

The Reply

We appreciate the letter to the editor by Dormond et al (“Thoracic Aortic Dilation/Aneurysm in Fabry Disease”)¹ written in response to our review, “Aortopathies: Etiologies, Genetics, Differential Diagnosis, Prognosis and Management.”² They bring to our attention an evolving finding in a recent work by Barbey et al³ highlighting the association between Fabry disease and aortic dilation/aneurysm. The association deserves continued study to better define the pathophysiologic mechanisms leading to aortic dilation/aneurysm.

Based on this recent publication,³ we agree that Fabry disease should be in the differential diagnosis of genetic

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diseases with potential for ascending aortic dilation/aneurysm.

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