

# 2019 Update in Neuronopathic GD



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## Update in Type 3 Gaucher disease - 2017

- Important global disease
- Long-term response to enzyme replacement therapy
- Unmet needs:
  - remains a disabling and life-threatening disease
  - lung disease
  - spinal deformity
  - abdominal lymphadenopathy
  - neurological signs
- New clinical trial of brain-penetrant SRT

# Gaucher Disease Classifications

<b>Type 1</b> (nonneuronopathic)	<b>Type 2</b> (acute neuronopathic)	<b>Type 3</b> (chronic neuronopathic)
<p>Panethnic (~1:60,000)</p> <p>Prevalent in Ashkenazi Jews (~1:850)</p> <p>Onset in childhood or adulthood</p>	<p>Panethnic (~1:100,000)</p> <p>Onset in infancy, death &lt; 2 years</p>	<p>Panethnic (~1:100,000)</p> <p>Onset in childhood</p>

Weiss K et al, *Mol Genet Metab*, 2015  
Sidransky E. *Mol Genet Metab*. 2004;83:6-15.

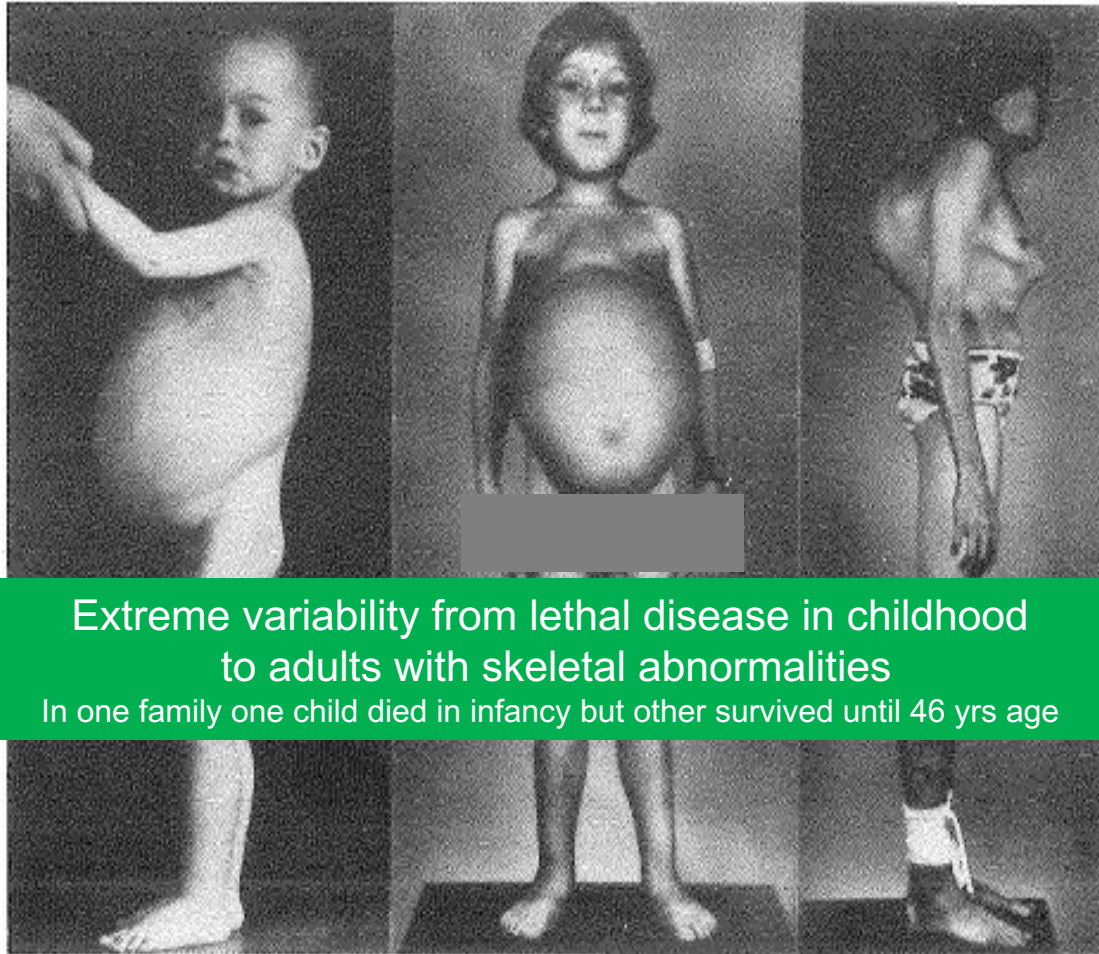
# Story of GD3 began in Northern Sweden – First cluster of GD3 Described in Norrbotten and Vasterbotten



*Hillborg and Svennerholm, Acta Paeditrica, 1960*

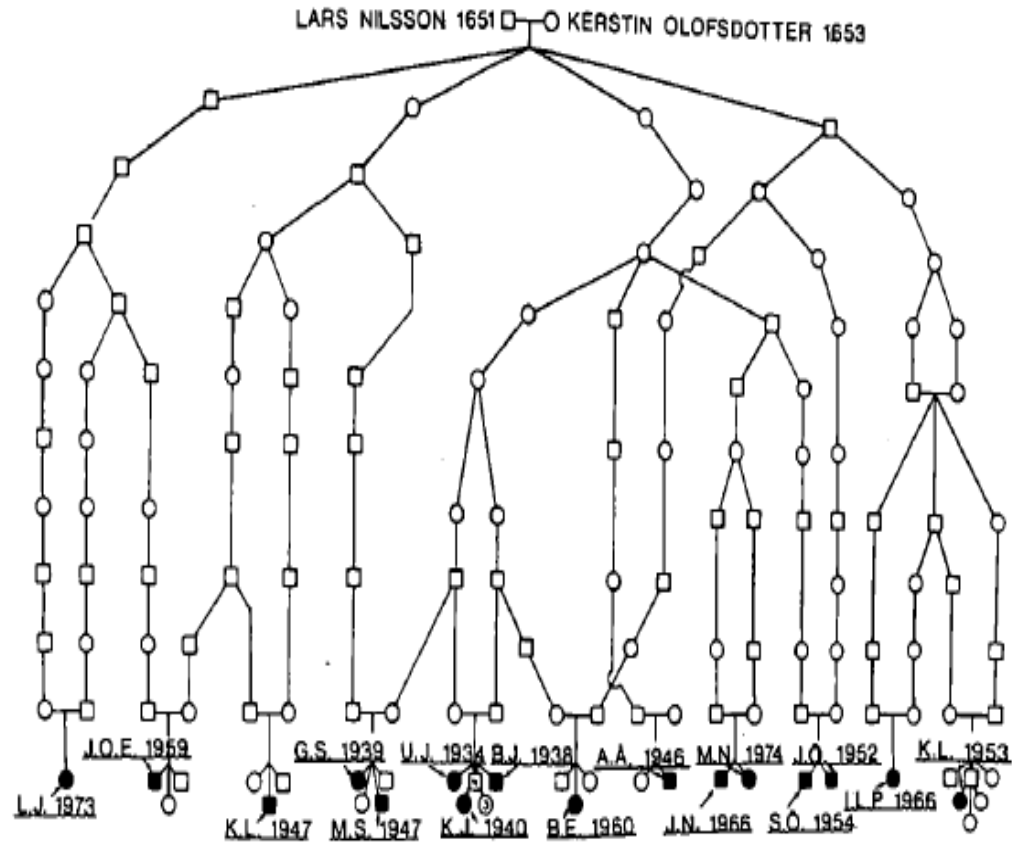
## First descriptions of Gaucher disease in Norrbotten

- Severe life-threatening disease starting in childhood
- severe liver/spleen enlargement, low blood counts, growth failure
- and neurological symptoms



*Svennerholm L et al, 1982, Progr in Biol Res*

Pedigree for Norrbotten branch of Gaucher disease  
 All GD3 patients (filled circles) descended from common ancestors  
 Yet, highly variable disease severity

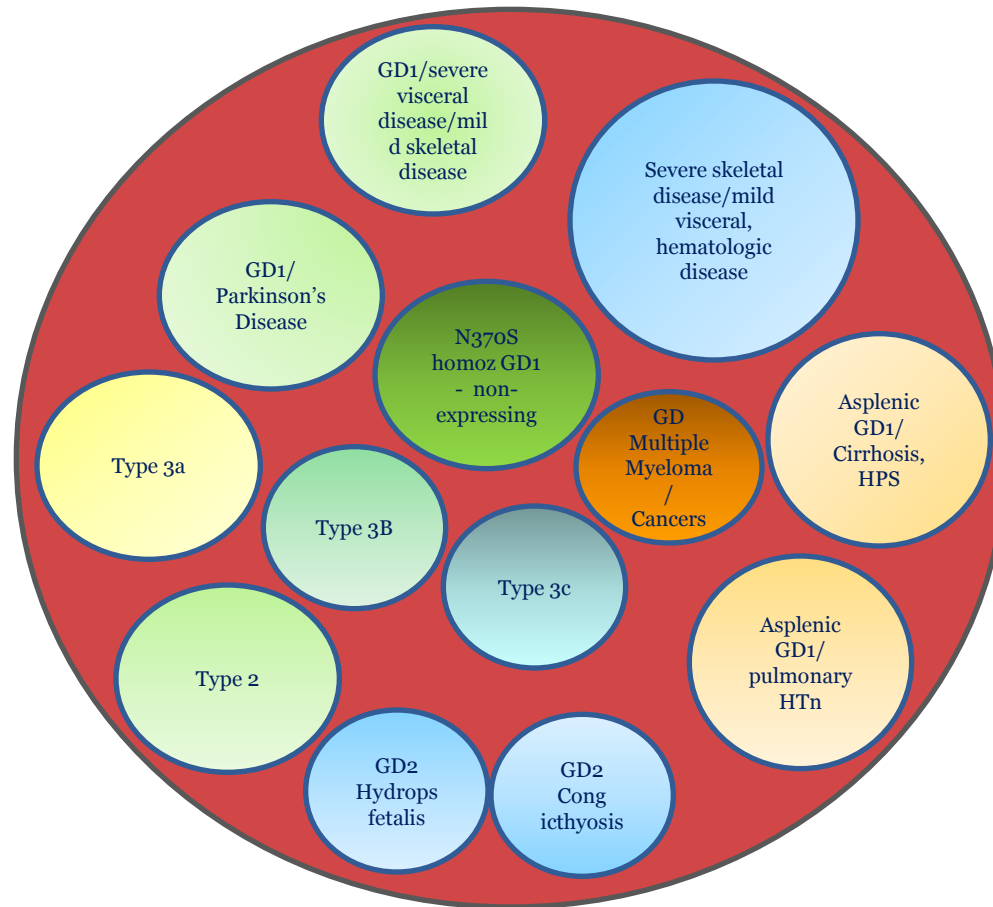


*Several groups working to identify modifiers that lead to variable severity*





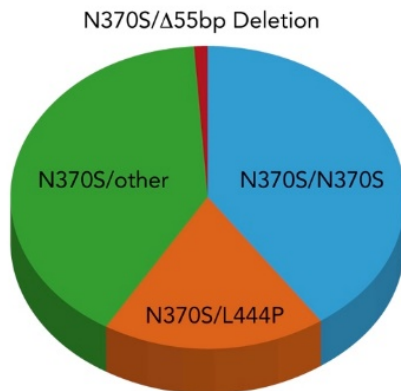
# Multiple syndromes of GD due to single gene, single enzyme deficiency



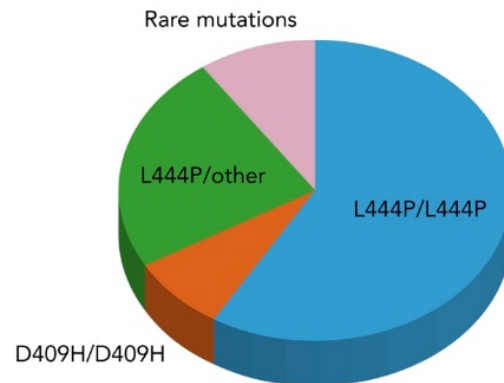
# Global distribution of GBA genotypes by phenotype in ICGG Registry

## Presence of at least one N370S allele precludes neuronopathic GD

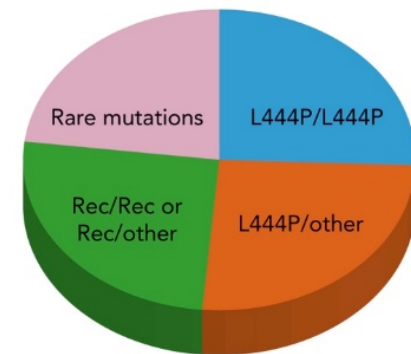
GD1: 3,902 patients



GD3: 283 patients



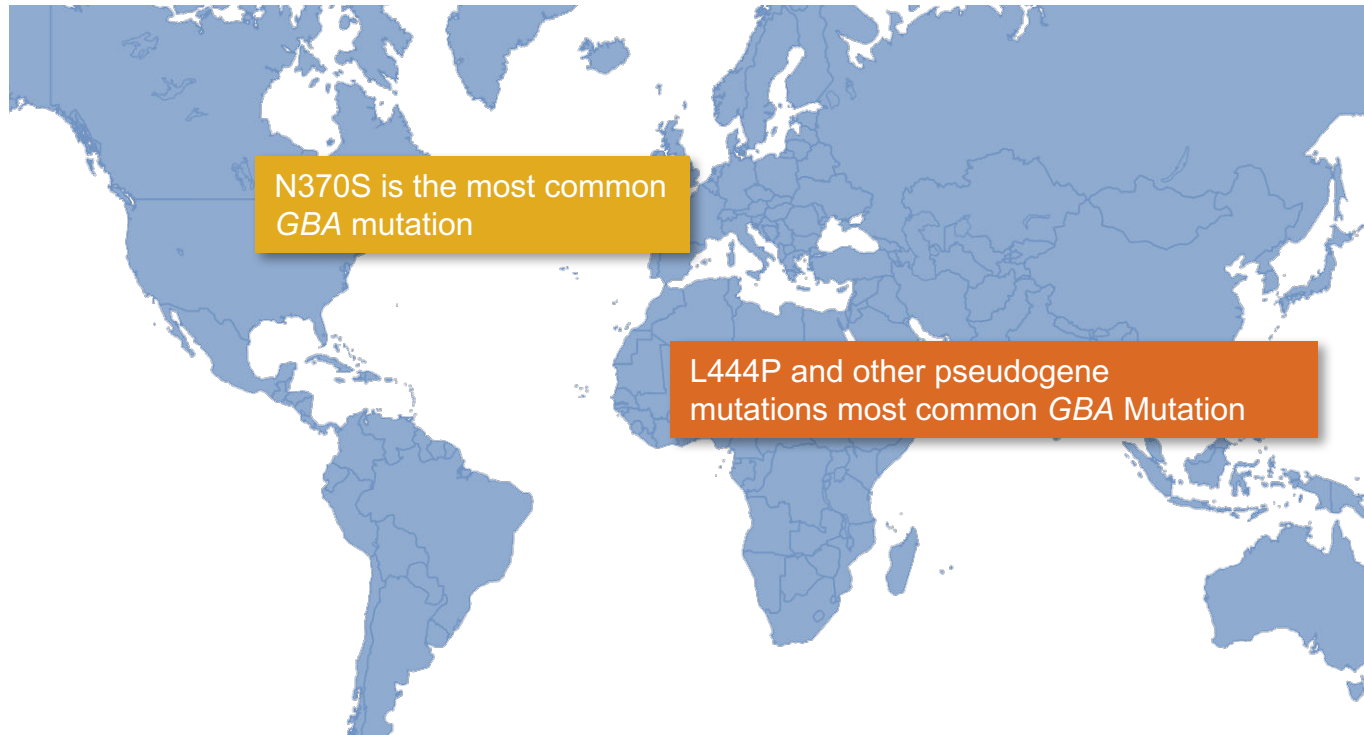
GD2: 35 patients



*ClinicalTrials.gov NCT00358943*

*Am J Hematol. Suppl to Celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICGG 2015 Jul;90 Suppl 1:S12-8.*

# Global distribution of Gaucher disease mutations



Neuronopathic Gaucher disease (NGD) is rare: ~1 in 100,000 individuals

*However, world-wide, there are many more NGD patients than GD1*

Worldwide prevalence varies substantially

US, Europe and Israel: 5% of GD patients classified as GD3 and 1% as GD2

Egypt, Korea, Taiwan, and China: at least one-third of GD patients classified as GD3 or GD2

# Two ICGG Gaucher Registry\* Studies of Neuronopathic Gaucher Disease (NGD)

## Largest cohorts of NGD studied to date

Neurological Outcomes Subregistry <sup>1</sup>	GD3 Treated with Imiglucerase Starting <18 Years Old <sup>2</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N=131</li><li>• Initiated in 2004, captured full worldwide spectrum of NGD</li><li>• All patients in ICGG Registry with confirmed GD diagnosis and neurologic manifestations</li><li>• Baseline: data point closest to diagnosis date within <math>\pm 2</math> years</li><li>• Data analysis: patients enrolled in the Subregistry as of 1 June 2007</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N=253</li><li>• All GD3 patients in the ICGG Registry as of 4 September 2015 who started alglucerase/imiglucerase at &lt;18 years of age</li><li>• Baseline: value closest to treatment initiation up to 2 wks after</li><li>• Data analysis: annually from baseline through treatment year 5</li></ul>

\*ICGG Registry: International Collaborative Gaucher Group Gaucher Registry

Tylki-Szymanska A, et al. *J Inherit Metab. Dis.* 2010;33(4):339-46.

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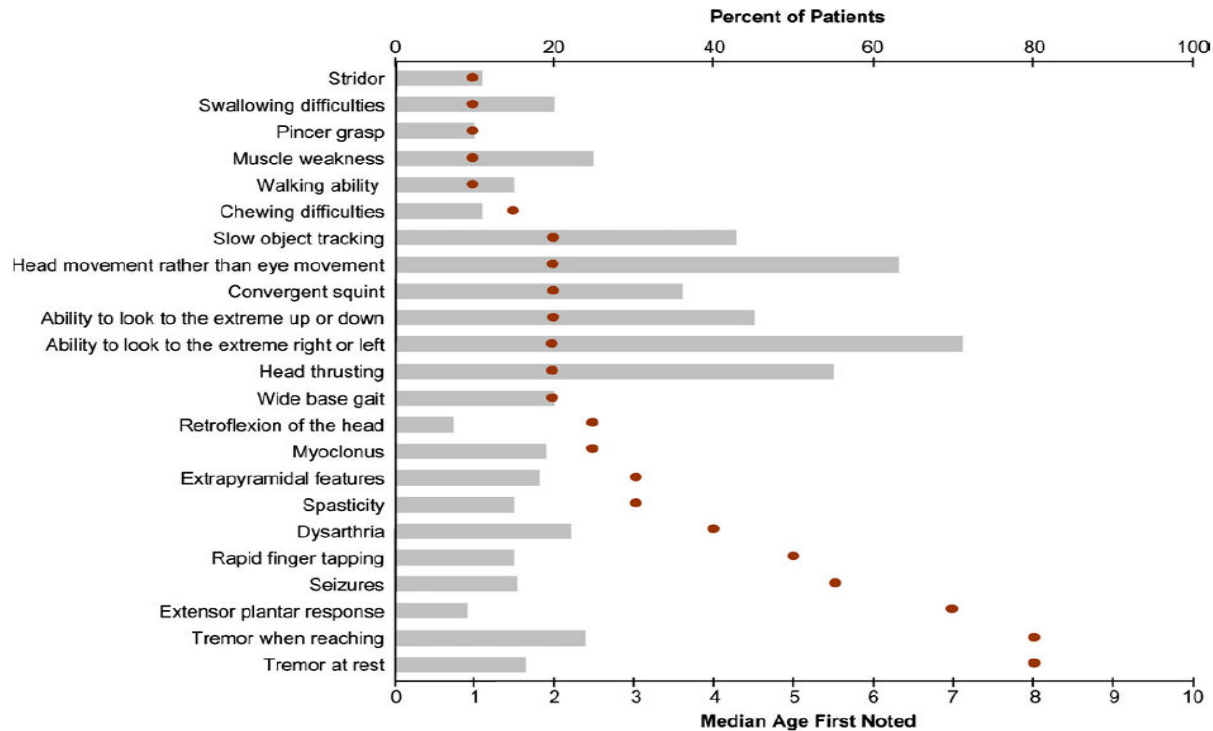
# NGD Demographics and Clinical Characteristics in the ICGG Registry

Parameter	Neurological Outcomes Sub-registry (2010) <sup>1</sup> N=131	GD3 Patients Started on Imiglucerase <18 years Old (2016) <sup>2</sup> N=253
Gender, n (%)		
Male	61 (47%)	126 (49.8%)
Female	70 (53%)	127 (50.2%)
Age at GD Diagnosis (Years)		
Mean (SD)	3.2 (6.2)	2.7 (2.81)
Median (min, max)	1.0	1.7 (0.0, 16.7)
Age of onset of Neurological Manifestations, n (%)		
< 2 years	61 (47%)	57%
≥ 2 years	54 (41%)	NR
Unknown	16 (12%)	NR

Neurological manifestations often appear before 2 years of age.

1. Tylki-Szymanska A, et al. *J Inherit Metab. Dis.* 2010;33(4):339-46.
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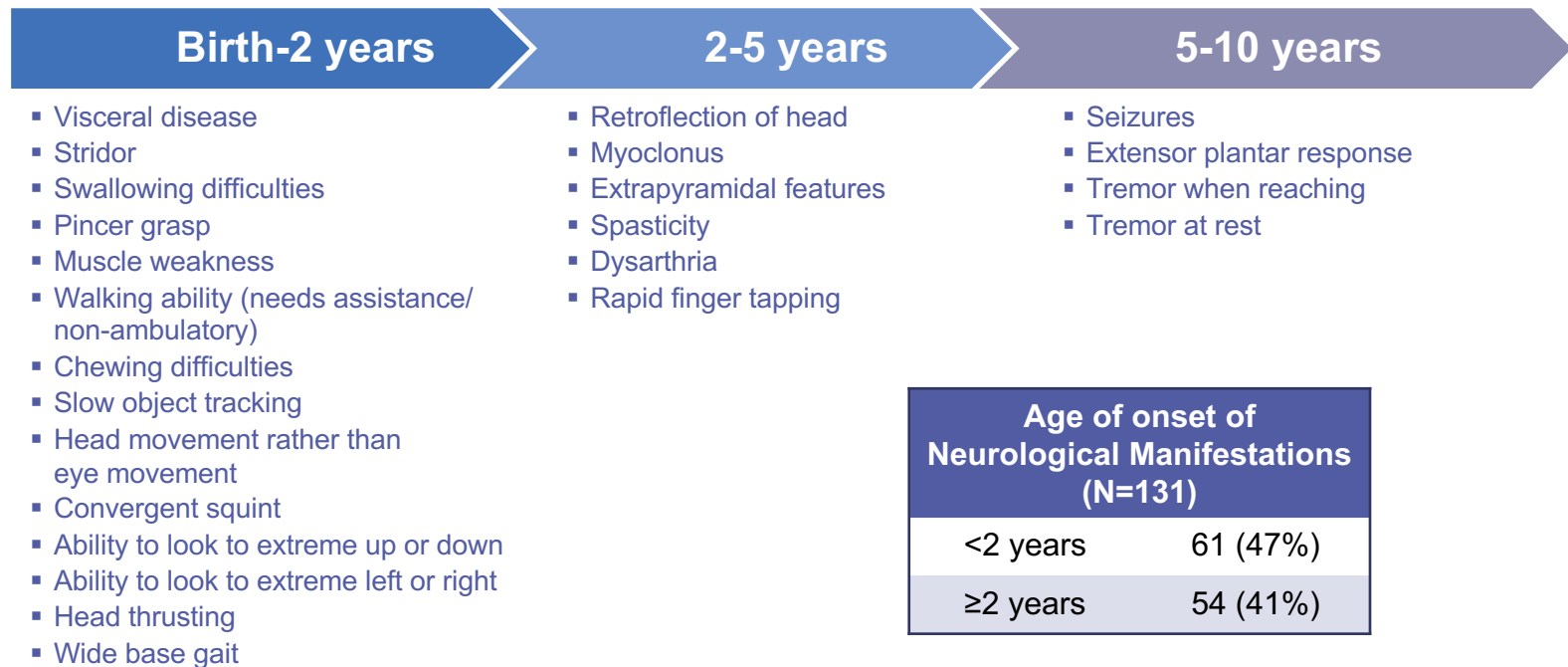
# NGD Neurologic Manifestations: *Neurological Outcomes Sub-registry*



The most common neurological signs and manifestations are brainstem abnormalities and fine motor dysfunction.

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# Natural Course of Neuronopathic Manifestations in Gaucher Disease



# Devastating visceral and hematologic disease with growth failure in GD3



Parameters	Baseline
<b>Hemoglobin (g/dL),</b> mean (SD)	<b>9.6</b> (1.92) <i>n</i> =163
<b>Platelet Count (x10<sup>9</sup>/L),</b> mean (SD)	<b>127.4</b> (99.24) <i>n</i> =161
<b>Liver Volume (MN),</b> mean (SD)	<b>2.4</b> (1.28) <i>n</i> =49
<b>Spleen Volume (MN),</b> mean (SD)	<b>34.6</b> (15.26) <i>n</i> =63
<b>Height Z-Score,</b> mean (SD)	<b>-1.8</b> (1.43) <i>n</i> =140

*El-Beshlawy A, et al. Mol Genet Metab. 2017 Jan - Feb;120(1-2):47-56*



# Imiglucerase Improves Hematologic, Visceral and Growth Outcomes in children with GD3

*ICGG Registry, Started Imiglucerase <18 Years of Age*

Parameters	Baseline	Years on ERT				
		>0 to ≤1	>1 to ≤2	>2 to ≤3	>3 to ≤4	>4 to ≤5
<b>Hemoglobin (g/dL),</b> mean (SD)	<b>9.6</b> (1.92) <i>n</i> =163	<b>11.4</b> (1.68) <i>n</i> =143	<b>11.7</b> (1.52) <i>n</i> =125	<b>11.8</b> (1.57) <i>n</i> =113	<b>12.1</b> (1.57) <i>n</i> =95	<b>12.0</b> (1.46) <i>n</i> =96
<b>Platelet Count (x10<sup>9</sup>/L),</b> mean (SD)	<b>127.4</b> (99.24) <i>n</i> =161	<b>182.0</b> (94.32) <i>n</i> =139	<b>212.5</b> (89.86) <i>n</i> =123	<b>226.6</b> (97.19) <i>n</i> =111	<b>219.5</b> (90.69) <i>n</i> =92	<b>218.0</b> (79.60) <i>n</i> =95
<b>Liver Volume (MN),</b> mean (SD)	<b>2.4</b> (1.28) <i>n</i> =49	<b>1.7</b> (0.80) <i>n</i> =33	<b>1.4</b> (0.31) <i>n</i> =34	<b>1.2</b> (0.27) <i>n</i> =31	<b>1.3</b> (0.67) <i>n</i> =27	<b>1.2</b> (0.33) <i>n</i> =25
<b>Spleen Volume (MN),</b> mean (SD)	<b>34.6</b> (15.26) <i>n</i> =63	<b>23.3</b> (12.29) <i>n</i> =43	<b>20.7</b> (11.41) <i>n</i> =44	<b>15.7</b> (7.25) <i>n</i> =39	<b>14.3</b> (6.93) <i>n</i> =35	<b>11.9</b> (5.86) <i>n</i> =33
<b>Height Z-Score,</b> mean (SD)	<b>-1.8</b> (1.43) <i>n</i> =140	<b>-1.6</b> (1.43) <i>n</i> =118	<b>-1.5</b> (1.37) <i>n</i> =103	<b>-1.2</b> (1.24) <i>n</i> =93	<b>-1.2</b> (1.16) <i>n</i> =85	<b>-1.2</b> (1.20) <i>n</i> =82

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# Type 3 Gaucher disease: Response to ERT



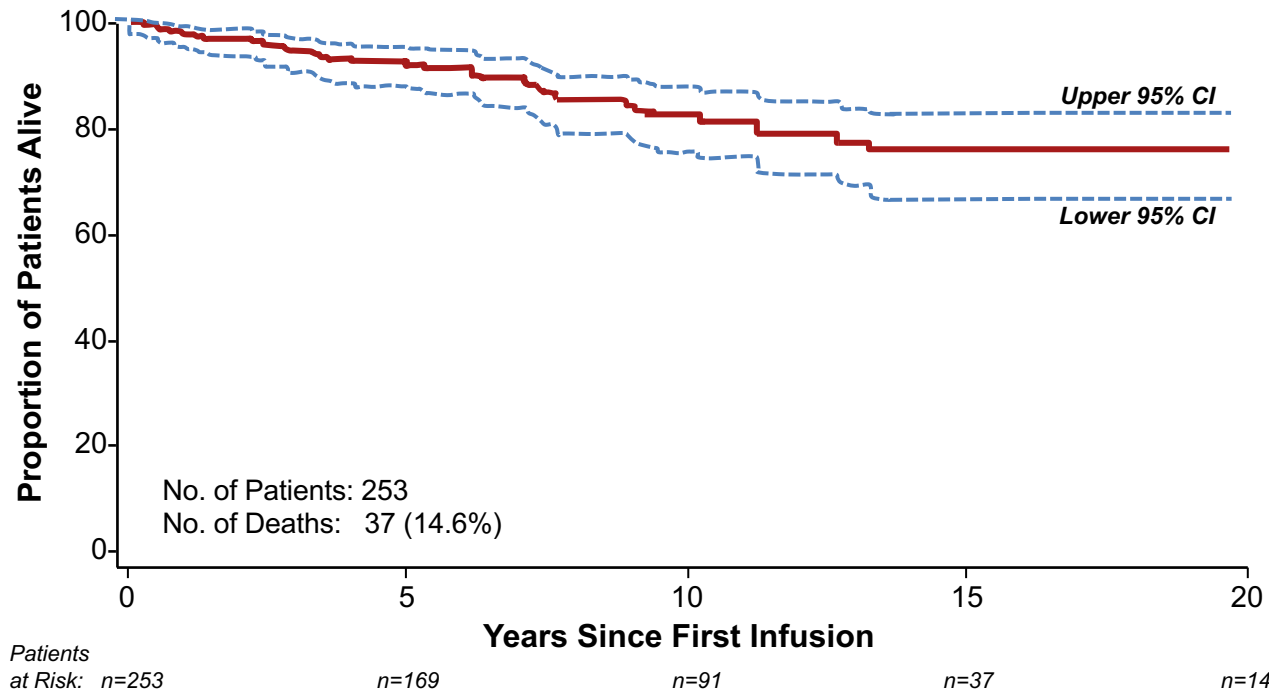
At Diagnosis



Age 14 on imiglucerase ERT

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# High Survival Probability with Imiglucerase in children life-threatening visceral/hematologic disease *ICGG Registry, Started Imiglucerase <18 Years of Age*



Probability of survival after starting imiglucerase:  
5 years: 92%  
10 years: 82%  
20 years: 76%

*El-Beshlawy A, et al. Mol Genet Metab. 2017 Jan - Feb;120(1-2):47-56*

# Unmet needs in GD3

- Neurologic disease
- Lung involvement
- Abdominal lymphadenopathy
- Spinal deformity
- Cardiac involvement (in Type 3c)

- Steve H
- Now 10 yrs old
- Diagnosed with GD3 at age 3,  
Massive HSM  
L444P/L444P
- On cerezyme since age 3
- IQ>130
- Doing Singapore math
- ADHD/autism

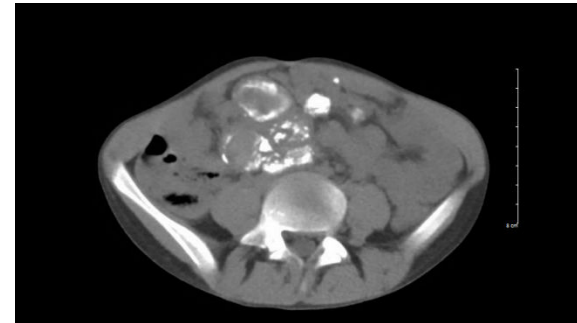


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Tylan, now age 12  
Genotype L444P/L444P  
Massive liver/spleen enlargement, FTT,  
low blood counts  
Started enzyme treatment age 2 in 2006  
For past 2 years FTT again

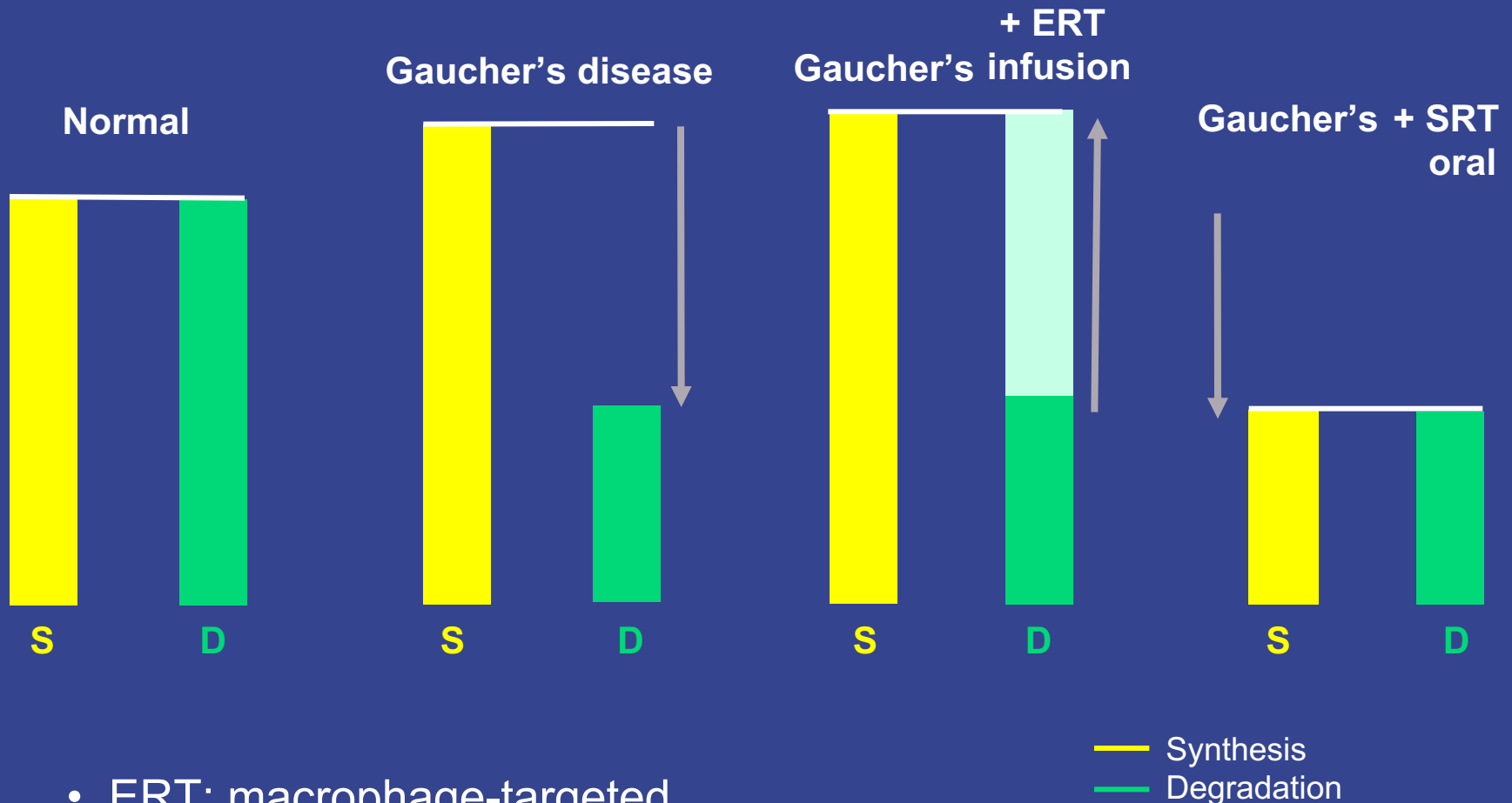
Massive abdominal lymphadenopathy  
With duodenal obstruction



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# Enzyme Replacement Therapy vs. Substrate Reduction Therapy

Synthesis (S) and degradation (D) of glucosylceramide



- ERT: macrophage-targeted
- SRT: affects all cell types

# Inflammation at the center of GD

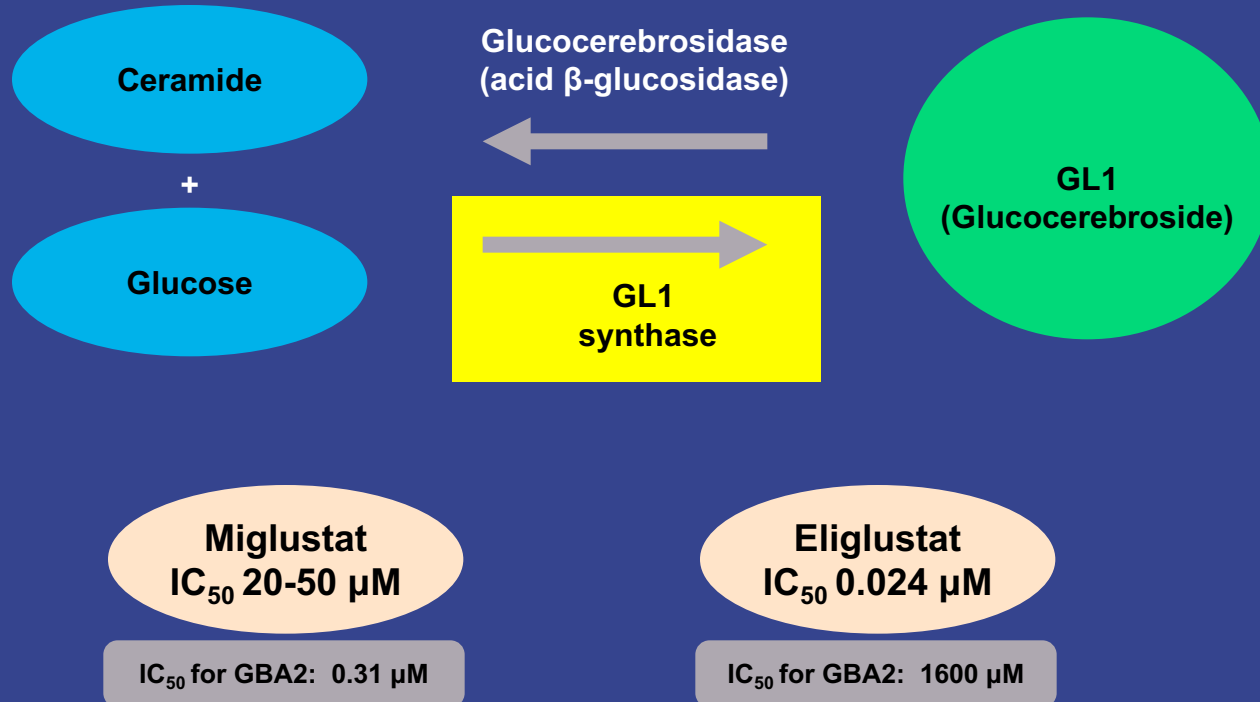
- Inflammation is central to all types of GD  
(Dr Grabowski's key note lecture)
- Inflammation increases GCS enzyme activity that is involved in formation of Gaucher lipids
- This amplifies GD defect of decreased breakdown of glucosylceramide



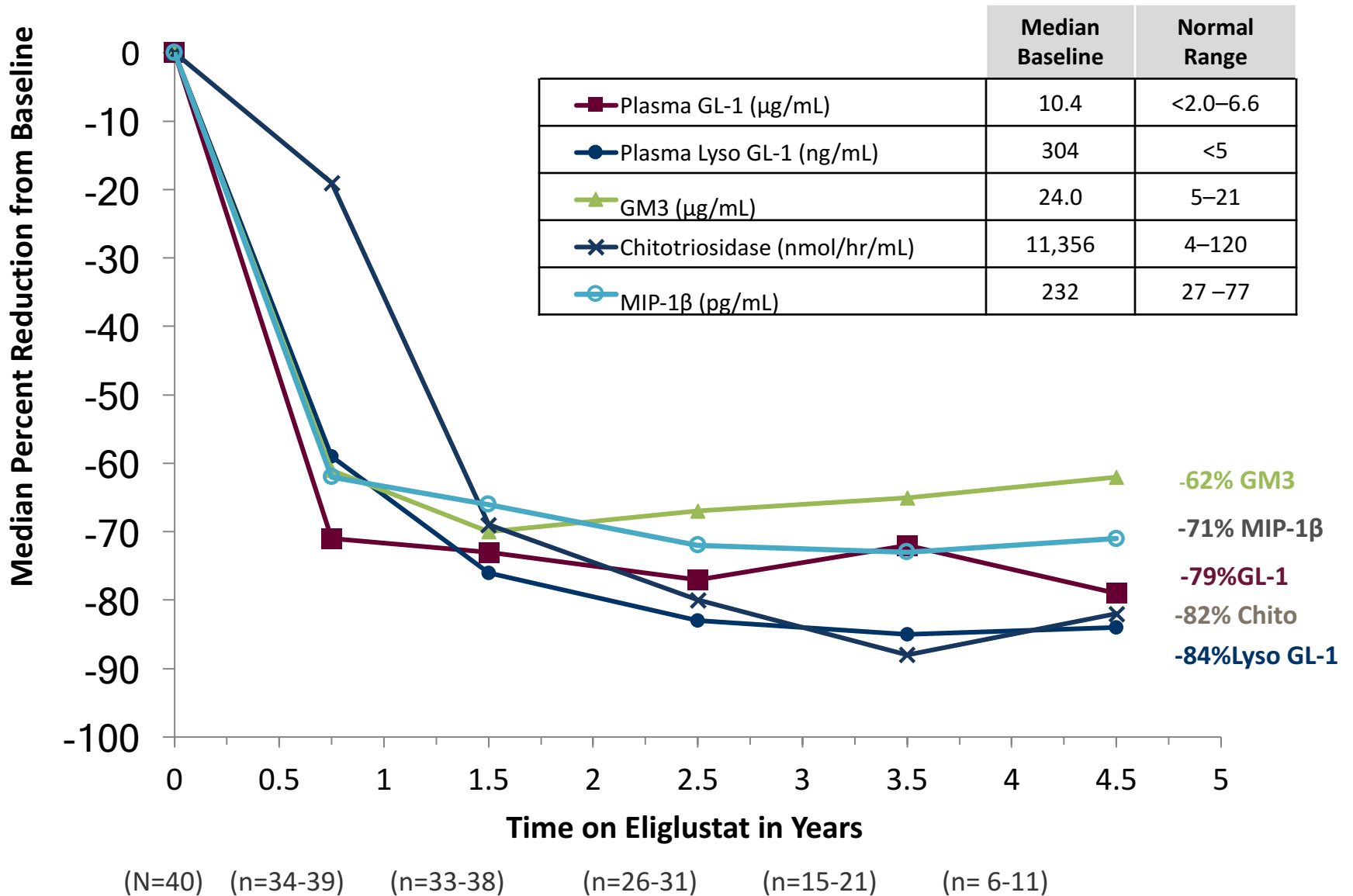
# Therapeutic Targets in GD: Synthesis and Degradation of GL1

## SRT: Oral Treatment With GL1 Synthase Inhibitors to Correct System-Wide Metabolic Abnormality

- Reduces GL1 by partial inhibition of its synthesis



# ENGAGE cerdelga trial: Decrease in inflammatory lipids and markers of inflammation



# Randomized, Controlled Trial of Miglustat in Gaucher's Disease Type 3

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**Interpretation:** Miglustat does not appear to have significant benefits on the neurological manifestations of GD3. However, miglustat may have positive effects on systemic disease (pulmonary function and chitotriosidase activity) in addition to ERT in patients with GD3.

Ann Neurol 2008;64:514–522

## Limitations of current ERT and SRTs in GD3

- ERTs: most uptake in the liver, spleen and bone marrow, none in the brain
- SRTs: no neurological improvement
- Need next generation CNS penetrant SRT

# **CNS-accessible Inhibitor of Glucosylceramide Synthase for Substrate Reduction Therapy of Neuronopathic Gaucher Disease**

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## Treatment of mouse models of nGD

- Reduced Gaucher lipids
- Reduced neurological symptoms
- Improved survival

# LEAP trial : GZ/SAR402671 in Combination With Cerezyme in Adult Patients With Gaucher Disease Type 3

Purpose Primary Objective:

Part 1:

- Evaluate central nervous system (CNS) biomarkers in adult GD3 patients that distinguish GD3 from GD1.
- Screen adult GD3 who qualify for treatment with GZ/SAR402671 in Part 2.

Part 2:

- Evaluate the safety and tolerability of GZ/SAR402671 in adult GD3.
- Evaluate the change in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) central nervous system, biomarkers from adult GD3 receiving GZ/SAR402671.

Secondary Objectives:

- Evaluate the pharmacokinetics of GZ/SAR402671 in adult GD3.
- Explore the efficacy of GZ/SAR402671 in infiltrative lung disease in adult GD3
- Explore the efficacy of GZ/SAR402671 in systemic disease in adult GD3.
- Explore the efficacy of GZ/SAR402671 in neurological function and on exploratory CSF biomarkers in adult GD3.

*ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02843035*

# Inclusion criteria

- Has a clinical diagnosis of GD1 or GD3
- Hemoglobin level of  $\geq 11.0$  g/dL for females and  $\geq 12.0$  g/dL for males.
- Platelet count  $\geq 100,000/\text{mm}^3$ .
- Spleen volume  $< 10$  multiples of normal (MN).
- Liver volume  $< 1.5$  MN.
- No bone crisis and free of symptomatic bone disease such as bone pain attributable to osteonecrosis and/or pathological fractures within the last year.
- Received treatment with ERT for at least 3 years.
- Female of childbearing potential must have a negative pregnancy test
- If the patient has a history of seizures, except for myoclonic seizures, they are well controlled

Adult GD1 cohort only:

- -GD1 patient is  $\geq 18$  and  $\leq 40$  years of age.
- Adult GD3 cohort only:

GD3 patient is  $\geq 18$  years of age.

- Willing to abstain from consumption of grapefruit,
- Oculomotor apraxia characterized by a horizontal saccade abnormality.
- Cerezyme treatment every 2 weeks (minimum dose 30 U/kg every 2 weeks).
- Females of childbearing potential - effective methods of contraception.

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# Exclusion criteria

- SRT or chaperone therapy for GD within 6 months prior to enrollment.
- splenectomy.
- The patient is blood transfusion-dependent.
- Severe liver , cardiac or renal disease
- history of cancer
- Has myoclonic seizures.
- Pregnant or lactating.
- Use of invasive ventilatory support
- Hypersensitivity to Cerezyme
- Has received strong or moderate inducers or inhibitors of CYP3A within 30 days or 5 half-lives from screening, whichever is longer, prior to enrolment in Part 2. This also includes the consumption of grapefruit, grapefruit juice, or grapefruit containing products within 72 hours of starting GZ/SAR402671 administratio
- Has had a major organ transplant (eg, bone marrow or liver).
- The patient is unable to adhere to the requirements of the study.

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# Treatments under investigation

- Need to conduct proper clinical trials for maximum benefit for patients to assess safety and effectiveness.

# Future options to watch out for nGD families



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## Histone deacetylase inhibitors prevent the degradation and restore the activity of glucocerebrosidase in Gaucher disease

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## **Ambroxol chaperone therapy for neuronopathic Gaucher disease: A pilot study**

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## **Repeated-Dose Oral N-Acetylcysteine in Parkinson's Disease: Pharmacokinetics and Effect on Brain Glutathione and Oxidative Stress**

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For more than 3 decades



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