

# "A NEW GROUP OF AUTOPHAGIC VACUOLAR MYOPATHIES WHICH SHARE CLINICAL, PATHOLOGICAL AND BIOCHEMICAL FEATURES WITH ADULT LATE ONSET POMPE DISEASE (LOPD)"

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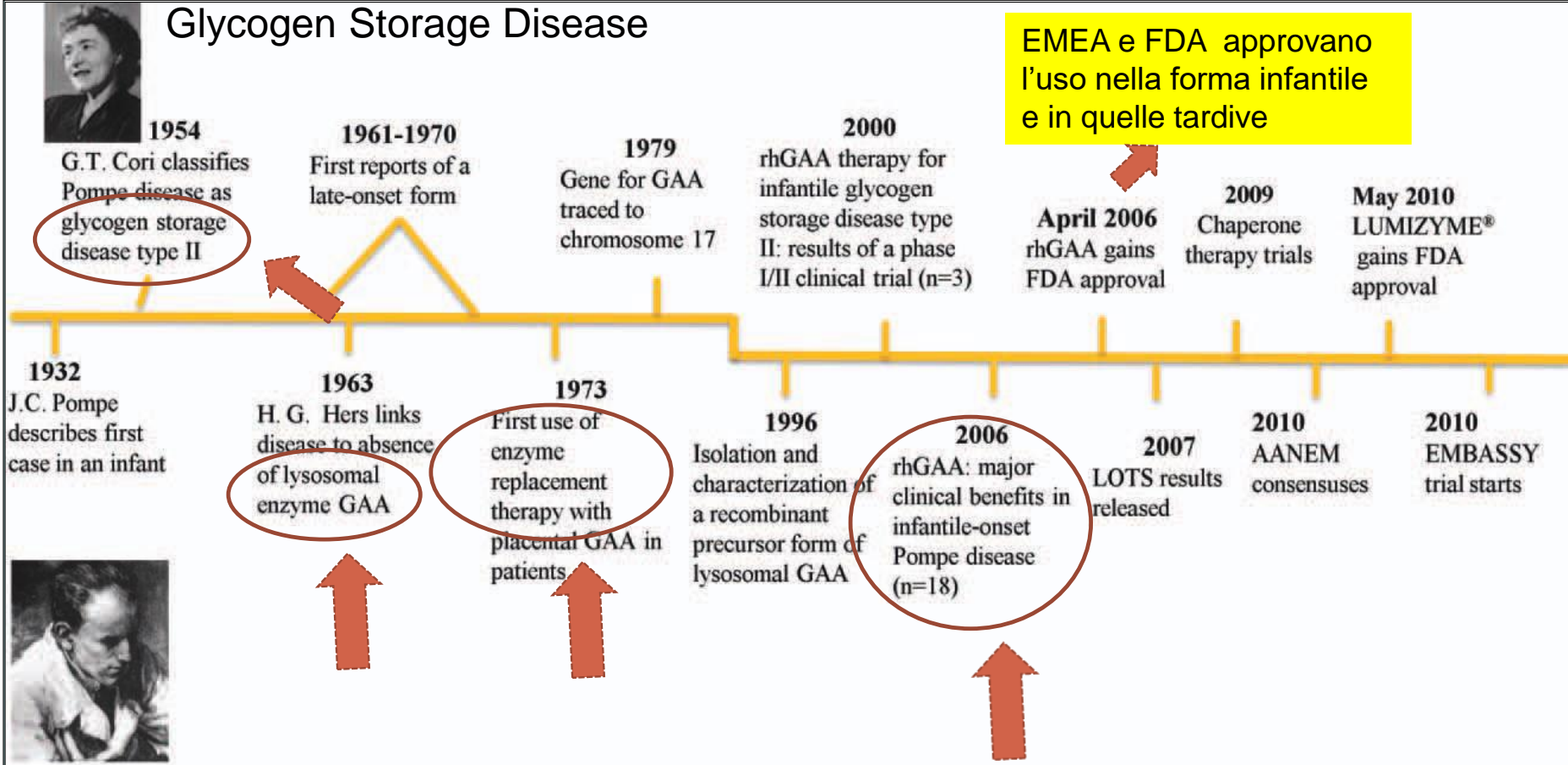
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# Glycogen Storage Disease



Abbreviations: GAA, acid alpha-glucosidase; rhGAA, recombinant human acid alpha-glucosidase; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; LOTS, late-onset treatment study; AANEM, American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine; EMBASSY, Exploratory Muscle Biopsy, Biomarker, and Imaging Assessment Study

Van der Ploeg et al, Lancet 2008; 372: 1342-1353; Dasouki M et al, Neurol Clin 2014; 32: 751-76.

# Malattia di Pompe: impellenza di una diagnosi precoce

## Indirizzo diagnostico e correlazione Geno-Fenotipo

### MUTAZIONI BIALLELICHE DEL GENE GLUCOSIDASI ALFA ACIDA (GAA)

Very severe/Very severe

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**Attività GAA < 1%**

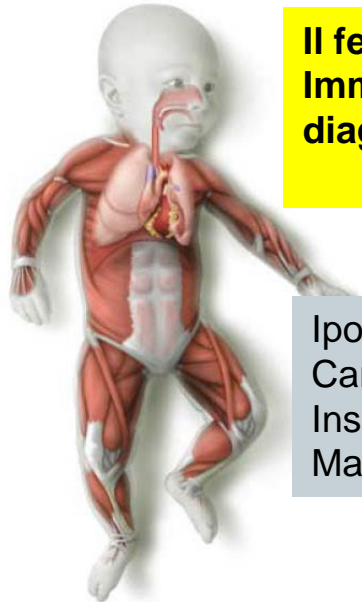
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Forma Classica Infantile  
Esordio > 0-1 anno di vita

Very severe / Potentially less severe /  
Less severe / Potentially mild

↓  
**Attività GAA > 1 < 25%**

↓  
Forme "Tardive"  
Esordio > 2 anni

**Il fenotipo indirizza  
Immediatamente la  
diagnosi**



Ipotono  
Cardiomegalia ipertrofica  
Insufficienza ventilatoria  
Macroglossia

**Il fenotipo è aspecifico  
nelle maggioranza dei pazienti**

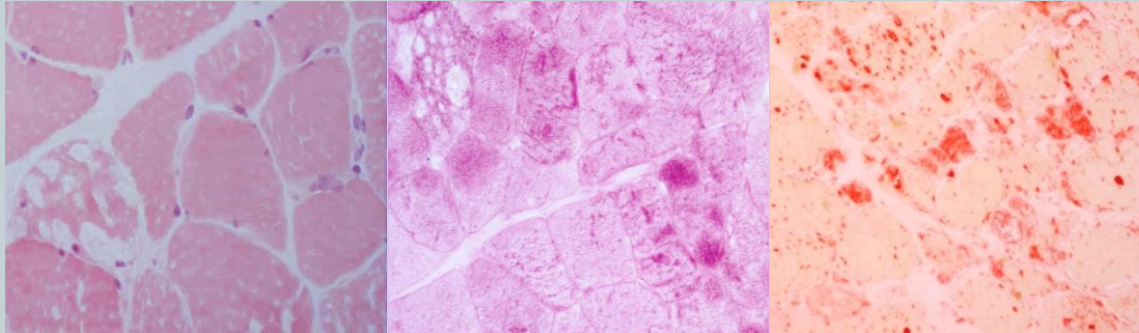
**Diagnosi precoce: difficile**

Debolezza a distribuzione cingolare  
Insufficienza ventilatoria (30%)  
Dolori muscolari e lombari  
Scoliosi (20%)



# Malattia di Pompe: protocollo classico per le forme tardive

MIOPATIA CON VACUOLI PAS E FOSFATASI ACIDA POSITIVI > **ASPECIFICA NEL 9 – 35% DEI PAZIENTI**



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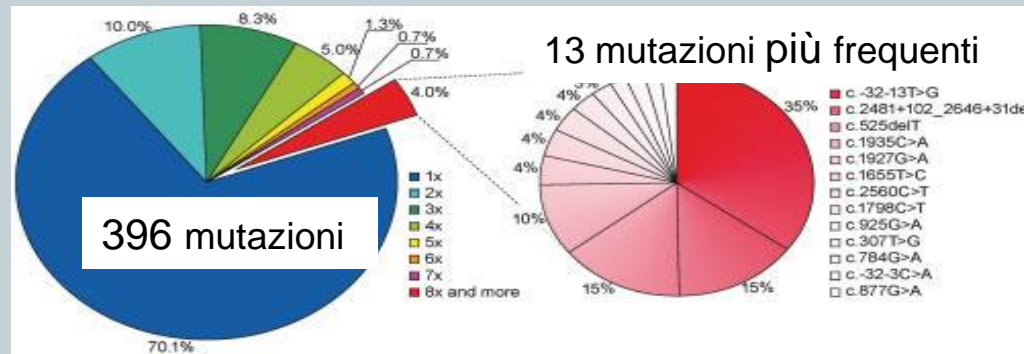


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Prevalence of adult Pompe disease in patients with proximal myopathic syndrome and undiagnosed muscle biopsy

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ATTIVITA' DI GAA IN LEUCOCITI, FIBROBLASTI MUSCOLO > **10% DI FALSI NEGATIVI IN UNA POPOLAZIONE DI SOSPETTA MALATTIA DI POMPE TARDIVA**



MUTAZIONI BIALLELICHE DI GAA > **LA MAGGIORANZA SCONOSCIUTE, INTRONICHE, NUMEROSE IN ETEROZIGOSI SEMPLICIE**





# Malattia di Pompe > Controllo della specificità del DBS-GAA

> conta di linfociti con vacuoli PAS positivi su striscio di sangue




## Vacuolated PAS-Positive Lymphocytes on Blood Smear: An Easy Screening Tool and a Possible Biomarker for Monitoring Therapeutic Responses in Late Onset Pompe Disease (LOPD)

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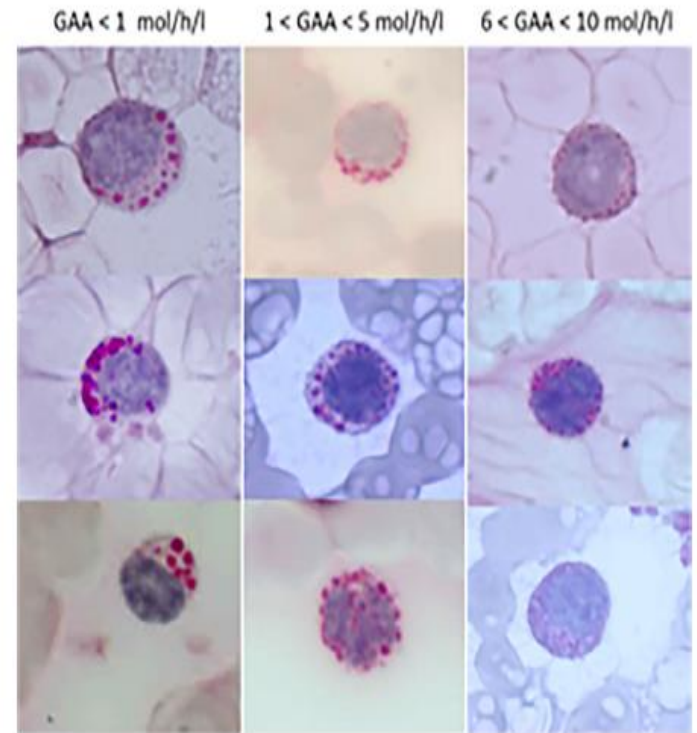
**Studio di specificità e sensibilità  
contro controlli sani (??)  
e altre glicogenosi selezionate (??)**

of 1.00 (95%CI 1.00–1.00;  $p < 0.0001$ ). PAS-positive lymphocyte cutoff level of  $>10$  yielded sensitivity of 100% (95%CI 78–100%), specificity of 100% (95%CI 96–100%), and positive predictive value of 100%. Patients studied before and after ERT showed

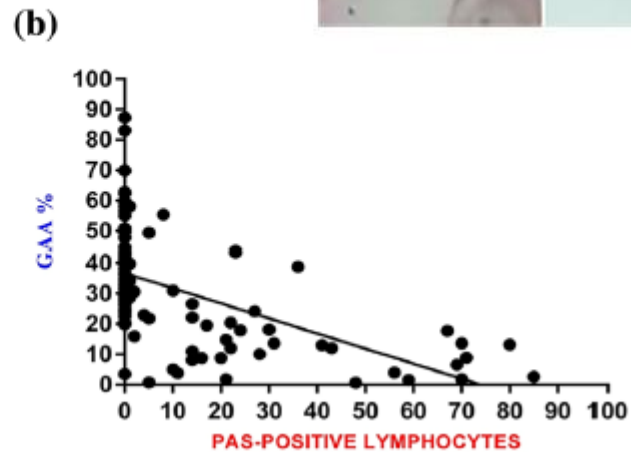
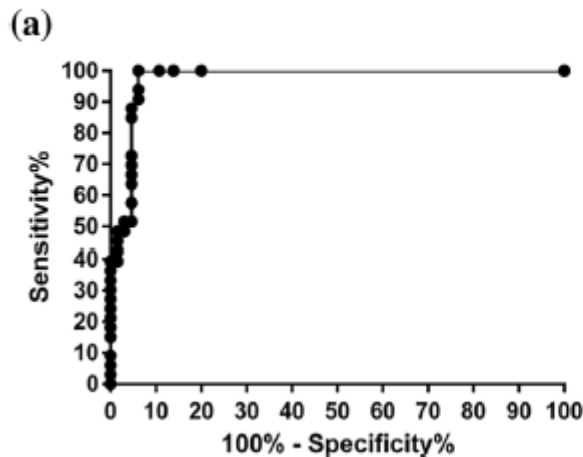
## Vacuolated PAS-positive lymphocytes as an hallmark of Pompe disease and other myopathies related to impaired autophagy

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Striscio di sangue  
4 o più linfociti PAS+ a x40  
100 sensibilità e **94% specificità**



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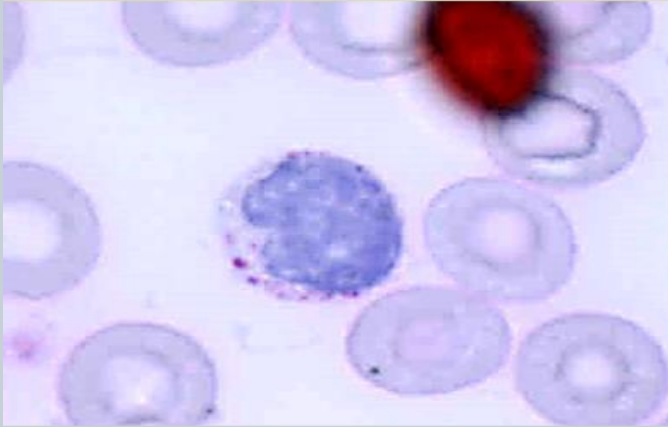


**4 o più linfociti PAS positivi sono presenti anche in miopatie diverse dalla Pompe**

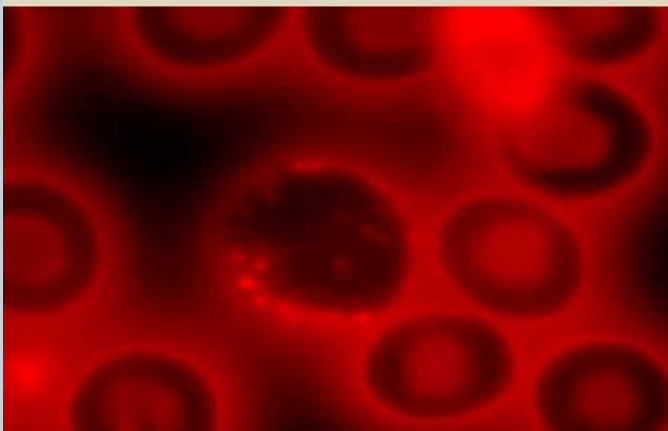
# Malattia di Pompe

**vacuoli PAS positivi su striscio di sangue e vacuoli PAS negativi su biopsie di muscolo hanno natura autofagica**

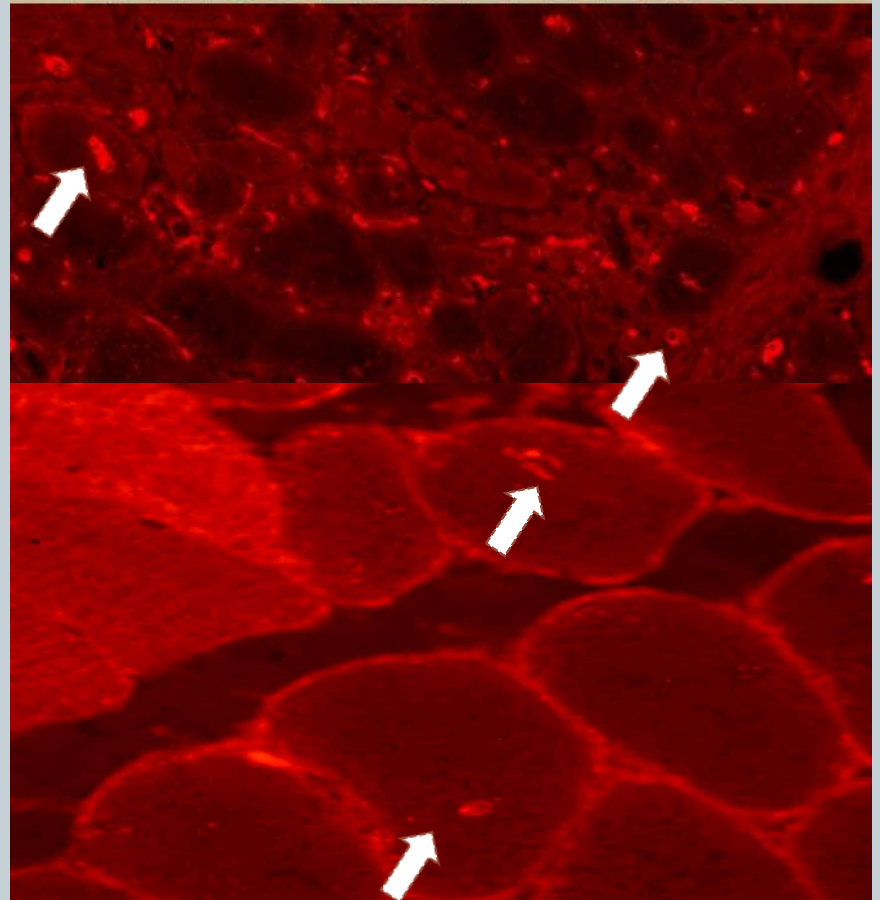
PAS EMATOSSILINA



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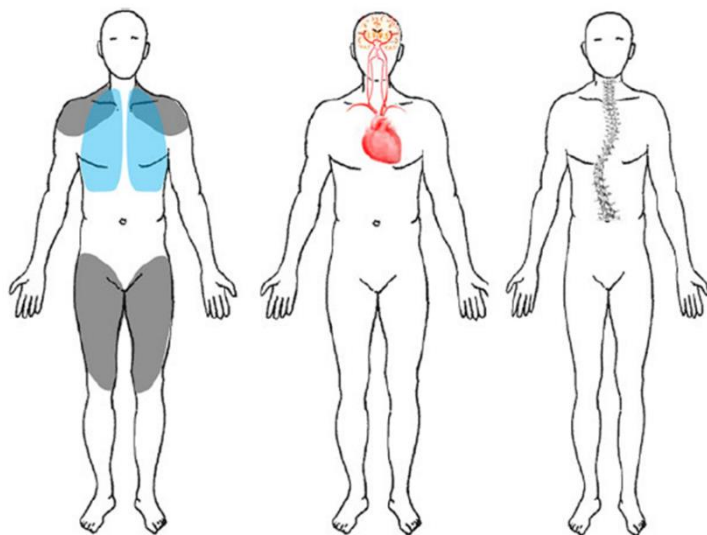




**400 PAZIENTI CONSECUTIVI CON CPK ↑ E MIOPATIA PROSSIMALE > Protocollo diagnostico per LOPD > linfociti su striscio+DBS-GAA>biopsia di muscolo>sequenziamento di GAA**

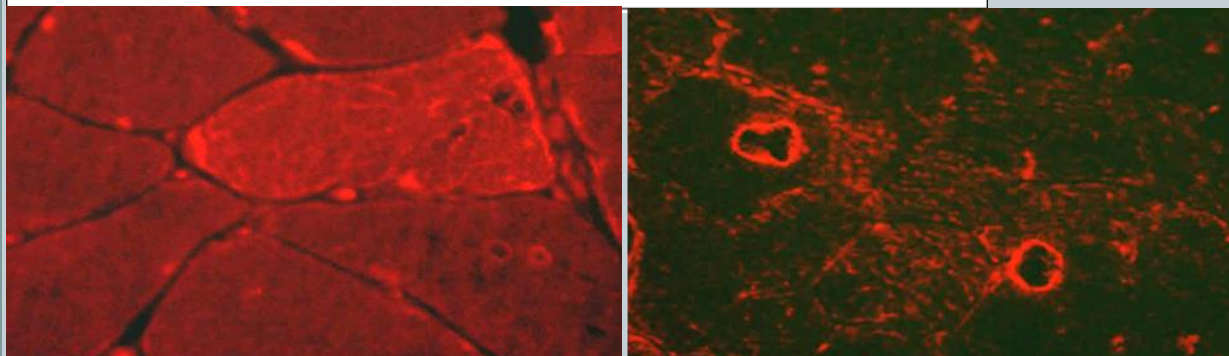
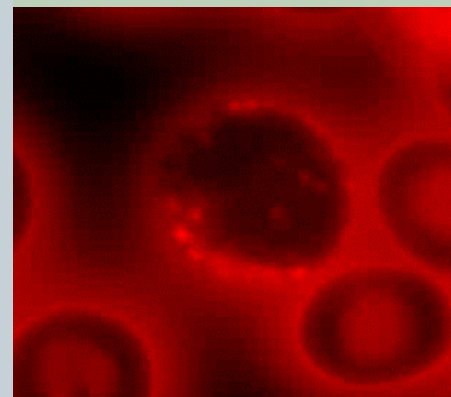
**60 PRESENTAVANO**

Fenotipo clinico compatibile con LOPD



**Figure 1.** Clinical Manifestation Patterns by organ System Subtypes of Late-Onset-Pompe disease, Left: The Limb girdle and diaphragmatic muscle weakness manifestations. Middle: The Cardio-Cerebrovascular Pattern. Right: The Rigid Spine Syndrome, Scoliosis, and Low Body Weight Pattern. Please note that in all patterns of LOPD a muscular involvement could be found.

Linfociti PAS/LC3  
positivi



**Miopatia Vacuolare con vacuoli PAS + o PAS - LC3/P62 positivi (autofagici)**

# RISULTATI DEL DBS-GAA nei 60 pazienti

Parameter	Result	Reference range
<b>Diagnostics of Pompe Disease from Dried Blood</b>		
alpha-glucosidase at pH 3.8	0.12	- 1,5 - 10 nmol/spot*21h
alpha-glucosidase at pH 7.0	0	- 1,8 - 17,1 nmol/spot*21h
alpha-glucosidase with inhibition	0.14	- 0,9 - 7,2 nmol/spot*21h

## Evaluation

Dear colleague,  
the enzyme activities above are generally below their respective reference ranges. Especially, the activity at pH 7.0 (reference enzymes) is diminished. This may indicate a pre-analytical problem. We therefore, recommend to measure the activity of alpha-glucosidase in another dried blood specimen. If you have any questions feel free to contact us anytime.

Parameter	Result	Reference range
<b>Diagnostics of Pompe Disease from Dried Blood</b>		
alpha-glucosidase at pH 3.8	0.78	- 1,5 - 10 nmol/spot*21h
alpha-glucosidase at pH 7.0	3.81	1,8 - 17,1 nmol/spot*21h
alpha-glucosidase with inhibition	0.18	- 0,9 - 7,2 nmol/spot*21h
<b>Lysosomal Enzymes from Dried Blood</b>		
beta-galactosidase	1.22	0,5 - 3,2 nmol/spot*21h

## Evaluation

Dear colleague,  
the activities of alpha-glucosidase at pH 3.8, with and without specific inhibition, are below their respective reference ranges. **This is in agreement with Pompe disease.** We recommend to verify the diagnosis in another dried blood specimen (if possible also in lymphocytes/fibroblasts). In addition, especially if enzyme replacement therapy is under consideration, a molecular genetic work-up should out.

<b>Diagnostics of Pompe Disease from Dried Blood</b>		
alpha-glucosidase at pH 3.8	0.36	- 1,5 - 10 nmol/spot*21h
alpha-glucosidase at pH 7.0	4.02	1,8 - 17,1 nmol/spot*21h
alpha-glucosidase with inhibition	0.05	- 0,9 - 7,2 nmol/spot*21h

## Evaluation

Dear colleague,  
The activities of alpha-glucosidase at pH 3.8, with and without specific inhibition, are below their respective reference ranges. **This is in agreement with Pompe disease.** We recommend to verify the diagnosis in another dried blood specimen (if possible also in lymphocytes/fibroblasts). In addition, especially if enzyme replacement therapy is under consideration, a molecular genetic work-up should be carried out.

Possibile errore preanalitico

16 eterozigoti semplici in GAA; **7 altri geni**

Pompe geneticamente confermato!

22 mutati in GAA in eterozigosi composta

Nessuna mutazione di GAA  
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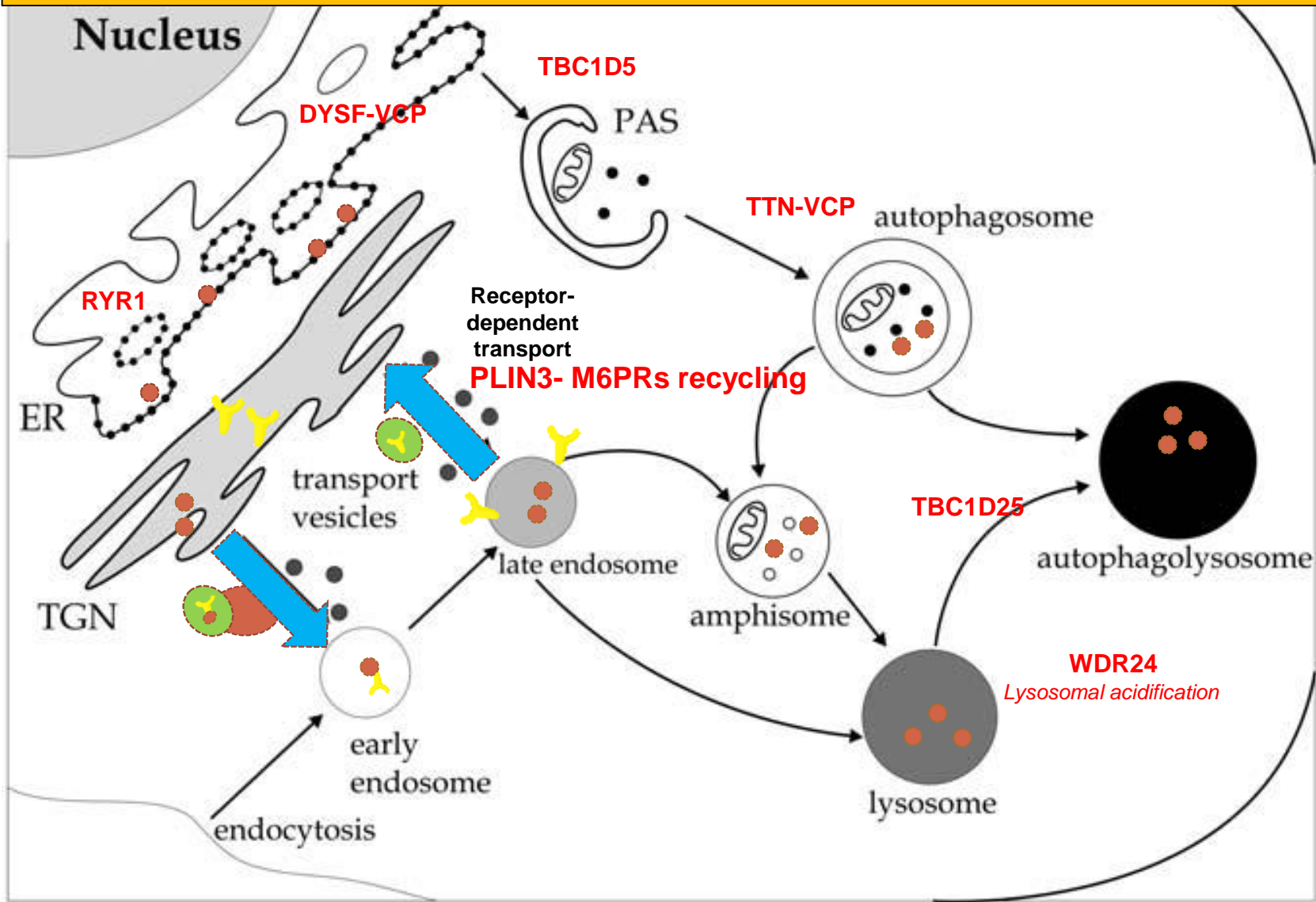
7 eterozigoti semplici in GAA; **8 altri geni**




# Malattia di Pompe

## Risultati della WES in 7 di 15 pazienti LOPD-like

	ID1 gm	ID3 dcmr	ID 4 gl	ID5 on	ID6 vm	ID7 cg	ID8 cp
Age of onset [years]	49	56	13	45	19	50	42
Sex [F/M]	M	F	M	M	M	M	M
Serum CK [U/L]	350	334	1646	482	2946	390	370
PAS positive lymphocytes on PBS [%]	21	22,5	43	32	22,7	38	37
DBS [nmol/spot*21h]	<b>0,13</b>	<b>0,26</b>	<b>0,85</b>	<b>1,09</b>	<b>0,49</b>	<b>1,31</b>	<b>0,85</b>
GAA muscle activity (nmol/h/mg of proteins)	<b>0,237</b>	<b>0,63</b>	<b>0,79</b>	<b>0,47</b>	<b>0,37</b>	<b>0,47</b>	<b>1,18</b>
WES data	<i>GAA polym RYR1 DYSF</i>	<i>GAA het? MYOT WDR24</i>	<i>GAA het TTN TBC1D5</i>	<i>TTN ATL3 PLIN3</i>	<i>TTN MTMR9 TBC1D5</i>	<i>TTN PLEC AGL</i>	<i>TTN TRPA1 MAN2B1 TBC1D25</i>

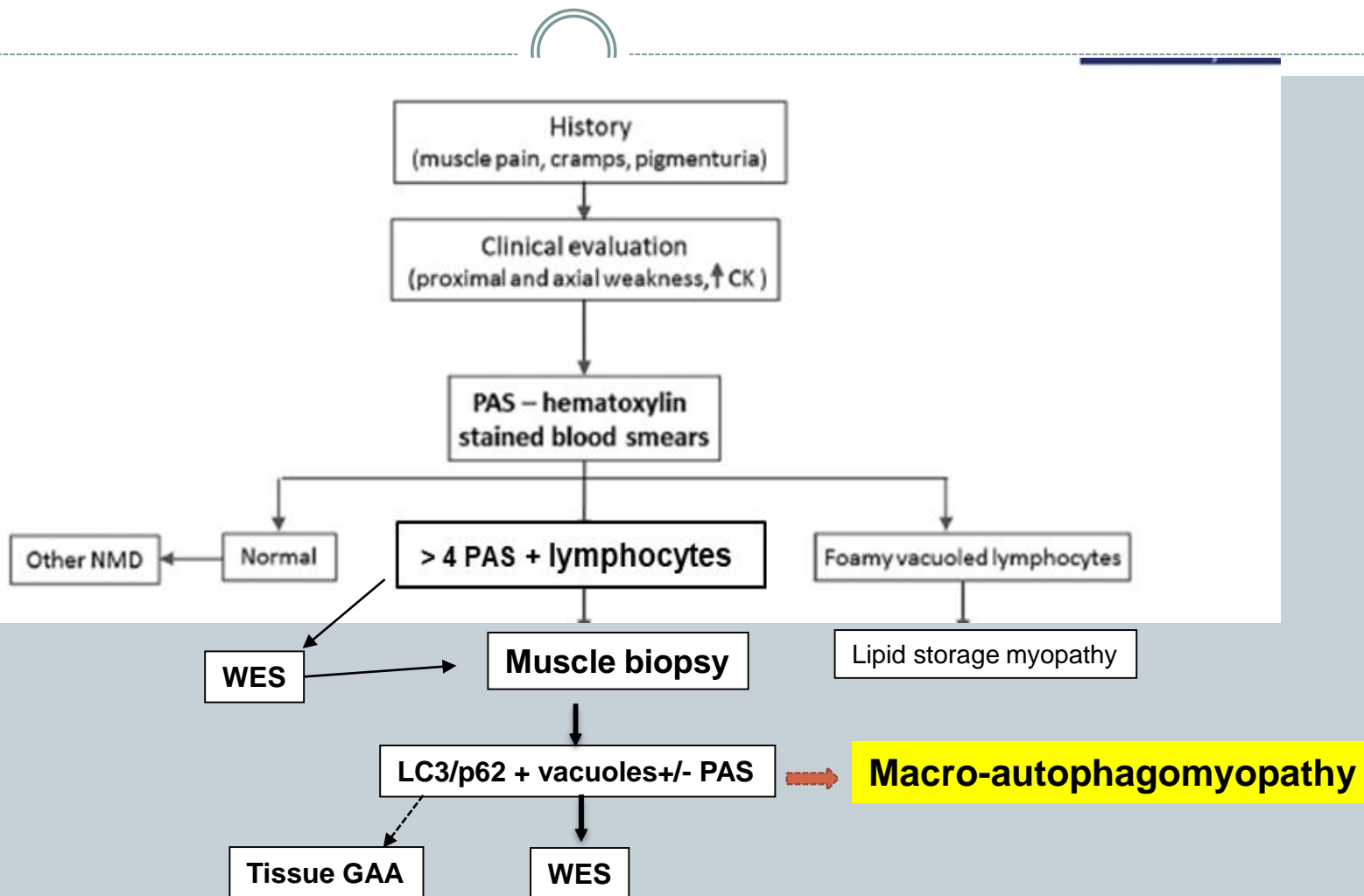
# Geni le cui mutazioni causano un fenotipo LOPD-like



-  M6PRs
-  GAA
-  GAA + M6P



# Malattia di Pompe e altre macro-autofagomiopatie proposta di algoritmo diagnostico



# Malattia di Pompe

## Dogmi sfatati – Nuove verità

La riduzione della attività enzimatica di GAA nei tessuti tra 1 e 30% della norma

*non è specifica di LOPD*

trovare 4 o più linfociti PAS positivi a x40 su striscio di sangue

*non è specifico di LOPD*

la riduzione/blocco della sintesi di GAA

*non è biunivocamente legata a mutazioni di GAA*

*ma è espressione di una down-regulation indotta dal blocco di uno qualsiasi degli stadi della via autofagica- lisosomiale*

Cell Death and Disease (2017) 8, e2565; doi:10.1038/cddis.2016.475

Autophagy dysregulation in Danon disease

Anna Chiara Nascimbeni et al. ,

**vacuoli autofagici sono dimostrabili con Ab LC3/P62 anche in biopsie apparentemente indenni in istochimica**

# **Malattia di Pompe**

## **Dogmi sfatati – Nuove verità**

**Una miopatia vacuolare con accumulo di glicogeno di variabile entità e vacuoli fosfatasi acida/LC3/P62 positivi, con attività tissutale di GAA tra 1 e 25% della norma, caratterizza tutte le miopatie con blocco della macroautofagia riconducibile a mutazioni dei geni regolatori della via autofago-lisosomiale.**

**Esiste verosimilmente una molecola segnale comune a tutte le miopatie autofagiche che reprime la sintesi di GAA**

**La ERT-rhGAA può essere utile in molteplici condizioni di blocco autofagico oltre la malattia di Pompe**

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