

AZERBAIJAN CARDIOLOGY FESTIVAL

13<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY

13 DECEMBER, 2024, BAKU

# Heart failure in cancer patients — a problem of the 21-st century. Common pathogenesis and approaches to treatment

**Belenkov Yury**

Professor



- Director of Heart Failure Quality Center in Russian Federation Associated with the European Society of Cardiology
- Director of Research and Practical Cardio-oncology Center
- Head of The Chair of Hospital Therapy
- Director of the Hospital Therapy Clinic of Sechenov University, Moscow
- President of the Russian Society of Specialists in Heart Failure
- Editor-in-Chief of the journal «Kardiologiya»





# IC-OS International Cardio-Oncology Society



ESC CPG POSITION PAPER

European Heart Journal (2016) 37, 2768–2801  
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehw211

### 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)

Authors/Task Force Members: Jose Luis Zamorano\* (Chairperson) (Spain), Patrizio Lancellotti\* (Co-Chairperson) (Belgium), Daniel Rodriguez Muñoz (Spain), Victor Aboyans (France), Riccardo Asteggiano (Italy), Maurizio Galderisi (Italy), Gilbert Habib (France), Daniel J. Lenihan<sup>1</sup> (USA), Gregory Y. H. Lip (UK), Alexander R. Lyon (UK), Teresa Lopez Fernandez (Spain), Dania Mohty (France), Massimo F. Piepoli (Italy), Juan Tamargo (Spain), Adam Torbicki (Poland), and Thomas M. Suter (Switzerland)

ESC  
European Society  
of Cardiology

European Heart Journal (2022) 00, 1–133  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurheartj/ehac244>

ESC GUIDELINES

### 2022 ESC Guidelines on cardio-oncology developed in collaboration with the European Hematology Association (EHA), the European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ESTRO) and the International Cardio-Oncology Society (IC-OS)

Developed by the task force on cardio-oncology of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)



# A unique edition. Fundamental work on heart failure 2023



12.13

## Cancer and heart failure

Dimitrios Farmakis\*, Alexander Lyon\*,  
Rudolf de Boer, and Yuri Belenkov

### Introduction

Cancer is increasing in prevalence as a comorbidity affecting heart failure (HF) patients. This has been attributed to several factors:<sup>1-3</sup>

- (i) shared risk factors, such as ageing, smoking, obesity;
- (ii) increasing survival of HF patients who can live to develop cancer;
- (iii) frequent use of cross-sectional imaging and contact with healthcare professionals that results in increased cancer detection;
- (iv) common prescription of anticoagulation and/or antiplatelet agents unmasking cancer due to the detection of bleeding or iron deficiency;
- (v) emerging evidence that HF itself may per se increase the risk of new cancer development.



## The ESC Textbook of Heart Failure

Edited by  
Petar M Seferović  
Andrew JS Coats  
Gerasimos Filippatos  
Stefan D Anker  
Johann Bauersachs  
Giuseppe Rosano



ACCESS ALL CONTENT ONLINE AT  
[ACADEMIC.OUP.COM/ESC](https://academic.oup.com/esc)





# Scientific Statement from the Heart Failure Society of America 2024.

ARTICLE IN PRESS

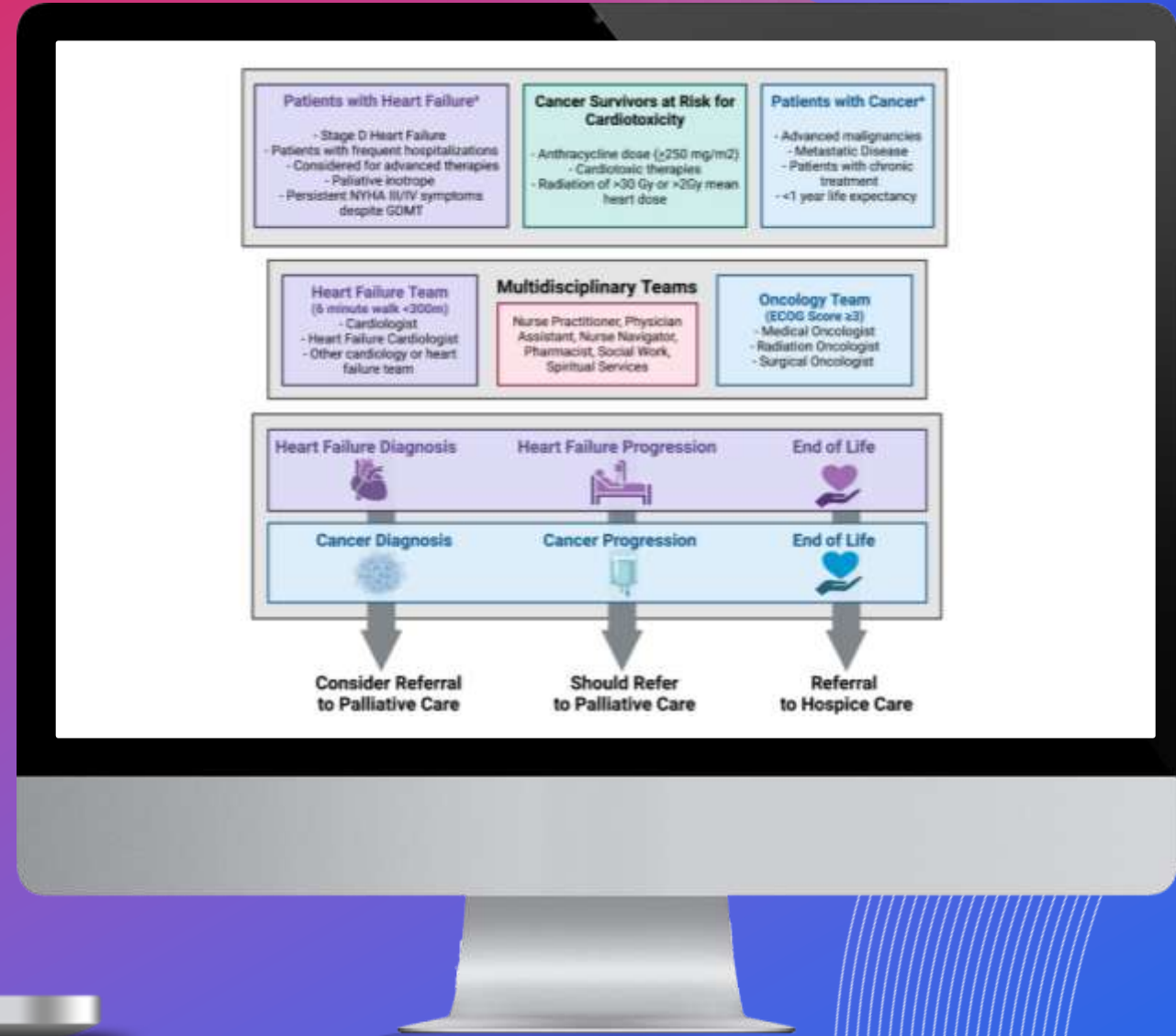
Journal of Cardiac Failure 00 (2024) 1–41

**Review Article**

**Cardio-Oncology and Heart Failure: a Scientific Statement From the Heart Failure Society of America**

MICHELLE WEISFELNER BLOOM, MD, Co-Chair<sup>1</sup> JACQUELINE B. VO, PhD, RN, MPH<sup>2</sup>  
 JO E. RODGERS, PharmD, BCPS, BCCP<sup>3</sup> ALANA M. FERRARI, PharmD, BCOP<sup>4</sup>  
 ANJU NOHRIA, MD, MSc<sup>5</sup> ANITA DESWAL, MD, MPH<sup>6</sup> RICHARD K. CHENG, MD, MSc<sup>7</sup>  
 MICHELLE M. KITTLESON, MD, PhD<sup>8</sup> JENICA N. UPSHAW, MD, MS<sup>9</sup> NICOLAS PALASKAS, MD<sup>10</sup>  
 ANNE BLAES, MD, MS<sup>11</sup> SHERRY-ANN BROWN, MD, PhD<sup>12</sup> BONNIE KY, MD, MSCE<sup>13</sup>  
 DANIEL LENIHAN, MD<sup>14</sup> MATHEW S. MAURER, MD<sup>15</sup> ANECITA FADOL, PhD, NP<sup>16</sup>  
 KERRY SKURKA, RN, BSN<sup>17</sup> CHRISTINE CAMBARERI, PharmD, BCOP<sup>18</sup>  
 CYNTHIA CHAUHAN, MSW<sup>19</sup> and ANA BARAC, MD, PhD, Co-Chair<sup>20</sup>

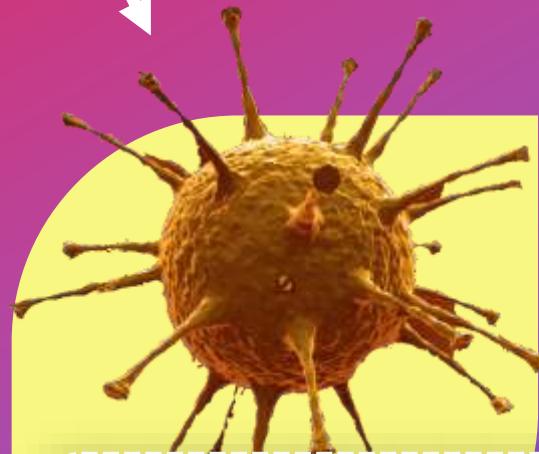
New York, NY; Bethesda, MD; Chapel Hill, NC; Charlottesville, and Falls Church, VA; Boston, MA; Houston, TX; Seattle, WA; Los Angeles, CA; Minneapolis, and Rochester, MN; Milwaukee, WI; Philadelphia, PA; Tampa, FL



# Cardiotoxicity



Chemotherapy (Anthracycline cardiomyopathy)



Oncological process



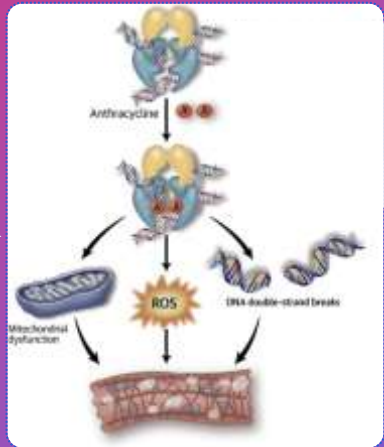
Radiation therapy

Specific antitumor therapy (polychemotherapy/radiation therapy)

Endothelial dysfunction (inhibition of proliferation and migration, apoptosis)

Cytokine imbalance (↑ TNF-α, TGF-β1, IL-1, IL-6)

Structural changes in cardiomyocytes (direct cardiotoxic effect, apoptosis)



Remodeling of the vascular wall, including the microcirculatory bed

Vasculotoxicity



Myocardial remodeling

Cardiotoxicity





**RESEARCH** **Open Access**

## Inflammation and acute cardiotoxicity in adult hematological patients treated with CAR-T cells: results from a pilot proof-of-concept study

Massimo Carrilli<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Marcello Viccari<sup>3</sup>, Tamara Felici<sup>2</sup>, Luca Maggio<sup>2</sup>, Federico Bullazoc<sup>2</sup>, Giacomo Canelli<sup>2</sup>, Alice Borjesson<sup>2</sup>, Priscilla Lamendola<sup>2</sup>, Lorenzo Tinti<sup>2</sup>, Antonio Di Renzo<sup>2</sup>, Giulia Coselli<sup>2</sup>, Eugenio Gullì<sup>2,4</sup>, Giovanna Liuzzo<sup>2,5</sup>, Francesco Barozzi<sup>2,6</sup>, Riccardo Antonio Montano<sup>2</sup>, Federica Sola<sup>2,7</sup>, Simona Tosi<sup>2,8</sup>, Stefan Hohaus<sup>2,9</sup>, Gaetano Antonio Lanza<sup>2,10</sup>, Filippo Crea<sup>2,11</sup>, Antonella Lombardo<sup>2,12</sup> and Giorgio Minotti<sup>1,13</sup>

**Abstract**

**Aims:** Chimeric Antigen Receptor-T (CAR-T) cell infusion is a rapidly evolving antitumor therapy; however, cardiovascular (CV) complications, likely associated with cytokine release syndrome (CRS) and systemic inflammation, have been reported to occur. The CARBio-Tox study aimed at elucidating incidence and determinants of cardiotoxicity related to CAR-T cell therapy.  
**Methods:** Patients with blood malignancies candidate to CAR-T cells were prospectively evaluated by echocardiography at baseline and 7 and 30 days after infusion. The study endpoints were (i) incidence of cancer therapy-related cardiac dysfunction (CTRCD), CTRCD were also balanced for any grade CRS, but CTRCD occurred in 100% of patients with CRS. CTRCD was also balanced for any grade CRS, but CTRCD occurred in 100% of patients with CRS. CTRCD was also balanced for any grade CRS, but CTRCD occurred in 100% of patients with CRS. CTRCD was also balanced for any grade CRS, but CTRCD occurred in 100% of patients with CRS.  
**Results:** Incidence of CTRCD was high at 7 days (58.3%), particularly in subjects with CRS. The integrated definition of CTRCD allowed the identification of the majority of cases (58%). Moreover, early LVEF and GLS decrements were inversely correlated with fibrinogen and interleukin-2 receptor levels (p always < 0.05).  
**Conclusions:** There is a high incidence of early CTRCD in patients treated with CAR-T cells, and a link between CTRCD and inflammation can be demonstrated. Dedicated patient monitoring protocols are advised.

<sup>1</sup>Antonella Lombardo and Giorgio Minotti share senior authorship.  
<sup>\*</sup>Correspondence: Massimo Carrilli, [massimocarrilli@gmail.com](mailto:massimocarrilli@gmail.com)  
 Full list of author information is available at the end of the article


 © The Author(s) 2024. **Open Access** This article is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License, which permits use, sharing, adaptation, distribution and reproduction in any medium or format, as long as you give appropriate credit to the original author(s) and the source, provide a link to the Creative Commons licence, and indicate if you modified the article. The images or other third party material in this article are included in the article's Creative Commons licence, unless indicated otherwise in a credit line to the material. If material is not included in the article's Creative Commons licence and your intended use is not permitted by statutory regulation or exceeds the permitted use, you will need to obtain permission directly from the copyright holder. To view a copy of this licence, visit <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>.



**RESEARCH** **Open Access**

## Cardiovascular and venous thromboembolism risks in cancer patients treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors compared to non-users-a multi-center retrospective study

Jian-Rong Peng<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Jason Chia-Hsun Hsieh<sup>3,4</sup>, Chih-Hao Chang<sup>3,5,6</sup>, Chi Chuang<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Yu-Ching Wang<sup>7</sup>, Tzu-Yang Chen<sup>1</sup>, Hung-Cui Su<sup>1,2,3</sup> and Hsin-Fu Lee<sup>1,2,3,4\*</sup>

**Abstract**

**Background:** Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (ICIs) have revolutionized cancer therapy. This study examines the cardiovascular risks of ICIs compared to non-ICI therapies.  
**Methods:** Utilizing the Chang Gung Research Database (CGRD) of Taiwan, this retrospective study analyzed 188,225 cancer patients, with 1,737 undergoing ICI treatment from January 1, 2008, to June 30, 2021. Through 1:1 propensity score matching (PSM), we compared specific outcomes between patients treated with ICIs and those who were not. The analysis also accounted for the competing risk of mortality in assessing the results after PSM. The observation period spanned from this index date to whichever came first: the date of the specific outcomes, the last follow-up recorded, or the end date of the study on June 30, 2022.  
**Results:** The study found no significant increase in the risk of cardiac death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, heart failure hospitalization, deep vein thrombosis, or pulmonary embolism in patients treated with ICIs as compared to those receiving non-ICI therapy. Interestingly, ICI treatment was linked to a lower risk of non-fatal stroke (0.27% per year vs. 0.46% per year; subdistribution hazard ratio = 0.59; 95% confidence interval = 0.35–0.98; P = 0.0430). Furthermore, subgroup analysis revealed that the ICI group had a decreased risk of cardiac death in patients with cancers other than head and neck cancer, and a reduced risk of stroke among diabetic patients.  
**Conclusions:** ICIs do not significantly elevate the risk of cardiovascular events in cancer patients and may lower the stroke risk, underscoring the need for additional prospective studies to clarify these findings.  
**Keywords:** Immune checkpoint inhibitor, Cancer, Stroke, Myocardial infarction, Heart failure, Deep vein thrombosis, Pulmonary embolism

<sup>\*</sup>Correspondence: Hsin-Fu Lee, [hsinfu.lee@gmail.com](mailto:hsinfu.lee@gmail.com); 8805033@cgmn.org.tw  
 Full list of author information is available at the end of the article


 © The Author(s) 2024. **Open Access** This article is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives 4.0 International License, which permits any non-commercial use, sharing, adaptation and reproduction in any medium or format, as long as you give appropriate credit to the original author(s) and the source, provide a link to the Creative Commons licence, and indicate if you modified the material. If material is not included in the article's Creative Commons licence and your intended use is not permitted by statutory regulation or exceeds the permitted use, you will need to obtain permission directly from the copyright holder. To view a copy of this licence, visit <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>.



# Clinical manifestations of cardio-vasculotoxicity

1

Myocardial  
dysfunction and  
heart failure

2

Atherosclerosis  
of the coronary  
arteries

3

Valve  
diseases

4

Arrhythmias and  
long QT syndrome

5

Arterial  
hypertension

6

Thrombo-  
embolic  
conditions

7

Peripheral  
arterial disease

8

Pulmonary  
hypertension

9

Pericardial  
lesions



# Cardio-Oncology Balance

## *Opposite Pathophysiology*

## CANCER

Cell division

Increased cell number

Angiogenesis

Increased metabolic activity

Drug/toxin resistance



## Heart failure

Failure of cell division/ tissue  
repair

Cell loss

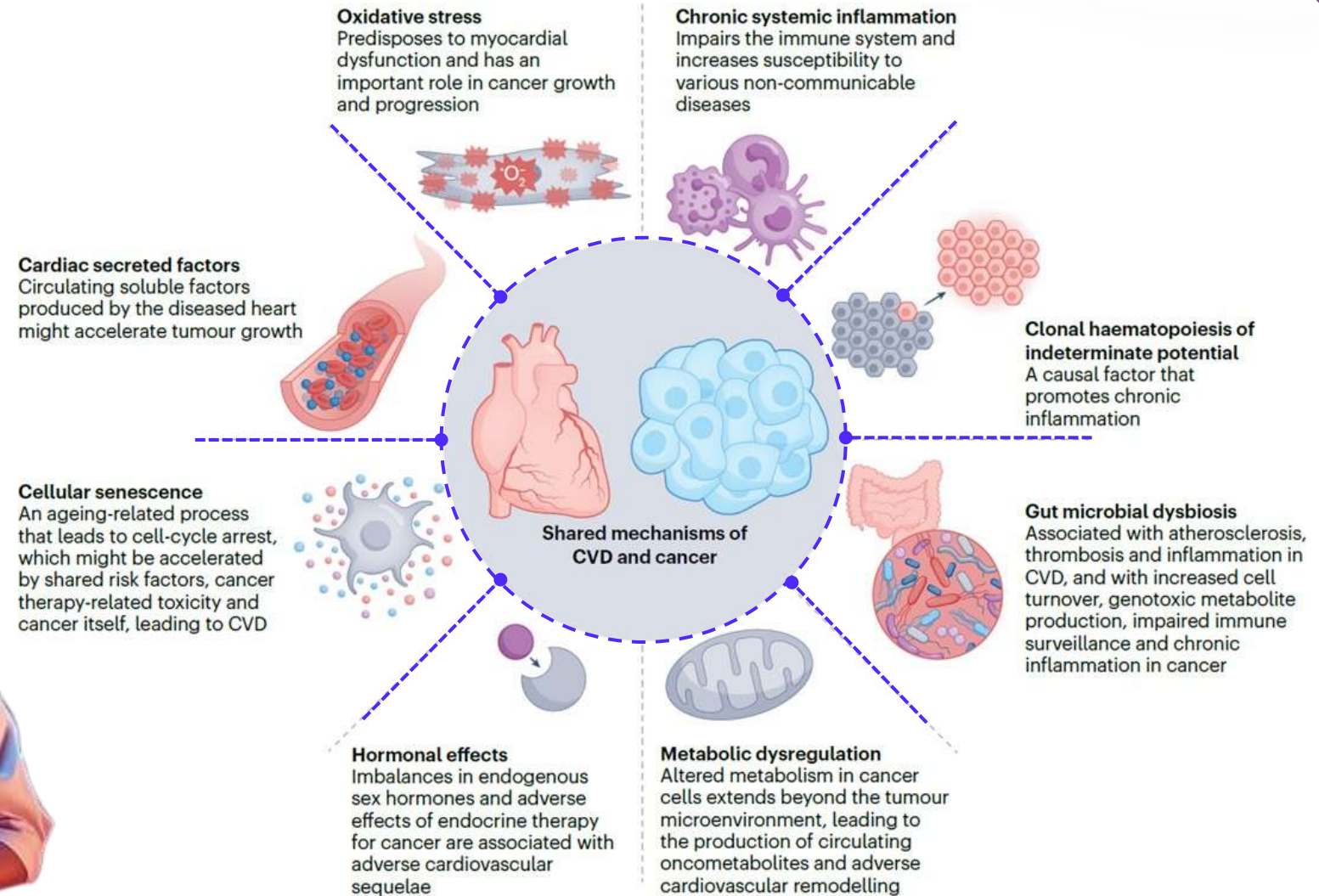
Ischaemia

Impaired/decreased energetic  
efficiency

Increased sensitivity to toxins

# Cardio-Oncology Balance

## Shared Pathophysiological Mechanisms


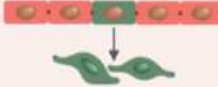
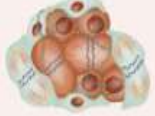
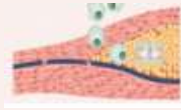



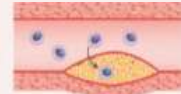




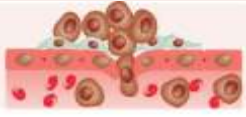





# Chronic pro-inflammatory status: shared pathophysiological pathways

Cancer

CVD

Epithelial-mesenchymal transition		TGF- $\beta$ , $\downarrow$ FGF, VEGF		Epithelial-mesenchymal transition
Cancer and stromal cell proliferation		Oncogenes, proto-oncogenes (c-sis/PDGF), and dysregulated tumor suppressors		Smooth muscle cell and macrophage proliferation
Dysregulated cell death		Bcl-2, NFkB, Mertk, CD47		Dysregulated cell death, defective efferocytosis
Leukocyte infiltration: innate and adaptive		Cytokines $\rightarrow$ adhesion molecules, chemokines		Leukocyte infiltration: innate and adaptive
Tumor angiogenesis, defective endothelial barrier function		Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)		Plaque angiogenesis, defective endothelial barrier function
Extracellular matrix remodeling (tumor expansion)		Interstitial collagenases (MMP-1, -8, -13), Elastases (MMP-12, Cathepsins S, L, K)		Extracellular matrix remodeling (compensatory enlargement)
Invasion and metastasis		Type IV collagenases (MMP-2), Interstitial collagenases (MMP-1,-8,-13)		Rupture and erosion

# The link between heart failure and cancer risk factors



Common risk factors (smoking, diet, obesity, poor lifestyle)



## Shared pathophysiological pathways:

- Inflammation;
- Clonal hematopoiesis of indeterminate potential;
- Angiogenesis;
- Extracellular matrix/microbiome



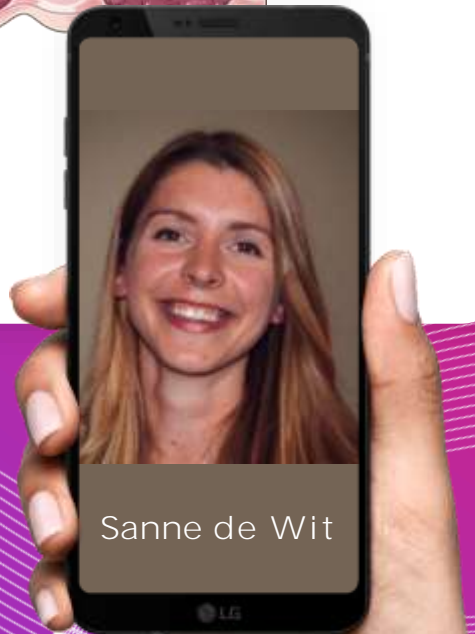
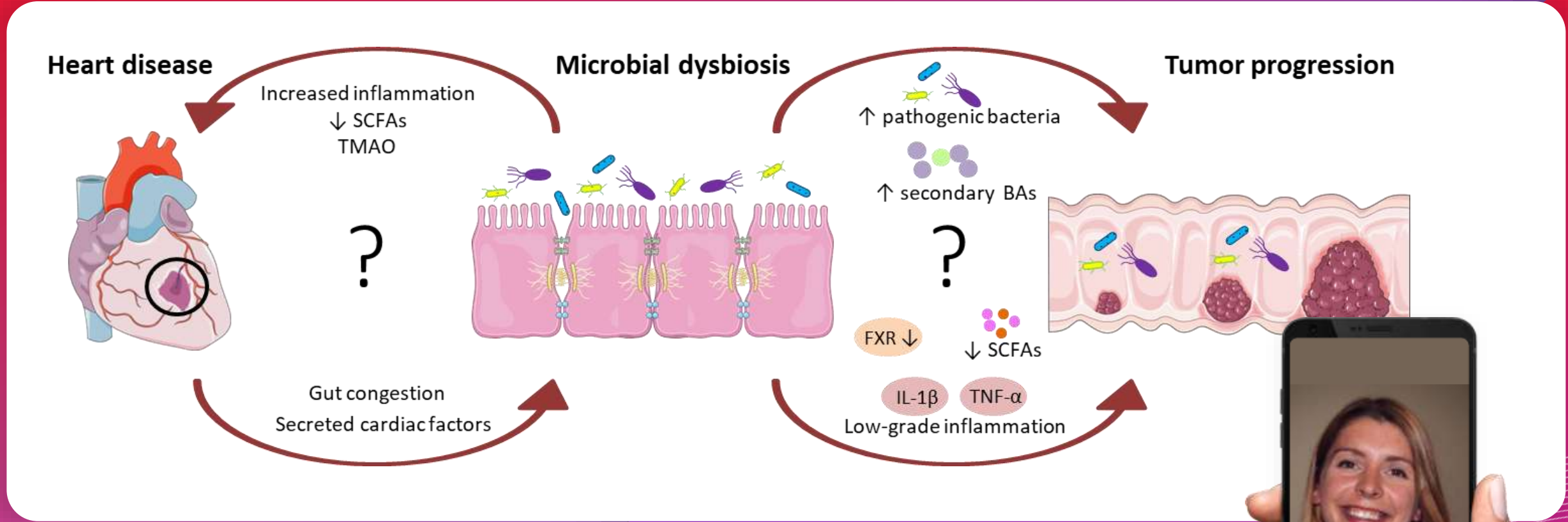
Secreted /circulating factors





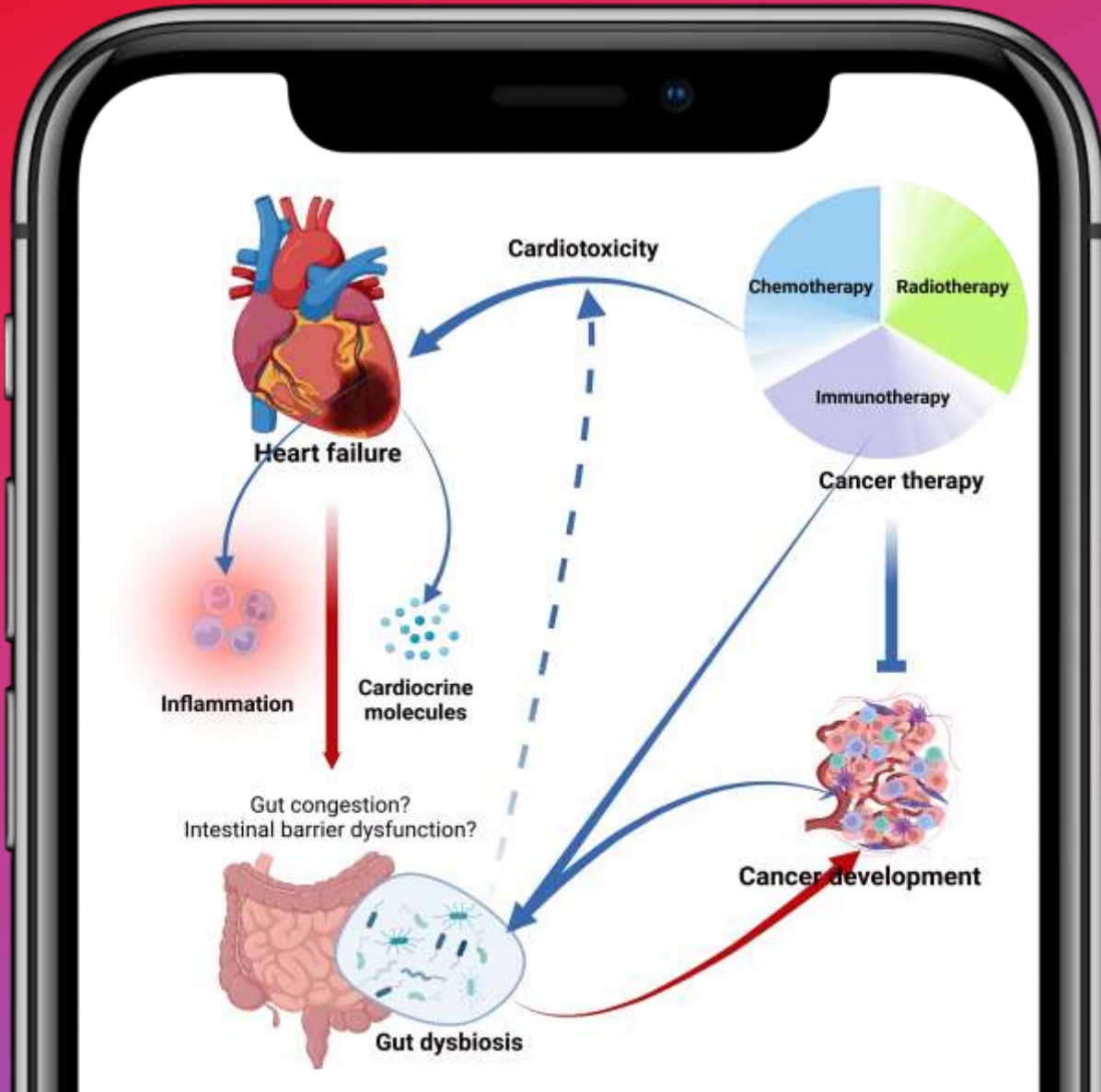


# The relationship between CHF and microbiome

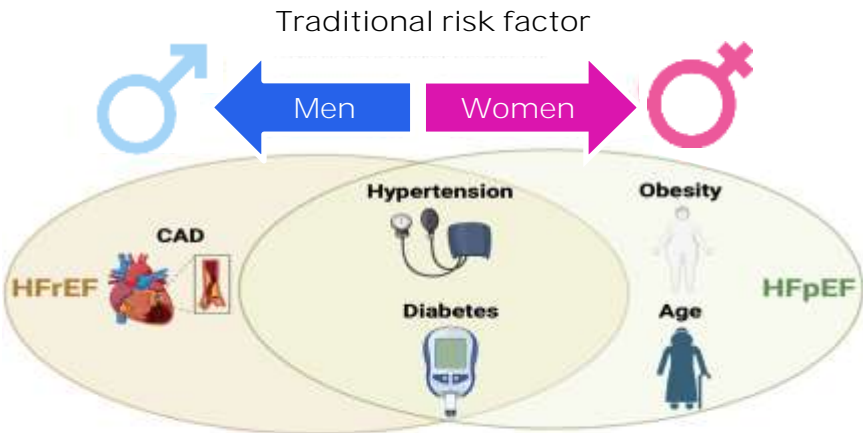




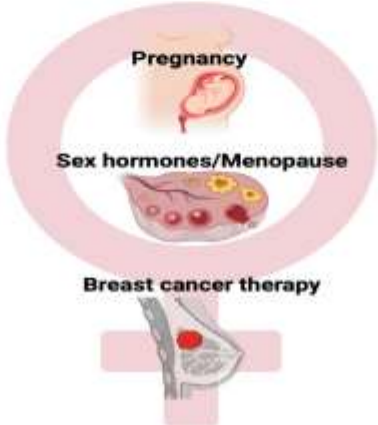
# Interaction between HF, gut dysbiosis, cancer, and cancer therapy



# The main traditional and gender risk factors involved in the pathogenesis of HF with reduced and/or preserved ejection fraction

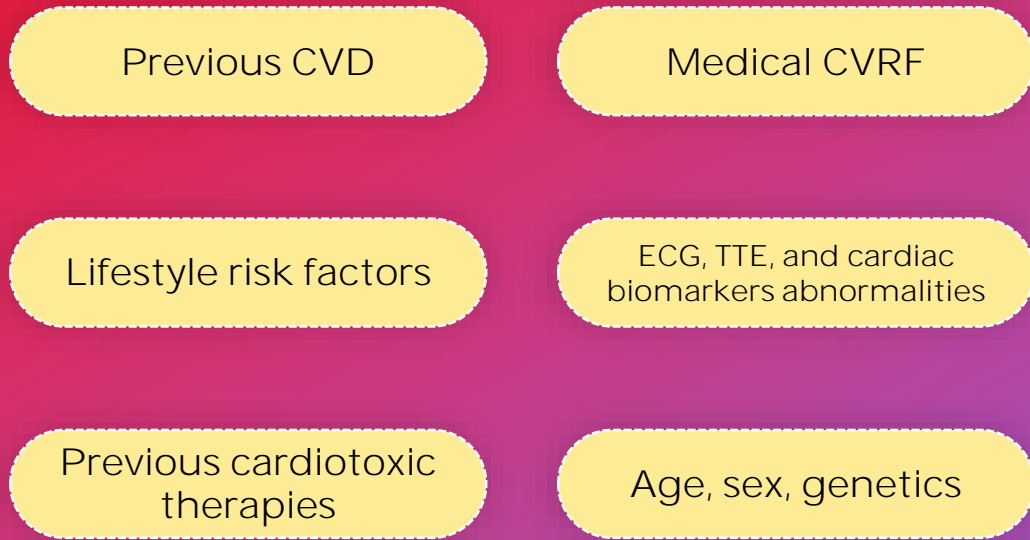


**Sex-specific risk factors**





# Cardiovascular toxicity risk stratification before anticancer therapy



## Clinical assessment

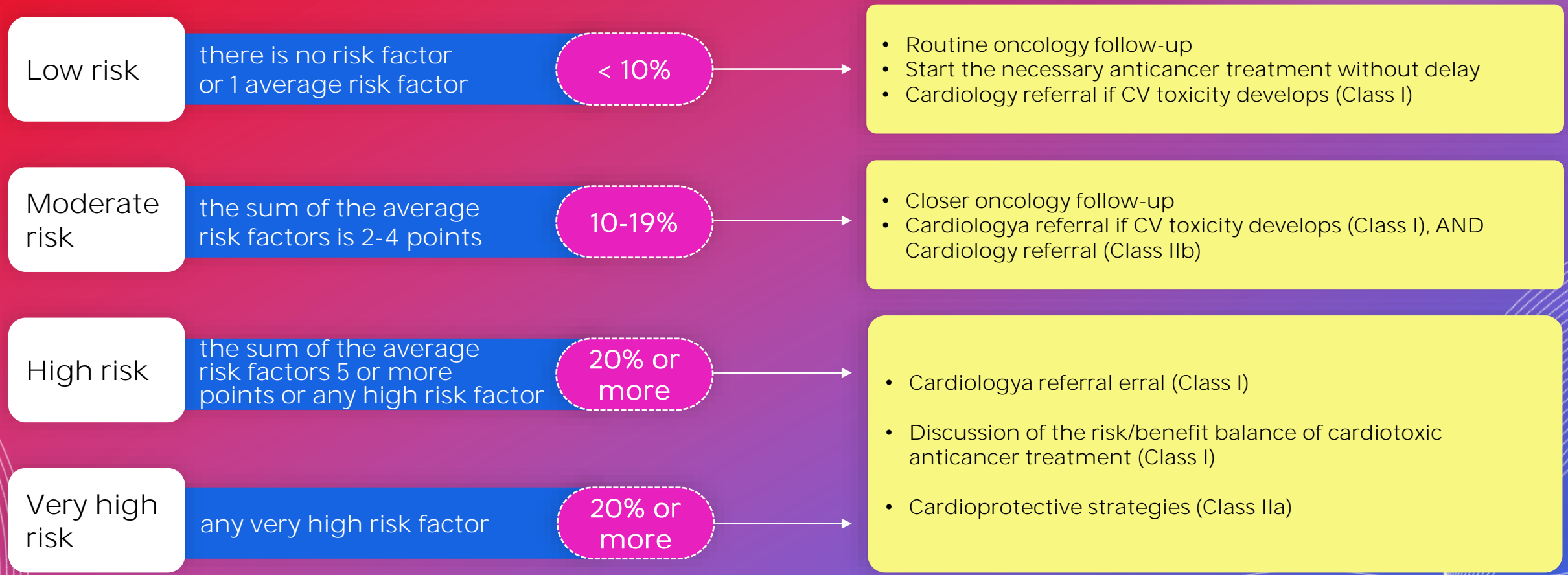
- Cancer treatment history
- CV history
- Cardiovascular risk factors
- Physical examination
- Vital signs measurement

## Complementary tests

- cTn
- BNP or NT-proBNP
- Fasting plasma glucose / HbA1c
- Lipid profile
- Kidney function / eGFR
- ECG
- Transthoracic echocardiography

Recommendations	Class	Level
Baseline measurement of BNP/NTproBNP and/or cTnd is recommended in all patients with cancer at risk of cancer therapy-related cardiac dysfunction if these biomarkers are going to be measured during treatment to detect cancer therapy-related cardiac dysfunction	I	C
An ECG is recommended in all patients starting cancer therapy as part of their baseline CV risk assessment	I	C
In patients with an abnormal baseline ECG,c referral to a cardiologist is recommended	I	C

# 10-year risk of CV events



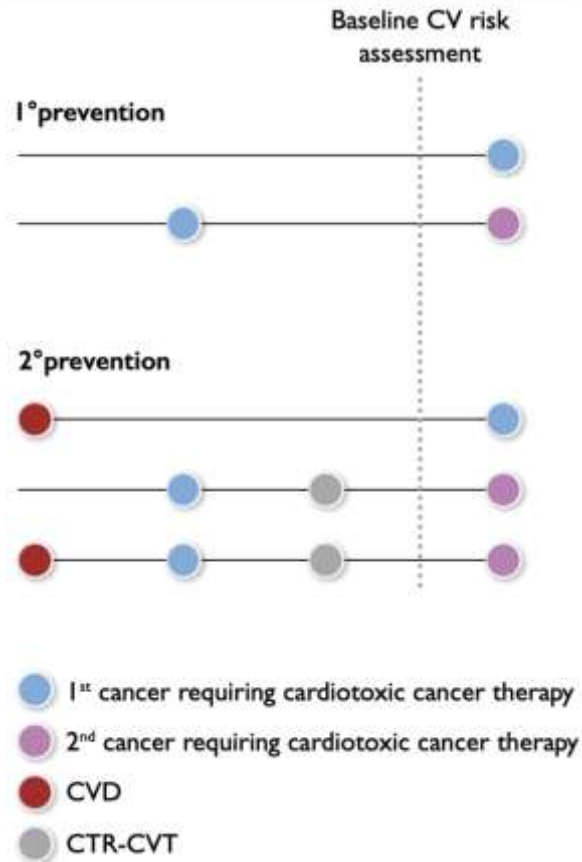
FOR ALL

- Communicate the CV toxicity risk assessment results (Class I)
- Educate patients regarding risks and protective healthy lifestyle (Class I)
- Management of CVRF and CVD according to ESC Guidelines (Class I)



# Patient phenotypes and cancer-therapy related cardiovascular toxicity prevention strategies

## Primary and secondary prevention



## Management of CVD and CVRF according to ESK Guidelines

In patients with high and very high risk of CTRCD

Minimize the use of cardiotoxic drugs

ACE-I/ARB and/or BB

Dexrazoxane/liposomal anthracyclines (patients treated with anthracyclines)

Statins

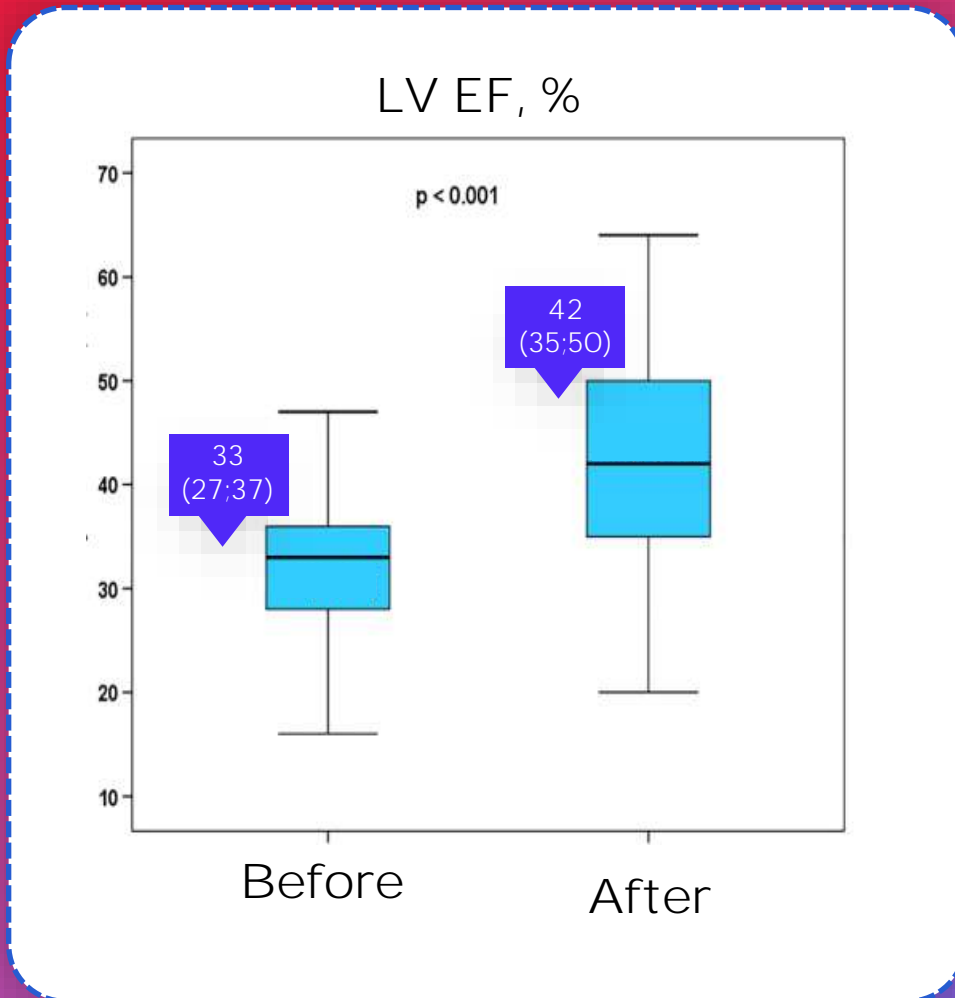
Management of CVRF according to the 2021 ESC Guidelines on CVD prevention in clinical practice is recommended before, during, and after cancer therapy (IC)



Class I

Class IIa

# Sacubitril/valsartan in the treatment of PHT-associated cardiotoxicity and CHF



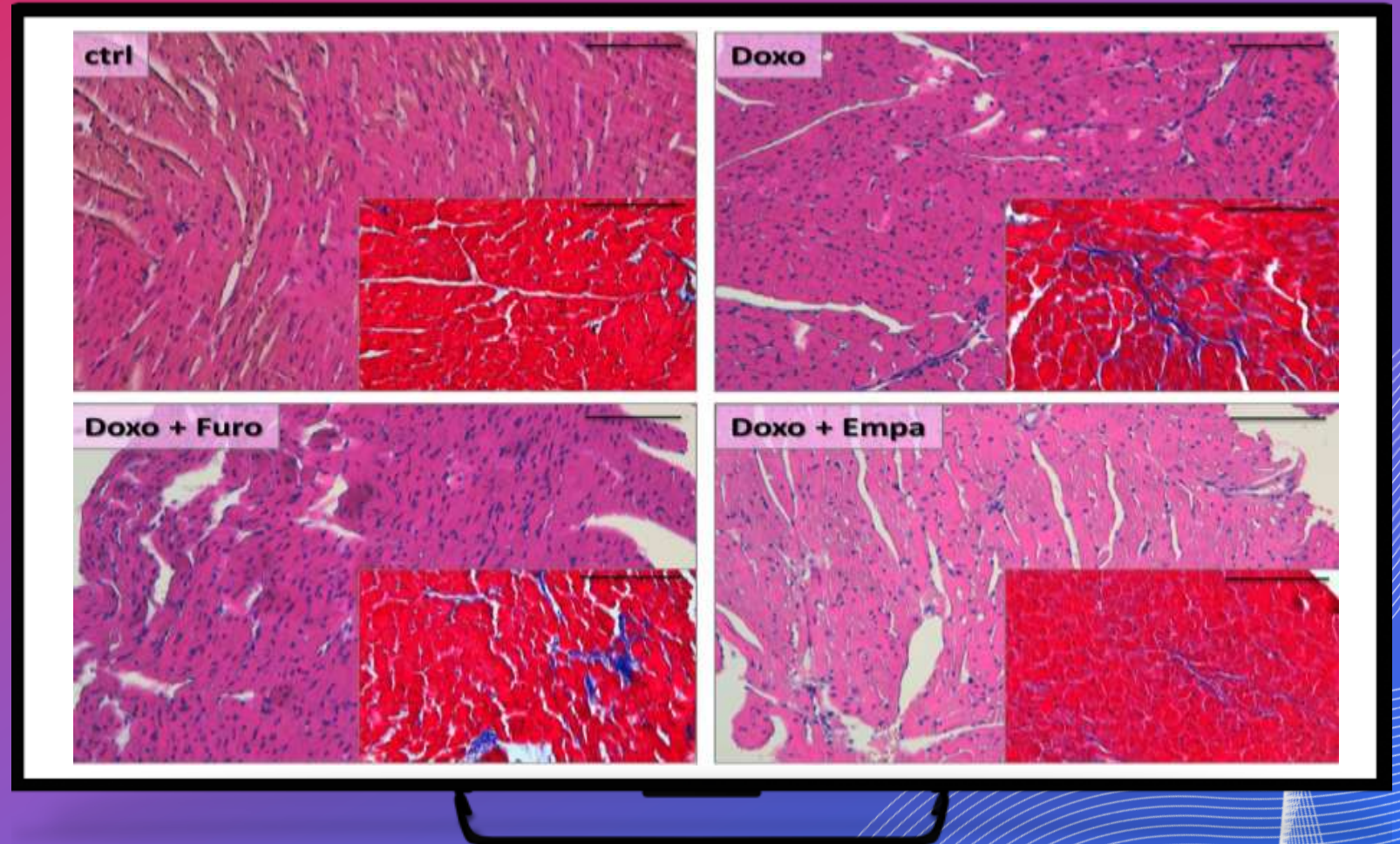
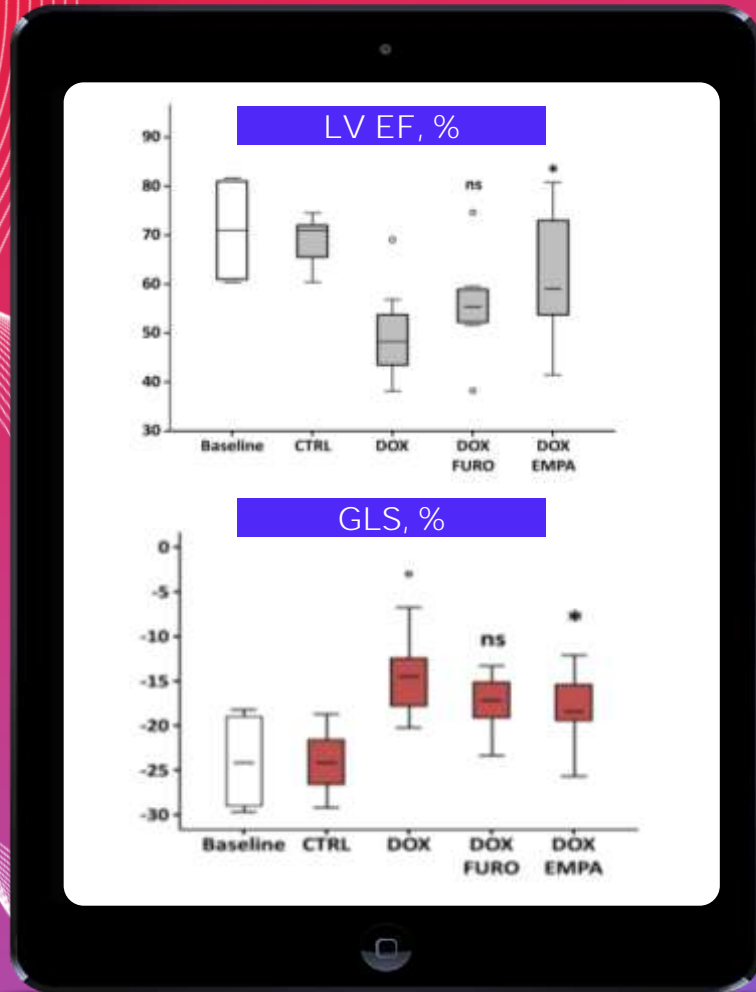
## Criteria:

- 1 n = 67, breast cancer, lymphoma
- 2 PHT (70% with anthracyclines), RT
- 3 Median age 56.2±13.4 years
- 4 Cardiotoxicity with HF
- 5 Median LVEF 33%
- 6 5 months follow-up
- 7 Combination therapy using sacubitril/valsartan

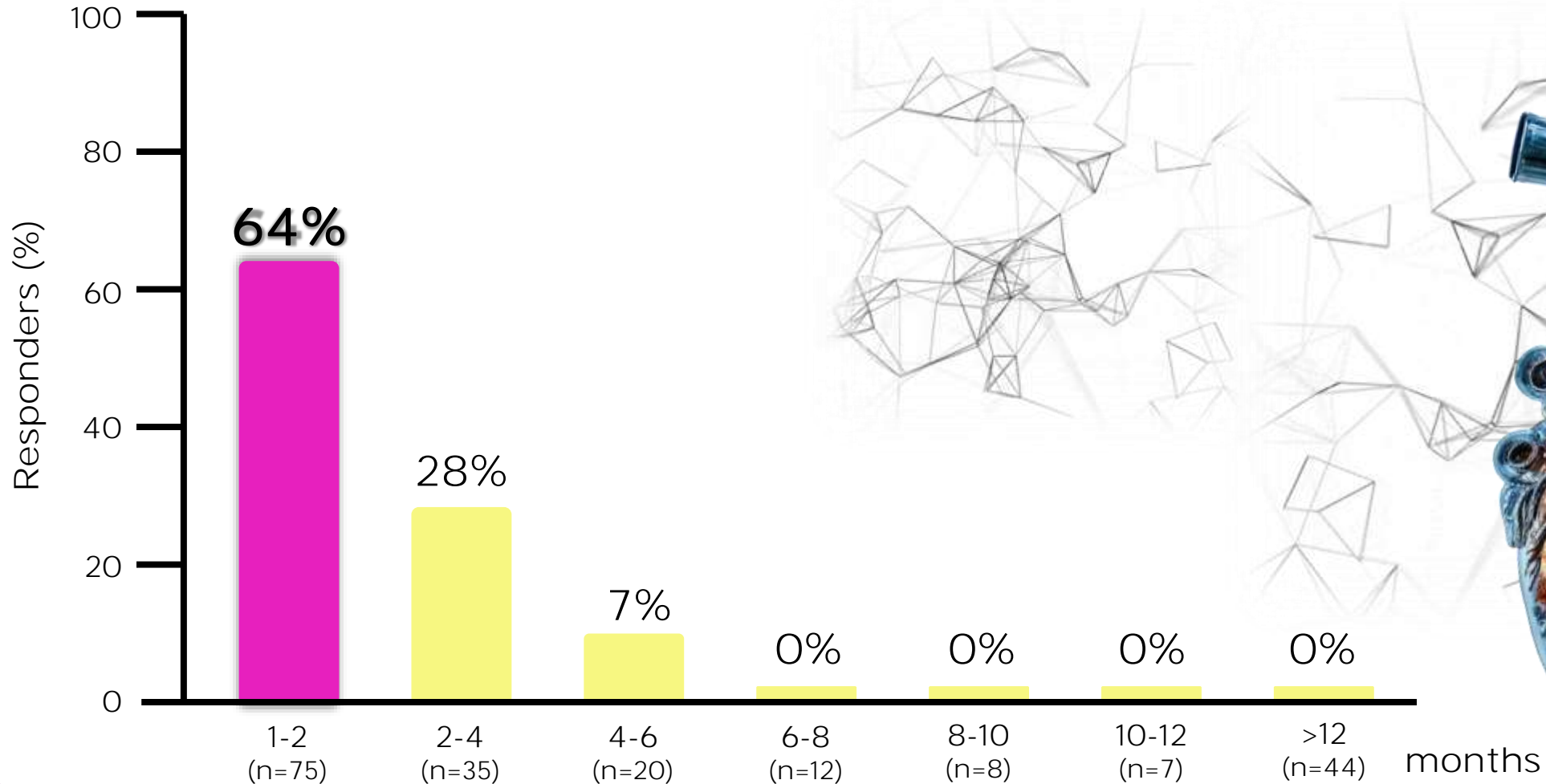




# Empagliflozin for the prevention of DOX-associated cardiotoxicity (experimental model)



# Early detection of cardiotoxicity is the key to a good prognosis





# What is Reverse Cardio-Oncology?

*Cancer driving heart disease*

*Heart disease driving cancer*



	CVD	No CVD	P value‡
Sample size	4089	40 502	
Weighted sample size	127 809 316	1 610 614 001	
Age, y, median (IQR)	64.5 (53.7–74.1)*	41.1 (28.9–53.7)*	<0.0001*
Female sex, n (%)	59 525 877 (46.6)*	831 329 637 (51.6)*	<0.0001*

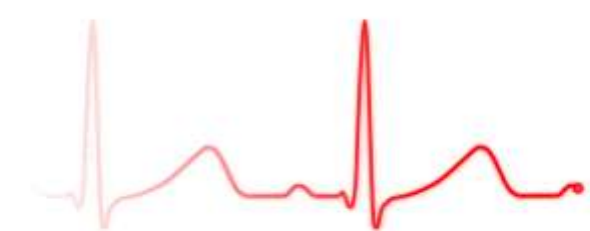
RESEARCH ARTICLE | Originally Published 26 July 2024 |

Check for updates

## Cardiovascular Diseases Increase Cancer Mortality in Adults: NHANES-Continuous Study

Omair M. Makrani, MD, MPH , Tochukwu Okwosa, DO , Daniel Addison, MD , Jorge Cortes, MD , Susan Dent, MD , Malcolm Bevel, PhD, MSPH , Sarju Banatra, MD , Saadeer Al-Kindi, MD , Catherine C Hedrick, PhD , Neal L Weintraub, MD , Xiaoping Wang, MD, PhD , and Aekrup Gaha, MD, MPH [AUTHOR INFO & AFFILIATIONS](#)

Journal of the American Heart Association • Volume 13, Number 15 • <https://doi.org/10.1161/JAHA.124.035500>





# Conclusion (NHANES – Continuous Study 2024)



## The study shows

All cardiovascular individuals are at higher risk of cancer mortality. Individual risk factors, including smoking, aging, and obesity, also significantly contribute to cancer mortality in individuals with CVD. Our findings highlight the potentially important role of obesity in the link between CVD and cancer mortality



## The role of obesity in this relationship requires further exploration in future studies

Future research should examine the impact of CVD severity, such as heart failure stage and the effect of various cardiovascular medication intake on cancer mortality

	CVD (N=127 809 316)	No CVD (N=1 610 614 001)	P value
Median follow-up years (interquartile range)*	9.8 (5.3–16.3)‡	10.2 (5.9–15.6)‡	<0.0001‡
No. of deaths due to cancer, n (%)	4 084 613 (3.2)‡	11 221 492 (0.7)‡	<0.0001‡



# Atrial fibrillation and the risk of developing cancer in the future



ESC

European Society  
of Cardiology

European Heart Journal (2024) 00, 1–13

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurheartj/ehae222>

CLINICAL RESEARCH

Cardio-oncology

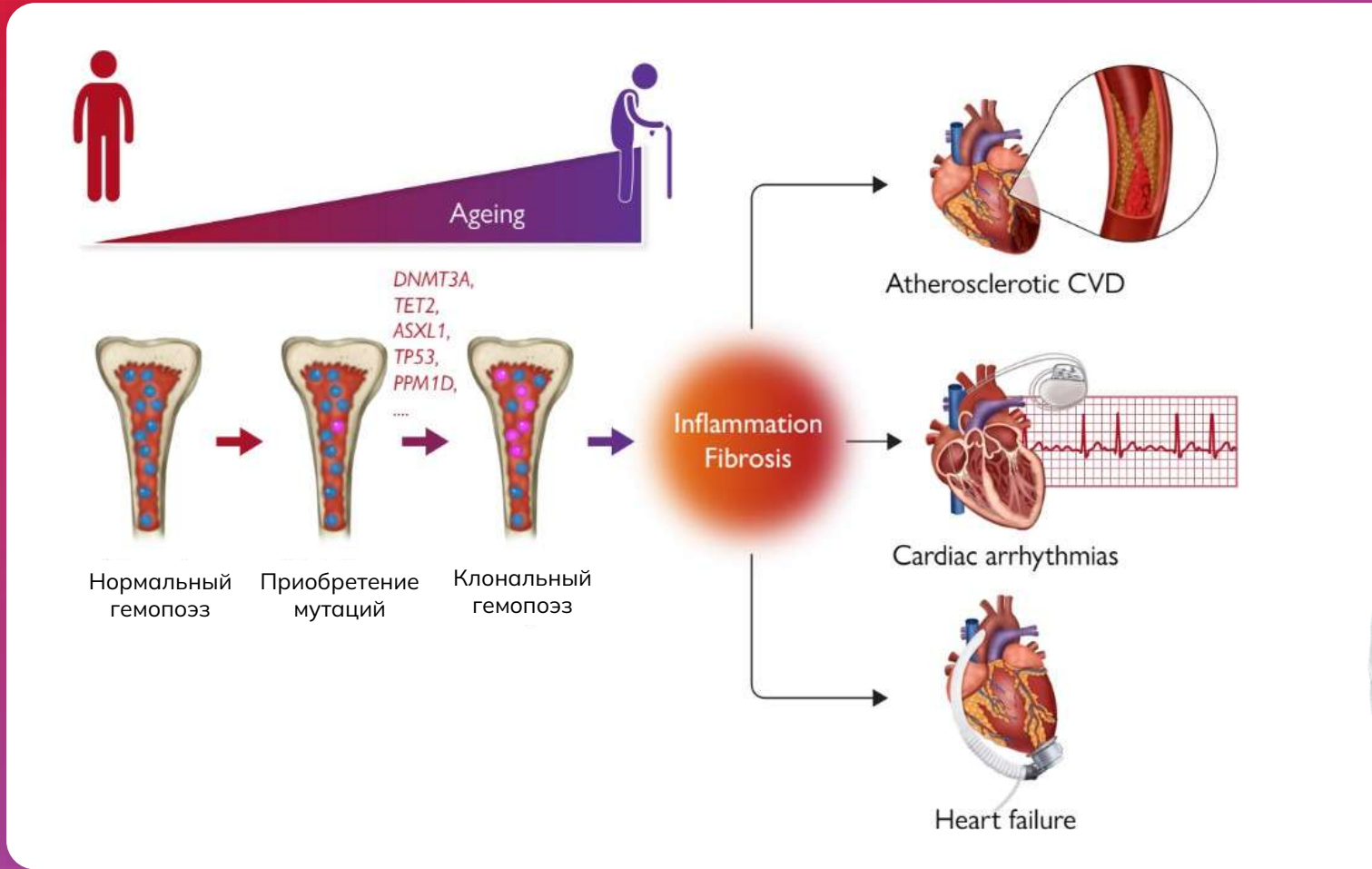
## Coexisting atrial fibrillation and cancer: time trends and associations with mortality in a nationwide Dutch study



Qingui Chen <sup>1\*</sup>, Nienke van Rein <sup>1,2</sup>, Tom van der Hulle <sup>3</sup>, Julius C. Heemelaar <sup>4,5</sup>,  
Serge A. Trines <sup>4</sup>, Henri H. Versteeg <sup>6</sup>, Frederikus A. Klok <sup>6</sup>,  
and Suzanne C. Cannegieter <sup>1,6</sup>



# Clonal hematopoiesis is a new risk factor for the development of cardiac arrhythmias



# Clonal hematopoiesis is a new risk factor for the development of cardiac arrhythmias

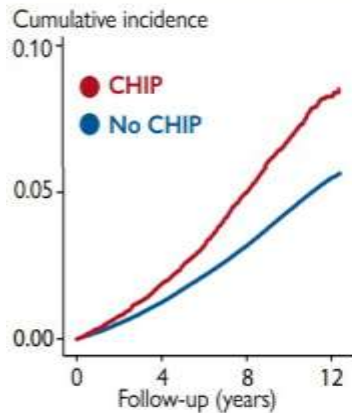
## Main findings

CHIP was significantly associated with arrhythmias independently of other cardiovascular diseases

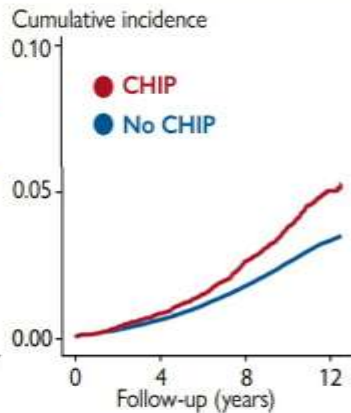
The strongest associations were observed for cardiac arrest

**T1** CHIP associated with T1 times on cardiac magnetic resonance, suggesting a link between CHIP and myocardial fibrosis

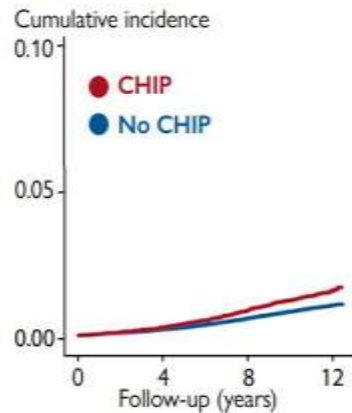
### Supraventricular arrhythmia



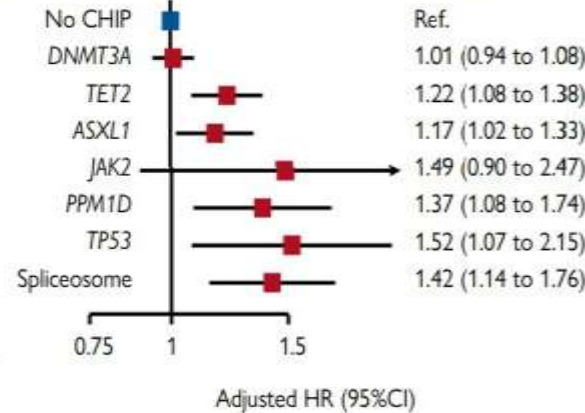
### Bradyarrhythmia



### Ventricular arrhythmia



### Any arrhythmia



Strong effects of mutations affecting the **TP53** and **PPM1D** DNA damage response genes

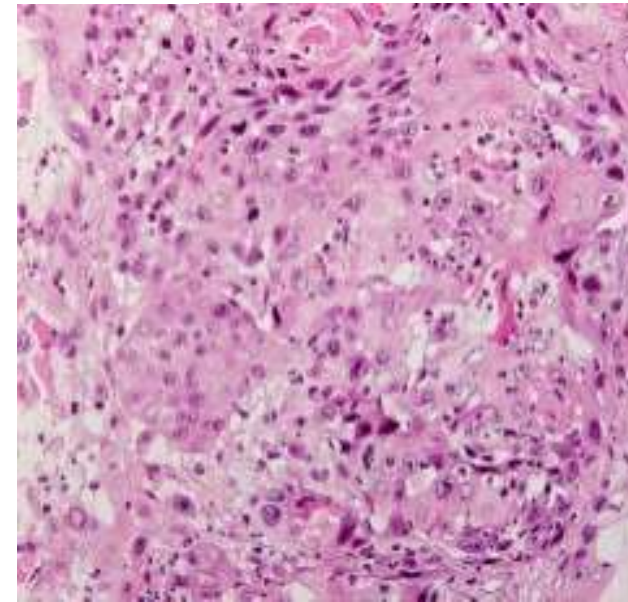
These mutations are especially common among cancer patients and survivors



# Takostubo Syndrome and Cancer

Prevalence of cancer in Takotsubo syndrome patients at presentation

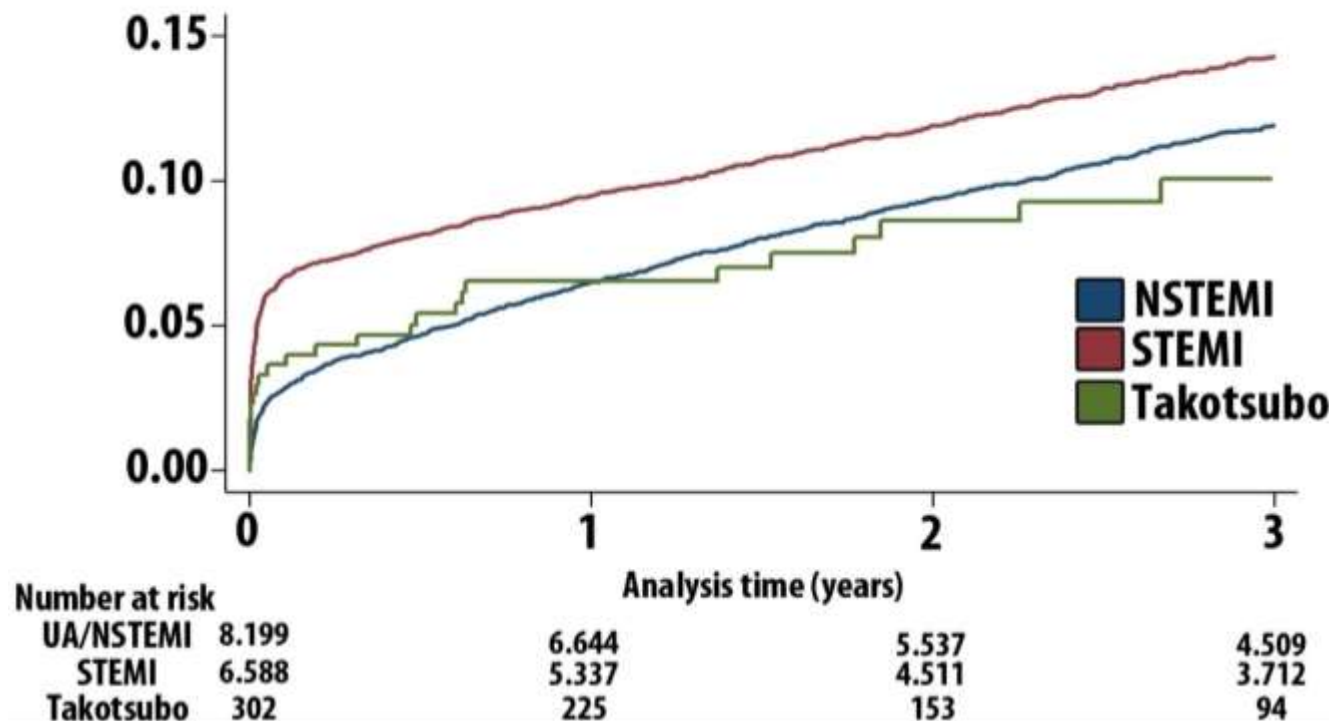
Future cancer incidence in Takotsubo syndrome survivors



# Mortality in Takotsubo syndrome is similar to mortality in myocardial infarction

## Data from the SWEDEHEART registry

### Unadjusted Kaplan-Meier failure estimates





# Long term mortality in patients with Takotsubo syndrome

Overall long term mortality for Takotsubo syndrome :

5,6%  
mortality  
per annum


in InterTAK registry

Overall  
20-25%  
10 year mortality

deaths from all causes

8%  
3 year mortality

deaths from all causes  
in SWEDEHEART registry

Non-CV  
causes   
> CV causes



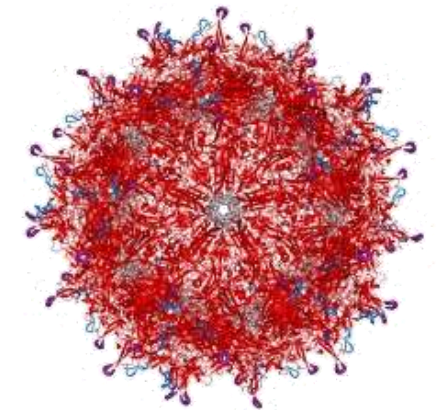
# Increased incidence of de novo malignancies in patients with Takotsubo syndrome during long-term follow-up

~8%

of cancer patients suffer from paraneoplastic syndrome

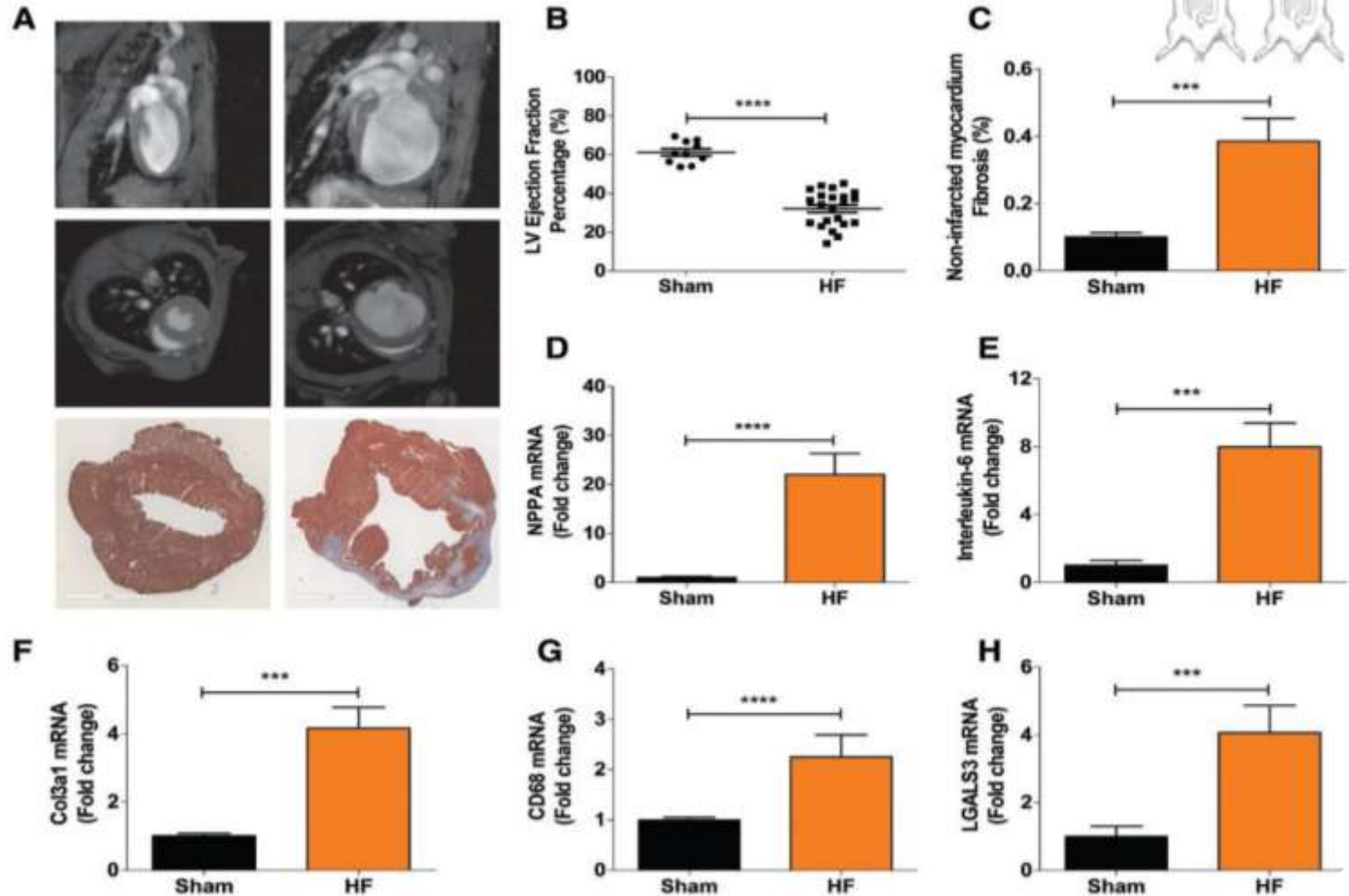
## The diagnosis of a new malignancy appears to be more common in patients with Takotsubo syndrome during follow-up:

- Casuistic nature;
- Small cohorts: 50 patients with Takotsubo syndrome vs. 50 patients with IM, follow-up period 2.9+/-1.6 years;
- 14% (7/50) vs 0% incidence of new cancer in Takotsubo syndrome vs IM1;
- Requires prospective study;
- Is Takotsubo syndrome a paraneoplastic syndrome in some cases?
- Is there cancer screening in patients with Takotsubo syndrome?
- Atypical or unusual cases:
  - Spontaneous Takotsubo syndrome;
  - Male patients with Takotsubo syndrome;
- Long-term follow-up is appropriate





# HF Promotes Tumor Growth



1. What mechanisms explain the Bidirectional Connection Between Cancer and HF?

2. Can we target these?



Shared Risk Factors  
(smoking, obesity, sedentary lifestyle, diet)



HF Secreted/Circulating Factors



Shared Mechanisms:

- Inflammation
- Clonal Hematopoiesis of Indeterminate Potential
- Angiogenesis
- Extracellular Environment/microbiome

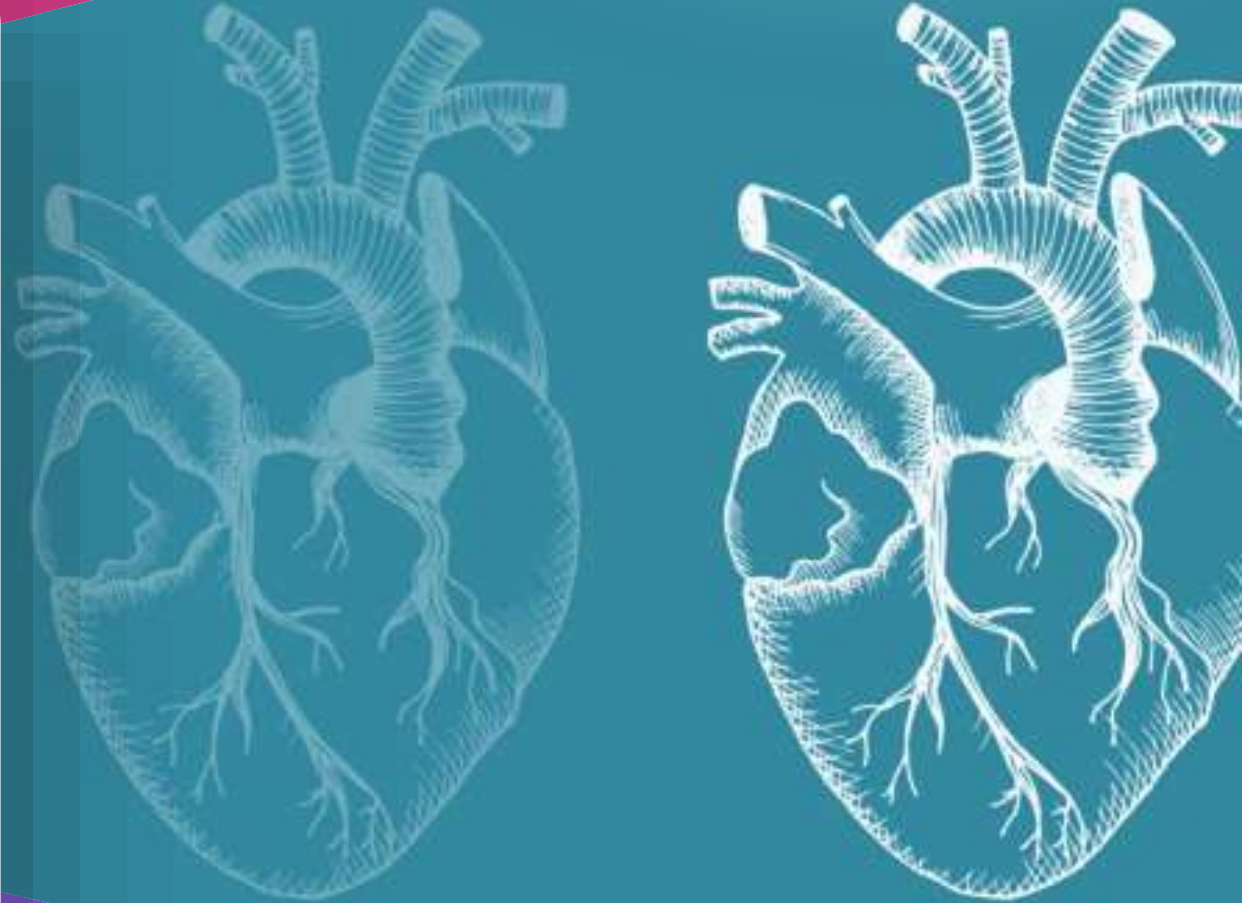




# Summary

There is an increased risk of new cancer in a range of different CV populations MI, AF, ACHD, PH, Takotsubo syndrome

- Range of reasons
  - Shared risk factors
  - Shared pathophysiology
  - Increased medical investigations
  - Increased used of Anticoagulant or Antiplatelets and bleeding
- CV and Cancer survivorship both increasing





# Thank you for attention!

