Recombinant Tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor in Severe Community-Acquired Pneumonia: A Randomized Trial

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At a Glance Commentary: Coagulation, particularly activation of tissue factor, is important in the pathogenesis of pneumonia. Recombinant tissue factor pathway inhibitor (tifacogin) infusion did not improve mortality in patients meeting IDSA/ATS criteria for severe community-acquired pneumonia.

ABSTRACT

Rationale: Severe community-acquired pneumonia (sCAP) is a leading cause of death

worldwide. Adjunctive therapies for sCAP are needed to further improve outcome. A systemic

inhibitor of coagulation, tifacogin (recombinant human tissue factor pathway inhibitor) appeared

to provide mortality benefit in the sCAP subgroup of a previous sepsis trial.

Objective: Evaluate the impact of adjunctive tifacogin on mortality in sCAP patients.

Methods: Multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, three-arm study conducted

from July 2005 to June 2008 at 188 centers in North and South America, Europe, South Africa,

Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. Adults with sCAP were randomized to receive a continuous

intravenous infusion of tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h, 0.075 mg/kg/h, or matching placebo over 96 h.

Measurements: Severity-adjusted 28-day all-cause mortality.

Main Results: Of 2138 randomized patients, 946, 238, and 918 received tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h, 0.075 mg/kg/h, and placebo, respectively. Tifacogin 0.075 mg/kg/h was discontinued

after the first interim analysis according to pre-specified futility criterion. 28-day all-cause mortality rates were similar between the 0.025 mg/kg/h (18.0%) and placebo groups (17.9%) (p=0.56). Greater reduction in PF1+2 and TATc levels relative to baseline throughout the first 96 hours was found with tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h than with placebo. The incidence of adverse events and serious adverse events were comparable between the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h and placebo groups.

Conclusions: Tifacogin showed no mortality benefit in sCAP patients despite evidence of biological activity.

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INTRODUCTION

Community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) is the 8th leading cause of death in the US, with a death rate of 18.8/100,000 (1). The annual number of hospitalized CAP cases in the US is expected to increase up to 1 million in 2020, with similar trends in many other countries, due to the disproportionate growth of the elderly population (2). Intensive care unit (ICU) mortality due to severe CAP (sCAP) is ~30% worldwide (3-5). Despite significant advancements in antimicrobial

therapy and supportive care, the mortality rate in these patients remains high, and newer antibiotics alone are not expected to change patient outcome (6).

sCAP progression is associated with hypercoagulation, hypotension, and alteration of microcirculation, which lead to multiple organ dysfunction (7-10). A systemic cytokine response to pathogens leads to the progression of sCAP, and the circulating cytokines in hospitalized CAP patients show elevated inflammatory markers in the majority of cases irrespective of sepsis (11). In sepsis, coagulation activation is primarily driven by tissue factor. Tissue factor is expressed on alveolar epithelial cells, activated endothelial cells, infiltrating monocytes, and pulmonary macrophages in response to infection and tissue damage (12, 13). Excess tissue factor expression (14, 15), and the interplay of the tissue factor-initiated coagulation and inflammatory cascades may result in end-organ damage and fatal consequences (16-18). An inhibitor of coagulation, drotrecogin alfa (activated), was reported to be associated with a significant survival benefit when administered to patients with severe sepsis from sCAP (19).

Tissue factor pathway inhibitor plays a key role as an inhibitor of coagulation within the microcirculation and limits clotting in lung tissue (20-22). Recombinant tissue factor pathway inhibitor (rTFPI, tifacogin) has been shown to restore regulation of tissue factor pathways, reducing mortality, inflammation, and lung injury in a number of animal models (23-30).

The OPTIMIST Phase III trial of tifacogin in severe sepsis did not show an overall mortality benefit with rTFPI (31); however, a retrospective analysis suggested improved survival among tifacogin-treated patients with sCAP who did not receive concurrent heparin and/or had documented microbial infection (32). These findings led to this prospective study, Community-Acquired Pneumonia Tifacogin Intra-Venous Administration Trial for Efficacy (CAPTIVATE) to assess the efficacy and safety of tifacogin as adjunct therapy in sCAP.

METHODS

Study Design

CAPTIVATE was a Phase III, multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, threearm study (tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h; tifacogin 0.075 mg/kg/h; and placebo groups) to determine the efficacy and safety of tifacogin in sCAP patients admitted to the ICU. Patients were enrolled from July 2005 to June 2008 at 188 centers in North and South America, Europe, South Africa, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. A clinical coordinating center including critical care and infectious diseases experts approved each patient after all inclusion and exclusion criteria were met. The Institutional Review Board/Independent Ethics Committee/Research Ethics Board at each participating center approved this study, and written informed consent was obtained from each patient before enrollment. The study was conducted in compliance with the current revision of the Declaration of Helsinki and Good Clinical Practice guidelines.

Patients

Adult patients (aged ≥ 18 years) with a clinical diagnosis of CAP, supported by clinical and radiological signs documented within 24 h preceding hospital admission through 24-h postadmission, and satisfying the inclusion and exclusion criteria were enrolled into the study. Patients enrolled must also have met criteria for sCAP. The definition of sCAP required ICU admission and either one major severity criterion (mechanical ventilatory support or treatment with vasopressors) or at lease two minor severity criteria (systolic blood pressure <90 mm Hg or mean arterial pressure <70 mm Hg, PaO₂/FiO₂ ratio <250 or a respiratory rate \geq 30/min, multilobar pneumonia, leukopenia, hypothermia, thrombocytopenia, confusion, or uremia [see Online Data Supplement for details]). Patients who were pregnant; had prior hospitalization within 14 days of current hospital admission; required long-term mechanical ventilation; suspected with aspiration pneumonitis or post-obstructive pneumonia; bone marrow or solid organ transplantation requiring ongoing immunosuppressive therapy; or currently diagnosed with acute leukemia, multiple myeloma, or lymphoma; had liver disease (Child-Pugh Grade C or esophageal varices); had intracranial bleeding within 6 months or closed head trauma or stroke within 1 month or other neurological condition with increased bleeding risk, or who were already receiving or anticipated to receive drotrecogin alfa activated were excluded from the study. Heparin administration was prohibited within 18 h (low molecular weight heparin) or 10 h (unfractionated heparin) prior to the start of study drug infusion and throughout the 96-h infusion period. Heparin at doses of 250 IU/24 h for patients with arterial lines could be administered.

Treatment and Procedures

Patients were randomized (1:1:1) to receive a continuous intravenous infusion of tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h, tifacogin 0.075 mg/kg/h, or matching placebo over 96 h. Dosing was based on the actual body weight, and the study drug was infused through a dedicated central venous catheter when feasible. Study drug infusion was initiated no longer than 36 h post-admission to the ICU or 72 h post-hospital admission. International normalized ratio (INR) and platelet count monitored during the treatment were used to guide dose reductions and dose discontinuations (see Online Data Supplement). Study drug infusion was discontinued 6 h and 2 h prior to any major and minor surgical procedures, respectively, and was resumed 6 h and 1 h after any major and minor surgical procedures, respectively. All patients received systemic antibiotic therapy and supportive treatment.

Efficacy Endpoints

The primary efficacy endpoint was severity-adjusted 28-day all-cause mortality. Secondary efficacy endpoint was the incidence of treatment failure (28-day all-cause mortality or administration of drotrecogin alfa on or prior to Day 10 following initiation of the study drug). Other efficacy endpoints were as follows: ICU-, hospital-, and ventilator-free days; change in PaO₂/FiO₂ through study Day 8; new onset respiratory failure (requiring intubation), disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), new vasopressors; all-cause 28-day mortality in patient populations defined by the clinical evaluation committee (CEC); all-cause 28-day mortality by disease severity (acute physiology and chronic health evaluation II [APACHE II (8)], pneumonia severity index (PSI) score, and CAP severity [patient meets two major, one major, 0 major and \geq 3 minor, 0 major and \leq 2 minor criteria according to ATS/IDSA guidelines (3)]); all-cause 28-day mortality by baseline biomarkers: prothrombin fragment 1+2 (PF1+2), thrombin anti-thrombin complexes (TATc), D-dimer, IL-6, and procalcitonin; and relative change (post-baseline/baseline ratio) in PF1+2, TATc, D-dimer, and IL-6.

The CEC defined per-protocol (PP) and optimal cohort populations as ITT patients who had possible or confirmed CAP (PP) or confirmed CAP (optimal cohort), met CAP severity criteria at baseline in accordance with 2007 ATS/IDSA guidelines (≥ 1 major criterion or ≥ 3 minor criteria), did not have clinically significant protocol deviations (Online Data Supplement Table E1), received a minimum duration of the study drug infusion, received acceptable antimicrobial treatment (optimal cohort), and did not have microbiological evidence of only 'non-bacterial' pathogens (optimal cohort).

Safety Assessments

Patients were monitored for adverse events (AEs), serious adverse events (SAEs), bleedingrelated AEs and SAEs, thromboembolic and ischemic AEs and SAEs both during the dosing period (during infusion and 1 day post-infusion) as well as throughout the 28-day study period. Survival status was recorded at 90 days, 6 months, and 12 months after the initiation of the study drug to assess the long-term safety (see Online Data Supplement for details).

Statistical Methods

For the primary efficacy endpoint, a logistic regression model was applied for mortality data with treatment group as a factor and baseline APACHE II score and patient age (years) as continuous covariates. As the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h dose group alone was continued until the study end, the level of significance determined by Conditional Error Rate method (33, 34) was used to determine if the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h dose group was statistically significant compared with the placebo group. The Bonferroni method to determine the level of significance was performed as a sensitivity analysis. The logistic regression analysis was repeated by substituting baseline CAP severity (meeting 2 major criteria, 1 major criterion, 0 major criterion and ≥ 3 minor criteria, 0 major and ≤ 2 minor criteria according to the 2007 ATS/IDSA guidelines) as a categorical covariate for APACHE II in the models described above. As two interim efficacy analyses were performed, statistical tests involving the primary efficacy variable were conducted using one-sided α level of 0.025–0.000002 adjusted for two interim analyses with two tifacogin dose groups. All *p*-values for the primary efficacy variable were based on one-sided tests. A data analysis plan was designed by the sponsor according to the protocol, approved by the Clinical Evaluation committee and the non-employee members of the study design committee (RGW,SO,P-FL), and filed with the FDA. All data was collected by the sponsor and analyzed independently by the contract research organization PPD. The analyses

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from PPD were reviewed and accepted by the Novartis study statistician. The writing committee reviewed the data tables and requested additional analyses

RESULTS

A total of 2138 patients were randomized. The 0.075 mg/kg/h dose group (n=241) was discontinued after the first interim analysis (December 2005) for lack of efficacy based on prespecified stopping rules, and all subsequent patients were randomized to tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h or placebo. The number of patients randomized to tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h (n=959) or placebo (n=938) was balanced (Figure 1).

Patient demographics for the ITT population are presented in Table 1. No significant difference between the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h group and the placebo group was found with regard to patient demographics or baseline disease characteristics such as CAP severity, APACHE II scores, and PSI. The demographics of patients enrolled in the tifacogin 0.075 mg/kg/h group were similar to those enrolled into the 0.025 mg/kg/h dose group and the placebo group prior to the discontinuation of the 0.075 mg/kg/h treatment arm (Online Data Supplement Table E2).

Efficacy Analysis

The efficacy population included 2102 patients randomized to the treatment groups (tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h: n = 946; tifacogin 0.075 mg/kg/h: n = 238; placebo: n = 918). For all patients enrolled up to the time of the last patient enrolled into the 0.075 mg/kg/h group, the 28-day all-cause mortality rates were similar among the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h dose group (*n*=49/243;

20.2%), tifacogin 0.075 mg/kg/h dose group (*n*=46/238; 19.3%), and the placebo group (*n*=50/246; 20.3%).

The observed 28-day all-cause mortality in the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h group did not significantly differ from the placebo group after the first interim analysis (17.2% *vs.* 17%; p=0.61) (Online Data Supplement Figure E1A). Hence, the primary endpoint was not met using the Conditional Error Rate method. At the end of the trial, the overall 28-day all-cause mortality rates were similar between the 0.025 mg/kg/h dose group (18.0%) and placebo group (17.9%, p-value 0.56), and the primary study objective was not achieved (Online Data Supplement Figure E1B). The Kaplan–Meier plot of survival during the 28-day period was similar for both tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h group and placebo groups (Figure 2).

Analysis of 28-day all-cause mortality by disease characteristics and by CEC subpopulations also did not show any significant difference between the tifacogin (0.025 mg/kg/h) and the placebo group (Figure 3; Online Data Supplement Figure 2). Mortality rate was lower in both tifacogin and placebo groups in the per protocol population (14.8% in tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h *vs.* 13.4% in placebo) and in the optimal cohort (12.7% in tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h *vs.* 11.2% in placebo) compared with the ITT population. Analyses of the secondary endpoints including hospital-free days, ICU-free days, ventilator-free days, new onset respiratory failure, new onset ARDS or new onset DIC showed no differences between the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h or placebo groups.

Baseline geometric mean of PF1+2, IL-6, and TATc were comparable between tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h and placebo groups in the ITT population. The change in geometric mean ratio (post baseline/baseline) for the treatment groups and placebo over time for PF1+2, and TATc are presented in Figure 4. The reduction for PF1+2 and TATc levels at 4–8 h, 24 h, 72 h and 96 h

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relative to baseline was greater in tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h dose group compared with the placebo group, consistent with tifacogin's known anticoagulation effects.

Safety Findings

The incidence of AEs and SAEs were similar in both tifacogin (0.025 mg/kg/h) and placebo groups (Table 2). The incidence of any bleeding AE was similar between the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h (13.8%) and placebo (11.8%) groups. Bleeding SAEs were reported in <3% patients; 22 (2.3%) in the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h dose group and 19 (2.1%) in the placebo group. Gastrointestinal bleeding SAEs were slightly greater in the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h (1.7%) compared with placebo (0.9%) groups. Central nervous system bleeding SAEs were reported in one tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h patient and three placebo patients.

Venous thromboembolic AEs and SAEs were similar between the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h (3.4% AEs and 1.4% SAEs) and placebo groups (3.4% AEs and 1.5% SAEs). Ischemic AEs and SAEs were similar in the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h group (4.9%) and the placebo group (5.8%).

DISCUSSION

CAP remains the most common cause of death from infection (1). Anti-inflammatory and antithrombotic therapies are sought to complement antimicrobial treatment and supportive care measures existing for sCAP (35). Activation of the coagulation system is a major pathophysiological event in severe pneumonia (16). The CAP subgroup in Phase III sepsis trials of both drotrecogin alfa activated (19) and tifacogin (OPTIMIST)(32) had demonstrated mortality benefits. Nonetheless, the present study did not confirm subgroup findings from the earlier sepsis trial (32). In addition to CAP, subgroup analysis of the OPTIMIST study suggested a benefit with tifacogin in patients with a documented microbiological etiology and/or without concurrent heparin. Heparin was excluded in CAPTIVATE and the subgroup with a defined bacterial etiology and specifically *S. pneumoniae*, the most common etiology, did not show a mortality benefit from tifacogin. Therefore, even in these more tightly defined subgroups, a benefit of tifacogin could not be confirmed.

No benefit for tifacogin was demonstrated in the patients with increasing levels of severity based on APACHE II scores or fulfilling major criteria according to IDSA/ATS guidelines (3). Findings did show a lower overall mortality rate as levels of CAP severity decreased according to IDSA/ATS guidelines. A lower overall mortality was also reported in patients in per protocol population and optimal cohorts. This finding may be due to these cohorts including only patients who met the protocol defined criteria for enrollment and in whom antibiotic treatment was consistent with standard guidelines in terms of choice of agents and administration schedule. Biomarkers indicative of coagulation activity, did show a pharmacodynamic effect for both tifacogin doses (0.025 mg/kg/h and 0.075 mg/kg/h) confirming tifacogin's coagulation inhibitory activity. No difference in the bleeding SAEs between the tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h group and the placebo group (2.3% vs. 2.1%) was demonstrated, in contrast with the OPTIMIST study (6.5% vs. 4.8%, for tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h and placebo, respectively in the high INR group; and 6.0% and 3.0%, respectively in the low INR group) (31). Higher rates of bleeding SAEs in the OPTIMIST study may be due to the difference in patient populations between both studies. Several potential explanations for the negative results of this study are plausible. Tissue factor activation is an early event in sepsis and the coagulation and inflammatory cascades may be

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irreversibly activated before tifacogin was administered. Compartmentalization of inflammatory response occurs in CAP and local inactivation of TFPI in the alveolar space by proteases may blunt the effect (14, 18). Unequal distribution of genetic polymorphisms affecting the coagulation pathway and sepsis mortality, such as Factor V Leiden or plasminogen activation inhibitor (PAI)-1(36, 37), may have obscured a benefit in one subgroup. Consistent changes in coagulation in the experimental groups demonstrate that an inactive recombinant drug was not the cause. Nor do excessive hemorrhagic in the treatment groups or thrombotic complications in the placebo group mask a benefit from tifacogin. The most logical explanation is that tissue factor activation, while important, may not be a critical step in the pathogenesis of sCAP or sepsis mortality.

CAPTIVATE represents the largest clinical trial of severe CAP performed to date. Study design and execution demonstrates that a more homogeneous population with a single source of infection, rather than a more generic sepsis population, can be defined. Because of this, we feel that the benefit, or lack of benefit in the case of tifacogin, can be more clearly defined. This has not been true for sepsis trials with drotrecogin alfa activated (19) or the prior sepsis trial with tifacogin (31,32).

The roughly 10% mortality of sCAP with only minor IDSA/ATS criteria (3) and the >25% subsequent need for vasopressors and/or mechanical ventilation suggests that this subgroup may be important to include in future studies. Whether or not sCAP with only minor criteria are included in future studies will be based on the expected effect size and expected enrollment. The results of our study allow those decisions to be made more rationally. Epidemiologic studies can suggest a mortality for the different categories but include many patients who may be excluded or refuse participation in a clinical trial. The >11% mortality even with appropriate, timely

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antibiotic therapy in the CEC-defined optimal cohort suggests that further studies of adjuvant treatment of sCAP are warranted (35). The extensive international database in over 2200 patients with sCAP may provide insight into factors that contribute to patient outcome to facilitate future study design for this common lethal medical problem.

Conclusions

Administration of tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h showed no treatment benefit in this large population of patients with severe CAP. This result was consistent across a range of disease severity indices. The pharmacologic activity of tifacogin was demonstrated by the differential decrease in sensitive markers of coagulation between the tifacogin and placebo treatment arms. Although the primary end-point was not achieved, this study demonstrates the persistent unmet need for further interventions to improve mortality of sCAP and the feasibility of those studies.

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Figure Legends

Figure 1. Patient disposition.

Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier survival curves over 28-day study period.

Figure 3. 28-day all-cause mortality by disease severity. Striped bar – tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h dose group, black bar - tifacogin 0.075 mg/kg/h dose group, grey bar - placebo CAP: community acquired pneumonia; APACHE II: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II; PSI: Pneumonia Severity Index.

Figure 4. Response of coagulation biomarkers.

TATc – thrombin anti-thrombin complexes; PF1+2: prothrombin fragment 1.2

	Tifacogin		
	0.025 mg/kg/h	Placebo	Total
	(<i>N</i> =946)	(<i>N</i> =918)	(<i>N</i> =2102)
Age (years)			
Ν	946	918	2102
Mean (SD)	59.3 (16.50)	59.5 (16.52)	59.5 (16.51)
Median (min, max)	61.0 (18, 93)	61.0 (18, 94)	61.0 (18, 94)
Age categories, <i>n</i> (%)			
≤44 years	192 (20.3)	169 (18.4)	403 (19.2)
45–64 years	346 (36.6)	368 (40.1)	796 (37.9)
≥65 years	408 (43.1)	381 (41.5)	903 (43.0)
Sex, <i>n</i> (%)			
Male	387 (40.9)	392 (42.7)	872 (41.5)
Female	559 (59.1)	526 (57.3)	1230 (58.5)
Race/ethnic origin, <i>n</i> (%)			
Asians	91 (9.6)	86 (9.4)	198 (9.4)
Blacks	55 (5.8)	45 (4.9)	113 (5.4)
Caucasians	676 (71.5)	664 (72.3)	1505 (71.6)
Hispanics	100 (10.6)	104 (11.3)	236 (11.2)
Others	24 (2.5)	19 (2.1)	50 (2.4)
Patient disease characteristics			
CAP severity, <i>n</i> (%)			
Two major criteria	339 (35.8)	345 (37.6)	781 (37.2)
One major criterion	318 (33.6)	278 (30.3)	671 (31.9)
Vasopressor	447 (47.3)	433 (47.2)	1006 (47.9)
Mechanical Ventilation	549 (58.0)	535 (58.3)	1227 (58.4)
0 major and ≥3 minor criteria	253 (26.7)	249 (27.1)	557 (26.5)
0 major and ≤2 minor criteria	36 (3.8)	46 (5.0)	93 (4.4)
Confusion/disorientation	295 (31.2)	303 (33.0)	696 (33.1)
Multilobar infiltrates	710 (75.1)	697 (75.9)	1576 (75.0)
Renal Replacement Therapy	12 (1.4)	9 (1.0)	24 (1.1)

Table 1. Demographics and baseline characteristics (ITT population)

	Tifacogin		
	0.025 mg/kg/h	Placebo	Total
	(<i>N</i> =946)	(<i>N</i> =918)	(<i>N</i> =2102)
APACHE II			
Ν	936	908	2077#
Mean (SD)	20.8 (7.09)	21.0 (6.72)	21.0 (6.91)
Median (min, max)	20.0 (3, 52)	20.5 (5, 47)	20.0 (3, 52)
APACHE II categories, <i>n</i> (%)			
<20	439 (46.4)	391 (42.6)	916 (43.6)
20 to <25	246 (26.0)	251 (27.3)	567 (27.0)
25 to <30	142 (15.0)	163 (17.8)	351 (16.7)
≥30	109 (11.5)	103 (11.2)	243 (11.6)
Missing	10 (1.1)	10 (1.1)	25 (1.2)
PSI			
Ν	889	860	1972
Mean (SD)	141.5 (41.96)	142.7 (42.00)	142.5 (42.19)
Median (min, max)	142.0 (33, 264)	143.0 (18, 268)	143.0 (18, 268)
PSI categories, <i>n</i> (%)			
≤ 90	105 (11.1)	98 (10.7)	225 (10.7)
>90 to 130	255 (27.0)	232 (25.3)	543 (25.8)
>130	529 (55.9)	530 (57.7)	1204 (57.3)
Missing	57 (6.0)	58 (6.3)	130 (6.2)
icrobiologic Evidence, n(%)*			
Definite	453 (47.9)	438 (47.7)	1005 (47.8)
S. pneumoniae	309 (32.7)	307 (33.4)	694 (33.0)
Bacteremia	148 (15.6)	167 (18.2)	349 (16.6)
Probable	92 (9.7)	95 (10.3)	211 (10.0)
No positive microbiology	338 (35.7)	331 (36.1)	744 (35.4)
No CAP	63 (6.7)	54 (5.9)	142 (6.8)
ubsequent Organ Failure, n/N without a	at randomization		
Mechanical Ventilation	106/397 (26.7)	91/382 (23.8)	230/874 (26.3)
Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome	68/821 (8.4)	89/815 (10.9)	185/1849 (10.0)
Vasopressors	147/498 (29.5)	125/483 (25.9)	302/1093 (27.6)
New-onset Renal Failure§	94/943 (10.0)	111/903 (12.3)	234/2081 (11.2)

	Tifacogin			
	0.025 mg/kg/h	Placebo	Total	
	(<i>N</i> =946)	(<i>N</i> =918)	(<i>N</i> =2102)	
New-onset hepatic failure§	11/872 (1.3)	3/221 (1.4)	9/847 (1.1)	
DIC	36/747 (4.8)	30/731 (4.1)	66/1636 (4.0)	

CAP: community acquired pneumonia; APACHE II: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II; PSI: Pneumonia Severity Index. DIC: Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation; RRT: Renal Replacement Therapy,

Total includes patients randomized to the 0.075 mg/kg/h dose

* as determined by the Clinical Evaluation Committee blinded review

§ renal failure and hepatic failure defined as \geq 3 points on the Sequential Organ Failure Assessment (SOFA) score: any RRT or creatinine > 3.5 mg/dl and bilirubin \ge 6.0 mg/dl, respectively (38).

Events	Tifacogin	Placebo	
	0.025 mg/kg/h		
	(<i>N</i> =955)	(<i>N</i> =914)	
	n (%)	n (%)	
Any AE	824 (86.3)	778 (85.1)	
Any SAE	226 (23.7)	226 (24.7)	
Deaths ¹	185 (19.4)	178 (19.5)	
Any bleeding AE	132 (13.8)	108 (11.8)	
Any bleeding SAE	22 (2.3)	19 (2.1)	
Hemorrhagic CNS SAEs	1 (0.1)	3 (0.3)	
Cerebral hemorrhage	0	1 (0.1)	
Hemorrhage intracranial	1 (0.1)	0	
Hemorrhage stroke	0	1 (0.1)	
Subarachnoid hemorrhage	0	1 (0.1)	
Any venous thrombo-embolic AE	32 (3.4)	31 (3.4)	
Any venous thrombo-embolic SAE	13 (1.4)	14 (1.5)	
Any ischemic AE	47 (4.9)	53 (5.8)	
Any ischemic SAE	32 (3.4)	33 (3.6)	
Ischemic CNS SAEs	12 (1.3)	17 (1.9)	
Ischemic stroke	6 (0.6)	7 (0.8)	
Cerebral infarction	3 (0.3)	5 (0.5)	
Cerebral ischemia	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	
Ischemic cerebral infarction	0	2 (0.2)	
Transient ischemic attack	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	
Cerebral artery embolism	1 (0.1)	0	

Table 2.Adverse events in the safety population

Hemiplegia	0	1 (0.1)			
Lacunar infarction	0	1 (0.1)			
Most frequently reported AEs*					
Anemia	81 (8.5)	83 (9.1)			
Hypokalemia	48 (5.0)	59 (6.5)			
Atrial fibrillation	49 (5.1)	42 (4.6)			
Pleural effusion	49 (5.1)	41 (4.5)			
Hyperglycemia	42 (4.4)	37 (4.0)			
Diarrhea	36 (3.8)	31 (3.4)			
Pneumonia	25 (2.6)	32 (3.5)			
Most frequently reported SAEs [†]					
Infections and infestations	78 (8.2)	71 (7.8)			
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal	76 (8)	64 (7.0)			
disorders					
Cardiac disorders	60 (6.3)	47 (5.1)			

*Most frequently reported AEs (at least 5% for any group) occurring during the study infusion period (from the day of

first infusion initiation to the day of last infusion plus 1).

[†] Most frequently reported serious adverse events (at least 5% for any group) by primary system organ class.

¹ AE with outcome of death. Only deaths up to day 60 (AE resolution day) were included.

Only adverse events occurring between Days 1 to 28 were included in all AE analyses.

Figure 1

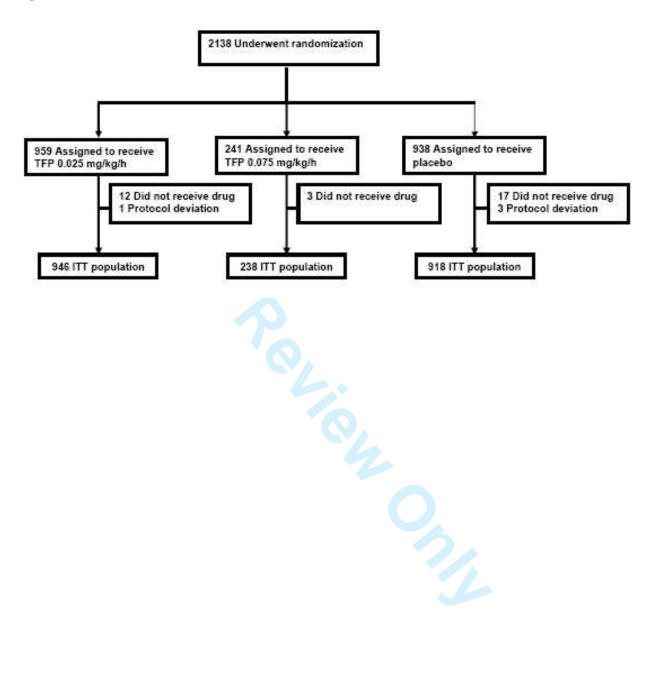


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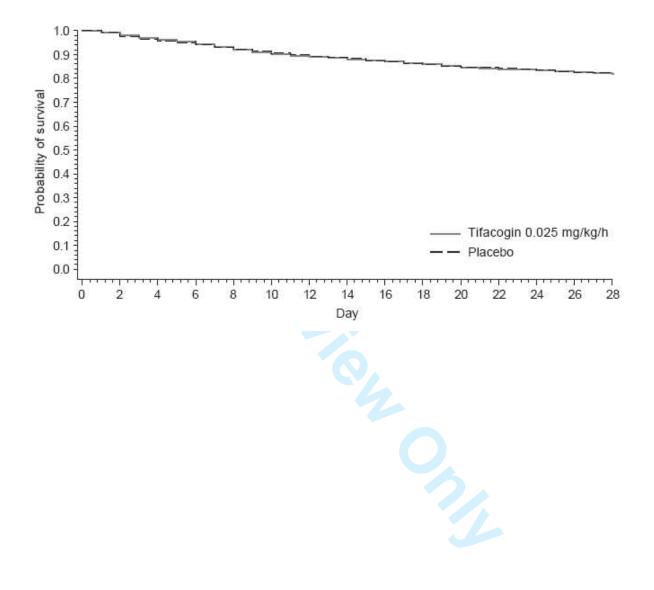


Figure 3

(A)

CAP severity 28-day all-cause mortality (%) 50 40 30 20 10 0 2 major 1 major 0 major, \geq 3 minor 0 major, \leq 2 minor **(B)** APACHE II categories 20-24 25-30 ≥30 <20

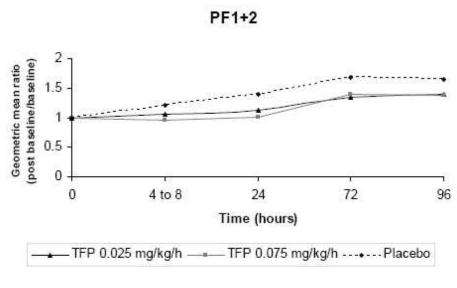
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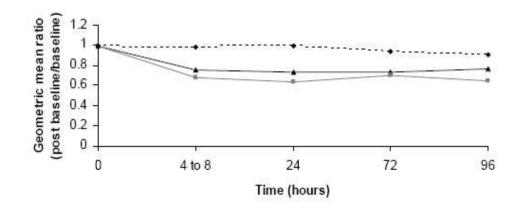




B.







Online Data Supplement

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International normalized ratio monitoring

International normalized ratio (INR) was monitored at the investigative site's hospital laboratory and INR values were available within 2 h of sample draw. If not, then INR was monitored with a commercially available bedside INR monitor provided by the Sponsor.

INR was monitored at 4 h, 8 h (\pm 1 h) and 12 h (\pm 1 h) after the initiation of the study-drug infusion, and thereafter every 12 h (\pm 2 h) if the INR was not increasing steadily. Study drug infusion was interrupted for rise in INR as follows:

- With baseline INR ≤2.5, an increased INR was defined as a value of >3. A recheck value of ≤2.5 would enable resuming the infusion.
- With baseline INR >2.5 to 3.0, an increased INR was defined as a value of >3.5. A recheck value of ≤3.0 would enable resuming the infusion.

Platelet count

Platelet count was monitored 12 h (\pm 1 h) after study drug initiation and then daily thereafter through study day 5. If the platelet count fell below 50,000 cells/mm³, the study drug infusion was interrupted. Platelet count was then monitored every 8 h (\pm 1 h) for up to 32 h and then according to the protocol defined schedule. Study drug infusion was restarted with the platelet count \geq 50,000 cells/mm³ documented on two consecutive determinations during the 32 h period. Following reinstitution of the study drug infusion, the platelet count was repeated in 12 h (\pm 2 h) and then according to the protocol defined schedule. If the platelet count again fell below 50,000 cells/mm³, the study drug infusion was permanently discontinued.

Heparin

Patients were allowed to be enrolled in the study when heparin flushes (500 IU of unfractionated heparin or equivalent to flush intravascular catheters) were used to maintain catheter patency prior to study entry. Flushing of intravascular catheters with heparin was prohibited during the 96-h infusion period. However, arterial lines might be heparinized, with the total amount per 24 h not exceeding 250 IU/24 h. If heparin therapy was required during the study drug infusion period, the study drug would be discontinued prior to initiating treatment with heparin.

Study inclusion criteria

The study included patients presenting with at least two of these clinical signs: fever (\geq 38°C) or unexplained hypothermia (\leq 36 °C); tachypnea (\geq 20 breaths/min or PaCO₂ <32 mmHg [<4.2 kPa]); leukocytosis (WBC \geq 12 x 10⁹/L), >10% immature polymorphonuclear leukocytes (bands) or relative leukopenia (WBC \leq 4 x 10⁹/L) not due to other causes; and hypoxemia (PaO₂/FiO₂ <285 mmHg or SaO₂ <90%). Other inclusion criteria were radiographic findings on new pulmonary infiltrate(s) consistent with

CAP diagnosis and microbiological screening of appropriate specimens for microbiological documentation of CAP (but results were not required to determine eligibility).

Patients with pneumonia of sufficient severity requiring ICU management and meeting at least one of the severity criteria, such as receiving mechanical ventilatory support (i.e. invasive mechanical ventilation); or receiving treatment with vasopressors at therapeutic doses (i.e. dopamine >5 mg/kg/min or any dose of epinephrine, norepinephrine, phenylephrine or vasopressin) for at least 2 h to maintain or attempt to maintain systolic blood pressure (SBP) >90 mm Hg (or mean arterial pressure [MAP] >70 mm Hg) after adequate fluid resuscitation, were also included in the study.

Entry criteria also included patients who fulfilled two or more of the following criteria (documented within the previous 24 h in patients without evidence of rapid clinical improvement): SBP <90 mm Hg or MAP <70 mm Hg and received \geq 40 mL/kg of fluid resuscitation over a 6 h; PaO₂/FiO₂ ratio <250 mmHg, or a respiratory rate \geq 30/min, or the need for noninvasive mechanical ventilatory support; blood urea nitrogen (BUN) >7.0 mM (>19.6 mg/dL); new onset mental confusion (was to be documented prior to the use of sedative or other new psychotropic medication); multi-lobar pneumonia; platelet count <100,000 cells/mm³ or a fall of >25% during the previous 48 h to a count of <120,000 cells/mm³; leukopenia (WBC \leq 4 x 10⁹/L); and hypothermia (core temperature \leq 36 °C).

Study exclusion criteria

Patients who were pregnant; had prior hospitalization within 14 days of current hospital admission; required long-term mechanical ventilation; suspected with aspiration pneumonitis or post-obstructive pneumonia; history of bone marrow or solid organ transplantation (except for renal transplant on stable immunosuppressive regimen); or currently diagnosed with acute leukemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma or Hodgkin's disease, were excluded from the study. Heparin administration was prohibited within 18 h (low molecular weight heparin) or 10 h (unfractionated heparin) prior to the start of study drug infusion and throughout the 96 h infusion period.

Patients requiring deep venous thrombosis (DVT) prophylaxis, the inability to use nonpharmacologic methods, were excluded from the study. Intermittent compression devices were provided to the sites to utilize as DVT prophylaxis during the 96-h study drug infusion period as well as during the 18 h (for LMWH) or 10 h (for unfractionated heparin) pre study drug "washout period". Patients who were already receiving treatment with drotrecogin alfa activated (Xigris®, recombinant human activated Protein C) or were anticipated to need drotrecogin alfa within 24 h of study enrollment, were also excluded. Concomitant use of any other systemic anticoagulants (including antithrombin III), antiplatelet drugs (including non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) or thrombolytic agents within 24 h prior to or during the study-drug infusion was not allowed, excluding aspirin up to 325 mg/day.

Treatment

Study drug (tifacogin or matching placebo) was continuously infused for up to 96 h by an intravenous route only, the most severe reaction being injection site necrosis. Dosing was based on actual body weight. Use of heparin through the same infusion catheter or those from which blood samples were drawn was strictly avoided because of the known interaction between heparin and tifacogin. A central line was strongly advised for study drug infusions. If a peripheral line was used, the wrist or dorsum of the hand was avoided, and the insertion site was monitored for line patency and local signs of irritation. If signs of irritation were evident, infusion of the study drug was interrupted and a central line was made for continuing study drug infusion.

CEC defined population

A clinical evaluation committee (CEC) performed blinded evaluation of all treated patients using prespecified criteria to assess the diagnosis of CAP, microbiological evidence of infection, causative pathogens and acceptability of antimicrobial therapy. The CEC also assessed other clinically determined variables, including probable cause of death, clinically significant protocol deviations, and monitored the appropriateness of patient enrollment during the course of the trial.

Per-protocol population

The per-protocol population included all patients in the ITT population who met the following criteria:

- Had CAP or possible CAP as per the CEC assessment
- Had severe CAP (CAP severity being defined as 2 major, 1 major, or 0 major and ≥ 3 minor criteria at baseline)
- Did not have any clinically significant protocol deviations as determined by the CEC and listed in eTable 1
- Did not receive wrong study medication
- Had the minimal study medication infusion time, which was defined as follows:
 - 24 h if a patient was discharged from the initial ICU or died within 36 h after study drug infusion,
 - 2/3 of the time from the start of study drug infusion to first ICU discharge or time of death if a patient was discharged from the initial ICU or died between 36 and 96 h after the study drug infusion,
 - ➢ 64 h otherwise

All protocol deviations were identified by the site monitor and clinical trial team according to the protocol deviation list and assessed by the CEC for major protocol deviations before the database lock. Clinically significant protocol deviations were a subset of the major protocol deviations, and were also assessed by the CEC before the database lock.

All protocol deviations were classified as related to the inclusion and exclusion criteria if the deviation code was 100 series, or related to the on-study period if the deviation code was 200 series.

Data Monitoring Committee

An independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC) closely monitored the safety and tolerability of the treatment throughout the trial. The DMC comprised of experienced critical care or infectious disease clinicians who were not investigators in the trial and one statistician experienced in the interim evaluation of safety and efficacy data. Prior to the start of the trial, a DMC charter was established specifying rules and guidelines for assessing safety and futility. The DMC had access to study subject treatment assignments and initially received safety updates every 4 weeks (approximately 30 patients per arm). After 300 patients were enrolled (approximately 100/group) and one day post-infusion safety and tolerability data were collected, the DMC conducted an unblinded safety evaluation. If safety and tolerability determined by the DMC were considered acceptable, the study would continue to accrue patients in all the three study arms. If safety of the 0.075 mg/kg/h arm was determined to be unacceptable, then further accrual into the 0.075 mg/kg/h arm would be terminated and accrual into the 0.025 mg/kg/h arm would be continued. If safety of both the 0.075 mg/kg/h arm and the 0.025 mg/kg/h arm were considered unacceptable, then the trial would be terminated. A second unblinded safety evaluation was conducted after 600 patients were enrolled (approximately 200/group) and 1-day post-infusion safety and tolerability data were collected. Two interim efficacy analyses and five safety reviews were performed by the DMC throughout the study. At either interim efficacy analysis or any of the safety review meetings, a tifacogin treatment group would be terminated from the study for serious safety concerns. If one of the tifacogin groups would be terminated at any safety evaluation or interim analysis, the remaining patients assigned to the terminated group would then be re-randomized at a 1:1 ratio to the remaining tifacogin or placebo groups. The information regarding whether a tifacogin treatment arm had been dropped out of the study was kept confidential to the clinical trial team until the database lock. The demographics of patients enrolled in the tifacogin 0.075 mg/kg/h, 0.025 mg/kg/h and placebo group before first interim analysis were given in eTable 2.

Optimal cohort population

It was defined as a subset of ITT patients who met the following criteria:

- Had confirmed CAP (Excluding No/Possible CAP) as per the CEC assessment
- Had severe CAP (as in "Per-Protocol")
- Did not have any clinically significant protocol deviations as determined by the CEC
- Did not receive wrong study medication
- Had the minimal study medication infusion time
- Did not have only non-bacterial infections (eg. fungal, viral, mycobacterial, *Pneumocystis jirovecii*, hydatid cyst by biopsy). Non-bacterial infections were identified by the clinical team before the database lock.
- Did not have either empiric or targeted antimicrobial therapy considered as unacceptable by the CEC.

A supportive analysis for the primary efficacy outcome was performed over the per-protocol population and the ideal cohort.

Safety population

The safety population included all patients who received the study drug, irrespective of the amount and with any available safety information. Safety analyses were performed in those patients included in the safety population.

Statistical methods

Treatment failure was also analyzed by a logistic-regression model with treatment group as a factor, APACHE II score and age as continuous covariates using the Bonferroni method and also the Conditional Error Rate method. The effect of tifacogin on 28-day all-cause mortality in CEC defined populations and subgroups based on disease severity were evaluated using a logistic regression model analysis with 28-day all-cause mortality as the outcome, treatment group as a factor, APACHE II and subject age (in years) as continuous covariates. Powers were estimated utilizing a simulation-based method. The study had a power of about 80% (with one-sided alpha of 0.025) to detect a 25% reduction in mortality rate for a tifacogin dosing group assuming the mortality rate to be 22% in the placebo group.

Table E1

Clinically significant protocol deviations (PD)

PD

Code Description

	eria for treatment from baseline ICU admission time window or hospital admission is not met ot verified
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106 Crite	eria for treatment from baseline hospitalization time-window is not met or not verifiable
	r hospitalization within 14 days of current hospital admission
108 INR	> 3 within 4 h prior to the study drug infusion
109 Non	-ambulatory resident of a long-term care facility
	wn or suspected infective endocarditis at baseline
	ontrolled hemorrhage
•	or surgery within 12 hrs prior to start of study drug infusion
or o	ory of intracranial bleeding within 6 months or closed head trauma or stroke within 1 month ther neurological condition with increased bleeding risk
	eline platelet count <60,000 cells/mL
115 Lum infus	bar puncture or epidural catheter within 12 h prior to anticipated start of the study drug sion
	nificant liver disease (Child-Pugh Grade C) or known esophageal varices
lymp	wn or suspected helper/inducer T-lymphocytes (CD4+) count <200/mm ³ or CD4+ T- phocyte percentage of total lymphocytes <14
	patients requiring deep venous thrombosis prophylaxis, the inability to utilize non- rmacological methods
	ory of BMT or solid organ transplant requiring ongoing immunosuppressive therapy or with lence of acute or chronic transplant rejection
	wn hypersensitivity to tifacogin, other <i>E coli</i> -derived proteins or any ingredient in the final groduct
123 Clea	arly irreversible underlying injury that is anticipated to be fatal within 3 months or a moribund e with expected survival <24 h
	dio-pulmonary arrest within 72 h pre-infusion
125 Trea	atment within 24 h prior to start of the study drug infusion with AT III, other systemic coagulants, antiplatelets* or thrombolytics
128 Sub	ject cannot be authenticated by SDV or audit
	atment with drotrecogin alfa (Xigris [™]) within 24 h prior to the study drug infusion
131 Trea	atment with LMWH within 18 h, unfractionated heparin within 10 h prior to start of the study g infusion, or anticipated need for heparin within 96 h
	usal of mechanical ventilation, dialysis or hemofiltration, cardioversion or required drug/fluid
133 Sev CAF	ere neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count < 1,000 cells/mm3 due to causes other than
134 Curi dise	rent diagnosis of acute leukemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma or Hodgkin's pase
135 Pos	t obstructive pneumonia
	wn or suspected aspiration pneumonitis
	uires long-term mechanical ventilation at time of study entry
199 Oth	
	comitant systemic anticoagulants (except citrate), or anti-platelets [*] (except aspirin ≤ 325 mg day), or thrombolytics, or drotrecogin alpha

- 203 Concomitant unfractionated heparin or low-molecular-weight heparin
- 206 Incorrect randomization to patient enrollment sequence
- 208 Use of heparin flushes during study drug infusion (other than heparinization of arterial lines with a total amount per 24 h <250 IU of heparin or heparin equivalent)
- 212 Study drug not reduced or interrupted per INR increase algorithm
- 213 Study drug not permanently discontinued per INR increase algorithm
- 214 No follow-up confirmatory INR when INR elevated above baseline
- 217 Study drug resumed <6 h after surgery
- 218 Study drug infused despite intracranial surgery, spinal surgery, intracranial or spinal bleeding, and organ transplant
- 223 Study drug not interrupted for platelet counts <50000/mm³
- 224 Study drug not discontinued for persistent platelet counts <50000/mm³
- 225 Platelet counts not checked (after a decrease in count <50000/mm³)
- 230 Study drug infusion rate errors of clinical significance
- 231 Significant longer infusion durations
- 233 Study drug resumed when INR does not return to baseline
- 234 INR measurement not performed within 24 h
- 235 Study drug resumed prior to platelet count returning to baseline
- 236 Study drug infusion resumed following a decrease in platelets <50000 with no follow-up platelet count showing count rising
- 237 Study drug stopped <6 h prior to surgical procedure
- 299 Others

* Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) were not considered as clinically significant protocol deviations

Table E2

Demographics and baseline disease characteristics of patients enrolled prior to interim analysis

Interim analysis			<u> </u>	—
	Tifacogin 0.025 mg/kg/h (<i>n</i> =243)	Tifacogin 0.075 mg/kg/h (<i>n</i> =238)	Placebo (<i>n</i> =246)	Total (<i>N</i> =727)
$Portion \ n \left(\frac{9}{2} \right)$	(11=243)	(11=230)	(11=240)	(1)=121)
Region, n (%) North America	F9 (00 0)	FF (00 1)	FF (00 A)	160 (00 1)
	58 (23.9)	55 (23.1) 72 (20.7)	55 (22.4)	168 (23.1)
South America	67 (27.6)	73 (30.7)	72 (29.3)	212 (29.2)
Australia/NZL	22 (9.1)	17 (7.1) 73 (30.7)	21 (8.5)	60 (8.3) 222 (22 0)
Europe	76 (31.3)	. ,	84 (34.1)	233 (32.0)
South Africa	4 (1.6)	3 (1.3)	3 (1.2)	10 (1.4)
Asia	16 (6.6) 60.1 (16.2)	17 (7.1) 60.8 (16.58)	11 (4.5) 60.8 (16.32)	44 (6.1) 60.5 (16.35)
Age (years), mean (SD) Age categories, <i>n</i> (%)	00.1 (10.2)	00.8 (10.58)	00.0 (10.32)	00.5 (10.55)
≤44 years	46 (18.9)	42 (17.6)	39 (15.9)	127 (17.5)
45 – 64 years	85 (35)	82 (34.5)	96 (39)	263 (36.2)
≥ 65 years	112 (46.1)	114 (47.9)	111 (45.1)	337 (46.4)
Sex, <i>n</i> (%)	112 (40.1)	114 (47.9)	111 (45.1)	337 (40.4)
Women	108 (44.4)	93 (39.1)	110 (44.7)	311 (42.8)
Men	135 (55.6)	145 (60.9)	136 (55.3)	416 (57.2)
Race, <i>n</i> (%)	100 (00.0)	140 (00.3)	100 (00.0)	TIO (07.2)
Asians	17 (7)	21 (8.8)	14 (5.7)	52 (7.2)
Blacks	8 (3.3)	13 (5.5)	12 (4.9)	33 (4.5)
Caucasians	180 (74.1)	165 (69.3)	183 (74.4)	528 (72.6)
Hispanics	31 (12.8)	32 (13.4)	32 (13)	95 (13.1)
Others	7 (2.9)	7 (2.9)	5 (2)	19 (2.6)
Weight, kg	7 (2.5)	7 (2.3)	J (Z)	10 (2.0)
n	243	238	246	727
Mean (SD)	72.56 (18.18)	70.78 (18.59)	71.08 (17.74)	71.48 (18.16)
Median (Min, Max)	70 (36, 140)	69 (37, 146)	70 (31, 135)	70 (31, 146)
Height (cm)	/0 (00, 110)			/ 0 (01, 110)
n	238	229	237	704
Mean (SD)	167.3 (9.42)	166.5 (10.10)	167 (10.46)	167 (9.99)
Median (Min, Max)	167.6 (143, 197)		167.6 (140, 193)	
BMI, kg/m ²	(****,****)	,	(110,100)	,
n	238	229	237	704
Mean (SD)	25.9 (6.066)	25.59 (5.715)	25.33 (5.52)	25.62 (5.77)
Median (min, max)	24.7 (14.2, 50.8)		24.74 (13.5,	24.51 (13.5,
	(,,	43.7)	45.6)	50.8)
Patient disease		,))
characteristics				
CAP severity, <i>n</i> (%)				
Two major criteria	72 (29.6)	97 (40.8)	97 (39.4)	266 (36.6)
One major criterion	94 (38.7)	75 (31.5)	70 (28.5)	239 (32.9)
0 major and ≥3 minor		55 (23.1)	67 (27.2)	187 (25.7)
criteria		× /		× /
0 major and ≤2 minor	12 (4.9)	11 (4.6)	12 (4.9)	35 (4.8)
criteria	· · /	× /		· · /
APACHE II				
n	241	233	243	717
Mean (SD)	21.8	21.9	21.4	21.7
Median (min, max)	7.5	6.94	6.87	7.10

APACHE II categories, n				
(%)				
<20	95 (39.1)	86 (36.1)	97 (39.4)	278 (38.2)
20 to <25	77 (31.7)	70 (29.4)	75 (30.5)	222 (30.5)
25 to <30	32 (13.2)	46 (19.3)	37 (15)	115 (15.8)
≥30	37 (15.2)	31 (13)	34 (13.8)	102 (14)
Missing	2 (0.8)	5 (2.1)	3 (1.2)	10 (1.4)
PSI				
п	233	223	237	693
Mean (SD)	143.6 (42.8)	145.9 (43.76)	141.9 (41.62)	143.8 (42.69)
Median (Min, Max)	142 (38, 260)	146 (36, 249)	142 (43, 250)	143 (36, 260)
PSI categories, n (%)				
≤90	23 (9.5)	22 (9.2)	27 (11)	72 (9.9)
>90 to 130	71 (29.2)	56 (23.5)	65 (26.4)	192 (26.4)
>130	139 (57.2)	145 (60.9)	145 (58.9)	429 (59)
Missing	10 (4.1)	15 (6.3)	9 (3.7)	34 (4.7)

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Figure Legends

eFigure 1: 28-day all-cause mortality; (A) after first interim analysis (IA) and (B) overall.

After first IA: tifacogin (TFP) 0.025 mg/kg/h (121/703); Placebo (114/672).

Overall: TFP 0.025 mg/kg/h (170/946); TFP 0.075 mg/kg/h (46/238); Placebo (164/918).

eFigure 2: 28-day all-cause mortality by Clinical Evaluation Committee (CEC) subpopulations.

CAP: community acquired pneumonia; cCAP+B: confirmed community acquired pneumonia and baseline (2 major, 1 major or \geq 3 minor severity criteria); ME: cCAP+B and definite microbiological evidence; ME+PBC: cCAP+B, definite microbiological evidence and positive blood culture; ME S.p.: cCAP+B and definite microbiological evidence of *S. pneumoniae* infection; ME-NBP: cCAP+B and definite microbiological evidence excluding patients who had only a non-bacterial pathogen.

