



# State of the art in myocarditis treatment

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## Viral myocarditis—diagnosis, treatment options, and current controversies

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### Infectious aetiologies

#### Viral agents

- Adenoviruses
- Enteroviruses (coxsackievirus)
- Herpesviruses (human herpesvirus 6, Epstein–Barr virus)
- Hepatitis C virus
- HIV
- Influenza A
- Parvovirus B19



#### Parasitic agents

- Larva migrans
- Schistosomiasis



#### Bacterial agents

- Borrelia species
- Mycobacterium species
- Mycoplasma pneumoniae
- Streptococcal species
- Treponema pallidum



#### Fungal agents

- Aspergillus species
- Candida species
- Coccidioides species
- Cryptococcus species
- Histoplasma species



#### Protozoal agents

- Trypanosoma cruzi (Chagas disease)



### Noninfectious aetiologies

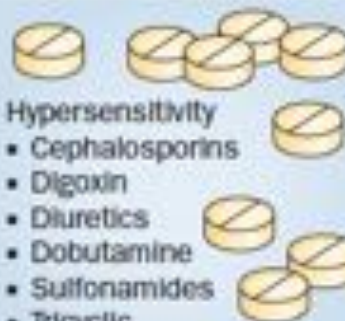
#### Toxins

- Anthracyclines
- Cocaine
- Interleukin-2



#### Hypersensitivity

- Cephalosporins
- Digoxin
- Diuretics
- Dobutamine
- Sulfonamides
- Tricyclic antidepressants



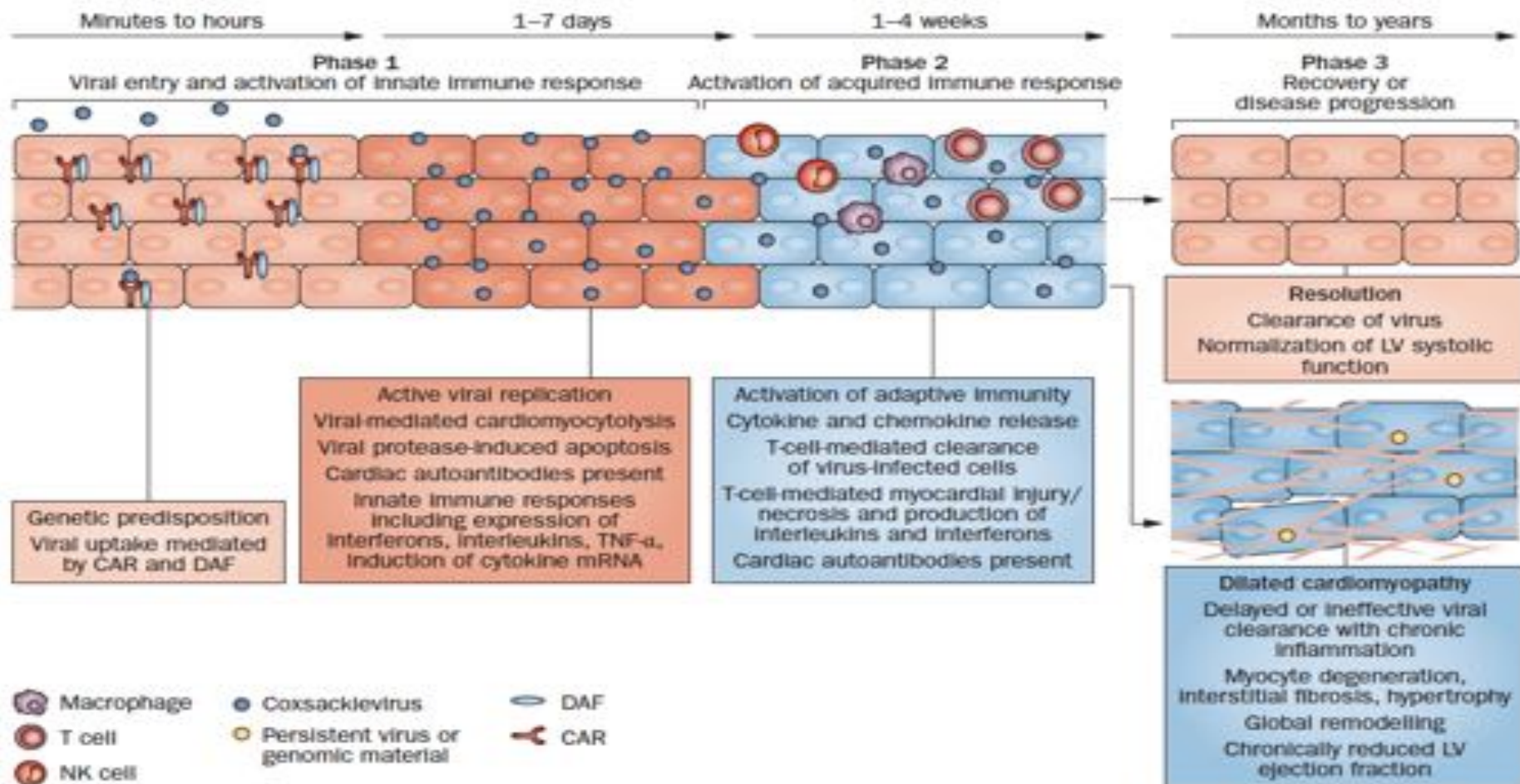
#### Immunological syndromes

- Churg–Strauss syndrome
- Diabetes mellitus
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Giant cell myocarditis
- Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener granulomatosis)
- Sarcoidosis
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Takayasu arteritis
- Thyrotoxicosis



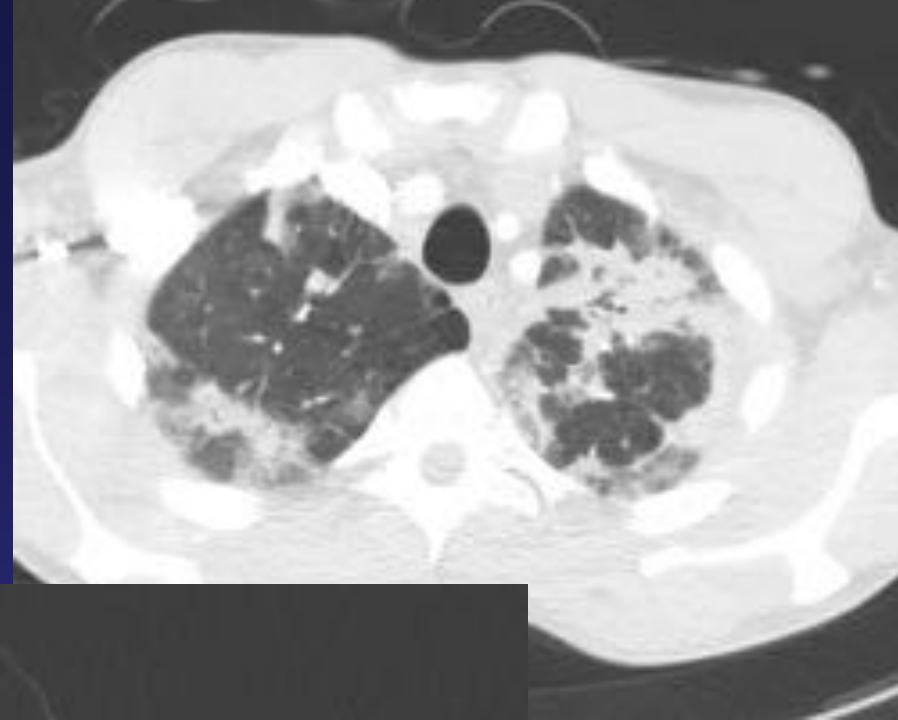
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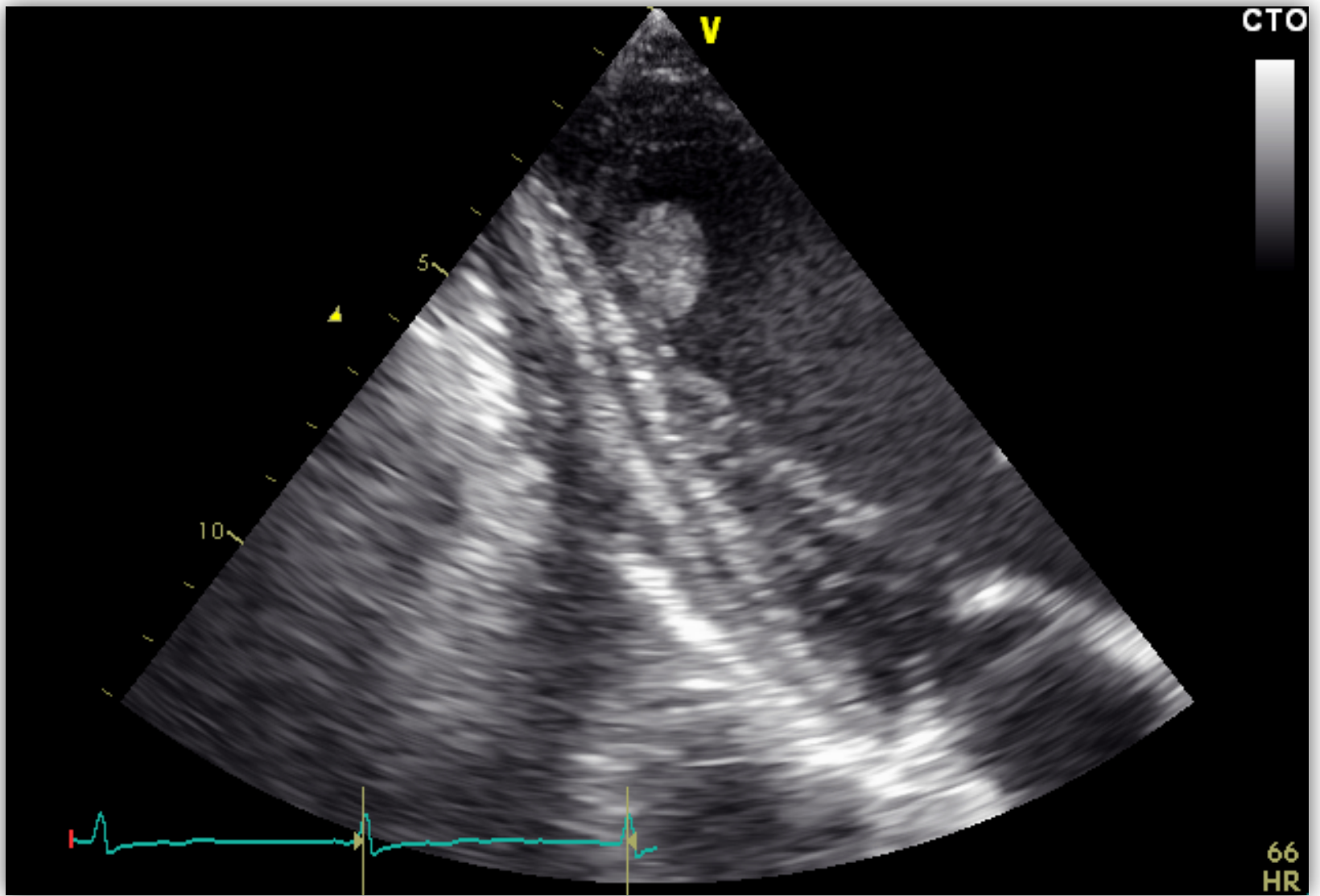
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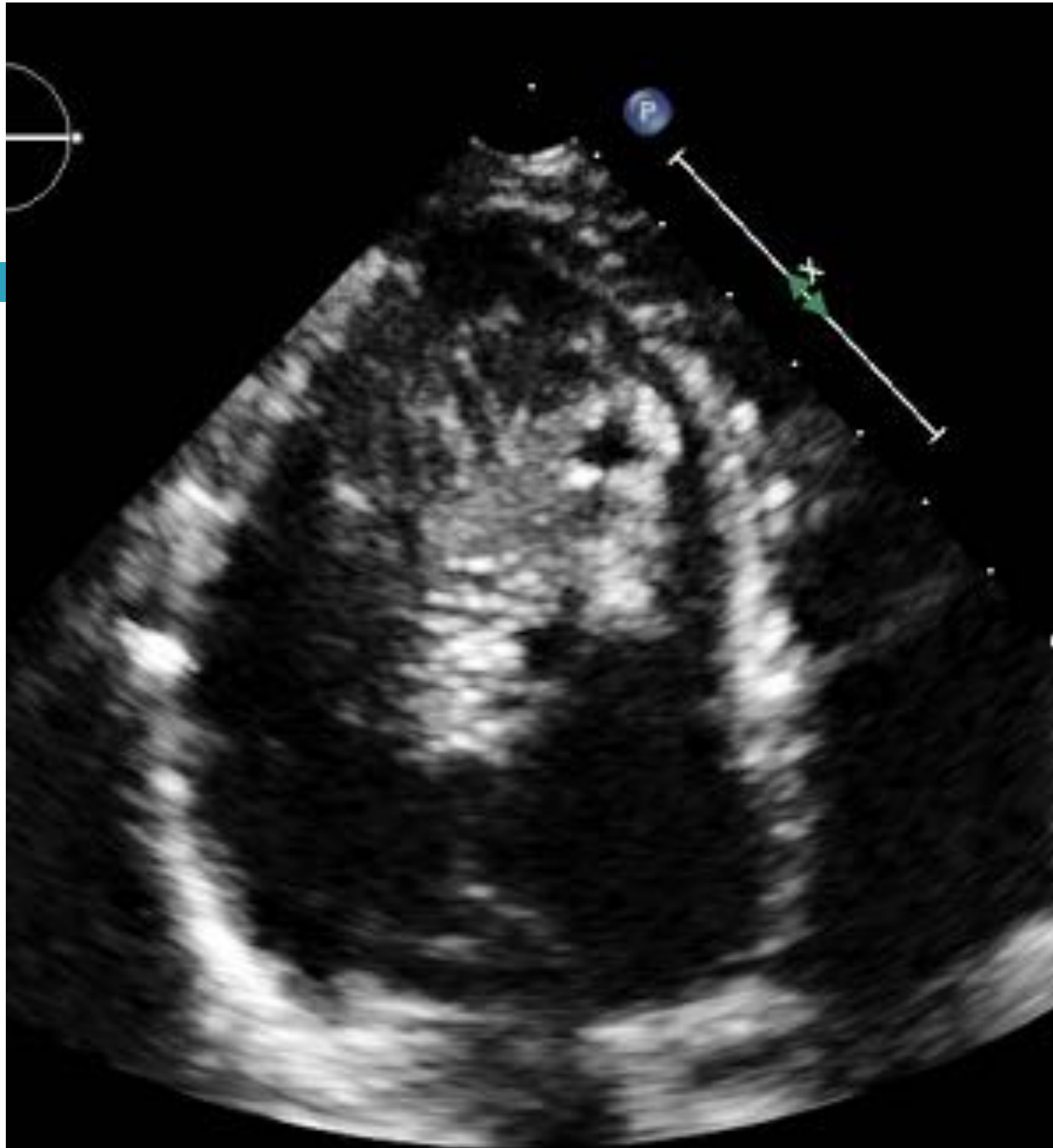




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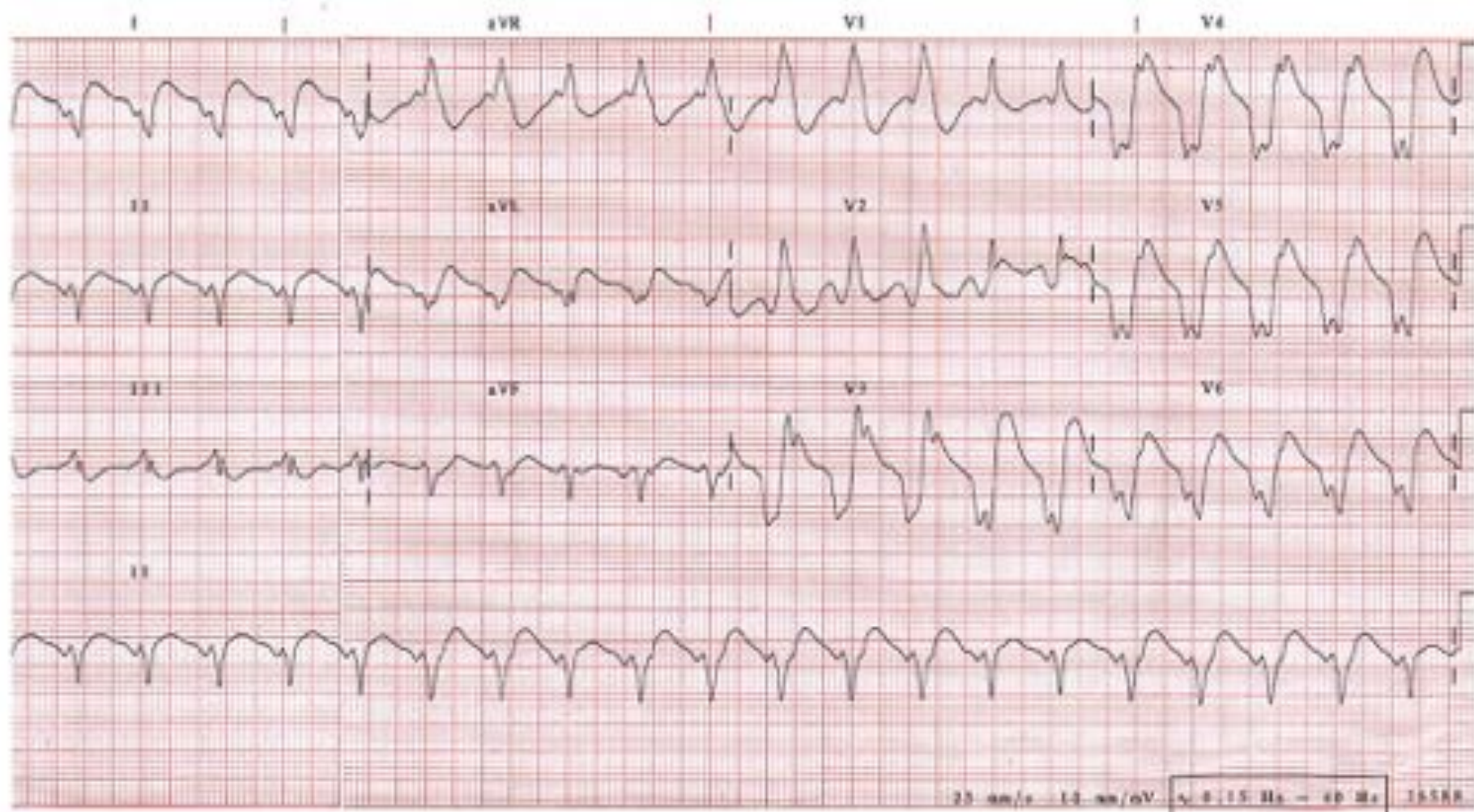




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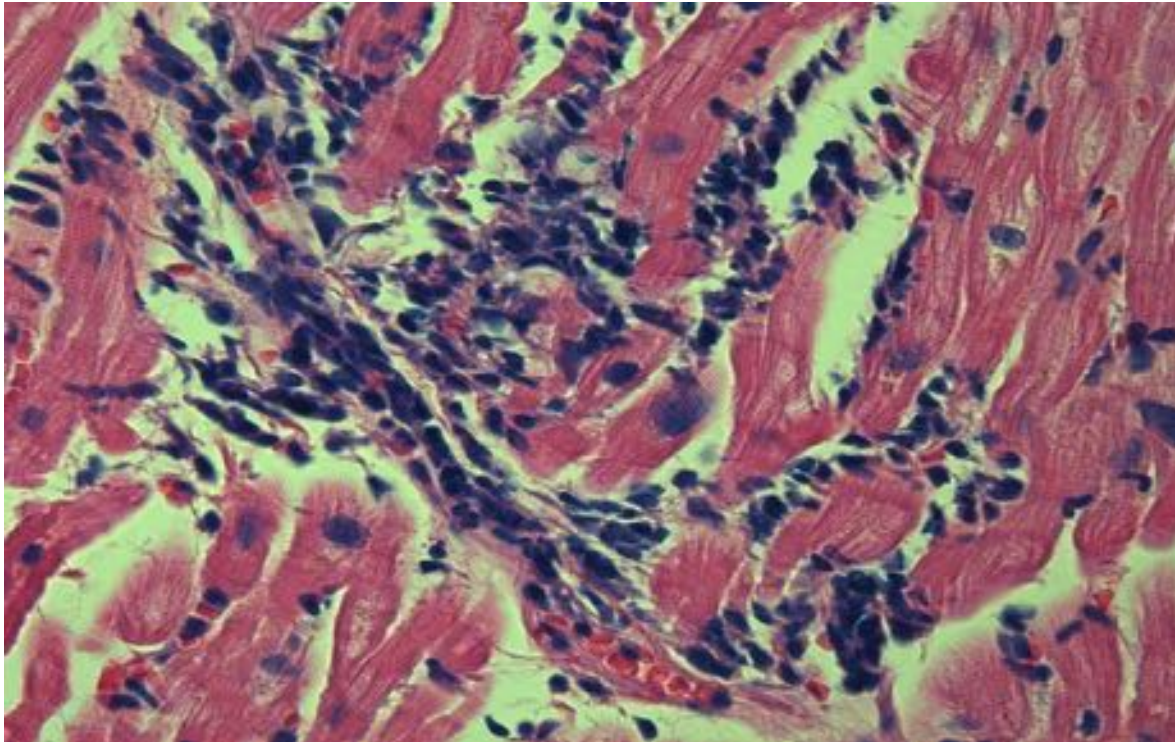


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## **Report of the 1995 World Health Organization/International Society and Federation of Cardiology Task Force on the Definition and Classification of cardiomyopathies.**

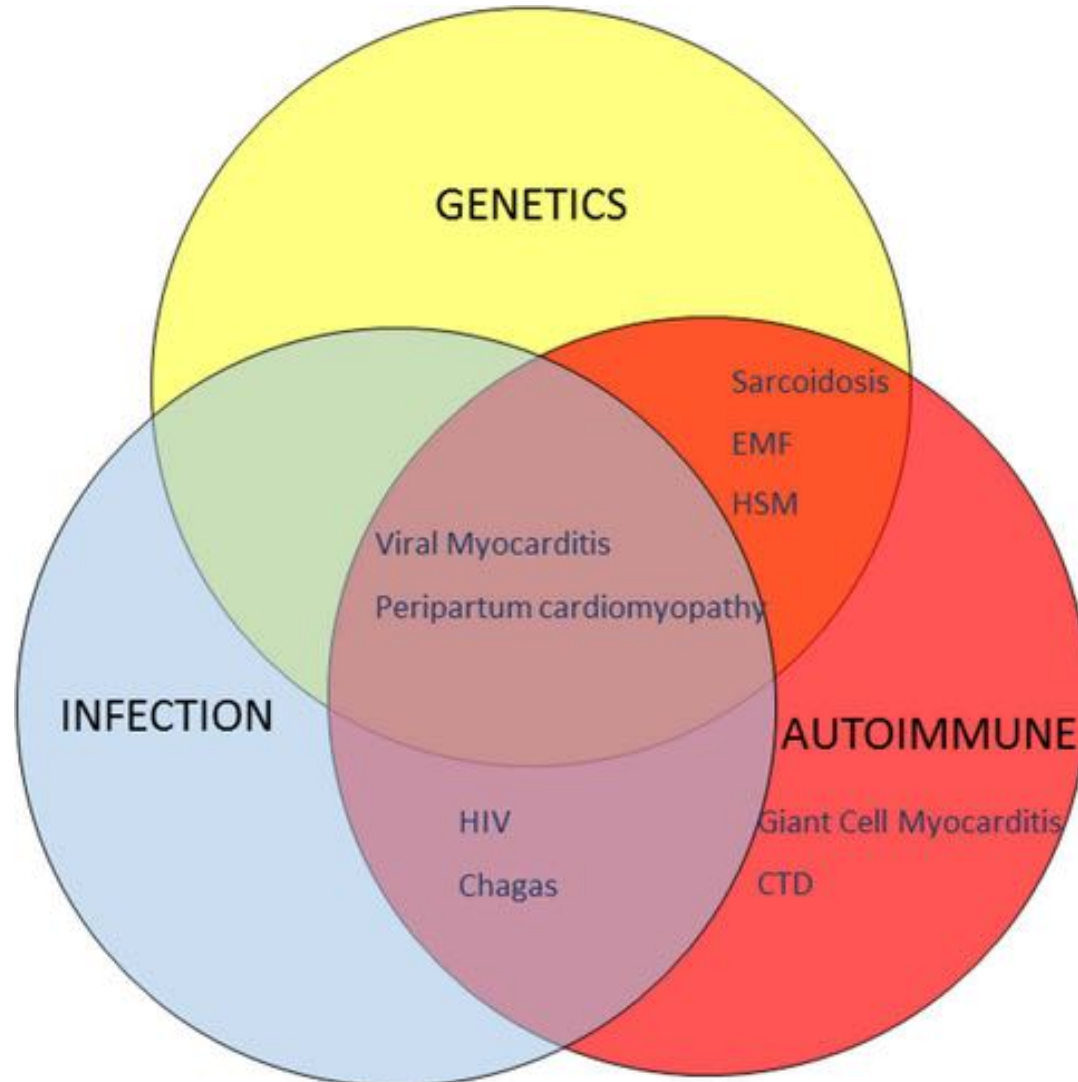
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**La MIOCARDITE è una malattia infiammatoria del miocardio, con coinvolgimento di miociti, interstizio ed endotelio vascolare. La diagnosi si basa su criteri istopatologici ed immunoistochimici**

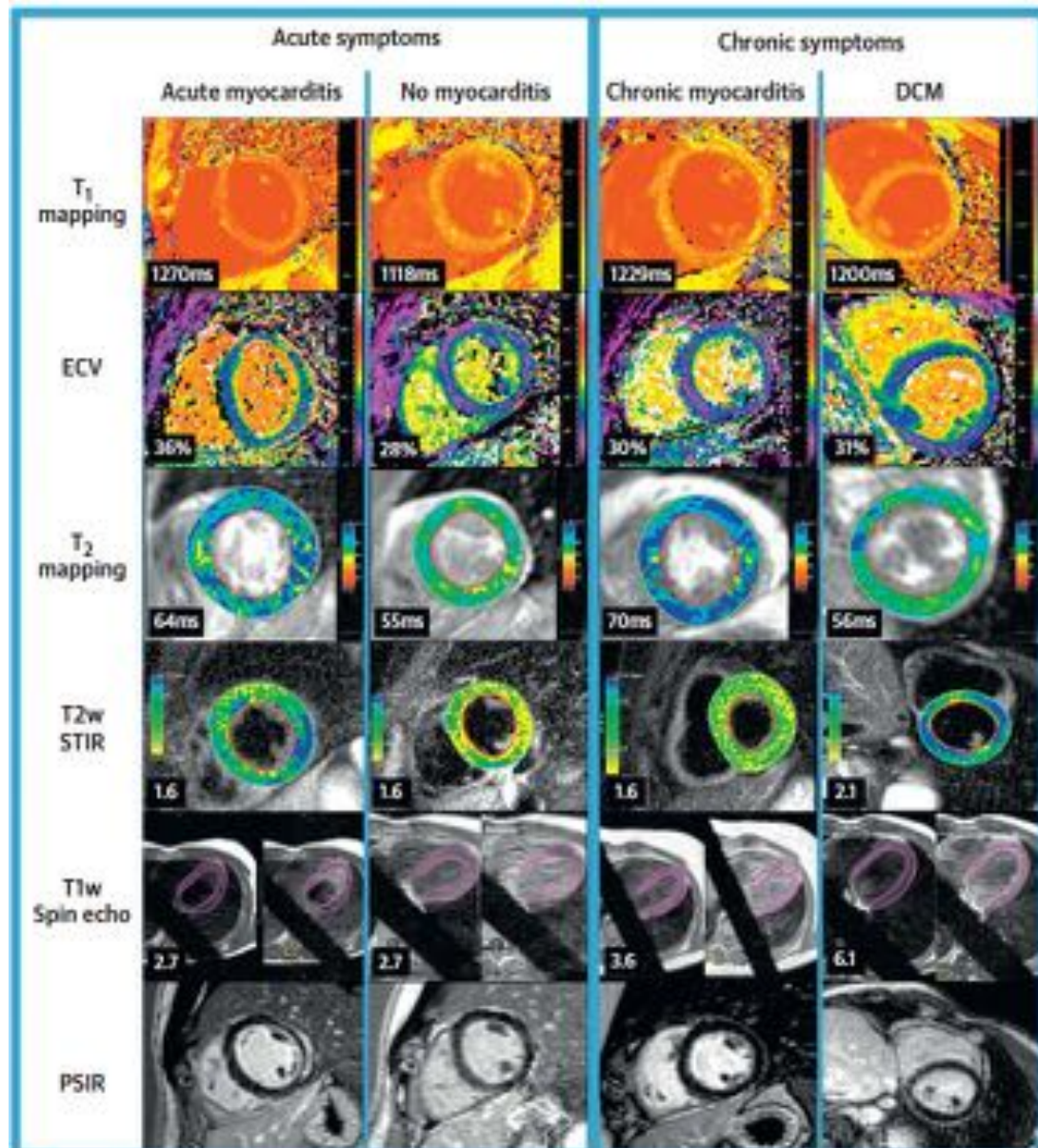
# Inflammatory Cardiomyopathic Syndromes

Diagram showing current evidence for overlapping theories of common causes of inflammatory cardiomyopathy



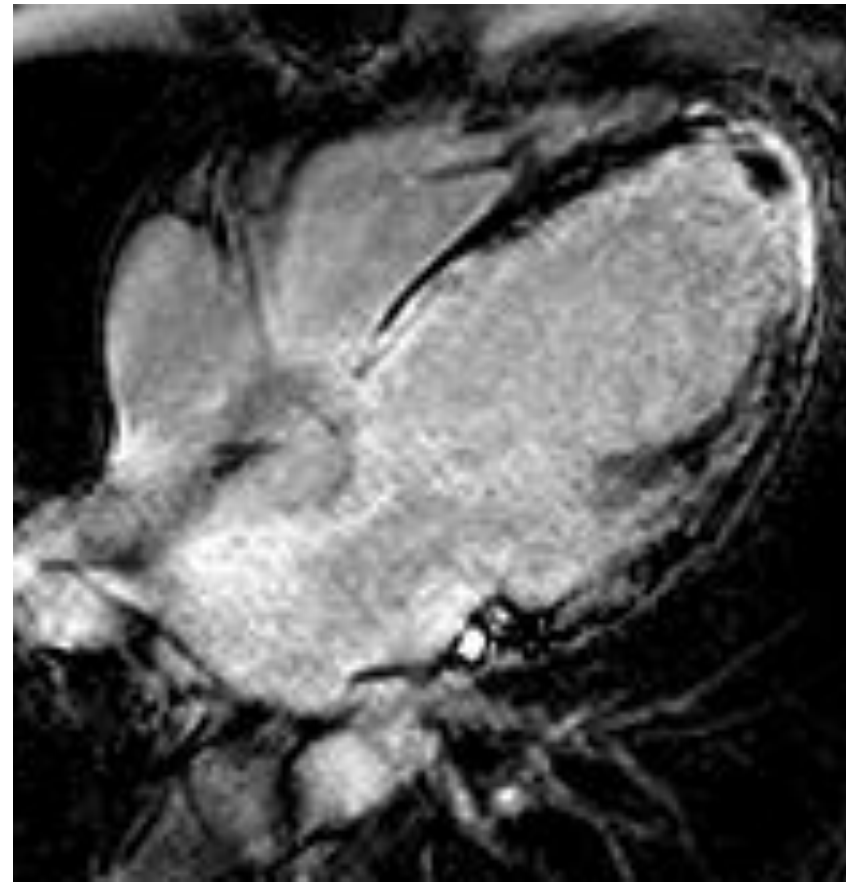
# Comprehensive Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Patients With Suspected Myocarditis

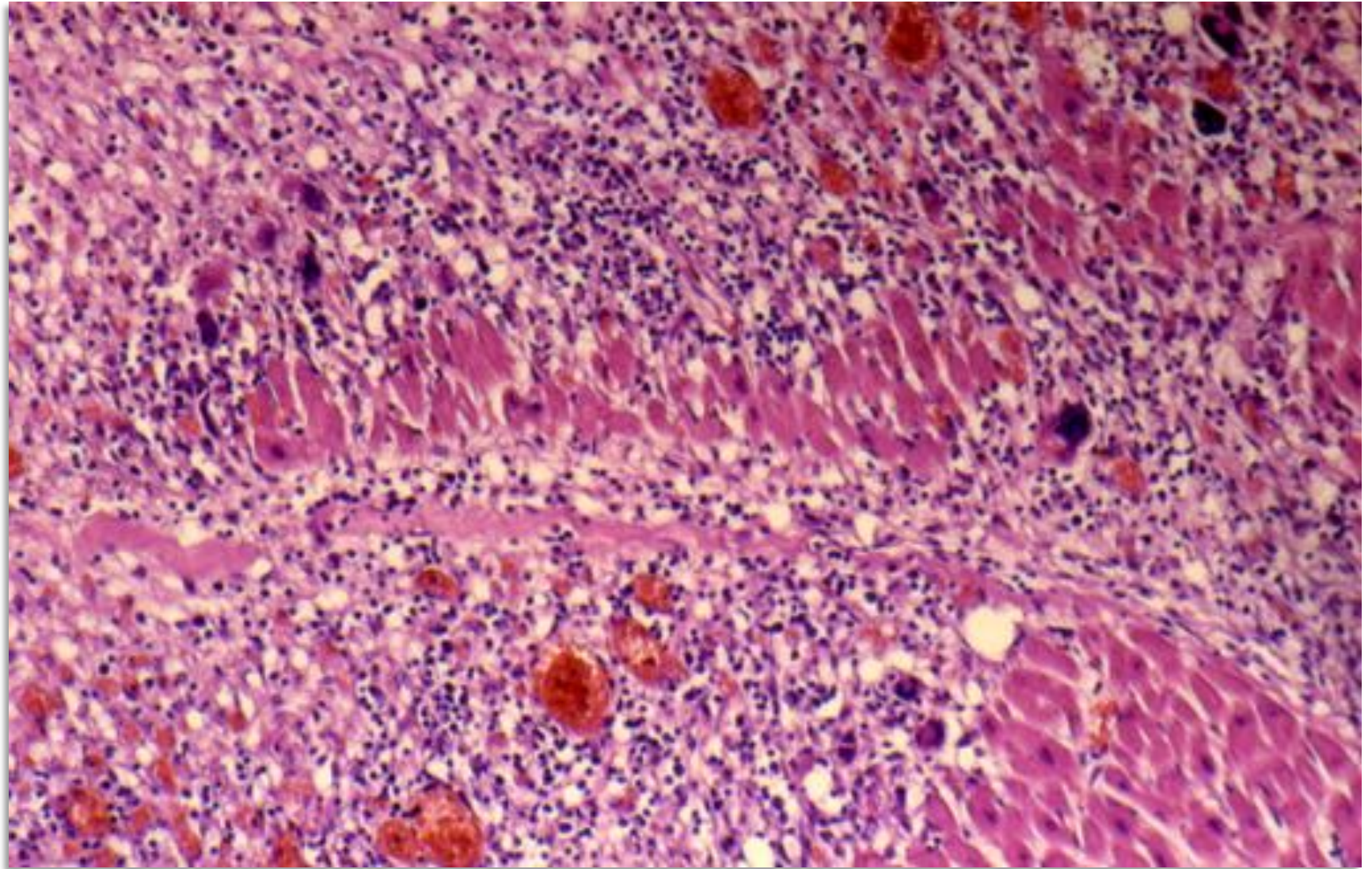
## The MyoRacer-Trial

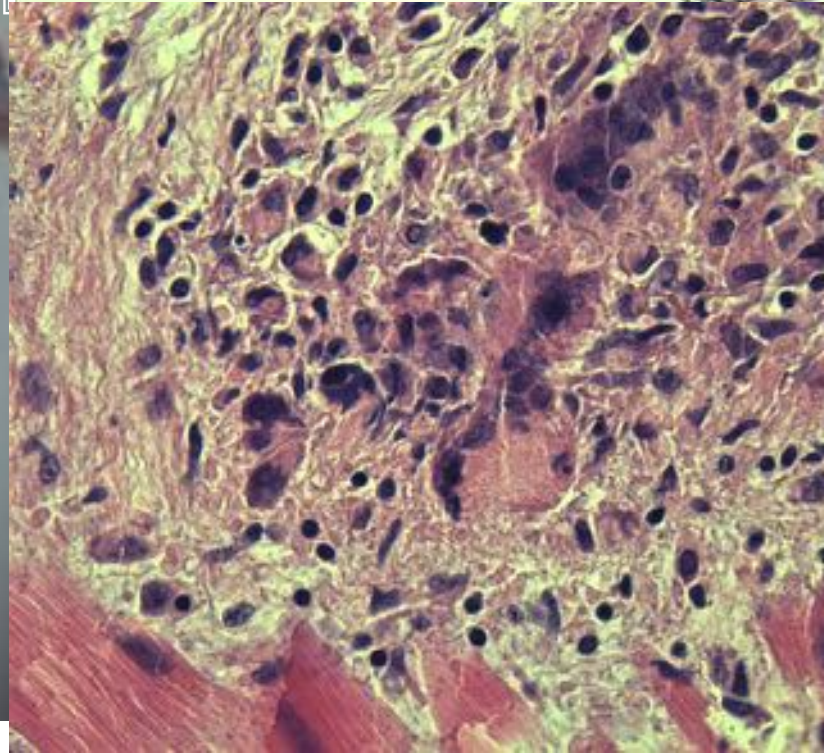
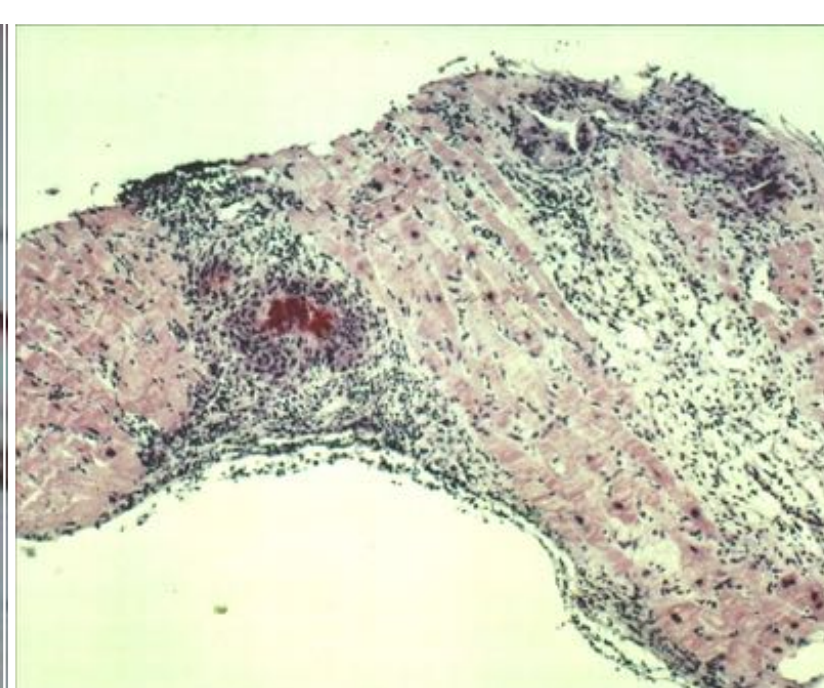
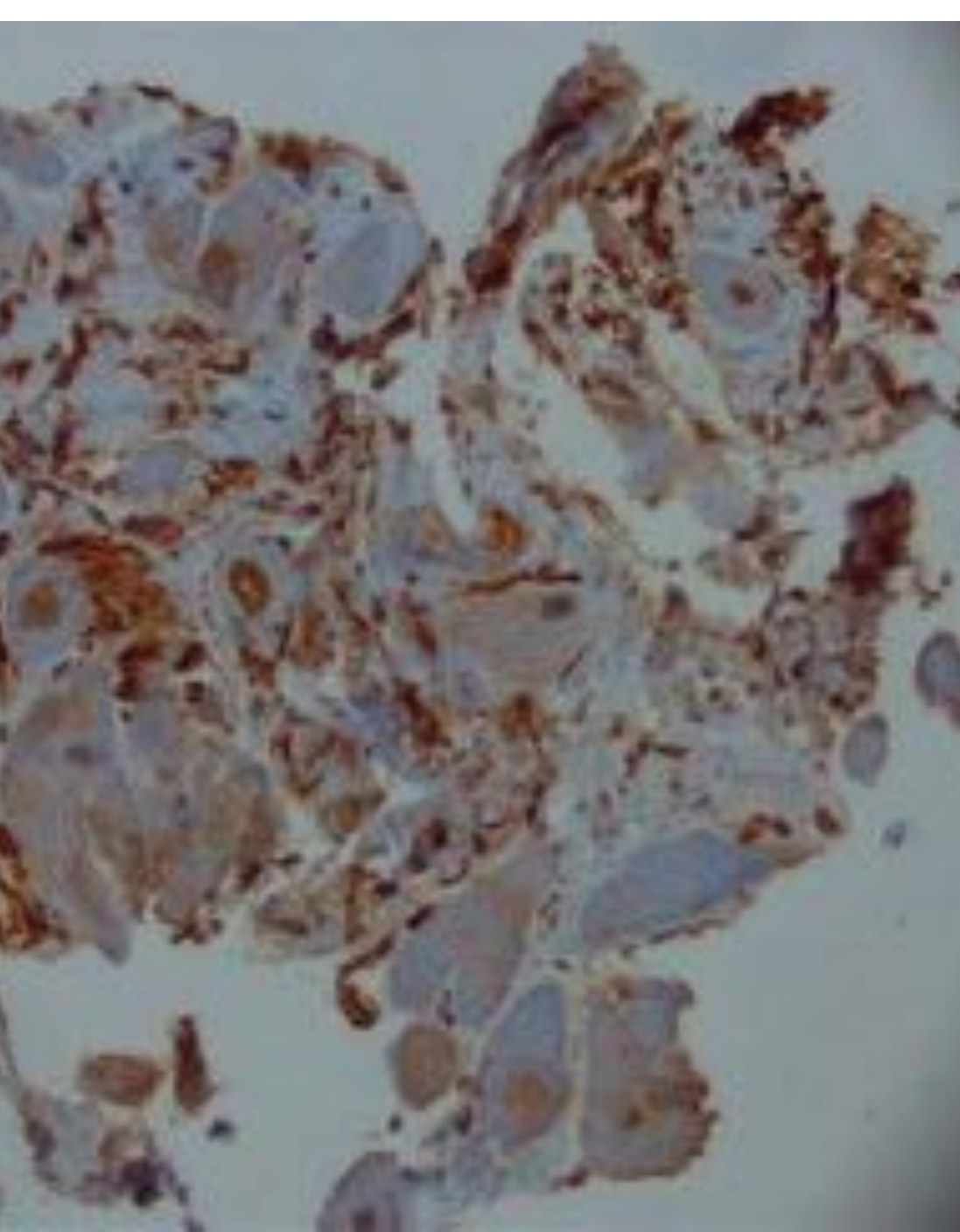




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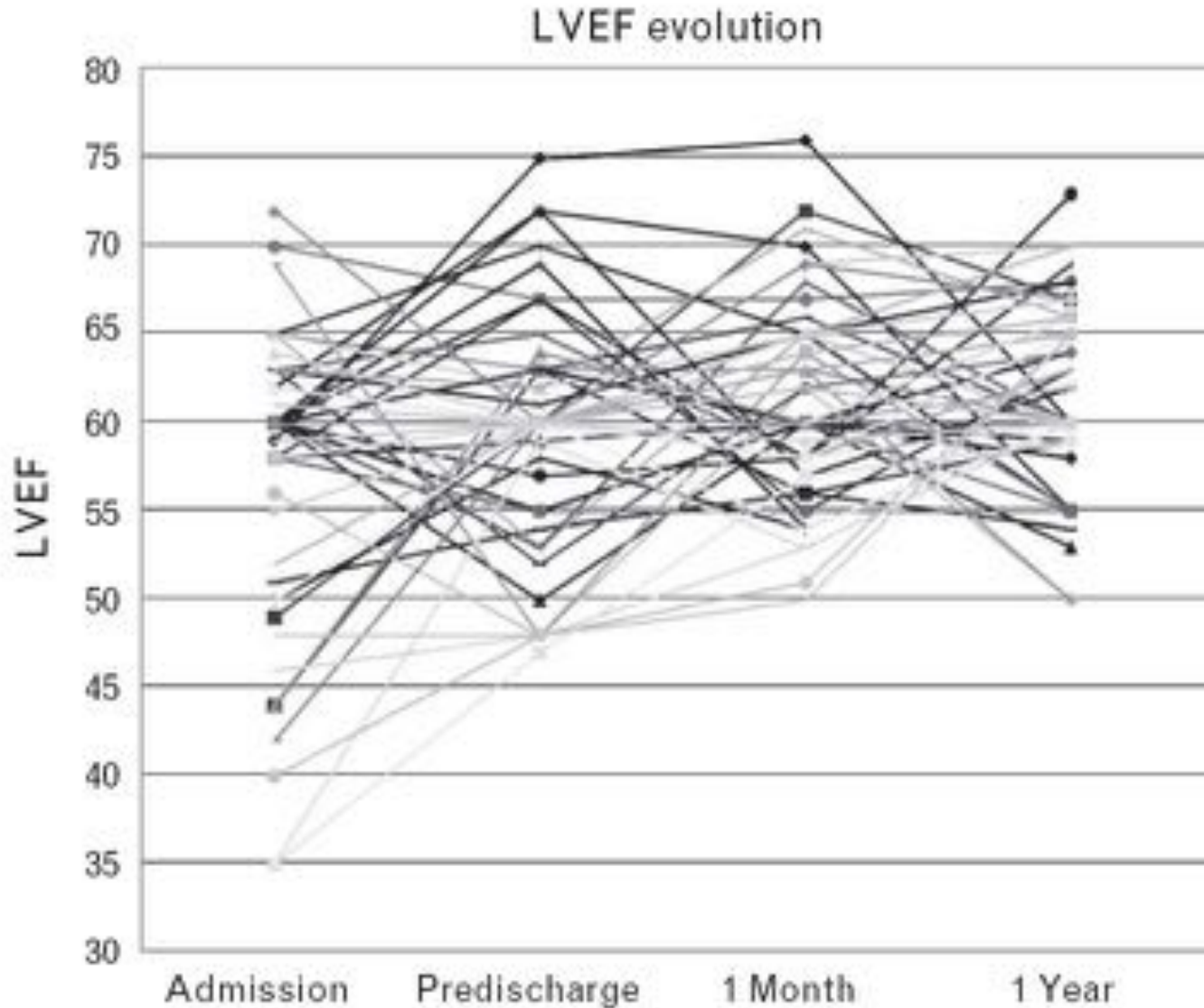






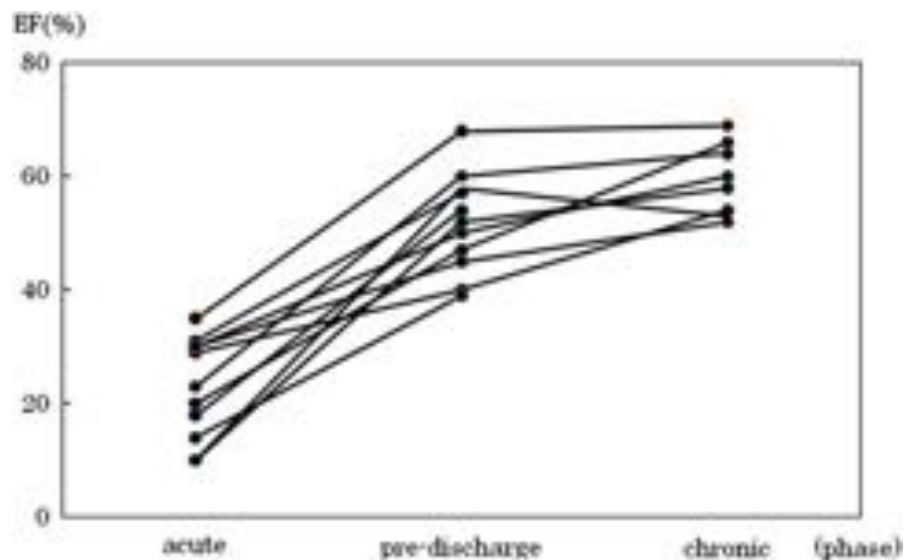
# Clinical presentation and long-term follow-up of perimyocarditis

Buiatti, Sinagra et al  
J Cardiovasc Med 2012, 13:000-000



# Long-term follow-up on cardiac function following fulminant myocarditis requiring percutaneous extracorporeal cardiopulmonary support

20 patients  
 Mean age  $45 \pm 19$   
 NYHA IV  
 13 lymphocitic  
 7 non lymphocitic



**Table 2** Time course of diastolic dimension and systolic dimension by echocardiography

	Acute phase	Predischarge	Chronic phase
Dd (mm)	$46.8 \pm 7.4$	$51.3 \pm 2.9$	$50.4 \pm 1.8$
Ds (mm)	$41.4 \pm 7.7$	$36.8 \pm 4.0$	$35.2 \pm 3.3$
EF (%)	$22.7 \pm 9.8$	$53.1 \pm 7.2$	$57.2 \pm 9.6^*$
IVS (mm)	$11.6 \pm 2.2$	$8.7 \pm 2.3$	$7.6 \pm 1.6^*$
LVPW (mm)	$12.5 \pm 3.2$	$8.8 \pm 1.8$	$8.1 \pm 1.4^*$
LAD (mm)	$29.3 \pm 6.4$	$33.4 \pm 4.1$	$36.0 \pm 4.1^*$

The cardiac function of patients with fulminant myocarditis recovers rapidly during their stay in hospital. The cardiac function of pre-discharge patients remains unchanged in the chronic phase. The long-term survival of fulminant myocarditis appears favorable in the chronic phase.

# The fate of acute myocarditis between spontaneous improvement and evolution to dilated cardiomyopathy: a review

Evolution to dilated cardiomyopathy in patients with acute myocarditis

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Number of patients</i>	<i>Diagnosis</i>	<i>Evolution to DCM (%)</i>	<i>Mean follow up or range</i>
Bengtsson 1966 <sup>30</sup>	90	Clinical	15	60 months
Helin 1968 <sup>31</sup>	12	Clinical	0	7 months
Sainani 1968 <sup>32</sup>	19	Clinical	0	3 months
Smith 1970 <sup>33</sup>	42	Clinical	7	84 months
Gerzen 1972 <sup>34</sup>	18	Clinical	28	12 months
Levi 1977 <sup>35</sup>	10	Clinical	0	42–68 months
Kitaura 1979 <sup>36</sup>	11	Histology	27	18–156 months
Edwards 1982 <sup>37</sup>	5	Histology	20	6–12 months
Kayakawa 1983 <sup>38</sup>	20	Clinical	30	49 months
Fenoglio 1983 <sup>39</sup>	18	Histology	17	12 months
Kayakawa 1984 <sup>38</sup>	10	Clinical	30	55 months
Daly 1984 <sup>40</sup>	9 (IS 9)	Histology	22	6 months
Dec 1985 <sup>13</sup>	18	Histology	11	6–12 months
Das 1985 <sup>11</sup>	18	Clinical	11	54 months
Billingham 1986 <sup>41</sup>	20 (IS 15)	Histology	40	5 months
Giesecke 1987 <sup>28</sup>	45	Clinical	11	3 months
Quigley 1987 <sup>12</sup>	23	Histology	52	43 months
Weiss 1987 <sup>42</sup>	13 (IS 1)	Histology	46	36 months
Anderson 1987 <sup>44</sup>	10	Histology	20	6–12 months
Sekiguchi 1988 <sup>17</sup>	20	Histology	10	49 months
Salvi 1990 <sup>43</sup>	38 (IS 28)	Histology	29	49 months
Davidoff 1991 <sup>46</sup>	36 (IS 20)	Histology	19	30 months
Sekiguchi 1994 <sup>45</sup>	90	Histology	14	45 months
Mansch 1994 <sup>48</sup>	21	Histology	28	6 months
Mason 1995 <sup>21</sup>	47	Histology	17	52 months
Sinagra 1997 <sup>28</sup>	56 (IS 36)	Histology	39	48 months
Total	719		Mean 21%	Mean fu 33 months

# Registro Cardiomiopatie di Trieste - Miocarditi

	Pop. totale (82; 100%)	SCC (53; 65%)	Aritmie (20; 24%)	Pseudo-IMA (9; 11%)	p value *
<b>Recente virosi</b> – no. (%)	58(70)	39(74)	13(65)	6(67)	0.742
<b>Puntura d'insetto</b> – no. (%)	12(15)	4(8)	8(40)	0(0)	0.001
<b>Durata sintomi</b> – giorni	8[1-30]	15[5-54]	3.5[1-12]	1[1-14]	0.013
<b>NYHA III-IV</b> – no. (%)	39(48)	36(68)	3(15)	0(0)	<0.001
<b>Press. Art. Sist.</b> – mmHg	123±20	118±19	134±20	126±23	0.009
<b>Frequenza cardiaca</b> – bpm	88±28	98±26	64±19	84±22	<0.001
<b>BBS</b> – no. (%)	12(15)	10(19)	2(10)	0(0)	0.266
<b>DASI</b> – mm/m <sup>2</sup>	22±5	24±5	18±3	19±3	<0.001
<b>DTD VS I</b> – mm/m <sup>2</sup>	34[29-38]	36[33-40]	26[25-32]	27[26-30]	<0.001
<b>FE VS</b> – %	32[24-52]	28[21-32]	57[49-64]	56[53-64]	<0.001
<b>FE VS &lt; 50 %</b> – no. (%)	59(72)	53(100)	5(25)	1(11)	<0.001

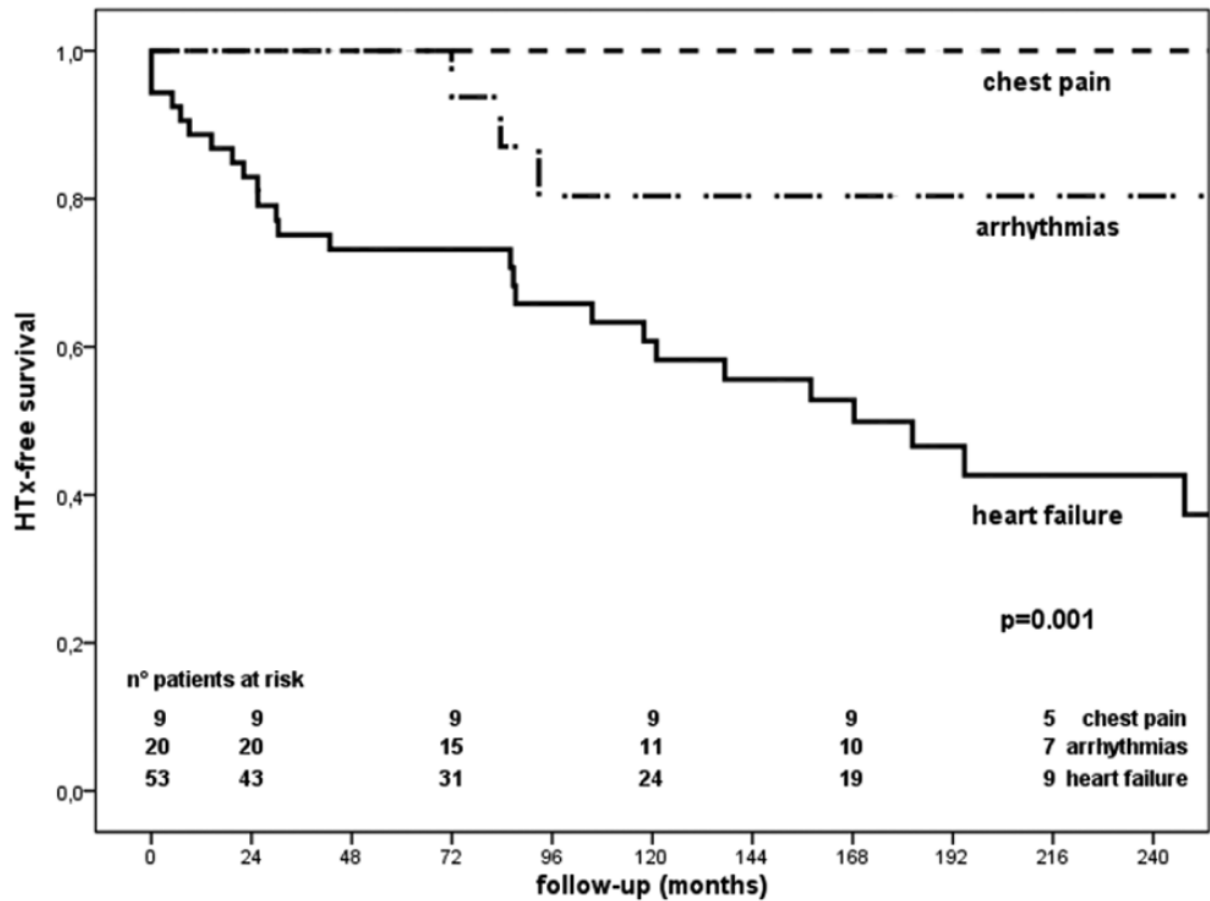
\* p tra i gruppi (analisi della varianza)

## Long-Term Evolution and Prognostic Stratification of Biopsy-Proven Active Myocarditis

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**82 pts; Fup 147 mo;  
53% 6 mo impr/norm  
LVEF**

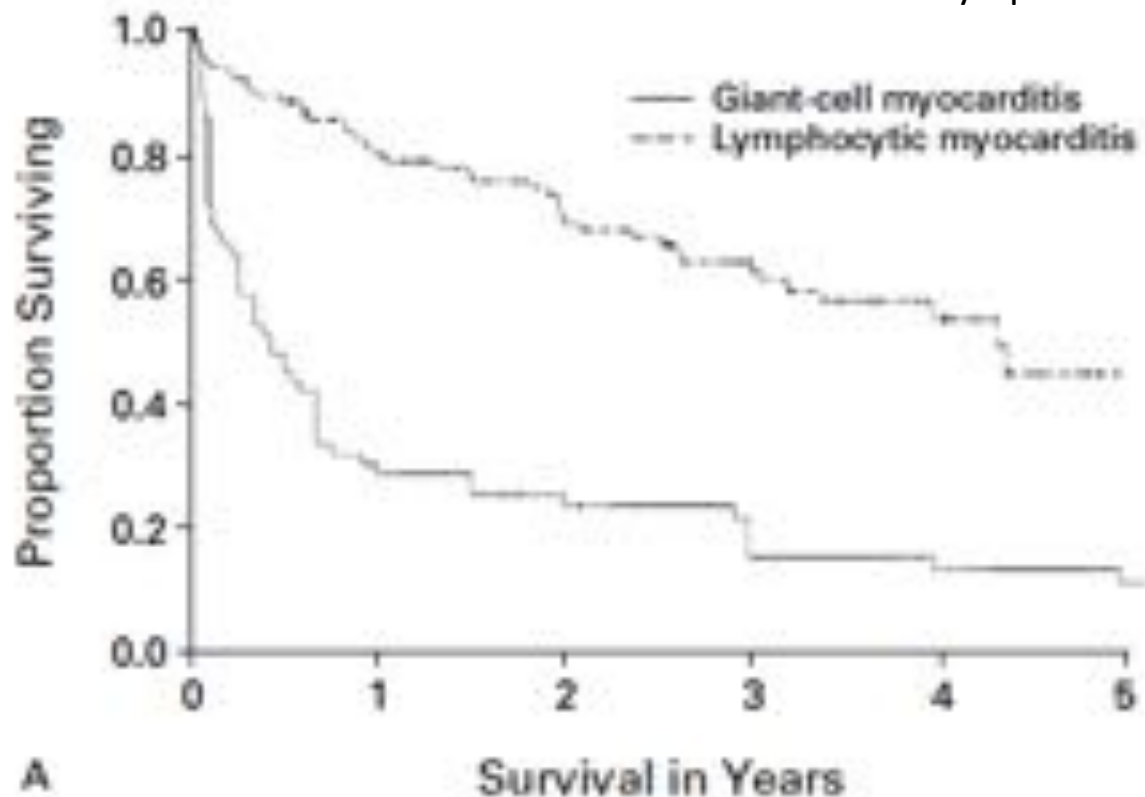


# IDIOPATHIC GIANT-CELL MYOCARDITIS — NATURAL HISTORY AND TREATMENT



63 patient with biopsy proven giant cell myocarditis  
mean age  $42.6 \pm 12.7$  years

Duration of survival from the onset of symptoms



# Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Acute Fulminant Myocarditis in Adult Patients: A 5-Year Multi-Institutional Experience

Table 5. Review of Published Studies That Included 6 or More Adults Patients Affected by Acute Fulminant Myocarditis and Supported by ECMO

Reference	Time Span	Patients, n	ECMO Weaning, n (%)	Survival to Hospital Discharge, n (%)	Postoperative Survival, % (follow-up, years)
Kawahito et al [19]	1991–1997	6	5 (80)	5 (80)	NA
Aoyama et al [5]	1989–2000	52	42 (80.7)	31 (59.6)	NA
Chen et al [9]	1994–2001	15	14 (93)	11 (73)	NA
Asaumi et al [13]	1993–2001	6	4 (67)	4 (67)	NA
Maejima et al [14]	1991–2000	8	NA	6 (75)	100 (range, 1.4–5.9)
Sezai et al [20]	1999–2006	7	7 (100)	7 (100)	NA
Pages et al [6]	2001–2006	6	5 (83)	5 (83)	80% (1)
Thiagarajan et al [21]	1992–2007	16	NA	9 (56)	NA
Hsu et al [10]	1994–2009	51	NA	31 (61)	NA
Mirabel et al [12]	2002–2009	35	NA	24 (69)	100 (1.5)
Beurtheret et al [22]	2005–2009	14	NA	9 (65)	NA
Diddle et al [6]	1995–2014	147	101 (69)	90 (61)	NA

Cardiopulmonary support with VAECMO provides an invaluable tool in the treatment of AFM, although major complications may characterize the hospital course. Long-term outcome appears favorable with rare episodes of recurrent myocarditis or cardiac related events.

# Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation for Acute Fulminant Myocarditis in Adult Patients: A 5-Year Multi-Institutional Experience

*Table 2. ECMO-Related Data*

Variable	Value
ECMO run, days	9.9 ± 19
Cardiac recovery	
No	14 (24.5)
Yes	43 (75.5)
Cardiac recovery time, days	9.0 ± 10.6
In-hospital major complications	
No	17 (29.9)
Yes	40 (70.1)

*Table 4. Multivariate Analysis*

Variable	$\beta$	SE	Exp ( $\beta$ )	<i>p</i> Value
pH before ECMO implantation	-14.251	7.148	.000	0.046
Lactate normalization, hours from ECMO implantation	0.029	0.012	1.029	0.013
Cardiac recovery	5.288	1.769	197.930	0.003

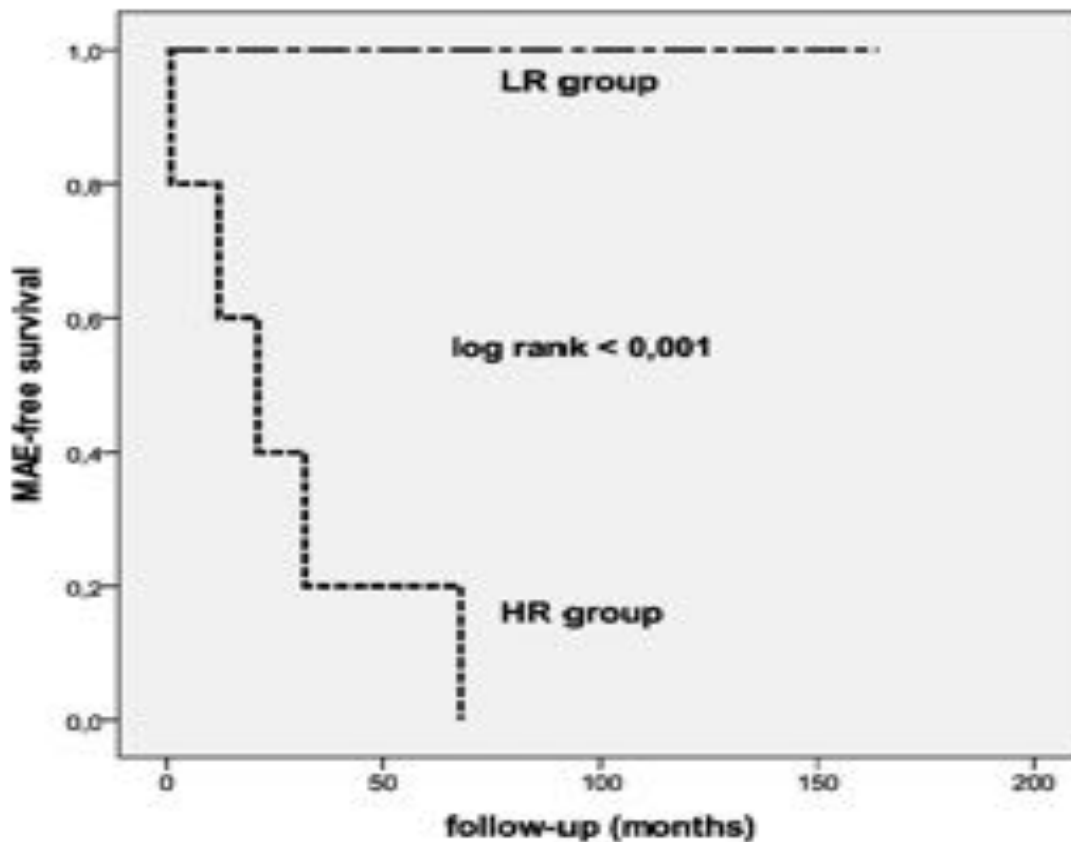


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Arrhythmic risk prediction of acute myocarditis presenting with life-threatening ventricular tachyarrhythmias

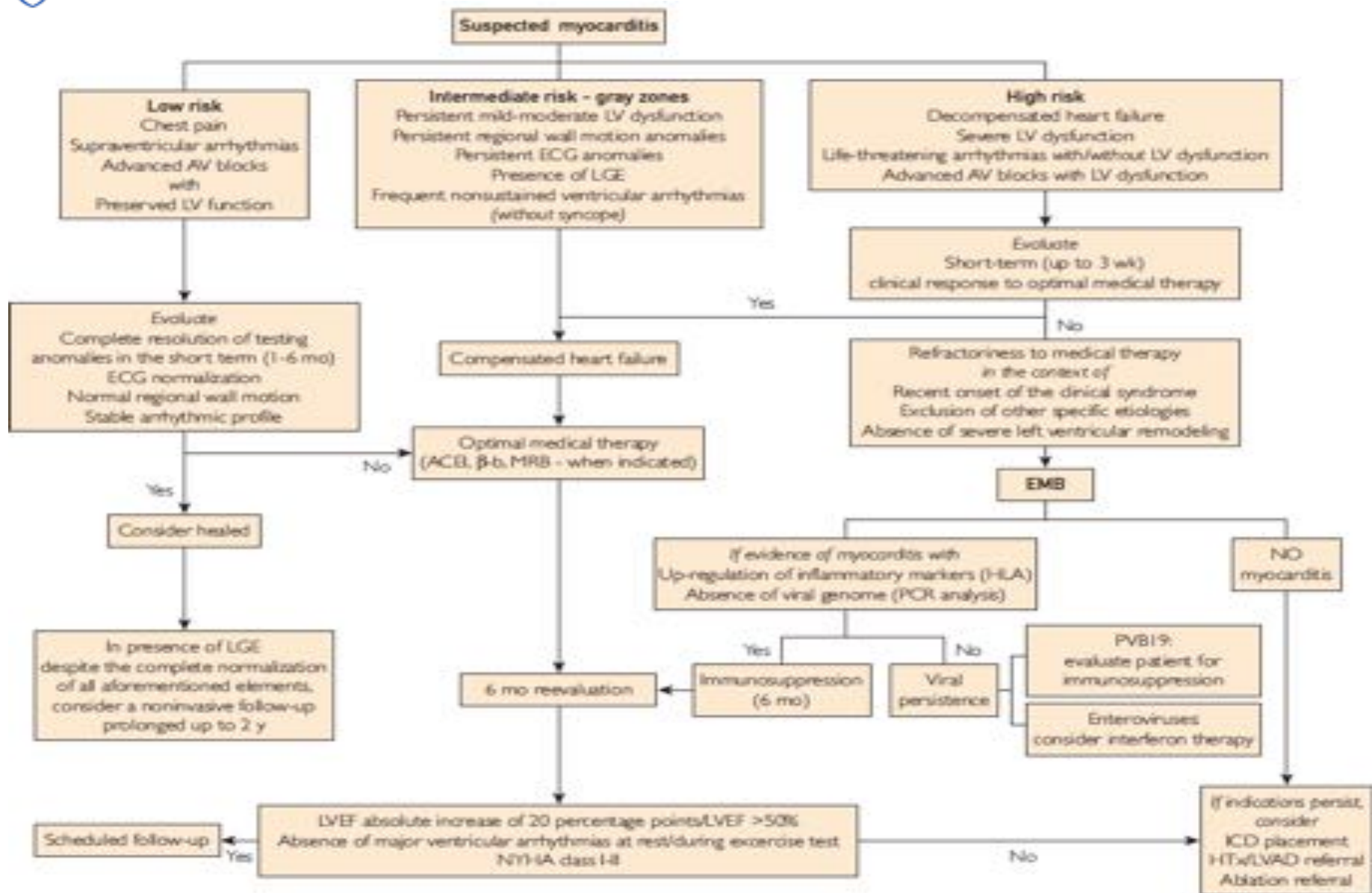
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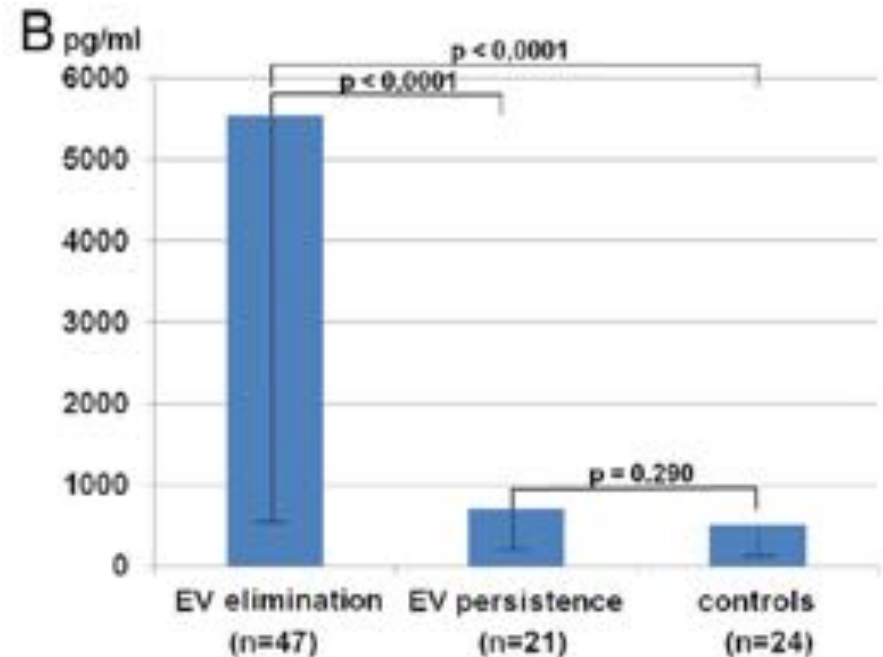
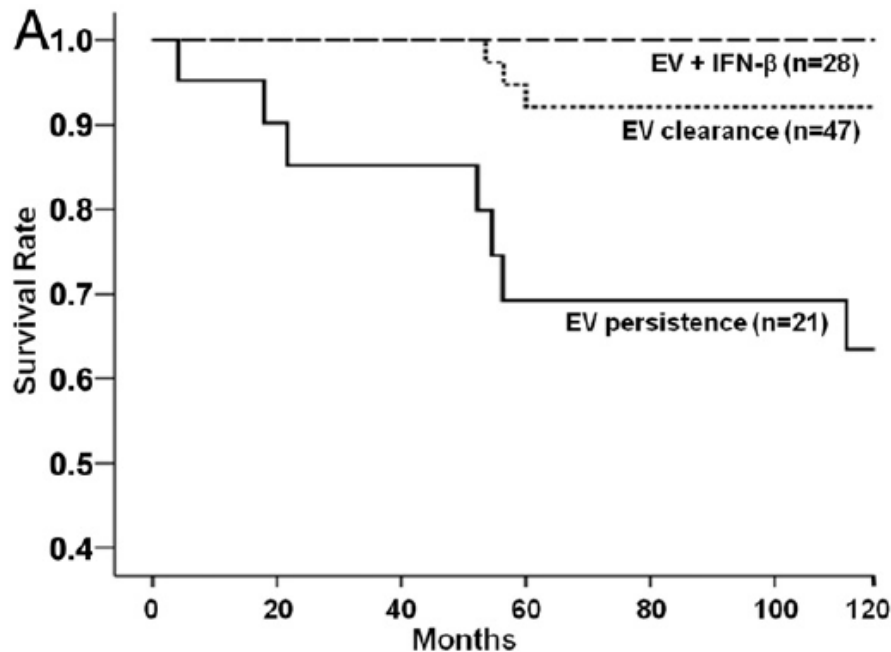


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**Esordio con SCC clinico**  
**EF basale < 35%**  
**Segmenti acinetici / Evoluzione**  
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Fig. 1. Kaplan-Meier curves — MAE-free survival in HR vs LR patients. HR: high risk; LR: low risk; MAE: major arrhythmic events.



# Interferon-Beta Improves Survival in Enterovirus-Associated Cardiomyopathy





# Anti-viral therapies: interferon-beta

## Betaferon in chronic viral cardiomyopathy (BICC) trial: Effects of interferon- $\beta$ treatment in patients with chronic viral cardiomyopathy

Response variable	Adeno/enterovirus (stratum 1, n = 15)		Parvovirus (stratum 2, n = 128)		Differences between strata	
	Placebo (n = 6)	IFN- $\beta$ -1b (n = 9)	Placebo (n = 42)	IFN- $\beta$ -1b (n = 86)	p (two- sided)	p treatment effect (interaction test)
Overall response (virus elimination/reduction, primary)	1 (16.7 %)	4 (44.4 %)	8 (19.0 %)	29 (33.7 %)	0.646	0.652
NYHA improvement	(n = 5)	(n = 7)	(n = 37/39)	(n = 80)		
Week 0-12	1 (20.0 %)	6 (85.7)	7 (18.9 %)	29 (36.3 %)	<b>0.039</b>	0.160
Week 0-24	1 (20.0 %)	6 (85.7)	11 (28.2 %)	31 (38.8 %)	0.100	0.094
Randomised untreated patients	3		3			

Differences were considered to be statistically significant at a value of  $<0.05$  (bold value)

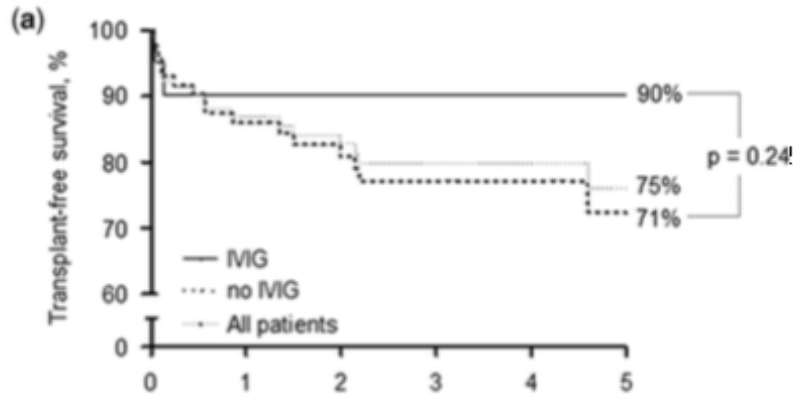
Response variable	Treatment effect	
	Odds ratio IFN- $\beta$ -1b vs. Placebo (adjusted for strata)	p (two-sided)
Overall response (virus elimination, primary)	<b>2.33</b>	<b>0.0487</b>
NYHA improvement		
Week 0-12	<b>3.19</b>	<b>0.013</b>
Week 0-24	2.08	0.073

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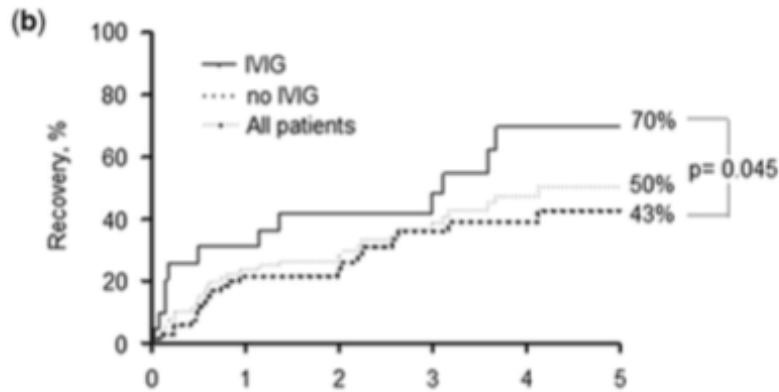
# High dose intravenous immunoglobulin



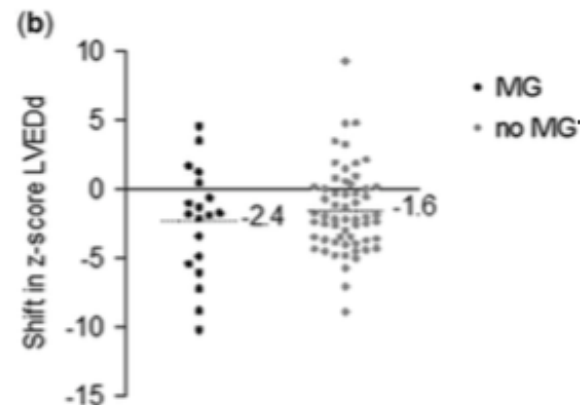
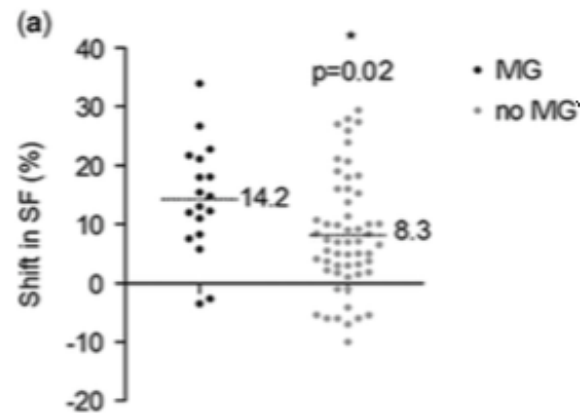
## Intravenous immunoglobulins in children with new onset dilated cardiomyopathy



	Follow-up, y					
No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5
MG	21	15	13	11	6	2
no MG	73	58	45	33	24	14
All patients	94	73	58	44	30	16

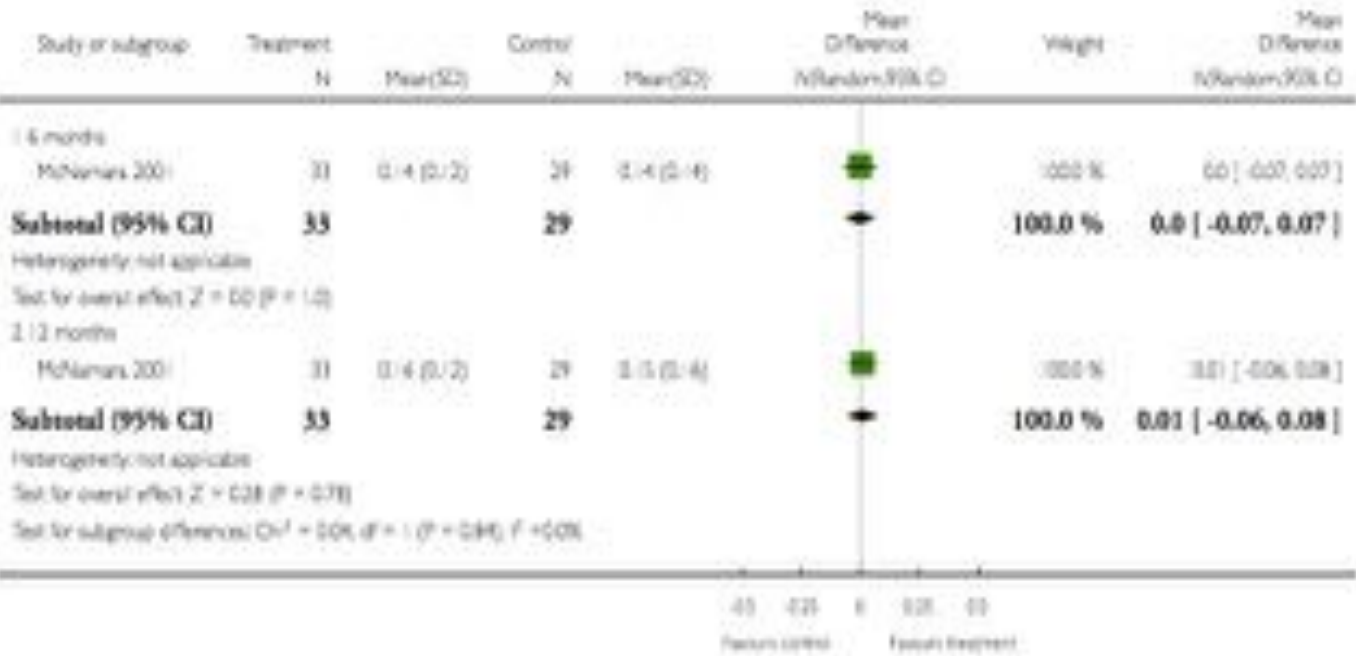
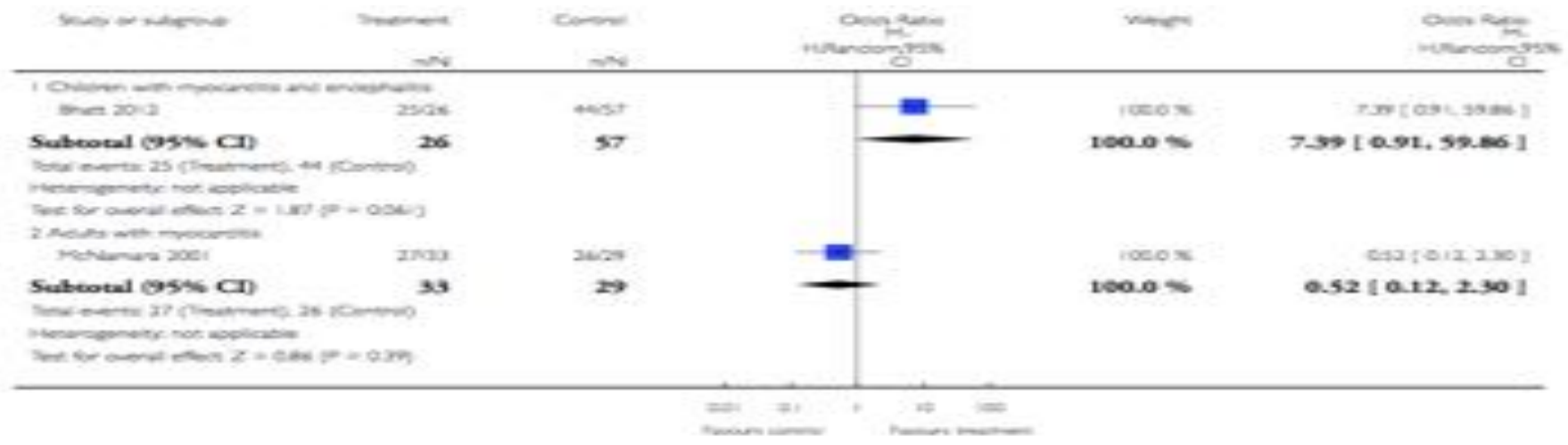


	Follow-up, y					
No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5
MG	21	13	10	8	4	1
no MG	73	46	34	24	18	9
All patients	94	59	44	32	22	10



# High dose intravenous immunoglobulin

## Intravenous immunoglobulin for presumed viral myocarditis in children and adults



Change in LVEF

# Apheresis in the Treatment of Idiopathic Dilated Cardiomyopathy

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Studies examining patients with iDCM have found the presence of viral genome in endomyocardial biopsies in 20–67% of patients. Viruses identified include parvovirus B19 (36.6%), enterovirus (32.6%), human herpes virus 6 (10.5%), and adenovirus (8.1%).

TABLE I. Cardiac Autoantibodies Identified in Idiopathic Dilated Cardiomyopathy [10,11,12,18]

Antigen	Frequency in iDCM (%)	Frequency in ischemic cardiomyopathy (%)	Frequency in healthy controls (%)	Clinical associations
$\alpha$ -Myosin	23–66	4–21	0–2.5	Worsening LVEF and increased diastolic stiffness
$\beta$ 1-Adrenoreceptor	26–46	10–13	1–10	Depressed myocardial function, greater incidence of ventricular arrhythmia, and greater incidence of sudden cardiac death. Presence predicts increased risk of all-cause and cardiovascular mortality
Troponin-I	50	NA	NA	Independent predictor of poor systolic function, ventricular tachycardia, and sudden cardiac death
Na-K-ATPase	26	NA	2	
M2—muscarinic acetylcholine receptor	40	NA	8	Greater incidence of atrial fibrillation

The available evidence suggests that apheresis may be an effective treatment

# The New England Journal of Medicine

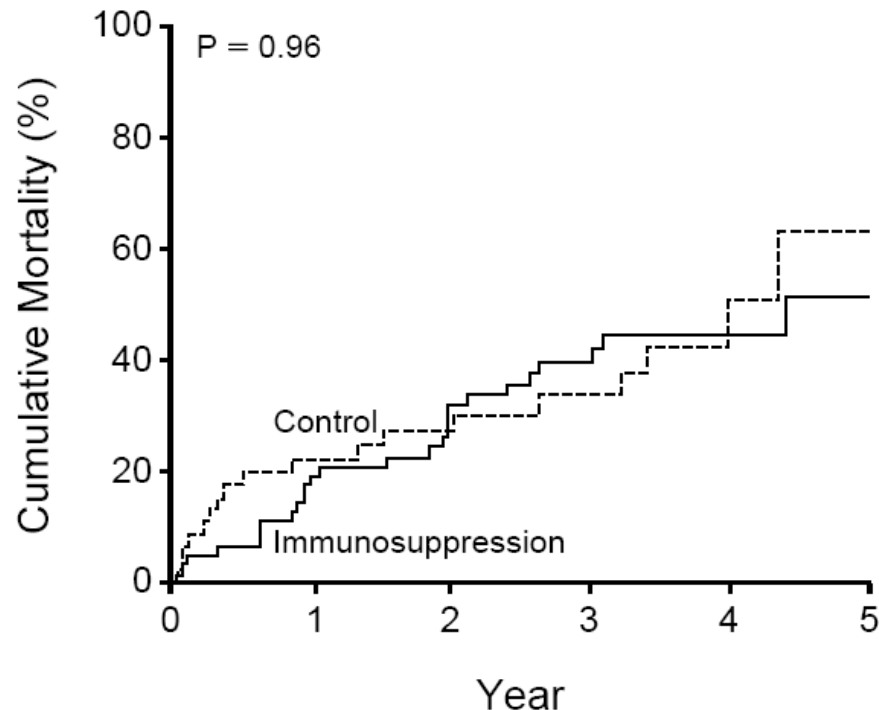
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## A CLINICAL TRIAL OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE THERAPY FOR MYOCARDITIS

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BRUCE M. McMANUS, M.D., PH.D., MARGARET E. BILLINGHAM, M.D., THOMAS E. MOON, PH.D.,  
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**Pazienti con durata di malattia fino a 2 anni**  
**Arruolamento in base a istopatologia tradizionale (Dallas)**

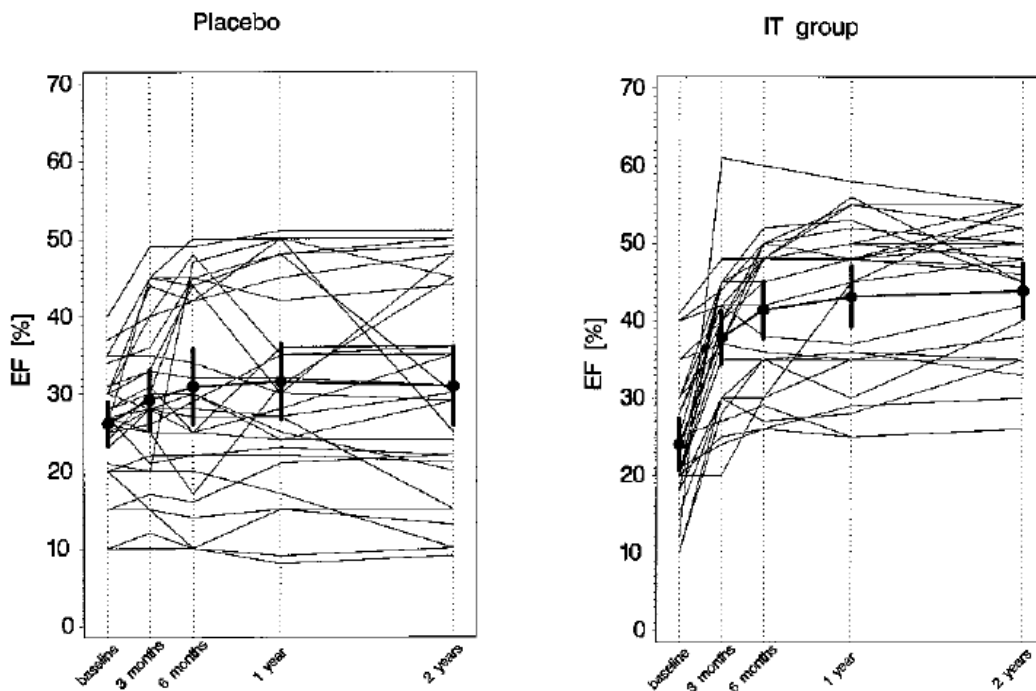


# Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study for Immunosuppressive Treatment of Inflammatory Dilated Cardiomyopathy : Two-Year Follow-Up Results

Romuald Wojnicz, Ewa Nowalany-Kozielska, Celina Wojciechowska, Grazyna Glanowska, Przemyslaw Wilczewski, Tomasz Niklewski, Marian Zembala, Lech Polonski, Marius M.

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**Studio Randomizzato Controllato**

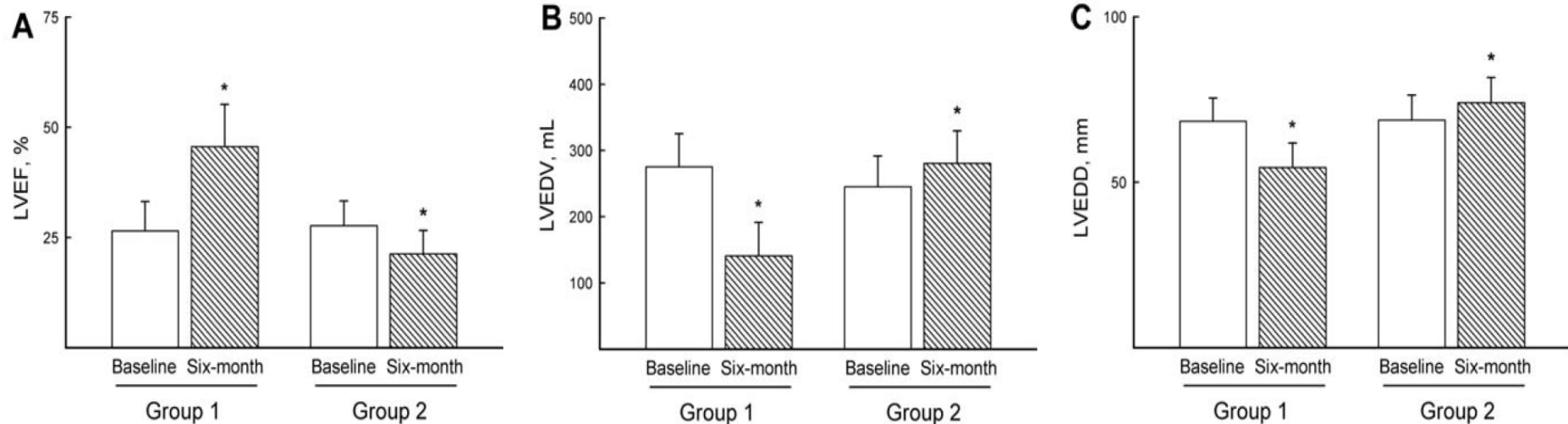
**Pazienti con sintomi di SCC da almeno 6 mesi**

**Arruolamento in base a Immunoistochimica (Immunoattivazione)**

# Randomized study on the efficacy of immunosuppressive therapy in patients with virus-negative inflammatory cardiomyopathy: the TIMIC study

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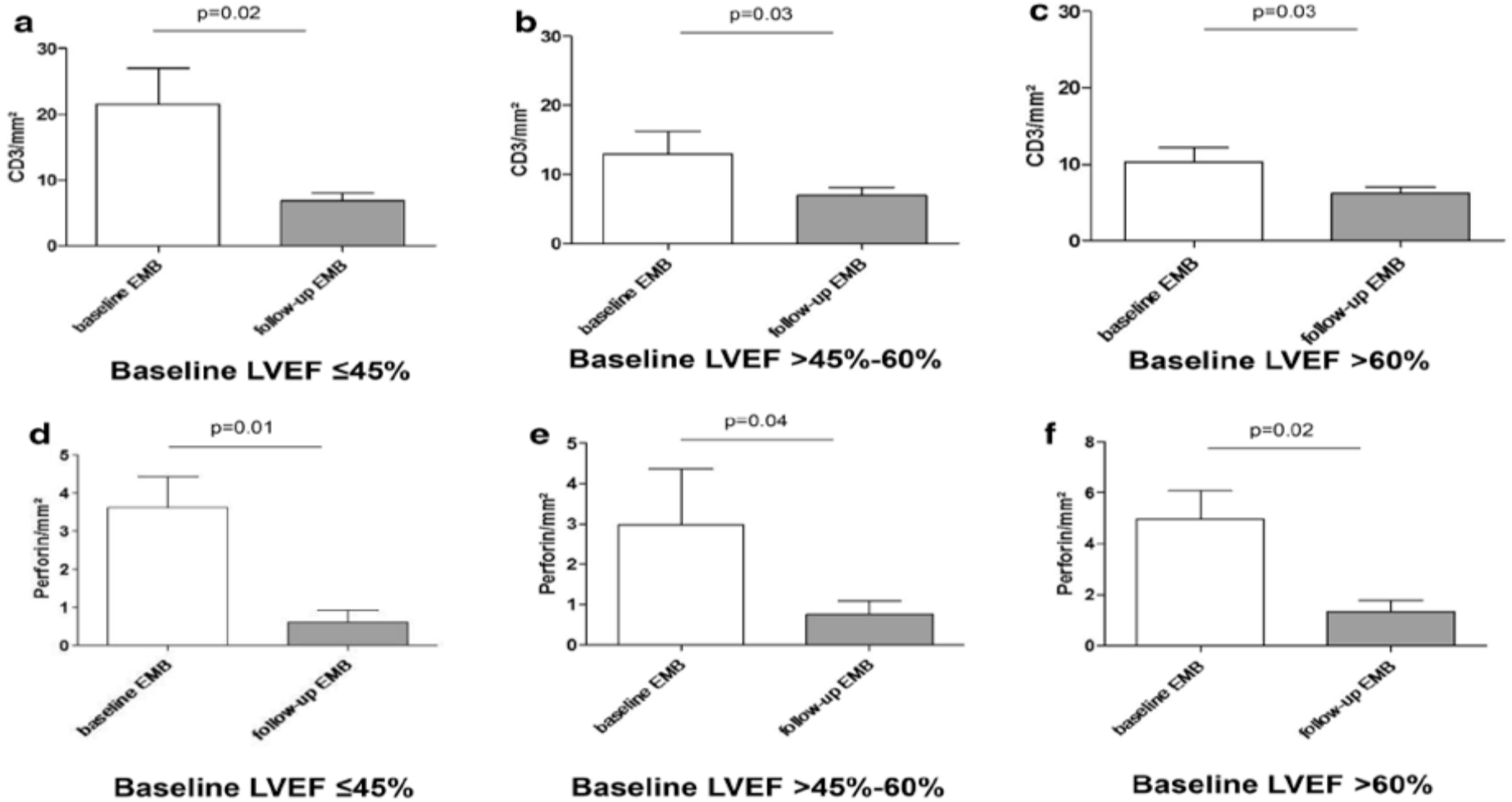
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**Studio Randomizzato Controllato**  
**Pazienti con sintomi di SCC da almeno 6 mesi**  
**Eleggibilità se Immunoistochimica positiva e Virologia negativa**

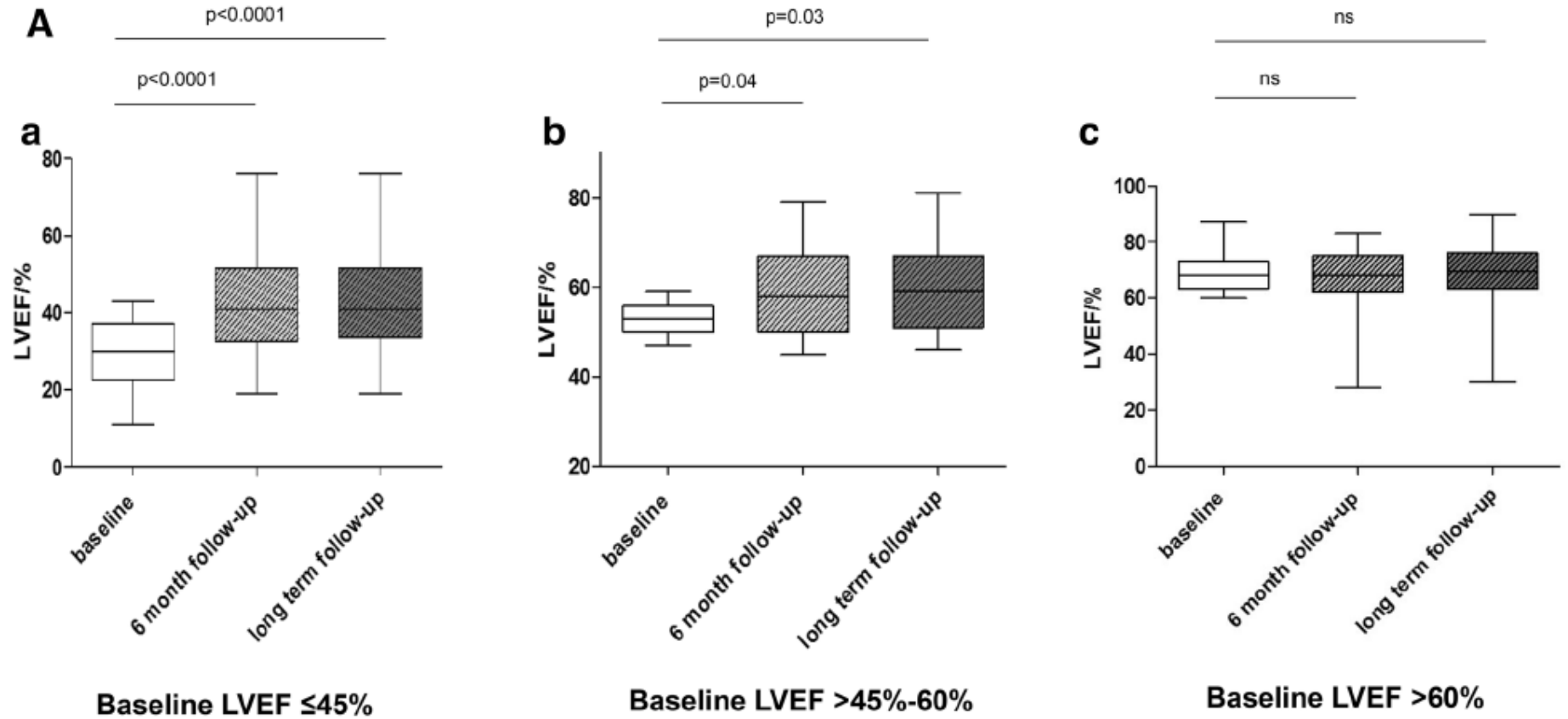
# Long-term outcome of patients with virus-negative chronic myocarditis or inflammatory cardiomyopathy after immunosuppressive therapy

**B**



Immunohistochemical detection of intramyocardial Inflammation according to baseline LVEF

# Long-term outcome of patients with virus-negative chronic myocarditis or inflammatory cardiomyopathy after immunosuppressive therapy



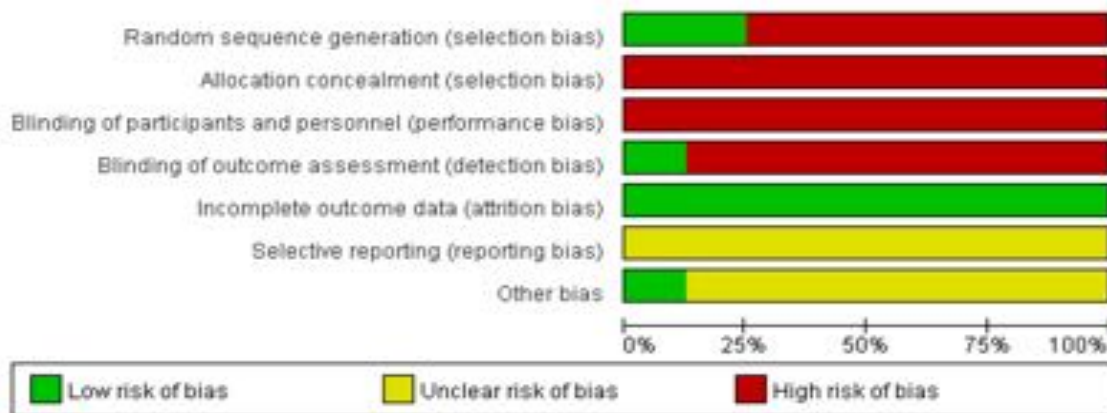
Hemodynamic course at 6 months and at a long-term follow-up period according to baseline LVEF

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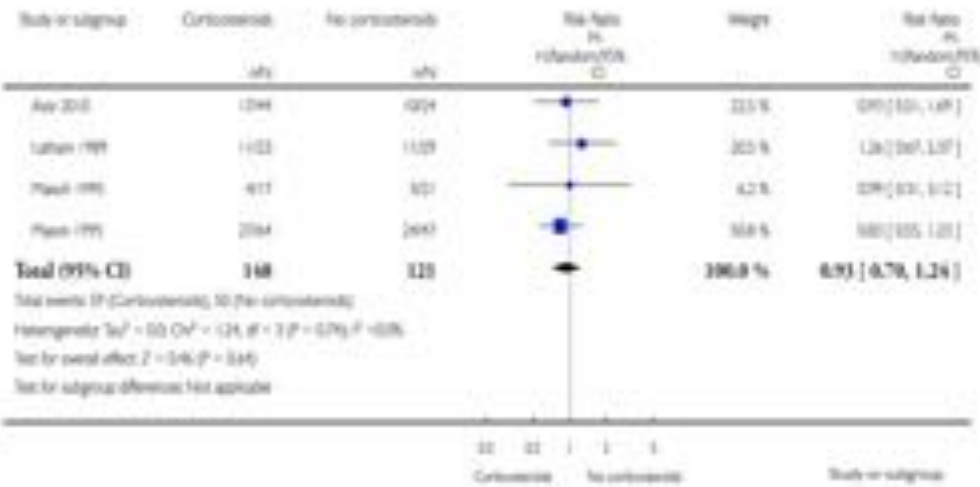


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Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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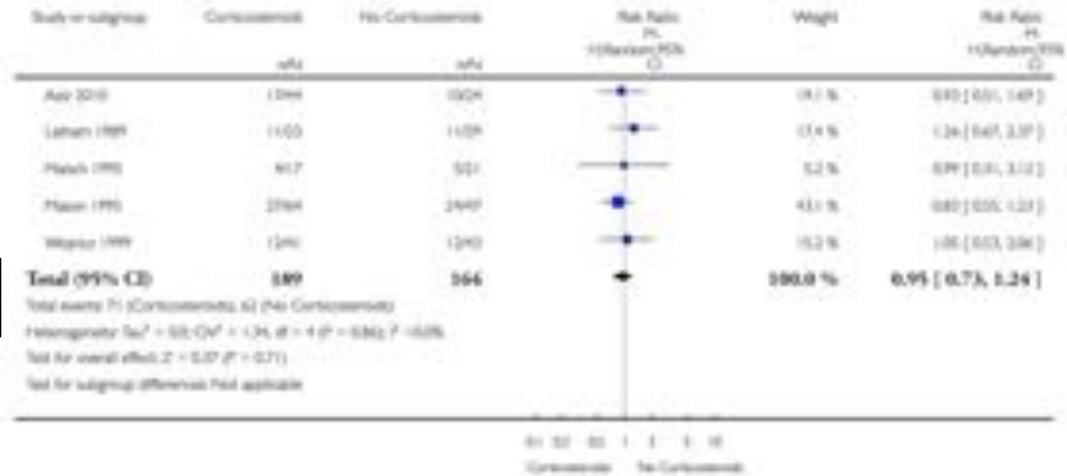
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All cause mortality

CV death or Cardiac trasplant



## Viral myocarditis—diagnosis, treatment options, and current controversies

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### Box 1 | Current recommendations for immunosuppressive therapy from the ESC

1. Immunosuppression should be started only after ruling out active infection on EMB by PCR
2. Based on experience with noncardiac autoimmune disease, consideration of immunosuppression in proven autoimmune (for example, infection-negative) forms of myocarditis, should be made if no contraindications to immunosuppression are present, including giant-cell myocarditis, cardiac sarcoidosis, and myocarditis associated with known extracardiac autoimmune disease
3. Steroid therapy is indicated in cardiac sarcoidosis in the presence of ventricular dysfunction and/or arrhythmia and in some forms of infection-negative eosinophilic or toxic myocarditis with heart failure and/or arrhythmia
4. Immunosuppression can be considered, on an individual basis, in infection-negative lymphocytic myocarditis refractory to standard therapy in patients with no contraindications to immunosuppression
5. Follow-up EMB can be required to guide the intensity and the length of immunosuppression

Abbreviations: EMB, endomyocardial biopsy; ESC, European Society of Cardiology. Adapted from Caforio, A. L. P. et al. Current state of knowledge on aetiology, diagnosis, management, and therapy of myocarditis: a position statement from the European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases. *Eur. Heart J.* **34** (33), 2636–2648 © (2013), with permission from Oxford University Press and the European Society of Cardiology.

# Protocolli di immunosoppressione

Protocollo utilizzato da Wojnicz R et al. Circulation 2001

FARMACO	DOSAGGIO
<b>Prednisone</b>	1 mg/kg/die per 12 giorni, ndi riduzione della dose di 5 mg/die ogni 5 giorni fino alla dose di 0,2 mg/kg/die, per un totale di 90 giorni
<b>Azatioprina</b>	1 mg/kg/die per un totale di 100 giorni

Protocollo utilizzato da Frustaci et al. European Heart Journal 2009

FARMACO	DOSAGGIO
<b>Prednisone</b>	1 mg/kg/die per 4 settimane, quindi 0.33 mg/kg/die per 5 mesi
<b>Azatioprina</b>	2 mg/kg/die per 6 mesi

Protocollo utilizzato presso la SC Cardiologia di Trieste

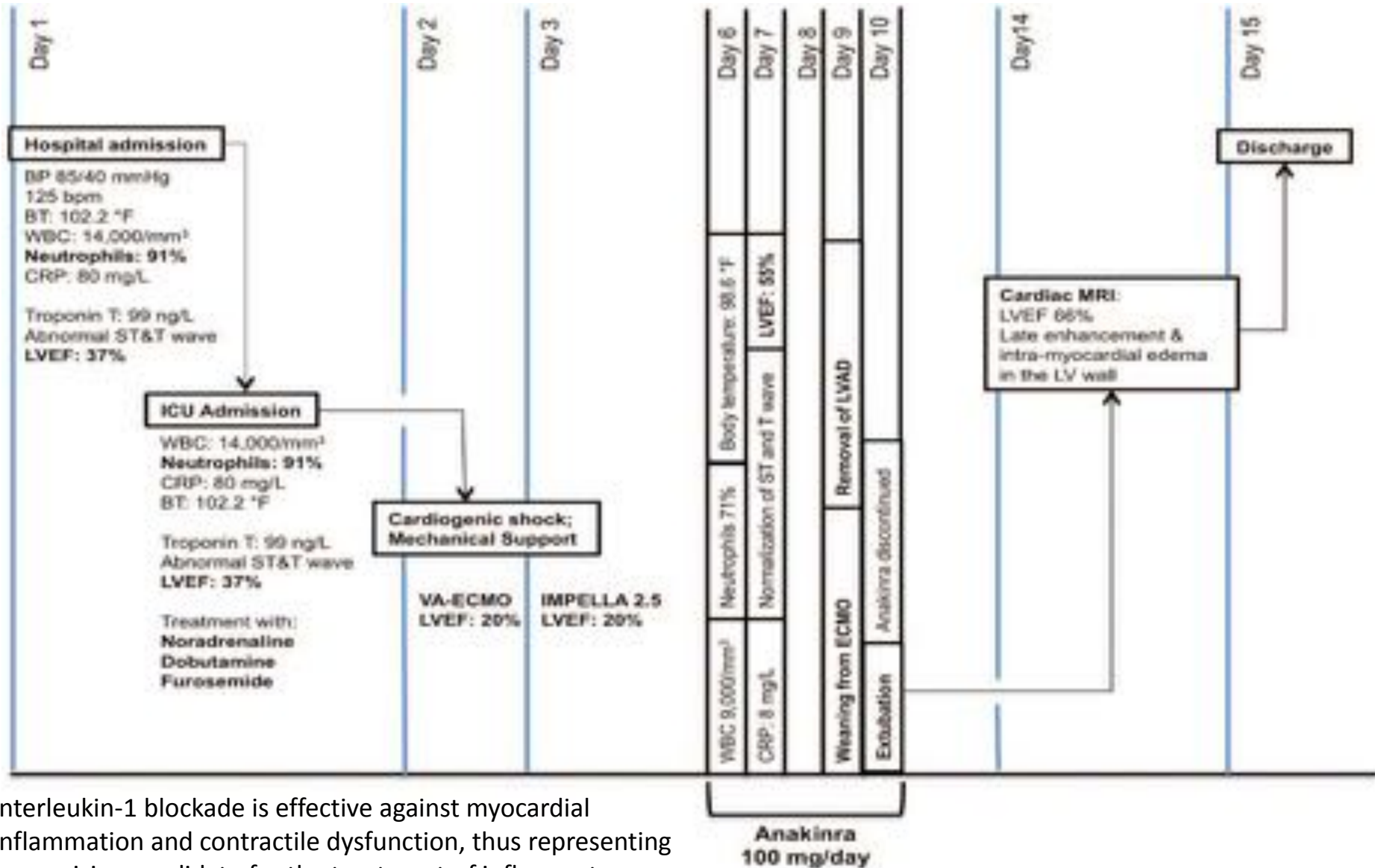
FARMACO	DOSAGGIO
<b>Prednisone</b>	50 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /die per 2 settimane indi scalo di 0,3 mg/kg per due mesi, indi scalo gradualmente fino allo stop (6° mese)
<b>Azatioprina</b>	75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /die per 6 mesi
<b>Ciclosporina*</b>	10 mg/kg/die (2 somministrazioni) per 6 mesi

Controllo con biopsia endomiocardica a 2 e 6 mesi.

\* In casi selezionati (es. miocardite a cellule giganti) o in caso di persistente attività infiammatoria nonostante terapia con prednisone.



# Treating Life-Threatening Myocarditis by Blocking Interleukin-1



interleukin-1 blockade is effective against myocardial inflammation and contractile dysfunction, thus representing a promising candidate for the treatment of inflammatory heart failure

## Proposal for the Scheduled Follow-up of Patients With Myocarditis

Variable	Low risk	Intermediate risk	High risk
Time of clinical reevaluations	1 mo, 6 mo, 2 y	3 mo, 6 mo, 12 mo, then yearly	3 wk, 3 mo, 6 mo, 12 mo, then yearly
Noninvasive testing	Assess ECG and echocardiographic normalization between 1 and 6 mo. Cardiac MRI is recommended	Periodic evaluation of LVEF and LV remodeling (ECG) Periodic evaluation of the arrhythmic burden (Holter monitoring) Annual evaluation of arrhythmia induction during exercise test Cardiac MRI with LGE evaluation, if not assessed at disease presentation	
Exercise restriction	Yes, for 2 y	Yes, lifetime	Yes, lifetime
Lifetime follow-up	No, if normalization at 2 y	Yes	Yes
Lifetime therapy	No, if normalization at 2 y	Yes	Yes

ECG = electrocardiography; LGE = late gadolinium enhancement; LV = left ventricular; LVEF = LV ejection fraction; MRI = magnetic resonance imaging.

## Myocarditis in Clinical Practice

# Take home message

- modello ad alta reversibilità del quadro d'esordio e/o della disfunzione;
- spazio per terapia convenzionale ed osservazione evoluzione (prime 2-4 settimane);
- CRM nelle prime 2 sett;
- nei casi con SC progressivo o refrattario e/o con disfunzione Vsin persistente <40% o progressiva o con aritmie VE maggiori, vi sono indicazioni a BEM;
- se BEM + con immunoistochimica+ e virologia molecolare -, vi sono indicazioni a tp immunosoppressiva (steroidi+AZA);
- dati controversi su IgEv, aferesi, beta-IFN;
- dati promettenti su inibitori IL per casi selezionati;
- indicazioni e modalità defibrillatore (ICS, sICD, LifeVEST) da discutere caso per caso;
- importanza del Fup per la gestione e rimodulazione tp