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The present invention relates, in general, to urate oxidase (uricase) proteins and nucleic acid molecules encoding same. In particular, the invention relates to uricase proteins which are particularly useful as, for example, intermediates for making improved modified uricase proteins with reduced immunogenicity and increased bioavailability.		