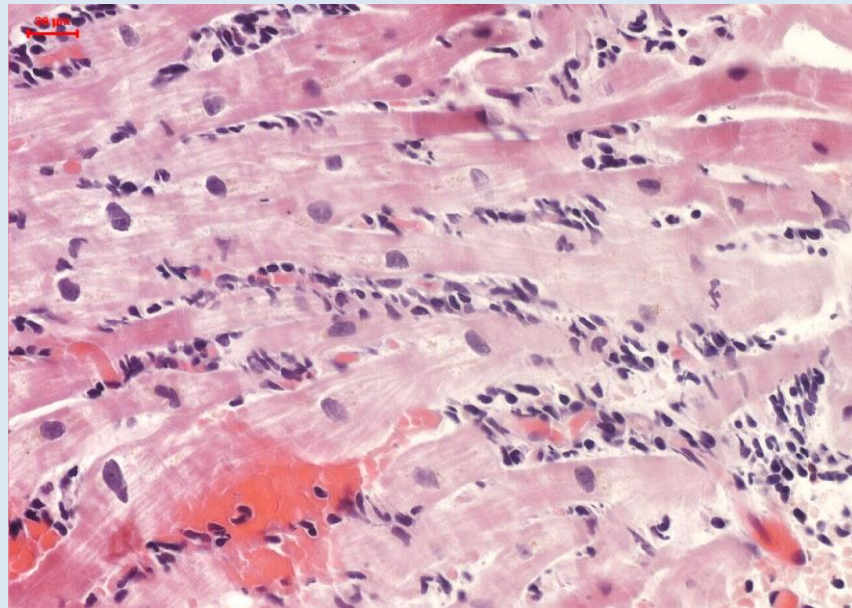


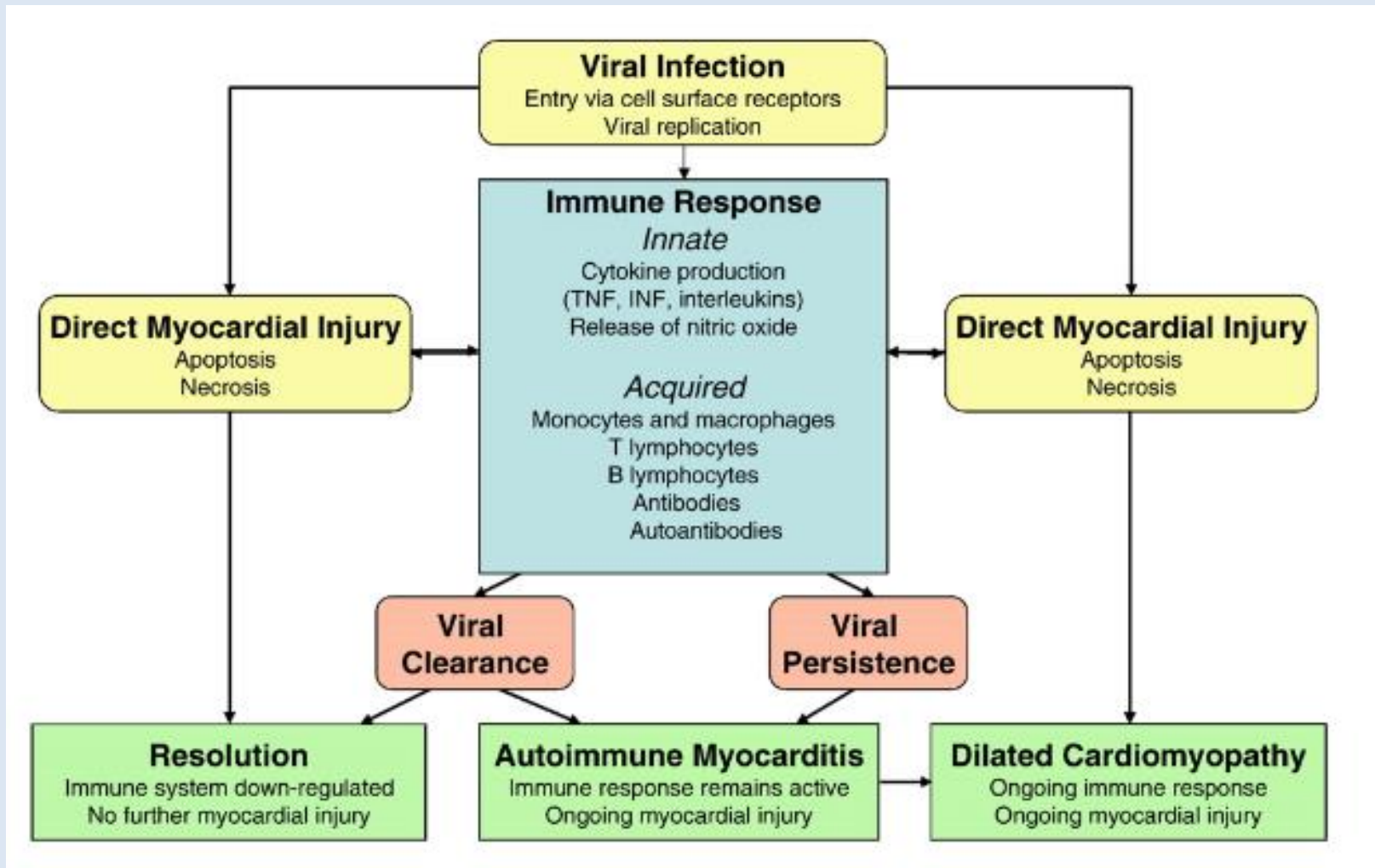
Myocarditis update

Standard therapy in 2017



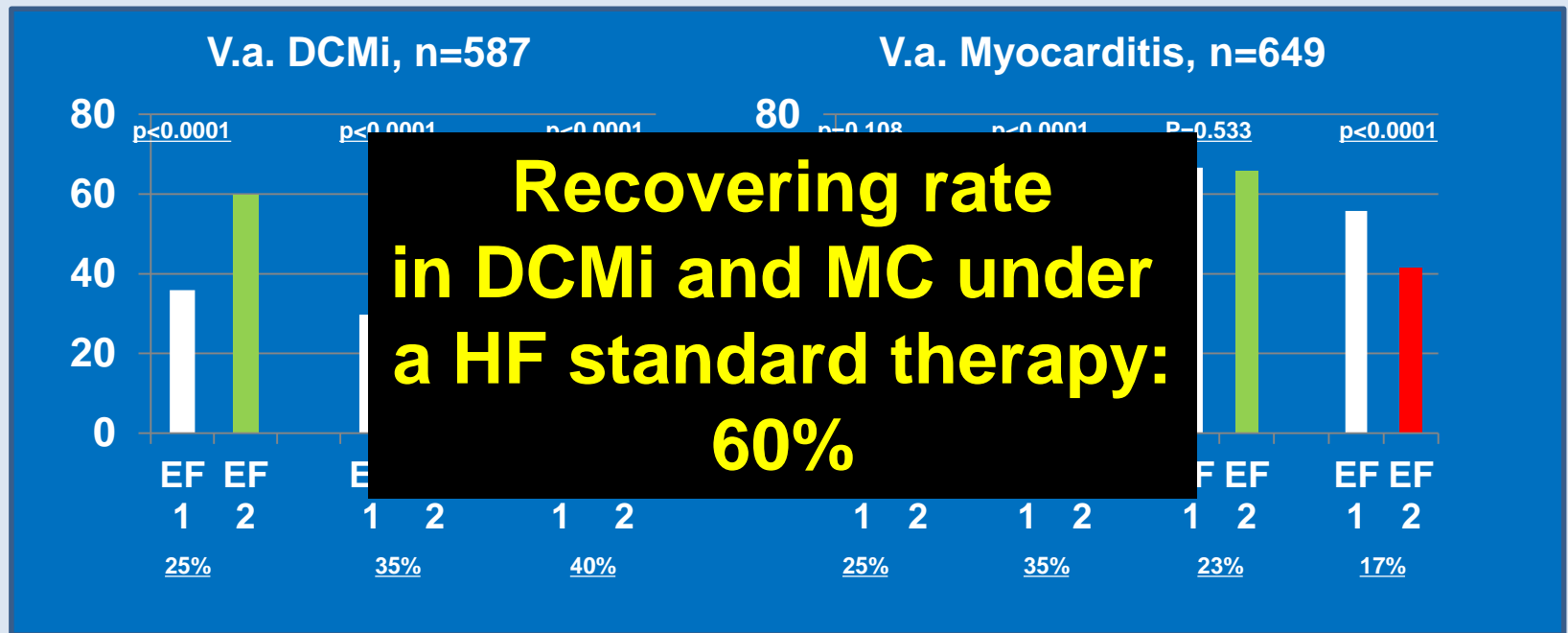
Carsten Tschöpe, Berlin
Charite, CVK

Pathogenesis of viral myocarditis



Spontaneous Course of biopsy proven MC/DCMi *

(mean follow-up: 4,5 Y (range 0,5-16 Y))

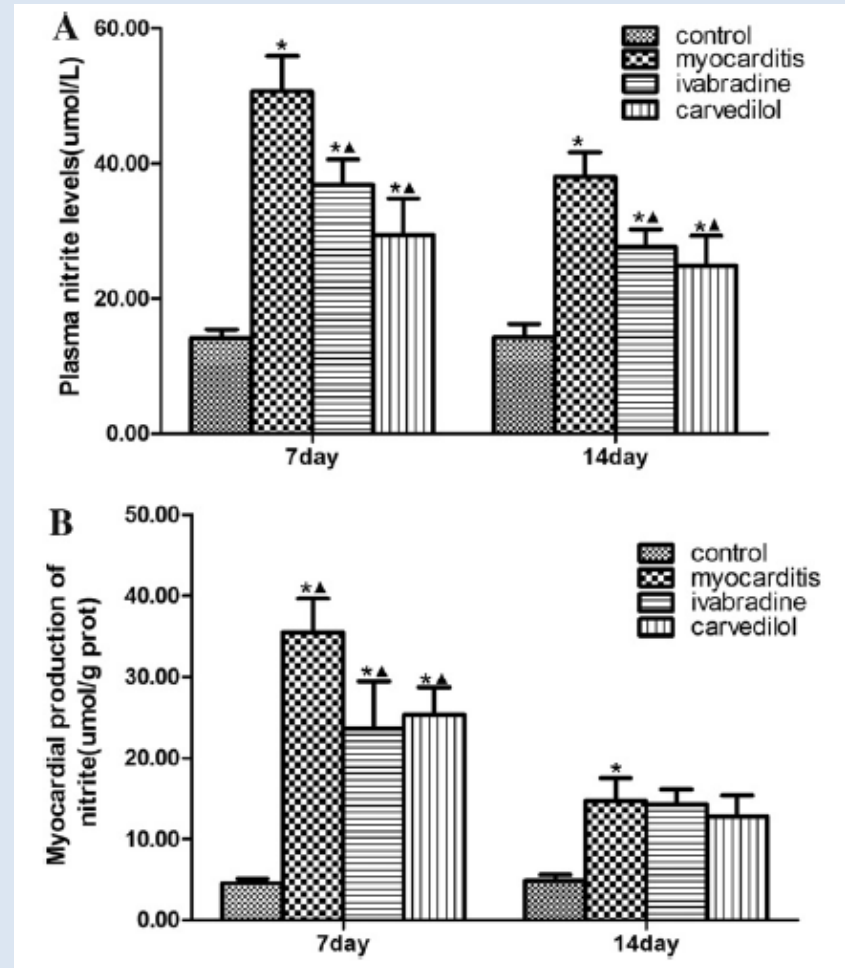


Conventional standard therapy

1. ACEI/ARB
2. Beta Blocker
3. MRA (EF < 35%)
4. Diuretics
5. Ivabradine (HF > 74 bpm)

Conventional standard therapy

1. ACEI/ARB
2. Beta Blocker
3. MRA (EF < 35%)
4. Diuretics
5. Ivabradine (HF > 74 bpm)



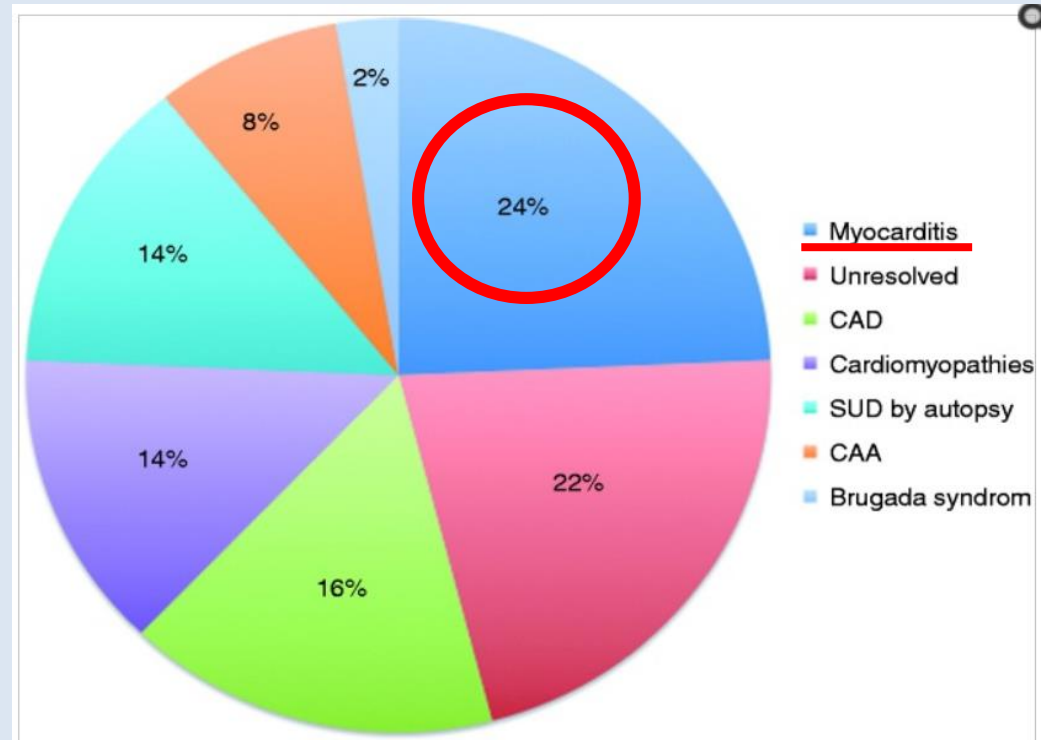
Conventional standard therapy

German register of sport-related sudden deaths

1. ACEI/ARB
2. Beta Blocker
3. MRA (EF <35%)
4. Diuretics
5. Ivabradine (HF > 74 bpm)
6. No Sport

Recommendation

20. Physical activity should be restricted during the acute phase of myocarditis and for at least 6 months in athletes and non-athletes. This recommendation is based upon expert opinion of this Task Force.



Conventional standard therapy

1. ACEI/ARB
 2. Beta Blocker
 3. MRA (EF <35%)
 4. Diuretics
 5. Ivabradine (HF > 74 bpm)
 6. No Sport (for 6 months)
 7. Devices
- Chronic phase: GL

Management of ventricular arrhythmias in inflammatory heart disease

Anti-arrhythmic therapy should be considered in patients with symptomatic non-sustained or sustained VT during the acute phase of myocarditis.	IIa	C
The implant of an ICD or pacemaker in patients with inflammatory heart diseases should be considered <u>after</u> resolution of the acute episode.	IIa	C
In patients with haemodynamically compromising sustained VT occurring <u>after</u> the resolution of acute episodes, an ICD implantation should be considered if the patient is expected to survive <u>>1 year</u> with good functional status.	IIa	C
recovery or ICD implantation in patients <u>after</u> inflammatory heart diseases with residual severe LV dysfunction and/or ventricular electrical instability.	IIa	C

Conventional standard therapy



Management of ventricular arrhythmias in inflammatory heart disease

A wearable defibrillator should be considered for bridging until full recovery or ICD implantation in patients after inflammatory heart diseases with residual severe LV dysfunction and/or ventricular electrical instability.

IIa

C

Conventional standard therapy

Wearable Defibrillator by Myocarditis



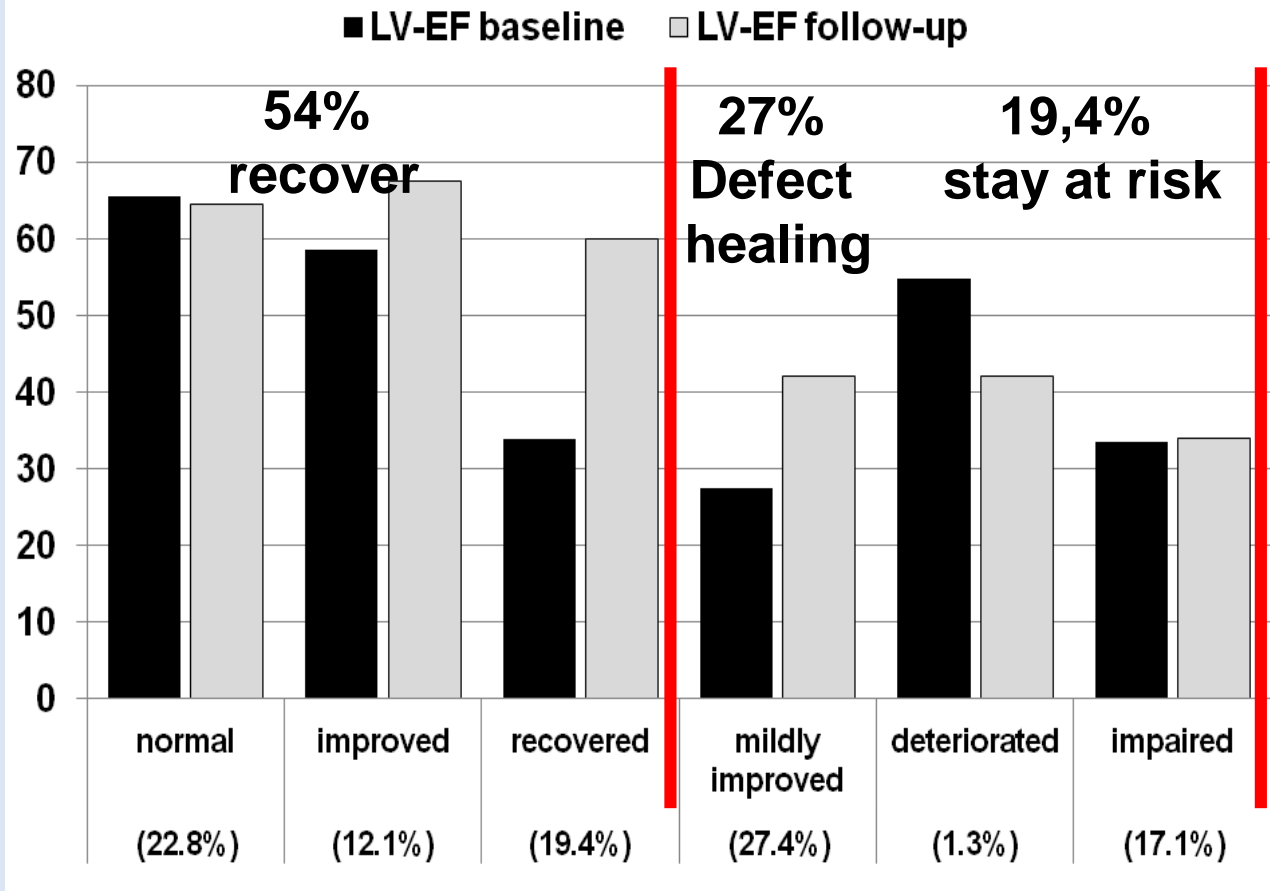
**85 Pat with DCMi (EF < 35%)
with Life Vest protected**

0 Life saving event

**25 Pat became in the follow up
a permanent device incl. CRT
if LSB**

Despite HF standard therapy 45% will patients with MC/DCMi will **not** recover

Spontaneous Course of biopsy proven MC/DCMi *
(clinical mean follow-up: 30 months, n=922)



* No specific treatment due to viral persistence

Determinates for failure of recover

The clinical recovery rate is dependent from :

1. Initial defect size

2. Type and phase of inflammatory response

3. Persistence and type of the virus

Determinates for failure of recover

The clinical recovery rate is dependent from :

1. Initial defect size

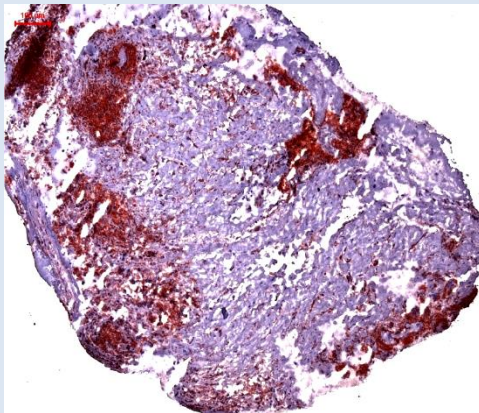
2. Type and phase of inflammatory response

3. Persistence and type of the virus

Initial defect size and type of inflammatory response

Severe unexplained acute new onset HF

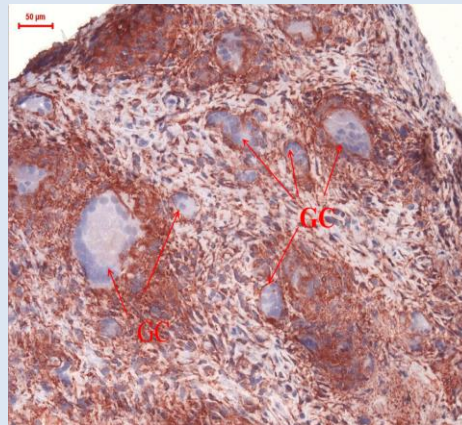
Fulminant Myocarditis



(EF: 32%)

Moderate Prognosis

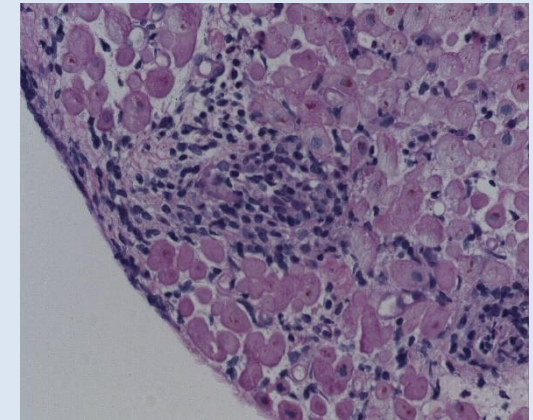
Giant cell Myocarditis



(EF: 32%)

Poor Prognosis

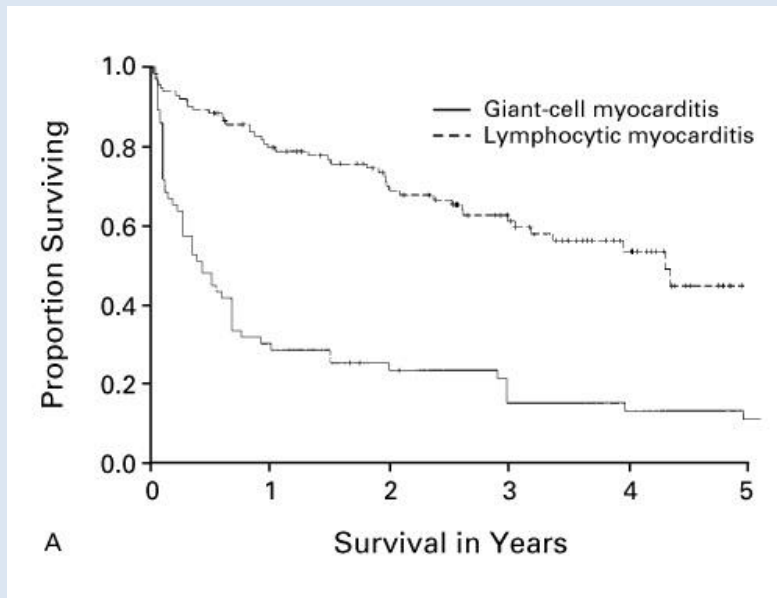
Eosinophilic Myocarditis



(EF: 30%,)

Poor Prognosis

Kaplan–Meier Survival Curves for Patients with Giant-Cell Myocarditis



Cooper LT Jr et al. N Engl J Med 1997



Tschöpe et al

Current therapeutic options in Acute Giant Cell Myocarditis

Giant cell myocarditis (Cooper et al^{33,34})

Antithymoglobulin

275 mg in 500 mL 0.9% saline solution for 12 h/24 h

Days 1 to 5

Under cardiac monitoring

Ciclosporine

Start dose 200 mg/24 h (100 mg/12 h)

Targeted trough level: 100-120 µg/mL

1 year

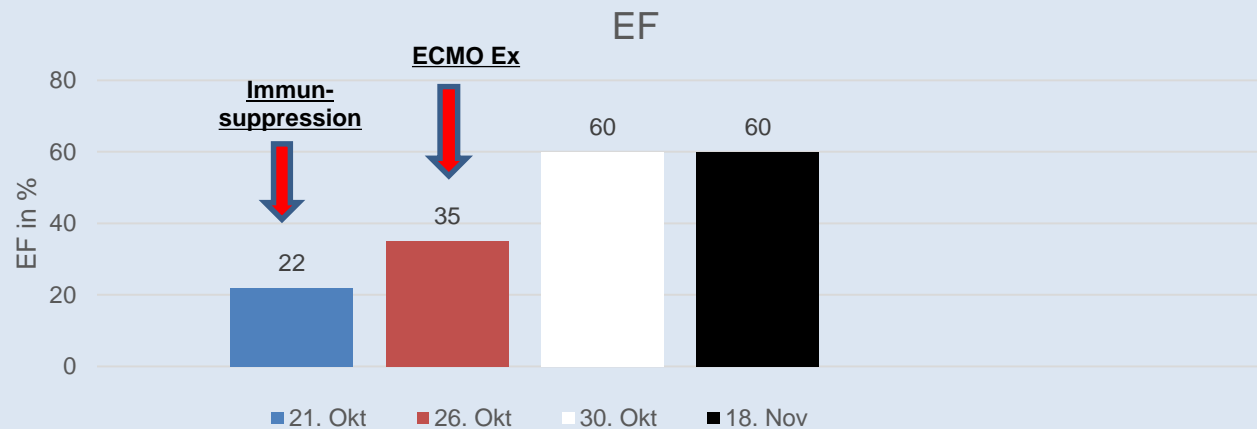
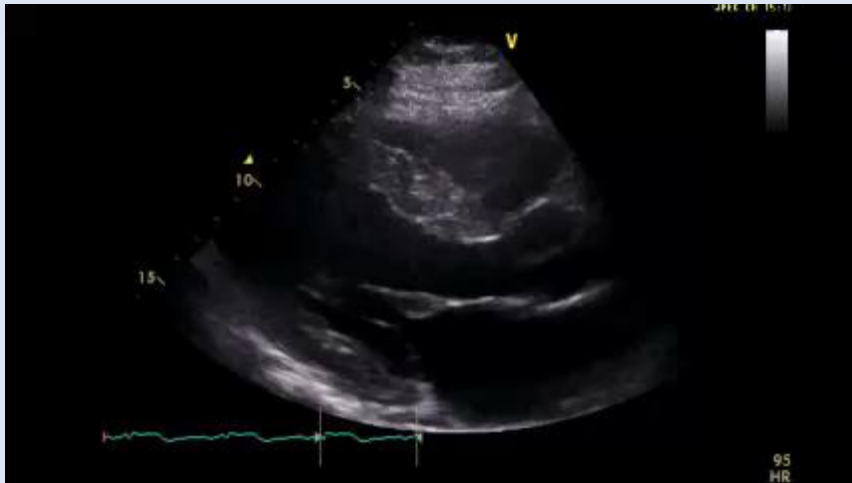
Methylprednisolone

Initial dose: 1 mg/kg

After 4 weeks: decrease by 10 mg, and then another 10 mg every 2 weeks until 5-10 mg maintenance dose

1 year

Course of the Giant cell myocarditis



Current Therapeutic Options in Acute fulminant myocarditis forms

eosinophilic myocarditis (Frustaci et al⁴⁵)

Azathioprine

50 mg/12 h for 6 months

Weekly laboratory control with blood count/liver enzymes during the first month

Contemplate other alternatives if < 3000 leucocytes or < 1000 lymphocytes

Methylprednisolone

Initial dose: 1 mg/kg

After 4 weeks: decrease by 10 mg, and then another 10 mg every 3 weeks until 5-10 mg maintenance dose

6 months

Accompanying treatment in all cases pantoprazole/omeprazole
20 mg/24 h, calcium 1 g/24 h

Determinates for failure of recover

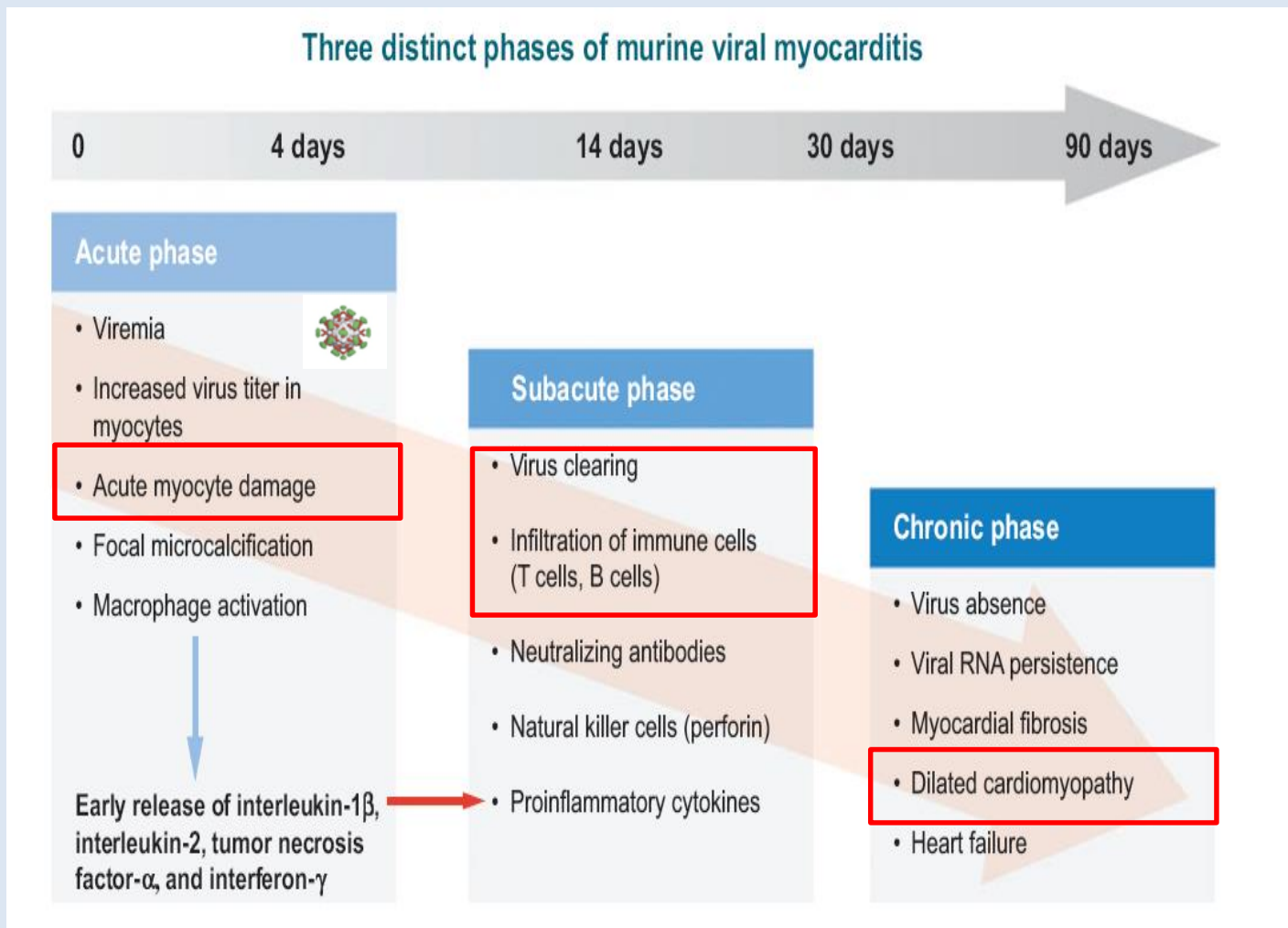
The clinical recovery rate is dependent from :

1. Initial defect size

2. Type and **phase of inflammatory response**

3. Persistence and type of the virus

Phase of myocarditis



Dallas Criteria – Immunsuppression in **acute** myocarditis Negative US-Trail

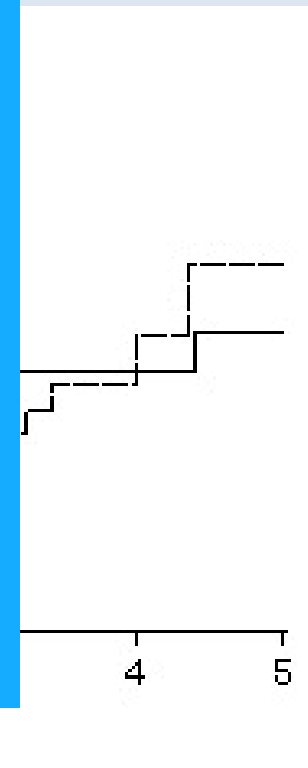
Histology



N=111

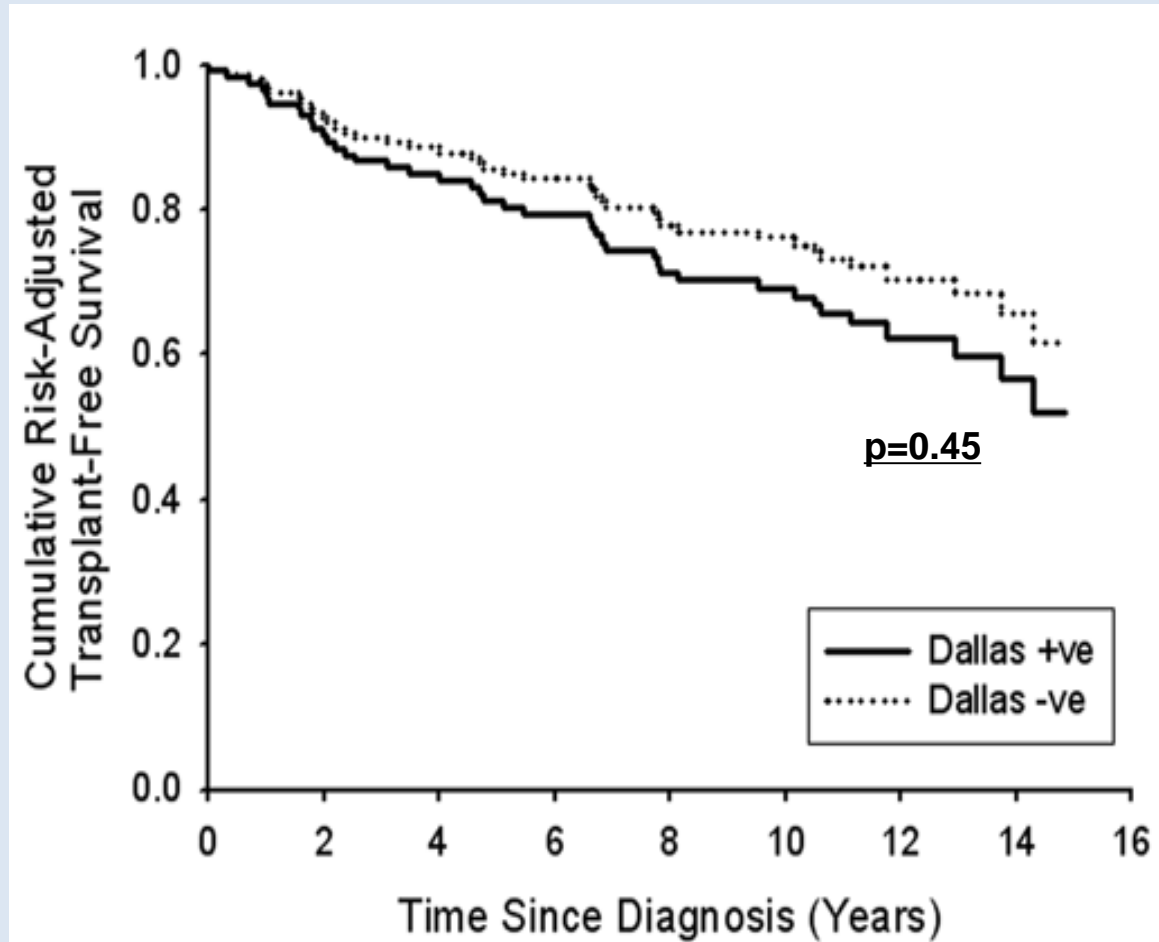
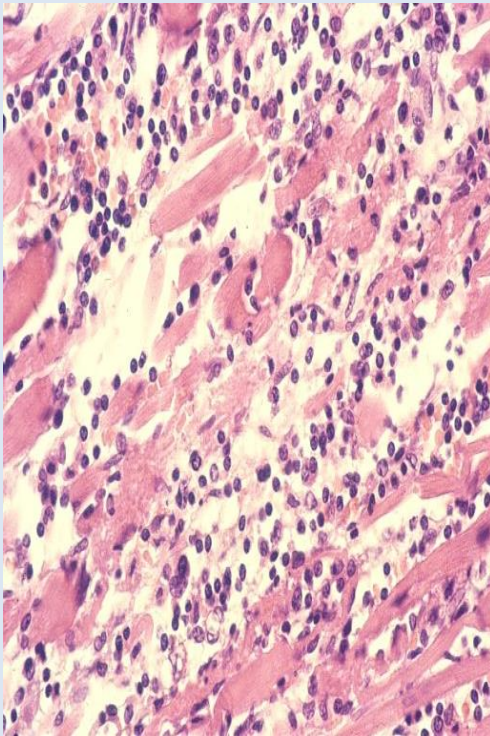
Mortality
(Defined as deaths and Cardiac Transplantations)
in the immunosuppression and control group

**Acute myocarditis
(known to have high
recovery)
Only histology
No viral analysis**

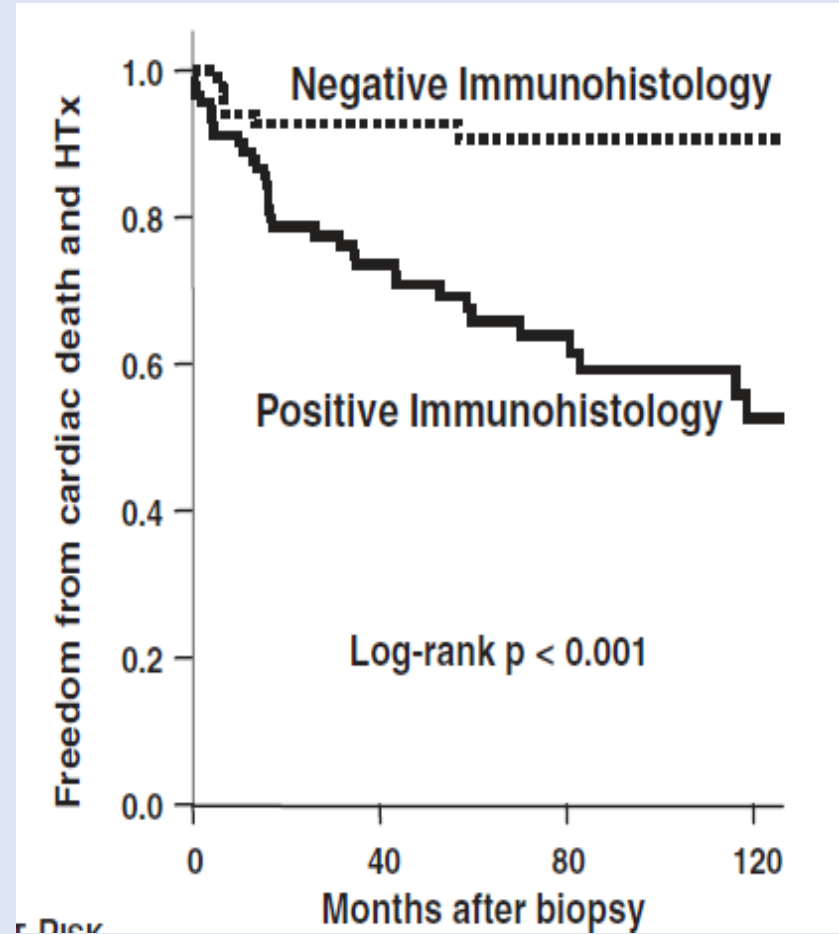
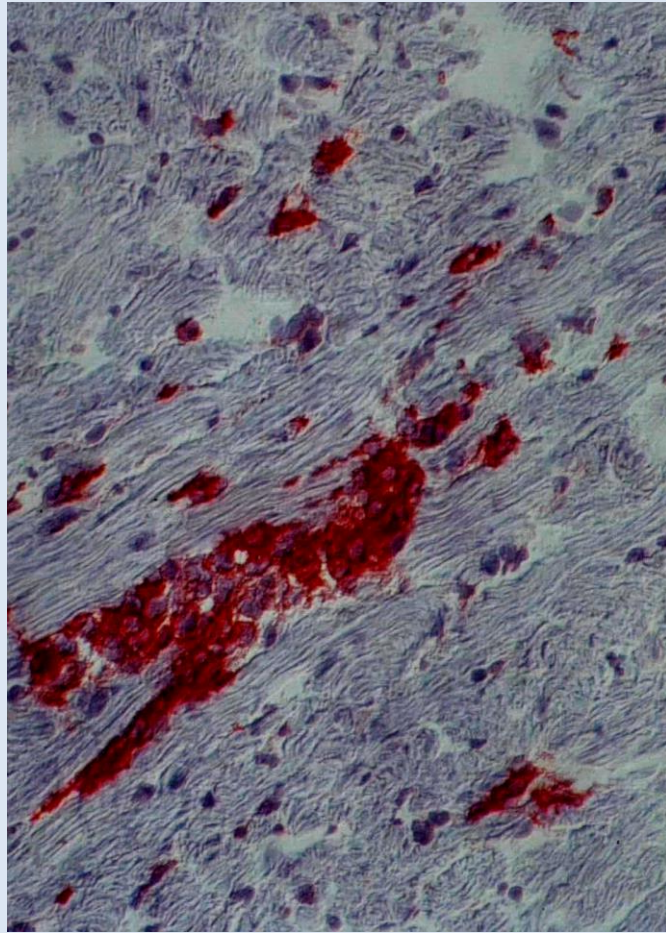


Histology - Dallas Criteria – Have no prognostic significance

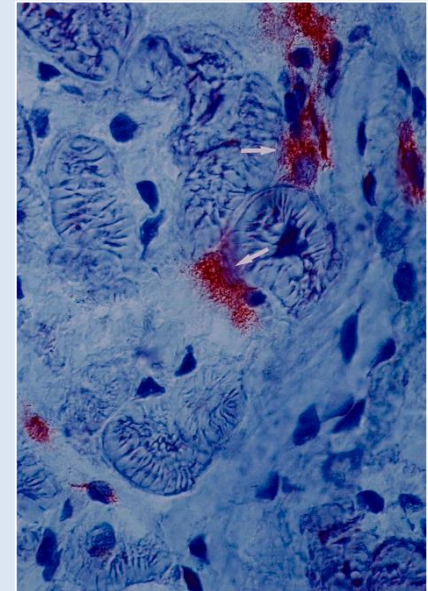
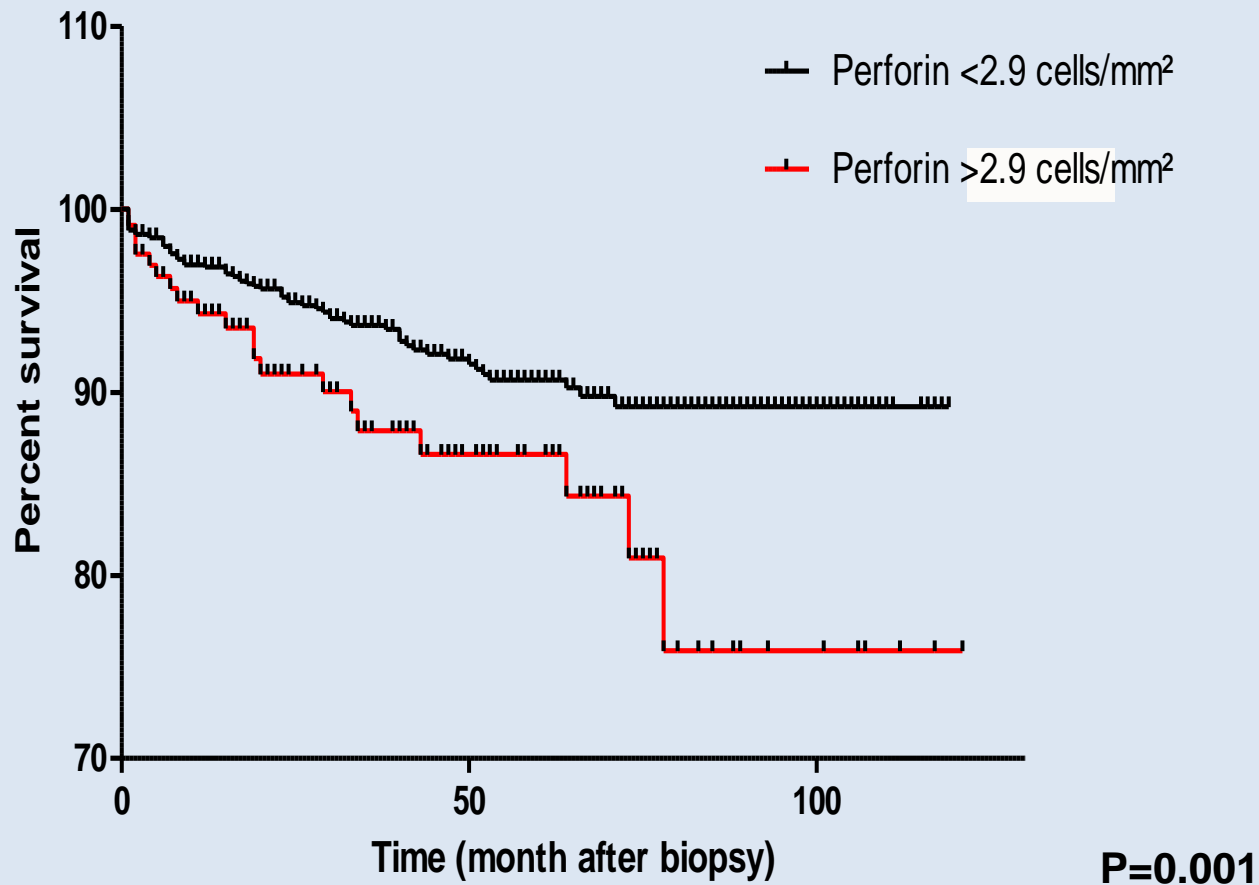
Histology



Immunohistology criteria – have a prognostic significance



Immunohistology criteria – Perforin has a prognostic significance



The requirement for a specific treatment strategy for myocarditis is a comprehensive diagnostic by an endomyocardial biopsy

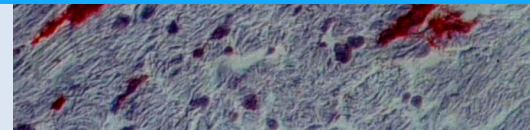
Histology



Immuno-
histology

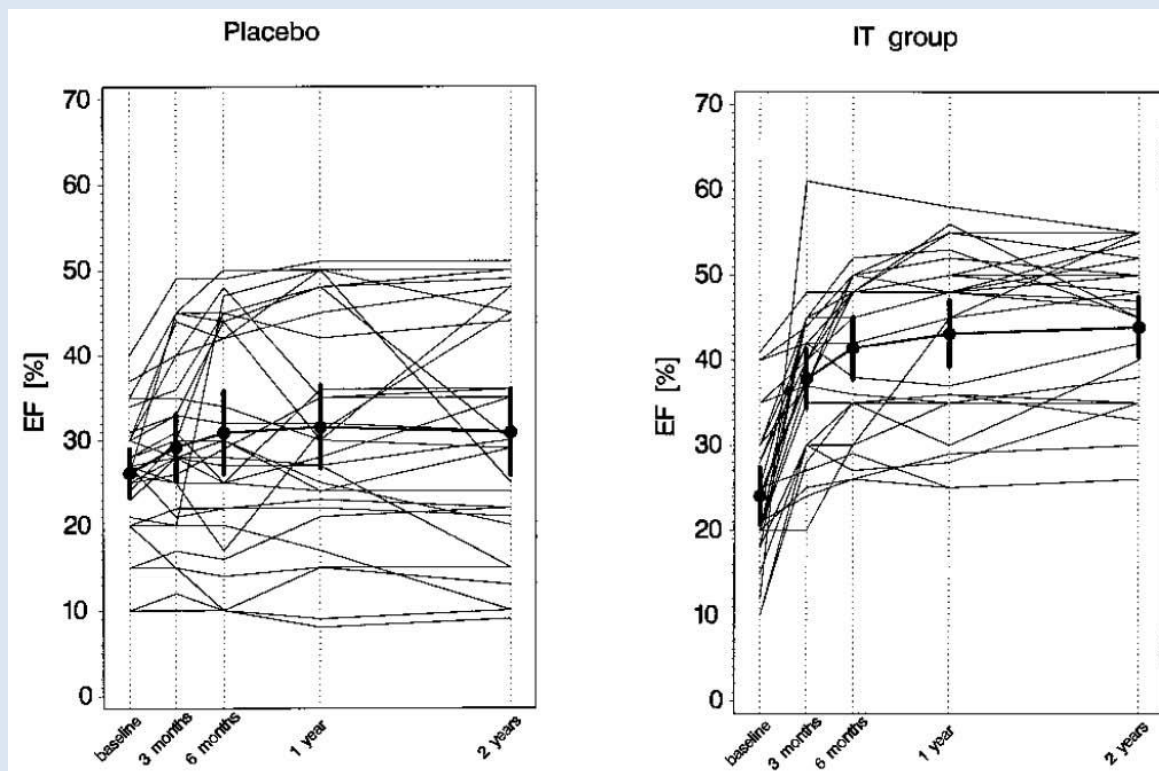


No interventional studies are available using immunohistological biopsy marker in acute myocarditis



Immunohistology Criteria (HLA pos) – Immun-suppression in the **chronic** phase of myocarditis

Serial EF in 58 patients with completed 2 years of follow-up.
placebo (n = 30), immunosuppression (n = 28)



Immunohistology Criteria – Immunosuppression in the **chronic** phase of myocarditis

21 responder after immunosuppressive therapy

Pt	Age/Sex	Baseline		After 6-Month IT*	
		EF, %	NYHA Class	EF, %	NYHA Class
1	37/M	23	IV	54	I
2	53/M	24	IV	39	II
3	50/M	24	IV	47	I
4	30/F	21	IV	40	II
5	34/M	32	III	45	I
6	49/M	32	III	45	II
7	53/M	30	III	44	II
8	19/M	28	III	48	I
9	18/M	23	IV	45	I
10	23/F	18	IV	49	I
11	36/F	25	IV	54	I
12	51/M	22	IV	41	II
13	35/M	24	IV	51	I
14	15/M	27	IV	44	II
15	33/F	29	IV	47	I
16	59/F	23	III	48	I
17	60/F	33	III	52	II
18	54/F	21	IV	53	I
19	50/M	26	IV	45	II
20	33/F	26	III	51	I
21	60/F	29	IV	50	I

IT indicates immunosuppressive treatment, Pt, patient; EF, ejection fraction; and AutoAb, autoantibodies.

20 non-responder after immunosuppressive therapy

Pt	Age/Sex	Baseline		After 6 Month IT	
		EF, %	NYHA Class	EF, %	NYHA Class
1	55/M	21	IV	16	IV
2	62/F	23	IV	22	IV
3	29/F	33	IV	29	IV
4	37/M	30	III	24	III
5	50/M	25	IV	20	IV
6	52/M	26	IV	24	IV
7	59/M	25	IV	17	III
8	54/M	33	IV	32	IV*
9	49/M	28	IV	27	III
10	37/M	32	III	28	IV*
11	59/M	30	III	15	IV*
12	25/M	21	IV	20	IV†
13	51/M	24	IV	24	IV*
14	41/M	31	III	26	IV*
15	48/M	31	IV	28	IV†
16	26/M	19	IV	18	III
17	34/M	25	IV	24	IV†
18	27/M	29	III	20	IV
19	57/F	32	III	28	III
20	56/M	27	IV	24	III

IT indicates immunosuppressive treatment, Pt, patient; EF, ejection fraction; and AutoAb, autoantibodies.

Immunohistology Criteria – Immunosuppression in the chronic phase of myocarditis

18/21 responder were virus - negative

17/20 non-responder were virus-positive

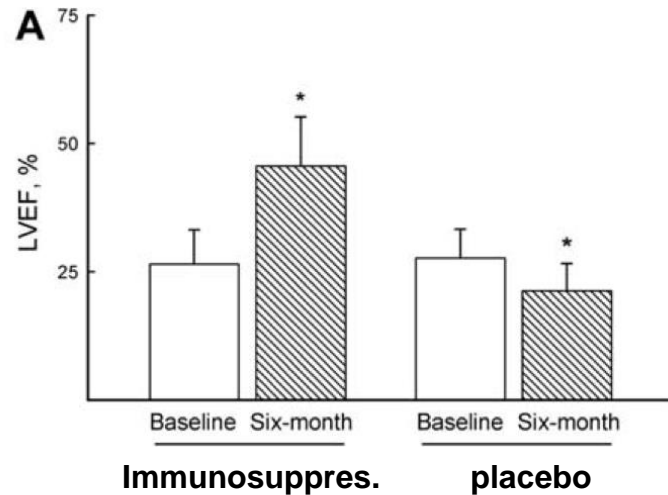
Pt	Age/Sex	Baseline					After 6-Month IT*	
		EF, %	NYHA Class	Viral Agent	Cardiac AutoAb	Months Since Disease Onset	EF, %	NYHA Class
1	37/M	23	IV	-	+	9	54	I
2	53/M	24	IV	-	+	8	39	II
3	50/M	24	IV	-	+	9	47	I
4	30/F	21	IV	-	+	10	40	II
5	34/M	32	III	-	+	8	45	I
6	49/M	32	III	-	-	9	45	II
7	53/M	30	III	-	-	9	44	II
8	19/M	28	III	-	+	8	48	I
9	18/M	23	IV	HCV	+	9	45	I
10	23/F	18	IV	-	+	7	49	I
11	36/F	25	IV	HCV	+	8	54	I
12	51/M	22	IV	-	+	10	41	II
13	35/M	24	IV	-	+	10	51	I
14	15/M	27	IV	-	+	8	44	II
15	33/F	29	IV	-	+	11	47	I
16	59/F	23	III	-	+	12	48	I
17	60/F	33	III	HCV	+	8	52	II
18	54/F	21	IV	-	+	9	53	I
19	50/M	26	IV	-	+	12	45	II
20	33/F	26	III	-	+	11	51	I
21	60/F	29	IV	-	+	10	50	I

IT indicates immunosuppressive treatment; Pt, patient; EF, ejection fraction; and AutoAb, autoantibodies.

Pt	Age/Sex	Baseline					After 6 Month IT	
		EF, %	NYHA Class	Viral Agent	Cardiac AutoAb	Months Since Disease Onset	EF, %	NYHA Class
1	55/M	21	IV	-	-	8	16	IV
2	62/F	23	IV	EBV	-	9	22	IV
3	29/F	33	IV	INFA	-	10	29	IV
4	37/M	30	III	PVB19	-	11	24	III
5	50/M	25	IV	EBV	-	12	20	IV
6	52/M	26	IV	EBV	-	8	24	IV
7	59/M	25	IV	-	-	9	17	III
8	54/M	33	IV	AV	-	7	32	IV*
9	49/M	28	IV	-	-	10	27	III
10	37/M	32	III	EV	-	11	28	IV*
11	59/M	30	III	AV	-	9	15	IV*
12	25/M	21	IV	AV+EV	-	9	20	IV†
13	51/M	24	IV	EV	-	8	24	IV*
14	41/M	31	III	AV	-	10	26	IV*
15	48/M	31	IV	EV	-	8	28	IV†
16	26/M	19	IV	EBV	-	9	18	III
17	34/M	25	IV	EV	-	8	24	IV†
18	27/M	29	III	EV	-	10	20	IV
19	57/F	32	III	EBV	-	10	28	III
20	56/M	27	IV	AV	-	9	24	III

IT indicates immunosuppressive treatment; Pt, patient; EF, ejection fraction; and AutoAb,

Immunosuppression in virus-negative DCMi: 6 months Follow-up – TIMIC Study



Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study

n=85 patients

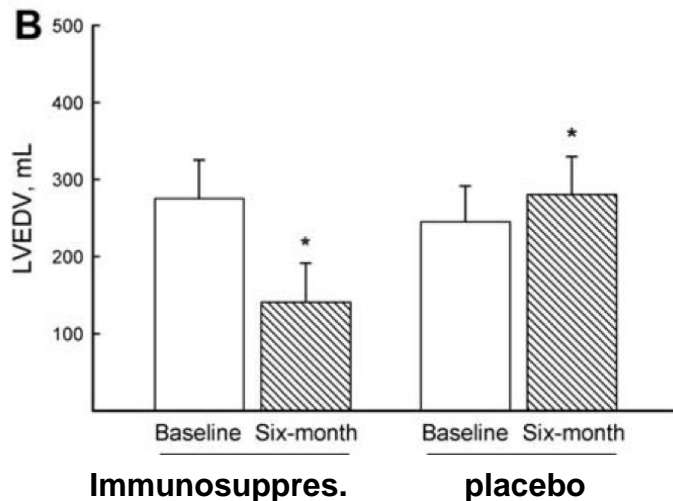
Placebo:

n= 42 patients

Immunosuppression:

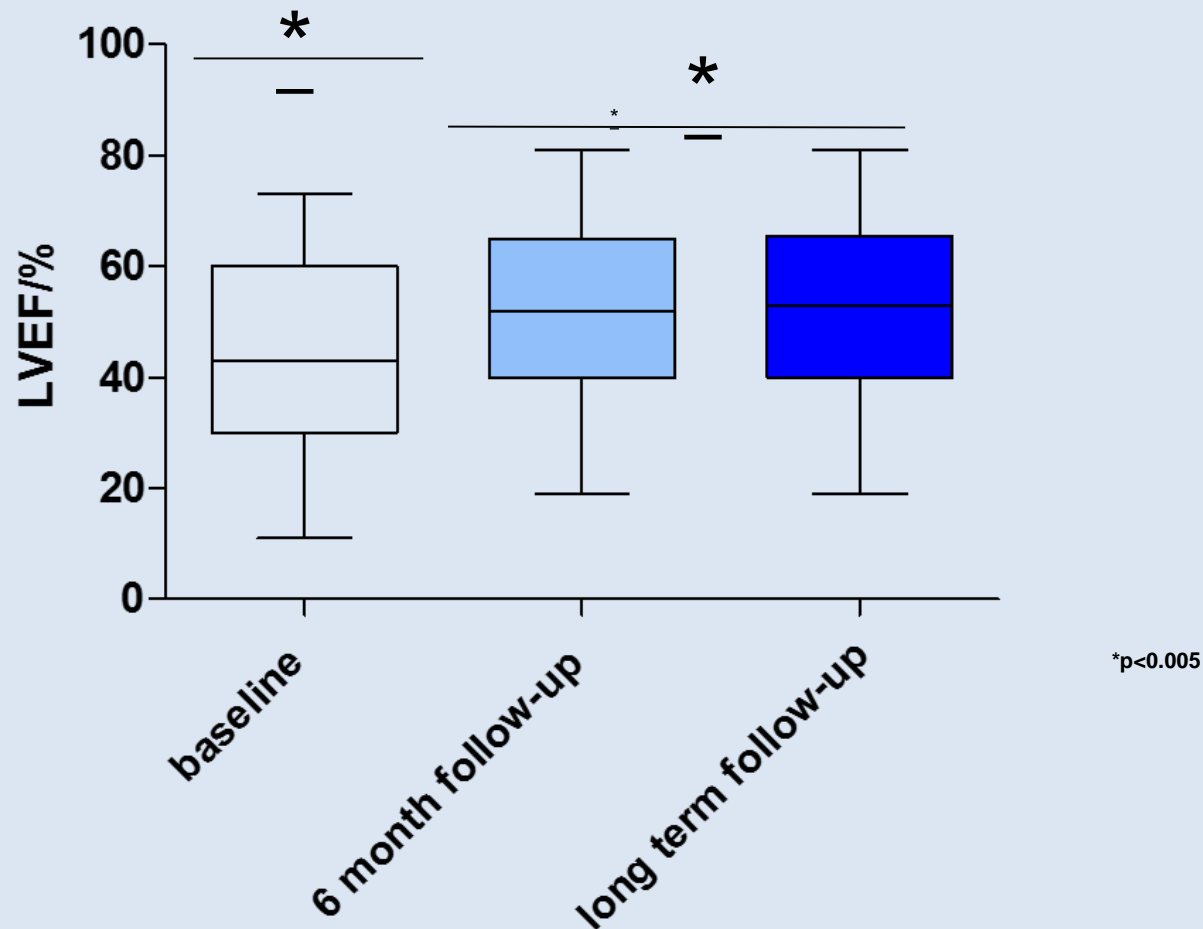
n= 43 patients

Prednisone / Azathioprine



* P<0.05

Immunosuppression in immunohistology positive and viral negative chronic myocarditis in the long-term follow up (6Y)



Time dependent response to immunomodulatory therapy

Data from 130 patients in 3 placebo-controlled trials if immunomodulatory therapy in DCM were combined and prospectively analysed

Association of symptom duration with change in left ventricular ejection fraction

Symptom Duration (months)	Time after Baseline (months)	LV-EF increase (%)		Wilcoxon rank sum test	
		Placebo	IT	<i>p</i> values	
<6	6	13.3	14.3	0.8355	
	12	15.2	14.8	0.7434	
≥6	6	4.4	14.4	<0.001	
	12	5.6	19.5	<0.001	



LV-EF, left ventricular ejection fraction; IT, immunomodulatory therapy.

Status of other discussed therapeutic Options

Chronic forms of myocarditis

Chronic/autoimmune myocarditis (inflammatory cardiomyopathy),

- Immunglobulins
- Immunadsorption
- β 1 receptor auto antibody antagonist/elimination

Under Investigation:

- CD20 Inhibition*
- Colchicine*
- Anti-Cytokines
- Mesenchymal stromal cell application*

Status of other discussed therapeutic Options

Chronic forms of myocarditis

Chronic/autoimmune myocarditis (inflammatory cardiomyopathy),

- **Immunglobulins**
- Immunadsorption
- β 1 receptor auto antibody antagonist

Under Investigation:

- CD20 Inhibition*
- Colchicine*
- Anti-Cytokines
- Mesenchymal stromal cell application*

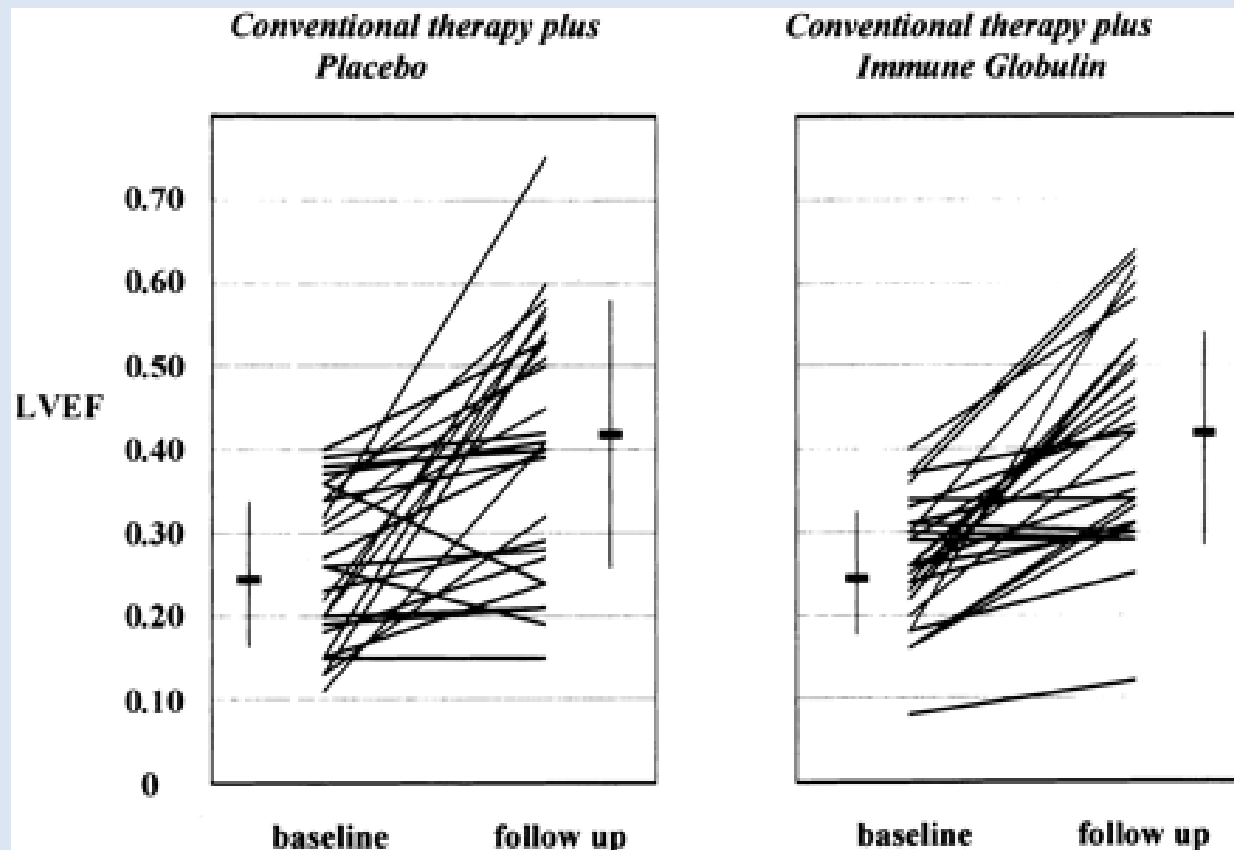
Clinical evidence

IMAC-Studie **acute** myocarditis or recent –onset DCM

Placebo-controlled application of 2 g/kg over a period of 2-4 days (n=62)

No biopsy proven study

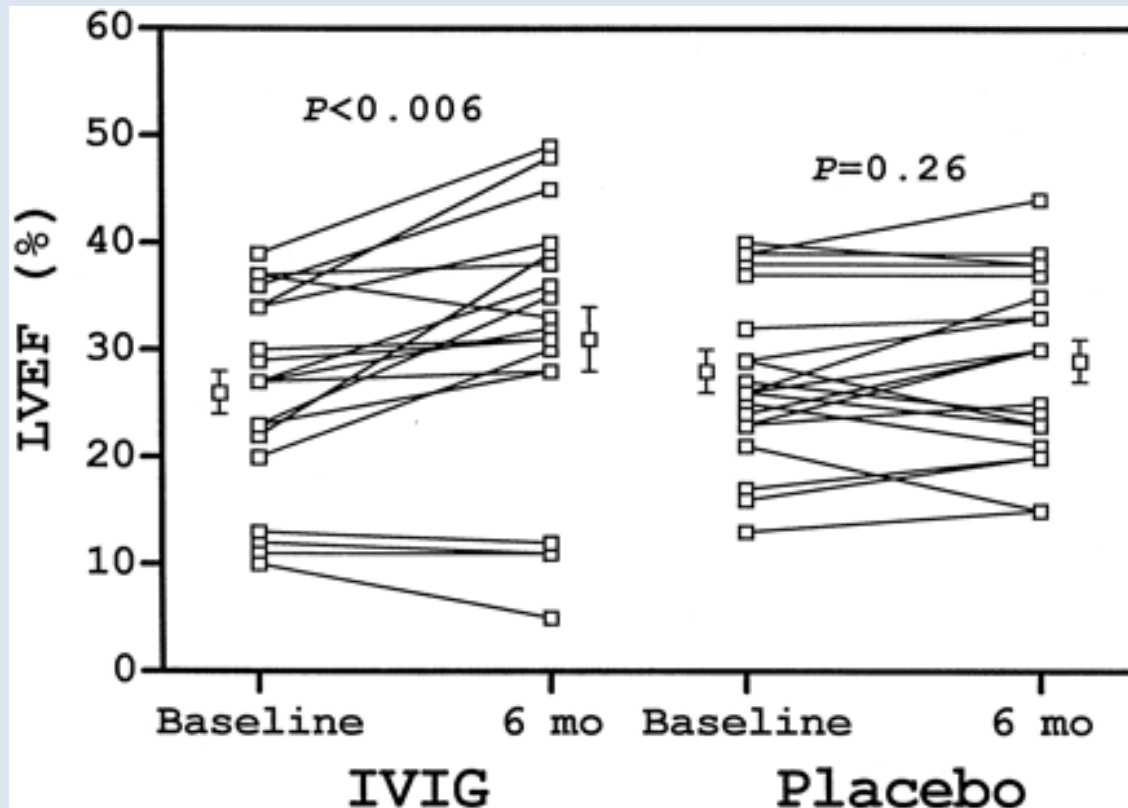
-> No additional benefit in the IVIG group



Clinical evidence

First pilot study using IVIG patients with **chronic** DCM

Pilotstudie: Placebo-controlled application of 2 g/kg over a period of 5 days and monthly infusions for 5 months in ICM or DCM patients (n=40)
-> additional benefit in the IVIG group of 5 units



Intravenous immunoglobulins (iv IG) in CHF

Summary

- Mechanisms poorly understood
- no effect on mortality
- Co activation of RAAS system
- Small studies, no mortality endpoints
- Different population (DCM, ICM; acute, chronic)
- Different protocols of application

**No recommendation
for Iv IG
in myocarditis**

Status of other discussed therapeutic Options

Chronic forms of myocarditis

Chronic/autoimmune myocarditis (inflammatory cardiomyopathy),

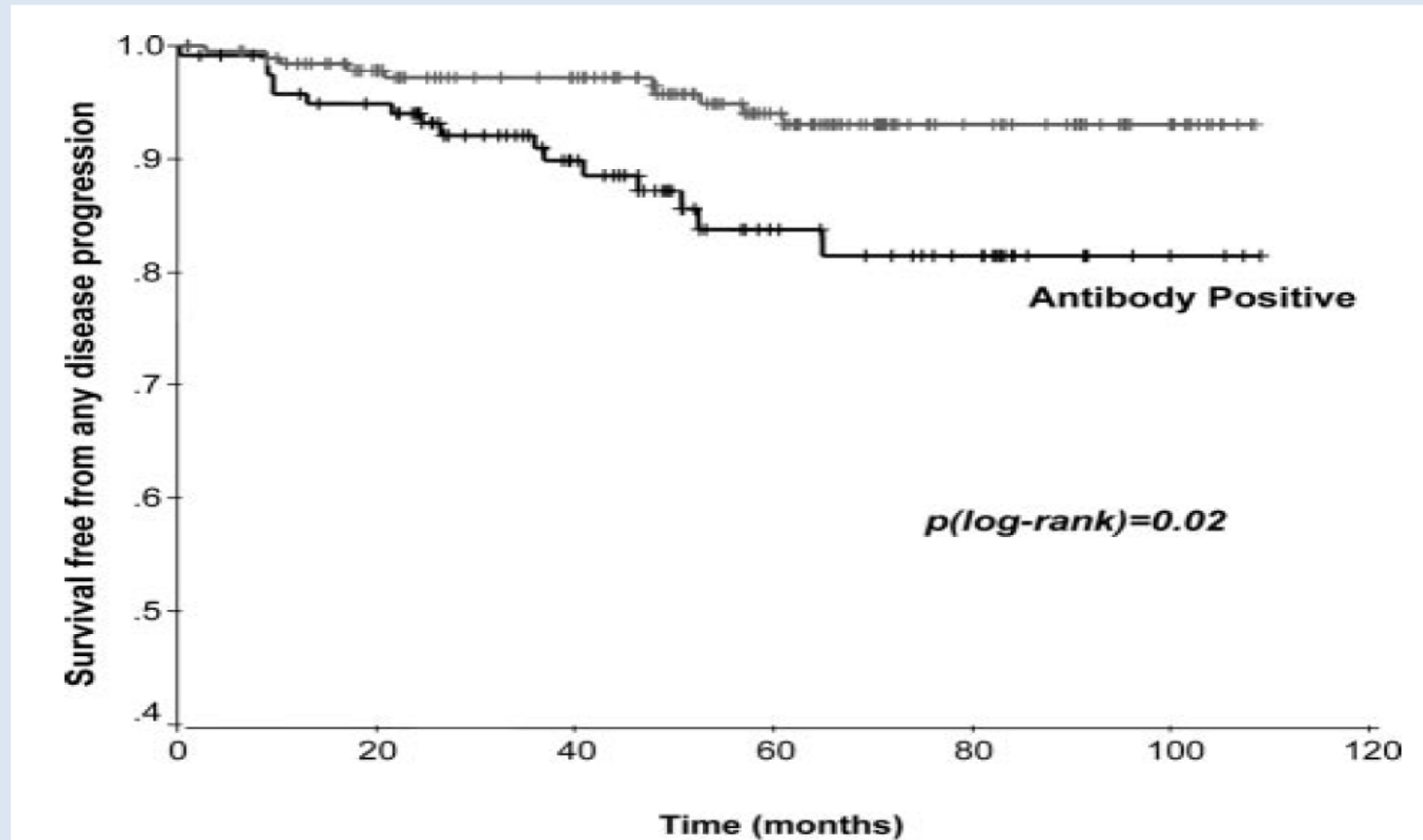
- Immunglobulins
- Immunadsorption
- β 1 receptor auto antibody antagonism/elimination

Under Investigation:

- CD20 Inhibition*
- Colchicine*
- Anti-Cytokines
- Mesenchymal stromal cell application*

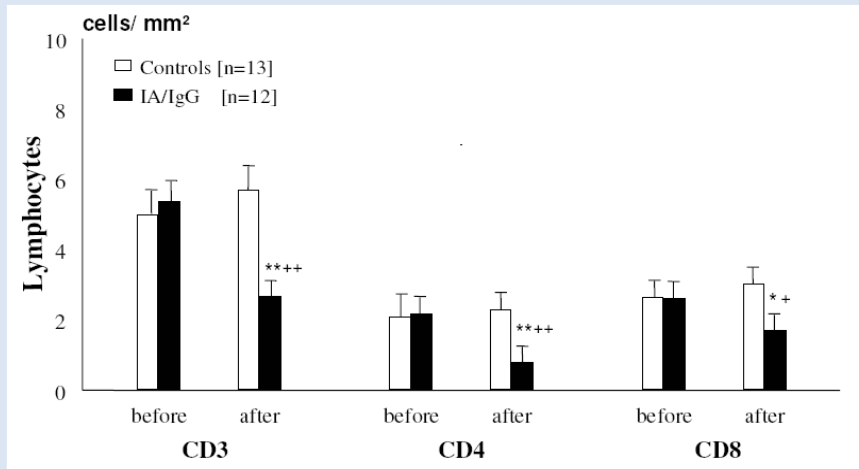
Autoantibodies in DCM

592 relatives of 169 consecutive DCM patients were investigated for having cardiac autoantibodies. When being antibody positive an increased risk for development of DCM

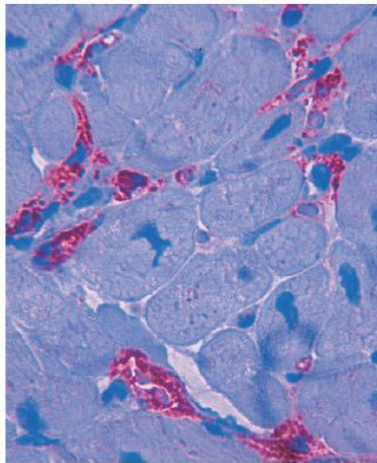


Clinical evidence

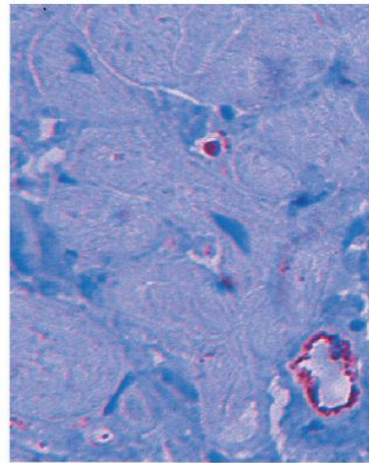
Cardiac biopsy analyzings after Immunadsorption



- Reduction of lymphocyt infiltration



HLA-class II antigen before IA/IgG therapy



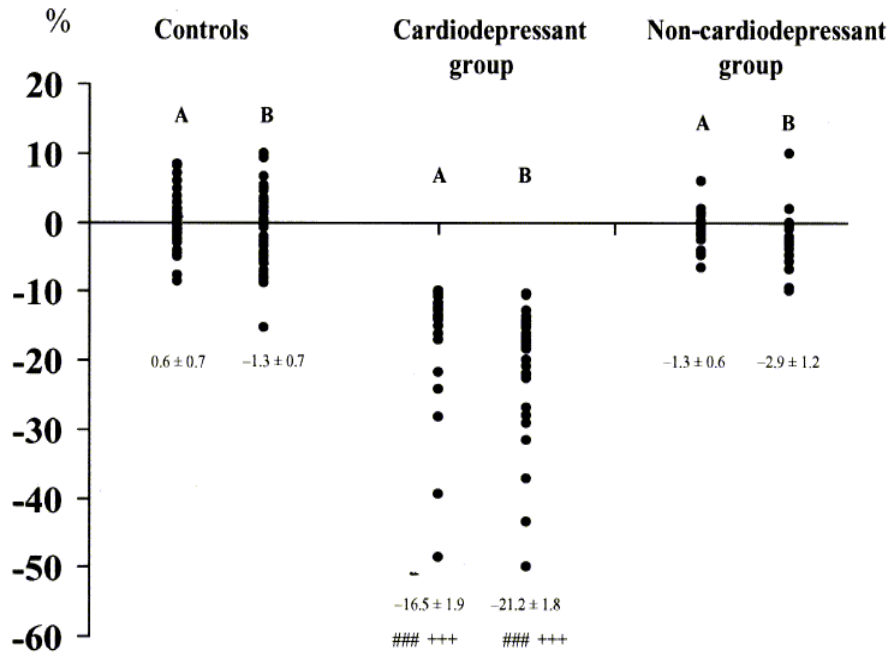
HLA-class II antigen post IA/IgG therapy

- Reduction of HLA Class II Expression

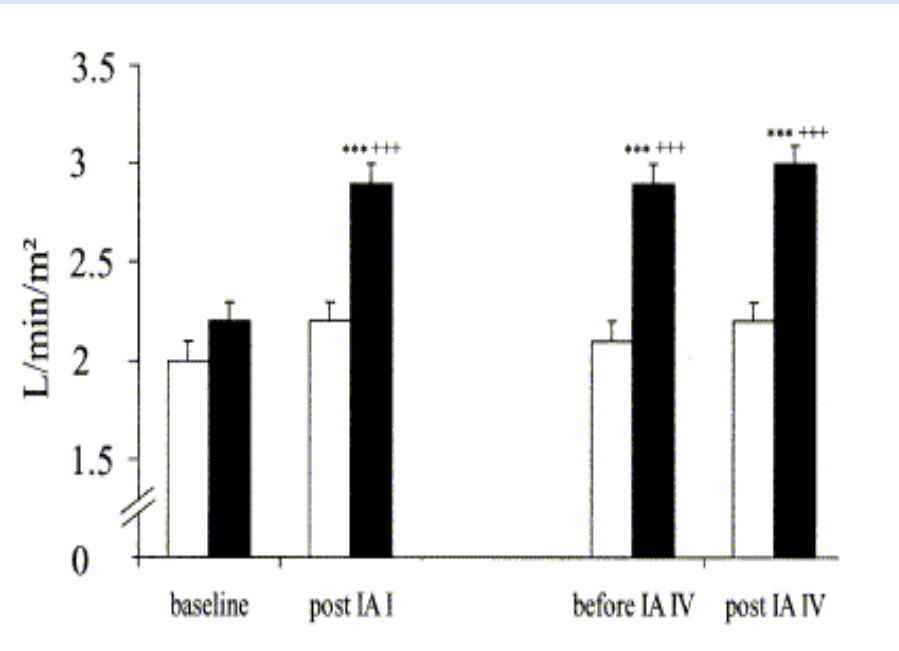
Clinical evidence

Relevance of cardiodepressant antibodies for the outcome of immunoadsorption in DCM

Changes of Ca-transient (A) and shortening (B) of isolated cells



Effect of IA in patient with depressant AB (black) vs. non-depressant AB (white)



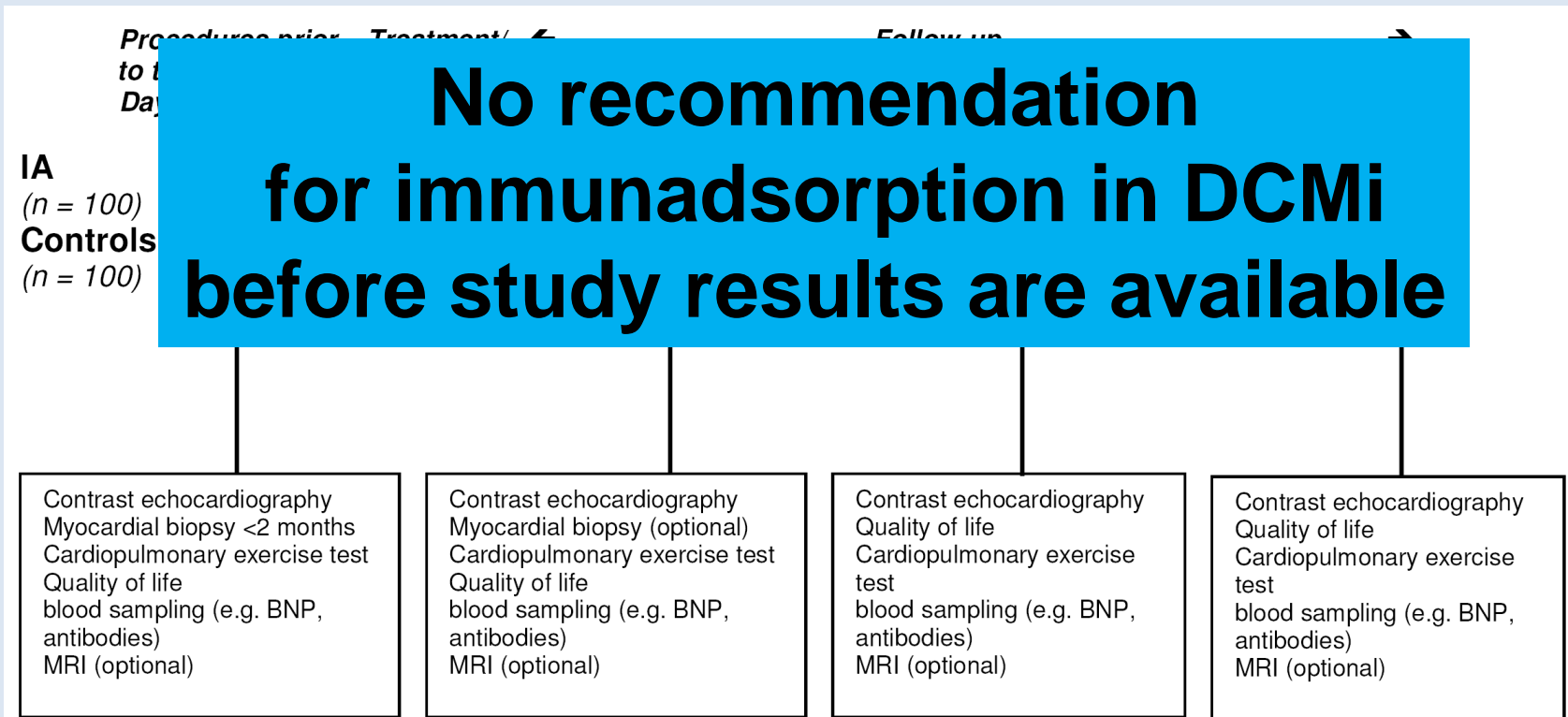
DCM Immunabsorption-Study

Placebo-controlled, multicenter, randomized prospective Study

EF < 40%

Prim. endpoint: Change in EF (after 6 Months)

Sec. endpoint: Total mortality and cardiac morbidity (after 24 Monate)



Current Therapeutic Options in Chronic forms of myocarditis

Chronic/autoimmune myocarditis (inflammatory cardiomyopathy),

Azathioprine

50 mg/12 h for 6 months

Weekly laboratory control with blood count/liver enzymes during the first month

Contemplated
< 1000 l

Methylprednisolone

Initial dose: 1 mg/kg

After 4 weeks: decrease by 10 mg, and then another 10 mg every 3 weeks until 5-10 mg maintenance dose

6 months

Accompanying treatment in all cases pantoprazole/omeprazole
20 mg/24 h, calcium 1 g/24 h

**After Exclusion of
viral persistence**

Determinates for failure of recover

The clinical recovery rate is dependent from :

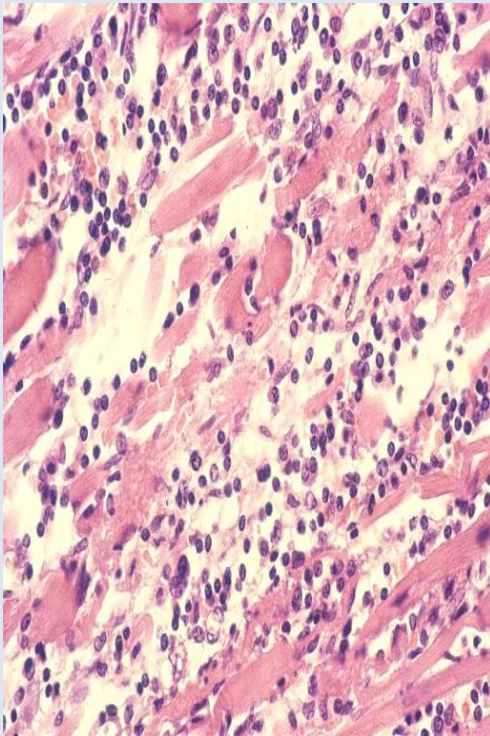
1. Initial defect size

2. Type and phase of inflammatory response

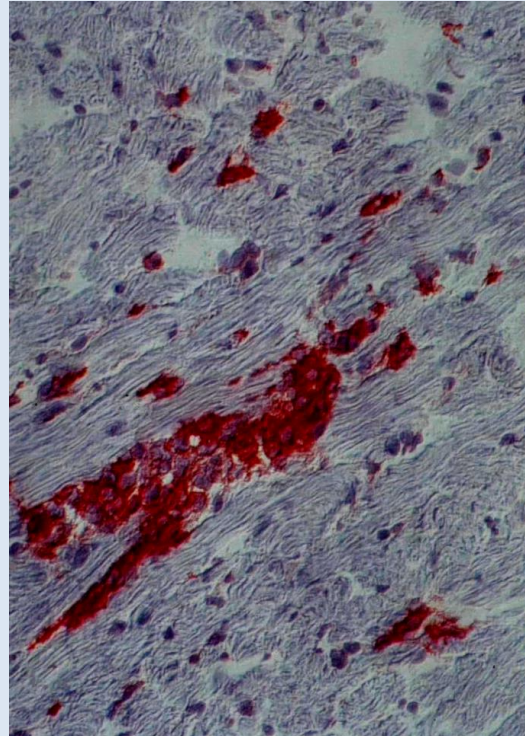
3. Persistence and type of the virus

The requirement for a specific treatment strategy for myocarditis is a comprehensive diagnostic by an endomyocardial biopsy

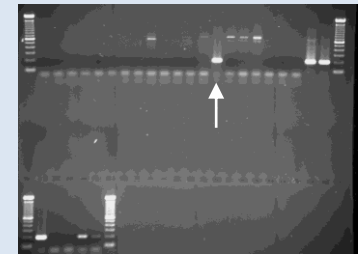
Histology



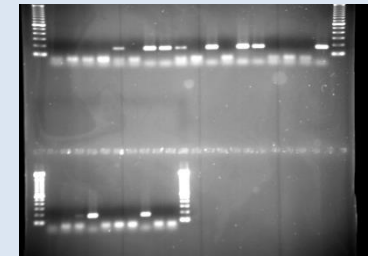
Immuno-Histology



Molecular-biology

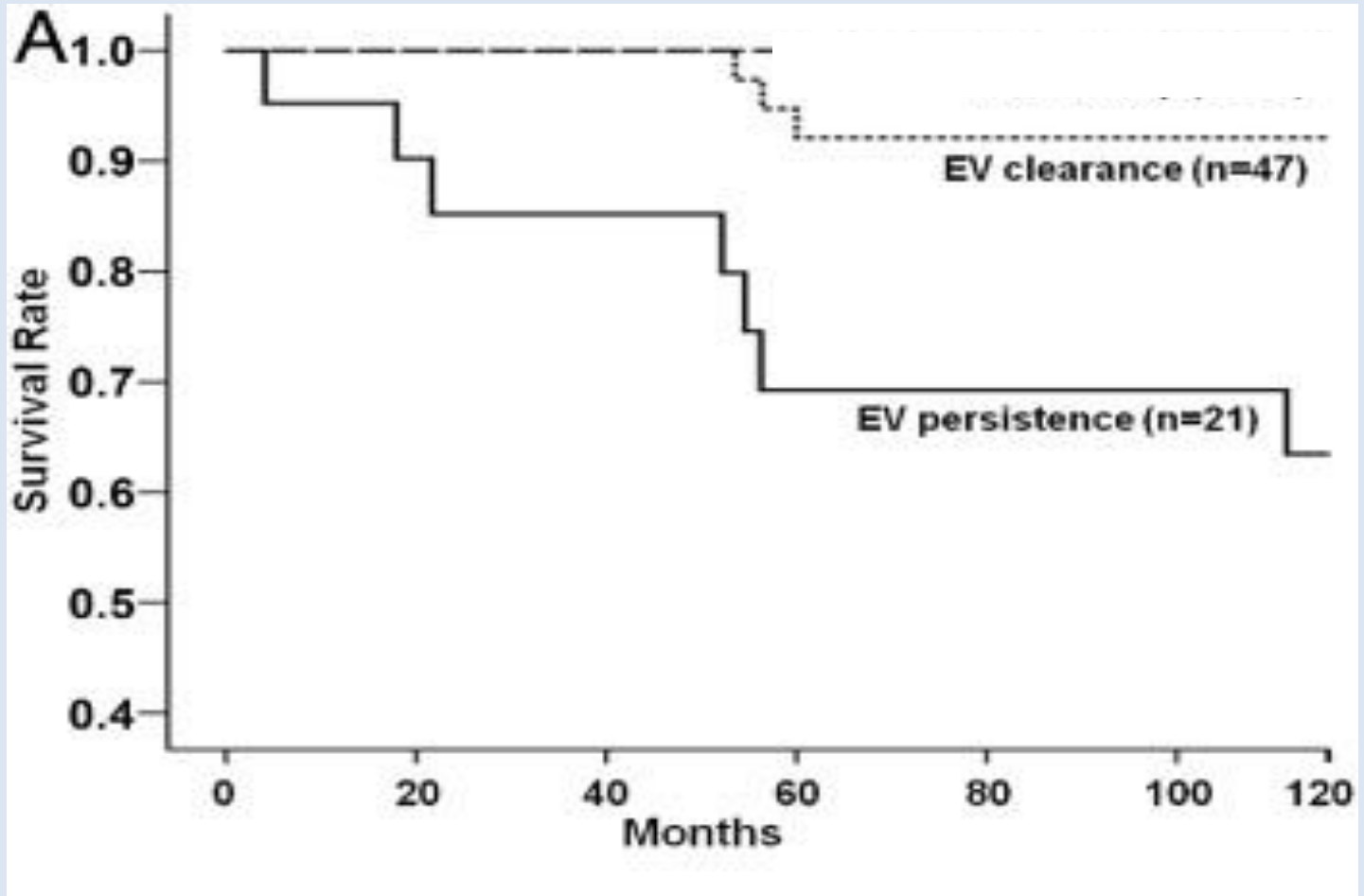


Coxsackie



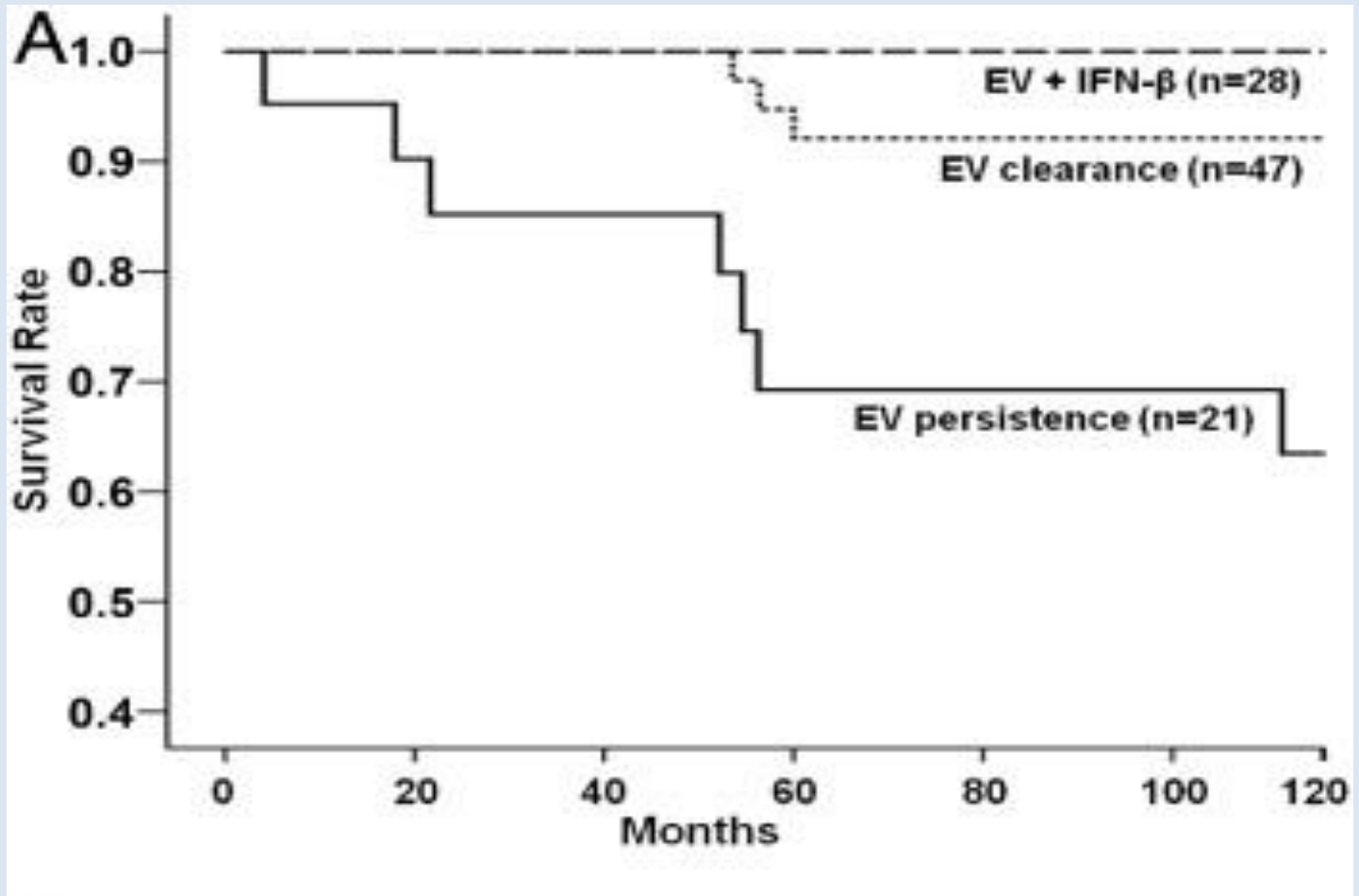
Parvovirus
B19

Cardiac Coxsacki virus persistence and prognosis



50%
EV Spontan-
elimination

Cardiac Coxsacki virus persistence and prognosis



50%
EV Spontan-
elimination

β-Interferon in Chronic Viral Cardiomyopathy

RCT Phase II – BICC Study

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

ESC recommendation of the Working group

Current state of knowledge on aetiology, diagnosis, management, and therapy of myocarditis: a position statement of the European Society of Cardiology Working Group on Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases

Alida L. P. Caforio^{1†*}, Sabine Pankuweit^{2†}, Eloisa Arbustini³, Cristina Basso⁴, Juan Gimeno-Blanes⁵, Stephan B. Felix⁶, Michael Fu⁷, Tiina Heliö⁸, Stephane Heymans⁹, Roland Jahns¹⁰, Karin Klingel¹¹, Ales Linhart¹², Bernhard Maisch², William McKenna¹³, Jens Mogensen¹⁴, Yigal M. Pinto¹⁵, Arsen Ristic¹⁶, Heinz-Peter Schultheiss¹⁷, Hubert Seggewiss¹⁸, Luigi Tavazzi¹⁹, Gaetano Thiene⁴, Ali Yilmaz²⁰, Philippe Charron²¹, and Perry M. Elliott¹³

Anti-viral therapies

There is still no approved antiviral-therapy for the treatment of enteroviral infections. Vaccines may be an option in the future.¹⁶⁶ Treatment with acyclovir, gancyclovir, and valacyclovir may be considered in patients with herpes virus infection,¹⁶⁷ although their efficacy is unproven in myocarditis. Preliminary data on interferon-beta treatment suggest that it eliminates enteroviral and adenoviral genomes in patients with left ventricular dysfunction,¹⁶⁸ is associated with improvement in NYHA functional class,¹⁶⁹ and, specifically in enteroviral infection, with a better 10-year prognosis.¹⁵² In general,

ESC recommendation of the Working group



European Heart Journal (2013) 34, 2636–2648
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehz210

ESC REPORT

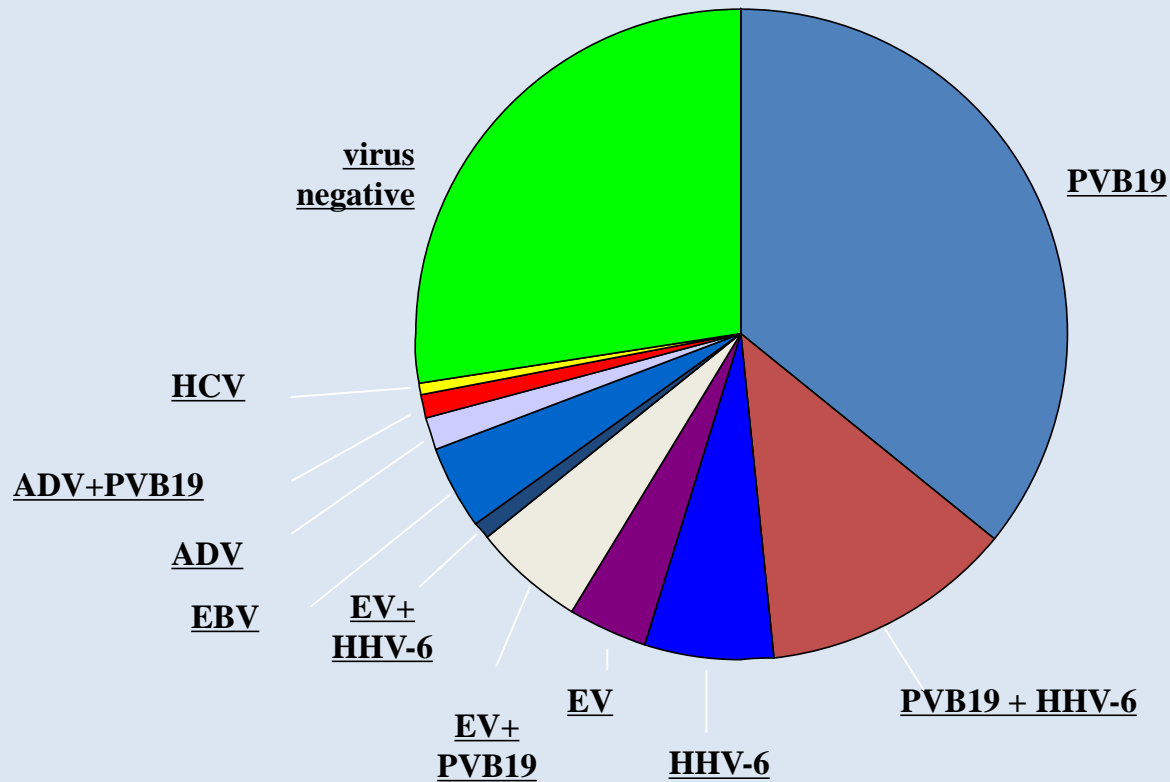
Current state of knowledge on aetiology, diagnosis, management, and therapy of myocarditis:

Immunsuppression after exclusion of viral persistence!

Alida L. P. Caforio^{1†*}, Sabine Pankuweit^{2†}, Eloisa Arbustini³, Cristina Basso⁴, Juan Gimeno-Blanes⁵, Stephan B. Felix⁶, Michael Fu⁷, Tiina Heliö⁸, Stephane Heymans⁹, Roland Jahns¹⁰, Karin Klingel¹¹, Ales Linhart¹², Bernhard Maisch², William McKenna¹³, Jens Mogensen¹⁴, Yigal M. Pinto¹⁵, Arsen Ristic¹⁶, Heinz-Peter Schultheiss¹⁷, Hubert Seggewiss¹⁸, Luigi Tavazzi¹⁹, Gaetano Thiene⁴, Ali Yilmaz²⁰, Philippe Charron²¹, and Perry M. Elliott¹³

Viral genomes in myocardial biopsies

DCM
(n = 244)



ESC recommendation of the Working group



European Heart Journal (2013) 34, 2636–2648
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehz210

ESC REPORT

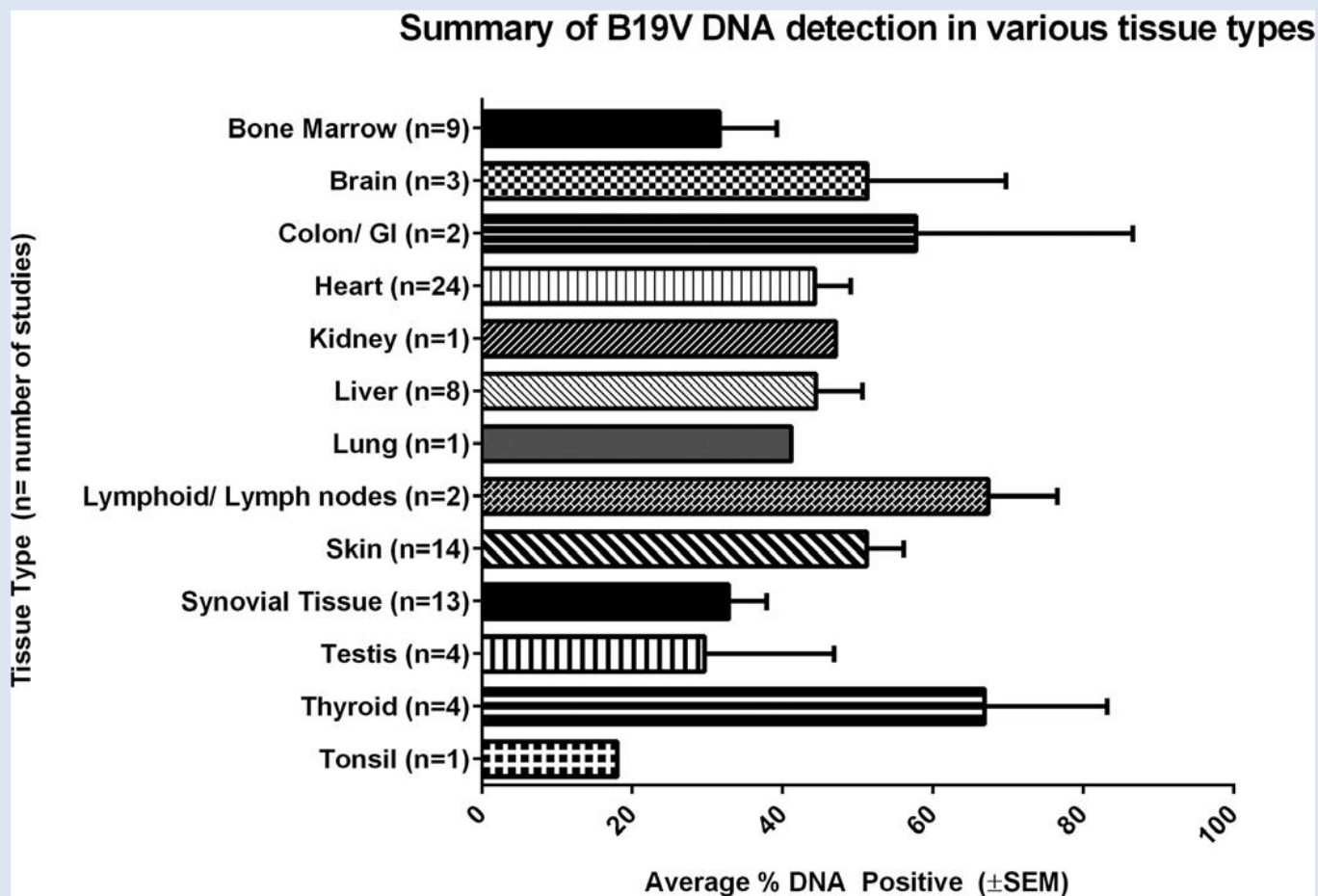
Current state of knowledge on aetiology, diagnosis, management, and therapy of myocarditis:

No word about the parvovirus!

and Pericardial Diseases

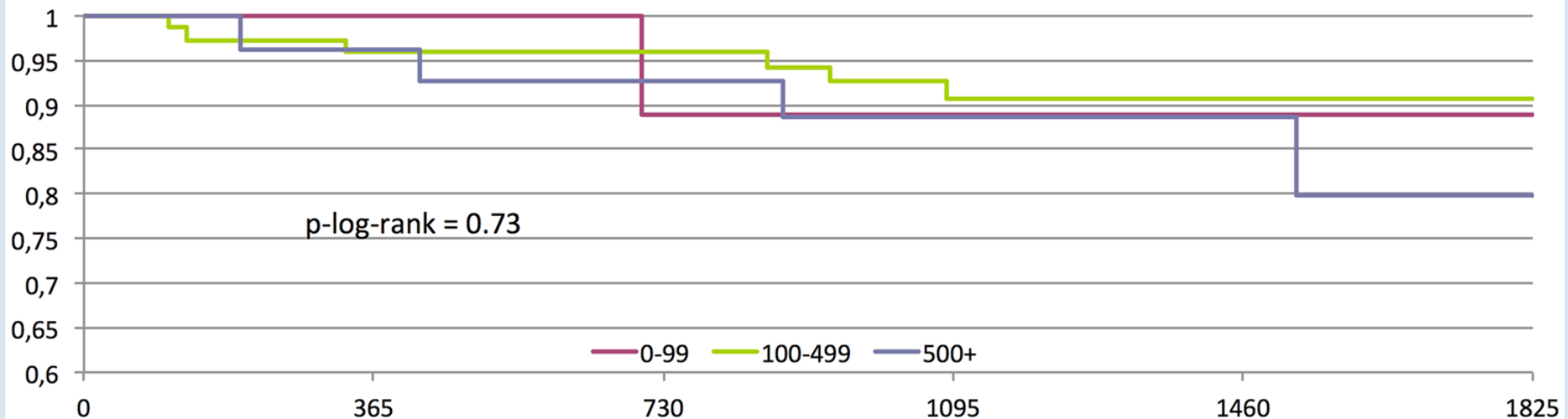
Alida L. P. Caforio^{1†*}, Sabine Pankuweit^{2†}, Eloisa Arbustini³, Cristina Basso⁴, Juan Gimeno-Blanes⁵, Stephan B. Felix⁶, Michael Fu⁷, Tiina Heliö⁸, Stephane Heymans⁹, Roland Jahns¹⁰, Karin Klingel¹¹, Ales Linhart¹², Bernhard Maisch², William McKenna¹³, Jens Mogensen¹⁴, Yigal M. Pinto¹⁵, Arsen Ristic¹⁶, Heinz-Peter Schultheiss¹⁷, Hubert Seggewiss¹⁸, Luigi Tavazzi¹⁹, Gaetano Thiene⁴, Ali Yilmaz²⁰, Philippe Charron²¹, and Perry M. Elliott¹³

Persistent B19V DNA in non-erythroid tissues: possible role in inflammatory and disease process



No impact of B19V DNA load in EMBs on survival of DCMi patients

C Kaplan Meier Survival Curve: Viral Copy Load and All Cause Death

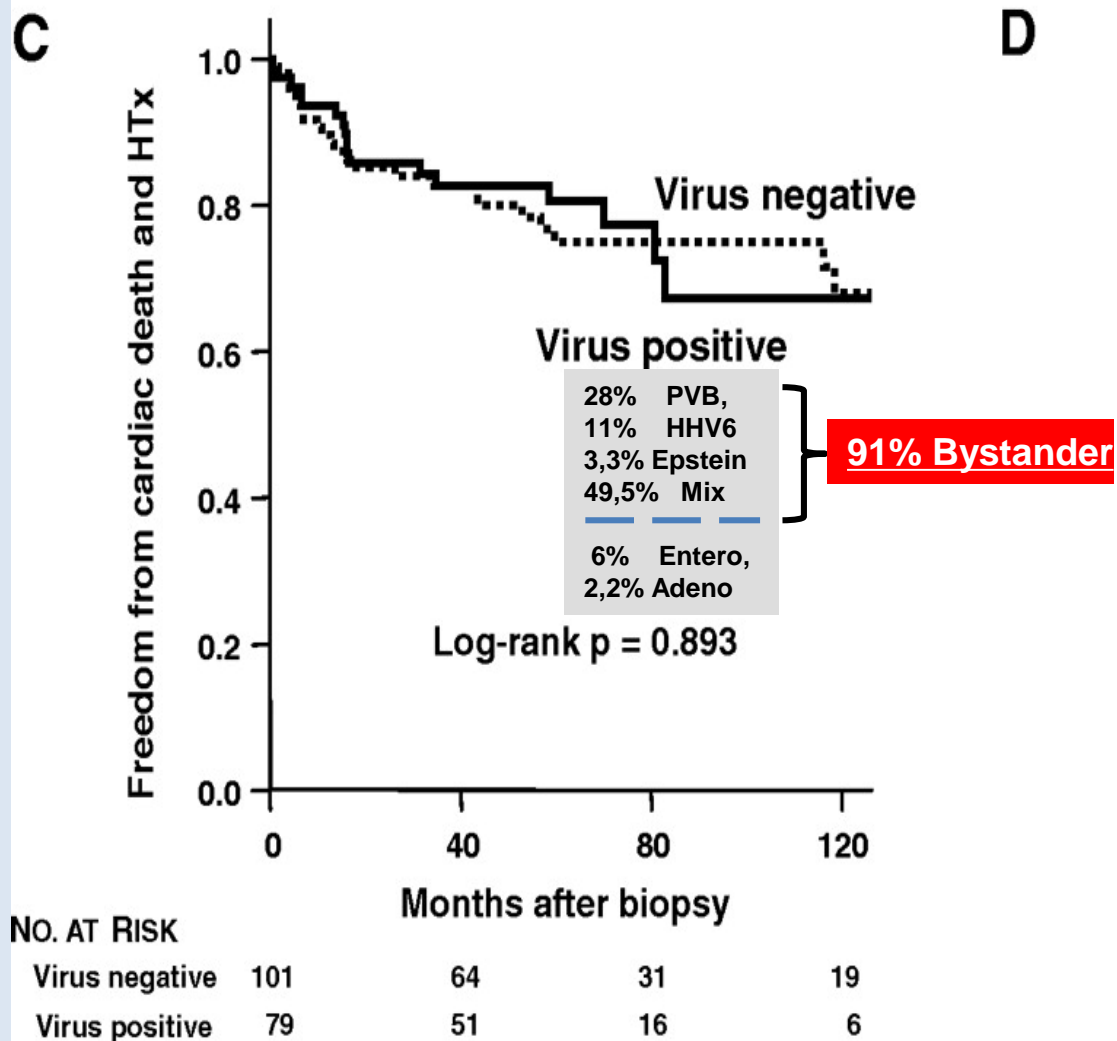


Days since Biopsy

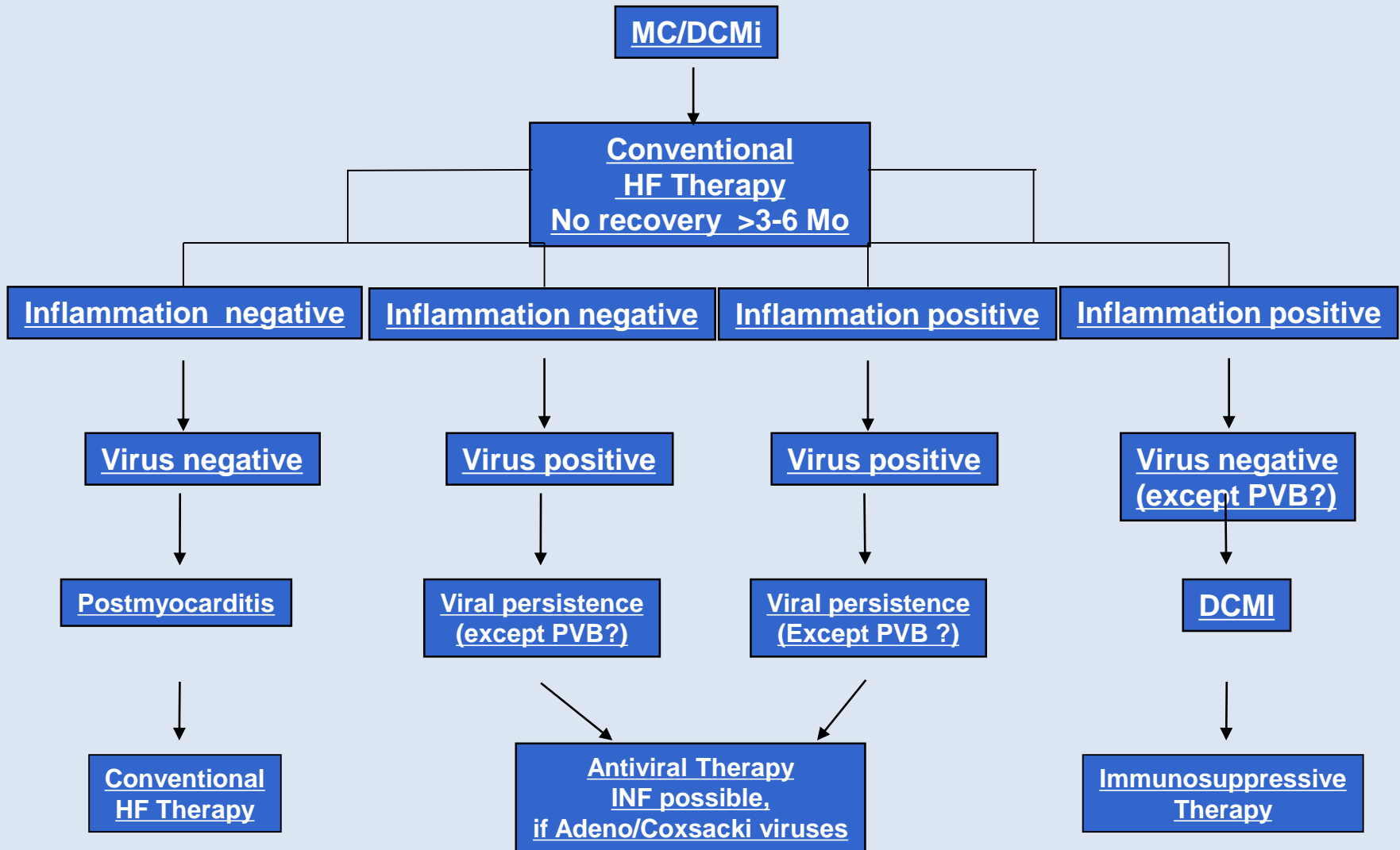
Patients at risk

	0	365	730	1095	1460	1825
Copy Load 0-99	9	8	6	5	2	
Copy Load 100-499	69	69	45	19	4	
Copy Load > 500	26	25	21	11	1	

Unadjusted survival free from cardiac death and heart transplantation according to the findings of endomyocardial biopsy.



Biopsie-based Therapy options



Summary of treatment options in myocarditis

1. **Initiation of HF standard therapy in stable acute MC and a follow up based on the high recovery rate is recommend**
2. **Immunosuppressive therapy in cardiogenic pre/shock after biopsy proven existence of inflammation**
3. **Biopsy based therapy indication in MC/DCMi > 3-6 Mo after onset, when chance of recovery becomes low.**

Summary of treatment options in myocarditis

- 1. Initiation of HF standard therapy in stable acute MC and a follow up based on the high recovery rate is recommend**
 - 2. Immunosuppressive therapy in cardiogenic pre/shock after biopsy proven existence of inflammation**
 - 3. Biopsy based therapy indication in MC/DCMi > 3-6 Mo after onset, when chance of recovery becomes low.**
 - 4. Immunosuppression after exclusion of Coxsacki und adeno viruses**
 - 5. Interferonβ by Coxsacki/adenoviruses possible – not approved**
 - 6. Role of parvovirus as well as herpes virus as known bystander is unclear.**
- Single centre experience: treat inflammation despite bystanders**