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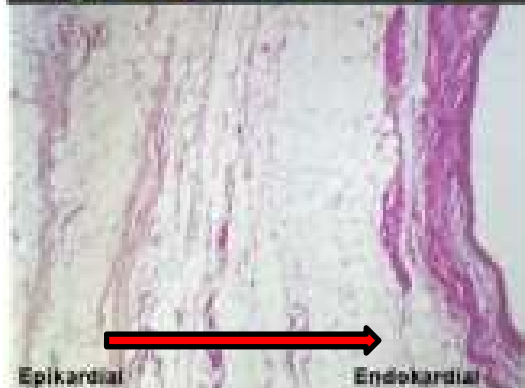
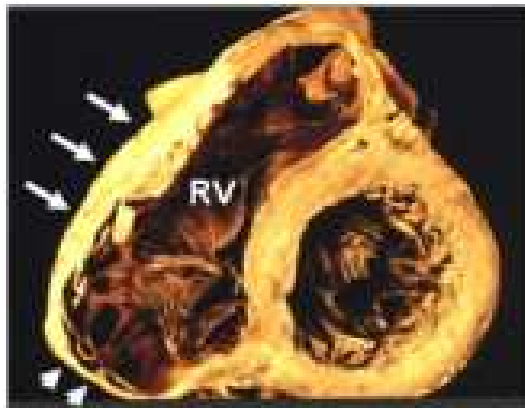
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- **Editorial Board Member:**
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Arrhythmogenic **Right Ventricular** Cardiomyopathy (ARVC)



cellular damage /
myocardial necrosis



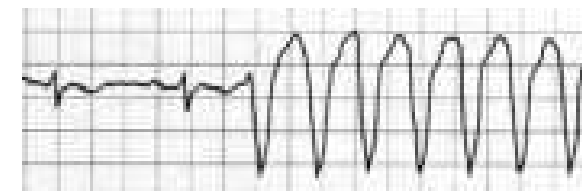
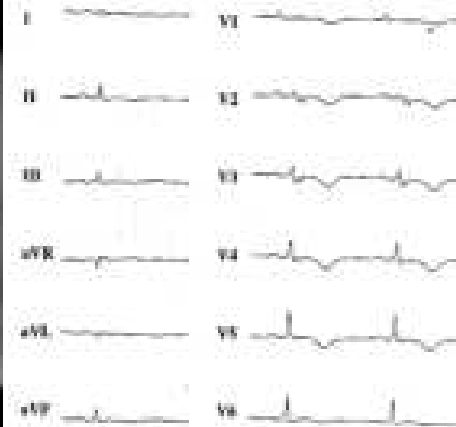
fibro-fatty replacement
epi → endo



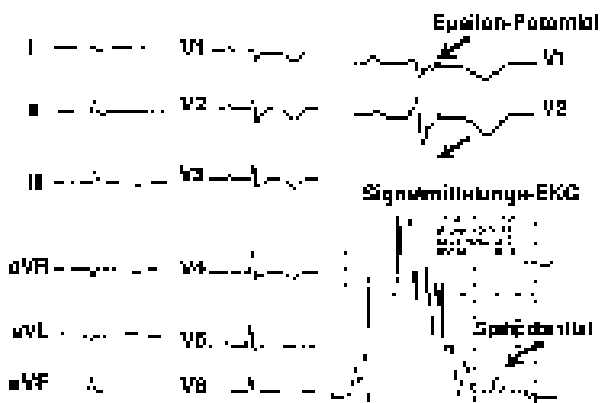
RV remodelling
RV dilatation & failure



electrical instability
slowed conduction
& dispersed refractoriness



Wichter T et al. Internist. 2004;45:1125-35



Wichter T et al. Z Kardiol. 1991

men/women 2:1
Prevalence ~1:1000
(north. Italy 4:1000)



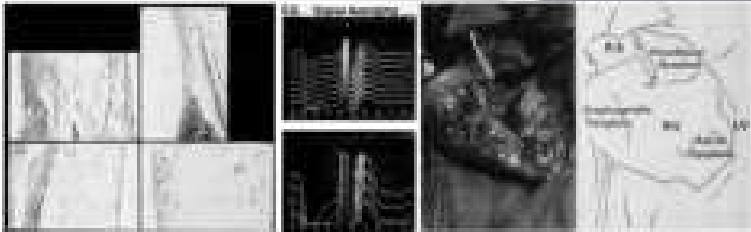
The Road from ARVC

Right Ventricular Dysplasia: 1982 A Report of 24 Adult Cases

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SUMMARY Right ventricular dysplasia is characterized by an abnormality in the development of part of the right ventricular myocardium. Patients with right ventricular dysplasia may present with ventricular tachycardia, supraventricular arrhythmias, right heart failure or asymptomatic cardiomyopathy. Twenty-two adult patients with right ventricular dysplasia who had recurrent ventricular tachycardia were seen during a 7-year period. The male/female ratio was 1.7/1. The mean age at the time of hospitalization was 39 years. All but one of the patients had ventricular tachycardia of a left bundle branch block configuration. With few exceptions, the T waves were inverted over the right precordial leads. The heart was usually enlarged and the pulmonary vasculature was usually normal. In six patients who had two-dimensional echocardiograms, all showed increased right ventricular distal dimensions. All patients had right ventricular angiography; the diagnosis of right ventricular dysplasia was substantiated during surgery in 12 patients and at autopsy in another. Two other patients who did not have arrhythmias had right ventricular dysplasia diagnosed by right- and left-heart angiography.

Our unique experience, when combined with a literature review of 34 adult cases, permits a composite clinical profile of this condition in the adult.



Marcus-FI et al., Circulation 1982

Early observations 1978/1982

...to **ACM**

Diagnostic Criteria („Task Force“)

1994

CRITERIA	
Diagnosis of arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia/cardiomyopathy Wilson J McKenna, Gustavo Thiene, Andrea Nava, Fabrizio Paulonico, Carlos Montenegro-Lopes, Guy Fassinat, Pablo Camargo on behalf of the Task Force of the Working Group on Arrhythmias and Postcardiac Disease of the European Society of Cardiology and of the Scientific Council on Cardiomyopathy of the International Society and Federation of Cardiology, supported by the Schlegel Foundation	
Criteria for diagnosis of right ventricular dysplasia	
I Global and/or regional dysplastic abnormalities* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> major: Severe dilatation and reduction of right heart size on the only axial CT scan minor: Localized right ventricular myocardial areas with fibrotic changes minor: Severe regional dilatation of the right ventricle 	II Depolarization/repolarization abnormalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> major: ST segment waves or localized prolongation (QTc) of the ST segment in right precordial leads (V1-V3) minor: Abnormal Q waves (deepened RQS) minor: ST segment depression minor: ST segment elevation minor: Prolonged QTc
III Three characteristics of wall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> major: Fibrotic replacement of myocardium on endomyocardial biopsy minor: Fibrosis minor: Myofibrillar disorganization minor: Myofibrillar disorganization on surgery 	IV Repolarization abnormalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> major: Inverted T waves in right precordial leads (V1 and V2) (minor: T waves more than 1/3 cm in diameter of right bundle branch leads) minor: Prolonged QTc minor: Prolonged QTc
*Diagnosed by echocardiography, angiography, autopsy, contrast imaging, or endomyocardial biopsy. ECG, electrocardiogram; CT, computed tomography.	

**Two major criteria
or
One major plus two minor criteria
or
Four minor criteria**

Mc Kenna-WJC et al., British Heart Journal 1994

Genetics & advanced Imaging (CMR)

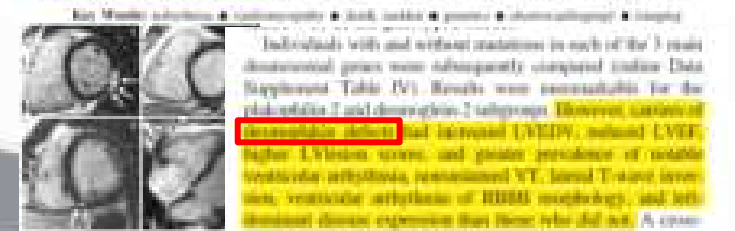
Clinical and Genetic Characterization of Families With Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia/Cardiomyopathy Provides Novel Insights Into Patterns of Disease Expression

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Background—Advancing in clinical pathological correlation studies, the natural history of arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia/cardiomyopathy is proposed to progress from localized to global right ventricular dysfunction, followed by left ventricular (LV) involvement and eventually pump failure. The possible form an additive study series and together suggests may, however, vary greatly. **Objectives**—To explore the spectrum of the natural history of the spectrum of disease expression in arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia/cardiomyopathy, which would impact on our assessment of families is a genetically heterogeneous population.

Methods and Results—A cohort of 20 patients and relatives carrying risk genes or mutation diagnosis criteria for arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia/cardiomyopathy underwent comprehensive clinical evaluation. **Conclusions**—**Genetic testing was associated with clinical heterogeneity in arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia/cardiomyopathy**. Patients of various genetic variants carrying risk genes and have increased in long-term outcomes. Further phenotypically mild disease variants expression were also seen in 1994. **Additional clinical and genetic characteristics** were observed in 12 patients with familial disease expression were identified (1) **isolated right bundle branch block**, (2) **isolated right ventricular dilation**, (3) **isolated right ventricular hypertrophy**, (4) **isolated right ventricular dilation**, (5) **isolated right ventricular hypertrophy**, (6) **isolated right ventricular dilation**, (7) **isolated right ventricular hypertrophy**, (8) **isolated right ventricular dilation**, (9) **isolated right ventricular hypertrophy**, (10) **isolated right ventricular dilation**, (11) **isolated right ventricular hypertrophy**, (12) **isolated right ventricular dilation**.

2007



Sen-Chordhry-S et al., Circulation 2007

Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy (ACM)

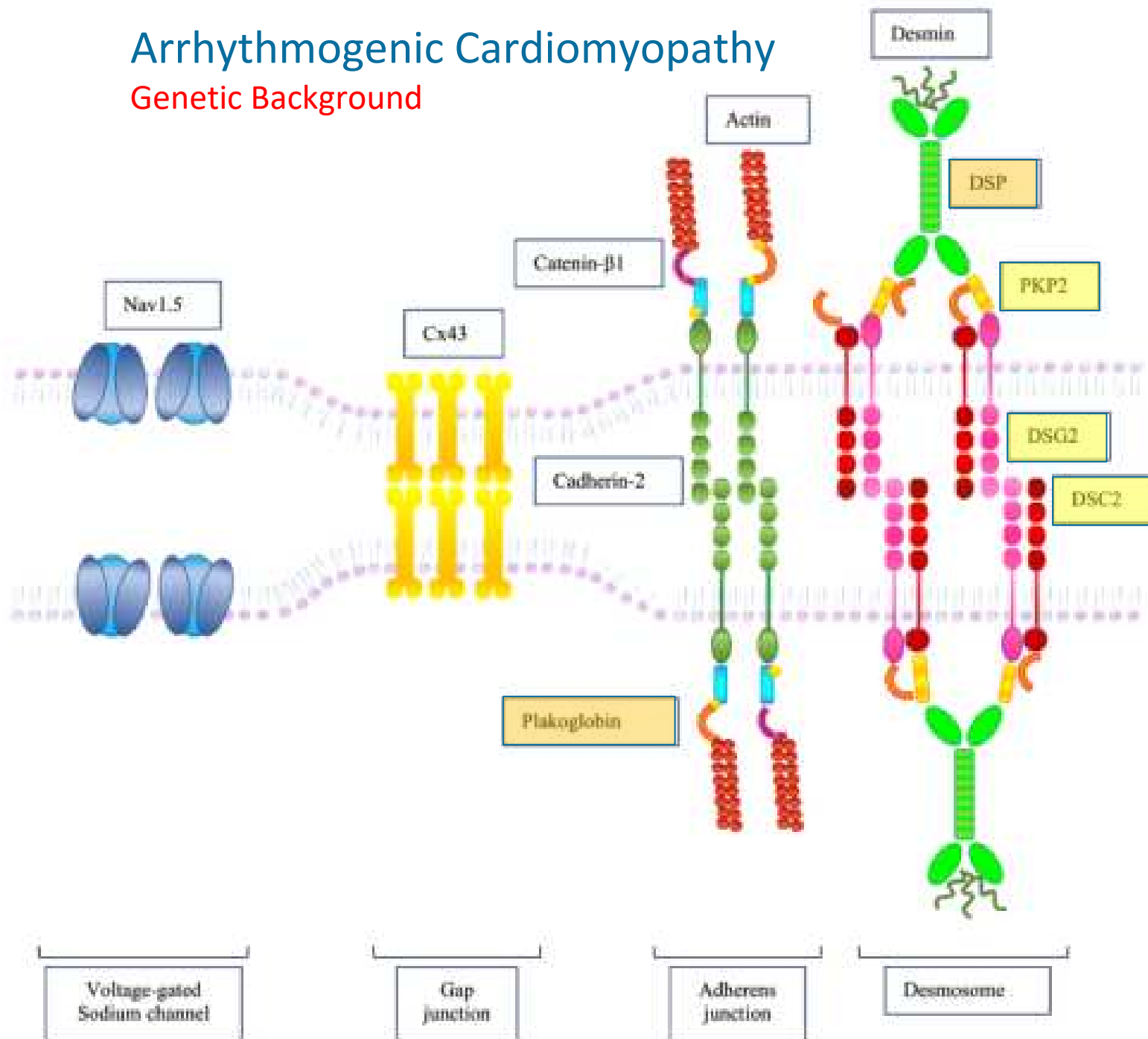
Dominant-right (ARVC)

- morpho-functional and/or
structural RV criteria

-no morpho-functional and/or
structural LV criteria

Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

Genetic Background



- Disease of the intercalated disc
 - end-to-end contact of cardiac myocytes
 - mechanical and electrical coupling
- 60% of ACM pts carry a genetic pathogenic variant, mostly *autosomal dominant*
- Majority of mutations affect the *desmosome*:
 - **plakophilin-2 (PKP2)**
 - desmoglein-2 (DSG2)
 - desmocollin-2 (DSC2)
 - junction plakoglobin (JUP)
 - desmoplakin (DSP)
- Non-desmosomal genes include...
 - transmembrane proteine 43 (TMEM43), desmin (DES), phospholamban (PLB), N-cadherin (CDH2), sodium volt-gated channel alpha subunit 5 (SCN5A), titin (TTN), transforming growth factor 3 beta (TGF3β)

Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

Two Autosomal Recessive Variants

Naxos-Disease

first description 1986 by N.Protonotarios et al. in a family on the Greek island Naxos (9 cases in 4 families)

wooly hair, palmoplantar keratoderma, ARVC

plakoglobin mutations



Sajeev-CG et al., Circulation 2006



Abb. 1: Palmare Hyperkeratose der 43-jährigen Patientin mit Carvajal-Syndrom



Abb. 2: Wolliges Haar der 43-jährigen Patientin mit Carvajal-Syndrom

Stöllberger-B et al., Int J Cardiol 2016/ Uim 01/2016

Carvajal-Syndrome

first description mid 90s by E. Carvajal-Huerta, Ecuador

wooly hair, palmoplantar keratoderma
early onset LV DCM/NCCM

desmoplakin mutations

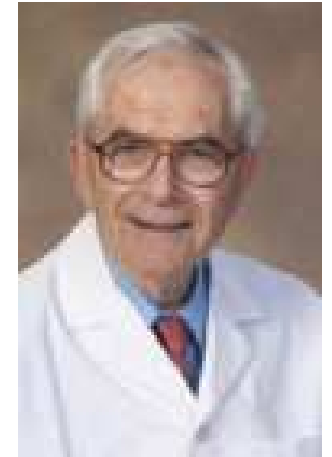


Diagnosis of arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy/dysplasia

Proposed Modification of the Task Force Criteria

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Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

Modified Task Force Criteria

I. Global or regional dysfunction and structural alterations

II. Tissue characterization of wall

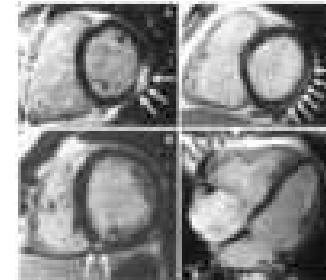
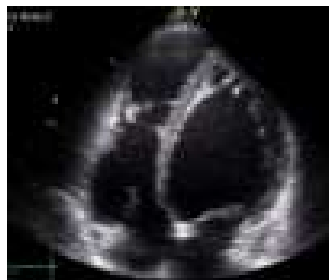
III. Repolarization abnormalities

IV. Depolarization/conduction abnormalities

V. Arrhythmias

VI. Family History

Imaging

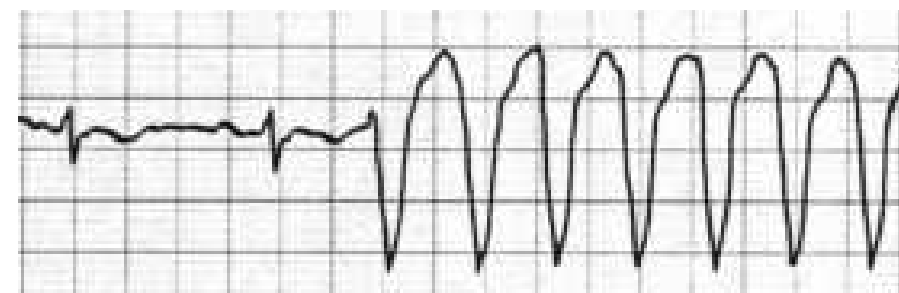
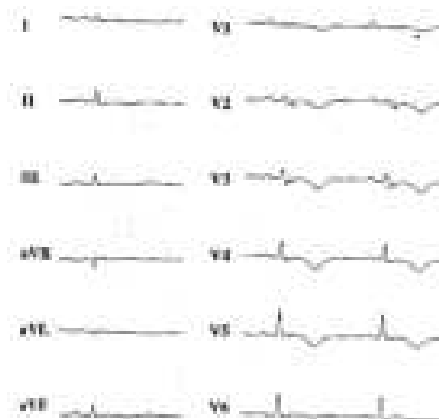


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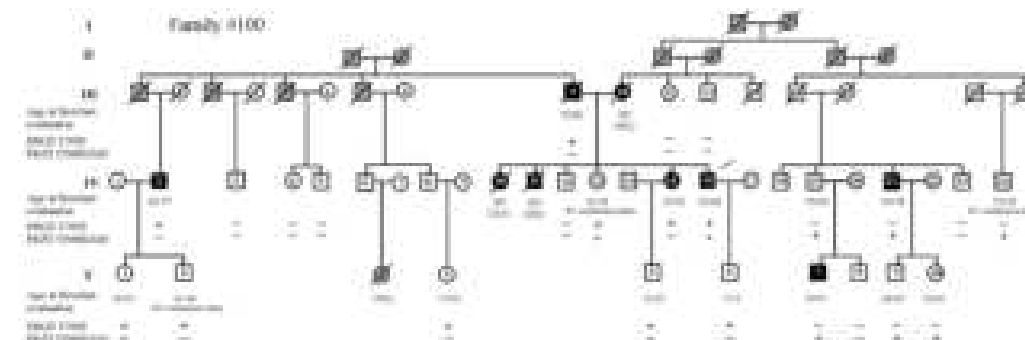


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Genetic Testing



2020

„Padua“-Criteria (proposal Corrado-D et al.)



Domenico Corrado

New:

- specific *criteria for LV phenotype*
- CMR *LGE* patterns
- *additional ECG* criteria
→ low voltage limb leads

Category	Right ventricle (updated 2017 ITF diagnostic criteria)	Left ventricle (new diagnostic criteria)
I. Morpho-functional ventricular abnormalities	By echocardiography, CMR or angiography: Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional RV akinesia, dyskinesia, or bulging plus one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - global RV dilatation (increase of RV EDV according to the imaging test specific nomograms) - global RV systolic dysfunction (reduction of RV EF according to the imaging test specific nomograms) Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional RV akinesia, dyskinesia or aneurysm of RV free wall. 	By echocardiography, CMR or angiography: Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global LV systolic dysfunction (depression of LV EF or reduction of echocardiographic global longitudinal strain), with or without LV dilatation (increase of LV EDV according to the imaging test specific nomograms for age, sex, and BSA) Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional LV hypokinesia or akinesia of LV free wall, septum, or both
II. Structural myocardial abnormalities	By CT-CMR:Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transmural LGE (stria pattern) of ≥1 RV region(s) (inlet, outlet, and apex in 2 orthogonal views) By CMR (limited indications): Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fibrous replacement of the myocardium in ≥1 sample, with or without fatty tissue 	By CT-CMR:Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LV LGE (stria pattern) of ≥1 Bell's eye segment(s) (in 2 orthogonal views) of the free wall (subepicardial or midmyocardial), septum, or both (excluding septal junctional LGE)
III. Repolarization abnormalities	Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverted T waves in right precordial leads (V₁, V₂, and V₃) or beyond in individuals with complete bundle-branch development (in the absence of complete BBBB) Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverted T waves in leads V1 and V2 in individuals with complete bundle-branch development (in the absence of complete BBBB) • Inverted T waves in V1, V2, V3 and V4 in individuals with complete bundle-branch development in the presence of complete BBBB. 	Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverted T waves in left precordial leads (V₅-V₆) (in the absence of complete LBBB)
IV. Depolarization abnormalities	Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epsilon wave (reproducible low-amplitude signal between end of QRS complex to onset of the T wave) in the right precordial leads (V1 to V3) • Terminal activation duration of QRS (55 ms measured from the middle of the S wave to the end of the QRS, including R, in V1, V2, or V3 (in the absence of complete BBBB)) 	Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low QRS voltages (<0.5 mV peak to peak) in limb leads (in the absence of obesity, emphysema, or pericardial effusion)
V. Ventricular arrhythmias	Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent ventricular extrasystoles (>500 per 24 h), non-sustained or sustained ventricular tachycardia of LBBB morphology Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent ventricular extrasystoles (>500 per 24 h), non-sustained or sustained ventricular tachycardia of LBBB morphology with inferior axis ("RVOT pattern") 	Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent ventricular extrasystoles (>500 per 24 h), non-sustained or sustained ventricular tachycardia with a BBBB morphology (excluding the "fascicular pattern")
VI. Family history/genetics	Major <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACM confirmed in a first-degree relative who meets diagnostic criteria • ACM confirmed pathologically at autopsy or surgery in a first-degree relative • Identification of a pathogenic or likely pathogenic ACM mutation in the patient under evaluation Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of ACM in a first-degree relative in whom it is not possible or practical to determine whether the family member meets diagnostic criteria • Premature sudden death (<35 years of age) due to suspected ACM in a first-degree relative • ACM confirmed pathologically or by diagnostic criteria in a second-degree relative 	

ACM = arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy; BSA = body surface area; EDV = end diastolic volume; EF = ejection fraction; ITF = International Task Force; LBBB = left bundle-branch block; LGE = late gadolinium enhancement; LV = left ventricle; RBBB = right bundle-branch block; RV = right ventricle; RVOT = right ventricular outflow tract.

Genetic Testing

Who

For individuals and descendants with either a clinical or necropsy diagnosis of ACM, genetic testing of the established ACM-susceptibility genes is recommended (COR I, LOE C-EO).*

*Cascade Family Screening

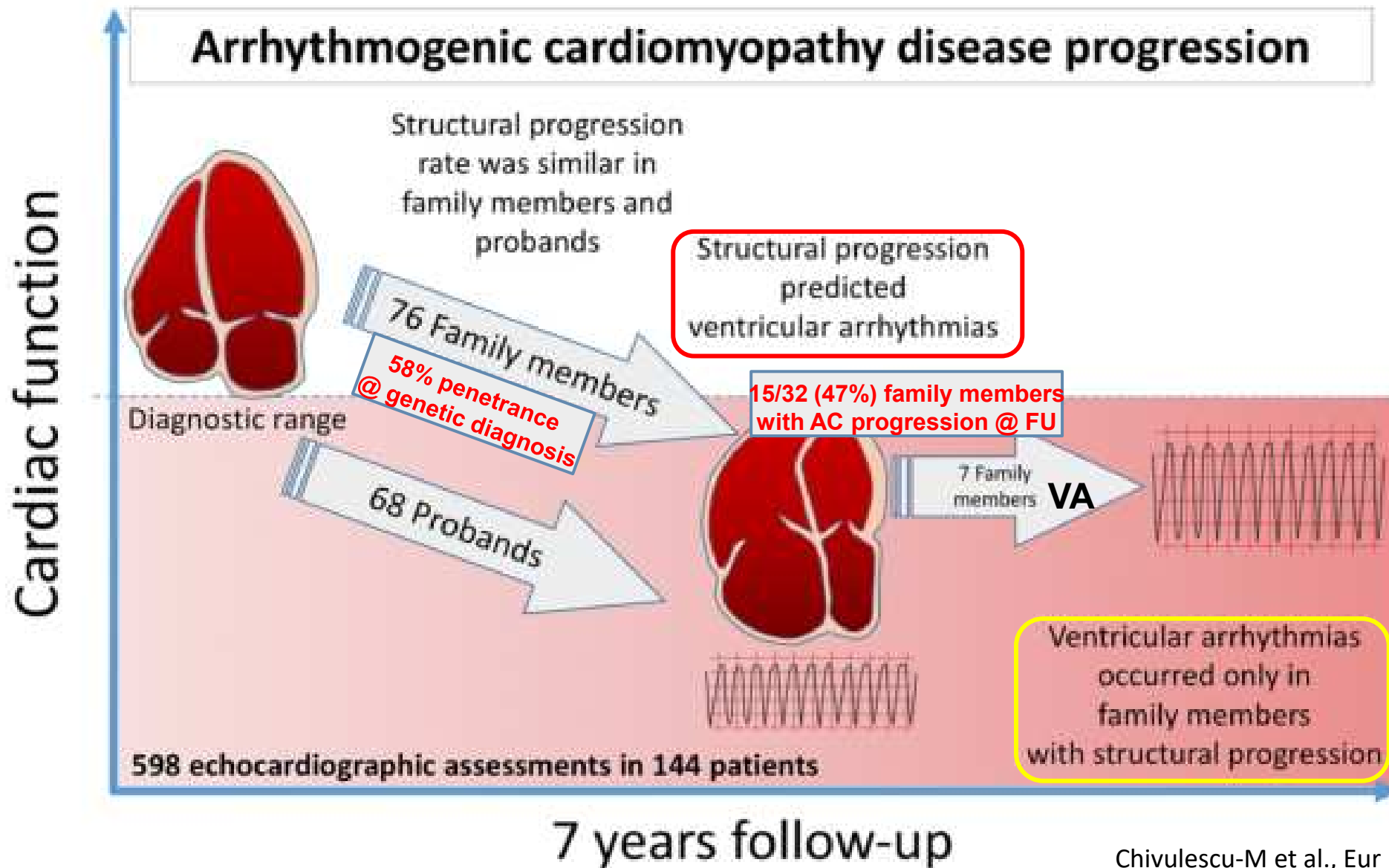
How

For genetic testing of the established ACM-susceptibility genes, comprehensive analysis of all established genes with full coverage is recommended (COR I, LOE C-EO).

The interpretation of a cardiac genetic test by a team of providers with expertise in genetics and cardiology can be useful (COR IIa, LOE C-EO).

Genetic Diagnosis

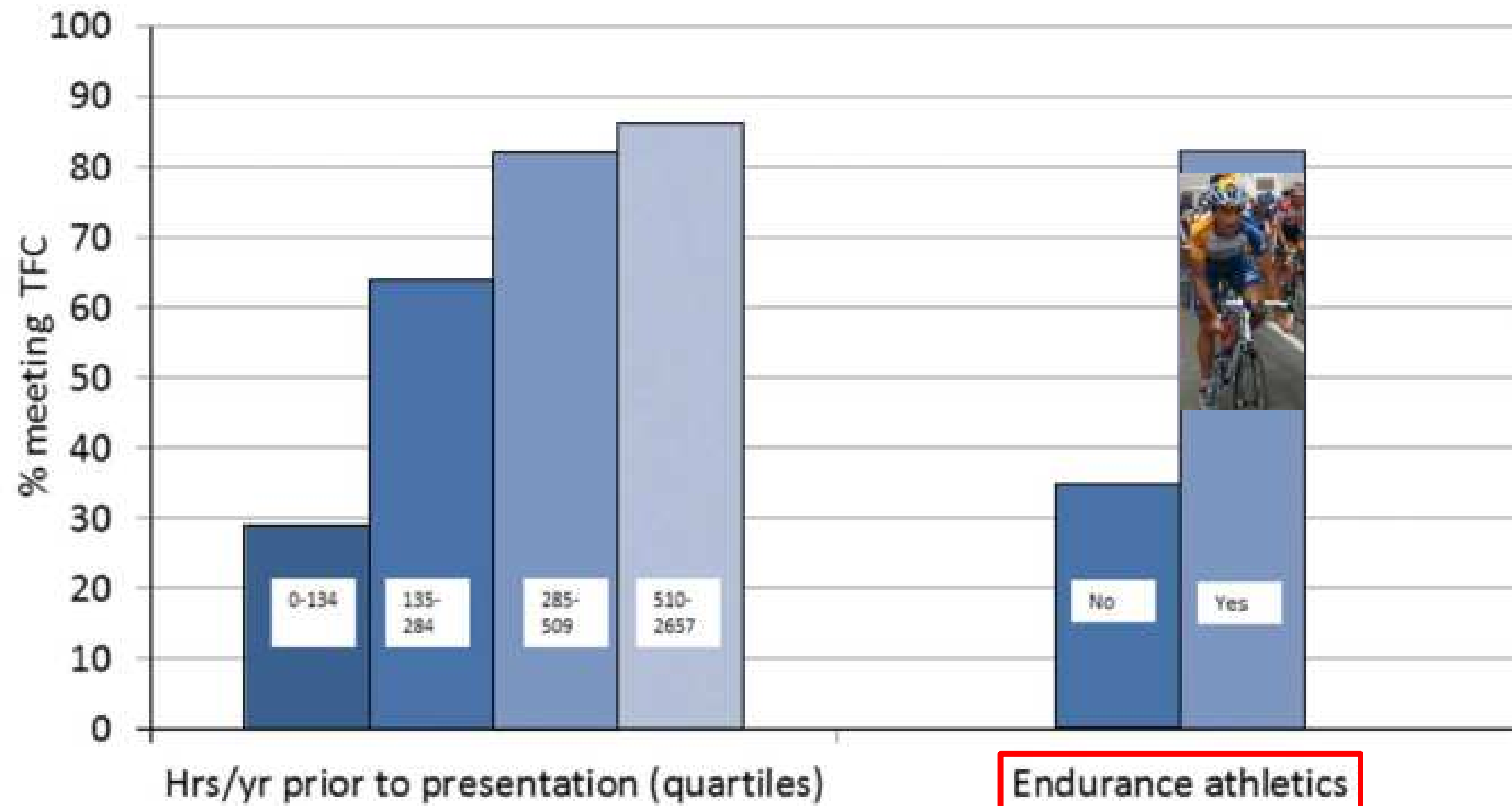
Clinical Relevance for Family Members





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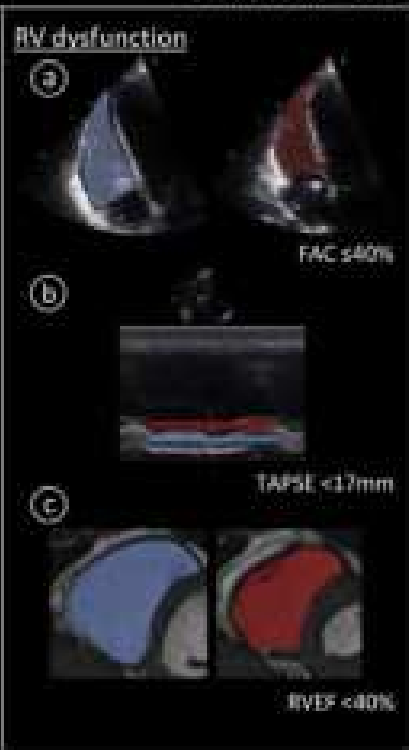
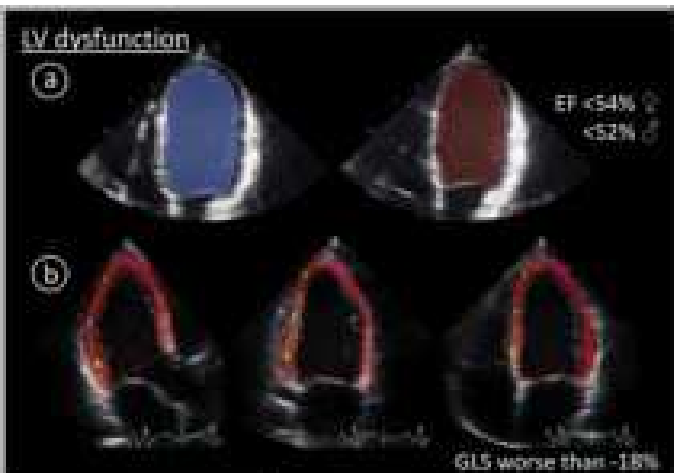
Association of **Exercise History & Diagnosis** of ARVC/ARC



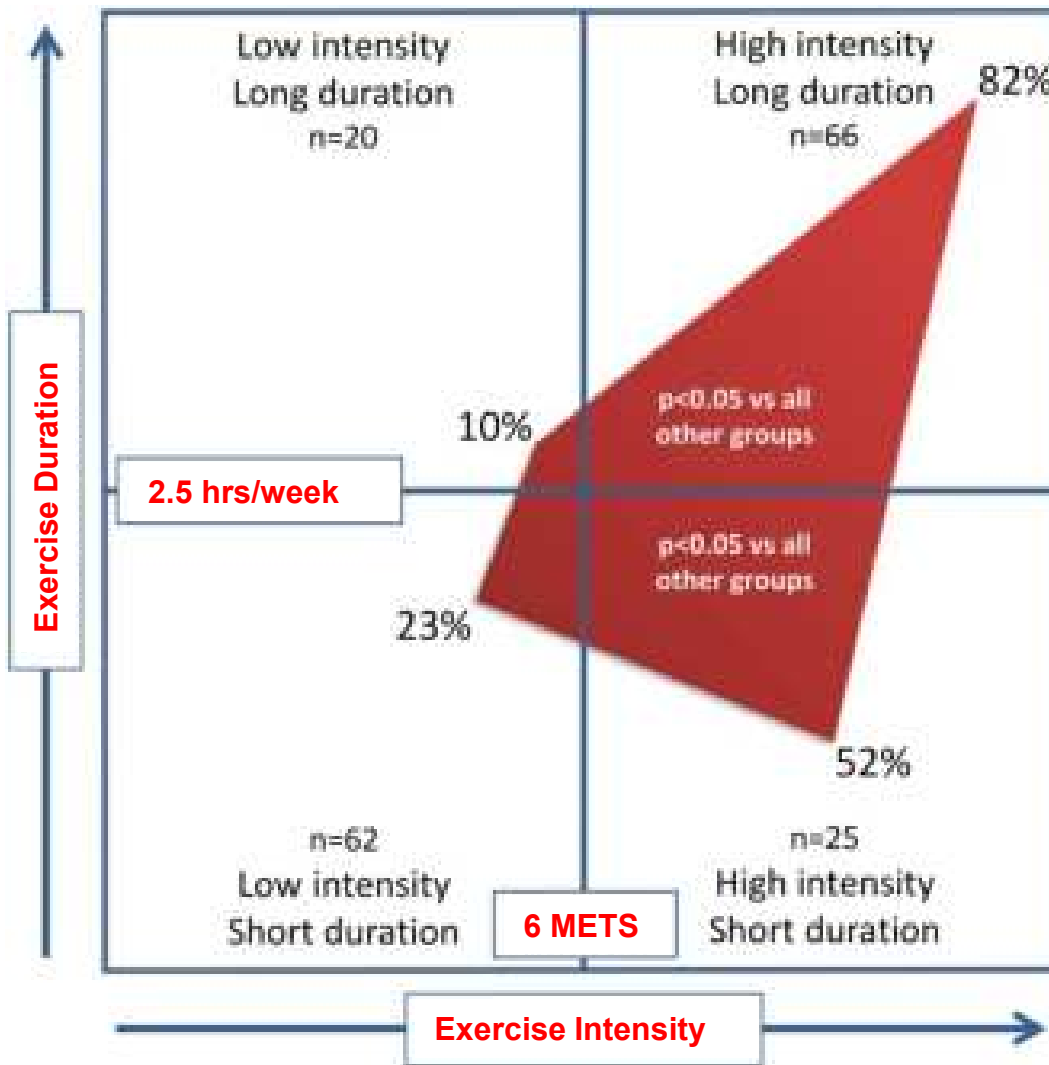
Harmful Effects of Exercise in ARC

Lie-Ø et al., JACC EP 2018

n= 173 – 83/173 with ventricular arrhythmias



> 2.5
hours /
week



≤ 2.5
hours /
week

➔ Exercise intensity seems more harmful than exercise duration

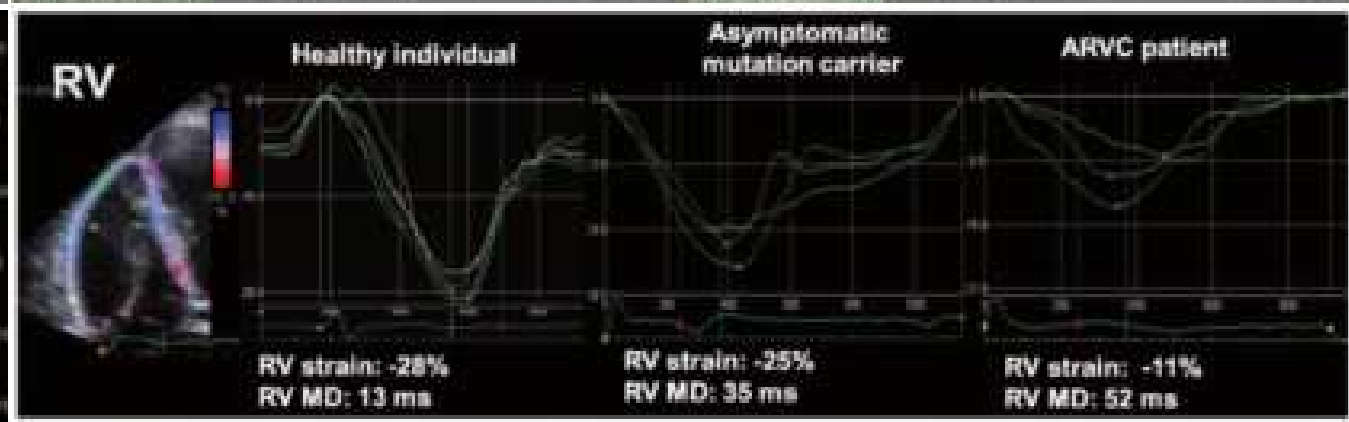
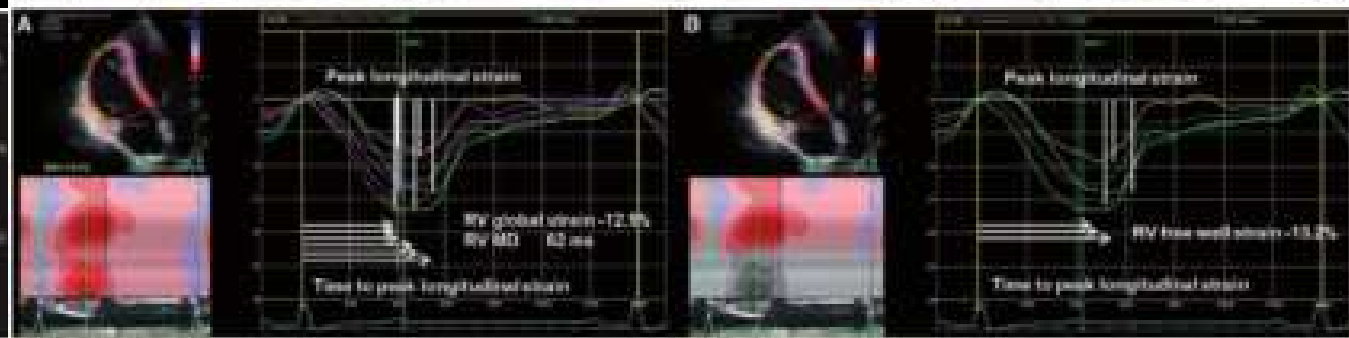
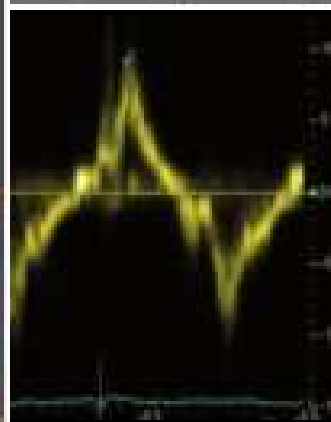
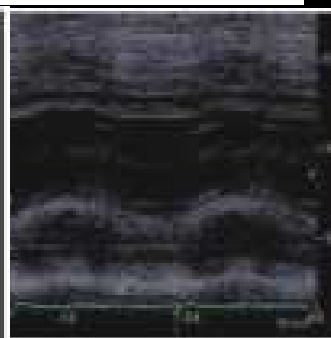
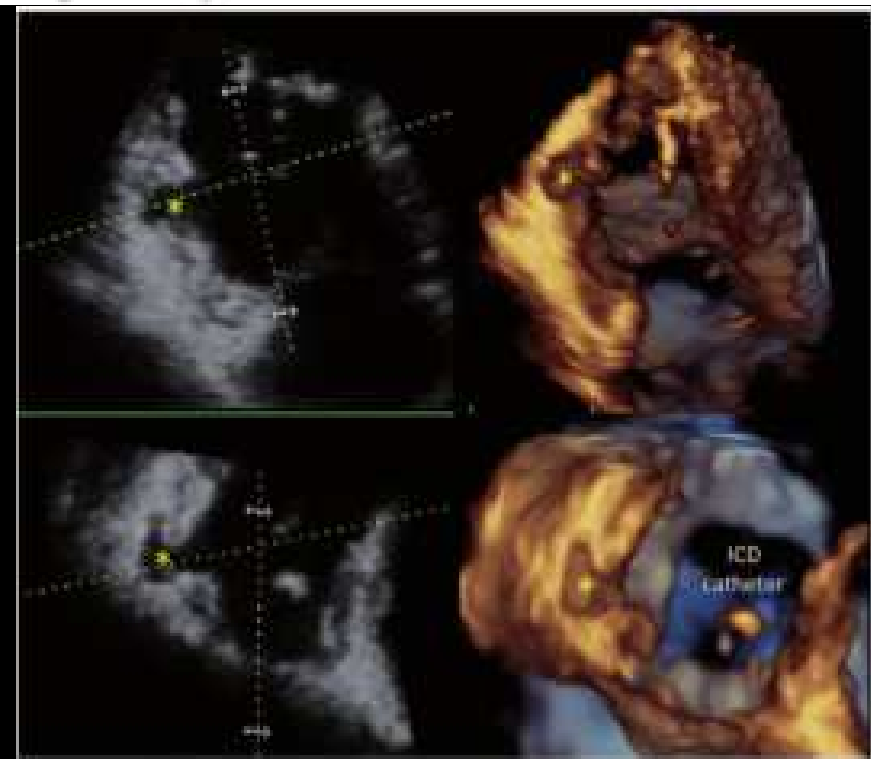
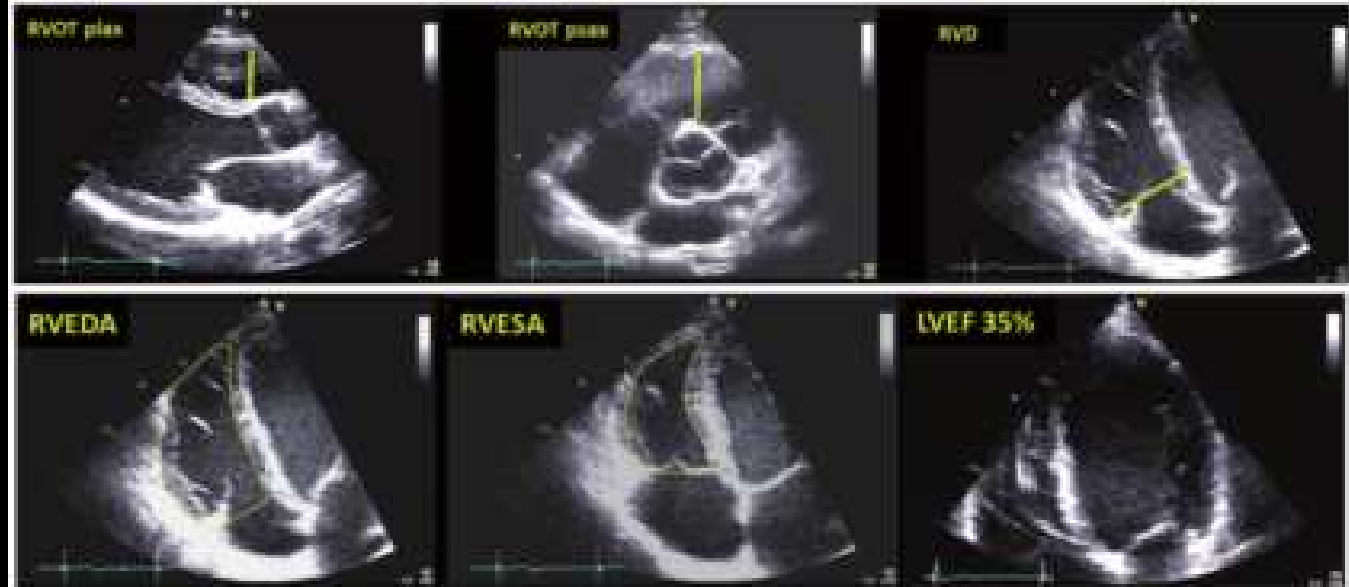


DIAGNOSIS OF ARC



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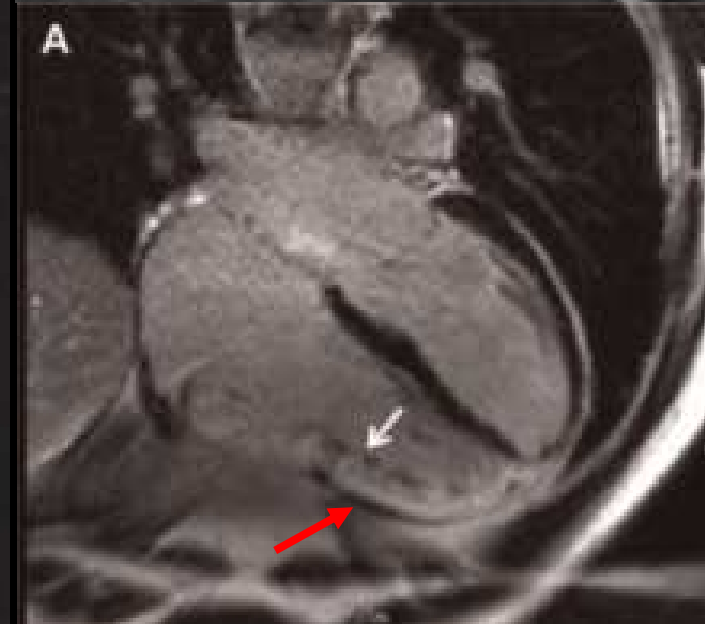
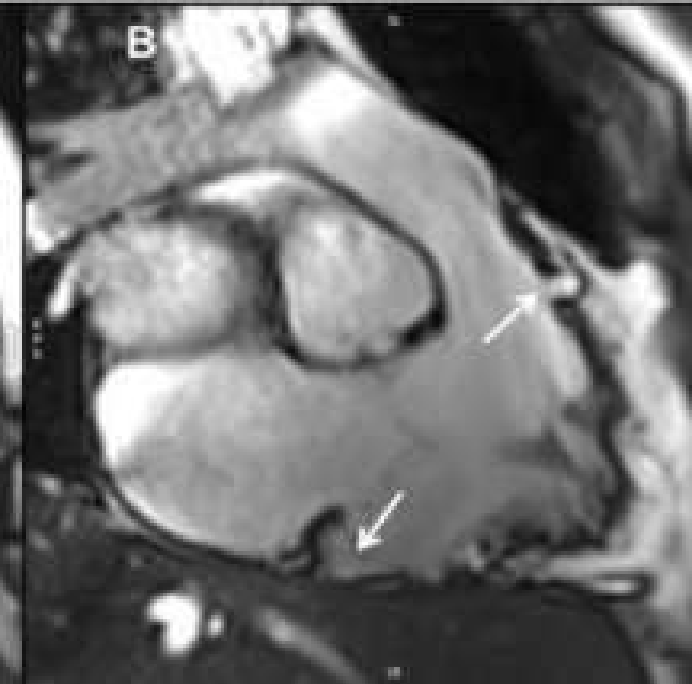
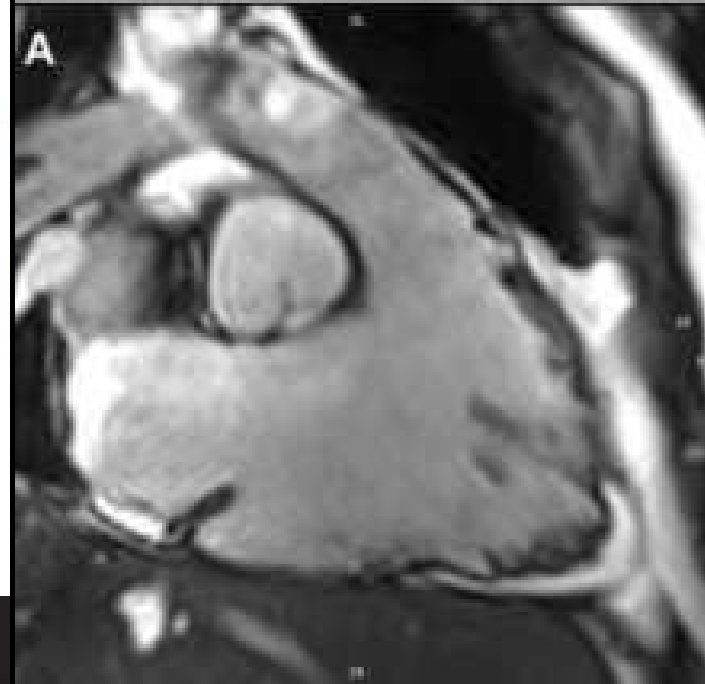
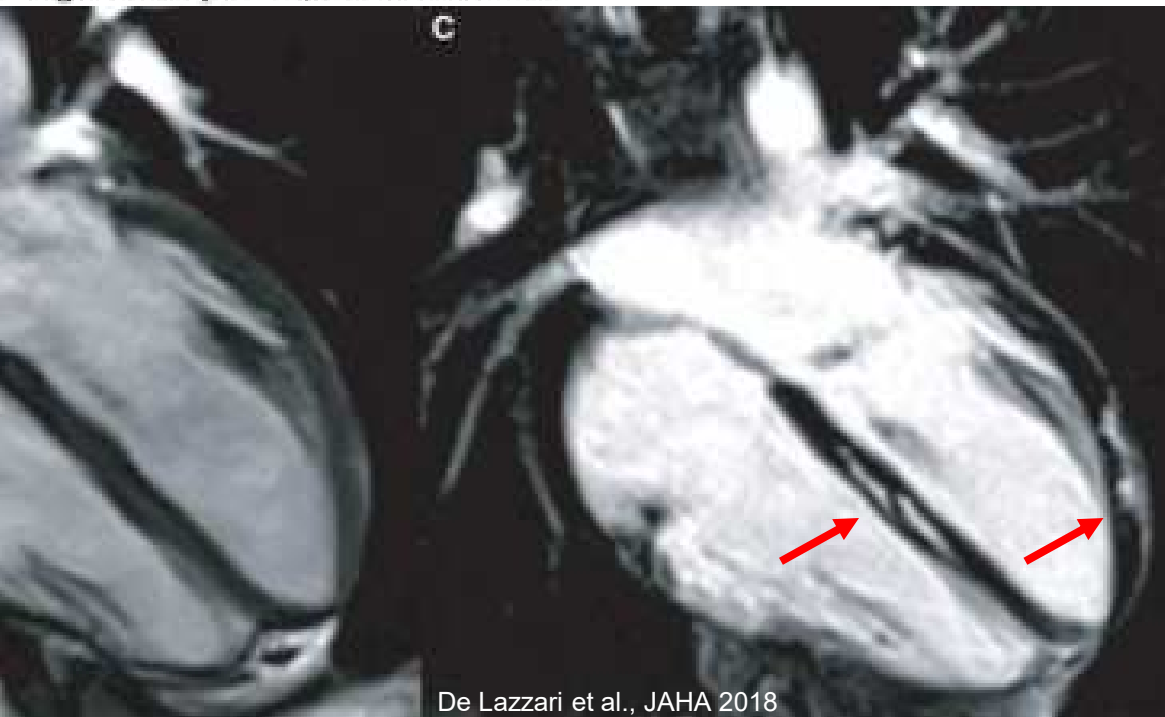
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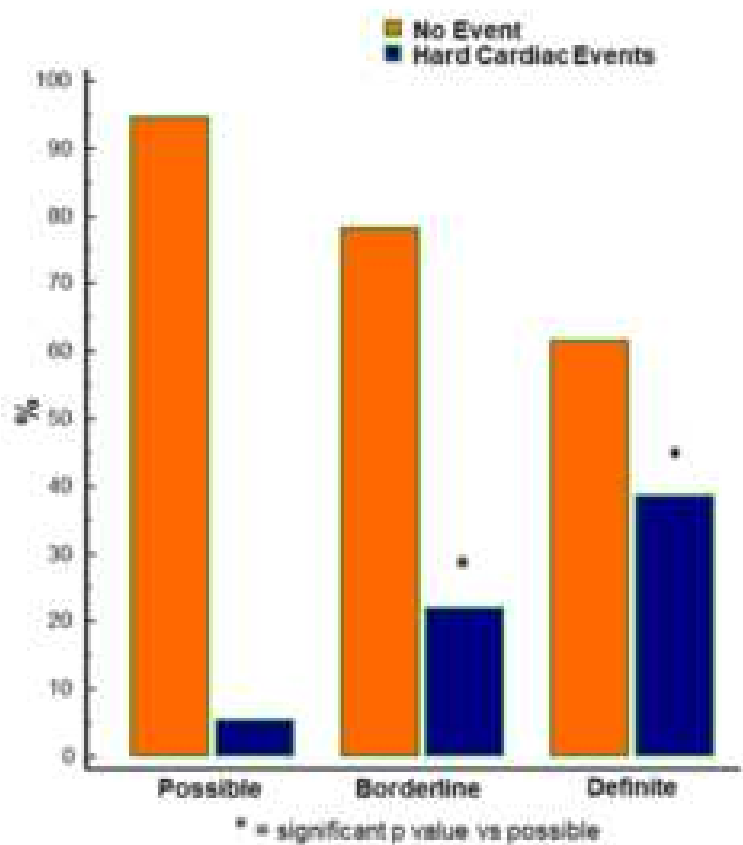
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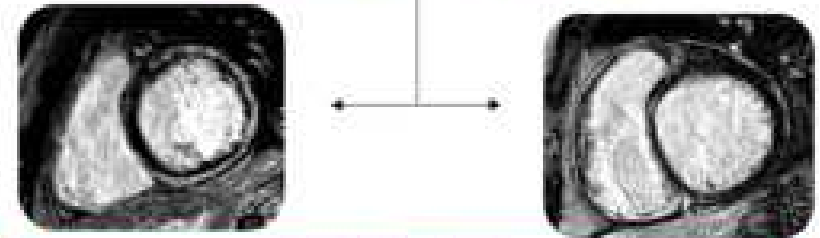
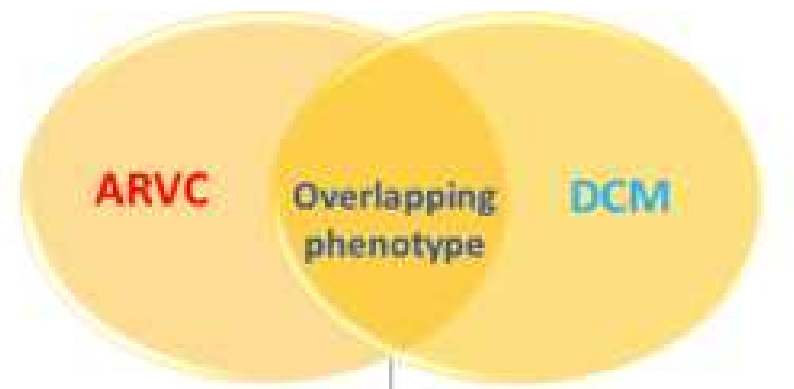
Prognostic Role of CMR



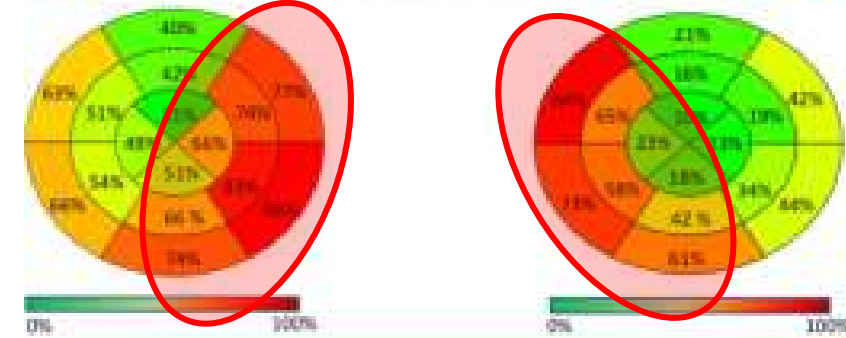
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Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy: Characterization of Left Ventricular Phenotype and Differential Diagnosis With Dilated Cardiomyopathy

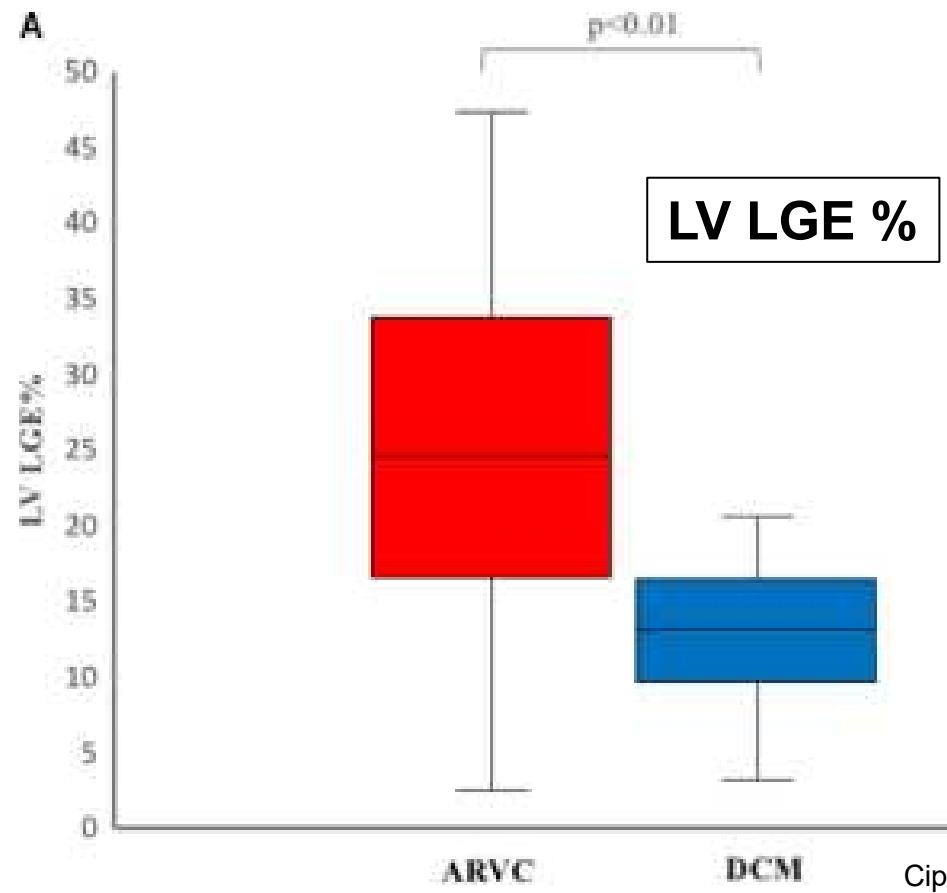
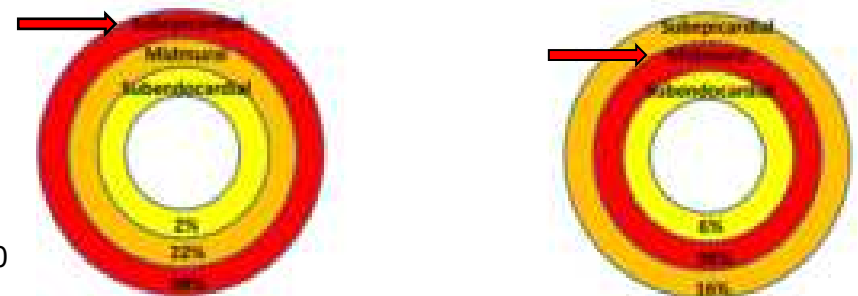
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LV LGE localization



LV LGE layer



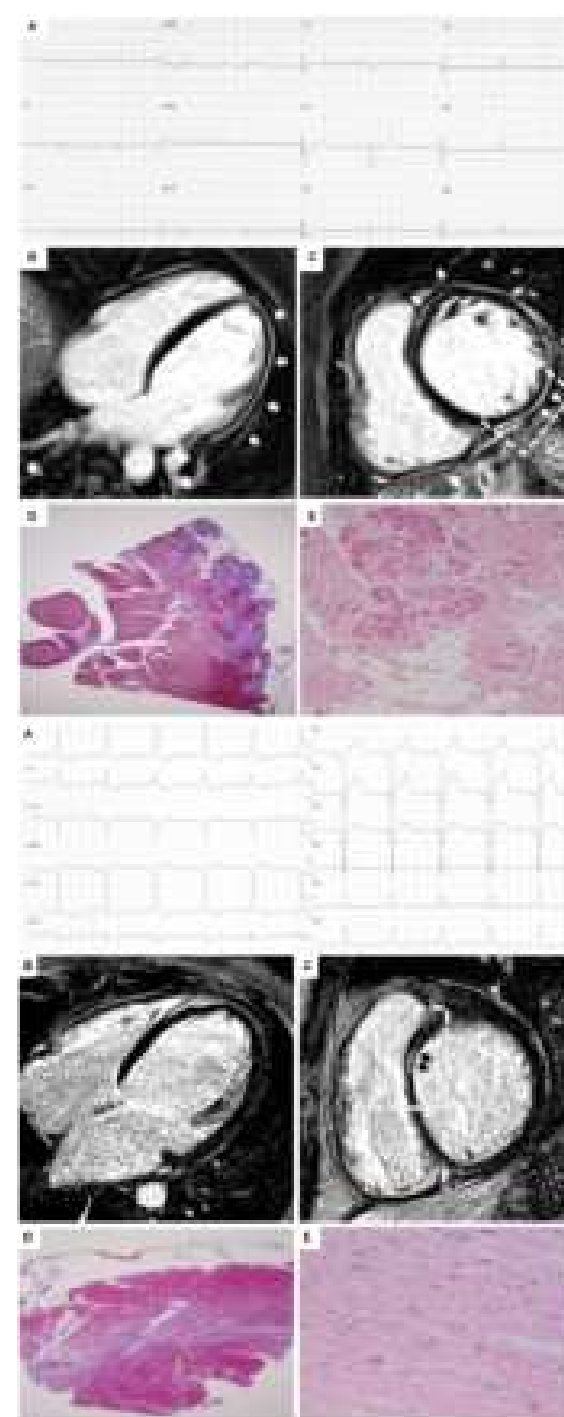
DD
ARC
vs.
DCM

	ACM/LLV Phenotype n=41	DCM/LLV Phenotype (LVEF <40%) n=32	P value
Electrocardiographic characteristics			
First degree atrioventricular block	5 (12)	4 (13)	0.909
Complete left bundle branch block	0	11 (34)	<0.001
Sokolow-Lyon Index	1 (2)	7 (22)	0.018
Left axis deviation	7 (17)	10 (31)	0.155
Left anterior fascicular block	5 (12)	6 (19)	0.518
Left atrial enlargement	6 (15)	6 (19)	0.638
Strain pattern	1 (2)	3 (9)	0.313
Low (<0.5 mV) QRS voltages in limb leads	24 (59)	1 (3)	<0.001
TWI in anterolateral leads (V1-V6)	11 (27)	2/23 (9)*	0.043
TWI in lateral leads (V5-V6, V4, I, aVL)	20 (49)	4/23 (17)*	0.001
TWI in inferolateral leads (II, III, aVF, V5-V6, V4 or I, aVL)	13 (32)	2 (6)	<0.001
CMR findings			
LV EDV, mL/m ²	97 (90-108)	120 (108-136)	<0.001
LV dilatation	19 (46)	32 (100)	<0.001
CMR LV mass, g/m ²	66 (55-73)	78 (63-90)	0.012
LV regional WMA	35 (85)	6 (19)	<0.001
LV global WMA	3 (7)	26 (81)	<0.001
LVEF, %	46 (41-48)	43 (41-45)	0.091
CMR tissue characterization findings			
LV LGE amount, g	17.2 (12.3-22.5)	7.8 (6.4-13.1)	<0.001
LV LGE amount, %	24.6 (16.8-33.2)	10.4 (8.3-17.3)	<0.001
N° segments involved	9 (7-11)	5 (3-7)	<0.001
>6 segments	32 (78)	7 (22)	<0.001
LV LGE morphology			
Stria	40 (98)	27 (84)	0.054
Spot/patchy	6 (15)	6 (19)	0.574
LV LGE layer			
Subendocardial	1 (2)	0	0.266
Midmural	9 (22)	32 (100)	<0.001
Subepicardial	40 (98)	5 (16)	<0.001

LBBB

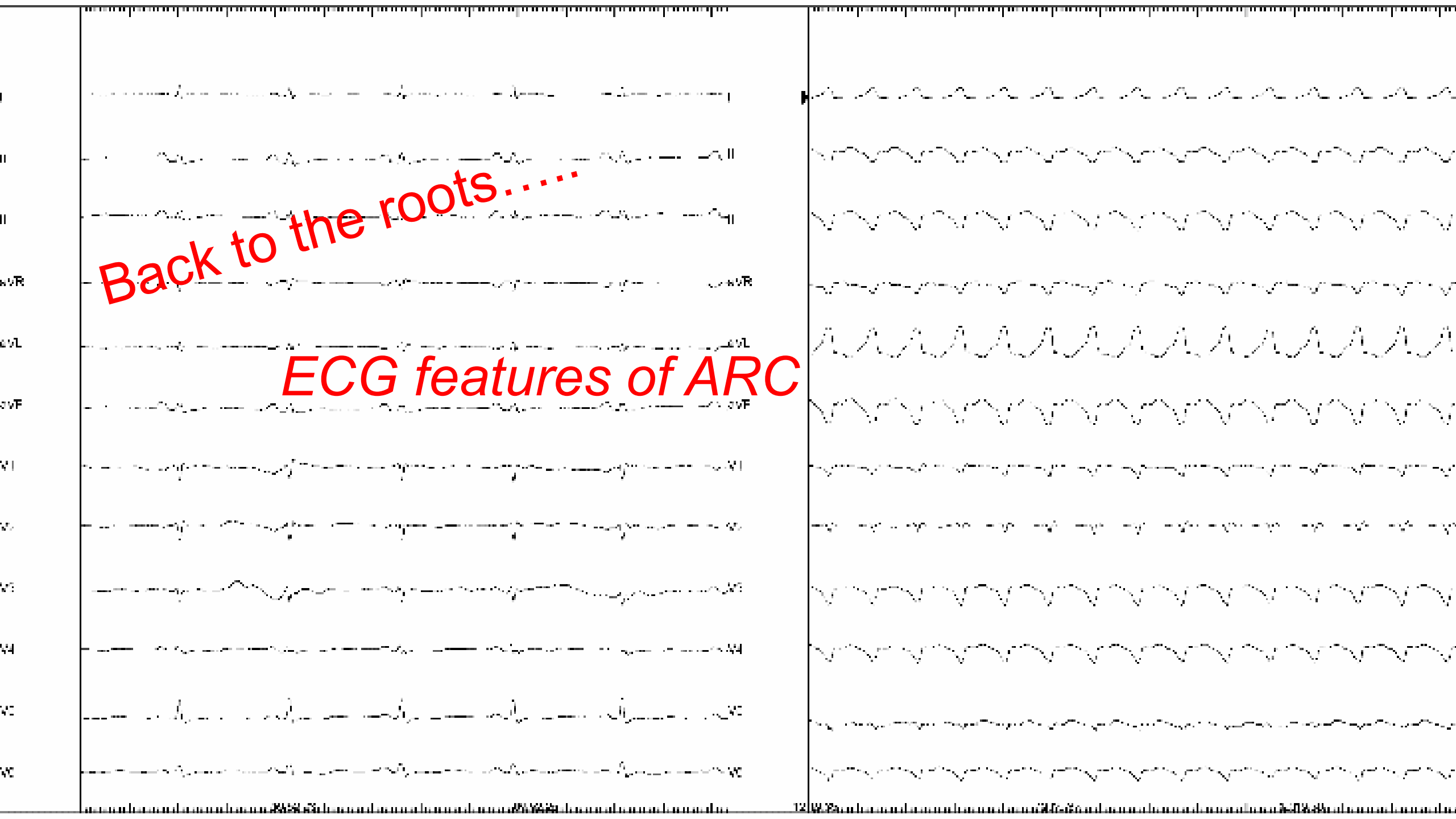
Low
VoltageTWI
inferolat

LV dilat

WMA
reg/globLV
LGE %LV LGE
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Back to the roots.....

ECG features of ARC



ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Relationship Between Electrocardiographic Findings and Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Phenotypes in Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

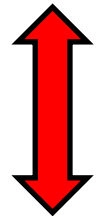
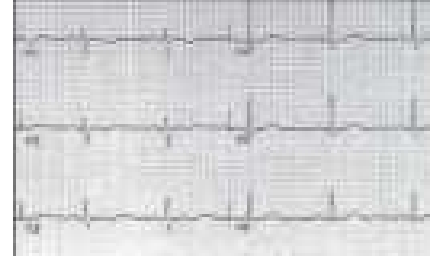
Manuel De Lazzari, MD, PhD; Alessandro Zorzi, MD, PhD; Alberto Cipriani, MD; Angela Susana, MD; Giulio Mastella, MD; Alessandro Rizzo, MD; Iana Rigato, MD, PhD; Barbara Saucedo, MD, PhD; Benedetta Giorgi, MD; Carmelo Lacognata, MD; Sabino Iliceto, MD; Domenico Corrado, MD, PhD; Martina Perazzolo Marra, MD, PhD

Background—The new designation of arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy defines a broader spectrum of disease phenotypes, which include right dominant, biventricular, and left dominant variants. We evaluated the relationship between electrocardiographic findings and contrast-enhanced cardiac magnetic resonance phenotypes in arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy.

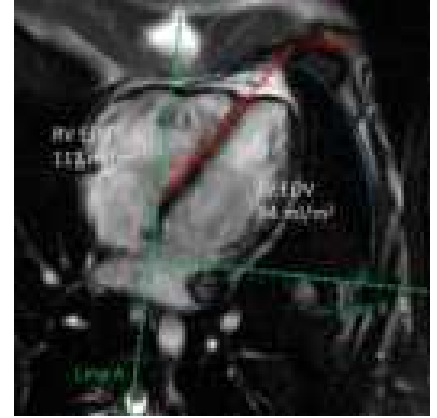
Methods and Results—We studied a consecutive cohort of patients with a definite diagnosis of arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy, according to 2010 International Task Force criteria, who underwent electrocardiography and contrast-enhanced cardiac magnetic resonance. Both depolarization and repolarization electrocardiographic abnormalities were correlated with the severity of dilatation/dysfunction, either global or regional, of both ventricles and the presence and regional distribution of late gadolinium enhancement. The study population included 79 patients (60% men). There was a statistically significant relationship between the presence and extent of T-wave inversion across a 12-lead ECG and increasing values of median right ventricular (RV) end-diastolic volume ($P < 0.001$) and decreasing values of RV ejection fraction ($P < 0.001$). The extent of T-wave inversion to lateral leads predicted a more severe RV dilatation rather than a left ventricular involvement because of the leftward displacement of the dilated RV, as evidenced by contrast-enhanced cardiac magnetic resonance. A terminal activation delay of -55 ms in the right precordial leads predicted the presence ($P = 0.004$) and amount ($P < 0.001$) of left ventricular late gadolinium enhancement.

Conclusions—The study results indicated that electrocardiographic abnormalities predict the arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy phenotype in terms of severity of RV disease and left ventricular involvement, which are among the most important determinants of the disease outcome. (*J Am Heart Assoc.* 2018;7:e009855. DOI: 10.1161/JAHA.118.009855.)

Key Words: cardiac magnetic resonance imaging • cardiomyopathy • electrocardiography • late gadolinium enhancement

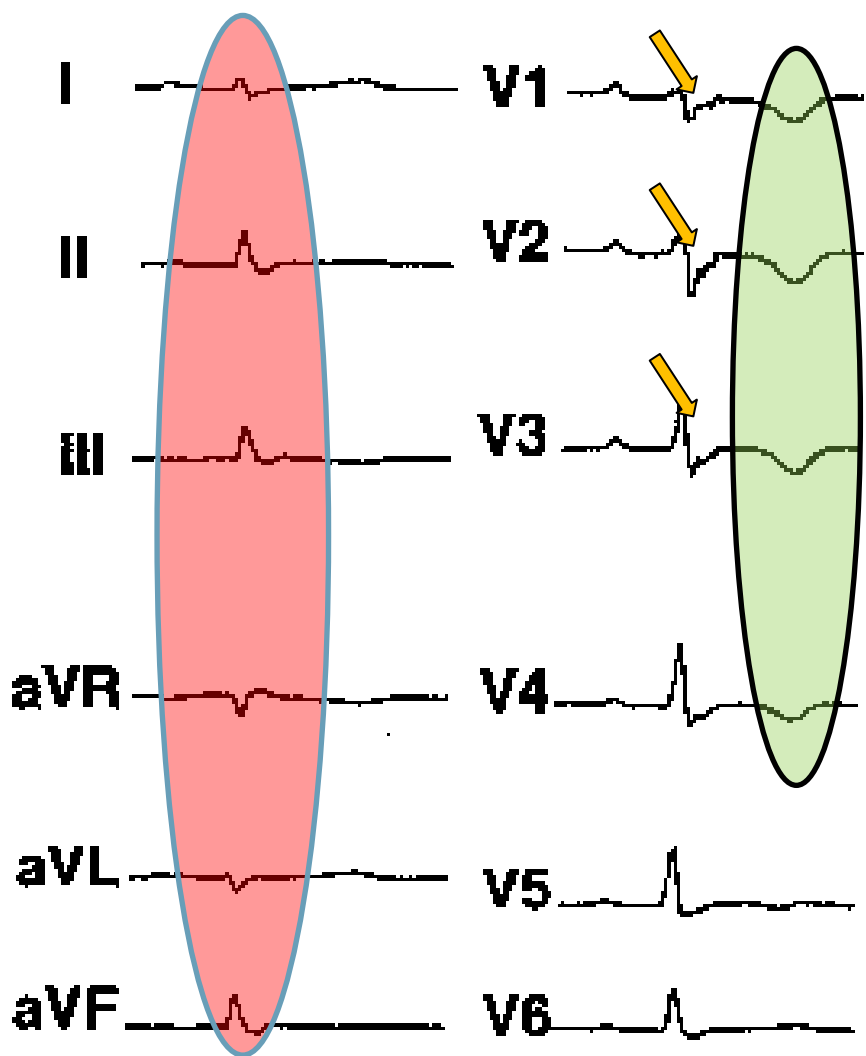


ACM
n=79



Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

ECG Features



Wichter et al. Z Kardiol. 1991

Extent of negative T-waves in right precordial leads
 → correlates with the **severity of RV dilatation & dysfunction**
 → does not predict LV involvement!

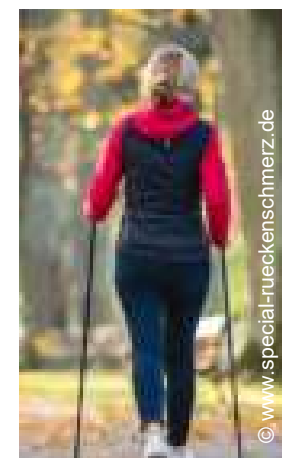
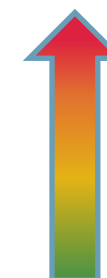
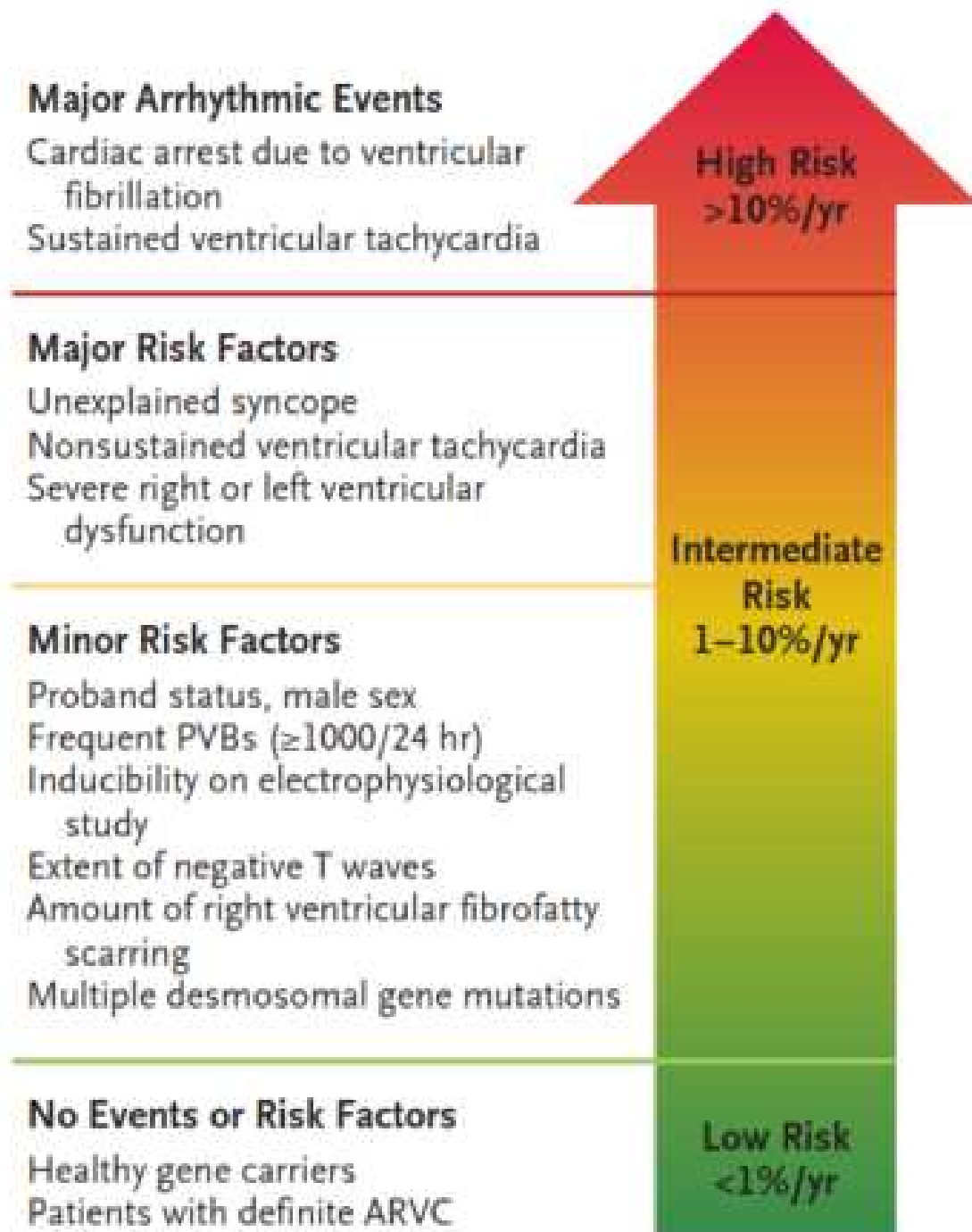
(In-)complete RBBB, ε-waves, delayed S-wave upstroke, terminal activation delay (TAD, peak S - J point) >55ms
 → reflect areas of slow conduction, fragmentation of electrical activation, **proarrhythmogenic reentry circuits**

Low-voltage ($\leq 0,5\text{mV}$) in limb leads
 → **predicts LV involvement** (Spec 100%, Sens 30%)

Therapy.

Risikostratifizierung bei ARC

Geschätztes jährliches Risiko eines tödlichen arrhythmischen Ereignisses



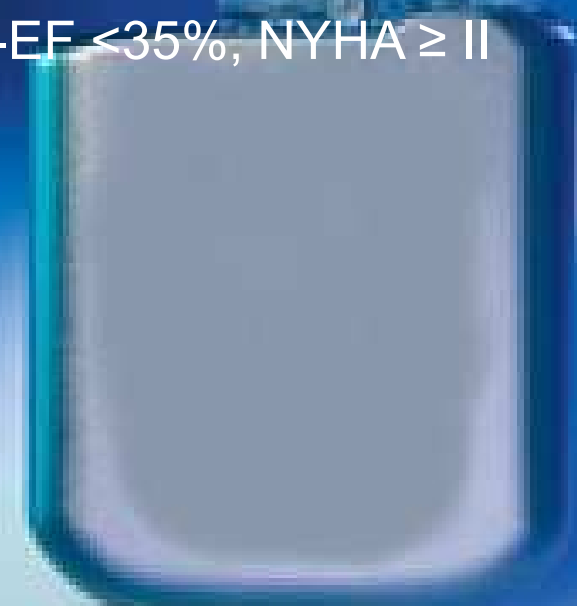
Corrado-D et al., NEJM 2017

Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

HRS Recommendations for ICD Implantation

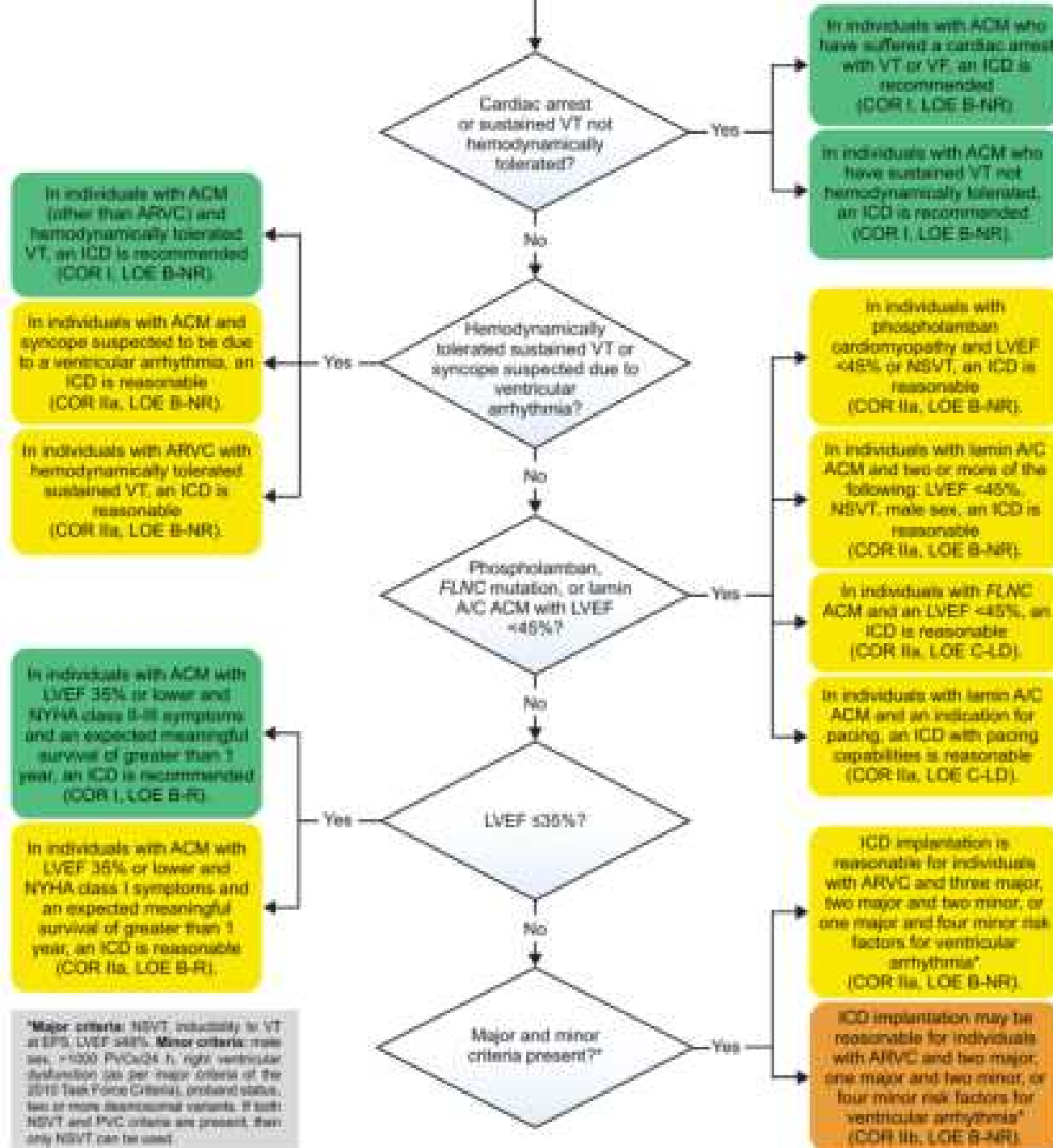
Class I Indication if ...

- survived sudden cardiac death
- documented sustained VT
- LV-EF <35%, NYHA ≥ II



Class II Indication if ...

- specific genetic variants (Phospholamban, Lamin A/C, FLNC...)
- ... & NSVT, reduced LV-EF <45%
- LV-EF <35% & NYHA I

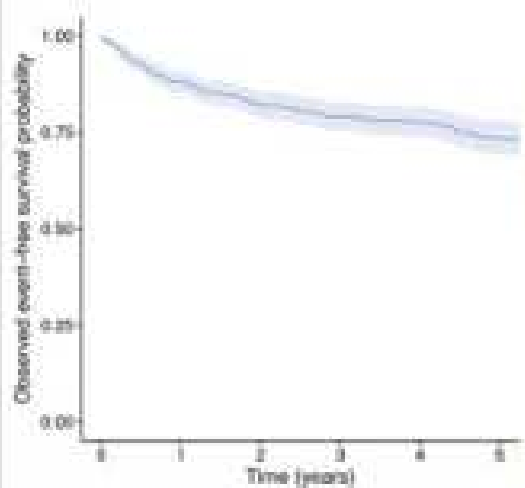


Prediction of Ventricular Arrhythmias in ARC

Cadrin-Tourigny-J et al., Eur Heart J 2019

Prediction of sustained ventricular arrhythmia in ARVC

5-year event-free survival (n = 528)
Overall

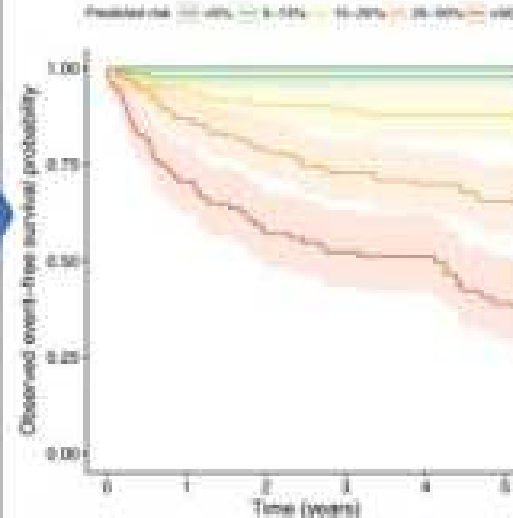


Model for 5-year risk prediction

Sex	x	0.49
Age	x	-0.022
Recent syncope	x	0.66
Non-sustained VT	x	0.81
Ln(24h PVC count)	x	0.17
Leads with T-wave inv.	x	0.11
RVEF	x	-0.025

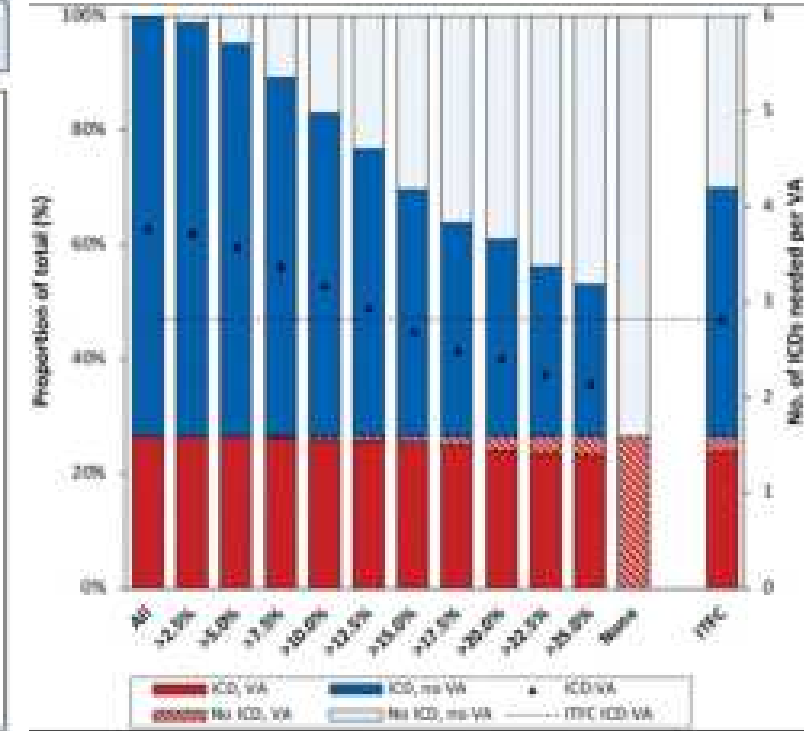
$$1 - 0.802^{\text{exp}(\dots)} = 5 \text{ year risk}$$

5-year event-free survival (n = 528)
Per predicted risk group



Risk Model

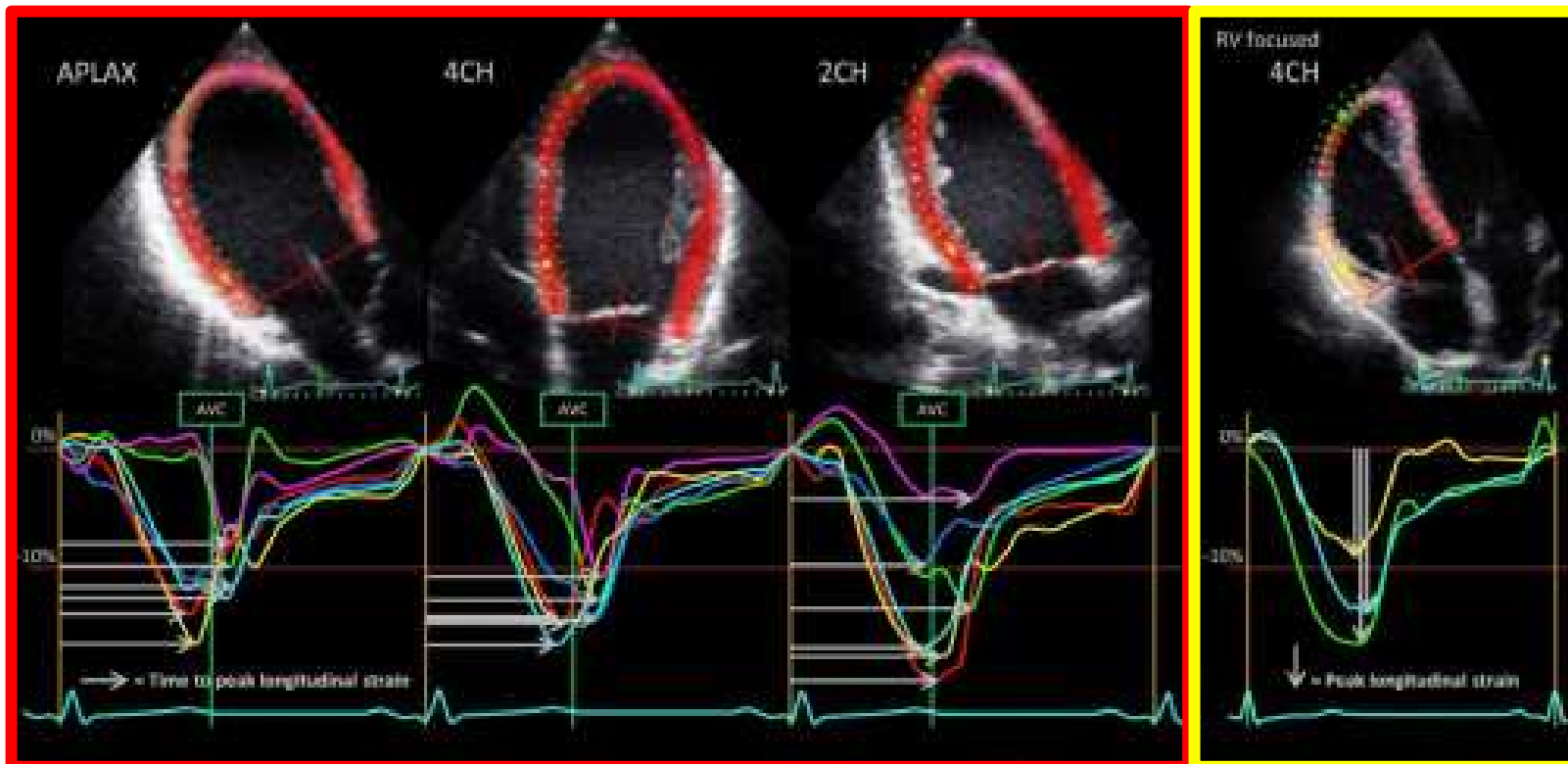
TFC
recommend



Prediction of Ventricular Arrhythmias in ARC

Lie-Ø et al., JACC CV Imag 2018

LV
mechanical
dispersion



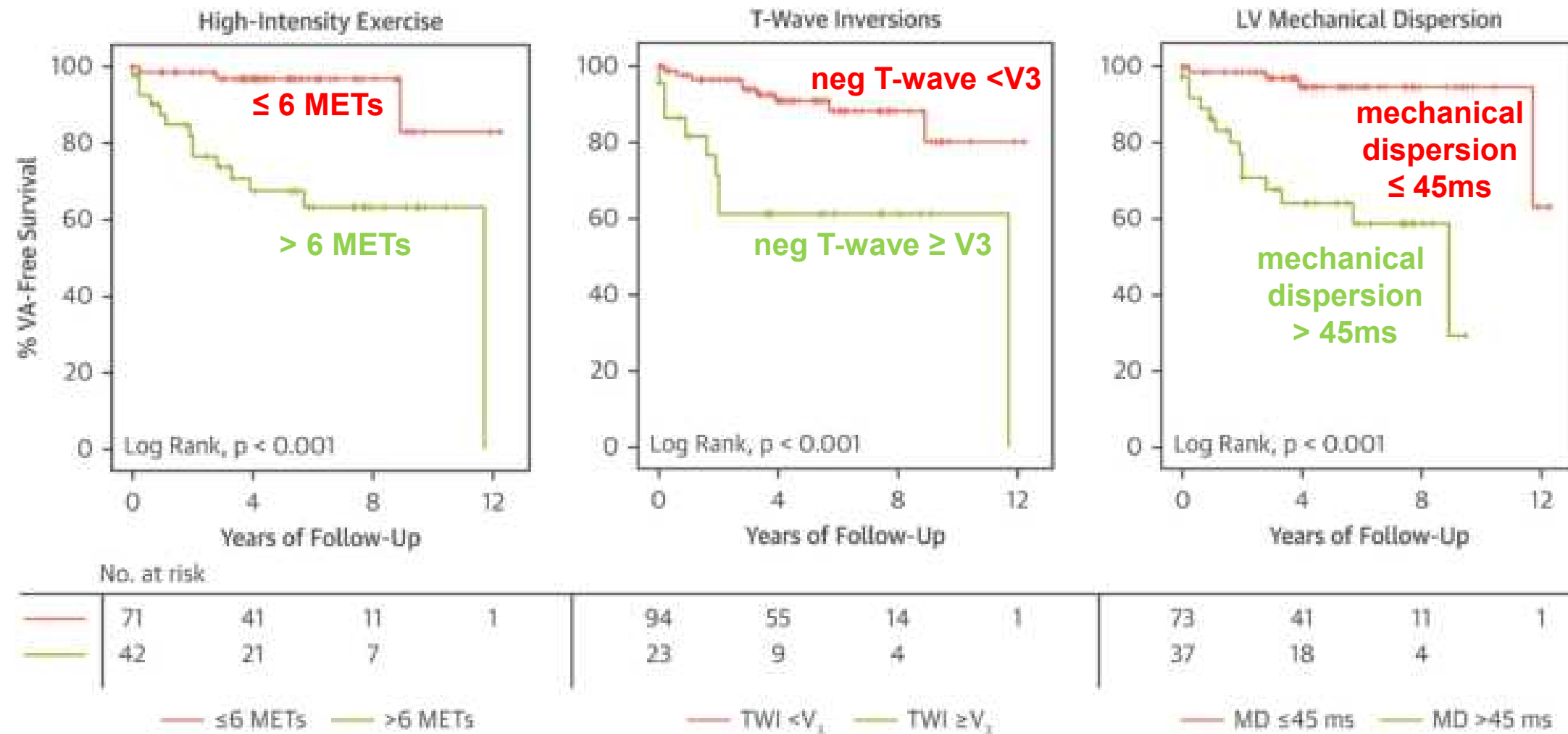
RV
free wall strain



ECG features
 A: epsilon potentials
 B: terminal activ. dur >55ms
 C: extent of T-wave inversion

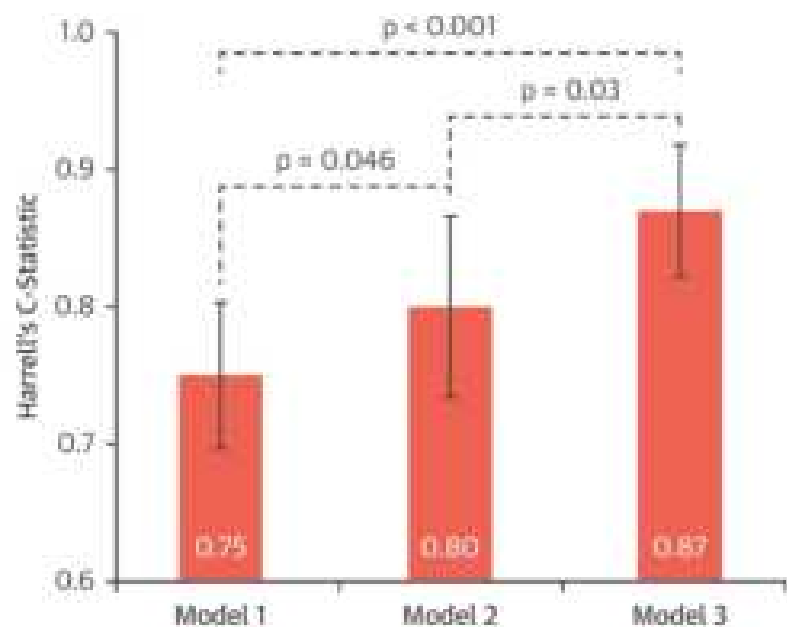
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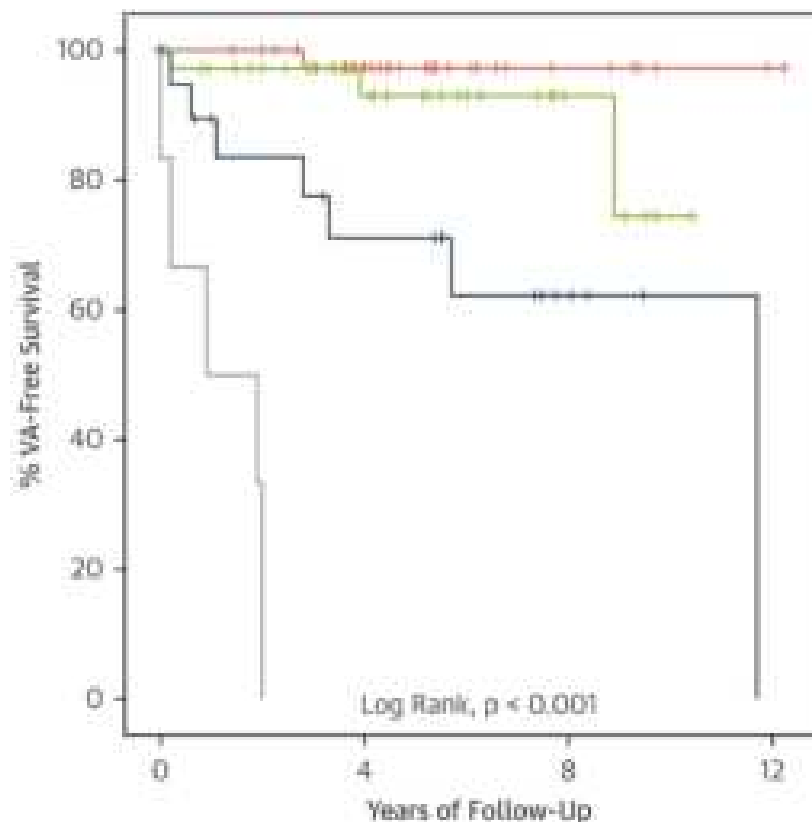


Prediction of Ventricular Arrhythmias in ARC

Lie-Ø et al., JACC CV Imag 2018



	HR (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)
High int exercise	8.1 (2.3-28.4) p = 0.001	8.1 (2.3-28.8) p = 0.001	4.7 (1.2-17.5) p = 0.02
T-wave inversion		3.9 (1.4-11.1) p = 0.01	4.7 (1.6-13.9) p = 0.005
LV mech dispersion			1.4 (1.2-1.6) p < 0.001
NRI		0.65 (p = 0.01)	0.97 (p < 0.001)
IDI		0.13 (p = 0.008)	0.39 (p = 0.009)
AIC	119.8	115.9	105.0



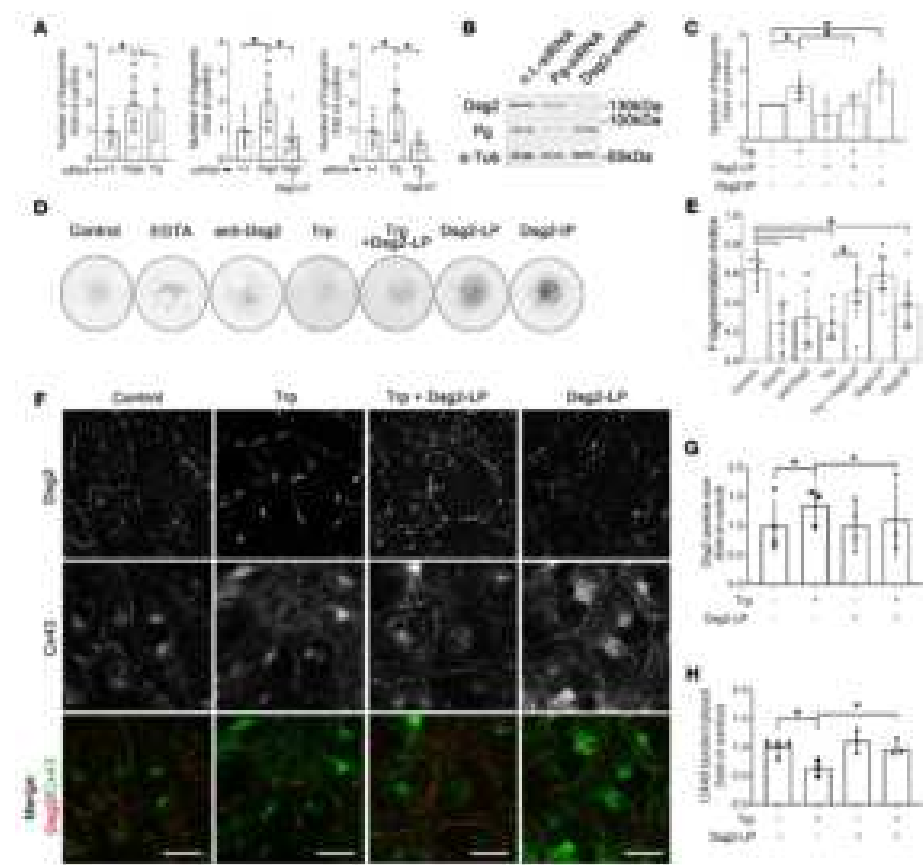
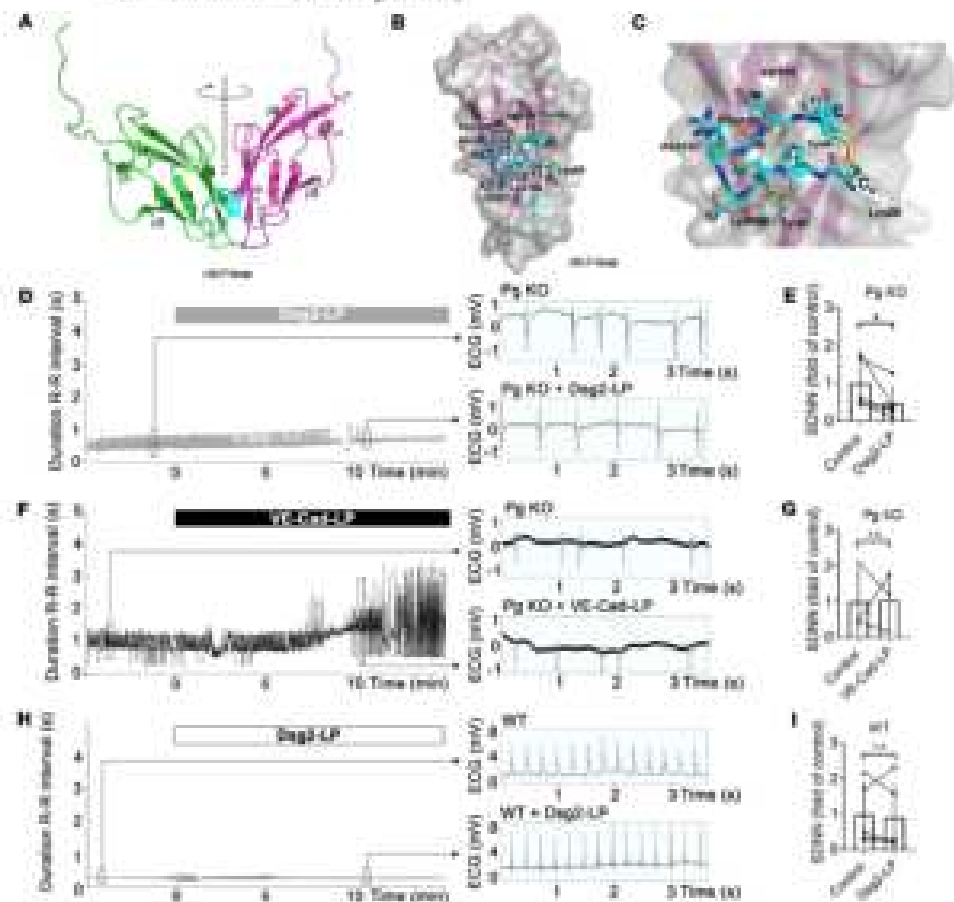
	No. at risk			
—	44	25	7	1
—	38	22	5	
—	20	11	4	
—	6			

— 0 Risk Factors — 1 Risk Factor
 — 2 Risk Factors — 3 Risk Factors

Stabilization of desmoglein-2 binding rescues arrhythmia in arrhythmogenic cardiomyopathy

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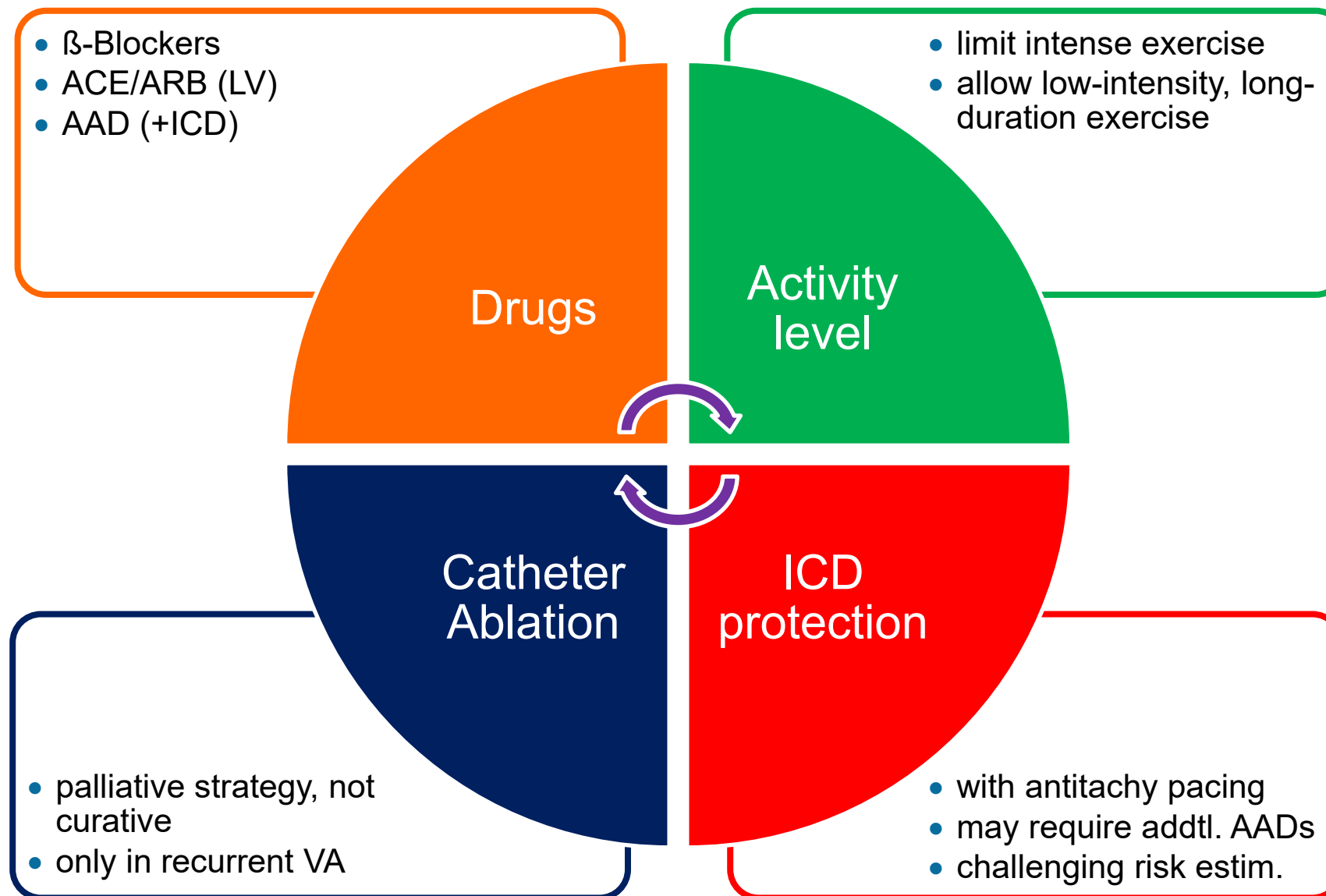


....stabilization of Dsg2 binding by a linking peptide (Dsg2-LP) is efficient to rescue arrhythmia in an AC mouse model

...stabilization of Dsg2 binding by Dsg2-LP can serve as a novel approach to treat arrhythmia in patients with AC.

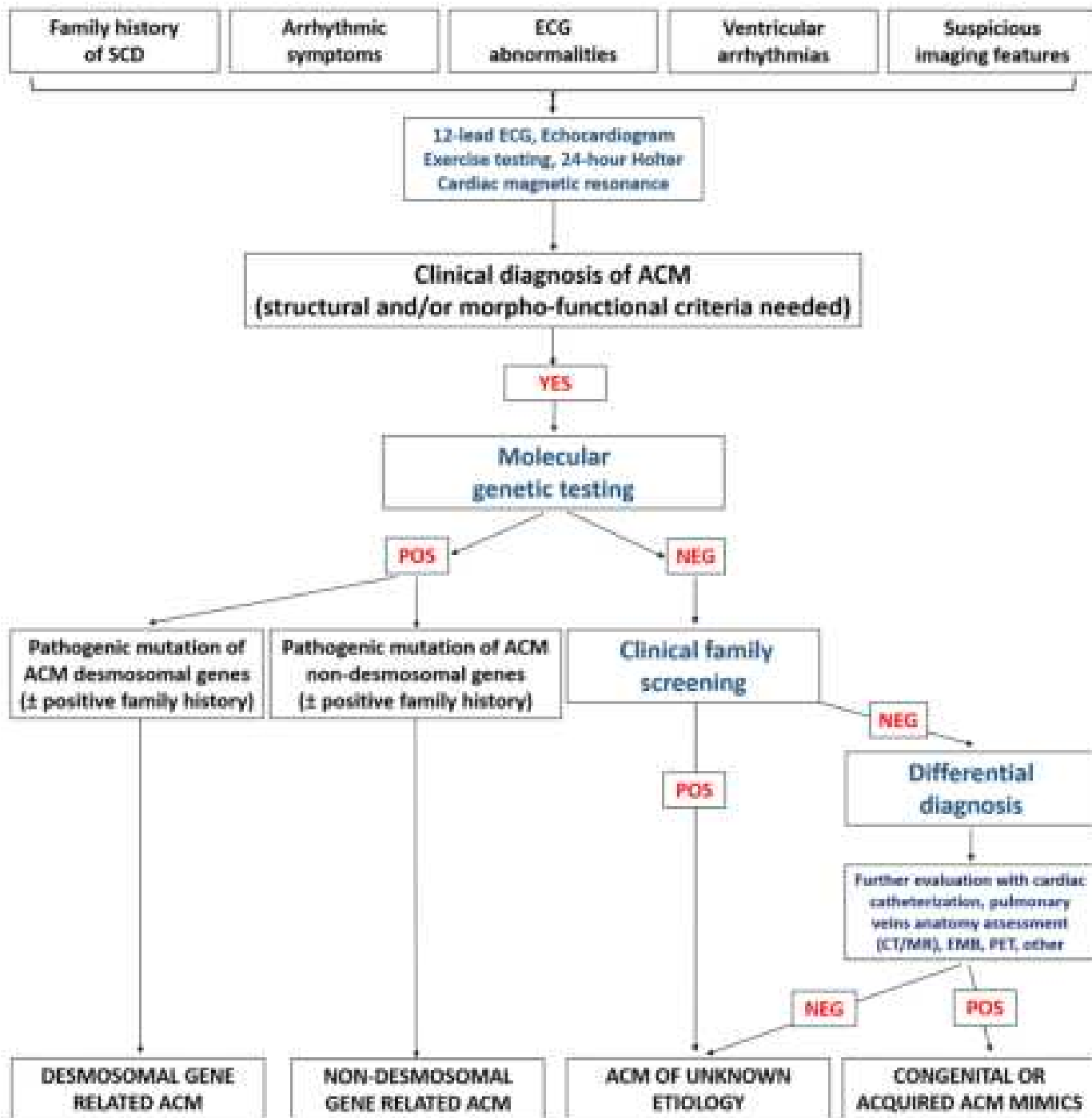
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Therapeutic Concepts



Diagnosis of ACM

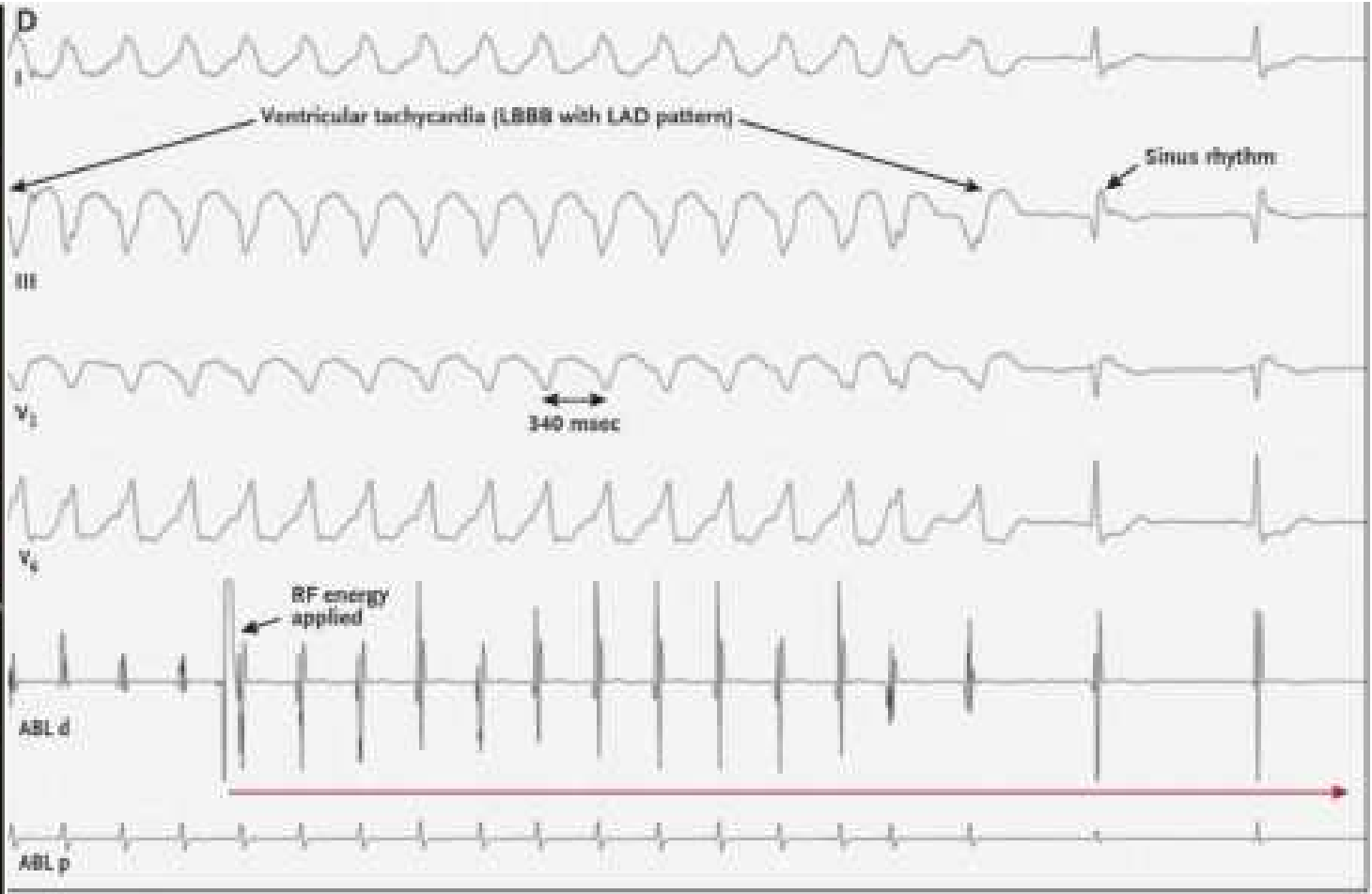
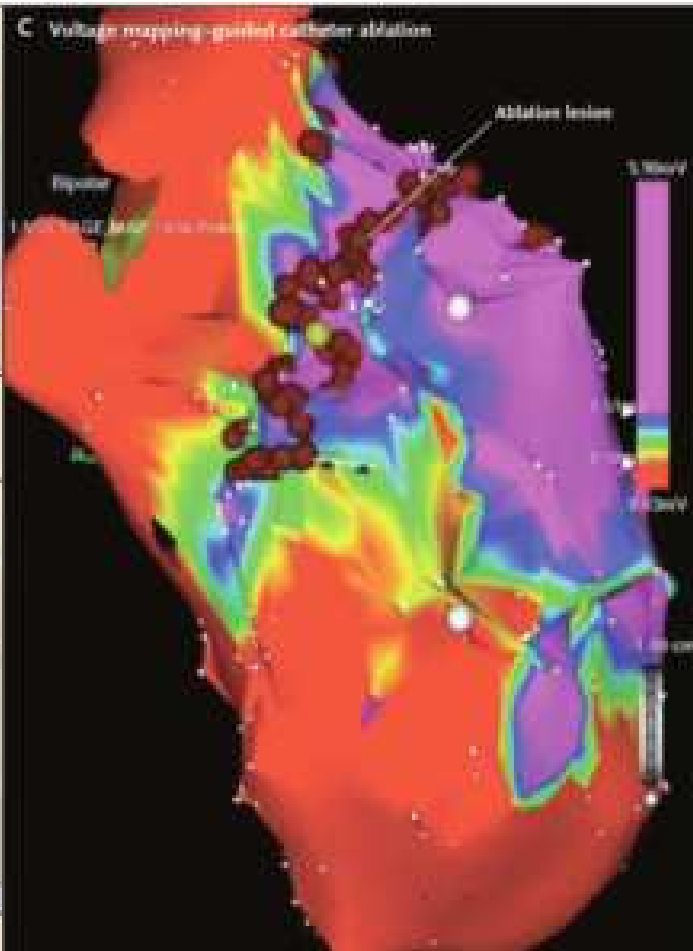
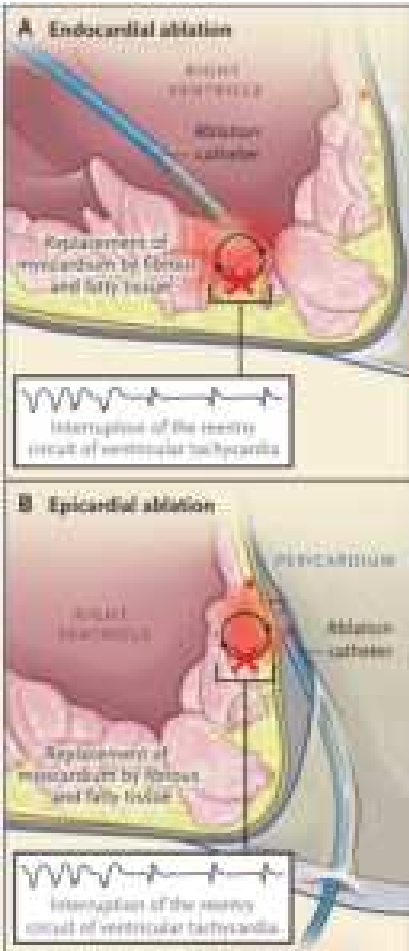
Flow-Chart



Vielen Dank!

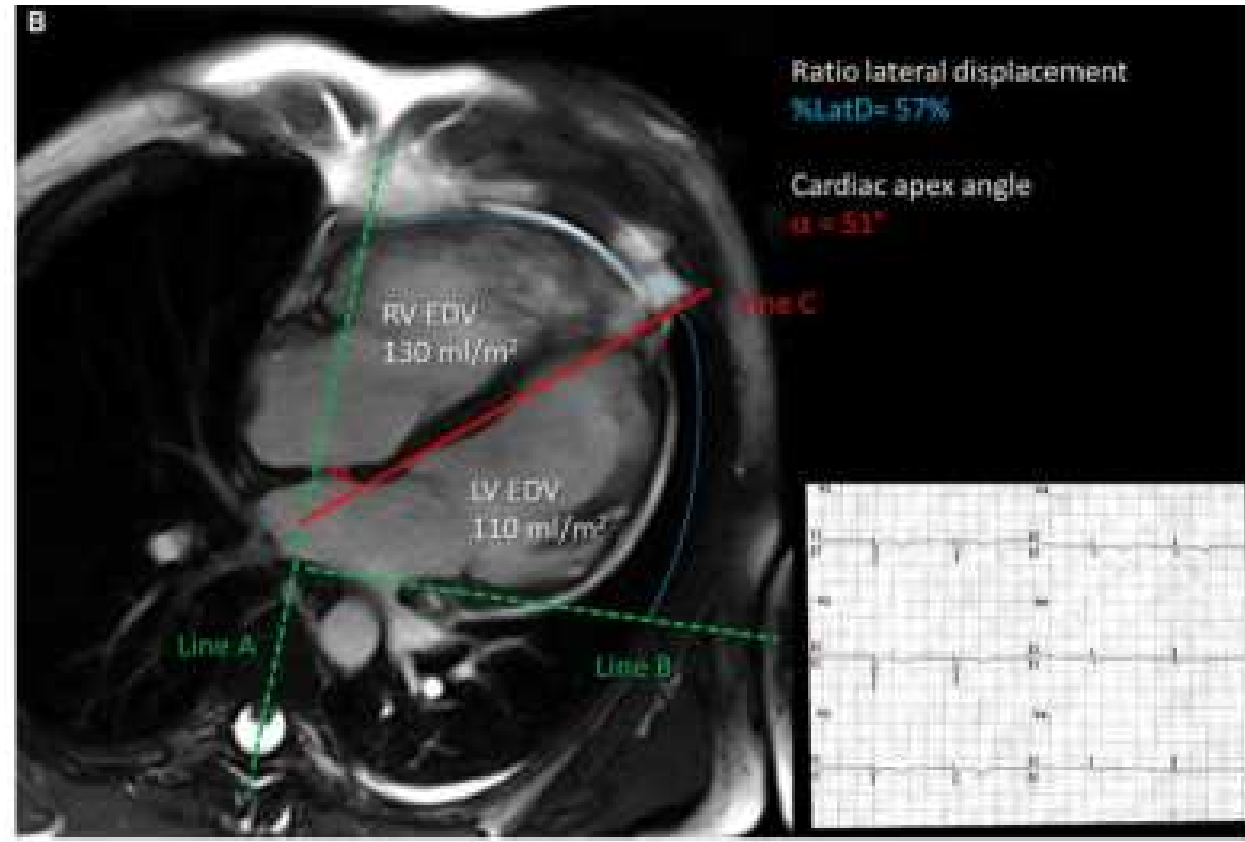
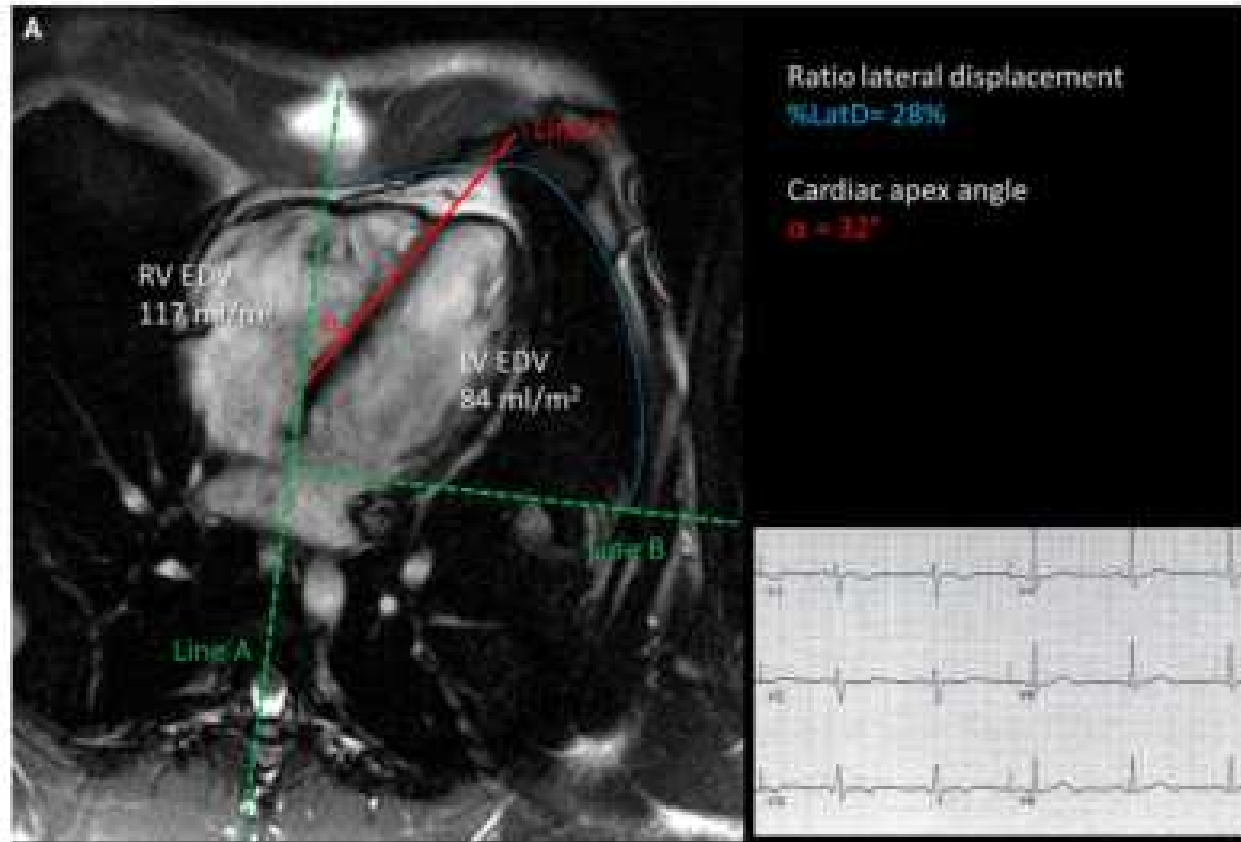
Repair
Reform
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Ablation bei Arrhythmogener Cardiomyopathie & Rezidivierenden VT's



Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

ECG Features



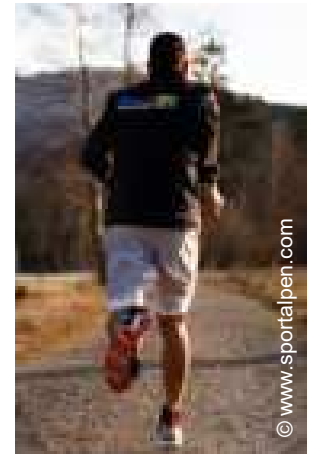
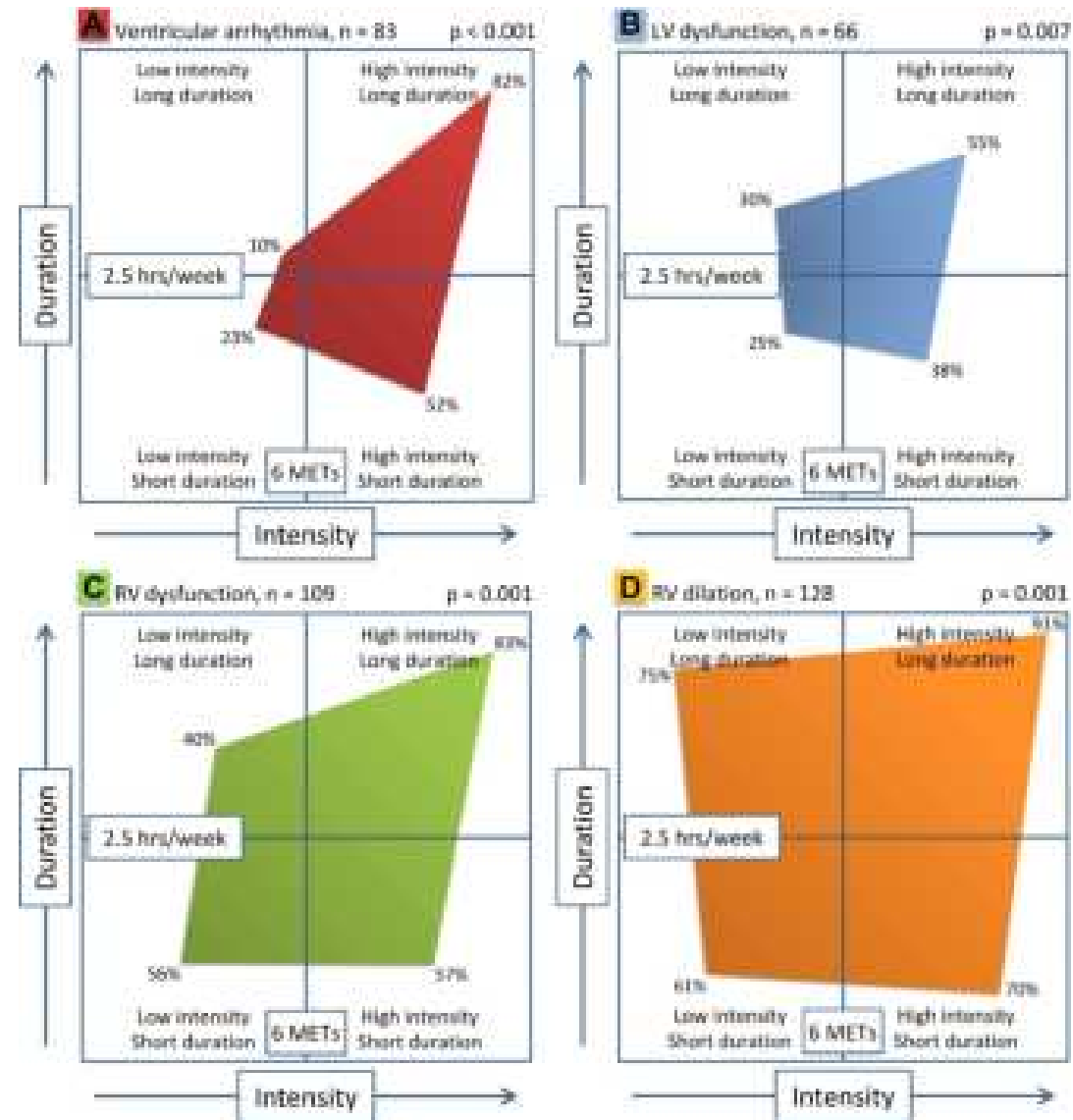
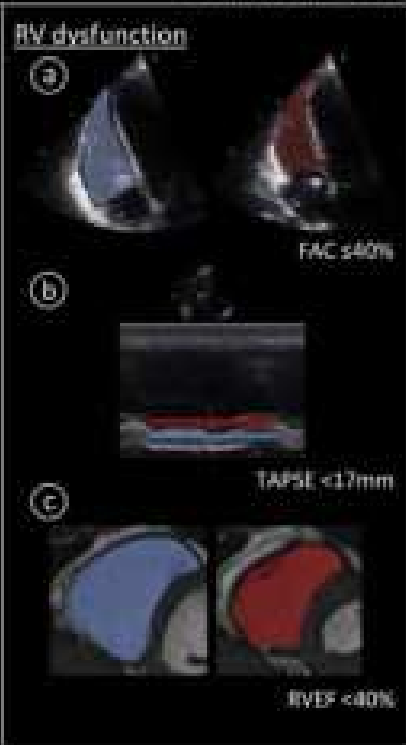
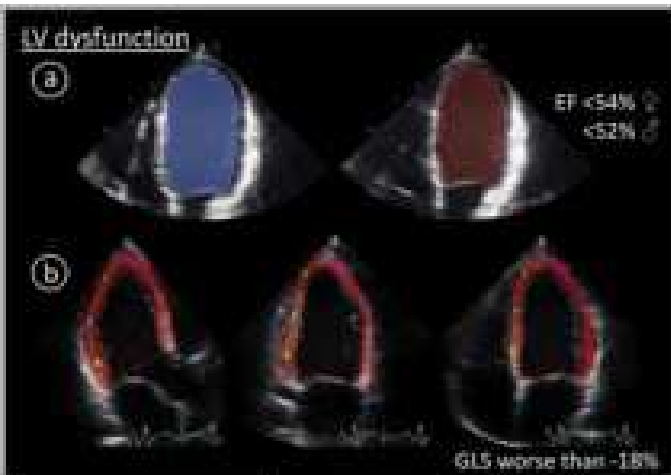
Extent of T-wave inversion in precordial leads predicts RV dilatation & apical displacement



Harmful Effects of Exercise in ARC

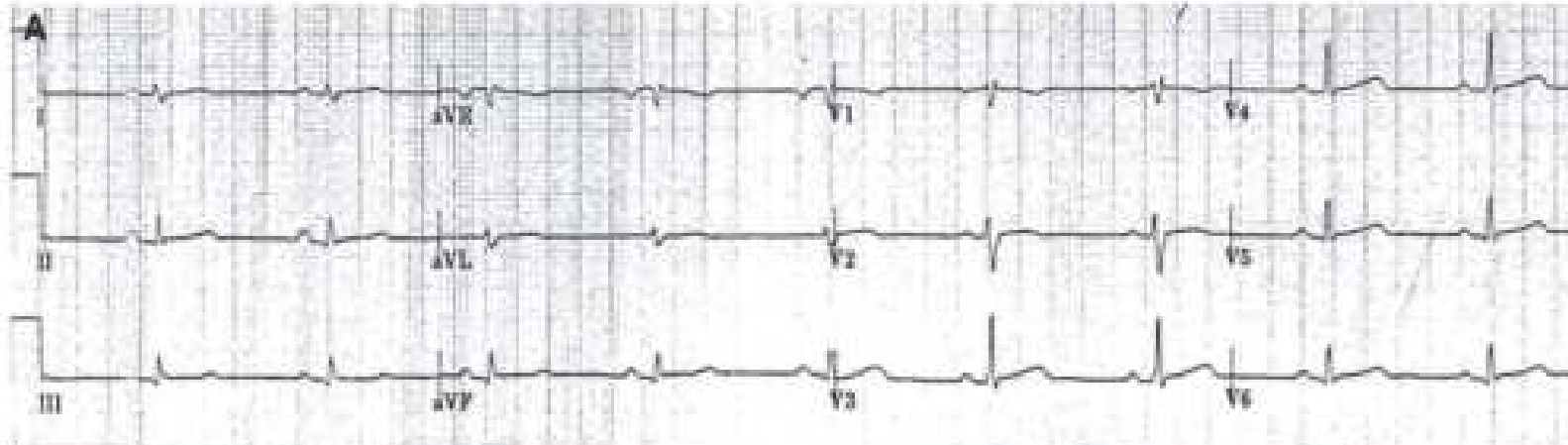
Lie-Ø et al., JACC EP 2018

n= 173
82 mutation positive family members
91 probands with ACM (TFCriteria2010)



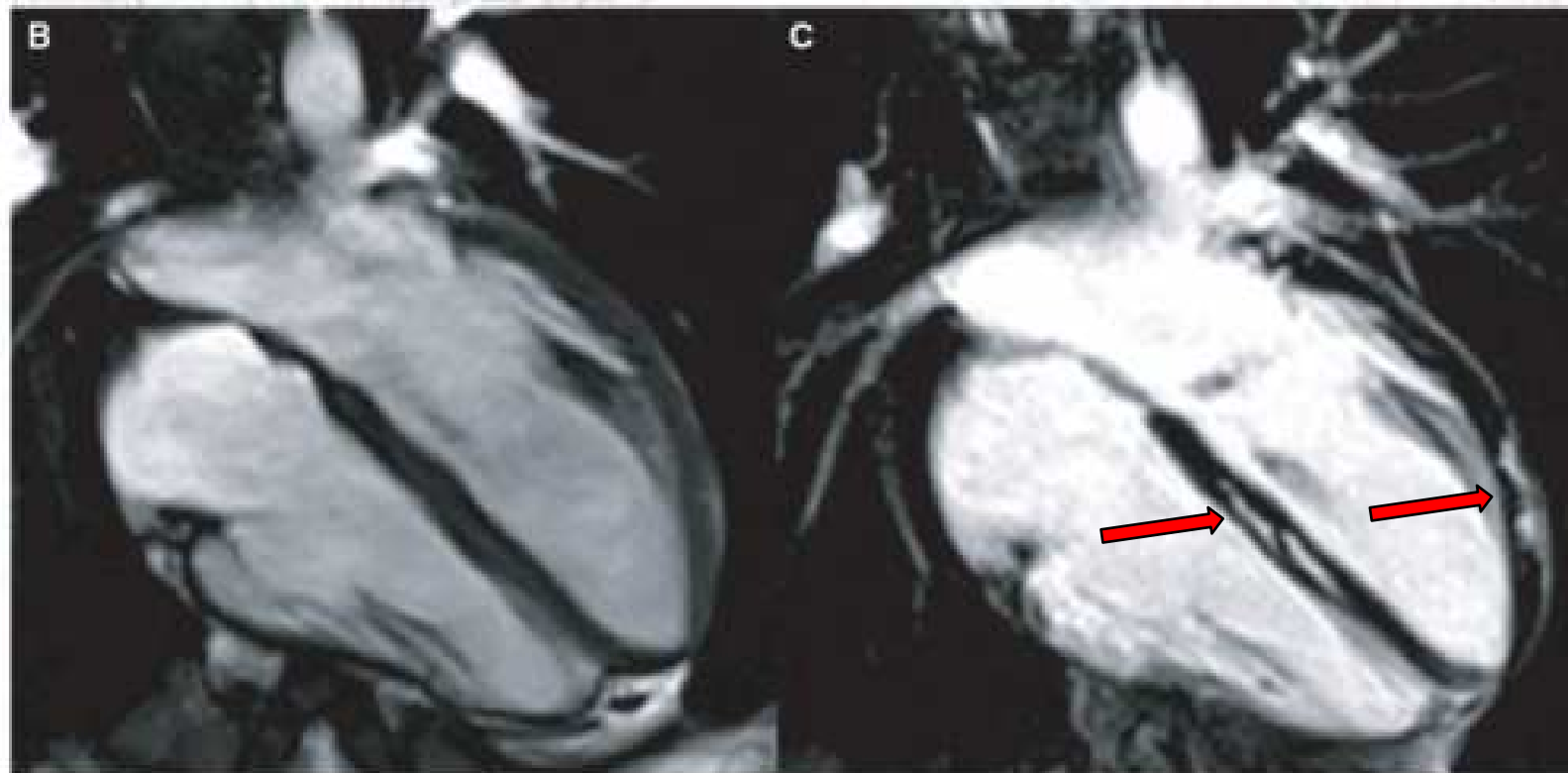
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ECG Features



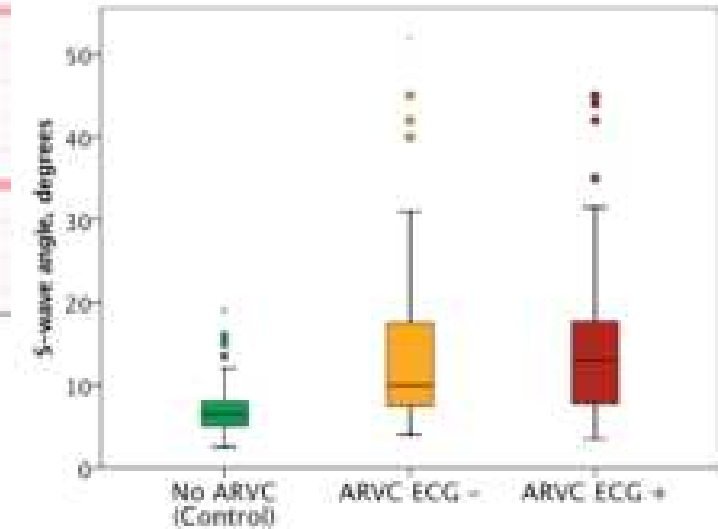
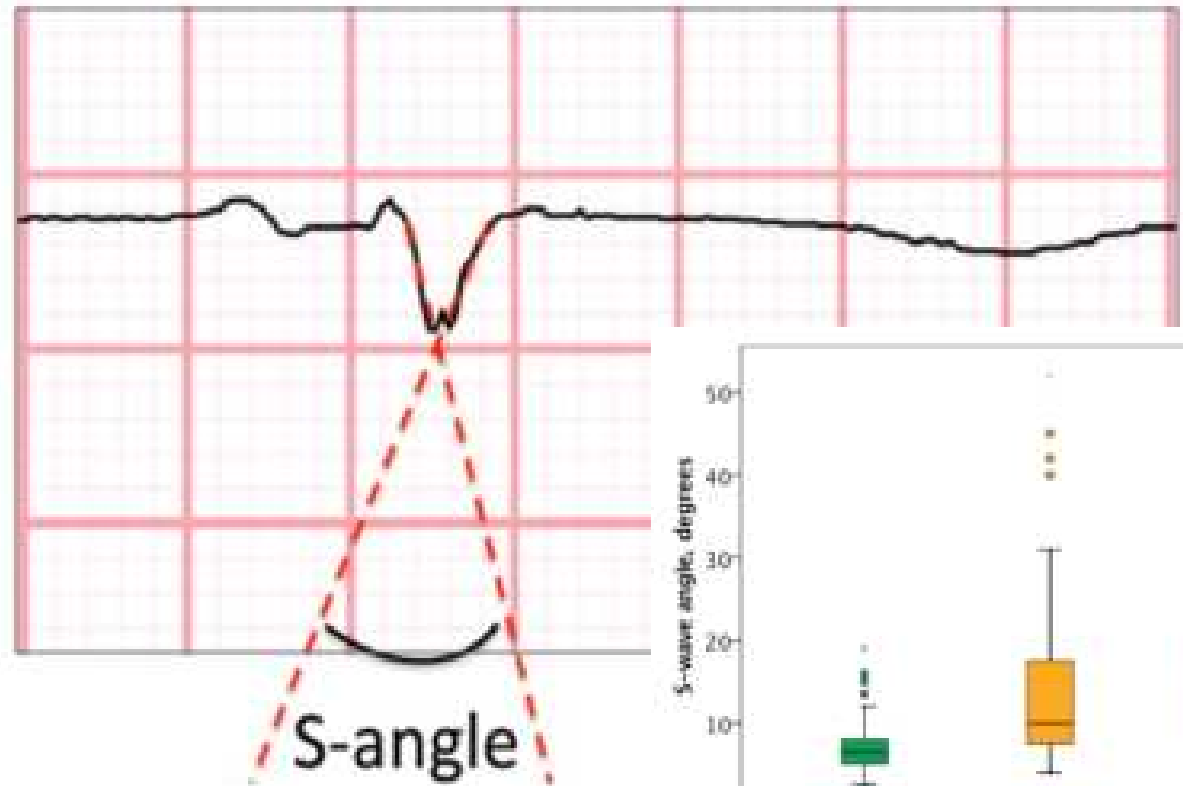
Low-voltage limb leads $\leq 0,5\text{mV}$?

→ ***LV involvement with
LV LGE/scar***



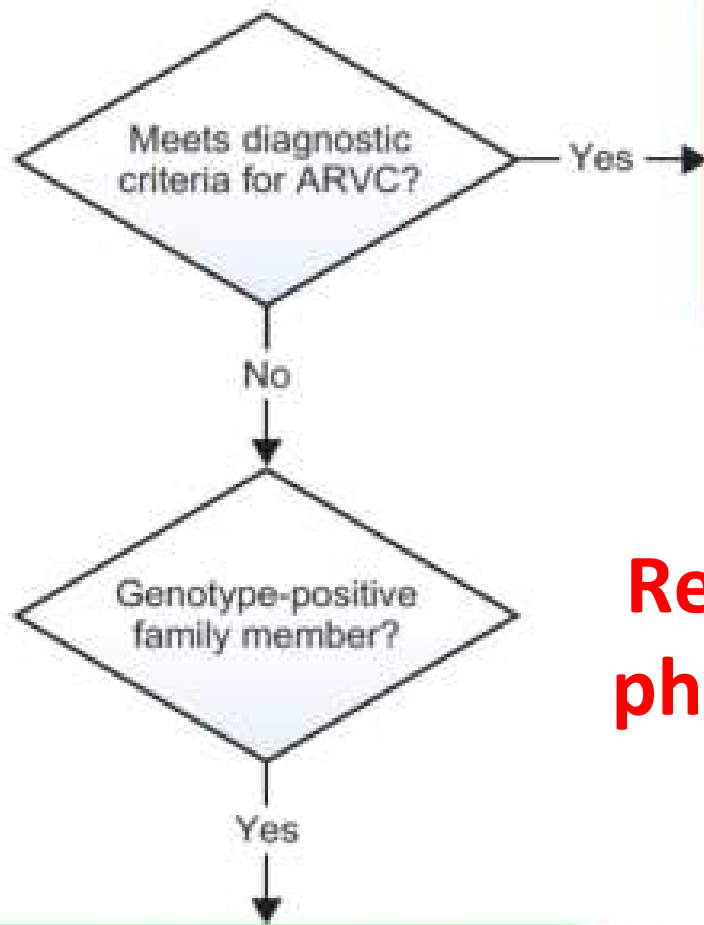
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ECG Features



S-wave angle $>12,5\%$ identifies ARC

→ spec 97%, sens 47%, neg pred value 65%



Individuals with ARVC should not participate in competitive or frequent high-intensity endurance exercise as this is associated with increased risk of ventricular arrhythmias and promoting progression of structural disease (COR III; Harm, LOE B-NR).

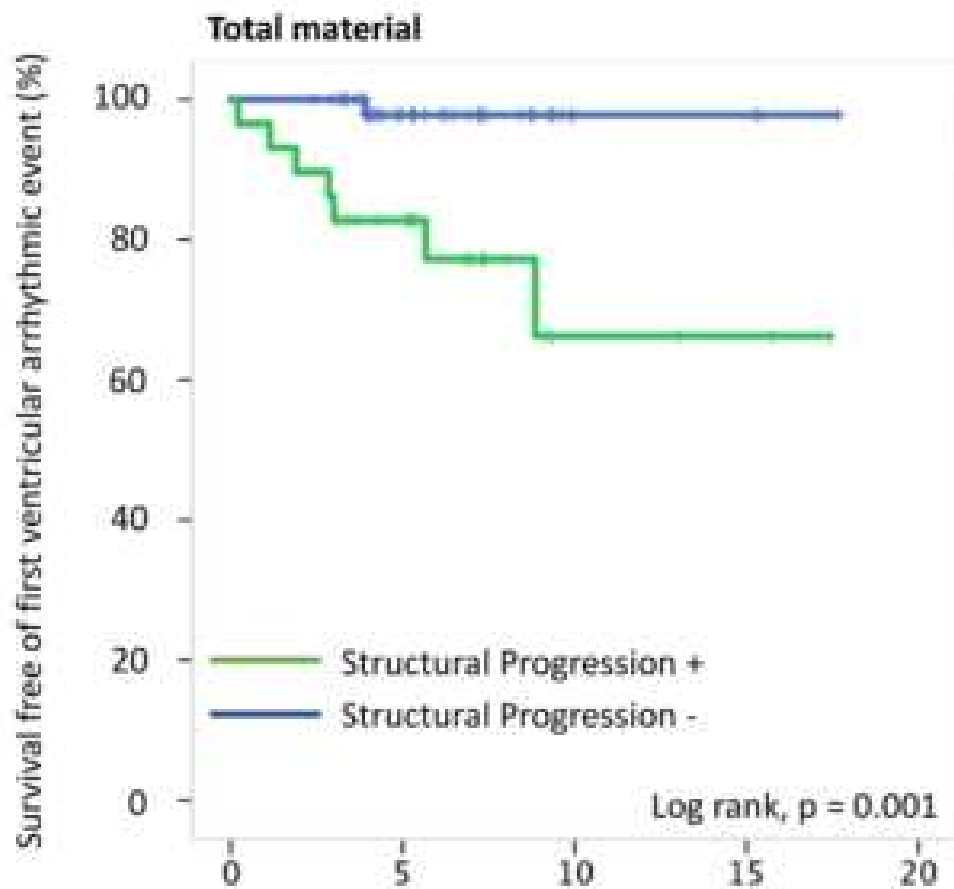
Recommendations for physical activity in ARC

Clinicians should counsel adolescent and adult individuals with a positive genetic test for ARVC but who are phenotype-negative that competitive or frequent high-intensity endurance exercise is associated with increased likelihood of developing ARVC and ventricular arrhythmias (COR I, LOE B-NR).

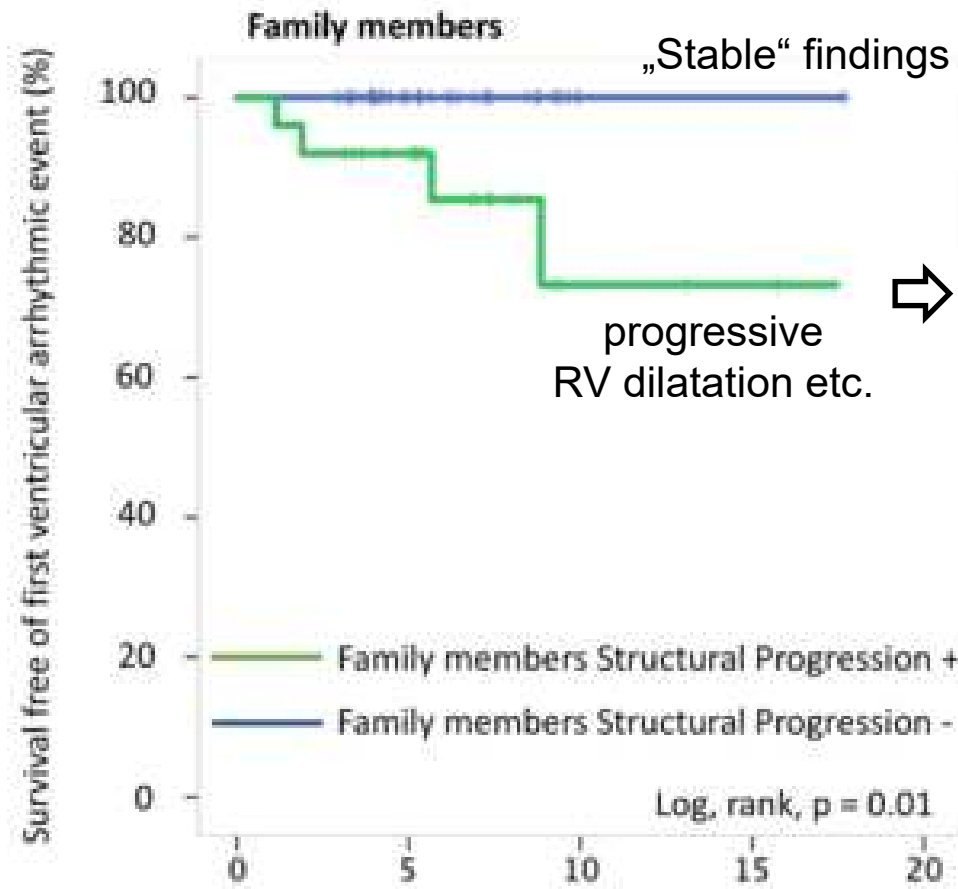
Competitive exercise: Includes regular competition and systematic intense training.
Endurance exercise: Class B (moderate): such as downhill skiing, figure skating, running (sprint), volleyball. Class C (high): such as long-distance running, cross-country skiing, rowing, basketball.



Structural Progression Implies Clinical Progression!



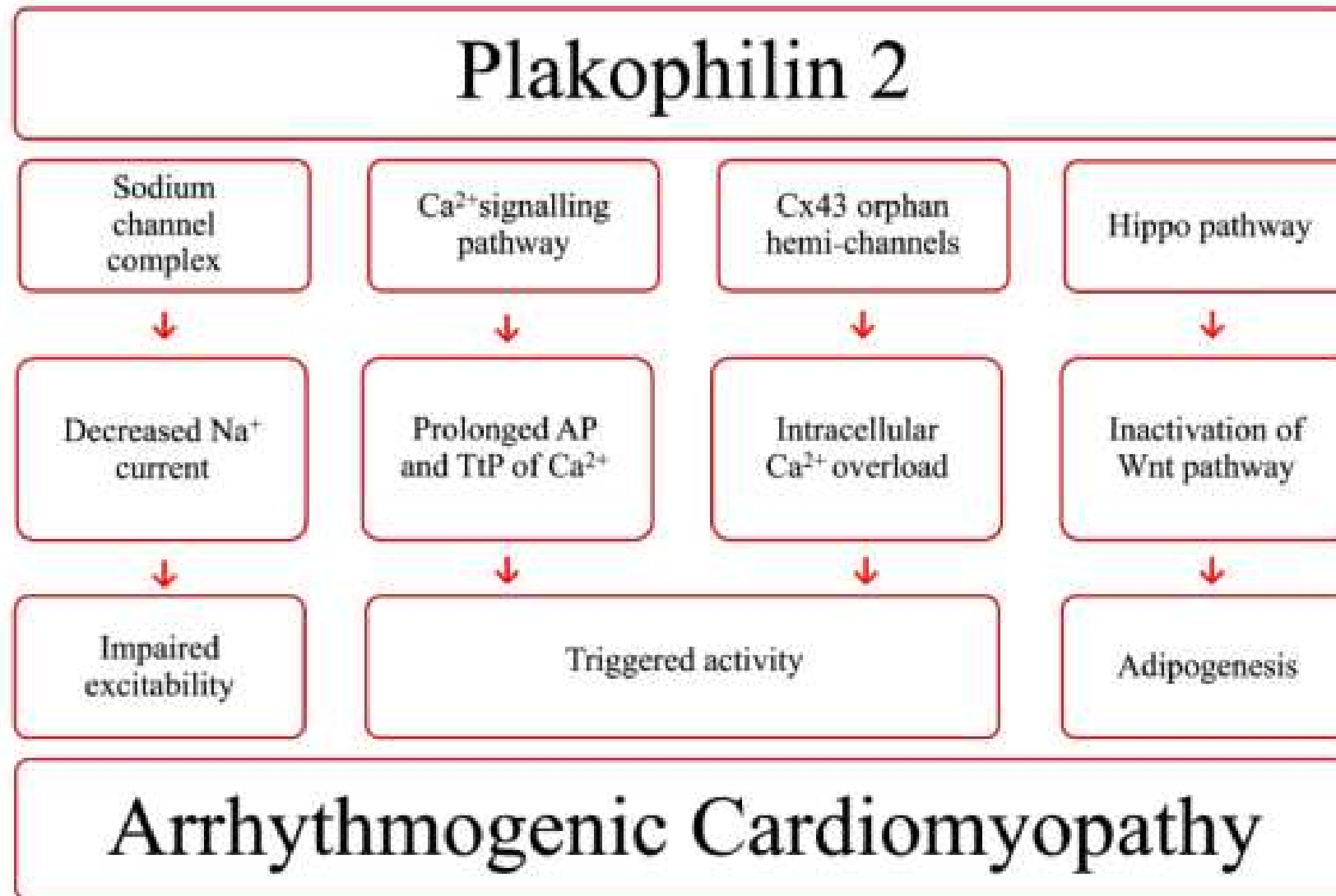
Number at risk		Time (years)				
		0	5	10	15	20
—	29	20	3	2	0	0
—	57	31	3	3	0	0



Number at risk		Time (years)				
		0	5	10	15	20
—	25	19	3	2	0	0
—	48	26	1	1	0	0

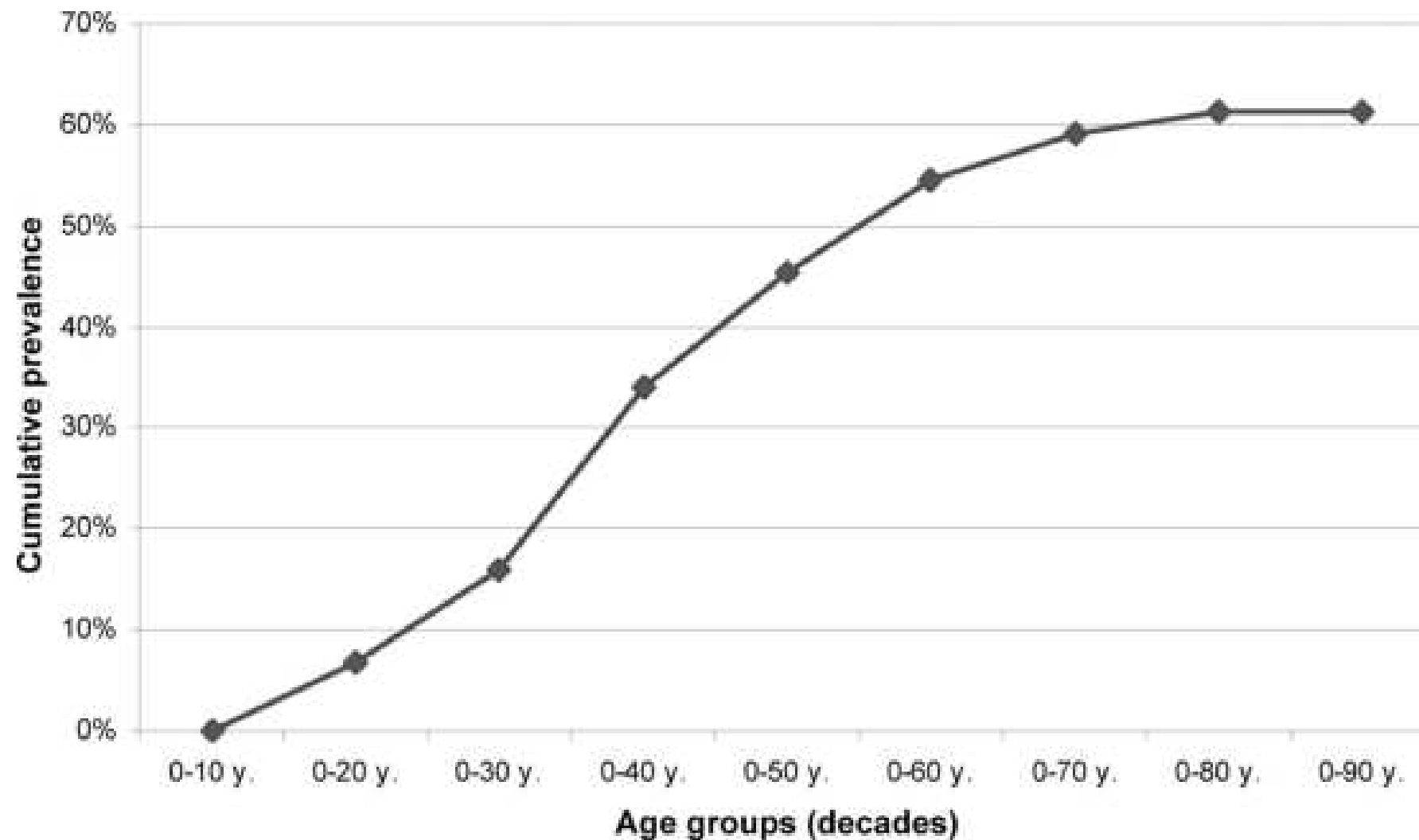
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Pivotal Role of Plakophilin 2 (PKP2)



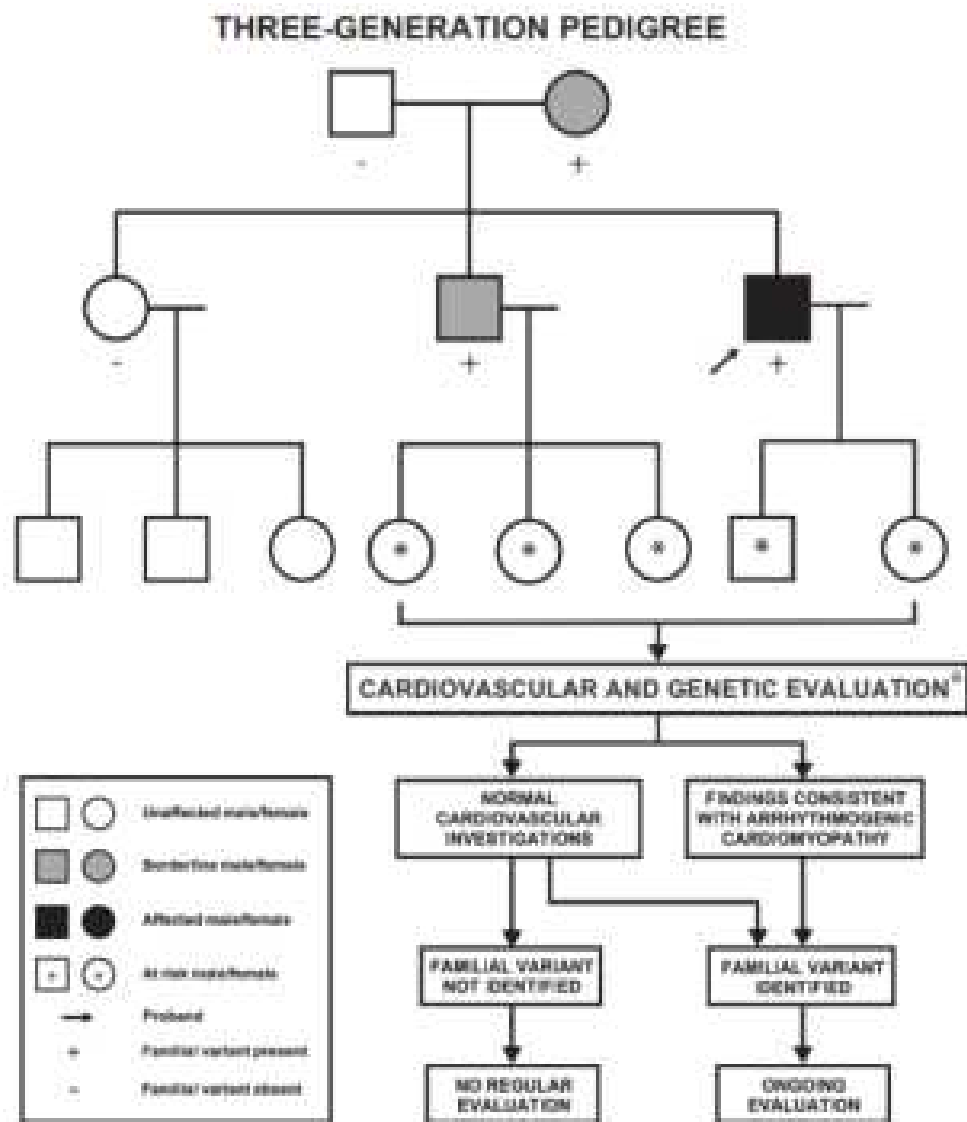
Genetisch positive Familienangehörige

Alter bei Diagnosestellung der Erkrankung



Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

HRS Recommendations for Family Screening



It is recommended that a genetic counselor or appropriately experienced clinician obtain a comprehensive 3-generation family history (COR I, LOEC-EO).

It is recommended that first-degree relatives undergo clinical evaluation every 1–3 years^b starting at 10–12 years of age^c (COR I, LOE B-NR).

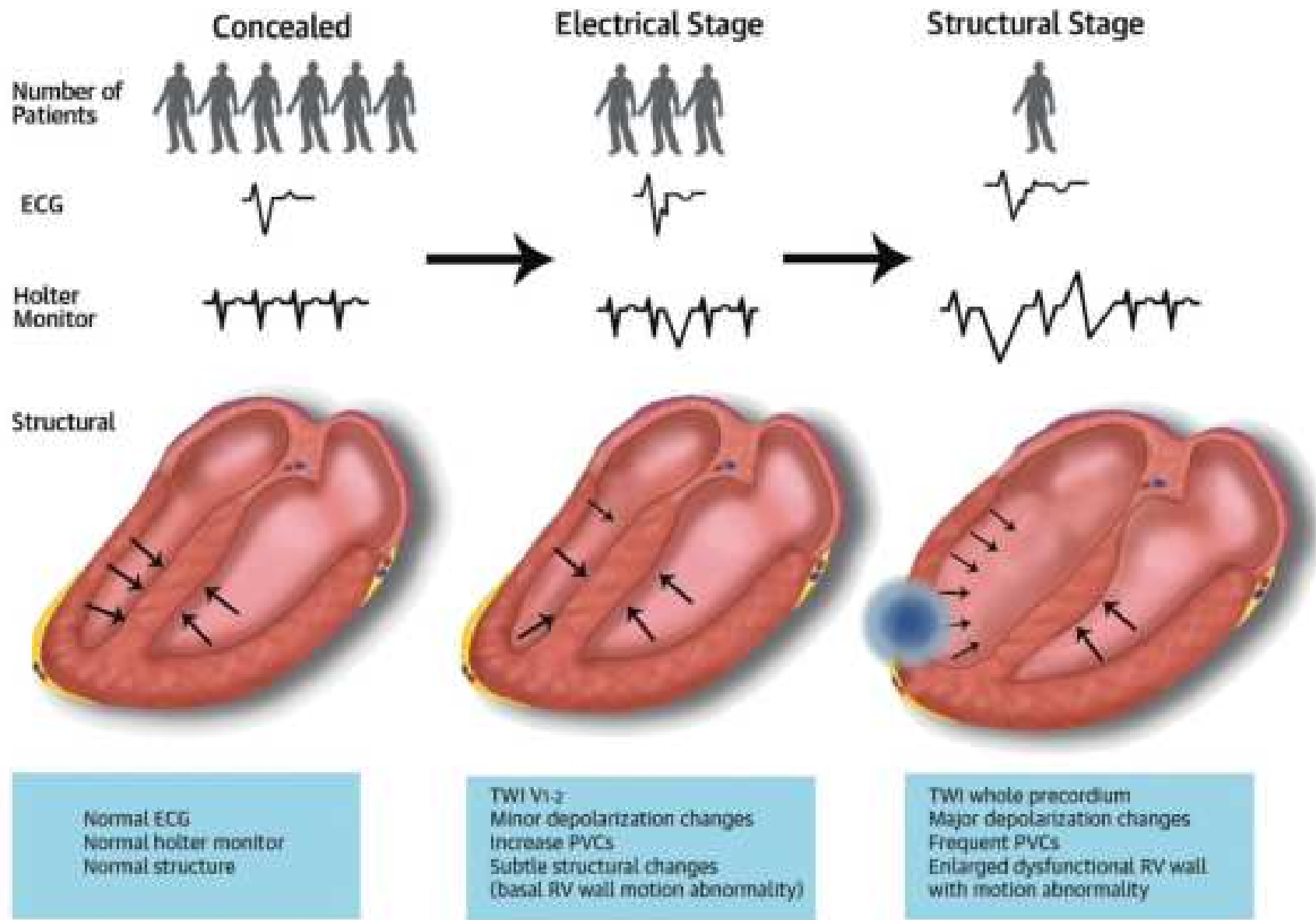
Cardiovascular evaluation should include 12-lead ECG, ambulatory ECG, and cardiac imaging (COR I, LOE B-NR).

Exercise stress testing (arrhythmia provocation) may be considered as a useful adjunct to cardiovascular evaluation (COR IIb, LOE C-LD).

In families with a variant classified as pathogenic, it may be reasonable for asymptomatic members of a family who do not have the familial variant and have a normal cardiovascular evaluation to be released from regular screening and educated to return if disease symptoms occur (COR IIb, LOE C-EO).

a. The use of genetic testing assumes prior identification of a pathogenic variant in the proband.
 b. May vary with age, lifestyle, and family history.
 c. Unless family history of disease suggests potential for earlier onset or presence of pathogenic variant in family supports presymptomatic genetic testing.

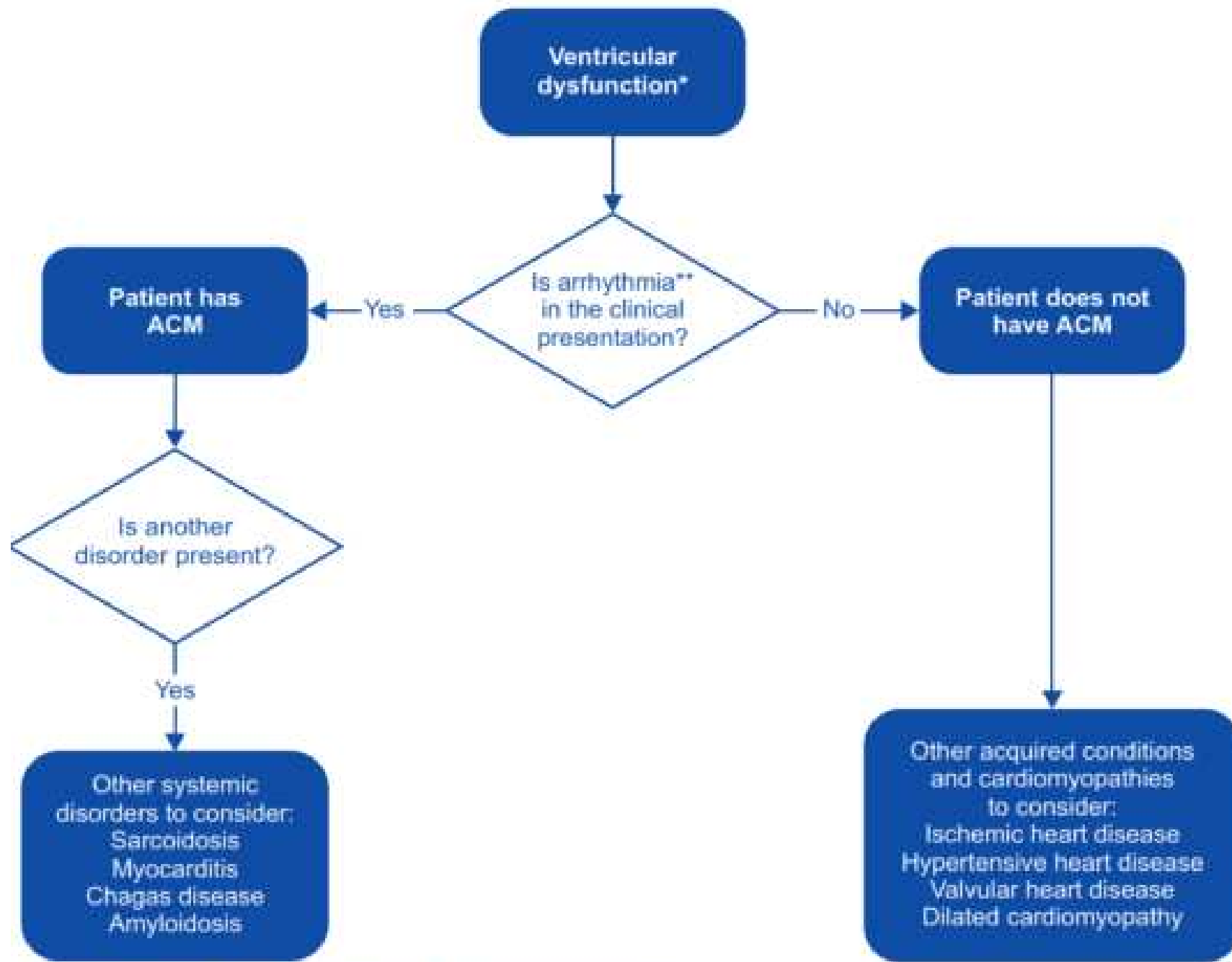
Disease Progression in ARVD/C



Arrhythmogenic Cardiomyopathy

Association of Genetic Variants with Phenotypes

Genotype	Phenotype
Desmosomal	ARVC/ALVC, hair/skin abnormalities
Lamin A/C	Conduction disease, ventricular arrhythmia/sudden death, DCM, lipodystrophy, muscular dystrophy
SCN5A	Brugada syndrome, conduction disease, AF, VT/VF, DCM
PLN	Low-voltage ECG, VT/VF, DCM, HCM, ARVC
TMEM43	Sudden death M > F, DCM
FLNC	Sudden death, DCM
RBM20	DCM, AF; ventricular arrhythmia/sudden death uncommon as an early feature
Desmin	Skeletal myopathy, DCM; arrhythmia uncommon as an early feature



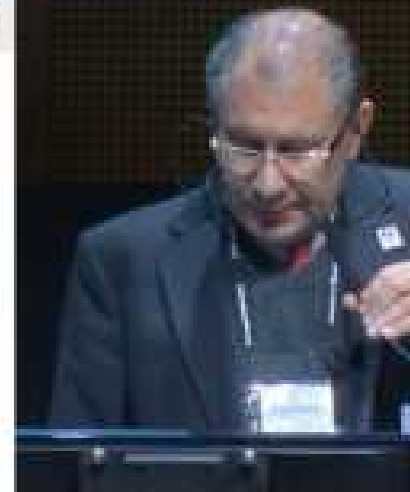
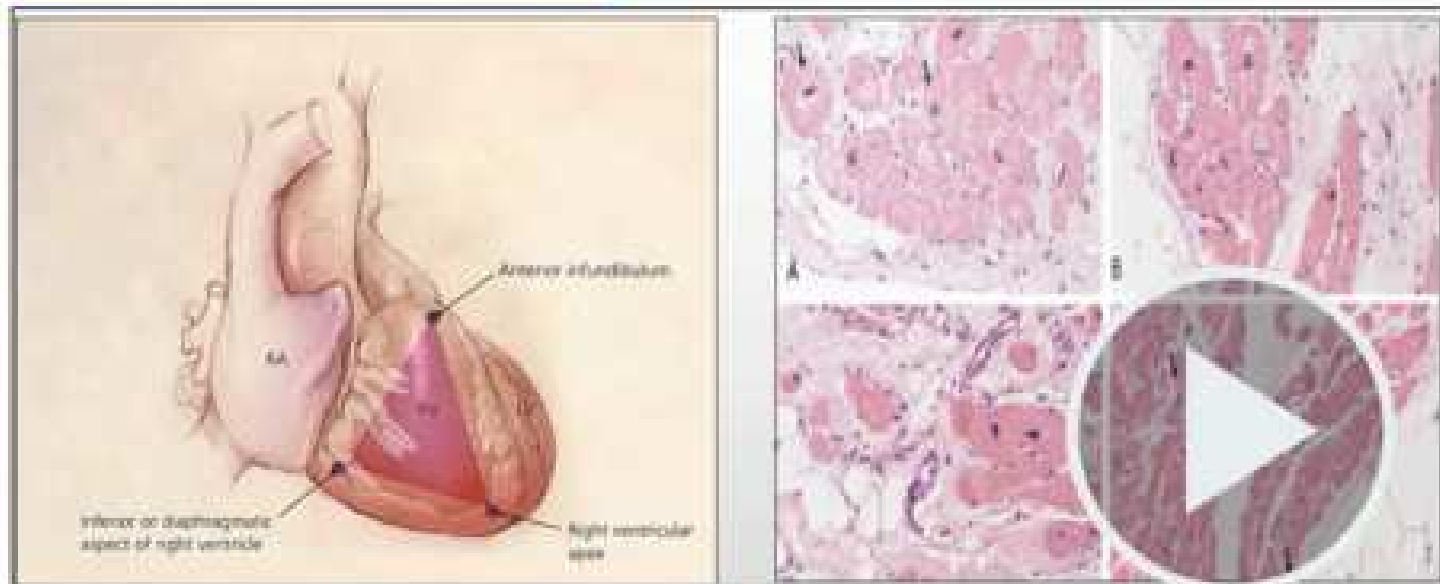
*Not explained by ischemic, hypertensive, or valvular heart disease

**Arrhythmia includes conduction disease, atrial arrhythmias, ventricular arrhythmias

ARRHYTHMOGENIC CARDIOMYOPATHY



HISTOPATHOLOGY



- Main sites affected: posterior RV free wall, RV outflow tract and apex: **Triangle of ARVC**
- Diffuse variants affecting LV have inferolateral predominance: **Quadrangle of ARVC**

Basso C et al. Lancet 2009;373: 1289-1300

ARRHYTHMOGENIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA

BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

- Structural
- Histological
- Arrhythmic
- Familiar



Marras FJ, McKenna WJ, Sternik M, Bassi C, et al. Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy: Task Force criteria. *Eur Heart J*. 2019; 40:1008-14



ARRHYTHMOGENIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA

- **Definite:**
 - ✦ 2 major criteria
 - ✦ 1 major criteria and 2 minor criteria
 - ✦ 4 minor criteria

Different categories
- **Borderline:**
 - ✦ 1 major criteria and 1 minor
 - ✦ 3 minor criteria

Different categories
- **Possible:**
 - ✦ 1 major criteria
 - ✦ 2 minor criteria

Different categories

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ARRHYTHMOGENIC CARDIOMYOPATHY

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

- Hypokinesis is not included in this or subsequent definitions of RV regional wall motion abnormalities
- LV disturbance is a sub-set of ARVC and leads to poor prognosis
- Late gadolinium uptake and fatty replacement are diagnostic useful

Criterios diagnósticos para la cardiomiopatía arritmogénica del ventrículo derecho [Diagnostic Criteria for Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy]. *Rev Esp Cardiol*. 2012;67



ARRH

International TASK FORCE

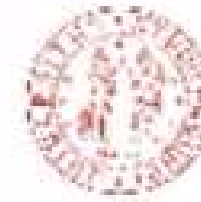
Table 1. Comparison of Original and Revised Task Force Criteria

	Original Task Force Criteria	Revised Task Force Criteria
Major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of regional wall motion abnormalities • Regional wall motion abnormalities in at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Right ventricular (RV) septum — RV free wall — RV lateral wall • Regional wall motion abnormalities in at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — RV septum — RV free wall — RV lateral wall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional RV septum, septal, or anterior • and 1 of the following (and threshold): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — RV septum: $\geq 10\%$ (not corrected for body size) (RV-SEPT) — RV free wall: $\geq 10\%$ (not corrected for body size) (RV-FW) — RV lateral wall: $\geq 10\%$ (not corrected for body size) (RV-LAT)
Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RV global RV dilation and/or regional RV dilation • Regional RV dilation • Regional RV septum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional RV septum or septal, or septal • and 1 of the following (and threshold): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — RV septum: $\geq 10\%$ (not corrected for body size) (RV-SEPT) — RV free wall: $\geq 10\%$ (not corrected for body size) (RV-FW) — RV lateral wall: $\geq 10\%$ (not corrected for body size) (RV-LAT) • Regional RV septum or septal, or septal • and 1 of the following (and threshold): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — RV septum: $\geq 10\%$ (not corrected for body size) (RV-SEPT) — RV free wall: $\geq 10\%$ (not corrected for body size) (RV-FW) — RV lateral wall: $\geq 10\%$ (not corrected for body size) (RV-LAT)

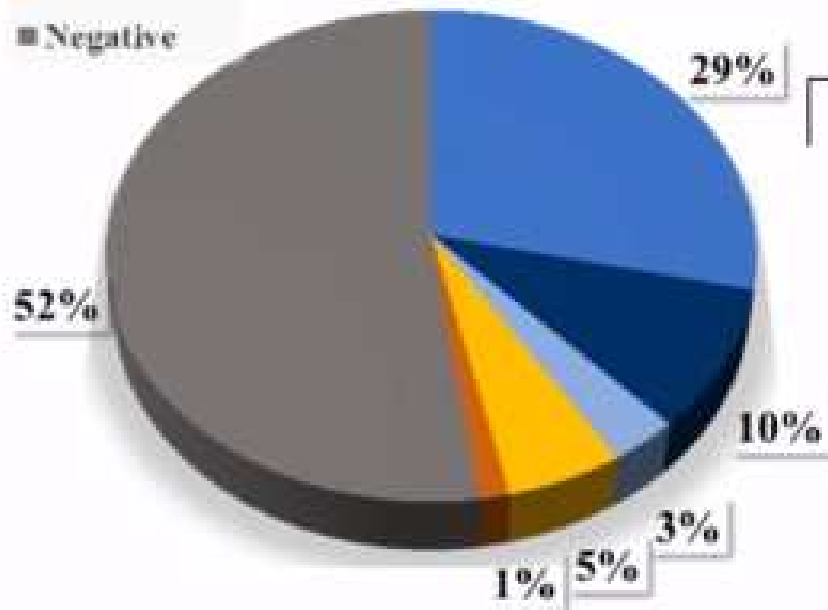


107 of 224 positive on genetic testing

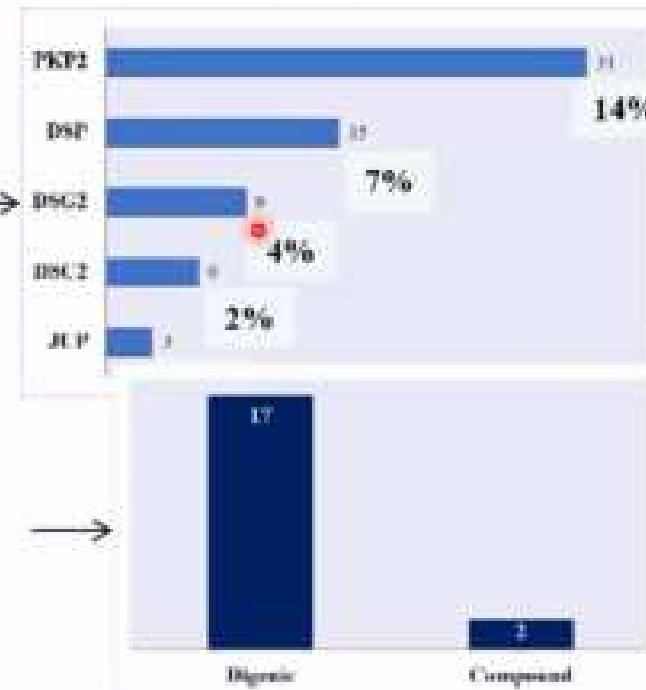
169 M, 55 F; mean age 41±15y



- Desmosomal
- Multiple
- CNVs
- AC-related
- FLNC
- Negative

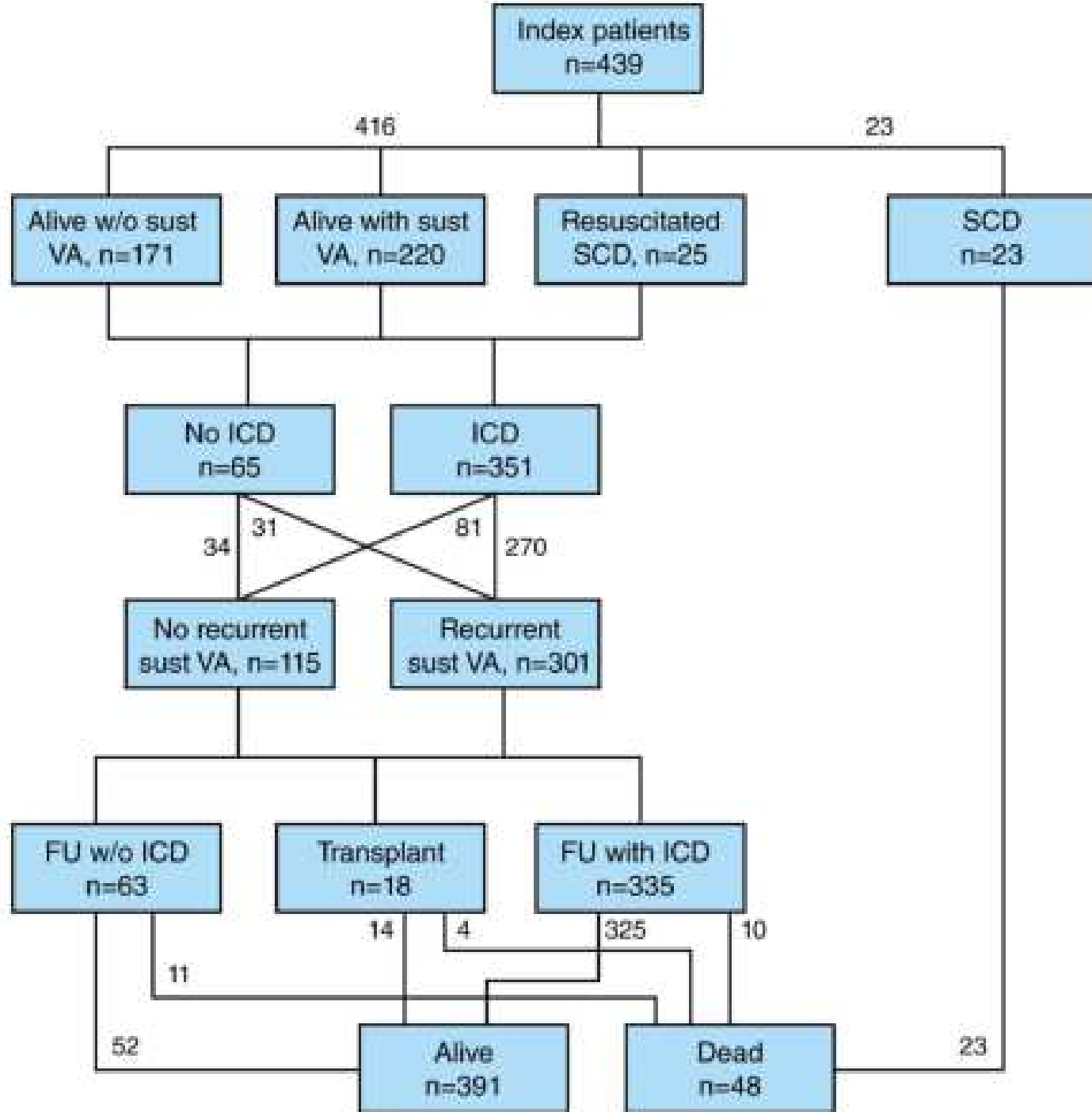


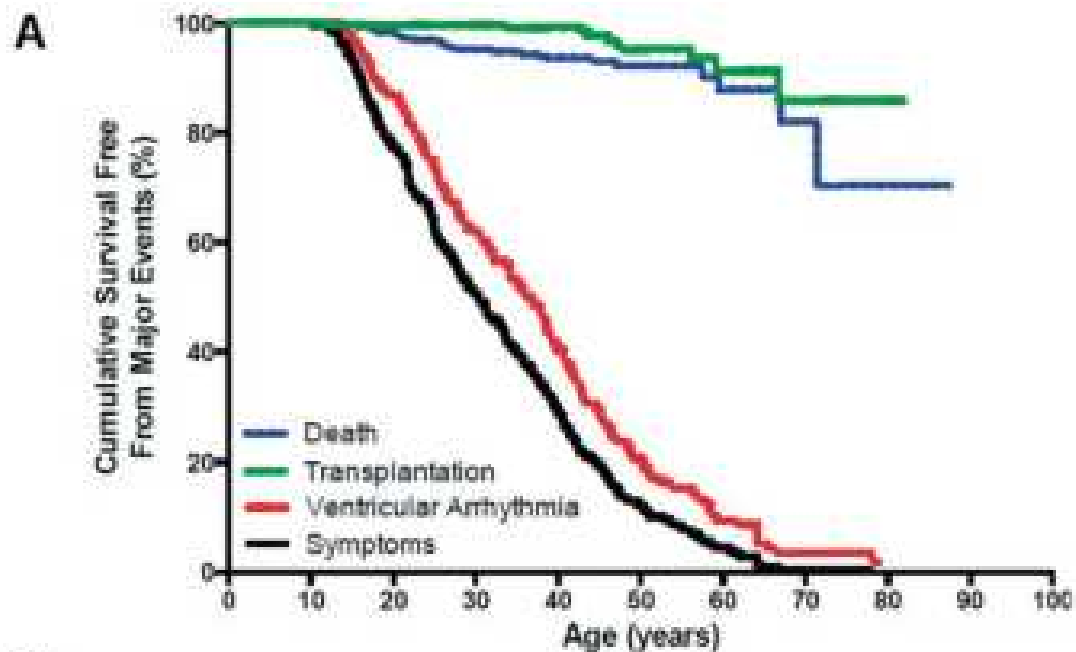
Diagnostic yield 48%



No differences in clinical outcome in pts with different Desmosomal mutations
Multiple mutations= severe forms of the disease
DSP mutations: prevalence of «left dominant phenotype»
Identification of variants of uncertain significance (VUS)

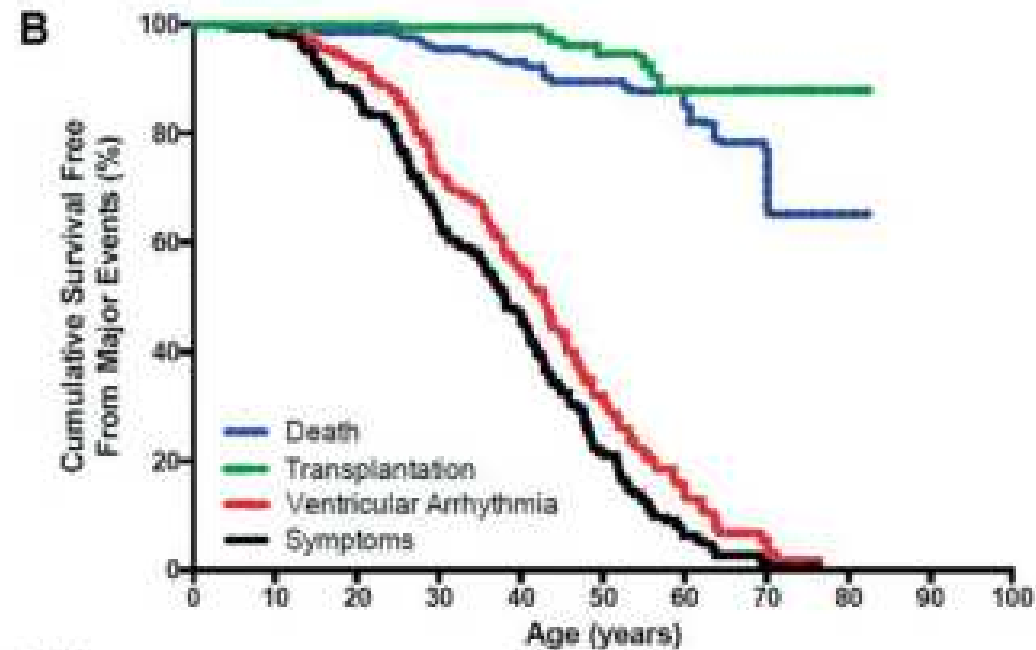






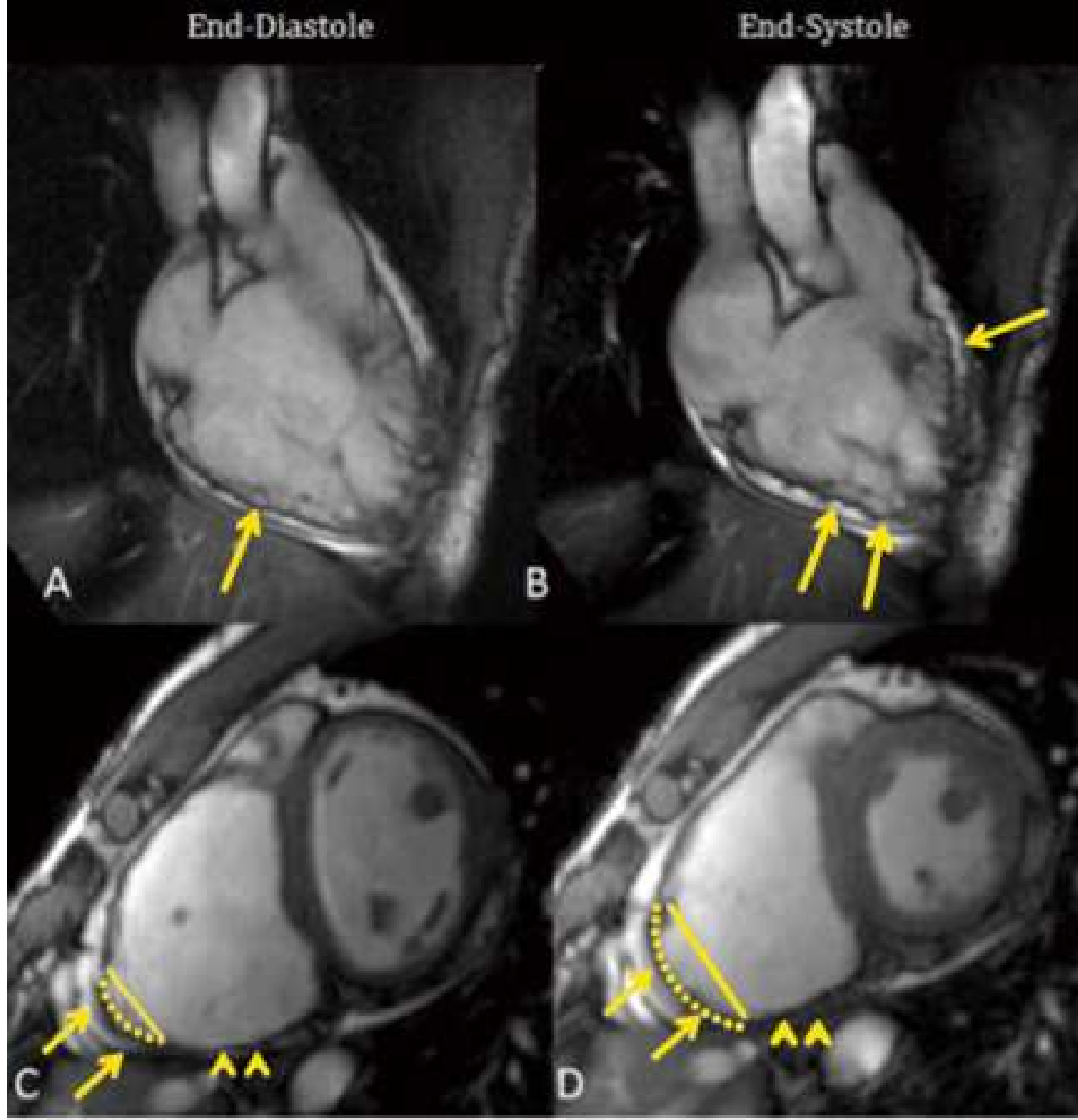
Number at risk

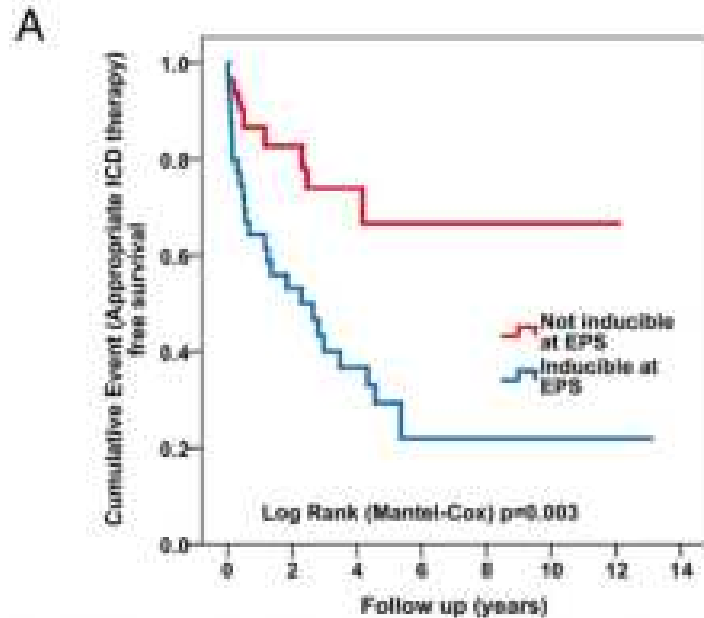
Death	264	264	253	209	161	94	35	8	1	0	0
Transplantation	264	264	253	209	161	94	35	8	1	0	0
Ventricular arrhythmia	264	264	229	159	99	44	13	2	0	0	0
Symptoms	264	264	206	137	79	33	11	1	0	0	0



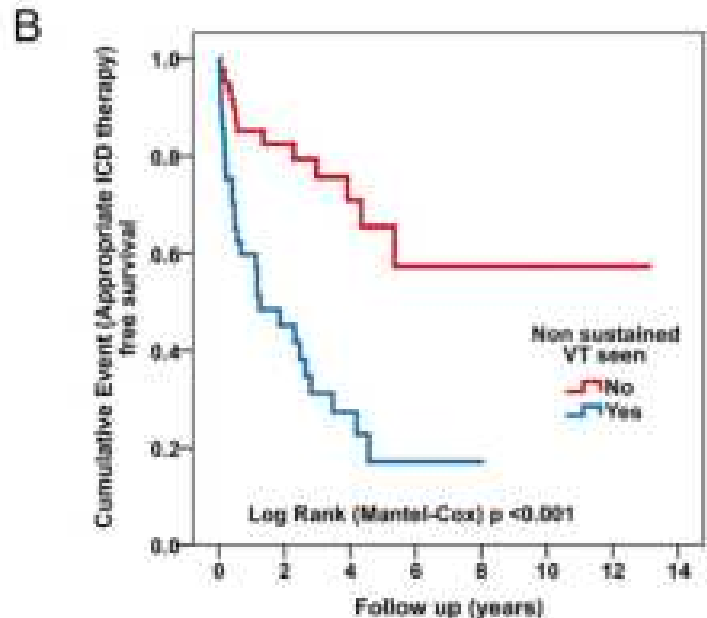
Number at risk

Death	152	152	149	132	107	66	28	5	2	0	0
Transplantation	152	152	149	132	107	63	24	5	2	0	0
Ventricular arrhythmia	152	152	141	108	80	38	13	2	0	0	0
Symptoms	152	149	132	97	70	31	7	1	0	0	0

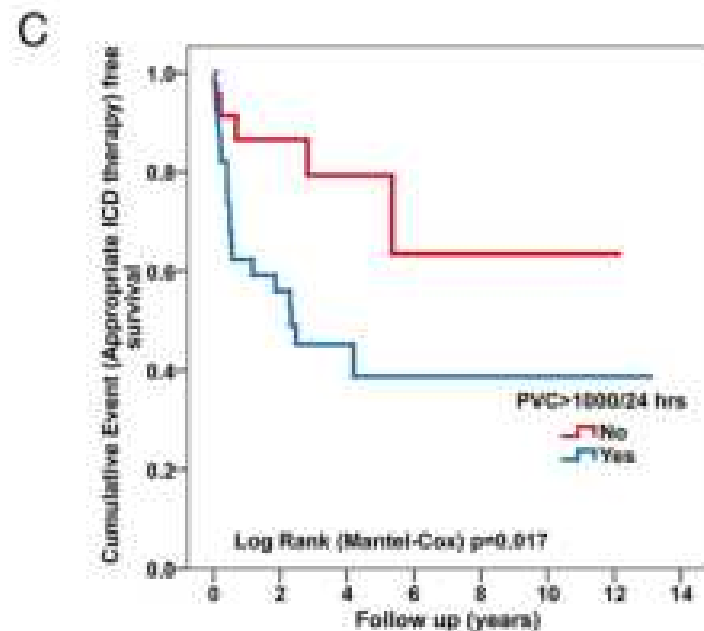




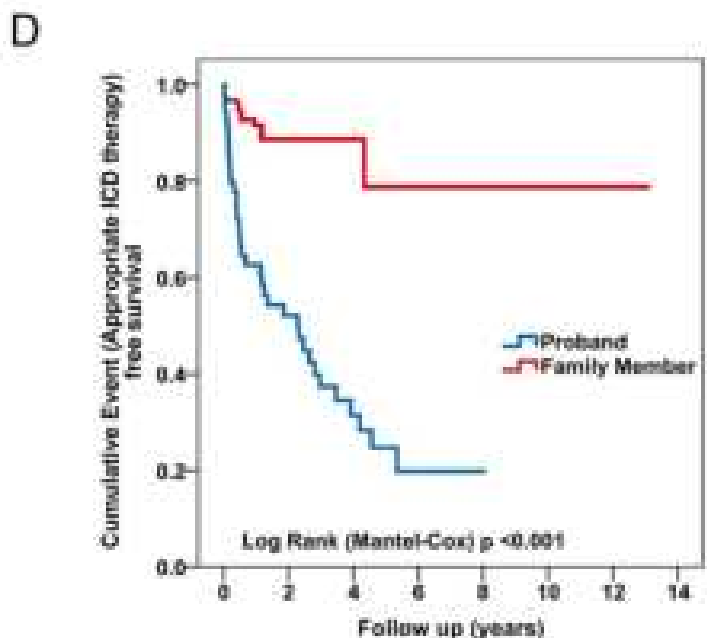
Non inducible	32	21	11	4	2	1	1
Inducible	40	19	10	2	1	1	1



No NSVT	43	29	15	5	2	2	2
NSVT	41	13	7	1	1	0	0



PVC <1000/24 hrs	23	14	9	3	2	1	1
PVC >1000/24 hrs	39	18	8	3	1	1	1



Family member	30	18	12	3	2	2	2
Proband	54	24	10	3	1	0	0



Table. 2010 Task Force Criteria for ARVD/C*

1 Global or regional dysfunction and structural alterations

Major

2nd echo criteria

- Regional RV akinesis, dyskinesia, or aneurysm AND 1 of the following measured at end diastole:
 - FLAX RVOT ≥ 30 mm or
 - PSAX RVOT ≥ 36 , or
 - Fractional area change $\leq 30\%$

MPI criteria

- Regional RV akinesis or dyskinesia or dyssynchronous RV contraction AND 1 of the following:
 - Ratio of RV end-diastolic volume to BSA ≥ 100 , 110 ml/m² (male) or ≥ 100 ml/m²
 - RV ejection fraction $<40\%$ $\leq 45\%$

RV angiography criteria

- Regional RV akinesis, dyskinesia, or aneurysm

Minor

2nd echo criteria

- Regional RV akinesis or dyskinesia or dyssynchronous RV contraction AND 1 of the following measured at end diastole:
 - FLAX RVOT ≥ 20 – <30 mm or
 - PSAX RVOT ≥ 32 – <36 , or
 - Fractional area change $\leq 30\%$ $\leq 40\%$

MPI criteria

- Regional RV akinesis or dyskinesia or dyssynchronous RV contraction AND 1 of the following:
 - Ratio of RV end-diastolic volume to BSA ≥ 110 ml/m² (male) or ≥ 100 ml/m²
 - RV ejection fraction $\leq 47\%$

2 Tissue characterization of wall

Major

- Residual myocyte $<60\%$ by morphometric analysis (≥ 1 or $<50\%$ if estimated), with fibrous replacement of the RV free wall myocardium in ≥ 1 sample, with or without fatty replacement of tissue on endomyocardial biopsy

Minor

- Residual myocyte 60–75% by morphometric analysis (or 50–65% if estimated), with fibrous replacement of the RV free wall myocardium in ≥ 1 sample, with or without fatty replacement of tissue on endomyocardial biopsy

3 Repolarization abnormalities

Major

- Inverted T waves in right precordial leads (V1, V2, and V3) or beyond in individuals >14 years of age (in the absence of complete RBBB) QRS ≥ 100 ms

Minor

- Inverted T waves in V1 and V2 in individuals >14 years of age (in the absence of complete RBBB) or in V4, V5, and V6
- Inverted T waves in leads V1, V2, V3, and V4 in individuals >14 years of age in the presence of a complete RBBB

4 Depolarization/conduction abnormalities

Major

- Epsilon wave (reproducible low-amplitude signals between end of QRS complex to onset of T wave) in the right precordial leads (V1–3)

Minor

- Late potentials by SAECG in ≥ 1 of 3 parameters in the absence of a QRSd ≥ 110 ms on standard ECG
- Filtered QRS duration (fQRS) ≥ 114 ms
- Duration of terminal QRS >40 ms/mV ≥ 38 ms
- Root-mean-square voltage of terminal 40 ms \leq micro V
- Terminal activation duration ≥ 55 ms measured from the node of the end of the QRS, including R, in V1, V2, or V3 in absence of complete RBBB

5 Arrhythmias

Major

- Non-sustained or sustained VT of LBBB morphology with superior axis

Minor

- Non-sustained or sustained VT of RVOT configuration, LBBB morphology with inferior axis or of unknown axis
- ≥ 500 PVCs per 24h (Holter)

6 Family History

Major

- ARVD/C in first-degree relative who meets Task Force Criteria
- ARVD/C confirmed pathologically at autopsy or surgery in first-degree relative
- Identification of pathogenic mutation categorized as associated or probably associated with ARVD/C in the patient under evaluation

Minor

- History of ARVD/C in first-degree relative in whom it is not possible to determine whether the family member meets Task Force Criteria
- Premature sudden death (<35 years of age) due to suspected ARVD/C in a first-degree relative
- ARVD/C confirmed pathologically or by current Task Force Criteria in second-degree relative

*Adapted from Marcus FI, et al. " ARVD/C: Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia/Cardiomyopathy. BSA, body surface area; LBBB, left bundle branch block; PVC, premature ventricular contraction; RBBB, right bundle branch block; RVOT, right ventricular outflow tract; SAECG, signal-averaged ECG; VT, ventricular tachycardia.



CMR Reporting Template for ARVC/D

Reporting template "Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy/Dysplasia – ARVC/D"

(Micro) aneurysms RV wall: no / yes _____[†]

Right ventricular wall thinning: no / yes _____[†]

Dysynchronous RV contraction: no / yes _____

Optional: RVO T4 width in 3-chamber view*: _____ mm/m² (normal: < 6 mm/m²).

Tissue properties:

Late gadolinium enhancement (LGE) myocardium: no / yes _____[‡]

Evidence of fat signal in myocardium: no / yes _____[‡]

Assessment according to Task Force criteria (revised 2010)^{*,4}

Major criterion: no / yes _____

Minor criterion: no / yes _____

Additional findings

No / yes _____

Conclusion:

MRI indicative of ARVC: no / yes _____[§]

* Eur Heart J Cardiovasc Imaging. 2017 May 26; http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/ehjci/ejw092 [13]. * Eur Heart J. 2010;31:806–814. http://dx.doi.org/10.1193/eurheartj/ehj025 [18]. [†] Localization: Typical locations are the "triangle of dysplasia": RV wall adjacent to the RV inflow and outflow path and the apex of the heart [18] or the basal anterior and inferior RV wall as well as the posterolateral IV wall [27]. [‡] Localization according to 17-segment model [26] or inclusion of the RV analogously to the 5-segment model [27] and indication of the distribution pattern (subendocardial/intramycardial/subepicardial/transmural). [§] Localization: Typical features are focal, myocardial fatty degeneration or an "infiltrative", finger-shaped fatty degeneration of the free RV wall progressing from the epicardium with myocardial wall thinning potentially associated with late gadolinium enhancement [34]. MR tomographic fat detection or late gadolinium enhancement are not part of the Task Force criteria [18]. [¶] Only one major or minor criterion can be derived from MR imaging alone [18]. The definitive diagnosis of ARVD requires the presence of at least 2 major criteria, 1 major criterion plus 2 minor criteria or 4 minor criteria from 6 different diagnostic categories; a definitive diagnosis cannot be made based solely on MR diagnostics. A "borderline" ARVD is based on evidence of one major plus one minor criterion or 3 minor criteria. A "possible" ARVD is based on evidence of one major criterion or two minor criteria. **The MR criteria are defined as follows:** Major criterion: Regional RV akinesia or dyskinesia or dysynchronous RV contraction and presence of one of the following findings: Ratio of RV EDV to BSA ≥ 110 ml/m² (male) or ≥ 100 ml/m² (female) or RV ejection fraction ≤ 40 %. Minor criterion: Regional RV akinesia or dyskinesia or dysynchronous RV contraction and Ratio of RV EDV to BSA ≥ 100 to < 100 ml/m² (male) or ≥ 90 to < 100 ml/m² (female) or RV ejection fraction ≤ 40 to < 45 %. [¶] Indication of presence of task force and non-task force criteria (ARVD-typical pattern of fat infiltration and/or non-ischemic LGE) [34]. Free text for secondary findings.



Arrhythmogene Cardiomyopathy

Diagnose & Einstufung:

nicht nur eine rechtsventrikuläre Erkrankung
Identifizierung von linksventrikulär dominanten Formen

Entscheidende Rolle des Kardio-MRT's (LGE)

Therapy:

Prognose des linksventrikulären Phänotyps?

Genetik:

meist eine desmosomale Erkrankung

Genetische Untersuchungen sind nur im klinischen
Kontext sinnvoll und relevant

