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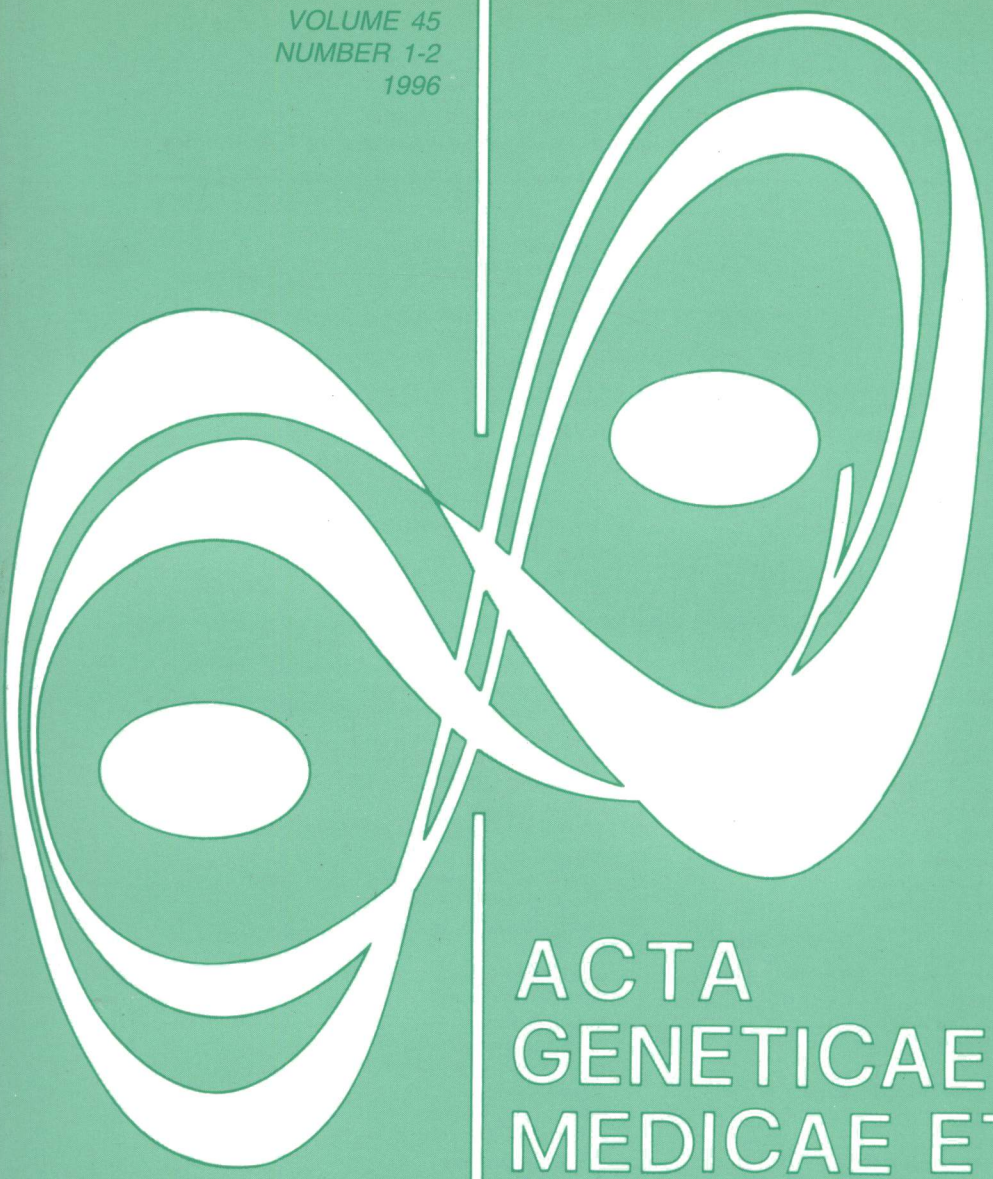

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The different pahts of the methylation of gametes which determine the genomic imprinting might be found in other diseases not necessarily linked to hereditary factors and even in normal characters. Human and medical genetics are, then, deeply interested in studying the phenomenon. Hereditary diseases should, therefore, considered not only as the product of a specific genotype but also as the product affected by the remaining genome. A phenomenon which we hypothesized several years ago and that we called "Genius familiaris morbi".

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