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Clinical characteristics and genotypes in the ADVANCE baseline data set, a comprehensive cohort of US children and adolescents with Pompe disease

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Purpose: To characterize clinical characteristics and genotypes of patients in the ADVANCE study of 4000 L-scale alglucosidase alfa (NCT01526785), the largest prospective United States Pompe disease cohort to date.

Methods: Patients aged ≥ 1 year with confirmed Pompe disease previously receiving 160 L alglucosidase alfa were eligible. GAA genotypes were determined before/at enrollment. Baseline assessments included histories/physical exams, Gross Motor Function Measure-88 (GMFM-88), pulmonary function tests, and cardiac assessments.

Results: Of 113 enrollees (60 male/53 female) aged 1–18 years, 87 had infantile-onset Pompe disease (IOPD) and 26 late-onset (LOPD). One hundred eight enrollees with GAA genotypes had 215 pathogenic variants (220 including combinations): 118 missense (4 combinations), 23 splice, 35 nonsense, 34 insertions/deletions, 9 duplications (1 combination), 6 other; c.2560C>T ($n = 23$), c.–32–13T>G ($n = 13$), and c.525delT ($n = 12$) were most common. Four patients had previously unpublished variants, and 14/83 (17%) genotyped IOPD

patients were cross-reactive immunological material–negative. All IOPD and 6/26 LOPD patients had cardiac involvement, all without c.–32–13T>G. Thirty-two (26 IOPD, 6 LOPD) were invasively ventilated. GMFM-88 total %scores (mean \pm SD, median, range): overall $46.3 \pm 33.0\%$ (47.9%, 0.0–100.0%), IOPD $41.6 \pm 31.64\%$ (38.9%, 0.0–99.7%), LOPD: 61.8 ± 33.2 (70.9%, 0.0–100.0%).

Conclusion: ADVANCE, a uniformly assessed cohort comprising most US children and adolescents with treated Pompe disease, expands understanding of the phenotype and observed variants in the United States.

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INTRODUCTION

Pompe disease or glycogen storage disease type II (OMIM 232300) is a rare, autosomal recessive disorder of glycogen metabolism caused by deficiency of the glycogen-degrading lysosomal enzyme acid α -glucosidase (GAA, EC 3.2.1.20),¹ leading to multisystemic lysosomal glycogen accumulation. Clinical symptoms primarily reflect cardiac, respiratory, skeletal, and smooth muscle involvement.¹ The disease spectrum ranges from infantile-onset Pompe disease (IOPD; symptom onset <12 months of age with cardiomyopathy²) to

the more slowly progressive late-onset Pompe disease (LOPD; symptom onset <12 months of age without cardiomyopathy or onset ≥ 12 months of age²).

Prognosis for IOPD patients depends on several factors, including not only GAA genotypes (and any resulting residual functional GAA activity) but also cross-reactive immunologic material (CRIM) status.³ CRIM-negative patients harbor GAA variants (nonsense, insertion, deletion, or indel) abrogating native GAA protein synthesis or prematurely truncating the protein product, which is targeted for ubiquitination and

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proteolyzed.⁴ In contrast, CRIM-positive patients produce some immunologically recognizable GAA protein. CRIM status can usually be predicted from genotypes.³ The degree of Pompe disease progression at treatment initiation strongly affects prognosis. Diagnostic delays, particularly in IOPD, lead to worse outcomes.²

Alglucosidase alfa (recombinant human GAA [rhGAA]) received regulatory approval in 2006 in the United States and Europe as the first and only disease-specific treatment for Pompe disease. The studies supporting initial approval demonstrated increased overall and ventilator-free survival and cardiac, respiratory, and motor improvement in IOPD patients receiving alglucosidase alfa produced at a 160 L pilot scale (160 L rhGAA).^{5,6} Alglucosidase alfa manufactured at a larger scale (Lumizyme®) was evaluated in LOPD patients ≥8 years of age without cardiomyopathy,⁷ receiving US approval in 2010 initially for that population. The ADVANCE study (NCT01526785) evaluated comparability of 4000 L rhGAA safety and efficacy in pediatric 160 L rhGAA-experienced patients with Pompe disease, irrespective of cardiac phenotype.⁸ Its safety data supported the US label expansion of Lumizyme® (alglucosidase alfa) in 2014 to include all patients with Pompe disease.

The ADVANCE study was open to US patients with a confirmed Pompe disease diagnosis (deficient endogenous GAA activity and/or GAA genotype) ≥1 year of age at study entry who were receiving 160 L rhGAA at enrollment. This contemporaneous, prospective cohort of 113 patients provides a unique, one-time opportunity to understand the genotypic and phenotypic spectrum of Pompe disease in the United States via systematic clinical histories and assessments, to compare variant types found in IOPD and LOPD, and to ascertain novel Pompe disease variants within the population.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Design and ethics

This prospective, open-label, single-arm study was conducted at 52 centers in 30 states plus Washington, DC (29 March 2012–29 December 2014). Parents/guardians (or patients if ≥18 years old) gave written informed consent; children assented whenever possible. Western Institutional Review Board (IRB; Puyallup, WA) or local sites' IRBs (online appendix) gave ethical approval; Good Clinical Practice, the Declaration of Helsinki 1964 and applicable amendments⁹, and all applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines were followed.

Patients

Patients aged ≥1 year with enzymatically and/or molecularly confirmed Pompe disease previously treated with 160 L rhGAA were eligible. Patients enrolled in other studies or receiving other investigational treatments within 3 months before screening, unlikely to survive through 52 weeks of treatment, or unable to comply with study procedures were

excluded. Negative pregnancy tests were required for postmenarchal female patients.

Assessments

GAA genotypes (reference sequence NM_000152) were determined at or before screening (five enzymatically diagnosed patients lacked genetic data). Prior GAA genotypes determined before study entry were used if provided by a certified laboratory with guardians'/patients' written informed consent to share with the site. In the case of missing genotype information, informed consent was obtained to conduct next-generation sequencing (NGS) of the GAA gene by LabCorp (www.LabCorp.com) (GAA Inheritest®, 451910) and share the data with the site. Prediction of IOPD patients' CRIM status relied on historical data from identical GAA variants identified in other patients. Patients whose GAA variants precluded GAA protein production were considered CRIM-negative.³ Reported variants used in CRIM prediction were presumed to be (1) those causing Pompe disease (supported by database or literature reports of pathogenicity and/or by GAA enzyme activity levels), i.e., patients did not have another, unidentified pathogenic variant; and (2) in *trans* (reported in-*cis* combinations were confirmed by parental testing).

Left ventricular mass (LVM) z-scores were determined via locally read and centrally reviewed M-mode echocardiography. Standard 12-lead electrocardiography, locally read and reviewed by a central cardiologist blinded to patient and study timepoint, ascertained left or right ventricular hypertrophy criteria and heart rhythm. Congestive heart failure (CHF) was determined clinically, with New York Heart Association (NYHA) staging.

Invasive or noninvasive ventilator dependence was scored as of the first ventilation date not followed by 14 consecutive ventilator-independent days. For testable ventilator-free patients, seated (upright) forced vital capacity (FVC) % predicted was determined following American Thoracic Society guidelines.

Motor skills were assessed via Gross Motor Function Measure, 88 items (GMFM-88), which has precedent (though not formal validation) for use in Pompe disease.^{10,11}

Motor function levels and histories were assessed at study entry only, classifying patients as walkers, supported walkers, supported standers, sitters, or restricted antigravity movement. Questions on motor decline during the 2 months before enrollment were specific to functional level and age group (<2 or ≥2 years of age).

Medical histories were collected emphasizing systems affected by Pompe disease. Biochemical testing included serum creatine kinase, brain natriuretic peptide, and aspartate and alanine aminotransferases.

Analyses

Demographic, clinical, and genetic characteristics are reported as summary statistics overall and (post hoc) for IOPD and LOPD subsets. IOPD patients were those with symptom onset

by 12 months of age and evidence of cardiac involvement (cardiomegaly, cardiomyopathy, or hypertrophies), potentially including some patients with less severe cardiac phenotypes.

RESULTS

Demographics, clinical characteristics, and medical histories

One hundred thirteen patients were enrolled (aged 1.0–18.7 years at consent; Table 1). The CONSORT diagram was published previously.⁸ The one excluded patient had previously received commercial 4000 L rhGAA. At consent, ages of IOPD patients were 1.0–15.5 years (mean \pm SD, 4.4 \pm 3.52 years; median, 3.4 years); those of LOPD patients were 1.1–18.7 years (mean \pm SD, 6.0 \pm 4.19 years; median, 6.1 years). IOPD was defined as symptom onset at <12 months of age with cardiac involvement, and LOPD as symptom onset either at <12 months of age without cardiac involvement or at \geq 12 months of age.² Eighty-seven patients had IOPD and 26 had LOPD (20 without and 6 with cardiac involvement).

Of the 87 IOPD patients, 70 had symptom onsets and 160 L rhGAA initiations before 12 months of age. Seventeen more met IOPD criteria but had survived >12 months before 160 L rhGAA initiation and could include advanced and less severe IOPD cases. Their reported age range at symptom onset was 0–8.8 months, at diagnosis 40 days–5.9 years. Reported 160 L rhGAA initiations were at 1.0 to ~11 years, and ages at ADVANCE enrollment 2.1–15.5 years. Two of these had received other investigational enzyme therapies before 160 L initiation (one received Synpac rhGAA starting at ~2 years of age, then 160 L rhGAA at ~11 years of age; the other received expanded-access rhGAA starting at ~6.9 years of age, then 160 L rhGAA at ~7.9 years of age). Further details are in ADVANCE efficacy publication supplementary materials.⁸ All IOPD patients were analyzed together.

LOPD symptom onset ranged from 1.1 to 5 years in the 6 patients with cardiomyopathy/cardiomegaly, versus birth–8.9 years in the other 20 patients. Proportionately more LOPD than IOPD patients were Caucasian (88% vs. 55%), male (73% vs. 47%), ventilator-free (69% vs. 59%), and walked independently (27% vs. 18%) or with assistance (35% vs. 18%). Only 8% of LOPD patients, but 28% of IOPD patients, had restricted antigravity movement at enrollment (Table 1).

Thirty-two patients were invasive ventilator-dependent (26 IOPD, 6 LOPD) for a median of 3.9 years (mean \pm SD, 4.8 \pm 4.14 years; range, 0.1–17.0 years). Eleven further patients were noninvasive ventilator-dependent (9 IOPD, 2 LOPD). Seventy-five (66%) patients had histories of pneumonia (61/87 [70%] with IOPD and 14/26 [54%] with LOPD).

Motor symptomatology at study entry (Table 2) included lower extremity weakness in 101 (89%) patients, upper extremity weakness in 94 (83%), and motor milestone regression in 45 (40%). At screening, 48 (42%) patients were ambulatory (independently or device-assisted); 65 (58%) were nonambulatory at screening, 11 of whom had ever walked. In all, 54 (48%) used ambulatory or mobility devices. Most never-ambulatory patients had later 160 L initiations (35

Table 1 Baseline demographics and summary cardiac, pulmonary, motor, and growth parameters (full analysis set and disease state subsets)

Parameter	Total (N = 113)	IOPD (n = 87)	LOPD (n = 26)
Sex, n (%)			
Male	60 (53)	41 (47)	19 (73)
Female	53 (47)	46 (53)	7 (27)
Ethnicity, n (%)			
Hispanic	18 (16)	15 (17)	3 (12)
Non-Hispanic	92 (81)	70 (81)	22 (85)
Unreported	1 (1)	0	1 (4)
Unknown	2 (2)	2 (2)	0
Race, n (%)			
Asian	7 (6)	7 (8)	0
African American	26 (23)	24 (28)	2 (8)
Caucasian	71 (63)	48 (55)	23 (89)
Unreported	2 (2)	2 (2)	0
Multiple	7 (6)	6 (7)	1 (4)
Age at first symptoms, mean \pm SD (median, range; n)	0.5 \pm 1.15 (0.3, 0.0–8.9; 112)	0.2 \pm 0.22 (0.2, 0.0–0.7; 87)	1.5 \pm 2.08 (0.9, 0.0–8.9; 26)
Age at initial diagnosis, years, mean \pm SD (median, range; n)	0.9 \pm 1.40 (0.5, 0.0–8.8; 113)	0.5 \pm 0.73 (0.4, 0.0–5.9; 87)	2.3 \pm 2.12 (1.5, 0.0–8.8; 26)
Ambulatory at enrollment, n (%)			
Yes	48 (43)	33 (38)	15 (58)
No	65 (58)	54 (62)	11 (42)
If no, ever ambulatory, n (%)	11 (10)	10 (12)	1 (4)
Using ambulatory devices at enrollment, n (%)			
Walker	10 (9)	7 (8)	3 (12)
Wheelchair	39 (35)	32 (37)	7 (27)
Other	23 (20)	16 (18)	7 (27)
Using ventilatory support at enrollment, n (%)			
Invasive	32 (28)	26 (30)	6 (23)
Noninvasive	11 (10)	9 (10)	2 (8)
None	70 (62)	52 (60)	18 (69)
Pompe disease motor function categories, n (%)			
Walking	23 (20)	16 (18)	7 (27)
Supported walking	25 (22)	16 (18)	9 (35)
Supported standing	15 (13)	12 (14)	3 (12)
Sitting	21 (19)	16 (18)	5 (19)
Restricted antigravity movement	26 (23)	24 (28)	2 (8)
Height z-score, mean \pm SD (median, range; n) ^a	−0.04 \pm 1.457 (0.02, −5.49 to 3.28; 106)	−0.04 \pm 1.574 (−0.02, −5.49 to 3.28; 80)	−0.06 \pm 1.042 (−2.07 to 1.49; 26)
Weight z-score, mean \pm SD (median, range; n) ^a	−0.20 \pm 1.210 (−0.09, −4.30 to 2.46; 111)	−0.22 \pm 1.245 (−0.09, −4.30 to 2.46; 85)	−0.12 \pm 1.105 (−0.07, −2.08, 2.40; 26)
Combined weight for length/stature z-score, mean \pm SD (median, range; n) ^a	−0.25 \pm 1.357 (−0.07, −5.05 to 2.85; 77)	−0.21 \pm 1.327 (−0.01, −5.05 to 2.14; 62)	−0.44 \pm 1.509 (−0.42, −2.66 to 2.85; 15)
LVM z-score (M-mode); mean \pm SD (median, range; n)	−0.1 \pm 2.63 (−0.6, −4.0 to 10.3; 85)	0.4 \pm 2.80 (−0.6, −3.8 to 10.3; 62)	−1.5 \pm 1.42 (−1.4, −4.0 to 1.0; 23)
Upright (seated) FVC % predicted; mean \pm SD (median, range; n)	66.6 \pm 29.59 (64.5, 22.0–116.0; 24)	55.9 \pm 26.74 (49.0, 22.0–113.0; 15)	84.4 \pm 26.34 (94.0, 34.0–116.0; 9)
GMFM-88 total % score; mean \pm SD (median, range; n)	46.3 \pm 32.97 (47.9, 0.0–100.0; 108)	41.6 \pm 31.64 (38.9, 0.0–100.0; 83)	61.8 \pm 33.16 (70.9, 0.0–100.0; 25)

FVC forced vital capacity, GMFM-88 Gross Motor Function Measure 88 items, IOPD infantile-onset Pompe disease, LOPD late-onset Pompe disease, LVM left ventricular mass.

^aGrowth parameter z-scores for patients 0–2 years of age were calculated via <http://peditools.org/growthwho/index.php>; those for patients 2–20 years of age, via <http://peditools.org/growthpedi/index.php>.

Table 2 Pompe disease history at study entry (full analysis set and disease state subsets)

Parameter	Total, <i>n</i> (%) <i>N</i> = 113	IOPD, <i>n</i> (%) <i>n</i> = 87	LOPD, <i>n</i> (%) <i>n</i> = 26
Sibling with confirmed Pompe disease	19 (17)	13 (15)	6 (23)
Evidence of cardiac involvement	93 (82)	87 (100)	6 (23)
Tracheostomy ever performed	32 (28)	26 (30)	6 (23)
History of pneumonia	75 (66)	61 (70)	14 (54)
Number of episodes in the past year at screening, <i>n</i> (%) of those reporting pneumonias			
<5	73 (97)	60 (98)	13 (93)
5–10	2 (3)	1 (2)	1 (7)
Sleep disturbances	39 (35)	32 (37)	7 (27)
Sleep apnea	28 (25)	21 (24)	7 (27)
Lower extremity muscle weakness	101 (89)	77 (89)	24 (92)
Upper extremity muscle weakness	94 (83)	72 (83)	22 (85)
Regression of motor milestones	45 (40)	34 (39)	13 (50)
Hypotonia	108 (96)	83 (95)	25 (96)
Scoliosis	25 (22)	19 (22)	6 (23)
If scoliosis reported, <i>n</i> (%) of those reporting scoliosis			
Surgical interventions for scoliosis	3 (12)	2 (11)	1 (2)
Using orthopedic devices for scoliosis	9 (36)	7 (37)	2 (3)
Joint contractures	45 (40)	36 (41)	9 (35)
Surgical repair of joint contractures	9 (8)	7 (8.0)	2 (8)
Using orthopedic devices to treat contractures	23 (20)	19 (22)	4 (15)
Failure to thrive	50 (44)	39 (45)	3 (12)
Feeding difficulties	78 (69)	65 (75)	13 (50)
Gastroesophageal reflux	56 (50)	48 (55)	8 (31)
Clinical presentation, <i>n</i> (%) of those reporting reflux			
pH probe	4 (7)	3 (0.06)	1 (13)
Barium swallow	17 (30)	16 (33)	1 (13)
Other	15 (27)	12 (25)	3 (38)
On nutritional support at enrollment	71 (63)	54 (62)	17 (65)
Type of support, if on nutritional support, <i>n</i> (%) of those on nutritional support			
Tube feeding	52 (73)	45 (83)	7 (41)
High caloric diet	6 (9)	3 (6)	3 (18)
Parenteral nutrition	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
High protein diet	6 (9)	3 (6)	3 (18)
Other	5 (7)	3 (6)	2 (12)
Tympanic membrane tubes placed	32 (28)	26 (30)	6 (23)
Hearing loss at enrollment			
Yes	33 (29)	28 (32)	5 (19)
No	74 (67)	53 (61)	21 (81)
Assessment not done	6 (5)	6 (7)	0 (0)
Location of hearing loss if present, <i>n</i> (%) of those with hearing loss			
Unilateral	3 (9)	2 (7)	1 (20)
Bilateral	28 (85)	24 (86)	4 (80)
Type of hearing loss: left ear, <i>n</i> (%) of those with hearing loss			
Sensorineural	7 (21)	6 (21)	1 (20)
Conductive	15 (46)	13 (46)	2 (40)
Mixed	1 (3)	1 (4)	0 (0)
Unknown	9 (27)	7 (25)	2 (40)
Not applicable	2 (6)	2 (7)	0 (0)
Type of hearing loss: right ear, <i>n</i> (%) of those with hearing loss			
Sensorineural	7 (21)	6 (21)	1 (20)
Conductive	14 (42)	12 (43)	2 (40)
Mixed	1 (3)	1 (4)	0 (0)
Unknown	7 (21)	6 (21)	1 (20)
Not applicable	5 (15)	4 (14)	1 (20)

IOPD infantile-onset Pompe disease, LOPD late-onset Pompe disease.

patients initiated at >6 months of age versus 10 initiated at 3–6 months and 9 initiated at 0–3 months).

Sleep disturbance/apnea, failure to thrive, gastric reflux, chronic otitis media, and hearing loss appeared more prevalent in IOPD than LOPD (Table 2). Conductive hearing loss affected 13/87 (15%) IOPD and 2/26 (8%) LOPD patients; sensorineural hearing loss affected 6/87 (7%) IOPD and 1/26 (4%) LOPD patients.

Family histories

Nineteen (17%) patients had a sibling with Pompe disease. Five phenotypically concordant sibling pairs (three pairs with IOPD and two pairs with LOPD) jointly participated in

ADVANCE; 8 patients had nonparticipating affected siblings, and 1 LOPD patient without genetic data had an affected sibling. One IOPD patient's mother had an LOPD genotype (11 patients' parents were tested).

GAA pathogenic variants

In the full analysis set (*n* = 113), 108 (96%) patients had genetic data comprising 215 GAA pathogenic variants (220 including *in-cis* combinations) (Fig. 1; Supplementary Table S1). Four IOPD patients and one LOPD patient had missing genotypes. Two patients had three variants, two in *cis* and one in *trans*, and one patient had four variants: two *in-cis* combinations in *trans* to each other. The three most frequent

in the IOPD cohort were nonsense c.2560C>T, historically prevalent among African Americans¹² (p.R854*, 21 alleles), deletion c.525delT¹³ (p.E176fs*45, nine alleles), and missense c.2297A>C¹⁴ (p.Y766S, six alleles). Those most frequent in the LOPD cohort were c.-32-13T>G¹⁵ (r.spl, 13 alleles), deletion c.525delT¹³ (p.E176fs*45, three alleles), and missense c.1210G>A¹⁶ (p.D404N, two alleles). The three most frequent overall were nonsense c.2560C>T¹² (p.R854*, 23 alleles, 2 in LOPD and 21 in IOPD), splice variant c.-32-13T>G¹⁵ (13 alleles in LOPD), and deletion c.525delT¹³ (p.E176fs*45; 12 alleles, 9 in IOPD and 3 in LOPD). Most patients with c.2560C>T were African American: all 3 homozygotes with IOPD, 11 of 15 compound heterozygotes with IOPD (others: 2 multiracial and 2 Caucasian), and 1 of 2 compound heterozygotes with LOPD (the other was multiracial).

Unpublished variants occurred in four patients (Supplementary Table S2), by comparisons as of 8 March 2018 with current Erasmus¹⁷ and Duke¹⁸ Pompe variant databases, ClinVar, and PubMed. In addition to three unpublished *in-cis* variant combinations shown in Supplementary Table S2 (see Supplementary Table S1 for references of their component variants), published *in-cis* combination c.[1642G>T; 1880C>T]¹⁶ occurred in one IOPD patient.

Missense variant c.1844G>A (p.G615Q), homozygous in two IOPD patients, appeared only in the Duke database.

The unpublished splice variant c.-32-17_-32-10delinsTCCCCTGCTGAGCCTCCTACAGGCCTCCCGC in one LOPD patient was similar to a published variant¹⁹ but with one more repeating C.

Exon 18 deletion c.2481+102_2648+31del²⁰ was compound heterozygous in six patients (five IOPD, one LOPD with cardiac involvement). Two additional LOPD patients were compound heterozygous for exon 18 deletions with different breakpoints (c.2481+120_2646 and c.1799G>A with symptom onset >12 months of age and cardiomegaly; c.2481+109_2848+38del538 and c.1979G>A without cardiac involvement), which were not regarded as unpublished variants because the underlying large exon 18 deletion is the same.

c.307T>G (p.C103G), common in Germany,²¹ occurred in compound heterozygosity in three patients with IOPD and one with LOPD (all Caucasian). Three Asian American patients had common Asian variants. c.2238G>C (p.W746C), frequent in Chinese patients with LOPD,²² occurred in one IOPD patient (compound heterozygous with c.1843G>A). c.1935C>A, a founder effect Chinese IOPD variant,²² occurred in two IOPD patients, one homozygous and one compound heterozygous with c.2815_2816delGT.

The common splice variant c.-32-13T>G¹⁵ occurred in 12/20 LOPD patients (homozygous in 1 patient and compound heterozygous in 11; Supplementary Table S3). None of these 12 patients had any cardiomyopathy. Symptom onset occurred at 107 months of age in the c.-32-13T>G homozygote, at 0–48 months (median, 5.9 months) in c.-32-13T>G compound heterozygotes, and at 0–60 months (median, 20 months) in non-c.-32-13T>G LOPD patients.

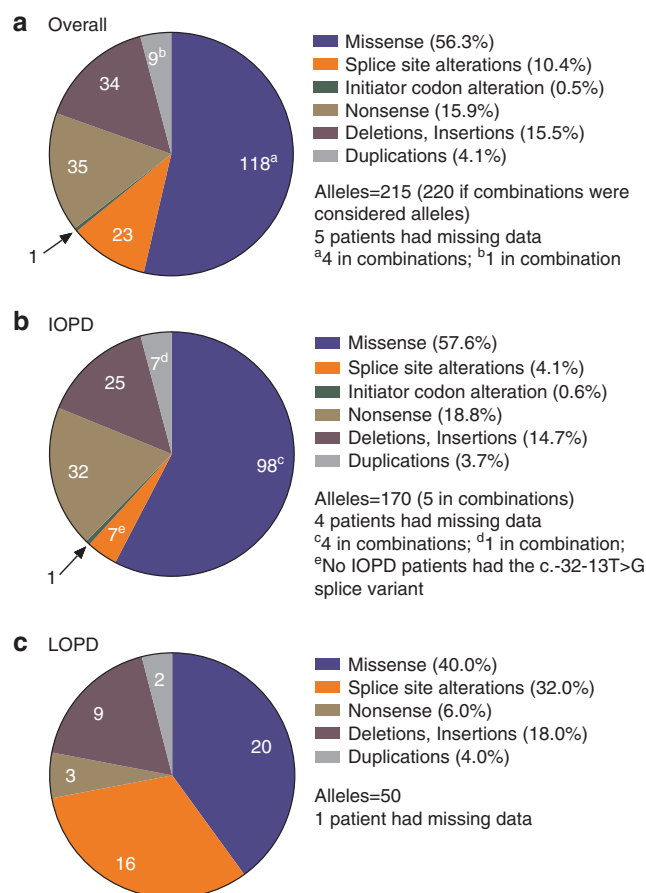


Fig. 1 GAA pathogenic variant types in ADVANCE. Distributions of GAA pathogenic variant types in the ADVANCE cohort (a) and its infantile-onset Pompe disease (IOPD) (b) and late-onset Pompe disease (LOPD) (c) subsets. No patients with IOPD (nor with cardiac involvement in LOPD) had the common LOPD-associated splice variant c.-32-13T>G.

All six LOPD patients with cardiac involvement (Supplementary Table S4) lacked c.-32-13T>G.

The severe splice c.2331+21T>A²³ and nonsense c.1548G>A²⁴ variants were compound heterozygous with less severe c.670C>T in cardiac-involved LOPD patients.²⁵ Less severe variants in cardiac-involved LOPD patients were c.871C>T²⁶ (compound heterozygous with an exon 18 deletion), c.1445G>A²⁷ (compound heterozygous with c.1210G>A,¹⁶ twins), and c.1799G>A²⁸ (compound heterozygous with an exon 18 deletion).

CRIM status predictions

Supplementary Table S5 lists IOPD genotypes, CRIM statuses, initial anti- α -glucosidase alfa antibody titers, and cardiac phenotypes. Sixty-eight of 83 (82%) genotyped IOPD patients were predicted CRIM-positive. Fifty-one had ≥ 1 CRIM-positive variant identifiable from prior fibroblast studies, and the other 17 were predicted post hoc from genotypes. Fourteen (17%) had CRIM-negative variants confirmed by prior fibroblast studies. Homozygous c.925G>A (p.G309R) has unclear CRIM status, with conflicting literature reports.^{29,30} CRIM could not be predicted for one patient

with an incompletely reported genotype or for four IOPD patients without genotypes.

Shared genotypes

Supplementary Table S3 shows all reported genotypes in IOPD and LOPD, their shared or unshared status within ADVANCE, and whether patients had affected siblings. No complete genotypes were shared between ADVANCE IOPD and LOPD patients.

In IOPD, two siblings shared splice variant c.-32-17_-32-10del8ins30³¹ and missense variant c.1979G>A.³² Two other siblings shared nonsense c.525delT¹³ and missense c.1448G>T.²³ A third sibling pair shared splice c.546+2_+5delTGGG³ and duplication c.1650dupG.³ Three unrelated patients were homozygous for missense variant c.2297A>C.¹⁴ Homozygous missense c.1843G>A²⁸ was shared by two unrelated patients, as was homozygous missense c.1844G>A.¹⁸ Seven unrelated patients shared genotypes containing nonsense variant c.2560C>T¹²; three were homozygous (all African Americans). Two unrelated African American patients were compound heterozygous with c.1447G>A as the second pathogenic variant.²³ One Caucasian and one African American were compound heterozygous with c.525delT as the second pathogenic variant.¹³

In LOPD, twins with cardiac involvement shared c.1210G>A¹⁶ and c.1445C>T.²³ Two siblings without cardiac involvement shared c.-32-13T>G¹⁵ and c.258dupC.²⁷ Three unrelated patients shared c.-32-13T>G¹⁵ and c.525delT.¹³

Cardiac history and function

All patients with IOPD (by definition) and 6 of 26 with LOPD had cardiac involvement. LVM z-scores (M-mode) at entry ranged from -4.0 to 10.3 (mean \pm SD, -0.1 ± 2.63) [$n = 85$] overall. Cardiac conditions reported in cardiovascular history at study entry or ascertained by baseline assessment are described below.

IOPD

A history of cardiomegaly was reported in 72/87 (83%) IOPD patients at study entry (Supplementary Table S5 lists all IOPD patients' cardiac symptoms and their onset ages). LVM z-scores at study entry ranged from -3.8 to 10.3 (mean \pm SD, 0.4 ± 2.80) [$n = 62$ evaluable] in IOPD. Thirteen (15%) had cardiomyopathy or hypertrophy without reported cardiomegaly. One patient (1%) had interventricular septal hypokinesia alone reported at study entry, and one (1%) had dysrhythmia alone at diagnosis. Many patients' histories of CHF or dysrhythmias coexisted with cardiomegaly or cardiomyopathy: 26 (30%) IOPD patients had CHF. Other heart conditions affected 26 (30%) IOPD patients. Of these, 8 had arrhythmia (unspecified), 7 had Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) syndrome (3 without and 4 with supraventricular tachycardia [SVT]), 6 had SVT without WPW, 1 had sinus tachycardia, and 4 had unspecified tachycardia. SVT predominantly affected patients with deletions or nonsense variants.

LOPD

Six of 26 (23%) LOPD patients had cardiac involvement (Supplementary Table S4). Two of six also had CHF; one had SVT. One patient had SVT and WPW without cardiomegaly, cardiomyopathy, or CHF. LVM z-scores for LOPD overall were -4.0 to 1.0 (mean \pm SD, -1.5 ± 1.42) [$n = 23$], and among the six cardiac-affected LOPD patients, -1.58 to 0.66.

Respiratory function

Baseline seated FVC mean \pm SD was $66.6 \pm 29.6\%$ predicted in 24 evaluable patients (15 IOPD, $55.9 \pm 26.7\%$ predicted; 9 LOPD, $84.4 \pm 26.3\%$ predicted).

Motor function

GMFM-88 total % scores were available for 108 patients. Means, medians, and ranges overall and for IOPD and LOPD, along with Pompe motor function categories at study entry, appear in Table 1. Motor decline in the 2 pre-enrollment months was noted in 7 patients <2 years old (5 IOPD, 2 LOPD) and 30 patients ≥ 2 years old (24 IOPD, 6 LOPD).

Biochemical markers

Serum creatine kinase activity ($n = 107$) averaged 1353 ± 1001 units (U)/L (median, 1147 U/L; range, 58-5499 U/L; normal, 60-305 U/L³³). Serum aspartate transaminase ($n = 103$) averaged 290 ± 189 U/L (median, 257 U/L; range, 16-980 U/L; normal, 15-41 U/L³³). Serum alanine transaminase ($n = 107$) averaged 165 ± 102 U/L (median, 159 U/L; range, 7-676 U/L; normal, 5-40 U/L³³). Serum brain natriuretic peptide ($n = 96$) averaged 31.50 ± 82.369 pg/mL (median, 14.62; range, 5.03-784.95 pg/mL; normal, <20 pg/mL³⁴). Urinary hexose tetrasaccharide was not determined in ADVANCE.

DISCUSSION

The ADVANCE baseline cohort provides the largest multi-ethnic, systematically assessed data set to connect Pompe genotypes, phenotypes, and clinical manifestations in the United States.

The phenotypically unrestricted cohort spanned the clinical spectrum of Pompe disease, including IOPD and LOPD. The minority (17%) of CRIM-negative IOPD patients may reflect fewer surviving to join ADVANCE. Diagnostic and prestudy 160 L rhGAA initiation ages reflect that some patients had delayed diagnosis and/or extended disease evolution before initiation of treatment.

Cardiac involvement in LOPD is occasionally reported.³⁵ Six patients who had initial symptom onsets at >1 year (thus LOPD) had cardiac involvement, which often presented later than first symptoms at ages from 1.03 years to >5 years (Supplementary Table S4). All six lacked the common Caucasian LOPD splice variant c.-32-13T>G (IVS1), which typically does not confer cardiac involvement.³⁶ These patients had other symptoms (e.g., gastric reflux, sleep apnea, hearing loss) suggesting more severe disease.³⁷ Compound heterozygosity for attenuated variants among these patients suggests that severe variants in *trans* can lead to a more severe

LOPD phenotype or one intermediate between IOPD and LOPD. For example, exon 18 deletions conferred a cardiac LOPD phenotype when combined with attenuated variants. Participants who developed cardiomyopathy beyond 1 year of age (≤ 5.3 years in LOPD), especially those without the common IVS1 splice site variant, illustrate the need for continued cardiac vigilance with increasing age in LOPD.³⁵

Mean LVM *z*-score in IOPD was below hypertrophic cardiomyopathy levels at study entry, but SDs and maxima suggest persistent hypertrophy at study entry in some patients. This could reflect short treatment duration before study entry, CRIM-negative status, high-sustained antibody titers at entry, or echocardiographic variability. Overall LOPD mean and maximum LVM *z*-scores were not hypertrophic, and the minimum was below normal. LOPD patients with cardiac histories nevertheless had LVM *z*-scores within normal range at study entry. Potential challenges in echocardiographic data acquisition suggest caution in interpreting score extremes. Diverse prestudy 160 L rhGAA treatment durations likely increased heterogeneity.

Cardiac rhythm abnormalities among ADVANCE IOPD patients included supraventricular tachycardia, short PR interval, and ST abnormalities, all previously reported in treated IOPD.³⁷

Motor histories, including loss of prior ambulation, motor milestone regression, or other motor decline reported during the two prestudy months, demonstrated the tendency of motor gains on alglucosidase alfa to regress with increasing age.³⁷ Of note, 34 never-ambulatory patients were >2 years old at enrollment (28 IOPD, 6 LOPD), beyond the normal developmental window for walking. This could be related to advanced stage at 160 L initiation.

Invasive or noninvasive ventilation in 38% of ADVANCE patients indicates respiratory muscle weakness persisting at study entry. Among the 24 testable patients, mean FVC % predicted was higher in LOPD than IOPD, reflecting less severe respiratory muscle involvement. One IOPD patient and one LOPD patient had experienced 5–10 pneumonia episodes in the prior year; none experienced >10 . Overall pneumonia rate (66%) exceeded that expected for age.³⁸ The small number of patients who were both ventilator-free and old enough for reliable FVC measurement is a limitation.

Growth parameter *z*-scores (Table 1) were within 2 SDs of age norms, as published³⁷ for long-term IOPD survivors on 160 L rhGAA. However, *z*-score minima below -2 indicated residual growth deficits in some ADVANCE participants, possibly related to motor difficulties with feeding. Swallowing impairment and/or gastroesophageal reflux, known in treated IOPD³⁷ and LOPD,³³ were also prevalent in ADVANCE. Nearly 52% of participants with IOPD and 27% with LOPD required tube feeding.

ADVANCE findings corroborate multisystem involvements in long-term treated Pompe disease, e.g., hearing loss in treated IOPD³⁷ and LOPD.³⁹ Histories collected at ADVANCE entry showed conductive loss in 15% of IOPD

and 8% of LOPD patients. Sensorineural loss affected 7% of IOPD and 4% of LOPD patients. In a prior audiometric study,³⁹ sensorineural hearing loss affected 10/11 (91%) IOPD patients but no LOPD patients, and conductive loss affected 1/13 (8%) LOPD patients.

Apparently unreported GAA variants found in ADVANCE include three *in-cis* combinations, two splice variants (one in both IOPD and LOPD, the other in IOPD), and one missense variant in IOPD.

The IVS1 splice variant, c. $-32-13T>G$, is common in Caucasians with LOPD. None of the 12/26 LOPD patients (46%) in ADVANCE with this variant had cardiac involvement. Conversely, none of six LOPD patients with cardiac involvement had this variant. ADVANCE corroborates Herbert *et al.*, who found occasional arrhythmia and valvular abnormalities but no hypertrophic cardiomyopathy among <18 -year-olds with the common c. $-32-13T>G$ variant.³⁶ The one c. $-32-13T>G$ homozygote in ADVANCE had symptom onset at a typical clinically diagnosed age (8.92 years). In contrast, four published newborn-screened c. $-32-13T>G$ homozygotes had subtle motor signs by 6 months of age.³³

In ADVANCE, exon 18 deletions co-occurred with cardiac involvement in five IOPD and two of three LOPD patients bearing them. While exon 18 deletions are associated with IOPD and occur compound heterozygously with less severe variants in LOPD,²⁰ their relationship to LOPD cardiac involvement needs further study.

Of the 17 IOPD patients starting 160 L rhGAA at >12 months of age (bold type in Supplementary Table S5), 14 were CRIM-positive, 2 CRIM-negative, and 1 had missing data. The predominantly CRIM-positive status of IOPD patients surviving to treatment initiations at >1 year of age (some of whose cardiac involvement occurred later than initial symptom onset) reinforces a spectrum of involvement in IOPD.

ADVANCE contains a diverse population. No complete genotypes were shared between participants with IOPD and LOPD, reinforcing the role of variant types and combinations in determining disease course.

Limitations of ADVANCE baseline data include approximations in onset, diagnosis or 160 L initiation ages reported historically, particularly for adolescent patients at study entry. Also, retrospective application of IOPD and LOPD definitions revealed some patients as intermediate on the disease spectrum (less severe IOPD with 160 L initiations >12 months of age; cardiac-involved LOPD). Highly variable 160 L rhGAA treatment durations, possible prestudy regimen variations, and incomplete echocardiographic and pulmonary data are other limitations. The strength of the ADVANCE study is that it represents the largest and most inclusive Pompe disease cohort with systematic and comprehensive assessments in the United States. ADVANCE has expanded the number of GAA pathogenic variants observed and has helped further characterize the phenotypic spectrum of Pompe disease.

Data sharing

Qualified researchers may request access to patient-level data and related study documents including the clinical study report, study protocol with any amendments, blank case report form, statistical analysis plan, and data set specifications. Patient-level data will be anonymized and study documents will be redacted to protect the privacy of trial participants. Further details on Sanofi's data sharing criteria, eligible studies, and process for requesting access can be found at <https://www.clinicalstudydatarequest.com>.

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