



Efficacy of Acoramidis on All-Cause Mortality and Cardiovascular Hospitalization in Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND Transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM) is an underdiagnosed chronic disease associated with progressive heart failure that results in impaired quality of life, repeated hospitalizations, and premature death. Acoramidis is a selective, oral transthyretin stabilizer recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of ATTR-CM. In a phase 3, randomized, double-blind study (ATTRIBUTE-CM [Efficacy and Safety of AG10 in Subjects With Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy]), acoramidis was well tolerated and showed clinical efficacy in improving the primary endpoint, a hierarchical combination of all-cause mortality (ACM), cardiovascular-related hospitalization (CVH), N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide level, and 6-minute walk distance.

OBJECTIVES The goal of this study was to characterize the efficacy of acoramidis on ACM and CVH.

METHODS In ATTRIBUTE-CM, participants with ATTR-CM were randomized 2:1 to receive acoramidis hydrochloride (800 mg twice daily) or placebo for 30 months. Efficacy analyses were conducted in the modified intention-to-treat population (participants with a baseline estimated glomerular filtration rate ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m²). CVH and the composite of ACM or first CVH were plotted by using Kaplan-Meier curves and summarized with a stratified Cox proportional hazards model. The annualized frequency of CVH was analyzed by using a negative binomial regression model. Subgroup analyses were conducted for the composite of ACM or first CVH.

RESULTS Of the 632 participants randomized to treatment, 611 (97%) were included in efficacy analyses (acoramidis, n = 409; placebo, n = 202). Compared with placebo, acoramidis reduced the occurrence of the composite of ACM or first CVH (acoramidis, 35.9%; placebo, 50.5%; HR: 0.64; 95% CI: 0.50-0.83; P = 0.0008) and of first CVH (acoramidis, 26.7%; placebo, 42.6%; HR: 0.60; 95% CI: 0.45-0.80; P = 0.0005), with Kaplan-Meier curves separating at month 3 and continuing to diverge through month 30. Annualized frequency of CVH was reduced with acoramidis compared with placebo (acoramidis, 0.22; placebo, 0.45; relative risk ratio: 50%; 95% CI: 0.36-0.70; P < 0.0001). The efficacy of acoramidis on the composite of ACM or first CVH was consistent across subgroups. Acoramidis was well tolerated, with no safety signals of potential clinical concern identified.

CONCLUSIONS In participants with ATTR-CM, acoramidis reduced the composite of ACM or first CVH vs placebo, with an early effect driven by a reduction in CVH. (Efficacy and Safety of AG10 in Subjects With Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy [ATTRIBUTE-CM]; [NCT03860935](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jacc.2024.11.042)) (JACC. 2025;85:1003-1014) © 2025 The Authors. Published by Elsevier on behalf of the American College of Cardiology Foundation. This is an open access article under the CC BY-NC-ND license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>).



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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

6MWD = 6-minute walk distance

ACM = all-cause mortality

ATTR-CM = transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy

ATTRv-CM = variant transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy

ATTRwt-CM = wild-type transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy

CVH = cardiovascular-related hospitalization

EOCI = event of clinical interest

HFpEF = heart failure with preserved ejection fraction

mITT = modified intention-to-treat

MRA = mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist

NAC = National Amyloidosis Centre

NNT = number-needed-to-treat

NT-proBNP = N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide

SGLT2 = sodium-glucose cotransporter 2

TEAE = treatment-emergent adverse event

TTR = transthyretin

IXRS = Interactive Voice/Web Response System

Transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM) is a chronic progressive disease caused by destabilization and dissociation of transthyretin (TTR) protein tetramers, subsequent misfolding and aggregation of monomeric TTR into toxic amyloid precursors, and deposition leading to the accumulation of TTR amyloid fibrils in the heart.^{1,2} This can result in progressive heart failure, reduced effort tolerance, impaired quality of life, and premature death.¹⁻⁴ Due to the progressive nature of ATTR-CM, both early and accurate diagnosis and timely initiation of treatment with rapid clinical benefits are essential.^{2,5,6} In recent years, the ATTR-CM disease landscape has evolved considerably due to a confluence of factors: the adoption of noninvasive radionuclide cardiac amyloid imaging for confirming the diagnosis, improved heart failure management, availability of an effective targeted treatment (tafamidis), and engagement from professional societies and advocacy organizations to increase disease awareness among cardiologists and the broader medical community.⁵⁻⁷ This has led to patients with ATTR-CM being diagnosed at earlier disease stages.⁸⁻¹⁰ Despite these positive developments, ATTR-CM remains an underrecognized cause of heart failure leading to excess cardiovascular-related hospitalizations (CVHs) and mortality.^{11,12}

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Acoramidis is an oral, selective TTR stabilizer for the treatment of ATTR-CM that inhibits the dissociation of tetrameric TTR.^{13,14} It was rationally designed, as informed by human genetics and structural biology, to mimic the stabilizing effects of a disease-protective *TTR* gene variant *T119M* (also known as *p.Thr139Met*).^{13,15} Structural biology studies show that acoramidis stabilizes TTR through 2 distinct mechanisms: an enthalpic-binding mode involving

hydrogen bonding, as well as binding to both thyroxine-binding sites of the TTR tetramer.¹⁵ In vitro and ex vivo assessments of acoramidis have shown TTR stabilization that is near-complete ($\geq 90\%$ across the entire dosing interval) and greater than that achieved with therapeutic concentrations of tafamidis.^{14,16} In the phase 3 ATTRIBUTE-CM (Efficacy and Safety of AG10 in Subjects With Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy; [NCT03860935](#)) study, acoramidis showed clinical efficacy compared with placebo for the primary outcome: a hierarchical 4-component analysis of all-cause mortality (ACM), the cumulative frequency of CVH, the change from baseline in N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP) level, and the change from baseline in 6-minute walk distance (6MWD) over 30 months.¹¹ Acoramidis also showed a superior treatment effect compared with placebo for the prespecified secondary endpoint of the 2-component hierarchy of ACM and CVH.

The current paper reports prespecified secondary and post hoc analyses from the ATTRIBUTE-CM study to further characterize the efficacy of acoramidis on the clinical outcomes of ACM and CVH. The goal of these prespecified supplementary analyses was to support clinicians in assessing study outcomes through more familiar methods, such as time-to-first-event analyses, Kaplan-Meier curves, and the number-needed-to-treat (NNT). In addition, an analysis of ACM and recurrent CVH is included to clarify the impact on disease burden for clinical outcomes by accounting for recurring events.

METHODS

STUDY DESIGN. Full details of the ATTRIBUTE-CM study design have been previously published.¹¹ Briefly, this phase 3, randomized, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study enrolled men and women 18 to 90 years of age with an established diagnosis of chronic, stable, and symptomatic ATTR-CM; NYHA functional class I, II, or III; and either a wild-type or a variant TTR genotype.

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ATTRibute-CM was conducted in accordance with the International Conference on Harmonisation Good Clinical Practice guidelines and the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki. The study was approved by the independent review board or ethics committee at each participating site. All participants provided written informed consent.

Participants were randomly assigned in a 2:1 ratio to receive acoramidis hydrochloride (800 mg) or matching placebo tablets administered orally twice daily for 30 months. Stratification was based on TTR genotype, NT-proBNP levels, and estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) levels according to the National Amyloidosis Centre staging criteria.¹⁷ Participants were permitted to initiate tafamidis, if available, as a concomitant medication after they had completed 12 months of the blinded study treatment.

All randomized participants received at least 1 dose of blinded study treatment. The efficacy analyses were conducted in the modified intention-to-treat (mITT) population, which consisted of all randomized participants who had at least 1 postbaseline efficacy evaluation and had a baseline eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m². Safety and tolerability were assessed in the safety population, which consisted of all randomized participants.

Sample size calculations have been previously described.¹¹ Briefly, sample size calculations were based on a 2-sided alpha of 0.04 using a total of 30 months of study data. Power calculations were based on the primary endpoint in ATTRibute-CM of a hierarchical combination of ACM and CVH over the 30-month treatment period. The test statistic for the combined endpoint was the Finkelstein-Schoenfeld test,¹⁸ which was based on simulations of ACM and CVH and was shown in ATTR-ACT (Tafamidis in Transthyretin Cardiomyopathy Clinical Trial) to have >90% power with a total of 460 participants (after excluding 10% of subjects with baseline eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m²) and a 2-sided alpha of 0.04.

EFFICACY ENDPOINTS. Participants were evaluated at 3-month intervals until month 30 during the double-blind treatment period. ACM was defined as death from any cause, receipt of a heart transplant, or receipt of an implanted cardiac mechanical assist device. Vital status for assessment of ACM at month 30 was obtained in all randomized study participants regardless of whether they remained on study treatment until month 30 or had discontinued treatment early. CVH was defined as a nonelective admission to an acute care setting for cardiovascular-related morbidity that resulted in at least a 24-hour stay, or an unplanned visit to an emergency department/

ward, urgent care clinic, or day clinic of <24 hours for the management of decompensated heart failure requiring treatment with an intravenous diuretic (from here referred to as an event of clinical interest [EOCI]). CVH events included all CVH (including EOCI) up to month 30 for participants who remained on study treatment until month 30, or up to 30 days after treatment discontinuation for participants who discontinued treatment early. Follow-up time for CVH events was censored at the date of last study treatment plus 30 days. Cause of death and suspected CVH events were adjudicated by an independent and blinded Clinical Events Committee. Cardiovascular-related mortality included death adjudicated as cardiovascular or of undetermined cause by the Clinical Events Committee, cardiac mechanical assist device implantation, and heart transplantation. Adjudicated events were the basis for efficacy analyses on ACM and CVH.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS. Prespecified time-to-first-event analyses were performed by using a stratified Cox proportional hazards model that included treatment group as an explanatory factor and baseline 6MWD as a covariate and were stratified by the randomization factors of genotype, NT-proBNP level, and eGFR as recorded in the Interactive Voice/Web Response System (IXRS). No significant departures from the proportional hazards assumptions were observed for the composite endpoint of ACM or first CVH. Diagnostics for ACM alone, including an examination of both Schoenfeld and martingale residuals, suggested a possible violation of the proportional hazards assumption, particularly for the 6MWD covariate. Although the HR estimate is provided, to facilitate relevant comparisons, it should be interpreted with caution for the ACM alone model. Kaplan-Meier curves according to treatment group were plotted to visualize the time-to-first-event analyses for the composite endpoint of ACM or first CVH, and for the time-to-first CVH. To evaluate the impact of tafamidis initiation, sensitivity analyses were conducted on both the time to ACM or first CVH and on time to ACM by including a time-dependent covariate of tafamidis initiation status into the corresponding stratified Cox regression model. The annualized frequency of CVH was analyzed by using a negative binomial regression model with study treatment, randomization factors (ATTR-CM type, NT-proBNP level, and eGFR, as recorded in the IXRS), and an offset term equal to the log of the study duration for each participant included in the model. The NNT was calculated as 1/absolute risk reduction for the composite of ACM and first CVH, and for the annual frequency of CVH, both rounded up to the nearest whole

TABLE 1 Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Participants at Baseline in ATTR-IB-CM

	Acoramidis (n = 409)	Placebo (n = 202)	Total (N = 611)
Age, y	77.3 ± 6.5	77.0 ± 6.7	77.2 ± 6.6
Age category			
<65 y	12 (2.9)	9 (4.5)	21 (3.4)
≥65 to <78 y	186 (45.5)	92 (45.5)	278 (45.5)
≥78 y	211 (51.6)	101 (50.0)	312 (51.1)
Sex			
Male	374 (91.4)	181 (89.6)	555 (90.8)
Female	35 (8.6)	21 (10.4)	56 (9.2)
Race ^a			
White	358 (87.5)	179 (88.6)	537 (87.9)
Black or African American	19 (4.6)	10 (5.0)	29 (4.7)
Asian	10 (2.4)	3 (1.5)	13 (2.1)
Other	22 (5.4)	10 (5.0)	32 (5.2)
Transthyretin genotype ^b			
ATTRwt-CM	370 (90.5)	182 (90.1)	552 (90.3)
ATTRv-CM	39 (9.5)	20 (9.9)	59 (9.7)
Transthyretin variant			
V122I	23/37 (62.2)	12/19 (63.2)	35/56 (62.5)
T60A	3/37 (8.1)	2/19 (10.5)	5/56 (8.9)
E89Q	0/37	1/19 (5.3)	1/56 (1.8)
Other	11/37 (29.7)	4/19 (21.1)	15/56 (26.8)
NT-proBNP level, ng/L			
Median (Q1-Q3)	2,273.0 (1,315.0-3,872.0)	2,273.5 (1,128.0-3,590.0)	2,273.0 (1,240.0-3,729.0)
Mean ± SD	2,865.3 ± 2,149.6	2,650.1 ± 1,899.5	2,794.2 ± 2,071.2
eGFR, mL/min/1.73 m ²			
Median (Q1-Q3)	62.0 (49.0-74.0)	61.0 (48.0-74.0)	61.0 (49.0-74.0)
Mean ± SD	62.0 ± 17.4	62.5 ± 17.5	62.2 ± 17.4
NAC stage			
I	241 (58.9)	120 (59.4)	361 (59.1)
II	130 (31.8)	66 (32.7)	196 (32.1)
III	38 (9.3)	16 (7.9)	54 (8.8)
NYHA functional class			
I	51 (12.5)	17 (8.4)	68 (11.1)
II	288 (70.4)	156 (77.2)	444 (72.7)
III	70 (17.1)	29 (14.4)	99 (16.2)
Serum transthyretin, mg/dL			
Mean ± SD	23.0 ± 5.6	23.6 ± 6.1	23.2 ± 5.8
Total n	406	199	605

Values are mean ± SD, n (%), n/N (%), or median (Q1-Q3). Data are shown for the modified intention-to-treat population. ^aRace was reported by the participants. "Other" racial groups included American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, other, multiple races, and not reported. ^bGenetic status as recorded in the Interactive Voice/Web Response System.

ATTRv-CM = variant transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy; ATTRwt-CM = wild-type transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; NAC = National Amyloidosis Centre; NT-proBNP = N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide.

baseline eGFR (<45 mL/min/1.73 m² vs ≥45 mL/min/1.73 m²), age (<78 years vs ≥78 years), country of enrollment (United States vs rest of world), and NYHA functional class (I/II vs III). A post hoc subgroup analysis was performed by using National Amyloidosis Centre (NAC) ATTR stage (I vs II vs III). The NAC staging criteria are as follows¹⁷: stage I, NT-proBNP level ≤3,000 ng/mL and eGFR ≥45 mL/min/1.73 m²; stage III, NT-proBNP level >3,000 ng/mL and eGFR <45 mL/min/1.73 m²; the remainder of results with NT-proBNP and eGFR values are categorized as stage II, when both NT-proBNP and eGFR are not missing.

A post hoc analysis was conducted to evaluate the effect of acoramidis compared with placebo on the composite endpoint of ACM or recurrent CVH events using a negative binomial regression model in which treatment group, randomization stratification factors of genotype, NT-proBNP level, and eGFR from IXRS, and the offset term were used for the analysis. Relative risk ratios with 95% CIs were calculated. The incidence of ACM was assessed post hoc for participants with eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m².

We also report, post hoc, the drop-in rate during the study for 2 medication classes (mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists [MRAs] and sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 [SGLT2] inhibitors), defined as the percentage of participants with no medication from the class at baseline, who had a medication from the class initiated during the study after the first dose of blinded study treatment.

This paper includes several prespecified and post hoc analyses that are outside the scope of our alpha-controlled testing scheme covering the primary and key secondary endpoints.¹¹ P < 0.05 are taken to indicate nominal statistical significance.

All analyses were performed by using SAS software version 9.4 or higher (SAS Institute Inc).

RESULTS

PARTICIPANT BASELINE DEMOGRAPHIC AND CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS. From April 2019 until October 2020, a total of 632 subjects underwent randomization (safety population) to receive acoramidis (n = 421) or placebo (n = 211) at 95 sites in 18 countries. The mITT population included 611 participants with an eGFR ≥30 mL/min/1.73 m²: 409 in the acoramidis group and 202 in the placebo group. Baseline demographic and clinical characteristics of the mITT population were comparable between treatment groups (Table 1). The mean ± SD age of participants was 77.2 ± 6.6 years, and 90.8% were male. The reported mean time since diagnosis of ATTR-CM was 1.2

number. When risk reduction is discussed, it is defined as 1 minus the HR, or 1 minus the relative risk ratio, and is expressed as a percentage.

Prespecified subgroup analyses were performed for ATTR-CM genotype (variant ATTR-CM [ATTRv-CM] vs wild-type ATTR-CM [ATTRwt-CM]), baseline NT-proBNP level (≤3,000 pg/mL vs >3,000 pg/mL),

years (range: 0-10.1 years). Most participants had NYHA functional class I/II symptoms (512 of 611 [83.8%]) and NAC stage I/II ATTR-CM (557 of 611 [91.2%]). The median (Q1-Q3) duration of exposure to study treatment was similar in the acoramidis group (median: 29.5 months [Q1-Q3: 23.0-29.6 months]) and the placebo group (median: 29.4 months [Q1-Q3: 22.7-29.6 months]).

Tafamidis was initiated in 107 (17.5%) of 611 participants. In the acoramidis group, 61 (14.9%) of 409 participants received tafamidis, which was initiated after a median (Q1-Q3) of 17.8 months (Q1-Q3: 13.3-20.3 months). The median exposure time to concurrent study treatment and tafamidis was 11.4 months (Q1-Q3: 8.9-14.0 months). In the placebo group, tafamidis was initiated in 46 (22.8%) of 202 participants after a median of 16.1 months (Q1-Q3: 13.4-20.6 months) for a median exposure time of 9.9 months (Q1-Q3: 5.9-15.6 months).

At baseline, heart failure medications were taken by 621 (98.3%) of 632 participants in the safety population (Supplemental Table 1). MRAs were used by 34.0% (215 of 632) of participants (placebo: 72 of 211 [34.1%]; acoramidis: 143 of 421 [34.0%]), and SGLT2 inhibitors were used by 2.1% (13 of 632) of participants (placebo: 5 of 211 [2.4%]; acoramidis: 8 of 421 [1.9%]) at baseline.

TIME-TO-FIRST-EVENT ANALYSES. The composite endpoint of ACM or first CVH event over 30 months was reported in 147 (35.9%) of 409 and 102 (50.5%) of 202 participants in the mITT population treated with acoramidis and placebo, respectively, corresponding to a 14.6% absolute risk reduction and to an NNT of 7 to prevent ACM or first CVH over 30 months of treatment. The Cox regression analysis revealed a 36% risk reduction (HR: 0.64; 95% CI: 0.50-0.83; $P = 0.0008$). Kaplan-Meier curves for the time to ACM or first CVH for participants receiving acoramidis or placebo separated at month 3 and continued to steadily diverge through month 30 (Central Illustration, Figure 1). In a sensitivity analysis conducted with the addition of a time-dependent covariate for tafamidis, the HR of acoramidis for the risk of ACM or first CVH was similar at 0.65.

Over 30 months, ACM events were reported in 79 (19.3%) of 409 participants receiving acoramidis and 52 (25.7%) of 202 participants receiving placebo in the mITT population (HR: 0.77; 95% CI: 0.54-1.10; $P = 0.154$) (Table 2). The majority of ACM events (104 of 131 [79.4%]) were cardiovascular related. These were reported in 61 (14.9%) of 409 participants in the acoramidis group and 43 (21.3%) of 202 participants in the placebo group, corresponding to a 30% relative

risk reduction with acoramidis treatment compared with placebo. Cardiac mechanical assist device implantation and heart transplantation occurred in 2 participants who received placebo (one had a cardiac mechanical assist device and one underwent a heart transplantation) and in no acoramidis-treated participants. For the subgroup of 21 participants with $eGFR < 30$ mL/min/1.73 m² (excluded from the mITT population), ACM events were reported in 5 (41.7%) of 12 participants receiving acoramidis and 5 (55.6%) of 9 participants receiving placebo. In a sensitivity analysis conducted with the addition of a time-dependent covariate for tafamidis, the HR of acoramidis for the risk of ACM was unchanged at 0.77.

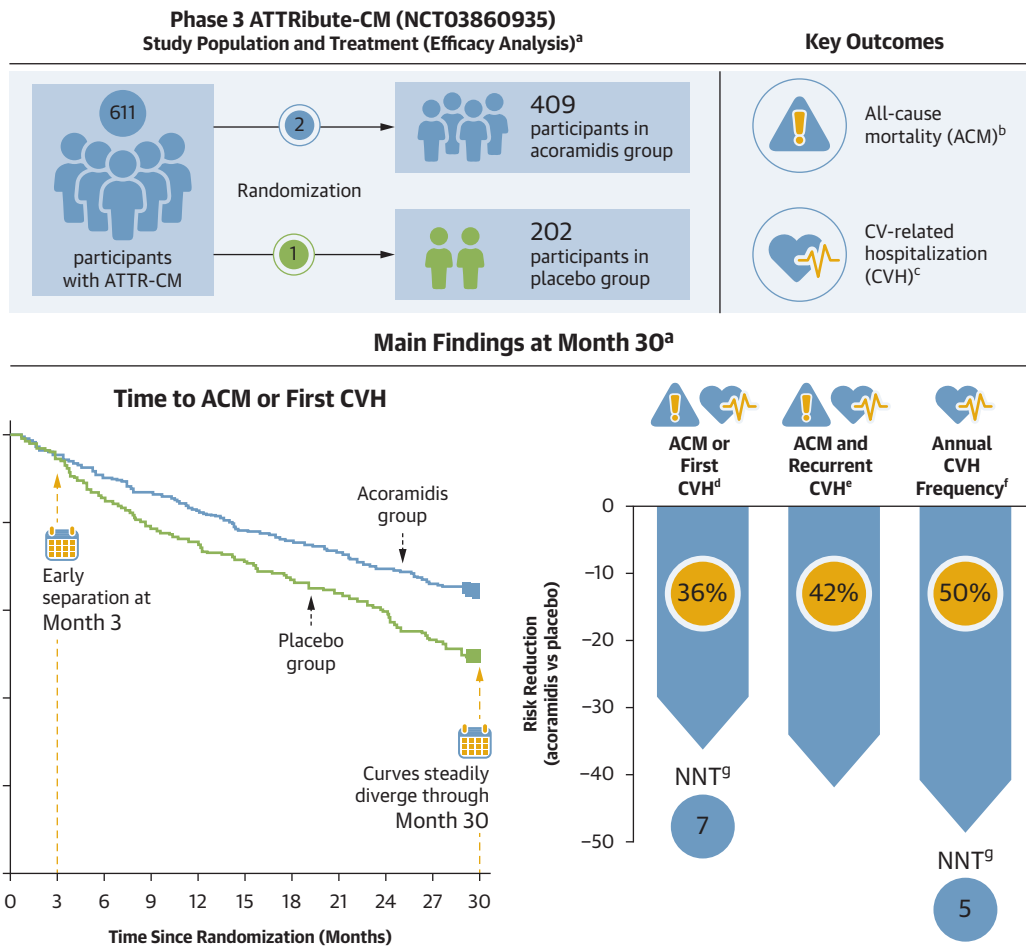
In total, 182 CVH events were reported by 109 (26.7%) participants receiving acoramidis, and 170 CVH events were reported by 86 (42.6%) participants receiving placebo in the mITT population (Supplemental Table 2, Table 2). The efficacy of acoramidis on CVH was observed for both CVH including and CVH excluding EOCIs. EOCIs were reported in 16 (3.9%) participants receiving acoramidis and 13 (6.4%) participants receiving placebo. The observed frequency of CVH per year was 0.29 for participants treated with acoramidis compared with 0.55 for those receiving placebo (Supplemental Table 2). The model-derived annualized frequency of CVH was significantly reduced with acoramidis (0.22 per year), compared with placebo (0.45 per year), corresponding to an absolute reduction of 0.23 per year, an NNT of 5 to prevent 1 CVH per year over 30 months of treatment, and a 50% reduction in risk ($P < 0.0001$) (Table 2).

The endpoint of first CVH event over 30 months corresponded to a 15.9% absolute risk reduction. The Cox regression analysis showed a 40% risk reduction (HR: 0.60; 95% CI: 0.45-0.80; $P = 0.0005$). Kaplan-Meier curves for the time to first CVH separated at month 3 and continued to steadily diverge through month 30 (Figure 2). The rate of CVH events at the time of separation of the Kaplan-Meier curves at month 3 was 4.6%, considering both treatment groups combined (total: 28 of 611; acoramidis: 18 of 409 [4.4%]; placebo: 10 of 202 [5.0%]).

Subgroup analyses for the composite of ACM or first CVH showed consistent efficacy favoring acoramidis across most participant subgroups of ATTR-CM genotype, NT-proBNP level, eGFR, age, country, NYHA functional class, and NAC stage (Figure 3).

ANALYSIS OF ACM AND RECURRENT CVH. Over 30 months, a total of 261 ACM and recurrent CVH events were reported in 409 acoramidis-treated participants compared with 222 total events reported in

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^aEfficacy analyses were conducted in the modified intention-to-treat population (participants with one postbaseline efficacy evaluation and a baseline estimated glomerular filtration rate ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m²). ^bDeath from any cause, heart transplantation, or implantation of a cardiac mechanical assist device. ^cNonelective admission to an acute care setting for cardiovascular (CV)-related morbidity that resulted in a ≥ 24 -hour stay, or an unscheduled medical visit of < 24 hours owing to heart failure and requiring treatment with intravenous diuretics. ^dRisk reduction is calculated as 1 - HR of the Kaplan-Meier analysis and is expressed as a percentage. ^eAnalyzed using negative binomial regression. ^fRisk reduction is calculated as 1 - relative risk ratio of the annual cardiovascular-related hospitalization (CVH) frequency occurring in participants treated with acoramidis vs placebo and is expressed as a percentage. ^gNumber-needed-to-treat (NNT) is the number of participants required to be treated for 30 months for one participant to experience a treatment benefit compared with placebo. ACM = all-cause mortality; ATTR-CM = transthyretin amyloidosis cardiomyopathy.

202 participants who received placebo. This corresponds to a total number of ACM and recurrent CVH events per participant observed of 0.64 (261 of 409) and 1.10 (222 of 202) with acoramidis and placebo, respectively. The negative binomial regression analysis showed that treatment with acoramidis led to a 42% risk reduction in ACM and recurrent CVH events

over 30 months compared with placebo (relative risk ratio: 0.58; 95% CI: 0.43-0.79; $P = 0.0005$) (Table 2).

DROP-IN RATE OF SELECTED MEDICATIONS. The drop-in rate of MRAs during the study was 11.2% in the acoramidis group and 23.2% in the placebo group. The drop-in rate of SGLT2 inhibitors during the study

TABLE 2 Summary of ACM and CVH

	Acoramidis (n = 409)	Placebo (n = 202)
No. of participants with ACM and/or CVH events		
ACM or CVH	147 (35.9)	102 (50.5)
ACM ^a	79 (19.3)	52 (25.7)
Deaths ^b	79 (19.3)	50 (24.8)
CV-related deaths ^c	61 (14.9)	41 (20.3)
Non-CV-related deaths	18 (4.4)	9 (4.5)
Cardiac mechanical assist device	0 (0)	1 (0.5)
Heart transplantation	0 (0)	1 (0.5)
CV-related mortality ^d	61 (14.9)	43 (21.3)
CVH ^e	109 (26.7)	86 (42.6)
EOCI	16 (3.9)	13 (6.4)
CVH, excluding EOICI	101 (24.7)	79 (39.1)
Annualized frequency of CVH		
Frequency of CVH per year (95% CI) ^f	0.22 (0.18-0.28)	0.45 (0.35-0.58)
Relative risk ratio (95% CI) negative binomial regression	0.50 (0.36-0.70) ¹¹	
P Value	<0.0001	
No. of ACM and CVH events		
ACM and recurrent CVH ^g	261	222
ACM, ^a	79	52
CVH, ^{e,g}	182	170
EOICI	24	15
CVH, excluding EOICI	158	155
Total no. of ACM and recurrent CVH ^g events per participant	0.64	1.10
Relative risk ratio ^h (95% CI) negative binomial regression	0.58 (0.43-0.79)	
P Value	0.0005	
Values are n or n (%) unless otherwise indicated. Data are shown for the modified intention-to-treat population. ^a All-cause mortality (ACM) includes all-cause death, heart transplantation, and cardiac mechanical assist device implantation. ^b Cause of death indicated as per Clinical Events Committee (CEC) adjudication. ^c Cardiovascular (CV)-related death includes all deaths adjudicated by the CEC as CV or of undetermined cause. ^d CV-related mortality includes CV-related death, cardiac mechanical assist device, and heart transplantation. ^e CV-related hospitalizations (CVHs) are those that were adjudicated as CV related and nonelective by the CEC, including events of clinical interest (EOICI). Participants without a CVH event were censored at the earliest date of the last dose date + 30 days, day 907, the ACM date, or the last known alive date. ^f The annualized frequency of CVH was analyzed by using a negative binomial regression model. ^g In participants who discontinued treatment, CVH events were counted until 30 days after treatment discontinuation. ^h Relative risk ratio is calculated by (1 – relative risk ratio from the negative binomial regression analysis) × 100%.		

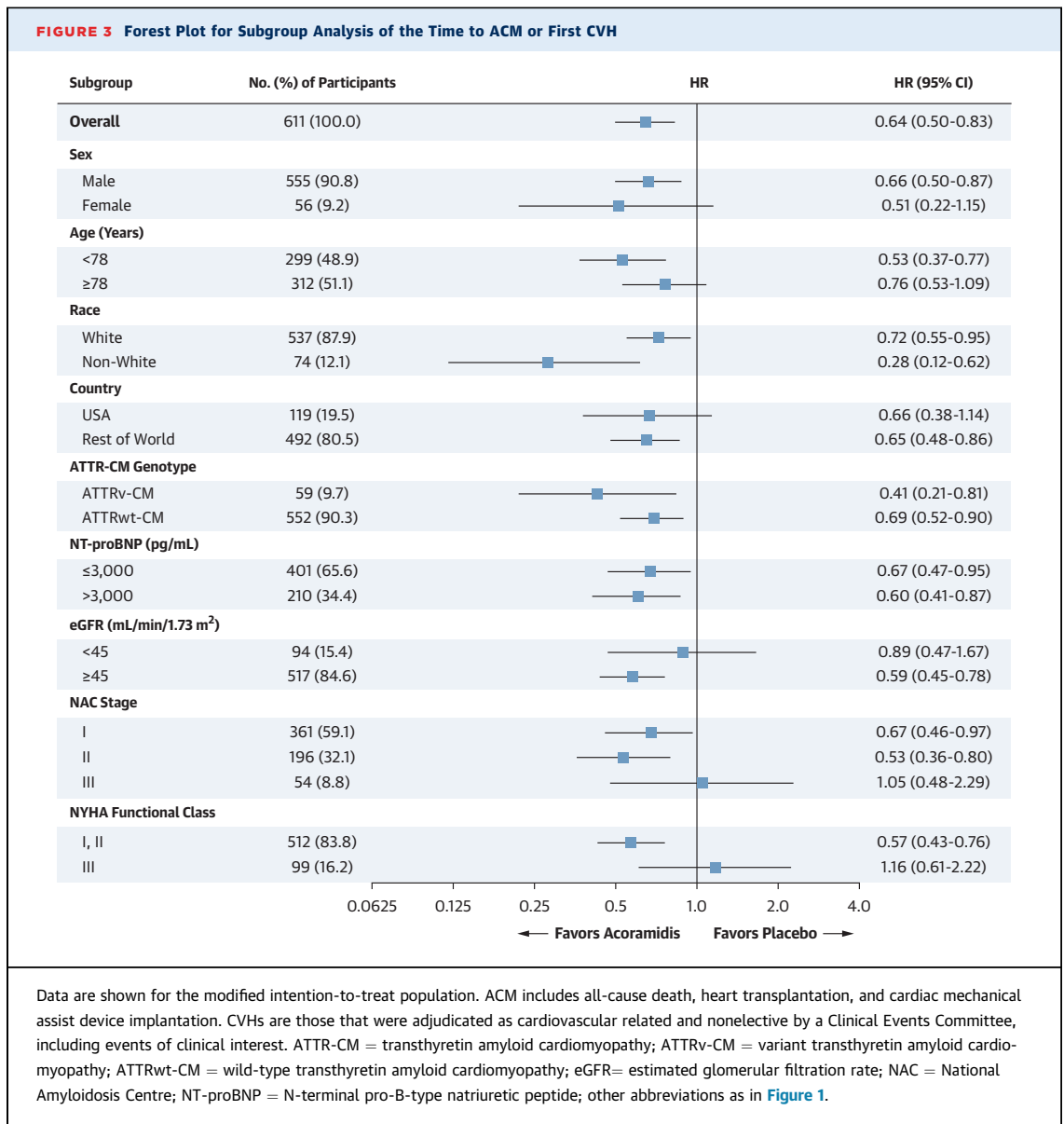
in reducing ACM at month 30 was driven by a 30% relative risk reduction in cardiovascular-related mortality observed with acoramidis treatment compared with placebo. The annual frequency of CVH was reduced by 50%, corresponding to an NNT of 5 to prevent 1 CVH per year over 30 months of treatment with acoramidis. We hypothesize that the large and early benefit on CVH with acoramidis may positively affect the quality of life of patients with ATTR-CM, as shown in ATTRIBUTE-CM with the Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire overall summary score favoring acoramidis relative to placebo.^{11,19} In ATTRIBUTE-CM, CVH included EOICIs, which were unplanned medical visits requiring treatment with an intravenous diuretic for the management of decompensated heart failure. EOICIs represented 11% of all

CVH events reported during the study. The reduction in CVH with acoramidis treatment vs placebo was observed consistently for both types of CVH events (ie, CVH including EOICIs and CVH excluding EOICIs). Furthermore, the efficacy of acoramidis on CVH may have resulted in a lower drop-in rate of MRAs and SGLT2 inhibitors during the study in the acoramidis group compared with placebo.

The time to effect on ACM with acoramidis treatment vs placebo was longer than that observed for CVH. One hypothetical mechanism for this difference could be that the effects on CVH, which started at month 3, are related to the rapid stabilization in TTR (seen as early as day 28),¹¹ which prevents the formation and deposition of newly formed toxic amyloid precursors. The improvement in ACM observed from month 19 onward¹¹ may be driven by additional long-term effects of TTR stabilization on the amyloid fibril load already deposited in the heart.

The efficacy of acoramidis on the composite of ACM or first CVH was consistent across most subgroups, including those based on ATTR-CM genotype, age, baseline NT-proBNP level, baseline eGFR, and country. Patients at earlier ATTR-CM disease stages (NAC stage I or II, or NYHA functional class I or II) now constitute approximately 85% to 90% of patients with newly diagnosed ATTR-CM at specialized amyloid centers across many regions of the world.^{8,10} These patients may derive a greater benefit from acoramidis treatment than those with more advanced ATTR-CM. This is consistent with a proposed mechanism of action of acoramidis being the reduction in the formation and deposition of newly formed toxic amyloid fibrils. Furthermore, although the reported efficacy analyses of acoramidis were conducted in the mITT cohort with eGFR ≥30 mL/min/1.73 m², a 25% lower rate of ACM was observed with acoramidis treatment compared with placebo in the small subgroup of participants (n = 21) with severe renal impairment (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m²).

To contextualize the clinical efficacy observed with acoramidis, it is helpful to consider the study results obtained with sacubitril/valsartan and SGLT2 inhibitors, 2 recently approved heart failure treatments with Class I recommendations in the current heart failure diagnosis and treatment guidelines.^{20,21} In trials, sacubitril/valsartan and SGLT2 inhibitors reduced the relative risk of cardiovascular death or CVH, compared with an active control or placebo, by 20% (median duration: 27 months) and 25% (median duration: 17 months), respectively, in patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction, and by 13% (median duration: 35 months) and 20% (median duration: 27 months) in those with heart failure with



acoramidis). This imbalance between groups may have led to an underestimation of the effects of acoramidis. Although we have reported here the results of adjusting for tafamidis using a time-varying covariate, we have not used tafamidis as a stand-alone baseline subgroup. The subgroup approach was not implemented because it would have introduced guarantee-time bias (because tafamidis initiation as a concomitant treatment could not occur unless a participant had survived for 12 months).³⁰ In

addition, a small proportion of participants (2.1% overall) received SGLT2 inhibitors at baseline. Recent observational retrospective studies have shown that SGLT2 inhibitors may confer a benefit in ATTR-CM.^{31,32} Finally, ATTRibute-CM included a relatively low proportion of women, of participants who identified as Black or African American, and of participants with ATTRv-CM. Recent studies have reported underdiagnosis of ATTR-CM in women and in Black or African-American individuals, as well as

continuing challenges in enrolling underrepresented populations in clinical trials.³³⁻³⁷ ATTRv-CM is known to have a worse prognosis than ATTRwt-CM.⁴

CONCLUSIONS

Acoramidis treatment led to reductions in ACM or CVH, and in CVH alone, that were large in magnitude and were apparent early, starting at month 3. The efficacy of acoramidis was observed across multiple endpoints and subgroups. The internal consistency of the ATTRIBUTE-CM study results shows the robustness of the efficacy of acoramidis treatment to improve clinical outcomes in a contemporary ATTR-CM patient population. Further studies, including the currently ongoing open-label extension of ATTRIBUTE-CM (NCT04988386), will provide further insights into the long-term efficacy and safety of acoramidis.

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