

Variant: *NM_000152.4(GAA):c.1561G>A (p.Glu521Lys)*

CA116593 [↗](#)

4022 (ClinVar) [↗](#)

Gene: GAA ([HGNC:2548](#))

Condition: glycogen storage disease II ([MONDO:0009290](#))

Inheritance Mode: Autosomal recessive inheritance

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HGVS expressions

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NC_000017.11:g.80110950G>A

CM000679.2:g.80110950G>A

NC_000017.10:g.78084749G>A

CM000679.1:g.78084749G>A

NC_000017.9:g.75699344G>A

NG_009822.1:g.14395G>A

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ENST00000572080.2:c.1561G>A

ENST00000577106.6:c.1561G>A

ENST00000302262.8:c.1561G>A

ENST00000302262.7:c.1561G>A

ENST00000390015.7:c.1561G>A

NM_000152.3:c.1561G>A

NM_001079803.1:c.1561G>A

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NM_000152.5:c.1561G>A

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Pathogenic

Met criteria codes 5

PM3_Very Strong

PP3

PP4_Moderate

PS3_Moderate

PM2_Supporting

Not Met criteria codes 1

PM5

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Criteria Specification Information

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Lysosomal Diseases VCEP

The NM_000152.5:c.1561G>A variant in GAA is a missense variant predicted to cause substitution of glutamic acid by lysine at amino acid 521 (p.Glu521Lys). This substitution of a negatively charged, polar amino acid with a neutral, non-polar amino acid is predicted to functionally impact the GAA precursor protein (PMID: 1898413). This variant was first reported in homozygosity in a case report of siblings with IOPD and no detectable GAA activity in fibroblasts (PMID: 1898413), meeting criteria for PP4_moderate. This variant has been detected in at least four additional individuals with IOPD. Of those individuals, two were compound heterozygous for the variant and a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant (PMIDs: 17723315, 37542277) and two were homozygous for the variant (PMIDs: 19862843,33301762). This variant has also been reported in at least nine individuals with LOPD. Of those, six were compound heterozygous for the common IVS splice site pathogenic variant c.-32-13T>G (PMIDs: 22676651, 20308911, 2270448, 20033296, 25673129, 30312517,34852371 and 39045638), and one was compound heterozygous for the variant and a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant (PMID:21605996 and 22676651) (PM3_Very Strong). The highest population minor allele frequency in gnomAD v4.1.0. is 0.00003334 (2/59992 alleles) in the Admixed American population, which is lower than the ClinGen Lysosomal Diseases VCEP’s threshold for PM2_Supporting (<0.001), meeting this criterion (PM2_Supporting). In the first report of this variant, transient expression in COS cells was performed and revealed no detectable activity, and immunocytochemistry results suggested the mutant precursor is not transported to the lysosome (PMID: 1898413). Subsequent expression studies in COS cells revealed <2% wild type GAA activity, indicating that this variant may impact protein function (PMID: 19862843). Thus, PS3_Supporting can be applied. The computational predictor REVEL gives a score of 0.932 which is above the threshold of 0.7, evidence that correlates with impact to GAA function (PP3). Another missense change at the same amino acid position (p.Glu521Gln) has been reported in IOPD (PMID: 22658377, 19588081), but this variant has not been reviewed by the ClinGen Lysosomal Diseases Variant Curation Expert panel and thus PM5 will not be applied. There is a ClinVar entry for this variant (Variation ID: 4022, 2-star review status) with 8 submitters classifying the variant as pathogenic (7 submitters) or likely pathogenic (1 submitters). In summary, this variant meets the criteria to be classified as pathogenic for Pompe disease based on the ACMG/AMP criteria applied, as specified by the ClinGen Lysosomal Diseases Variant Curation Expert panel (Specifications Version 2.0): PM3_Very Strong, PP4_moderate, PM2_supporting, PP3, PS3_supporting. (Classification approved by the ClinGen Lysosomal Diseases Variant Curation Expert Panel on December 3, 2024)

Met criteria codes

PM3_Very Strong	 	This variant has been detected in at least five individuals with IOPD. Of these, three were homozygous (PMIDs: 1898413,19862843, 33301762) and two were compound heterozygous for the variant and a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant (c.2140del, PMID: 17723315 and c.1551+1G>A, PMID: 37542277). This variant has also been reported in at least nine individuals with LOPD. Of those, six were compound heterozygous for the common IVS splice site pathogenic variant c.-32-13T>G (PMIDs: 22676651, 20308911, 2270448, 20033296, 25673129, 30312517, 34852371 and 39045638). One was compound heterozygous for the variant and a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant c.2297G>A (PMID: 21605996 and 22676651). Additionally, one was compound heterozygous for a variant not previously reported, c.2161G>T (PMID: 25526786); and one was reported without a second variant documented (PMID: 10737124).
PP3	 	The computational predictor REVEL gives a score of 0.932 which is above the threshold of 0.7, evidence that correlates with impact to GAA function (PP3).
PP4_Moderate	 	This variant was first reported in homozygosity in a case report of siblings with IOPD and no detectable GAA activity in fibroblasts (PMID: 1898413), meeting criteria for PP4_moderate. This variant has been detected in at least four additional individuals with IOPD (PMIDs: 17723315, 37542277, 19862843, 33301762). This variant has also been reported in at least nine individuals with LOPD. Of those, six were compound heterozygous for the common IVS splice site pathogenic variant c.-32-13T>G (PMIDs: 22676651, 20308911, 2270448, 20033296, 25673129, 30312517, 34852371 and 39045638). One was compound heterozygous for the variant and a pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant (PMID:21605996 and 22676651); one was compound heterozygous for a variant not previously

reported, c.2161G>T (PMID: 25526786); and one was reported without a second variant documented (PMID: 10737124).

PS3_Moderate	 	In a case study of siblings homozygous for this variant (PMID: 1898413), GAA activity was undetectable in patient fibroblasts, and the GAA precursor was about 5kD smaller than the expected 110kD wild type precursor on SDS PAGE. An in vitro study revealed that the translation product of Glu521Lys does run about 5 kD ahead of the wilt type, both unglycosylated and glycoslated forms. Transient expression in COS cells revealed no detectable activity above background. Immunocytochemistry results suggest the mutant precursor is not transported to the lysosomes. In a later functional study (PMID: 19862843), expression of the variant in COS-7 cells resulted in <2% wild type GAA activity, indicating that this variant may impact protein function (PS3_supporting).
PM2_Supporting		The highest population minor allele frequency in gnomAD v4.1.0. is 0.00003334 (2/59992 alleles) in the Admixed American population, which is lower than the ClinGen Lysosomal Diseases VCEP’s threshold for PM2_Supporting (<0.001), meeting this criterion (PM2_Supporting).

Not Met criteria codes

PM5	 	c.1561G>C (p.Glu521Gln) has been reported in IOPD (PMIDs: 22658377, 19588081) but has not been reviewed by the VCEP and therefore PM5 will not be applied. ClinVar ID: 2736677
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Curation History



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