



# **CV Strategies to Mitigate Cardiotoxicity Pharmacologic Therapy – Heart Failure Medications and Statins and For How Long**

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# Heart Failure due to Chemotherapeutic Agents: Issues

- ▶ Can patients at risk be identified prior to chemotherapy
- ▶ Can very early or incipient cardiomyopathy be identified
- ▶ Once identified, will biomarkers indicate severity or prognosis.
  - Used to guide therapy?
- ▶ Can HF therapy prevent the remodeling? HFpEF vs. HFrEF
  - Onset of symptoms
  - Cardiac mortality
- ▶ How is the HF treated?
  - Standard Guideline Directed Care?
    - *Where is the evidence?*
    - *If function improves, what to do with Rx?*
    - *What about statins and exercise*

# Risk Factors

Can occur early (acute) or late > 1 year post chemoRx (most common)

## Anthracycline

- ▶ Older age
- ▶ Female gender
- ▶ Hypertension and other risk fx for CVD
- ▶ Pre-existing cardiac disease
- ▶ Mediastinal radiation
- ▶ Cumulative anthracycline dose

## Trastuzumab

- ▶ Adjuvant anthracyclines
- ▶ Older age
- ▶ Hypertension
- ▶ Diabetes
- ▶ CAD
- ▶ A fib
- ▶ Renal insufficiency

# Non-invasive Imaging

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- ▶ Echocardiography has been the traditional tool +/-MUGA to detect LV dysfunction
  - Manifest or early?
- ▶ Global Longitudinal Strain and strain rate (GLS) assessed using automated 2D-speckle-tracking echocardiography (STE) --recent technique for detecting and quantifying subtle disturbances in (LV) systolic function. more reproducible than ejection fraction
- ▶ Strain rate and deceleration time to detect early diastolic filling.



**Table 2** Recommended cardio-oncology echocardiogram protocol

Standard transthoracic echocardiography

- In accordance with ASE/EAE guidelines and IAC-Echo

2D strain imaging acquisition

- Apical three-, four-, and two-chamber views
  - \* Acquire  $\geq 3$  cardiac cycles
- Images obtained simultaneously maintaining the same 2D frame rate and imaging depth
  - \* Frame rate between 40 and 90 frames/sec or  $\geq 40\%$  of HR
- Aortic VTI (aortic ejection time)

2D strain imaging analysis

- Quantify segmental and global strain (GLS)
- Display the segmental strain curves from apical views in a quad format
- Display the global strain in a bull's-eye plot

2D strain imaging pitfalls

- Ectopy
- Breathing translation

3D imaging acquisition

- Apical four-chamber full volume to assess LV volumes and LVEF calculation
- Single and multiple beats optimizing spatial and temporal resolution

Reporting

- Timing of echocardiography with respect to the IV infusion (number of days before or after)
- Vital signs (BP, HR)
- 3D LVEF/2D biplane Simpson's method
- GLS (echocardiography machine, software, and version used)
- In the absence of GLS, measurement of medial and lateral  $s'$  and MAPSE
- RV: TAPSE,  $s'$ , FAC

**Plana JC, Expert Consensus for Multimodality Imaging Evaluation of Adult Patients during and after Cancer Therapy: A Report from the American Society of Echocardiography and the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging.** J Am Soc Echocardiogr 2014;27:911-39

## Echo Guidelines

- A decreased LVEF at baseline or after anthracyclines is associated with higher rates of cardiac events on follow-up.
- Although it has been suggested that alterations in LV diastolic function (as evaluated by Doppler indices of mitral inflow and  $e'$  by pulsed DTI) precede alterations in systolic function, the evidence does not support the role of these indices for the prediction of later CTRCD.

## Detecting early

- Myocardial deformation (strain) can be measured using DTI or 2D STE. The latter is favored because of a lack of angle dependency.
- GLS is the optimal parameter of deformation for the early detection of subclinical LV dysfunction.
- Ideally, the measurements during chemotherapy should be compared with the baseline value. In patients with available baseline strain measurements, a relative percentage reduction of GLS of  $<8\%$  from baseline appears not to be meaningful, and those  $>15\%$  from baseline are very likely to be abnormal.
- When applying STE for the longitudinal follow-up of patients with cancer, the same vendor-specific ultrasound machine should be used.

# Noninvasive Cardiac Imaging



Patients with suspected or new-onset HF, or those presenting with acute decompensated HF, should undergo a chest x-ray to assess heart size and pulmonary congestion, and to detect alternative cardiac, pulmonary, and other diseases that may cause or contribute to the patients' symptoms.



A 2-dimensional echocardiogram with Doppler should be performed during initial evaluation of patients presenting with HF to assess ventricular function, size, wall thickness, wall motion, and valve function.



Repeat measurement of EF and measurement of the severity of structural remodeling are useful to provide information in patients with HF who have had a significant change in clinical status; who have experienced or recovered from a clinical event; or who have received treatment, including GDMT, that might have had a significant effect on cardiac function; or who may be candidates for device therapy.



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# Stage A



Hypertension and lipid disorders should be controlled in accordance with contemporary guidelines to lower the risk of HF.



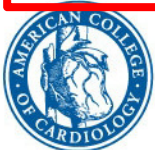
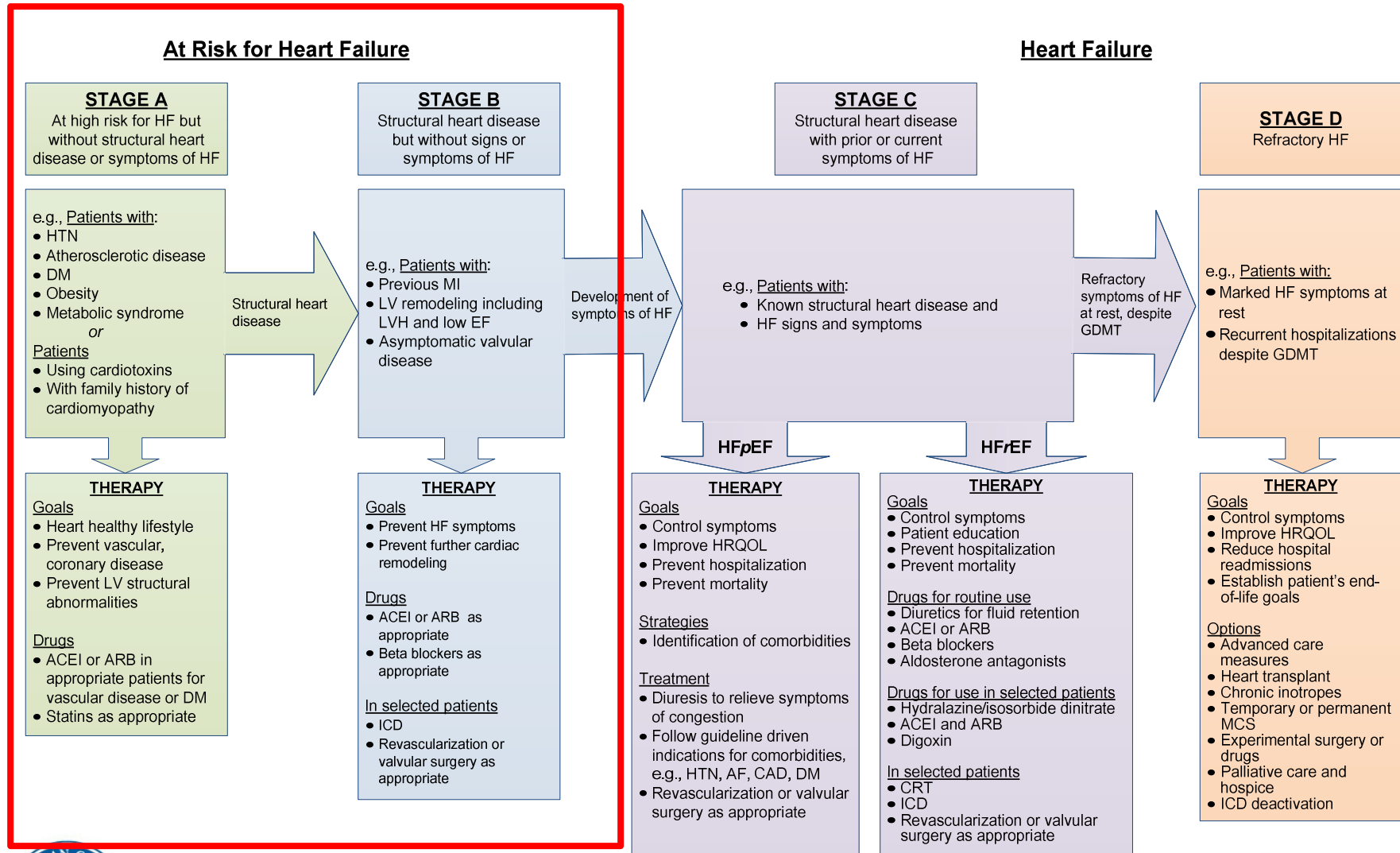
Other conditions that may lead to or contribute to HF, such as obesity, diabetes mellitus, tobacco use, and known cardiotoxic agents, should be controlled or avoided.



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# Stages, Phenotypes and Treatment of HF



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# Prevention of High-Dose Chemotherapy–Induced (*Circulation*. 2006;114:2474-2481.) Cardiotoxicity in High-Risk Patients by Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibition

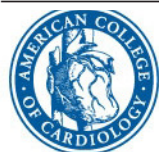
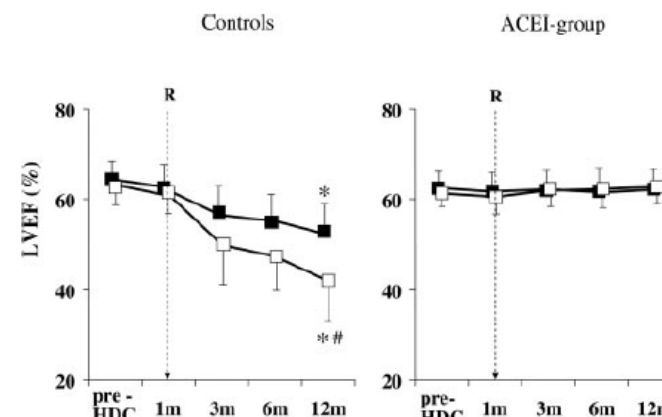
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**TABLE 3. Echocardiographic Parameters During the Study Period**

	Baseline	Randomization	3 mo	6 mo	12 mo	P*
EDV, mL						
ACEI group	101.7±27.4	100.2±26.1	98.1±27.8	97.5±24.5	101.1±26.4	0.045
Control subjects	103.2±20.1	103.9±21.0	106.4±21.0	107.1±23.9	104.2±25.6	
ESV, mL						
ACEI group	38.6±10.8	38.7±10.4	37.3±10.9	37.4±10.3	38.5±11.2	<0.001
Control subjects	38.8±10.2	40.5±12.2	49.8±17.6	51.8±16.9	54.4±20.1†	
LVEF, %						
ACEI group	61.9±2.9	61.1±3.2	61.9±3.3	61.6±3.9	62.4±3.5	<0.001
Control subjects	62.8±3.4	61.8±4.3	54.2±8.1	51.9±7.9	48.3±9.3†	

**TABLE 4. Cardiac Events in the Study Groups**

	Total (n=114), n (%)	ACEI Group (n=56), n (%)	Control Subjects (n=58), n (%)	P
Sudden death	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1.0*
Cardiac death	2 (2)	0 (0)	2 (3)	0.49*
Acute pulmonary edema	4 (3)	0 (0)	4 (7)	0.07*
Heart failure	14 (12)	0 (0)	14 (24)	<0.001
Arrhythmias requiring treatment	11 (10)	1 (2)	10 (17)	0.01
Cumulative events	31	1	30	<0.001

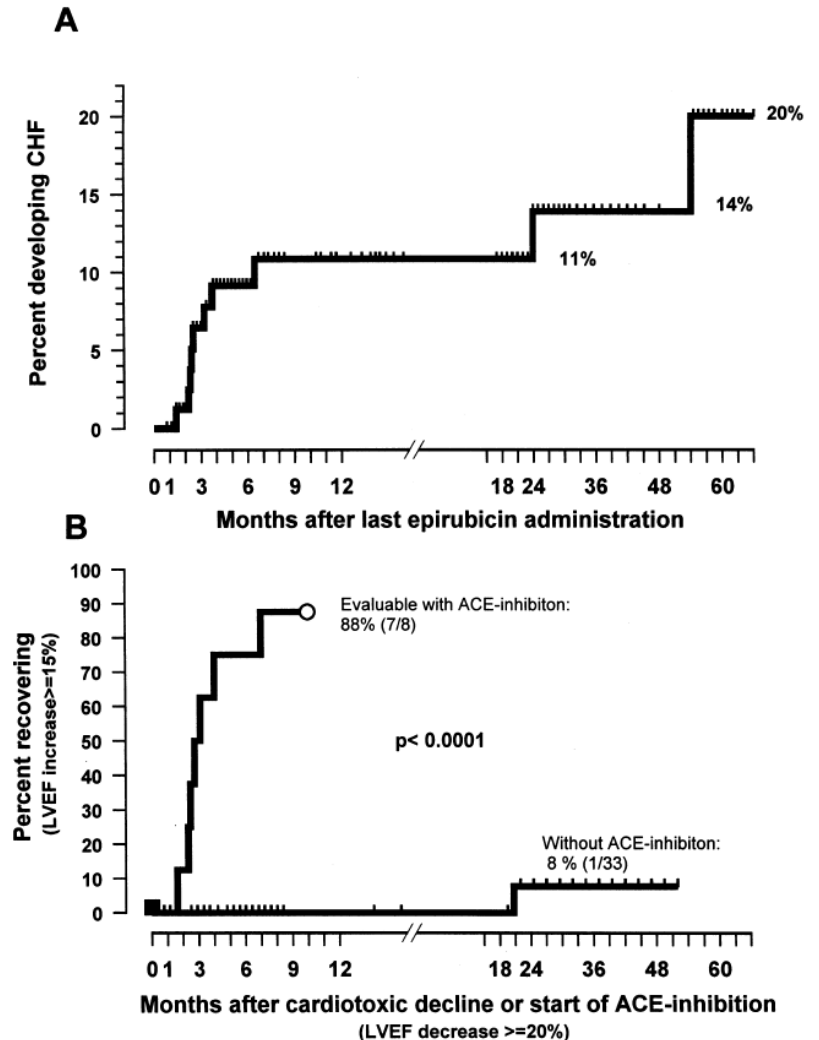
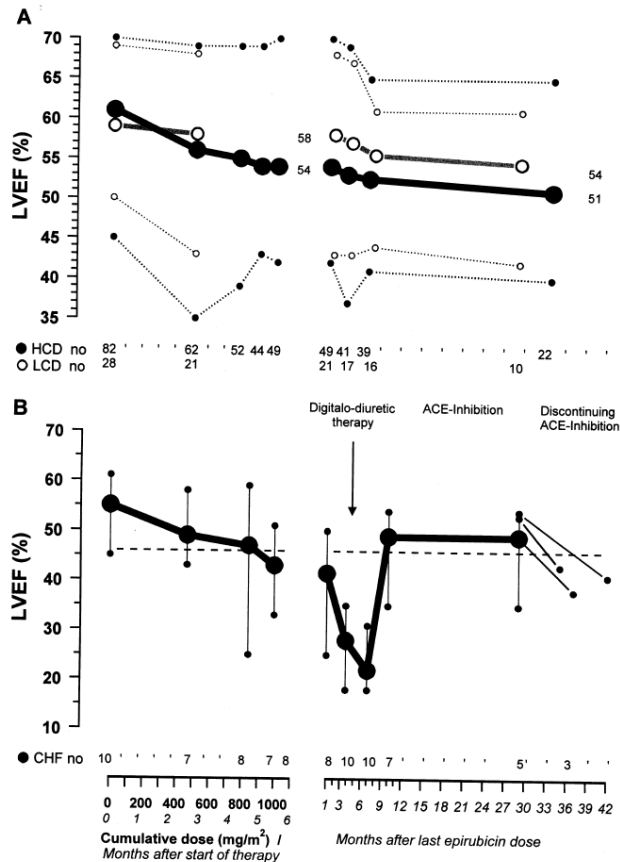


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# Functional monitoring of anthracycline cardiotoxicity: a prospective, blinded, long-term observational study of outcome in 120 patients

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# ACEI therapy: In Pediatric Cancer

**Table 4.** Left Ventricular End-Systolic Wall Stress Using a Piecewise Linear Model

Time Periods	No. of Observations in Model*	Enalapril Slope†	SE	Placebo Slope	SE	P
LVESWS year 1	261	-8.62	3.37	1.66	3.22	.036
LVESWS year 2 to end	781	-0.30	1.01	0.49	0.89	.560

NOTE. Adjusted for age at treatment, anthracycline dose, follow-up time, heart irradiation, and sex.

\*Patients without postbaseline evaluations were excluded from analysis.

†Slope refers to the estimated change in LVESWS per year.

- The reduction in LVESWS associated with enalapril was largely due to a reduction in endsystolic pressure.
- model -- the first-year reduction in end-systolic pressure in the enalapril group was 7.2 vs. 5.87mmHg in placebo group ( $P$  .0006).
- no significant difference end systolic posterior wall thickness over the length of the study.

## RCTs of Prophylactic Treatment With Neurohormonal Antagonists to Prevent Anthracycline- and Trastuzumab-Induced Cardiomyopathy

Positive Trials									Negative Trials								
Kalay et al. <sup>29</sup>	Anthracycline	Nebivolol (5 mg)	27	18	6 months	Mean ejection fraction at 6 months	Echo	63.8 ± 3.9% vs. 57.5 ± 5.6%, p = 0.01	Gulati et al. <sup>34</sup>	Anthracycline ± Trastuzumab	Metoprolol (100 mg)	58	62	10-61 weeks	Δ ejection fraction from baseline	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging	-1.6 vs. -1.8%, p=0.77
Bosch et al. <sup>30</sup>	Anthracycline	Enalapril (8.6 ± 5.9 mg) + Carvedilol (23.8 ± 17 mg)	45	45	6 months	Δ ejection fraction from baseline	Echo; cardiac magnetic resonance imaging	-0.17 vs. -3.28, p = 0.04 0.36 vs. -3.04, p = 0.09	Georgakopoulos et al. <sup>35</sup>	Anthracycline	Metoprolol	40	42	31 months	HF	Clinical	1 vs. 3, p = not significant
Kalay et al. <sup>29</sup>	Anthracycline	Carvedilol (12.5 mg)	25	25	5.2 ± 1.2 months	ejection fraction < 50%	Echo	RR: 0.2 (0.03-1.59)	Georgakopoulos et al. <sup>35</sup>	Anthracycline	Enalapril	40	43	31 months	HF	Clinical	2 vs. 3, p = not significant
Anababai et al. <sup>31</sup>	Anthracycline	Enalapril (17.94 ± 4.10 mg)	34	35	6 months	Δ ejection fraction from baseline @ 6 mths	Echo	0.55 vs. -13.3, p < 0.001	Tituskin et al. <sup>36</sup>	Trastuzumab	Perindopril (8 mg)	33	30	12 months	Δ LV end diastolic volume index from baseline	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging	7 vs. 4 ml/m <sup>2</sup> , p = not significant
									Tituskin et al. <sup>36</sup>	Trastuzumab	Bisoprolol (10 mg)	31	30	12 months	Δ LV end diastolic volume index from baseline	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging	8 vs. 4 ml/m <sup>2</sup> , p = not significant
Cardinale et al. <sup>32</sup>	Anthracycline	Enalapril (16±6 mg)	56	58	12 months	↓ ejection fraction >10% from baseline and <50%	Echo	0 vs. 43%, p<0.001	Yakamae et al. <sup>37</sup>	Anthracycline	Valsartan (80 mg)	20	20	7 days	Δ ejection fraction from baseline @ 7 days	Echo	p = 0.07 vs. p = 0.07
Okpeke et al. <sup>33</sup>	Anthracycline	Spironolactone (25 mg)	43	40	6 months	Δ ejection fraction from baseline @ 6 mths	Echo	67 ± 6.1→65.7 ± 7.4 vs. 67.7 ± 6.3→53.6 ± 6.8, p < 0.001									
Gulati et al. <sup>34</sup>	Anthracycline ± Trastuzumab	Candesartan (32 mg)	60	60	10-61 weeks	Δ ejection fraction from baseline	Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging	-0.8 vs. -2.6%, p = 0.026									

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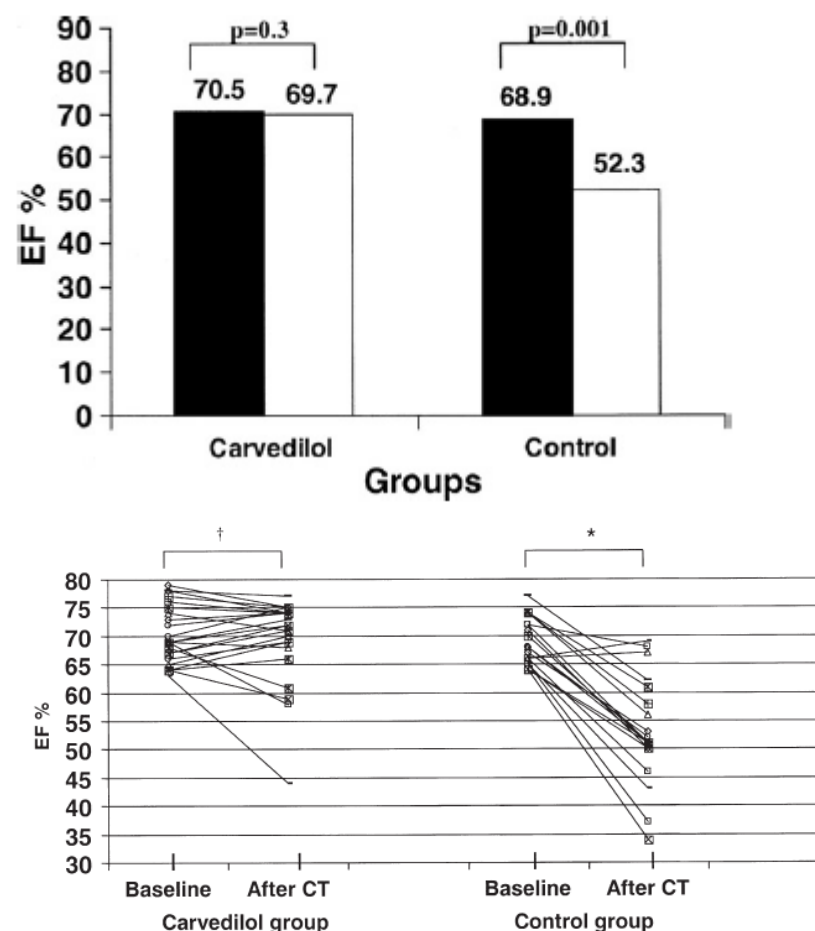
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# Protective Effects of Carvedilol Against Anthracycline-Induced Cardiomyopathy

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**Table 1.** Baseline Characteristics of Patients

	Carvedilol (n = 25)	Control (n = 25)	p Value
Age (yrs)	46.8 ± 14	49.0 ± 9.8	NS
Female (%)	88	84	NS
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	1.75 ± 12.7	1.71 ± 21.1	NS
Baseline LVEF (%)	70.6 ± 8.0	69.7 ± 7.3	NS
LVDd (mm)	47.7 ± 5.3	45.5 ± 4.8	NS
LVSd (mm)	31.4 ± 5.0	30.2 ± 4.7	NS
Type of cancer, n (%)			
Breast	18 (72)	16 (64)	NS
Lymphoma	4 (16)	5 (20)	NS
Other	3 (12)	4 (16)	NS
CT strategy, n (%)			
CEF/CAF	17 (68)	16 (64)	NS
CHOP/ABVD	4 (16)	4 (16)	NS
Other	4 (16)	5 (20)	NS
Total adriamycin dose (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	525.3	513.6	NS
Total epirubicin dose (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	787.9	770.4	NS
Number of cycles	6	6	
Control echocardiography time (months)	5.0 ± 1.1	5.4 ± 1.3	NS





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**Table 2.** Results of Doppler Examination on Carvedilol Group

	Baseline	After CT	p Value
Peak E velocity (cm/s)	80.2 ± 18.4	70.5 ± 17.1	0.03*
Peak A velocity (cm/s)	75.1 ± 13.9	73.9 ± 14.3	0.79
E/A ratio	1.08 ± 0.2	0.98 ± 0.2	0.23
IVRT (ms)	64.3 ± 19.9	75.6 ± 17.8	0.1
IVCT (ms)	57.6 ± 19.6	72.3 ± 23.1	0.1

\*p < 0.05 considered statistically significant. Data expressed as mean ± SD.

CT = chemotherapy; IVCT = isovolemic contraction time; IVRT = isovolumic relaxation time.

**Table 3.** Results of Doppler Examination on Control Group

	Baseline	After CT	p Value
Peak E velocity (cm/s)	69.8 ± 15.2	58.4 ± 17.9	0.019*
Peak A velocity (cm/s)	68.7 ± 13.0	68.0 ± 14.2	0.79
E/A ratio	1.03 ± 0.2	0.87 ± 0.2	0.02*
IVRT (ms)	72.7 ± 16.1	72.7 ± 2.0	0.9
IVCT (ms)	73.3 ± 18.7	78.8 ± 18.3	0.5

\*p < 0.05 considered statistically significant. Data expressed as mean ± SD.

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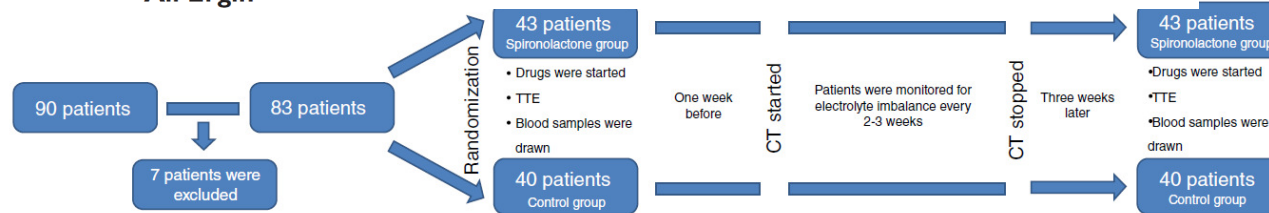


Figure 1 Study flow. CT, chemotherapy; TTE, transthoracic echocardiography.

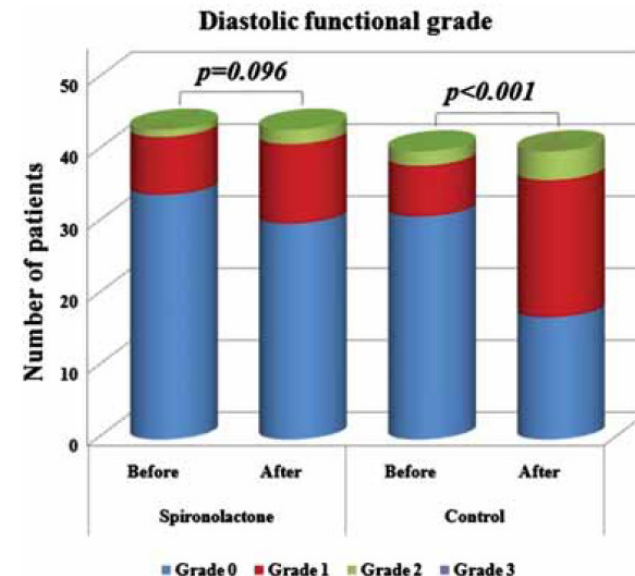
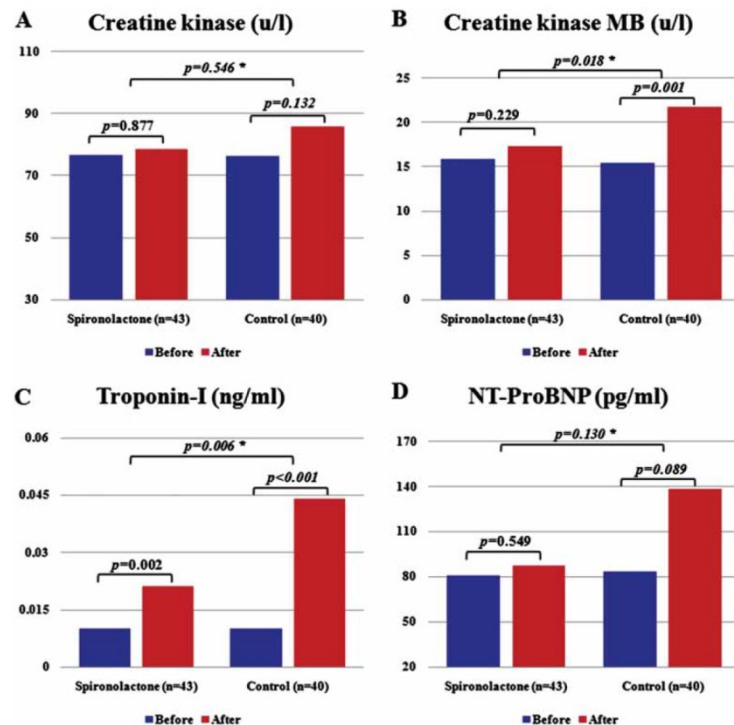


Figure 5 Changes in diastolic functional grade.

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Table 3 Cardiac and oxidative biomarkers

	Spironolactone group (n = 43)			Control group (n = 40)			P-value*
	Before	After	P-value	Before	After	P-value	
Creatine kinase (U/L)	74 (55–77)	69 (53–98)	0.877	70 (55–98)	87 (70–102)	0.132	0.546
Creatine kinase-MB (U/L)	15.8 ± 5.3	17.3 ± 6.0	0.229	15.4 ± 6.8	21.7 ± 9.5	0.001	0.018
Troponin-I (ng/mL)	0.010 (0.001–0.020)	0.015 (0.004–0.032)	0.002	0.010 (0.001–0.021)	0.026 (0.010–0.053)	<0.001	0.006
NT-proBNP (pg/mL)	71 (48–125)	85 (51–100)	0.549	70 (56–72)	100 (89–138)	0.089	0.130
TAC (μmol/L)	286.1 ± 44.7	275.4 ± 37.6	0.083	295.0 ± 47.5	250.4 ± 19.7	<0.001	0.001
TOC (μmol/L)	449.7 ± 222.5	487.0 ± 211.0	0.449	465.0 ± 256.4	594.8 ± 372.1	0.057	0.259
OSI	1.61 ± 0.80	1.79 ± 0.79	0.282	1.60 ± 0.90	2.37 ± 1.45	0.004	0.055

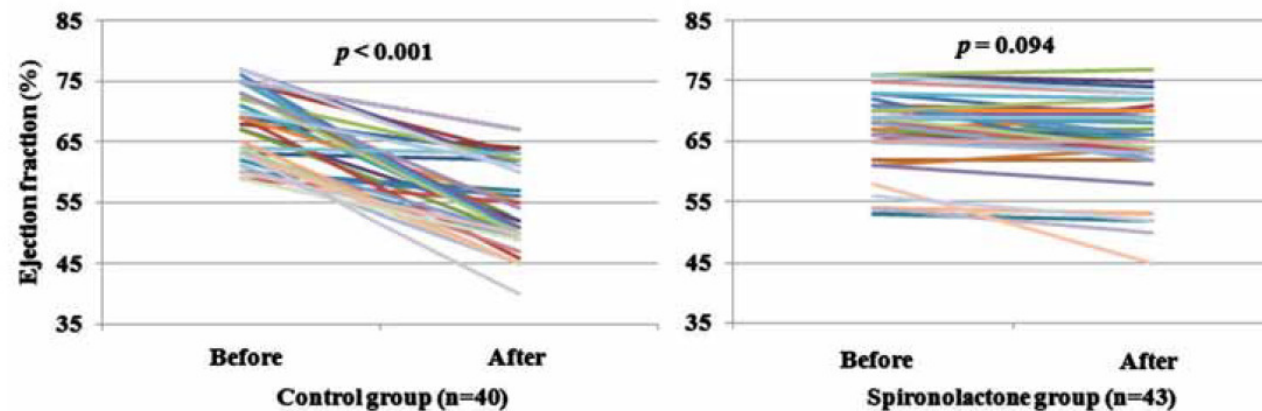
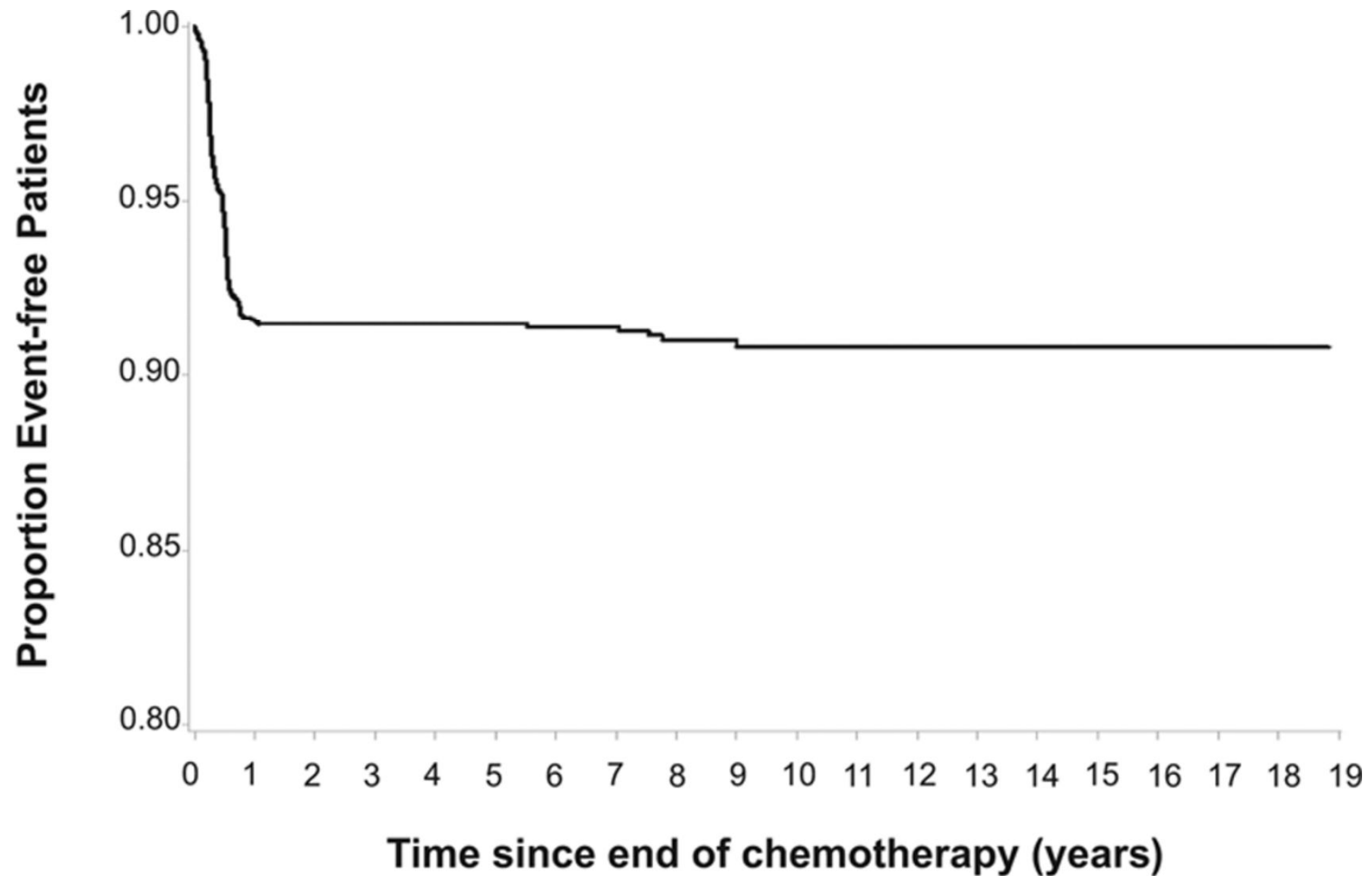


Figure 3 Individual systolic function data at baseline and after chemotherapy in the control and spironolactone groups.

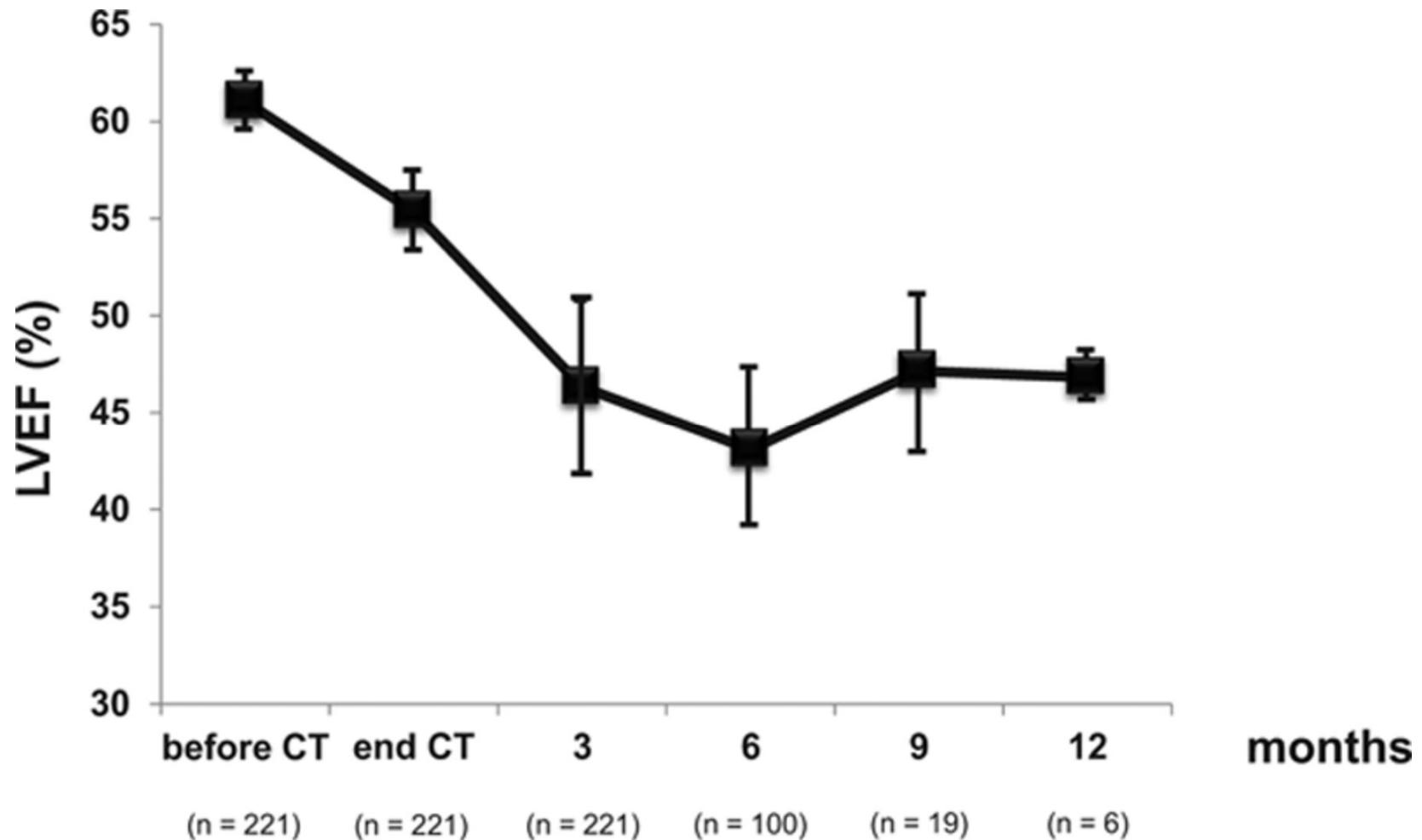
**Kaplan–Meier curve showing the cumulative incidence of cardiotoxicity in the study population.**



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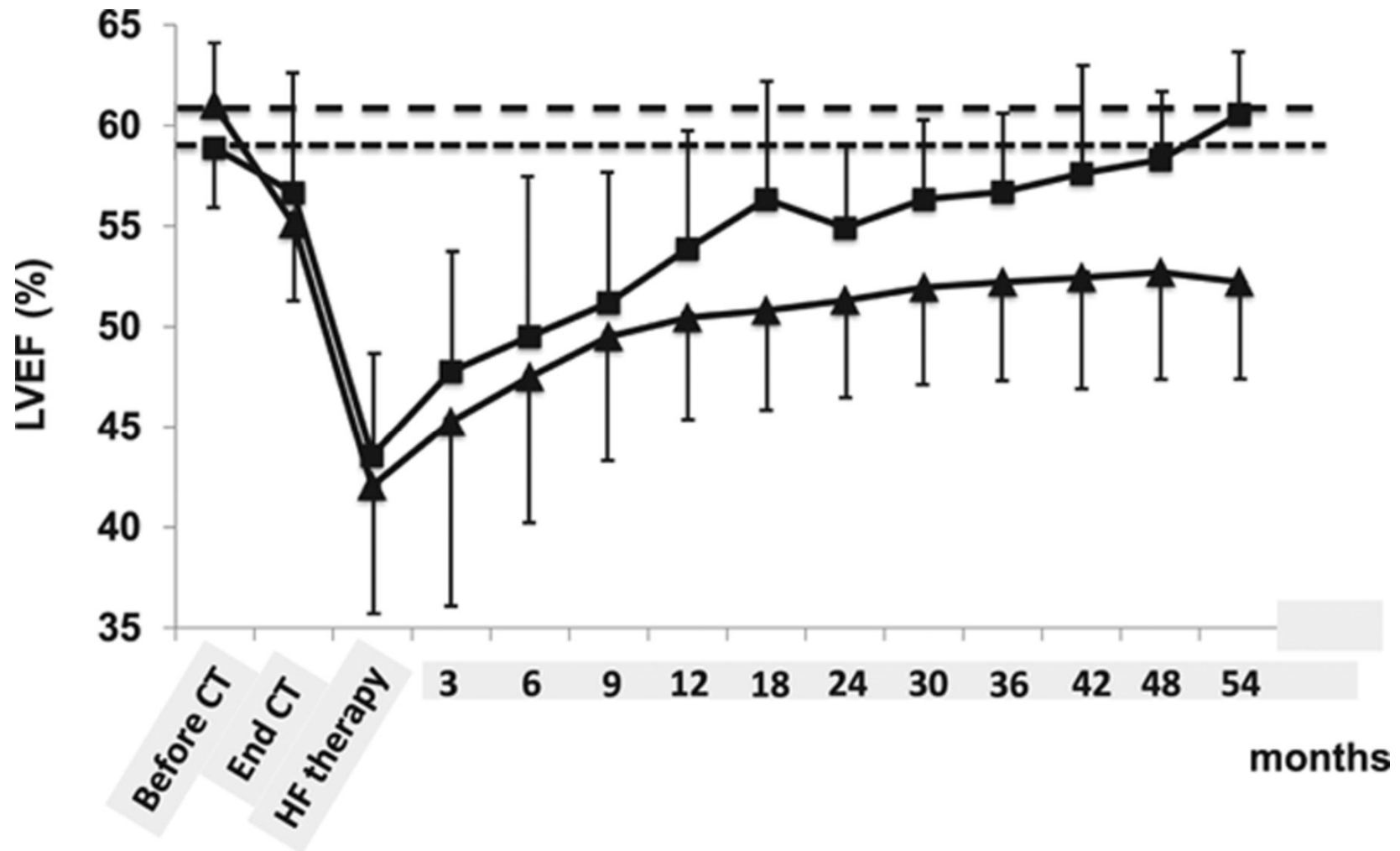
**Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF; mean $\pm$ SD) behavior in patients developing cardiotoxicity in the first year, from baseline (before starting chemotherapy) to the initiation of heart failure therapy.**



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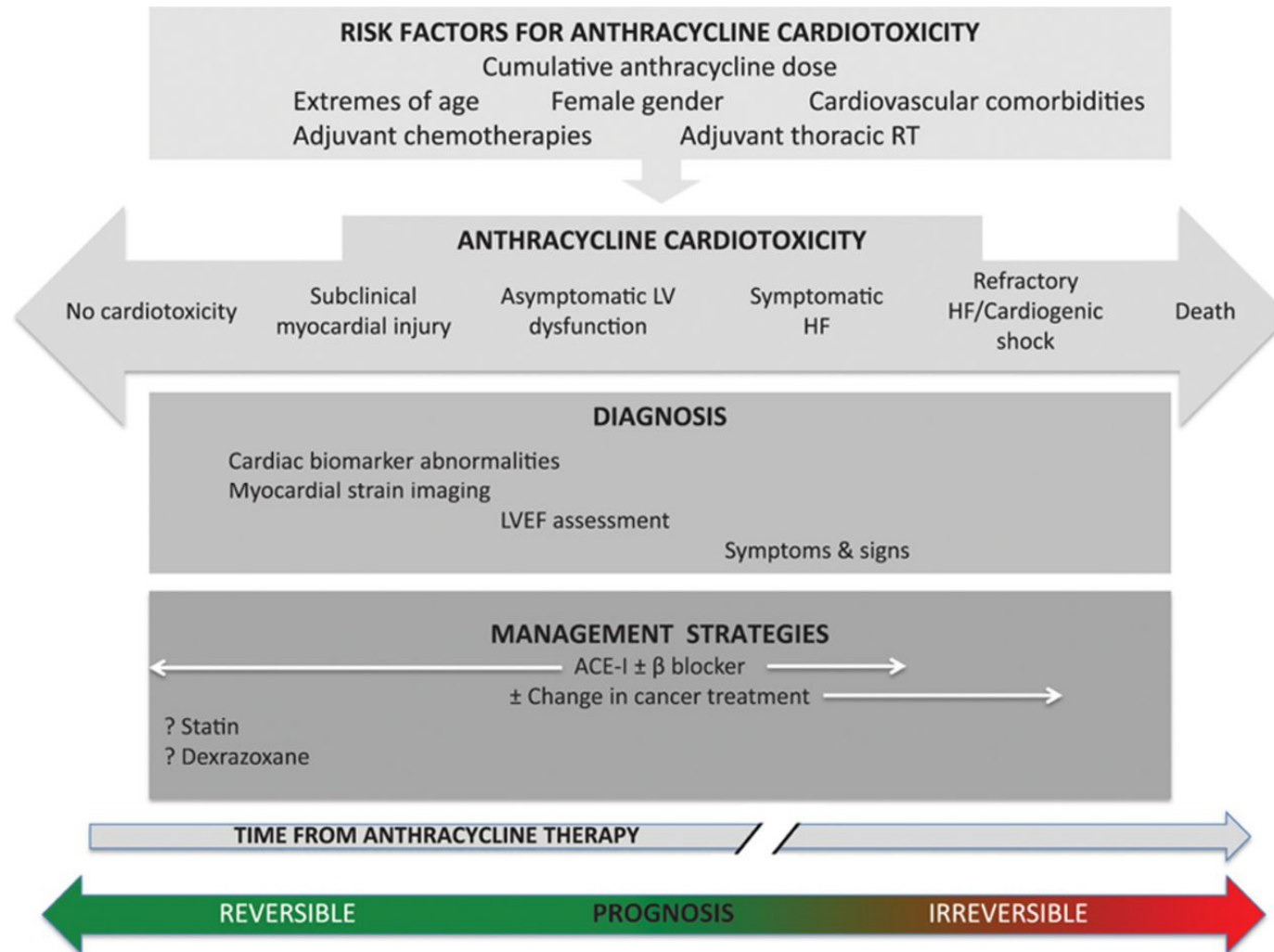


Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) in patients with cardiotoxicity and with partial (triangle) or full (square) recovery with heart failure therapy.



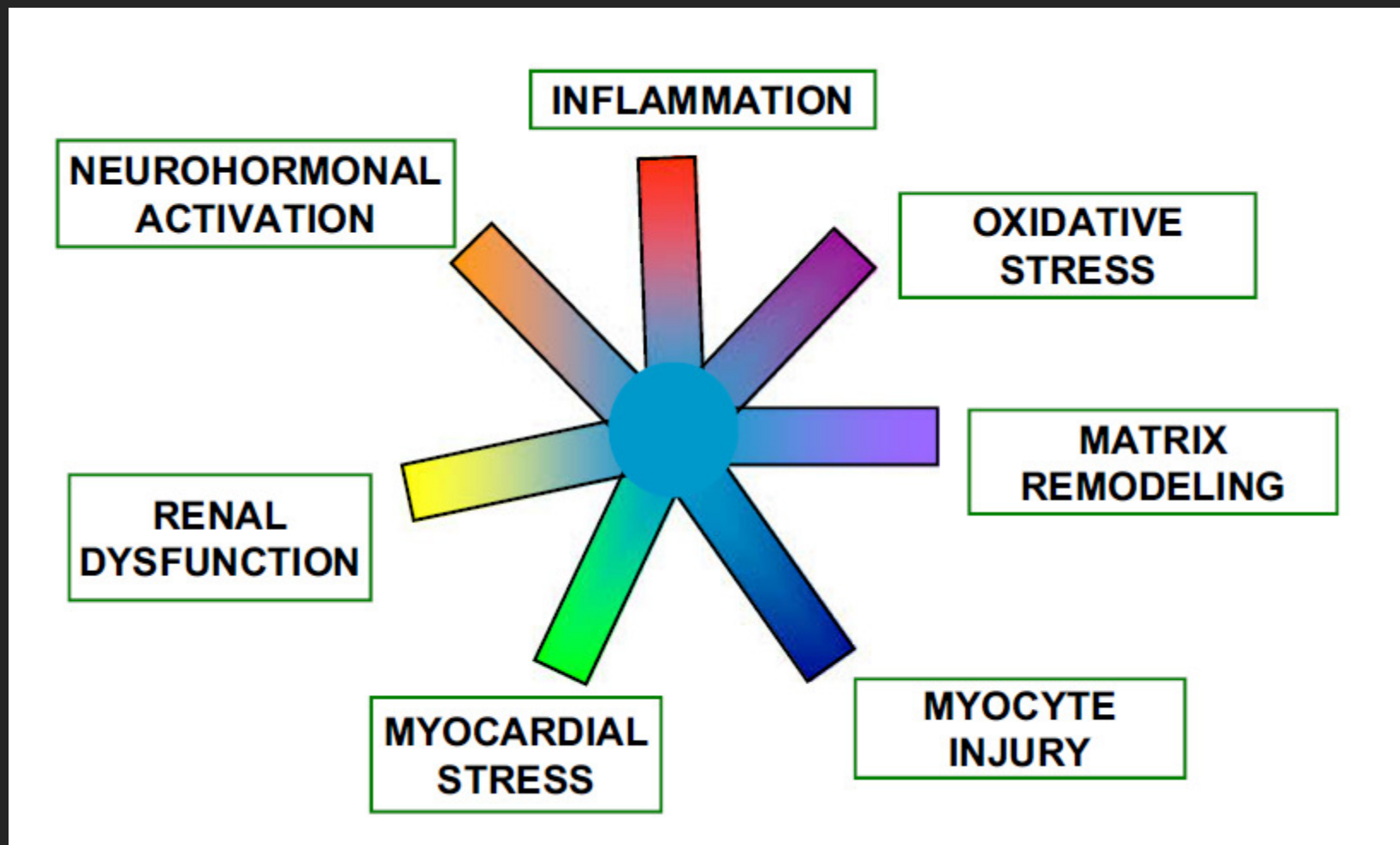
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## Continuum of anthracycline cardiotoxicity.



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# Multimarker Risk Prediction

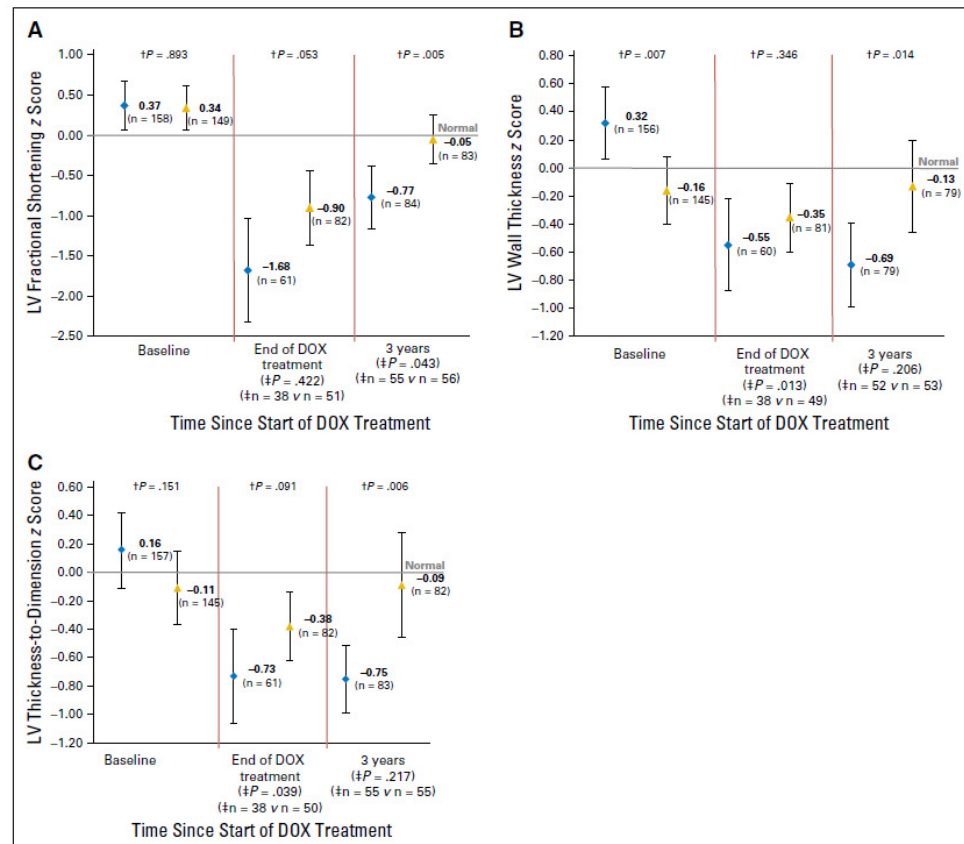


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# Cardioprotection and Safety of Dexrazoxane in Patients Treated for Newly Diagnosed T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia or Advanced-Stage Lymphoblastic Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: A Report of the Children's Oncology Group Randomized Trial Pediatric Oncology Group 9404

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**Fig 3.** Estimated mean z scores by treatment group among 307 children with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia or advanced-stage lymphoblastic non-Hodgkin lymphoma at baseline (n = 307), at end of therapy (n = 143), and at 3 years (n = 167). Comparison of change from baseline at each time point is noted at the bottom of the figure. (A) LV fractional shortening. (B) LV wall thickness. (C) LV thickness-to-dimension ratio. Bars represent 95% CIs; blue diamond, standard treatment only (doxorubicin [DOX]); gold triangle, dexrazoxane plus standard treatment (DRZ + DOX). †P values comparing the two groups at each time point (baseline, end of DOX treatment, and 3 years). ‡P values for differences in change in mean z scores since baseline in DOX- versus DOX- + DRZ-treated patients, for those patients with values at baseline and a second time point. n indicates number of patients with paired studies in each treatment group. Only patients with paired baseline and end-of-therapy or 3-year z scores were included in these analyses.

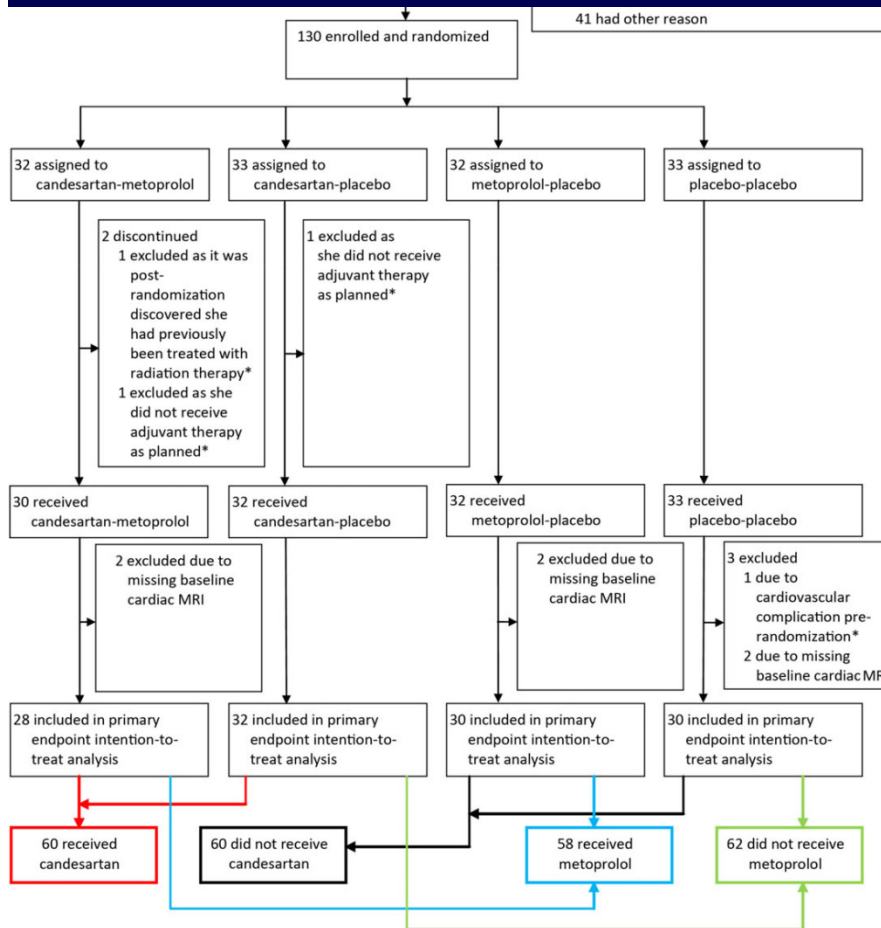
*Heart failure/cardiomyopathy*

# Prevention of cardiac dysfunction during adjuvant breast cancer therapy (PRADA): a 2 × 2 factorial, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind clinical trial of candesartan and metoprolol

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**Table 2** Primary and secondary endpoints, estimated values from linear mixed models (intention-to-treat analysis)

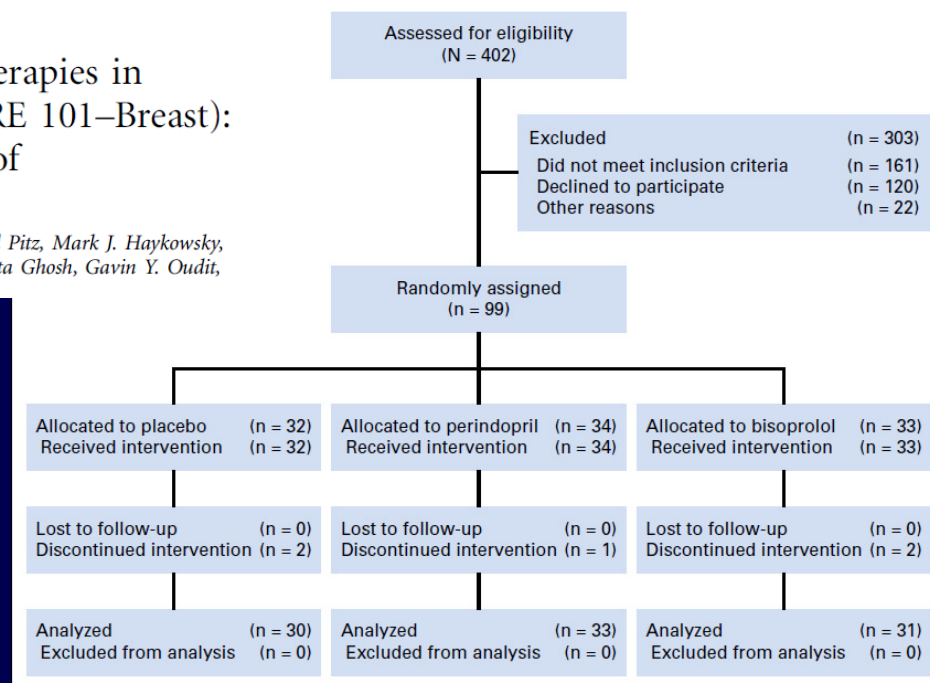
	n	Baseline	EOS	Change from baseline to EOS	Between-group difference in change from baseline to EOS	P-value
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LVEF						
No candesartan	60	63.2 (62.0, 64.4)	60.6 (59.4, 61.8)	−2.6 (−3.8, −1.5)	1.9 (0.2, 3.5) <sup>a</sup>	0.026
Candesartan	60	62.1 (61.0, 63.3)	61.4 (60.2, 62.6)	−0.8 (−1.9, 0.4)		
No metoprolol	62	62.8 (61.6, 64.0)	61.0 (59.8, 62.2)	−1.8 (−3.0, −0.7)		
Metoprolol	58	62.5 (61.3, 63.7)	61.0 (59.8, 62.2)	−1.6 (−2.8, −0.4)		
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RVEF						
No candesartan	60	61.3 (60.0, 62.5)	58.9 (57.6, 60.1)	−2.4 (−3.7, −1.1)	0.8 (−1.0, 2.6)	0.370
Candesartan	60	60.2 (59.0, 61.4)	58.7 (57.4, 59.9)	−1.6 (−2.8, −0.3)		
No metoprolol	62	60.4 (59.2, 61.6)	58.0 (56.8, 59.3)	−2.4 (−3.7, −1.1)		
Metoprolol	58	61.1 (59.8, 62.3)	59.5 (58.3, 60.8)	−1.6 (−2.9, −0.3)		





# Multidisciplinary Approach to Novel Therapies in Cardio-Oncology Research (MANTICORE 101–Breast): A Randomized Trial for the Prevention of Trastuzumab-Associated Cardiotoxicity

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**Table 3.** Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging Measures Throughout Trastuzumab Therapy

Measure	Placebo (n = 30)	Perindopril (n = 33)	Bisoprolol (n = 31)	ANOVA <i>P</i>
LVEDVi, mL/m <sup>2</sup>				
Baseline	76 ± 13*	67 ± 14	69 ± 10	.01
Post-cycle 4	77 ± 10	71 ± 16†	76 ± 11†	.09
Change from baseline	+2 ± 9	+4 ± 9	+7 ± 8	.07
Post-cycle 17	79 ± 12	74 ± 16†	76 ± 14†	.27
Change from baseline	+4 ± 11	+7 ± 14	+8 ± 9	.36
LVEF, %				
Baseline	61 ± 5	62 ± 5	62 ± 4	.55
Post-cycle 4	54 ± 5*†	59 ± 6†	59 ± 4†	< .001
Change from baseline	−7 ± 5*	−4 ± 4	−4 ± 5	.01
Post-cycle 17	56 ± 4*†	59 ± 6†	61 ± 4	< .001
Change from baseline	−5 ± 5*	−3 ± 4	−1 ± 5	.001

# Angiotensin II-Receptor Inhibition With Candesartan to Prevent Trastuzumab-Related Cardiotoxic Effects in Patients With Early Breast Cancer

## A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Figure 1. Trial Enrollment Flowchart

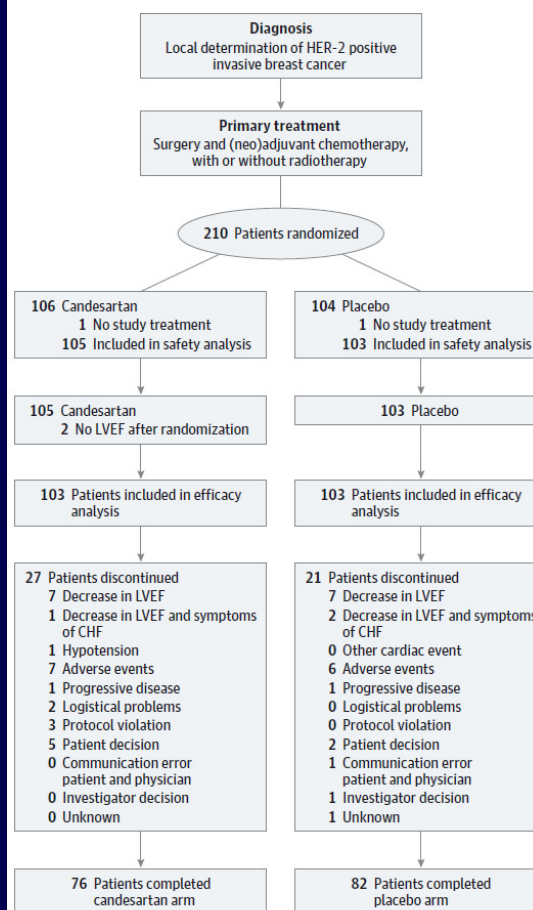
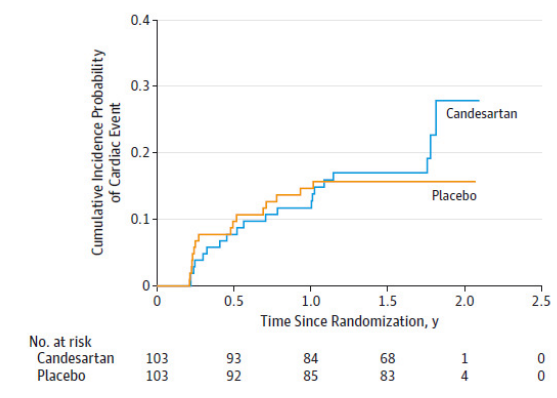
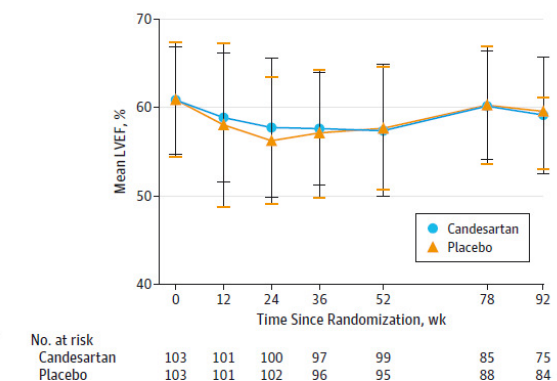


Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Curve Showing the Cumulative Incidence of Cardiac Events



Illustrated are the cumulative 2-year incidences of cardiac events for the patients assigned to receive candesartan and those assigned to the placebo group.

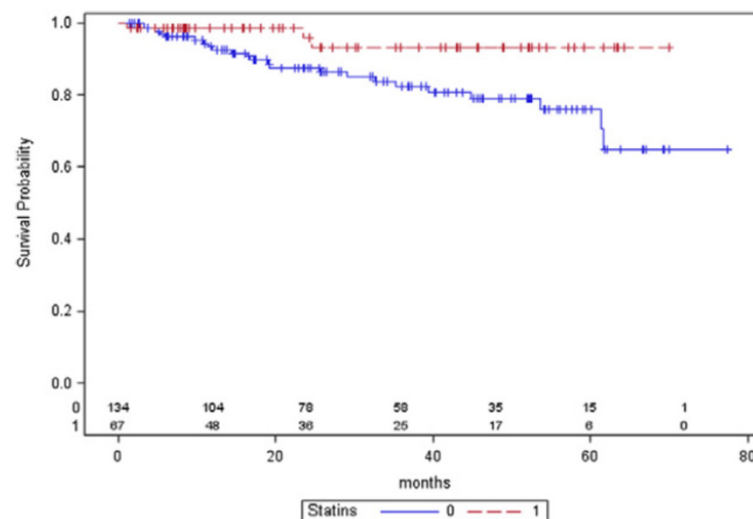
Figure 3. Mean (SD) Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF) Over Study Follow-up Time



## Effect of Statin Therapy on the Risk for Incident Heart Failure in Patients With Breast Cancer Receiving Anthracycline Chemotherapy

An Observational Clinical Cohort Study

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**Figure 1** Heart Failure-Free Survival

These survival curves illustrate survival in statin (red) and non-statin (blue) treated groups. Figures above the abscissa relate to numbers of patients surviving without heart failure at each 12-month interval.

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# Efficiency of Atorvastatin in the Protection of Anthracycline-Induced Cardiomyopathy

**Table 1**

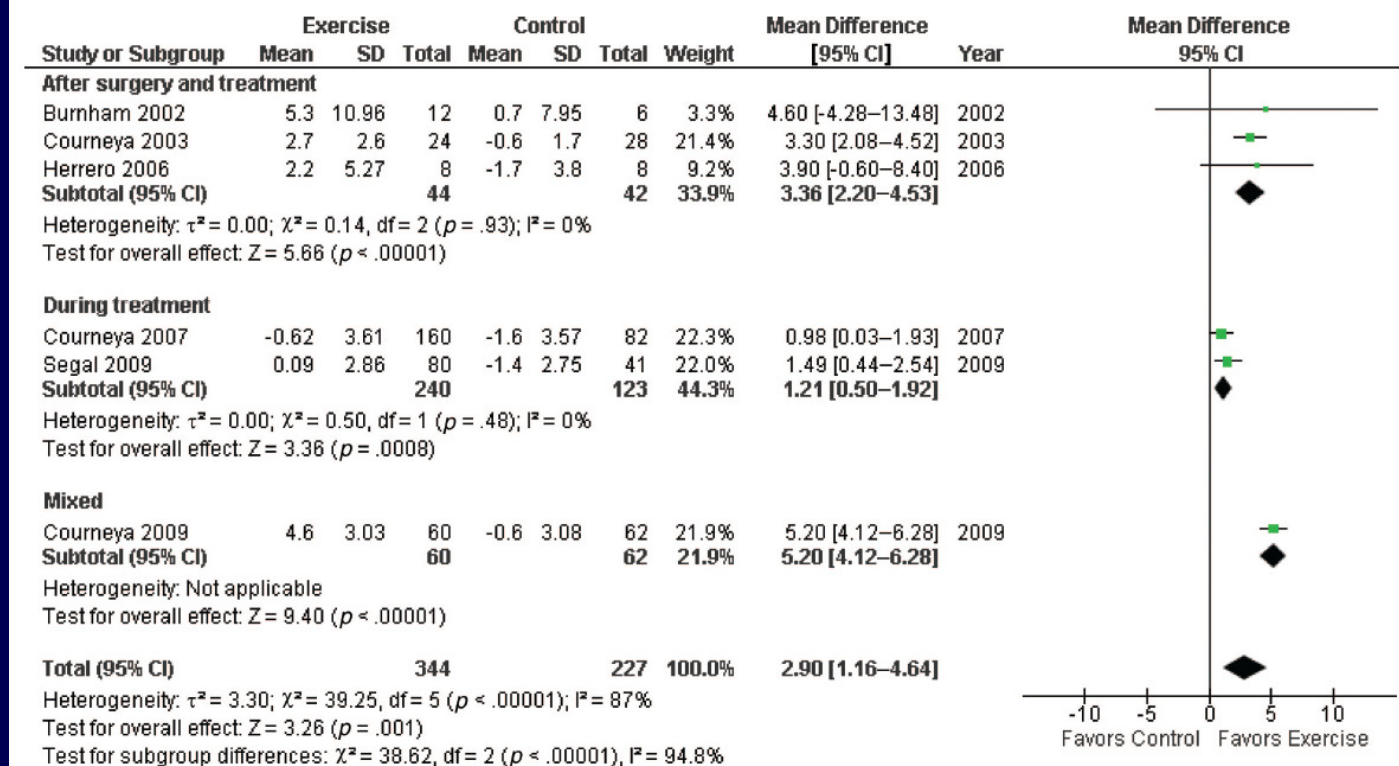
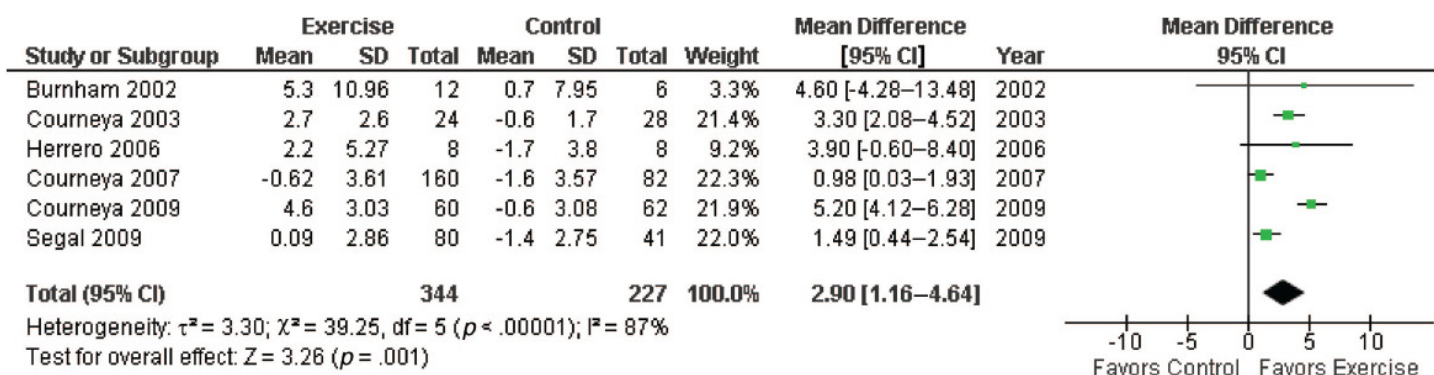
**Comparison of Echocardiographic Parameters in the Study Group Between Baseline and Follow-Up Values**

	Statin Group (n = 20)	Control Group (n = 20)	p Value
<b>LVEF (%)</b>			
Baseline	61.3 ± 7.9	62.9 ± 7.0	
After 6 months	62.6 ± 9.3	55.0 ± 9.5	
Mean change	1.3 ± 3.8	-7.9 ± 8.0	<0.001
<b>LVEDD (mm)</b>			
Baseline	46.5 ± 7.2	47.2 ± 5.2	
After 6 months	46.3 ± 6.8	49.2 ± 6.2	
Mean change	-0.15 ± 4.0	2.0 ± 3.3	0.021
<b>LVESD (mm)</b>			
Baseline	30.9 ± 7.2	30.3 ± 5.4	
After 6 months	29.6 ± 6.1	32.3 ± 5.4	
Mean change	-1.35 ± 4.0	2.1 ± 1.8	<0.001

LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; LVEDD = left ventricular end-diastolic diameter; LVESD = left ventricular end-systolic diameter.

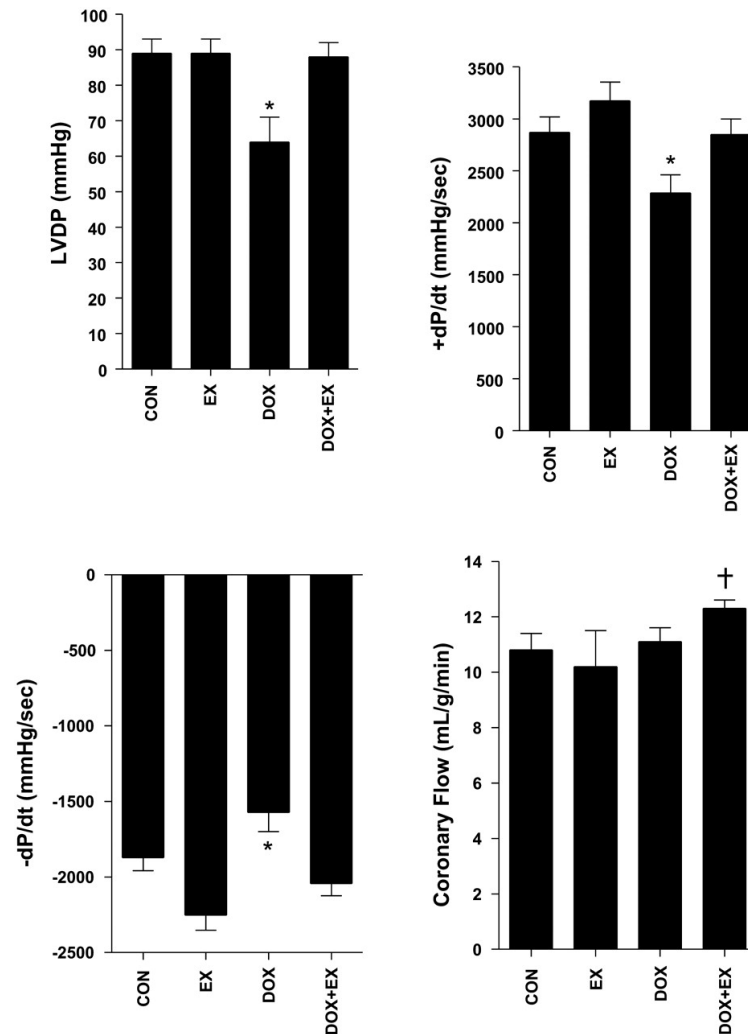
# Effect of Exercise Training on Peak Oxygen Consumption in Patients with Cancer: A Meta-Analysis.

Jones et al. *The Oncologist* 2011;16:112–120





**Effect of exercise training and Dox on cardiac function in hearts isolated from Con (n = 6), Dox (n = 8), Ex (n = 6), and Dox+Ex (n = 8) animals.**



Adam J. Chicco et al. J Appl Physiol 2006;100:519-527

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## **Exercise Cardioprotection From Doxorubicin**

**This study is currently recruiting participants.** *Verified May 2015 by University of British Columbia*

**Sponsor:** University of British Columbia

**Collaborator:** British Columbia Cancer Agency

**ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:** NCT02006979

First received: December 5, 2013

Last updated: May 27, 2015

Last verified: May 2015

*ClinicalTrials.gov*

## **Exercise to Prevent AnthrCycline-based Cardio-Toxicity Study (EXACT)**

**This study is currently recruiting participants.** (see [Contacts and Locations](#))

Verified August 2016 by Nova Scotia Health Authority

**Sponsor:** Nova Scotia Health Authority

**ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:** NCT02471053

First received: May 11, 2015; Last updated: August 16, 2016

Last verified: August 2016

## **OptiTrain - Optimal Training Women With Breast Cancer (OptiTrain)**

**This study is currently recruiting participants.** (see [Contacts and Locations](#))

Verified August 2016 by Karolinska Institutet

**Sponsor:** Karolinska Institutet

**ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:** NCT02522260

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## Peak VO<sub>2</sub> change at 3 months

Peak VO <sub>2</sub> change at 3 months	Females Usual Care	Males Usual Care	Females Exercise	Males Exercise
N	229	668	290	682
Mean $\pm$ SD	0.15 $\pm$ 2.1	0.26 $\pm$ 2.6	0.88 $\pm$ 2.2	0.77 $\pm$ 2.7*
Median	0.20	0.20	0.80	0.60
(Min, Max)	(-6.9, 7.80)	(-11.6, 13.50)	(-10.7, 10.20)	(-8.90, 12.50)

\*p=0.42;

Adherence: median men 80 min/wk (25<sup>th</sup> percentile, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile 41, 121); women were 70 min/wk (37, 108).

Represents 6.6% inc in women and 5.2% in men



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## ***Adjusted Models: Hazard Ratios for Specified Effects among Males and Females, with Tests for Corresponding Interactions of Interest***

Model Endpoint	Gender Interaction Effect	Estimated Effect in Females	Estimated Effect in Males	P-Value for Interaction
All-Cause Death/Hosp <sup>1</sup>	HR (95% CI): Exercise (vs. Control)	0.74 (0.59 - 0.92)	0.99 (0.86 - 1.13)	0.027
All Cause Death <sup>2</sup>	HR (95% CI): Exercise (vs. Control)	0.71 (0.43 - 1.15)	1.01 (0.79 - 1.28)	0.20
CV-Death/CV-Hosp <sup>3</sup>	HR (95% CI): Exercise (vs. Control)	0.79 (0.62 - 1.00)	0.96 (0.83 - 1.11)	0.17
CV-Death/HF-Hosp <sup>4</sup>	HR (95% CI): Exercise (vs. Control)	0.76 (0.55 - 1.05)	0.90 (0.75 - 1.10)	0.36
All-Cause Death/Hosp <sup>1</sup>	HR (95% CI): Non-White (vs. White)	1.01 (0.81 - 1.27)	1.25 (1.08 - 1.45)	0.11
All-Cause Death/Hosp <sup>1</sup>	HR (95% CI): Baseline PkVO2 (up to 20)	0.92 (0.90 - 0.95)	0.92 (0.90 - 0.94)	0.74





## 2016 ESC Position Paper on cancer treatments and cardiovascular toxicity developed under the auspices of the ESC Committee for Practice Guidelines

The Task Force for cancer treatments and cardiovascular toxicity of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

**Table 14** Summarizes the potential benefits of exercise during and/or after cancer treatment

### Improvement of:

- Cardiorespiratory and cardiovascular function
- Body composition (preservation or increase in muscle mass, loss of fat mass)
- Immune function
- Chemotherapy completion rates
- Muscle strength and flexibility
- Body image, self-esteem and mood

### Reduction in:

- Number and severity of side effects including nausea, fatigue and pain
- Reduction of hospitalization duration
- Reduction of stress, depression and anxiety

**Table 13** Strategies to reduce chemotherapy-induced cardiotoxicity<sup>226–228,245–248</sup>

Chemotherapy drug	Potential cardioprotective measure
All chemotherapy drugs	Identify and treat cardiovascular risk factors
	Treat comorbidities (CAD, HF, PAD, HTN)
	QTc prolongation and torsade de pointes: - Avoid QT prolonging drugs - Manage electrolyte abnormalities
	Minimize cardiac irradiation
Anthracyclines and analogues	Limit cumulative dose (mg/m <sup>2</sup> ): - Daunorubicin <800 - Doxorubicin <360 - Epirubicin <720 - Mitoxantrone <160 - Idarubicin <150
	Altered delivery systems (liposomal doxorubicin) or continuous infusions
	Dexrazoxane as an alternative
	ACE-Is or ARBs
	β-blockers
	Statins
	Aerobic exercise
Trastuzumab	ACE-Is
	β-blockers

# Current Diagnostic and Treatment Strategies for Specific Dilated Cardiomyopathies

A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association

## Key Management Strategies for Cardiomyopathy Related to Chemotherapeutic Agents

### *Treatment Recommendations With Strong Level of Consensus for Cardiomyopathy Related to Chemotherapeutic Agents*

1. Patients treated with cardiotoxic chemotherapeutic agents should have cardiac functional assessment with LVEF measurement at baseline, after completing treatment, and while on treatment at regular intervals, or sooner if HF symptoms develop (*Level of Evidence B*).
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2. If test results indicate deterioration in cardiac function associated with cardiotoxic chemotherapy, the benefit of continued therapy should be carefully evaluated against the risk of producing irreversible cardiac damage (*Level of Evidence C*).
3. Cancer patients with systolic HF should be treated with GDMT (*Level of Evidence B*).



## **AHA SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT**

*Bozkurt et al. Circulation. 2016;134:e579–e646*

# **Current Diagnostic and Treatment Strategies for Specific Dilated Cardiomyopathies**

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### *Recommendations With Moderate Level of Consensus for Cardiomyopathy Related to Chemotherapeutic Agents*

1. Measurement of cardiac troponin is reasonable to identify patients at risk of cardiotoxicity with cancer therapy  
(Level of Evidence B).
2. In patients at high risk for cardiac toxicity, strategies such as administration of divided continuous infusions, liposome encapsulation, use of less cardiotoxic derivatives, or use of cardioprotective agents such as dexrazoxane in conjunction with treatment can be useful to reduce cardiotoxicity of doxorubicin chemotherapy  
(Level of Evidence B)

### *Recommendations With Uncertainty for Cardiomyopathy Related to Chemotherapeutic Agents*

1. The usefulness of serial/repeated measurements of cardiac biomarkers for monitoring cardiotoxicity with cancer therapy is uncertain  
(Level of Evidence C).
2. Usefulness of  $\beta$ -blockers, ACE inhibitors, or ARBs for primary prevention of cardiac toxicity of chemotherapy is uncertain at this time  
(Level of Evidence B)




## 2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure

The Task Force for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Developed with the special contribution of the Heart Failure Association (HFA) of the ESC

Even when EF improves,  
What to do? Stop Rx??  
Continue?

**Table 3.1** Definition of heart failure with preserved (HFpEF), mid-range (HFmrEF) and reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF)

Type of HF		HFrEF	HFmrEF 	HFpEF
CRITERIA	1	Symptoms ± Signs <sup>a</sup>	Symptoms ± Signs <sup>a</sup>	Symptoms ± Signs <sup>a</sup>
	2	LVEF <40%	LVEF 40–49%	LVEF ≥50%
	3	—	1. Elevated levels of natriuretic peptides <sup>b</sup> ; 2. At least one additional criterion: a. relevant structural heart disease (LVH and/or LAE), b. diastolic dysfunction (for details see Section 4.3.2).	1. Elevated levels of natriuretic peptides <sup>b</sup> ; 2. At least one additional criterion: a. relevant structural heart disease (LVH and/or LAE), b. diastolic dysfunction (for details see Section 4.3.2).

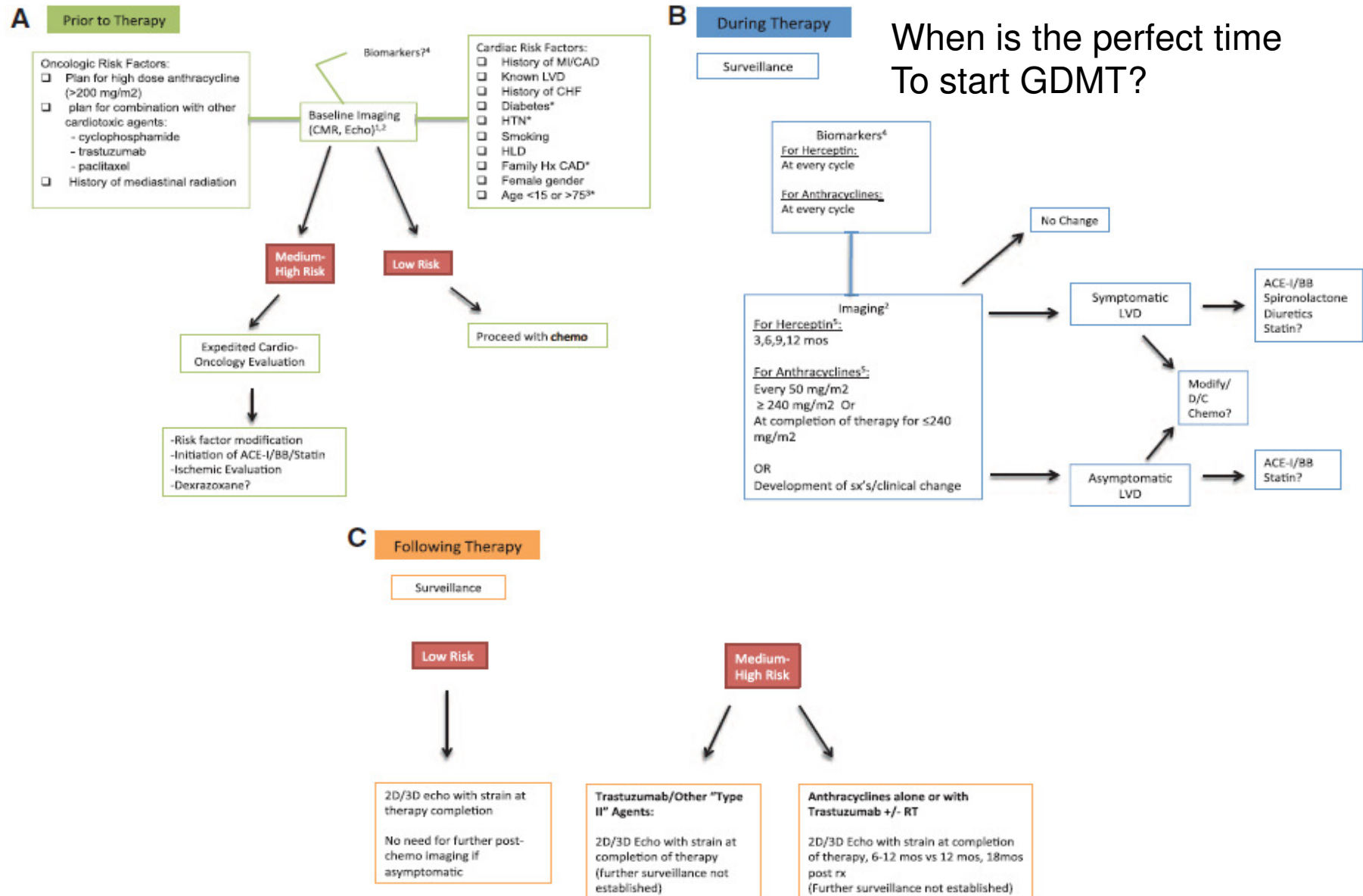
BNP = B-type natriuretic peptide; HF = heart failure; HFmrEF = heart failure with mid-range ejection fraction; HFpEF = heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LAE = left atrial enlargement; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; LVH = left ventricular hypertrophy; NT-proBNP = N-terminal pro-B type natriuretic peptide.

<sup>a</sup>Signs may not be present in the early stages of HF (especially in HFpEF) and in patients treated with diuretics.

<sup>b</sup>BNP > 35 pg/mL and/or NT-proBNP > 125 pg/mL

# Cancer Therapy–Related Cardiac-Dysfunction and Heart Failure. Part 2: Prevention, Treatment, Guidelines, and Future Directions.

Hamo et al. *Circ Heart Fail.* 2016;9:e002843



## Summary

- Heart failure associated with chemotherapy can be severe and include both elements of HFrEF and HFpEF
- Risk factor identification is critical prior to the initiation of chemo
- HF associated with chemotherapy can respond to GDMT
- GDMT may also be protective if administered with chemotherapy although the data are not consistent
- GDMT may reverse LV dysfunction previously thought non-reversible
- A panel of biomarkers may be predictive of cardiotoxicity and could serve as markers of improvement .
- Further research is needed in mREF patients whose LV function improves