

## Detection of ketone bodies in urine

- Ketone bodies are acetone , acetoacetic acid and B- hydroxybutyric acid.
- Normal level of ketone bodies in urine less than 18 mg/day.
- Ketonuria means presence of ketone bodies in urine in abnormal concentration.

Causes of ketonuria:

Defect in carbohydrate metabolism as in,

- 1- ketosis
- 2-diabetes mellitus
- 3-low carbohydrate diet
- 4-starvation

## Detection of ketonuria by Rothera test:

1-saturate urine sample by ammonium sulfate

2-in test tube add 5ml of saturated urine sample +2ml of conc. Ammonia solution + 3 drops of 5% sodium nitroprusside

3- mixing

## Result:

Permengnate color appear.....+ve ketonuria.

No permengnate color.....-ve ketonuria.

