

Title: Does it hurt hedgies more if you buy 1 call and exercise vs buying 100 shares outright?

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It costs less money to buy 100 gme shares outright, you don't have to pay premium. What is the value of buying ATM or ITM calls and exercising instead? Take note that at this point we know that MMs are not hedging anymore. So assumption is that they don't buy the shares to cover call options, they would buy the shares once you exercise only.