

# Urinary Acylglycine LC-MSMS method Analytical concerns & clinical use

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**MEASUREMENT OF URINARY ACYLGlyCINES BY TANDEM  
MASS SPECTROMETRY**

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## Comprehensive Screening of Urine Samples for Inborn Errors of Metabolism by Electrospray Tandem Mass Spectrometry

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Quantitative analysis of urinary acylglycines for the diagnosis of  $\beta$ -oxidation defects using GC-NCI-MS

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Measurement of Urinary Acylglycines by TMS to Facilitate the Investigation of Metabolic Disorders

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Evaluation of Urinary Acylglycines by Electrospray Tandem Mass Spectrometry in Mitochondrial Energy Metabolism Defects and Organic Acidurias

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A Method for Comprehensive Analysis of Urinary Acylglycines by Using Ultra-Performance Liquid Chromatography Quadrupole Linear Ion Trap Mass Spectrometry

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# Acylglycine formation

- Glycine-N-acylase
- Acyl-CoA esters conjugated glycine (Crn, GluN)
- Polar compounds urine excreted in urine
- Acylglycines reflect mitochondrial acyl-CoA esters
- Acyl-CoA dehydrogenases
- Leu/ Ile/ Val/ Lys catabolism

The Specificity of Glycine-N-Acylase and Acylglycine Excretion in the Organicacidaemias

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# Biosynthesis of Acylglycines

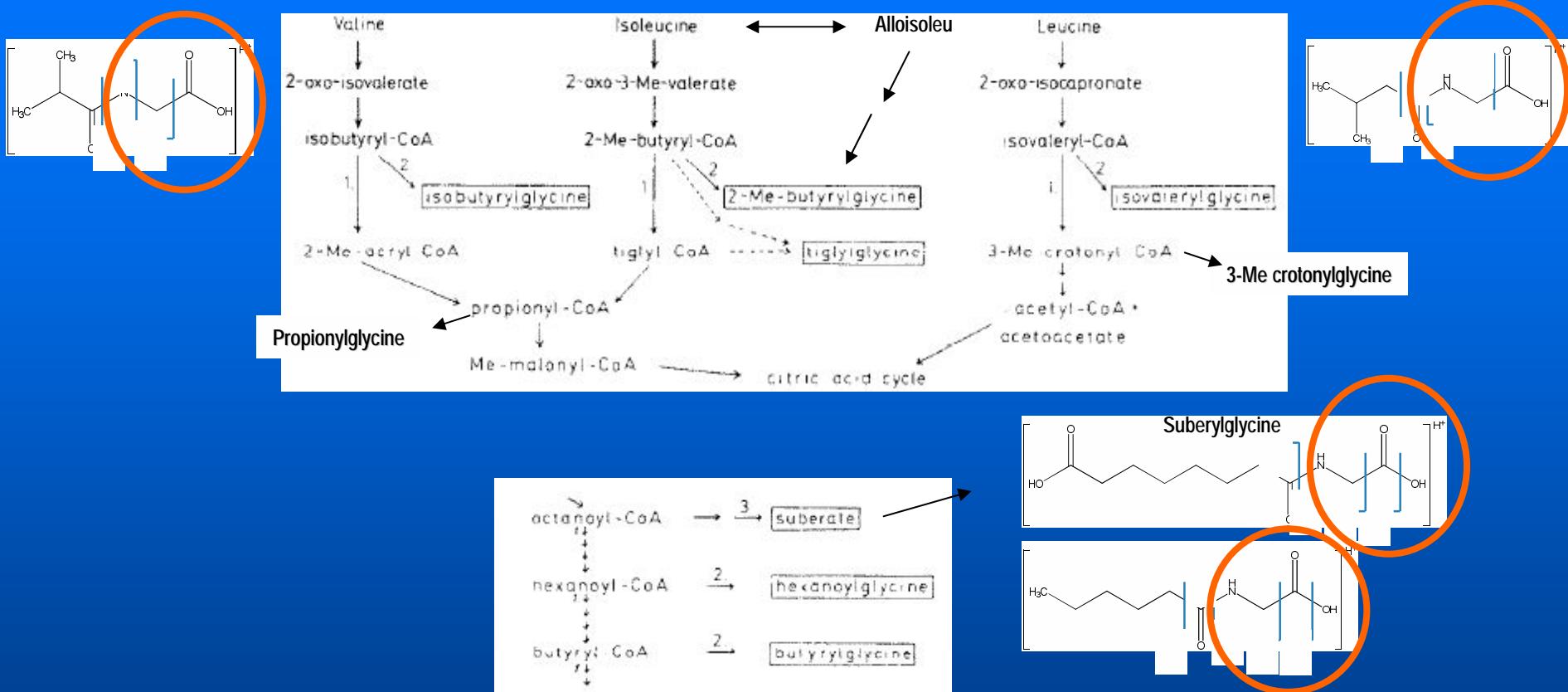


Fig. 1. Scheme for the proposed biosynthesis of the compounds found elevated in urine from the patient (marked with squares). a, The degradation of branched-chain amino acids; b, the fatty acid  $\beta$ -oxidation.  
1, Acyl-CoA dehydrogenases; 2, glycine-N-acylase; 3,  $\omega$ -oxidating system.

# Method Characteristics

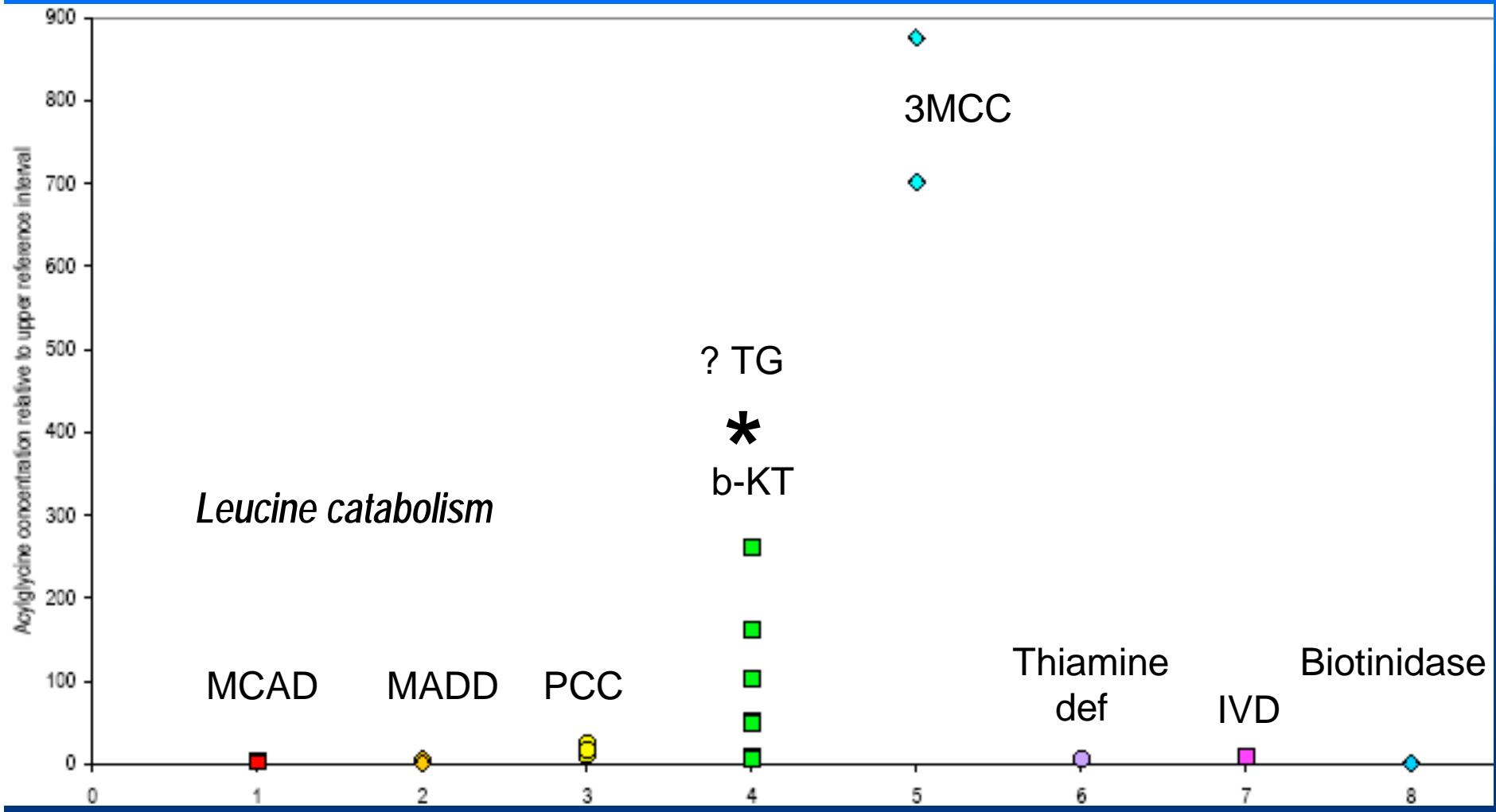
- Micromass Quattro Micro, Waters 2795 HPLC
- Negative ion
- Urine 'Dilute & shoot', 20 µL
- 2.5 min, isocratic 80% AcN
- Hexanoylglycine  $^{13}\text{C}_2$  (IS)
- 9 acylglycines; propionyl, tigly, 3-methylcrotonyl, isovaleryl, 2-methylbutyryl, hexanoyl, octanoyl, phenylpropionyl, suberyl
- Current use; NNS MCAD urinary hexanoylglycine

# Acylglycine excretion

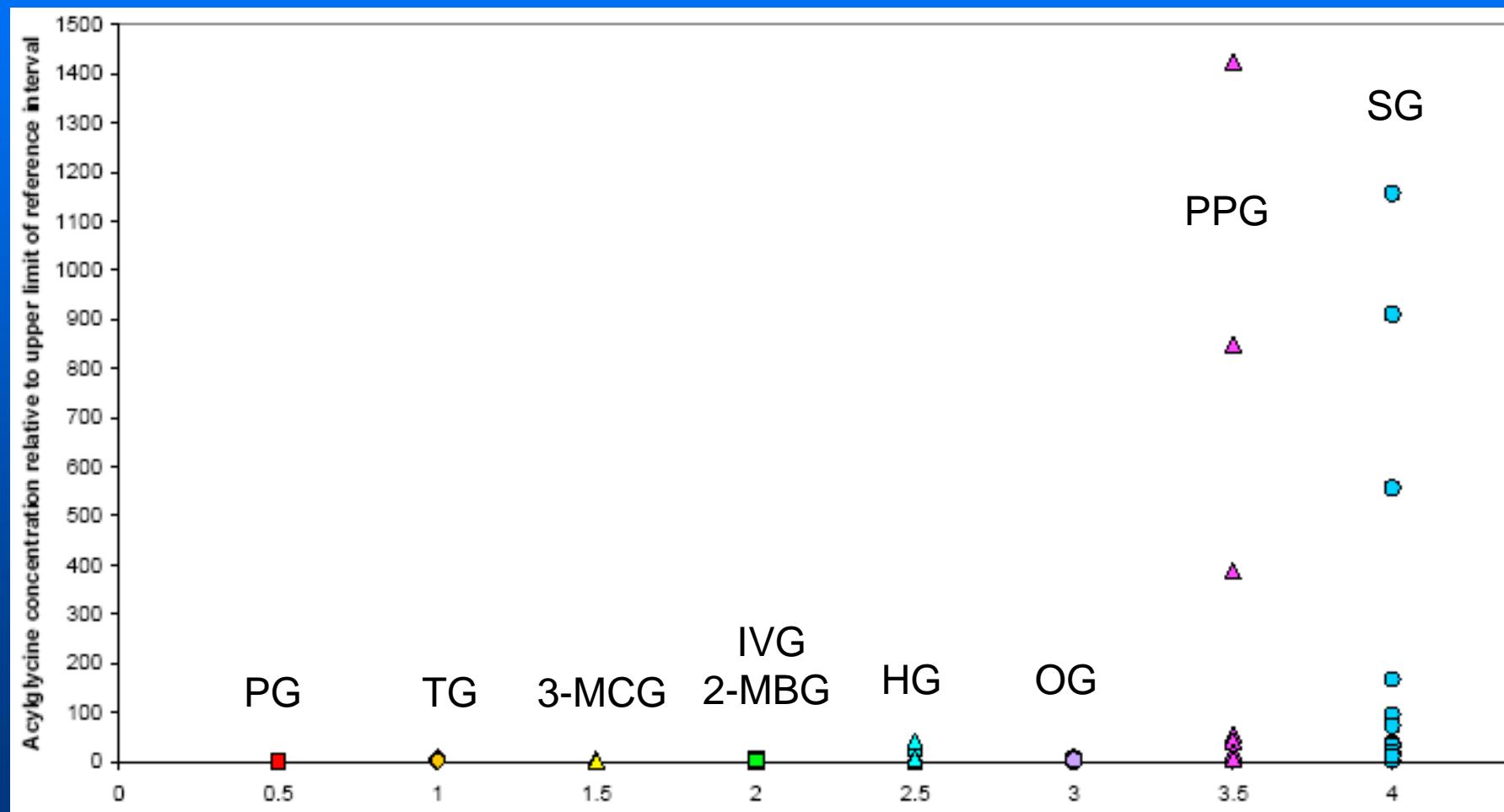
Urine Glycine	Parent ion m/z	Daughter ion m/z	Enzyme deficiency
Propionyl	130.1	74	PCC, MUT, HLCS
Tigly (2-mecrotonyl)	156.1	112	PCC, HLCS, BKT
3-methylcrotonyl	156.2	74	HMGCL, 3MCC, HLCS, {BKT}, {thiamine def}
Isovaleryl	158.0	74	IVD, MADD, {EMA-A}, {Valp}
2-methylbutyryl	158.0	74	MADD, SBCAD
Hexanoyl	172.2	74	MCAD, MADD, PCC, BKT, {Valp}
Octanoyl	200.3	74	MCAD, MADD
3-phenylpropionyl	206.2	74	MCAD
Suberyl	230.2	74	MCAD, {MCT feeds}
C13 Hexanoyl	174.2	75	

Butyryl	144	~	SCAD, MCAD, MADD
Isobutyryl	144	~	MADD
Glutarylglycine	202	~	GCDH (decompensated)

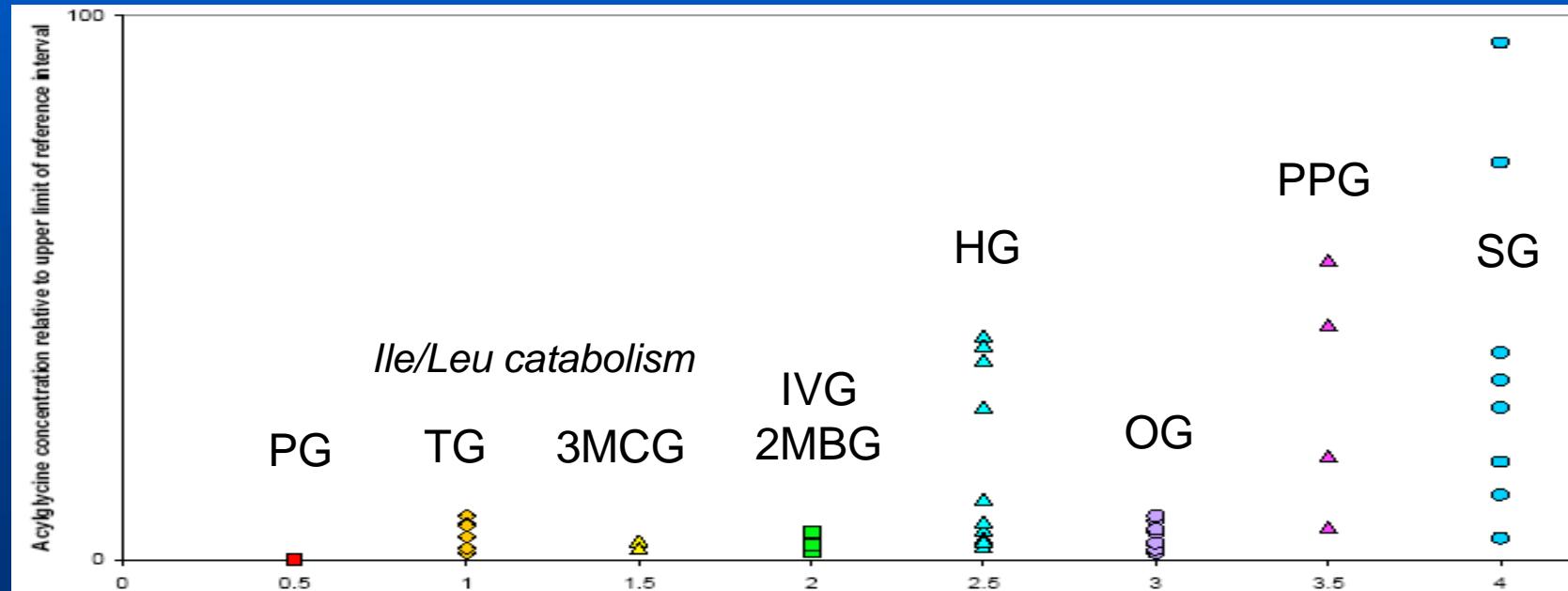
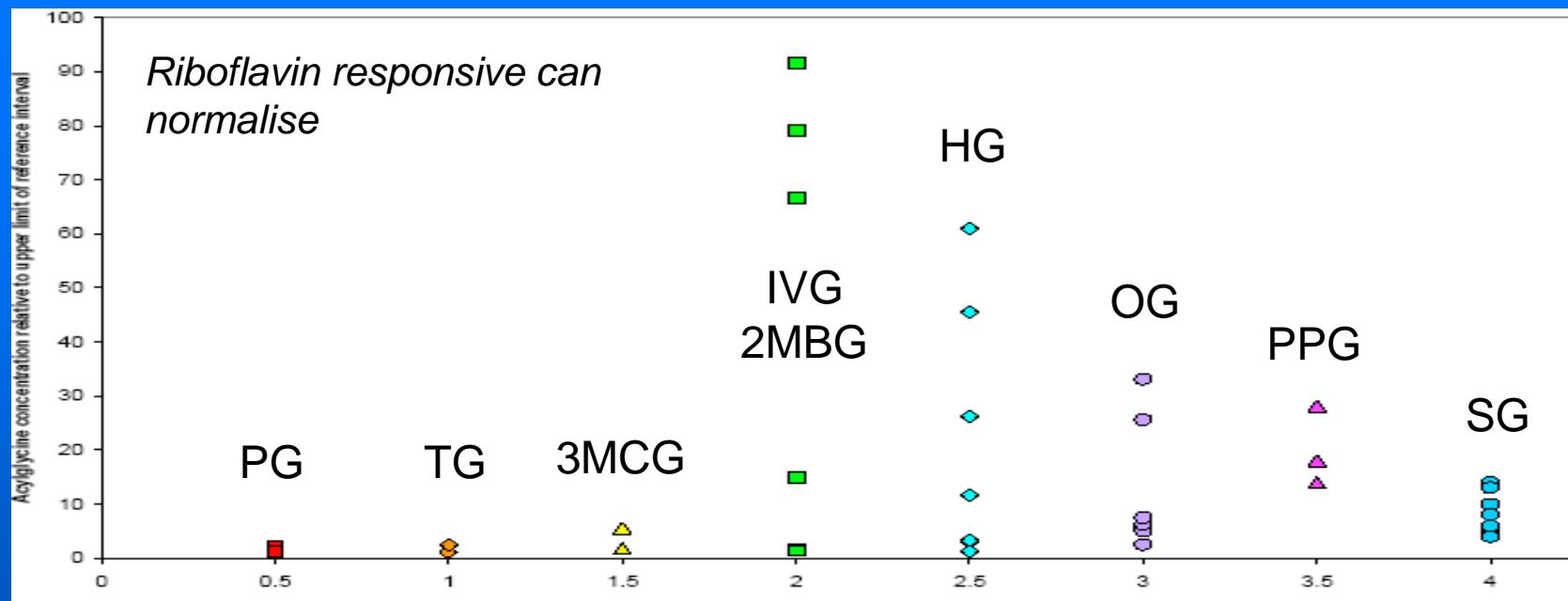
# 3-Methylcrotonylglycine excretion



# Medium Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase deficiency



# MADD & MCAD



# Analytical issues

- Separation of IVG/ 2MBG (TG/3MBG)
- Deterioration of suberylglycine
- Alternative source of pure standards (synth SBC)
- Appropriate control material - ? Spiked, patient
- Mixed standards for all or some glycines
- Addition of butyryl/ isobutyryl glycine

# Clinical & Diagnostic Use

## Elevated C4 acylcarnitine

- SCAD – {butyrylglycine} (EMA +/- MeSuccinate)
- Isobutyryl CoA dehydrogenase – isobutyrylglycine
- EMA encephalopathy – isovalerylglycine (EMA)

## Elevated C5 acylcarnitine >

- IVD - isovalerylglycine
- SBCAD – 2-methylbutyrylglycine (2-EHA)
- Equivocal Organic acids & acyls (?acylgly detected)
- 'Quick screen method' Pitt et al. Negative ion method; additional MRM orotic acid, sulphocysteine etc.