

# Pegzilarginase for treating arginase-1 deficiency [ID4029]

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## ✓ **Background and key issues**

- Clinical effectiveness
- Modelling and cost effectiveness
- Base case assumptions and cost-effectiveness results
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# Background on arginase-1 deficiency (ARG1-D)

Ultra-rare inherited metabolic condition caused by mutations in the ARG1 gene

## Causes

- A urea cycle disorder in which the body is unable to process arginine (an amino acid used to build protein)
- Lack of arginase in liver and red blood cells leads to hyperammonaemia and hyperarginemia

## Epidemiology

- Presents in early childhood
- Occurs in approximately 1 in 300,000 to 1,000,000 births
- Prevalence of 0.58 cases per 1,000,000 in the UK

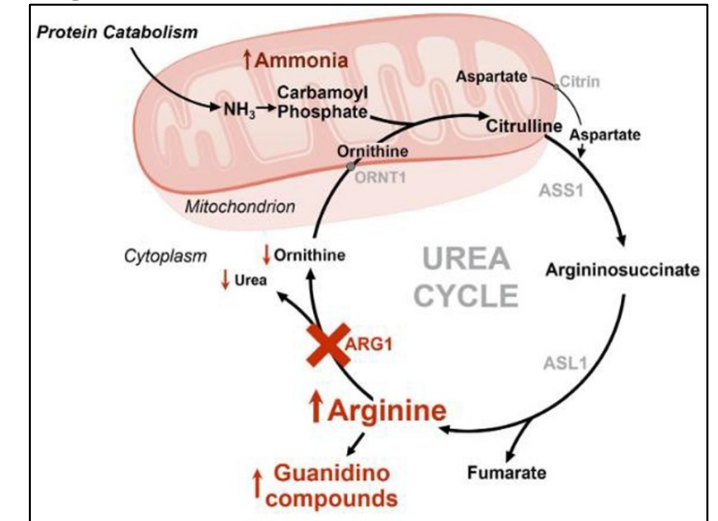
## Diagnosis and classification

- Routinely available assessment of red blood cell arginase levels, plasma arginine, or genetic analysis
- Newborn screening for ARG1-D is not routine in the NHS

## Symptoms and prognosis

- Increased morbidity and mortality and reduced quality of life → Median age of death is ~17 years with very few patients surviving beyond 35 years of age
- Clinical features include spastic paraparesis, progressive neurological and motor deterioration affecting mobility, growth and developmental delays, cognitive delays and seizures

Figure: Metabolic effects of ARG1-D



Source: Company submission (CS), Figure 2

# Patient and carer perspectives

ARG1-D has significant impact on quality of life of patients and carers and high demand on the NHS

## Submissions from Metabolic Support UK and 2 patient experts:

- ARG1-D has a profound impact on patients, parents and carers, including physical and mental health and social and work life → For patients, it leads to premature death

*“Before the onset of the symptoms, [he] enjoyed life fully, was very active and an outdoor person, made friends and socialised. [He] can no longer do any of the above and lost confidence and feels confined and not able to participate with others.”*

*“On two occasions the arginase-1 deficiency condition has also led to extremely traumatic temporary loss of eyesight ‘cortical blindness’ for the patient (where the patient was asking if she was still alive”*

*“I have had to step back from an Executive/Director level career, utilise annual leave days for appointments and furthermore work longer hours to juggle priorities.”*

- High demand on healthcare system → Regular medical appointments with various specialists and hospitalisations, including for life-threatening emergencies

*“Unplanned visits can vary year on year, from not frequent, to, very common and frequent in our experience sometimes, up to 3 - 4 a year.”*

*“Their care needs now are extremely high. They go to day centres, but the care outside of that is non-stop: they require fulltime personal care. Each of them is a wheelchair user, none of them can walk. For all of them, their speech deteriorated with time, my brother lost his speech, and my two sisters have speech difficulties but they can still speak and have gone to speech therapy.*

# Patient and carer perspectives

Pegzilarginase could potentially fulfil the unmet need for disease-modifying treatments for ARG1-D

**Submissions from Metabolic Support UK and 2 patient experts:**

- Significant unmet need for disease-modifying treatments for ARG1-D → Currently, only managed by strict dietary management plans and ammonia scavengers and low protein diet can be extremely burdensome
- Delays can occur in diagnosis of condition

*“All we could do was maintain a strict diet, and give Ravicti to slow down the disease.”*

*“low protein diet is based on the weight of the person with ARG1d which is very demanding for caregivers. Additionally, accessing low protein food can also be challenging. None of the staple food items can be bought in the supermarket. All are prescribed. There have been numerous occasions where the pharmacy has not been able to supply bread or milk.”*

- Pegzilarginase has potential to fulfil this unmet need → Disease modifying treatment, improves clinical outcomes and improves quality of life of patient and carers

*“The true value of this treatment is in the improvement it provides to the lives of patients with Arginase Deficiency and the impact of this on family and carers.”*

*“we know that some families saw symptoms resolve, with physical improvements most commonly observed.”*

- Lifelong treatment, travelling to specialised centres and product unavailability could be potential disadvantages of pegzilarginase

# Clinical expert perspectives

## Pegzilarginase is a step change treatment for ARG1-D

- Aims of ARG1-D treatment are to reduce arginine levels, prevent disability, delay progression and improve health related quality of life
- Multiple complications of ARG1-D including hyperarginaemia, osteoporosis, pancytopenia and hepatic adenomas → Some people may need liver transplant
- Current standard treatment for ARG1-D is dietary management plans and ammonia scavengers
  - Reduction of plasma arginine to target levels is almost never attained
  - Progression is common with physical and cognitive deterioration
  - Dietary management is extremely restrictive and difficult to adhere with
- Pegzilarginase is a step change treatment
  - Reduces arginine to within target levels, potentially stabilises disease and improves functional mobility
  - Additional benefits include liberalising extremely restrictive diet, or reduce or stop medications
- There are some considerations for starting pegzilarginase
  - More frequent blood tests would be required for arginine and ammonia level to get the optimum dose
  - People with non-reversible disabilities and who do not have high ammonia may not benefit from this treatment

# Equality issues

## Equality considerations

- Patient carer submission: **Metabolic Support UK**
  - ARG1-D is a genetic condition with a reported higher prevalence in communities where consanguineous marriage is more prevalent. Special consideration must be given to communities where consanguineous marriage is/was common



Are there any relevant equality issues?

# Pegzilarginase (Loargys, Immedica)

<b>Marketing authorisation</b>	MHRA approval granted on 20 December 2023: “for the treatment of arginase 1 deficiency (ARG1-D), also known as hyperargininemia, in adults, adolescents and children aged 2 years and older.”
<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Substitutes the deficient human arginase 1 enzyme activity in patients with ARG1-D. This has shown to rapidly and sustainably reduce plasma arginine and convert it to urea and ornithine
<b>Administration</b>	<p>Intravenous or subcutaneous injection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 0.1mg/kg once weekly, preceded by increase or decrease of 0.05mg/kg increments to achieve therapeutic goals</li><li>• Doses above 0.2 mg/kg per week have not been studied in clinical trials in ARG1-D</li></ul>
<b>Price</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The list price for pegzilarginase is £4,690.00 per 2 mg vial.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A dose of 2 vials equates to £487,760 per patient per year</li><li>• A dose of 4 vials equates to £975,520 per patient per year</li></ul></li><li>• Company has a confidential PAS discount in place</li></ul>



# Key issues

Issue	ICER impact
<a href="#">Starting distribution of patients across GMFCS states</a>	Large
<a href="#">Assuming patients remain in same GMFCS state after 3 years with pegzilarginase</a>	Large
<a href="#">Uncertainty around transition probabilities for IDM</a>	Small/moderate
<a href="#">Assumption that almost all patients die by 35 years of age</a>	Large
<a href="#">Life expectancy for patients receiving pegzilarginase treatment</a>	Large
<a href="#">Distribution of peak ammonia levels during a HAC</a>	Moderate
<a href="#">Cognitive improvement associated with pegzilarginase treatment</a>	Large
<a href="#">Utility gain associated with an improved diet</a>	Moderate
<a href="#">Disutility for carers</a>	Moderate
<a href="#">Pegzilarginase drug wastage/dosing</a>	Large/moderate
<a href="#">Discontinuation rate</a>	Large
<a href="#">QALY losses attributed to carers when calculating the weights for QALYs</a>	Moderate

# Decision problem

EAG does not have any concerns with company's deviations from final NICE scope

	Final NICE scope	EAG and tech team comments
<b>Population</b>	People with ARG1-D aged 2 years and older	As per NICE scope
<b>Intervention</b>	Pegzilarginase	As per NICE scope but with individualised disease management
<b>Comparators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established clinical management without pegzilarginase (including dietary protein restrictions, essential amino acid supplementation and/or the use of ammonia scavengers)</li> </ul>	Uses the term 'individualised disease management' as opposed to 'established clinical management without pegzilarginase' → Better aligns with published literature, UK clinical practice and PEACE trial
<b>Outcomes</b>	<p>The outcome measures to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plasma arginine concentration</li> <li>Level of ornithine and guanidino compounds</li> <li>Mobility</li> <li>Adaptive behaviour</li> <li>Neurocognitive function</li> <li>Adverse effects of treatment</li> <li>Health-related quality of life</li> </ul>	As per NICE scope

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# Clinical effectiveness evidence: Overview

**Table:** PEACE and Study 101A/102A design and outcomes

	PEACE	Study 101A	Study 102A
Design	Phase 3, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicentre	Phase 1/2, open-label, multicentre	Phase 2, open-label, multicentre, long term extension (LTE) of Study 101A
Population	Patients aged 2 years and older with ARG1-D		
Intervention	Pegzilarginase plus individualised disease management (IDM)		
Comparator	Placebo plus IDM	NA	NA
Duration	24 weeks placebo controlled randomised followed by 150 weeks single arm LTE	20 weeks	Up to 3years
Primary outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plasma arginine concentration</li> <li>• Level of ornithine and guanidino compounds</li> <li>• Mobility</li> <li>• Adaptive behaviour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neurocognitive function</li> <li>• Adverse effects of treatment</li> <li>• Health-related quality of life</li> <li>• Overall response rate</li> </ul>	
Locations	US, UK, France, Canada, Austria, Germany and Italy	US, UK Portugal, Canada	

- Evidence from PEACE is main data source used in economic model, whilst evidence from Study 101A/102A is also used
- Evidence from a burden of illness (BOI) survey (a European survey of resource use and health related quality of life in people with ARG1-D and their caregivers) is used to inform utility values in the model

# PEACE and Study 101/102A eligibility criteria

**Table:** PEACE and Study 101A/102A inclusion and exclusion criteria

	PEACE	Study 101A	Study 102A
Inclusion criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented ARG1-D diagnosis (through elevated plasma arginine [pArg], pathogenic variants in ARG1, and/or erythrocyte ARG1 activity)</li> <li>pArg <math>\geq 250</math> <math>\mu\text{M}</math> (mean of all screening values)</li> <li>Male and female patients aged <math>\geq 2</math> years of age on the date of informed consent/assent</li> <li>Impairment on any secondary functional mobility assessment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient <math>\geq 2</math> years old with baseline plasma arginine (pArg) levels <math>&gt; 200</math> <math>\mu\text{M}</math>.</li> <li>Diagnosis confirmed by the presence of pathogenic variants in the <i>ARG1</i> gene or deficiency in red blood cell enzyme activity</li> </ul>	As per Study 101A but patients were also required to complete Study 101A without experiencing any clinically significant adverse event or other unmanageable drug toxicity that would preclude continued dosing
Exclusion criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symptomatic hyperammonaemia (ammonia <math>\geq 100</math> <math>\mu\text{M}</math> requiring acute care or hospitalisation)</li> <li>Extreme mobility deficit (i.e., unable to complete mobility assessments)</li> <li>Other medical conditions or comorbidities that would preclude study compliance</li> <li>Patients with ongoing or planned initiation of treatment with botulinum toxin</li> <li>Participation in previous pegzilarginase study</li> <li>Prior liver or haemopoietic transplant procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent hyperammonaemic episode requiring hospitalisation or active infection requiring treatment</li> <li>History of hypersensitivity to polyethylene glycol</li> </ul>	

# Baseline characteristics: PEACE study

**Table:** Patient demographics and baseline characteristics (full analysis set)

		Pegzilarginase (n=21)	Placebo (n=11)	Overall (n=32)
<b>Age at enrollment (years)</b>	Mean (SD)	9.6 (6.16)	12.9 (6.77)	10.7 (6.47)
<b>Age categories (years), n (%)</b>	2 - <6	5 (23.8)	1 (9.1)	6 (18.8)
	6 - <12	8 (38.1)	4 (36.4)	12 (37.5)
	12 - <18	7 (33.3)	4 (36.4)	11 (34.4)
	≥18	1 (4.8)	2 (18.2)	3 (9.4)
<b>Sex, n (%)</b>	Female	9 (42.9)	4 (36.4)	13 (40.6)
	Male	12 (57.1)	7 (63.6)	19 (59.4)
<b>Age at onset of manifestations, years</b>	N	11	10	21
	Mean (SD)	1.6 (2.5)	2.5 (2.0)	1.9 (2.4)
<b>Age at diagnosis, years</b>	N	17	9	26
	Mean (SD)	2.8 (4.1)	4.2 (3.1)	3.3 (3.8)
<b>Baseline pArg, µM<sup>a</sup></b>	N	19	11	30
	Mean (SD)	365.4 (93.7)	471.7 (79.9)	402.0 (101.8)

<sup>a</sup> One patient had pArg <250 µM (screening, 242 µM; baseline, 202 µM) but was considered eligible for the study based on documented historical pArg levels.

Source: Company submission, Table 11

See appendix slide: [‘Other baseline characteristics: PEACE study’](#)

# Baseline characteristics: Study 101A/102A

**Table:** Patient demographics and baseline characteristics (full analysis set)

		Study 101A (n=16)	Study 102A (n=14)
<b>Age at enrollment (years)</b>	Mean (SD)	15.1 (8.47)	
<b>Age categories (years), n (%)</b>	2 - <6	2 (12.5)	
	6 - <12	4 (25.0)	
	12 - <18	5 (31.3)	3 (21.4)
	≥18	5 (31.3)	5 (35.7)
<b>Sex, n (%)</b>	Female	11 (68.8)	
	Male	5 (31.3)	
<b>Age at initial symptoms, years<sup>a</sup></b>	N		
	Mean (SD)		
<b>Baseline pArg, μM<sup>a</sup></b>	Mean (SD)	373.4 (91.31)	309.2 (97.60)

<sup>a</sup> One patient was diagnosed via newborn screening and did not present with initial symptoms

Source: Company submission, Table 15

See appendix slide: [‘Other baseline characteristics: Study 101A/102A’](#)

# EAG critique of PEACE and Study 101A/102A study design

## PEACE:

- 24 weeks randomised double blind period is a short timescale → Longer period preferable to demonstrate clinical benefit in outcomes such as changes in walk tests and neurocognitive outcomes
- LTE had no comparator arm and no comparison to disease natural history was attempted
- Primary outcome was a surrogate (pArg) → Clinical advice to EAG noted pArg levels do not have a consistent relationship with severity of disease but is closely linked to hyperammonaemic crises (HACs)
- Agree stratification at baseline according to prior history of HACs may balance disease severity across groups at baseline, but unclear if other patient characteristics may be equally or more important → No justification provided by company in selecting factors
- Lower mean age and mean age at diagnosis in pegzilarginase arm compared with placebo arm may advantage pegzilarginase arm → Clinical advice to EAG noted that outcomes get worse with age. People in placebo arm likely to have worse prognosis as they are older

## Study 101A/102A:

- 102A had a higher mean age and lower pArg levels compared to PEACE

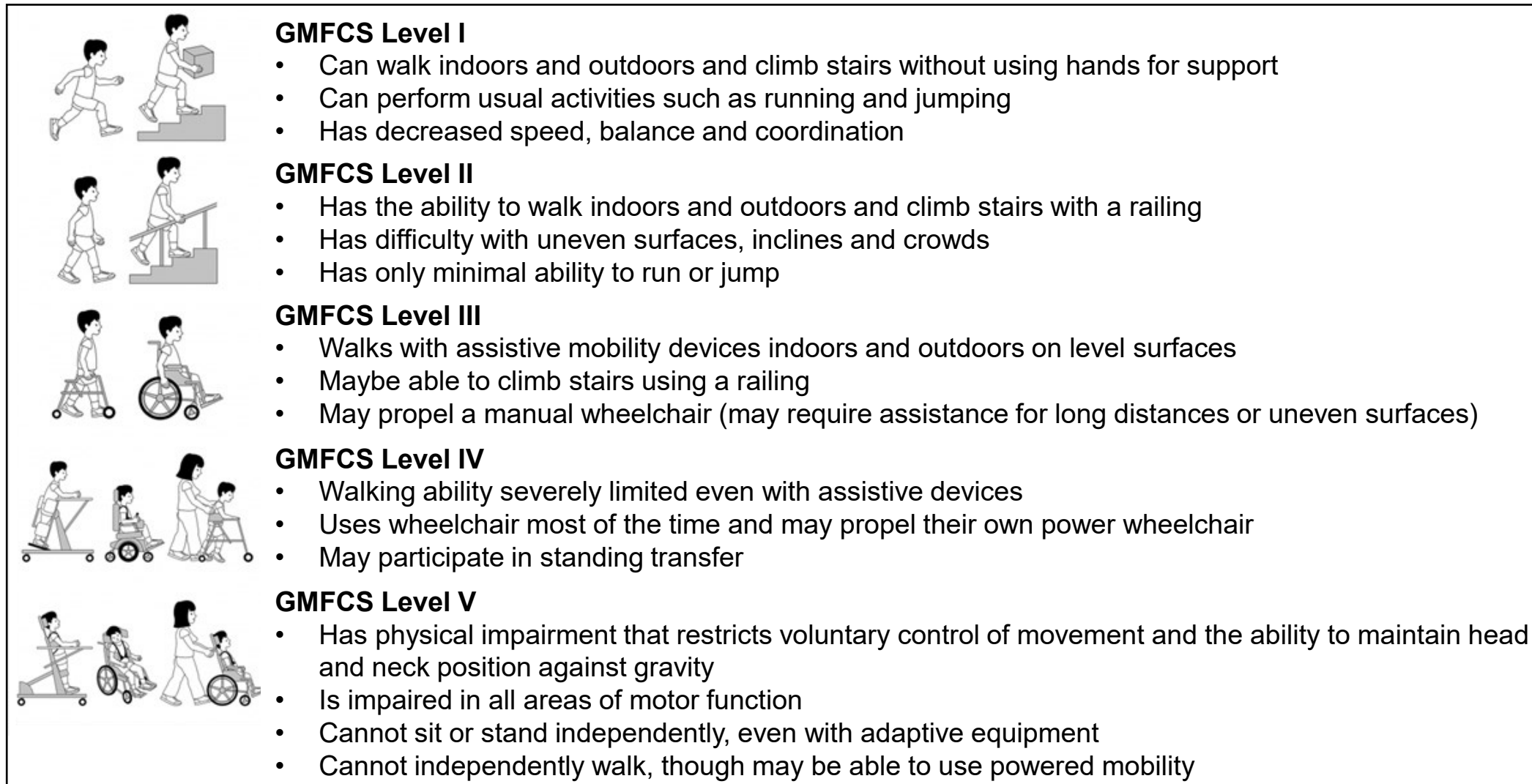
### Clinical expert submission

- Plasma arginine as a surrogate marker is reasonable given the implication of hyperargininaemia in the pathogenesis of neurological disease in arginase deficiency



# GMFCS categorisation

Figure: The company's representation of the GMFCS

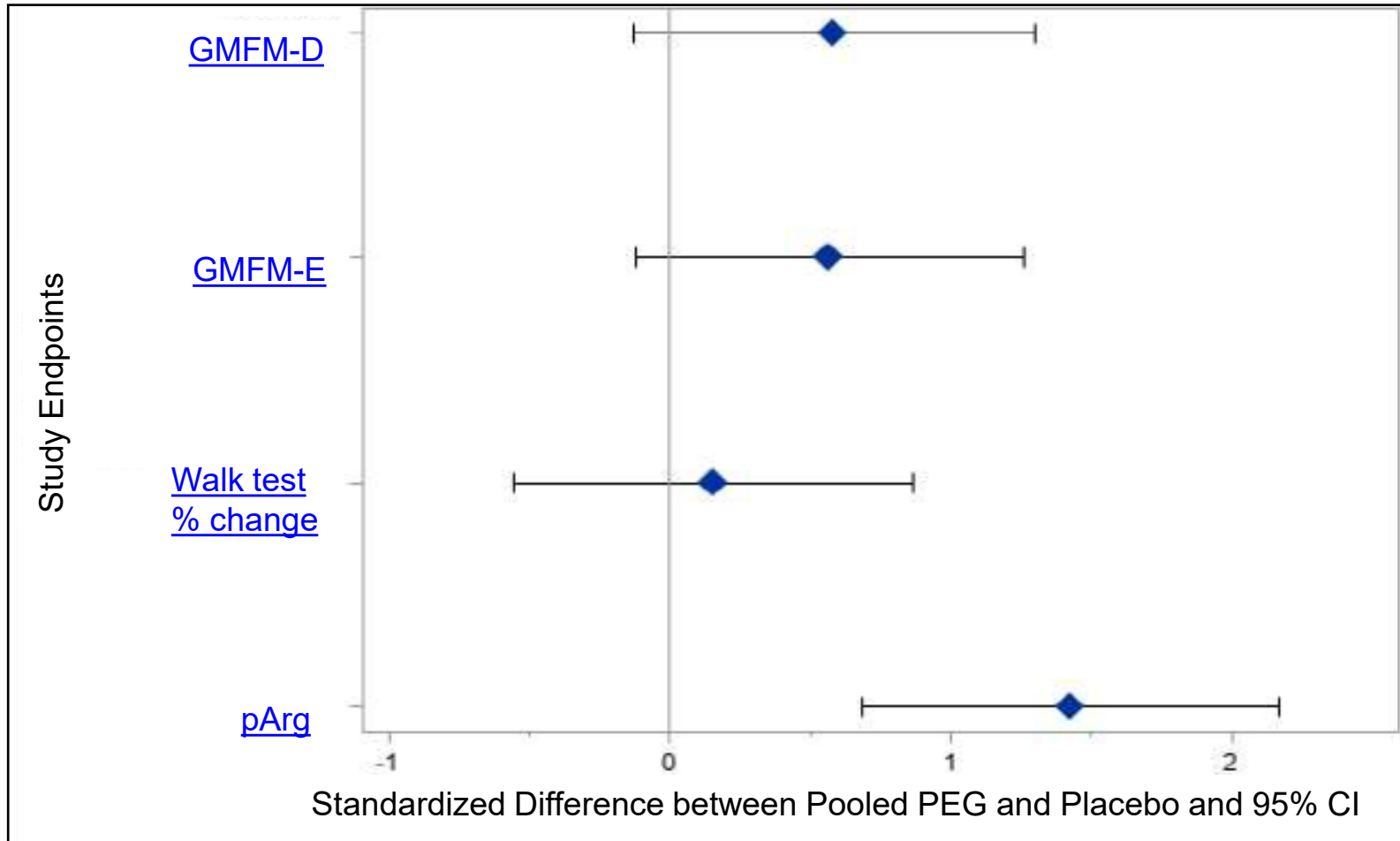


Source: EAR, Figure 2

# PEACE and Study 102A results

## Pooled analysis of biomechanical and motor outcomes

Figure: Pooled analysis of PEACE and Study 102A



### EAG comment:

- Pooled analysis of pArg is consistent with PEACE: Pooled (PEACE and Study 102A) mean change from baseline compared to placebo was -77.9%, consistent with -76.7% in PEACE

For other outcome results, see appendix slide: [PEACE results: Effect of pegzilarginase on ornithine and GC levels](#)

Source: EAR, Figure 7

# PEACE results

## Neurocognitive outcomes

**Table:** Clinical efficacy results for neurocognitive outcomes from PEACE

Trial arm		Baseline	Week 24	LTE24	LTE96	EOS
<b>VABS-II</b>						
Pegzilarginase	N					
	Mean (SD)					
	MCFB	-				
Placebo-pegzilarginase	N					
	Mean (SD)					
	MCFB	-				
Between group	Change from baseline	(LS mean difference: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">██████████</span> 95% CI: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">██████████</span> <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">██████████</span> p <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">██████████</span> )		-	-	-
<b>Wechsler</b>						
Pegzilarginase	N					
	Mean (SD)					
	MCFB	-				
Placebo-pegzilarginase	N					
	Mean (SD)					
	MCFB	-				
Between group	Change from baseline	NR		-	-	-

Source: EAR, Table 10

# EAG critique of clinical effectiveness evidence

Results for pArg levels are promising. Other outcome results uncertain and underpowered due to small patient numbers

## EAG comments:

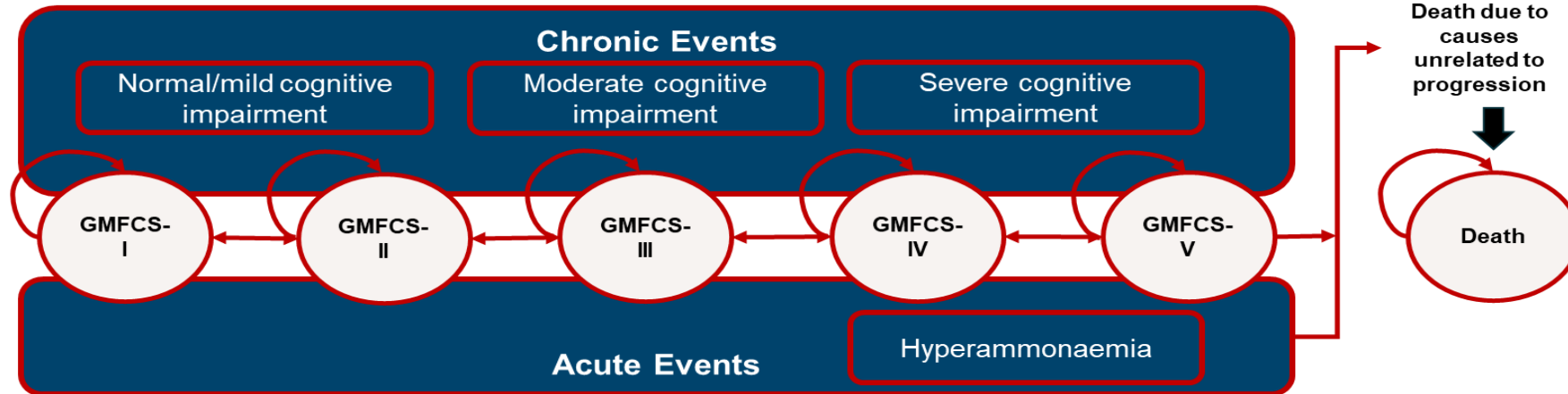
- Pegzilarginase appears to have a robust effect on pArg levels within first 24 weeks
  - pArg levels do not have a consistent relationship with disease severity. But it is a marker of disease used to monitor patients → Also closely linked to hyperammonaemic crises (HACs)
- Effect on clinical outcomes (motor, neurocognitive and QoL) in short-term less certain → Results were not both clinically and statistically significant or were not tested for statistical significance
- Uncertainty around generalisability of MCIDs used for ARG1-D and underpowering may have affected outcomes → Some risk of bias from imbalances in baseline characteristics between arms in PEACE study
- Long-term pArg levels and motor outcomes uncertain → Lack of comparator arm and small patient numbers
- Long term effects on neurocognition and QoL were mixed and uncertain
- Results for HACs favoured pegzilarginase numerically but subject to limitations for analyses performed
- Plausible ceiling effect for mobility and spasticity outcomes → Small improvements in GMFCS-I state was expected as little room for improvement when baseline measurements are high

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# Company's model overview

Figure 4: Model structure



Source: adapted from EAR, Figure 10

<b>Model structure</b>	Cohort-level Markov
<b>Time horizon and perspective</b>	Lifetime (87 years) NHS and PSS perspective
<b>Discount rate</b>	3.5% per annum for both health outcomes and costs
<b>Assumptions with large impact on cost effectiveness results</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pegzilarginase stops disease deterioration after 3 years</b></li> <li>• Starting distribution of patients across GMFCS states</li> <li>• Assumption that almost all patients die by 35 years of age</li> <li>• Life expectancy for patients receiving pegzilarginase treatment</li> <li>• Cognitive improvement associated with pegzilarginase treatment</li> <li>• Disutility for carers</li> <li>• Pegzilarginase drug wastage</li> <li>• Treatment discontinuation assumptions for pegzilarginase</li> </ul>	

GMFCS: Gross Motor Function Classification System; PSS; Personal social services

# Summary of evidence used in the company's base case (1)

Parameter group		Source
Patient characteristics (Age, gender, distribution across GMFCS states)		Pooled data from PEACE, Study 101A/102A, and European BOI survey – [REDACTED] years
Weight ratio vs general population		Ratio of pooled weight in PEACE and Study 101A/102A compared with the expected weight given same age and sex distribution: [REDACTED] for paediatric, [REDACTED] for adult
Initial transition probabilities		Calculated using data from the PEACE study
Longer-term transition probabilities		Pegzilarginase: Assumed no change in GMFCS state IDM: Decline in GMFM DE score per year used to derive transition probabilities
HAC	Frequency (IDM)	Frequency: pooled data from Urea Cycle Disorders Consortium Registry and placebo arm in PEACE
	Rate ratio (pegzilarginase compared with IDM)	PEACE

# Summary of evidence used in the company's base case (2)

Parameter group		Source
Mortality	General population	UK life tables
	SMR for IDM	Model calibration assuming 'nearly all' patients die by 35 years of age
	SMR for Pegzilarginase	HST 18
	HAC	Published data for urea cycle disorders conditional on age and peak ammonia levels
	Distribution of peak ammonia level in HACs	PEACE study dependent on treatment arm
Utilities	GMFC-II to -V	European BOI survey mapped to EQ-5D-3L
	GMFC-1	Midway between the European BOI survey mapped to EQ-5D-3L values and the general population value matched for age and sex
	Cognitive disutility	HST18
	Utility gain from improved diet	Calculated from data in HST13, a vignette study, and general population data
Source of costs		European BOI survey, with HST18 used as supplementary evidence
<b>HST13:</b> Volanesorsen for treating familial chylomicronaemia syndrome		
<b>HST18:</b> Atidarsagene autotemcel for treating metachromatic leukodystrophy		



# Key issue: Starting distribution by GMFCS states

## Company

- Uses pooled data from PEACE, Study101A/102A and BOI survey to inform starting distribution across GMFCS states in base case

## EAG comments

- Clinical advice suggests distribution of patients across GMFCS states may be more representative in the European BOI survey than in clinical studies where more severe patients may be underrepresented
- Presented scenario analyses setting the initial distribution equal to that observed in the BOI survey (SA5)

## NICE technical team

- Issue has large impact on ICER – clinical expert input could be informative for NHS England population

**Table:** Alternative starting distribution between GMFCS states

	Distribution of GMFCS at model entry					Source
	I	II	III	IV	V	
<b>Company's Base-case</b>	48.44%	34.38%	3.13%	12.50%	1.56%	Pooled data from the PEACE study, study 101A/102A, and BOI survey (n=64)
<b>EAG scenario analysis (SA5)</b>	50.00%	31.25%	0.00%	12.50%	6.25%	BOI survey (n=16)

Source: EAR, Table 29



What distribution by GMFCS health states should be assumed at the start of the model?

# Key issue: Assuming patients on pegzilarginase remain in same GMFCS state after 3 years

## Company

- Model assumes people receiving pegzilarginase treatment remain in same state after 3 years of treatment
  - In trials, some patients' GMFM D&E scores were still improving up to 4 years post treatment initiation
  - Controlled pArg results in controlled underlying disease pathogenesis → No reason for progression
  - Patients can't become resistant to pegzilarginase

## EAG comments

- Whilst clinical experts consulted by EAG believe that this is plausible, PEACE study only reported data on mobility outcomes for a short period → Assumption hinges on expert opinion
- Presented four scenario analyses (SA1):
  - 1) After 3 years of treatment, the risk of transition to the next worse GMFCS state is 10% (SA1a) and 20% (SA1b) of that associated with IDM
  - 2) People remain in the same GMFCS state after 2 years (SA1c) or 4 years (SA1d) of treatment with pegzilarginase



What should be assumed for long term outcomes with pegzilarginase and at what time point should this be applied in the model?

# Transition probabilities: disease progression

## Initial disease progression:

- Transition probabilities between health states estimated using GMFCS changes between visits in PEACE study for duration of follow-up
- For pegzilarginase, a time-invariant transition matrix was estimated based on 96 weeks of data, which is assumed to apply for 3 years (157 weeks)
- For IDM, a time-invariant transition matrix was estimated based on 24 weeks of data, which the company assumed to be generalisable for half a year (26 weeks)

## Long term disease progression:

- For pegzilarginase, company assumed no disease progression after 3 years → All patients remain in GMFCS state that they were in at 3 years if receiving pegzilarginase
- For IDM, company estimated transition probabilities in multiple steps
  - Estimated relationship between GMFM DE score and GMFCS state → Assumed thresholds for change between GMFCS states were mid-way between lower CI for better health state and upper CI for worse health state
  - Calculated average times taken to move through GMFCS states based upon a linear regression of GMFM DE score and patient age → 1.45 decline in GMFM DE estimated per year
  - Constant transition probabilities generated using inverse of mean time in state, converting from annual to cycle-specific transition probabilities
- **EAG comment:** Inverse of mean time in state should be considered as a rate rather than probability

# Key issue: Uncertainty around long-term transition probabilities for IDM (1)

## 1) Error in calculating the transition probabilities for IDM

**Company:** Transition probabilities generated using inverse of time in each health state

**EAG:** Inverse of time spent in a GMFCS state is a rate which should be converted to a probability (EA1)

## 2) Starting GMFM DE score for patients in GMFCS-I

**Company:** Assumes a score of ■ for patients in GMFCS-I

**EAG:** Uses GMFM DE score of ■ (mean of PEACE and Study 101A/102A) for patients in GMFCS-I (EA2)

## 3) Decrease in GMFM DE score as patients age

**Company:** Assumed that patients' GMFM DE score declines by 1.45 per year

**EAG:** Uses upper limit of 95% CI (2.66) for decline in GMFM DE score per year (EA3)

- EAG also provided scenario analysis (SA7) where transition probabilities between GMFCS states for patients receiving IDM, were changed from the EAG base case to those associated with the time in a GMFCS state calculated using the midpoint GMFM DE score values for each GMFCS state

See appendix slides: [‘Error in calculating the transition probabilities for IDM’](#), [‘Starting GMFM DE score for patients in GMFCS-I’](#) and [‘Decrease in GMFM DE score as patients age’](#). Back to slides: [‘Key issues’](#) and [‘Questions for committee’](#)


# Key issue: Uncertainty around long-term transition probabilities for IDM (2)

Table: IDM transition probabilities

Transitioning from	Company's base case	EA1	EA2	EA3	EAG's base-case (EA1+EA2+EA3)*	SA7
GMFCS-I	■	■	■	■	■	■
GMFCS-II	■	■	■	■	■	■
GMFCS-III	■	■	■	■	■	■
GMFCS-IV	■	■	■	■	■	■

Source: EAR, Table 28

See appendix slides: [‘Error in calculating the transition probabilities for IDM’](#), [‘Starting GMFM DE score for patients in GMFCS-I’](#) and [‘Decrease in GMFM DE score as patients age’](#). Back to slides: [‘Key issues’](#) and [‘Questions for committee’](#)

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1. Is the EAG's approach to use the upper limit of the 95% CI (2.66) as the decline in GMFM DE score per year appropriate for decision making?
  2. For IDM arm, is the EAG's approach to calculate transition probabilities between GMFCS states using inverse of the time spent in a GMFCS state appropriate for decision making?
  3. Is the EAG's approach to use the mean GMFM DE score from PEACE and STUDY101A/102A for patients starting in GMFCS-I appropriate for decision making?
  4. Is the EAG's approach for calculating transition probabilities for IDM in SA7 appropriate for decision making?

# Mortality

- Little literature evidence was found for mortality associated with ARG1-D
- Company not aware of many patients >40 years in any centres throughout Europe → Only one patient aged 49 in BOI survey
- To estimate long-term survival, company calibrated the model such that “nearly all” patients receiving IDM die by 35 years of age, including deaths associated with HACs
- Assumed that (i) SMRs from MLD compared to an age- and sex-matched population captured the impact of neuro-disability on mortality and were generalisable for people with ARG1-D treated with pegzilarginase, having removed the toxicity associated with the MLD treatment (atidarsagene autotemcel) and (ii) that a multiplier would be applied to pegzilarginase SMRs to obtain SMRs for patients treated with IDM

# Key issue: Assumption that almost all patients die by 35 years of age

## Company

- Model assume that “nearly all” patients receiving IDM die by 35 years of age, including deaths associated with HACs

## EAG comments

- Clinical advice suggests it is unlikely that nearly all patients would die by 35 years of age
- Notes that one patient was aged 49 years in the BOI survey
- Presented following scenario analyses (SA6):
  - 1) **SA6a:** Age at which nearly all people were dead was 50 years
  - 2) **SA6b:** Calibrated the model using the assumed starting age of patients in the model (■ years) rather than assuming patients were aged 4 years

 Is it appropriate to assume that nearly all patients receiving IDM die by 35 years of age?

# Key issue: Life expectancy for patients receiving pegzilarginase

## Company

- Model assumes data from an age- and sex-matched population with metachromatic leukodystrophy, with impact of toxicity removed, were generalisable to patients with ARG1-D receiving pegzilarginase
- Multiplier applied to pegzilarginase SMRs to obtain SMRs for IDM - company estimated an SMR for IDM 800 times greater than SMR for pegzilarginase. With this, proportion of alive is 0.0008% at 35 years

## EAG comment

- Presented scenario assuming SMR for pegzilarginase arm is twice the company's base case (SA11)

## Clinical expert submission

- Not possible to comment if technology will impact on length of life based on currently available data

**Table:** Alternative SMRs applied in the model by the EAG

Health State	SMR (company and EAG's base case)		SMR (SA7)	
	Pegzilarginase	IDM	Pegzilarginase	IDM
GMFCS-I	1.16	928.0	2.32	1160.00
GMFCS-II	1.32	1056.0	2.64	1320.00
GMFCS-III	1.80	1440.0	3.60	1800.00
GMFCS-IV	1.80	1440.0	3.60	1800.00
GMFCS-V	8.14	6508.8	16.27	8136.00

## NICE technical team

- Query company's modelled estimates of similar life years gained (LYGs) for pegzilarginase across health states

Source: EAR, Table 19 and 32

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Is EAG's scenario assuming the SMR associated with pegzilarginase arm is twice that in the company's base case more appropriate for decision making?





# Key issue: Distribution of peak ammonia levels during a HAC

















## Company

- A proportion of HACs are assumed to result in death → Risk of death due to a HAC estimated, using data from UCDC registry, conditional on age and four peak ammonia categories

## EAG comments

- Peak ammonia levels during a HAC on pegzilarginase treatment informed by only  data points and 
- Presented a scenario analysis by applying a continuity correction, operationalised by splitting one additional data point across all four peak ammonia categories for both treatment arms (SA8)

**Table:** Peak ammonia levels during HACs conditional on treatment

Peak ammonia level	Distribution of peak ammonia level in HACs			
	Company base case		EAG scenario (SA8)	
	Pegzilarginase	IDM	Pegzilarginase	IDM
≤200 µmol/L				
>200-500 µmol/L				
>500-1000 µmol/L				
>1000 µmol/L				

Source: EAR, Table 30

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Is the distribution of peak ammonia levels from company’s base case or EAG scenario SA8 more appropriate for decision making?

# Utility Values

- Health state utility values are mainly taken from European BOI survey - includes EQ-5D-5L responses from **2 patients and 14 carers** → EQ-5D-5L responses mapped to EQ-5D-3L
- For GMFCS-I, company stated EQ-5D-3L value substantially lower than in similar health states in cerebral palsy and metachromatic leukodystrophy. Instead, company used mean of utility value of the GMFCS-I state in BOI survey and general population utility at 13 years old
- For GMFCS-III, average of GMFCS-II and GMFCS-IV was used
- Additionally, disutility is applied for cognitive disability, HACs (0.067) and caregiver disutility
- Utility values for GMFCS-V with severe cognitive impairment are capped at -0.250
- Utility gain of 0.01 is applied associated with an improved diet due to pegzilarginase treatment

# Disutility: Cognitive disability

- Model includes disutility associated with cognitive disability persisting indefinitely in each health state
- Disutility values estimated by GMFCS state, using values for MLD presented in a report for the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review
  - Disutility was calculated by subtracting utility values for moderate and severe cognitive function health states from that for mild/normal cognitive function health state in early juvenile patients with MLD
- Company assumed no loss of utility in no impairment and mild impairment states

**Table:** Cognitive deficit by GMFCS health state

Health State	Disutility Associated with		Source
	Moderate impairment	Severe impairment	
GMFCS-I	0.24	0.53	Calculated from an Institute for Clinical and Economic Review report on MLD
GMFCS-II	0.28	0.57	
GMFCS-III	0.28	0.49	
GMFCS-IV	0.16	0.17 <sup>2</sup>	
GMFCS-V	0.12 <sup>1</sup>	0.12 <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> Original value 0.17; 0.12 used as the company assumes utility cannot be below -0.250

<sup>2</sup> Original value 0.33; 0.17 used as the company assumes utility cannot be below -0.250

<sup>3</sup> Original value 0.33; 0.12 used as the company assumes utility cannot be below -0.250

Source: EAR addendum, Table 2

# Key issue: Cognitive improvement associated with pegzilarginase

## Company

- Model assume random improvements in cognitive ability associated with pegzilarginase treatment over IDM for patients in same GMFCS state for GMFCS-I to GMFCS-III

## EAG comments

- Whilst clinical experts consulted by the EAG believe that this is plausible, there is also a large degree of uncertainty related to this benefit provided by pegzilarginase
- Presented a scenario analysis (SA2) which assumes cognitive impairment by GMFCS state is independent of treatment (i.e. distributions of cognitive impairment for pegzilarginase = IDM)

See appendix slide: '[Distributions across cognitive impairment bands](#)'  
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How should improvement in cognitive ability associated with pegzilarginase treatment be modelled?

# Key issue: Utility gain associated with an improved diet

## Company

- Presented data showing >25% of people in LTE receiving pegzilarginase had increased protein consumption of >15% relative to baseline
- Attributed a benefit of less strict dietary protein restriction estimated using a utility decrement reported in HST13 informed by a vignette study → Assumed an improved diet associated with utility gain of 0.039
- Applied to 24.7% of patients (difference in % of patients in PEACE that increased protein consumption by >15% in pegzilarginase arm (42.9%) compared with IDM arm (18.2%))
- Resulted in average increase in utility of 0.01, due to benefits in improvements in dietary restrictions which was applied indefinitely

## EAG comments

- EAG clinical experts supported increase in utility for patients eating more protein
- Associated gain in utility value is uncertain
- EAG provided a scenario assuming a utility gain of zero (SA3)

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Is it appropriate to apply a utility gain of 0.01 associated with an improved diet due to pegzilarginase treatment?

# Utility values: summary

**Table:** Starting utility values for patients used in company's base case excluding decrements due to HACs and including utility gain associated with an improved diet due to pegzilarginase treatment

	GMFCS-I	GMFCS-II	GMFCS-III	GMFCS-IV	GMFCS-V
<b>IDM</b>					
<b>Mild/no cognitive impairment</b>	0.855	0.604	0.263	-0.077	-0.126
<b>Moderate cognitive impairment</b>	0.615	0.324	-0.017	-0.237	-0.250
<b>Severe cognitive impairment</b>	0.325	0.034	-0.227	-0.250	-0.250
<b>Pegzilarginase + IDM*</b>					
<b>Mild/no cognitive impairment</b>	0.865	0.613	0.273	-0.067	-0.117
<b>Moderate cognitive impairment</b>	0.624	0.333	-0.007	-0.227	-0.240
<b>Severe cognitive impairment</b>	0.334	0.043	-0.217	-0.240	-0.240
* Utility gain of 0.01 associated with an improved diet due to pegzilarginase treatment					

Source: EAR, Table 21

# Key issue: Disutility for carers

## Company

- Base case model applies caregiver disutilities from HST18 → GMFC-MLD health states are collapsed into GMFCS health states according to clinical expert feedback
- Model assumes 2 carers up to 16 years of patients age, followed by 1 carer after 16 years of age

## EAG comments:

- Provided scenario analyses (SA10):
  - 1) **SA10a:** Carer disutility = 0.062 based on difference between caregivers and population norm in UK reported (Sevin et al.) but only applied to carers of patients in GMFCS-III and above
  - 2) **SA10b:** Carer disutility values from BOI survey pooled for GMFCS-IV and GMFCS-V

**Table:** Company base case and EAG’s alternative carer disutility values

Health State	Company and EAG base case	EAG alternative assumption 1	EAG alternative assumption 2
GMFCS-I	0.01	0	0.018
GMFCS-II	0.03	0	0.149
GMFCS-III	0.07	0.062	0.106
GMFCS-IV	0.11	0.062	0.063
GMFCS-V	0.16	0.062	0.063

Source: EAR, Table 31

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Are the caregiver disutilities used in the company and EAG base case model appropriate?

# Key issue: Pegzilarginase drug wastage/dosing

## Company

- Assumes a 10% margin when estimating the number of vials required for patients
- Assumes a single value for weight at each age that was assumed to be applicable for all patients
- Method of using a weight distribution used in sensitivity analyses assuming full or no drug wastage

## EAG comments

- Clinical experts to EAG indicated:
  - i. Company's approach of 10% margin most appropriate, although uncertainty around true level of drug wastage
  - ii. There would be a concerted effort to reduce drug wastage which could include having an additional vial every two weeks should the optimal dose indicate half a vial a week
- Provided following scenario analyses (SA4):
  - 1) **SA4a:** Assuming full drug wastage (10% margin removed)
  - 2) **SA4b:** Assuming no drug wastage

## NICE technical team

- Weight-based drug costs: company assume same lower weight ratios from trials for patients throughout model – clinical expert input useful to state whether patients would gain weight with diet improvement etc on pegzilarginase. Provide scenarios with heavier weights assumed (including general population weights)

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What proportion of drug wastage is appropriate to assume in the economic model?  
Is it appropriate to assume same lower weight ratios for lifetime of the model?





# Key issue: Discontinuation rate

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## Company

- Model does not include a stopping rule based on pArg levels → Lack of consensus from clinical experts
- Although one patient (4.8%) discontinued pegzilarginase in the trial, model assumes a low (1%) annual discontinuation rate → Patient in the trial discontinued treatment early when receiving pegzilarginase by infusion in hospital. In practice patients can receive subcutaneous injections from treatment initiation

## EAG comments

- Clinical experts to EAG agreed that it's unlikely patients would discontinue pegzilarginase treatment where it was positively impacting on pArg levels → Presented scenario (SA9) assuming 0% discontinuation
- Company's model does not appear to have the functionality to incorporate responders and non-responders to pegzilarginase treatment → Unable to generate ICERs incorporating responders and non-responders → Cost-effectiveness likely improve if only patients that benefit most remaining on treatment

## Clinical expert submission

- It would be useful to have stop and start rules → Should be agreed with all the specialist centres

## NICE technical team

- Issue has large impact on weighted ICER – assuming a higher discontinuation rate substantially reduces number of undiscounted QALYs – provide scenarios with 2% and 4.8% (trial based) discontinuation rates

Should pegzilarginase treatment discontinuation be included in the economic model? If so,

- What proportion of treatment discontinuation should be included in the model?
- Should responders and non-responders be modelled separately?

# Key issue: QALY losses attributed to carers when calculating the weights for QALYs

## Company

- In company's base case the undiscounted incremental QALY gain associated with pegzilarginase treatment was 28.69 → Applied a weight of 2.87 to QALYs in line with NICE HST methods

## EAG comments

- Unclear whether calculation of incremental QALYs should include carer QALYs to estimate HST QALY weighting → QALY loss associated with carers for patients receiving pegzilarginase was 1.056 and 0.262 for patients receiving IDM
- Removing QALY losses for carers results in undiscounted incremental QALYs of 29.763 and a QALY weighting of 2.976
- Provided scenario analysis where QALYs associated with carers are removed from QALY weighting (SA12)

## NICE technical team

- QALY losses associated with carer disutility should not be included in calculation of QALY weights

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Should QALY losses attributed to carers be included in the QALY weighting calculation?

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# Company's base case results

## Deterministic incremental base case results

Technology	Total			Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)	
	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted*
Pegzilarginase	████	████	48.14	████	████	43.54	581,036	202,511
IDM	████	████	4.59	-	-	-	-	-

\* QALY weight of 2.87 is applied to the unweighted ICER

<sup>1</sup> Undiscounted

## Probabilistic incremental base case results\*\*

Technology	Total			Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)	
	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted*
Pegzilarginase	████	████	NR	████	████	NR	568,635	202,647
IDM	████	████	NR	-	-	-	-	-

\* QALY weight is applied to the unweighted ICER as follows: From 1000 iterations, mean: 2.77, min: 1.77, max: 3.00

\*\* EAG corrected an error in relation to the starting distribution used in the company's probabilistic analyses

<sup>1</sup> Undiscounted

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# EAG’s base case results

## Deterministic incremental base case results

Technology	Total			Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)	
	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted
Pegzilarginase	██████	██████	48.12	██████	██████	43.66	570,050	196,782
IDM	██████	██████	4.46	-	-	-	-	-

\* QALY weight of 2.90 is applied to the unweighted ICER

<sup>1</sup> Undiscounted

## Probabilistic incremental base case results

Technology	Total			Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)	
	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted
Pegzilarginase	██████	██████	48.41	██████	██████	42.64	558,411	197,659
IDM	██████	██████	5.77	-	-	-	-	-

\* QALY weight of is applied to the unweighted ICER as follows: From 1000 iterations, mean: 2.77, min: 1.77, max: 3.00

<sup>1</sup> Undiscounted

**EAG comment:** EAG’s sensitivity analyses should be deliberated by the Appraisal Committee and a preferred set of assumptions defined, for which the EAG can produce an Appraisal Committee ICER

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# EAG exploratory analysis

Exploratory analysis <sup>#</sup>	Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)		
	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted	Weight
<b>Company base case</b>	██████	██████	<b>43.54</b>	<b>581,036</b>	<b>202,511</b>	<b>2.87</b>
<b>EA1:</b> Correction of error in IDM transition probabilities	██████	██████	43.54	581,541	202,777	2.87
<b>EA2:</b> Assumed starting GMFM DE score for patients in GMFCS-I	██████	██████	43.56	578,715	201,293	2.87
<b>EA3:</b> Using lower 95% CI for decrease in GMFM DE score when ageing one year	██████	██████	43.66	571,449	197,503	2.89
<b>EAG deterministic base case (EA1+EA2+EA3)</b>	██████	██████	<b>43.66</b>	<b>570,050</b>	<b>196,782</b>	<b>2.90</b>
<b>EAG probabilistic base case (EA1+EA2+EA3)</b>	██████	██████	<b>42.64</b>	<b>558,411</b>	<b>197,659</b>	<b>2.79</b>

<sup>#</sup> Exploratory analysis are applied to company base case

<sup>\*</sup> QALY weight of is applied to the unweighted ICER

<sup>1</sup> Undiscounted

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# EAG deterministic scenarios analyses (1)

Scenario analysis <sup>#</sup>	Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)		
	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted	Weight
<b>EAG deterministic base case (EA1+EA2+EA3)</b>			<b>43.66</b>	<b>570,050</b>	<b>196,782</b>	<b>2.90</b>
<b>SA1a:</b> Risk of transition to the next worse GMFCS state is 10% of that associated with IDM			42.93	660,361	290,084	2.28
<b>SA1b:</b> Risk of transition to the next worse GMFCS state is 20% of that associated with IDM			42.16	756,108	413,825	1.83
<b>SA1c:</b> Remain in same health state after 2 years of pegzilarginase treatment			43.55	607,880	223,560	2.72
<b>SA1d:</b> Remain in same health state after 4 years of pegzilarginase treatment			43.76	544,422	181,474	3.00
<b>SA2:</b> Distribution of cognitive impairment independent of treatment			43.66	595,814	214,499	2.78
<b>SA3:</b> No utility gain from improved diet			43.66	579,193	203,093	2.85
<b>SA4a:</b> Full pegzilarginase wastage			43.66	604,664	208,731	2.90
<b>SA4b:</b> No pegzilarginase wastage			43.66	551,443	190,359	2.90

<sup>#</sup> Scenario analysis are applied to EAG's deterministic base case

<sup>1</sup> Undiscounted

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# EAG deterministic scenarios analyses (2)

Scenario analysis <sup>#</sup>	Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)		
	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted	Weight
<b>EAG deterministic base case (EA1+EA2+EA3)</b>	██████	██████	<b>43.66</b>	<b>570,050</b>	<b>196,782</b>	<b>2.90</b>
<b>SA5:</b> Starting distribution aligned with the European BOI study	██████	██████	43.48	604,747	219,465	2.76
<b>SA6a:</b> Assuming nearly all patients died before 50 years of age for the calibration	██████	██████	39.52	590,812	209,138	2.82
<b>SA6b:</b> Assuming a starting age of █████ years for the calibration	██████	██████	43.92	567,728	195,504	2.90
<b>SA7:</b> Using time in GMFCS health state based on midpoint GMFM DE scores	██████	██████	43.68	580,493	202,208	2.87
<b>SA8:</b> Adding a continuity correction to the peak ammonia levels data for HAC	██████	██████	42.60	570,730	201,596	2.83
<b>SA9:</b> Assuming no discontinuation (0%) of pegzilarginase treatment	██████	██████	61.10	570,668	190,223	3.00

<sup>#</sup> Scenario analysis are applied to EAG's deterministic base case

<sup>\*\*</sup> NICE technical team scenarios validated by EAG

<sup>1</sup> Undiscounted

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# EAG deterministic scenarios analyses (3)

Scenario analysis <sup>#</sup>	Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)		
	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted	Weight
<b>EAG deterministic base case (EA1+EA2+EA3)</b>	██████	██████	<b>43.66</b>	<b>570,050</b>	<b>196,782</b>	<b>2.90</b>
<b>SA10a:</b> Assuming a carer disutility of 0.062 for patients in GMFCS-III and above	██████	██████	43.66	559,359	189,134	2.96
<b>SA10b:</b> Assuming carer disutility from the BOI survey pooling GMFCS-IV and GMFCS-V	██████	██████	43.66	592,828	213,717	2.77
<b>SA11:</b> Assuming double the SMR associated with pegzilarginase treatment	██████	██████	40.38	564,433	208,685	2.70
<b>SA12:</b> Removing QALY losses for carers when calculating the QALY weight	██████	██████	43.66	570,050	191,530	2.98
<b>SA13:</b> Using a starting age of 18 years	██████	██████	42.64	557,132	201,354	2.77
<b>SA14:</b> Utility from Ryan et al. (in cerebral palsy and using EQ-5D-Y)	██████	██████	43.66	566,727	193,127	2.93

<sup>#</sup> Scenario analysis are applied to EAG's deterministic base case  
<sup>1</sup> Undiscounted

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# NICE technical team analyses (1)

Scenario analysis <sup>#</sup>	Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)			
	Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted	Weight	
<b>EAG deterministic base case (EA1+EA2+EA3)</b>	██████	██████	<b>43.66</b>	<b>570,050</b>	<b>196,782</b>	<b>2.90</b>	
<b>Weight: ██████ patients under 16 years of age and 0.95 patients aged 16 years or over relative to general pop (age matched)**</b>	██████	██████	43.66	664,455	229,371	2.90	
<b>Weight: patients assumed to have general population weight (age matched)**</b>	██████	██████	43.66	674,136	232,712	2.90	
<b>GMFCS** subgroups</b>	GMFCS 1	██████	██████	43.66	483,222	161,074	3.00
	GMFCS 2	██████	██████	43.93	532,778	77,593	3.00
	GMFCS 3	██████	██████	43.78	747,564	359,730	2.08
	GMFCS 4	██████	██████	43.39	1,637,042	1,637,042	1.00
	GMFCS 5	██████	██████	39.91	dominated	dominated	1.00

<sup>#</sup> Scenario analysis are applied to EAG's deterministic base case

<sup>\*\*</sup> NICE technical team scenarios validated by EAG <sup>1</sup> Undiscounted

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# NICE technical team analyses (2)

Scenario analysis <sup>#</sup>		Incremental			ICER (£/QALY)		
		Costs (£)	QALYs	LYGs <sup>1</sup>	Unweighted	Weighted	Weight
<b>EAG deterministic base case (EA1+EA2+EA3)*</b>		██████	██████	<b>43.66</b>	<b>570,050</b>	<b>196,782</b>	<b>2.90</b>
Pegzilarginase discontinuation	0% (assumption) EAG SA9	██████	██████	61.10	570,668	190,223	3.00
	2% annually (assumption)**	██████	██████	32.40	569,773	259,761	2.19
	4.8% annually (trial based)**	██████	██████	16.74	569,916	478,657	1.19

<sup>#</sup> Scenario analysis are applied to EAG's deterministic base case

<sup>\*</sup> EAG base case uses 1% pegzilarginase discontinuation annually

<sup>\*\*</sup> NICE technical team scenarios validated by EAG

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# Other considerations

## Potential for managed access

- Managed access not proposed by the company

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# Key issues and questions for committee (1)

## Cost-effectiveness issues

### Starting distribution of patients across GMFCS states

- Is the starting distribution of patients across GMFCS states informed by BOI survey more appropriate than pooled data from the PEACE study, study 101A/102A, and BOI survey?

### Assuming patients on pegzilarginase treatment remain in the same GMFCS state after 3 years

- What should be assumed for long term outcomes with pegzilarginase and at what time point should this be applied in the model?

### Uncertainty around transition probabilities for IDM

1. Is the EAG's approach to use the upper limit of the 95% CI (2.66) as the decline in GMFM DE score per year appropriate for decision making?
2. For IDM arm, is the EAG's approach to calculate transition probabilities between GMFCS states using inverse of the time spent in a GMFCS state appropriate for decision making?
3. Is the EAG's approach to use the mean GMFM DE score from PEACE and STUDY101A/102A for patients starting in GMFCS-I appropriate for decision making?
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### Assumption that almost all patients die by 35 years of age

- Is it appropriate to assume that nearly all patients receiving IDM die by 35 years of age?

### Life expectancy for patients receiving pegzilarginase treatment

- Is EAG's scenario assuming the SMR associated with pegzilarginase arm is twice that in the company's base case more appropriate for decision making?

# Key issues and questions for committee (2)

## Cost-effectiveness issues

### Distribution of peak ammonia levels during a HAC

- Is the distribution of peak ammonia levels from company's base case or EAG scenario SA8 more appropriate for decision making?

### Cognitive improvement associated with pegzilarginase treatment

- How should improvement in cognitive ability associated with pegzilarginase treatment be modelled?

### Utility gain associated with an improved diet due to pegzilarginase treatment

- Is it appropriate to apply a utility gain of 0.01 associated with an improved diet due to pegzilarginase treatment?

### Disutility for carers

- Are the caregiver disutilities used in the company and EAG base case model appropriate

### Pegzilarginase drug wastage/dosing

- What proportion of drug wastage is appropriate to assume in the economic model?
- Is the company's weight assumptions appropriate throughout the economic model?

### Discontinuation rate

- Should pegzilarginase treatment discontinuation be included in the economic model? If so,
  - What proportion of treatment discontinuation should be included in the model?
  - Should responders and non-responders be modelled separately?

### QALY losses attributed to carers when calculating the weights for QALYs

- Should QALY losses attributed to carers be included in the QALY weighting calculation?

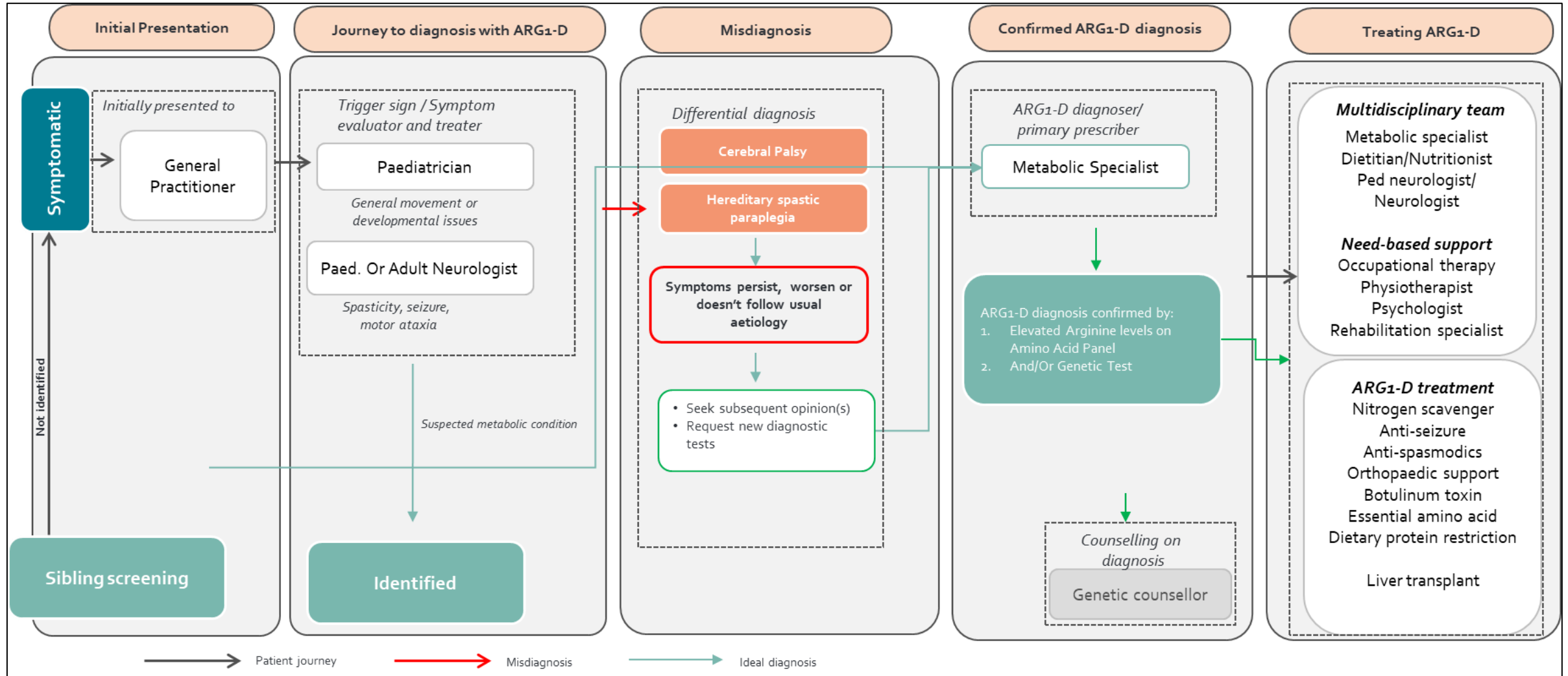


# Pegzilarginase for treating arginase-1 deficiency

## Supplementary appendix

# Treatment pathway

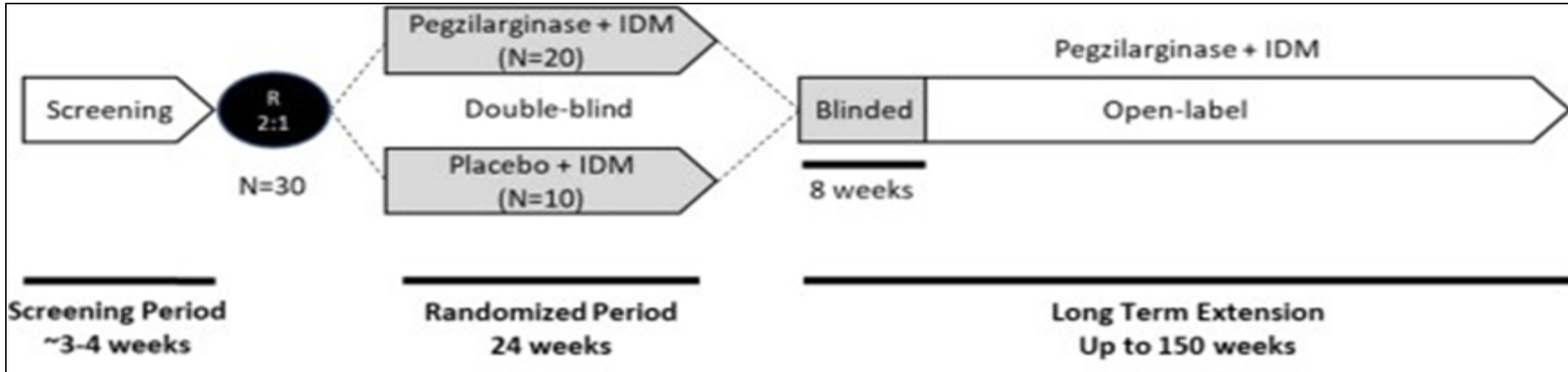
Figure: Current clinical care pathway for ARG1-D patients in England



Source: Company submission, Figure 10

# Clinical effectiveness evidence: PEACE study design

Figure: PEACE study design

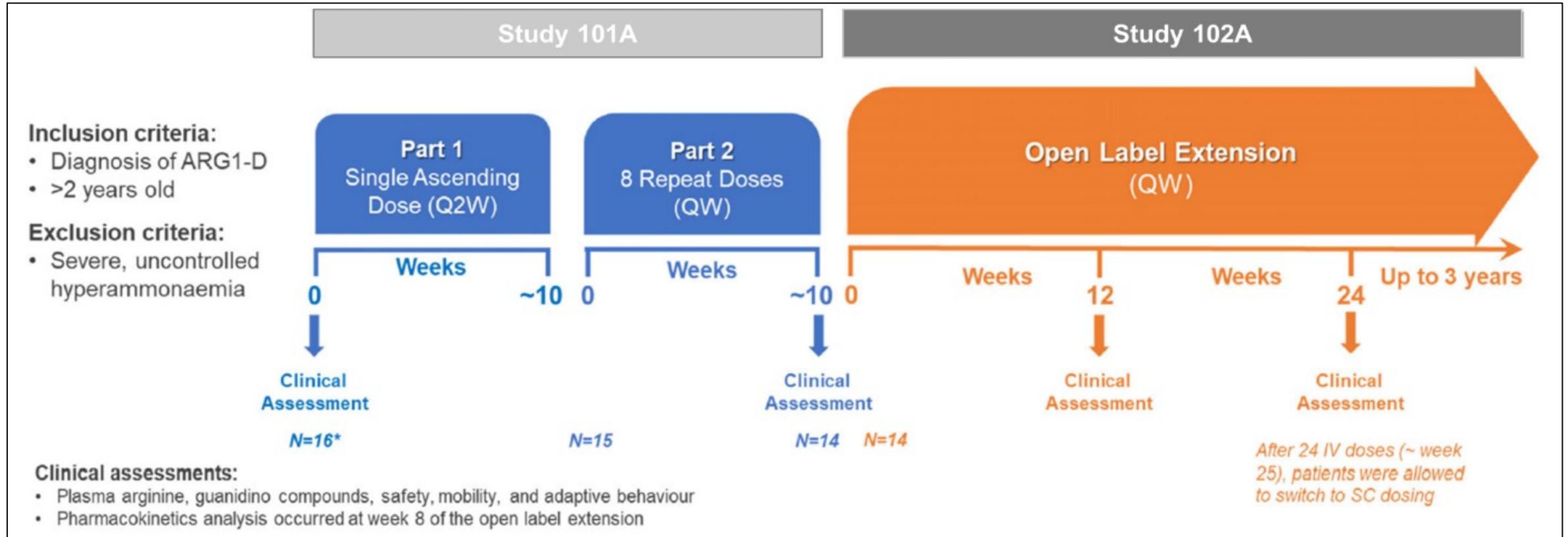


Source: Company submission, Figure 12

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# Clinical effectiveness evidence: Study 101A/102A design

Figure: Study 101A and Study 102A study design



Source: Company Submission, Figure 13

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# Other baseline characteristics: PEACE study

**Table:** Patient demographics and baseline characteristics (full analysis set)

		Pegzilarginase (n=21)	Placebo (n=11)	Overall (n=32)
Level of spasticity, n (%)	Any	13 (61.9)	8 (72.7)	21 (65.5)
	Lower-limb	13 (61.9)	8 (72.7)	21 (65.6)
	Upper-limb	1 (4.8)	3 (27.3)	4 (12.5)
	Moderate to severe	6 (28.6)	6 (54.5)	12 (37.5)
History of seizures, n (%)	Yes	7 (33.3)	4 (36.4)	11 (34.4)
	No	14 (66.7)	7 (63.6)	21 (65.6)
History of hyperammonaemia, n (%)	Yes	12 (57.1)	6 (54.5)	18 (56.3)
	No	9 (42.9)	5 (45.5)	14 (43.8)
GMFCS level at baseline, n (%) <sup>b</sup>	I	9 (42.9)	5 (45.5)	14 (43.8)
	II	4 (36.4)	4.2 (3.1)	13 (40.6)
	III	0	0	0
	IV	3 (14.3)	2 (18.2)	5 (15.6)
	V	0	0	0
Baseline GMFM-E score, points <sup>c</sup>	Mean (SD)	48.3 (19.93)	46.5 (24.56)	47.7 (21.25)
Baseline 2MWT, metres <sup>d</sup>	N	20	11	31
	Mean (SD)	109.0 (55.76)	99.9 (49.00)	105.8 (52.82)
Baseline GMFM-D score, points <sup>e</sup>	Mean (SD)	28.0 (9.6)	29.5 (12.4)	28.5 (10.4)

<sup>b</sup> No patients at GMFCS Level V were enrolled due to inability to complete functional mobility assessments

<sup>c</sup> One patient was not assessed at baseline because of severe disability and wheelchair dependence

<sup>d</sup> Baseline 2MWT was assessed in 20 of 21 patients in the pegzilarginase group; one patient was not assessed at baseline due to young age

<sup>e</sup> Excludes one patient (placebo) with missing baseline value

Source: Company submission, Table 11

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# Other baseline characteristics: Study 101A/102A

**Table:** Patient demographics and baseline characteristics (full analysis set)

		Study 101A (n=16)	Study 102A (n=14)
Level of spasticity, n (%)	None	4 (25.0)	
	Mild	3 (18.8)	
	Moderate	5 (31.3)	
	Severe	4 (25.0)	
History of seizures, n (%)	Yes	7 (43.8)	
	No	9 (56.2)	
History of hyperammonaemia, n (%)	Yes	7 (43.8)	6 (42.9)
	No	9 (56.2)	8 (57.1)
GMFCS level at baseline, n (%) <sup>b</sup>	I	9 (56.3)	7 (50.0)
	II	4 (25.0)	4 (28.6)
	III	2 (12.5)	2 (14.3)
	IV	1 (6.3)	1 (7.1)
	V	0	0
Baseline GMFM-E score, points	N		
	Mean (SD)		
Baseline 6MWT, metres	N		
	Mean (SD)		
Baseline GMFM-D score, points	N		
	Mean (SD)		

<sup>b</sup> The GMFCS is a 5-level scale that assesses current motor function and what mobility aids a subject may need in the future.

Source: Company submission, Table 15

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# PEACE and Study 102A results

## Biomechanical outcomes (pArg)

Table: Plasma arginine: Results from PEACE and Study 102A

Trial arm		Baseline	Week 24	LTE24 or week 48	LTE96 or week 120	LTE120 or week 144 or last reported week
<b>PEACE trial results</b>						
Pegzilarginase	N	21	21			NR
	Mean (SD)	365.4 (93.7)				-
	MCFB	-				-
Placebo-pegzilarginase	N	11	11			
	Mean (SD)					
	MCFB	-				-
Between group	Change from baseline	-76.7% (95% CI: -67.1%, -83.5%, p<0.0001)		-	-	-
<b>Study 102A results</b>						
Pegzilarginase	N	-				
	Mean (SD)	309.2 (97.60)				
	MCFB	-				

Source: EAR, Table 8

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# PEACE and Study 102A results

## Motor outcomes (2MWT and 6MWT)

**Table:** Clinical efficacy results for key motor outcomes from PEACE and Study 102A – 2MWT and 6MWT

Trial arm		Baseline	Week 24	LTE24 or week 48	LTE48 or week 96	LTE96 or week 120	LTE120 or week 144	EOS
<b>PEACE trial results (2MWT)</b>								
Pegzilarginase	N	-	-					
	Mean (SD)	109.0 (55.7)	115.9 ± 51.8					
	MCFB	-	7.3					
Placebo-pegzilarginase	N							
	Mean (SD)	99.0 (49.0)						
	MCFB	-						
Between group	Change from baseline	LS mean difference: 5.5 metres; (95% CI: -15.6%, 26.7)		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Study 102A results (6MWT)</b>								
Pegzilarginase	N		-	-				
	Mean (SD)	304.8 (139.2)	322.6 (161.4)	346.2 (177.3)				
	MCFB	-			Through to week 144:			

Source: EAR, Table 9

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# PEACE and Study 102A results

## Motor outcomes (GMFM-E)

**Table:** Clinical efficacy results for key motor outcomes from PEACE and Study 102A – GMFM-E

Trial arm		Baseline	Week 24	LTE24 or week 48*	LTE48 or week 96*	LTE96 or week 120 *	LTE120 or week 144*	EOS
<b>PEACE trial results</b>								
Pegzilarginase	N	-	-	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████
	Mean (SD)	48.3 (19.9)	52.0 (21.3)	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████
	MCFB	-	4.2 (7.7)	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████
Placebo-pegzilarginase	N			████████	████████	████████	████████	████████
	Mean (SD)	46.5 (24.6)	46.1 (25.7)	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████
	MCFB	-	-0.4 (6.2)	████████	████████	████████	████████	████████
<b>Between group</b>	Change from baseline	LS mean difference: 4.6 (95% CI: -1.1, 10.2; p ██████████)		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Study 102A results</b>								
Pegzilarginase	N	████████	████████	████████		████████ (week 144)		
	Mean (SD)	████████	48.9 (24.6)	53.6 (20.7)		████████		
	MCFB	-	████████	████████		████████		

Source: EAR, Table 9

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# PEACE and Study 102A results

## Motor outcomes (GMFM-D)

**Table:** Clinical efficacy results for key motor outcomes from PEACE and Study 102A – GMFM-D

Trial arm		Baseline	Week 24	LTE24 or week 48*	LTE48 or week 96*	LTE96 or week 120 *	LTE120 or week 144*	EOS
<b>PEACE trial results</b>								
Pegzilarginase	N	21	20	████	████	████	████	████
	Mean (SD)	28.0 (9.6)	30.5 (10.1)	████	████	████	████	████
	MCFB	-	2.7 (3.88)	████	████	████	████	████
Placebo-pegzilarginase	N	11	11	████	████	████	████	████
	Mean (SD)	████	28.2 (13.3)	████	████	████	████	████
	MCFB	-	0.4 (1.0)	████	████	████	████	████
Between group	Change from baseline	LS mean difference: 2.3 (95% CI 0.4, 4.2) MMRM <i>p</i> -value: 0.02 WRS <i>p</i> -value: █████		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Study 102A results</b>								
Pegzilarginase	N	████	████	████	████	████ (week 144)	████	████
	Mean (SD)	████	29.1 (11.0)	31.8 (8.4)	████	████	████	████
	MCFB	-	████	████	████	████	████	████

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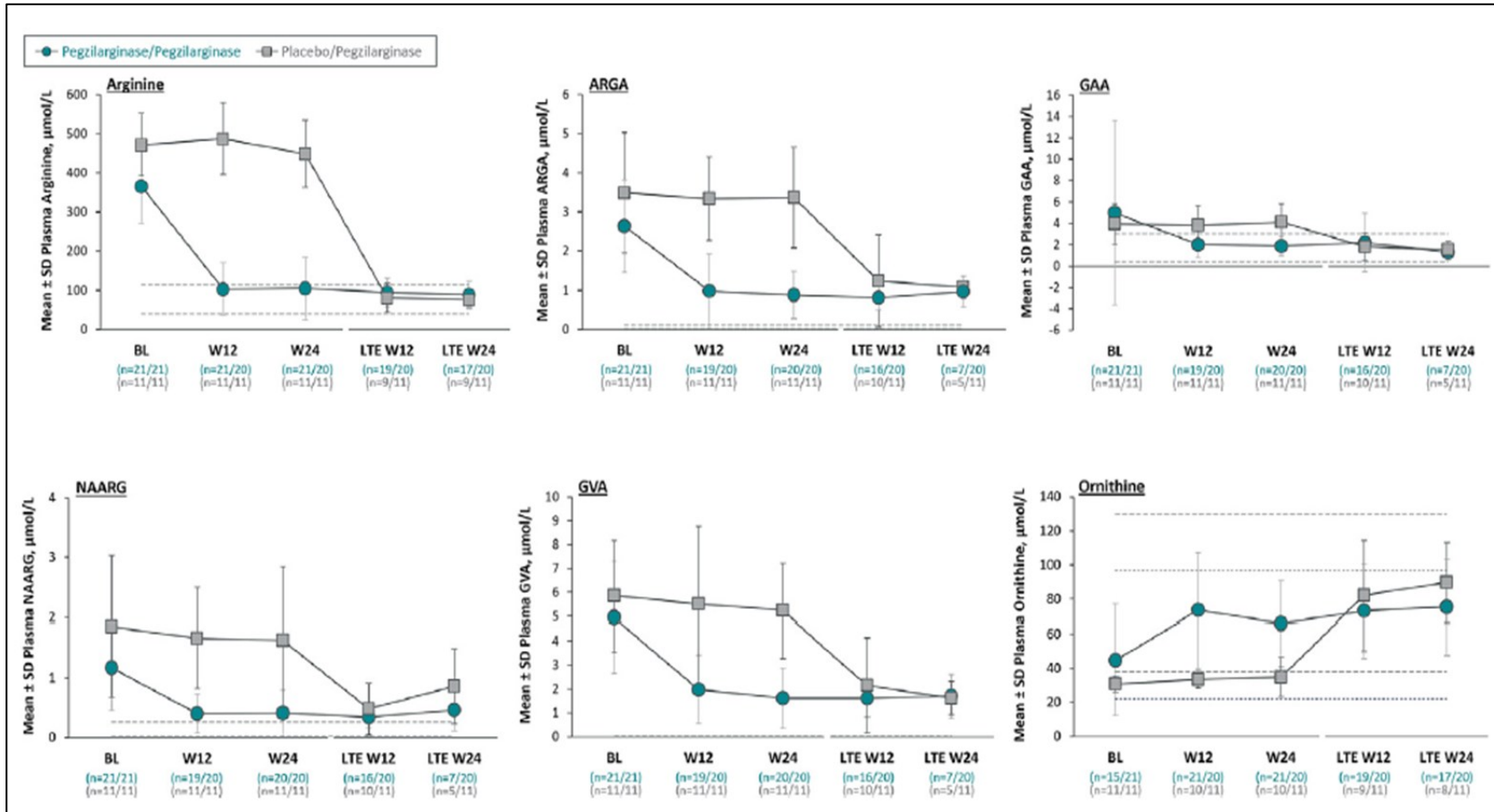
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CI: Confidence interval; EOS: End of study; GMFM-D: Global Motor Function Measure, Part D; LS: Least square; LTE: Long term extension; MCFB: Mean change from baseline; MMRM: Mixed model repeated measures; SD: Standard deviation; WRS: Wilcox robust statistics

# PEACE results

## Effect of pegzilarginase on ornithine and GC levels

**Figure:** Effect of pegzilarginase on ornithine and GC levels ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) over time during the double-blind period and LTE through Week 24 (PEACE; Final analysis set)



Source: Company submission, Figure 17

# Key issue: Error in calculating the transition probabilities for IDM

## Company

- For IDM arm, estimated time spent in a GMFCS state by calculating time to move from one GMFM DE threshold value to next threshold value → Transition probabilities generated using inverse of time in each state

## EAG comments

- Believe that inverse of time spent in a GMFCS state is a rate which needs to be converted to a probability
- Calculated transition probabilities between GMFCS states using corrected formulae, given company's assumptions (EA1) → Used in EAG's base case analysis

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For IDM arm, is the EAG's approach to calculate transition probabilities between GMFCS states using inverse of time spent in a GMFCS state appropriate for decision making?

# Key issue: Starting GMFM DE score for patients in GMFCS-I

## Company

- Assumed that patients in GMFCS-I would have a combined GMFM DE score of [REDACTED] when calculating the transition probabilities for progressing from GMFCS-I to GMFCS-II

## EAG comments

- Based on PEACE and Study 101A/102A, the 95% CI around the GMFM DE score was [REDACTED]
- Company's assumption suggesting that patients can be identified as having ARG1-D without deterioration on the GMFM DE score is unlikely
- Uses a GMFM DE score of [REDACTED] (mean of the PEACE and Study 101A/102A) for patients starting in GMFCS-I in its base case analysis (EA2)

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Is the EAG's approach to use the mean GMFM DE score from PEACE and STUDY101A/102A for patients starting in GMFCS-I appropriate for decision making?

# Key issue: Decrease in GMFM DE score as patients age

## Company

- For transition probabilities, assumed that patients' GMFM DE score declines by 1.45 per year

## EAG comments

- Uncertainty around decline in GMFM DE score as 95% CI is 0.23 to 2.66
- GMFM DE score decline by 1.45 results in time estimated to move from GMFCS-I to GMFCS-V of approximately [REDACTED] years → Significantly higher than that predicted by clinicians (5-6 years to decades)
- Uses upper limit of 95% CI (2.66) in base case analysis - reduces estimated mean time of moving from GMFCS-I to GMFCS-V to approximately [REDACTED] years (likely higher than clinician estimates, but more aligned to these estimates) (EA3)

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Is the EAG's approach to use the upper limit of the 95% CI (2.66) as the decline in GMFM DE score per year appropriate for decision making?

# Distributions across cognitive impairment bands

Table: QALY weightings for size of benefit for HSTs

Health State	Normal/Mild	Moderate	Severe	Source
	<b>Cognitive impairment when receiving IDM (Company and EAG base case)</b>			
GMFCS-I	90.00%	5.00%	5.00%	Assumption
GMFCS-II	53.00%	38.00%	9.00%	HST18 (MLD)
GMFCS-III	33.00%	42.00%	25.00%	HST18 (MLD)
	<b>Cognitive impairment when receiving pegzilarginase (after 52 weeks) (Company and EAG base case)</b>			
GMFCS-I	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	Assumption
GMFCS-II	70.00%	25.00%	5.00%	Assumption
GMFCS-III	43.00%	32.00%	25.00%	Assumption
	<b>Cognitive impairment independent of treatment (EAG SA2)</b>			
GMFCS-IV	17.00%	28.00%	55.00%	HST18 (MLD)
GMFCS-V	4.00%	17.50%	78.50%	HST18 (MLD)

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# Decision modifiers: size of benefit for HST

- There needs to be compelling evidence that the treatment offers significant QALY gains
- Depending on the number of QALYs gained over the lifetime of patients, when comparing the new technology with its relevant comparator, the committee will apply a weight between 1 and 3, using equal increments, for a range between 10 and 30 QALYs gained ([section 6.2.23 to 6.2.25 of NICE health technology evaluations: the manual \[PMG36\]](#))

**Table:** QALY weightings for size of benefit for HSTs

Inc QALYs gained (per patient using lifetime horizon)	Weight
≤ 10	1
11 to 29	Between 1 & 3 (using equal increments)
≥ 30	3

**Table:** QALY weightings and thresholds for size of benefit for HSTs

Number of additional QALYs (X)	Weight	Threshold
≤ 10	1	£100, 000
10 < X < 30	$W = X/10$	$W * £100, 000$
≥ 30	3	£300, 000

**Example:** A QALY gain of 16.7 would result in/be assigned a weighting of 1.67, leading to a threshold of £167,000

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# Differences between company and EAG base case assumptions

Assumption	Company base case	EAG base case
<b>IDM transition probabilities</b>	Inverse of the time in each state	Inverse of the time spent in a GMFCS state converted to a probability
<b>Starting GMFM DE score for patients in GMFCS-I</b>	GMFM DE score of [REDACTED]	GMFM DE score of [REDACTED] (mean of the PEACE and Study 101A/102A)
<b>Decrease in GMFM DE score as patients age</b>	GMFM DE score declines by 1.45 per year	GMFM DE score declines by 2.66 per year

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