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Fabry disease: twenty-three mutations including sense and antisense CpG alterations and identification of a deletional hot-spot in the α -galactosidase A gene [Get access](#)

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Abstract

Fabry disease, an X-linked inborn error of glycosphingolipid catabolism, results from mutations in the α -galactosidase A gene at Xq22.1. To determine the nature and frequency of the mutations causing the classical and milder variant Fabry phenotypes, and for precise carrier detection in Fabry families, the α -galactosidase A coding and flanking intronic sequences from Fabry hemizygotes were analyzed. In patients with the classic phenotype, 16 new missense mutations and four small exonic gene rearrangements were identified: C52T, E59K, L89R, R100K, R112H, L131P, A143P, G144V, C172Y, D244N, N272K, A286G, Q99X, Q157X, R301X, 25del1, 333del18, 358del6, and 1020del1. The R112H mutation, a C to T dinucleotide substitution, resulted in residual activity and a mild variant phenotype while the R112H mutation caused the classic disease manifestations, defining a genotype/phenotype correlation. Antisense mutations at the same CpG dinucleotide. In addition, two complex rearrangements involving two mutational events, occurred in classic hemizygotes. Both rearrangements involved missense mutations that did not change the reading frame. Notably, three of the deletions occurred within 11 codons in exon 2, thereby defining a 'hot-spot' for deletions. These results revealed that most mutations in the α -galactosidase A gene causing Fabry disease were in that codons 111–122 defined a deletion hot-spot, and that different substitutions of those codons resulted in markedly different disease phenotypes.

