Vutrisiran Healthcare Resource Utilization, Costs, Discontinuation, and Mortality: a Retrospective Database Analysis

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OBJECTIVE

 To report real-world vutrisiran healthcare resource utilization (HCRU), costs, discontinuation, and mortality in the US, during a period when vutrisiran was approved for hereditary ATTR-PN

INTRODUCTION

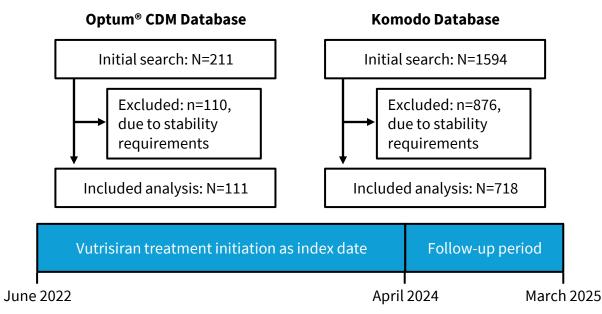
- ATTR is a progressive, life-threatening condition caused by misfolded TTR protein aggregation into amyloid fibrils that deposit in various organs and tissues¹
- ATTR presents as 2 primary phenotypes: ATTR-PN with predominant peripheral nervous system manifestations and ATTR-CM with predominant cardiac involvement¹
- ATTR is associated with a high cost of care
- In patients with ATTR-PN, intravenous and subcutaneous therapy requiring hospital visits for administration (inotersen, patisiran) were more costly than oral tafamidis in a Spanish study²
- Hospitalizations and related costs associated with ATTR-CM were found to exceed those of
- Vutrisiran, a TTR-directed siRNA, was approved in the US for subcutaneous administration by a healthcare professional to treat hereditary ATTR-PN in 2022 and wild-type or hereditary ATTR-CM
- The cost of vutrisiran is approximately \$477,000 per year for 4 subcutaneous doses⁵
- There are no real-world data in the US on vutrisiran discontinuations; in the HELIOS-A randomized-controlled trial in patients with ATTR-PN, 3 (2.5%) patients receiving vutrisiran discontinued due to AEs⁶; however, it is typical for persistence to be higher in clinical trials compared with real-world clinical practice⁷
- We aimed to identify the real-world cost and persistence rates of vutrisiran

METHODS

Data Sources and Study Design

- This was a retrospective analysis of patients initiating vutrisiran from June 22, 2022, to April 30, 2024 (before approval for ATTR-CM) from Optum's de-identified Clinformatics® Data Mart Database (Figure 1)
- Patients were included if they had ≥1 vutrisiran claim
- Patients were followed from vutrisiran initiation until death, enrollment end (≥1 year of continuous enrollment after initiation required for patients who did not die), or last date of available data (March 31, 2025), whichever came first
- Discontinuation analyses were replicated in the Komodo Healthcare Map® to serve as a comparator Patients were included if they had initiated vutrisiran and had a minimum of 4 consecutive quarters of continuous medication and medical service claims activity after the index date, or until death if death occurred sooner

FIGURE 1. Patient Flow



Outcomes and Statistical Analyses

- HCRU (excluding COVID-19-related events) and costs associated with inpatient acute hospitalizations, ED visits not leading to inpatient hospitalizations, and outpatient visits; outpatient visits by setting were also assessed
- Due to the high cost of vutrisiran, visits related to vutrisiran therapy were excluded
- Outpatient visit was defined as acute care at an outpatient hospital facility with no admittance to an inpatient setting; ED visits were not included in outpatient care at a hospital facility, as they were captured separately
- Total PPPY costs (excluding vutrisiran costs), regardless of treatment setting
- Persistence and discontinuation of vutrisiran within 12 months of treatment initiation
- Persistence was defined as a vutrisiran claim within 180 days from the previous claim (90-day) supply + 90-day grace period)
- Discontinuation was defined as no vutrisiran claim within 180 days of the previous claim
- Post-discontinuation events, including restart of vutrisiran and therapy switching, and other treatment changes were also reported
- Mortality within 12 months of treatment initiation • Demographic and all outcome variables were assessed descriptively

CONCLUSIONS

- One-third to one-half of patients had a hospitalization or cardiovascular visit, highlighting continued disease burden and progression despite therapy during the period when vutrisiran was approved for ATTR-PN
- Vutrisiran treatment was associated with a high cost of care (mean PPPY cost, \$64,400, irrespective of treatment setting), which excluded the cost of treatment itself; outpatient care at a hospital facility and office visits were the main cost drivers
- Within 12 months of starting vutrisiran, 12%-20% of patients discontinued therapy, with many switching to other ATTR treatments; an additional 3%-12% of patients died across the 2 databases
- These findings suggest that vutrisiran-treated patients continue to experience significant HCRU and costs related to disease progression despite treatment; there remains a need for new therapies to further reduce burden and costs

RESULTS

- A total of 111 patients in the Optum® CDM database and 718 patients in the Komodo database were identified and included in the analysis (**Table 1**)
- In the Optum[®] CDM population, mean age was 70.9 years, 62.2% were male, 27.0% were White, and 41.4% were Black
- In the Komodo population, mean age was 71.0 years, 61.4% were male, 38.9% were White, and
- Tafamidis use in the 12 months following index was 40.0% and 35.2% in the Optum® CDM and Komodo databases, respectively; the use of loop diuretics, SGLT2 inhibitors, and drugs to treat heart failure were generally similar between the two populations
- Greater proportions of patients in the Optum[®] CDM database had CV comorbidities
- in the 12 months following index compared with those in the Komodo database

TABLE 1. Baseline Demographics and Patient Characteristics

Characteristic	Optum® CDM database (N=111)	Komodo database (N=718) 71.0 (11.0)	
Mean (SD) age, years	70.9 (9.9)		
Age distribution, n (%), years			
19-44	<5 (2.7)	20 (2.8)	
45-64	19 (17.1)	134 (18.7)	
65-80	76 (68.5)	429 (59.7)	
≥80	13 (11.7)	131 (18.2)	
Unknown	_	4 (0.6)	
Sex, n (%)			
Male	69 (62.2)	441 (61.4)	
Female	42 (37.8)	264 (36.8)	
Unknown	_	13 (1.8)	
Race, n (%)			
Black	46 (41.4)	305 (42.5)	
White	30 (27.0)	279 (38.9)	
Asian	<5 (1.8)	17 (2.4)	
Unknown	33 (29.7)	117 (16.3)	
Ethnicity, n (%)			
Hispanic	7 (6.3)	50 (7.0)	
Non-Hispanic	59 (53.2)	601 (83.7)	
Unknown	45 (40.5)	67 (9.3)	
Medication use in the 12 months following index, n (%) ^a			
Tafamidis	34 (40.0)	229 (35.2)	
Loop diuretics	48 (56.5)	353 (54.3)	
SGLT2 inhibitors	20 (23.5)	172 (26.5)	
Beta blockers	37 (43.5)	254 (39.1)	
Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists	28 (32.9)	189 (29.1)	
CV comorbidities (≥25% in either database) in the 12 months following index, n (%)			
Heart failure	78 (70.3)	351 (48.9)	
Essential primary hypertension	74 (66.7)	332 (46.2)	
Cardiomyopathy disease classified elsewhere	69 (62.2)	198 (27.6)	
Atrial fibrillation and flutter	45 (40.5)	190 (26.5)	
Hypertensive heart disease	43 (38.7)	92 (12.8)	
Cardiomyopathy	43 (38.7)	150 (20.9)	
Chronic ischemic heart disease	39 (35.1)	132 (18.4)	
Hypertensive heart disease and chronic kidney disease	37 (33.3)	73 (10.2)	
Complications and ill-defined descriptions of heart disease	35 (31.5)	99 (13.8)	
Other pulmonary heart diseases	28 (25.2)	28 (3.9)	
Hypertensive chronic kidney disease	28 (25.2)	57 (7.9)	

an=85 for the Optum® CDM database; n=650 for the Komodo database.

HCRU and Costs

- Mean (SD) follow-up was 1.5 years (0.6) (**Table 2**)
- During the follow-up period, 41 (36.9%) patients experienced acute inpatient hospitalization (90 total interactions; 2.2 per patient) with a median length of stay per hospitalization of 6 days and a median of 9.3 days hospitalized annually
- Total inpatient hospitalization costs for all patients were \$3,814,891
- ED visits not requiring hospitalization occurred in 55 (49.5%) patients with 132 total interactions (2.4 per patient) and a median of 1.3 days of ED visit stays annually
- Total ED costs for all patients were \$455,831
- All patients had outpatient visits with a total of 9111 interactions over the follow-up period (mean
- visits per patient: 82.1; mean visits PPPY: 58.2; median visits PPPY: 42.6)
- Total outpatient visit costs for all patients were \$18,682,508 • Mean PPPY cost was \$64,400, irrespective of treatment setting and excluding vutrisiran claims

Table 2. HCRU and Costs by Care setting in the Optum[®] CDM Database

Metric	Inpatient acute hospitalization (±ED visit)	ED visits not leading to hospitalization	Outpatient visits (excluding vutrisiran claims)	
Patients with events, n (%)	41 (36.9)	55 (49.5)	111 (100)	
Mean (SD) follow-up, years	1.45 (0.57)	1.50 (0.55)	1.52 (0.52)	
Total interactions, n	90	132	9111	
Mean interactions per patient	2.2	2.4	82.1	
Median (range) length of hospital/ED visit, days	6 (1-24)	1 (1-1)	NA	
Median (range) annual days hospitalized per patient	9.3 (0.4-106.9)	1.3 (0.4-9.4)	NA	
Total cost of all interactions in care setting, USD	\$3,814,891	\$455,831	\$18,682,508	
Total cost per interaction, USD				
Median (range)	\$35,885 (\$5670-\$138,516)	\$2968 (\$16-\$14,669)	\$206 (\$0.01-\$282,880)	
Mean (SD)	\$42,388 (\$27,767)	\$3453 (\$2594)	\$610 (\$3826)	
Total cost PPPY, USD				
Median (range)	\$51,644 (\$6730-\$396,532)	\$3913 (\$339-\$41,154)	\$18,346 (\$363-\$312,556)	
Mean (SD)	\$80,536 (\$83,907)	\$6339 (\$7484)	\$32,724 (\$50,875)	

- Costs of outpatient care at hospital facilities (cumulative total, \$2,852,541) were the biggest driver of outpatient total costs, followed by office visits (cumulative total, \$1,102,085) (excluding cost of
- Mean PPPY costs for outpatient care at hospital facilities and office visits were \$19,026 and
- HCRU from end-stage renal disease treatment facilities accounted for a small proportion of visits (9.5%) but the highest overall cost (mean, \$64,849 PPPY), followed by ambulance needs (3.5%; mean, \$22,142 PPPY) and outpatient care at hospital facilities (25.0%; mean, \$19,026 PPPY)

Table 3. Outpatient Costs Excluding Vutrisiran Claims by Place of Service in Descending Order of Total Cost

Place of service	Patients, n (n=111)	Visits, n (%) (n=9111)	Total cost (all visits), USD	Mean cost per patient (all visits), USD	Mean cost per visit, USD	Mean cost PPPY, USD	Mean cost per visit PPPY, USD
Outpatient hospital facility ^a	100	2278 (25.0)	\$2,852,541	\$28,525	\$1252	\$19,026	\$15
Office	108	2836 (31.1)	\$1,102,085	\$10,204	\$389	\$6075	\$17
Home	64	1720 (18.9)	\$622,683	\$9729	\$362	\$7232	\$25
End-stage renal disease treatment facility	< 5	865 (9.5)	\$424,119	\$106,030	\$490	\$64,849	\$141
Ambulance	<5	316 (3.5)	\$188,571	\$47,143	\$597	\$22,142	\$37
Ambulatory surgical center	20	61 (0.7)	\$157,284	\$7864	\$2578	\$5076	\$2
Independent laboratory	91	628 (6.9)	\$113,746	\$1250	\$181	\$981	\$5
Off campus - outpatient hospital facility	20	111 (1.2)	\$19,065	\$953	\$172	\$568	\$3
Skilled nursing facility	<5	92 (1.0)	\$13,937	\$3484	\$151	\$4364	\$29
In-home telehealth	27	78 (0.9)	\$12,305	\$456	\$158	\$288	\$2
Comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility	<5	52 (0.6)	\$12,099	\$12,099	\$233	\$8509	\$37
Other unlisted facility	15	70 (0.8)	\$8684	\$579	\$124	\$374	\$3
Independent clinic	<5	28 (0.3)	\$7214	\$3607	\$258	\$1604	\$6
Out-of-home telehealth	20	48 (0.5)	\$6962	\$348	\$145	\$257	\$2
Urgent care facility	15	22 (0.2)	\$6359	\$424	\$289	\$290	\$1
Nursing facility	<5	17 (0.2)	\$3850	\$1925	\$226	\$2620	\$12
Residential substance abuse treatment facility	6	25 (0.3)	\$3111	\$519	\$124	\$308	\$3
Mass immunization center	6	7 (<0.1)	\$1374	\$229	\$196	\$163	\$1
Mobile unit	<5	3 (<0.1)	\$766	\$383	\$255	\$288	\$1
Federally qualified health center	< 5	2 (<0.1)	\$195	\$195	\$97	\$170	\$2

Vutrisiran Persistence and Discontinuation

- Persistence at 1 year was ~77% in the Optum® CDM database; similar rates of persistence were observed in the Komodo database (**Table 4**)
- In the Optum® CDM database, 13 (11.7%) patients discontinued vutrisiran within the first year compared with 142 (19.7%) patients in the Komodo database (**Table 4**, **Figure 2**)
- Among patients who discontinued vutrisiran, therapy switching to tafamidis monotherapy occurred in 61.5% (8/13) of patients in the Optum® CDM database compared with 14.8% (21/142) of patients in the Komodo database (**Table 4**, **Figure 2**)
- Within the first year of treatment, 13 (11.7%) patients in the Optum® CDM database and 22 (3.1%) patients in the Komodo database died (**Table 4**, **Figure 2**)

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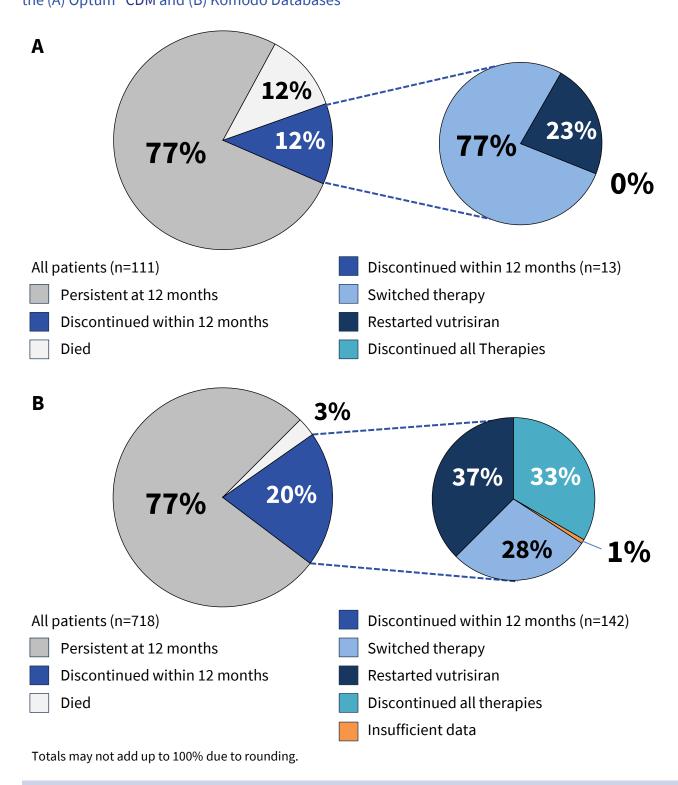
RESULTS

Table 4. Vutrisiran Persistence, Mortality, Discontinuation, and Post-discontinuation Treatment Patterns in the Optum® CDM and Komodo Databases

Patient category	Optum® CDM	Komodo
Death within the first year of vutrisiran, n (%)	13 (11.7)	22 (3.1)
Vutrisiran persistence by quarter over 1 year, n (%)	n=111	n=718
Q1	111 (100)	718 (100)
Q2	98 (88.3)	633 (88.2
Q3	93 (83.7)	614 (85.5
Q4	85 (76.6)	554 (77.2
Vutrisiran discontinuation by disposition, n (%)	n=13	n=142
Restarted vutrisiran	<5 (23.1)	53 (37.3)
Restarted vutrisiran monotherapy	<5 (15.4)	32 (22.5)
Restarted vutrisiran as a combination therapy	<5 (7.7)	21 (14.8)
Vutrisiran + tafamidis	0	20 (14.1)
Vutrisiran + other	<5 (7.7) ^a	1 (0.7)b
Switched therapies	10 (76.9)	40 (28.2)
Switched or dropped to tafamidis monotherapy	8 (61.5)	21 (14.8)
Switched to tafamidis combination therapy	<5 (7.7)	5 (3.5)
Switched to other monotherapy or combination therapy	<5 (7.7)	14 (3.5)
Diflunisal	0	5 (3.5)
Eplontersen	0	3 (2.1)
Patisiran	<5 (7.7)	5 (3.5)
Diflunisal + patisiran	0	1 (0.7)
Discontinued all treatment	0	47 (33.1)
Insufficient data	0	2 (1.4)

bVutrisiran + eplontersen + patisirar

Figure 2. Vutrisiran Persistence, Discontinuation, and Post-discontinuation Treatment Patterns in the (A) Optum® CDM and (B) Komodo Databases



LIMITATIONS

- While Optum® CDM is a closed database well suited to assess system costs, the Komodo database only has imputed cost data; thus, we were unable to replicate the cost analyses
- It was hard to differentiate between patients with pure polyneuropathy, pure cardiomyopathy, and mixed phenotype in this dataset, as ICD-10-CM coding was not used for patient identification
- The data for vutrisiran was only available during a time when it was approved for ATTR-PN; followup analyses will need to be conducted in the ATTR-CM population

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ABBREVIATIONS: ATTR, transthyretin amyloidosis; ATTR-CM, transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy; CDM, Clinformatics® Data Mart; COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; CV, cardiovascular; ED, emergency department; HCRU, healthcare resource utilization; ICD-10-CM, International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification; NA, not available; PPPY, per patient per year; Q, quarter; SD, standard deviation; SGLT2, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2; siRNA, small interfering RNA; TTR, transthyretin; US, United States; USD, United States dollars. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: All authors contributed to and approved the presentation; editorial assistance were provided by Anne Jacobson, MPharm, CMPP, of The Lockwood Group (Stamford, CT, USA), funded by BridgeBio Pharma, Inc.

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