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研究成果の概要(和文)：尿は3,000以上の多様な代謝物を含む体液です。尿の正確な組成を決定することや、その収集と保管は困難であり、費用がかかります。本研究課題では、いくつかの製剤を調査し、尿分析の開発における人工尿の適合性をAIを活用したラマン分光法を用いて検討しました。ラマンスペクトルは、液体または空気乾燥条件下でポータブルラマン分光計とラマン顕微分光計の両方を使用して測定されました。いくつかの実験パラメータを最適化することにより、標準的なヒト尿とよく一致する人工尿スペクトルを実現しました。このAU製剤をラマン分光法ベースの尿分析の開発中にヒトの尿の代わりに使用して成功させることができると信じています。

研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

Human urine flows through kidneys, ureters, bladder, urethra etc. and it accurately reflects change in all the organs. Separate screening tests are done for each disease. Proposed urinalysis by Raman microscopy helps to screen multiple conditions in one step, reduce cost/time and contribute to SDG3

研究成果の概要(英文)：Urine is a rich body fluid with over 3,000 metabolites. Determining exact composition of urine, its collection and storage are difficult and expensive. During the development of new modalities of urinalysis, therefore, artificial urine has many advantages as it is both practical and fast to obtain over human urine for research and educational purposes. In this work, we investigated several formulations and examined suitability of artificial urine for the development of AI assisted Raman spectroscopy based urinalysis. Raman spectra were measured using both portable Raman spectrometer and a Raman micro-spectrometer under liquid or air-dried conditions. By optimizing several experimental parameters, we realized artificial urine spectra that matched well with standard human urine. We believe this formulation of AU can be used to replace human urine during development of Raman spectroscopy based urinalysis successfully.

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1 . 研究開始当初の背景 (Background)

Global burden of kidney and urinary tract diseases are on the rise and significantly affects elderly people. It is of great concern in ageing societies such as Japan. In fact, United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 3 (SDG-3) targets good health and well-being for people globally. One of the proposed means to achieving it is to develop early warning systems. So, development of multipurpose screening tools for renal and urinary tract illnesses is need of the hour. In this context, urine is an attractive target. Depending on pathological condition, urine and urine sediments may contain epithelial cells, blood cells, casts, salts/crystals and microorganisms which can be used for screening. Wide range of tests including dipsticks have been developed to detect biochemical changes in urine but are unreliable because contamination is a widespread problem. So microscopic examination of urine is necessary for proper screening / diagnosis. Current efforts rely only on morphological changes (shape/size) which fail to identify many urinary components. On the other hand, Raman spectroscopy relies on molecular information and has recently demonstrated excellent classification of various biomaterials including cells and microorganisms. Therefore we proposed to develop AI assisted Raman Spectroscopy based Urinalysis. However, urine is a rich body fluid with over 3,000 metabolites. Many aspects of our lives such as age, gender, nature and time of food intake, function of various organs including kidneys etc. are reflected in its composition and investigating urine has its own challenges. Determining exact composition of urine, its collection and storage are difficult and expensive. Therefore, during the development of new modalities of urinalysis, artificial urine (AU) has many advantages as it is both practical and fast to obtain over human urine for research and educational purposes. In this work, we prepare various formulations of AU and examined its suitability for the development of AI assisted Raman spectroscopy based urinalysis.

2 . 研究の目的 (Purpose)

Human urinary system includes many organs - kidneys, ureters, bladder, urethra etc. (Figure 1). Presently, screening depends on target disease and separate screening tests are done for each disease which is expensive and time-consuming. Since urine flows through all these organs, it accurately reflects change in any/all of them. Therefore efficient investigation of urine and urine sediment by microscopy can help to screen multiple conditions simultaneously in just one step, reduce cost/time and help to contribute to SDG-3.

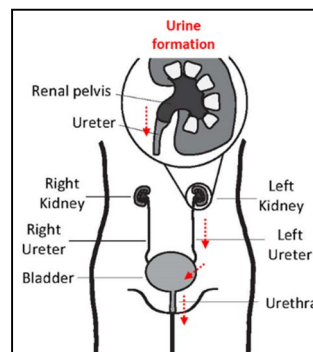


Figure 1. Human urinary system and flow of urine

3 . 研究の方法 (Methods)

We investigated several AU formulations reported in the literature. AU was prepared according to formulation shown in Table 1 modified from Sarigul et al., Scientific Reports, 9:20159 (2019) and measured using both portable Raman spectrometer (pRS) and a Raman micro-spectrometer (RM) under liquid/air-dried conditions with the following measurement parameters.

Table 1. AU formulation

Chemical	Molarity(mM)	Quantity(g/100ml)
Na_2SO_4	11.965	0.1700
$\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$	1.487	0.0250
$\text{Na}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	2.450	0.0720
$\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}$	7.791	0.0881
$\text{CH}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}$	249.750	1.5000
KCl	30.953	0.2308
NaCl	30.053	0.1756
CaCl_2	1.663	0.0185
NH_4Cl	23.667	0.1266
$\text{K}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.19	0.0035
$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4.389	0.1082
$\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	18.667	0.2912
$\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4.667	0.0831

Raman Microspectrometer: Nanofinder: objective - 100x, excitation laser wavelength - 532 nm, laser power - 2mW

Portable Raman Spectrometer: EZRaman-I: excitation laser wavelength - 785 nm, laser power - 46mW

4 . 研究成果 (Results)

We compared the Raman spectra between AU and human urine and could see that most of the peaks corresponded to each other, especially those for urea and creatinine. The peaks at 527, 1006, and 1160 cm^{-1} indicate the presence of urea and the peaks at 681, 846, and 908 cm^{-1} creatinine, with attribution assigned to the symmetric stretching peak C–N for the peak at 1006 cm^{-1} and C–NH₂ and C=O stretching and vibrations of the aromatic ring for the peak at 681 cm^{-1} , confirming the peaks found in other studies of urine. We could successfully obtain spectra of urine by both pRS and RM. Due to higher throughput, urine Raman spectra from RM has high signal/noise (S/N) compared to pRS. We observed that liquid AU has higher S/N than air-dried AU on pRS. Spectra of urine in 1s has low S/N and exposure over 10s gives reliable data under measured conditions. Increase of laser power results in higher S/N as expected. Effect of volume is negligible. Therefore, we believe this formulation of AU can be used to replace human urine during development phases.

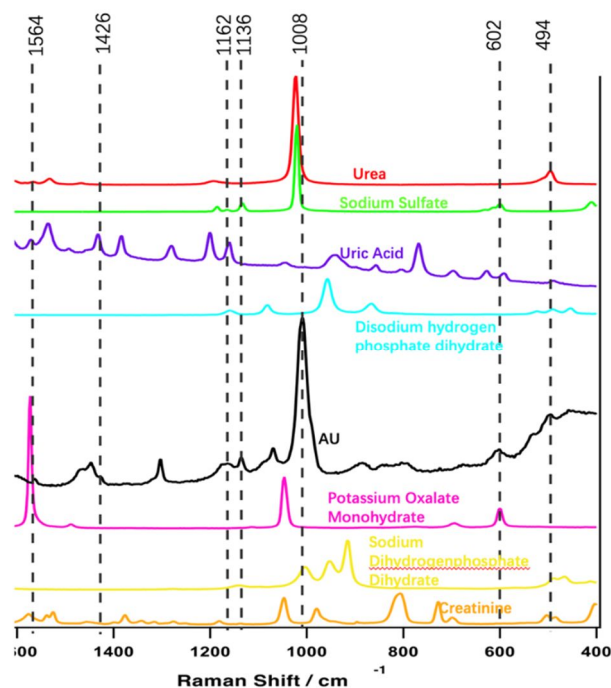


Figure 1. Raman Spectra of AU compared with various components measured using Raman micro-spectrometer.

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