**Disease Name**

**MALONYL-CoA DECARBOXYLASE DEFICIENCY (MA)**

**(MALONIC ACIDURIA)**

**Classification:** Disorder of ketone metabolism and fatty acid oxidation

**Genetic Information**

- **Inheritance:** Autosomal recessive.
- **Population Incidence:** Rare, less than 20 reported cases.
- **Ethnic Incidence:** No known population at increased risk.
- **Gene & Location:** MLYCD, MCD genes on 16q24
- **Common Mutation:** No known common mutations.
- **OMIM #** #248360

**Disease Information**

- **Symptom Onset:** Age of presentation ranges from three days to 13 years old.
- **Symptoms:** All patients have had developmental delay and 20-40 percent have other symptoms, including hypotonia, hypoglycemia, metabolic acidosis, cardiomyopathy (hypertrophic and/or dilated), diarrhea, vomiting, ketosis, seizures, lactic acidemia, microcephaly and low cholesterol.
- **Physical Findings:** Single report of micropenis and renal dysplasia in a patient with malonic aciduria. Another with epicanthal folds and long face.
- **Treatment:** Carnitine, high-carbohydrate diet, and decreased fatty acids in diet. Efficacy of treatment has not been determined.
- **Natural History without treatment:** One patient died as a neonate and two died in infancy. Symptoms tend to be worse with stressors like illness or fasting. A patient in her 20’s has severe cognitive impairment and spastic quadriaparesis.
- **Natural History with treatment:** Unknown, no known prospectively treated patients.

**Metabolic Information**

- **Missing Enzyme & Location:** Enzyme is present in both peroxisomes and mitochondria. Malonyl CoA decarboxylase breaks down malonyl CoA to acetyl CoA.
- **MS/MS profile:** C3-DC (malonyl carnitine)- elevated.
- **Prenatal testing:** Theoretically possible via enzyme analysis on amniocytes or CVS.
- **Miscellaneous Information:** The malonic acid and malonyl-CoA are thought to be toxic to the brain cells and cause the neurological symptoms.

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