

Cytokinetics Announces Nine Upcoming Presentations at the European Society of Cardiology Heart Failure 2026 Congress

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 28, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (Nasdaq: CYTK) today announced nine presentations at the European Society of Cardiology Heart Failure 2026 Congress taking place in Barcelona, Spain, from May 9–12, 2026. Eight presentations, including a late-breaking science oral presentation, are related to MYQORZO® (*aficamten*). Recently approved for the treatment of adults with symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (oHCM) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, European Commission, and the China National Medical Products Administration, MYQORZO is an allosteric and reversible inhibitor of cardiac myosin motor activity. In patients with oHCM, myosin inhibition with MYQORZO reduces cardiac contractility and consequently, left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) obstruction.

Late Breaking Science Oral Presentation

Title: [Dose-dependent effects of *aficamten* compared with metoprolol in obstructive HCM: the MAPLE-HCM study](#)

Presenter: Pablo Garcia-Pavia, M.D., Ph.D., Head of the Inherited Cardiac Diseases and Heart Failure Unit, Department of Cardiology, Hospital Universitario Puerta de Hierro and Full Professor at Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares, Madrid, Spain

Date: May 11, 2026

Session Title: Advances in Cardiomyopathies

Session Time: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM CEST

Presentation Time: 4:06 PM – 4:18 PM CEST

Location: Room 3

Rapid Fire Presentations

Title: [Favorable Effect of *Aficamten* on Left Atrial Mechanics in Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Insights From the SEQUOIA-HCM Trial](#)

Presenter: Yasuhiro Hamatani, M.D., Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA

Date: May 9, 2026

Session Title: Advanced Phenotyping and Risk Stratification in Cardiomyopathies and Myocarditis
Session Time: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM CEST
Presentation Time: 3:47 PM – 3:55 PM CEST
Location: Agora 2

Title: [Effect of Aficamten Compared with Metoprolol in Women Versus Men: Analysis of MAPLE-HCM](#)
Presenter: Xiaowen Wang, MD, MPH, Associate Director, Cardiac Imaging Core Lab, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA
Date: May 10, 2026
Session Title: Novel and Targeted Therapies: Precision Pharmacology in Heart Failure
Session Time: 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM CEST
Presentation Time: 2:57 PM – 3:06 PM CEST
Location: Agora 2

In addition to the rapid fire presentations related to MYQORZO[®] (*aficamten*), one presentation will offer further insights into the treatment effect of *omecamtiv mecarbil* in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF).

Title: [The Influence of QRS Duration and Resynchronization Status on the Efficacy and Safety of Omeamtiv Mecarbil in Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction: The GALACTIC-HF Trial](#)
Presenter: Mihály Ruppert, MD, PhD, Research Fellow, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA, USA
Date: May 10, 2026
Session Title: Novel and Targeted Therapies: Precision Pharmacology in Heart Failure
Session Time: 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM CEST
Presentation Time: 2:39 PM – 2:48 PM CEST
Location: Agora 2

Moderated Posters

Title: [No Increase in Arrhythmia Burden Following Aficamten Treatment in Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Extended Ambulatory Electrocardiogram Analysis From FOREST-HCM](#)
Presenter: Ethan J. Rowin, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine at UMass Chan-Lahey, UMass Chan Medical School, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, Burlington, MA
Date: May 11, 2026
Session Title: Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy: Treatment, Monitoring, and Outcomes
Session Time: 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM CEST
Location: Moderated ePosters 3

Title: [Clinical and Economic Burden in NYHA Class I Versus II-IV Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Real-World Survey Data From the United States of America](#)
Presenter: Paulos Gebrehiwet, PhD, Senior Manager, Health Economics and Outcomes Research, Europe, Cytokinetics
Date: May 10, 2026
Session Title: Comprehensive phenotyping and real-world impact in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
Session Time: 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM CEST
Location: Moderated ePosters 3

Title: [Impact of Guideline-Directed Medical Therapies on Clinical and Economic Outcomes in Nonobstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Analysis of Data from a Multinational Cross-Sectional Survey](#)
Presenter: Paulos Gebrehiwet, PhD, Senior Manager, Health Economics and Outcomes Research,

Europe, Cytokinetics, South San Francisco, CA

Date: May 10, 2026

Session Title: Comprehensive phenotyping and real-world impact in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

Session Time: 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM CEST

Location: Moderated ePosters 3

ePoster Presentations

Title: [Impact of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy on Work Productivity and Activity Impairment in Patients with HCM: Analysis of a Real-World Cross-Sectional Survey](#)

Presenter: Paulos Gebrehiwet, PhD, Senior Manager, Health Economics and Outcomes Research, Europe, Cytokinetics, South San Francisco, CA

Date: May 9, 2026

Session Title: ePosters in myocardial disease - hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (2)

Session Time: 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM CEST

Presentation Time: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM CEST

Location: ePosters screen 22

Title: [Phenotypic Distribution and Clinical Burden of Pediatric Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: Insights From a Longitudinal US Claims Database](#)

Presenter: Jennifer Conway, MD, FRCPC, MSc, Professor of Pediatrics, Director of the Heart Function and Cardiomyopathy Program, Stollery Children's Hospital, Edmonton, Canada

Date: May 10, 2026

Session Title: ePosters in myocardial disease - hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (2)

Session Time: 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM CEST

Presentation Time: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM CEST

Location: ePosters screen 22

About MYQORZO[®] (*aficamten*)

MYQORZO[®] (*aficamten*) is a cardiac myosin inhibitor approved in the U.S., China and European Union for the treatment of symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (oHCM). In patients with oHCM, myosin inhibition with MYQORZO reduces cardiac contractility and consequently, left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) obstruction. MYQORZO was engineered to achieve a predictable exposure response, rapid onset of action and reversibility.¹

Aficamten is also under clinical investigation in ACACIA-HCM, a Phase 3 trial in patients with non-obstructive HCM (nHCM) and CEDAR-HCM, in a pediatric population with oHCM. *Aficamten* has not been deemed safe or effective for use in either of these patient populations. In addition, *aficamten* is being studied in FOREST-HCM, an open-label extension clinical study.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

MYQORZO is indicated for the treatment of adults with symptomatic oHCM to improve functional capacity and symptoms.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: RISK OF HEART FAILURE

MYQORZO reduces left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) and can cause heart failure due to systolic dysfunction.

Echocardiogram assessments are required prior to and during treatment with MYQORZO to monitor for systolic dysfunction. Initiation of MYQORZO in patients with LVEF <55% is not recommended. Decrease the dose of MYQORZO if LVEF is <50% and \geq 40%. Interrupt the dose of MYQORZO if LVEF <40% or if the patient experiences heart failure symptoms or worsening clinical status due to systolic dysfunction.

Because of the risk of heart failure due to systolic dysfunction, MYQORZO is available only through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) called the MYQORZO REMS Program.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

MYQORZO is contraindicated with concomitant use of rifampin.

WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS

Heart Failure

MYQORZO reduces cardiac contractility, which can reduce LVEF and cause heart failure. Patients who experience a serious intercurrent illness (eg, serious infection) or arrhythmia (eg, new or uncontrolled atrial fibrillation) may be at greater risk of developing systolic dysfunction and heart failure.

Assess patients' clinical status and LVEF prior to and during treatment and adjust the MYQORZO dose accordingly. New or worsening arrhythmia, dyspnea, chest pain, fatigue, leg edema, or elevations in N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide may be signs and symptoms of heart failure.

Initiation of MYQORZO in patients with LVEF <55% is not recommended.

MYQORZO REMS Program

MYQORZO is available only through a restricted program called the MYQORZO REMS Program, because of the risk of heart failure due to systolic dysfunction.

Notable requirements of the MYQORZO REMS Program include:

- Prescribers must be certified by enrolling in the MYQORZO REMS Program
- Patients must enroll in the MYQORZO REMS Program and comply with ongoing monitoring requirements
- Pharmacies must be certified by enrolling in the MYQORZO REMS Program and must only dispense to patients who are authorized to receive MYQORZO
- Wholesalers and distributors must only distribute to certified pharmacies

Further information is available at www.MYQORZOREMS.com, or at 1-844-285-7367.

Cytochrome P450 Interactions Leading to Heart Failure or Loss of Effectiveness

MYQORZO is metabolized primarily by CYP2C9, and to a lesser extent by CYP3A, CYP2D6, and CYP2C19 enzymes. Initiation of medications that inhibit multiple P450 pathways of MYQORZO elimination (eg, fluconazole, voriconazole, or fluvoxamine) or strong CYP2C9 inhibitors, and discontinuation of moderate-to-strong CYP3A inducers may lead to increased blood concentrations of *aficamten* and increase the risk of heart failure due to systolic dysfunction. Conversely, initiation of medications that induce P450 pathways of MYQORZO (eg, rifampin, moderate-to-strong CYP3A inducers) may lead to decreased blood concentrations of *aficamten* and potential loss of effectiveness. Assess LVEF 2 to 8 weeks after initiation of such inhibitors or after discontinuation of such inducers and adjust the dose of MYQORZO accordingly.

Advise patients of the potential for drug interactions. Advise patients to inform their healthcare provider of all concomitant medications prior to and during MYQORZO treatment.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Hypertension (8% vs 2%) was the only adverse reaction occurring in >5% of patients and more commonly on MYQORZO than on placebo in the pivotal trial.

Please see full [Prescribing Information](#), including Boxed WARNING and [Medication Guide](#).

About Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) is a disease in which the heart muscle becomes abnormally thick. HCM can be obstructive, when thickened muscle blocks blood flow, or non-obstructive, when blood flow is not blocked but heart function is still affected. In obstructive HCM, the thickening of cardiac muscle leads to the inside of the left ventricle becoming smaller, stiffer and less able to relax and fill with blood. Ultimately, HCM limits the heart's pumping function, leading to reduced exercise capacity and a variety of symptoms.

HCM is the most common monogenic inherited cardiovascular disorder, with well over 300,000 patients diagnosed in the U.S.² However, there are an estimated 400,000-800,000 additional patients who remain undiagnosed.^{3,4,5} Approximately half of patients with HCM have obstructive HCM (oHCM) and half have non-obstructive HCM (nHCM).²

People with HCM are at high risk of also developing cardiovascular complications including atrial fibrillation, stroke and mitral valve disease.⁶ People with HCM are at risk for potentially fatal ventricular arrhythmias and it is one of the leading causes of sudden cardiac death in younger people or athletes.⁷ A subset of patients with HCM are at high risk of progressive disease leading to dilated cardiomyopathy and heart failure necessitating cardiac transplantation.

About Cytokinetics

Cytokinetics is a specialty cardiovascular biopharmaceutical company, building on its over 25 years of pioneering scientific innovations in muscle biology, and advancing a pipeline of potential new medicines for patients suffering from diseases of cardiac muscle dysfunction. Cytokinetics' MYQORZO[®] (*aficamten*) is a cardiac myosin inhibitor approved in the U.S., Europe and China for the treatment of adults with symptomatic obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (oHCM). *Aficamten* is also being studied for the potential treatment of non-obstructive HCM. Cytokinetics is also developing *omecamtiv mecarbil*, an investigational cardiac myosin activator for the potential treatment of patients

with heart failure with severely reduced ejection fraction and *ulacamten*, an investigational cardiac myosin inhibitor for the potential treatment of heart failure with preserved ejection fraction, while continuing pre-clinical research and development in muscle biology.

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