

SLC6A8 gene

solute carrier family 6 member 8

Normal Function

The *SLC6A8* gene provides instructions for making a protein called sodium- and chloride-dependent creatine transporter 1. This protein transports the compound creatine into cells. Creatine is needed for the body to store and use energy properly.

Health Conditions Related to Genetic Changes

X-linked creatine deficiency

At least 80 mutations in the *SLC6A8* gene have been identified in people with X-linked creatine deficiency, a disorder that causes intellectual disability, behavioral problems, seizures, and muscle weakness. *SLC6A8* gene mutations impair the ability of the transporter protein to bring creatine into cells, resulting in a creatine shortage (deficiency). The effects of creatine deficiency are most severe in organs and tissues that require large amounts of energy, especially the brain.

Other Names for This Gene

- creatine transporter 1
- creatine transporter SLC6A8
- CRT
- CRTR
- CT1
- MGC87396
- SC6A8_HUMAN
- sodium- and chloride-dependent creatine transporter 1
- solute carrier family 6 (neurotransmitter transporter), member 8
- solute carrier family 6 (neurotransmitter transporter, creatine), member 8

Additional Information & Resources

Tests Listed in the Genetic Testing Registry

- Tests of SLC6A8 ([https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/all/tests/?term=6535\[geneid\]](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/all/tests/?term=6535[geneid]))

Scientific Articles on PubMed

- PubMed ([https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=%28SLC6A8%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28%28CRTR%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28creatine+transporter+1%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28creatine+transporter+SLC6A8%5BTIAB%5D%29%29+AND+%28%28Genes%5BMH%5D%29+OR+%28Genetic+Phenomena%5BMH%5D%29%29+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+human%5Bmh%5D+AND+%22last+3600+days%22%5Bdp%5D\)](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=%28SLC6A8%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28%28CRTR%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28creatine+transporter+1%5BTIAB%5D%29+OR+%28creatine+transporter+SLC6A8%5BTIAB%5D%29%29+AND+%28%28Genes%5BMH%5D%29+OR+%28Genetic+Phenomena%5BMH%5D%29%29+AND+english%5Bla%5D+AND+human%5Bmh%5D+AND+%22last+3600+days%22%5Bdp%5D)))

Catalog of Genes and Diseases from OMIM

- SOLUTE CARRIER FAMILY 6 (NEUROTRANSMITTER TRANSPORTER, CREATINE), MEMBER 8; SLC6A8 (<https://omim.org/entry/300036>)

Gene and Variant Databases

- NCBI Gene (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/6535>)
- ClinVar ([https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=SLC6A8\[gene\]](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar?term=SLC6A8[gene]))

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Genomic Location

The *SLC6A8* gene is found on the X chromosome (<https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/chromosome/x/>).

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