

AMYLOIDOSIS

when to suspect, **how** to diagnose, **who** to treat

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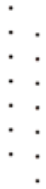
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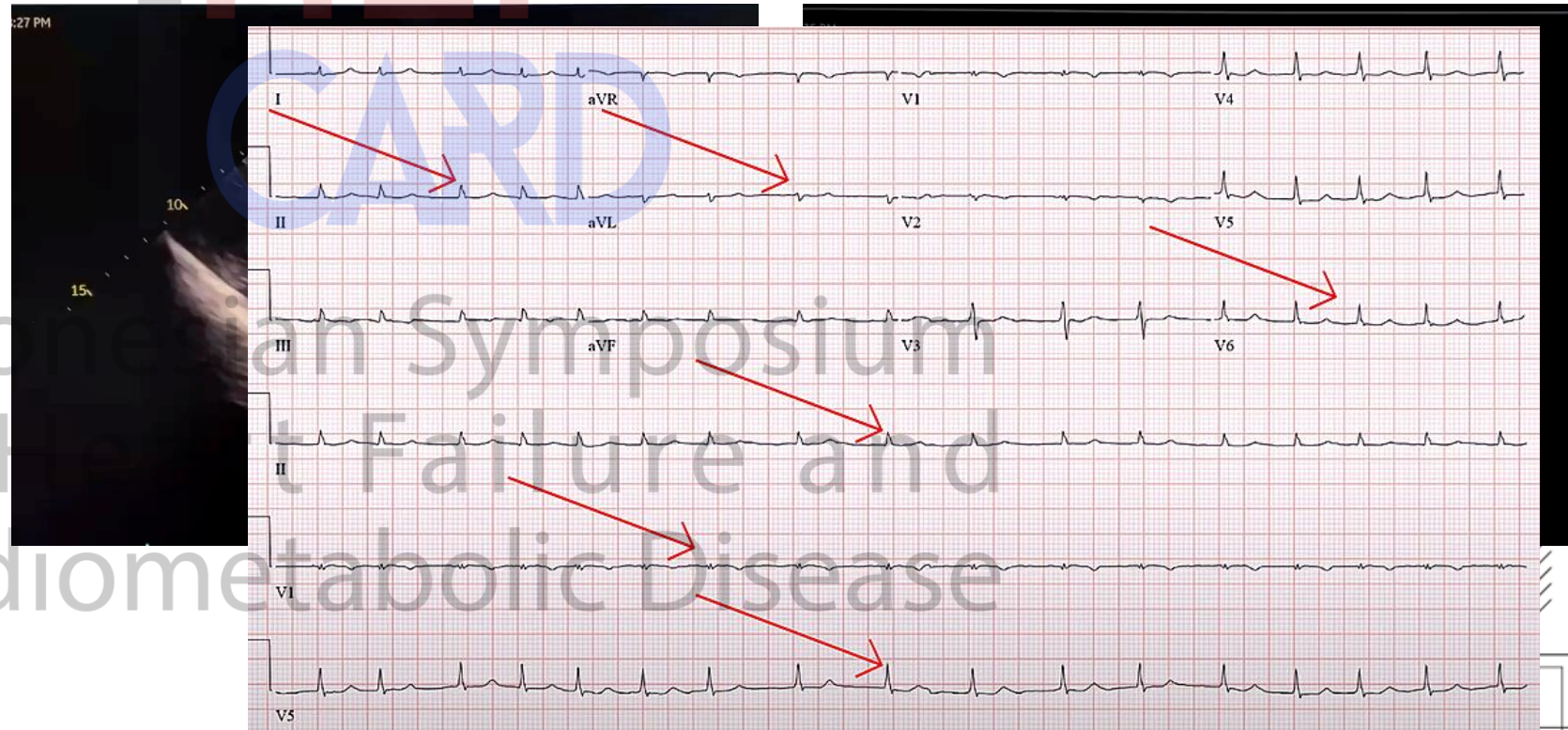


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Features	Amyloidosis	Sarcoidosis
General thought	Multisystem diseases that can affect organs such as the heart	
Pathology	Infiltrative (Extracellular amyloid fibril deposition)	Inflammatory (Noncaseating granulomatous inflammation)
Heart involvement	Common in many forms (but underdiagnosed); major cause of death	Less common but potentially serious when present
Biopsy findings	Amyloid deposits; Congo red stain shows apple- green birefringence under polarized light	Noncaseating granulomas
Treatment	Available (+ HF GDMT)	
Prognosis	Varies greatly by type and organ involvement; also time to diagnose	Many cases resolve spontaneously; some become chronic



Feel familiar with these echo...?



Infiltrative Cardiomyopathy

Cardiac Amyloidosis

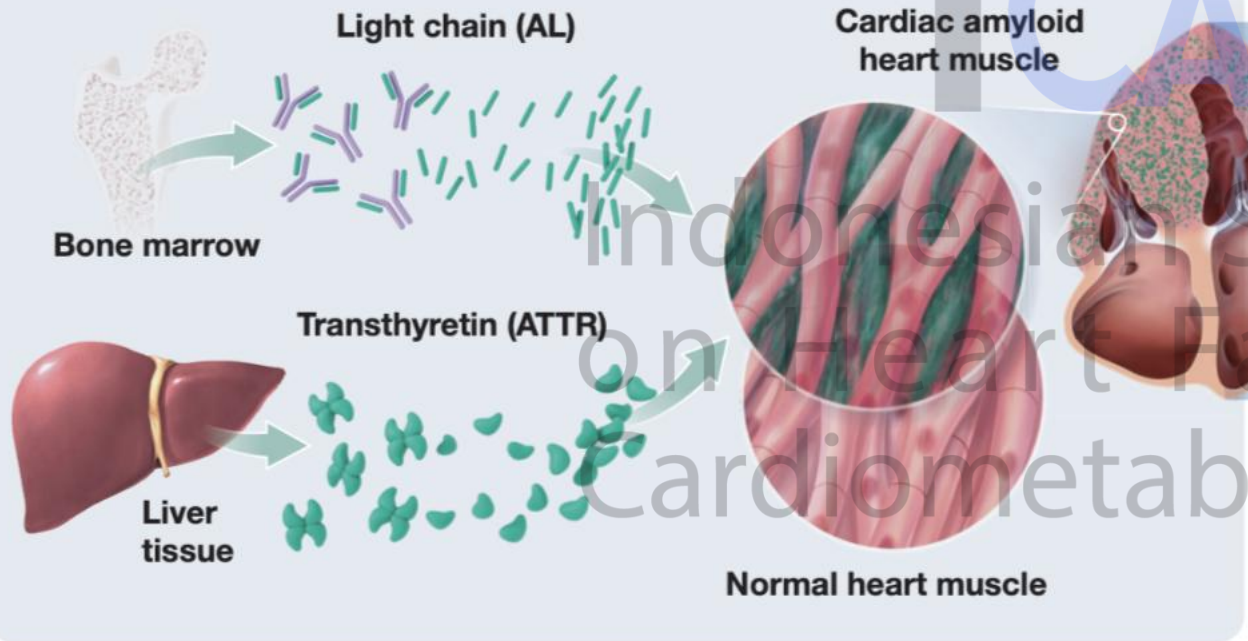
The Most Common

Anderson Fabry

What is Cardiac Amyloidosis (CA)?

A form of restrictive infiltrative cardiomyopathy due to deposition of amyloid fibrils in the myocardium.

There are 2 common types. Similar echo features are seen in both types of CA.



Data in Asia – South East Asia

- Not widely recognize in scientific literature $\square$
underdiagnosed
- Late diagnosis $\square$ high mortality
- Regional practice variations across South East Asia :
 1. Limited access to health care
 2. Mostly developing countries
 3. Poor availability of specific test
 4. Lack of expertise

PAST...

PRESENT

✓ AL most frequent CA type

→ ATTR most frequent CA type

✓ Single phenotype of RCM,
concentric LV thickness and
low ECG voltages

→ Heterogeneous phenotype:
diverse LVEF, LV thickness and
ECG findings

✓ Thought to be a rare disease

→ Not SO rare

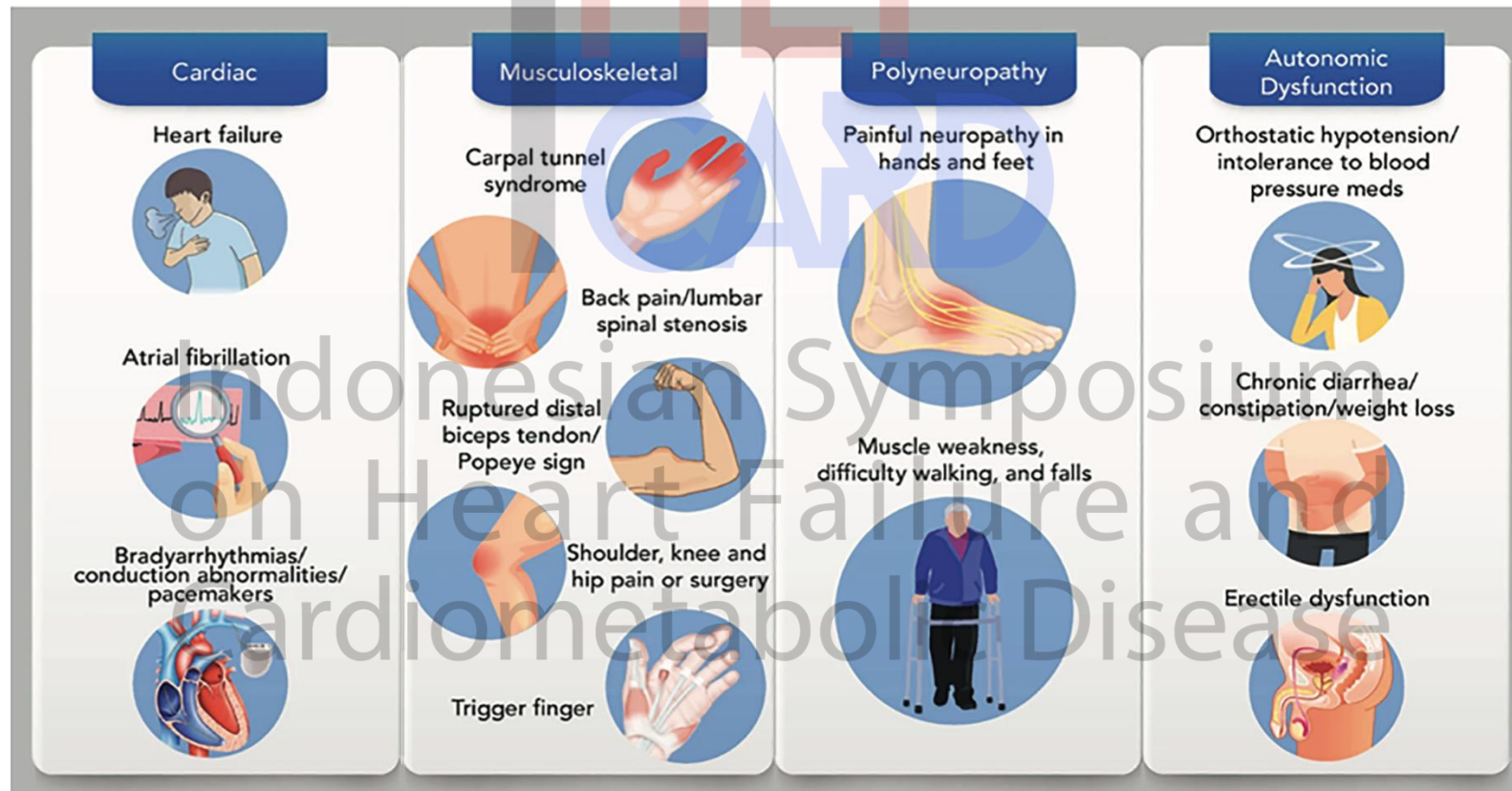
✓ Biopsies always needed for
diagnosis (Invasive)

→ Non-invasive diagnosis
possible in many patients

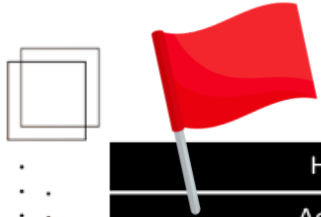
✓ No/Few treatments

→ New treatments available

Clinical Manifestations



Diagnostic Guidance (ESC Myocardial WG Position Paper 2021)



Heart failure in ≥ 65 years
Aortic stenosis in ≥ 65 years
Hypotension or normotensive if previously hypertensive
Sensory involvement, autonomic dysfunction
Peripheral polyneuropathy
Proteinuria
Skin bruising
Bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome
Ruptured biceps tendon
Subendocardial/transmural LGE or increased ECV
Reduced longitudinal strain with apical sparing
Decreased QRS voltage to mass ratio
Pseudo Q waves on ECG
AV conduction disease
Possible family history

SUSPECT

Screen if

Left ventricle wall
thickness ≥ 12 mm
&
 ≥ 1 Red Flag or
Clinical Scenario

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+ ≥ 1 of
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Echocardiography

Unexplained LV thickness (≥ 12 mm) plus 1 or 2:

1. Characteristic echocardiography findings (≥ 2 of a, b, and c have to be present)
 - a. Grade 2 or worse diastolic dysfunction
 - b. Reduced tissue Doppler s', e', and a' waves velocities (< 5 cm/s)
 - c. Decreased global longitudinal LV strain (absolute value $< -15\%$).
2. Multiparametric echocardiographic score ≥ 8 points.
 - a. Relative LV wall thickness (IVS+PWT)/LVEDD > 0.6 (3 points)
 - b. Doppler E wave/e' wave velocities > 11 (1 point)
 - c. TAPSE ≤ 19 mm (2 points)
 - d. Global longitudinal LV strain $\leq -13\%$ (1 point)
 - e. Systolic longitudinal strain apex to base ratio > 2.9 (3 points)

Cardiac magnetic resonance

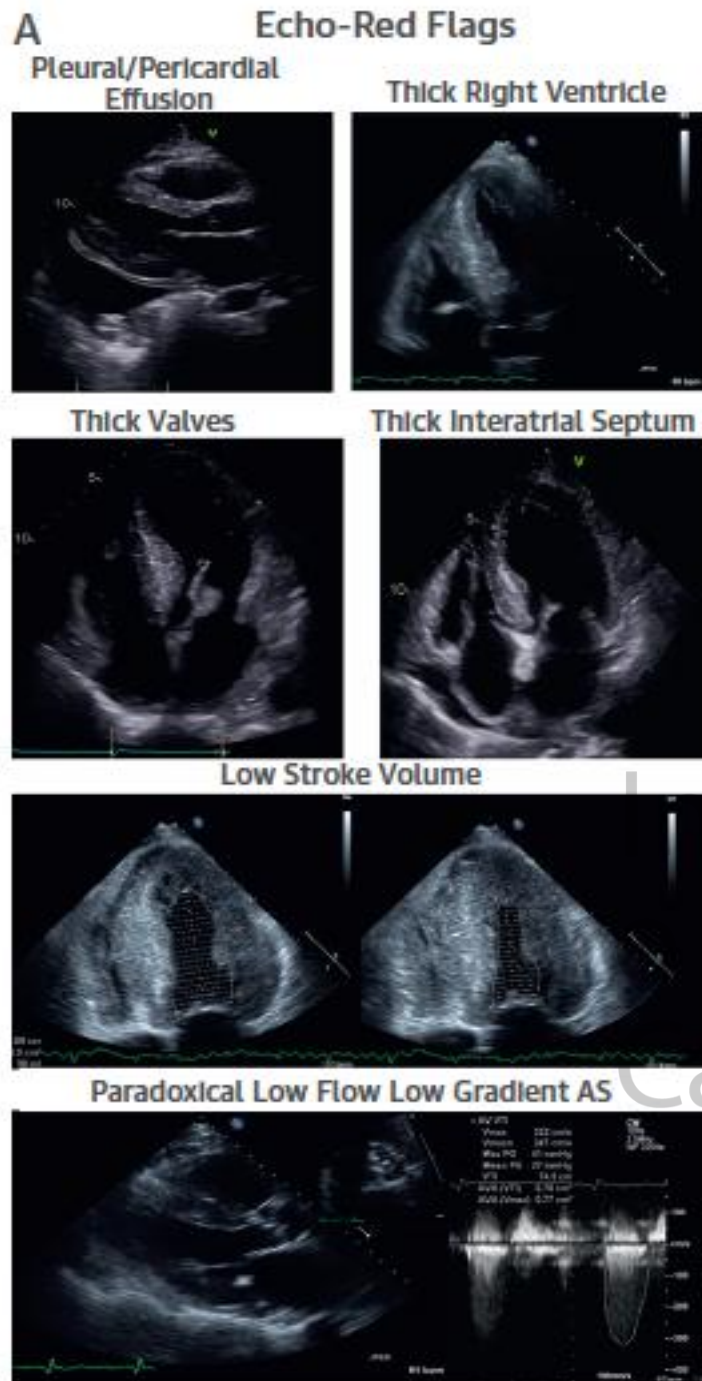
Characteristic findings (a and b have to be present):

- a. Diffuse subendocardial or transmural LGE
- b. Abnormal gadolinium kinetics*
- c. ECV $\geq 0.40\%$ (strongly supportive, but not essential/diagnostic)

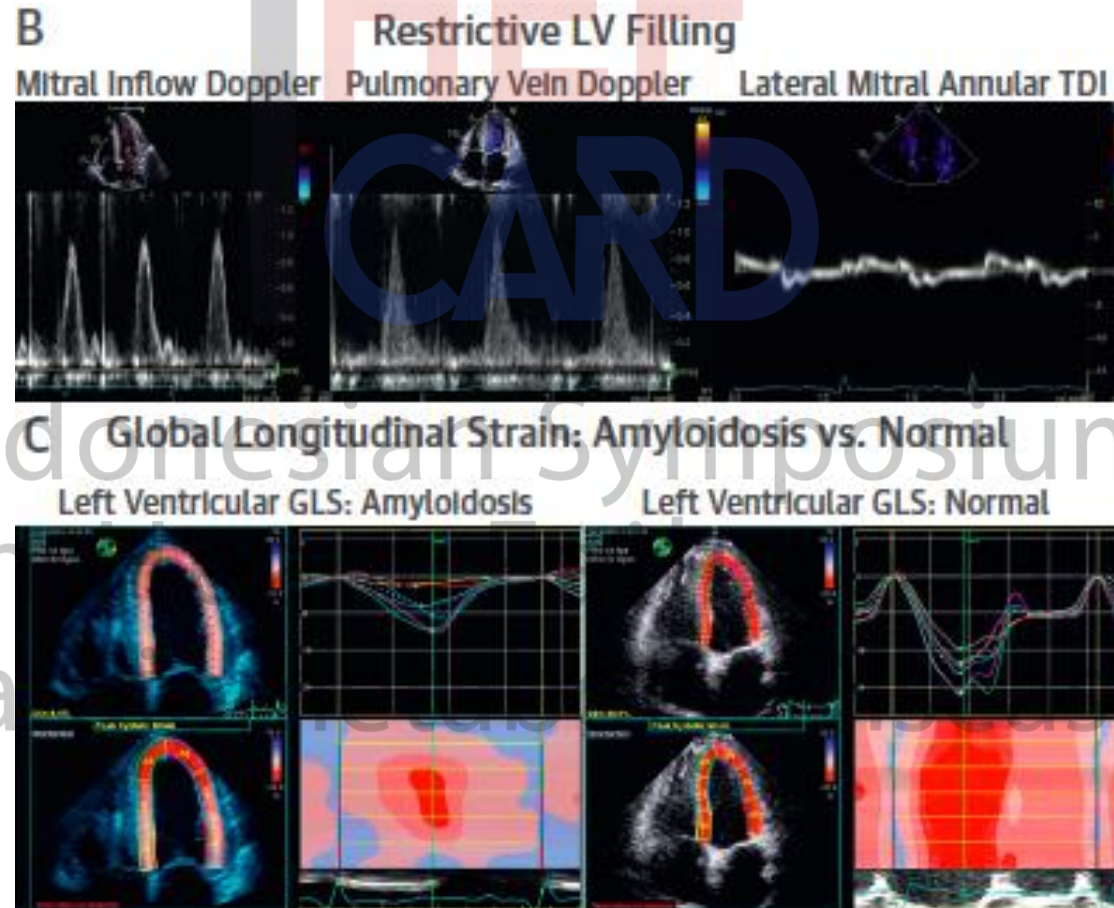
Why we need **red flags** for cardiac amyloidosis ?

- Increase clinicians awareness
- It is assumed to be rare
 - Under appreciated cause of HFpEF (30% of HFpEF patient were cardiac amyloidosis)
 - In Fact : **75% patients saw >3 physicians before diagnosis made** and **diagnosed more than 6 mo**
 - **Cardiologist** are the **most common specialist to make misdiagnosis** – most commonly HCM
- It is though to be untreatable
 - Treatment exist and are very effective if diagnosed early

The **earlier** we diagnosed, the **better** the outcome !!



First Hint after clinical findings is Echocardiography



esp. LVH with LV wall thickness ≥ 12 mm – unlikely due to HTN only

Apical sparing pattern
sensitivity 93%
specificity 82%

It is not uncommon **arrhythmia** as manifestation

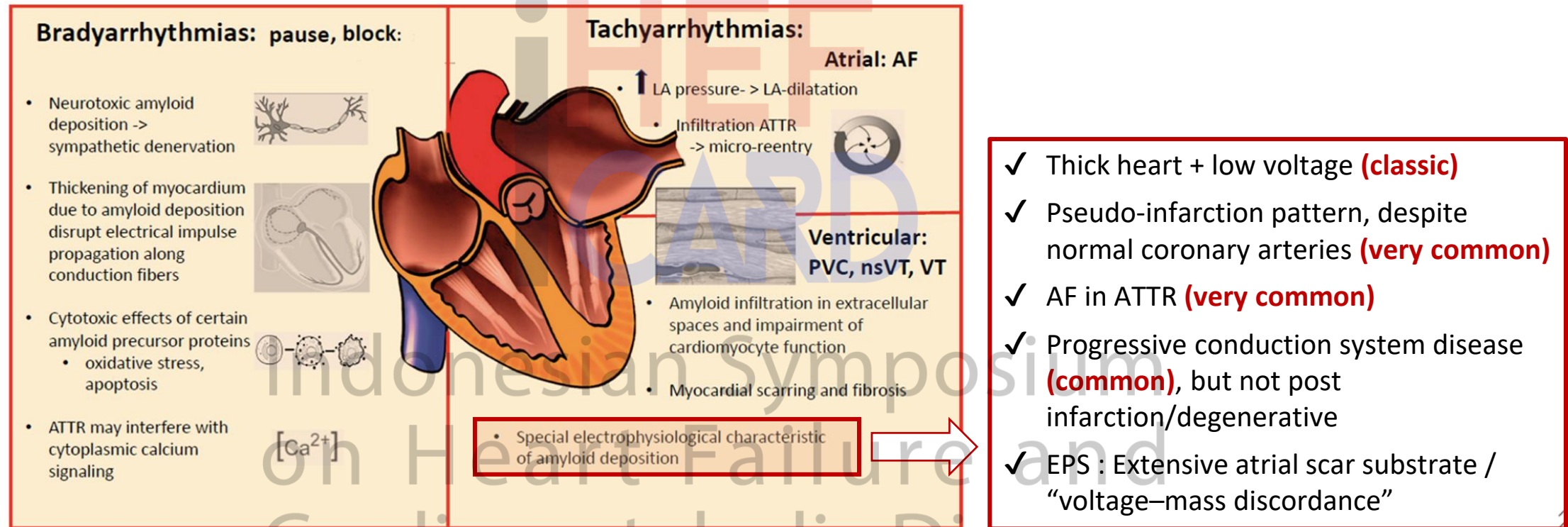


Figure 1. Main pathophysiologic factors causing arrhythmias in cardiac amyloidosis. LA: left atrium; AF: atrial fibrillation; PVC: premature ventricular contraction; nsVT: nonnonsustained ventricular tachycardia; VT: ventricular tachycardia; arrow means elevated.

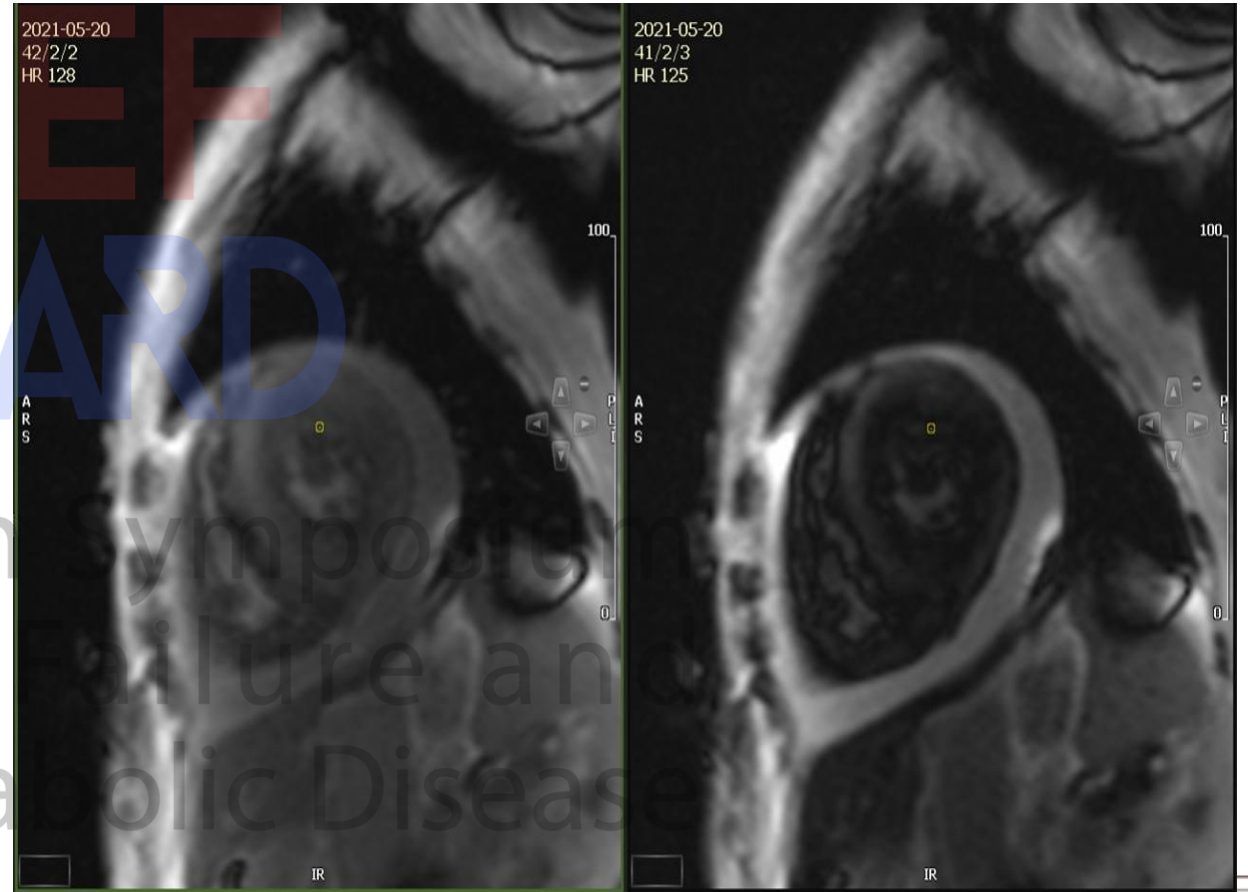
The CMR (Sensitivity 85%; Specificity 90%)

Characteristic of CMR findings

(a and b have to be present)

- a) Diffuse subendocardial or transmural LGE
- b) Abnormal gadolinium kinetics
- c) $ECV \geq 0.40\%$ (strongly supportive, but not essential/diagnostic)

**CMR is definitely
worth to be assessed**



HOW TO DIAGNOSE?

Heart failure, syncope, or bradyarrhythmia, with echocardiogram and/or cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (CMR) suggesting/indicating cardiac amyloid

Bone scintigraphy with ^{99m}Tc -DPD/HMDP/PYP

Grade 0

Grade 1

Grade 2 to 3

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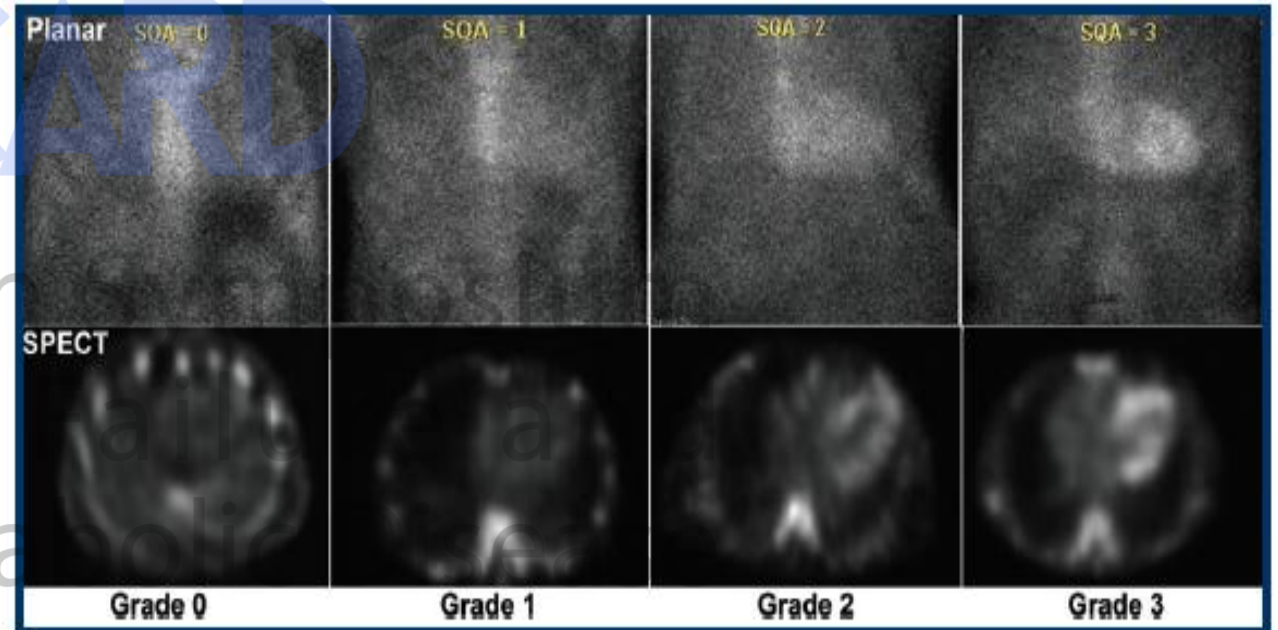
Nuclear Bone Scintigraphy

- Most common use is ^{99}Tc PYP / DPD
- Calcium in amyloid deposits binds to phosphates in the radiotracer

Diagnostic of ATTR CA :
Grade 2 or 3 scan (confirmed by SPECT)
Negative monoclonal lab testing

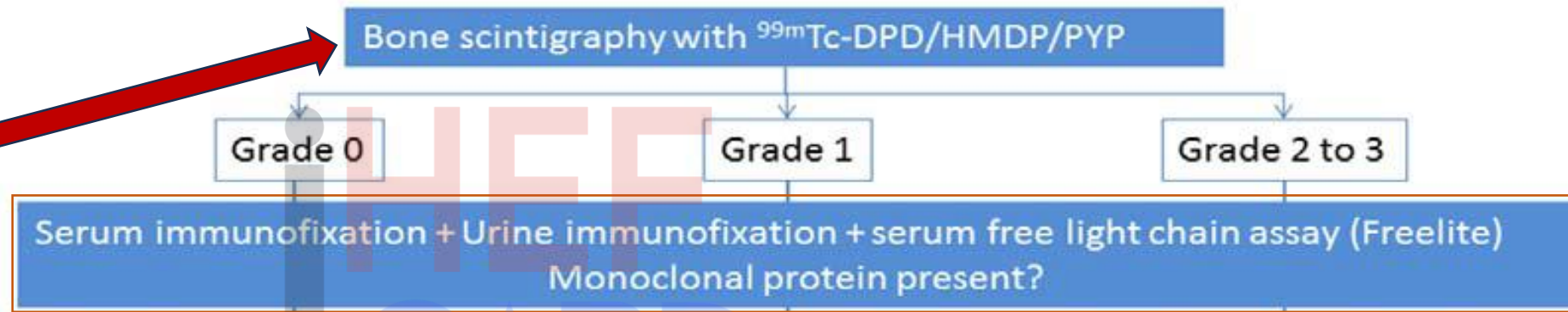
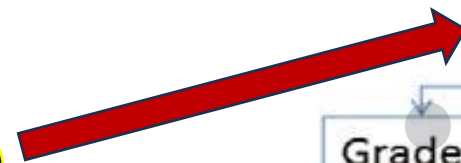
Table 2. Semi-quantitative Visual Grading of Myocardial ^{99}Tc -PYP Uptake by Comparison to Bone(rib) Uptake

Grade	Myocardial ^{99}Tc -PYP Uptake
Grade 0	no uptake and normal bone uptake
Grade 1	uptake less than rib uptake
Grade 2	uptake equal to rib uptake
Grade 3	uptake greater than rib uptake with mild/absent rib uptake



Always confirm myocardial uptake with SPECT ☐ reduce False positive

HOW TO DIAGNOSE?



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Endomyocardial Biopsy (EMB)

- Appropriate in certain cases:
 - ✓ Suspected combined systemic AL with cardiac ATTR
 - ✓ AL or other types of amyloidosis with suspected cardiac involvement
- Biopsy of the involved organ is highly recommend compare abdominal fat pad

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Genetic testing in ATTR cardiac amyloidosis

- Hereditary form of ATTRv is caused by variants in the TTR gene and is transmitted as an autosomal dominant

Variant	Frequency	Penetrance	Typical Age of Onset (y)	Cardiac Phenotype	Neurologic Phenotype	Race and/or Nationality	Country/Location
Val122Ile	3.5% in Blacks	37.4% with carpal tunnel syndrome, polyneuropathy, cardiomyopathy, or heart failure by age 75 y ¹⁰³	Late 60s	+++	+	Black and Caribbean Hispanics/West African ancestry	Worldwide
Val30Met (early onset)	Most common variant currently worldwide	>90%	<40	+	+++	Portuguese, Japanese, Swedish	Portugal, Sweden, Japan, Brazil, Cyprus, and Majorca
Val30Met (late onset)	1 per million in Japan	>60%	>50	++	++	Worldwide	Worldwide
Thr60Ala	1% in County Donegal, Ireland.	>90%	>50	+++	++	Irish	Ireland, England, United States
Leu111Met	<1% of all TTR variants	>90%	30-40	+++	+	Danish	Denmark
Ile68Leu	<1% of all TTR variants	>90%	55	+++	+	Italian, German	Italy, Germany
Ser77Tyr	<1% of all TTR variants	>90%	55	++	++	French, German, American	United States, France, Spain
Glu89Gln	<1% of all TTR variants	>90%	55	++	++	Italian	Italy
Gly47Glu	<1% of all TTR variants	>90%	45	++	+++	Italian	Italy, German
Ile84Ser	<1% of all TTR variants	Unknown	40	++	+++	Swiss, German	United States
Phe64Leu	<1% of all TTR variants	Unknown	>50	++	+++	Italian	Italy, United States
Leu58His	<1% of all TTR variants	Unknown	>50	++	+++	German	United States, Germany
Ser50Arg	<1% of all TTR variants	Unknown	>40	++	+++	Asian, Mexican	Japan, Mexico
Gly47Ala	<1% of all TTR variants	Unknown	>40	+	+++	German, Italian, French, Mexico	Germany, Italy, France
Val20Ile	<1% of all TTR variants	Unknown	60s	++	+	German ¹⁰⁴	Germany

+ = less common; ++ = common; +++ = more common.

Rare Form of cardiac amyloidosis

Amyloidosis type	Protein	Hereditary	Frequency of heart involvement	Median survival from diagnosis (months)	Usual extracardiac signs
AL	Immunoglobulin light chain	No	70%	24 6 (if HF at diagnosis and not treated)	Nephropathy, proteinuria, autonomic dysfunction, polyneuropathy, macroglossia, spontaneous bruising, liver involvement
ATTRwt	Transthyretin	No	100%	57	CTS, LSS, ruptured biceps tendon
ATTRv	Transthyretin	Yes	30–100% Depending on the mutation	31 (Val142Ile) 69 (non-Val142Ile)	Polyneuropathy, orthostatic hypotension, vitreous opacities, gastrointestinal problems
AA	Serum amyloid A	No	5%	133	Renal impairment (95%), proteinuria, hepatomegaly, gastrointestinal problems
AFib	Fibrinogen α	Yes	Rare	180	Renal impairment, proteinuria
AApoAI	Apolipoprotein A-I	Yes	Rare Depending on the mutation	No data. Probably >120	Primarily renal impairment, proteinuria, hepatosplenomegaly, adrenal insufficiency, dysphonia due to laryngeal involvement
AApoAII	Apolipoprotein A-II	Yes	Rare Depending on the mutation	No data	Primarily renal impairment, proteinuria
AApoAIV	Apolipoprotein A-IV	No	Unknown	79	Primarily renal impairment
A β 2M	β 2-microglobulin	No	80%	No data	Long-term dialysis, CTS, joint problems
AGel	Gelsolin	Yes	5% Primarily conduction disease	Near normal life expectancy	Corneal lattice dystrophy, cutis laxa, drooping eyelids, paresthesia, proteinuria (rare)

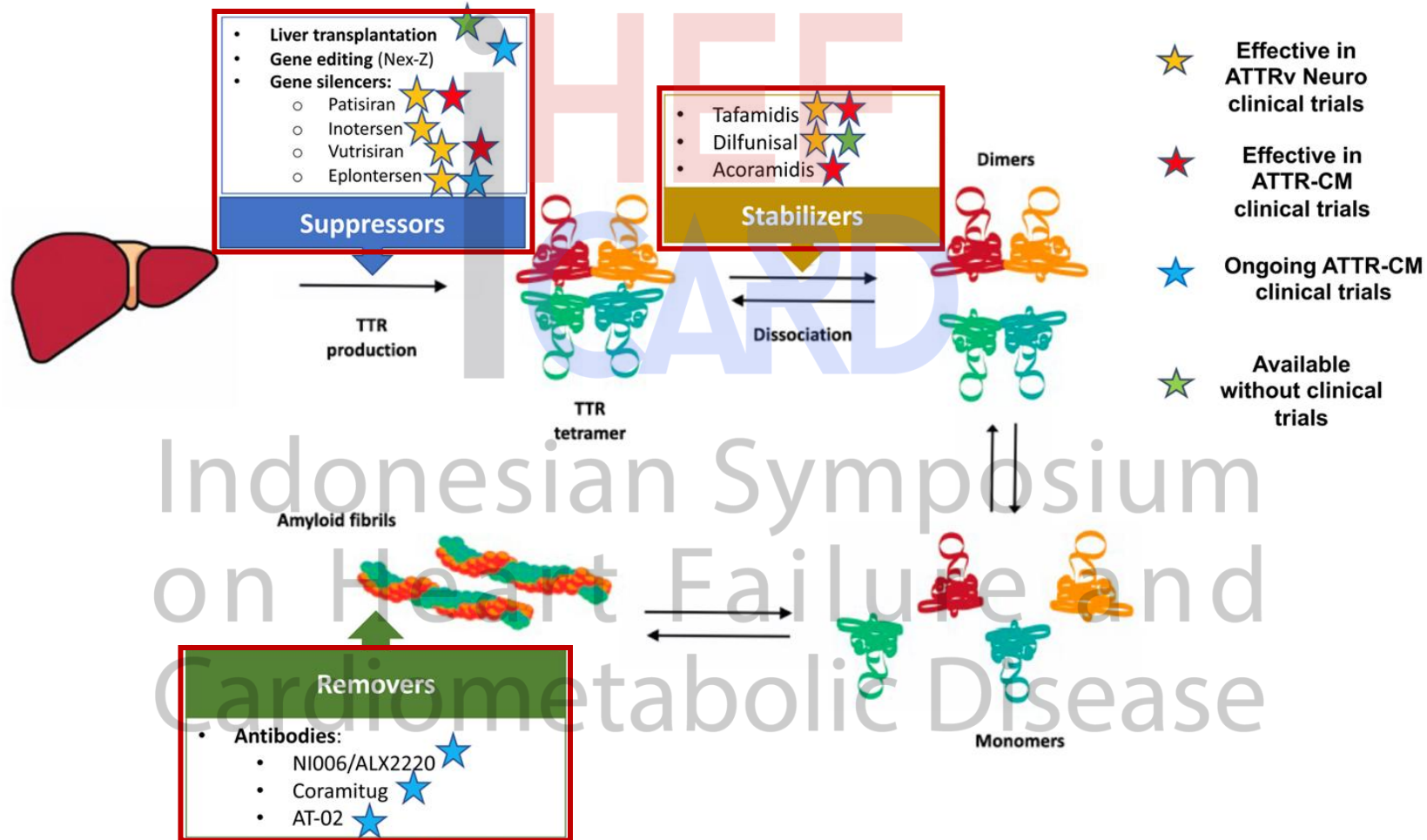
Treatment of Cardiac Amyloidosis

Specific Cardiac Amyloidosis

Non specific Cardiac Amyloidosis

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Specific treatment

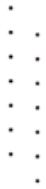


Specific treatment – suppressor / gen silencer

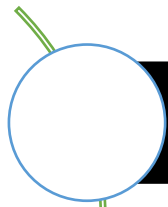
	Mechanism of action	Route	Trial and n	Key inclusion criteria	Key exclusion criteria	Concomitant therapy	Primary endpoint	Results and status
Vutrisiran	Gene silencer (siRNA, 2nd generation)	SC Q3 months	HELIOS-B Phase III (n = 655)	18–85 years - Invasive and non-invasive diagnosis of ATTR-CM - HF: previous admission or clinical evidence of HF	- NYHA IV - NYHA III at high risk - eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m² - Polyneuropathy PND III or IV	- Tafamidis allowed - Diflunisal not permitted	Composite of all-cause mortality and recurrent CV events at 33–36 months in the overall population and in monotherapy (patients not on tafamidis at baseline)	Results positive
Eplontersen	Gene silencer (ASO, 2nd generation)	SC Q1 month	Cardio-TTRansform Phase III (n = 1443)	18–90 years - Invasive and non-invasive ATTR-CM diagnosis - IVS >12 mm - NYHAs I–III	- Liver or heart transplantation - Previous treatment with gene silencers - Current treatment with diflunisal	- Tafamidis allowed - Gene silencers not permitted.	Composite of CV mortality and recurrent CV clinical events	Recruitment completed. Results expected in mid 2026
Nexiguran ziclumeran (NTLA-2001)	Gene Silencer (CRISPR)	IV once	MAGNITUDE Phase III (n = 765)	- Medical history of HF - HF symptoms optimally managed and clinically stable within 28 days - NTproBNP ≥1000 or ≥2000 pg/mL in AF	- NYHA class IV - Polyneuropathy stage IV - RNA silencer within previous 12 months - Liver failure - eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m²	- Stabilizers allowed - Gene silencers not permitted	Composite outcome of CV mortality and CV events	Recruiting

Specific treatment – stabilizer tetramer

	Mechanism of action	Route	Trial and n	Key inclusion criteria	Key exclusion criteria	Concomitant therapy	Primary endpoint	Results and status
Tafamidis	Stabilizer	Oral	ATTR-ACT Phase III (n = 441)	18–90 years - Invasive diagnosis of ATTR-CM - IVS >12 mm - History of HF: previous HF admission or volume overload requiring diuretics - NTproBNP >600 pg/mL - Distance on 6MWT >100 m	- NYHA IV - eGFR < 25 mL/min/1.73 m² - Liver transaminase >2 times upper limit - Severe malnutrition (mBMI <600)	Diflunisal not permitted	Hierarchical all-cause mortality and frequency of CV-related hospitalizations	Positive Drug approved in several countries
Acoramidis	Stabilizer	Oral	ATTRIBUTE-CM Phase III (n = 632)	18–90 years - Invasive or non-invasive diagnosis of ATTR-CM - History of HF: previous HF admission or volume overload requiring diuretics - NTproBNP >300 pg/mL - Distance on 6MWT >150 m	- Likely heart transplantation within a year - ALT/AST >2 times and bilirubin >3 times the upper limit - NTproBNP > 8500 pg/mL - eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m²	- Tafamidis allowed after initial 12 months - Diflunisal not permitted	Part A: 6MWT at 12 months Part B: hierarchical combination of mortality, CV hospitalizations, NTproBNP, and 6MWT	Part A: not positive Part B: positive Drug approved by FDA and under evaluation by EMA



Treatment of Cardiac Amyloidosis



Specific Cardiac Amyloidosis



Non specific Cardiac Amyloidosis

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Non-specific treatment of ATTR-CA



Heart failure

- Volume management
- GDMT
- Devices: CRT, ICD
- Advanced therapies



Aortic stenosis



Arrhythmias

- AV block
- Atrial fibrillation
- Sudden death



Disease burden

Non-Specific
ATTR-CM
management

Specific
ATTR-CM
treatment

Amyloid fibers



Lack of RCTs
Need for better treatment algorithms

HF GDMT in Cardiac Amyloidosis

Drug	ESC ¹	DGK ²	CCS/CHFS ³	AHA ⁵	JCS ⁶
HF setting					
Loop or thiazide diuretics	Recommended ^a	Recommended ^a	Recommended ^a	Recommended, but avoid underfilling and worsening renal function from restrictive physiology ^a	Recommended ^a
Nitrates or carperitide (AHF)	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	Might be considered ^a
Catecholamines, PDE	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	No recommendation	Might be considered ^a
Study Design and Population 2,356 patients with ATTR-CM Propensity score matching in a 1:1 ratio utilizing 16 variables 220 patients with ATTR-CM treated with SGLT2-i 220 matched untreated controls with ATTR-CM Main Findings Safe treatment: 4.5% discontinuation rate over 28 months All-cause mortality Cardiovascular mortality HF hospitalization Cardiovascular mortality and HF hospitalization Slower decline in eGFR Attenuated rise in NT-proBNP Lower loop diuretic requirement Stable blood pressure profile					
Porcari A, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2024;83(24):2411-2422.					
Anticoagulation regardless of CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score?	Yes (recommended)	No recommendation	Yes (recommended)	Yes (recommended)	No recommendation
Anticoagulation in SR?	Might be considered ^a	No recommendation	No recommendation	Might be considered ^a	No recommendation

HF GDMT in Cardiac Amyloidosis

SGLT2 inhibitors	Advised
MRA	Advised
Beta-Blockers	Not advised in LVEF>40% Possible in LVEF<40%
Sacubitril/Valsartan	Unknown/Not advised
ACEI/ARB	Not Advised

Arrhythmia Approach in Cardiac Amyloidosis

Table 2. Arrhythmia risk and indication for device therapy in various forms of cardiac amyloidosis.

	AL	vATTR	wtATTR
Arrhythmia risk			
Sinus node disease	+ / ++	++	++
AV conduction disease	++	+++	+++
Atrial fibrillation	++ / +++	+++	+++
nsVT/VT	+++	++ / +++	++ / +++
SCD risk	+++	++	++
Device indication			
PM	+	+++	++ / +++
CRT	+ / ++	++ / +++	++
ICD (primary prevention)	+ / ?	+ / ?	+ / ?

+ demonstrates degree of increased arrhythmia risk or degree of device indication (+, ++ or +++); + / ++ means between + and ++; ? means controversial; AL: light chain amyloidosis; vATTR: variant transthyretin amyloidosis; wtATTR: wild-type transthyretin amyloidosis; AV: atrioventricular; PM: pacemaker; CRT: cardiac resynchronization therapy; nsVT: nonsustained ventricular tachycardia; SCD: sudden cardiac death; ICD: implantable cardioverter defibrillator.

Arrhythmia Approach in Cardiac Amyloidosis

Table 3. Prognostic factors in the development of clinically relevant brady- and tachyarrhythmias in cardiac amyloidosis.

Bradyarrhythmias

Potential candidates who may require cardiac pacing *

- PR interval >200 ms
- QRS duration >120 ms
- History of atrial fibrillation
- Long HV intervals in electrophysiologic testing
- High degree AV block
- ATTR cardiac amyloidosis

Tachyarrhythmias

Patients at risk for atrial fibrillation

- Left atrial dilatation
- Advanced interatrial block
- Old age

Potential candidates who may require ICD therapy *

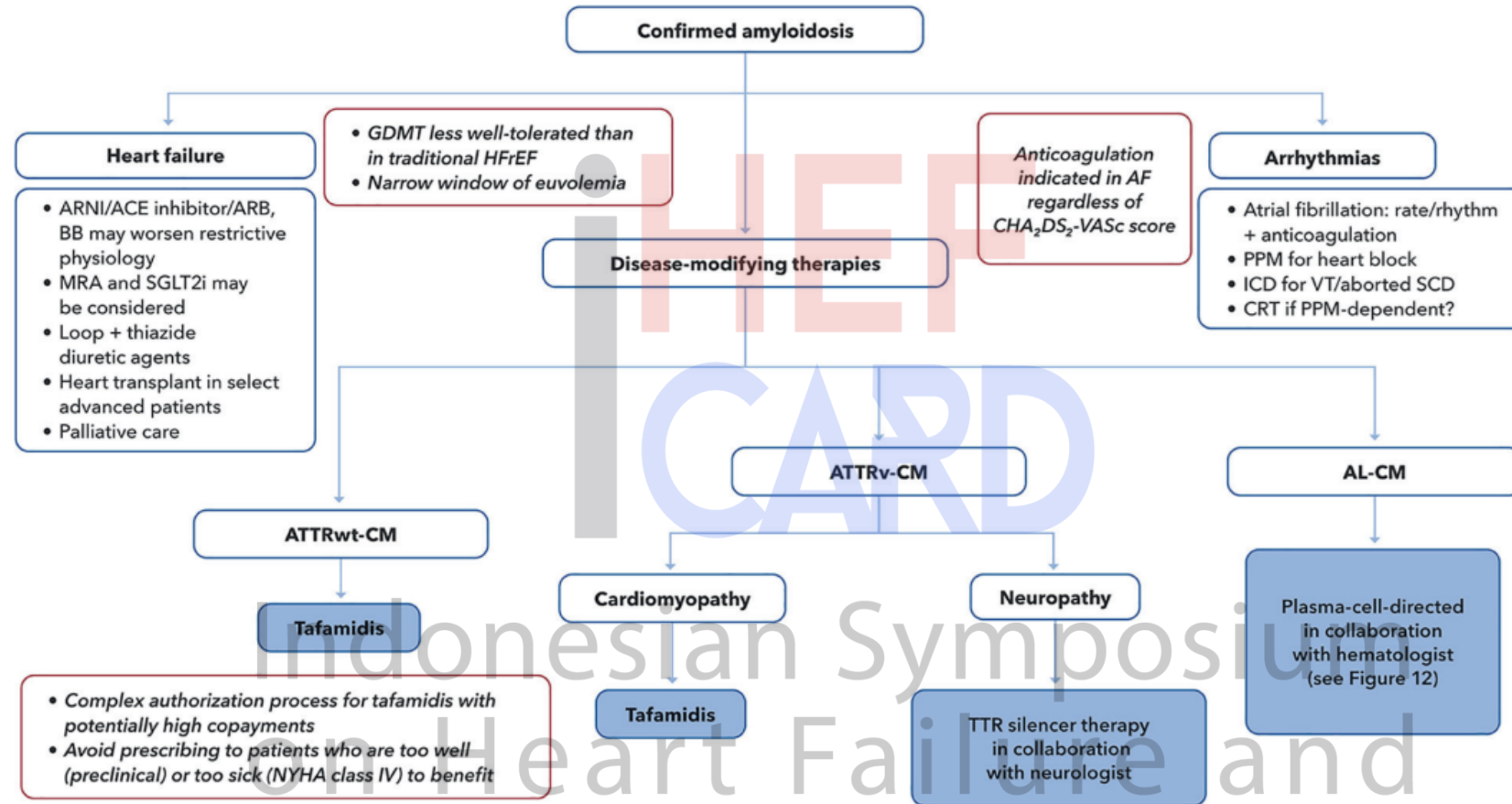
- Increased NTproBNP and high sensitivity cTnT
- Decreased eGFR
- LGE uptake in CMR (role uncertain)
- nsVT (role controversial and possibly limited)
- Syncope (role controversial and possibly limited)

* The list does not include conventional indications for pacemaker and ICD therapy. HV: His-Ventricle interval; AV: atrioventricular; ATTR: transthyretin amyloidosis; ICD: implantable cardioverter defibrillator; NTproBNP: N-terminal prohormone of brain natriuretic peptide; cTnT: cardiac Troponin T; eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; LGE: late gadolinium enhancement; CMR: cardiac magnetic resonance imaging; nsVT: nonsustained ventricular tachycardia.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Atrial and ventricular arrhythmias and conduction disease are common in cardiac amyloidosis.
- Atrial fibrillation may be difficult to rate control and carries a high risk of stroke.
- Implantable cardioverter-defibrillator placement for prevention of sudden cardiac death is controversial.
- New therapies are likely to change prognosis and therefore further studies are needed.

FIGURE 4 Overview of Management of Cardiac Amyloidosis



AF = atrial fibrillation; ARNI/ACE inhibitor/ARB = renin-angiotensin system inhibitors; AL-CM = amyloid monoclonal immunoglobulin light chain; ATTR = amyloid transthyretin; ATTRv-CM = variant transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy; ATTRwt-CM = wild-type transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy; BB = beta-blocker; CRT = cardiac resynchronization therapy; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; GDMT = guideline-directed medical therapy; ICD = implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; MRA = mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists; NYHA = New York Heart Association; PPM = permanent pacemaker; SCD = sudden cardiac death; SGLT2i = sodium glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor; TTR = transthyretin; VT = ventricular tachycardia.



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Take Home Points

- Amyloidosis is a systemic disease that can present with various clinical manifestations
- Cardiac ☐ Heart Failure and Arrhythmia
- **When to suspect**
 - ✓ Discrepancy between echo and clinical; suspicious arrhythmia
- **How to diagnose**
 - ✓ Start from Echo and/or CMR + Blood-Urine check; continue with Bone Scintigraphy, EMB, Genetic test
- **Who to treat**
 - ✓ ATTR-CA (specific tx, non-specific tx of HF GDMT)
- Cardiac Amyloidosis ☐ **non-invasive dx test is available; now is treatable**
- **Early diagnosis is critical for timely treatment and improved outcomes**

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