatarsal joint since his age of 14. In the family history, his elderly brother, grand father, father and uncle were also diagnosed with gout and chronic kidney disease at teenage and they have been treated with allopurinol for several years. Two peripheral blood samples for gene analysis were obtained from patient and his father. DNA sequence analysis of the 10 exons of the UMOD gene was undertaken for genetical confirmation of FJHN. Gene analysis revealed a novel heterozygous missense mutation (c.1382C>A, p.Ala461Glu) that altered evolutionary conserved residues in the gene encoding UMOD. The patient has been treated with allopurinol (100 mg/day) since admission and patient's serum uric acid level begun to decrease. Ten months later, his serum uric acid level was 6.4 mg/dL and serum creatinine level was 1.63 mg/dL. He remained clinically asymptomatic throughout this period.

In conclusion, we find a FJHN family confirmed by genetic analysis for the first time in Korea. Genetic analyses show UMOD gene mutation, a novel heterozygous missense mutation (c.1382C>A, p.Ala461Glu), which has not been reported previously.

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