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Sicurezza del Registro di malattia di Gaucher: una vera storia clinica di oltre 20 anni

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Definizione



Registro di Malattia

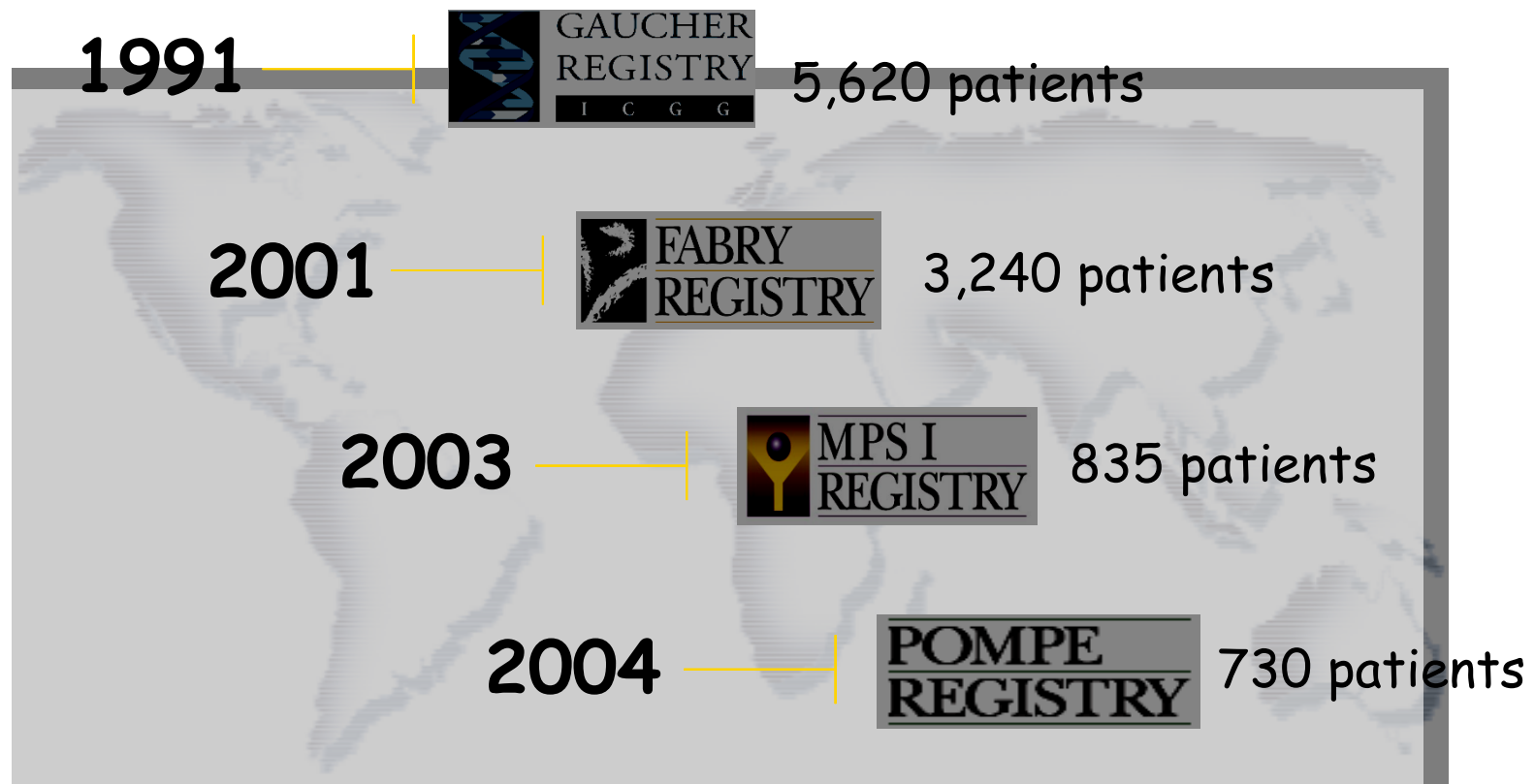
- .Database
- .Disegnato specificatamente
- .Contiene dati osservazionali longitudinali raccolti da medici
- .Adesione volontaria tesa ad esplorare e meglio definire l'andamento naturale della malattia e le sue caratteristiche cliniche, nonché a tracciare e caratterizzare la risposta alla terapia.

Obiettivi dei Registri



- Migliorare la conoscenza della variabilità, progressione e storia naturale della malattia
- Aiutare la comunità medica a sviluppare delle raccomandazioni e linee guida per monitorare e gestire i pazienti
- Fornire dati clinici per migliorare la qualità del trattamento dei pazienti

Registri mondiali



Dati raccolti nel Registro

- Dati anagrafici ed anamnestici del paziente (es. data di nascita, età di esordio dei sintomi, età alla diagnosi, genotipo, etc)
- Risultati degli esami strumentali e di laboratorio eseguiti nel corso della normale pratica clinica e nel corso del monitoraggio dei pazienti (esami ematochimici, radiografie)

Dati raccolti nel Registro

- .Sicurezza del trattamento?
 - .Il Registro Gaucher non nasce con questa finalità ma contiene dati che possono essere informativi
 - .Quale è stata la principale preoccupazione di safety?
 - .Cosa si è ricavato dal Registro?
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Humoral immune response ERT

Table 1. Immune responses in patients receiving enzyme-replacement therapy^a

Disease	Enzyme-replacement therapy		Product/enzyme name	Percentage of patients with antibody reactivity	Percentage of patients with hypersensitivity reactions	Refs
	Clinical trial	Therapy status				
Gaucher	Phase III	In clinical practice	Cerezyme [®]	15	13.8	[14]
MPS I	Phase I/II, III	Approved for clinical practice	Aldurazyme [™]	91	32	[6,7]
MPS II	Phase I/II	Clinical studies in progress	Iduronate-2-sulphatase	11	55	[18]
MPS VI	Phase I	Clinical studies in progress	Aryplase [®]	100	N/A	[12]
	Phase II			N/A	5	[12]
Fabry	Phase III	Approved for clinical practice	Fabrazyme [®]	89	52	[10]
			Replagal [®]	55	10	[11]
Pompe	Phase I/II	Clinical studies in progress	α-glucosidase	66	66	[8,19]

^aAbbreviations: MPS I, mucopolysaccharidosis I; MPS II, mucopolysaccharidosis II; MPS VI, mucopolysaccharidosis VI; N/A, data not available in reference.

These clinical trials of enzyme-replacement therapy showed that there were different levels of humoral immune response to replacement proteins, dependent on both the inherent antigenicity of the protein being infused and the individual patient. Almost all of the antibody responses in these different patient groups appeared to involve immunoglobulin (Ig) G and not IgE subclass antibody. Although there is currently no standard method

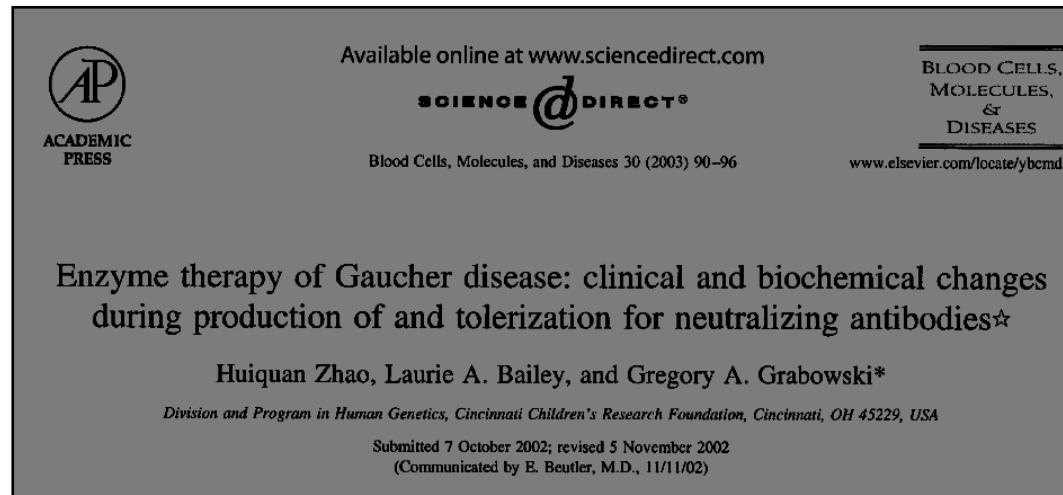


.15% of patients with **antibody reactivity**

.13.8% of patients with **hypersensitivity** reactions

Impact of neutralizing antibodies

Conclusions



- The presence of neutralizing antibodies should be suspected in Gaucher disease patients on enzyme therapy who experience diminished response or deterioration.
- The **persistence of minimal amounts of in vitro neutralizing antibodies does not interfere with the therapeutic effectiveness.**
- Plasma chitotriosidase activities were not well correlated with the clinical course in either patient. **Chitotriosidase is not a sensitive marker for the severity of disease or disease progression.**

For the physician treating patients with a lysosomal storage disorder, the most important question is:



IS AN IMMUNE RESPONSE TO REPLACEMENT THERAPY A RISK TO THE PATIENT AND WILL IT RESULT IN ALTERED EFFICACY OF TREATMENT?

Antibodies that neutralize enzyme activity

Neutralizing antibody causing altered clinical improvement/
disease progression has been reported in **<0.5% of Gaucher**
patients.

Antibodies that either react with the active site of the infused enzyme or interfere with substrate binding capacity would be expected to be associated with an adverse therapeutic effect. In these cases, **the induction of immune tolerance becomes an important issue, to ensure that patients do not suffer irreversible disease progression.**

Concluding remarks

A humoral immune response can be expected in some patients with a lysosomal storage disorder receiving enzyme-replacement therapy, and hypersensitivity reactions are an important concern. However, most patients with a lysosomal storage disorder who mounted an immune response to a replacement protein have successfully continued therapy with pre-medication using antihistamines or corticosteroids, a reduction in the rate of enzyme infusion and careful monitoring. A low but significant number of anaphylactic reactions have been reported for patients with a lysosomal storage disorder undergoing enzyme-replacement therapy, which reflects an imperative need for vigilant care during and immediately after enzyme infusion. The production of neutralizing antibodies will have an inhibitory therapeutic effect but this appears to be a rare occurrence for most types of lysosomal storage disorders. The effects of antibody on enzyme pharmacokinetics appear to be a relatively minor concern, but might be important for replacement proteins that elicit a high titre, high affinity humoral immune response. Immune response appears to be the only significant complication arising from enzyme infusion into patients with a lysosomal storage disorder but, if properly managed, is not an insurmountable obstacle for most patient groups.

Most patients with immune response to ERT **fully continued with appropriate pre-medication**

Neutralizing antibodies appears to be a **rare occurrence** for most types of LSDs

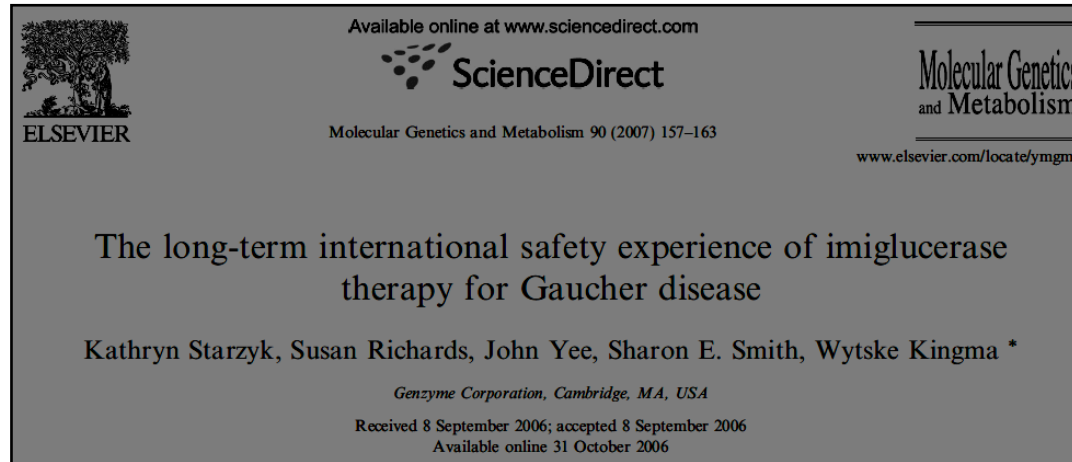
The immune response, if properly managed **not an insurmountable obstacle**



LONG-TERM SAFETY EXPERIENCE



Long-term safety experience



Objective

Review the long-term international safety experience of imiglucerase from 1994 to 2004

Study description/ Population

Retrospective analysis of adverse events captured in the global safety database

4,237 patients from 1994 to 2005

Methods

All spontaneous adverse events captured in the pharmacovigilance database for imiglucerase from 1994 to 2004 were analyzed.

Patients without prior exposure to imiglucerase or alglucerase from 1994 to 2005 were assessed for development of IgG antibodies. Patients previously treated with alglucerase were excluded from the seroconversion analysis.

Results

Adverse Events

By the end of 2004, 4,237 patients worldwide were receiving imiglucerase. During the 8-year postapproval period for imiglucerase (Cerezyme) (1997 to 2004), the most frequently reported treatment-related adverse events were nonserious infusion-associated reactions (including pyrexia, chills, and chest discomfort), followed by cutaneous events (pruritus, rash, urticaria) and respiratory tract events (dyspnea, cough, throat irritation). Each of these events occurred in <1% of the total Gaucher patient population. The type and frequency of all treatment-related adverse events were consistent over time (1997 to 2004).

Most of these infusion-related adverse events were self-limited and effectively managed by decreasing the rate of infusion or pretreatment with antihistamines or anti-inflammatory agents and did not lead to discontinuation of treatment.

Seroconversion

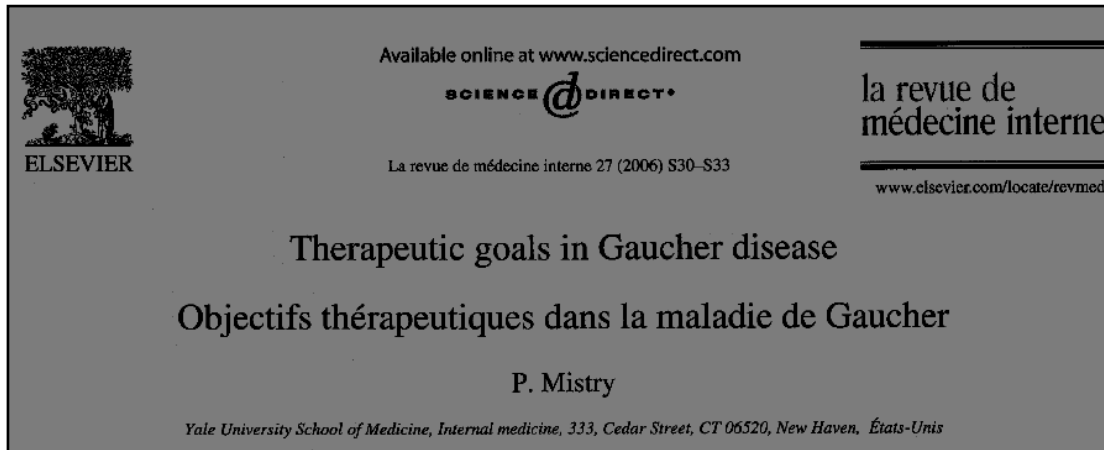
Between 1994 and 2005, IgG antibodies to imiglucerase were detected in ~15% of treatment-naïve patients (n=1,134). Patients who develop antibodies to imiglucerase rarely do so after 12 months of therapy. Seroconversion has not been shown to affect the efficacy parameters of imiglucerase.



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REVIEW

Review of the safety and efficacy of imiglucerase treatment of Gaucher disease

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Most of the side effects listed for alglucerase and imiglucerase during the clinical trials and afterwards, were infrequently observed, typically mild, and almost always transient in nature. This excellent safety has allowed home therapy in many countries,^{78,79} and the administration of ERT during pregnancy despite the original warning in the package insert.^{80,81} The development of anti-glucoocerebrosidase antibodies has been reported to occur among 15% of patients;⁸² primarily non-neutralizing IgG antibodies.