

# LO STROKE: TERAPIA INTERVENTISTICA E MODELLI ORGANIZZATIVI

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## LE NUOVE FRONTIERE DELL'ICTUS

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ALLA TERAPIA  
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**Malattia di Fabry:  
diagnosi e aspetti  
radiologici differenziali**

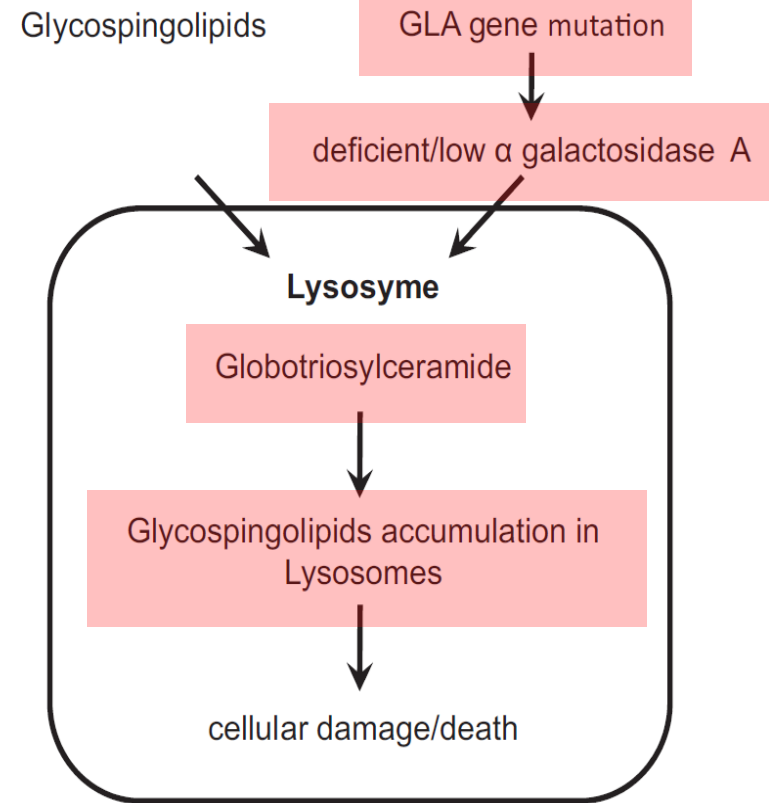
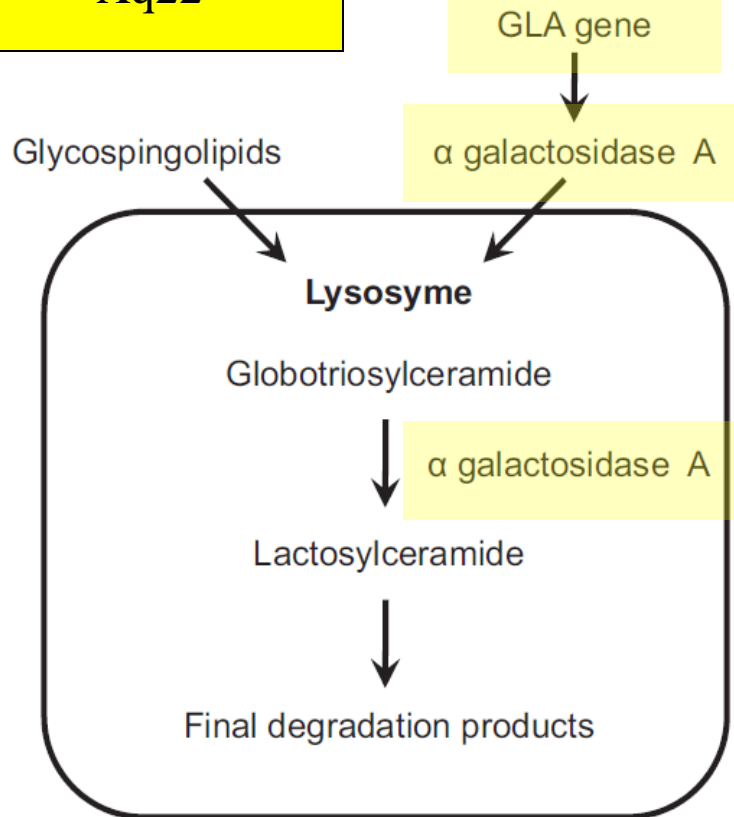
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# Outline

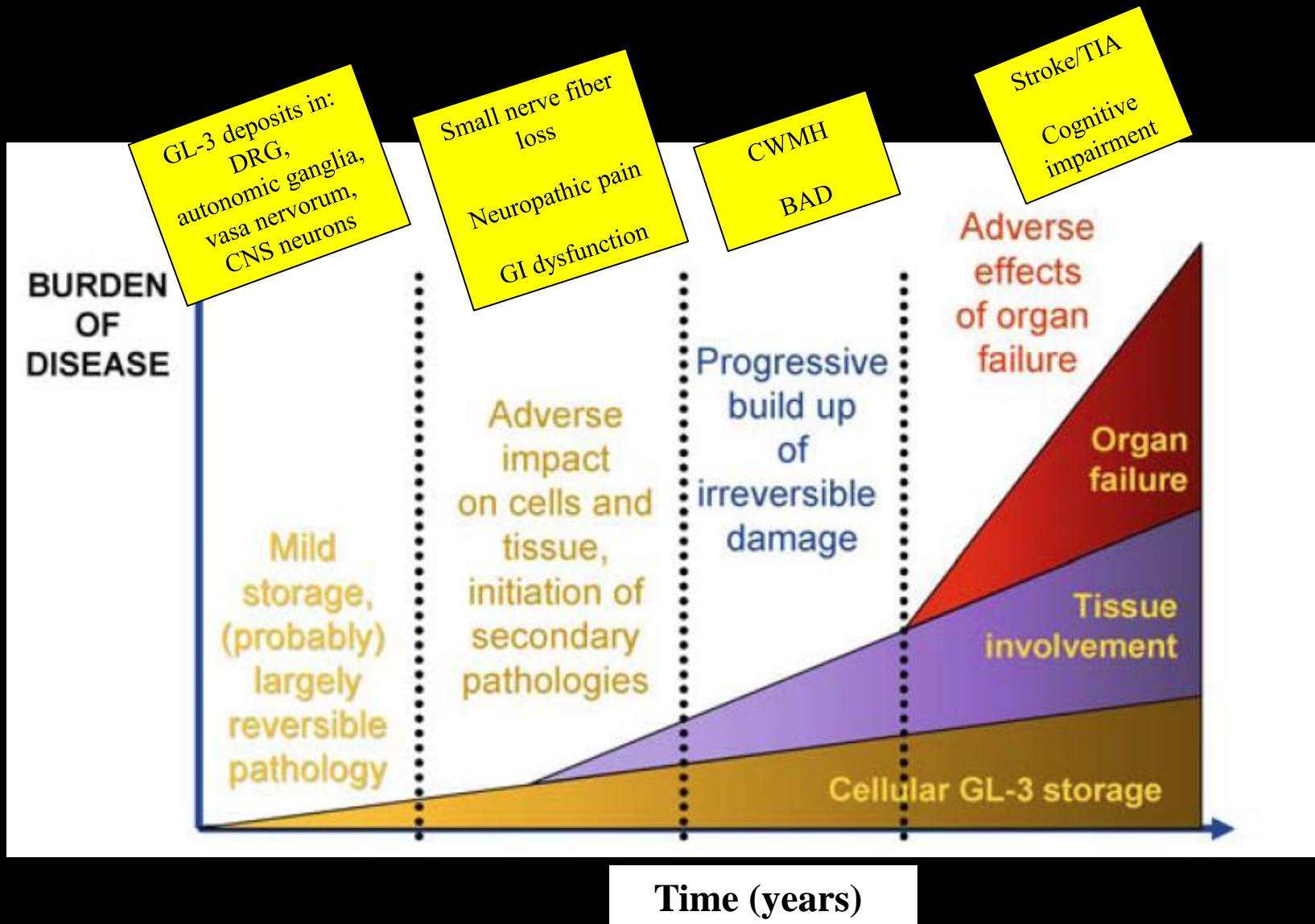
- **Neurological features of FD:**
  - Peripheral Nervous System
  - Central Nervous System
- **Pathophysiology**
- **(Clinical) conclusion:**
  - “...are there pathognomonic/specific (neurological) features...?”
  - “...when to search for FD?”
- **(Lab) conclusion:**
  - “...is it Fabry disease?”

chromosome  
Xq22



Prevalence:  
1/40,000 – 1/117,000

## Pathophysiology: accumulation, tissue injury, compromised function



## **Peripheral nervous system**

*Peripheral neuropathy (especially small fibre), autonomic dysfunction*

### **Neuropathic pain**

Episodic pain crises (triggered, for example, by warming)

Acroparaesthesiae

Impaired temperature sensation

Hypohidrosis

Intestinal dysmotility (including abdominal pain and diarrhoea)

Peripheral vasomotor dysregulation

## **Central nervous system**

### **Cerebrovascular events**

ischaemic stroke

Transient ischaemic attack

Tinnitus

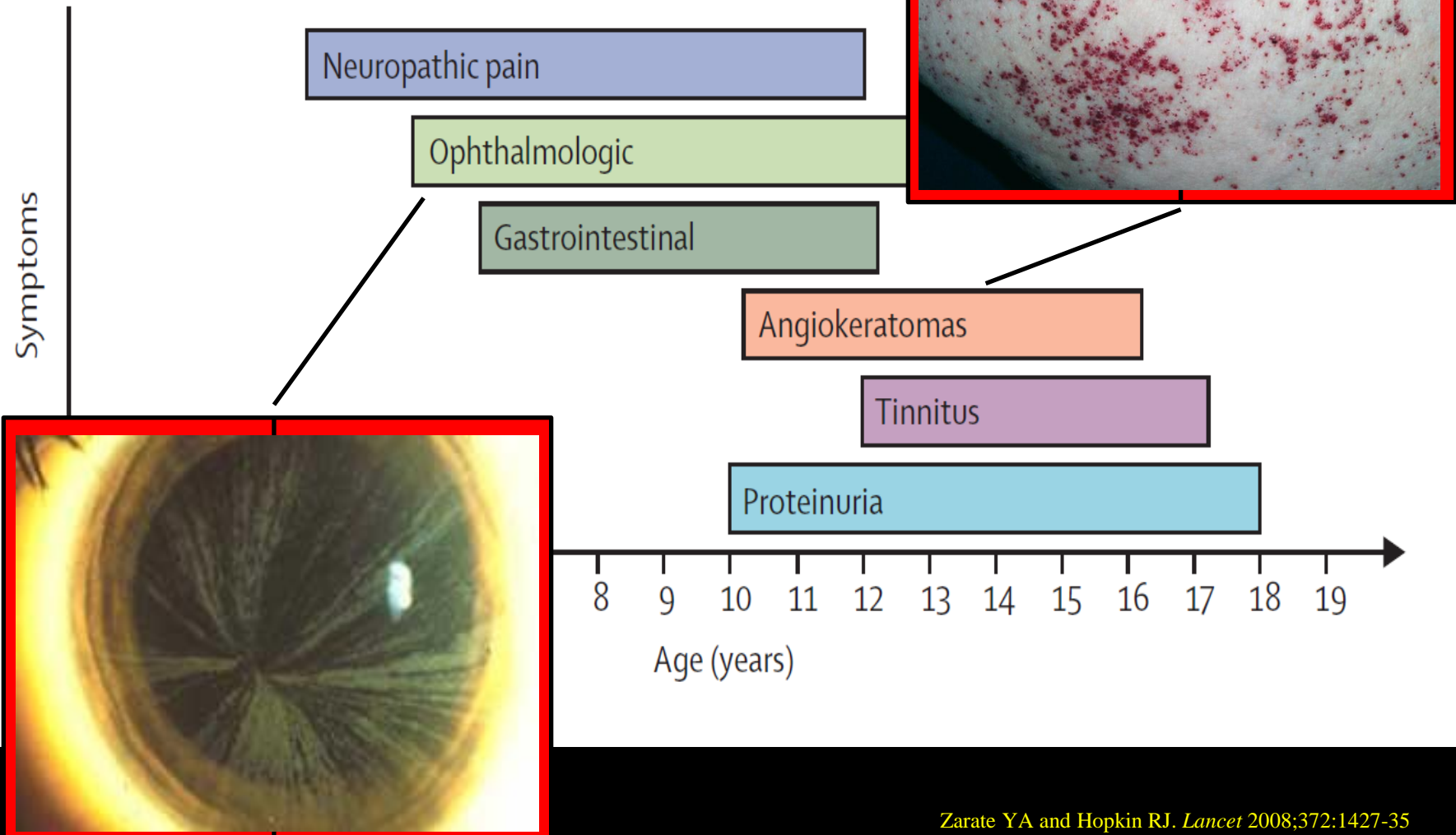
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Vertigo

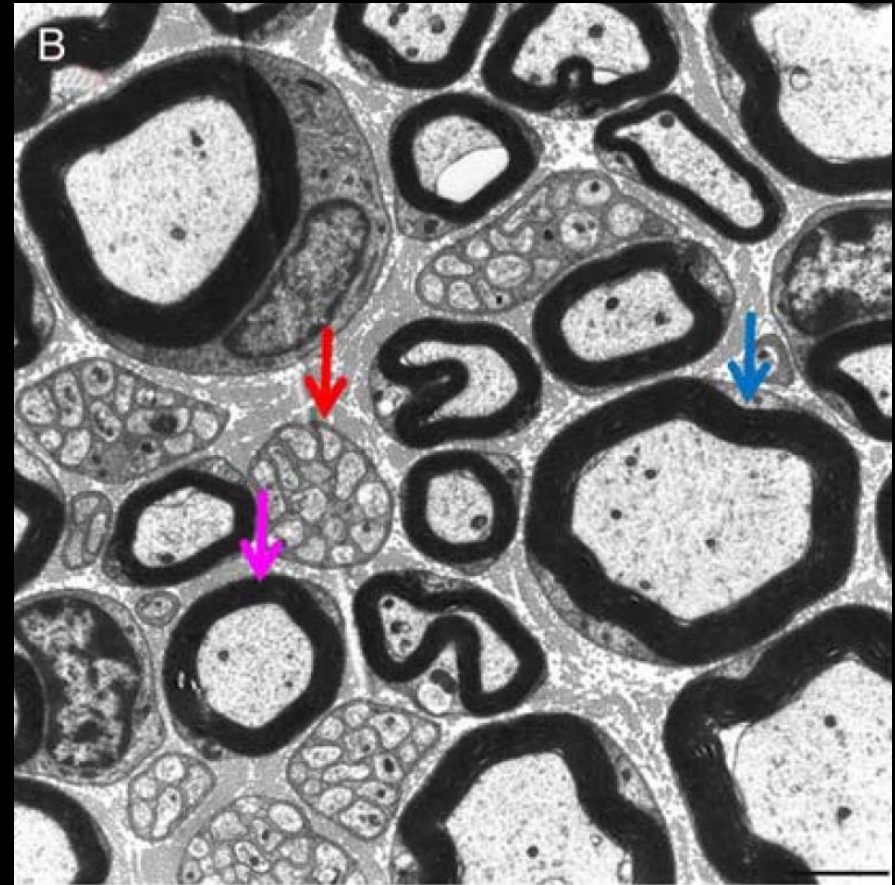
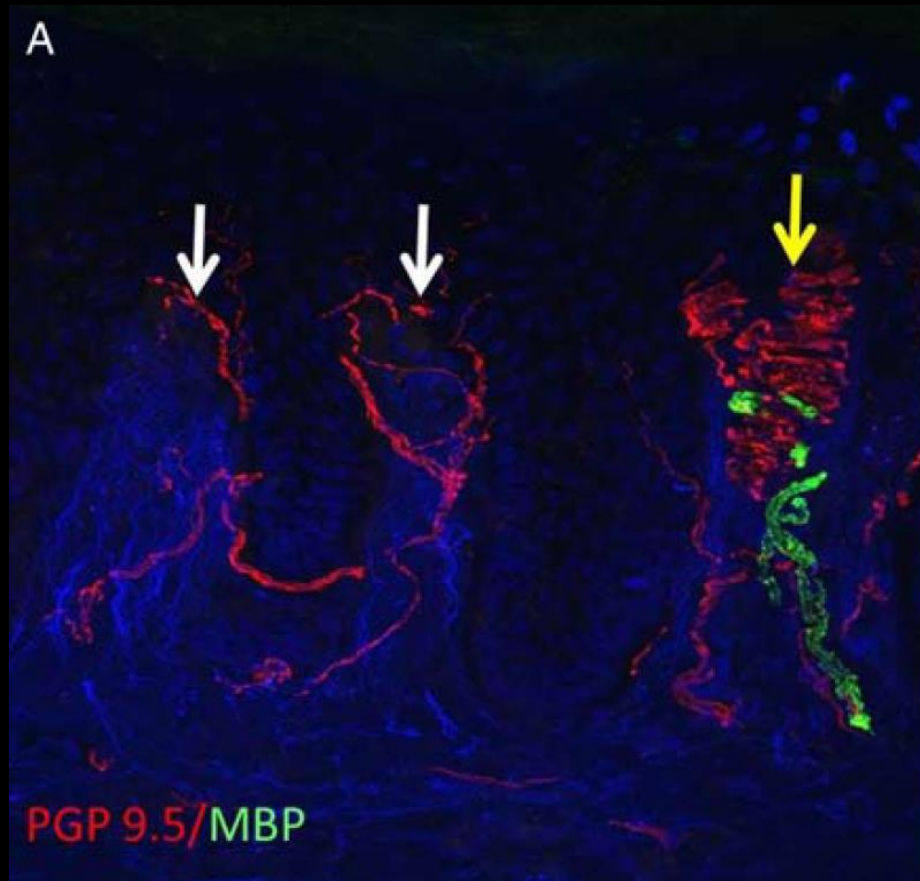
Psychiatric disorders (especially depression)

Cognitive impairment

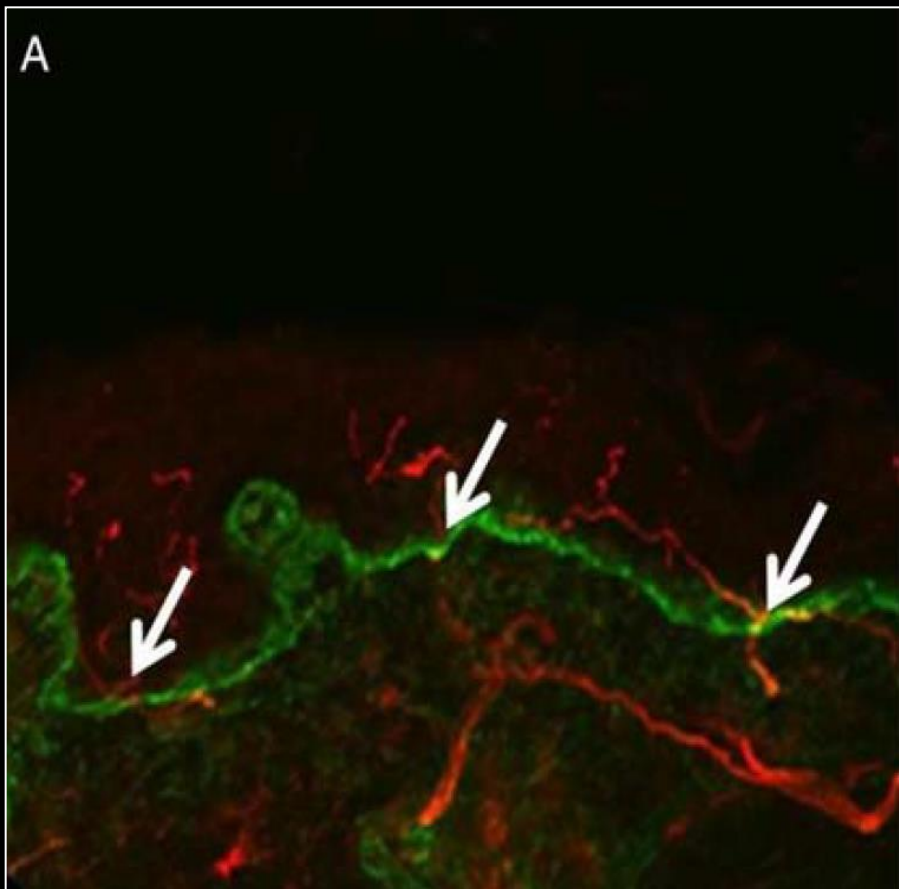
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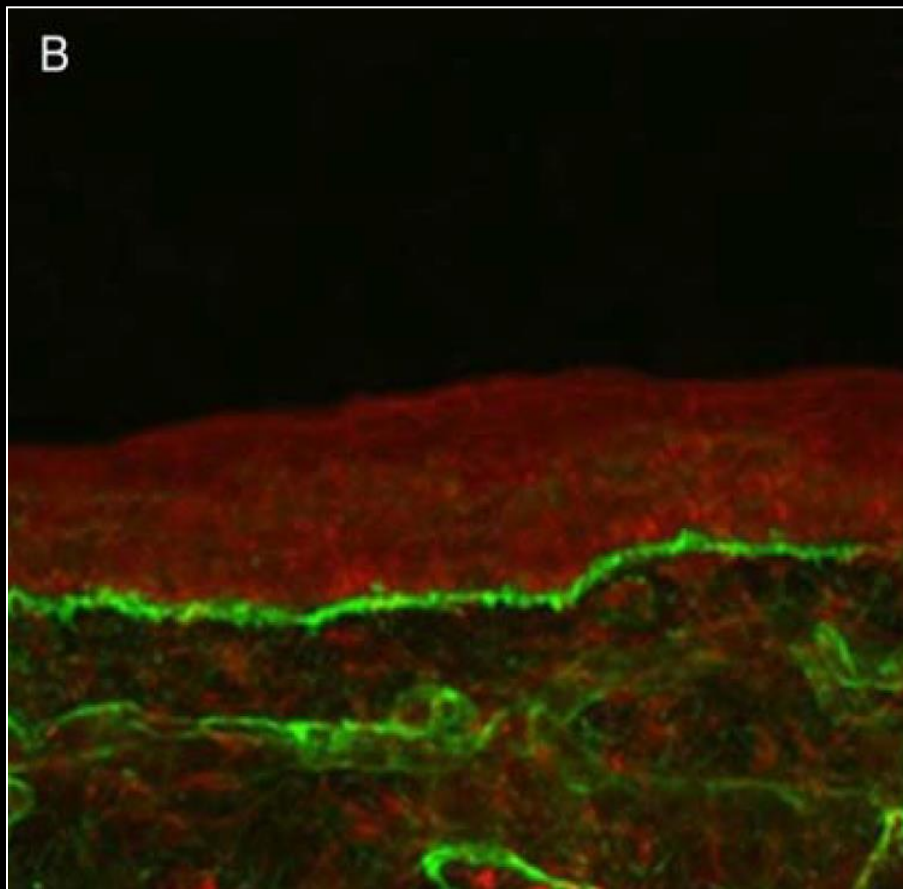
## Small Fiber Neuropathy (SFN) in FD



A



B



A $\delta$  fibers  
(more than C fibers)

lower leg



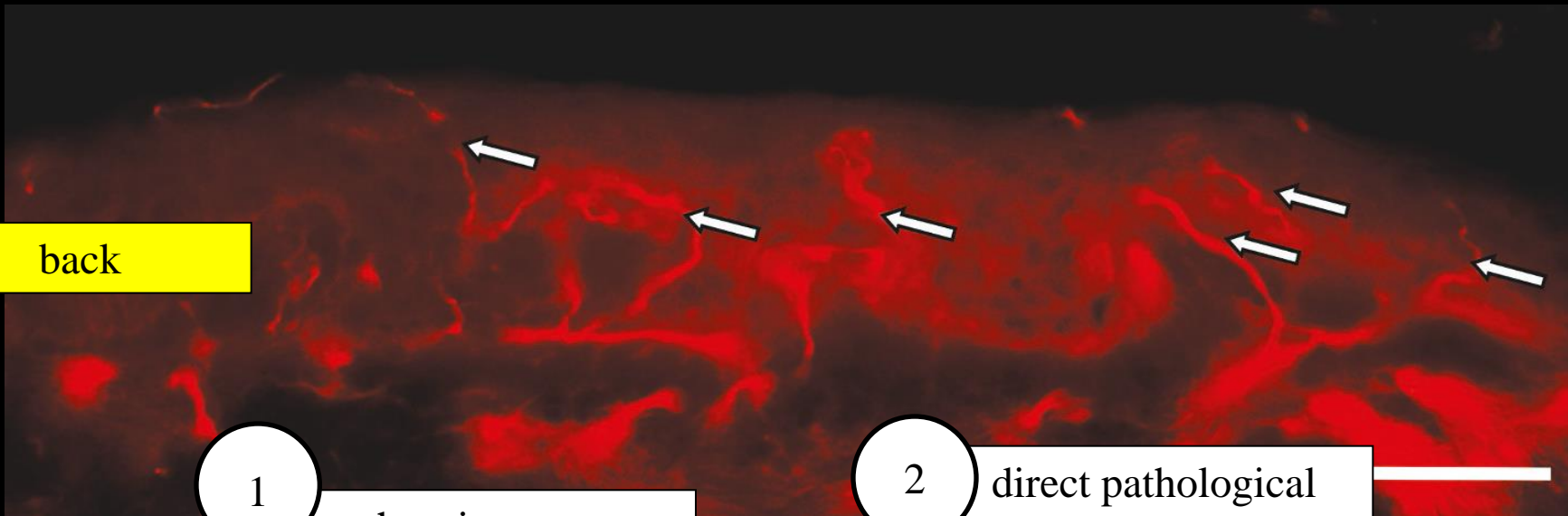
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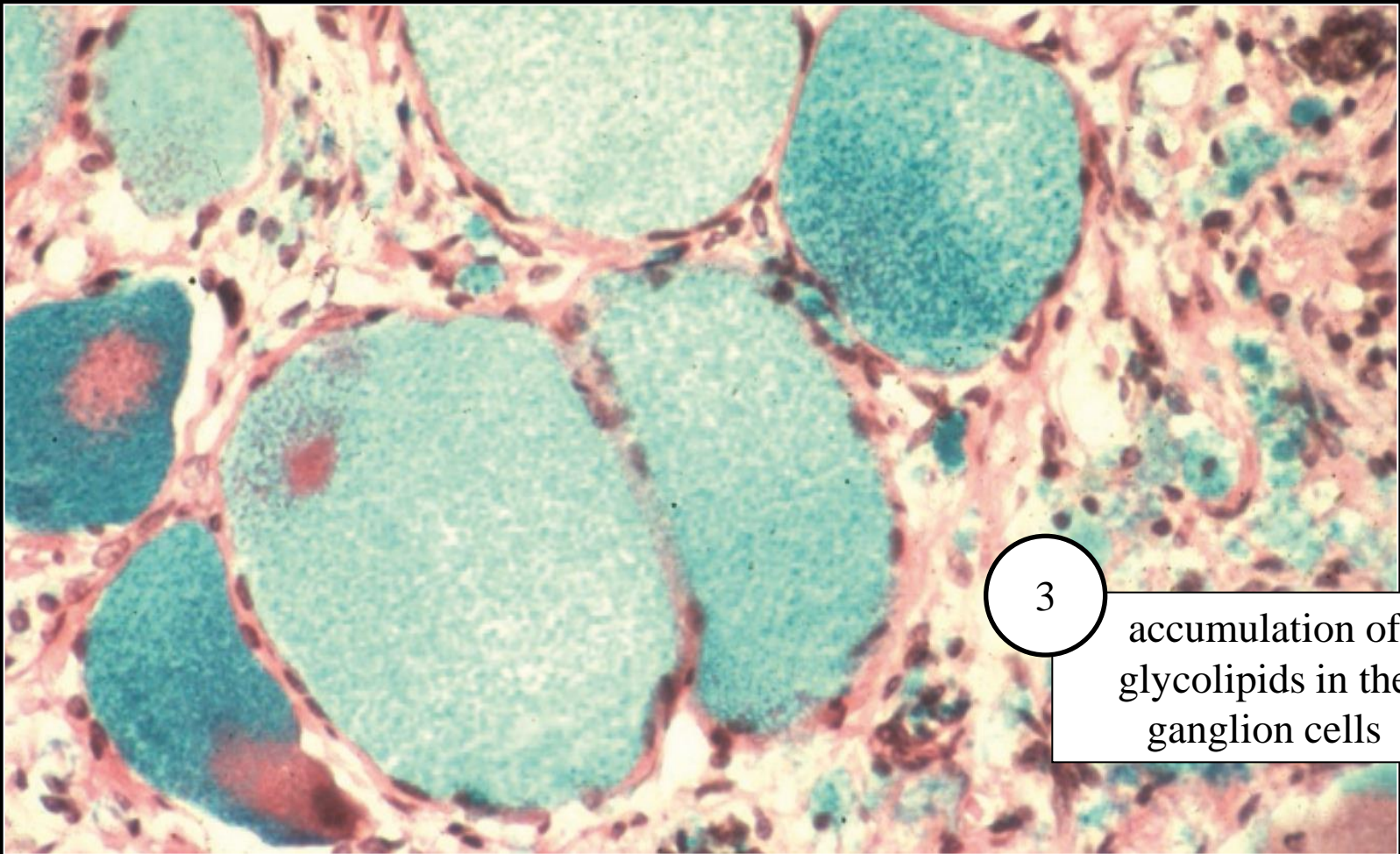
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chronic nerve  
ischemia

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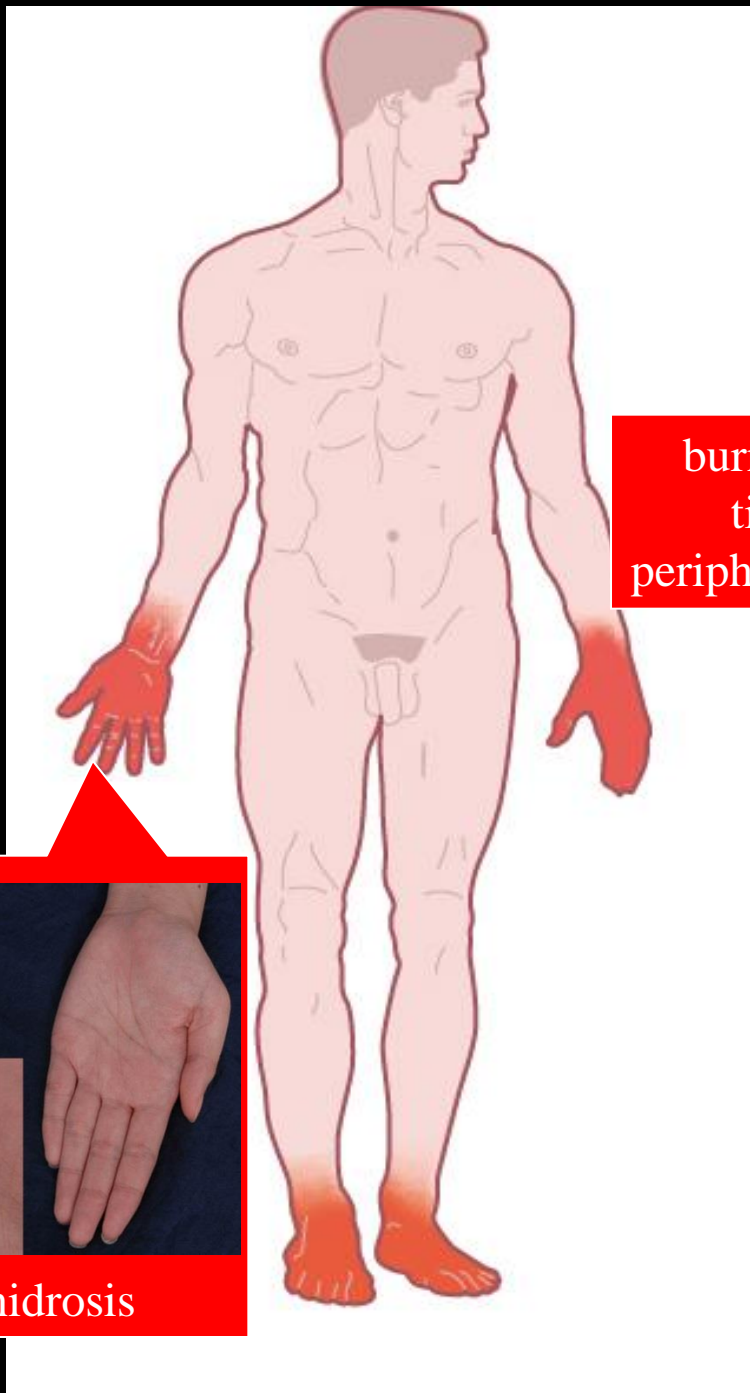
direct pathological  
effect of (lyso)Gb3 on  
the ganglia or axons





3

accumulation of  
glycolipids in the  
ganglion cells



boys, 60 – 80% (9 yrs)  
girls, 40 – 60% (16 yrs)

burning, nagging,  
tingling pain  
peripheral dysesthesias

«pain crises»

(excruciating, agonizing,  
lightning, stabbing)

*Trigger:*

rapidly changing body  
temperature

(i.e, fever, stress,  
physical activity,...)

diminishing over time

impairment of quality of life,  
depression

Hypohidrosis

## Misdiagnosis of neuropathic pain in FD

| Symptom<br>(number of patients) | Diagnosis<br>(number of patients) | Treatment<br>(number of patients) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Acroparesthesias (34)           | Rheumatic fever (12)              | Analgesics (10)                   |
|                                 | Cryptogenic (10)                  | None (8)                          |
|                                 | Viral disorders (5)               | Penicillin (7)                    |
|                                 | Psychogenic (3)                   | Insoles (4)                       |
|                                 | Rheumatism (3)                    | Antibiotics (3)                   |
|                                 | Gout (3)                          | Rest (2)                          |
|                                 | Flat feet (2)                     | Allopurinol +<br>colchicine (1)   |
|                                 | Growing pains (2)                 |                                   |
|                                 | “Bone problems” (2)               |                                   |
|                                 | Circulatory<br>problems (1)       |                                   |
|                                 | Arthritis (1)                     |                                   |
|                                 | Brucellosis (1)                   |                                   |
|                                 | Raynaud’s<br>phenomenon (1)       |                                   |

## Primary

### Idiopathic

- ▶ Idiopathic small fibre neuropathy
- ▶ Burning mouth syndrome

### Hereditary/genetic

- ▶ Na<sub>v</sub>1.7 mutations
- ▶ Na<sub>v</sub>1.8 mutations
- ▶ Familial amyloid polyneuropathy
- ▶ Fabry's disease
- ▶ Tangier's disease

## Secondary

### Metabolic

- ▶ Impaired glucose tolerance
- ▶ Diabetes mellitus
- ▶ Rapid glycaemic control
- ▶ Vitamin B12 deficiency
- ▶ Dyslipidaemia
- ▶ Hypothyroidism
- ▶ Chronic kidney disease

### Infections

- ▶ HIV
- ▶ Hepatitis C
- ▶ Influenza

### Toxins and drugs

- ▶ Anti-retrovirals
- ▶ Antibiotics—metronidazole, nitrofurantoin, linezolid
- ▶ Chemotherapy—bortezomib
- ▶ Flecainide
- ▶ Statin

## Causes of small fiber neuropathy

...routine screening for FD is not warranted in patients with isolated SFN

De Greef BT et al. *PLoS One*. 2016;11(2):e0148316

- ▶ Systemic lupus erythematosus
- ▶ Vasculitis
- ▶ Inflammatory bowel disease
- ▶ Paraneoplastic
- ▶ Monoclonal gammopathy/amyloid

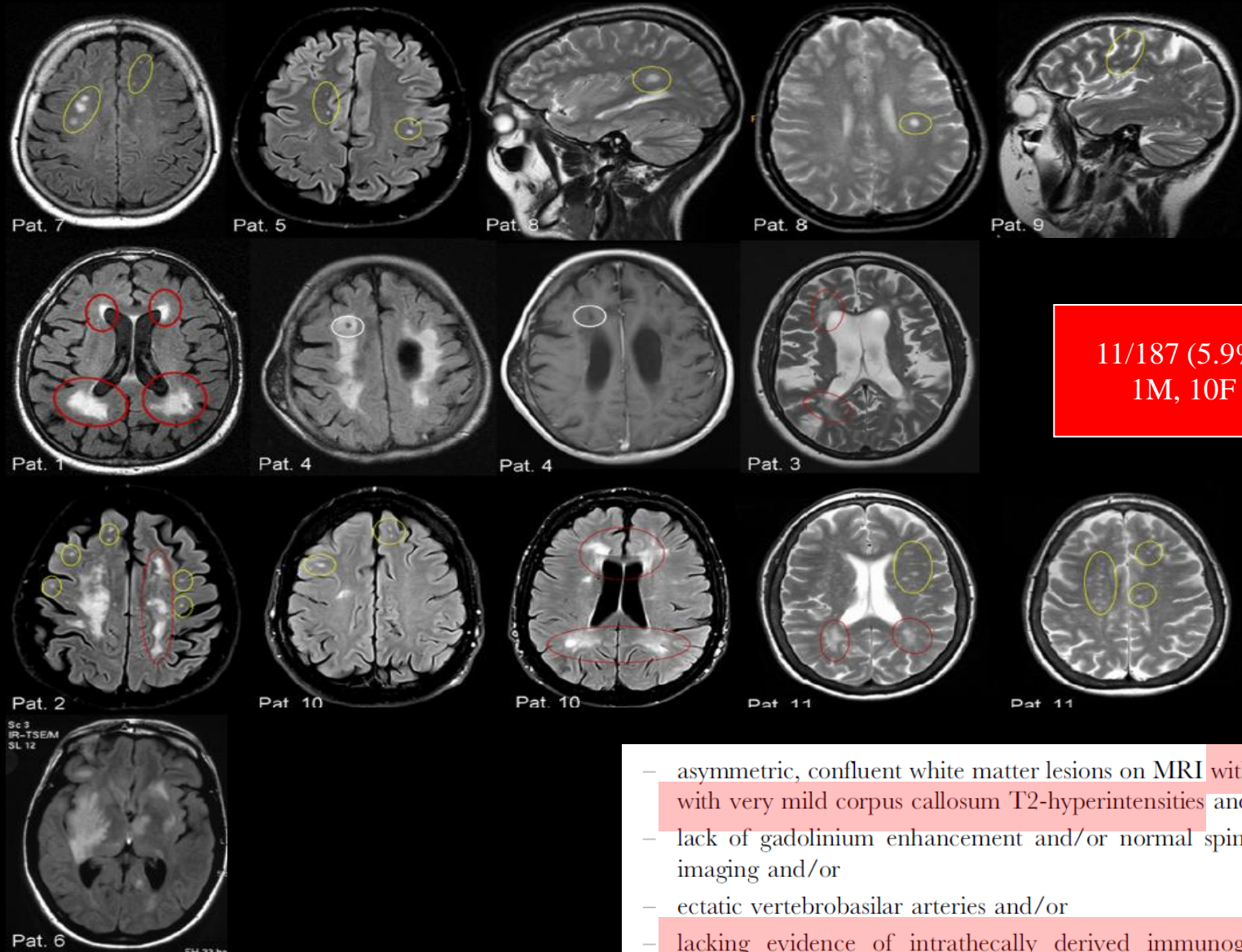
# FabryScan

Please cross the answer most applicable to you:

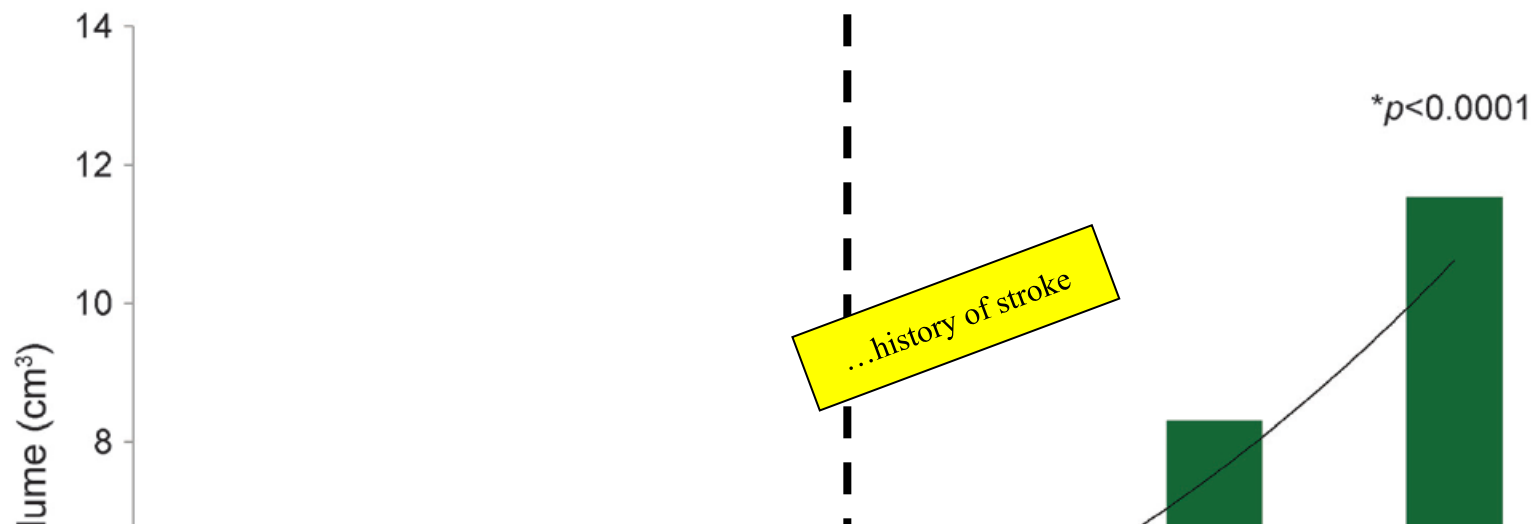
Absolutely correct O, Fairly true O, Not really true O, Most definitely not O

1. In the past have you suffered from a feverish infection at the same time as from pain in your hands or feet?
2. Do you regularly notice a reddening of the skin over the painful part of the body?
3. Compared with others in the same situation, do you sweat less or even not at all?
4. Are your pains particularly distinctive for a burning sensation?
5. Is the maximum of pain localised in your hands and/or your feet?
6. Have you ever noticed small spots of reddening on the skin around the pelvis?
7. Is there any swelling of the joints in conjunction with your symptoms of pain?
8. Is your physical capacity clearly much more restricted in the summer months as compared to other people?
9. Were sports at school only restrictedly possible owing to the pain?
10. Do the symptoms of pain occur with high outdoor temperatures?
11. Does the skin in the painful area feel warmer to the touch as compared to the areas that are not pain-ridden?
12. Do you spend more time than others on the toilet?
13. Does hot water (for example when bathing or rinsing) trigger an unpleasant feeling in your hands or feet?
14. When you wake up in the morning, do you frequently suffer from a “stiffness” of the painful joints that lasts for longer than 30 min?
15. Are you frequently conscious of tingling sensations in your hands and/or feet that are not painful?

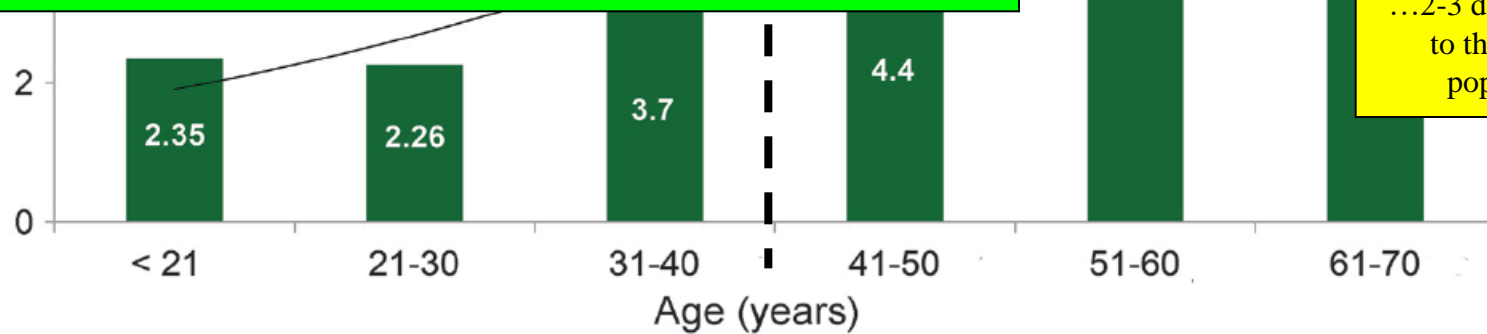
# White Matter Hyperintensities (WMH)



- asymmetric, confluent white matter lesions on MRI without or with very mild corpus callosum T2-hyperintensities and/or
- lack of gadolinium enhancement and/or normal spinal MR imaging and/or
- ectatic vertebrobasilar arteries and/or
- lacking evidence of intrathecally derived immunoglobulin synthesis (diagnostic standard: oligoclonal bands)



Fazekas F et al. *Stroke*. 2015;46:1548-1553

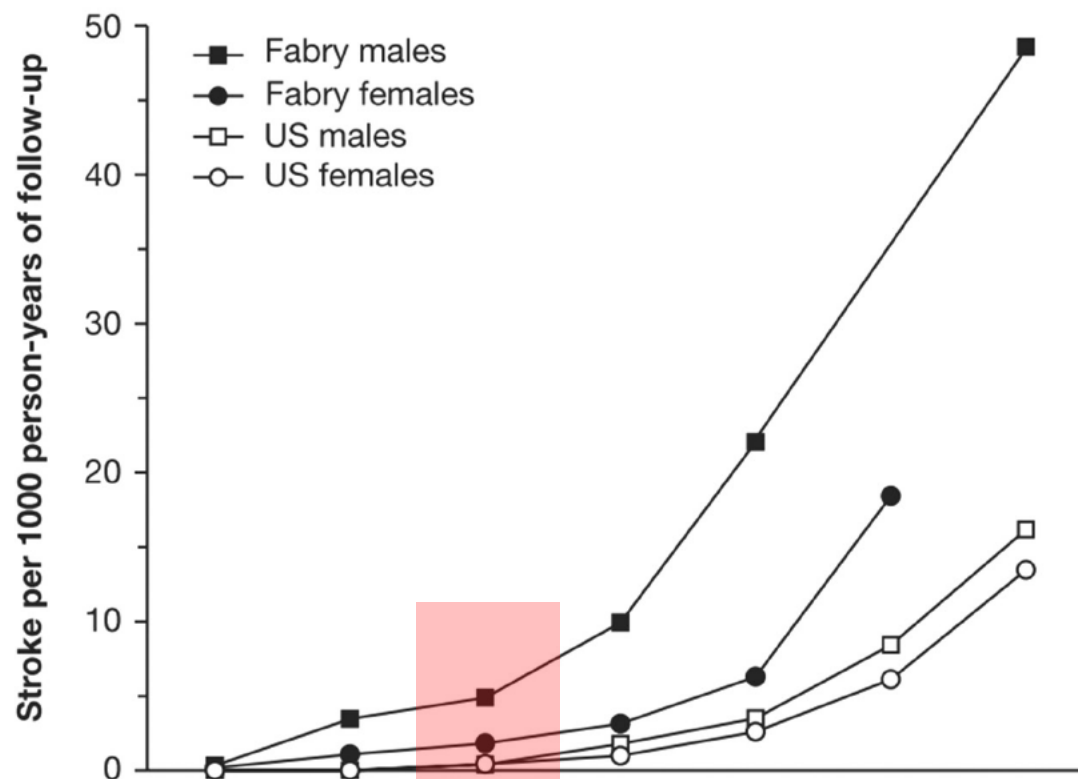


## Stroke in FD

Prevalence:  
men, 6.9%  
women, 4.3%

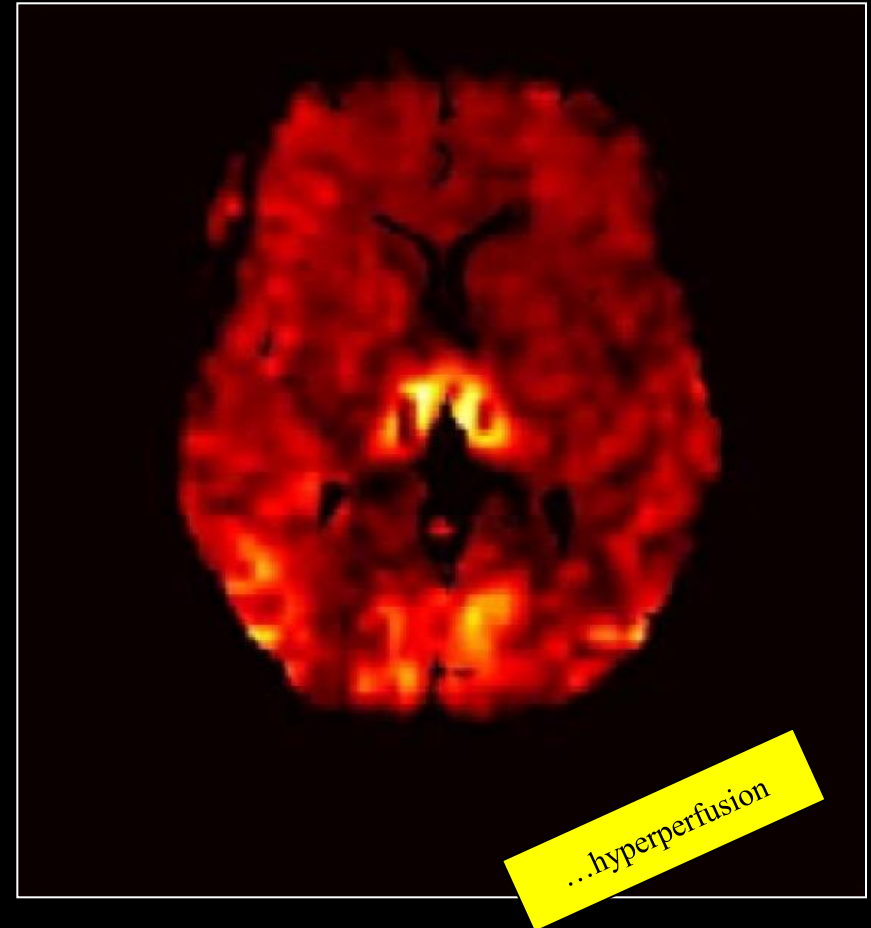
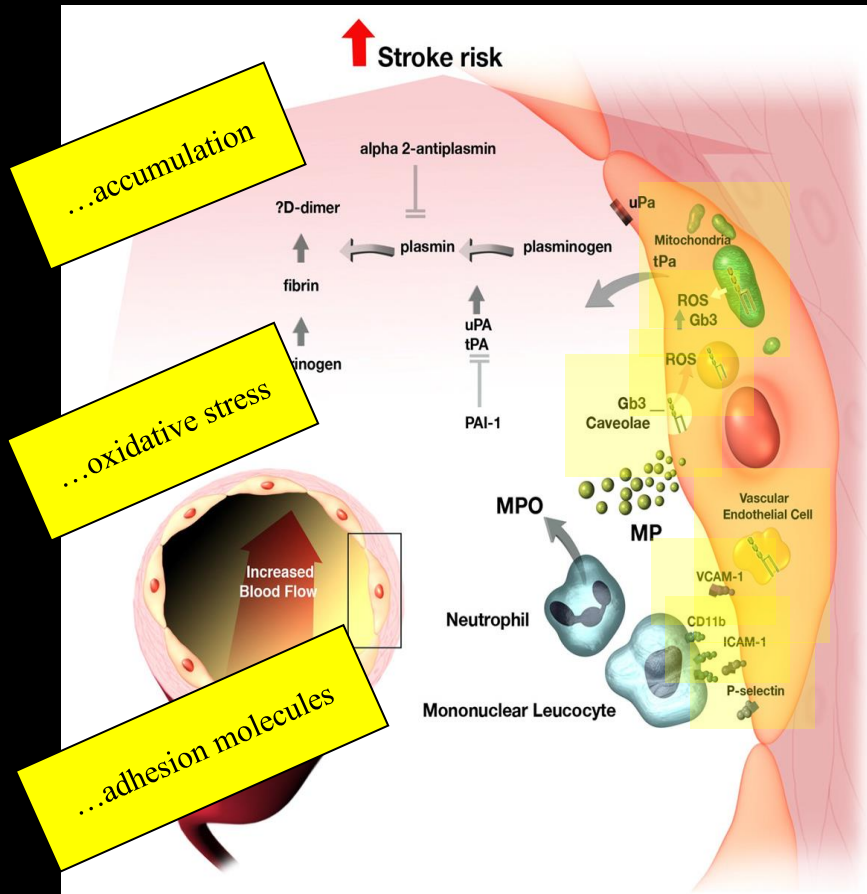
Age:  
28 – 50 yrs  
men, 39.0 yrs  
women, 46.0 yrs  
(22% under 30 yrs)

50% men  
38% women  
not yet diagnosed



| Age groups      | 0 to <25 years | 25 to <35 years | 35 to <45 years | 45 to <55 years | 55 to <65 years | 65 to <75 years | 75 to <85 years |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ■ Fabry males   | 0.32           | 3.47            | 4.89            | 9.92            | 22.05           | *               | 48.58           |
| ● Fabry females | 0.18           | 1.09            | 1.83            | 3.14            | 6.30            | 18.43           | †               |
| □ US males      | 0.00           | 0.00            | 0.40            | 1.79            | 3.50            | 8.43            | 16.17           |
| ○ US females    | 0.00           | 0.00            | 0.44            | 0.99            | 2.60            | 6.12            | 13.46           |

# Mechanisms of cerebral vasculopathy in FD



Schiffmann R. *Pharmacol Therap* 2009;122:65-77

Moore DF et al. *J Neurol Sci* 2007;257:258-263

## Prevalence of Fabry disease among younger patients with stroke

| Trial                         | Patients Screened, n        | Patients With Fabry Disease, n (%) |         | Age Range, Y | Mean Age at First Stroke, Y |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------------|
|                               |                             | Men                                | Women   |              |                             |
| Rolfs et al <sup>32</sup>     | 721                         | 21 (4.9)                           | 7 (2.4) | 18–55        | 38.4 (men); 40.3 (women)    |
| Brouns et al <sup>33</sup>    | 103                         | 0                                  | 0       | 16–60        | 51.3                        |
| Wozniak et al <sup>34</sup>   | 154                         | 1* (0.6)                           | ...     |              | not stated                  |
| Brouns et al <sup>15</sup>    | 1000 (573 ischemic stroke)  | 2 (0.4)                            | 3 (0.5) |              | 48.2                        |
| Rolfs et al <sup>38</sup>     | 5023 (3396 ischemic stroke) | 11 (0.4)                           | ...     |              | not stated                  |
| Baptista et al <sup>14</sup>  | 493 (364 ischemic stroke)   |                                    |         |              | 45.4                        |
| Marquardt et al <sup>35</sup> | 1046                        |                                    |         | 103          | ...                         |
| Sarikaya et al <sup>36</sup>  | 150 (135 ischemic stroke)   |                                    |         | 18–55        | 43                          |
| Dubuc et al <sup>37</sup>     |                             |                                    | 0       | 16–55        | 40.5                        |

\*All patients

Kolodny E et al.

|                |                             |         |         |       |     |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|-------|-----|
| Kilarsky et al | 1000 any stroke             | 0 (0.0) | 0 (0.0) | <70   | ... |
| Fancellu et al | 1000 any stroke (plus)      | 1 (0.5) | 1 (0.5) | 18–55 | 48  |
| Romani et al   | 108 ischemic stroke/TIA     | 1 (0.9) | 2 (1.8) | 18–60 | 48  |
| Song et al     | 357 ischemic stroke/TIA     | 0 (0.0) | 0 (0.0) | 18–55 | ... |
| Poli et al     | 353 ischemic stroke (IPSYs) | 0 (0.0) | 0 (0.0) | 18–45 | 37  |

...mutations identified?

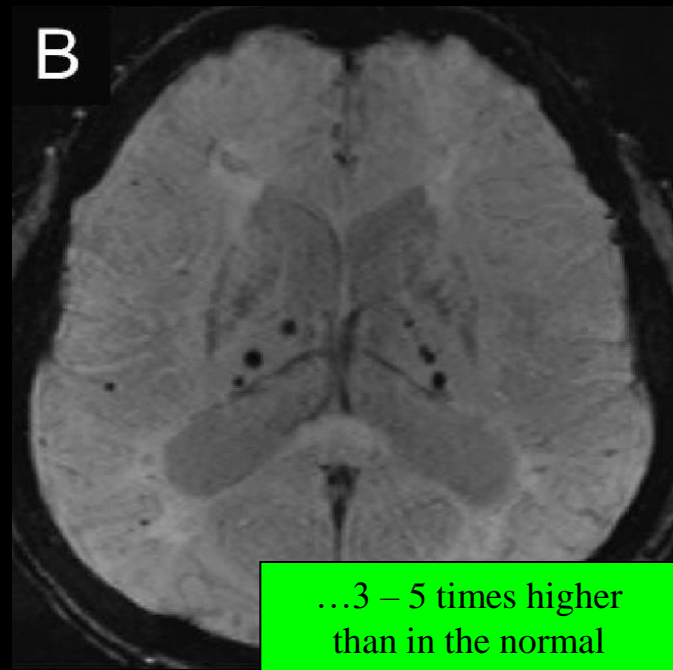
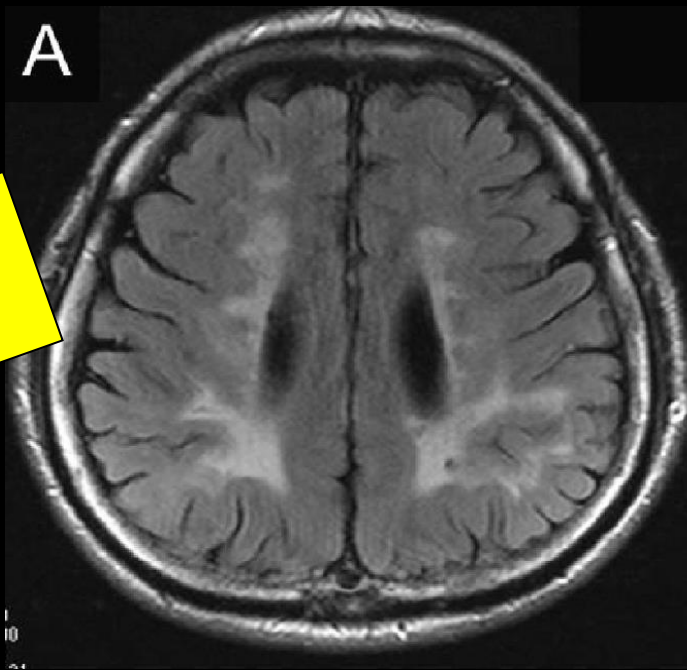
...routine screening for FD is not warranted in young patients with stroke

Kolodny E et al, *Stroke* 2015;46:302-313

(D313Y)  
S126G  
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stroke-only phenotype?

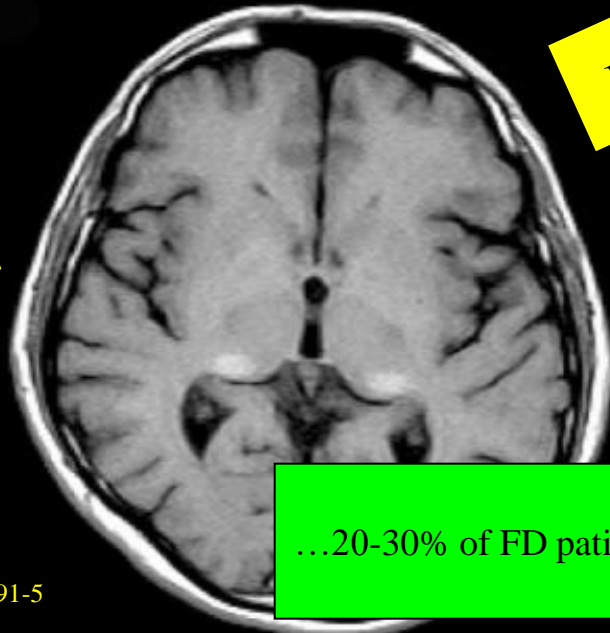
Cerebral Microbleeds  
(CMBs)



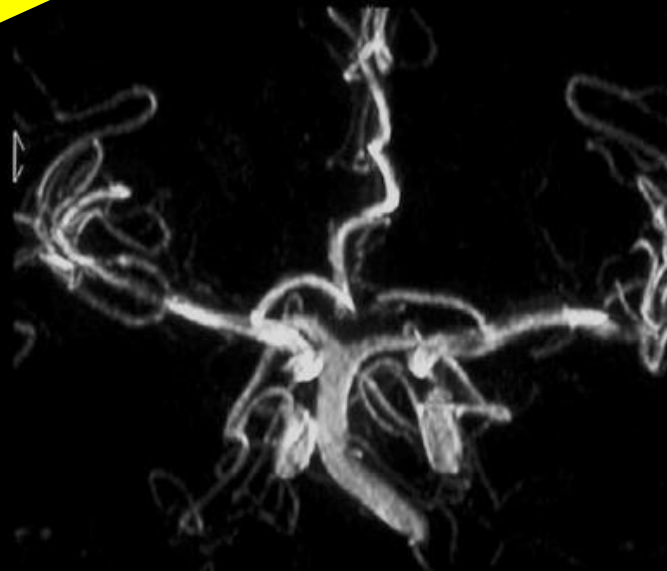
...3 – 5 times higher  
than in the normal  
population

Kono Y et al. *J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis* 2016;25:1320-1325

“Pulvinar Sign”

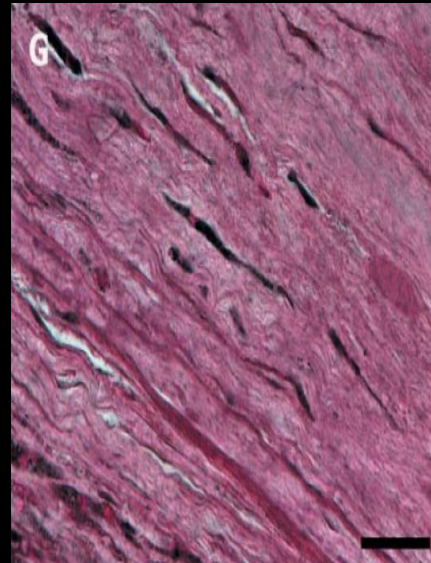
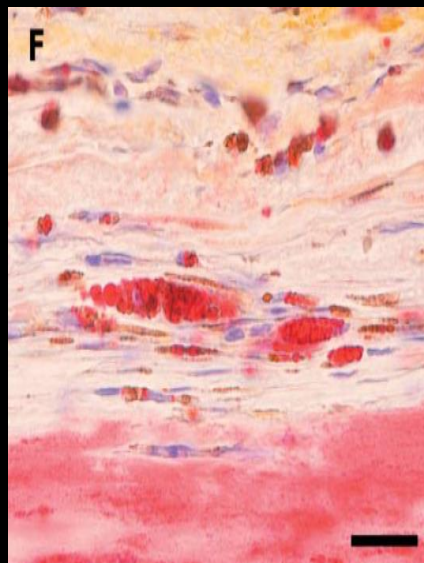
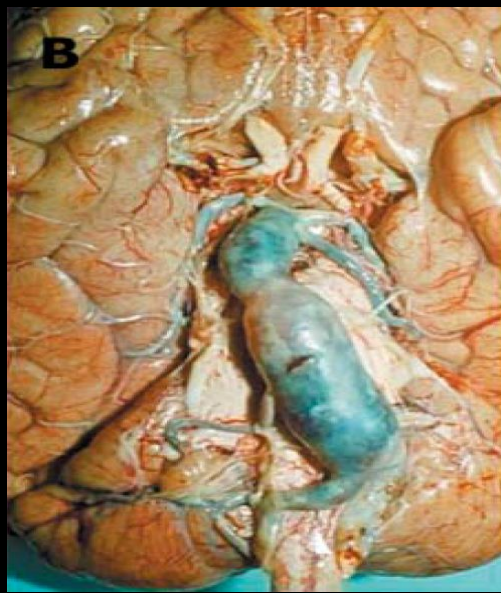


Dolichoectasia



...20-30% of FD patients

Fellgiebel A et al. *Lancet Neurol* 2007;5:791-5



enlarged basilar artery diameter:  
AUC, 0.89 (0.81 – 0.98)

Fellgiebel A et al. *Cerebrovasc Dis* 2011;31:294-299

Garzuly F et al. *Brain* 2005;128:2078-83

# (Clinical) conclusion

- PNS:

Length-dependent SFN → “Fabry’s crises”

non-specific

- CNS:

Stroke (IS, ICH) → posterior circulation

Pulvinar sign

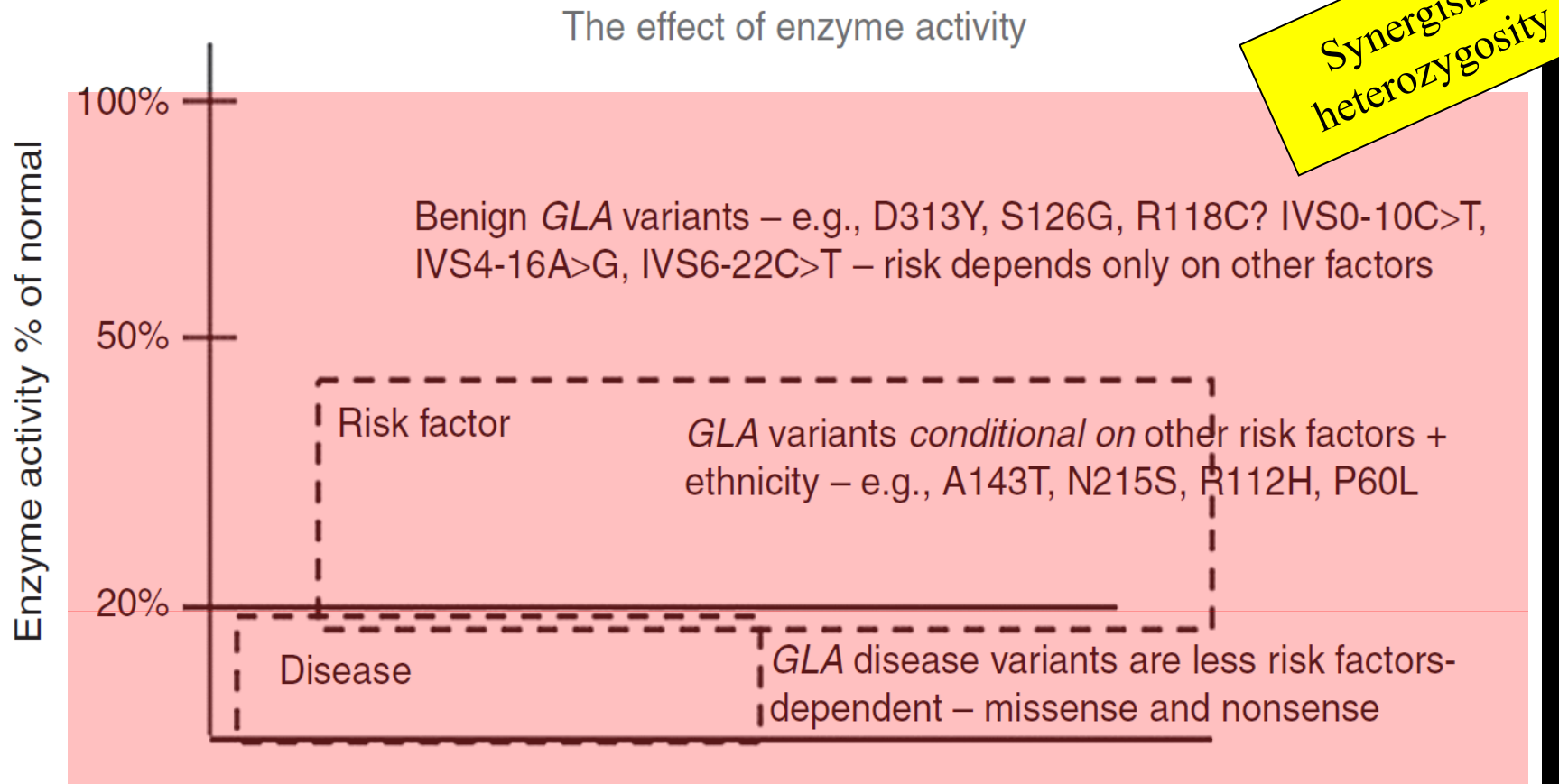
Increased diameter of the basilar artery

Extensive CWMHs (CMBs)

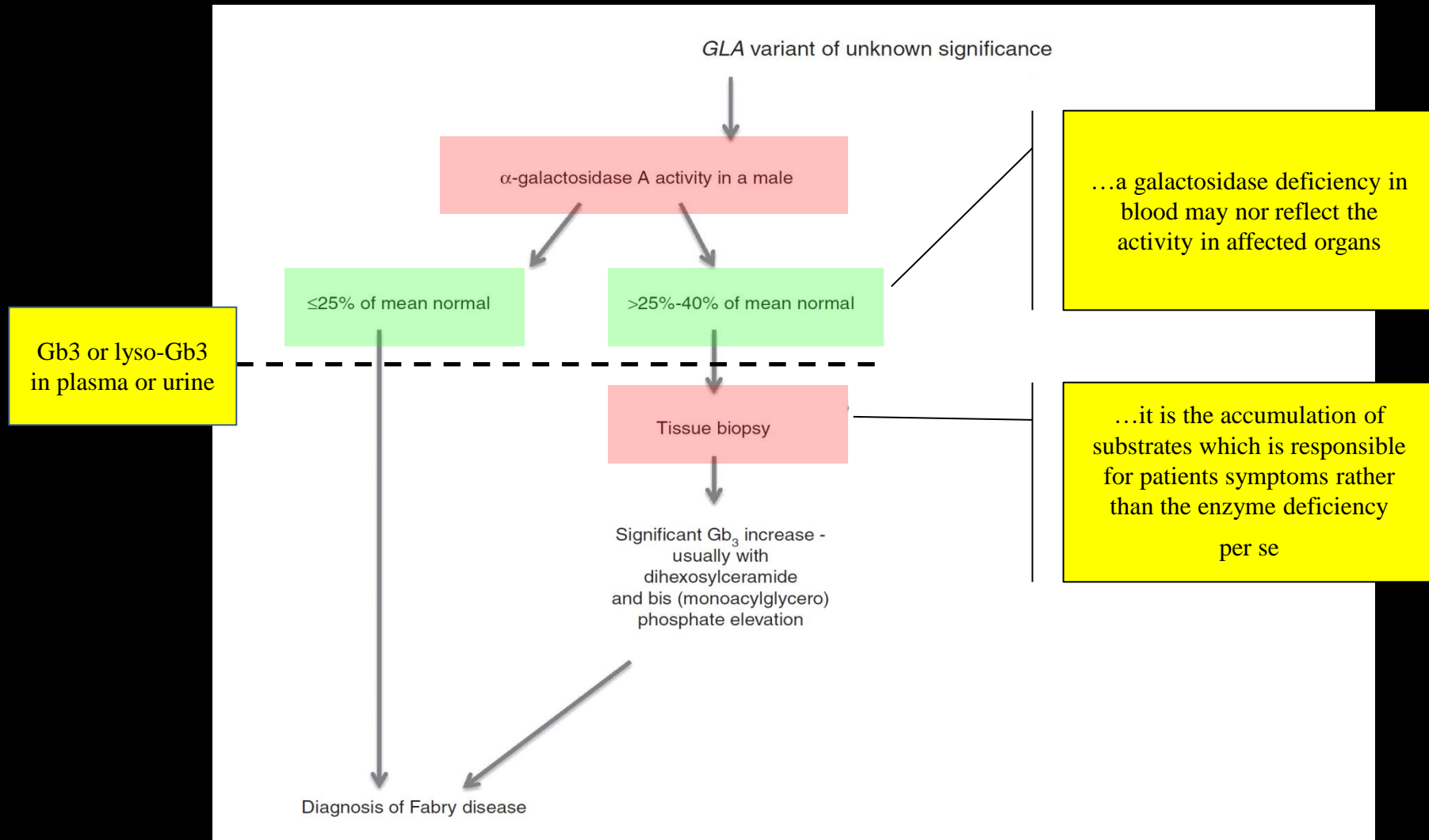
non-specific

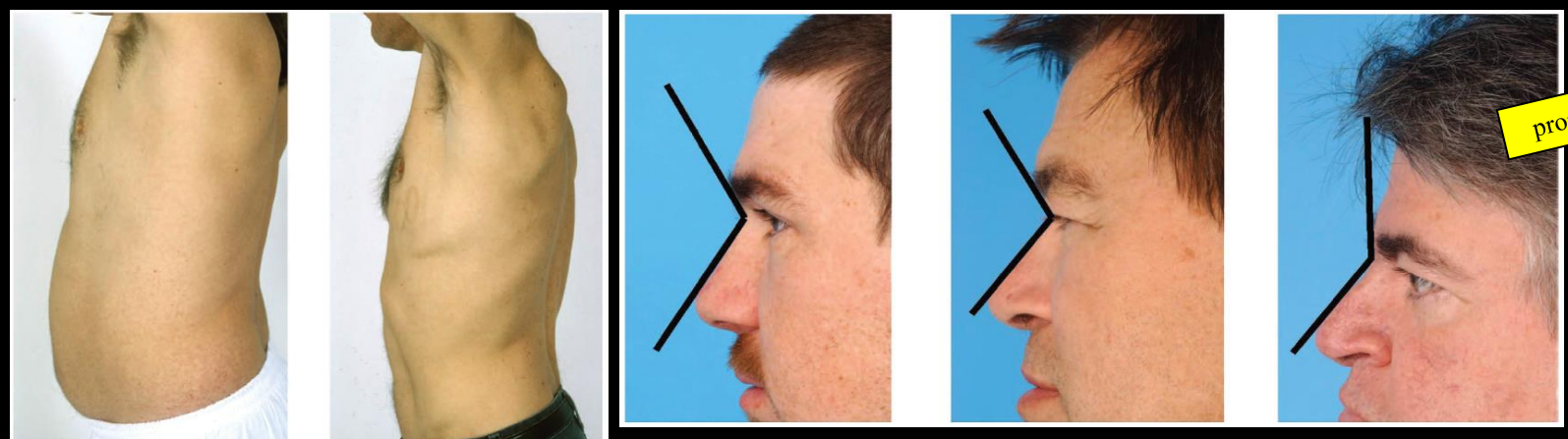
...clinicians should increase their awareness of the wide spectrum  
of (neurological) manifestations of FD

# (Lab) conclusion



# Algorithm for evaluating *GLA* variants of unknown significance







*...thanks for your attention!*