# Nomination and Prioritization Workgroup Report: Guanidinoacetate Methyltransferase (GAMT) Deficiency













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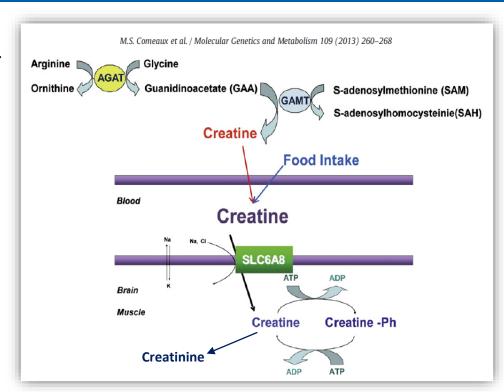
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# Nomination of Guanidinoacetate Methyltransferase (GAMT) Deficiency

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# The Creatine Synthetic Pathway

- ☐ Guanidinoacetate Methyltransferase (GAMT) is one of the enzymes involved in the synthetic pathway for creatine
  - ➤ AGAT: transfers the amidino group from arginine to glycine to form GAA
  - ➢ GAMT: methylates GAA to form creatine
  - Creatine Transporter 1 (encoded by the SLC6A8 gene) transfers creatine into cells and tissue
- □ Half of the Creatine in body derived from dietary sources (Meat or Fish)
- Circulating creatine is taken up by tissues by the creatine transporter
- Creatine Function
  - Regeneration of ATP
  - Neurotransmitter in the CNS

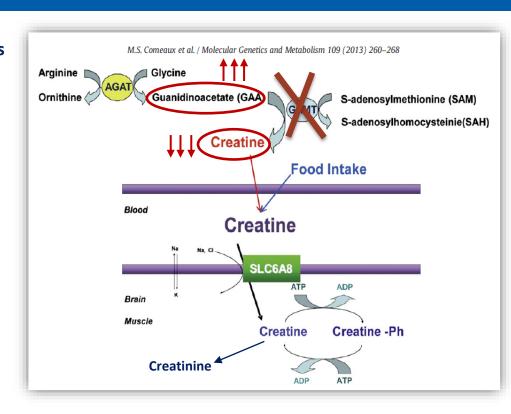


# **GAMT** Deficiency – Biochemical Derangement

- ☐ GAMT Deficiency: Inborn error of Creatine Synthesis
  - One of a 3-member family of Cerebral Creatine Deficiencies
  - Caused by homozygous/compound heterozygous mutations in GAMT gene
  - GAMT Gene location: 19p13.3
  - Inheritance Pattern: Autosomal recessive
- Pathophysiology is associated with:
  - Creatine Deficiency
  - Accumulation of neurotoxic GAA

Analyte or Ratio	Plasma	Urine
GAA	<b>†</b>	1
Creatine	Į.	↓ - N
Creatinine	↓ - N	↓ - N
GAA/Creatine	1	1

**GAMT Deficiency Biomarker profile** 



# **GAMT Deficiency – Clinical Presentation**

- □ ONSET: Symptoms of patients with GAMT Deficiency develop during infancy and early childhood
- ☐ Clinical Presentation includes:
  - Cognitive impairment
  - Development and speech delays
  - Muscle hypotonia

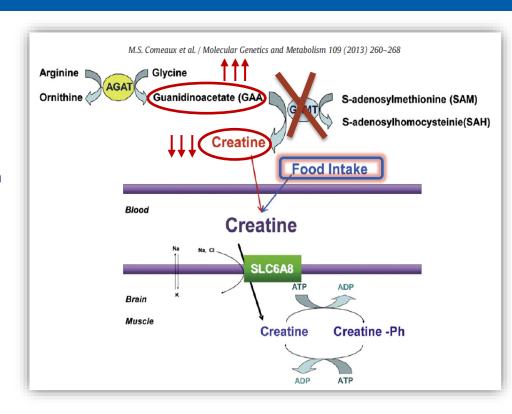
- Seizures
- Movement disorders
- Behavioral abnormality
  - autism spectrum
  - auto-aggressive behavior

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# **GAMT Deficiency – Treatment and Management**

#### Treatment Rationale

- > Restoration of Creatine pool:
  - Creatine supplementation in high doses to overcome poor uptake by CNS
  - S-adenosylmethionine Supplementation
- Reduction of GAA
  - Ornithine supplementation
  - Arginine restriction
  - Na-Benzoate to bind/excrete glycine



# **Core Requirements for Nomination**

- 1. Validation of the laboratory test
- 2. Widely available confirmatory testing with a sensitive and specific diagnostic test
- 3. A prospective population-based pilot study

# **Key Questions to Address**

- 1. Is the nominated condition(s) *medically serious*?
- 2. Is the *case definition* and the spectrum of the condition(s) well described, to help predict the phenotypic range of those children who will be identified based on population-based screening.
- 3. Are *prospective pilot data* from population-based assessments available for this disorder?
- 4. Does the screening test(s) have established *analytic validity*?
- 5. Are the *characteristics of the screening test(s)* reasonable for the newborn screening system (among other aspects, a low rate of false negatives)?
- 6. Is there a widely available and CLIA and/or FDA approved *confirmatory test/diagnostic* process?
- 7. Are there defined **treatment** protocols, FDA approved drugs (if applicable) and is the treatment(s) available?
- 8. Do the results have *clinical utility*? If the spectrum of disease is broad, will the screening and/or diagnostic test identify who is most likely to benefit from treatment, especially if treatment is onerous or risky?

# Is the nominated condition(s) medically serious?

### YES

This is a health condition with a high risk of morbidity that negatively impacts daily function or quality of life

#### **Clinical Presentation:**

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- Movement disorders
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  - autism spectrum
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## YES

- ☐ Autosomal recessive inborn error of creatine synthesis with a clinical presentation that reflects the importance of creatine in the central nervous system
- ☐ Clinical and biochemical features of GAMT deficiency have been well described
- NOTE: GAMT is so rare that we may not know the full spectrum of the phenotypic presentation until screening is more widespread
  - Clinical features are generally not very specific
  - > Patients with GAMT deficiency are typically clinically identified by ~ 3 years of age
  - Is it possible that there are older patients who remain undiagnosed?

# Are prospective pilot data (U.S. and/or international) from population-based assessments available for this disorder?

## YES

### Population -wide screening exists in at least 2 US States and other countries

Newborn Screening Program	Year Screening Began	Number of Newborns Screened	GAMT Def Newborns Identified
Utah (USA)	2015	275,000	1
New York (USA)	2018	537,000	1
British Columbia (Canada)	2012	365,000	0
Victoria (Australia)	2002	1,290,000	0



# Are prospective pilot data (U.S. and/or international) from population-based assessments available for this disorder?

June 2015 to

May 2019

May 2019

to Current

#### **Utah Case**

#### **Newborn Screening and Diagnostic Test results**

		First Routine Testing > 7 days			tine Testing
	Number Tested	GUAC (umol/L)	CRE (umol/L)	GUAC (umol/L)	CRE (umol/L)
Derivatized NBS Testing	195,425	1.21 +/- 0.35	313 +/- 70	1.18 +/- 0.50	162 +/- 47
Non-derivatized NBS Testing	78,477	1.33 +/- 0.66	453 +/- 115	1.12+/- 0.54	231 +/- 83
Utah Patient	1	13.25	324	9.26	100

GUAC: Guanidinoacetate CRE: Creatine

#### ☐ Diagnostic Follow up

- ➤ GUAC (plasma) 9.16 umol/L (normal 0.5 1.8)
- > CRE (plasma) 16.8 umol/L (normal 37-117)

#### **Management and Outcome**

- ☐ Started on therapy at 11 days of age
  - creatine and ornithine supplementation
    - 500 mg per kg per day
    - divided into 4 doses
  - sodium benzoate
    - 100 mg per kg per day
    - divided into 4 doses
  - moderate protein restriction
    - addition of 20-25% of estimated caloric needs as protein-free formula substituting for breastmilk

#### **Current Status:**

Remains normal, is growing and developing well and is tolerating therapies well.

Hart K et al (2021) PROSPECTIVE IDENTIFICATION BY NEONATAL SCREENING OF PATIENTS WITH GUANIDINOACETATE METHYLTRANSFERASE DEFICIENCY. Mol Genet Metab. 2021 (Submitted June 2021)



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#### **New York Case**

#### **Newborn Screening and Diagnostic Test results**

		First Routi	ne Testing	
	Number	GUAC	CRE	
	Tested	(umol/L)	(umol/L)	
Derivatized NBS Testing	537,408	1.34 +/- 0.57	569 +/- 155	Oct 2018 to Current
New York Patient	1	23.35	509	
			GUAC: Guanidinoacetate CRE: Creatine	

☐ Diagnostic Follow up

➤ GUAC (plasma) 13.16 umol/L (normal 0.5 – 1.8)

> CRE (plasma) 9.5 umol/L (normal 37-117)

#### **Management and Outcome**

- ☐ Started on therapy at 17 days of age
  - > creatine and ornithine supplementation
    - 500 mg per kg per day
    - divided into 4 doses
  - > sodium benzoate
    - 100 mg per kg per day
    - divided into 4 doses
  - moderate protein restriction
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#### **Current Status:**

Tolerating the therapy, growing and developing normally.

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## Does the screening test(s) have established analytic validity?

### **Screening Tests for GAMT Deficiency**

- □ Primary Newborn Screening Assay
  - ➤ Flow Injection MS/MS ... Measurement of GAA ( +/- Creatine and Creatinine) together with Amino Acid and Acylcarnitine Analysis (can be derivatized or non -derivatized)
  - > Currently, no FDA-approved kit is available
  - > Laboratory Developed Tests can be modified to include markers
- □ Second-Tier Test
  - ➤ Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC -MS/MS) evaluation of a screen positive sample (GAA and Creatine)
  - > Stand alone test or multiplexed with other second -tier markers
- Molecular Evaluation Sequencing

### YES

Data provided demonstrates that methods have acceptable analytic validity

## Are the characteristics of the screening test(s) reasonable for the newborn screening system (among other aspects, a low rate of false negatives)?

- ☐ The Biomarkers for GAMT Deficiency are multiplexed with the existing test for Aminoacid /Acylcarnitine analysis
  - > NOTE: NBS programs using FDA approved tests would need to modify the test and perform full analytical validation before use
- ☐ Second-tier tests are available to reduce false positives
- No known FALSE NEGATIVES have been described
  - All 4 programs have indicated that they would be made aware if cases were identified clinically
  - Given the non-specific clinical features, what is the level of certainty that programs will be made aware of possible missed cases?

Key Question #5

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UNCLEA	NCLEAR .		NCLEAR		First Routin	ne Testing	Second Rou	tine Testing	Screen	True
		Number Tested	GUAC (umol/L)	CRE (umol/L)	GUAC (umol/L)	CRE (umol/L)		Positive		
	UTAH Derivatized NBS Testing	195,425	1.21 +/- 0.35	313 +/- 70	1.18 +/- 0.50	162 +/- 47	2	0		
	UTAH Non-derivatized NBS Testing	78,477	1.33 +/- 0.66	453 +/- 115	1.12+/- 0.54	231 +/- 83	1	1		
	NEW YORK Derivatized NBS Testing	537,408	1.34 +/- 0.57	569 +/- 155	N/A	N/A	23	1		

- □ Screening characteristics are largely similar to current newborn screening tests
- □ NOTE: FALSE POSITIVE Cases in New York seem to be higher than we might expect
  - Presence of an interferent?

## Are the characteristics of the screening test(s) reasonable for the newborn screening system (among other aspects, a low rate of false negatives)?

#### **New York Update**

☐ Due to the high number of screen positives and referrals, method modifications were made to eliminate the interferent seen in the first -tier test

	INITIAL	METHOD	REVISED	METHOD
Analyte	Precursor (m/z)	Product (m/z)	Precursor (m/z)	Product (m/z)
GUAC	174.1	101.1	174.1	73.1
GUAC_IS	176.1	103.1	176.1	75.1
Creatine	188.1	90.1	188.1	90.1
Creatine_IS	191.1	93.1	191.1	93.1

- ☐ The modification was evaluated and the revised method was validated
- ☐ The Revised Method was implemented into routine testing in 2020

- □ Summarized below are the screen positive samples for the same time period in 2019 (Original Method) and 2020 (Revised Method)
  - Performance from Days 065 to 245 are shown

	Original Method	Revised Method
	2019	2020
TOTAL # samples screened	128656	123707
# Samples requiring 2nd tier HPLC analysis	1821	35
# Samples requiring DNA analysis	7	1
# Samples needing <b>REPEAT</b> analysis	136	17
# Samples sent for <b>REFERRAL</b>	7	1

- ☐ The modification demonstrates reduction in follow up testing and referrals
- ☐ Second-tier test may not be needed

# Is there a widely available and CLIA and/or FDA approved confirmatory test/diagnostic process?

## YES

## The Following Laboratories have confirmatory tests for GAMT Deficiency

- ARUP Laboratories
- Baylor
- Duke
- Greenwood
- Kennedy Krieger

- Mayo Clinic
- Medical Neurogenetics
- University of Alabama
   Birmingham
- Yale University

# Are there defined treatment protocols, FDA approved drugs (if applicable) and is the treatment(s) available?

## YES

#### ☐ Treatment Rationale

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#### □ Treatment Outcomes

- Symptomatic patients improve
- Patients treated early in life have (near) normal development
- Treatment interruption may result in irreversible damage

### **Thoughts for Discussion**

- Generally considered that metabolic specialists will manage patients with GAMT deficiency in a similar manner to other metabolic patients
- Any special considerations of access to "Metabolic Foods"?

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## Do the results have *clinical utility*?

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 Eg younger siblings identified through index patient

Table 1
Clinical characteristics, treatment modalities and outcomes in 48 patients with GAMT deficiency.

Patient #		Gender	Mutation	At treatment onset				Treatment modality	Treatment	Outcome/improvement on
(ref)				Age	DD/ID degree	DD/ID plus	Basal ganglia changes		duration	treatment
1 (24)	1 (sibling P5)	f	c,327G>A/c,522G>A	Prenatal	Normal (nf)		nd	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp	41 mo	Normal (nf)
2 (28)	2 (sibling P25)	m	c,299_c,311 dup13/c,233T>A	1 week	Normal (nf)		nd	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp, benz	14 mo	Normal (nf)
3 (15, 24)	3 (sibling P17)	f	c.152A>C/c.526dupG	3 weeks	Normal (nf)		n	cr¹orn-hd", diet-ar2 diet-pm, benz" "	7 y	Normal 31 mo (f)
	4 / -: LE DOT)	f	2276- 4	0	Denderline (-0		_	interrupted treatment	21	boderline 8 y (f)
4	4 (sibling P27)	•	327G>A c.327G>A/c.522G>A	9 mo 10 mo	Borderline (nf)		n	cr, orn-hd, diet-ar" ", diet-lp, benz	21 mo 39 mo	dd (dd,s)
5 (2)	1 (index sibling P1) 5	m		10 mo 11 mo	Mild (nf)	e	у	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp		dd,e
6 (28) 7	6	m f	c,327G>A/c,522G>A Not determined		Moderate (nf)	e	у	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp, benz	48 mo	dd (dd,s),e dd
	7	f		14 mo	Mild (f)	e	у	cr, orn-hd, SAM	7 y 4 mo	
8 (28)	8	•	c.327G>A/c.403G>A	15 mo	Severe (nf)	e	у	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp	8 y 6 mo	dd (dd,b),e
9 (2) 10	9	m	c,327G>A/c,36_c,37ins26 c,327G>A	16 mo 17 mo	Moderate (nf)	e m	у	cr, orn-ld, diet-lp cr	36 mo	dd (dd,s),e
	-	m	c.503A>C		Moderate (nf)	m	У		6 y 6 mo	dd (dd,s,b),m
11 (16)	10	m		19 mo	Mild (f)		n	cr, orn-ld	36 mo	dd (dd,s)
12 (1, 18)	11 (sibling P19)	f f	c,327G>A/c,48C>A	21 mo	Mild (nf)	m, e	У	cr, orn-hd	6 y 7 mo	m,e
13 (14)	12		c,327G>A	21 mo	Moderate (f)		n	cr, orn-hd, diet-ar	39 mo	dd (dd,s,b)
14(3)	13	m	c,327G>A/c,309dup13	22 mo	Severe (nf)	m, ee	У	cr, orn-hd" "	16 y	e,m
15 (17)	14	f	c,327G>A/c,522G>A	24 mo	Severe (nf)	m, e	У	cr, orn-hd, diet-ar	10 y	dd,e,m
16	15	m	c,526dupG	24 mo	Moderate (nf)		n	cr	44 mo	dd
17 (1, 18)	3 (index sibling P3)	m	c.152A>C/c.526dupG	30 mo	Mild (f)	e	n	cr", orn-hd", diet-ar" ", benz" later diet-pm	10 y	dd (dd,s),e
18 (1)	16	m	Not reported	36 mo	Severe (nf)	ee	n	cr, orn-hd	36 mo	dd (dd,s,b), e
19	11 (index sibling P12)	m	c,327G>A/c,48C>A	38 mo	Moderate (nf)		y	cr,orn-hd	6 y 7 mo	dd
20 (19)	17	m	c,491insG/IVS5-3C>G	39 mo	Severe (nf)	m, e	y	cr, orn-ld" ", orn-hd, diet-lp" ", diet-ar	11 y	dd, e,m
21	18	f	c,327G>A	39 mo	Severe (nf)	m, ee	y	cr	48 mo	dd (b)
22 (21, 22)	19	m	c.497T>C	44 mo	Mild (tbq = 55) (f)		n	cr, orn-hd	7 y 4 mo	dd (dd,s,b) (IQ = 90)
23	20	m	c.506G>A	48 mo	Mild (f)		n	cr, orn-hd	3 y 9 mo	dd (s)
24	21	m	c,327G>A/c,133T>A	4 y 6 mo	Severe (nf)	m, e	n	cr, orn-hd	20 mo	dd (dd,b), e,m
25 (28)	2 (index sibling P2)	f	c,299_c,311dup13/c,233T>A	5 y 6 mo	Moderate (nf)	e	n	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp	30 mo	dd (dd,s,b),e
26	22	m	c.522G>A/c.505T>C	5 y 7 mo	Severe (nf)	ee	y	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp	30 mo	Stable
27	4 (index sibling P4)	m	c,327G>A	5 y 9 mo	Moderate (nf)	e	n	cr, orn-hd, diet-ar" ", diet lp, benz	21 mo	dd (b)
28	23 (sibling P37)	f	Not reported	6 y 9 m0	Mild	ee	nd	cr, orn-ld, diet-lp	26 mo	dd(b), e
29 (23)	24 (cousin P47, P48)	m	c.59G>C	8 y	Severe (nf)	m, e	nd	cr, orn-ld" " ", diet-pm	7 y	dd, m
30	25	f	c,327G>A	8 y 6 mo	Severe (f)	ee	n	cr, orn-hd, diet-ar	48 mo	dd (dd,s,b), e
31	26	f	c.327G>A	9 y 3 mo	Moderate (nf)	e	y	cr	36 mo	Stable
32 (20)	27	f	c.590T>C	10 y	Severe (f)	e	n	cr, orn-hd, diet-ar 5 y then diet-lp	7 y	dd,e
33	28	m	c.327G>A	11 y	Severe (nf)	ee	y	cr	48 mo	dd (b),e
34	29	f	Not determined	11 y	Severe (nf)		n	cr	12 mo	Stable
35	30	m	Not reported	12 y	Severe (nf)	ee	n	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp" " "	8 y	id (s,b),e
36	31	f	c.59G>C/c521G>A	13 y	Severe (f)		nd	cr, orn-ld" ", diet-lp" "	6 y	dd
37	23 (index sibling P28)	m	Not reported	13 y 9 mo	Moderate	ee	nd	cr, orn-ld, diet-lp	26 mo	dd(s), e
38	32	m	c.289C>T	14 y	Severe (nf)	ee	n	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp	4 y	id (b),e
39(1)	33 (sibling P42)	m	c.59G>C	16 y	Severe (f)	m, e	У	cr	9 y	e
40	34	f	Not reported	18 y	Severe (nf)	ee	n	cr, orn-hd, diet-lp" " "	8 y	id (s,b),e
41 (23)	35	f	c.506G>A	19 y	Severe (nf)	m, e	nd	no treatment	0	nd
42(1)	33 (sibling 39)	m	c.59G>C	20 v	Severe (f)	e	V	cr	9 y	e
43 (1)	36 (sibling P45)	m	c.59G>C	20 y	Severe (f)	e	ý	cr	9 y	e
44	37	f	c,327G>A	21 y	Severe (nf)	m, ee	n	cr, orn-hd	11 mo	dd (b), e
45 (1)	36 (sibling P43)	m	c.59G>C	22 y	Severe (f)	e	nd	cr	9 v	e
46	38	m	c,327G>A	25 y	Moderate (nf)		n	No treatment	0	nd
47 (23)	24 (sibling P46)	f	c.59G>C	31 y	Severe (nf)	m, e	nd	cr, diet-pm	5 y	m
		f	c.59G>C	34 v	Severe (nf)	m. e	nd	cr, diet-pm	5 v	Stable

b: behavior; benz: sodium benzoate (100 mg/kg/d); cr: creatine-monohydrate (300–800 mg/kg); dd/id: developmental delay/intellectual disability; diet-ar: arginine-restricted diet (below DRI needing amino acid supplements); diet-lp: diet low protein (meeting DRI without amino acid formula); diet-pm: protein modified diet avoiding protein rich foods such as meat and milk products, no counting of protein intake); e: mild epit-psy; ee: severe epit-psy; (f): formal assessment; m: movement disorder; mo: months; n: no; nd: not determined; (nf): no formal assessment; orn-hd: 1-ornithine high dose (>200–800 mg/kg); orn-ld: 1-ornithine low dose (100–200 mg/kg/); P: patient; (ref): reference; s: speech; SAM: S-Adenosyl-1-Methionine; v; vest; v; vest; v; therapy transiently discontinued; v; therapy transiently performed.

#### 48 patients from 38 families with known GAMT deficiency

Includes younger siblings identified as a result of an index patient

#### Clinical Presentation at treatment onset:

- Developmental delay and Intellectual disability varied in degree of severity
- Variable expression of other clinical features eg epilepsy, movement disorder and basal ganglia involvement

#### ☐ 3 patients treated within 1 month of birth

- · Appeared normal before treatment
- Appeared normal after treatment regimen

### ☐ Treatment onset for remaining patients was variable

- Clinical improvement was achieved in the majority of patients
  - · General improvements noted in:
    - DD/ID ie behavior, language and self-supportive skills for 'activities of daily life'
      - Epilepsy and movement disorder

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Key Question

# Do the results have *clinical utility*?

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## **YES**

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Several reports document improvement after treatment in patients with GAMT Deficiency

There are promising reports that describe the benefit of presymptomatic treatment of diagnosed patients

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□ POINT: Based on current information, the combination of early testing to identify at -risk newborns and pre -symptomatic intervention are likely to improve health outcomes

## **Key Questions - SUMMARY**

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## **Nomination and Prioritization Workgroup Recommendation**

The Advisory Committee should move the nomination of **GAMT Deficiency** forward for a full evidence review.

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