Arginine Elevated

Elevated Arginine

† Plasma ammonia

Assay: Plasma amino acids
Urine organic acids (orotic)

Abnormal arginine and orotic acid

Argininemia

Optional: RBC Arginase assay

Low

Abnormal arginine and orotic acid

Argininemia

Normal arginine and orotic acid

Newborn screening result was false positive.
No further action required.

Abbreviations/Key
RBC = Red blood cell

† = When the positive predictive values of screening are sufficiently high and the risk to the baby is high, some initiate diagnostic studies that are available locally at the same time as confirmation of the screening result is done.

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