

**CCM nello scompenso cardiaco:
quando pensarci e quali aspettative
nutrire?**

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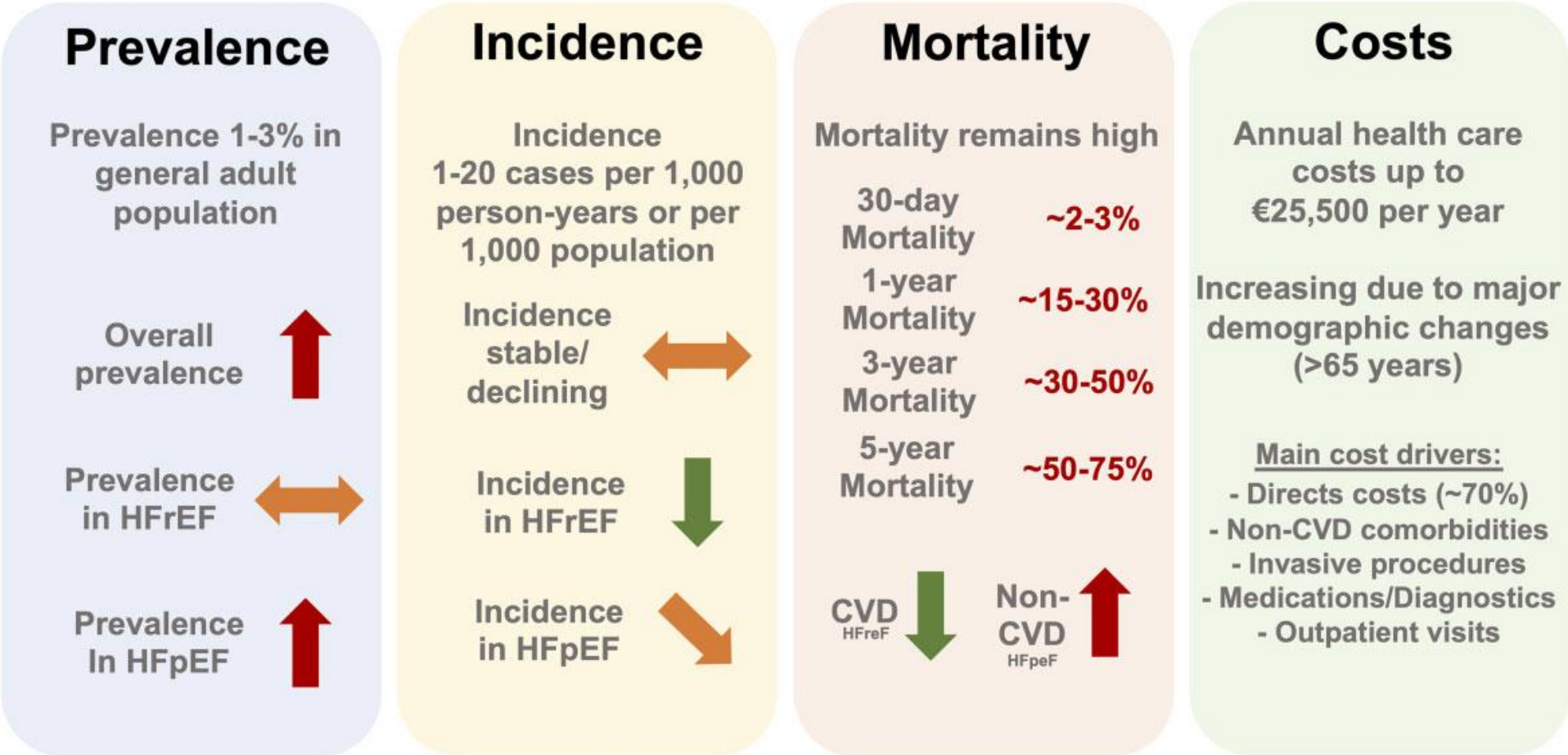
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Global burden of heart failure: a comprehensive and updated review of epidemiology

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Global Burden of Heart Failure

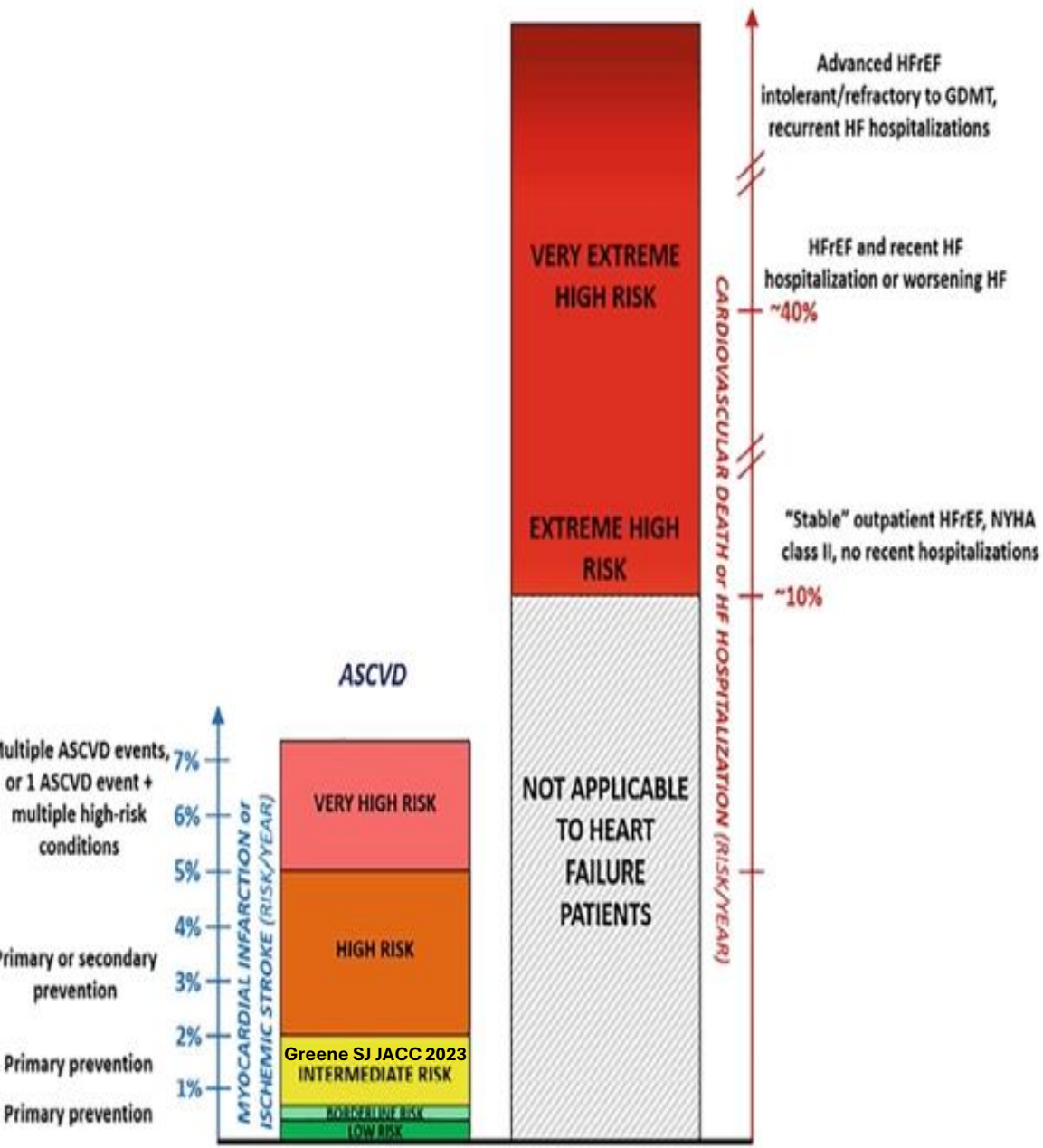


The war against heart failure: the *Lancet* lecture

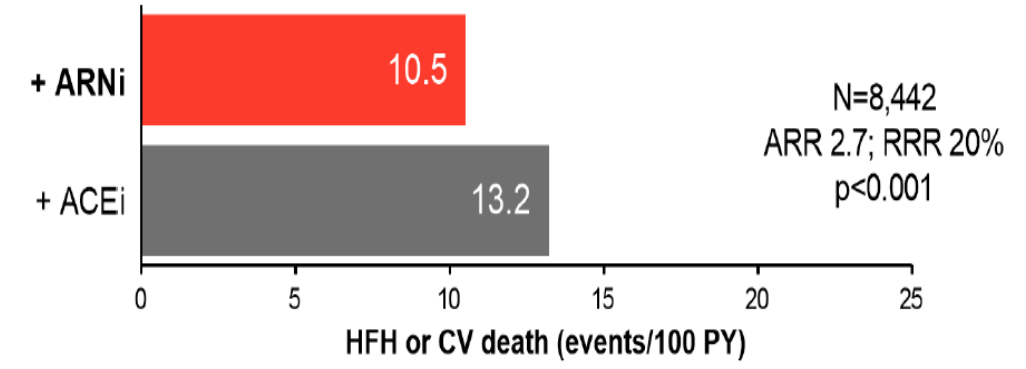
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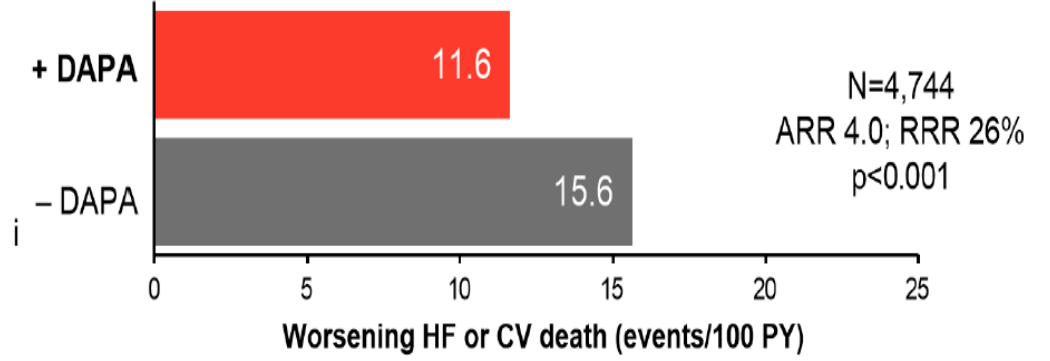
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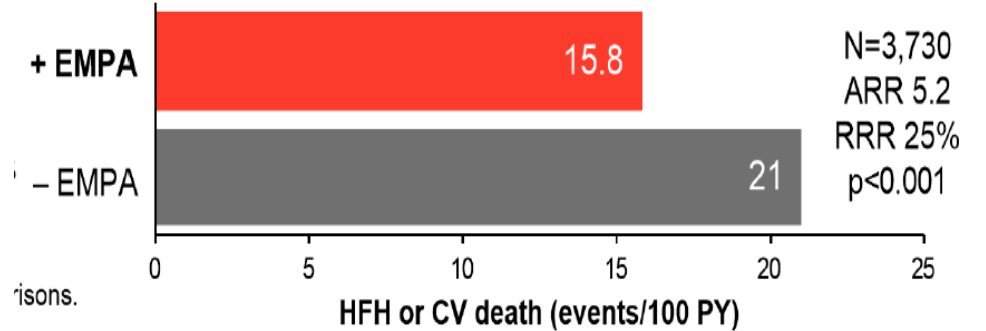
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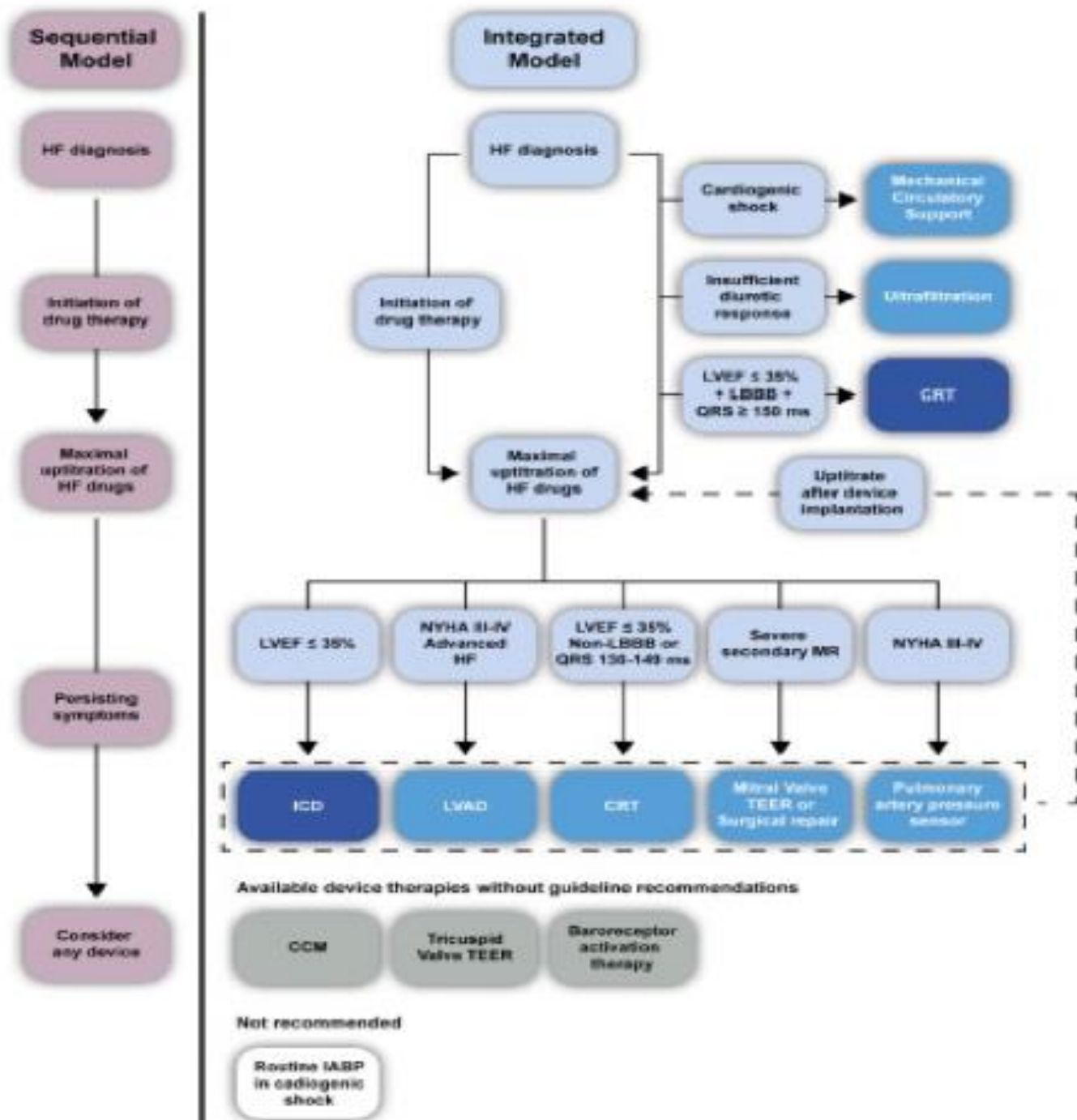


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Integration of implantable device therapy in patients with heart failure. A clinical consensus statement from the Heart Failure Association (HFA) and European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

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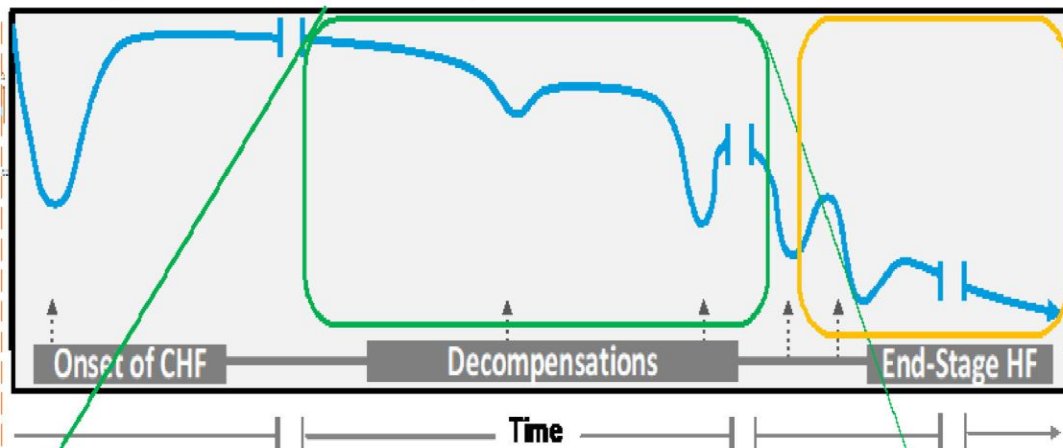
Review Article

HFSA Scientific Statement: Update on Device Based Therapies in Heart Failure

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An interdisciplinary team that consists of a general cardiologist, HF cardiologist, interventional cardiologist, structural cardiologist, multimodality imaging cardiologist, electrophysiologist, and cardiothoracic surgeon is crucial for the successful implantation and delivery of device-based therapies in heart failure



Implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICD)
 -NYHA I-III
 -LVEF \leq 35%
 -Projected survival > 1 year

COR*: 1

Cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT-D)
 -NYHA II-III; ambulatory IV
 -LVEF \leq 35%
 -Normal sinus
 -QRS \geq 150 msec with a LBBB

COR*: 1

LVAD (HM3)
 -NYHA IV
 -LVEF \leq 25%
 -inotrope dependent or Cardiac Index (CI) < 2.2 L/min/m²
 -Failing to respond to GDMT for at least 45 out of the last 60 days

COR*: 1 (inotrope dependent)

COR*: 2a (Select NYHA IV patients)

Transcatheter edge-to-edge mitral valve repair (M-TEER)
 -NYHA II-Ambulatory IV
 -LVEF 20-50%
 -Moderate-severe (grade 3+) or severe (grade 4+) secondary MR
 -LVESD \leq 7cm
 -Excludes RHF and/or severe PHTN (RVSP > 70 mmHg)

COR*: 2a

AVR (TAVI or SAVR)
 -NYHA I-IV
 -Asymptomatic patients with severe AS and LVEF < 50%
 -Severe high-gradient AS with symptoms (independent of LVEF)
 -Symptomatic patients with low-flow, low gradient severe AS with reduced LVEF
 -Symptomatic patients with low-flow, low gradient with normal LVEF if AS is the most likely cause of symptoms

COR**: 1

Transcatheter tricuspid valve replacement system OR transcatheter edge-to-edge mitral valve repair (T-TEER)
 -NYHA I-IV
 -Signs/symptoms of TR or prior hospitalization for HF
 - Severe TR

COR*: Not Provided

Remote Hemodynamic Monitoring (CardioMEMs)
 -NYHA II-III
 -Independent of LVEF
 - Hospitalized for HF in the previous year and/or have elevated natriuretic peptides

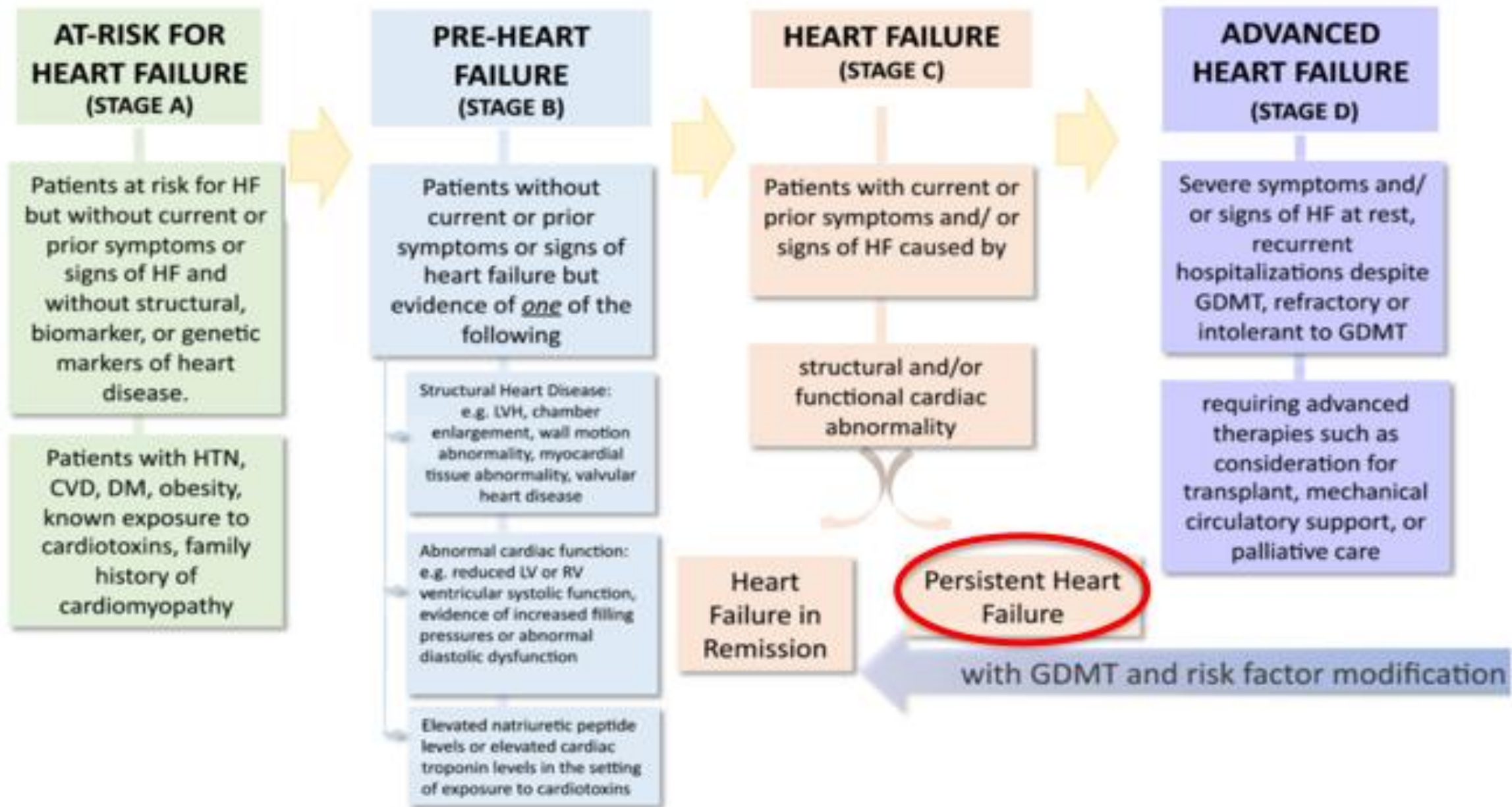
COR*: 2b

Baroreflex activation therapy (BAT)
 -Persistent symptoms with NYHA III or II (with a recent history of Class III)
 -LVEF \leq 35%
 - NT-proBNP < 1600 pg/ml
 -Excludes patients with a guideline indication for CRT

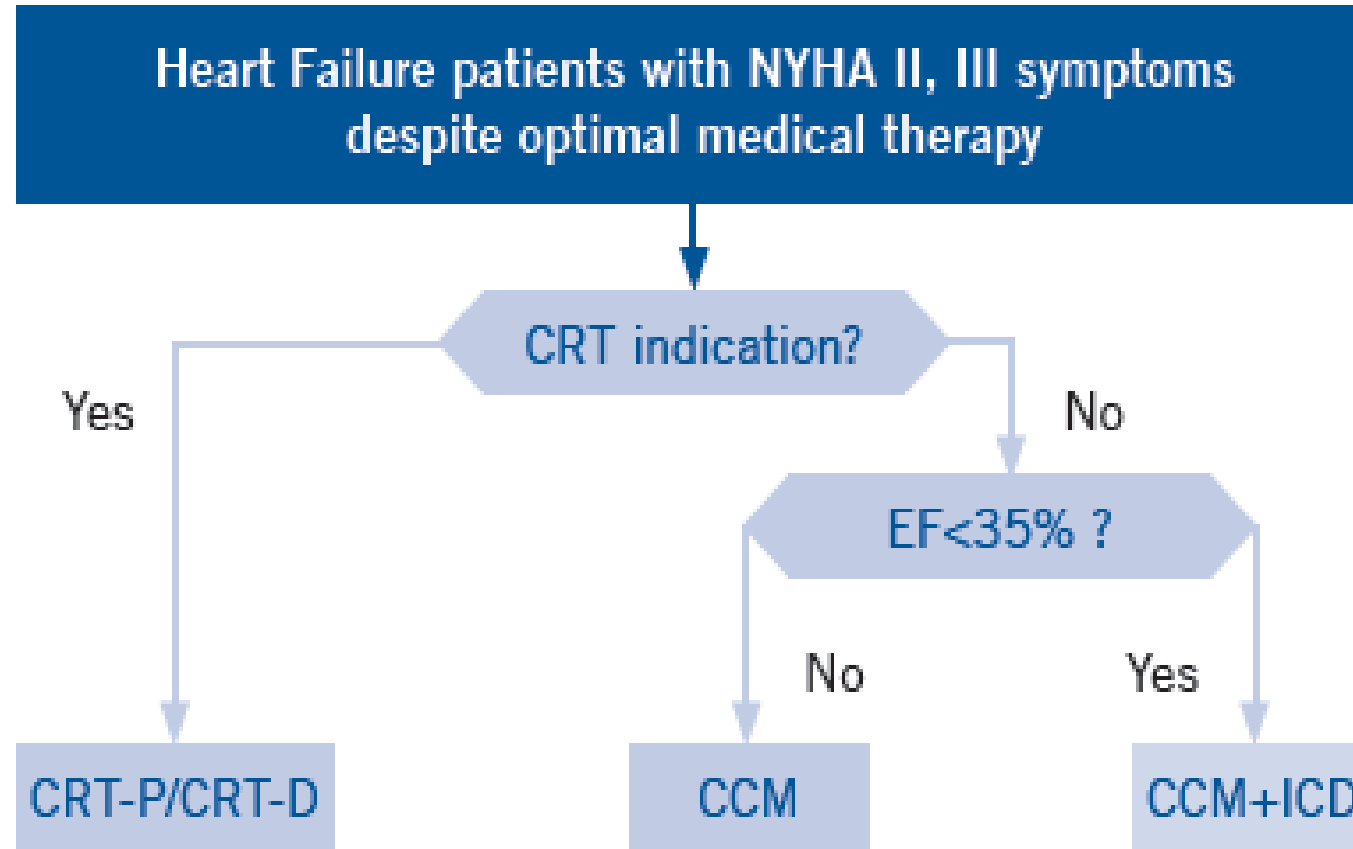
COR*: Not Provided

Cardiac Contractility Modulation (CCM)
 -NYHA III
 -LVEF 25-45%
 -QRS duration < 130 ms
 -Contraindicated with permanent atrial fibrillation

COR*: Not Provided



CCMT solves an unmet need in the treatment of HF



More than 17m patients globally with NYHA II/III despite OMT

- 30% eligible for CRT
- 70% eligible for CCM



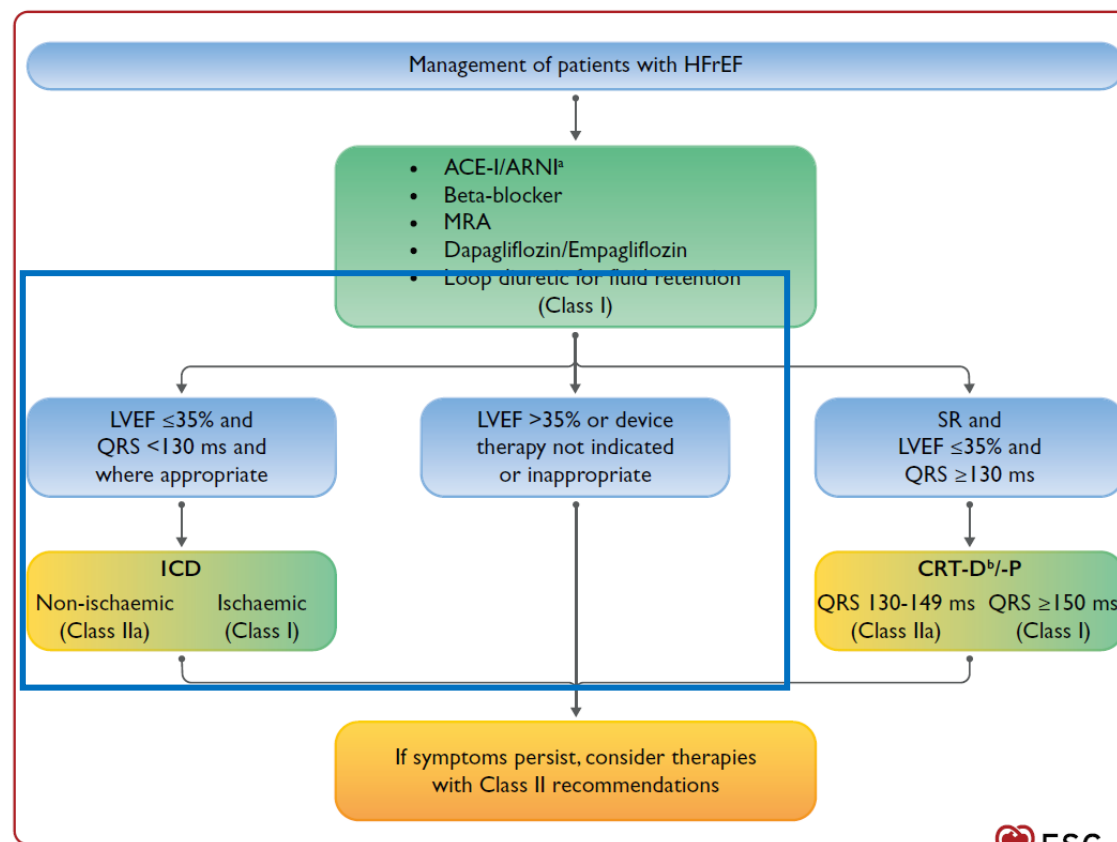
2021 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure

6.3 Devices under evaluation

Cardiac contractility modulation (CCM) has been evaluated in patients with NYHA class III–IV HF, with an LVEF $\geq 25\%$ to $\leq 45\%$ and QRS duration < 130 ms, and was associated with a small improvement in exercise tolerance and QOL.^{241,242}

Supplementary Table 9 Interventions aiming to improve quality of life and/or exercise capacity in symptomatic patient with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction

	Intervention	Additional criteria beyond the presence of symptomatic HFrEF (if any)
DRUGS	Sacubitril/valsartan ^{17,18}	
	Dapagliflozin ¹⁹	
	Diuretics ²⁰	Fluid overload
	Ferric carboxymaltose i.v. ^{21–23}	Iron deficiency
	Ivabradine ^{24–26}	SR > 70 b.p.m.
	Trimetazidine ^{27–29}	
DEVICES AND INVASIVE PROCEDURES	CRT ^{30,31}	Eligibility for CRT
	Pulmonary vein isolation ^{32–34}	AF
	Percutaneous correction of severe functional mitral regurgitation ^{35–38}	Severe functional mitral regurgitation
	Cardiac contractility modulation ^{39–41}	QRS < 130 ms, LVEF 25–45%
	Baroreflex activation therapy ^{42–44}	
	Phrenic nerve stimulation ^{45–47}	Central sleep apnoea



CCMT in which patients?


- NYHA II with 2 or more WHF episodes in the last 12 months
- NYHA III with at least 1 WHF episodes in the last 12 months
- $25\% \leq EF \leq 45\%$
- QRS ≤ 130 ms (in some selected cases also in CRT-D non responder)
- GDMT
- BEV < 10.000 ; AF with VR < 110 b/min
- No severe tricuspid, aortic, or disproportionate mitral valve regurgitation

How many patients with heart failure are eligible for cardiac contractility modulation therapy?

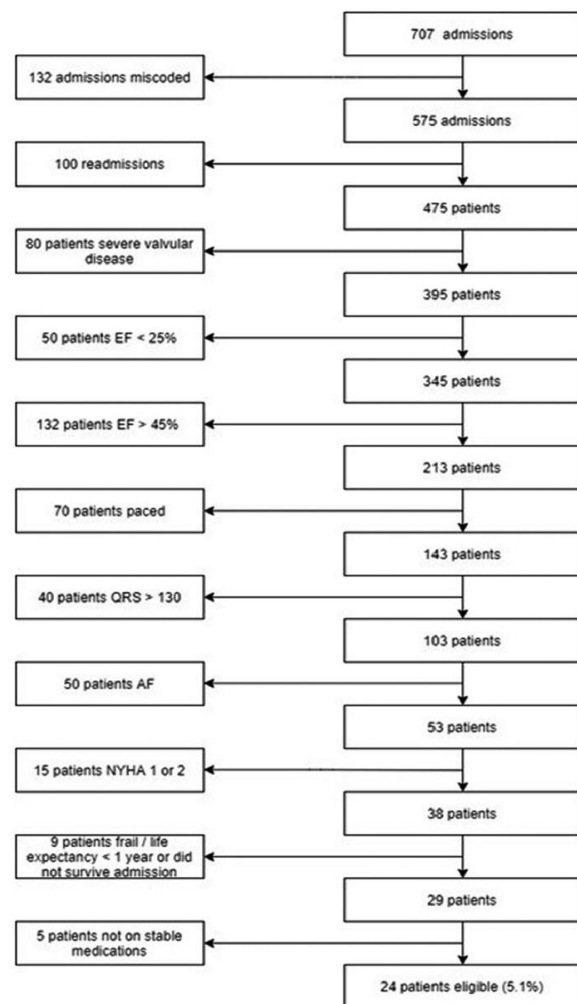
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Results: A total of 475 patients were admitted with heart failure during the study period. From this group, 24 (5.1%) patients fulfilled the criteria for CCM therapy. The mean age and ejection fraction were 70.8 ± 10.2 and $32.5\% \pm 7.4\%$. The majority of patients were men (71%) and had an ischaemic cardiomyopathy (75%). If patients with atrial fibrillation were included, an additional 18 (3.8%) patients potentially may be eligible for CCM.

Conclusion: Only 5.1% of all patients presenting with heart failure might benefit from cardiac CCM. This is a small proportion of the overall heart failure population. However, this population has no other current option for device therapy of their condition.

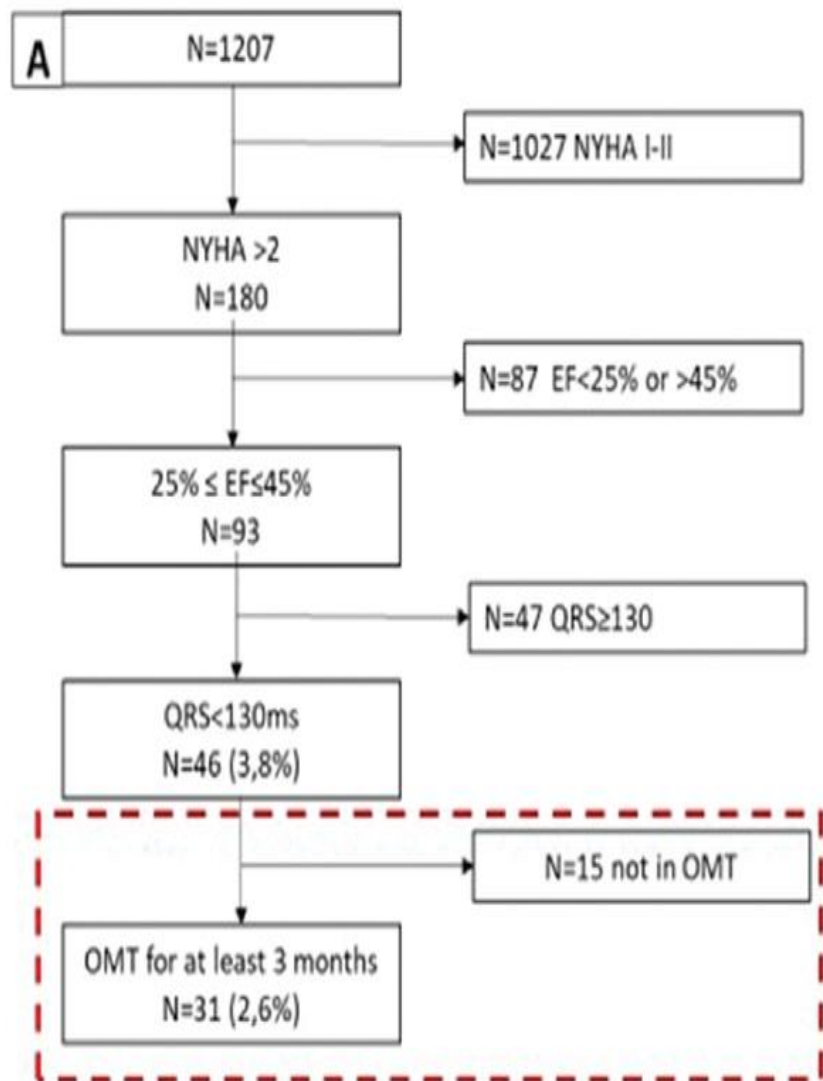
TABLE 3 Comparison of baseline characteristics of patients eligible for CCM therapy (Sinus rhythm patients vs atrial fibrillation patients)

	Sinus Rhythm patients (N = 24)	Atrial fibrillation patients (N = 18)	P value
Age	70.9 ± 10.2	77.2 ± 7.7	.03
Male Gender (%)	17 (70.8)	11 (61.1)	.53
Ejection fraction (%)	32.5 ± 7.4	35.7 ± 8.4	.20
QRS duration (msec)	106.0 ± 13.0	102.3 ± 12.4	.36
Ischaemic aetiology (%)	21 (87.5)	12 (66.7)	.14
Hypertension (%)	11 (45.8)	13 (72.2)	.12
Diabetes (%)	9 (37.5)	4 (22.2)	.33
COPD (%)	3 (12.5)	2 (11.1)	1.00
CKD (%)	18 (75.0)	10 (55.6)	.20
MRA (%)	15 (62.5)	7 (38.9)	.21
NYHA class			
3	14 (58.3)	7 (38.9)	.35
4	10 (41.7)	11 (61.1)	.35

Abbreviations: CCM, contractility modulation; CKD chronic kidney disease; COPD Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; EF, ejection fraction; MRA mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; NYHA, New York Heart Association.

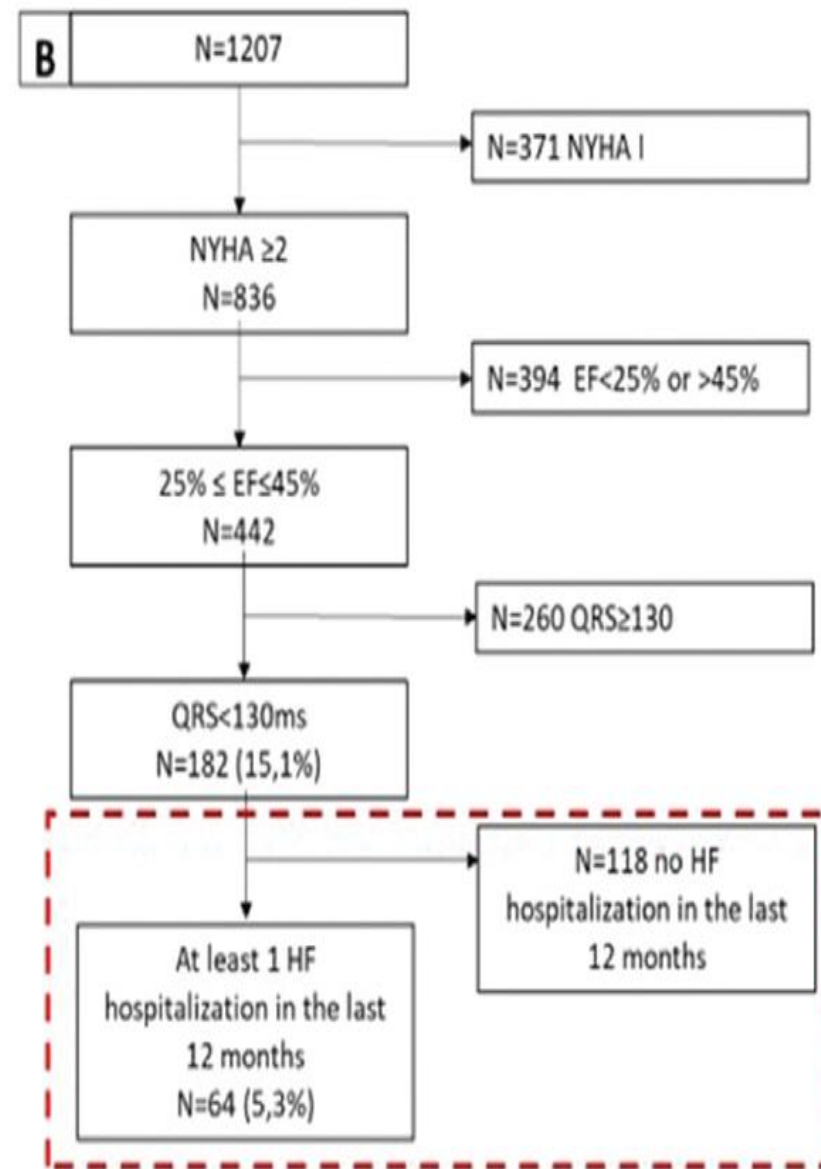
Bridging the gap in the symptomatic heart failure patient journey: insights from the Italian scenario

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Selection Criteria:

- ✓ NYHA class >2
- ✓ EF 25%-45%
- ✓ QRS <130 ms
- ✓ (OMT for at least 3 months)



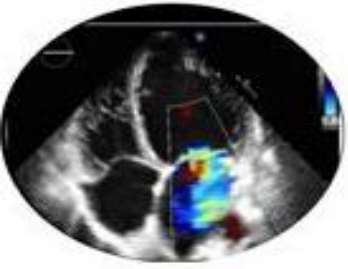
Selection Criteria:

- ✓ NYHA class ≥2
- ✓ EF 25%-45%
- ✓ QRS <130 ms

Additional criteria

- ✓ At least 1 HF hospitalization in the last 12 months

CCMT Biological Effects



Minutes

- **Upregulation of SERCA2a**
- **Increased phosphorylation of titin**
- **Increased phosphorylation of PLB**
- **Increased phosphorylation of PKA and PKG**

Hours

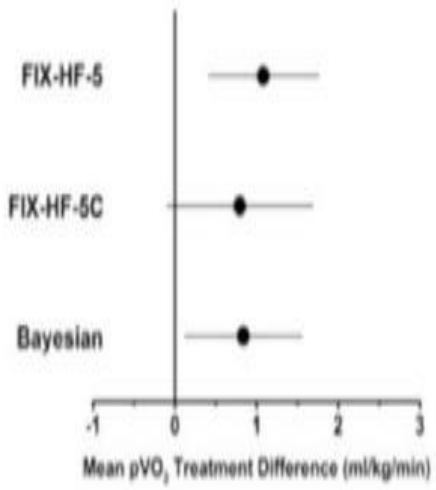
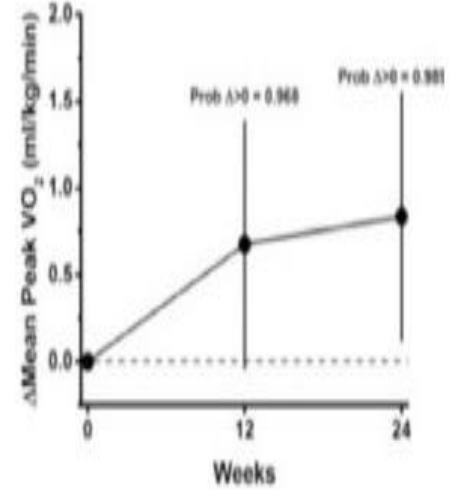
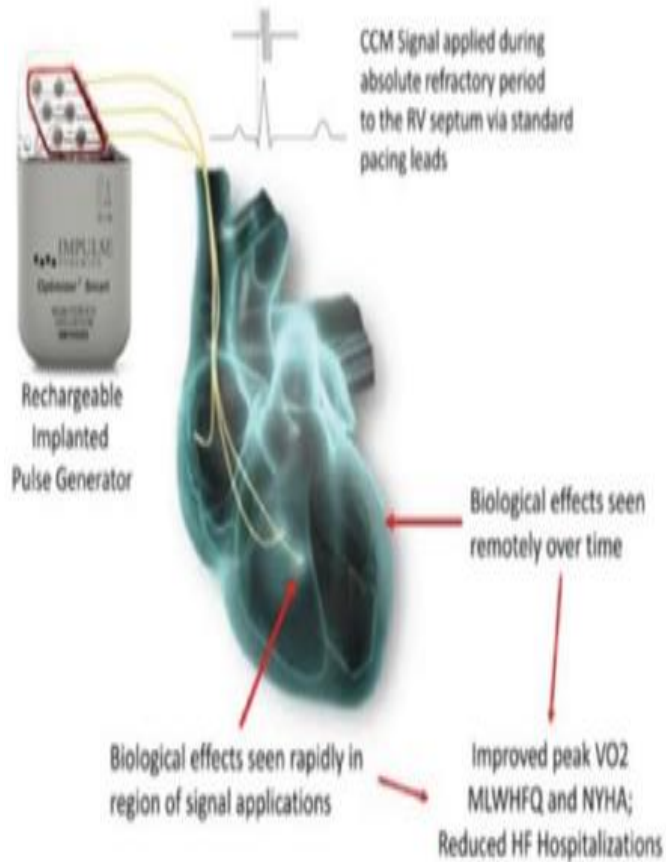
- **Reverse of the maladaptive fetal gene program**
- **Reduction of cardiac fibrosis**
- **Decreased sympathetic activity**

Months

- **Improved ejection fraction reserve**
- **Improved diastolic filling index**



CCMT Clinical Effects



Long-term clinical experience with cardiac contractility modulation therapy delivered by the Optimizer Smart system

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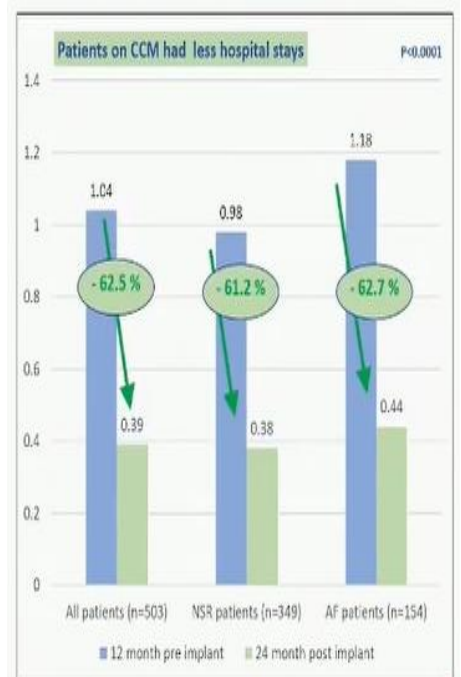
Table 3 Hospitalization rates the year prior to Optimizer implant compared to the 2 years following Optimizer implant in the entire cohort and in the five subgroups of interest

Subgroup	Pre-treatment (1 year prior)				Post-treatment (0-730 days)				P-value
	Patients	Patient-years	Events	Event rate	Patients	Patient-years	Events	Event rate	
All patients	503	503	573	1.04	503	739	287	0.39	<0.0001
All cardiovascular events									
Heart failure events			371	0.74			179	0.25	<0.0001
Non-heart failure cardiovascular events			152	0.30			108	0.15	<0.0001
LVEF ≤25%									
All cardiovascular events	178	178	227	1.28	178	232	122	0.53	<0.0001
Heart failure events			182	1.02			90	0.39	<0.0001
Non-heart failure cardiovascular events			45	0.25			33	0.14	0.0106
LVEF 26-34%									
All cardiovascular events	164	164	157	0.96	164	255	99	0.39	<0.0001
Heart failure events			102	0.62			59	0.23	<0.0001
Non-heart failure cardiovascular events			55	0.34			40	0.16	0.0002
LVEF ≥35%									
All cardiovascular events	161	161	139	0.86	161	242	65	0.27	<0.0001
Heart failure events			87	0.54			30	0.12	<0.0001
Non-heart failure cardiovascular events			52	0.32			35	0.14	0.0002
Normal sinus rhythm									
All cardiovascular events	349	349	347	0.98	349	530	200	0.38	<0.0001
Heart failure events			229	0.66			130	0.25	<0.0001
Non-heart failure cardiovascular events			113	0.32			70	0.15	<0.0001
Atrial fibrillation									
All cardiovascular events	154	154	181	1.18	154	198	87	0.44	<0.0001
Heart failure events			142	0.92			49	0.25	<0.0001
Non-heart failure cardiovascular events			39	0.25			38	0.19	0.2189

LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction.

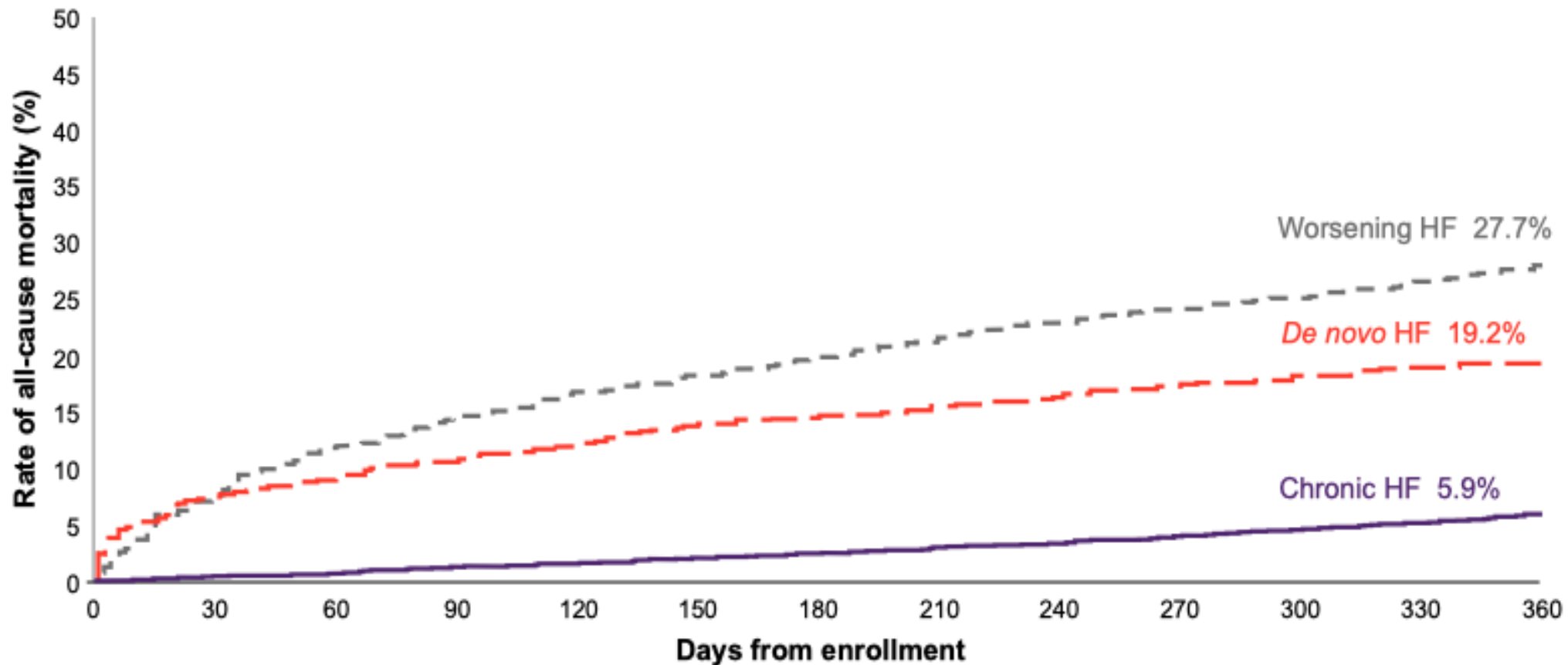


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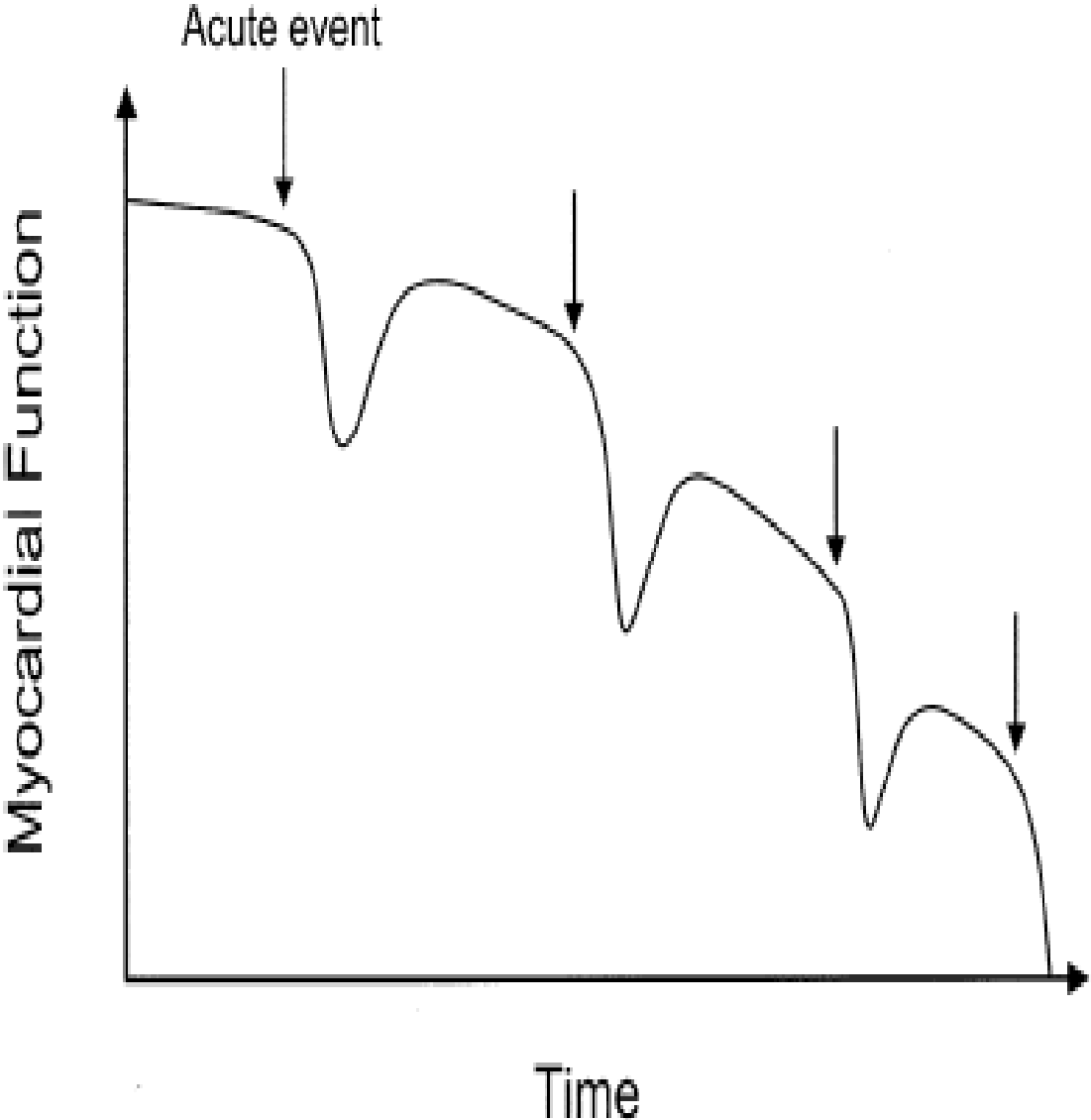
Worsening HF is associated with a four-fold increase in 1-year mortality risk compared with chronic HF

One-year all-cause mortality rate in patients hospitalized with acute HF or outpatients with chronic HF, prospectively enrolled in the IN-HF outcome registry (N=5,610)¹



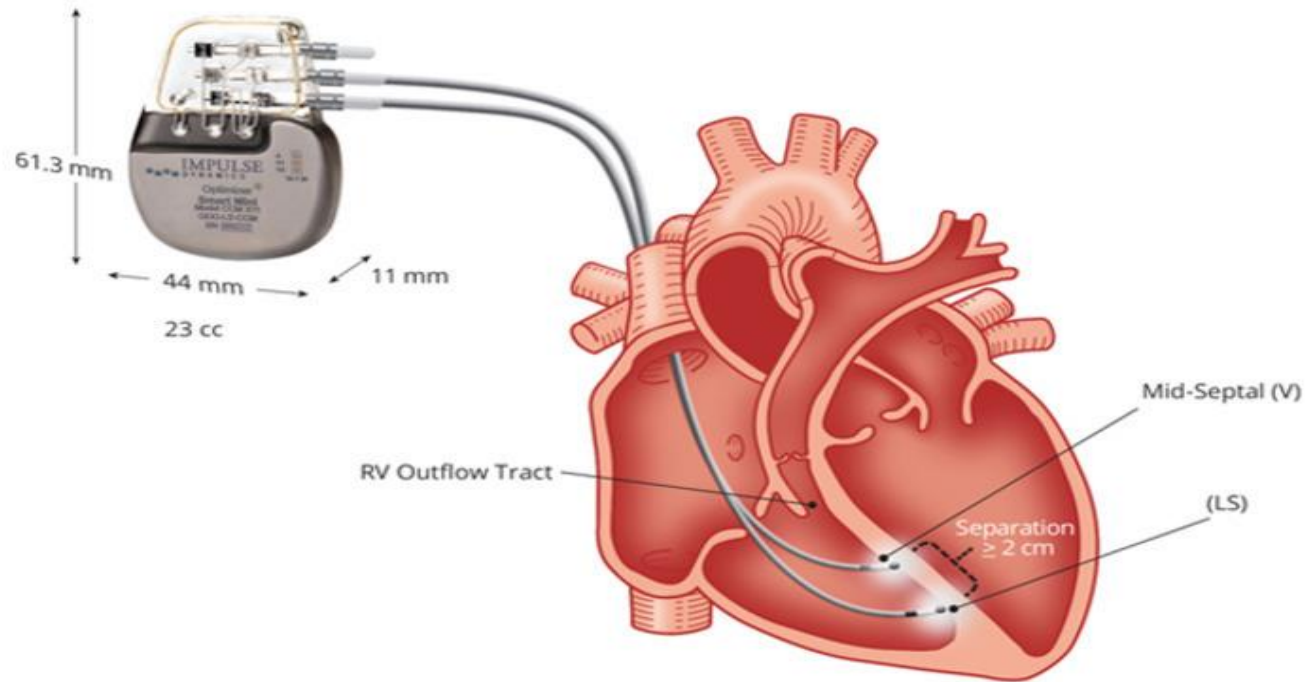
**Pathophysiologic Targets in the Early Phase of
Acute Heart Failure Syndromes**

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CARDIAC CONTRACTILITY MODULATION IN HEART FAILURE WITH HIGHER EJECTION FRACTION

CCM DEVICE AND ANATOMICAL LOCATION OF PACING WIRES



Mechanism of action

Application of non-excitatory electric stimulation to the interventricular septum during the absolute refractory period

Biomolecular changes

- Optimization of intra-cellular calcium homeostasis
 - **↑ titin phosphorylation**
- Upregulation of pivotal cardioprotective genes
- Amplification of downstream proteomic signaling

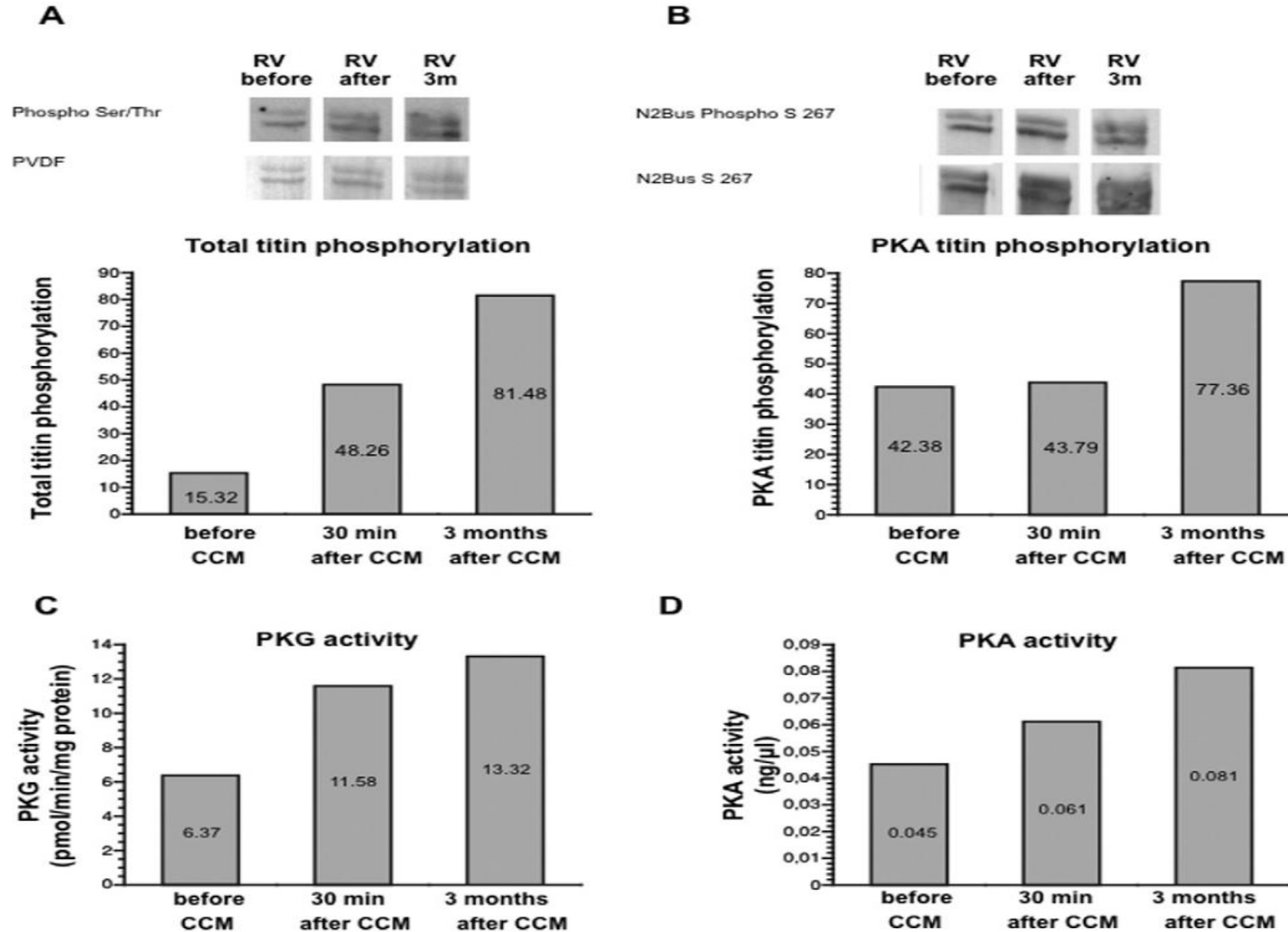
Alteration in myocardial properties

- Lusitropic effect with improved diastolic recoil
 - Increased left ventricular contractility

Effect on functional and clinical outcomes

- ↑ ejection fraction reserve
- ↑ diastolic filling index
- ↑ exercise capacity
- ↑ functional status
- ↑ survival

CCM Increase Titin Phosphorylation



Review article

Tuning the molecular giant titin through phosphorylation: Role in health and disease

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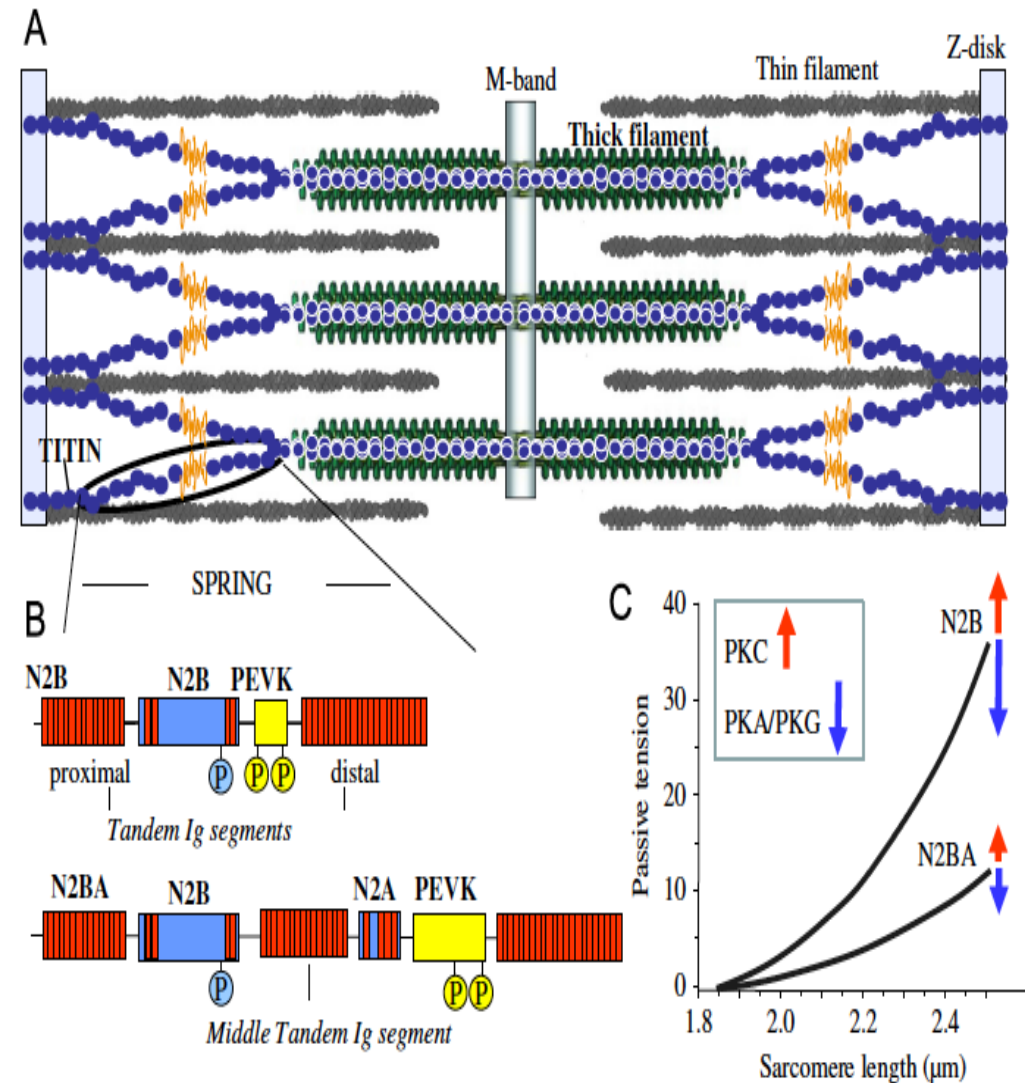
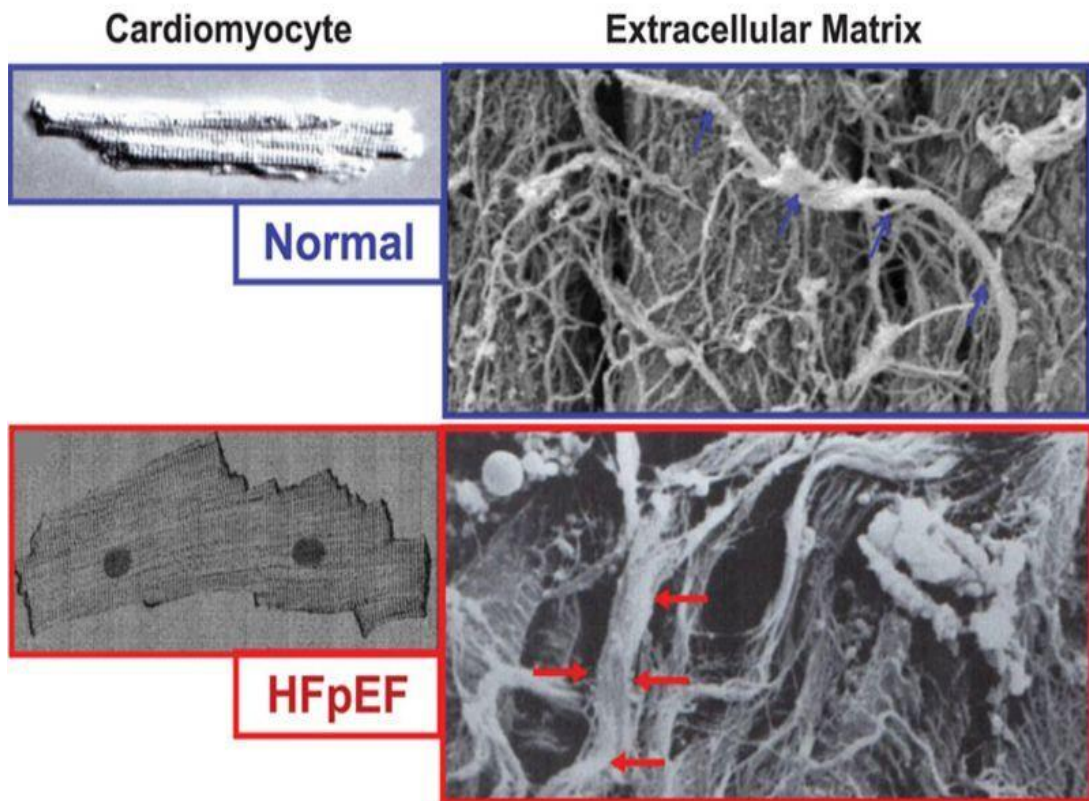
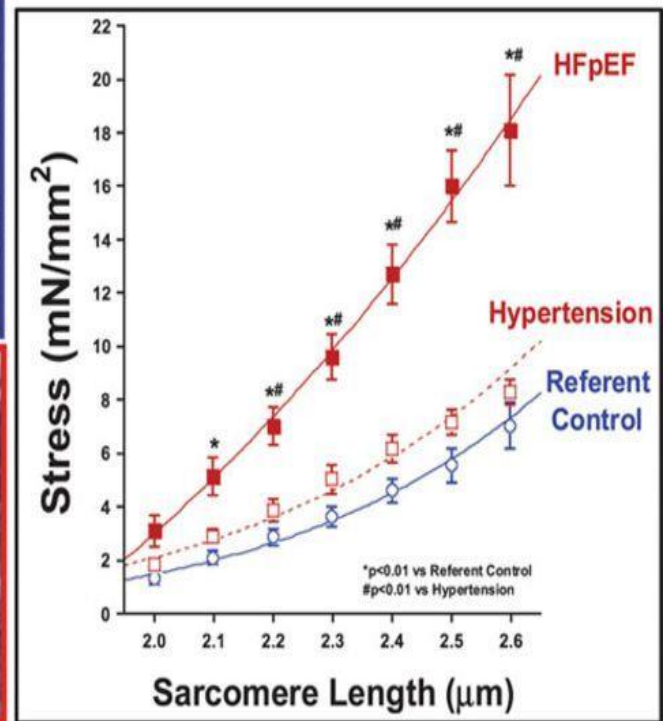


Fig. 1 - (A) Schematic of titin in the cardiac sarcomere. Single titin molecules (shown in blue and yellow) span from Z-disk (N-terminus) to M-band (C-terminus). (B) Composition of extensible I-band region of the N2B and N2BA titin isoforms (found in adults). Red blocks denote Ig-like domains, blue is unique sequence and yellow is PEVK sequence. Also indicated are known phosphorylation sites for PKA/PKG (blue) and PKC α (yellow). (C) Schematic of force-extension curves of titin isoforms and the effects of phosphorylation on passive tension.

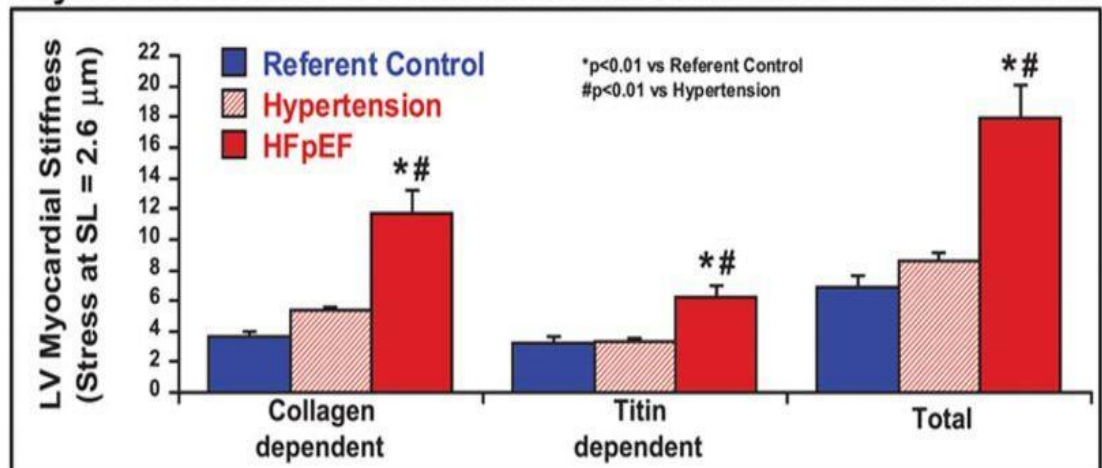
Could Modification of Titin Contribute to an Answer for Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction?



Differences in Myocardial Stiffness: HFpEF vs. Antecedent Disease



Myocardial Stiffness: Contribution of Cellular vs. ECM Mechanism



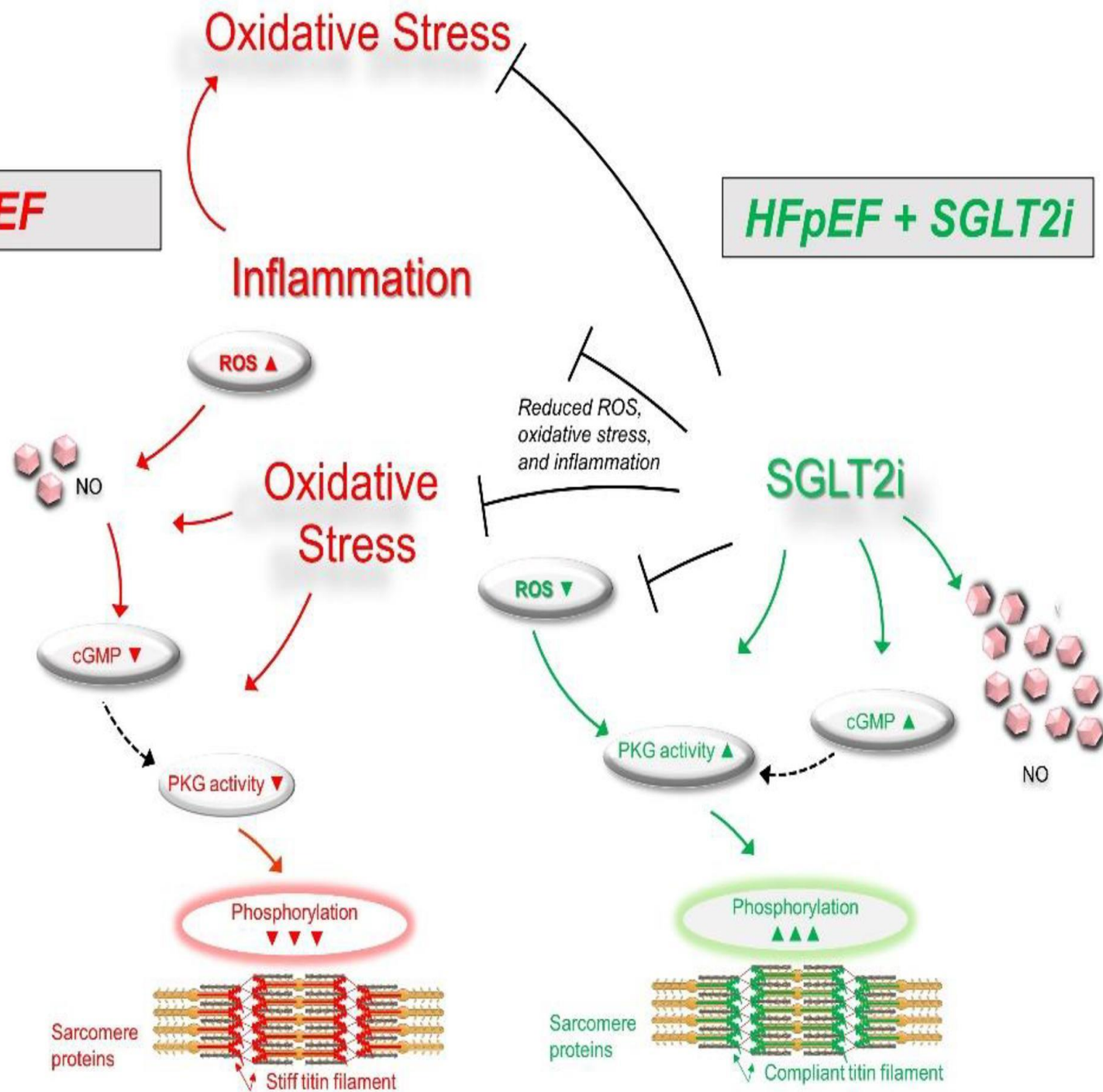


Potential Mechanisms of SGLT2 Inhibitors for the Treatment of Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction

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HFpEF

HFpEF + SGLT2i



Cardiac Contractility Modulation Therapy Improves Health Status in Patients with Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction; A Pilot Study (CCM-HFpEF)

Cardiac contractility modulation therapy improves health status in patients with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction: a pilot study (CCM-HFpEF)

AIM

To assess the benefits of CCM therapy on safety and health status in patients with HFpEF

METHODS



47 HFpEF patients
implanted with CCM



17 centres in EU and
Australia

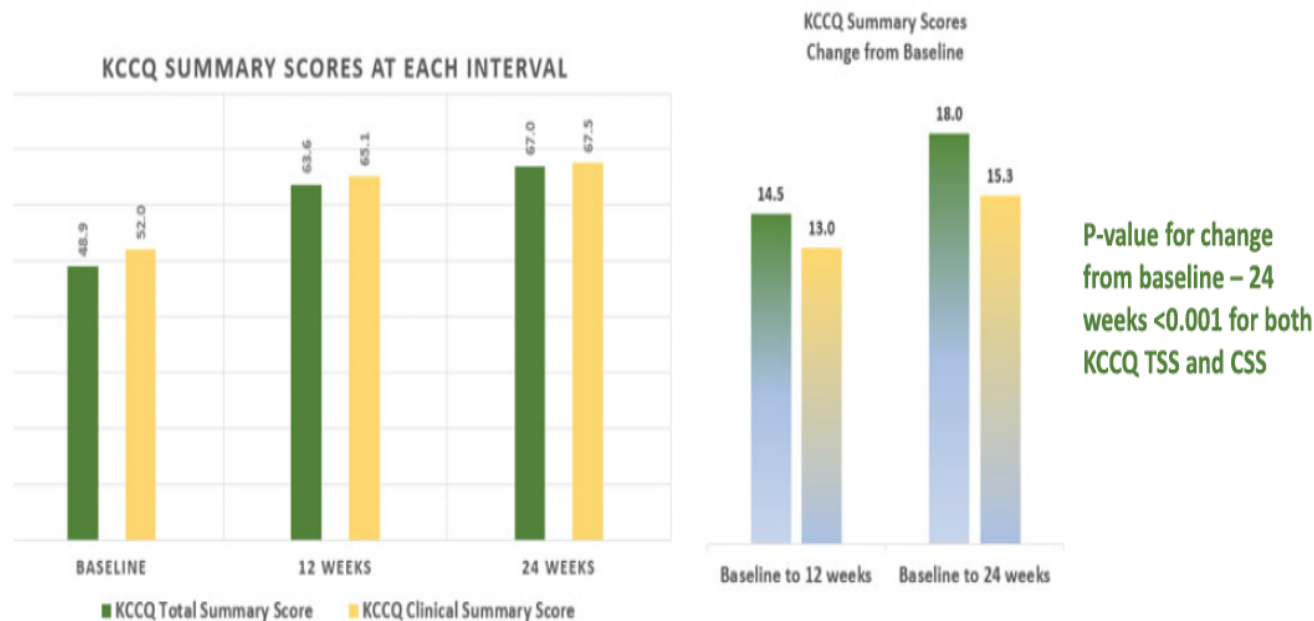


LVEF \geq 50%
per Core Lab



Health status (KCCQ)
and safety

KCCQ
RESULTS



Cardiac contractility modulation therapy improves health status in patients with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction: a pilot study (CCM-HFpEF)

Table 3 Primary and additional efficacy endpoints: Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire summary scores (with last observation carried forward)

Parameter	Baseline	12 weeks	Baseline–12 weeks	24 weeks	Baselin–24 weeks	p-values for baseline–24 weeks		
						t-test	Wilcoxon signed-rank test	Normality test
KCCQ overall summary score	48.9 ± 21.7 (47)	63.6 ± 21.2 (46)	14.5 ± 18.6 (46) (9.0–20.1)	67.0 ± 21.1 (46)	18.0 ± 16.6 (46) (13.1–22.9)	<0.001	<0.001	0.219
KCCQ clinical summary score	52.0 ± 21.9 (47)	65.1 ± 21.5 (46)	13.0 ± 19.8 (46) (7.1–18.8)	67.5 ± 21.9 (46)	15.3 ± 19.4 (46) (9.6–21.1)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

Values are given as mean ± standard deviation (N), and 95% confidence interval.

KCCQ, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire; SD, standard deviation.

Patients missing a 24-week value with an available 12-week value had that last observation carried forward for this analysis; this included one patient with KCCQ missing at 24 weeks.

Table 4 Secondary efficacy endpoints (with last observation carried forward)

Parameter	Baseline	24 weeks	Baseline–24 weeks	p-values for baseline–24 weeks		
				t-test	Wilcoxon signed-rank test	Normality test
Echocardiography						
LAVi (ml/m ²)	48.2 ± 14.0 (47)	45.9 ± 14.4 (44)	–2.8 ± 8.2 (44) (–5.3 to –0.3)	0.014	0.034	0.046
Septal E/e'	15.3 ± 4.4 (47)	14.5 ± 5.2 (42)	–0.9 ± 4.7 (42) (–2.4 to 0.6)	0.111	0.038	0.022
Septal e'	5.7 ± 1.2 (47)	5.6 ± 1.6 (43)	–0.0 ± 1.5 (43) (–0.5 to 0.4)	0.417	0.336	0.008
NT-proBNP (pg/ml) ^a	702.0 (470–1005) (46) (230.0–6814)	730.0 (394–1140) (42) (152.0–4720)	23.0 (43) (–85.0 to –283.1) (–2399 to 1710)	NA	0.077	NA
NYHA class	2.6 ± 0.5 (47)	2.2 ± 0.6 (46)	–0.5 ± 0.6 (46) (–0.6 to –0.3)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

Values are given as mean ± standard deviation (N), and 95% confidence interval.

LAVi, left atrial volume index; NA, not available; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide; NYHA, New York Heart Association.

^aOne was an outlier and removed from this analysis. For NT-proBNP we present median (interquartile range) and minimum–maximum values.

AIM HIGHer trial



<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT05064709>

AIM HIGHer trial

Studio multicentrico randomizzato, doppio cieco, sham-controlled per la valutazione dell'efficacia della terapia CCM in 1500 pazienti HF con FE **40%-60%**.

- Endpoint parte 1: 6MWTD e KCCQ a 6 mesi di Fu;
- Endpoint parte 2: Outcome composito di esiti di mortalità, morbilità e QoL (KCCQ CSS) al FU a 18 mesi.

La terapia CCM per HFpEF ha già ricevuto la **breakthrough device designation** della FDA

Future Directions



Optimizer® Smart



Optimizer® Smart Mini



Optimizer® Integra CCM-D

Clinical Portfolio

Post Approval Study

620 subjects
3-year follow-up
MLWHFQ, Mortality vs SHFM, Safety



AIM HIGHER Trial (Opened 2022)

~1,500 subjects, LVEF 40-60%
Randomized, double blinded,
CCM ON:CCM OFF 2:1, 6- and 18-month endpoints



INTEGRA-D Trial (Opened 2023)

300 Subjects
FDA Breakthrough Designation
6-month and 2-year endpoints



