Effects of Vutrisiran on Echocardiographic Cardiac Structure and Function: The HELIOS-B Trial

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Introduction

Transthyretin Amyloidosis with Cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM)

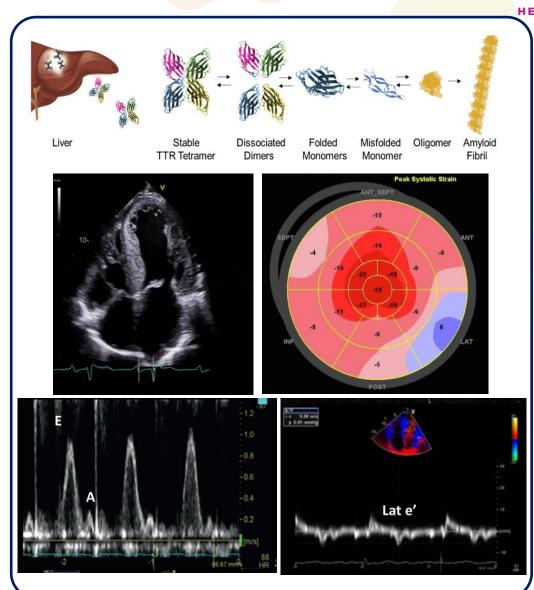
- ATTR-CM is an increasingly diagnosed cause of heart failure associated with high burden of morbidity and mortality^{1–3}
- Contemporary patients have less advanced disease because of earlier diagnosis and improved heart failure management. Many receive tafamidis, SGLT2 inhibitors, and diuretics²
- Extracellular deposition of amyloid fibrils in the heart leads to restrictive physiology, arrhythmias, and conduction disease^{1–4}
- Echocardiography is frequently the initial diagnostic modality and is also used to monitor for disease progression, often defined as increases in wall thickness, declines in LVEF or LV peak longitudinal strain, or deterioration in diastolic function^{1,5,6}

HELIOS-B Study

 Evaluated vutrisiran, a SC-administered RNAi therapeutic (quarterly dosing), in patients with ATTR-CM in a Phase 3, randomized, placebocontrolled trial⁷

Objective

• Determine effects of vutrisiran on echocardiographic measures of cardiac structure and function in patients with ATTR-CM



Abbreviations: LV, left ventricular; LVEF LV ejection fraction; SC, subcutaneous; RNAi, RNA interference.

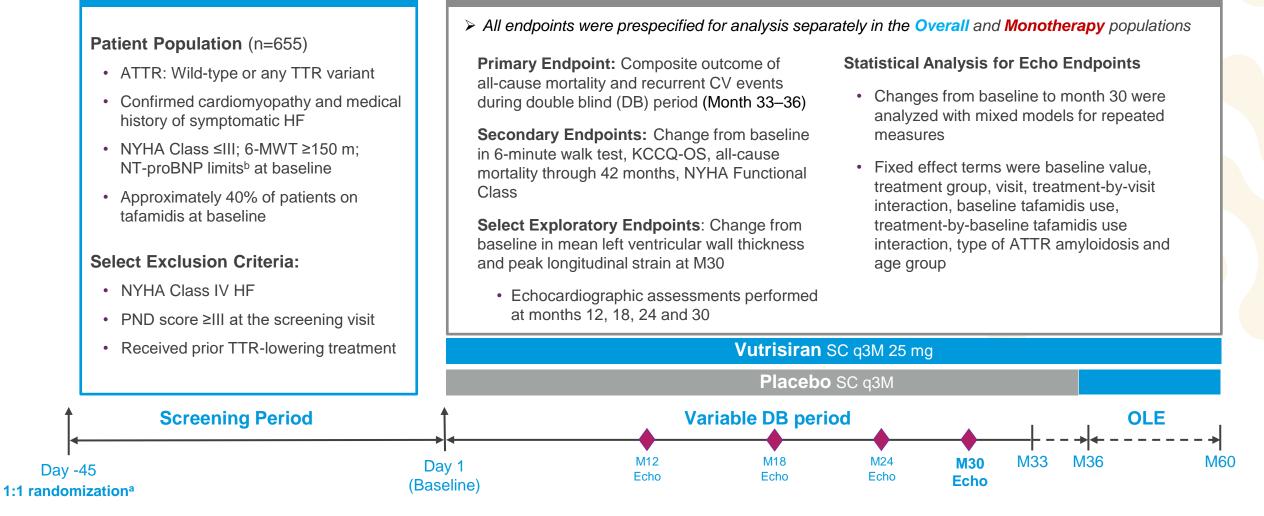
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HELIOS-B Study Design

A phase 3 study to evaluate vutrisiran in patients with ATTR-CM





^aRandomization was stratified according to the use of tafamidis at baseline (yes vs no), ATTR disease type (hATTR or wtATTR), and NYHA class and age at baseline (NYHA class I or II and age <75 years vs all others). ^bNT-proBNP levels of >300 pg/mL and <8500 pg/mL (or >600 pg/mL and <8500 pg/mL for patients with atrial fibrillation). **Abbreviations:** ATTR-CM; transthyretin amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy; FC, functional class; TTR, transthyretin; NYHA, New York Heart Association, 6-MWT, 6-minute walk test, HF, heart failure, PND, polyneuropathy disability score. **Reference:** Clinicaltrials.gov identifier: NCT04153149.

Contemporary Population with Baseline Characteristics Balanced Across Arms



Parameter		Overall Population			
		Placebo (N=328)	Vutrisiran (N=326)		
Age (years), median (range)		76 (46, 85)	77 (45, 85)		
Male sex, n (%)		306 (93.3)	299 (91.7)		
hATTR amyloidosis, n (%)		39 (11.9)	37 (11.3)		
NYHA class, n (%)	I	35 (10.7)	49 (15.0)		
	Ш	258 (78.7)	250 (76.7)		
	III	35 (10.7)	27 (8.3)		
ATTR disease stage, n (%)	1	229 (69.8)	208 (63.8)		
	2	87 (26.5)	100 (30.7)		
	3	12 (3.7)	18 (5.5)		
Baseline 6-MWT, meters, mean (SD)		377 (96)	372 (104)		
Baseline KCCQ-OS, points, mean (SD)		72.26 (19.92)	72.96 (19.44)		
Baseline NT-proBNP, ng/L, median (IQR)		1801 (1042, 3082)	2021 (1138, 3312)		
Baseline Troponin I, ng/L, median (IQR)		65.2 (41.1, 105.5)	71.9 (44.9, 115.9)		

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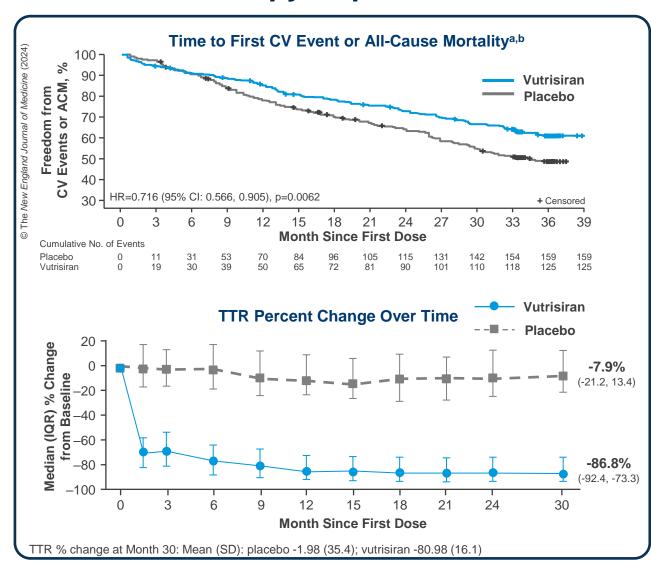
Echo Characteristics	Placebo (N=328)	Vutrisiran (N=326)
LV ejection fraction (%), mean (SD)	55.9 (12.3)	55.6 (12.7)
Peak longitudinal strain (%), mean (SD)	-14.0 (3.5)	-14.0 (3.5)
Stroke volume (mL), mean (SD)	53.8 (19.0)	50.7 (16.3)
Mean LV wall thickness (mm), mean (SD)	18.2 (3.0)	18.2 (3.0)
Relative wall thickness, mean (SD)	0.8 (0.2)	0.8 (0.2)
LV mass index (g/m²), mean (SD)	180.8 (46.1)	182.1 (44.2)
E/A ratio, mean (SD)	1.9 (1.0)	2.1 (1.1)
Lateral E/e' ratio, mean (SD)	15.3 (6.3)	14.8 (6.7)

- **Tafamidis:** Baseline ~40% in both treatment arms; drop-in during DB ~21% and ~22% for placebo and vutrisiran, respectively
- **SGLT2 inhibitors:** Baseline ~3% in both treatment arms; drop-in during DB ~35% and ~31% for placebo and vutrisiran, respectively
- **Substantial use of diuretics:** Baseline ~80% in both treatment arms; Outpatient initiation or intensification of diuretics after first dose was ~56% and ~48% for placebo and vutrisiran, respectively

Abbreviations: 6-MWT, 6-minute walk test; ATTR, transthyretin amyloidosis; DB, double-blind; hATTR, hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis; IQR, interquartile range; KCCQ-OS, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire – Overall Summary; NT-proBNP, *N*-terminal prohormone of B-type natriuretic peptide; NYHA, New York Heart Association; SD, standard deviation; SGLT2, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2.

HELIOS-B Met All 10 Primary and Secondary Endpoints in the Overall and Monotherapy Populations





	Overall Population (N=654)		Monotherapy Population (N=395)	
Treatment Effect Estimation	Treatment Effect	p-value	Treatment Effect	p-value
Hazard ratio	0.718	0.0118	0.672	0.0162
LS Mean difference	26.46	0.00008	32.09	0.0005
LS Mean difference	5.80	0.0008	8.69	0.0003
Hazard ratio	0.645	0.0098	0.655	0.0454
Adjusted % difference	8.7%	0.0217	12.5%	0.0121
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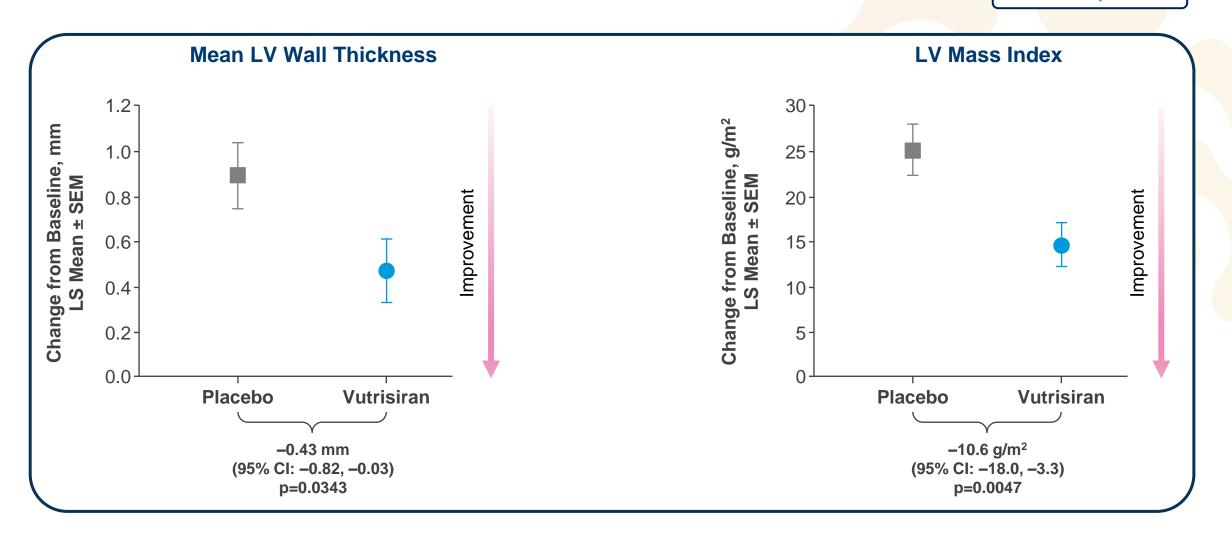
- Vutrisiran met all 10 primary and secondary endpoints
- Rapid and durable TTR knockdown through Month 30
- Knockdown comparable to prior studies with vutrisiran

^aBased on IPTW-adjusted Kaplan-Meier curves. ^bHR derived from Cox PH model, p-value derived from log-rank test. ^cPrimary analysis based on the modified Andersen-Gill model, also known as LWYY. ^dAssessed at 33-36 months. ^eBased on a MMRM model. ^fBased on CMH method. From N Engl J Med, Fontana et al. Vutrisiran in patients with transthyretin amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2409134. Epub ahead of print. Copyright © (2024). Massachusetts Medical Society. Adapted with permission from Massachusetts Medical Society. Abbreviations: CV, cardiovascular; 6-MWT, 6-minute walk test; IQR, interquartile range; KCCQ-OS, Kansas City cardiomyopathy questionnaire – Overall Summary; LS, least squares; NYHA, New York Heart Association. **Reference**: Fontana et al. N Eng J Med 2024. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2409134. Epub ahead of print.

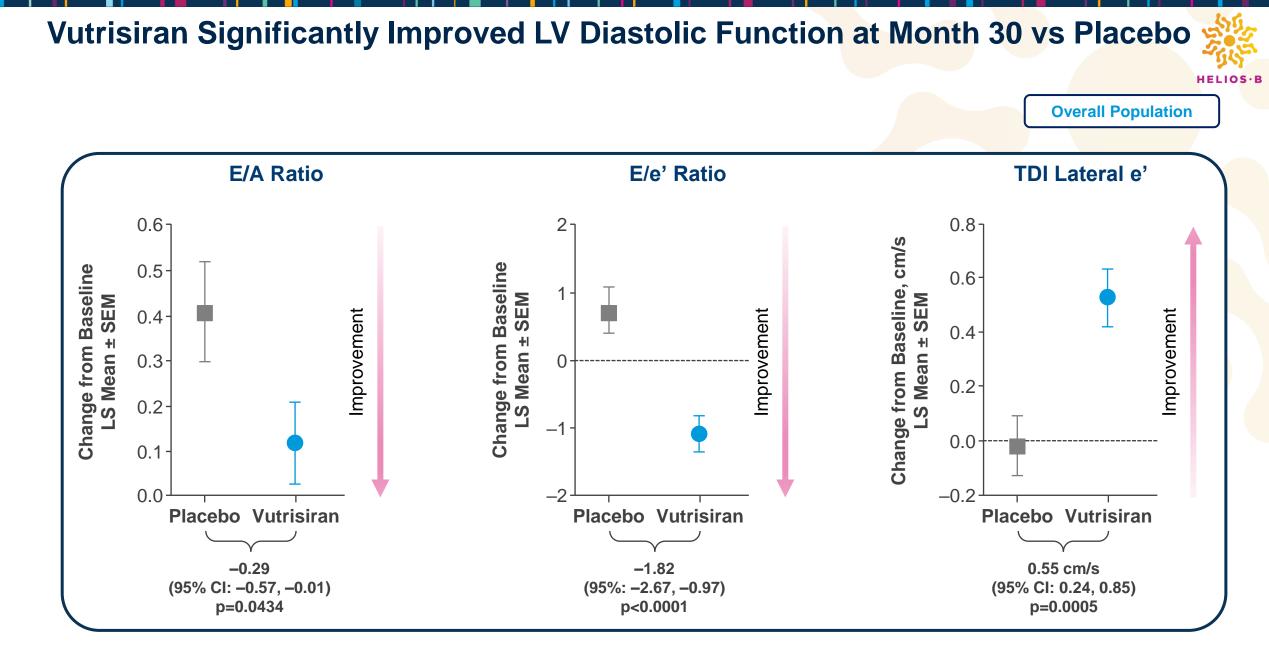
Vutrisiran Significantly Attenuated Increases in LV Wall Thickness and LV Mass Index at Month 30 vs Placebo



Overall Population



Results are from a MMRM with baseline as a covariate and fixed effect terms including treatment group, visit, treatment-by-visit interaction, baseline tafamidis use, treatment-by-baseline tafamidis use interaction, type of ATTR amyloidosis, and age group. Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; LS, least squares; LV, left ventricular; SEM, standard error of the mean.

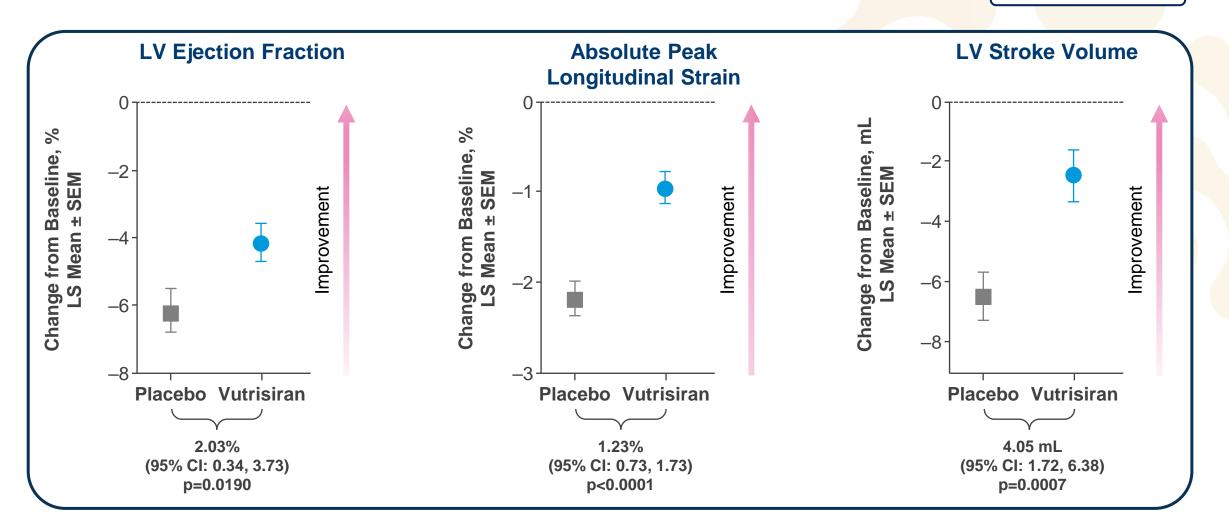


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Vutrisiran Significantly Attenuated Decline in LV Systolic Function at Month 30 vs Placebo



Overall Population

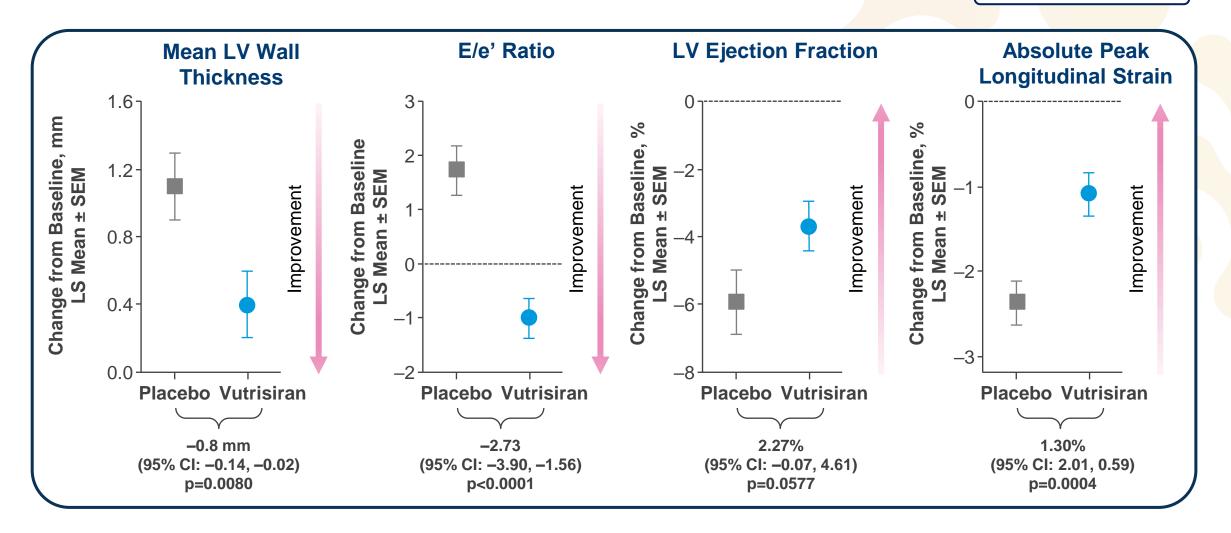


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The Benefits of Vutrisiran on Cardiac Structure and Function were Similar or Larger in the Monotherapy Population



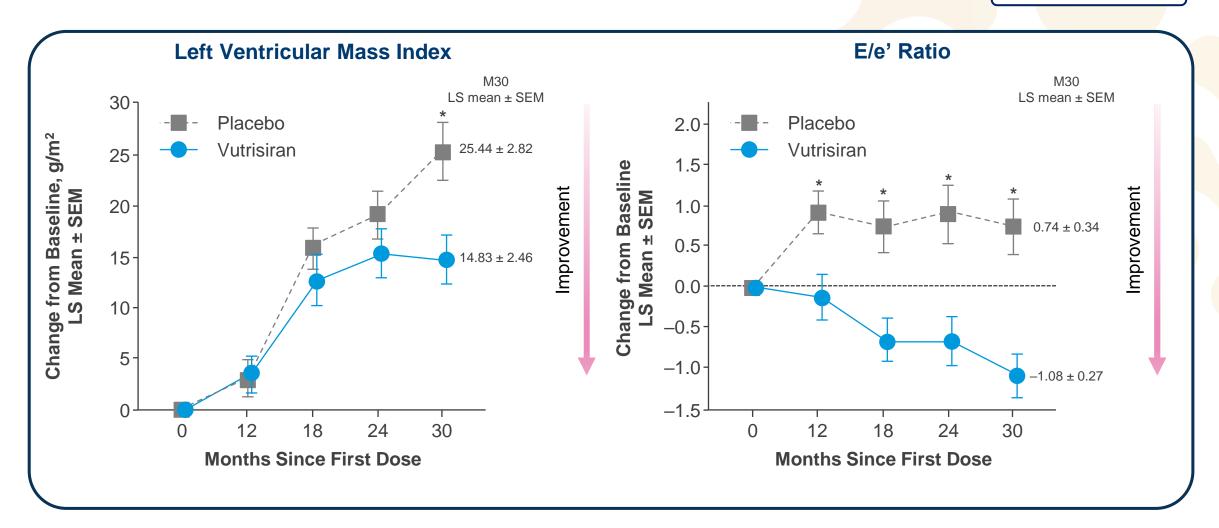
Monotherapy Population



Significant Between-Group Differences in LV Diastolic Function Emerged as Early as 12 Months



Overall Population

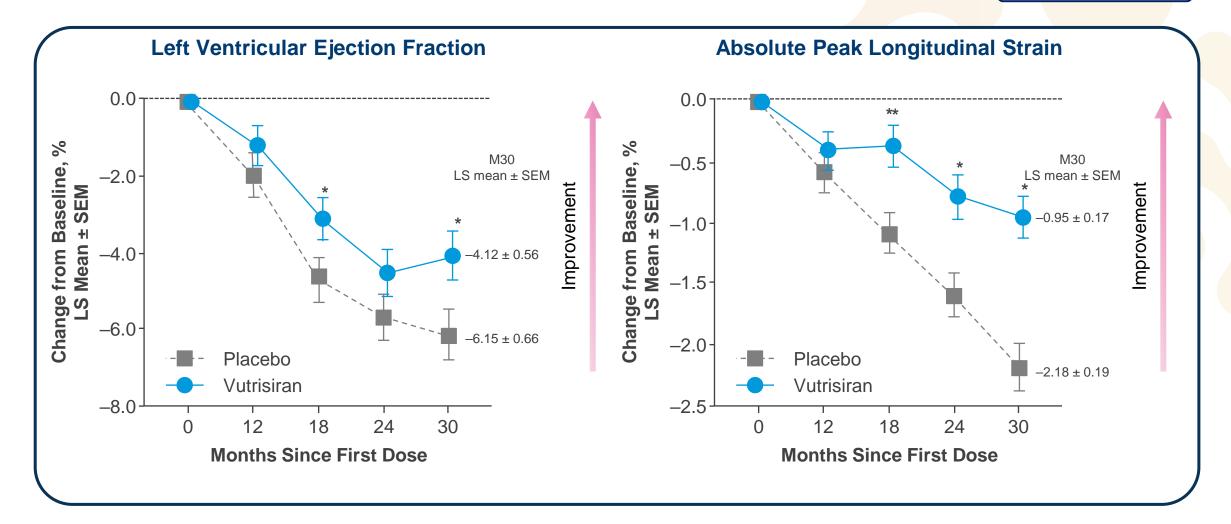


*p<0.05. Results are from a MMRM with baseline as a covariate and fixed effect terms including treatment group, visit, treatment-by-visit interaction, baseline tafamidis use, treatment-by-baseline tafamidis use interaction, type of ATTR amyloidosis, and age group. **Abbreviations:** E/e', ratio of early mitral inflow velocity to lateral early diastolic mitral annular velocity; LS, least squares; LV, left ventricular; SEM, standard error of the mean.

Significant Between-Group Differences in LV Systolic Function Emerged as Early as 18 Months



Overall Population



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Summary



- In this contemporary population, compared with placebo, vutrisiran had beneficial impact across all measures of cardiac structure, systolic, and diastolic function, providing further evidence of the disease-modifying effect of vutrisiran treatment.
- These echocardiographic findings were consistent with the benefit observed with vutrisiran on clinical outcomes, biomarkers, and health status.
- The magnitude of the treatment effects with vutrisiran compared to placebo were similar or greater in the monotherapy population.
- Significant improvement in diastolic function with vutrisiran was observed early, followed by significant favorable effects on cardiac structure and systolic function.
- If approved, vutrisiran has the potential to become a standard of care for newly diagnosed patients with ATTR-CM and those progressing on stabilizing therapies.

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