## MHIF FEATURED STUDY: ATTR CM

#### **OPEN and ENROLLING:**

#### EPIC message to Research MHIF Patient Referral

#### **CONDITION:**

Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloid Cardiomyopathy

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**DESCRIPTION:** A Phase 3 Global, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of ION-682884 in Patients with Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloid Cardiomyopathy

ION-682884 vs. placebo administered by subcutaneous injection once every 4 weeks in patients with ATTR-CM receiving available background therapy. ION-682884 is a ligand-conjugated antisense drug designed to reduce the production of transthyretin to treat all types of TTR amyloidosis.

#### **CRITERIA LIST/ QUALIFICATIONS:**

#### **Inclusion**

- Amyloid deposits in cardiac or non-cardiac tissue
- Medical history of HF secondary to hereditary or wild-type ATTR-CM

#### **Exclusion**

- · Cardiomyopathy not primarily caused by ATTR-CM
- Significant co-morbidities
- · Current treatment with inotersen, patisiran, diflunisal, doxycycline, non-dihydropyridine calcium-channel blocker

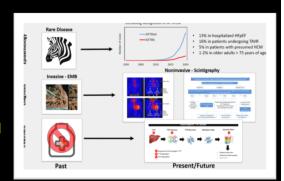




#### 2021 Howard B. Burchell Memorial Lecture

# Transthyretin Cardiac Amyloidosis:

Transition from a rare, underdiagnosed and untreatable to increasingly and easily recognized and treatable disorder



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#### **Disclosures**

- I am excited about the emergence of effective therapies for ATTR amyloidosis but disappointed at the cost of such therapies which pose a significant obstacle to adoption.
- I have research support from several pharmaceutical companies:
  - NIH/NIA/NHLBI

-Eidos

— GSK

-Prothena

- Akcea, Inc

-Ionis Pharmaceuticals

Alnylam, Inc

-Pfizer, Inc.

## **Objectives**

At the conclusion of this seminar, learners will be able to:

- Identify the phenotype of cardiac amyloidosis in order to facilitate early diagnosis
- 2. Distinguish underlying causes of cardiac amyloidosis given differences in prevalence, genetics, prognosis and treatment
- 3. Enumerate three strategies to address TTR cardiac amyloidosis

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#### Case

- 62 year old white male with progressive shortness of breath for 2 years
- Had a previous ECG which revealed a "silent MI"
- Initially had atrial fibrillation which was paroxysmal but became persistent.
- Cardiac catheterization (2 years ago): 50% first diagonal, 40% RCA, normal EF, LVEDP = 19 mm Hg

## **Case (continued)**

- Treated with diuretics and ACE/Beta Blockers (intolerant)
- Worsening cardiac status; Echo shows EF=71%, LVH
- Right pleural effusion tapped ~400 ml, negative cytology and thought secondary to heart failure
- Repeat echo 2 years after initial presentation shows LVEF=30%, had AV node ablation and BiV pacemaker

Referred for evaluation

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### HFpEF vs. DHF

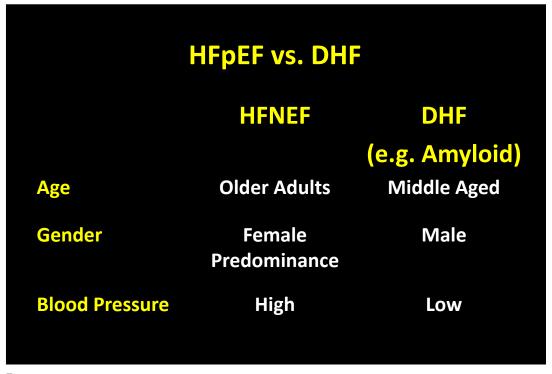
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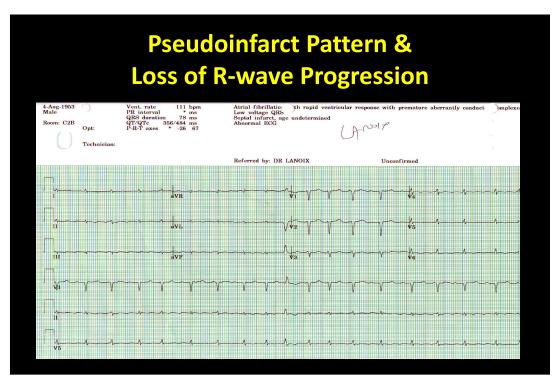
Age Older Adults

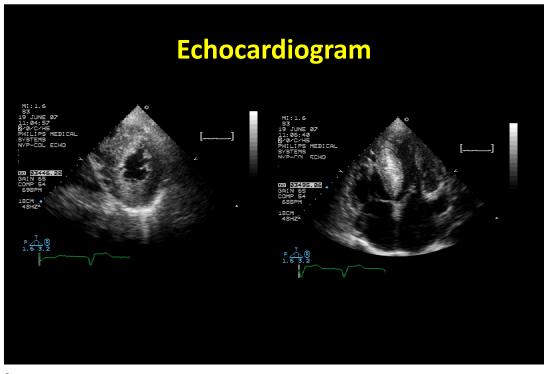
**Gender** Female

**Predominance** 

**Blood Pressure** High

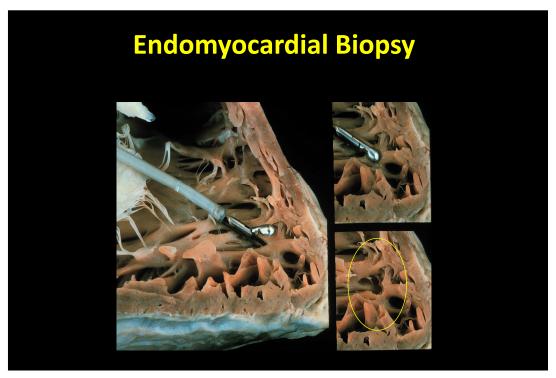


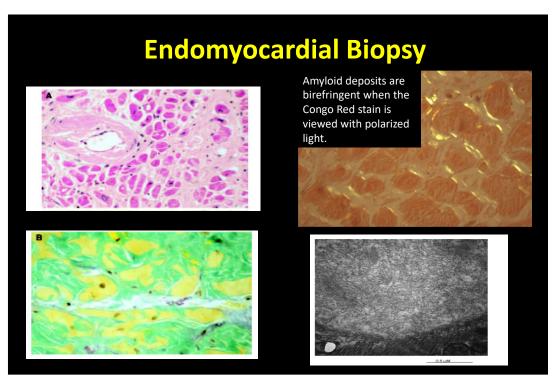




### **Catheterization**

- Right atrium = 15 mm Hg
- Right ventricle = 44/9 mm Hg
- Pulmonary artery = 45/23/31, saturation of 52%
- Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure= 30 mm Hg
- Cardiac ouput = 1.99 l/min, Cardiac index = 0.97 ml/min/m2
- Left ventricle = 83/26 mm Hg
- Aortic Pressure = 85/60 mm Hg, saturation of 95%





## Misdiagnosis and Delayed Diagnosis of Cardiac Amyloidosis

- 75% saw > 3 physicians before diagnosis made
- 63% > 6 months to diagnosis
- 44% received an incorrect diagnosis first
- 31% required air travel to establish diagnosis
- Only 18% of these patients with cardiac AL had the correct diagnosis made by a cardiologist
- Cardiologists are the most common subspecialists to make a misdiagnosis – most commonly - hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

Lousada et al, European Hematology Association (EHA) 22nd Annual Congress 2017; June 22–25, 2017

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## **Systemic Amyloidosis**

- Characterized by extra-cellular deposition of a fibrillar protein
- Deposits progressively interfere with the structure / function of affected organs throughout the body
- Two dozen proteins known to form amyloid fibrils in vivo
- Two predominant types involve the heart:
  - 1. AL typically associated with plasma cell dyscrasia
  - 2. TTR Associated transthyretin (TTR)
    - a. mutation or
    - b. wild type (SCA)

Туре	Types of cardiac amyloidosis			
Features	AL	ATT	'R	
Precursor protein	Light chain	Mutant TTR	TTR	
Average age (range)	55 (30-75)	50 (30-70)	75 (60-100)	
Gender (% male)	60%	80%	95%	
Cardiac involvement (%)	~60%	Variable	All	
Fat pad biopsy	50-80%	<50%	<30%	
Primary Referral Route	Hematology, Cardiology, Nephrology	Neurology & Cardiology	Cardiology	
Extra-cardiac manifestations	<ul> <li>Nephrotic syndrome / renal failure</li> <li>Autonomic dysfunction</li> <li>Purpura</li> <li>Carpal tunnel</li> </ul>	dysfunction	<ul><li>Carpal Tunnel</li><li>Neuropathy?</li></ul>	
Median survival	12-36 months (4-6 with HF)	70	75	

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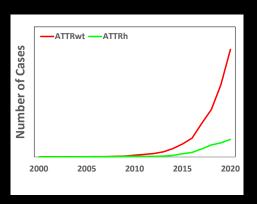
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# Type Incidence/Prevalence 1° AL Amyloid ~2500 Cases per year 50% have calcular involvement ATTRmutant 4% of African Americans are carriers 25,000-125,500 Rare 200,000 Rare

## **Increasing Recognition of ATTR-CA**

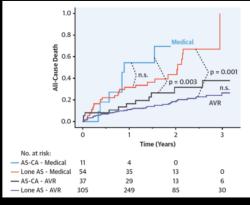
- 16% in patients undergoing TAVR
- 13% in hospitalized HFpEF
- 5% in patients with presumed HCM (25% in those > 60 years)
- 1-2% in older adults > 75 years of age



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#### **UNVEIL Study Using Nuclear & Echocardiographic Vehicles to Expose Inherent Loads of Amyloid** • 151 patients with severe AS. **ATTRwt in Males** 99mTc-PYP planar imaging. **Undergoing TAVR** • Uptake in 16% (n=24), 22 of which were men. Phenotype of severe concentric LVH 22% and low flow AS – Men (92%) Elevated BNP 522 [302-1,023] vs 275 [124-722] pg/ml, p=0.041 Increased LV mass (130 vs 98 g/m², p=0.002)- Low SVI I(30<u>+</u>11 vs 36<u>+</u>10 ml/m<sup>2</sup>, p=0.009) - RBBB (38% vs 16%, p=0.023). ATTRwt Non-Amyloid Eur Heart J. 2017 Oct 7;38(38):2879-2887

## Outcomes after TAVR in ATTR-CA compared to Non-Cardiac Amyloid AS Subjects



	Overall (N=204)	No ATTR-CA (N=177)	ATTR-CA (N=27)	P-value
Primary outcome				
Death, N (%)	63 (31%)	54 (31%)	9 (33%)	0.9423
Secondary outcomes				
First HF hospitalization, N (%) Recurrent HF Hospitalizations	39 (19%)	32 (18%)	7 (26%)	0.482
year HF Hospitalization rate,     N/person years	0.149	0.114	0.372	0.004
3 year HF Hospitalization rate, N/person years	0.123	0.199	0.111	0.087

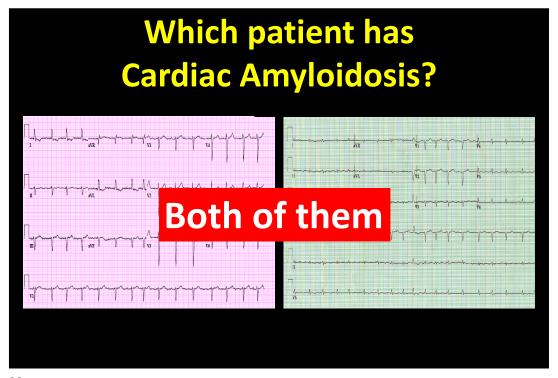
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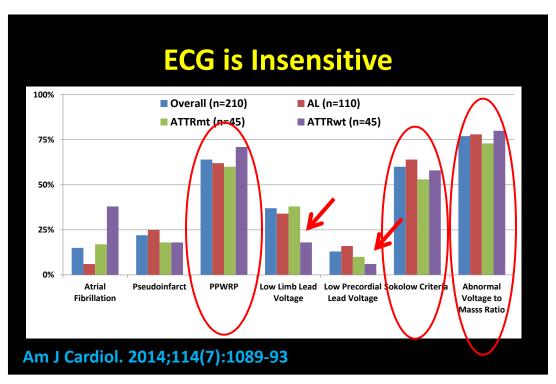
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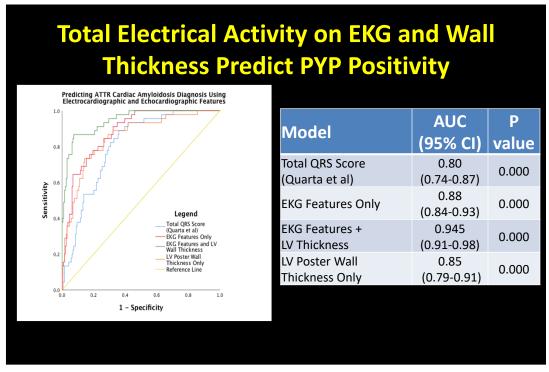
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#### **Discordance Between Voltage /Wall Thickness Females Males** Symm. tQRS Symm. tQRS LVH LVH LVWT (LVWT $(h^{2.7})$ 52% Sens 91% 76% 44% 91% Sens 78% 91% 23% 93% 27% Spec 81% Spec 81% LR+ LR+ 5.7 1.2 3.3 1.3 3.6 6.6 0.5 0.4 LR-0.6 0.3 0.3 LR-0.2 Total QRS/LVWT: Males, cutoff 8.4; Females, cutoff 7.7 Total QRS/LVWT/h<sup>2.7:</sup> Males, cutoff 36.4; Female, cutoff 27.3



## **Fat Pad Aspirate**

- Sensitivity for AL amyloid of 70 % at best
- Positive in < 50 % of subjects with TTR cardiac amyloid



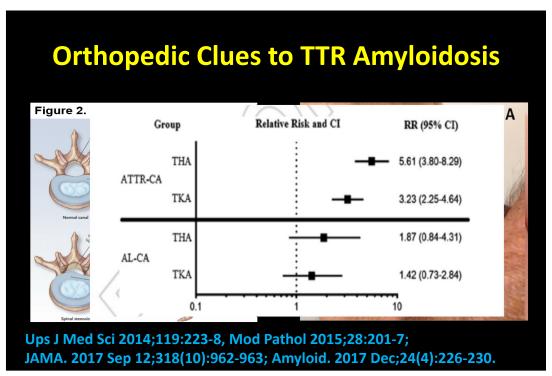
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#### You've Got to Think of IT to Diagnose IT!!! **History/Exam Clues** HFPEF without hypertension, particularly in men (for TTR) Evidence of *right-sided* heart failure (e.g. hepatomegaly, ascites, 0.05 and lower extremity edema) Stiffness (units) • Intolerance of ACE, Beta-blockers. AL – Periorbital purpura • TTR • Bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome Lumbar Spinal Stenosis • Biceps tendon rupture

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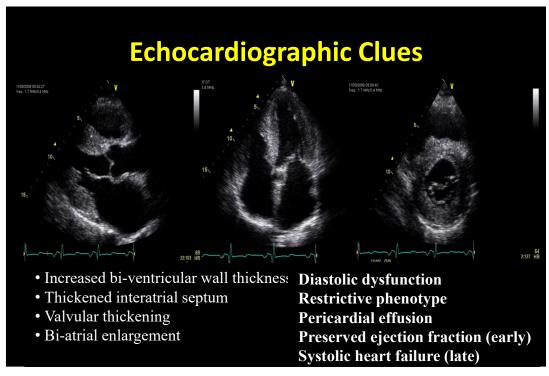
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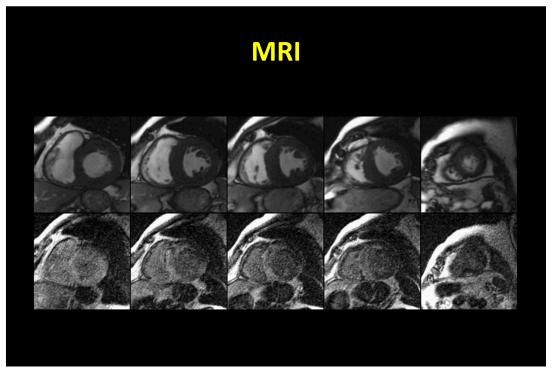
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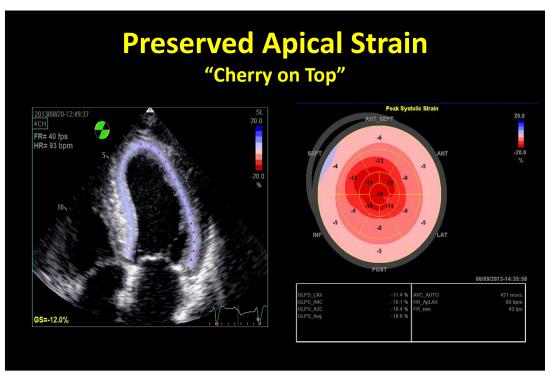
#### **Imaging Clues**

- Low voltage to mass ratio
- Diffuse delayed enhancement on cardia MRI
- Apical sparring on strain rate imaging
- Low myocardial contraction fraction
- Myocardial Uptake on PYP Scintigraphy

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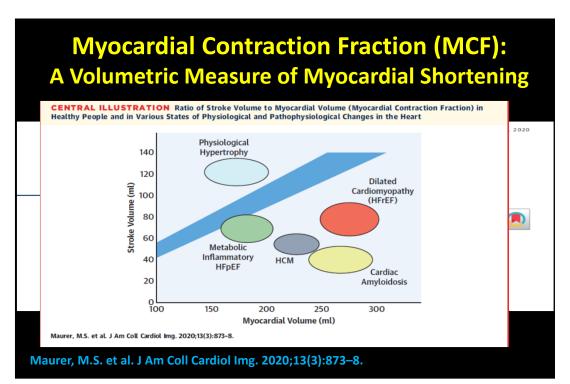


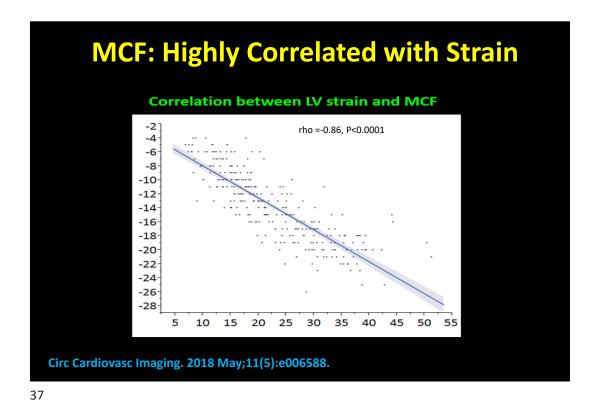
## Definition of Myocardial Contraction Fraction (MCF)

- Defined as:
  - MCF = Stroke Volume / Myocardial volume
- Myocardial volume is constant from end diastole to end systole.
- Epicardial and endocardial SV are equal.
- Thus indexing stroke volume to myocardial volume is a novel index of myocardial function that delineates a volumetric index of myocardial shortening.

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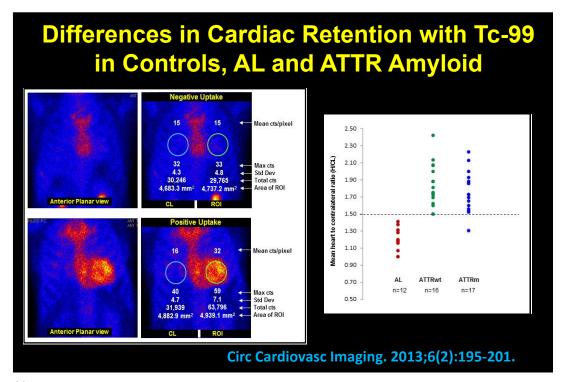
Myocardial Contraction Fraction Versus Ejection Fraction in RCM/HCM Phenotypes

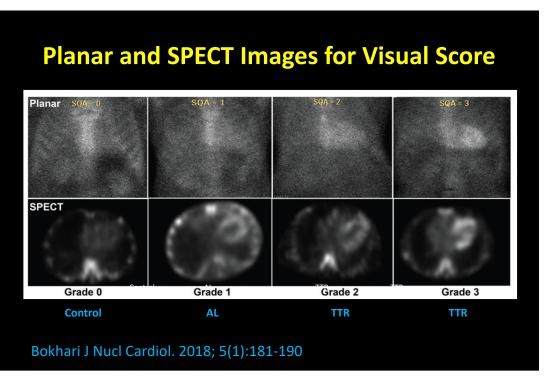
Cohort	EF	MCF
Amyloid		
-TTR	60±7	30±14
-TAVR	45±18	28+11
-OHT	49±13	13±6
-AL	65±5	21±7
HCM		
-2DE	70±8	26±11

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## Accepted Non-Invasive Diagnosis of ATTR-CM

- Currently the accepted definition of a noninvasive diagnosis of ATTR-CM requires all of the following:
- 1. Unexplained heart failure or carrier status of a pathogenic TTR mutation
- 2. Echocardiographic and/or cardiac MRI findings suggestive of cardiac amyloidosis
- 3. The absence of a monoclonal gammopathy by serum free light chain assay and serum and urine Immunofixation
- 4. The presence of ≥ grade 2 uptake on (99mTc-PYP, 99mTc-DPD, 99mTc-HDMP) that is confirmed by SPECT imaging

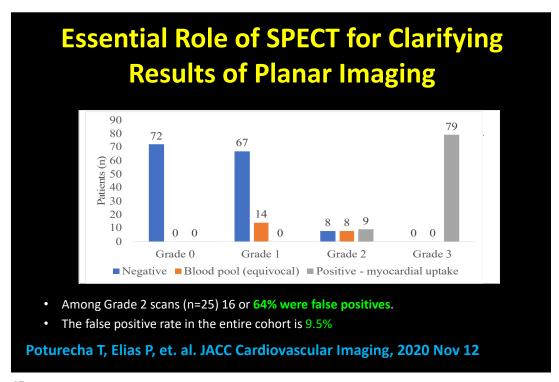
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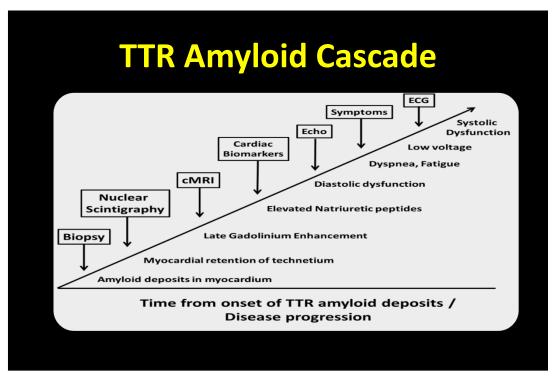
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# Key Causes of Misdiagnosis of ATTR Cardiac Amyloidosis with PYP Scanning Positive PYP # ATTR; Diagnosis \* AL. Always screen for AL. Positive PYP = blood pool systale, no amyloid Always screen for AL. Positive PYP = blood pool systale, no amyloid Always perform SPECT Accorate Diagnosis \* ATTR: MI Perform TTR DNA sequence Negative PYP, Clinical suspicion persists Cardiac biopsy: Diagnosis \* ATTRV Perform biopsy if strong clinical suspicion J Am Coll Cardiol. 2020 Jun 9;75(22):2851-2862.

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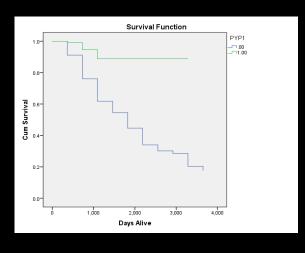


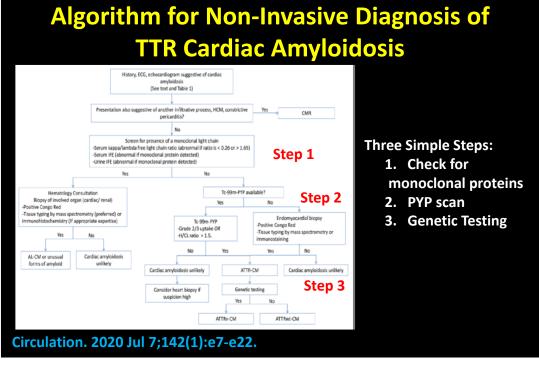
## PYP enables earlier diagnosis!

Parameter	PYP (n=126)	EMB (n=149)	P value
NYHA class (median)	2	3	0.0051
Total QRS voltage (mv)	76±52	57±33	0.0291
Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	119±17	113±13	0.0069
BNP (pg/ml)	354±290	691±552	<0.0001
EF (%)	48±14	42±16	0.0008
IVS thickness (mm)	1.5±0.4	1.7±0.6	0.0097
LV mass (grams)	278±100	333±199	0.0058

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# Scintigraphy is associated with improved survival!!





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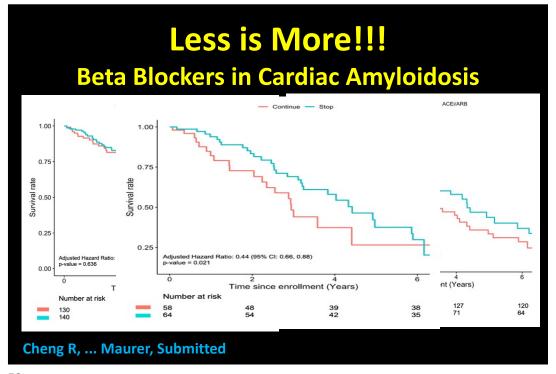
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# **General Treatment for Amyloid Cardiomyopathy**

- Diuretics and Salt Restriction Mainstay of therapy
   Aldosterone Antagonists and Bioavailable Loop Diuretics
- · Calcium channel blockers and ?digoxin contraindicated
- ACE, ARBs and Beta Blockers often intolerant and potentially associated with worse outcomes
- Anticoagulation in atrial fibrillation irrespective of CHADs-Vasc Score
- Hypotension compression stockings and midodrine.
- AICD / pacer more of a role for pacing

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# ATTR Cardiac Amyloidosis: The Quintessential form of Diastolic Heart Failure \*\*Restrictive cardiomyopathy\*\* - Progressive diastolic dysfunction - Reduced LV capacitance — upward and leftward shifts in EDPVR \*\*BEDPVR\*\* \*\*BEDPVR\*\* \*\*BEDPVR\*\* \*\*STITUTE OF THE STANDARD S



## **Atrial Fibrillation:**

**Nearly Universal in ATTR Cardiac Amyloidosis Over Time** 

- Prevalence
- At least 1/3 in large series 1,2,3
- 53% in the ATTR-ACT study
- Incidence
- ~90% develop AF over time
- Anticoagulation in atrial fibrillation irrespective of CHADs-Vasc Score

## **Event Rate Per 100 Person Years**

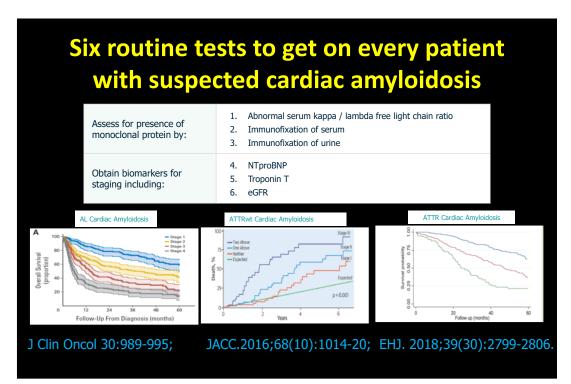
Outcome	NOAC (n=116)	Warfarin (n=78)	P value
Stroke	3.5	2.9	0.73
Bleed	5.2	3.7	0.45

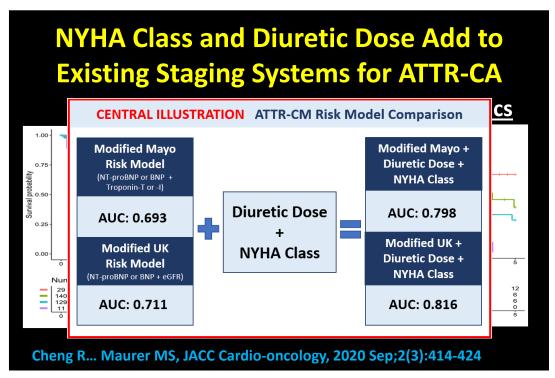
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## **Serum Free Light Chain Assay**

Test	Sensitivity
FLC κ/λ ratio	91%
Serum IFE	69%
Urine IFE	83%
FLC $\kappa/\lambda$ ratio and urine IFE	91%
FLC $\kappa/\lambda$ ratio and serum IFE	99%
Serum IFE and urine IFE	95%
All three tests	99%

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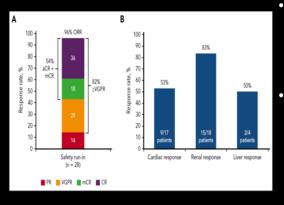




## Treatment for AL Amyloid Don't Do this Alone – Get a Hematologist

- Plasma cell therapy
  - Oral melphalan and dexamethasone
  - Thalidomide and dexamethasone
  - Bortezomib, Carfilzomib and Ixazomib
  - Lenalidomide and Pomalidomide
  - Daratumumab, Isatuximab and Elotuzumab
  - Venetoclax (for t11,14 trasnlocations)
  - Intermediate- or high-dose melphalan and stem cell transplant

# Daratumumab (subcutaneously) – A new standard of care in AL Amyloidosis

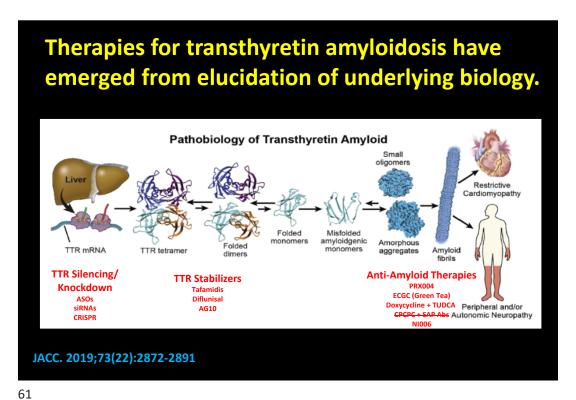


- Daratumumab is a human immunoglobulin monoclonal antibody targeting CD38 that is uniformly expressed on clonal plasma cells.
- ANDROMEDA met is primary endpoint with met the primary endpoint of percentage of patients with hematologic complete response (53.3% with CyBorgD + Dara versus 18.1% of patients who were treated with CyBorD alone (odds ratio of 5.1 (95% CI 3.2 8.2, p<0.0001)).

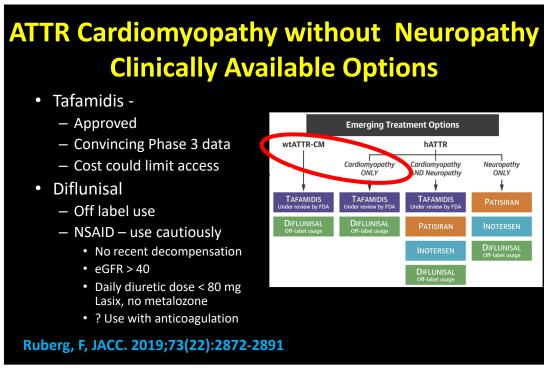
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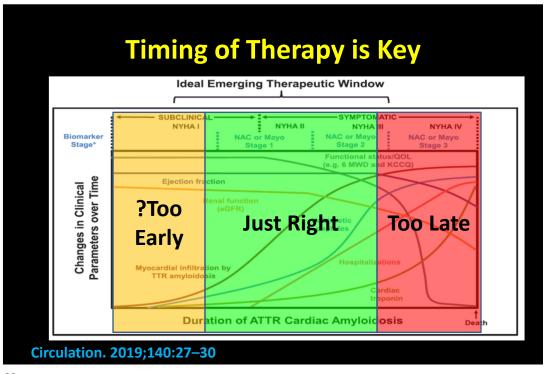
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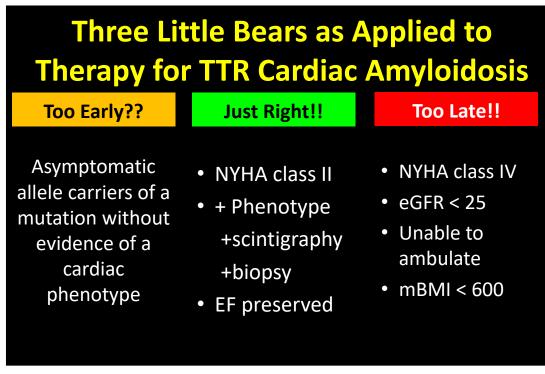
#### **Pathogenesis of ATTR Amyloidosis** Folded monomer TTR structures associated with patho Restrictive Sensorimotor Deposition in Denosition in Cardiomyopathy Polyneuropathy TTR Amyloid Polyneuropathy TTR Amyloid Cardiomyopathy (ATTR-PN) (ATTR-CM) 30-40s Onset • 60-70s



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#### **ATTRWt: Too Late**

- 87 year old male with ATTRwt cardiac amyloidosis
- 4 previous hospitalizations for heart failure in last 6 months
- · Non ambulatory, frail appearing in a wheelchair
- Exam
  - BP is 92/70 (after taking midodrine 5 mg), HR of 104, BMI of 19
  - JVP > 15 cm, decreased breath sounds at right lung 1/3 way up, no gallop, II/IV holosystolic murmur at LLSB, liver 3 cm below costal margin, 2-3+ edema, cool
- Labs: eGFR -21 ml/kg/min, NTproBNP 9,836 pg/ml, Troponin T = 0.15, albumin of 2.7
- Echo shows IVS of 24 mm, EF of 25%, moderate-severe RV dysfunction

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## **ATTR-ACT**Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria<sup>1</sup>

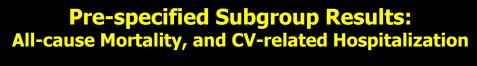
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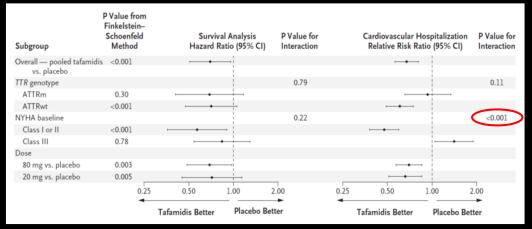
- Presence of amyloid deposits in biopsy tissue (cardiac or non-cardiac) and TTR precursor protein identification by mass spectrometry, immunohistochemistry or scintigraphy
- Evidence of cardiac involvement by echocardiography with an end-diastolic interventricular septal wall thickness >12 mm
- A medical history of heart failure (HF) with at least 1 prior hospitalization for HF signs or symptoms of volume overload or elevated intracardiac pressures requiring treatment with a diuretic for improvement
- NT-proBNP concentration ≥600 pg/mL
- 6-Minute Walk Test distance >100 meters

#### Key Exclusion Criteria

- New York Heart Association (NYHA) class IV
- Glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) of <25 mL/min/1.73 m2</li>
- Concurrent treatment with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
- Modified body mass Index (mBMI) <600 kg/m2·g/L</li>

<sup>1</sup>Maurer MS, et al. Circ Heart Fail 2017;10.



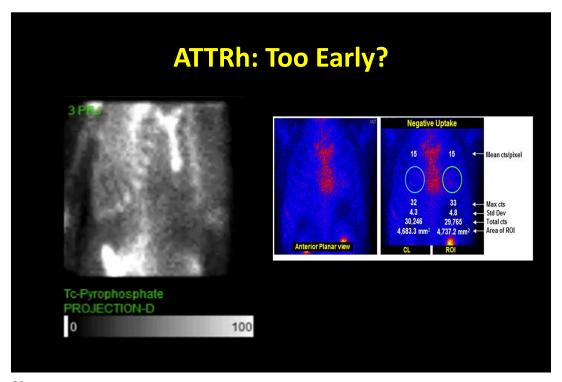


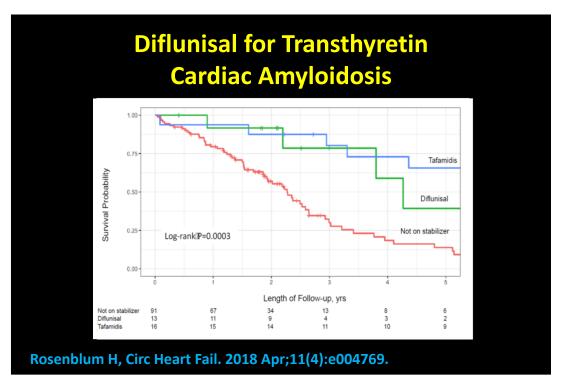
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#### **ATTRh: Too Early?**

- 48 year old women with family history of ATTR-CA
  - Father died from progressive heart failure 2° Val122Ile
  - Mother is also carrier of Val122Ile but asymptomatic
- Patient is homozygous for Val122Ile
- Exam normal: BP=128/74, HR=72, no JVP, no gallop
- EKG: no conduction disease; no low voltage nor Q waves
- Echo: E/E' = 8, MWT = 10 mm, strain -22%, no apical sparing
- Labs: prealbumin =18 mg/dl (normal 22-38 mg/dl),
   NTproBNP = 84 pg/ml, Troponin T <0.01</li>





## **ATTRwt: Just Right**

- 64 year old male with NYHA class II symptoms
- Has had previous biceps tendon rupture
- EKG shows pseudoinfarcts but not low voltage
- Echo: IVS of 15 mm, PWT of 14 mm, EF of 52%, GLS of -11%, E/E' of 18
- Labs
  - NTproBNP = 400 pg/ml, Troponin T <0.01, eGFR of 58 ml/min/m2,</li>
     SPIE negative and normal K/L free light chains
- PYP scan grade 3, H/CL of 2.1 and SPECT show myocardial retention of PYP.

<b>Baseline Clinical Characteristics</b>			
Characteristic	Pooled Tafamidis (N=264)	Placebo (N=177)	
Age, mean (SD)	74.5 (7.2)	74.1 (6.7)	
Male, n (%)	241 (91.3)	157 (88.7)	
ATTRwt, n (%)	201 (76.1)	134 (75.7)	
LV ejection fraction, mean (SD)	48.4 (10.3)	48.6 (9.5)	
Interventricular wall thickness, mean (SD)	16.7 (3.8)	16.2 (3.5)	
LV stroke volume mean (SD)	45.8 (16.1)	45.1 (16.9)	
Global longitudinal strain, mean (SD)	-9.3 (3.5)	-9.4 (3.6)	
NYHA Class, n (%)			
NYHA Class I	24 (9.1)	13 (7.3)	
NYHA Class II	162 (61.4)	101 (57.1)	
NYHA Class III	78 (29.5)	63 (35.6)	
NT-proBNP, median (Q1, Q3)	2996 (1752, 4862)	3161 (1864, 4825)	
Troponin I, median (Q1, Q3)	0.14 (0.09, 0.20)	0.14 (0.08, 0.19)	

### Primary Analysis using Finkelstein-Schoenfeld (F-S) Method

	Pooled Tafamidis n=264	Placebo n=177
P-value from F-S method	0.	0006
Patients alive <sup>a</sup> at Month 30, n (%)	186 (70.5)	101 (57.1)
Average cardiovascular-related		
hospitalizations during 30 mo (per pt	0.297	0.455
per yr) among those alive at Month 30		
Win-Ratio <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	1.695 (1.255, 2.289)	

<sup>a</sup>Heart transplant and implantation of a cardiac mechanical assist device were treated as death for this analysis

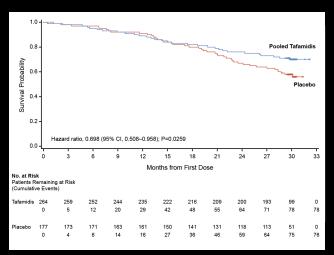
<sup>b</sup>Number of pairs of tafamidis-treated patient wins divided by number of pairs of placebo patient wins

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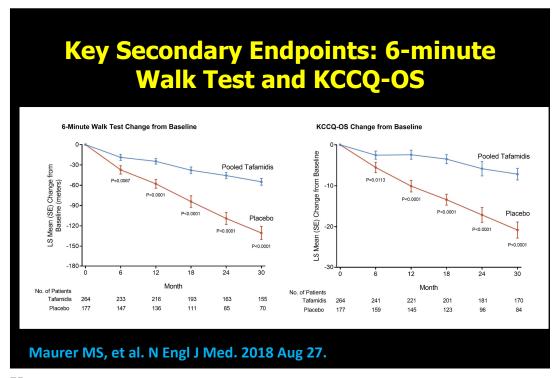
## Tafamidis Reduces All-cause Mortality and Hospitalizations.

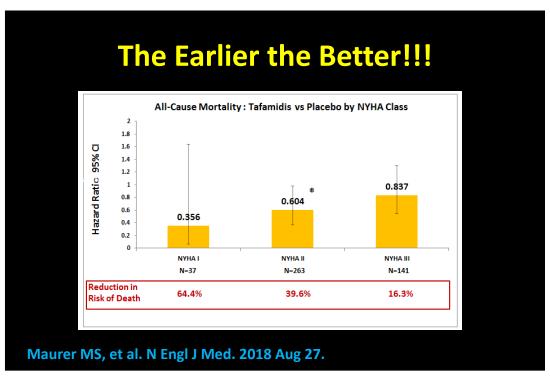
33% reduction (P=0.018) in overall mortality – need to treat 7-8 patients to prevent one death over 2 ½ years

There was a 32% reduction in the rate of hospitalization with tafamidis compared with placebo – need to treat 4 patients to prevent 1 hospitalization per year.



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## **Progression of ATTR-CA**

**Transthyretin Cardiac Amyloidosis Study (TRACS)** 

Parameter	6-Month Rate of Change
Six minute walk distance (meters)	-25.8
NT-pro-BNP (pg/ml)	1816.0
LV EF (%)	-3.22

Am Heart J. 2012 Aug;164(2):222-228

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Screening for Cardiac Amyloidosis using Nuclear imaging in Minority Populations (SCAN-MP) Study.

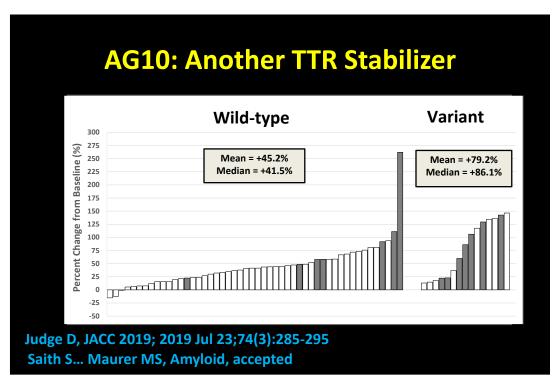
#### Overall Goal:

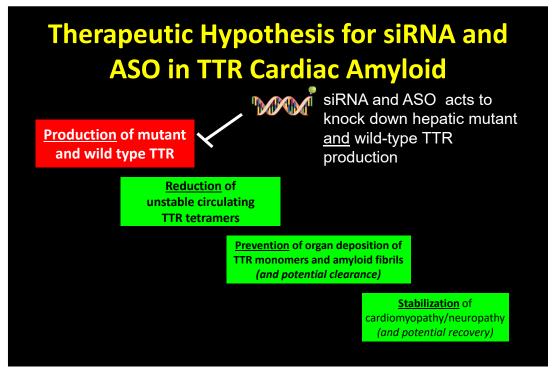
To change the approach transthyretin cardiac amyloidosis, which is a devastating disease, by screening and early diagnosis

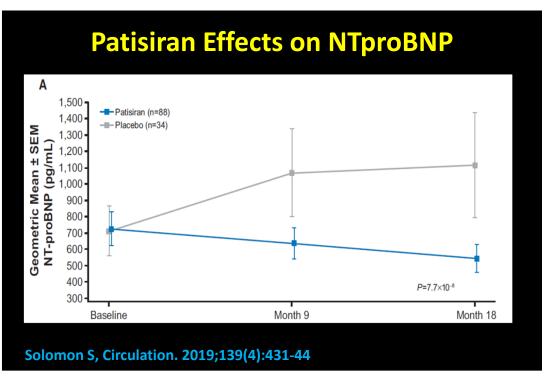
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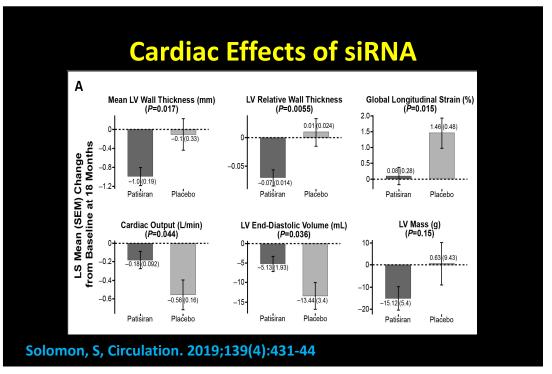
- Prospective, cohort study in 800 participants
- Black and Hispanic subjects with heart failure
- Undergo Tc<sup>99</sup>-PYP imaging, clinical, biochemical, electrocardiographic, echocardiographic measures along with genetic evaluation.
- Evaluate the prevalence, phenotype and outcomes of ATTR-CA in minorities with genetic and non-genetic causes.

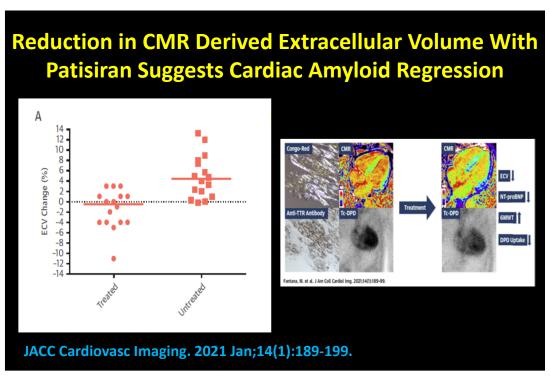
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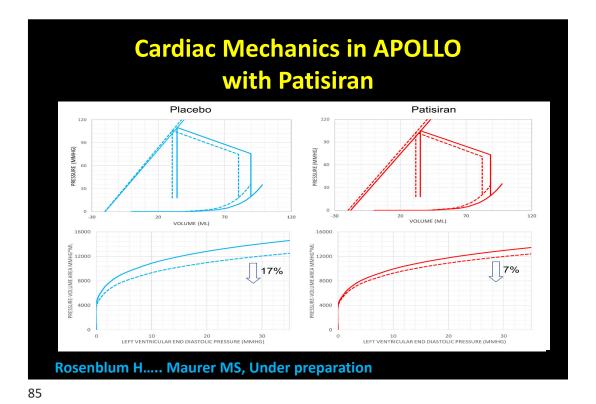












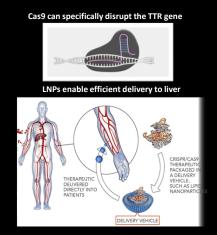
# ATTR Cardiomyopathy without Neuropathy Phase 3 Trials

- AG10- ATTRIBUTE-CM
  - Oral compound
  - Phase 3 trial fully enrolled
  - 510 Participants Planned
  - 2:1 Randomization
  - Co-Primary Endpoints
    - » 6MWTD at 12 months
    - » Mortality and CV hospitalizations at 30 months
- Patisiran APOLLO-B
  - IV administration every 3 weeks
  - 300 participants Anticipated enrollment closed in Q2 of 2021
  - 1:1 randomization
  - Change in 6MWT at 12 months

- AKCEA-TTR-L<sub>RX</sub>: CardioTTRansform
  - SQ compound dose 1 a month
  - 750 participants
  - 1:1 Randomization
  - Primary hierarchical composite endpoint of cardiovascular mortality and recurrent cardiovascular clinical events analyzed by the Andersen-Gill method
- Vutrisiran Helios B
  - SQ Compound dose every 3 months
  - 600 participants
  - 1:1 Randomization
  - All-cause mortality and recurrent CV events (CV hospitalizations and urgent HF visits) by Andersen-Gill model

## Gene Editing for TTR Amyloidosis with CRISPR/Cas9 system

- CRISPR/Cas9 enables editing of unhealthy genes, acting as programmable molecular scissors
- For ATTR, Cas9 may be used to silence expression of TTR in hepatocytes, reducing the release of misfolded protein
- CRISPR can be delivered efficiently to the liver using lipid nanoparticles (LNPs), with transient expression but lasting changes
- A single administration may be sufficient to halt the pathogenic process

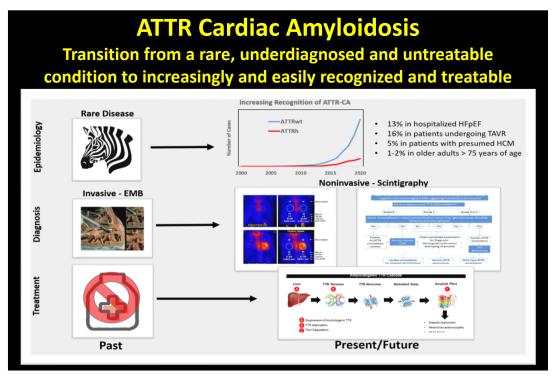


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## **TTR Amyloid Cardiomyopathy**

The Great Pretender

- Challenging
- Facinating
- Mysterious
- Not as rare as supposed
- Relatively easy to detect (when suspected!)
- Treatable



### **Objectives**

- Identify the phenotype of cardiac amyloidosis in order to facilitate early diagnosis
  - The diagnosis of cardiac amyloidosis continues to be made in patients with late-stage disease
  - More needs to be done to improve awareness of its clinical manifestations and the potential of therapeutic intervention to improve prognosis
- 2. Distinguish underlying causes of cardiac amyloidosis given differences in prevalence, prognosis and treatment
  - Light chain cardiac amyloidosis, in particular, if recognized early and treated with targeted plasma cell therapy, can be managed very effectively.
  - With the aging of population, ATTRwt will become the most commonly form of cardiac amyloidosis.

## **Objectives**

- 3. Enumerate three emerging strategies to address TTR cardiac amyloidosis
  - Therapies based on a biologic understanding have been shown to be effective in late phase clinical trials.
  - Non biopsy diagnosis of TTR cardiac amyloidosis can be made with bone scintigraphy <u>assuming there is no evidence of a monoclonal</u> <u>protein</u>.