

# *SCARB2* MUTATIONS AS MODIFIERS IN GAUCHER DISEASE:

the wrong enzyme at the wrong place?

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it does have some **significant differences**



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- **Surprising link to common disorders**

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**GBA mutation carriers**



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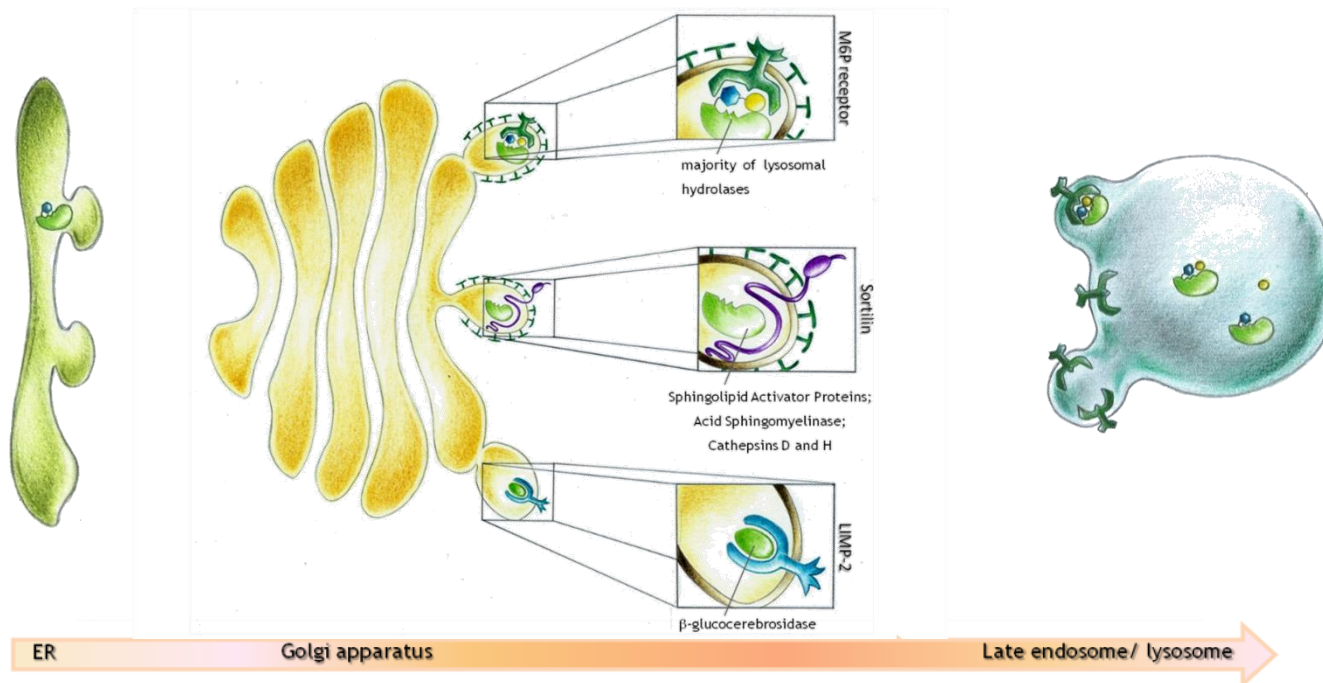
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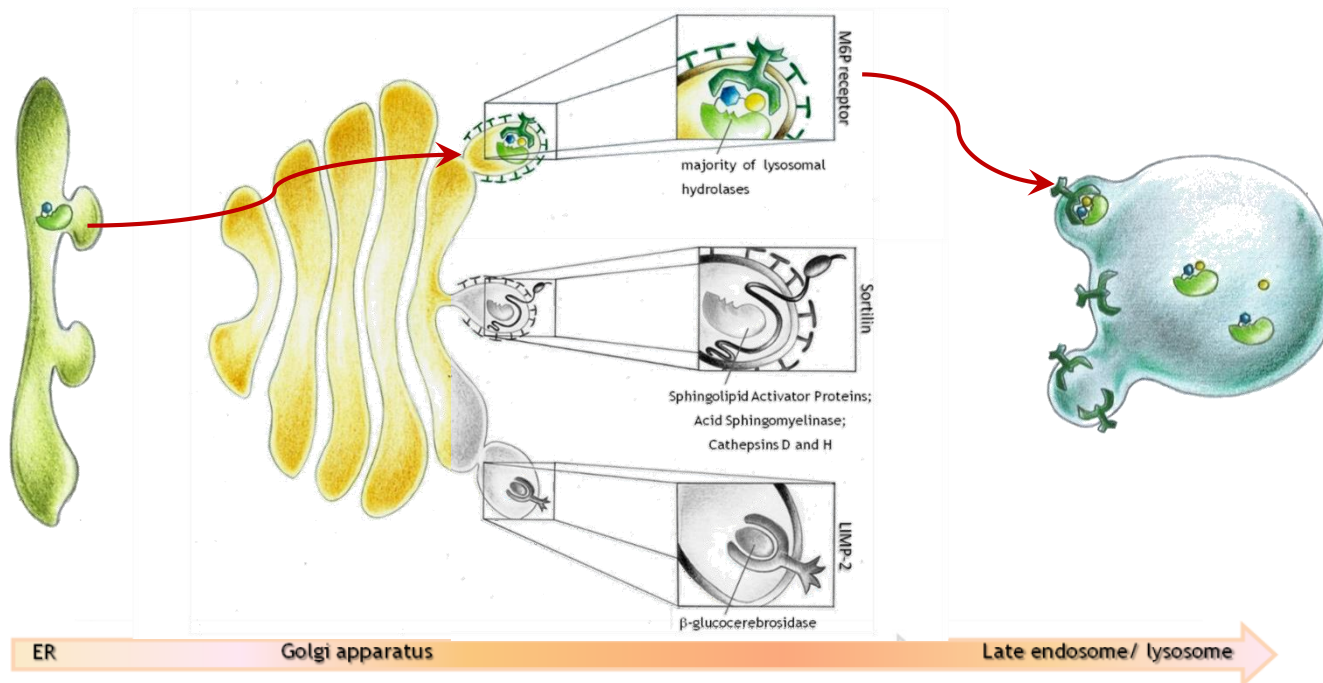
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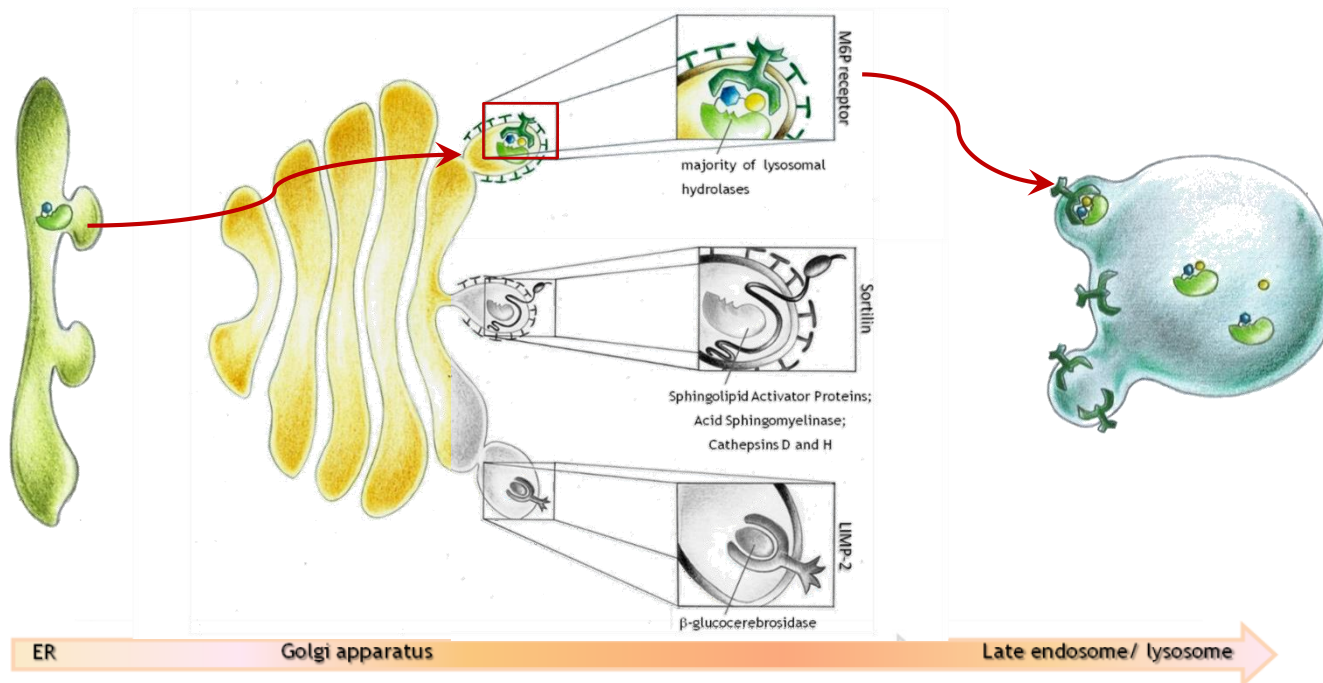
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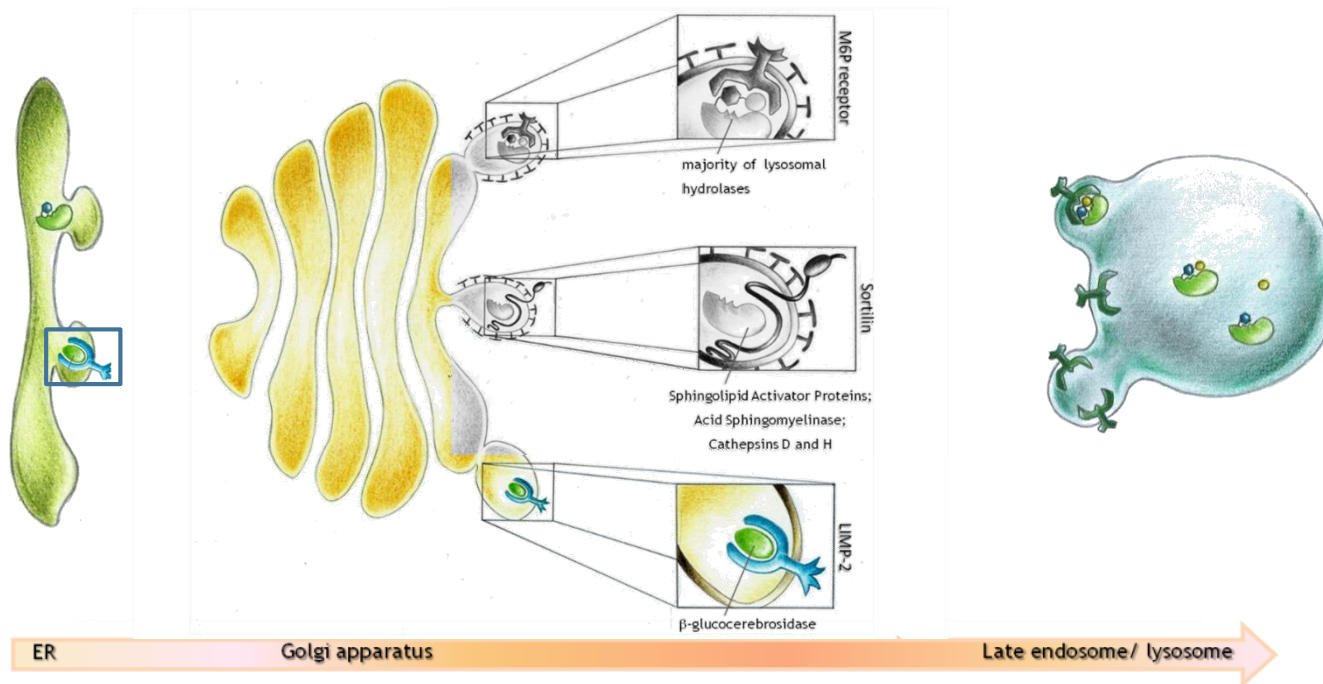
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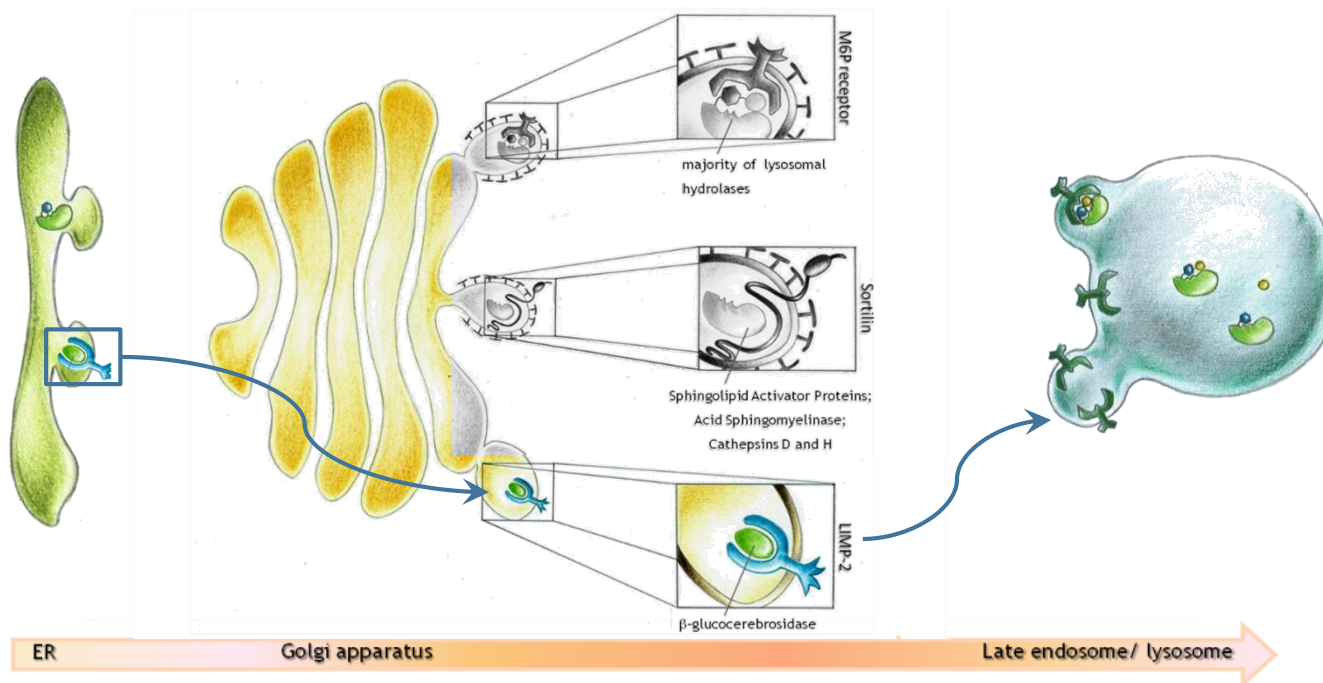
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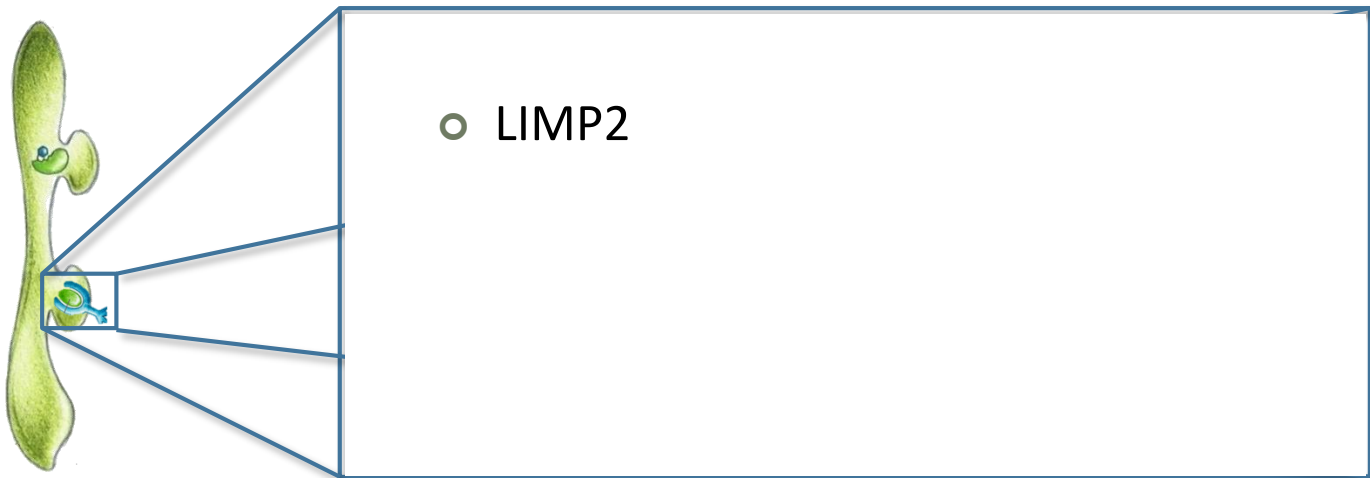


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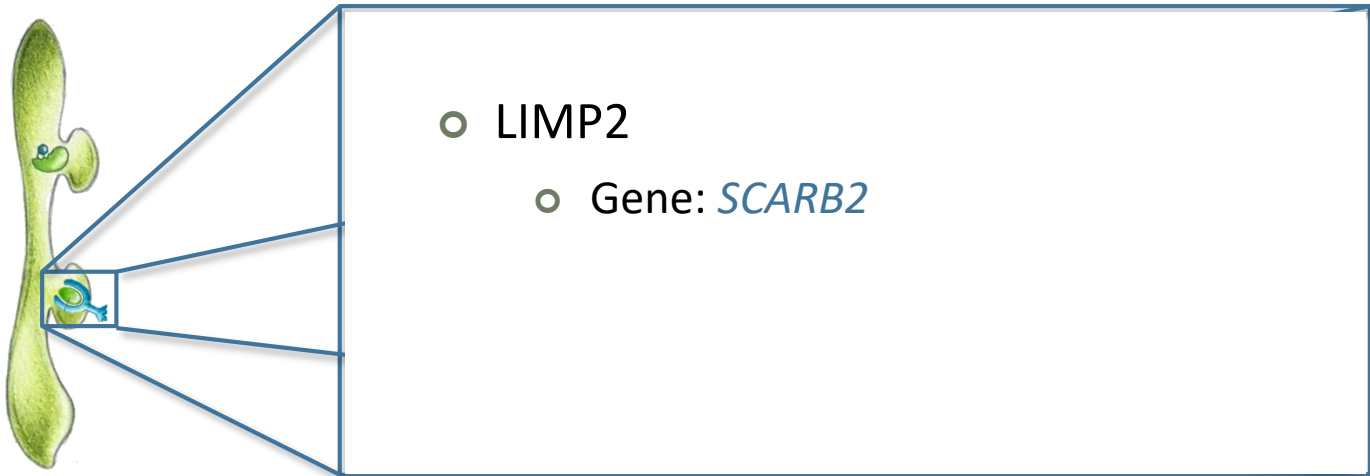


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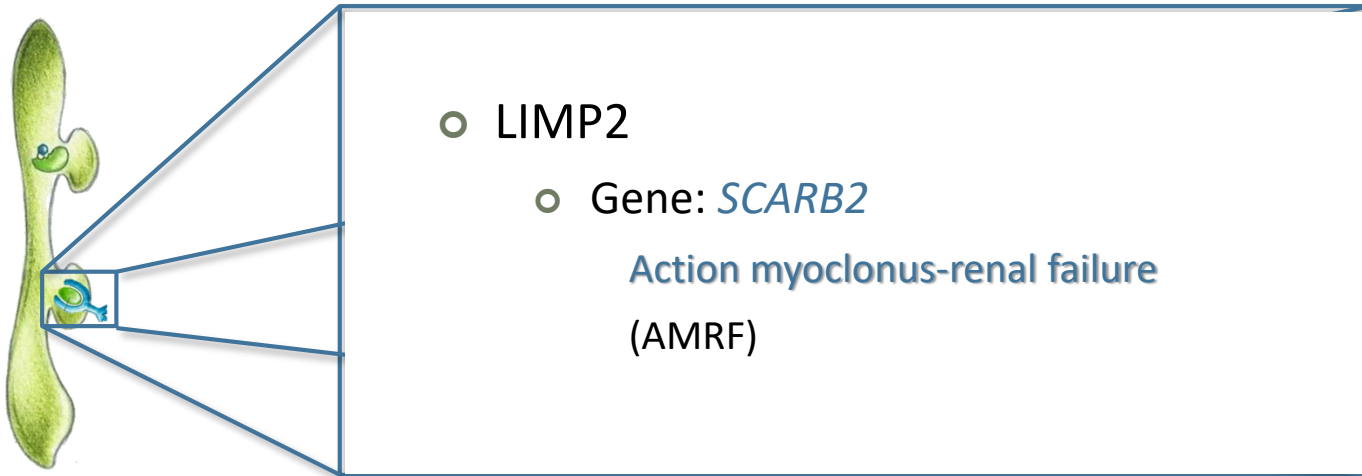


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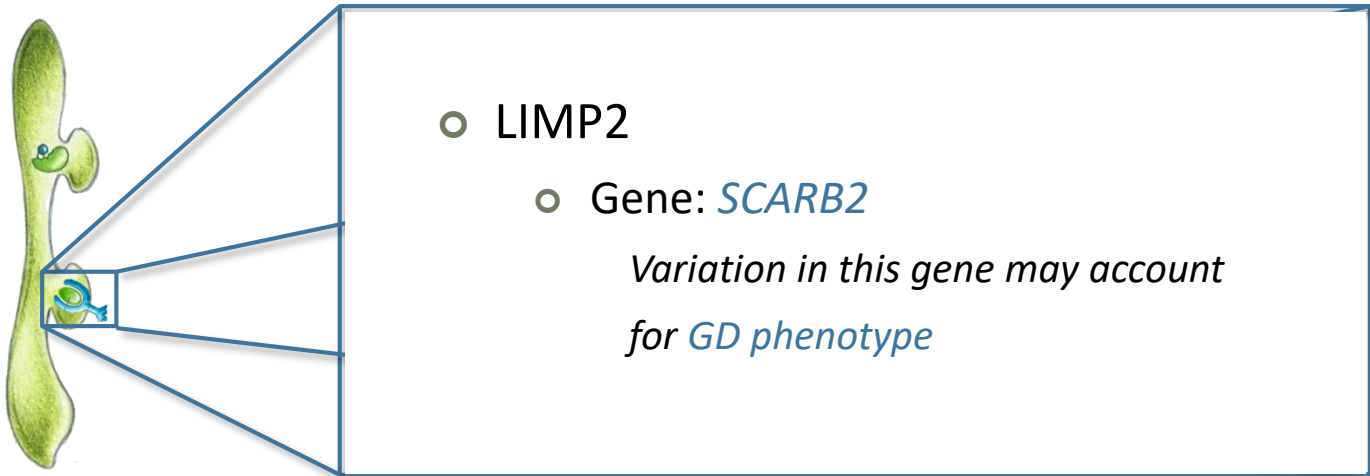


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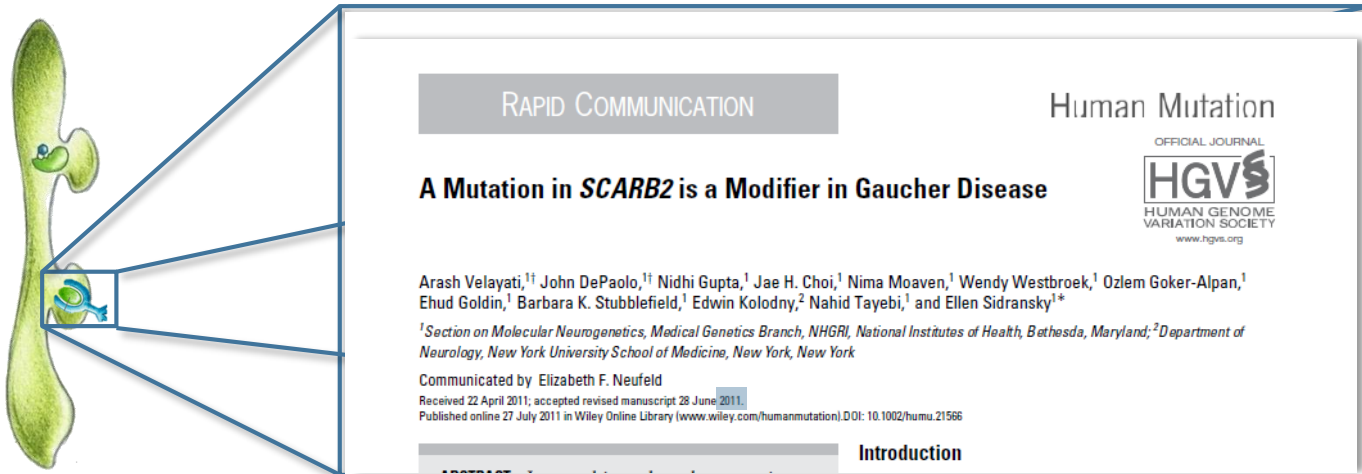
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**RAPID COMMUNICATION**

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**A Mutation in *SCARB2* is a Modifier in Gaucher Disease**

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**Introduction**

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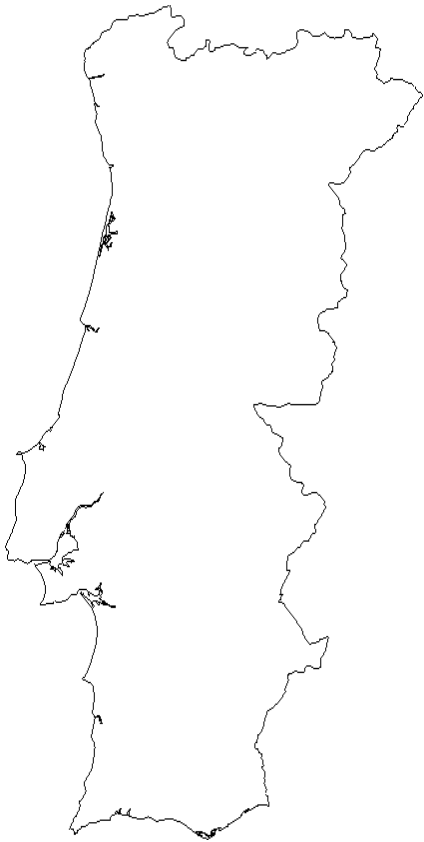
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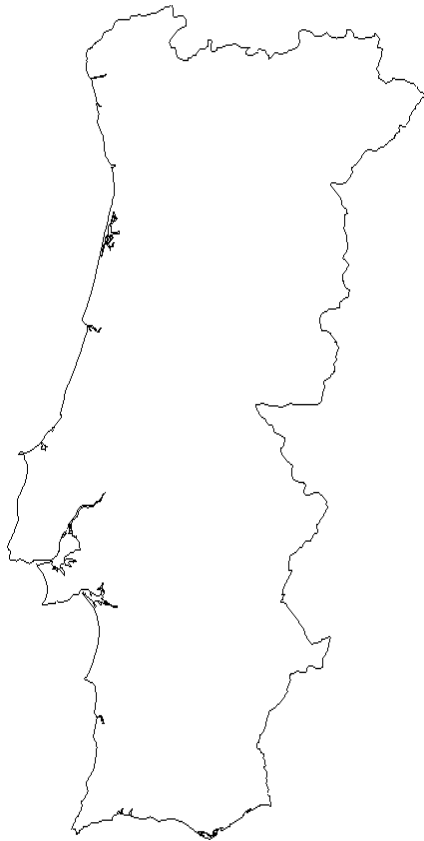
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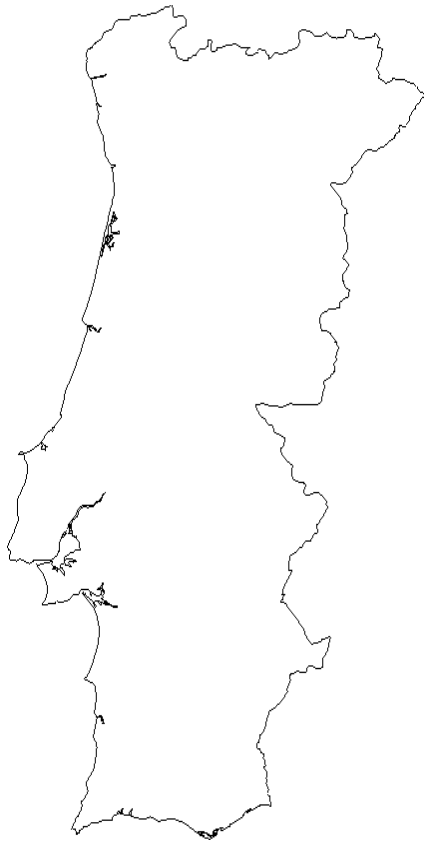
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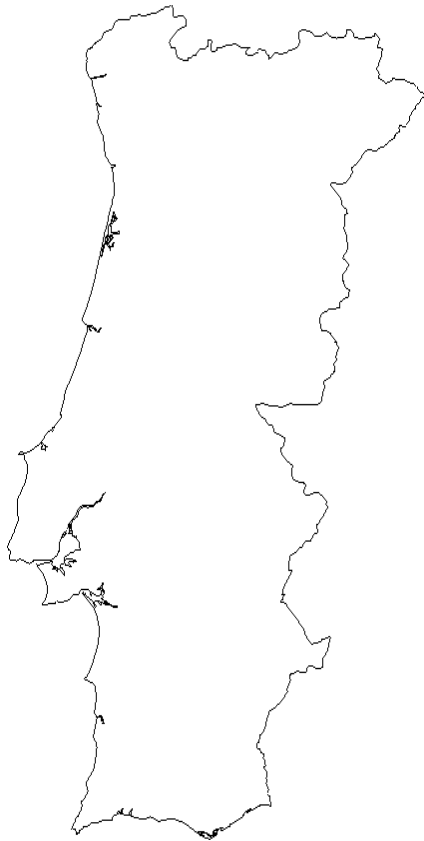
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- *screening of the novel variants*

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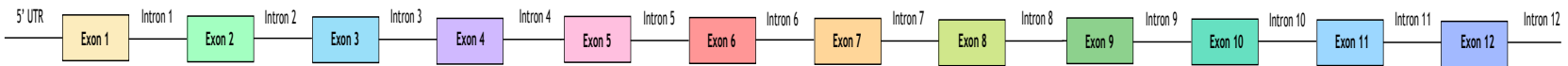
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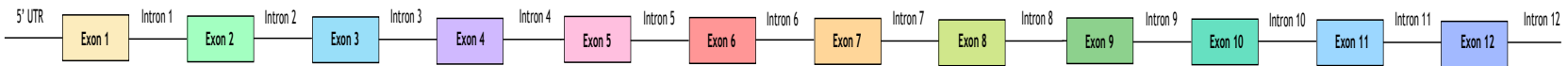
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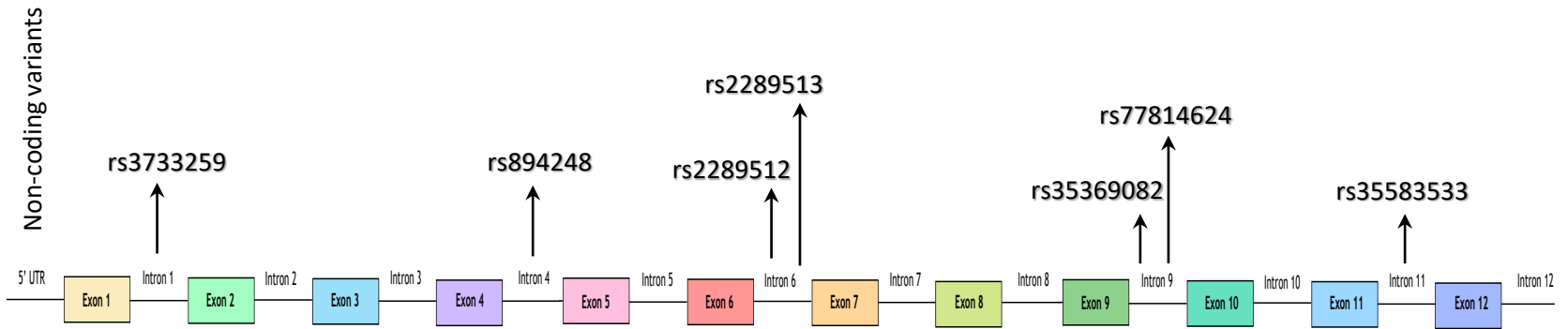
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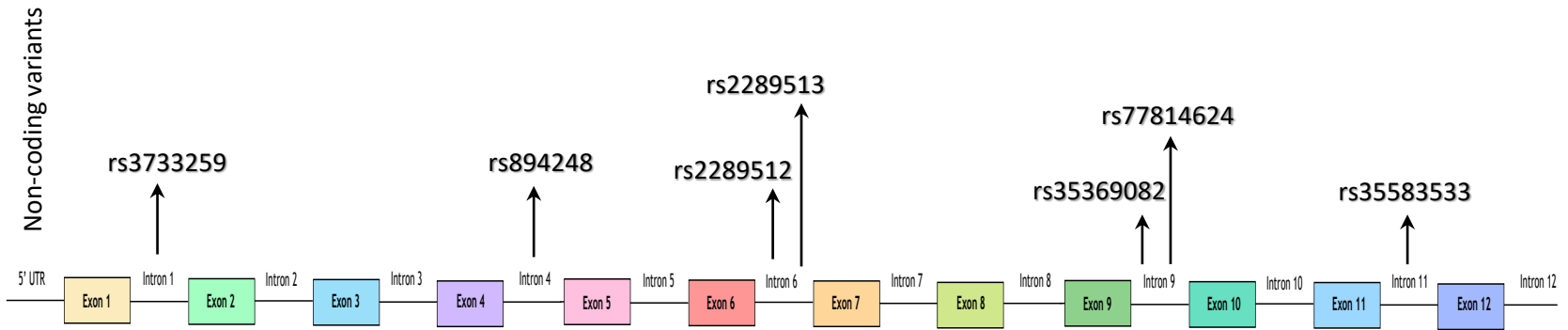


- *In silico* analyses
  - Evaluation of the **deleterious potential** of the novel variant(s)

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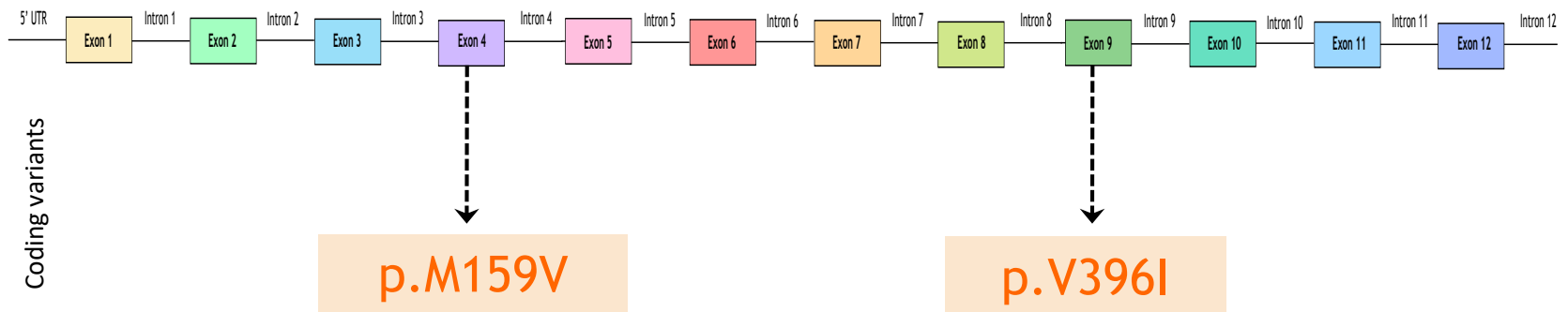


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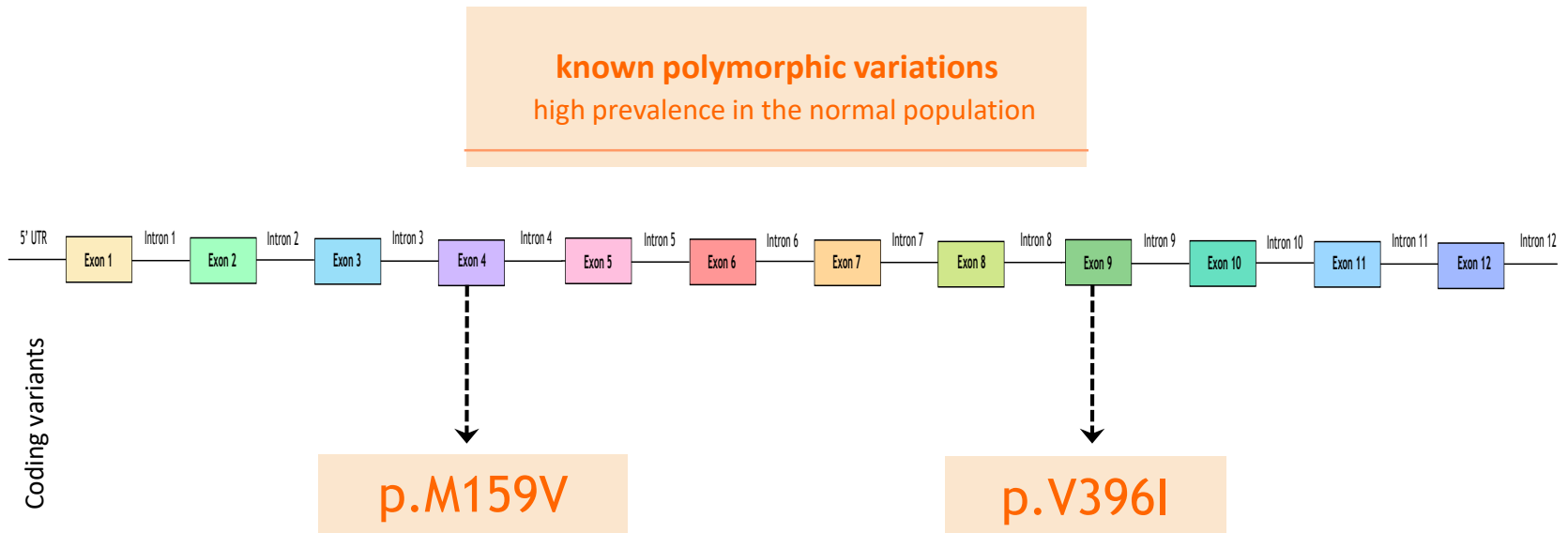


**Registered polymorphisms**  
Also present in the controls

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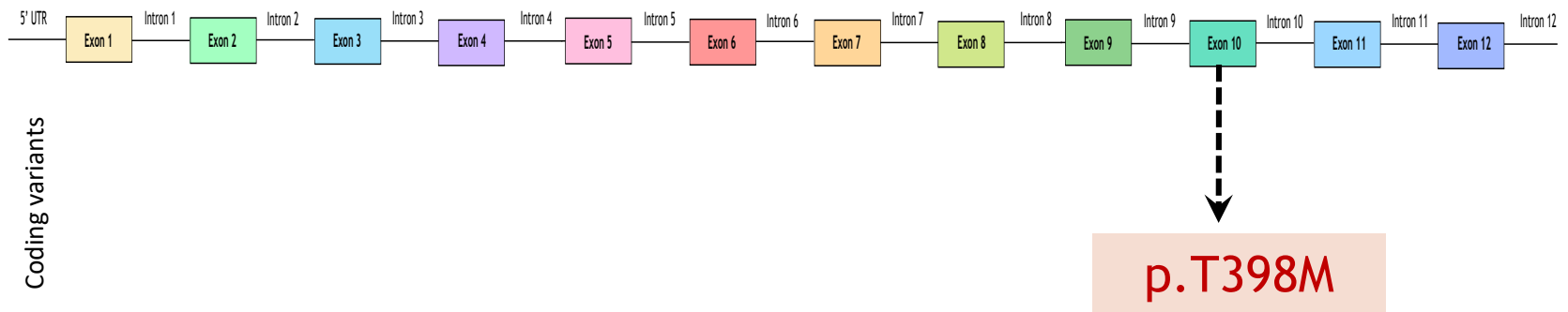


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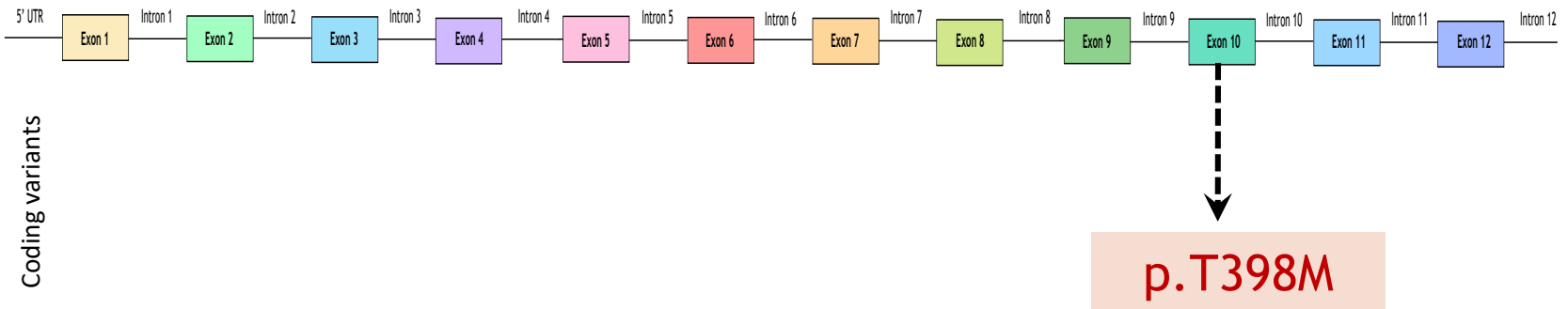
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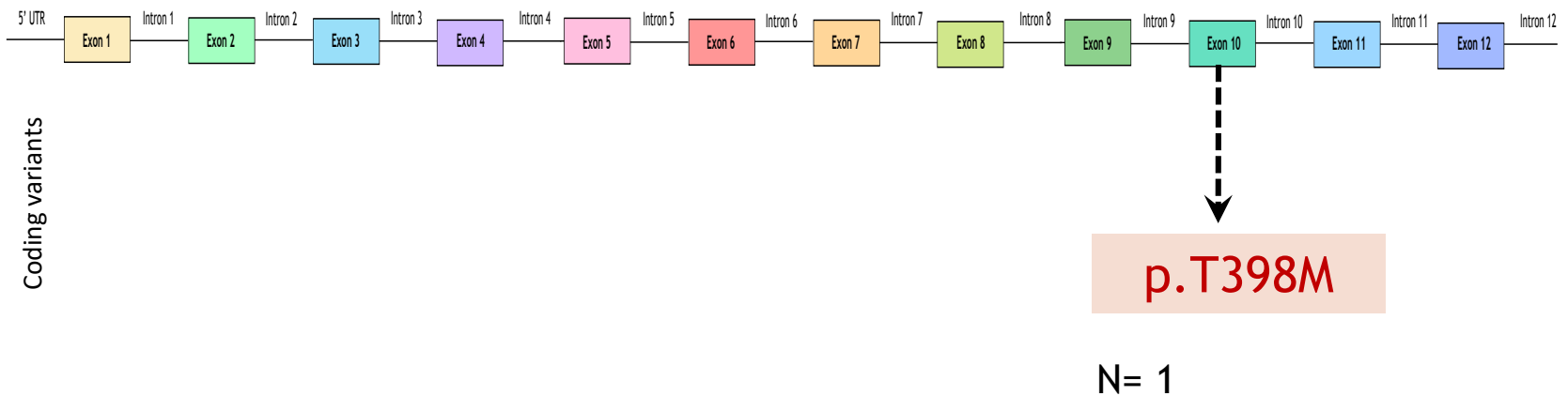
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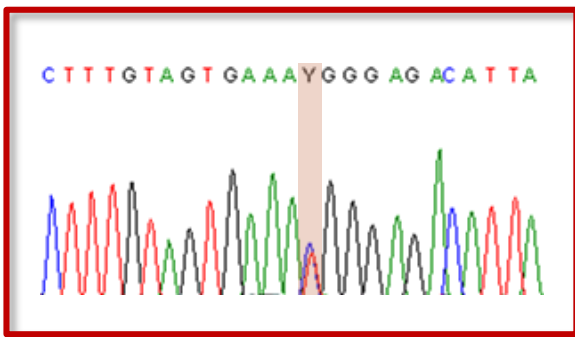
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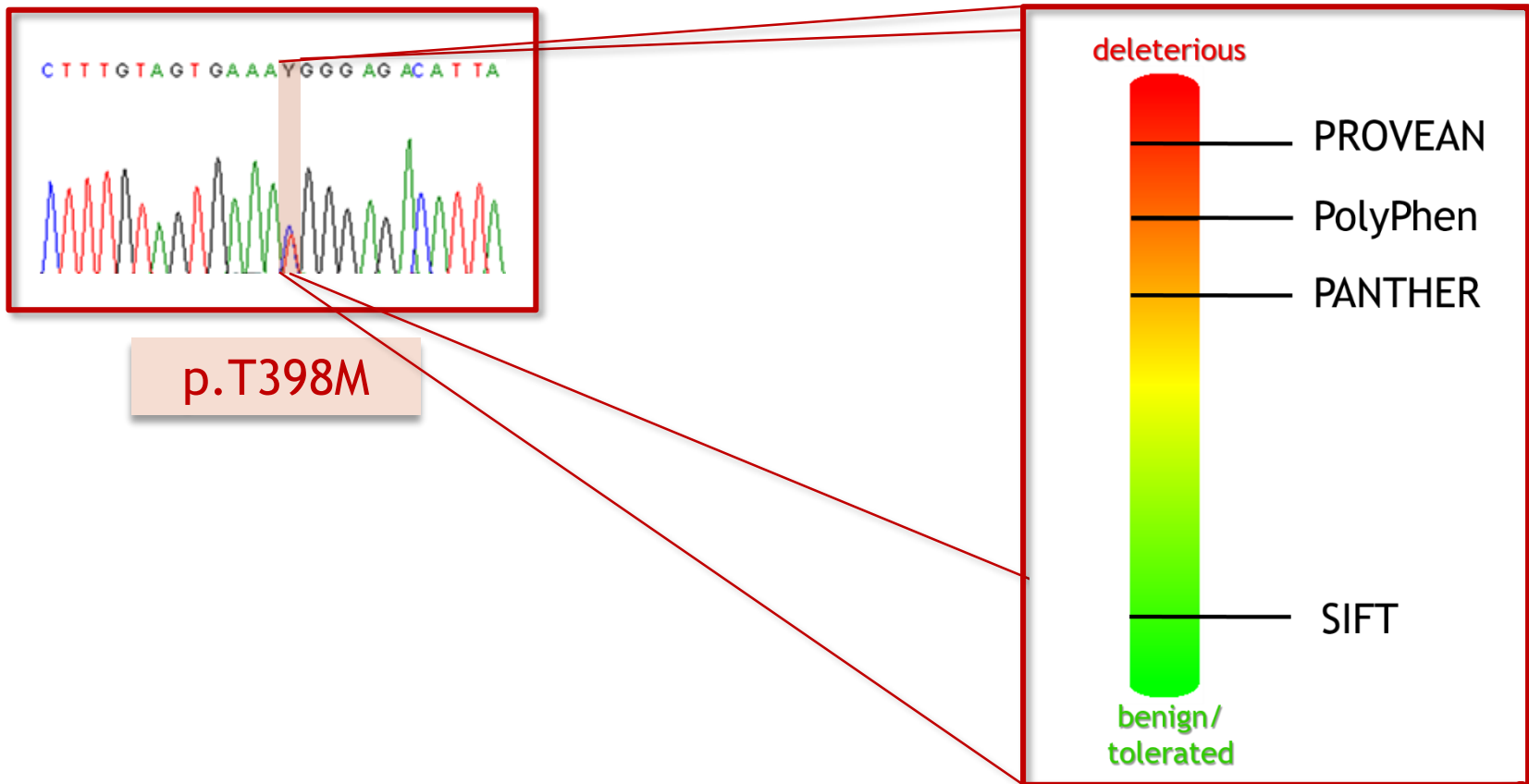
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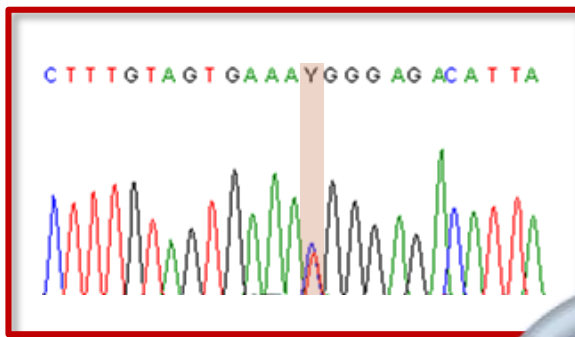
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- **No conclusions** can be drawn by the analysis of the **phenotype** alone  
*GBA genotype*

# A LOOK FORWARD...

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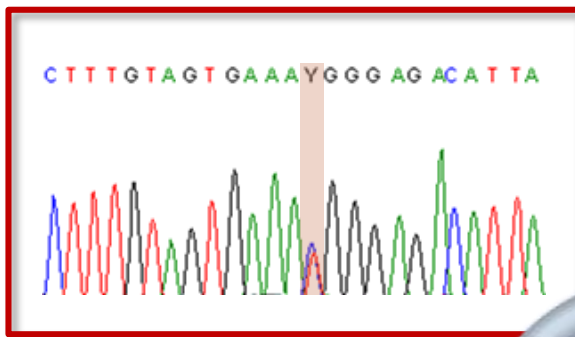
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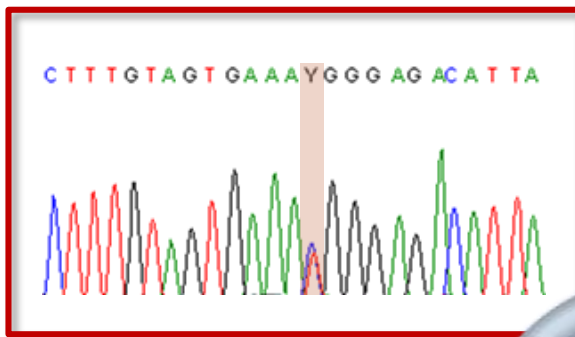


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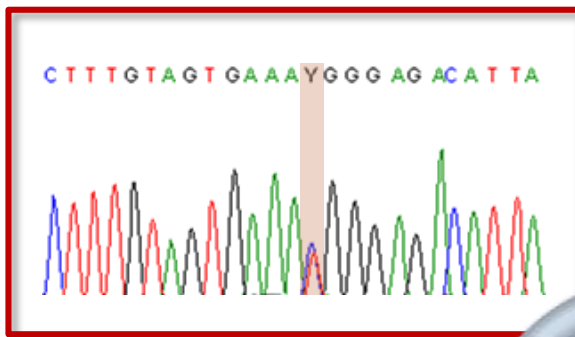
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Lower receptor density



key factor for recombinant GCase uptake

(Desnick and Schuchman, 2012)

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BRIEF COMMUNICATION

## Association between rs6812193 polymorphism and sporadic Parkinson's disease susceptibility

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**Abstract** Recently, the association of a single nucleotide polymorphism rs6812193 C/T with sporadic Parkinson's disease (PD) susceptibility has been widely evaluated, but the results remained inconsistent. This association should be clarified because of the importance of it on human health and quality of life. We performed a comprehensive meta-analysis to evaluate the association between the rs6812193 polymorphism and sporadic PD. PubMed was used to retrieve articles published up to June 2014 for all

population (OR 0.881, 95 % CI 0.856–0.907), but not in Asian samples (OR 0.918, 95 % CI 0.721–1.168). No evidence of publication bias was observed. Throughout our analysis, the rs6812193 polymorphism is significantly associated with sporadic PD susceptibility in Caucasian samples, and ethnicity might be the key point of inconsistency in rs6812193 studies. Further studies are warranted to re-examine the observed associations, especially in different ethnicities.

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**ABSTRACT**  
Background: Genetic variation in the glucocerebrosidase (GBA) gene is strongly associated with Parkinson's disease (PD). Transport of glucocerebrosidase to the lysosome involves the protein encoded by the SCARB2 gene. An association between the common SNP rs6812193, upstream of SCARB2, and PD has been reported previously. The role of exonic variants in the SCARB2 gene in PD has not been examined.  
Methods: We studied the role of exonic variants in SCARB2 and tried to replicate the association between the SNP rs6812193 and PD in a German and Austrian sample. Screening of all SCARB2 exons by high-resolution melting curve analysis was performed in 376 German PD patients. The SNP rs6812193 was analyzed in 984 PD patients and 1014 general population controls.  
Results: We identified no novel exonic variants in SCARB2 but confirmed the association between SNP rs6812193 and PD (OR, 0.86; P=0.02). © 2013 Movement Disorder Society  
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