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## UPDATE ON AMYLOIDOSIS

**Diagnosis and treatment. What do the guidelines say and what issues are under discussion?**

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# DISCLOSURES

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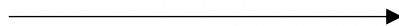
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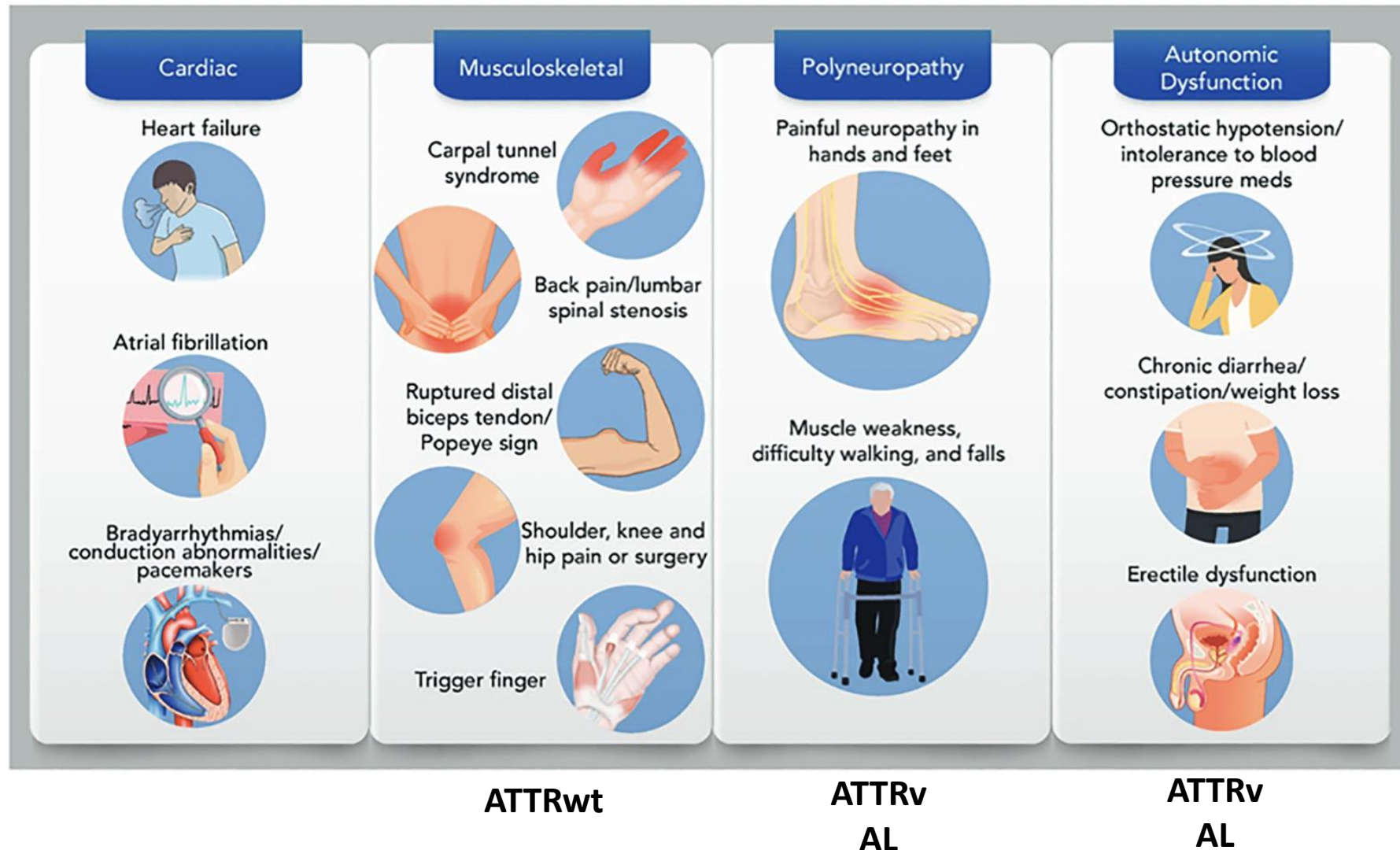
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**SUSPICION**


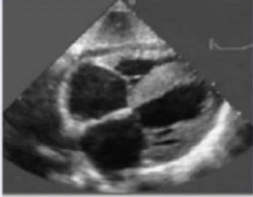
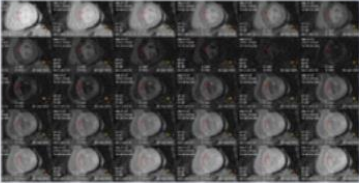

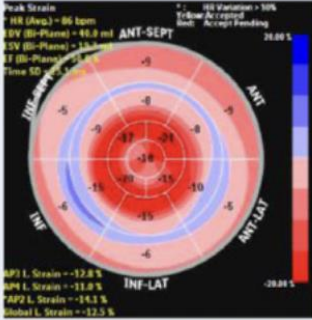
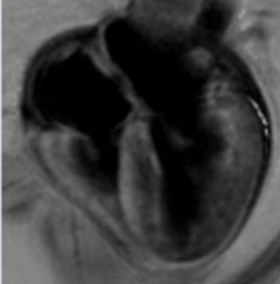


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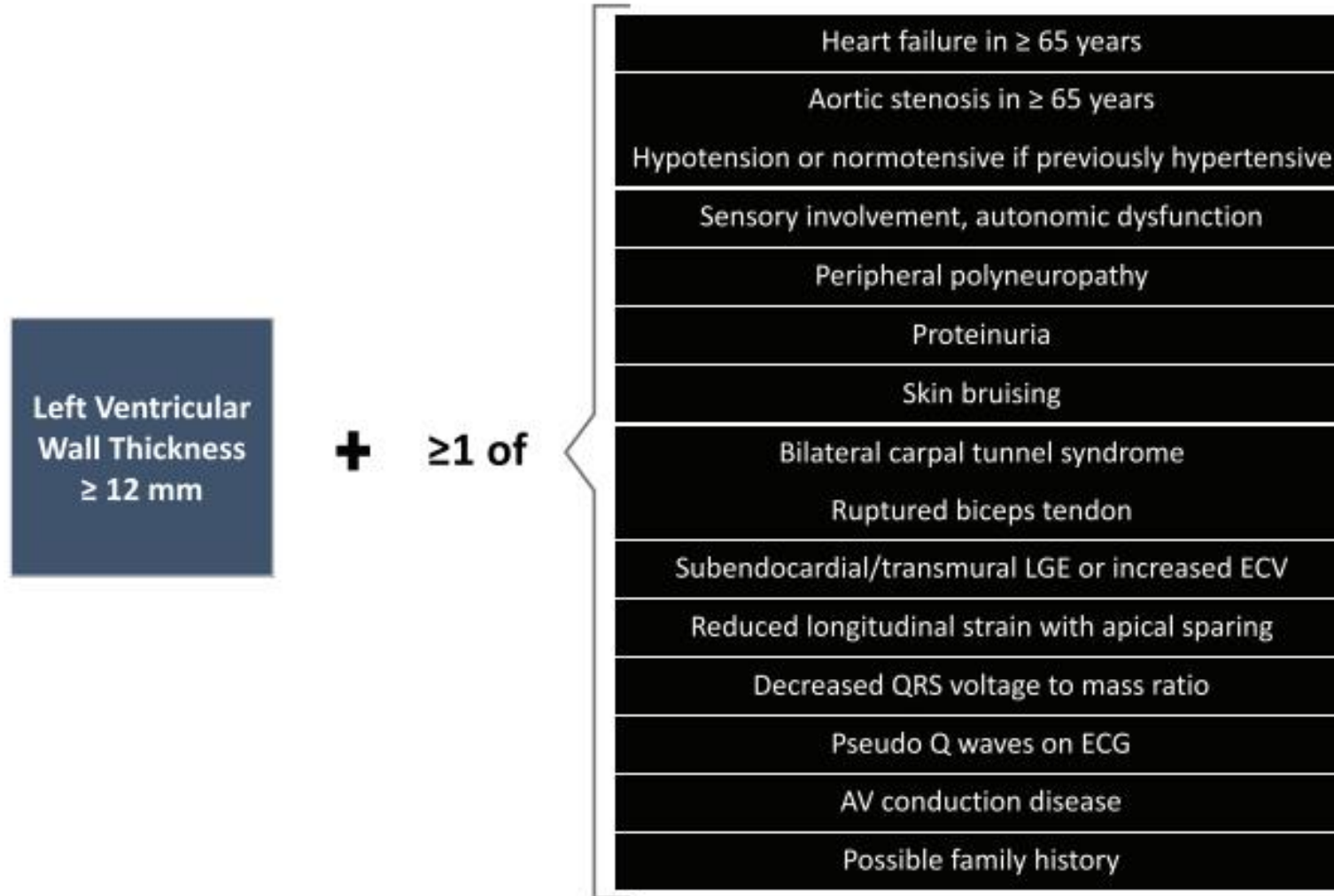
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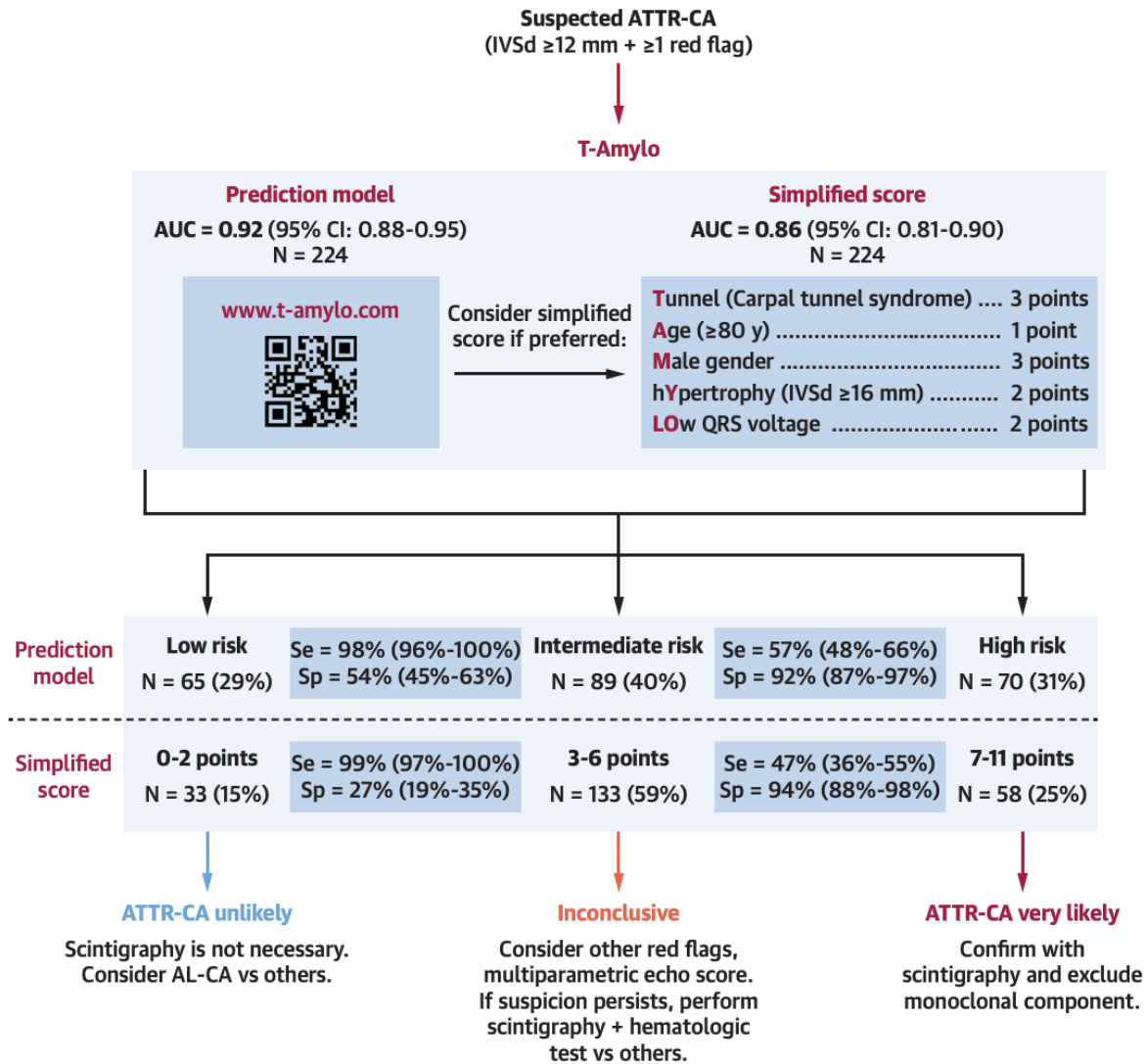
# SUSPICION OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: COMPLEMENTARY TESTS FINDINGS

Electrocardiográficas	Ecocardiográficas	RMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrón de seudoinfarto (70%)</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hipertrofia biventricular</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alteración de la cinética de gadolinio</li> </ul> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrón de bajos voltajes (28-43%)</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engrosamiento de las válvulas AV y del septo interauricular</li> <li>Derrame pericárdico</li> <li>Reducción del <i>strain</i> longitudinal global, con patrón segmentario <i>cherry-on-top</i></li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realce tardío transmural o subendocárdico global</li> </ul> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Índice de Sokolow-Lyon <math>\leq 1,5\text{mV}</math></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T1 nativo elevado</li> <li>Volumen extracelular aumentado</li> </ul>

# SUSPICION OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS



# SUSPICION OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: T-AMYLO SCORE



## Development and Validation of a Prediction Model and Score for Transthyretin Cardiac Amyloidosis Diagnosis

### T-Amylo

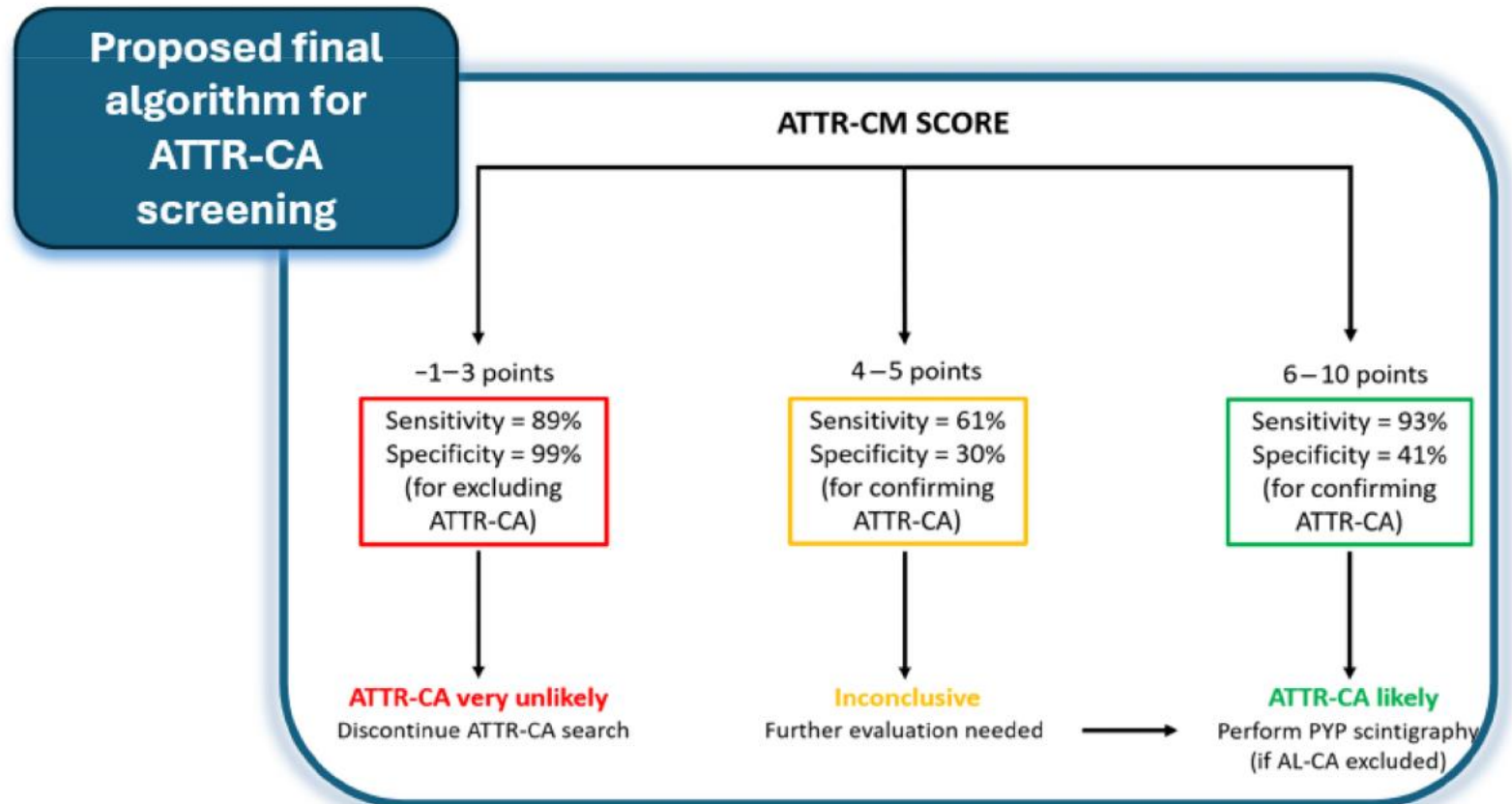
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# SUSPICION OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: ATTR-CM SCORE

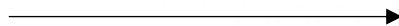
ATTR-CM score

Clinical variable	Value	Points
Age, years	60–69	+2
	70–79	+3
	≥80	+4
Sex	Male	+2
Hypertension	Yes	-1
LVEF	<60%	+1
Posterior wall thickness	≥12 mm	+1
Relative wall thickness	>0.57	+2



# DIAGNOSIS OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS

**SUSPICION**



Signs & symptoms, ECG, echo or CMR suggestive of cardiac amyloidosis

# GENERAL TREATMENT OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS

- ❖ Heart Failure
- ❖ Atrial Fibrillation – Embolic risk
- ❖ Conduction disorders
- ❖ Ventricular arrhythmias
- ❖ Aortic stenosis

# GENERAL TREATMENT OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: HEART FAILURE

- Nowadays, heart failure is the most common clinical manifestation of cardiac amyloidosis (~60%)

**Presentación clínica al diagnóstico**

Insuficiencia cardíaca/disnea	101 (57,1)	51 (44,4)	50 (80,7)	< 0,001
Fibrilación auricular	29 (16,4)	24 (20,9)	5 (8,1)	0,028
BAV	11 (6,2)	10 (8,7)	1 (1,6)	0,100
ACV	9 (5,1)	6 (5,2)	3 (4,8)	0,100
Síncope	6 (3,4)	5 (4,4)	1 (1,6)	0,667
Dolor torácico	5 (2,8)	5 (4,4)	0	0,164
Alteraciones en el ECG	6 (3,4)	5 (4,4)	1 (1,6)	0,667
Incidental	10 (5,6)	9 (7,8)	1 (1,6)	0,168

57,1%

López-Sainz A, et al. Rev Esp Cardiol. 2021;74:149-158

Características clínicas basales de los pacientes en el momento de la inclusión en el registro

	AC-ATTR (n= 128)	AC-AL (n= 15)	Total (N= 143)	p
Edad (años)	81,0 ± 6,0	67,9 ± 10,8	79,6 ± 7,7	< 0,0001
Sexo femenino	28 (21,9)	6 (40,0)	34 (23,8)	0,119
Motivo de consulta que llevó al diagnóstico				
Síntomas de insuficiencia cardíaca	77 (60,2)	8 (53,3)	85 (59,4)	0,29
Síncope o episodio arrítmico	15 (11,7)	1 (6,7)	16 (11,2)	
Diagnóstico diferencial de HVI	24 (18,7)	2 (13,3)	26 (18,2)	
Dolor torácico	5 (3,9)	1 (6,7)	6 (4,2)	
Otros	7 (5,5)	3 (20,0)	10 (7,0)	

59,4%

Barge-Caballero G, et al. Med Clin (Barc). 2021;156:369-378.






- A reduced left ventricular ejection fraction ( $\leq 40\%$ ) is not uncommon at diagnosis (15-40%)<sup>a-d</sup>

# GENERAL TREATMENT OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: HEART FAILURE

- Data from observational (most retrospective) studies, absence of clinical trials
- Most studies with ATTR-CA (especially ATTRwt-CA) patients; data with AL-CA patients is scarce
- Very heterogeneous studies
- Inclusion of patients with multiple indications for treatment, not only heart failure
- Contradictory results

# GENERAL TREATMENT OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: HEART FAILURE

## DRUGS: *Expert Recommendations*

Drug	ESC <sup>1</sup> 	DGK <sup>2</sup> 	CCS/CHFS <sup>3</sup> 	AHA <sup>5</sup> 	JCS <sup>6</sup> 
HF setting					
Loop or thiazide diuretics	Recommended <sup>a</sup>	Recommended <sup>a</sup>	Recommended <sup>a</sup>	Recommended, but avoid underfilling and worsening renal function from restrictive physiology <sup>a</sup>	Recommended <sup>a</sup>
Nitrates or carperitide (AHF)	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	Might be considered <sup>a</sup>
Catecholamines, PDE inhibitor (AHF)	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	Might be considered <sup>a</sup>
Beta-blockers	Not recommended, deprescribe (should be avoided) <sup>a</sup>	Avoid or very cautious use <sup>a</sup>	Avoid or very cautious use <sup>a</sup>	No data for benefit; may not be tolerated given fixed stroke volume (should be avoided) <sup>a</sup>	Tolerated dosing might be considered <sup>a</sup>
ACE inhibitor/ARB	Not recommended (should be avoided) <sup>a</sup>	Avoid or very cautious use <sup>a</sup>	Avoid or very cautious use <sup>a</sup>	No data for benefit; may exacerbate amyloid-related hypotension from autonomic dysfunction (should be avoided) <sup>a</sup>	Tolerated dosing might be considered <sup>a</sup>
Sacubitril/valsartan	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	No data for benefit; may exacerbate amyloid-related hypotension from autonomic dysfunction (should be avoided) <sup>a</sup>	No recommendation
MRA	No recommendation	No recommendation	Recommended <sup>a</sup>	Might be considered in conjunction with loop diuretics if adequate blood pressure and renal function <sup>a</sup>	Tolerated dosing might be considered <sup>a</sup>

# GENERAL TREATMENT OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: HEART FAILURE

## DRUGS: *Published Data on 27/09/2024*

- **AMIGAL:** 128 ATTR (89,8% ATTRwt), FEVIR: 23%
- **LONDON:** 2371 ATTR (77,6% ATTRwt), FEVIR: 22,4%
- **COLUMBIA:** 309 ATTR (66% ATTRwt), FEVIR: 34%
- **MIAMI:** 84 AC (37 ATTRwt, 31 ATTRv, 16 AL)

	ACEi/ARBs/ARNI	BETABLOCKERS	MRAs
➔ (a) AMIGAL (2022)	-	↓ All cause mortality	-
➔ (b) LONDON (2023)	No benefit	↓ All cause mortality in LVEF ≤40	↓ All cause mortality
(c) COLUMBIA (2022)	No benefit	No benefit	No benefit
➔ (d) MIAMI (2023)	No benefit	No benefit	No benefit

(a) Barge-Caballero G, et al. Mayo Clin Proc. 2022;97(2):261-273.

(b) Ioannou A, et al. Eur Heart J. 2023;44:2893-2907.

(c) Cheng RK, et al. J Am Heart Assoc. 2021;10:e022859.

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- **MIAMI:** 84 AC (37 ATTRwt, 31 ATTRv, 16 AL)
- **ATHENS:** 236 AL

	ACEi/ARBs/ARNI	BETABLOCKERS	MRA
(a) AMIGAL (2022)	-	75%	-
(b) LONDON (2023)	67%	78%	92%
(c) PISA (2020)	100%	93%	100%
(d) MIAMI (2023)	78%	79%	84%
(e) ATHENS (2022)	-	53%	-

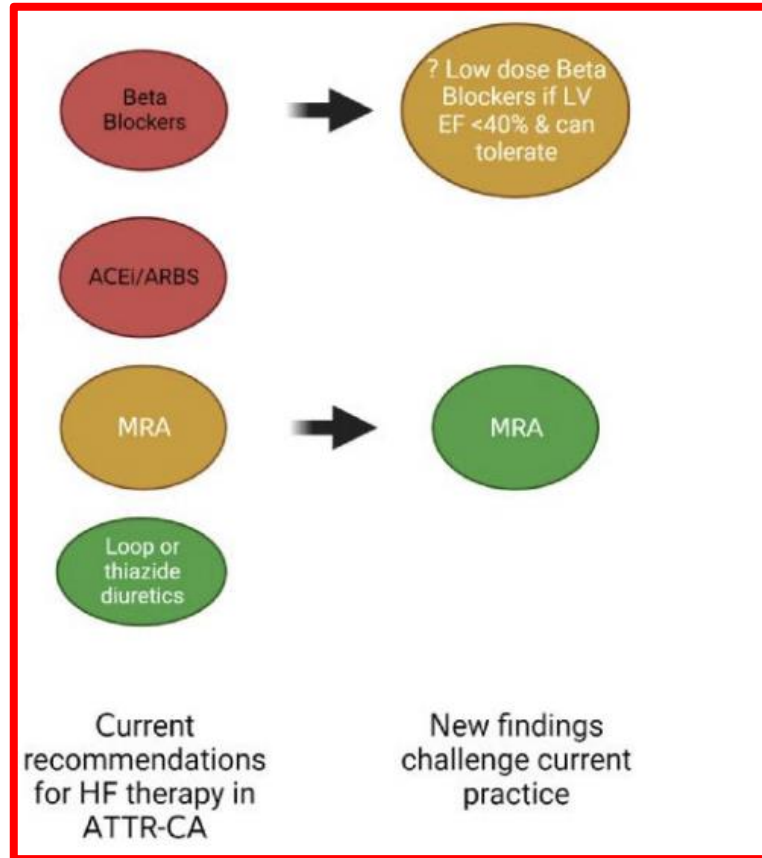
*% of patients who continued treatment (low-intermediate doses)*

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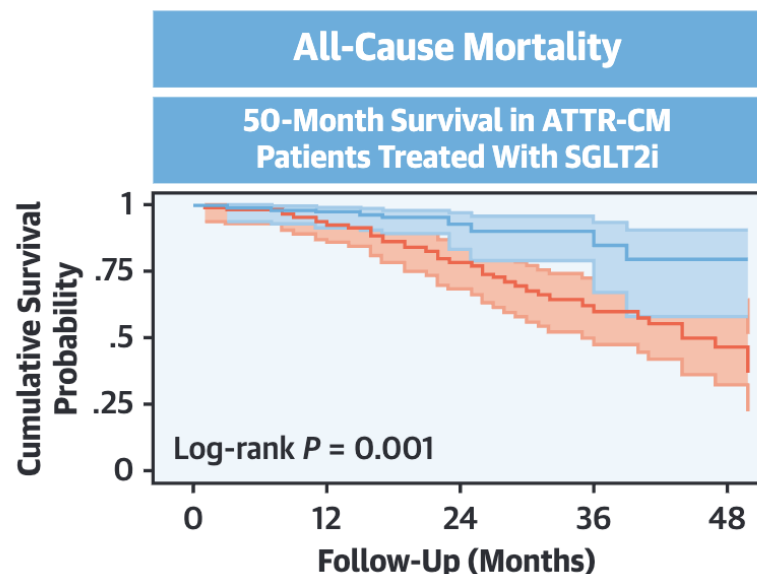
**DRUGS:** *Published Data on 27/09/2024*

**440 patients with ATTR-CA** (80,7% ATTRwt)

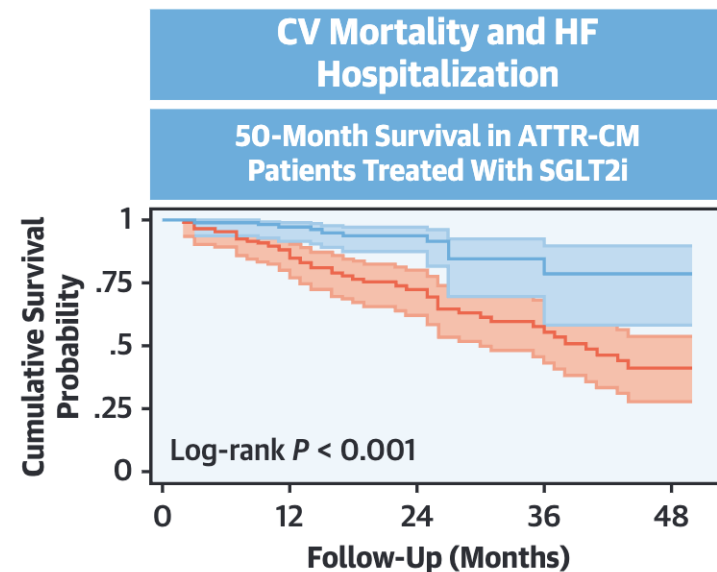
**220 with SGLT2i** (dapagliflozin 67,3%) **vs 220 propensity-matched controls**

**Mean age:** 77 years / **Mean LVEF:** 46% / **HFrEF:** 34%

**95.5%** patients continued treatment

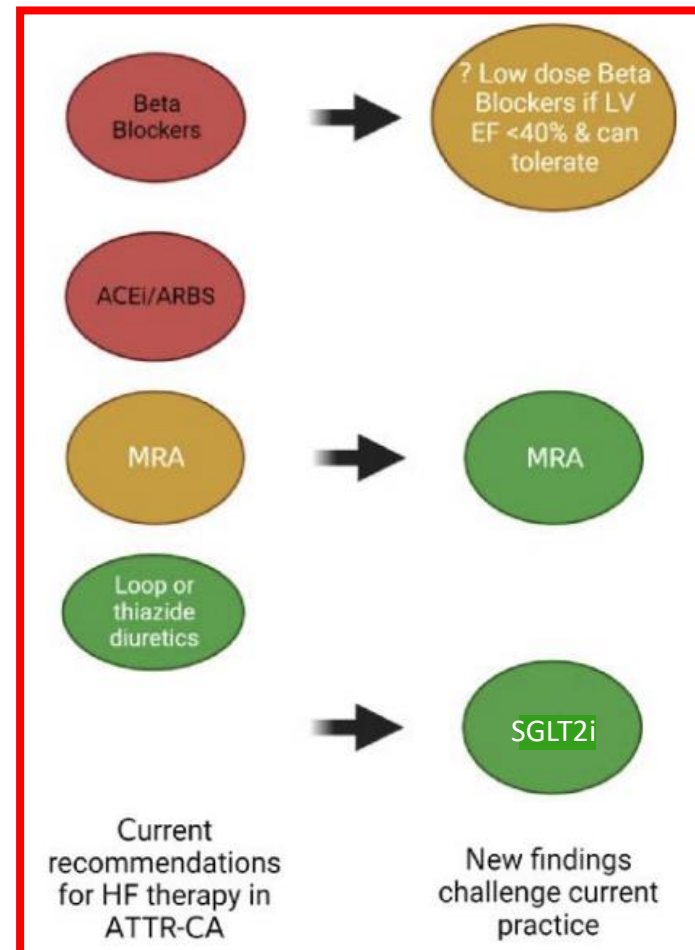


— SGLT2i  
— No SGLT2i



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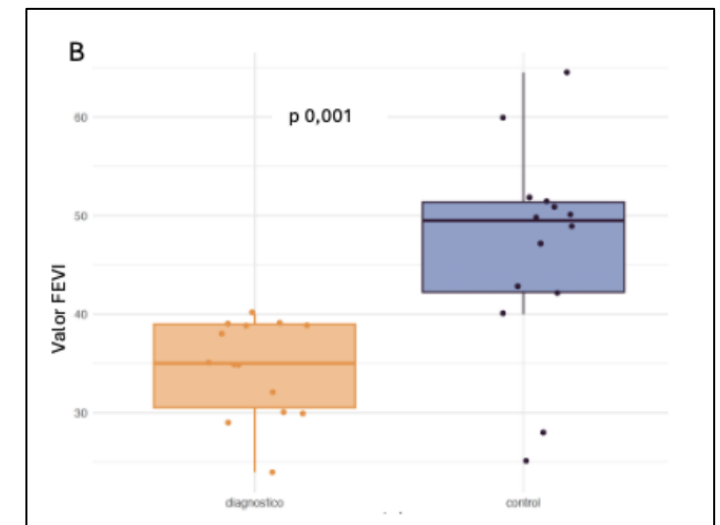
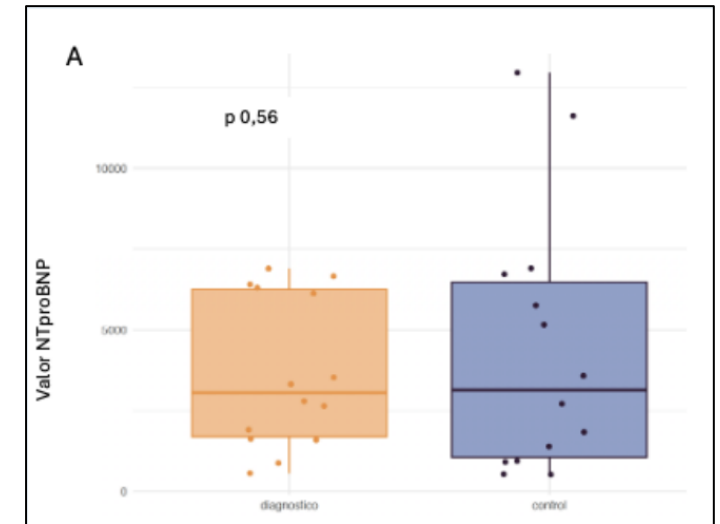
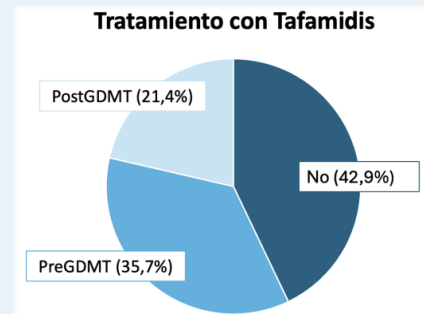
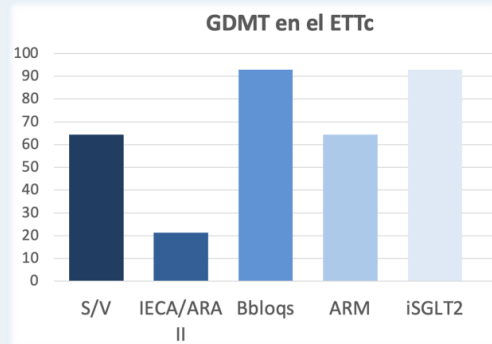
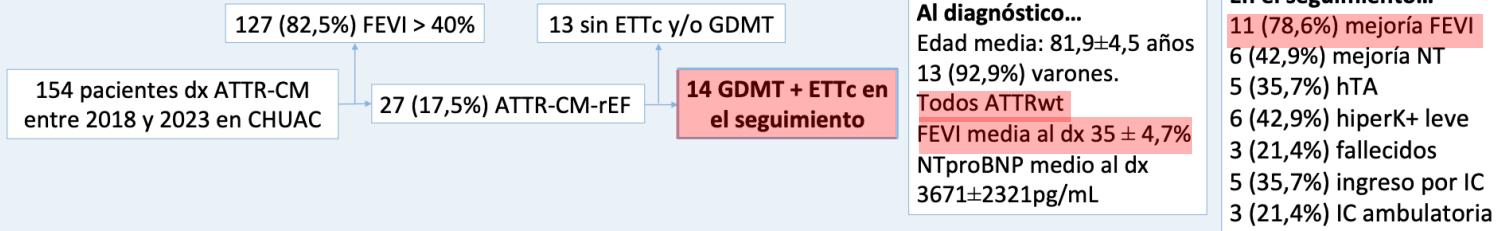
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## DRUGS: *A Coruña Heart Failure Unit Recommendation*

- Try to treat heart failure due to ATTR-CA (especially ATTRwt) with standard drugs (quadruple therapy in HFrEF)
- This strategy does not seem reasonable in AL-CA: lack of evidence and worse tolerability
- Slow titration, accept low-intermediate doses; maintain treatment if tolerated
- Close monitoring of side effects
- **Remember:** evidence in favor of using these drugs in cardiac amyloidosis is scarce, but evidence against it is weaker and there is no data that demonstrates their harm

# GENERAL TREATMENT OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: HEART FAILURE

## Resultados



## Discontinuation

ACEi/ARB/ARNI: 33.3%  
 Betablockers: 7.7%  
 MRA: 33.3%  
 SGLT2i: 0%



# GENERAL TREATMENT OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS

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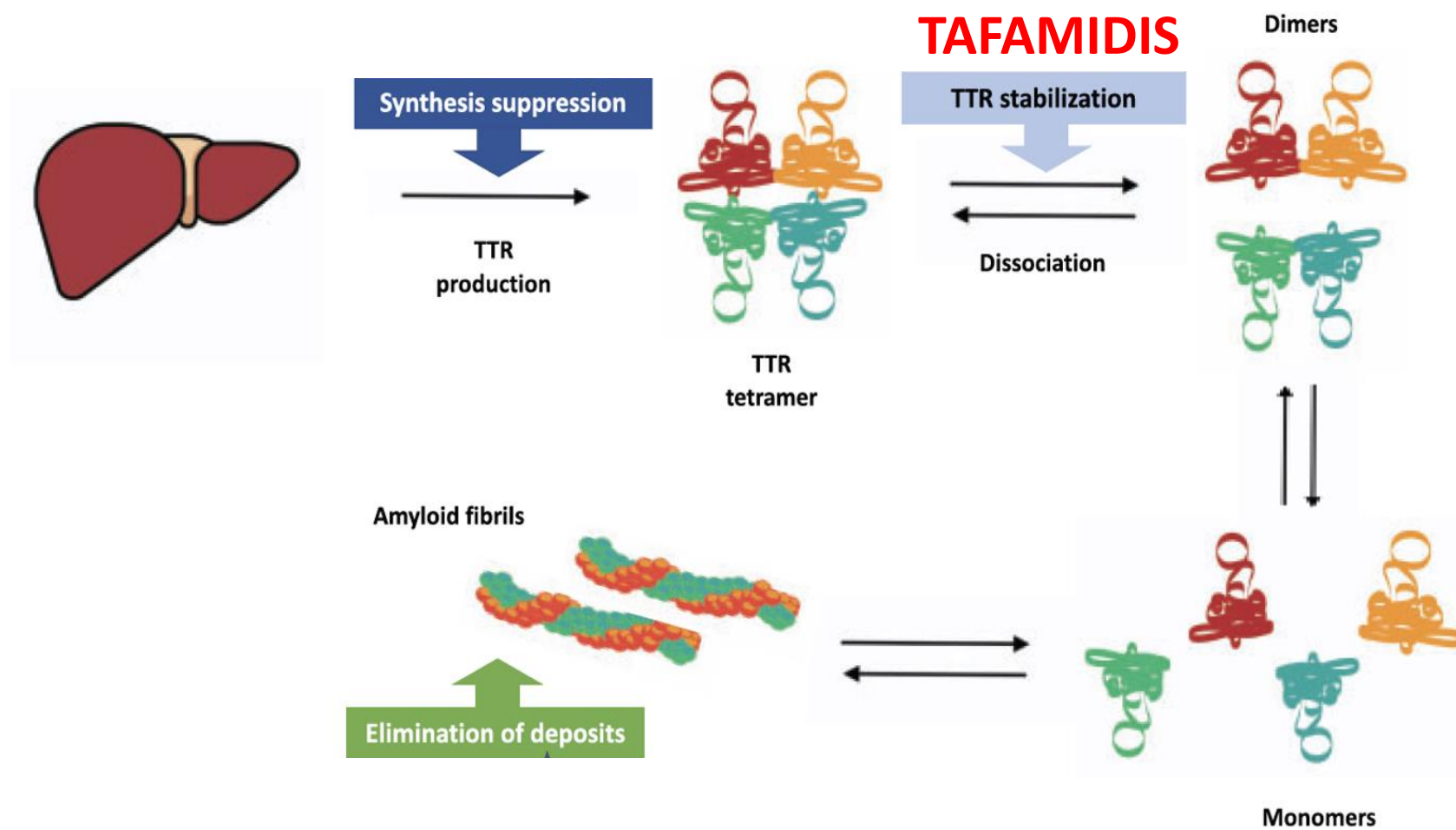
# GENERAL TREATMENT OF CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

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2. In patients with cardiac amyloidosis and AF, anticoagulation is reasonable to reduce the risk of stroke regardless of the CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc (congestive heart failure, hypertension, age ≥75 years, diabetes mellitus, stroke or transient ischemic attack [TIA], vascular disease, age 65 to 74 years, sex category) score (103,104).

# SPECIFIC TREATMENT OF ATTR CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS





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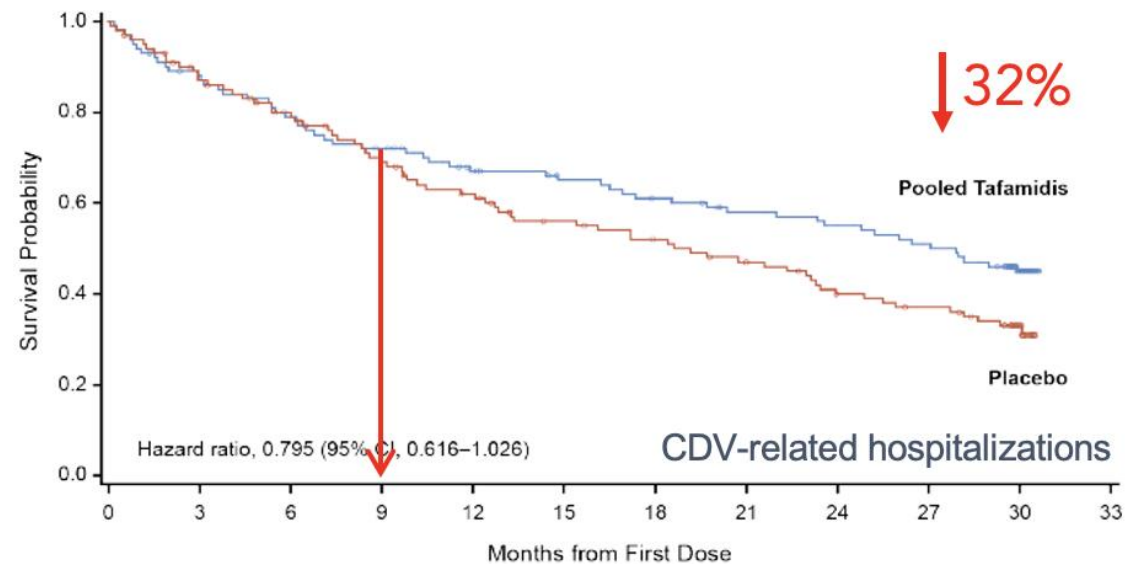
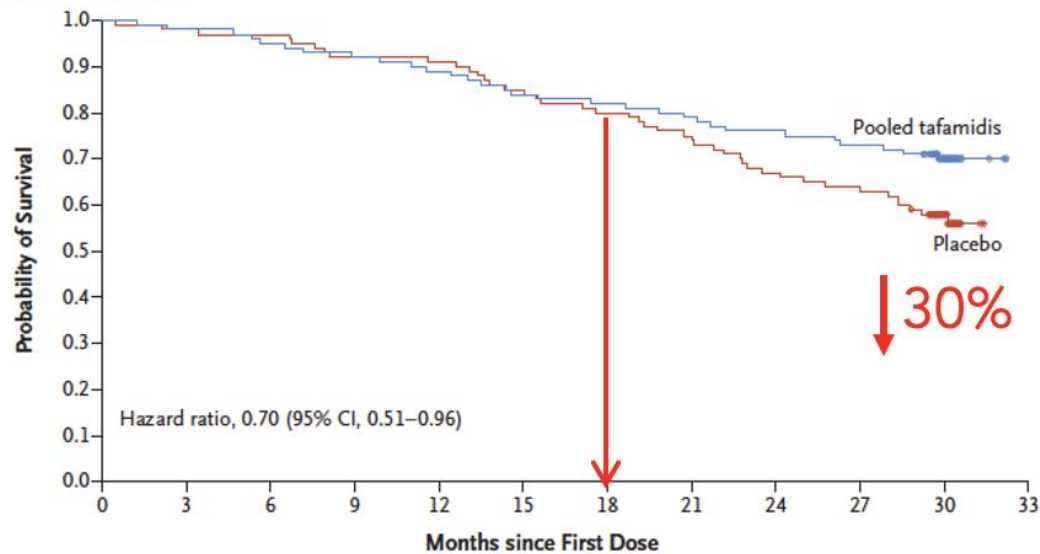
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Tafamidis Treatment for Patients with Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy

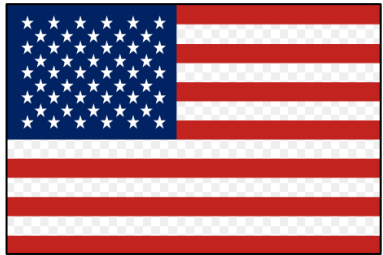
- \* n=441 ATTRwt-CA (76%) – ATTRv-CA (24%)
- \* Tafamidis meglumine 80mg vs 20 mg vs placebo
- \* 30 months
- \* Mean age: 74 yo
- \* NYHA I-III (60% NYHA II)

Analysis of All-Cause Mortality



# SPECIFIC TREATMENT OF ATTR CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: TAFAMIDIS

## HEART FAILURE GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATIONS

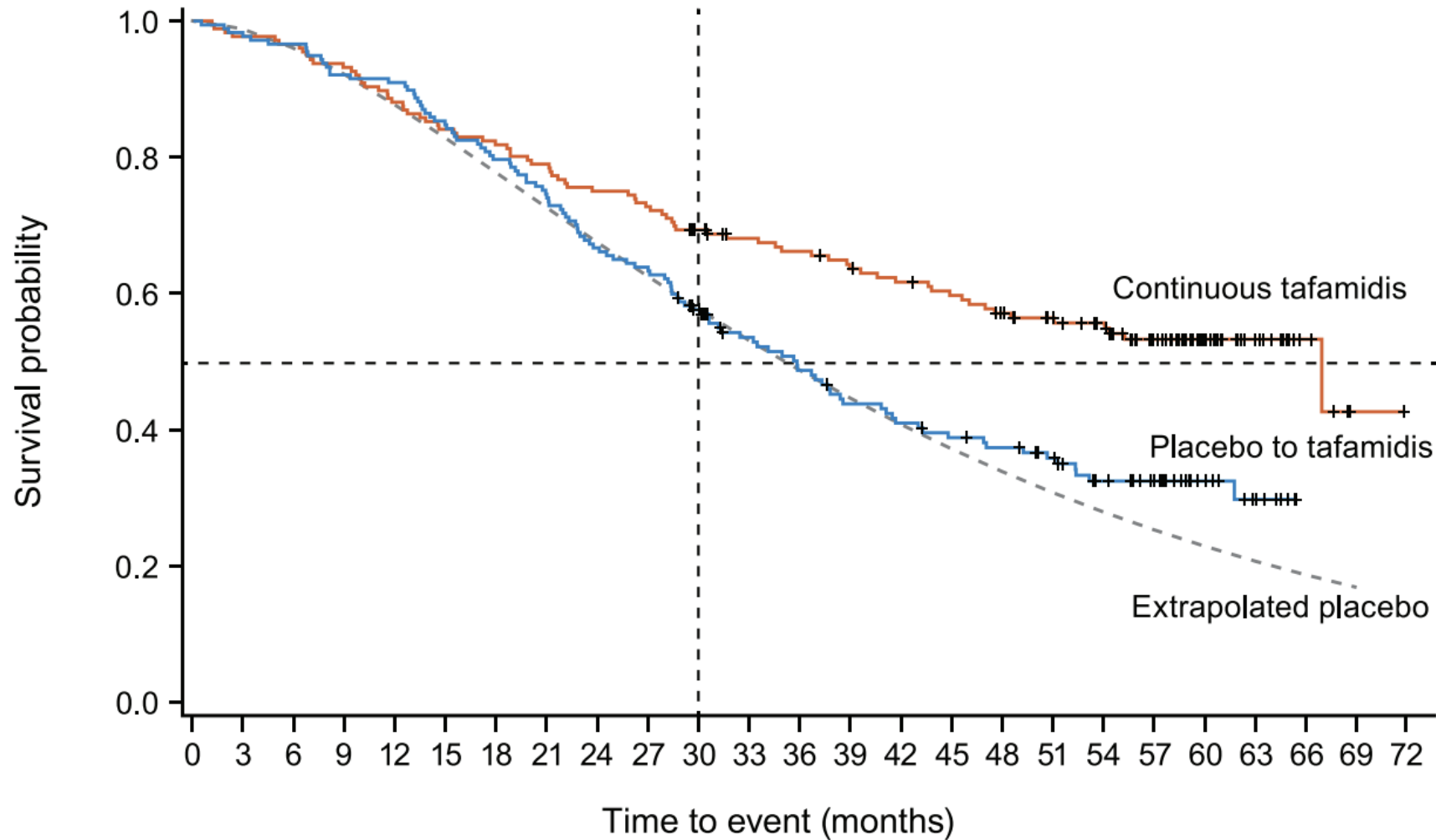


1	B-R	1. In select patients with wild-type or variant transthyretin cardiac amyloidosis and NYHA class I to III HF symptoms, transthyretin tetramer stabilizer therapy (tafamidis) is indicated to reduce cardiovascular morbidity and mortality (102).
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Tafamidis is recommended in patients with genetic testing proven hTTR-CA and NYHA class I or II symptoms to reduce symptoms, CV hospitalization and mortality.	I	B
Tafamidis is recommended in patients with wtTTR-CA and NYHA class I or II symptoms to reduce symptoms, CV hospitalization and mortality.	I	B

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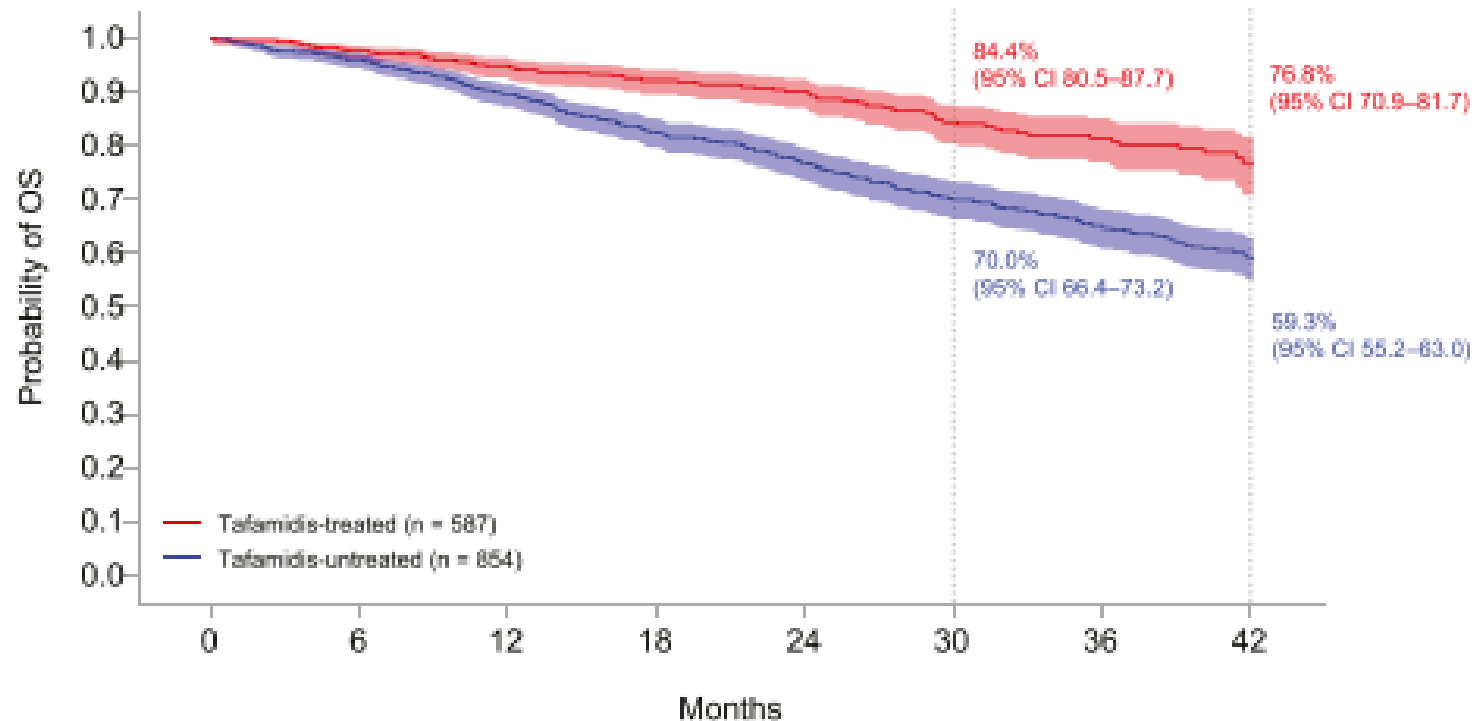


# SPECIFIC TREATMENT OF ATTR CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: TAFAMIDIS

Data from THAOS (TranstHyretin Amyloidosis Outcomes Survey) real-world registry

587 with tafamidis vs 854 without tafamidis

Median age: 77 years / 87.8% ATTRwt



# SPECIFIC TREATMENT OF ATTR CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: TAFAMIDIS

Available in Spain from june 2023 for the treatment of ATTRwt/ATTRv-CA



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## TAFAMIDIS

Na indicación do tratamento da amiloidose por transtiretina nativa ou hereditaria en pacientes adultos con miocardiopatía (ATTR-CM).

O tratamento deberase iniciar baixo a supervisión dun médico con experiencia no manexo de pacientes con amiloidose ou miocardiopatía.

Os pacientes deben cumprir os seguintes criterios:

- Diagnóstico de insuficiencia cardíaca :
  - A lo menos unha hospitalización previa ou ter clínica de sobrecarga de volume que precise tratamento diurético para a melloría (sen hospitalización) -indicar data
  - Clase I-III da NYHA -indicar clase
  - FEVI  $\geq 50\%$  -indicar FEVI
  - Grosor da parede do septo interventricular telediastólico  $>12$  mm na ecocardiografía .- indicar data ecocardiografía e dato del grosor do septo.
- Gammagrafía nuclear confirmatoria da TTR (intensidade de captación grao 2-3, segundo gradación visual )- indicar data e grao de captación.
- Estudo xenético que confirme fenotipo cardíaco da amiloidose.
  - si ATTRwt-CM poderase iniciar tratamento si idade  $\geq 60$
  - si ATTRh-CM poderase iniciar tratamento si idade  $\geq 45$
  - indicar data e mutación en caso de ATTRh-CM
- FG  $\geq 30$  mL/min
- Test da marcha de 6 minutos (TM6M)  $>100$  m- indicar datas e metros percorridos
- Valor do pro-B de tipo N-terminal (NT-proBNP )  $\geq 600$  pg/mL.-indicar valor e data do último valor analítico
- Non ter recibido transplante de corazón ou de fígado.
- Non levar un dispositivo de asistencia ventricular.
- Non estar recibindo outros tratamentos modificadores da enfermidade para a ATTR.

\*NYHA III: a ficha técnica contempla o uso en pacientes NYHA I e II quedando os pacientes NYHA III a criterio dun médico con experiencia no manexo de pacientes con amiloidose.

CRITERIOS DE RETIRADA DO TRATAMENTO:

- NYHA IV
- recibir transplante de corazón ou fígado
- implantación de dispositivos de asistencia ventricular

## ANEXO I

### Formulario Solicitud inicio do tratamento con Tafamidis

Deberan cumprimentarse todos os datos deste anexo así como a data, para ser valorado o financiamento do tratamento polos Servizos de Farmacia correspondentes.

	Data	Dato
Idade		
Hospitalización previa por IC		SI/NON
Utilización ambulatoria de diuréticos para síntomas de IC		SI/NON
Clase de la NYHA		
FEVI		
Ecocardiograma *		
Biopsia confirmatoria en tecido cardíaco ou extracardíaco ou Gammagrafía confirmatoria da transtiretina**		
Estudio xenético de transtiretina ***		
Test da marcha de 6 minutos		
Valor do NT-proBNP ****		
Filtrado glomerular(FG)		
No haber recibido un transplante de corazón ou de fígado No ter implantado un dispositivo de asistencia ventricular No estar recibindo outros tratamentos modificadores da enfermidade		

\* indicar grosor da parede do septo interventricular telediastólico da última medición

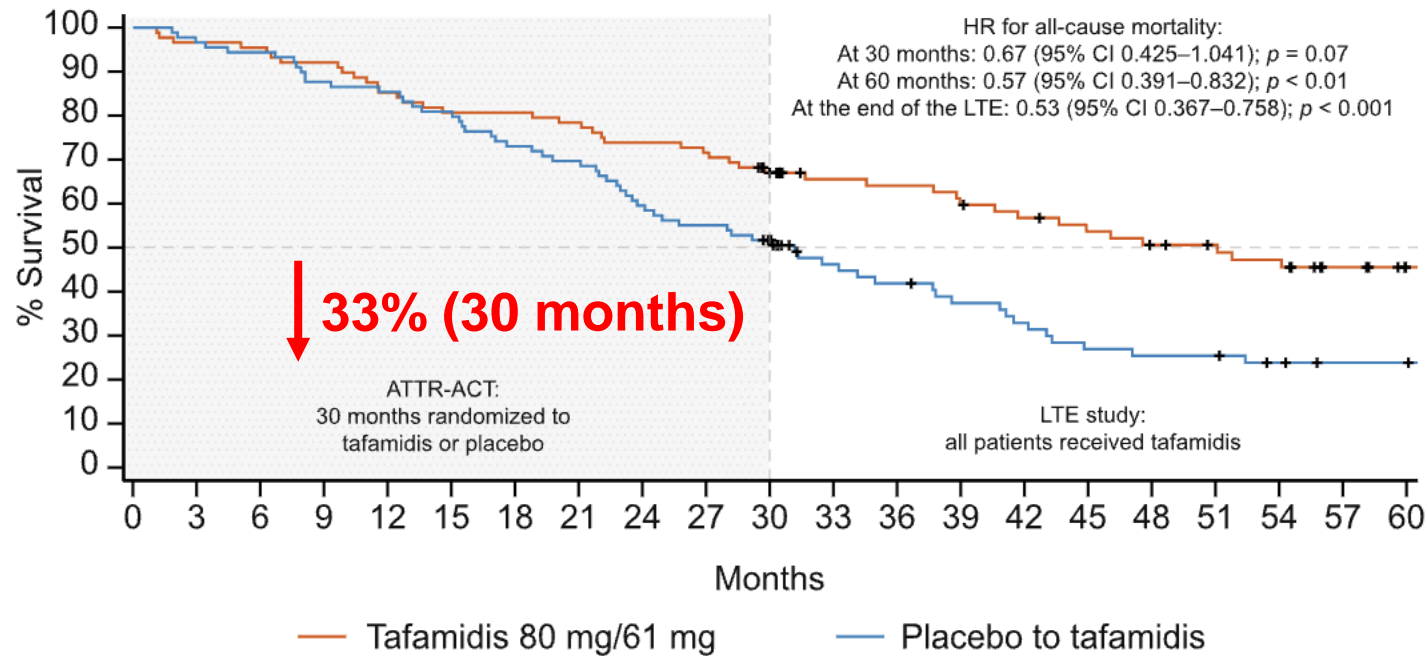
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\*\*\* si hereditaria indicar mutación

\*\*\*\* valor última medición de NT-prBNP

# SPECIFIC TREATMENT OF ATTR CARDIAC AMYLOIDOSIS: TAFAMIDIS

## Long-term tafamidis efficacy in patients with transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy by baseline left ventricular ejection fraction



# TAKE-HOME MESSAGES

- ✓ If cardiac amyloidosis (CA) is **suspected**, a **scintigraphy** and **haematologic tests** to assessment for a monoclonal protein are recommended
- ✓ Results of these tests can reasonably **rule out CA, diagnose ATTR-CA** or suggest **histological exams**
- ✓ General treatment of CA focuses on management of clinical manifestations due to cardiac involvement
- ✓ How to treat heart failure due to CA is currently the most controversial issue of its treatment. **We** recommend trying to use standard drugs in patients with ATTR-CA (especially ATTRwt-CA) as in other heart diseases
- ✓ **Tafamidis** is currently the only drug approved for the specific treatment of ATTR-CA