

# Acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD)

Ex-Niemann-Pick disease A, A/B, B

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## Acid sphingomyelinase deficiency

= ASMD

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Autosomal recessive genetic disorder

## Pathogenesis

Lysosomal storage disorder

Accumulation of sphingomyelin in cells of the monocyte-macrophage system  
"foam cells"

Substrate-specific toxicity

## Diagnosis

Sphingomyelin dosage ↓

Acid sphingomyelinase activity < 10%

SMPD1 gene mutation

## Differential diagnosis

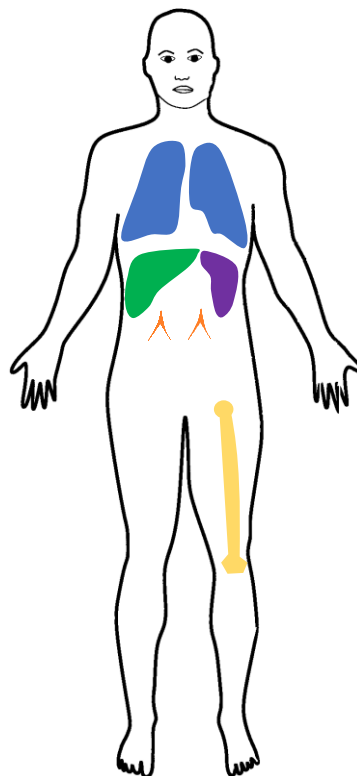
Gaucher disease ↓ glucocerebrosidase

## Clinical manifestations (type B)

**Prevalence** 1:250 000 (types A and B combined)  
1:80 gene mutation frequency in Ashkenazi Jewish community

**Onset** Adulthood

**Time to diagnosis** 5 years



## Interstitial lung disease

>80%

Cranio-caudal gradient, bilateral ground-glass opacities, interlobular septal thickening, "crazy paving" pattern, DLCO ↓ +++

Hepatomegaly 70%

Splenomegaly 90%

Adrenal enlargement

Osteopenia, short stature

## Biological features

Hepatic cyolysis and cholestasis	75%
Abnormal lipid profile : ↓ HDL-c	50-75%
Thrombocytopenia	> 50%
Anemia and leukopenia	30%

## Complications

Bleedings, bruise (50%)  
Respiratory failure  
Hepatic fibrosis  
Association with MGUS

## Therapeutic management

Enzyme replacement therapy  
OLIPUDASE ALFA 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks IV  
Non systematic

## Niemann-Pick type A

Paediatric onset, acute neuronopathic form,  
Death at 2-3 years, no enzymotherapy

## Niemann-Pick type A/B

Childhood onset, 1/3 with neurological abnormalities (peripheral neuropathy, intellectual disability)  
Enzyme replacement therapy non systematic

## Niemann-Pick C ≠ ASMD

NPC1 or NPC2 gene mutation

Central nervous system involvement : ataxia, vertical supranuclear opthalmoplegia, cognitive deterioration, schizophrenia

