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New Drug Evaluation: Tafamidis

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Generic Name: tafamidis **Brand Name (Manufacturer):** Vyndagel® and VyndamaxTM (Pfizer Inc)

Research Questions:

1. Is tafamidis safe and effective in improving clinically meaningful outcomes, including improvements in mortality, cardiovascular related hospitalizations, disease progression, quality of life, and survival in patients with cardiomyopathy associated with transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (ATTR)?

2. Are there subgroups of patients with ATTR cardiomyopathy for which tafamidis is more effective or associated with fewer adverse events?

Conclusions:

- There is low quality evidence based on one phase 3 randomized controlled trial that tafamidis meglumine 20 mg and 80 mg decrease the incidence of allcause mortality (29.5% vs. 42.9%; HR 0.70; 95% CI 0.51-0.96) and cardiovascular (CV) related hospitalizations (52.3% vs. 60.5%; RR 0.68; 95% CI 0.56-0.81) when analyzed in a combined, hierarchical fashion (p<0.001) in patients with ATTR cardiomyopathy who have heart failure with a history of hospitalizations.
- There is insufficient evidence of no difference in efficacy or adverse events between tafamidis meglumine 20 mg and tafamidis 80 mg.
- There is low quality evidence of no difference in discontinuations due to adverse events and serious adverse events between tafamidis meglumine and placebo in patients with cardiomyopathy of ATTR.
- Subgroup analysis suggests a greater benefit in patients with less severe heart failure. There was no difference in all-cause mortality and CV-related hospitalizations were higher in those with heart failure New York Heart Association (NYHA) class III compared to placebo. Patients with NYHA class IV were excluded from the study. The precise time course to benefit and timing of initiation in the course of the disease remain unknown.

Recommendations:

- Maintain tafamidis as a non-preferred medication
- Modify prior authorization criteria for Drugs for Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloidosis to ensure appropriate use of tafamidis (Appendix 2).

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Background:

Hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis (hATTR) is a rare, progressive, and fatal autosomal dominant disorder caused by misfolding deposits of transthyretin (TTR), a protein produced by the liver that normally functions as a transporter of thyroxine and retinol (vitamin A).¹ The disorder presents in a spectrum of clinical presentations due to amyloid deposits, including a predominantly neurologic phenotype (familial amyloid polyneuropathy [FAP]) and a predominantly cardiac phenotype (familial cardiomyopathy [FAC]). However, hATTR can present with both cardiac and neurologic manifestations. There are over 120 TTR reported mutations, with at least 22 mutations associated with cardiomyopathy. Some mutations are more strongly associated with polyneuropathy (V30M) and some with cardiomyopathy.² The most common mutation in the U.S. is the Val122I mutation, which typically leads to cardiomyopathy, with an estimated prevalence of 3.0% to 4.0% in the African American population.³ The second most common mutation in the U.S. is T60A, which causes a mixed neuropathy and cardiomyopathy presentation.³ Deterioration in activities of daily living and ambulation are seen due to neuropathic changes as well as autonomic dysfunction. Additionally, hATTR can affect multiple organ systems resulting in weight loss, wasting, difficulty walking, and alternating constipation and diarrhea, often due to autonomic nerve involvement. Cardiac manifestations due to deposition of amyloid fibrils in the myocardium can include heart failure, arrhythmias, orthostatic hypotension or sudden death due to severe conduction disorders. Cardiomyopathy can be associated with both hereditary and wild-type transthyretin amyloidosis (ATTRwt). Median survival for patients with hATTR cardiomyopathy is 2.5 years and median survival of ATTRwt is 3.6 years.⁴

Standard of care for ATTR has been limited to liver transplantation and administration of transthyretin tetramer stabilizers in addition to symptomatic management of heart failure. Liver transplant has been the treatment of choice for those with neuropathy but no cardiac involvement. Current treatment for cardiomyopathy focuses on managing the symptoms, including diuretics and pacemaker placement although heart transplantation may be appropriate in some patients. Inotersen and patisiran were recently approved for hATTR-associated polyneuropathy. However, there have been no agents FDA approved in the United States for the cardiomyopathy phenotype. Tafamidis is a TTR stabilizer that binds to TTR at the thyroxine binding sites, stabilizing the tetramer and slowing dissociation, the rate limiting step in amyloidogenesis. It is currently approved in Europe and several South American and Asian countries for early stage hATTR polyneuropathy. It was not approved in the U.S. in 2012 due to limited efficacy data. This is now the first Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drug for cardiomyopathy of ATTR and is available as two formulations (tafamidis meglumine and tafamidis free acid). Only the meglumine form was studied in phase 3 trials, and the 2 formulations are not substitutable on a per mg basis.

The onset of symptoms of cardiomyopathy is usually greater than 60 years. El is believed that this disease is widely underdiagnosed and may be the fourth most common cause of heart failure. The goal of treatment in cardiomyopathy of ATTR is to prevent death from cardiac causes (heart failure, myocardial infarction, sudden cardiac death) and to decrease symptom burden (dyspnea, orthostatic hypotension, atrial fibrillation).

See **Appendix 1** for **Highlights of Prescribing Information** from the manufacturer, including Boxed Warnings and Risk Evaluation Mitigation Strategies (if applicable), indications, dosage and administration, formulations, contraindications, warnings and precautions, adverse reactions, drug interactions and use in specific populations.

Clinical Efficacy:

Tafamidis was FDA-approved based on one phase 3 randomized controlled trial comparing pooled tafamidis meglumine (20 mg and 80 mg; n=264) to matching placebo (n=177) over 30 months in patients with heart failure due to confirmed (by biopsy) transthyretin amyloidosis. The majority of patients had New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class II or III heart failure (67%), were male and had wild-type ATTR cardiomyopathy (75%). The primary outcome was all-cause mortality, followed by cardiovascular (CV) related hospitalizations, analyzed in a hierarchical fashion using the Finkelstein-Schoenfeld (FS) method. Comparisons

were based on pooled tafamidis treatment groups versus placebo. Using the FS method, each subject is compared to every other subject within each stratum in a pair-wise manner for trial outcomes and ranked. Mortality carries a higher importance in ranking that does CV hospitalization. Thus, the pairwise comparison proceeds in hierarchical fashion using all-cause mortality first, assigning a +1 to the "better" subject and a -1 to the "worse" subject. This approach was used in response to the challenges posed by conducting clinical trials of rare diseases. However, it is difficult to interpret the results. The FS method combines both fatal and recurrent nonfatal events, but prioritizes fatal events, allowing for increased power.

Overall, the FS method demonstrated a statistically significant result for all-cause mortality followed by CV related hospitalizations (p<0.001), with a win ratio of 1.7 (95% CI 1.3 to 2.3).⁷ The win ratio is the number of pairs of treated-patients "wins" divided by the number of placebo patient "wins". The FS is a test statistic, but not an easily interpretable summary of the results. Cox regression analyses also suggested a lower all-cause mortality with tafamidis compared to placebo (29.5% vs. 42.9%; HR 0.70; 95% CI 0.51-0.96).⁷ This is based on the mean treatment effect of the study. The hazard ratio was not constant with respect to time, so it is difficult to calculate the number needed to treat per year. This effect was observed after approximately 18 months of therapy and was driven by CV death. Lastly, there was a significant reduction in patients with CV-related hospitalizations with tafamidis compared to placebo (52.3% vs. 60.5%; RR 0.68; 95% CI 0.56-0.81).⁷

Subgroup analysis suggests a larger effect size in those with less severe heart failure at baseline (NYHA class I or II). There was no significant difference in all-cause mortality in those with NYHA Class III and a worse effect from tafamidis compared to placebo for CV hospitalizations. There was also a statistically significant improvement in quality of life, measured by the Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire Overall Summary Score (KCCQ-QS) with an increase of 13.7 points from baseline compared to placebo. A 5-point difference is thought to be clinically meaningful.

There were unequal and high rates of overall attrition between pooled tafamidis (34%) and placebo (52%), increasing the risk of attrition bias. Attrition was mostly due to death and withdrawal by subject that was not further clarified. There did not appear to be a dose effect and the two doses had similar efficacy. However, the approved dose is 80 mg based on greater TTR tetramer stabilizer and no obvious different in toxicities seen in the phase 3 trial. TTR stabilization is not an acceptable surrogate endpoint to establish efficacy.⁴ Additionally, approximately 80% of the study population was white. However, the prevalence of cardiomyopathy due to ATTR is approximately 3-4% in U.S. African Americans and is negligible in the Caucasian population. Twenty four percent of randomized patients had the most common mutations (Val122Ile, Thr60Ala, and Ile68Leu). There are no data available on the use of tafamidis post-liver transplantation.

Tafamidis is approved as two formulations that are not equivalent per mg dose. Tafamidis meglumine (Vyndaqel®) 80 mg is approved based on the phase 3 trials. Tafamidis free acid (Vyndamax™) 61 mg was also approved based solely on bioequivalence/bioavailability studies to the 80 mg.⁴

Clinical Safety:

There were no significant differences in treatment emergent serious adverse events between tafamidis 20 mg (75%), 80 mg (75.6%) and placebo (79.1%). The most common serious adverse events were cardiac disorders, which reflect the underlying disease progression. There were also similar rates of discontinuations due to adverse events (**Table 2**). No adverse events were included in the drug labeling. Post-marketing studies will be done to evaluate for adverse events related to hypothyroidism and falls or balance disorders due to some initial safety signals. There was also a slight increase in infection-related adverse events with tafamidis 80 mg compared to placebo, with rates of pneumonia adverse events of 5.3, 6.3 and 8.0 per 100 patient years in placebo, 20 mg and 80 mg arms respectively. However, there were no differences in serious adverse events related to pneumonia.

Comparative Endpoints:

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Clinically Meaningful Endpoints:

- 1) All-cause mortality
- 2) Hospitalizations
- 3) Quality of life
- 4) Serious adverse events
- 5) Study withdrawal due to an adverse event

Primary Study Endpoint:

- 1) All-cause mortality
- 2) Cardiovascular-related hospitalizations

Table 1. Pharmacology and Pharmacokinetic Properties.

Parameter				
	Tafamidis is a selective stabilizer of TTR. Tafamidis binds to TTR at the thyroxine binding sites, stabilizing the tetramer and slowing			
Mechanism of Action	dissociation into monomers, the rate-limiting step in the amyloidogenic process.			
Oral Bioavailability	N/A			
Distribution and	The apparent steady state volume of distribution of tafamidis is approximately 18.5 liters. Plasma protein binding of tafamidis is >99% in			
Protein Binding	vitro.			
Elimination	59% recovered unchanged in feces, 22% in urine as glucuronide metabolite			
Half-Life	49 hours			
Metabolism	Not fully characterized; glucuronidation has been observed			

Abbreviations: N/A: not available; TTR: transthyretin

Table 2. Comparative Evidence Table.

Ref./	Drug Regimens/	Patient Population	N	Efficacy Endpoints	ARR/NNT	Safety Outcomes	ARR/NNH	Risk of Bias/
Study Design	Duration							Applicability
1.ATTR-ACT ⁷	1. Pooled tafamidis	Demographics:	<u> </u>	Primary Outcome: All-cause		Discontinuations due		Risk of Bias (low/high/unclear):
	group:	74 y/o, 90% male,	1. 264	death + CV hospitalization		to adverse events:		Selection Bias: low; interactive response
Phase 3, MC,	a. Tafamidis 20 mg	80% white, 75%	2. 177	(FS method):				technology used for randomization and
PD, PC, DB	daily	ATTRwt		Test statistic: 3.44		1.17 (6.4%)		allocation concealment. Baseline
RCT	b. Tafamidis 80 mg		<u>PP</u> :	P value 0.0006		2. 11 (6.2%)	NS	characteristics similar between groups.
	daily	Key Inclusion	1. 173			NS		Performance Bias: low; double-blinded;
		<u>Criteria</u> :	2. 85	Secondary Outcomes:				matching placebo
	2. Placebo	Heart failure,		All-cause mortality	ARR	P Value and 95% CI		Detection Bias: unclear blinding of outcome
		evidence of cardiac	Attrition:	1. 78 (29.5%)	13.4%/	NR		assessors
		amyloid by ECHO	1. 52	2. 76 (42.9%)	NNT 8			Attrition Bias: high; mITT analysis done
	Over 30 months	and interventricular	2. 54	HR 0.70; 95% CI 0.51 to 0.96				pooling both tafamidis dose groups. mITT
		septal wall						includes all subjects who received at least one
		thickness > 12 nm,		Patients with CV-related				dose of medication and who had at least 1
		presence of amyloid		hospitalizations:				post baseline efficacy evaluation. High and
		deposits in biopsy						

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tissue and TTR	1. 107 (60.5%)	ARR	unequal attrition between tafamidis (34%)
precursor protein	2. 138 (52.3%)	8.2%/	and placebo (52%).
identification, NT-	RR 0.68; 95% CI 0.56-0.81	NNT 13	Reporting Bias: low; all outcomes reported
proBNP ≥ 600	*p-values not provided		Other Bias: unclear; funded by Pfizer.
pg/ml, 6MWT > 100			
meters			Applicability:
			Patient: significant exclusion criteria limits
Key Exclusion			generalizability; mostly white (80%) males,
<u>Criteria</u> :			while most common variant is present in 3 to
NYHA class IV HF,			4% of blacks worldwide. 24% had the most
light-chain			common genetic mutations in the U.S.
amyloidosis, liver or			Intervention: 80 mg dose selected based on
heart			PK studies demonstrating maximal TTR
transplantation,			stabilization with 80 mg. There did not appear
cardiac device, GFR			to be a dose effect and the two doses had
< 25 ml/min, LFTs >			similar efficacy. TTR stabilization is not an
2 x ULN, mBMI <			acceptable surrogate endpoint to establish
600, concurrent			efficacy.
treatment with			<u>Comparator</u> : placebo appropriate; no other
NSAIDs,			approved agents for comparison
doxycycline, CCBs or			Outcomes: Primary analysis used a
digitalis, significant			hierarchical combination of all-cause
drug or alcohol			mortality and frequency of all-cause
abuse within last 5			hospitalization. Both tafamidis groups pooled
years, HIV, HBV,			and compared to placebo using the
HCV, males or			Finkelstein-Schoenfeld method
females of			Setting: multicenter; 60 sites in 13 countries
childbearing			(63% of patients enrolled at site in U.S).
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Abbreviations [alphabetical order]: 6MWT = 6 minute walk test; ARR = absolute risk reduction; ATTR = transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis; ATTRwt = transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis wild type; CCB = calcium channel blocker; CI = confidence interval; CV = cardiovascular; DB = double blind; ECHO = echocardiogram; HIV: human immunodeficiency virus; FS = Finkelstein—

Schoenfeld; GFR = glomerular filtration rate; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HCV = hepatitis C virus; HF = heart failure ITT = intention to treat; LFT = liver function test; MC = multicenter; MI = myocardial infarction; mBMI = modified body mass index; mITT = modified intention to treat; N = number of subjects; NA = not applicable; NNH = number needed to harm; NNT = number needed to treat; NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory; NYHA = new York heart association; NR = not reported; PC = placebo controlled; PD = parallel-design; PK = pharmacokinetic; PP = per protocol; RCT = randomized controlled trial; RR: relative risk; TTR: transthyretin; ULN = upper limit of normal; U.S. = united states

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Appendix 1: Prescribing Information Highlights

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use VYNDAQEL and VYNDAMAX safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for VYNDAQEL and VYNDAMAX.

VYNDAQEL® (tafamidis meglumine) capsules, for oral administration Initial U.S. Approval: 2019

VYNDAMAX™ (tafamidis) capsules, for oral administration Initial U.S. Approval: 2019

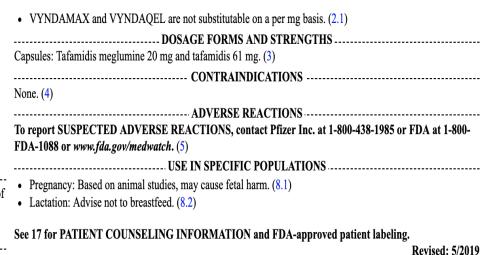
-----INDICATIONS AND USAGE

VYNDAQEL and VYNDAMAX are transthyretin stabilizers indicated for the treatment of the cardiomyopathy of wild type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis in adults to reduce cardiovascular mortality and cardiovascular-related hospitalization. (1)

----- DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION -----

The recommended dosage is either:

- VYNDAQEL 80 mg orally once daily, or
- VYNDAMAX 61 mg orally once daily (2.1)



Drugs for Hereditary Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloidosis (ATTR)

Goal(s):

• To limit utilization of medications for <u>transthyretin mediated amyloidosis (hATTR)</u> to FDA-approved indications <u>and in populations</u> with proven safety.

Length of Authorization:

Up to 6 months

Requires PA: (Both pharmacy and physician-administered claims)

All medications indicated for hATTR

Covered Alternatives:

- Current PMPDP preferred drug list per OAR 410-121-0030 at www.orpdl.org
- Searchable site for Oregon FFS Drug Class listed at www.orpdl.org/drugs/

Table 1: FDA approved therapies for hATTR amyloidosis

Drug	Indication
Inotersen	Polyneuropathy of hereditary ATTR
Patisiran	Polyneuropathy of hereditary ATTR
Tafamidis	Cardiomyopathy of hATTR (hereditary and wild
	type)

Approval Criteria				
Is this a request for continuation of therapy previously approved by the FFS program?	Yes: Go to Renewal Criteria	No: Go to #2		
2. What diagnosis is being treated?	Record ICD10 code.			
3. Is the diagnosis funded by OHP?	Yes: Go to #4	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; not funded by the OHP.		

Approval Criteria		
4. Is this an FDA approved indication of hATTR amyloidosis supported by transthyretin mutation proven by genetic testing (See Table 1)?	Yes: Go to #5 Document Genotype:	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness
5. Does the patient have clinical signs and symptoms of disease (peripheral/autonomic neuropathy, motor disability, cardiovascular dysfunction)?	Yes: Go to #6	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness
6. Is the patient on Vitamin A supplementation?	Yes: Go to #7	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.
10.6. Is the request for or is the patient on concurrent use of more than one ATTR therapy (including diflunisal)?	Yes: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.	No: Go to # <u>7</u> 8
41.7. Has the patient had a liver transplantation?	Yes: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.	No: Go to #89
12.8. Is the request for patisiran or inoteren?	Yes: Go to #9	No: Go to #16
9. Has the provider documented baseline disease severity (Baseline polyneuropathy disability (PND) score and Familial amyloid polyneuropathy (FAP) stage)?	Yes: Go to #10 Document Baseline Disease Severity	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.
43.10. Was the medication prescribed or in consultation with a neurologist?	Yes: Go to #1 <u>1</u> 0	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.

Approval Criteria		
11. Is the patient on Vitamin A supplementation or have a documented normal level?	Yes: Go to #12	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.
44.12. Is the request for patisiran?	Yes: Approve for 6 months	No : Go #1 <u>3</u> 4
45.13. Is the request for inotersen?	Yes: Go to # 1 <u>42</u>	No: Go to #1 <u>6</u> 4
16.14. Has a baseline platelet count been obtained in the previous 3 months and are platelets ≥ 125 x 10 ⁹ /L?	Yes: Go to #153 Document baseline platelet count: Date of Lab:	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.
47.15. Has baseline renal function been evaluated in the previous 3 months?	Yes: Approve for 6 months Document baseline serum creatinine and BUN: Date of Lab:	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness
16. Is the request for tafamidis?	Yes: Go to #17	No: Go to #19
17. Was the medication prescribed or in consultation with a cardiologist?	Yes: Go to #18	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness.
18. Does the patient have a medical history of heart failure (NYHA class I-III) with at least one prior hospitalization for heart failure?	Yes: Approve for 6 months	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness
18.19. Is the request for a newly approved hATTR therapy and does the indication match the FDA approved indication?	Yes: Approve for 6 months	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness

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Renewal Criteria		
Has the patient had a documented response to treatment including at least one of the following: a. Improved neurologic impairment b. Improved motor function c. Improved quality of life e.d. Improved cardiac function	Yes: Go to #2	No: Pass to RPh; Deny (medical appropriateness)
2. Is the prescribed medication tafamidis?	Yes: Approve for 12 months	No: Go to #3
2.3. Has the patient experienced stabilization OR improvement from baseline in one of the following: d.e. Baseline polyneuropathy disability (PND) score e.f. Familial amyloid polyneuropathy (FAP) stage	Yes: Go to #43	No: Pass to RPh; Deny (medical appropriateness)
3.4. Is the renewal for inotersen?	Yes: Go to # <u>5</u> 4	No: Approve for 12 months
4.5. Does the patient have a platelet count ≥ 100 x 10 ⁹ /L?	Yes: Approve for 12 months	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness

P&T/DUR Review: 9/19; 7/19 (MH) Implementation: TBD