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**A PHASE 2 STUDY OF THE SAFETY, EFFICACY, AND  
PHARMACODYNAMICS OF RTA 408 IN THE  
TREATMENT OF FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA**

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## INVESTIGATOR'S AGREEMENT

I have received and read the Investigator's Brochure for RTA 408. I have read the 408-C-1402 clinical study protocol and agree to conduct the study as outlined. I agree to maintain the confidentiality of all information received or developed in connection with this protocol.

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### PROCEDURES IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**Table 1: Emergency Contact Information**

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**2. SYNOPSIS**

<b>Name of Sponsor/Company:</b> Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	
<b>Name of Investigational Products:</b> RTA 408 Capsules	
<b>Name of Active Ingredient:</b> RTA 408	
<b>Title of Study:</b> A Phase 2 Study of the Safety, Efficacy, and Pharmacodynamics of RTA 408 in the Treatment of Friedreich’s Ataxia	
<b>Study center(s):</b> Up to approximately 20 study centers	
<b>Studied period (years):</b> Estimated date first patient enrolled in Part 1: November 2014 Estimated date last patient completed Part 2: December 2018 Extended access until commercial availability of RTA 408	<b>Phase of development:</b> 2
<p><b>Objectives:</b> In patients with Friedreich’s ataxia, comparing those receiving RTA 408 versus those receiving the placebo, the objectives are as follows:</p> <p><b>Part 1:</b></p> <p><b>Primary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To evaluate the change in peak work during maximal exercise testing</li> <li>• To evaluate the safety and tolerability of RTA 408</li> </ul> <p><b>Secondary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To evaluate the change in the modified Friedreich’s ataxia rating scale (mFARS) score</li> </ul> <p><b>Exploratory:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To evaluate the change in peak oxygen utilization during maximal exercise testing</li> <li>• To evaluate the change in performance on a 25-foot timed walk test</li> <li>• To evaluate the change in performance on a low-contrast letter visual acuity test</li> <li>• To evaluate the change in performance on a 9-hole peg test (9-HPT)</li> <li>• To evaluate the change in Fatigue Severity Scale score</li> <li>• To evaluate the change in SF-36® Health Survey Update (SF-36) score</li> <li>• To evaluate the change in the full neurological Friedreich’s ataxia rating scale (FARS) score</li> <li>• [REDACTED]</li> </ul>	

- To evaluate the change in pharmacodynamic (PD) markers of activity in platelet [REDACTED] samples
- To characterize the pharmacokinetics (PK) of RTA 408 and potential metabolites after oral administration of RTA 408 Capsules

**Part 2:****Primary:**

- To evaluate the change in the mFARS score at Week 48
- To evaluate the safety and tolerability of RTA 408

**Secondary:**

- To evaluate the change in peak work during maximal exercise testing at Week 48
- To evaluate the Patient Global Impression of Change at Week 48
- To evaluate the Clinical Global Impression of Change at Week 48

**Exploratory:**

- To evaluate the distribution of change in mFARS scores at Week 48
- To evaluate the change in SF-36 score
- To evaluate the change in performance on a 9-HPT
- To evaluate the change in performance on a 25-foot timed walk test
- To evaluate the change in the Activities of Daily Living (ADL) score
- To evaluate the frequency of falls
- To characterize the PK of RTA 408 and potential metabolites after oral administration of RTA 408 Capsules

**Extension:**

- To provide continuing open-label treatment with RTA 408 while collecting ongoing safety and tolerability data with RTA 408

**Methodology:**

This study will evaluate the efficacy, safety, and PD of RTA 408 in the treatment of patients with Friedreich's ataxia.

**Part 1:** The first part of the study will be a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, dose-ranging study to evaluate the safety, efficacy, and PD activity of RTA 408 at 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, and higher dose levels (not to exceed 300 mg) in patients with Friedreich's ataxia. A cohort consists of the next eight eligible patients randomized 3:1 to RTA 408 at the cohort specific dose (n=6) or placebo (n=2). Up to approximately 9 cohorts will be enrolled in Part 1 to allow for adequate dose-ranging for selection of a dose of RTA 408 to be used in Part 2.

Intra-patient dose-escalation will only be utilized in the first cohort to evaluate RTA 408 at the first two dose levels (2.5 mg and 5 mg). Patients enrolling in the first cohort will be randomized to RTA 408 2.5 mg or placebo. After the Week 2 visit, each patient in the first cohort will dose-escalate to 5 mg (or remain on placebo) on Day 15 unless a dose-limiting toxicity (DLT) is reported in that patient (Section 7.4.3). After the last patient in the first cohort completes their Week 4 visit (i.e., 2 weeks on 2.5 mg daily [or matching placebo] followed by 2 weeks on 5 mg daily [or matching placebo]), the data safety monitoring board (DSMB) and Sponsor will review all available safety information and make a decision regarding enrollment of the next cohort.

Beginning with the second 8-patient cohort, once the eighth patient enrolled completes their Week 2 visit the DSMB will review all available safety information and recommend the dose of RTA 408 for

the subsequent cohort. The DSMB dose recommendation for each cohort must not exceed 100% more than the highest dose of RTA 408 previously evaluated in this study, and the maximum permitted dose of RTA 408 is 300 mg. The dose level for each new cohort will not exceed the DSMB recommended dose level, and it will be selected by the Sponsor based on review of available safety, efficacy, PK, and PD data. Prior to opening each cohort in Part 1 for enrollment, the Sponsor will also evaluate all available data from doses studied in Part 1 to determine if enough information is available to select doses for Part 2 of the study. Once enrollment begins in Part 2, no additional cohorts will be enrolled in Part 1.

If the Sponsor or DSMB considers dose escalation not safe for any reason, no more dose escalation will be carried out. The DSMB may recommend stopping dose escalation at any time, particularly if their review of adverse events (AEs) or laboratory data (e.g., aspartate aminotransferase [AST], alanine aminotransferase [ALT], bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase [ALP], magnesium, creatinine, B-type natriuretic peptide [BNP], etc.), reveals any potential safety concern. The Sponsor, in addition to reviewing all available safety and efficacy data, will also take into consideration the predicted systemic exposure to RTA 408 at the next proposed dose in comparison with the exposure vs adverse effect profile for RTA 408 in animals. If systemic exposure is sufficiently high to warrant a potential concern based on animal toxicity data, dose escalation may be stopped or paused, if needed, to seek additional input from the DSMB or the United States Food and Drug Administration (US FDA).

Part 2: The second part of this study will be a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, parallel-group study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of RTA 408 150 mg in patients with Friedreich's ataxia. Patients enrolled in Part 2 will be randomized 1:1 to receive RTA 408 150 mg, or placebo. Randomization will be stratified by pes cavus status (pes cavus vs. no pes cavus). Patients with pes cavus, a musculoskeletal foot deformity characterized by high arch of the foot that does not flatten with weight-bearing, will not comprise more than 20% of patients enrolled in Part 2. The RTA 408 dose of 150 mg was selected for Part 2 based on DSMB and Sponsor review of available data from Part 1, including safety, efficacy, PK, and PD data. Following randomization on Day 1, patients will self-administer study treatment once daily for 48 weeks. A follow-up visit for safety will occur at Week 52 (4 weeks after the last dose). The DSMB will perform quarterly reviews of unblinded data for safety throughout Part 2.

Extension: The extension will assess long-term safety and tolerability of RTA 408 in qualified patients with Friedreich's ataxia following completion of Part 1 or Part 2. Patients will not be unblinded to study treatment in Part 1 or Part 2 upon entering the extension study.

Patients will receive open-label RTA 408 (150 mg) once daily until the drug is available through commercial channels, or until patient withdrawal, whichever is sooner. All patients in the extension will follow the same visit and assessment schedule. Extension Day 1 is defined as the first day treatment is dispensed to the patient for the extension, following completion of Part 1 or Part 2. All other extension visits will be relative to extension Day 1. Patients will be scheduled for in-person assessments during treatment in the extension at Day 1, Weeks 4, 10, 16, and 24, and every 24 weeks thereafter. Patients will also be assessed by telephone contact on Day 14.

Since Part 2 patients will be followed continuously within the study, eligibility for the extension should be assessed at the Week 52 visit and a separate screening visit is not required. After confirming eligibility for Part 2 patients, study treatment for extension Day 1 should be dispensed following the Week 52 assessments. Part 1 patients will not have been followed continuously within this study, and therefore must complete a screening visit to confirm eligibility.

The conduct of the extension phase, according to protocol specifications, was impacted by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. As a result, and as of Version 10.1 of the

protocol, modifications intended to address access to and administration of investigational product, and adherence to protocol-specified visits and laboratory assessments was implemented. These modifications are described in [Appendix 13](#) (COVID-19 Mitigations).

**Number of patients (planned):**

Up to approximately 172 patients will be enrolled in this study (up to 72 patients in Part 1 and approximately 100 patients in Part 2).

The extension will only include qualified patients from Part 1 and Part 2.

**Inclusion criteria (Part 1 and Part 2):**

Patients must:

1. Have genetically confirmed Friedreich's ataxia
2. Have an mFARS score  $\geq 20$  and  $\leq 80$ . The average of the two mFARS values collected at Screening and Day 1 visits must fall within the allowable range, and they must be within 4.5 points of each other
3. Be male or female and  $\geq 16$  years of age and  $\leq 40$  years of age
4. Have no changes to their exercise regimen within 30 days prior to Study Day 1 and be willing to remain on the same exercise regimen during the study period
5. Have the ability to complete maximal exercise testing
6. Have adequate kidney function defined as an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)  $\geq 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> using the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD) 4-variable formula
7. Have a left ventricular ejection fraction  $\geq 40\%$  (based on echocardiogram performed at Screening Visit or within 90 days prior to Screening Visit)
8. Be able to swallow capsules
9. Be willing and able to cooperate with all aspects of the protocol
10. Be willing to practice medically acceptable methods of birth control (Section 9.7.2)
11. Provide written informed consent for study participation, approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB)

**Exclusion criteria (Part 1 and Part 2):**

Patients must not:

1. Have uncontrolled diabetes (HbA1c > 11.0%)
2. Have BNP level > 200 pg/mL
3. Have a history of clinically significant left-sided heart disease and/or clinically significant cardiac disease, with the exception of mild to moderate cardiomyopathy associated with Friedreich's ataxia, including but not limited to any of the following:
  - a. Clinically significant congenital or acquired valvular disease
  - b. Pericardial constriction (based on echocardiogram performed at Screening Visit or within 90 days prior to Screening Visit)
  - c. Restrictive or congestive cardiomyopathy (based on echocardiogram performed at Screening Visit or within 90 days prior to Screening Visit)
  - d. Symptomatic coronary disease (prior myocardial infarction, percutaneous coronary intervention, coronary artery bypass graft surgery, or angina)
  - e. History of hospitalization for heart failure in the last five years
  - f. Cardiac insufficiency, defined as New York Heart Association Class > 2
  - g. History of atrial fibrillation
  - h. History of unstable arrhythmias



4. Have known active fungal, bacterial, and/or viral infection, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or hepatitis virus (B or C)
5. Have known or suspected active drug or alcohol abuse, as per investigator judgment
6. Have clinically significant abnormalities of clinical hematology or biochemistry, including but not limited to elevations greater than 1.5 times the upper limit of normal (ULN) of AST or ALT. Levels above this threshold are allowable if attributable to muscle injury
7. Have any abnormal laboratory test value or clinically significant pre-existing medical condition that, in the opinion of the investigator, would put the patient at risk by study enrollment
8. Have taken any of the following drugs within 7 days prior to Study Day 1 or plan to take any of these drugs during the time of study participation:
  - a. Sensitive substrates for cytochrome P450 2C8 or 3A4 (e.g., repaglinide, midazolam, sildenafil)
  - b. Moderate or strong inhibitors or inducers of cytochrome P450 3A4 (e.g., carbamazepine, phenytoin, ciprofloxacin, grapefruit juice)
  - c. Substrates for p-glycoprotein transporter (e.g., ambrisentan, digoxin)
9. Have a history of clinically significant liver disease (e.g., fibrosis, cirrhosis, hepatitis), or has, at screening, clinically relevant deviations in laboratory tests including any one of the following:
  - a. ALT and/or AST > 1.5-fold ULN
  - b. bilirubin > 1.2-fold ULN
  - c. alkaline phosphatase (ALP) > 2-fold ULN
  - d. albumin < lower limit of normal (LLN)
10. Have participated in any other interventional clinical study within 30 days prior to Study Day 1
11. Have a cognitive impairment that may preclude ability to comply with study procedures
12. Be unable to comply with the requirements of the study protocol or be unsuitable for the study for any reason, in the opinion of the investigator
13. Have used antioxidant supplements, including but not limited to idebenone, coenzyme Q10, nicotinamide, and vitamin E above the recommended daily allowance, within 14 days prior to Study Day 1, or plan to take any of these supplements during the time of study participation
14. Have previously documented mitochondrial respiratory chain disease
15. Have a history of thromboembolic events within the past 5 years
16. Have taken anticoagulant therapy within 30 days prior to Study Day 1
17. Have scheduled surgical treatment for scoliosis or foot deformity during the study
18. Have had significant suicidal ideation within 1 month prior to Screening Visit as per investigator judgment or any history of suicide attempts
19. Be pregnant or breastfeeding
20. Prior participation in a trial with RTA 408

**Extension eligibility:**

Patients must complete 12 weeks of treatment in Part 1 or 48 weeks of treatment in Part 2, have no major protocol deviations, and meet inclusion and exclusion criteria as specified in [Appendix 1](#).

**Investigational product, dosage and mode of administration:**

RTA 408 Capsules (2.5 mg, 10 mg, or 50 mg) will be administered orally.

<p><b>Duration of treatment:</b></p> <p>Part 1: RTA 408 or placebo administered orally once daily for 12 weeks; Part 2: RTA 408 or placebo administered orally once daily for 48 weeks; Extension: RTA 408 administered orally once daily until the drug is available through commercial channels, or until patient withdrawal, whichever is sooner.</p>
<p><b>Reference therapy, dosage, and mode of administration:</b></p> <p>Matching placebo capsules will be administered orally (Part 1 and Part 2 only).</p>
<p><b>Criteria for evaluation:</b></p> <p><u>Efficacy (Part 1):</u> Parameters collected during maximal exercise testing (including peak work), FARS test (including mFARS score), 25-foot walk timed test, low-contrast letter visual acuity test, 9-HPT, Fatigue Severity Scale, SF-36, [REDACTED]</p> <p><u>Efficacy (Part 2):</u> FARS test (including mFARS score); parameters collected during maximal exercise testing (including peak work), 9-HPT, 25-foot timed walk test, ADL, SF-36, Patient Global Impression of Change, Clinical Global Impression of Change, and fall diary</p> <p><u>Safety (Part 1 and Part 2):</u> Results of echocardiogram, electrocardiogram (ECG), vital sign measurements, weight, body mass index (BMI), physical examinations, adverse events (AEs), serious adverse events (SAEs), concomitant medications, and laboratory test results (clinical chemistry, hematology, urinalysis, microscopy, and pregnancy tests [as indicated])</p> <p><u>Safety (Extension):</u> Vital sign measurements, physical examination results, AEs, SAEs, weight, and assessment of BNP and N-terminal prohormone of B-type natriuretic protein (NT-Pro BNP).</p> <p><u>Pharmacokinetic (Part 1 and Part 2):</u> RTA 408 plasma concentration data</p> <p><u>Pharmacodynamic (Part 1):</u> Parameters assessed from [REDACTED], platelet, [REDACTED] samples.</p> <p><u>Extension:</u> Results of physical examinations, laboratory results, vital sign measurements, weight, AEs, SAEs, concomitant medications, pregnancy tests [as indicated], FARS, ADL, 9-HPT, 25-foot timed walk test.</p>
<p><b>Statistical methods:</b></p> <p><u>Sample size:</u></p> <p>The sample size for Part 1 is based on a dose-escalation scheme to evaluate initial safety and PD activity of RTA 408 in this patient population. The small number of patients at each dose in Part 1 is not expected to fully characterize safety, efficacy, or PD, but rather inform the DSMB and Sponsor of the appropriate doses to select for Part 2.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ [REDACTED]</li><li>■ [REDACTED]</li><li>■ [REDACTED]</li><li>■ [REDACTED]</li></ul> <p>Since Part 1 and Part 2 are independent sets of patients, the Part 1 analysis will not impact the type I error rate for the Part 2 analysis.</p> <p>The sample size for the extension is limited to the number of patients having completed Part 1 or Part 2.</p>

Statistical analysis: Separate statistical analysis plans (SAPs) detailing the analyses to be performed will be developed prior to the database lock for each study part. The SAP, which will describe in detail the methods used for the primary and secondary endpoints, will serve as the final arbiter of all statistical analyses. Data will be summarized using descriptive statistics. Continuous data will be summarized with number of patients (n), mean, median, minimum, maximum, standard deviation, coefficient of variation, and geometric mean (where applicable). Categorical data will be summarized using frequency counts and percentages.

Primary efficacy analysis: Part 1 and Part 2 will be analyzed separately. Primary analysis of the efficacy data will be based on the intent-to-treat population (ITT), which will include all patients randomized within each part of the study. Mixed-model repeated measures (MMRM) analysis will be used to analyze the Part 1 and Part 2 primary and secondary efficacy endpoints. [REDACTED]

Extension analysis of safety: As the extension is of an open-label design with no comparator group, all statistical analyses will be descriptive. The summary tables will be presented for the overall group of patients, and also split by previous treatment groups (*i.e.*, RTA 408 or placebo).

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#### 4. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

The following abbreviations are used in this study protocol.

**Table 2: List of Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Explanation
9-HPT	9-hole peg test
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AE	adverse event
ALP	alkaline phosphatase
ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
AST	aspartate aminotransferase
ATP	adenosine triphosphate
AUC	area under the plasma drug concentration-time curve
BMI	body mass index
BNP	B-type natriuretic peptide
BORG	Maximum rating of perceived exertion
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
CDDO	2-cyano-3,12-dioxooleana-1,9-dien-28-oic acid
CDDO-EA	2-cyano-3,12-dioxooleana-1,9-dien-28-oic acid ethylamide
CDDO-Im	2-cyano-3,12-dioxooleana-1,9-dien-28-oic acid imidazole
CDDO-Me	2-cyano-3,12-dioxooleana-1,9-dien-28-oic acid methyl ester
CDDO-TFEA	2-cyano-3,12-dioxooleana-1,9-dien-28-oic acid trifluoroethylamide
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
C <sub>max</sub>	maximum analyte concentration in plasma
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CPK	creatine phosphokinase
CRF	case report form
DLT	dose-limiting toxicity
DSMB	data safety monitoring board
DTPA	diethylenetriamine penta-acetic acid
ECG	electrocardiogram
eCRF	electronic case report form
EDC	electronic data capture
eGFR	estimated glomerular filtration rate
EU	European Union
FARS	Friedreich's ataxia rating scale
FDA	Food and Drug Administration

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FEV	forced expiration volume with one second
FVC	forced vital capacity
GCP	Good Clinical Practice
GGT	gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
GRE-EPI	gradient echo–echo planar
GSTA3	glutathione S-transferase A3
HDL-C	high-density lipoprotein cholesterol
HDPE	high-density polyethylene
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HO-1	heme oxygenase-1
ICF	informed consent form
ICH E6(R1)	International Council for Harmonisation Harmonised Tripartite Guideline for Good Clinical Practice E6(R1)
IFN $\gamma$	interferon-gamma
IRB	Institutional Review Board
ITT	intent-to-treat
IWRS	Interactive Web Response System
Keap1	Kelch-like ECH-associated protein 1
Keap1MuKO	Keap1 gene hypomorphic knockdown in mice
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LDL-C	low-density lipoprotein cholesterol
LLN	lower limit of normal
LV	left ventricle
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCV	mean corpuscular volume
MDRD	Modification of Diet in Renal Disease
MedDRA	Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities
mFARS	modified Friedreich's Ataxia Rating Scale
MMRM	mixed model repeated measures
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MVV	maximum voluntary ventilation
NF- $\kappa$ B	nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells
NO	nitric oxide
NOAEL	no-observed-adverse-effect level
NQO1	NAD(P)H dehydrogenase, quinone 1

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Nrf2	nuclear factor erythroid-derived 2-related factor 2
NT-proBNP	N-terminal prohormone of B-type natriuretic peptide
PD	pharmacodynamic(s)
PGC-1 $\alpha$	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma coactivator 1-alpha
PK	pharmacokinetic(s)
RBC	red blood cell
ROS	reactive oxygen species
SAE	serious adverse event
SAP	statistical analysis plan
SARS-CoV-2	severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2
SF-36	SF-36 <sup>®</sup> Health Survey Update
SOD1	superoxide dismutase 1
SpO2	oxygen saturation by pulse oximeter
T1	longitudinal relaxation time constant
TBL	total bilirubin
TE	echo times
T <sub>max</sub>	time to maximum analyte concentration in plasma
TSENSE	temporal sensitivity encoding
ULN	upper limit of normal
US	United States
US CFR Title 21	Title 21 of the US Code of Federal Regulations
VLDL-C	very-low-density lipoprotein cholesterol
VO2	resting minute oxygen consumption
WBC	white blood cell
WOCBP	women of childbearing potential

## 5. INTRODUCTION

### 5.1. Background and Rationale for RTA 408 in Friedreich's Ataxia

Friedreich's ataxia is an autosomal recessive cerebellar ataxia caused by triplet-repeat expansions. The causative mutation is a trinucleotide (GAA) repeat expansion in the first intron of the frataxin gene, leading to impaired transcription of frataxin. Frataxin is involved in iron homeostasis and may protect mitochondria from oxidative damage. Consequently, frataxin mutations result in a phenotype of mitochondrial iron overload and oxidative stress. The pathological consequences of frataxin deficiency include a severe disruption of iron–sulfur cluster biosynthesis, mitochondrial iron overload coupled to cellular iron dysregulation, and an increased sensitivity to oxidative stress (Dürr, 2002). The majority of patients have disease onset before 15 years of age, with a mean duration until wheelchair use of 11 to 14 years after disease onset and a median survival of 34 to 37 years after disease onset (Klockgether, 1998).

No effective therapies are available for the treatment of Friedreich's ataxia. Clinical trials with weak exogenous antioxidants, such as coenzyme Q10 derivatives, and various antioxidant cocktails containing supplements, such as vitamin E (or derivatives), have not resulted in physiological improvements nor have they affected disease progression (Marmolino, 2011). Notably, prior clinical studies with exogenous antioxidants were unable to reduce the excess reactive oxygen species (ROS) produced by the dysfunctional iron homeostasis and resulting mitochondrial damage (Di Prospero, 2007).

A hallmark of Friedreich's ataxia is impairment of antioxidative defense mechanisms, which play a major role in disease progression. Studies have demonstrated that nuclear factor erythroid-derived 2-related factor 2 (Nrf2) is impaired in cells isolated from patients with Friedreich's ataxia. Similar findings have been observed in preclinical studies (*in vitro* and *in vivo*). When fibroblasts isolated from patients with Friedreich's ataxia are challenged with agents that induce oxidative stress (e.g., tertiary butylhydroquinone or oligomycin), Nrf2 fails to activate, which, in turn, prevents induction of antioxidant Nrf2 target genes (Paupé, 2009). Further, silencing of frataxin gene expression in mouse motor neuron cells also decreases expression of Nrf2 and its target genes. When frataxin was knocked down approximately 40% by short hairpin RNA in mouse NSC34 motor neurons, Nrf2 mRNA expression was also decreased approximately 35%, along with the protein expression of the Nrf2 target genes superoxide dismutase and glutathione S-transferase  $\pi$  (D'Oria, 2013). Collectively, the data demonstrate that Nrf2 signaling is grossly impaired in patients with Friedreich's ataxia and in preclinical *in vitro* and *in vivo* models of frataxin deficiency. Therefore, the ability of RTA 408 to activate Nrf2 and induce its target genes is hypothesized to be therapeutic in patients with Friedreich's ataxia.

Several lines of evidence suggest that Nrf2 activation can increase mitochondrial respiration and biogenesis. First, activation of peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma coactivator 1-alpha (PGC-1 $\alpha$ ) in a mouse model of mitochondrial myopathy showed increased mitochondrial mass and improved adenosine triphosphate (ATP) production. In addition, Uruno *et al.* (2013) demonstrated that genetic activation of Nrf2 signaling by Kelch-like ECH-associated protein 1 (Keap1) gene hypomorphic knockdown in mice (Keap1MuKO) markedly increased energy consumption-related genes in skeletal muscle. Genetic Nrf2 activation led to increased

locomotor activity, as compared with control (Keap1F/F) mice. Locomotor activity was increased as determined in an open-field test and quantitated in terms of total distance traveled, as well as the number of zones crossed during the testing period (0 to 20 min). These results suggest that activation of Nrf2 in skeletal muscle results in locomotor improvement due to increased efficiency of oxidative phosphorylation.

Moreover, 2 recent studies demonstrated that genetic Nrf2 activation in Keap1-knockout mice increased mitochondrial respiration, oxygen consumption, and ATP production compared with Nrf2-deficient mice (Holmström, 2013; Ludtmann, 2014). In essence, Nrf2 activation increased substrate availability for mitochondrial respiration, which led to improvements in ATP production.

Natural triterpenoids, such as oleanolic acid and ursolic acid that are derived from plant extracts, have been used extensively in Asian medicine for their antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer properties (Liu, 1995). RTA 408 is one of a class of semi-synthetic triterpenoids discovered through a medicinal chemistry effort to optimize the ability of these compounds to inhibit the induction of nitric oxide (NO) in primary mouse macrophages treated with interferon-gamma (IFN $\gamma$ ; Honda, 1999). Subsequent mechanistic studies have revealed that RTA 408 and the semi-synthetic triterpenoids are potent activators of Nrf2 and inhibitors of NF- $\kappa$ B (nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells) and thus induce an antioxidant and anti-inflammatory phenotype.

Several preclinical studies have highlighted the beneficial effects of RTA 408 analogs on muscle function, oxidative phosphorylation, and mitochondrial biogenesis. Shin *et al.* (2009) demonstrated that potent Nrf2 activation with a 2-cyano-3,12-dioxooleana-1,9-dien-28-oic acid (CDDO)-imidazolide (CDDO-Im) triterpenoid prevented high-fat diet-induced increases in body weight, adipose mass, and hepatic lipid accumulation in wild-type mice. Wild-type mice on a high-fat diet and treated with CDDO-Im exhibited higher oxygen consumption and energy expenditure than vehicle-treated mice, while food intake was lower in CDDO-Im-treated than vehicle-treated mice. These results highlight the ability of potent Nrf2 activation to increase mitochondrial respiration.

Saha *et al.* (2010) demonstrated that in high-fat diet-fed type 2 diabetic mice, oral treatment with the RTA 408 analog, bardoxolone methyl (also referred to as CDDO-methyl ester [CDDO-Me]), for 2 weeks improved glucose uptake, fatty acid oxidation, and oxygen consumption. Specifically, treatment with bardoxolone methyl led to a 48% increase in the mean glucose disposal rate, reflecting increased peripheral insulin responsiveness induced by bardoxolone methyl. The bardoxolone methyl treatment also increased insulin-stimulated glucose transport activity in skeletal muscles by 71% in the soleus and by 58% in the gastrocnemius. These results demonstrate that the glucose-lowering activity of bardoxolone methyl results from enhanced insulin action and glucose delivery to the muscles, which was associated with an increased rate of oxidative phosphorylation within the skeletal muscle.

Furthermore, Neymotin *et al.* (2011) examined 2 additional RTA 408 analogs, CDDO-ethylamide (CDDO-EA) and CDDO-trifluoroethylamide (CDDO-TFEA), that potently activate Nrf2 in the G93A superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1) mouse model of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). CDDO-EA and CDDO-TFEA significantly induced the mRNA expression of the Nrf2 target genes NAD(P)H dehydrogenase, quinone 1 (NQO1), glutathione S-transferase A3 (GSTA3), and heme oxygenase-1 (HO-1) relative to controls while suppressing



pro-inflammatory NF- $\kappa$ B target genes. Moreover, genes associated with increased mitochondrial biogenesis were also induced. Collectively, the data suggest that the ability of RTA 408 to activate Nrf2 and induce its target genes could potentially improve muscle function, oxidative phosphorylation, antioxidant capacity, and mitochondrial biogenesis in patients with Friedreich's ataxia.

Regarding the safety profile of RTA 408, no adverse effects were observed in the safety pharmacology studies. The genotoxicity potential of RTA 408 was investigated in 2 *in vitro* genetic toxicity tests and 2 *in vivo* genotoxicity studies in rats. The overall weight of evidence from the genotoxicity studies indicates that RTA 408 has a low genotoxicity risk to human patients.

The systemic toxicity potential of RTA 408 has been evaluated in multiple nonclinical Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) toxicity studies in rats, minipigs, and monkeys after oral and dermal (which produces meaningful systemic exposure to RTA 408 in animals) administration. The primary target organs for RTA 408 observed in the rat and monkey include the liver (increased liver weight, hepatocellular hypertrophy, bile duct hypertrophy and hyperplasia) and kidney (tubular degeneration/regeneration). These effects are considered to be mostly due to the known pharmacologic activity of RTA 408 in animals and likely do not reflect off-target toxicity. In rats (but not monkeys or minipigs), minimal to mild squamous cell hyperplasia of the forestomach and/or the limiting ridge of the stomach was observed and was fully reversible on treatment discontinuation. The forestomach and limiting ridge of the stomach do not exist in humans, a monogastric species. Therefore, this finding does not translate to humans and is not considered a relevant risk to humans.

Overall, rats are more sensitive to the toxicologic effects of RTA 408 than minipigs or monkeys. In rats, the no-observed-adverse-effect level (NOAEL) following 28 days or 13 weeks or daily oral administration was 3 mg/kg/day, corresponding to an area under the plasma drug concentration-time curve ( $AUC_{(0-24hr)}$ ) of approximately 2.0 hr\* $\mu$ g/mL. Following 6 months of oral administration to rats, adverse effects were observed at the lowest dose tested (0.3 mg/kg), which was associated with an  $AUC_{(0-24hr)}$  of approximately 0.3 hr\* $\mu$ g/mL. Similar systemic exposure was achieved in rats at the lowest dose tested in a 13-week topical dermal toxicity study of RTA 408 Lotion, with similar adverse effects observed in males, but not females, in the low-dose group. In monkeys, the NOAEL following 28 days or 13 weeks of daily oral administration was at least 100 mg/kg/day and the NOAEL following 9 months of daily oral administration was 30 mg/kg/day, corresponding to an  $AUC_{(0-24hr)}$  of approximately 2.0 hr\* $\mu$ g/mL. In a 13-week minipig dermal GLP toxicity study, the NOAEL was the maximal feasible dose of 8% RTA 408 Lotion (twice daily topical administration) with systemic exposures up to 1.7 hr\* $\mu$ g/mL.

Across studies, the adverse liver findings in rats were reversible upon drug discontinuation and were associated with moderate to marked increases in serum gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase (GGT), alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), and total bilirubin (TBL). With short treatment duration (i.e., 14 days), tubular degeneration/regeneration in rats was reversible with a 28-day treatment-free period in a non-GLP study. Although the kidney findings in rats after 28 days or longer of treatment were not reversible after a 4-week or 8-week recovery period, they were minimal to mild, were not associated with evidence of an effect on renal function (i.e., no increase in blood urea nitrogen [BUN] or serum creatinine), and were not

present in minipigs or monkeys with dosing for up to 13 weeks (minipig dermal) or 9 months (monkey oral) at doses that produced systemic exposures approximately 10-fold above the exposures that elicited adverse kidney findings in rats.

## 6. STUDY OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

In patients with Friedreich's ataxia, comparing those receiving RTA 408 versus those receiving placebo, the objectives are as follows:

### 6.1. Part 1 Objectives

#### 6.1.1. Primary Objectives

- To evaluate the change in peak work during maximal exercise testing
- To evaluate the safety and tolerability of RTA 408

#### 6.1.2. Secondary Objective

- To evaluate the change in the modified Friedreich's ataxia rating scale (mFARS) score

#### 6.1.3. Exploratory Objectives

- To evaluate the change in peak oxygen utilization during maximal exercise testing
- To evaluate the change in performance on a 25-foot timed walk test
- To evaluate the change in performance on a low-contrast letter visual acuity test
- To evaluate the change in performance on a 9-hole peg test (9-HPT)
- To evaluate the change in Fatigue Severity Scale score
- To evaluate the change in SF-36<sup>®</sup> Health Survey Update (SF-36) score
- To evaluate the change in the full Friedreich's ataxia rating scale (FARS) score

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- To evaluate the change in pharmacodynamic (PD) markers of activity in platelet, [REDACTED] samples
- To characterize the pharmacokinetics (PK) of RTA 408 and potential metabolites after oral administration of RTA 408 Capsules

## **6.2. Part 2 Objectives**

### **6.2.1. Primary Objectives**

- To evaluate the change in the mFARS score at Week 48
- To evaluate the safety and tolerability of RTA 408

### **6.2.2. Secondary Objective**

- To evaluate the change in peak work during maximal exercise testing at Week 48
- To evaluate the Patient Global Impression of Change at Week 48
- To evaluate the Clinical Global Impression of Change at Week 48

### **6.2.3. Exploratory Objectives**

- To evaluate the distribution of change in mFARS scores at Week 48
- To evaluate the change in SF-36 score
- To evaluate the change in performance on a 9-HPT
- To evaluate the change in performance on a 25-foot timed walk test
- To evaluate the change in the Activities of Daily Living (ADL) score
- To evaluate the frequency of falls
- To characterize the PK of RTA 408 and potential metabolites after oral administration of RTA 408 Capsules

## **6.3. Extension**

The objective of the extension is to provide continuing treatment with RTA 408 as part of this extended access program while collecting ongoing safety and tolerability data with RTA 408.

## 7. INVESTIGATIONAL PLAN

### 7.1. Overall Study Design

This study will evaluate the efficacy, safety, and PD of RTA 408 in the treatment of patients with Friedreich's ataxia. A schema summarizing the study parts and cohorts is shown in [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#).

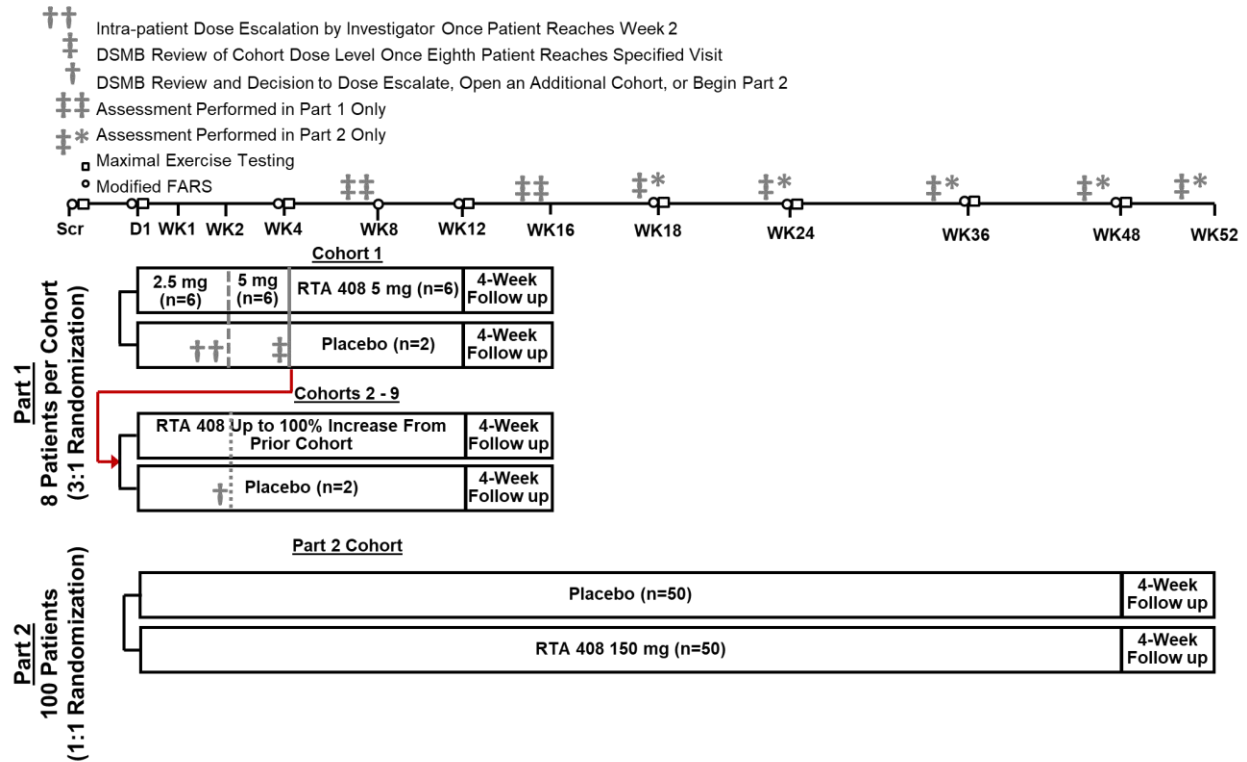
Part 1: The first part of the study will be a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, dose ranging study to evaluate the safety, efficacy, and PD activity of RTA 408 at 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, and higher dose levels (not to exceed 300 mg) in patients with Friedreich's ataxia. A cohort consists of the next eight eligible patients randomized 3:1 to RTA 408 at the cohort specific dose (n=6) or placebo (n=2). Up to approximately 9 cohorts will be enrolled in Part 1 of the study to allow for adequate dose-ranging for selection of a dose of RTA 408 to be used in Part 2.

Intra-patient dose-escalation will only be utilized in the first cohort to evaluate RTA 408 at the first two dose levels (2.5 mg and 5 mg). Patients enrolling in the first cohort will be randomized to RTA 408 2.5 mg or placebo. After the Week 2 visit, each patient in the first cohort will dose-escalate to 5 mg (or remain on placebo) on Day 15 unless a dose-limiting toxicity (DLT) is reported in that patient (Section 7.4.3). After the last patient in the first cohort completes their Week 4 visit (i.e., 2 weeks on 2.5 mg daily [or matching placebo] followed by 2 weeks on 5 mg daily [or matching placebo]), the data safety monitoring board (DSMB) and Sponsor will review all available safety information and make a decision regarding enrollment of the next cohort.

Beginning with the second 8-patient cohort, once the eighth patient enrolled completes their Week 2 visit, the DSMB will review all available safety information and recommend the dose of RTA 408 for the subsequent cohort. The DSMB dose recommendation for each cohort must not exceed 100% more than the highest dose of RTA 408 previously evaluated in this study, and the maximum permitted dose of RTA 408 is 300 mg. The dose level for each new cohort will not exceed the DSMB recommended dose level, and it will be selected by the Sponsor based on review of available safety, efficacy, PK, and PD data. Prior to opening each cohort in Part 1 for enrollment, the Sponsor will evaluate all available data from doses studied in Part 1 to determine if enough information is available to select doses for Part 2 of the study. Once enrollment begins in Part 2, no additional cohorts will be enrolled in Part 1.

Part 2: The second part of this study will be a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, parallel-group study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of RTA 408 150 mg in patients with Friedreich's ataxia. Patients enrolled in Part 2 will be randomized 1:1 to receive RTA 408 150 mg, or placebo. Randomization will be stratified by pes cavus status (pes cavus vs. no pes cavus). Patients with pes cavus, a musculoskeletal foot deformity characterized by high arch of the foot that does not flatten with weight-bearing, will comprise no more than 20% of patients enrolled in Part 2. The RTA 408 dose of 150 mg was selected for Part 2 based on DSMB and Sponsor review of available data from Part 1, including safety, efficacy, PK, and PD data. Following randomization on Day 1, patients will self-administer study treatment once daily for 48 weeks. A follow-up visit for safety will occur at Week 52 (4 weeks after last dose). The DSMB will perform quarterly reviews of unblinded data for safety throughout Part 2.

**Figure 1: Schema for Part 1 and Part 2 Evaluation of RTA 408 in Patients with Friedreich’s Ataxia**



**Extension:** The extension will assess long-term safety and tolerability of RTA 408 in qualified patients with Friedreich’s ataxia following completion of Part 1 or Part 2. Patients will not be unblinded to study treatment in Part 1 or Part 2 upon entering the extension study.

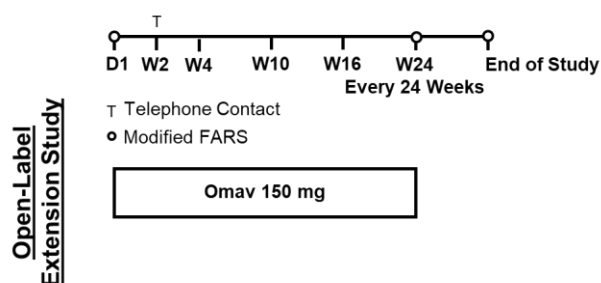
Patients will receive open-label RTA 408 (150 mg) once daily until the drug is available through commercial channels, or until patient withdrawal, whichever is sooner. All patients in the extension will follow the same visit and assessment schedule. Extension Day 1 is defined as the first day treatment is dispensed to the patient for the extension, following completion of Part 1 or Part 2. All other extension visits will be relative to extension Day 1. Patients will be scheduled for in-person assessments during treatment in the extension at Day 1, Weeks 4, 10, 16, and 24, and every 24 weeks thereafter. Patients will also be assessed by telephone contact on Day 14.

Since Part 2 patients will be followed continuously within the study, eligibility for the extension should be assessed at the Week 52 visit and a separate screening visit is not required. After confirming eligibility for Part 2 patients, study treatment for extension Day 1 should be dispensed following the Week 52 assessments. Part 1 patients will not have been followed continuously within this study, and therefore must complete a screening visit to confirm eligibility.

The conduct of the extension phase, according to protocol specifications, was impacted by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. As a result, and as of Version 10.1 of the Protocol, modifications intended to address access to and administration of investigational

product, and adherence to protocol-specified visits and laboratory assessments was implemented. These modifications are described in the [Appendix 13](#) (COVID-19 Mitigations).

**Figure 2: Schema for Open-Label Extension**



## 7.2. Number of Patients

Up to approximately 172 patients will be enrolled in this study (up to 72 patients in Part 1 and approximately 100 patients in Part 2).

The extension will only include qualified patients from Part 1 and Part 2, as outlined in Section [8.3](#).

## 7.3. Treatment Assignment

Part 1: Patients enrolled in the first cohort for Part 1 will be randomized 3:1 to receive RTA 408 2.5 mg or placebo. After the Week 2 visit, patients receiving RTA 408 2.5 mg will dose escalate to RTA 408 5 mg starting on Day 15 unless a DLT is observed. Intra-patient dose-escalation will only be utilized in the first cohort for Part 1. Starting with the second cohort for Part 1, patients will be randomized 3:1 to receive the cohort specific dose level of RTA 408 or placebo and will remain on the same treatment assignment throughout the study.

Part 2: One dose level of RTA 408 within the dose-range evaluated in Part 1 will be used in Part 2. Patients enrolled in Part 2 of the study will be randomized 1:1 to RTA 408 150 mg or placebo. Part 2 randomization will be stratified by pes cavus status (pes cavus vs. no pes cavus). Patients with pes cavus, a musculoskeletal foot deformity characterized by high arch of the foot that does not flatten with weight-bearing, will not comprise more than 20% of patients enrolled in Part 2.

All randomizations will be performed using an Interactive Web Response System (IWRS).

Extension: All patients in the extension will be assigned to RTA 408 150 mg.

## 7.4. Dose Selection and Escalation Scheme

### 7.4.1. Selection of Doses

Part 1: The safety, efficacy, and PD of RTA 408 at multiple dose levels (2.5, 5, 10, 20, 40, 80, 160, and 300 mg) will be evaluated in Part 1 to identify an appropriate dose for Part 2.

Part 2 and Extension: No DLT was observed in Part 1 and a dose of 150 mg was selected for Part 2 and Extension. From the doses evaluated in Part 1, the 160-mg dose of RTA 408 was considered optimal based on DSMB and Sponsor assessment of available safety, efficacy, PK, and PD data. Available capsule strengths of RTA 408 (2.5-, 10-, and 50-mg capsules) require four capsules daily for a 160-mg dose and 3 capsules daily for a 150-mg dose. Available PK data from Part 1 demonstrate that systemic exposure to RTA 408 is reasonably linear with dose, with modest inter-subject variability (e.g., AUC CV% of approximately 14 to 40%). Consequently, a 150-mg dose, is anticipated to provide similar drug exposure as the 160-mg dose. Based on these considerations, an RTA 408 dose of 150 mg was selected for Part 2 and Extension because it differs by less than 10% from the 160-mg dose that was evaluated in Part 1 and therefore is expected to provide similar systemic exposure while affording a reduction in the number and complexity of capsules that patients are required to swallow once each day for 48 weeks during Part 2 and Extension.

#### **7.4.2. Dose-Escalation Scheme**

Part 1: In Part 1 of the study, an initial cohort of 8 patients will be randomized 3:1 to RTA 408 2.5 mg (n=6) or placebo (n=2). Each patient in the first cohort will be evaluated for intra-patient -dose escalation by their investigator at the Week 2 visit. If no DLTs are observed by Week 2 for that patient, the patient will dose escalate. The patients receiving RTA 408 2.5 mg will begin receiving RTA 408 5 mg on Day 15 and the patients receiving placebo will remain on placebo in a blinded fashion. If an investigator cannot come to a firm decision whether or not to dose escalate a patient, he or she should discuss the relevant safety information with the medical monitor. Patients who are deemed inappropriate for dose escalation will continue on their originally randomized dose (i.e., 2.5 mg or placebo) throughout the remainder of the study. After the last patient in the initial cohort completes their Week 4 visit, the DSMB and Sponsor will review all available safety information from this cohort and make a recommendation regarding opening the next cohort to be randomized 3:1 to the cohort specific dose level of RTA 408 or placebo. All subsequent cohorts in Part 1, beginning with the second 8-patient cohort, will be evaluated for safety of the cohort-specific dose level by the DSMB once the eighth patient enrolled completes their Week 2 visit. The DSMB will recommend the dose of RTA 408 for the subsequent cohort. The DSMB dose recommendation for each cohort must not exceed 100% more than the highest dose of RTA 408 previously evaluated in this study (not to exceed 300 mg). The dose level for each new cohort will not exceed the DSMB recommended dose level, and it will be selected by the Sponsor based on review of available safety, efficacy, PK, and PD data.

Part 2: Dose-escalation or de-escalation will not be used in Part 2. Patients randomized to RTA 408 will receive 150 mg of RTA 408 daily throughout the 48-week treatment period.

Extension: Dose-escalation or de-escalation will not be used in the extension portion of the study. Patients will receive 150 mg of RTA 408 daily throughout participation in the extension.

#### **7.4.3. Criteria for Determining Dose-Limiting Toxicity**

Part 1: For the purpose of intra-patient dose escalation in Cohort 1, the assessment of a DLT (i.e., a side effect serious enough to prevent an increase in dose) will be based on the clinical judgment of the investigator. Suspected DLTs should be discussed with the medical monitor.



If an investigator cannot come to a firm decision whether or not to dose escalate a patient, he or she should discuss the relevant safety information with the medical monitor. All other patients enrolled in Part 1 will remain at a constant dose throughout the 12-week treatment period.

Part 2 and Extension: Dose-escalation is not being used in Part 2 and side effects should be recorded as adverse events (AEs).

#### **7.4.4. Intra-patient Dose Escalation**

Intra-patient dose escalation will only occur for the first cohort of 8 patients randomized in Part 1 of the study (i.e., those patients randomized to RTA 408 2.5 mg or placebo). Investigators, and not the DSMB, will make intra-patient dose-escalation decisions during the first cohort of Part 1. Each patient will dose escalate starting on Day 15, unless a DLT is indicated by the investigator. Patients originally randomized to RTA 408 2.5 mg will dose escalate to RTA 408 5 mg, and those randomized to placebo will remain on placebo in a blinded fashion. If the investigator cannot come to a firm decision whether or not to dose escalate a patient, he or she should discuss the relevant safety information with the medical monitor. If the investigator determines the patient should not be dose escalated, that patient should continue on their originally randomized dose (i.e., 2.5 mg or placebo) throughout the remainder of the study visits.

No other patients are eligible for intra-patient dose escalation.

#### **7.4.5. Additional Considerations for Dose Escalation Decisions in Part 1**

A maximum dose of 300 mg may be tested in Part 1 of this study; however, each dose escalation is limited to a 100% increase from the previous dose. If the Sponsor or DSMB considers dose escalation not safe for any reason, no more dose escalation will be carried out. The DSMB may recommend stopping dose escalation at any time, particularly if their review of AEs or laboratory data (e.g., AST, ALT, bilirubin, ALP, magnesium, creatinine, B-type natriuretic peptide [BNP], etc.), reveals any potential safety concern. The Sponsor, in addition to reviewing all available safety and efficacy data, will also take into consideration the predicted systemic exposure to RTA 408 at the next proposed dose in comparison with the exposure vs adverse effect profile for RTA 408 in animals. If systemic exposure is sufficiently high to warrant a potential concern based on animal toxicity data, dose escalation may be stopped or paused, if needed, to seek additional input from the DSMB or United States Food and Drug Administration (US FDA).

### **7.5. Data Safety Monitoring Board**

A DSMB will review unblinded safety data throughout the study (i.e., Part 1, Part 2, and Extension) and make recommendations as appropriate. The DSMB will begin monthly data reviews approximately 1 month after the first patient is enrolled in Part 1 through the last dose of the last patient enrolled in Part 1. Part 2 and Extension data will be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the DSMB. After the last patient completes Part 2, the DSMB will determine if regular meetings are necessary or may convert to less frequent reviews to align better with the extension schedule of every 24 week visits.

The DSMB will consist of external clinical experts supported by an independent statistical group. The independent statistical group will prepare unblinded analyses for the DSMB and will not have a role in the statistical analysis plan (SAP) after Part 2 of the study has started enrolling

patients. A separate, blinded statistical group will be responsible for producing and finalizing the SAP and executing final data analysis for each part of the study.

The DSMB will be governed by a charter that will describe the following:

- Roles and responsibilities of the DSMB members and the independent statistical group
- Meeting format and frequency
- Communication channels between the DSMB, the independent statistical group, the Sponsor, and the blinded study statisticians
- Voting process and requirements (e.g., requirement of consensus for issuance of a termination recommendation)
- Provisions governing conflict of interest and confidentiality

Briefly, the DSMB will review the progress of the study and the accumulating unblinded data while the study is ongoing. At each data review, the DSMB will assess safety, as evaluated by AEs, laboratory data (e.g., AST, ALT, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, magnesium, creatinine, BNP, etc.), limited functional assessment data (maximal exercise testing and mFARS score), and changes in other laboratory and vital sign parameters. The DSMB will assess whether the study should be stopped for safety concerns or the informed consent updated to include new safety information. In addition, the DSMB will review serious adverse events (SAEs) from the safety database, including narratives. The DSMB will make recommendations to Sponsor representatives following each meeting. The DSMB may recommend that the study continue as is, be modified to protect patient safety, or be terminated. In addition to the reviews of unblinded study data, the DSMB will participate with the Sponsor in the recommendation to open the 10-mg cohort and higher dosing cohorts for enrollment for Part 1 and opening Part 2 described in Section 7.4.2. However, investigators, and not the DSMB, will make intra-patient dose-escalation decisions during the first cohort of Part 1.

## 7.6. Criteria for Study Termination

Although the Sponsor intends to complete the study, the Sponsor reserves the right to discontinue the study at any time for clinical or administrative reasons, or if required by regulatory agencies. If the Sponsor discontinues the study, all study treatment will be discontinued and the investigator will have the responsibility to prescribe any additional therapy to be administered.

## 7.7. Schedule of Assessments

Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5 lists the overall schedule of assessments for the study.

**Table 3: Part 1 Schedule of Assessments**

Visit Number	Visit 1	Visit 2	Visit 3	Visit 4	Visit 5	Visit 6	Visit 7	Visit 8	Visit 9	Visit 10	Visit 11
Study Day/Week	Screening	Day 1	Week 1	Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8	Week 10	Week 12 End of treatment		Week 16 <sup>a</sup> End of study/ 4-week follow-up
Day Relative to First Dose	-28 to -1 <sup>b</sup>	1 <sup>c</sup>	7 <sup>d</sup> (±3 days)	14 <sup>e</sup> (±3 days)	28 (±3 days)	42 (±3 days)	56 (±3 days)	70 (±3 days)	83 (±3 days)	84 (18-48 hr) <sup>f</sup>	112 (±3 days)
Informed consent	X										
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria assessment	X	X									
Demographics and baseline disease characteristics	X										
Prior and concomitant medication assessment	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Medical history	X										
Height	X										
Echocardiogram	X <sup>g</sup>								X		
Electrocardiogram	X <sup>g</sup>	X		X <sup>h</sup>	X		X		X		X
Vital sign measurements	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X
Weight and BMI	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X
Physical examination	X								X		X
Adverse event collection		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clinical chemistry	X <sup>i</sup>	X	X	X	X		X			X	X
Hematology	X <sup>i</sup>	X	X	X	X		X			X	X
Urinalysis and microscopy	X <sup>i</sup>	X	X	X	X		X			X	X
BNP and NT-proBNP <sup>j</sup>	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X
Hepatitis B and C and HIV <sup>k</sup>	X <sup>i</sup>										
Pregnancy test WOCBP <sup>l</sup>	X <sup>i</sup>	X		X	X		X			X	X
Randomization		X									
Study drug dispensation <sup>m</sup>		X		X	X		X				
Study drug return and pill count / diary <sup>n</sup>				X <sup>o</sup>	X		X			X	
Study drug administration <sup>p</sup>		←-----X----- →									
Telephone contact						X		X			
Exercise regimen reporting	X	X			X				X		
Maximal exercise test <sup>q</sup>	X	X			X					X	
Neurologic FARS	X	X			X		X			X	
25-foot timed walk test <sup>r</sup>	X				X		X			X	
Low-contrast letter visual acuity test	X				X		X		X		
9-hole peg test	X				X		X		X		
Fatigue Severity Scale		X							X		
SF-36 Health Survey Update		X							X		
██████████		X							X		
██████████		X								X	
Platelet collection <sup>u</sup>		X								X	
██████████		X								X	

Visit Number	Visit 1	Visit 2	Visit 3	Visit 4	Visit 5	Visit 6	Visit 7	Visit 8	Visit 9	Visit 10	Visit 11
Study Day/Week	Screening	Day 1	Week 1	Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8	Week 10	Week 12 End of treatment		Week 16* End of study/ 4-week follow-up
Day Relative to First Dose	-28 to -1 <sup>b</sup>	1 <sup>c</sup>	7 <sup>d</sup> (±3 days)	14 <sup>e</sup> (±3 days)	28 (±3 days)	42 (±3 days)	56 (±3 days)	70 (±3 days)	83 (±3 days)	84 (18-48 hr) <sup>f</sup>	112 (±3 days)
PK analysis				X <sup>v,w</sup>			X <sup>v</sup>			X <sup>v,w</sup>	

Abbreviations: BMI=body mass index; BNP= B-type natriuretic peptide; FARS=Friedreich’s ataxia rating scale; HIV=human immunodeficiency virus; hr = hour; [redacted]; NT-proBNP= N-terminal prohormone of B-type natriuretic peptide; PK=pharmacokinetic; WOCBP=women of childbearing potential.

- <sup>a</sup> These procedures should be performed for early termination.
- <sup>b</sup> Study Day -1 is the day prior to first dose of study drug.
- <sup>c</sup> All Day 1 procedures should be performed prior to administration of first dose of study drug.
- <sup>d</sup> Assessments for Visit 3 may be collected by a home health nurse visit (at appropriate locations and approved by Sponsor) or at the study center clinic.
- <sup>e</sup> Assessments for Visit 4 must be collected at the study center if patients are enrolled in Part 1 of the study.
- <sup>f</sup> Visit 10 should be conducted within 18 hours to 48 hours of Visit 9.
- <sup>g</sup> For patients with echocardiograms and electrocardiograms collected within 30 days prior to the Screening Visit, the most recent echocardiogram and electrocardiogram can be used to assess cardiac function and patient eligibility.
- <sup>h</sup> At Week 2, electrocardiogram is only required for patients in Part 1 of the study.
- <sup>i</sup> A home health nurse visit may be used to collect all lab samples required at the Screening Visit.
- <sup>j</sup> Patients must be allowed to rest for a minimum period of 1 hour following maximal exercise test before this blood sample is collected (at the same time as all central lab blood draws). This sample should be taken with the patient in the same position (e.g., sitting or semi-recumbent) at all appropriate visits.
- <sup>k</sup> Blood samples should be collected for hepatitis B and C and HIV antibodies only in patients lacking evidence of a negative titer in the past year.
- <sup>l</sup> Negative serum pregnancy test results are required at the Screening Visit before study enrollment, and negative urine pregnancy test results are required at all other times indicated for continued participation in the study.
- <sup>m</sup> Study drug should be administered in the presence of study staff in the clinic on Day 1 after all Day 1 assessments have been completed. Study drug should also be administered in the clinic on Day 14, Day 56 (Cohort 1; Part 1 only) and Day 84 after the blood collection for predose PK analysis. All other doses can be administered at home. RTA 408 should be administered once daily through Day 84.
- <sup>n</sup> A dosing diary check must be performed at study drug return and pill count.
- <sup>o</sup> At Week 2, study drug return, pill count, and diary check are only required for patients in the first cohort of Part 1 of the study.
- <sup>p</sup> Study drug should be administered in the presence of study staff in the clinic on Day 1 after all Day 1 assessments have been completed. Study drug should also be administered in the clinic on Days 14, 28 (Part 2 only), 56 (Cohort 1, Part 1 only), and 84 after the blood collection for predose PK analysis. All other doses can be administered at home. RTA 408 should be administered once daily through Day 84.
- <sup>q</sup> On study days where multiple assessments are to be completed, the maximal exercise test will be the first functional assessment performed.
- <sup>r</sup> 25-foot timed walk test is only required for ambulatory patients. The 25-foot walk testing component of the FARS should be used for the 25-foot timed walk test assessment.
- <sup>s</sup> [redacted]
- <sup>t</sup> [redacted]
- <sup>u</sup> Platelet collection will only be conducted at Sponsor-qualified sites.
- <sup>v</sup> For patients enrolled in the first cohort of Part 1 of the study, blood samples for PK analysis at Visit 4 and Visit 7 should be collected prior to study drug administration as well as 1, 2, 4, and 8 hours after study drug administration. A single blood sample for PK analysis at Visit 10 should be collected prior to study drug administration.
- <sup>w</sup> For patients enrolled in the second and subsequent cohorts of Part 1 of the study, blood samples for PK analysis at Visit 4 should be collected prior to study drug administration as well as 1, 2, 4, and 8 hours after study drug administration. A single blood sample for PK analysis at Visit 10 should be collected prior to study drug administration.

**Table 4. Part 2 Schedule of Assessments**

Visit Number	Visit 1	Visit 2	Visit 3	Visit 4	Visit 5	Visit 6	Visit 7	Visit 8	Visit 9	Visit 10	Visit 11	Visit 12	Visit 13	Visit 14
Study Day/Week	Screening	Day 1	Week 1 (telephone)	Week 2	Week 4	Week 8 (telephone)	Week 12	Week 18	Week 24	Week 30 (telephone)	Week 36	Week 42 (telephone)	Week 48 End of Treatment	Week 52 <sup>a</sup> End of Study/ 4-week follow-up
Day Relative to First Dose	-60 to -1 <sup>b</sup>	1 <sup>c</sup>	7 (±3 days)	14 (±3 days)	28 (±3 days)	56 (±3 days)	84 (±3 days)	126 (±3 days)	168 (±3 days)	210 (±3 days)	252 (±3 days)	294 (±3 days)	336 (±3 days)	364 (±3 days)
Informed consent	X													
Inclusion/Exclusion criteria assessment	X	X												
Demographics and baseline disease characteristics	X													
Pes cavus assessment	X													
Foot X-ray	X <sup>d</sup>													
Prior and concomitant medication assessment	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Medical history	X													
Height	X													
Echocardiogram	X <sup>e</sup>								X				X	
Electrocardiogram	X <sup>e</sup>			X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
Vital sign measurements	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
Weight and BMI	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
Physical examination	X								X				X	X
Adverse event collection		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clinical chemistry	X <sup>f</sup>	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
Hematology	X <sup>f</sup>	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
Urinalysis and microscopy	X <sup>f</sup>	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
BNP and NT-proBNP <sup>g</sup>	X <sup>f</sup>	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
Hepatitis B and C and HIV <sup>h</sup>	X <sup>th</sup>													
Pregnancy test WOCBP <sup>i</sup>	X <sup>ti</sup>	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
Exercise regimen reporting	X	X												
Randomization		X												
Study drug dispensation		X			X		X		X		X			
Study drug return and pill count / diary <sup>j</sup>					X		X		X		X		X	
Study drug administration <sup>k</sup>			←-----X-----→											

Visit Number	Visit 1	Visit 2	Visit 3	Visit 4	Visit 5	Visit 6	Visit 7	Visit 8	Visit 9	Visit 10	Visit 11	Visit 12	Visit 13	Visit 14
Study Day/Week	Screening	Day 1	Week 1 (telephone)	Week 2	Week 4	Week 8 (telephone)	Week 12	Week 18	Week 24	Week 30 (telephone)	Week 36	Week 42 (telephone)	Week 48 End of Treatment	Week 52* End of Study/ 4-week follow-up
Day Relative to First Dose	-60 to -1 <sup>b</sup>	1 <sup>c</sup>	7 (±3 days)	14 (±3 days)	28 (±3 days)	56 (±3 days)	84 (±3 days)	126 (±3 days)	168 (±3 days)	210 (±3 days)	252 (±3 days)	294 (±3 days)	336 (±3 days)	364 (±3 days)
Maximal exercise test <sup>d</sup>	X	X			X		X	X	X		X		X	
Neurologic FARS (practice)	X <sup>m</sup>													
Neurologic FARS <sup>n</sup>	X <sup>o</sup>	X <sup>o</sup>			X		X	X	X		X		X	
9-hole peg test	X	X							X				X	
25-foot timed walk test	X	X <sup>p</sup>							X <sup>p</sup>				X <sup>p</sup>	
Video Collection of Normal Walking <sup>q</sup>		X							X				X	
SF-36 Health Survey Update		X							X				X	
Activities of Daily Living	X								X		X		X	
Patient Global Impression of Change							X <sup>r</sup>		X <sup>r</sup>		X <sup>r</sup>		X <sup>r</sup>	
Clinical Global Impression of Change							X <sup>r</sup>		X <sup>r</sup>		X <sup>r</sup>		X <sup>r</sup>	
Falls Diary	X <sup>s</sup>		←-----X-----→											
PK analysis				X <sup>t</sup>			X <sup>u</sup>		X <sup>u</sup>				X <sup>u</sup>	

Abbreviations: BMI=body mass index; BNP= B-type natriuretic peptide; FARS=Friedreich’s ataxia rating scale; HIV=human immunodeficiency virus; NT-proBNP=N-terminal prohormone of B-type natriuretic peptide; PK=pharmacokinetic; WOCBP=women of childbearing potential.

<sup>a</sup> These procedures should also be performed in the event of early termination.

<sup>b</sup> Study Day -1 is the day prior to first dose of study drug.

<sup>c</sup> All Day 1 procedures should be performed prior to administration of first dose of study drug.

<sup>d</sup> Only 1 x-ray will be collected during the study. Only x-rays of the right foot will be completed for the foot x-ray assessment. Patients should complete the x-ray foot assessment at Screening; however, if the patient was not able to complete the x-ray foot assessment at Screening, it may be completed during any visit while the patient is participating in the study.

<sup>e</sup> For patients with echocardiograms and electrocardiograms collected within 90 days prior to the Screening Visit, the most recent echocardiogram and electrocardiogram can be used to assess patient eligibility.

<sup>f</sup> A home health nurse visit may be used to collect all lab samples required at the Screening Visit.

<sup>g</sup> Patients must be allowed to rest for a minimum period of 1 hour following maximal exercise test before this blood sample is collected (at the same time as all central lab blood draws). This sample should be taken with the patient in the same position (e.g., sitting or semi-recumbent) at all appropriate visits.

<sup>h</sup> Blood samples should be collected for hepatitis B and C and HIV antibodies only in patients lacking evidence of a negative titer in the past year.

<sup>i</sup> Negative serum pregnancy test results are required at the Screening Visit before study enrollment, and negative urine pregnancy test results are required at all other times indicated for continued participation in the study.

<sup>j</sup> A dosing diary check must be performed at study drug return and pill count.

- <sup>k</sup> Study drug should be administered in the presence of study staff in the clinic on Day 1 after all Day 1 assessments have been completed. Study drug should also be administered in the clinic on Day 14 (Visit 4), Day 84 (Visit 7), Day 168 (Visit 9), and Day 336 (Visit 13) after the blood collection for predose PK analysis. All other doses can be administered at home. Study drug should be administered once daily through Day 336 (Visit 13).
- <sup>l</sup> On study days where multiple assessments are to be completed, the maximal exercise test will be the first functional assessment performed.
- <sup>m</sup> The practice FARS assessment is not required for patients having completed a FARS assessment within 90 days prior to Screening. The practice FARS assessment must be performed prior to the screening maximal exercise test.
- <sup>n</sup> Other than the practice FARS, all FARS assessments must always be performed after the maximal exercise test.
- <sup>o</sup> Both Screening and Day 1 mFARS are required to determine patient eligibility.
- <sup>p</sup> Video of the 25-foot timed walk test is optional and will be collected only for those patients who provide consent to video.
- <sup>q</sup> Patients who consent to video collection of the 25-foot timed walk test will also have video collection during normal walking with a 25-foot (un-timed) walk using his/her normal gait. The normal walk must be performed after the 25-foot timed walk test.
- <sup>r</sup> Patients and investigators must complete the patient global impression of change and clinical global impression of change following completion of the neurological FARS exam.
- <sup>s</sup> Patients will be provided the fall diary at Screening and must record fall incidents between Screening and Week 48.
- <sup>t</sup> Blood samples for PK analysis at Day 14 (Visit 4) should be collected prior to study drug administration as well as 1, 2, 4, and 8 hours after study drug administration.
- <sup>u</sup> A single blood sample for PK analysis at Day 84 (Visit 7), Day 168 (Visit 9), and Day 336 (Visit 13) should be collected prior to study drug administration.

**Table 5: Extension Schedule of Assessments**

Study Day/Week	Screening <sup>a</sup>	Day 1 <sup>b</sup>	Week 2 (telephone)	Week 4	Week 10	Week 16	Week 24 + Every 24 Weeks	End of Study
Day Relative to First Dose in Extension	-30 to -1	1	14 (±3 days)	28 (±3 days)	70 (±3 days)	112 (±3 days)	168, 336, 504, etc. (±14 days)	Within 30 days after last dose
Informed consent	X							
Inclusion/Exclusion	X	X						
Pes cavus assessment	X							
Medical history	X							
Adverse event collection		X <sup>c</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X
Prior and Concomitant medications	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Weight and BMI	X	X <sup>d</sup>		X	X	X	X	X
Vital sign measurements	X	X <sup>d</sup>		X	X	X	X	X
Physical examination	X	X <sup>d</sup>		X	X	X	X	X
Height	X			X <sup>j</sup>				
Echocardiogram <sup>e</sup>	X							
Electrocardiogram <sup>e</sup>	X							
Clinical Chemistry	X			X	X	X	X	X
Hematology	X			X	X	X	X	X
Urinalysis and microscopy	X			X	X	X	X	X
BNP and NT-proBNP <sup>f</sup>	X			X	X	X	X	X
Hepatitis B and C and HIV <sup>5</sup>	X							
Pregnancy test WOCBP <sup>h</sup>	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Dispense study drug		X		X			X	
Study drug return and pill count				X			X	X
Neurologic FARS		X					X	X
Activities of Daily Living		X					X	X
Patient Global Impression of Change							X	
Clinical Global Impression of Change							X	
25-foot Timed Walk Test		X					X	X
9-Hole Peg Test		X					X	X

Abbreviations: BMI=body mass index; BNP= B-type natriuretic peptide; FARS=Friedreich's ataxia rating scale; HIV=human immunodeficiency virus; NT-proBNP= N-terminal prohormone of B-type natriuretic peptide; WOCBP=women of childbearing potential.

<sup>a</sup> The screening visit is only required for Part 1 patients. Assessments collected at Part 2 - Week 48 or Part 2 - Week 52 should be used to assess eligibility for Part 2 patients.

<sup>b</sup> On Day 1, all required procedures should be performed and eligibility confirmed before study drug is dispensed in the extension.

<sup>c</sup> Adverse event assessments on Day 1 should be performed following study drug administration.

<sup>d</sup> For patients enrolled in Part 2 of the study, visit procedures required at Week 52 and also Extension Day 1 should only be performed once since Part 2 Week 52 and Extension Day 1 should occur on the same day.

<sup>e</sup> For patients with echocardiograms and electrocardiograms collected within 90 days prior to the Screening Visit, the most recent echocardiogram and electrocardiogram can be used to assess patient eligibility.

<sup>f</sup> Patients must be allowed to rest for a minimum period of 1 hour following maximal exercise test before this blood sample is collected (at the same time as all central lab blood draws). This sample should be taken with the patient in the same position (e.g., sitting or semi-recumbent) at all appropriate visits.



- <sup>g</sup> Blood samples should be collected for hepatitis B and C and HIV antibodies only in patients lacking evidence of a negative titer in the past year.
- <sup>h</sup> A serum pregnancy test will be performed at any point in time if a pregnancy is suspected. All other pregnancy assessments will be urine pregnancy tests. Additional pregnancy assessments will be performed more frequently if required by local law or requested by local health authorities or IRBs/ECs.
- <sup>i</sup> Patients and investigators must complete the patient global impression of change and clinical global impression of change following completion of the neurological FARS exam.
- <sup>j</sup> Height will be performed at Week 4 for Part 2 patients enrolled in the Extension.

## **8. SELECTION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PATIENTS**

### **8.1. Patient Inclusion Criteria (Part 1 and Part 2)**

Patients must:

1. Have genetically confirmed Friedreich's ataxia
2. Have an mFARS score  $\geq 20$  and  $\leq 80$ . The average of the two mFARS values collected at Screening and Day 1 visits must fall within the allowable range, and they must be within 4.5 points of each other
3. Be male or female and  $\geq 16$  years of age and  $\leq 40$  years of age
4. Have no changes to their exercise regimen within 30 days prior to Study Day 1 and be willing to remain on the same exercise regimen during the study period
5. Have the ability to complete maximal exercise testing
6. Have adequate kidney function defined as an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)  $\geq 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> using the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD) 4-variable formula
7. Have a left ventricular ejection fraction  $\geq 40\%$  (based on echocardiogram performed at Screening Visit or within 90 days prior to Screening Visit)
8. Be able to swallow capsules
9. Be willing and able to cooperate with all aspects of the protocol
10. Be willing to practice medically acceptable methods of birth control (Section 9.7.2)
11. Provide written informed consent for study participation, approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB)

### **8.2. Patient Exclusion Criteria (Part 1 and Part 2)**

Patients must not:

1. Have uncontrolled diabetes (HbA1c  $> 11.0\%$ )
2. Have a BNP level  $> 200$  pg/mL
3. Have a history of clinically significant left-sided heart disease and/or clinically significant cardiac disease, with the exception of mild to moderate cardiomyopathy associated with Friedreich's ataxia, including but not limited to any of the following:
  - a. Clinically significant congenital or acquired valvular disease
  - b. Pericardial constriction (based on echocardiogram performed at Screening Visit or within 90 days prior to Screening Visit)
  - c. Restrictive or congestive cardiomyopathy (based on echocardiogram performed at Screening Visit or within 90 days prior to Screening Visit)

- d. Symptomatic coronary disease (prior myocardial infarction, percutaneous coronary intervention, coronary artery bypass graft surgery, or angina)
  - e. History of hospitalization for heart failure in the last five years
  - f. Cardiac insufficiency, defined as New York Heart Association Class > 2
  - g. History of atrial fibrillation
  - h. History of unstable arrhythmias
4. Have known active fungal, bacterial, and/or viral infection, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or hepatitis virus (B or C)
  5. Have known or suspected active drug or alcohol abuse, as per investigator judgment
  6. Have clinically significant abnormalities of clinical hematology or biochemistry, including but not limited to elevations greater than 1.5 times the upper limit of normal (ULN) of AST or ALT. Levels above this threshold are allowable if attributable to muscle injury
  7. Have any abnormal laboratory test value or clinically significant pre-existing medical condition that, in the opinion of the investigator, would put the patient at risk by study enrollment
  8. Have taken any of the following drugs within 7 days prior to Study Day 1 or plan to take any of these drugs during the time of study participation:
    - a. Sensitive substrates for cytochrome P450 2C8 or 3A4 (e.g., repaglinide, midazolam, sildenafil)
    - b. Moderate or strong inhibitors or inducers of cytochrome P450 3A4 (e.g., carbamazepine, phenytoin, ciprofloxacin, grapefruit juice)
    - c. Substrates for p-glycoprotein transporter (e.g., ambrisentan, digoxin)
  9. Have a history of clinically significant liver disease (e.g., fibrosis, cirrhosis, hepatitis), or has, at screening, clinically relevant deviations in laboratory tests including any one of the following:
    - a. ALT and/or AST > 1.5-fold ULN,
    - b. bilirubin > 1.2-fold ULN,
    - c. ALP > 2-fold ULN,
    - d. albumin < lower limit of normal (LLN)
  10. Have participated in any other interventional clinical study within 30 days prior to Study Day 1
  11. Have a cognitive impairment that may preclude ability to comply with study procedures
  12. Be unable to comply with the requirements of the study protocol or be unsuitable for the study for any reason, in the opinion of the investigator

13. Have used antioxidant supplements, including but not limited to idebenone, coenzyme Q10, nicotinamide, and vitamin E above the recommended daily allowance, within 14 days prior to Study Day 1 or plan to take any of these supplements during the time of study participation
14. Have previously documented mitochondrial respiratory chain disease
15. Have a history of thromboembolic events within the past 5 years
16. Have taken anticoagulant therapy within 30 days prior to Study Day 1
17. Have scheduled surgical treatment for scoliosis or foot deformity during the study
18. Have had significant current suicidal ideation within 1 month prior to Screening Visit as per investigator judgment or any history of suicide attempts
19. Be pregnant or breastfeeding
20. Prior participation in a trial with RTA 408

### **8.3. Extension Eligibility**

Patients must complete 12 weeks of treatment in Part 1, or 48 weeks of treatment in Part 2, have no significant protocol deviations that would, in the opinion of the investigator, deem the patient unsuitable for enrollment in the Extension phase of the study, and continue to meet inclusion and exclusion criteria as specified in [Appendix 1](#).

### **8.4. Patient Rescreening**

Patients may repeat the screening procedures to qualify for the study if they have:

- Used antioxidant supplements, including but not limited to idebenone, coenzyme Q10, nicotinamide, and vitamin E above the recommended daily allowance, within 14 days prior to Study Day 1 (rescreening may be performed 14 days or more after discontinuation of supplement)
- Used anticoagulant therapy within 30 days prior to Study Day 1 (rescreening may be performed 30 days or more after discontinuation of anticoagulant therapy)
- Participated in any other interventional clinical study within 30 days prior to Study Day 1 (rescreening may be performed 30 days or more after completion of the clinical study)
- An abnormal laboratory test value that may normalize, in the opinion of the investigator (rescreening may be performed once test value is within normal range)
- Modified their exercise regimen within 30 days prior to Study Day 1 (rescreening may be performed 30 days or more after modification of exercise regimen)
- Taken any of the following drugs within 7 days prior to Study Day 1 (rescreening may be performed 7 days or more after discontinuation of the drug):
  - Sensitive substrates for cytochrome P450 2C8 or 3A4 (e.g., repaglinide, midazolam, sildenafil)

- Moderate or strong inhibitors or inducers of cytochrome P450 2C8 or 3A4 (e.g., carbamazepine, phenytoin, ciprofloxacin, grapefruit juice)
- Substrates for p-glycoprotein transporter (e.g., ambrisentan, digoxin)
- Failed screening because of operational challenges (rescreening may be performed no fewer than 2 weeks from the date of screen failure)
- Failed screening because of mFARS (the absolute difference in mFARS was  $\geq 4.5$  points between Screening and Day 1)

Patients may repeat the screening procedures once to qualify for Parts 1 and 2 of the study. For the Extension, patients may be rescreened at the discretion of the Sponsor, following discussion with the investigator site.

## **8.5. Patient Discontinuation and Termination**

Patients have the right to withdraw from the study at any time for any reason, without prejudice to their medical care. Furthermore, the investigator may discontinue a patient from study drug or terminate the patient from the study. The reason for a patient's withdrawal or discontinuation from the study will be recorded in the electronic case report form (eCRF).

### **8.5.1. Patient Discontinuation Criteria**

Discontinuation refers to a patient stopping administration of study drug. Reasons for study drug discontinuation may include the following:

- Occurrence of an AE or change in medical status that leads the investigator to be concerned about the patient's welfare
- Protocol violations
- Administrative reasons (e.g., inability to continue)
- Sponsor termination of the study
- Voluntary withdrawal
- Pregnancy during the study
- Investigator unblinding

Patients must permanently discontinue study drug if any of the following occur:

- ALT or AST  $> 8X$  ULN;
- ALT or AST  $> 5X$  ULN for more than 2 weeks;
- ALT or AST  $> 3X$  ULN and TBL  $> 2X$  ULN
- ALT or AST  $> 3X$  ULN with the appearance of fatigue, nausea, vomiting, right upper quadrant pain or tenderness, fever, rash, and/or eosinophilia ( $> 5\%$ ).

Patients who are discontinued from study drug in Part 1 or Part 2 should still complete all study visits and undergo all scheduled study assessments, if possible.

**8.5.2. Patient Termination Criteria**

Termination refers to a patient stopping study drug and all study assessments and visits. Reasons for study termination include the following:

- Administrative reasons (e.g., inability to continue, lost to follow-up)
- Death
- Withdrawal of consent

Patients who terminate the study for any reason may not re-initiate study drug or study assessments at any time.

## 9. TREATMENT OF PATIENTS

### 9.1. Description of Study Drug

Part 1: Depending on cohort dose level (or doses selected for part 2) patients will ingest up to 6 capsules of study drug (1 from each bottle included in study treatment kit) daily throughout the study; study drug is described in Section 10.1. Treatment kits containing up to 160 mg of RTA 408 or placebo will include 4 bottles, each containing 30 count of either active or placebo capsules. Treatment kits containing greater than 160 mg of RTA 408 or placebo will be comprised of 6 bottles, each containing 30 count of either active or placebo capsules. To maintain the study blind, treatment kits used in Part 2 will all include the same number of bottles.

Part 2: Patients will ingest 3 capsules daily throughout the study; study drug is described in Section 10.1. Treatment kits containing RTA 408 or placebo will include 3 bottles, each containing 30 count of either active (RTA 408 50 mg) or placebo capsules. Patients may receive more than 1 treatment kit during dispensation to provide sufficient study drug until their next planned dispensation.

Extension: Patients will ingest 3 capsules daily throughout the extension; study drug is described in Section 10.1. Treatment kits containing RTA 408 will include 3 bottles, each containing 30 count of active (RTA 408 50 mg) capsules. Patients may receive more than 1 treatment kit during dispensation to provide sufficient study drug until their next planned dispensation.

The Sponsor will provide sufficient quantities of study drug to allow for completion of the study.

#### 9.1.1. Management of Elevated Transaminase Levels (ALT and/or AST)

In ongoing clinical trials with RTA 408, transient increases in transaminases and GGT levels have been observed in some patients (refer to the Investigator's Brochure for additional information). Transaminases should be monitored using data from the scheduled lab draws in Part 2 and the extension. Nearly all instances of elevated transaminases are expected to be asymptomatic. Transaminase levels (as well as TBL, GGT, ALP) will be checked within 48 to 72 hours during an unscheduled visit if the following occurs:

- ALT or AST levels > 3X ULN.

Testing will be repeated every 72 to 96 hours until transaminase levels are below 3X the ULN for at least one week or until the patient withdraws consent.

Study drug administration will be permanently discontinued if any of the following occurs:

- ALT or AST > 8X ULN;
- ALT or AST > 5X ULN for more than 2 weeks;
- ALT or AST > 3X ULN and (TBL > 2X ULN);
- ALT or AST > 3X ULN with the appearance of fatigue, nausea, vomiting, right upper quadrant pain or tenderness, fever, rash, and/or eosinophilia (> 5%).

The hepatobiliary tree must be visualized (*e.g.*, ultrasound, MRI) and assessed if a patient discontinues taking study drug secondary to elevated transaminase levels. Additional tests/studies may be warranted depending on the clinical presentation.

## 9.2. Prior and Concomitant Medications

### 9.2.1. Excluded Medications

Patients who have taken any of the following drugs within 30 days prior to Study Day 1 will be excluded from the study:

- Any other investigational drug
- Anticoagulant therapy, with the exception of a daily baby aspirin (up to 81 mg)

Patients who have taken any of the following drugs within 14 days prior to Study Day 1 will be excluded from Part 1 and Part 2:

- Antioxidant supplements, including but not limited to idebenone, coenzyme Q10, nicotinamide, and dosages exceeding the recommended daily allowance of vitamin E
- Anti-spasticity agents

Patients who have taken any of the following drugs within 7 days prior to Study Day 1 will be excluded from the study:

- Herbal preparations, minerals, or over-the-counter medication, except as identified in Section [9.2.2](#)
- Sensitive substrates for cytochrome P450 2C8 or 3A4 (e.g., repaglinide, midazolam, sildenafil)
- Moderate or strong inhibitors or inducers of cytochrome P450 3A4 (e.g., carbamazepine, phenytoin, ciprofloxacin, grapefruit juice)
- Substrates for p-glycoprotein transporter (e.g., ambrisentan, digoxin)

The following medications and medication classes are not permitted during Part 1 and Part 2, except as noted in Section 9.2.2:

- Anticoagulant therapy, with the exception of daily baby aspirin (up to 81 mg)
- Antioxidant supplements, including but not limited to idebenone, coenzyme Q10, nicotinamide, and dosages exceeding the recommended daily allowance of vitamin E
- Herbal preparations, vitamins, minerals, or over-the-counter medication, except as identified in Section 9.2.2
- Sensitive substrates for cytochrome P450 2C8 or 3A4 (e.g., repaglinide, midazolam, sildenafil)
- Moderate or strong inhibitors or inducers of cytochrome P450 3A4 (e.g., carbamazepine, phenytoin, ciprofloxacin, grapefruit juice)
- Substrates for p-glycoprotein transporter (e.g., ambrisentan, digoxin)
- Any interventional therapy intended to treat the Friedreich's ataxia disease condition, with the exception of a constant exercise regimen
- Anti-spasticity agents



The following medications and medication classes are not permitted during the extension study

- Sensitive substrates for cytochrome P450 2C8 or 3A4 (e.g., repaglinide, midazolam, sildenafil)
- Moderate or strong inhibitors or inducers of cytochrome P450 3A4 (e.g., carbamazepine, phenytoin, ciprofloxacin, grapefruit juice)
- Substrates for p-glycoprotein transporter (e.g., ambrisentan, digoxin)

### **9.2.2. Permitted Medications**

The following concomitant medications are permitted, as authorized by the treating physician:

- Antibiotics, except as noted above (Section 9.2.1)
- Daily multivitamin
- Pain medication, except as noted above (Section 9.2.1)
- Other medications intended to manage concurrent diseases, except as noted above (Section 9.2.1)
- Oral, implantable, or injectable contraceptives

The following concomitant medications are permitted only during the extension study:

- Antioxidant supplements, including but not limited to idebenone, coenzyme Q10, nicotinamide, and dosages exceeding the recommended daily allowance of vitamin E
- Anti-spasticity agents

Patients taking medication chronically should be maintained on those same doses and dose schedules throughout the study period, as medically feasible. Patients taking medications with intermittent or as-needed schedules should try to avoid taking the concomitant medication on days when PK samples will be collected, as medically feasible.

### **9.3. Compliance with Study Drug**

The investigator or designee will only dispense study drug to patients randomized to study treatment in accordance with the protocol. The study drug must not be used for reasons other than that described in the protocol.

All patients will return all bottles and unused pills and will be dispensed a new kit of study drug at visits indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). In addition, patients in the first cohort of Part 1 will return all unused pills at the Week 2 visit and will be dispensed a new kit of study drug at that time. Compliance will be measured by counting pills to determine the number of missed doses from one visit to the next. Patients will also be provided a dosing diary to document that pills were taken as instructed as well as the date and time of dosing (Section 9.9.23). To be considered compliant with study drug, patients can miss no more than 25% of the total planned doses (i.e., 21 doses during Part 1, or 84 doses during Part 2) during the study. Patients who exceed the number of allowed missed doses will be considered noncompliant with dosing. Patients will not be discontinued from the study drug nor terminated

from the study for noncompliance, but protocol deviations should be recorded for dosing noncompliance.

#### **9.4. Randomization**

Patients enrolled in Part 1 cohorts will be randomized 3:1 to RTA 408 at the cohort-specific dose level or placebo. Patients enrolled in Part 2 will be randomized 1:1 to RTA 408 150 mg or placebo. Randomization in Part 2 will be stratified by pes cavus status (pes cavus vs. no pes cavus). Patients with pes cavus, a musculoskeletal foot deformity characterized by high arch of the foot that does not flatten with weight-bearing, will not comprise more than 20% of patients enrolled in Part 2. Randomization for both Part 1 and Part 2 will be generated using a centralized IWRS.

Patients enrolled in the extension will be assigned to RTA 408 150 mg.

#### **9.5. Blinding**

To maintain the study blind, all study drug kits will be packaged with blinded labels. Investigators will distribute the blinded study drug kits by kit number to patients as assigned by the IWRS. All patients, investigators, site personnel, and laboratories with direct involvement in the conduct of the study or their designees will be blinded to treatment assignments and appropriate measures will be taken to ensure the blind is maintained to reduce potential bias. Some Sponsor personnel may have access to treatment assignments during dose escalation (Part 1), but during Part 2, all Sponsor personnel will be blinded to treatment assignment.

The only people with access to treatment assignments for Part 2 will be those individuals who maintain the IWRS, the DSMB, the unblinded statistical team providing data to and analyzing data for the DSMB, and safety personnel without direct involvement in the conduct of the study who are assigned to report unblinded data to regulatory authorities as required.

The extension will be considered open-label. All patients in the extension will be assigned RTA 408 150 mg. Patients will not be unblinded to study treatment in Part 1 or Part 2 upon entering the extension study.

##### **9.5.1. Patient Unblinding**

Although there is no known antidote to RTA 408, under rare circumstances, unblinding may be considered medically necessary for safety reasons. Unless faced with a life-threatening medical situation, the investigator should contact the medical monitor to discuss if there is a medically compelling reason to unblind the patient's treatment assignment. After the discussion, the investigator may proceed to unblind the patient, as appropriate. If unblinding is required, the investigator will utilize the IWRS to perform the unblinding. If a study drug assignment is unblinded, a description of the event that required unblinding must be documented by the investigator in the patient's source documents. Patients must discontinue taking study drug if their treatment assignment has been unblinded to the investigator (or designee), but they should remain blinded and continue attending all study visits and should undergo all study assessments. Patient treatment assignments must not be unblinded in the case of an AE or SAE, except as described above.

### **9.5.2. Unblinding for Regulatory Submission**

In situations where a regulatory body requires unblinding and reporting of a particular SAE, the appropriate bodies (e.g., ethics committees, IRBs) must be provided with unblinded information according to the applicable regulatory requirement. This information must not be conveyed to the investigator, site personnel, or patient; therefore, this type of unblinding does not necessitate that the patient discontinue taking study drug.

## **9.6. Unscheduled Visits**

Unscheduled visits are allowed for the following reasons:

- Patient rescreening
- Management of an AE or SAE
- Performance of additional laboratory tests for clinically abnormal test values or to confirm a possible pregnancy
- If the investigator feels that it is clinically appropriate for patient safety

## **9.7. Pregnancy**

### **9.7.1. Women of Childbearing Potential**

Women of childbearing potential (WOCBP) are female patients who are not surgically sterile (no history of bilateral tubal ligation, hysterectomy, or bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy), do not have fallopian inserts with confirmed blockage, have not had reproductive potential terminated by radiation or chemotherapy, and are not postmenopausal for at least 1 year.

### **9.7.2. Methods of Birth Control**

From the Screening Visit, while taking study drug, and until 3 months after taking the final dose of study drug, WOCBP must agree to practice one of the following methods of birth control:

- Use of a double-barrier contraception method, defined as male use of a condom and female use of a barrier method (e.g., contraceptive sponge, spermicidal jelly or cream with or without a diaphragm)
- Use of hormonal contraceptives (oral, parenteral, vaginal, or transdermal) for at least 3 months prior to study drug administration
- Use of an intrauterine device
- Complete abstinence from sexual intercourse
- Male sterilization (with the appropriate post-vasectomy documentation of the absence of sperm in the ejaculate.) The vasectomized partner should be the sole partner for that subject.

From the Screening Visit, while taking study drug, and until 3 months after taking the final dose of study drug, males who have female partners of childbearing potential must agree to practice one of the following methods of birth control:

- Have had a vasectomy (at least 6 months earlier)
- Use of a double-barrier contraception method, defined as male use of a condom and female use of a barrier method (e.g., contraceptive sponge, spermicidal jelly or cream with or without a diaphragm)
- Partner use of hormonal contraceptives (oral, parenteral, vaginal, or transdermal) for at least 3 months prior to study drug administration
- Partner use of an intrauterine device
- Complete abstinence from sexual intercourse

Male patients must also agree to not donate sperm starting on the first day of treatment until approximately 3 months after last dose of study drug.

### **9.7.3. Suspected Pregnancy**

During the study, all WOCBP must be instructed to contact the investigator immediately if they suspect they might be pregnant (e.g., late or missed menstrual period). Male patients must be instructed to contact the investigator if a sexual partner suspects she may be pregnant.

If a patient or investigator suspects that the patient may be pregnant, the study drug must be withheld until the results of a serum pregnancy test are available. If pregnancy is confirmed with a serum pregnancy test, the patient must discontinue taking study drug but continue to attend all study visits and undergo all study assessments. The investigator must immediately report a pregnancy associated with study drug exposure and record the event.

Pregnancy is not considered an AE; however, the investigator must follow a pregnant patient or the pregnant female partner of a male patient (if consenting) and report follow-up information regarding the course of the pregnancy, including perinatal and neonatal outcome. Infants resulting from such pregnancies should be followed for a minimum of 8 weeks. The Sponsor or its designee may contact the investigator to request additional information throughout the course of the pregnancy.

The following pregnancy outcomes must be considered SAEs and will require additional reporting in the case report form (CRF) and on an SAE form:

- Congenital anomaly/birth defect
- Stillbirth
- Spontaneous miscarriage

### **9.8. Treatment Interruption**

In the case of serious toxicities, the investigator may choose to interrupt treatment with study drug. If study drug treatment interruption exceeds 21 total days, a protocol deviation should be noted. Dose reductions are not permitted. Patients who are permanently discontinued from study drug for any reason should still complete all Part 1 and Part 2 study visits and undergo all scheduled study assessments, if possible. If the toxicity has resolved such that the investigator does not consider continued drug treatment to be an additional risk to the patient, the investigator may restart study drug treatment. Patients who are permanently discontinued from study drug

during the extension should complete the end of study assessments, and be terminated from the study.

## **9.9. Study Procedures**

To avoid inter-observer variability, every effort should be made to ensure that the same individual who made the initial baseline determination completes all subsequent assessments. All assessments occur in the study center clinic with the exception of those assessments for lab collection at Screening (all patients, Part 1 and Part 2) and Visit 3 (Part 1 only), which may be performed by a home health visit nurse (at appropriate locations and approved by Sponsor) and those assessments for Visits 6 and 8 in Part 1 and Visits 3, 6, 10 and 12 in Part 2, which will be performed via telephone contact. During the extension every effort should be made to ensure patient assessments are performed on-site. If this is not possible, home health visits are acceptable. For more detail regarding use of home health services see [Appendix 13](#) (COVID-19 Mitigations).

### **9.9.1. Informed Consent**

Written informed consent (Section [17.3](#)) must be obtained from the patient before any study related procedures are performed, and if there is a change in the study procedures that could affect the patient's willingness to participate-. Patients have the option to separately consent to have video recorded during the 25-foot timed walk and 25-foot normal walk tests at selected sites.

### **9.9.2. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria**

Inclusion and exclusion criteria should be reviewed at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). Patients must meet all of the inclusion criteria and none of the exclusion criteria for entry into the study. Investigators and/or study site personnel should contact the medical monitor for any questions regarding patient eligibility.

### **9.9.3. Demographics and Baseline Disease Characteristics**

Demographic data, including sex, age, race, and ethnicity, and baseline disease characteristics, including, but not limited to, documentation of genetic confirmation of Friedreich's ataxia and presence or absence of pes cavus, will be collected at the time indicated in [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#).

### **9.9.4. Pes Cavus Assessment**

The process for classifying pes cavus will be described in a separate study manual. Pes cavus will be assessed at the times indicated in [Table 4](#) and [Table 5](#). Patients who participated in Part 1 of the study must complete a pes cavus assessment at the Extension Study Screening visit ([Table 5](#)).

### **9.9.5. Foot X-Ray**

The foot x-ray assessment will be performed to quantify the foot structure of patients with and without pes cavus. Specific radiological angles of the foot will be quantified by a central reader. Radiological angles assessed from a lateral image of the foot may include but are not limited to: tibia-talar angle, talo-calcaneal angle, tibia-calcaneal angle, talo-first metatarsal angle,

calcaneal pitch angle, and naviculocuboid overlap. The x-ray of the lateral view of the right foot will be collected once per patient at the time indicated in [Table 4](#). Patients should complete the foot x-ray at Screening; however, if a patient was not able to complete the foot x-ray at Screening, it may be completed at any point during the first 52 weeks of the study.

#### **9.9.6. Prior and Concomitant Medications**

Information on prior and concomitant medications will be collected at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). The name, dose, and frequency of all medications that the patient is taking or has taken within 30 days prior to Study Day 1 must be recorded during the study and until the final visit. All allowed and excluded medications should be recorded, including all prescription drugs, herbal products, vitamins, minerals, and over-the-counter medications. Trade or generic drug names should be used whenever possible.

#### **9.9.7. Medical History**

A complete medical history (e.g., per patient report) that includes all medical history within the past 5 years will be collected and recorded at the time indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#).

#### **9.9.8. Height**

Height should be measured without footwear, head coverings, or prosthetics at the time indicated in [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#).

#### **9.9.9. Echocardiogram**

An echocardiogram will be recorded at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#) after the patient has rested for approximately 10 minutes in a supine position. For patients with echocardiograms collected within 90 days prior to Screening Visit, the most recent echocardiogram can be used to assess cardiac function and patient eligibility. Patients are ineligible to participate in the study if they have pericardial constriction, restrictive or congestive cardiomyopathy, or left ventricular ejection fraction <40%. However, patients with mild to moderate cardiomyopathy associated with Friedreich's ataxia are not excluded.

Patients from Part 1 of the study that want to participate in the Extension must have an echocardiogram collected within 90 days prior to Extension Day 1.

#### **9.9.10. Electrocardiogram**

A 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) will be recorded at the times indicated in [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#) after the patient has rested for approximately 10 minutes in a supine position. The heart rate from the ECG machine should not be used as part of the vital sign measurements.

An ECG is required for eligibility. If a patient has had an ECG completed within 90 days prior to the Screening Visit, the most recent ECG can be used as the screening assessment for patient eligibility.

#### **9.9.11. Vital Sign Measurements**

Vital sign measurements should be taken at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#) and include the patient's heart rate (beats/minute), blood pressure (mm Hg), and body

temperature (°C or °F). Blood pressure should be taken after the patient has rested in a sitting position for approximately 5 minutes. The same arm (usually the non-dominant arm) and the appropriate size cuff should be used for each measurement.

#### **9.9.12. Weight and Body Mass Index**

Weight should be measured at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). BMI will be calculated within the eCRF each time the weight is recorded. If patients are weighed at the Screening Visit with additional leg braces, walkers, or shoes, all additional weight assessments must be conducted with the same appendages.

#### **9.9.13. Physical Examination**

A comprehensive physical examination must be performed by a physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse practitioner at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). If possible, the same individual should perform each physical examination on a patient during the study. The examination must include the following organ or body system assessments: general appearance, head, eyes, ears, nose, throat, neck, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, lymphatic, respiratory, abdomen, dermatologic, extremities, and neurological. Assessments of any specific signs or symptoms reported by the patient must also be performed and documented along with any other findings of note. Each body system finding must be assessed for clinical significance. Clinically significant findings at the Screening Visit must be included in the patient's medical history. New clinically significant findings after first dose must be included as AEs. Subsequent assessments beyond screening should be characterized as new, worsening, improved, or unchanged relative to the previous assessment.

#### **9.9.14. Adverse Event Collection**

Patients should be observed for general appearance, presence of illness or injury, or signs indicative of a concurrent illness at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). Patients should be instructed to volunteer any information regarding AEs at any time during the study. The study physician or the study staff should also query patients with an open question regarding any AEs they may be experiencing (e.g., "How do you feel?" or "How have you been feeling since your last visit?"). Any findings are to be documented.

#### **9.9.15. Clinical Chemistry**

Blood samples will be collected for clinical chemistry analyses at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). Clinical chemistry analyses are listed in [Table 6](#). Every effort should be made to collect laboratory data using the central lab. Where use of the central lab is not possible, laboratory assessments should be collected through a local lab and reviewed by the investigator. For calculation of the eGFR, the 4-variable MDRD equation must be used. The equation is as follows:

$$\text{eGFR} = 175 \times \text{standardized serum creatinine}^{-1.154} \times \text{age}^{-0.203} \times 1.212 \text{ [if black]} \times 0.742 \text{ [if female]}$$

**Table 6: Clinical Chemistry Assessments**

Clinical Chemistry Assessments
Blood urea nitrogen (BUN)
Creatinine
Total bilirubin (TBL)
Alanine aminotransferase (ALT)
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)
Alkaline phosphatase (ALP)
Ferritin
Sodium
Potassium
Calcium
Inorganic phosphorus
Magnesium
Chloride
Bicarbonate
Uric acid
Cholesterol
Total protein
Glucose
Triglycerides
Albumin
Creatine phosphokinase (CPK)
Creatine kinase isozyme (only if CPK is > ULN)
Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)
High-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C)
Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C)
Very-low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (VLDL-C)
Gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase (GGT)
Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) using the MDRD-4 formula

**9.9.16. Hematology**

Blood samples will be collected for hematology assessments at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). Hematology assessments are listed in [Table 7](#). Every effort should be made to collect laboratory data using the central lab. Where use of the central lab is not possible, laboratory assessments should be collected through a local lab and reviewed by the investigator. As noted in [Table 7](#), HbA1c will only be collected at Screening and Week 12 visits.



**Table 7: Hematology Assessments**

Hematology Assessments
Hematocrit
Hemoglobin
HbA1C (Screening, Week 12)
Red blood cell (RBC) count
White blood cell (WBC) count
Neutrophils
Bands (if detected)
Lymphocytes
Monocytes
Basophils (if detected)
Eosinophils (if detected)
Absolute platelet count
Mean corpuscular hemoglobin (MCH)
Mean corpuscular volume (MCV)
Mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration (MCHC)
Reticulocyte count

**9.9.17. Urinalysis and Microscopy**

Urine samples will be collected for urinalysis and microscopy assessments at the times indicated in Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5. Every effort should be made to collect laboratory data using the central lab. Where use of the central lab is not possible, laboratory assessments should be collected through a local lab and reviewed by the investigator. Urinalysis and microscopy assessments are listed in Table 8.

**Table 8: Urinalysis/Microscopy Assessments**

Urinalysis/Microscopy Assessments
Specific gravity
Ketones
pH
Protein
Blood
Glucose
Urobilinogen
Bilirubin
Microscopic examination (if indicated based on laboratory procedures)
Leukocytes
Nitrates

**9.9.18. N-Terminal Prohormone of B-Type Natriuretic Peptide and B-Type Natriuretic Peptide**

Blood samples will be collected for N-terminal prohormone of B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP) and BNP at the times indicated in Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5 (at the same time as the central lab blood collection). Every effort should be made to collect laboratory data using the central lab. Where use of the central lab is not possible, laboratory assessments should be collected through a local lab and reviewed by the investigator. Since NT-proBNP may be affected by recent exercise, patients must be allowed to rest for a minimum period of 1 hour following study-specific exercise testing prior to obtaining this blood sample. This sample

should be taken with the patient in the same position at all appropriate visits (e.g., sitting or semi-recumbent).

#### **9.9.19. Hepatitis B and C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus**

Blood samples will be collected for hepatitis B and C and HIV antibody assessments only in patients lacking evidence of a negative titer in the past year at the time indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#).

#### **9.9.20. Pregnancy Test**

WOCBP (Section [9.7.1](#)) will provide a blood or urine sample for a pregnancy test at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). Negative serum test results are required at the Screening Visit before study enrollment, and negative urine test results are required at all other times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#) for continued participation in the study. Any patient who becomes pregnant during the study must discontinue taking study drug immediately. See Section [9.7.3](#) for a description of procedures to be followed in case of pregnancy.

#### **9.9.21. Exercise Regimen Reporting**

Exercise regimen will be recorded at baseline. Patients will be asked about changes to their exercise regimen at the times indicated in [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#). Changes to the exercise regimen during Part 1 or Part 2 will be recorded as protocol deviations.

#### **9.9.22. Study Drug Dispensation**

Enough study drug will be dispensed to the patient at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#) to last at least until the next study visit, along with instructions for use.

#### **9.9.23. Study Drug Return and Pill Count**

Study drug will be collected from the patient and pills will be counted by the principal investigator or the study staff at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#) to determine treatment compliance. Criteria for noncompliance and instructions for recording compliance on the CRF are included in Section [9.3](#).

Patients will be provided a dosing diary in Part 1 and Part 2 to track all doses administered, including the date and time of each dose. The patient will bring the dosing diary to the clinic to be reviewed by the site staff for study drug accountability.

#### **9.9.24. Study Drug Administration**

Part 1: As outlined in Section [9.1](#), study drug treatment kits will contain up to six 30-count bottles of RTA 408 or placebo capsules. Patients should take 1 capsule from each bottle daily. Patients should self-administer study drug orally once daily in the morning on an empty stomach (approximately 1 hour before or 2 hours after eating). Study drug should be taken with water at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), except on Days 1, 14, 56 (Cohort 1; Part 1 only), and 84, when study staff will administer study drug at the clinic following all assessments on Day 1, and after the pre-dose blood sample for PK analysis on Days 14, 56 (Cohort 1; Part 1 only), and 84. The date and time of the 2 most recent doses of study medication prior to Days 14, 56 (Cohort 1; Part 1 only), and 84 will be recorded for PK analysis. The date and time of the last study drug

administration (Day 84) should be recorded. A vomited dose should not be replaced. Missed doses may be taken in the afternoon or evening of the same day approximately 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal. A double dose (e.g., missed dose from previous day and dose for current day) should not be taken.

Part 2: As outlined in Section 9.1, study drug treatment kits will contain three 30-count bottles of RTA 408 or placebo capsules. Patients should self-administer study drug orally once daily in the morning on an empty stomach (approximately 1 hour before or 2 hours after eating). Study drug should be taken with water at the times indicated in Table 4, except on Days 1, 14, 84, 168, and 336, when study staff will administer study drug at the clinic following all assessments on Day 1, and after the pre-dose blood sample for PK analysis on Days 14, 84, 168, and 336. The date and time of the 2 most recent doses of study medication prior to Days 14, 84, and 168, will be recorded for PK analysis. The date and time of the last study drug administration (Day 336) should be recorded.

Extension: As outlined in Section 9.1, patients will ingest 3 capsules daily throughout the study. Study drug should be taken with water at the times indicated in Table 5. Treatment kits containing RTA 408 will include 3 bottles, each containing 30 count of active (RTA 408 50 mg) capsules. Patients may receive more than 1 treatment kit during dispensation to provide sufficient study drug until their next planned dispensation.

A vomited dose should not be replaced. Missed doses may be taken in the afternoon or evening of the same day approximately 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal. A double dose (e.g., missed dose from previous day and dose for current day) should not be taken.

#### **9.9.25. Telephone Contact**

Sites should complete a telephone visit contact with the patient to assess AEs and concomitant medications at the times indicated in Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5. Sites should make at least 3 attempts to contact the patient within the visit window if contact attempts are unsuccessful.

#### **9.9.26. Maximal Exercise Test**

Cycle ergometry using a recumbent stationary bicycle will be used to conduct maximal exercise testing at the times indicated in Table 3 and Table 4. An example of the procedures for maximal exercise testing is provided in Appendix 2. Procedures for maximal exercise testing will be included in a study manual. Maximal exercise testing assessments include but are not limited to peak work and peak oxygen utilization. On study days where multiple assessments are to be completed, the maximal exercise test must be the first functional assessment performed.

#### **9.9.27. Friedreich's Ataxia Rating Scale**

The examiner will complete the full FARS neurological examination on the patient at the times indicated in Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5. An example of the procedures for the FARS assessment is provided in Appendix 3. A practice FARS assessment is included in the schedule of assessments to familiarize those patients who have not recently completed a FARS assessment with the components of the neurological exam. The practice FARS assessment is not required for patients having completed a FARS assessment within 90 days prior to Screening. The practice FARS assessment must be performed prior to the screening maximal exercise test.

Other than the practice FARS, all FARS neurological examinations must be performed following maximal exercise testing.

The examiner will need a reflex hammer, tuning fork, and stopwatch. Instructions will be provided in the study manual. The FARS examination should be completed by one of the neurologists at the site delegated to complete this assessment. The individual components of this examination will be recorded so that the mFARS score can be calculated as a subset of the full neurological FARS examination score, as required.

The full neurologic FARS is divided into 5 sections: bulbar, upper limb coordination, lower limb coordination, peripheral nervous system, and upright stability. This examination must be performed and ratings determined by a trained neurologist. As the examiner proceeds through the items, he/she can call out scores to a coordinator or research assistant to record onto the CRF.

For every item in the FARS exam, a higher score means that the patient is more severely affected. A score of 0 for an item means that the patient has a normal score. Not all of the items have the same possible scoring range. Some of the items will range from 0 to 2, while others will range from 0 to 4. Some items can be scored with 0.5 increments if the examiner feels that the patient falls between 2 defined scoring severities. There are specific instructions for performing assessment of each item and scoring instructions on the CRF.

The mFARS is not a separate assessment, but rather calculated as the full FARS neurological assessment minus section D (peripheral nervous system). The mFARS includes 4 sections: bulbar, upper limb coordination, lower limb coordination, and upright stability.

#### **9.9.28. 9-Hole Peg Test**

Patients will take the 9-HPT ([Appendix 4](#)) at the times indicated in Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5. Instructions are provided in the study manual.

#### **9.9.29. 25-Foot Timed Walk Test**

Ambulatory patients will complete the 25-foot timed walk test at the times indicated in [Table 3](#), [Table 4](#), and [Table 5](#). If a patient uses an assistive device for the 25-foot timed walk test on Day 1, the same assistive device must be used for all 25-foot walk assessments. Patients will have the option to consent to video recording during the 25-foot timed walk test at selected sites. Video recording for the 25-foot timed walk test is optional. Procedures for video collection will be described in a separate study-specific manual.

#### **9.9.30. Video Collection of Patients Walking 25-ft with Their Natural Gait**

Patients who consent to video collection of the 25-foot timed walk test will also have video collection during normal walking with a 25-foot (un-timed) walk using his/her normal gait, at the times indicated in Table 4. The normal walk must be performed after the 25-foot timed walk test. Procedures for video collection will be described in a separate study specific manual.

#### **9.9.31. SF-36 Health Survey Update**

Patients will be instructed to answer the 36 questions on the SF-36 survey ([Jenkinson, 1999](#)) according to how they have felt over the previous week, at the times indicated in Table 3 and Table 4. The SF-36 ([Appendix 5](#)) assesses 8 health concepts: (1) limitations in physical

activities because of health problems; (2) limitations in social activities because of physical or emotional problems; (3) limitations in usual role activities because of physical health problems; (4) bodily pain; (5) general mental health (psychological distress and well-being); (6) limitations in usual role activities because of emotional problems; (7) vitality (energy and fatigue); and (8) general health perceptions.

### **9.9.32. Activities of Daily Living**

Patients will be instructed to answer the 9 questions on the ADL survey at the times indicated in [Table 4](#) and [Table 5](#). The ADL survey ([Appendix 6](#)) assesses 9 concepts: (1) speech; (2) swallowing; (3) cutting food and handling utensils; (4) dressing; (5) personal hygiene; (6) falling; (7) walking; (8) quality of sitting position; and (9) bladder function.

### **9.9.33. Patient Global Impression of Change**

The Patient Global Impression of Change is a 7-point scale that requires the patient to assess how much the patient's illness has improved or worsened relative to a baseline state at the beginning of an intervention ([Guy, 1976](#)). Patients will be instructed to complete the Patient Global Impression of Change survey at the times indicated in [Table 4](#). The patient global impression of change is assessed by completing the following statement “since I began trial treatment, my overall status is: very much improved (1), much improved (2), minimally improved (3), no change (4), minimally worse (5), much worse (6), very much worse (7).” Patients must complete this assessment following completion of the FARS neurological assessment or the clinical global impression of change.

### **9.9.34. Clinical Global Impression of Change**

The Clinical Global Impression of Change is a 7-point scale that requires the clinician to assess how much the patient's illness has improved or worsened relative to a baseline state at the beginning of an intervention ([Guy, 1976](#)). Clinicians will be instructed to complete the Clinician Global Impression of Change survey at the times indicated in [Table 4](#). The clinician global impression of change is assessed by completing the following statement “Compared to the patient’s condition at the start of the trial, this patient’s overall status is: very much improved (1), much improved (2), minimally improved (3), no change (4), minimally worse (5), much worse (6), very much worse (7).” Clinicians may take into account prior results of study assessments to influence their clinical judgement of the Clinician Global Impression of Change. Clinicians must complete this assessment following the patient’s completion of the FARS neurological assessment or the patient global impression of change.

### **9.9.35. Falls Diary**

Throughout Part 2 of the study, patients will be instructed to record any instances of falls in a study diary ([Table 4](#)). A fall is defined as “the patient unintentionally coming to rest on the ground or at a lower level.” Items included on the falls diary may include but are not limited to the date and time of each fall, the location of the fall, the preceding activity prior to the fall, the perceived cause of the fall, and if an injury was sustained after the fall. Patients will be provided the fall diary at Screening and must record fall incidents between Screening and Week 48.

**9.9.36. Pharmacokinetic Analysis (Part 1 and Part 2)**

Blood samples for plasma PK analysis will be collected at the times indicated in [Table 3](#) and [Table 4](#). Blood sample collection instructions are detailed in the lab manual. All pre-dose blood samples should be collected within 1 hour prior to dose administration. All other blood samples for PK analysis should be collected  $\pm$  15 minutes of the scheduled time.

The date and time of collection of all PK blood samples should be recorded; however, any deviations from the protocol-specified sampling times will not be considered protocol deviations. Sample time deviations will be summarized in the study report. Dates in the CRF should be recorded in an unambiguous format (e.g., DD MM YYYY) and time should be recorded to the nearest minute (e.g., HH:MM using the 24-hour clock). Blood samples not collected should be recorded as such. Detailed sample processing instructions will be provided for isolation, storage, and shipment of plasma PK samples.

**9.9.37. Home Health Visits**

For part 1 and part 2 patients at approved sites will have the option of having a home health visit at the Screening Visit (all patients, Part 1 and Part 2) and Visit 3 (Part 1 only).


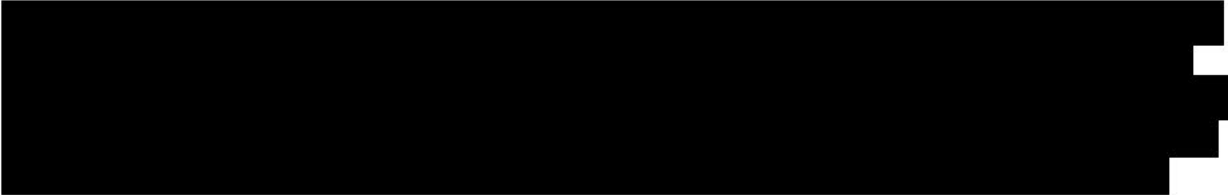
During the extension every effort should be made to ensure patient assessments are performed on-site. If this is not possible, home health visits are acceptable. For more detail regarding use of home health services see [Appendix 13](#) (COVID-19 Mitigations).

**9.9.38. Low-Contrast Letter Visual Acuity Test (Part 1 Only)**

The low-contrast letter visual acuity test will be performed at the times indicated in [Table 3](#) ([Appendix 7](#)). Instructions are provided in the study manual. Low-contrast letter visual acuity parameters include but are not limited to the number of letters that the patient correctly identifies for each line, the letters the patient missed on each line, contrast level (100%, 2.5%, or 1.25%), chart number, and if the assessments were performed in both eyes or 1 eye. If a patient uses standard vision correction on Day 1, the same vision correction must be used for all low-contrast letter visual acuity assessments. Different charts should be used on different days for each patient.

**9.9.39. Fatigue Severity Scale (Part 1 Only)**

Patients will be instructed to answer the 9 questions on the Fatigue Severity Scale ([Krupp, 1989](#)) at the times indicated in [Table 3](#). They will answer according to a recall period over the past week. Patients will assign a number from 1 to 7 that indicates their degree of agreement with each statement (where 1 indicates strong disagreement and 7 indicates strong agreement; [Appendix 10](#)).

**9.9.40.**   


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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**9.9.43. Platelet Collection (Part 1 Only)**

Platelet collection will be required only at Sponsor-qualified sites. Blood samples for platelet analysis will be collected at the times indicated in Table 3. Blood samples (8.5 mL each) will be collected into 8.5-mL acid-citrate-dextrose Vacutainer® tubes. Procedures for platelet isolation and analysis will be provided in a study manual.

## 10. STUDY DRUG MATERIALS AND MANAGEMENT

### 10.1. Study Drug

Capsules containing RTA 408 at the 2.5-mg, 10-mg, and 50-mg strengths, or the corresponding placebos, as described in Table 9 will be used in this study.

**Table 9: Study Drug Information**

Description	RTA 408 Capsule, 2.5 mg, 10 mg, 50 mg	Matching Placebo Capsules
<b>Ingredients</b>	RTA 408, silicified microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinized starch, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, in white opaque, size #4 or #0 capsule shells consisting of hypromellose and titanium dioxide	Silicified microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinized starch, magnesium stearate, in white opaque, size #4 or #0 capsule shells consisting of hypromellose and titanium dioxide

### 10.2. Study Drug Packaging and Labeling

RTA 408 active and placebo capsules are contained in identical primary container closure systems (i.e., 75-cc high-density polyethylene bottles with a foil induction-seal liner and a child-resistant closure). Treatment kits containing three, four, or six bottles, depending on treatment assignment, will be provided to patients for self-administration. Each bottle will contain 30 capsules and a desiccant insert that must not be ingested. The label on each bottle will include the following information:

- Protocol 408-C-1402
- Medication ID number
- Caution statement: New Drug – Limited by Federal Law to Investigational Use (United States [US])
- Storage: Controlled room temperature, 20°C to 25°C (68°C to 77°C), with excursions allowed between 15°C and 30°C (59°C to 86°C)
- Sponsor name, address, and contact information
- Contents: One bottle containing 30 capsules of either RTA 408 or matching placebo. Bottle also contains one desiccant insert, which should not be ingested
- Directions for use: Take capsule as directed, orally, once daily in the morning on an empty stomach (1 hour before or 2 hours after eating) with water
- Keep out of sight and reach of children
- FOR ORAL USE ONLY

Additionally, expiry information will be provided on treatment kits intended for use in the European Union (EU).



### **10.3. Study Drug Storage**

The stability of the drug product is being evaluated in ongoing studies.

Investigative sites must store the investigational product in a secure location under controlled room temperature conditions of 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F), with excursions allowed between 15°C and 30°C (59°F to 86°F). Sites must maintain a temperature log of the storage conditions. Temperature logs must be available for review at each monitor site visit. If a temperature within the storage location at the site is noted to be outside the excursion range for 24 hours or more or exceeds 40°C, the Sponsor must be notified.

### **10.4. Study Drug Administration**

Please refer to Section 9.9.24 for details on study drug administration. Patients will receive enough capsules for continuous dosing once daily at least until the next study visit. Clear instructions will be provided to the patient regarding study drug administration for each study drug administration time point listed in Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5.

### **10.5. Study Drug Accountability**

The investigator or designee will maintain a record of all study drug received, dispensed, and returned to the Sponsor or its designee. No study drug shall be destroyed by the clinical site unless directed to do so by the Sponsor or its designee. Study drug bottles and any unused capsules should be returned by the patient to the study staff.

### **10.6. Study Drug Handling and Disposal**

At the conclusion of the study, the Sponsor or its designee will direct the site regarding the final disposition of any remaining study drug.

## **11. EFFICACY ASSESSMENTS**

### **11.1. Part 1**

#### **11.1.1. Maximal Exercise Test**

The changes in peak work and oxygen utilization during maximal exercise testing from Baseline to Weeks 4 and 12 will be analyzed.

#### **11.1.2. Friedreich's Ataxia Rating Scale**

The change in both the FARS neurological score and the mFARS scores from Baseline to Weeks 4, 8, and 12 will be analyzed.

#### **11.1.3. 25-Foot Timed Walk Test**

The change in 25-foot timed walk test distance from Baseline to Weeks 4, 8, and 12 will be analyzed.

#### **11.1.4. Low-Contrast Letter Visual Acuity Test**

The change in performance on the low-contrast letter visual acuity test from Baseline to Weeks 4, 8, and 12 will be analyzed.

#### **11.1.5. 9-Hole Peg Test**

The change in performance on the 9-HPT from Baseline to Weeks 4, 8, and 12 will be analyzed.

#### **11.1.6. Fatigue Severity Scale**

The change in Fatigue Severity Scale patient-reported outcome scores from Baseline to Week 12 will be analyzed.

#### **11.1.7. SF-36 Health Survey Update**

The change in SF-36 patient-reported outcome scores from Baseline to Week 12 will be analyzed.

[REDACTED]

### **11.2. Part 2**

#### **11.2.1. Friedreich's Ataxia Rating Scale**

The change in both the FARS neurological score and the mFARS scores from Baseline to Weeks 4, 12, 18, 24, 36, and 48 will be analyzed.

**11.2.2. Patient Global Impression of Change**

The proportion of patients who are a treatment success at Weeks 12, 24, 36, and 48, based on the Patient Global Impression of Change. A treatment success is defined as “Much Improved” or “Very Much Improved” on the Patient Global Impression of Change.

**11.2.3. Clinical Global Impression of Change**

The proportion of patients who are a treatment success at Weeks 12, 24, 36, and 48, based on the Clinical Global Impression of Change. A treatment success is defined as “Much Improved” or “Very Much Improved” on the Clinical Global Impression of Change.

**11.2.4. Maximal Exercise Test**

The changes in peak work and oxygen utilization during maximal exercise testing from Baseline to Weeks 4, 12, 18, 24, 36, and 48 will be analyzed.

**11.2.5. 9-Hole Peg Test**

The change in performance on the 9-HPT from Baseline at Weeks 24 and 48 will be analyzed.

**11.2.6. 25-Foot Timed Walk Test**

The change in performance on the 25-foot timed walk test from Baseline at Weeks 24 and 48 will be analyzed

**11.2.7. SF-36 Health Survey Update**

The change in SF-36 patient-reported outcome scores from Baseline at Weeks 24 and 48 will be analyzed.

**11.2.8. Activities of Daily Living**

The change in ADL from Baseline at Weeks 24, 36, and 48 will be analyzed.

**11.2.9. Frequency of Falls**

The frequency of falls from Screening through Week 48 will be analyzed.

**11.2.10. Distribution of Change in mFARS Scores**

The proportion of patients at Week 48 with an mFARS change from baseline at or lower than specified cutoff values defined in the SAP (e.g., -2, -3, etc.) will be analyzed.

## **12. SAFETY ASSESSMENTS**

### **12.1. Safety Parameters**

Safety parameters in Part 1 and Part 2 include results of echocardiogram, ECG, vital sign measurements, weight, BMI, physical examination, AEs, SAEs, concomitant medications, and laboratory tests (clinical chemistry, hematology, urinalysis, microscopy, assessment of BNP and NT-proBNP, and pregnancy tests [as indicated]). Safety parameters in the extension study include vital sign measurements, physical examination results, AEs, SAEs, weight, and laboratory tests (clinical chemistry, hematology, urinalysis, microscopy, assessment of BNP and NT-proBNP, and pregnancy tests [as indicated]).

### **12.2. Adverse and Serious Adverse Events**

#### **12.2.1. Definition of Adverse Events**

##### **12.2.1.1. Adverse Event**

An AE is defined as any untoward medical occurrence in a patient regardless of its causal relationship to study treatment. An AE can be any unfavorable and unintended sign (including any clinically significant abnormal laboratory test result), symptom, or disease temporally associated with the use of the study drug, whether or not it is considered to be study drug related. Included in this definition is any newly occurring event or previous condition that has increased in severity or frequency since the administration of study drug.

Pre-planned elective procedures (surgeries or therapies) that are performed to manage/treat conditions that existed prior to the patient's enrolling in the trial (e.g., elective periodontal surgery, elective hernia repair) should not be recorded as AEs, but should be documented in the patient's source documents. If a pre-planned procedure is performed early (e.g., as an emergency) because the pre-existing condition worsens, the worsening condition should be captured as an AE.

All AEs that are observed or reported by the patient during the study (from the time of the first dose of study drug until the final visit or 30 days following final study dose for patients who terminate early) must be reported, regardless of their relationship to study drug or their clinical significance.

##### **12.2.1.2. Serious Adverse Event**

An SAE is any AE occurring at any dose and regardless of causality that:

- Results in death
- Is life-threatening
- Requires inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization
- Results in persistent or significant incapacity or substantial disruption of the ability to conduct normal life functions
- Is a congenital anomaly or birth defect in an offspring of a patient taking study drug

- Is an important medical event

The term "life-threatening" refers to an event in which the patient was at immediate risk of death at the time of the event. It does not refer to an event that hypothetically might have caused death if it were more severe.

Important medical events are those that may not meet any of the criteria defined above; however, they may be considered serious when, based upon appropriate medical judgment, they may jeopardize the patient and may require medical or surgical intervention to prevent one of the other outcomes listed in the SAE definition.

Pregnancy is not considered an AE; however, information will be collected for any pregnancies that occur during the study (from the time of first dose of study drug until the final visit). Certain pregnancy outcomes will require submission as an SAE (Section 9.7.3).

The investigator is responsible for reporting to the Sponsor or its designee all AEs and SAEs that are observed or reported by the patient during the study (from the time of first dose of study drug until the final visit), regardless of their relationship to study drug or their clinical significance. All SAEs reported or observed during the study must be followed to resolution or until the investigator deems the event to be chronic or the patient to be stable. The Sponsor or its designee may contact the investigator to obtain additional information on any SAE that has not resolved at the time the patient completes the study.

### **12.3. Eliciting Adverse Event Information**

At every study visit, patients must be asked a standard, non-directed question, such as, "How do you feel?" or "How have you been feeling since your last visit?" to elicit any medically related changes in their well-being. They will also be asked if they have been hospitalized, had any accidents, used any new medications, or changed concomitant medication regimens (including prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, herbal products, and minerals). Responses should be recorded in the source documents.

In addition to patient observations, AEs must be documented for any clinically significant diagnosis resulting from abnormal laboratory test values, physical examination findings, ECG abnormalities, or other documents that are relevant to patient safety.

### **12.4. Assessment of Causality**

The investigator must use the following classifications and criteria to characterize the relationship or association of the study drug in causing or contributing to the AE:

- Unrelated: This relationship suggests that there is no association between the study drug and the reported event.
- Unlikely: This relationship suggests that the temporal sequence of the event with study drug administration makes a causal relationship improbable and/or other factors also provide plausible explanations.
- Possible: This relationship suggests that treatment with the study drug caused or contributed to the AE. That is, the event follows a reasonable temporal sequence

from the time of study drug administration and/or follows a known response pattern to the study drug but could have been produced by other factors.

- Probable: This relationship suggests that a reasonable temporal sequence of the event with study drug administration exists and, based upon the known pharmacological action of the drug, known or previously reported adverse reactions to the drug or class of drugs, or judgment based on the investigator's clinical experience, the association of the event with study drug administration seems likely.

## 12.5. Assessment of Severity

The investigator will grade the severity of the AEs as mild, moderate, or severe using the following definitions:

- Mild: Symptoms causing no or minimal interference with usual social and functional activities
- Moderate: Symptoms causing greater than minimal interference with usual social and functional activities
- Severe: Symptoms causing inability to perform usual social and functional activities

## 12.6. Recording Adverse Events

All conditions present prior to the first dose of study drug should be documented as medical history. All drug-related (characterized as possibly or probably related; Section 12.4) AEs and abnormal laboratory test results reported or observed during the study must be followed to resolution (either return to baseline or within normal limits). All other AEs or non-drug-related abnormal laboratory results will be followed through the final visit (i.e., end of study or early termination). Information to be collected includes type of event, date of onset, date of resolution, investigator-specified assessment of severity and relationship to study drug, seriousness, as well as any action taken.

While an AE is ongoing, changes in the severity (e.g., worsening or improving) should be noted in the source documents but when documenting the AE, only the total duration and greatest severity should be recorded in the CRF. AEs characterized as intermittent require documentation of onset and duration.

AEs resulting from concurrent illnesses, reactions to concurrent illnesses, reactions to concurrent medications, or progression of disease states must also be reported. Pre-existing conditions (present before the start of the AE collection period) are considered concurrent medical conditions and should NOT be recorded as AEs. However, if the patient experiences a worsening or complication of such a concurrent condition, the worsening or complication (except disease progression) should be recorded as an AE. Investigators should ensure that the AE term recorded captures the change in the condition (e.g., "worsening of...").

Each AE should be recorded to represent a single diagnosis. Accompanying signs (including abnormal laboratory test values or ECG findings) or symptoms should NOT be recorded as additional AEs. If a diagnosis is unknown, sign(s) or symptom(s) should be recorded as an AE(s). Changes in laboratory test values or ECG parameters are only considered to be AEs if they are judged to be clinically significant (i.e., if some action or intervention is required or if the

investigator judges the change to be beyond the range of normal physiological fluctuation). If abnormal laboratory test values or ECG findings are the result of pathology for which there is an overall diagnosis (e.g., increased creatinine levels in renal failure), only the diagnosis should be reported as an AE.

Elective procedures (surgeries or therapies) that were scheduled prior to the start of AE collection are not considered AEs. These elective procedures should not be recorded as AEs but should be documented in the patient's source documents as elective (e.g., elective periodontal surgery). However, if a preplanned procedure is performed early (e.g., as an emergency) because of a worsening of the pre-existing condition, the worsening of the condition should be captured as an AE.

## 12.7. Reporting Serious Adverse Events

Any AE that meets the criteria of serious according to the previously described criteria must be reported within 24 hours from the time when site personnel first learn about the event. To report the SAE, fax the completed SAE form to [REDACTED] (fax number listed below in Table 10) within 24 hours of awareness.

**Table 10: Serious Adverse Event Reporting Contact Information**

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

**For questions regarding SAE reporting, contact your study manager, monitor, or medical monitor:**

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The investigator must continue to follow the patient until the SAE has subsided or until the condition becomes chronic in nature, stabilizes (in the case of persistent impairment), or the patient dies. Within 24 hours of receipt of new information, the updated follow-up SAE form, along with any supporting documentation (e.g., patient discharge summary or autopsy reports), should be faxed to [REDACTED] (Table 10).

The Sponsor or its designee will notify regulatory agencies of any fatal or life-threatening unexpected events associated with the use of the study drug as soon as possible but no later than 7 calendar days after the initial receipt of the information. Initial notification will be followed by a written report within the timeframe established by the appropriate regulatory agency. For other SAEs that do not meet the fatal or life-threatening unexpected criteria but are reported to be associated with the use of the study drug (that is, "possible" or "probable" in causality assessment), the Sponsor or its designee will notify the appropriate regulatory agencies in writing within the timeframe established by those regulatory agencies. The Sponsor or its designee will

provide copies of any reports to regulatory agencies regarding serious and unexpected SAEs to the investigators for their information and submission to their IRB, as appropriate.

Principal investigators are responsible for informing their IRB of any SAEs at their site, as appropriate. The DSMB will review all safety data in an unblinded manner throughout the study and make recommendations as appropriate. SAE correspondence with regulatory authorities or IRBs must be submitted to the Sponsor or its designee for recording in the study file.



**13. PHARMACOKINETIC AND PHARMACODYNAMIC ASSESSMENTS**

**13.1. Pharmacokinetic Samples**

PK samples will be analyzed for RTA 408 using a validated analytical method. Samples may be analyzed for potential metabolites of RTA 408 using non-validated analytical methods.

**13.2. Pharmacodynamic Samples (Part 1 Only)**

[REDACTED]

**13.2.2. Platelet Analysis**

Mitochondrial function and biochemical changes in metabolites of interest will be analyzed from platelet samples.

[REDACTED]

## 14. STATISTICS

### 14.1. Sample Size

#### Part 1:

The sample size for Part 1 is based on a dose-escalation scheme to evaluate initial safety, PK, and PD activity of RTA 408 in this patient population. The small number of patients at each dose in Part 1 is not expected to fully characterize safety, efficacy, or PD, but rather inform the DSMB and Sponsor of the appropriate doses to select for Part 2.

#### Part 2:

With 100 patients, the Part 2 portion of the study will have over 80% power to test the difference

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Since Part 1 and Part 2 are independent sets of patients, the Part 1 analysis will not impact the type I error rate for the Part 2 analysis. For multiple comparisons, the SAP will describe strict control of Type I error rate.

#### Extension:

The sample size for the extension is limited to the number of patients having completed Part 1 or Part 2.

### 14.2. Study Variables

#### 14.2.1. Pharmacokinetic Variables

The PK variables include RTA 408 plasma concentration-time data and metabolite concentration-time data (if available), and relevant PK parameter values (e.g.,  $C_{max}$ ,  $T_{max}$ , AUC) for each analyte.

#### 14.2.2. Pharmacodynamic Variables (Part 1 Only)

Part 1: The PD variables include [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] platelet biomarkers, [REDACTED]

#### 14.2.3. Efficacy Variables

Part 1: Efficacy variables are peak work during maximal exercise testing, oxygen utilization during maximal exercise testing, mFARS scores, FARS score, 25-foot timed walk test distance,

9-HPT scores, low-contrast letter visual acuity test scores, Fatigue Severity Scale scores, and SF-36 scores.

Part 2: Efficacy variables are mFARS scores, full FARS scores, peak work during maximal exercise testing, parameters collected during maximal exercise testing (other than peak work), 9-HPT scores, 25-foot timed walk test distance, ADL, Patient Global Impression of Change, Clinical Global Impression of Change, and SF-36 scores.

#### **14.2.4. Safety Variables**

The safety variables in Part 1 and Part 2 include results of echocardiogram, ECGs, weight and BMI, vital sign measurements, physical examinations, laboratory test results (clinical chemistry, hematology, urinalysis, microscopy, and pregnancy tests [as indicated]), concomitant medications, AEs, and SAEs. Safety parameters in the extension study include vital sign measurements, physical examination results, AEs, SAEs, weight, and laboratory tests (clinical chemistry, hematology, urinalysis, microscopy, assessment of BNP and NT-proBNP, and pregnancy tests [as indicated]). All AEs will be coded using the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA) and analyses of the AE data will be detailed in the SAP.

### **14.3. Statistical Analyses**

Separate SAPs will be written for each study part. The SAPs will detail the analyses to be performed for each study part and will be developed prior to the database lock of each study part. The SAPs, which will describe in detail the methods used for the primary and secondary endpoints, will serve as the final arbiter of all statistical analyses.

Data will be summarized using descriptive statistics. Continuous data will be summarized with number of patients (n), mean, median, minimum, maximum, standard deviation, coefficient of variation, and geometric mean (where applicable). Categorical data will be summarized using frequency counts and percentages.

#### **14.3.1. Analysis Sets**

Part 1 and Part 2 will be analyzed separately. For Part 1 and Part 2, the following analysis sets will be defined:

- The intent-to-treat (ITT) population includes all enrolled patients categorized by their assigned treatment group (whether or not they received study drug).
- The safety population includes all patients who received at least 1 dose of study drug. Patients who receive at least 1 dose of RTA 408 will be classified in the RTA 408 group at the highest dose level received.
- Additional analysis sets may be defined in the SAP as appropriate.

Extension: All patients who received at least 1 dose of study drug in the extension will be included in the extension safety population.

#### **14.3.2. Primary Efficacy Analysis**

Primary analysis of the efficacy data will be based on the ITT population. Mixed-model repeated measures (MMRM) analysis will be used to analyze the Part 1 and Part 2 primary and

secondary efficacy objectives. All scheduled efficacy values collected through the end of treatment visit (i.e., Week 12 in Part 1, Week 48 in Part 2) will contribute to the primary analysis. [REDACTED]

The dependent variable will be change from baseline. The model may include treatment, visit, and the interaction between treatment and visit as fixed effects; and visit will serve as a repeated measure. The SAP will specify the choice of variance-covariance structure and may specify additional covariates. The SAP may specify additional covariates. Procedures for handling missing data and appropriate sensitivity analyses will be described in the SAP for each study part.

Extension analysis of safety: As the extension is of an open-label design with no comparator group, all statistical analyses will be descriptive. The summary tables will be presented for the overall group of patients, and also split by previous treatment groups (i.e., RTA 408 or placebo).

## **15. DIRECT ACCESS TO SOURCE DATA/DOCUMENTS**

### **15.1. Study Monitoring**

The study monitor, as a representative of the Sponsor, has the obligation to follow the study conduct closely. In doing so, the monitor will visit the principal investigator and study facilities periodically, in addition to maintaining necessary telephone and letter contact. The monitor will maintain current knowledge of the study activity of the investigator and his/her staff through observation, review of study records and source documentation, and discussion of the conduct of the study with the investigators and staff.

The Sponsor or its designee will monitor all aspects of the study for compliance with applicable government regulation with respect to the International Council for Harmonisation Harmonised Tripartite Guideline for Good Clinical Practice (GCP) E6(R2), abbreviated as ICH E6(R2), and current standard operating procedures.

Each principal investigator is expected to make a reasonable effort to accommodate the monitor when monitoring visits are necessary and to be available during the site visit. Furthermore, the monitor should be provided direct access to source data and documents for study-related monitoring and to the internet during the visit.

### **15.2. Audits and Inspections**

Principal investigators and institutions involved in the study will permit study-related monitoring, audits, IRB review, and regulatory inspection(s) by providing direct access to all study records. In the event of an audit, the principal investigator agrees to allow the Sponsor, representatives of the Sponsor, the US FDA, or other relevant regulatory authorities, access to all study records.

The principal investigator or designee should promptly notify the Sponsor or designee of any audits scheduled by any regulatory authorities and promptly forward copies of any audit reports received to the Sponsor or its designee.

## **16. QUALITY CONTROL AND QUALITY ASSURANCE**

### **16.1. Quality Assurance**

To ensure compliance with GCP and all applicable regulatory requirements, the Sponsor may conduct a quality assurance audit. Please see Section 15.2 for more details regarding the audit process.

### **16.2. Financial Disclosure**

Principal investigators and sub-investigators are required to provide financial disclosure information prior to starting the study. In addition, the principal investigator and sub-investigators must provide the Sponsor or its designee with updated information, if any relevant changes occur during the course of the investigation and for 1 year following the completion of the study.

Any potential investigator who has a vested financial interest in the success of this study may not participate in this study.

### **16.3. Sponsor Obligations**

The Sponsor or its designee is not financially responsible for further testing/treatment of any medical condition that may be detected during the screening process. In addition, in the absence of specific arrangements, the Sponsor or its designee is not financially responsible for treatment of non-study-related fatalities, physical injuries, or damage to health that may occur during the clinical study, as well as the patient's underlying disease.

### **16.4. Investigator Documentation**

Before beginning the study, the principal investigator will be asked to comply with ICH E6(R1), Section 8.2 and Title 21 of the US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), abbreviated as US CFR Title 21, by providing the essential documents to the Sponsor or its designee, which include but are not limited to the following:

- An original investigator-signed investigator agreement page of the protocol
- The IRB approval of the protocol
- The IRB-approved informed consent, samples of site advertisements for recruitment for this study, and any other written information regarding this study that is to be provided to the patient or legal guardians
- A Form FDA 1572, fully executed, and all updates on a new fully executed Form FDA 1572
- Curriculum vitae for the principal investigator and each sub-investigator listed on Form FDA 1572. A curriculum vitae and current licensure, as applicable, must be provided. The curriculum vitae must have been signed and dated by the principal investigators and sub-investigators within 2 years before study start-up to indicate the documents are accurate and current

- Completed financial disclosure forms (Section 16.2) to allow the Sponsor or its designee to submit complete and accurate certification or disclosure statements required under US CFR Title 21, Part 54. In addition, the investigators must provide to the Sponsor or its designee a commitment to update this information promptly if any relevant changes occur during the course of the investigation and for 1 year following the completion of the study
- Laboratory certifications and normal ranges for any laboratories used by the site for the conduct of this study

### **16.5. Clinical Study Insurance**

In accordance with the respective national drug laws, the Sponsor has taken out patient liability insurance for all patients who give their consent and enroll in this study. This insurance covers potential study-related fatalities, physical injuries, or damage to health that may occur during the clinical study.

### **16.6. Use of Information**

All information regarding RTA 408 supplied by the Sponsor to the investigator is privileged and confidential. The investigator agrees to use this information to accomplish the study and will not use it for other purposes without consent from the Sponsor. Furthermore, the investigator is obligated to provide the Sponsor with complete data obtained during the study. The information obtained from the clinical study will be used towards the development of RTA 408 Capsules and may be disclosed to regulatory authority(ies), other investigators, corporate partners, or consultants, as required.

## **17. ETHICS**

### **17.1. Institutional Review Board Review**

The protocol and the proposed informed consent form (ICF) must be reviewed and approved by a properly constituted IRB before study start. Each site must provide the Sponsor or its designee a signed and dated statement that the protocol and ICF have been approved by the IRB before consenting patients. Prior to study initiation, the investigator is required to sign a protocol signature page confirming agreement to conduct the study in accordance with this protocol and to give access to all relevant data and records to the Sponsor, its designee, and regulatory authorities, as required.

The IRB chairperson or designee must sign all IRB approvals and must identify the IRB by name and address, the clinical protocol, and the date approval and/or favorable opinion was granted.

The principal investigator is responsible for obtaining reviews of the clinical research at intervals specified by the IRB, but not exceeding 1 year. The principal investigator must supply the Sponsor or its designee with written documentation of reviews of the clinical research.

### **17.2. Ethical Conduct of the Study**

This clinical study was designed and shall be implemented and reported in accordance with the ICH E6(R1), with applicable local regulations (e.g., US CFR Title 21), and with the ethical principles of the Declaration of Helsinki.

The principal investigator agrees to conduct the study in accordance with the International Council for Harmonisation (ICH) for Guidance for Industry on GCP ICH E6(R1) [[http://www.ich.org/fileadmin/Public\\_Web\\_Site/ICH\\_Products/Guidelines/Efficacy/E6/E6\\_R1\\_Guideline.pdf](http://www.ich.org/fileadmin/Public_Web_Site/ICH_Products/Guidelines/Efficacy/E6/E6_R1_Guideline.pdf)] and the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki [<https://www.wma.net/policies-post/wma-declaration-of-helsinki-ethical-principles-for-medical-research-involving-human-subjects/>]. The principal investigator must conduct all aspects of this study in accordance with all national, state, and local laws or regulations.

### **17.3. Written Informed Consent**

Because the study will be conducted under a US Investigational New Drug Application, a signed ICF, in compliance with US CFR Title 21, Part 50, will be obtained from each patient before the patient enters the study. An informed consent template may be provided by the Sponsor or its designee to the investigators. The consent must be reviewed by the Sponsor or its designee before IRB submission. Once reviewed, the consent will be submitted by the principal investigator to his or her IRB for review and approval before the start of the study. If the ICF is revised during the course of the study, all participants affected by the revision must sign the revised IRB-approved consent form in order to continue on the study.

Procedures that are to be performed as part of the practice of medicine and which would be done whether or not study entry was contemplated, such as for diagnosis or treatment of a disease or medical condition, may be performed and the results subsequently used for determining study eligibility without first obtaining consent (US FDA, 2014). Before enrollment, each prospective patient will be given a full explanation of the study and be allowed to read the approved ICF. Once the principal investigator or designee is assured that the patient understands the



implications of participating in the study, the patient will be asked to give consent to participate in the study by signing the ICF.

Eligible patients may only be included in the study after providing written (witnessed, where required by law or regulation), IRB-approved informed consent. Informed consent must be obtained before conducting any study-specific procedures (i.e., all of the procedures described in the protocol). The process of obtaining informed consent must be documented in the patient source documents.

Any changes to the proposed consent form suggested by the investigator must be agreed to by the Sponsor before submission to the IRB, and a copy of the approved version and the notice of approval must be provided to the Sponsor's designated monitor after IRB approval.

The principal investigator or designee will provide a copy of the ICF (signed copy to be provided per applicable law) to the patient and/or legal guardian. The original form will be maintained in the patient's medical records at the site.

#### **17.4. Confidentiality**

All laboratory specimens, evaluation forms, reports, and other records will be identified in a manner designed to maintain patient confidentiality. All records will be kept in a secure storage area with limited access. Clinical information will not be released without the written permission of the patient (or the patient's guardian), except as necessary for monitoring and auditing by the Sponsor, its designee, the FDA or applicable regulatory authorities, or the IRB.

The principal investigator and all employees and coworkers involved with this study may not disclose or use for any purpose other than performance of the study, any data, record, or other unpublished confidential information disclosed to them for the purpose of the study. Prior written agreement from the Sponsor or its designee must be obtained for the disclosure of any said confidential information to other parties.

#### **17.5. Modification of the Protocol**

Any changes that arise after the approval of the protocol must be documented as protocol amendments. FDA must be notified of protocol amendments. The changes will become effective only after approval of the Sponsor, the principal investigator, and the IRB. In cases where the protocol is modified to enhance patient safety, changes may be implemented and the amendment must be immediately submitted to the IRB.

The principal investigator is responsible for informing the IRB of all problems involving risks to patients according to national legislation. In case of urgent safety measures, the Sponsor will immediately notify FDA in accord with US CFR Title 21, Part 312, Section 32.

#### **17.6. Protocol Deviations**

The principal investigator or designee must document any protocol deviations. The IRB must be notified of all protocol deviations in a timely manner by the investigator as appropriate. Protocol deviations will be documented by the site personnel and reviewed by the responsible monitor during monitoring visits, and those observations will be communicated to the investigator.

If there is an immediate hazard to a patient, the principal investigator may deviate from the protocol without prior Sponsor and IRB approval. The Sponsor and IRB must be notified of the deviation.

## **18. DATA HANDLING AND RECORDKEEPING**

### **18.1. Retention of Records**

The investigator will maintain all study records according to ICH E6(R1) and applicable regulatory requirement(s). Records will be retained for at least 2 years after the last marketing application is approved or 2 years after formal discontinuation of the clinical development of the investigational product. If the investigator withdraws from the responsibility of keeping the study records, custody must be transferred to a person willing to accept the responsibility. The Sponsor must be notified in writing if a custodial change occurs.

### **18.2. Case Report Forms**

All CRF data will be entered in electronic forms at the investigational site. The electronic data capture system used to capture data electronically for all patients who signed informed consent will be US CFR Title 21, Part 11 compliant.

## **19. PUBLICATION POLICY**

The Sponsor reserves the right to review all planned communications and manuscripts based on the results of this study. This reservation of the right is not intended to restrict or hinder publication or any other dissemination of study results, but to allow the Sponsor to confirm the accuracy of the data, to protect proprietary information, and to provide comments based on information that may not yet be available to the study investigators. The Sponsor supports communication and publication of study results whatever the findings of the study. The Sponsor also encourages disclosure of any conflict of interest from all authors or investigators when manuscripts are submitted for publication.

Those individuals who have contributed greatly to this study, as determined by the Sponsor, may serve on any publications committee for the study.

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## **21. APPENDICES**

## APPENDIX 1. EXTENSION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### Extension Inclusion Criteria

Patients must:

1. Have adequate kidney function defined as an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)  $\geq 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> using the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD) 4-variable formula
2. Have a left ventricular ejection fraction  $\geq 40\%$  (based on echocardiogram performed at Screening Visit or within 90 days prior to Screening Visit)
3. Be able to swallow capsules
4. Be willing and able to cooperate with all aspects of the extension
5. Be willing to practice medically acceptable methods of birth control (Section 9.7.2)
6. Provide written informed consent for study participation, approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB)
7. Have been enrolled in Part 1 or Part 2 and completed assessments through the follow-up visit with no major protocol deviations that would, in the opinion of the investigator, deem the patient unsuitable for enrollment in the Extension phase of the study.
8. Have, according to the assessment of the investigator, a potential positive benefit-risk assessment for participating in the trial.

### Extension Exclusion Criteria

Patients must not:

1. Have uncontrolled diabetes (HbA1c > 11.0%)
2. Have B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) level > 200 pg/mL
3. Have a history of clinically significant left-sided heart disease and/or clinically significant cardiac disease, with the exception of mild to moderate cardiomyopathy associated with Friedreich's ataxia, including but not limited to any of the following:
  - a. Clinically significant congenital or acquired valvular disease
  - b. Pericardial constriction (based on echocardiogram performed at Screening Visit or within 90 days prior to Screening Visit)
  - c. Restrictive or congestive cardiomyopathy (based on echocardiogram performed at Screening Visit or within 90 days prior to Screening Visit)
  - d. Symptomatic coronary disease (prior myocardial infarction, percutaneous coronary intervention, coronary artery bypass graft surgery, or angina)
  - e. History of hospitalization for heart failure in the last five years
  - f. Cardiac insufficiency, defined as New York Heart Association Class > 2



- g. History of atrial fibrillation
  - h. History of unstable arrhythmias
4. Have known active fungal, bacterial, and/or viral infection, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or hepatitis virus (B or C)
  5. Have known or suspected active drug or alcohol abuse, as per investigator judgment
  6. Have clinically significant abnormalities of clinical hematology or biochemistry, including but not limited to elevations greater than 1.5 times the upper limit of normal of AST or ALT. Levels above this threshold are allowable if attributable to muscle injury
  7. Have any abnormal laboratory test value or clinically significant pre-existing medical condition that, in the opinion of the investigator, would put the patient at risk by study enrollment
  8. Have taken any of the following drugs within 7 days prior to Extension Day 1 or plan to take any of these drugs during the time of study participation:
    - a. Sensitive substrates for cytochrome P450 2C8 or 3A4 (e.g., repaglinide, midazolam, sildenafil)
    - b. Moderate or strong inhibitors or inducers of cytochrome P450 3A4 (e.g., carbamazepine, phenytoin, ciprofloxacin, grapefruit juice)
    - c. Substrates for p-glycoprotein transporter (e.g., ambrisentan, digoxin)
  9. Have a history of clinically significant liver disease (e.g., fibrosis, cirrhosis, hepatitis), or has, at screening, clinically relevant deviations in laboratory tests including any one of the following:
    - a. alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and/or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) > 1.5-fold ULN,
    - b. bilirubin > 1.2-fold ULN,
    - c. alkaline phosphatase (ALP) > 2-fold ULN,
    - d. albumin < lower limit of normal (LLN)
  10. Have participated in any other interventional clinical study within 30 days prior to Extension Day 1
  11. Have a cognitive impairment that may preclude ability to comply with study procedures
  12. Be unable to comply with the requirements of the study protocol or be unsuitable for the study for any reason, in the opinion of the investigator
  13. Have a history of thromboembolic events within the past 5 years
  14. Have taken anticoagulant therapy within 30 days prior to Extension Day 1
  15. Have had significant current suicidal ideation within 1 month prior to Extension Day 1 as per investigator judgment or any history of suicide attempts

16. Be pregnant or breastfeeding
17. Have an ongoing SAE from a clinical study that is assessed by the investigator as related to RTA 408
18. Have discontinued treatment early in Part 1 or Part 2.

**APPENDIX 2. MAXIMAL EXERCISE TEST**

Site ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Week 48 Visit: Maximal Exercise Test**  
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Visit Date (dd/MMM/yyyy): ____/____/____	
Was Maximal Exercise Test performed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, specify reason: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
Height:	_____ in. OR _____ cm
Weight:	_____ pounds OR _____ kilograms
<b>Resting Data</b> (record measurements while subject is at rest in supine position)	
Start Time:	_____ : _____
Was resting ECG collected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Print ECG data for source <input type="checkbox"/> No → Specify: _____
Heart Rate	_____ beats/min
Oxygen saturation by pulse oximeter (SpO2)	_____ %
Resting Blood Pressure	Systolic Reading : _____ mm Hg
	Diastolic Reading: _____ mm Hg
Resting minute oxygen consumption (VO2)	_____ L/min
<b>Resting Pulmonary Function</b> Performed via Spirometry (Please capture data by hand if it is not captured electronically by metabolic cart)	
Forced Vital Capacity (FVC)	_____ L
Forced expiration volume with one second (FEV)	_____ L
Maximum voluntary ventilation (MVV)	_____ L/min
Predicted Forced Vital Capacity	_____ %
<b>Warm-up</b>	
Warm-up Start Time:	_____ : _____
Was patient able to maintain 65-75 rpm at no resistance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
BORG in warm-up	_____

Site ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Week 48 Visit: Maximal Exercise Test**  
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Active Exercise Test		
Ramp Protocol to be followed – check watt and time increases at each time point patient is ramped up. Please note, you may not use all time points below or may need additional time points to capture the full test. If additional time points are needed to capture the full test, please use the “Active Exercise Test – continuation page”.		
Start Time:	_____ : _____	
1. Initial Watt Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 5W <input type="checkbox"/> 6W <input type="checkbox"/> 7W <input type="checkbox"/> 8W <input type="checkbox"/> 9W <input type="checkbox"/> 10W <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____	
2.	Time increment to next increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 min <input type="checkbox"/> 2 min
	Watt increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 5W <input type="checkbox"/> 6W <input type="checkbox"/> 7W <input type="checkbox"/> 8W <input type="checkbox"/> 9W <input type="checkbox"/> 10W <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____
	BORG at increase	_____
3.	Time increment to next increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 min <input type="checkbox"/> 2 min
	Watt increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 5W <input type="checkbox"/> 6W <input type="checkbox"/> 7W <input type="checkbox"/> 8W <input type="checkbox"/> 9W <input type="checkbox"/> 10W <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____
	BORG at increase	_____
4.	Time increment to next increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 min <input type="checkbox"/> 2 min
	Watt increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 5W <input type="checkbox"/> 6W <input type="checkbox"/> 7W <input type="checkbox"/> 8W <input type="checkbox"/> 9W <input type="checkbox"/> 10W <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____
	BORG at increase	_____
5.	Time increment to next increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 min <input type="checkbox"/> 2 min
	Watt increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 5W <input type="checkbox"/> 6W <input type="checkbox"/> 7W <input type="checkbox"/> 8W <input type="checkbox"/> 9W <input type="checkbox"/> 10W <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____
	BORG at increase	_____
6.	Time increment to next increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 min <input type="checkbox"/> 2 min
	Watt increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 5W <input type="checkbox"/> 6W <input type="checkbox"/> 7W <input type="checkbox"/> 8W <input type="checkbox"/> 9W <input type="checkbox"/> 10W <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____
	BORG at increase	_____
7.	Time increment to next increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 min <input type="checkbox"/> 2 min
	Watt increase	<input type="checkbox"/> 5W <input type="checkbox"/> 6W <input type="checkbox"/> 7W <input type="checkbox"/> 8W <input type="checkbox"/> 9W <input type="checkbox"/> 10W <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____
	BORG at increase	_____
Reason for end of test:	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient is unable to complete due to: <input type="checkbox"/> spasticity <input type="checkbox"/> other → Specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Inability to maintain rpm speed	
Max Watt at Exhaustion:	_____ W	
BORG at end of test:	_____	

Site ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Week 48 Visit: Maximal Exercise Test**  
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End Time:	_____ : _____
Total time to complete test:	_____ min
<b>Exercise Peak Performance Measurements</b>	
Max VO <sub>2</sub> (Please record both values)	_____ L/min _____ ml/kg/min
VCO <sub>2</sub>	_____ L/min
Anaerobic Threshold	_____ L/min
Maximum Work Load	_____ Watts
Length of time to reach maximal work	_____ min(s) : _____ sec(s)
Maximum rating of perceived exertion (BORG)	_____
Maximum Heart Rate	_____ beats/min
Maximum Blood Pressure	Systolic Reading: _____ mm Hg Diastolic Reading: _____ mm Hg
Oxygen saturation by pulse oximeter (SpO <sub>2</sub> )	_____ %
Respiratory Quotient	_____
<b>Peak Exercise Ventilatory response measurements</b>	
Maximum Minute Ventilation (VE) BTPS	_____ L/min
Tidal Volume	_____ L
Maximum Respiratory Rate	_____ breaths/min
Breathing Reserve	_____ %
<b>2 Minute Recovery</b>	
Did patient complete 2 minute recovery?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
BORG at end of 2 minutes:	_____
RER at 1.5 minutes of recovery	_____
<b>10 Minute Observation</b>	
Did patient's blood pressure return to adequate baseline levels?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Recovery Blood Pressure:	Systolic Reading : _____ mm Hg Diastolic Reading: _____ mm Hg
Time for BP to return to adequate baseline levels?	_____ min
Did patient's heart rate return to adequate baseline levels?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Site ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Week 48 Visit: Maximal Exercise Test**

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Recovery Heart Rate:	_____beats/min
Time for heart rate to return to adequate baseline levels?	_____min

Assessor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (dd/MMM/yyyy): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Site ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Week 48 Visit: Maximal Exercise Test**  
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Active Exercise Test – Continuation page		
Ramp Protocol to be followed – check watt and time increases at each time point patient is ramped up.		
Please note, you may not use all time points below or may need additional time points to capture the full test. If additional time points are needed to capture the full test, site can make multiple copies of this page.		
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**APPENDIX 3. FARS ASSESSMENT**

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NEUROLOGICAL EXAMINATION	
*Neurologist to conduct exam.	
*If there are any questions on how to complete the exam, please refer to the FA Study Manual provided.	
*Rate each item on the basis of the subject status during examination. To the extent possible, sequential subject examinations should be carried out at the same time of day.	
<b>A. BULBAR</b>	
Most subjects with FA do not have significant facial or tongue atrophy. If mild facial or tongue atrophy is noted score as per instructions. Speech and cough assessment is self-explanatory. For items in Section A, increments of 0.5 may be used if examiner feels an item falls between two severities.	
1. Facial Atrophy, Fasciculation, Action Myoclonus, and Weakness 0 – None 1 – Fasciculations or action myoclonus, but no atrophy. 2 – Atrophy present but not profound of complete. 3 – Profound atrophy and weakness.	Score <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/>
2. Tongue Atrophy, Fasciculation, Action Myoclonus, and Weakness 0 – None 1 – Fasciculations or action myoclonus, but no atrophy. 2 – Atrophy present but not profound of complete. 3 – Profound atrophy and weakness.	Score <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/>
3. Cough (subject asked to cough forcefully 3 times) 0 – Normal. 1 – Depressed. 2 – Totally or nearly absent.	Score <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/>
4. Speech (ask the patient to read or repeat the sentences: A. "The president lives in the white house" and B. "The traffic is heavy today") 0 – Normal. 1 – Mild (all or most words understandable). 2 – Moderate (most words not understandable). 3 – Severe (no or almost no useful speech).	Score <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/>
<b>TOTAL BULBAR SCORE:</b>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/>



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<p><b>B. UPPER LIMB COORDINATION</b></p> <p>Upper limb coordination: Most of the items are self-explanatory. For items 3-5, ask the subject to count as they do the task. Example: "Move your hand back and forth 10 times as fast as you can. Please count each time to yourself". You can time the activity with either a watch or a stopwatch. For items in Section B, increments of 0.5 may be used if examiner feels an item falls between two severities.</p>	
<p>1. <b>Finger to Finger Test</b> (Index fingers are placed in front of each other with flexion at the elbow about 25 cm. from the sternum. Observe for 10 seconds. Score amplitude of oscillations)</p> <p>0 – Normal. 1 – Mild oscillations of finger (less than 2 cm). 2 – Moderate oscillations of finger (2-6 cm). 3 – Severe oscillations of finger (greater than 6 cm)</p>	<p>Score (Right)</p> <p><input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/></p> <p>Score (Left)</p> <p><input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/></p>
<p>2. <b>Nose-Finger Test</b> (Assess kinetic or intention tremor during and towards the end of movement: examiner holds index finger at 90% reach of patient; test at least 3 nose-finger-nose trials; movement slow greater than 3 sec.)</p> <p>0 - None 1 - Mild (less than 2 cm. amplitude). 2 - Moderate (2-6 cm. amplitude or persisting through movement). 3 - Severe (greater than 6 cm. &amp; persisting through movement). 4 - Too poorly coordinated to perform task.</p>	<p>Score (Right)</p> <p><input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/></p> <p>Score (Left)</p> <p><input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/></p>
<p>3. <b>Dysmetria Test</b> (The subject touches tip of examiner's finger then subject's chin 8 times as rapidly as possible while the examiner moves his finger to four corners of a one foot square and at about 90% reach of the subject. Assess dysmetria – i.e. inaccuracy of reaching the target- tip of examiner's finger)</p> <p>0 - None. 1 - Mild (misses 2 or fewer times). 2 - Moderate (misses 3-5 times). 3 - Severe (misses 6-8 times.). 4 - Too poorly coordinated to perform task.</p>	<p>Score (Right)</p> <p><input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/></p> <p>Score (Left)</p> <p><input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/></p>
<p>4. <b>Rapid Alternating Movements of Hands</b> (Subject should be seated. Forearm pronation/supination 15 cm. above thigh; 10 full cycles as fast as possible; assess rate, rhythm, accuracy; practice 10 cycles before rating, if time greater than 7 sec. add 0.5 to score. Use stopwatch)</p> <p>0 - Normal. <span style="float: right;">Time to Complete (R): _____</span> 1 - Mild (slightly irregular or slowed). 2 - Moderate (irregular and slowed). <span style="float: right;">Time to Complete (L): _____</span> 3 – Too poorly coordinated to perform task.</p>	<p>Score (Right)</p> <p><input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/></p> <p>Score (Left)</p> <p><input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/></p>

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<p>5. Finger Taps (index fingertip-to-thumb crease; 15 reps as fast as possible; practice 15 reps once before rating; if time greater than 6 sec., add 1 to rating. Use stopwatch)</p> <p>0 - Normal.</p> <p>1 - Mild (misses 1-3 times).</p> <p>2 - Moderate (misses 4-9 times).</p> <p>3 - Severe (misses 10-15 times).</p> <p>4 - Cannot perform the task.</p> <p>Time to complete (R): _____</p> <p>Time to complete (L): _____</p>	<p>Score (Right)</p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>Score (Left)</p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p>
<p><b>TOTAL UPPER LIMB COORDINATION SCORE</b></p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p>	
<p><b>C. LOWER LIMB COORDINATION</b></p> <p>Lower limb coordination: The heel shin slide is scored 1 if there is an abnormality but contact is steady along the top of the shin. If the heel starts going off the shin to one or other side score 2 or 3 as noted. For heel to shin tap instruct the subject to count 8 taps with heel raised about 8 " each time. It is preferable to do this section with the patient lying down. If this is not followed for a particular subject, it should be done in the same position each time. For items in Section C, increments of 0.5 may be used if examiner feels an item falls between two severities.</p>	
<p>1. Heel Along Shin Slide (Perform while seated or supine, under visual control, slide heel on the contralateral tibia from the patella to the ankle up and down with contralateral leg extended, 3 cycles at moderate speed, one leg at a time.)</p> <p>0 - Normal (stay on shin).</p> <p>1 - Mild (abnormally slow, tremulous but contact maintained).</p> <p>2 - Moderate (goes off shin a total of 3 or fewer times during 3 cycles).</p> <p>3 - Severe (goes off shin 4 or more times during 3 cycles).</p> <p>4 - Too poorly coordinated to attempt the task.</p> <p>Position of patient: _____</p>	<p>Score (Right)</p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>Score (Left)</p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p>
<p>2. Heel-to-Shin Tap (Subject taps heel on midpoint of opposite shin 8 times on each side from about 6-10", one at a time. Perform seated or supine.)</p> <p>0 - Normal (stays on target).</p> <p>1 - Mild (misses shin 2 or &lt;less times).</p> <p>2 - Moderate (misses shin 3-5 times).</p> <p>3 - Severe (misses shin greater than times).</p> <p>4 - Too poorly coordinated to perform task.</p> <p>Position of patient: _____</p>	<p>Score (Right)</p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>Score (Left)</p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p>
<p><b>TOTAL LOWER LIMB COORDINATION SCORE</b></p> <p><input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p>	

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<p><b>D. PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM</b></p> <p>Peripheral nervous system: these items are self-explanatory. Check deltoids and intrinsic hand muscles in the upper limbs, iliopsoas and tibialis anterior in the lower limbs. Atrophy and weakness are scored on the basis of the worst muscle in this group. One does not have to do extensive muscle testing. Vibration sense is recorded as noted in seconds and then given a score depending on the extent of impairment. DTR are recorded in the given space as noted and then any hypo/areflexia is given a numerical score as noted.</p>	
<p>1. <b>Muscle Atrophy</b> (score most severe atrophy in either upper or lower limb)</p> <p>0 - None. 1 - Present - mild/moderate 2 - Severe/total wasting</p> <p>If atrophy is present or severe, indicate location of atrophy (R): _____</p> <p>If atrophy is present or severe, indicate location of atrophy (L): _____</p>	<p>Score (Right) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score (Left) <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2. <b>Muscle Weakness</b> (Test deltoids, interossei, iliopsoas and tibialis anterior. Score most severe weakness in either upper or lower limb)</p> <p>0 - Normal (5/5). 1 - Mild (movement against resistance but not full power 4/5). 2 - Moderate (movement against gravity but not with added resistance 3/5) 3 - Severe (movement of joint but not against gravity 2/5). 4 - Near paralysis (muscular activity without movement 1/5) 5 - Total paralysis (0/5)</p>	<p>Score (Right) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score (Left) <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3. <b>Vibratory Sense</b> (Educate patient regarding the sensation at the elbow. Tested with 128 cps tuning fork set to near full vibration; eyes closed; test over index finger and top of great toe (most distal joint not nail). Abnormal less than 15 seconds for toes and less than 25 seconds for hands)</p> <p>3a. Time felt for toes (R): _____ 3b. Time felt for toes (L): _____ 3c. Time felt for Fingers (R): _____ 3d. Time felt for Fingers (L): _____</p> <p>3e. RIGHT 0 - Normal. 1 - Impaired at toes or fingers. 2 - Impaired at toes and fingers.</p> <p>3e. LEFT 0 - Normal. 1 - Impaired at toes or fingers. 2 - Impaired at toes and fingers.</p>	<p>Score (Right) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score (Left) <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4. <b>Position Sense</b> (test using minimal random movement of distal interphalangeal joints of index finger and big toe)</p> <p>0 - Normal. 1 - Impaired at toes or fingers. 2 - Impaired at toes and fingers.</p>	<p>Score (Right) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score (Left) <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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<p>5. DTR (0 = absent, 1 = hyporeflexia, 2 = normal, 3 = hyperreflexia, 4 = pathologic hyperreflexia)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <p>5a. RIGHT</p> <p>Elbow (BJ): _____</p> <p>Wrist (BrJ): _____</p> <p>Knee (KJ): _____</p> <p>Ankle (AJ): _____</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <p>5b. LEFT</p> <p>Elbow (BJ): _____</p> <p>Wrist (BrJ): _____</p> <p>Knee (KJ): _____</p> <p>Ankle (AJ): _____</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>5c. RIGHT</p> <p>0 – No areflexia.</p> <p>1 – Areflexia or mild hyperreflexia in either upper or lower limbs.</p> <p>2 – Generalized areflexia or pathologic hyperreflexia.</p> <p>5c. LEFT</p> <p>0 – No areflexia.</p> <p>1 – Areflexia or mild hyperreflexia in either upper or lower limbs.</p> <p>2 – Generalized areflexia or pathologic hyperreflexia.</p>	<p>5a. RIGHT</p> <p>Elbow (BJ): _____</p> <p>Wrist (BrJ): _____</p> <p>Knee (KJ): _____</p> <p>Ankle (AJ): _____</p>	<p>5b. LEFT</p> <p>Elbow (BJ): _____</p> <p>Wrist (BrJ): _____</p> <p>Knee (KJ): _____</p> <p>Ankle (AJ): _____</p>	<p>Score (Right)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table> <p>Score (Left)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>				
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<p><b>E. UPRIGHT STABILITY</b></p> <p>For sitting posture patient can sit in a chair or examination table. For standing and walking assessment instruct patient to wear best walking shoes and record below if barefoot, footwear or AFOs used. Stance assessment begins with feet 20 cm apart. Place marker tapes in the exam room 20 cm apart and the insides of the feet are lined up against these. Subsequent stance tests get more difficult. For feet together the entire inside of the feet should be close together as much as possible. For tandem stance, the dominant foot is in the back and the heel of the other foot is lined with the toes of the dominant foot but not in front of the toes (because this makes it even more difficult). For one foot stance, the patient is asked to stand on dominant foot and the other leg is elevated by bringing it forward with knee extended; this gives some advantage to the patient. If a patient can stand in a particular position for 1 minute or longer in trial 1, the trials 2 and 3 are abandoned. Otherwise each of 3 trials is timed and then averaged. Grading scores are then given as noted. Tandem walk and gait are performed in a hallway. Preferably no carpet but at least serial examinations should be on the same surface. For gait place markers 25 feet apart. Patient walks the distance turns around and comes back and the activity is timed. Note if the gait was achieved with or without device and serial examinations should be done with the same device as in the first examination.</p>							
<p>Ea. Is subject:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Barefoot    <input type="checkbox"/> Footwear</p>							
<p>Eb. Indicate if AFO's (plastic brace) are used?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>							
<p>Ec. Test performed on Carpet?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>							
<p>1. Sitting Posture (Subject seated in chair with thighs together, arms folded across chest, back unsupported; observe for 30 sec.)</p> <p>0 - Normal.</p> <p>1 - Mild oscillations of head/trunk without touching chair back or side.</p> <p>2 - Moderate oscillations of head/trunk; needs contact with chair back or side for stability.</p>	<p>Score</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 100%; border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>						

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<p>3 - Severe oscillations of head/trunk; needs contact with chair back or side for stability. 4 - Support on all 4 sides for stability.</p>	
<p>2a. Stance - feet apart – Eyes open (inside of feet 20 cm apart marked on floor. Use stopwatch; 3 attempts; time in seconds. If greater than 60 seconds on trial 1 stop, if less than 60 seconds do all three trials.) 0 - 1 minute or longer. Time 1: _____ 1 – less than 1 minute, greater than 45 sec. Time 2: _____ 2 – less than 45 sec., greater than 30 sec. Time 3: _____ 3 – less than 30 sec., greater than 15 sec. 4 – less than 15 sec. or needs hands held by assistant/device.</p>	<p>Score 1 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score 3 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Avg. Score <input type="checkbox"/> . <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2b. Stance - feet apart – Eyes closed (if greater than 60 seconds on trial 1 stop, if less than 60 seconds do all three trials.) 0 - 1 minute or longer. Time 1: _____ 1 – less than 1 minute, greater than 45 sec. Time 2: _____ 2 – less than 45 sec., greater than 30 sec. Time 3: _____ 3 – less than 30 sec., greater than 15 sec. 4 – less than 15 sec. or needs hands held by assistant/device.</p>	<p>Score 1 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score 3 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Avg. Score <input type="checkbox"/> . <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3a. Stance - feet together – Eyes open (use stopwatch; 3 attempts; time in seconds. If greater than 60 seconds on trial 1 stop, if less than 60 seconds do all three trials.) 0 - 1 minute or longer. Time 1: _____ 1 – less than 1 minute, greater than 45 sec. Time 2: _____ 2 – less than 45 sec., greater than 30 sec. Time 3: _____ 3 – less than 30 sec., greater than 15 sec. 4 – less than 15 sec. or needs hands held by assistant/device.</p>	<p>Score 1 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score 3 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Avg. Score <input type="checkbox"/> . <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3b. Stance - feet together – Eyes closed ( if greater than 60 seconds on trial 1 stop, if less than 60 seconds do all three trials.) 0 - 1 minute or longer. Time 1: _____ 1 – less than 1 minute, greater than 45 sec. Time 2: _____ 2 – less than 45 sec., greater than 30 sec. Time 3: _____ 3 – less than 30 sec., greater than 15 sec. 4 – less than 15 sec. or needs hands held by assistant/device.</p>	<p>Score 1 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Score 3 <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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	Avg. Score <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/>
4. Tandem Stance (dominant foot in front; front foot lined up with great toe of the back foot. if greater than 60 seconds on trial 1 stop, if less than 60 seconds do all three trials.) 0 - 1 minute or longer. Time 1: _____ 1 - less than 1 minute, greater than 45 sec. 2 - less than 45 sec., greater than 30 sec. Time 2: _____ 3 - less than 30 sec., greater than 15 sec. 4 - less than 15 sec. or needs hands held by assistant/device. Time 3: _____	Score 1 <input type="text"/> Score 2 <input type="text"/> Score 3 <input type="text"/> Avg. Score <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/>
5. Stance on Dominant Foot (elevate leg straight out in front, use stopwatch; 3 attempts; time in seconds. If greater than 60 seconds on trial 1 stop, if less than 60 seconds do all three trials.) 0 - 1 minute or longer. Time 1: _____ 1 - less than 1 minute, greater than 45 sec. 2 - less than 45 sec., greater than 30 sec. Time 2: _____ 3 - less than 30 sec., greater than 15 sec. 4 - less than 15 sec. or needs hands held by assistant/device. Time 3: _____	Score 1 <input type="text"/> Score 2 <input type="text"/> Score 3 <input type="text"/> Avg. Score <input type="text"/> . <input type="text"/>
6. Tandem Walk (tandem walk 10 steps in straight line; performed in hallway with no furniture within reach of 1 m / 3 ft. and no loose carpet) 0 - Normal (able to tandem walk greater than 8 sequential steps). 1 - Able to tandem walk in less than perfect manner/can tandem walk greater than 4 sequential steps, but less than 8. 2 - Can tandem walk, but fewer than 4 steps before losing balance. 3 - Too poorly coordinated to attempt task.	Score <input type="text"/>
7. Gait (observe subject walk at normal pace with assistive device in one direction, turn around and return to start; performed in hallway with no furniture within reach of 1 m / 3 ft. and no loose carpet) 0 - Normal. 1 - Mild ataxia/veering/difficulty in turning; no cane/other support needed to be safe. 2 - Walks with definite ataxia; may need intermittent support/or examiner needs to walk with patient for safety sake.	Score <input type="text"/>

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<p>3 - Moderate ataxia/veering/difficulty in turning; walking requires cane/holding onto examiner with one hand to be safe.                  4 - Severe ataxia/veering; walker or both hands of examiner needed.                  5 - Cannot walk even with assistance (wheelchair bound).</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL UPRIGHT STABILITY SCORE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </p>
<p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL FARS                  (Add subtotals for sections A, B, C, D, &amp; E)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </p>
<p style="text-align: right;">MODIFIED FARS                  (Total FARS – Section D)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> </p>

Assessor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (dd/MMM/yyyy): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX 4. 9-HOLE PEG TEST**

The 9-HPT is a quantitative measure of upper extremity (arm and hand) function. Both the dominant and non-dominant hands are tested twice (2 consecutive trials of the dominant hand, followed immediately by 2 consecutive trials of the non-dominant hand). It is important that the 9-HPT be administered on a solid table (not a rolling hospital bedside table) and that the 9-HPT apparatus be anchored (e.g., with Dycem). Instructions on completing the 9-HPT are provided in the study manual.



**APPENDIX 5. SF-36 HEALTH SURVEY UPDATE**

This survey asks for your views about your health. This information will help keep track of how you feel and how well you are able to do your usual activities. *Thank you for completing this survey!*

For each of the following questions, please mark an  in the one box that best describes your answer.

**1. In general, would you say your health is:**

Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**2. Compared to one year ago, how would you rate your health in general now?**

Much better now than one year ago	Somewhat better now than one year ago	About the same as one year ago	Somewhat worse now than one year ago	Much worse now than one year ago
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**3. The following questions are about activities you might do during a typical day. Does your health now limit you in these activities? If so, how much?**

Yes, limited a lot	Yes, limited a little	No, not limited at all
▼	▼	▼

- a Vigorous activities, such as running, lifting heavy objects, participating in strenuous sports .....  1 .....  2 .....  3
- b Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling, or playing golf.....  1 .....  2 .....  3
- c Lifting or carrying groceries .....  1 .....  2 .....  3
- d Climbing several flights of stairs .....  1 .....  2 .....  3
- e Climbing one flight of stairs .....  1 .....  2 .....  3
- f Bending, kneeling, or stooping .....  1 .....  2 .....  3
- g Walking more than a mile.....  1 .....  2 .....  3
- h Walking several hundred yards .....  1 .....  2 .....  3
- i Walking one hundred yards .....  1 .....  2 .....  3
- j Bathing or dressing yourself .....  1 .....  2 .....  3

**4. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of your physical health?**

All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼

- a Cut down on the amount of time you spent on work or other activities.....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- b Accomplished less than you would like .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- c Were limited in the kind of work or other activities .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- d Had difficulty performing the work or other activities (for example, it took extra effort) .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5

**5. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time have you had any of the following problems with your work or other regular daily activities as a result of any emotional problems (such as feeling depressed or anxious)?**

All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼

- a Cut down on the amount of time you spent on work or other activities.....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- b Accomplished less than you would like .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- c Did work or other activities less carefully than usual .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5

**6. During the past 4 weeks, to what extent has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your normal social activities with family, friends, neighbors, or groups?**

Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**7. How much bodily pain have you had during the past 4 weeks?**

None	Very mild	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Very severe
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

**8. During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work (including both work outside the home and housework)?**

Not at all	A little bit	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**9. These questions are about how you feel and how things have been with you during the past 4 weeks. For each question, please give the one answer that comes closest to the way you have been feeling. How much of the time during the past 4 weeks...**

All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼

- a Did you feel full of life? .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- b Have you been very nervous? .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- c Have you felt so down in the  
dumps that nothing could  
cheer you up? .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- d Have you felt calm and  
peaceful? .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- e Did you have a lot of energy? .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- f Have you felt downhearted  
and depressed? .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- g Did you feel worn out? .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- h Have you been happy? .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- i Did you feel tired? .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5

**10. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities (like visiting with friends, relatives, etc.)?**

All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time
▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**11. How TRUE or FALSE is each of the following statements for you?**

Definitely true ▼	Mostly true ▼	Don't know ▼	Mostly false ▼	Definitely false ▼
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- a I seem to get sick a little easier than other people .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- b I am as healthy as anybody I know .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- c I expect my health to get worse .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5
- d My health is excellent .....  1 .....  2 .....  3 .....  4 .....  5

***Thank you for completing these questions!***

## APPENDIX 6. ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

**II. ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING** (increments of 0.5 may be used if strongly felt that a task falls between 2 scores)

**1. Speech**

- 0 - Normal
- 1 - Mildly affected. No difficulty being understood.
- 2 - Moderately affected. Sometimes asked to repeat statements.
- 3 - Severely affected. Frequently asked to repeat statements.
- 4 - Unintelligible most of the time.

**2. Swallowing**

- 0 - Normal.
- 1 - Rare choking (< once a month).
- 2 - Frequent choking (< once a week, > once a month).
- 3 - Requires modified food or chokes multiple times a week. Or patient avoids certain foods.
- 4 - Requires NG tube or gastrostomy feedings.

**3. Cutting Food and Handling Utensils**

- 0 - Normal.
- 1 - Somewhat slow and clumsy, but no help needed.
- 2 - Clumsy and slow, but can cut most foods with some help needed. Or needs assistance when in a hurry.
- 3 - Food must be cut by someone, but can still feed self slowly.
- 4 - Needs to be fed.

**4. Dressing**

- 0 - Normal.
- 1 - Somewhat slow, but no help needed.
- 2 - Occasional assistance with buttoning, getting arms in sleeves, etc. or has to modify activity in some way (e.g. Having to sit to get dressed; use velcro for shoes, stop wearing ties, etc.).
- 3 - Considerable help required, but can do some things alone.
- 4 - Helpless.

**5. Personal Hygiene**

- 0 - Normal.
- 1 - Somewhat slow, but no help needed.
- 2 - Very slow hygienic care or has need for devices such as special grab bars, tub bench, shower chair, etc.
- 3 - Requires personal help with washing, brushing teeth, combing hair or using toilet.
- 4 - Fully dependent

**6. Falling (assistive device = score 3)**

- 0- Normal.
- 1- Rare falling (< once a month).
- 2- Occasional falls (once a week to once a month).
- 3- Falls multiple times a week or requires device to prevent falls.
- 4- Unable to stand or walk.

**7. Walking (assistive device = score 3)**

- 0- Normal.
- 1- Mild difficulty, perception of imbalance.
- 2- Moderate difficulty, but requires little or no assistance.
- 3- Severe disturbance of walking, requires assistance or walking aids.
- 4- Cannot walk at all even with assistance (wheelchair bound).

**8. Quality of Sitting Position**

- 0- Normal.
- 1- Slight imbalance of the trunk, but needs no back support.
- 2- Unable to sit without back support.
- 3- Can sit only with extensive support (Geriatric chair, posy, etc.).
- 4- Unable to sit.

**9. Bladder Function (if using drugs for bladder, automatic score of 3)**

- 0- Normal.
- 1- Mild urinary hesitance, urgency or retention (< once a month).
- 2- Moderate hesitance, urgency, rare retention/incontinence (> once a month, but < once a week).
- 3- Frequent urinary incontinence (> once a week).
- 4- Loss of bladder function requiring intermittent catheterization/indwelling catheter.

**TOTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING SCORE:**



**APPENDIX 7. PATIENT GLOBAL IMPRESSION OF CHANGE**

The Patient Global Impression of Change is a 7-point scale that requires patients to assess how much their illness has improved or worsened relative to their baseline state at the beginning of the trial. Patients will self-rate their perceived change by completing the following statement: “Since I began trial treatment, my overall status is:”

1 = Very much improved

2 = Much improved

3 = Minimally improved

4 = No change

5 = Minimally worse

6 = Much worse

7 = Very much worse

## **APPENDIX 8. CLINICAL GLOBAL IMPRESSION OF CHANGE**

The Clinical Global Impression of Change is a 7-point scale that requires the clinician to assess how much the patient's illness has improved or worsened relative to a baseline state at the beginning of an intervention (Guy, 1976). The Clinician Global Impression of Change is assessed by completing the following statement “Compared to the patient’s condition at the start of the trial, this patient’s overall status is...”

1 = Very much improved

2 = Much improved

3 = Minimally improved

4 = No change

5 = Minimally worse

6 = Much worse

7 = Very much worse

## **APPENDIX 9. LOW-CONTRAST LETTER VISUAL ACUITY TEST (PART 1 ONLY)**

Due to the frequency of visual deficits in Friedreich's ataxia, assessment of visual function plays an important role in clinical trials and clinical practice. Vision testing is done using a portable retro-illuminated vision board. A pre-measured yellow vision string (full length is 3.2 meters, red mark denotes 2 meters) is used to measure the distance from the patient's forehead to the vision board. A pointer is also used to orient the patient to the specific line they are being asked to read.

Additional details regarding administration of the low-contrast visual acuity test will be provided in a study specific manual.

**APPENDIX 10. FATIGUE SEVERITY SCALE (PART 1 ONLY)**

**Fatigue Severity Scale (FSS, English version)\***

	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span><i>strongly disagree</i></span> <span><i>strongly agree</i></span> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"> </div>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. My motivation is lower when I am fatigued.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Exercise brings on my fatigue.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. I am easily fatigued.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Fatigue interferes with my physical functioning.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Fatigue causes frequent problems for me.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. My fatigue prevents sustained physical functioning.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Fatigue interferes with carrying out certain duties and responsibilities.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Fatigue is among my three most disabling symptoms.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. Fatigue interferes with my work, family, or social life.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*\*Patients are instructed to choose a number from 1 to 7 that indicates their degree of agreement with each statement where 1 indicates strongly disagree and 7, strongly agree. [Krupp et al, Arch Neurol 1989]*

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## APPENDIX 13. COVID-19 MITIGATIONS

This appendix outlines the mitigation strategies adopted to protect the health of participants in Study 408-C-1402, while maintaining compliance with good clinical practice (GCP) and minimizing the risk to trial integrity during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) pandemic. At the time of the pandemic, Parts 1 and 2 of Study 408-C-1402 were already completed, therefore, this appendix applies to the extension phase of the study.

The mitigations specified below will be in place as long as COVID-19 related local government restrictions impact trial conduct, according to protocol specifications.

### 1. SITE OPERATIONS & PATIENT MANAGEMENT

If study sites are closed or restrict access to study teams during the COVID-19 pandemic, study teams must maintain open lines of communication with active study participants. Additionally, the Sponsor is to be regularly updated on changes to sites' status regarding closures, access limitations, contact information or other important information. Sites are encouraged to provide alternate contact information to their patients and the Sponsor. Updates are to be sent to the Sponsor study team [REDACTED].

### 2. COVID-19 TESTING AND INVESTIGATIONAL PRODUCT USE

If a patient enrolled in the Extension phase of Study 408-C-1402 tests positive for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the causative agent of COVID-19, the investigational product (IP) RTA-408 (omaveloxolone) must be temporarily discontinued until the patient no longer presents an active infection, as assessed by the Investigator and/or the patient's physician(s). The Sponsor must be notified immediately for additional guidance.

#### 2.1. Resumption of Investigational Product after Recovery from COVID-19 Infection

When the investigator deems that the patient can safely return to the site for an in-person visit, the investigator should conduct an unscheduled visit and perform all assessments as in Week 4. If there are no changes in clinical status that would preclude resuming IP, IP may be resumed. A follow-up telephone visit should be conducted 2 weeks after this unscheduled visit to collect adverse events and prior and concomitant medications. Four weeks after the unscheduled visit, the patient should return for repeat assessments as in the Week 4 visit. The usual visit schedule may resume thereafter.

### 3. INVESTIGATIONAL PRODUCT (IP) ACCESS

In order to maintain dosing continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic, IP may be directly shipped to the patient, using couriered tracking services, in cases where the patient becomes unable to travel to his/her study site. Stability information for IP shipments are contained in the "Guidance for Direct-to-Patient Shipping of RTA-408 Drug Product Capsules during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic" ([Attachment 1](#)). All shipments must be sent via overnight express shipping (where possible) and include a temperature monitoring device. Sites will be supplied with temperature monitors upon request. For shipments that show temperature excursions below 20°C or above 25°C during transit, the Sponsor should be notified immediately via the COVID-19 Investigational Product Temperature Excursion form. The Sponsor will assess whether the product is deemed fit for use. During the assessment period, the patient should be informed to not take the IP until further notice from the site. IP dispensation should be

recorded in the appropriate drug accountability logs and all IP receipts of delivery should be filed in the Investigative Site File. If a patient is located in a country different from that of the site, the site will also provide information for customs on the shipped package.

#### 4. STUDY VISIT

Where in-person clinic visits are not possible, in-home visits and/or telemedicine visits (e.g. phone or video) may be conducted to complete study assessments not limited to:

- Adverse event assessment.
- Prior and concomitant medication assessment.
- Pregnancy testing for women of childbearing potential (WOCBP): patients must complete scheduled urine pregnancy tests at home. Pregnancy test(s) should be provided to patients where relevant. The site should obtain verbal confirmation from the patients that the test is negative prior to instructing the patients to start the shipped RTA-408 IP. Additionally, the site will specifically remind patients of the need to adhere to appropriate protocol required contraceptive measures where necessary.
- Vital signs.
- Safety labs: Every effort should be made to collect laboratory data using the central lab. Where use of the central lab is not possible, laboratory assessments should be collected through a local lab and reviewed by the investigator.

##### 4.1. United Kingdom Site

Per regulatory authority requirements, every effort should be made to obtain safety laboratory assessments every 24 weeks (Table 5) using either the central laboratory, local laboratories, or home health services (if available). In cases when laboratory assessments cannot be performed as a result of COVID-19 related restrictions, alternative proportionate mechanisms of oversight should be followed to ensure patient safety and well-being.

Specifically, alternative mechanisms of oversight to liver function and BNP tests were employed based on benefit/risk assessment in the context of the guidance for Investigators provided in the Investigator Brochure version 6.1, sections 6.2.1 – Transaminases and GGT Elevations, 6.6.2 – Transient Elevation of Serum Transaminases, and 6.6.1 – Fluid Overload.

For the six-monthly visits, the following alternative proportionate oversight approach should be followed:

- Telephone Questionnaire
  - Hepatic questions
    - Have you noticed any yellowing of your skin or eyes?
    - Have you noticed any usual swelling of your abdomen or feet?
    - Are you bruising very easily or had any cuts that kept bleeding?
    - Has your skin become itchy?
    - Have you had any changes in the color of your urine or stool?



- Have you had any pain in the right upper quadrant of your abdomen?
- Have you felt particularly nauseous?

Fluid overload/Cardiac questions

- Have you had any pain in your chest?
- Have you become more short of breath?
- Can you lie flat in bed without getting short of breath?
- Have you noticed your heart racing or going into a funny rhythm?
- Have you felt like you are going to faint? Or fainted?
- Additional hepatic recommendations
  - Continue site education regarding concomitant medication, particularly medications and/or supplements that are associated with hepatic injury including paracetamol.
  - Include urine bilirubin (if possible) with home urine dipstick.
- Home weight for fluid overload/cardiac assessments
  - Weight gain will be used to monitor fluid status.
  - Last home weight is used as baseline.
  - Patient(s) who experience a five-pound (2.3 kilograms) or greater increase in weight compared to the last home weight will be instructed to contact the site to assess the need to hold RTA-408 IP by the Investigator. IP should be discontinued if clinically important fluid retention is suspected.

Importantly, the alternative proportionate oversight measures outlined above can only be used for a certain period before safety laboratory assessments must be collected to conclusively measure relevant safety parameters. The maximum medically accepted delay in performing laboratory assessments (either local or on study) is 12 weeks post a six-monthly visit, assuming alternative proportionate oversight is ongoing and no concerns arise from this oversight.

If safety laboratory assessments cannot be completed within the maximum medically accepted delay, study drug must be temporarily discontinued until safety laboratory assessments can be obtained and it is deemed appropriate to restart IP dosing.

## ATTACHMENT 1



March 25, 2020

To: Clinical Program Operations  
Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

From: Chemistry, Manufacturing & Controls / Quality Assurance  
Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Via E-mail Transmission

RE: Guidance for Direct-to-Patient Shipping of RTA-408 Drug Product Capsules during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19), certain adjustments have been made to ensure study patients receive their investigational product, on time, and consistently.

For clinical investigators, where patients are unable to travel outside of their home to the site, one adjustment being implemented is the shipping of investigational product directly to the patient, from the clinical investigator site.

As background, RTA 408 drug product 50 mg capsule kits (30ct, 3g desiccant, 75 mL bottle) have been assessed for stability following ICH guidelines for long term and accelerated conditions (25°C/60%RH & 40°C/75%RH). The results support the current labeled storage conditions of controlled room temperature, which is defined as 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F), with brief excursions allowed to 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F).

The stability results also provide supporting data to assess potential impact of short-term temperature excursions outside the labeled storage conditions. More specifically, for drug product capsule stored as a 30ct supply in 75 ml bottle with 3g desiccant, no changes in impurity profile were observed for 6 months for accelerated (40°C/75% RH) and 12 months for long term (25°C/60%RH) conditions.

Given the stability of the product under multiple temperatures and relative humidity conditions, it can be concluded that short term temperature excursions above 30°C and low as 15°C during storage are acceptable. For those excursions to non-freezing temperatures below 15°C but at or above 1°C, no additional risk to drug product quality is presented based on the well-established principal of Arrhenius degradation kinetics (i.e., degradation reaction rates are temperature-dependent and occur faster at higher temperatures and slower at lower temperatures).

In consideration of the product stability information, the following direct-to-patient guidance is provided during this coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic period:

1. To mitigate any unforeseen issues impacting the shipment (i.e., lengthy delays, extreme temperatures, etc.), shipping only the minimum number of product required for patient dosing administration and priority overnight shipment, is advised.
2. While the data provides assurance that RTA 408 Drug Product Capsules are stable, additional shipping and storage studies are either planned or currently being conducted. As such, certain limitations have been placed on the product until these results are reported. Accordingly, shipment durations during this period lasting longer than 48 hours, without a temperature monitor, are not advised. If shipment exceeds this duration due to unforeseen shipping delays, the site should contact Reata for further guidance.

Additional guidance will be provided when data is available.

Best regards,



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