



## Glycogen Storage Disease, Type IXd

### Alternative Names

GSD9D  
GSD IXd  
Muscle Phosphorylase Kinase Deficiency  
Muscle Glycogenosis, X-Linked

### Record Category

Disease phenotype

### WHO-ICD

Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases >  
Metabolic disorders

### Incidence per 100,000 Live Births

Unknown

### OMIM Number

300559

### Mode of Inheritance

X-linked recessive

### Gene Map Locus

Xq13.1

### Description

Glycogen Storage Disease, Type IXd is a disorder characterized by exercise-induced muscle stiffness and pain as well as myoglobinuria. Affected individuals are intolerant to exercise and suffer from muscle weakness and atrophy. Biochemical studies of patients reveal elevated levels of serum creatine kinase while muscle biopsies exhibit increased subsarcolemmal vacuolar glycogen accumulation, mitochondrial paracrystalline inclusions and decreased muscle-specific phosphorylase kinase activity.

GSD9D is a rare condition with only a handful of cases reported thus far. Symptoms usually present in adolescence or adulthood and are induced by intense exercise. The disorder is relatively mild and

has a good prognosis, with some patients remaining asymptomatic even till late adulthood.

Diagnosis is confirmed based on clinical findings, laboratory investigations of blood and urine, muscle biopsies and genetic testing of the PHKA1 gene. Patients may benefit from physical therapy and can work with a metabolic nutritionist to optimize blood glucose concentrations. They are also advised to refrain from vigorous exercise and certain medications that can cause rhabdomyolysis such as succinylcholine and statins.

### Molecular Genetics

The disorder follows an X-linked recessive pattern of inheritance and is caused by mutations in the PHKA1 gene. This gene encodes the alpha subunit of the muscle-specific phosphorylase b kinase enzyme, which is involved in the glycogen catabolism pathway. Mutations in the PHKA1 gene create a non-functioning phosphorylase kinase enzyme and thus lead to the accumulation of glycogen in muscle cells. Around 7 PHKA1 mutations, including deletions and missense, nonsense and splice site variants, have been identified in Glycogen Storage Disease, type IXd.

### Epidemiology in the Arab World

Saudi Arabia

Monies et al. (2017) illustrated the findings of 1000 diagnostic panels and exomes carried out at a next generation sequencing lab in Saudi Arabia. One male patient suffered from dystonic posturing of the upper limbs, spasticity of the lower limbs, failure to thrive, learning disability and leukoencephalopathy. He also reported a family history of this phenotype. Using whole exome sequencing, a homozygous mutation (c.1174C>T, p.R392X) was identified in exon 12 of the patient's PHKA1 gene, associated with Glycogen Storage Disease, type 9D. Given the atypical presentation of the patient, this case helped in the phenotypic expansion of the disorder.

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