

# Cardioprotezione farmacologica PRO

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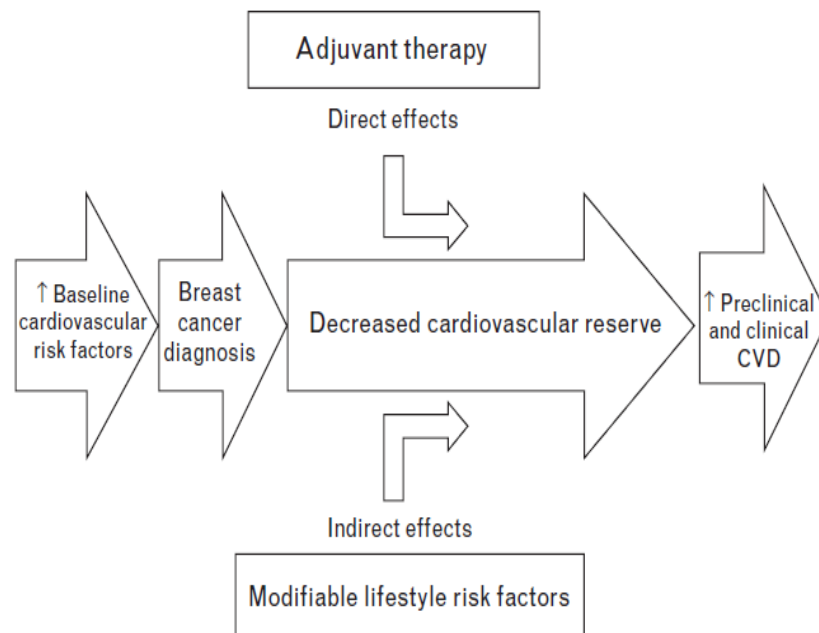
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## Women survive breast cancer but fall victim to heart failure: the shadows and lights of targeted therapy

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Fig. 3



Women diagnosed with breast cancer should be evaluated for cardiovascular risk before undergoing treatment with antineoplastic drugs [3]. Depending on the type of risk factor, patients should be advised as regards lifestyle changes, and, in some cases, their drug regimen may have to be changed. Physical exercise is known to have positive effects on cardiovascular reserve, risk factors and total mortality [6]. β-blockers and ACE inhibitors are recommended for initial hypertension therapy. Statins are recommended to maintain LDL-C less than 100 mg/ml. Sulphonylureas and biguanids are recommended to maintain glycosylated hemoglobin less than 7% [31].



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## Survivorship Guidelines

### *Which cancer patients are at increased risk for developing cardiac dysfunction?*

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that cancer patients who meet any of the following criteria be categorized by healthcare providers as **high risk for developing cardiac dysfunction**.

#### Treatment that includes any of the following:

- **High dose anthracycline** (e.g.  $\geq 250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup> doxorubicin,  $\geq 600$  mg/m<sup>2</sup> epirubicin)
- **High dose radiotherapy** ( $\geq 30$  Gy) where a substantial portion of the heart is in the treatment field
- **Lower dose anthracycline** (e.g.  $< 250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup> doxorubicin,  $< 600$  mg/m<sup>2</sup> epirubicin) in combination with **lower dose radiotherapy** ( $< 30$  Gy) where a substantial portion of the heart is in the treatment field



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Treatment with **lower-dose anthracycline** (eg, doxorubicin  $<250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>, epirubicin  $<600$ mg/m<sup>2</sup>) **or trastuzumab alone**, and presence of any of the following risk factors:

- **Multiple cardiovascular risk factors** ( $\geq$  two risk factors), including smoking, hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia and obesity, during or after completion of therapy
- **Older age** ( $> 60$  years) at cancer treatment
- **Compromised cardiac function** (eg, borderline low LVEF [50% to 55%], **history of myocardial infarction,  $\geq$  moderate valvular heart disease**) at any time before or during treatment

Treatment with **lower-dose anthracycline** (eg, doxorubicin  $<250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>, epirubicin  $<600$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>) **followed by trastuzumab** (sequential therapy)



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## Survivorship Guidelines

*Which preventive strategies are effective in minimizing risk during the administration of potentially cardiotoxic cancer therapy?*

### Recommendation

Clinicians may incorporate a number of strategies, including use of the **cardioprotectant dexrazoxane, continuous infusion, or liposomal formulation of doxorubicin**, for prevention of cardiotoxicity in patients planning to receive high-dose anthracyclines (eg, doxorubicin  $\geq 250$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>, epirubicin  $\geq 600$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>).

(Evidence based; benefits outweigh harms; Evidence quality: intermediate; Strength of recommendation: moderate)



**Cardioprotective interventions for cancer patients receiving anthracyclines (Review)**

van Dalen EC, Caron HN, Dickinson HO, Kremer LCM



*Identified RCTs for the eight **cardioprotective agents** N-acetylcysteine, phenethylamines, coenzymeQ10, a combination of vitamins E and C and N-acetylcysteine, L-carnitine, carvedilol, amifostine **and dexrazoxane** (mostly for adults with advanced breast cancer).*

All studies had methodological limitations and ***for the first seven agents there were too few studies to allow pooling of results.***  
***None of the individual studies showed a cardioprotective effect.***



Figure 1. Forest plot of comparison: 1 Dexrazoxane versus no dexrazoxane / placebo, outcome: 1.1 Clinical heart failure.

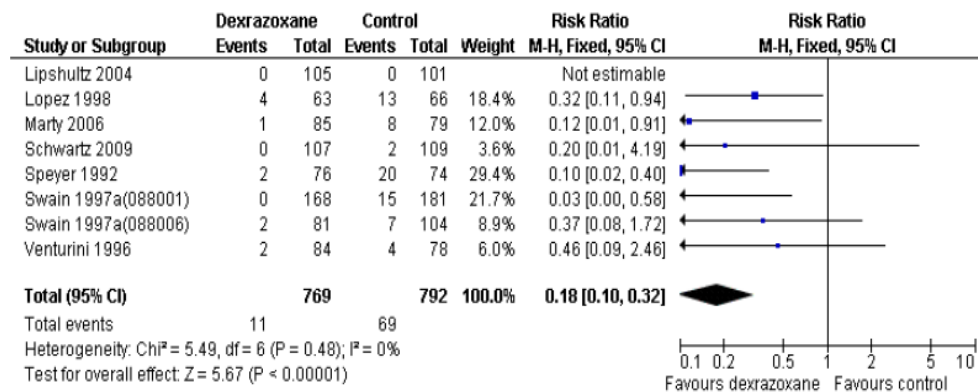
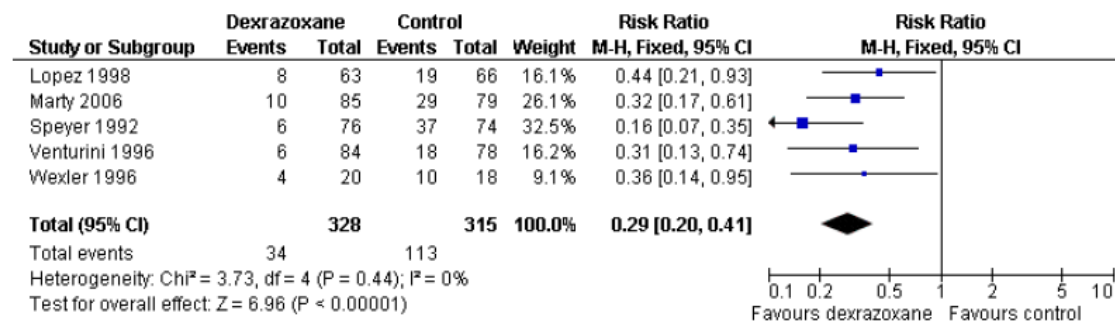


Figure 2. Forest plot of comparison: 1 Dexrazoxane versus no dexrazoxane / placebo, outcome: 1.2 Heart failure (i.e. clinical and subclinical heart failure combined).



The 8 included studies on dexrazoxane enrolled **1561 patients**. The meta- analysis for dexrazoxane showed a **statistically significant benefit in favour of dexrazoxane for occurrence of clinical and subclinical HF (↓ > 70%)**.

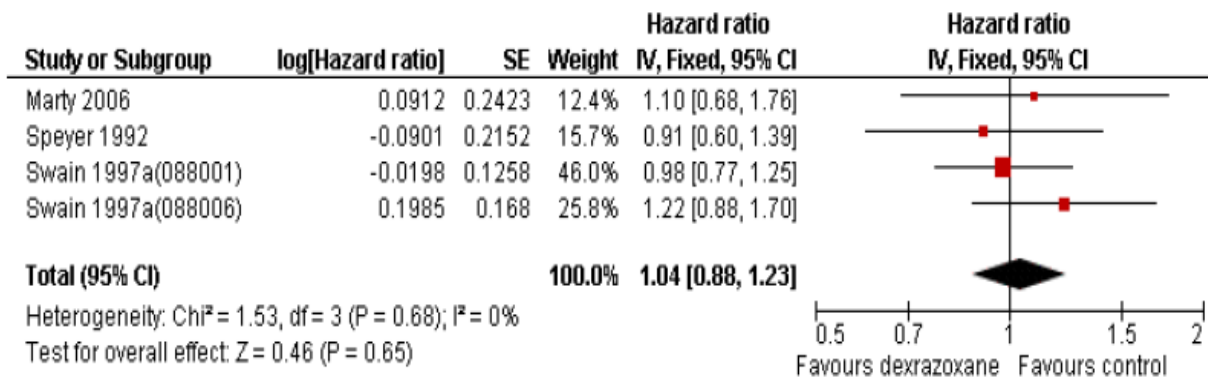




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# Dexrazoxane

Figure 5. Forest plot of comparison: I Dexrazoxane versus no dexrazoxane / placebo, outcome: I.5 Overall survival.



***No evidence was found for a difference in response rate or survival between the dexrazoxane and control groups. The results for adverse effects were ambiguous. No significant difference in the occurrence of secondary malignancies was identified.***





## Dexrazoxane for cardioprotection in older adults with acute myeloid leukemia

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### A B S T R A C T

Anthracyclines constitute the backbone of intensive adult acute myeloid leukemia (AML) therapy. Cardiotoxicity is one of its most serious adverse effects, and its incidence increases with cumulative dose. Dexrazoxane is a cardioprotective agent used in conjunction with anthracycline therapy. There is limited data of its usage in adult AML patients. We report the outcomes of six older adults at high risk of anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity who received dexrazoxane during induction/re-induction therapy. Five had preserved left-ventricular function while two proceeded onto stem-cell transplantation. Additional investigation of dexrazoxane in adult leukemia therapy is warranted, particularly in older patients at highest risk for cardiovascular mortality.



# 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

*Barbara L. Asselin, Meenakshi Devidas, Lu Chen, Vivian I. Franco, Jeanette Pullen, Michael J. Borowitz, Robert E. Hutchison, Yaddanapudi Ravindranath, Saro H. Armenian, Bruce M. Camitta, and Steven E. Lipshultz*

## Conclusion

Dexrazoxane was cardioprotective and did not compromise antitumor efficacy, did not increase the frequencies of toxicities, and was not associated with a significant increase in second malignancies with this doxorubicin-containing chemotherapy regimen. We recommend dexrazoxane as a cardioprotectant for children and adolescents who have malignancies treated with anthracyclines.



# The use of dexrazoxane is recommended in ASCO guidelines

- ASCO guidelines:
  - The use of **dexrazoxane** should be considered in patients with metastatic breast cancer and other malignancies, for patients who have received more than 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> doxorubicin who may benefit from continued doxorubicin containing therapy

## EMA recommended alterations to the marketing authorisation for dexrazoxane

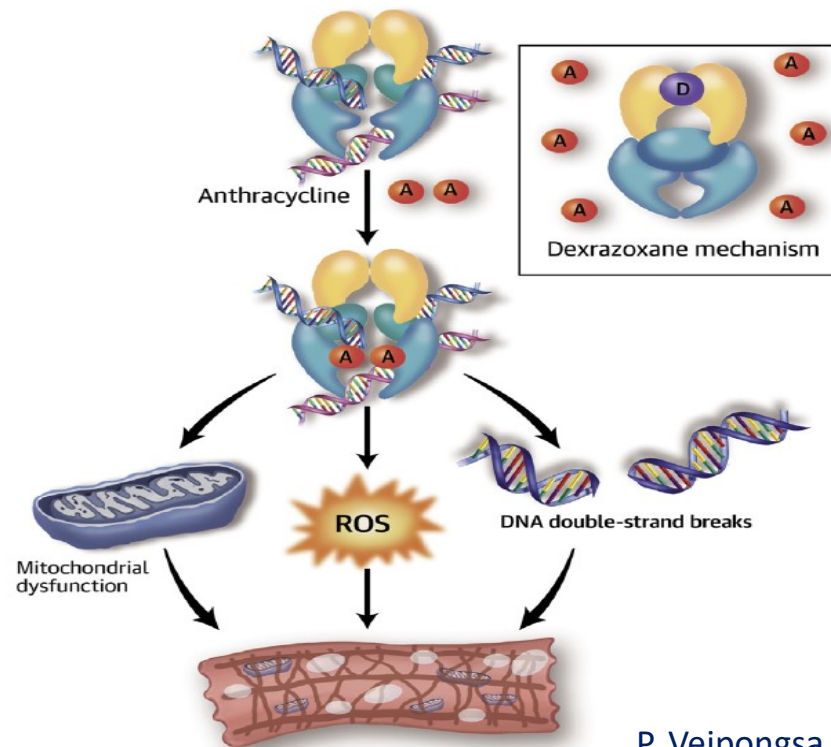
**Main breast cancer indication remains unchanged**

- Indication was not widened to include «cancer patients»
- **Dexrazoxane is indicated for adult patients with advanced or metastatic breast cancer who have already received a minimum cumulative dose of 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> of doxorubicin or 540 mg/m<sup>2</sup> of epirubicin**



# Dexrazoxane - Question to resolve

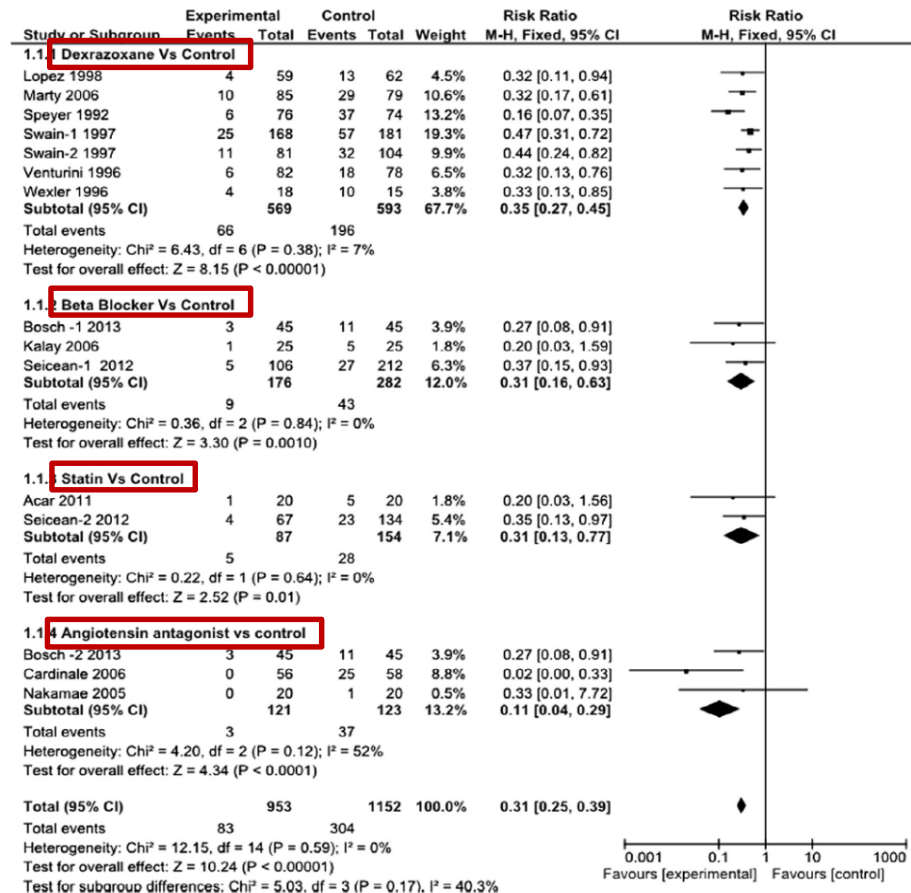
- There are clear indications to revisiting the use of Dexrazoxane. No doubt that there are sufficient and convincing data to expand the use of dexrazoxane in the adjuvant setting and to other patients (women with breast cancer with bad prognosis, young patients with lymphoma and leukaemia...etc...)





# Role of cardioprotective therapy for prevention of cardiotoxicity with chemotherapy: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Kashif Kalam, Thomas H. Marwick\*



**Interpretation:** Prophylactic treatment with dexrazoxane, beta-blocker, statin or angiotensin antagonists appear to have similar efficacy for reducing cardiotoxicity.





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### Study limitations

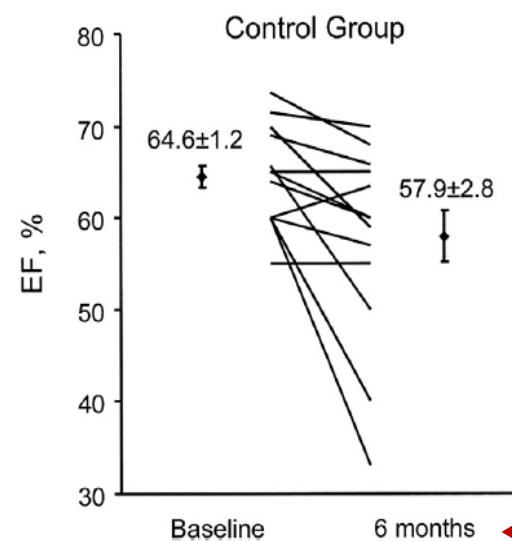
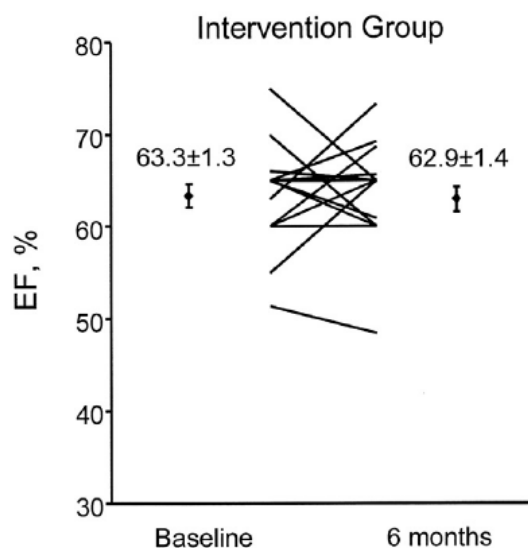
- Significant heterogeneity of study design (RCT's and observational trials) and outcomes.
- Some trials had a very small number of patients with short follow up periods.
- It is difficult to know whether use of concomitant treatments with other cardioprotective agents is fully adjusted for the primary drug in investigation.
- The studies involved a variety of oncological conditions with different chemotherapeutic agents and combinations, different dose schedules and age groups.



## Enalapril and Carvedilol for Preventing Chemotherapy-Induced Left Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction in Patients With Malignant Hemopathies

The OVERCOME Trial (prevention of left Ventricular dysfunction with Enalapril and carvedilol in patients submitted to intensive Chemotherapy for the treatment of Malignant hemopathies)

N= 79



### Conclusions

Combined treatment with enalapril and carvedilol may prevent LVSD in patients with malignant hemopathies treated with intensive chemotherapy. The clinical relevance of this strategy should be confirmed in larger studies.



# Beta-blockers and ACE inhibitors: truly cardioprotective?

## We don't really know...

## Only hemodynamic changes?

**TABLE 3** Summary of  $\beta$ -Blocker and/or ACE Inhibitor Studies for Primary Prevention of Anthracycline-Induced Cardiotoxicity

First Author (Ref. #)	Medication	Patients*	Follow-Up, Months	Results
Kalay et al. (54)	Carvedilol 12.5 mg daily vs. placebo	50 (25/25)	6	Placebo: LVEF 68.9% $\rightarrow$ 52.3%† Carvedilol: LVEF 70.5% $\rightarrow$ 69.7%
Georgakopoulos et al. (55)	Metoprolol‡ vs. enalapril‡ vs. placebo§	125 (42/43/40)	31	Cardiotoxicity incidence not statistically different among 3 groups No difference in echocardiographic parameters among 3 groups at 12 months
Kaya et al. (53)	Nebivolol 5 mg daily vs. placebo	45 (27/18)	6	Placebo: LVEF 66.6% $\rightarrow$ 57.5%† Nebivolol: LVEF 65.6% $\rightarrow$ 63.8%
Bosch et al. (52)	Enalapril‡ + carvedilol‡ vs. no treatment	90 (45/45)	6	Control: LVEF 64.6% $\rightarrow$ 57.9%† Enalapril + carvedilol: LVEF 63.3% $\rightarrow$ 62.9% TnI levels not significantly different between 2 groups (p = 0.59)

\*Numbers in parentheses represent the numbers of patients in intervention and control/placebo groups, respectively. †Statistically significant between baseline and 6 months (p < 0.05). ‡Medications titrated as tolerated. §Medications started on the first day of chemotherapy and continued throughout the study. ||Medications started within 1 week before the first chemotherapy cycle and continued for 6 months.

ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; TnI = troponin I.



# Carvedilol for Prevention of Chemotherapy-Related Cardiotoxicity

## The CECCY Trial

**METHODS** The authors randomized 200 patients with HER2-negative breast cancer tumor status and normal left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) referred for ANT (240 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) to receive carvedilol or placebo until chemotherapy completion. The primary endpoint was prevention of a  $\geq 10\%$  reduction in LVEF at 6 months. Secondary outcomes were effects of carvedilol on troponin I, B-type natriuretic peptide, and diastolic dysfunction.

**CONCLUSIONS** In this largest clinical trial of  $\beta$ -blockers for prevention of cardiotoxicity under contemporary ANT dosage, the authors noted a 13.5% to 14.5% incidence of cardiotoxicity. In this scenario, carvedilol had no impact on the incidence of early onset of LVEF reduction. However, the use of carvedilol resulted in a significant reduction in troponin levels and diastolic dysfunction.



## EDITORIAL COMMENT

# Beta-Blockers for Primary Prevention of Anthracycline Cardiotoxicity

## Not Quite Ready for Prime Time\*

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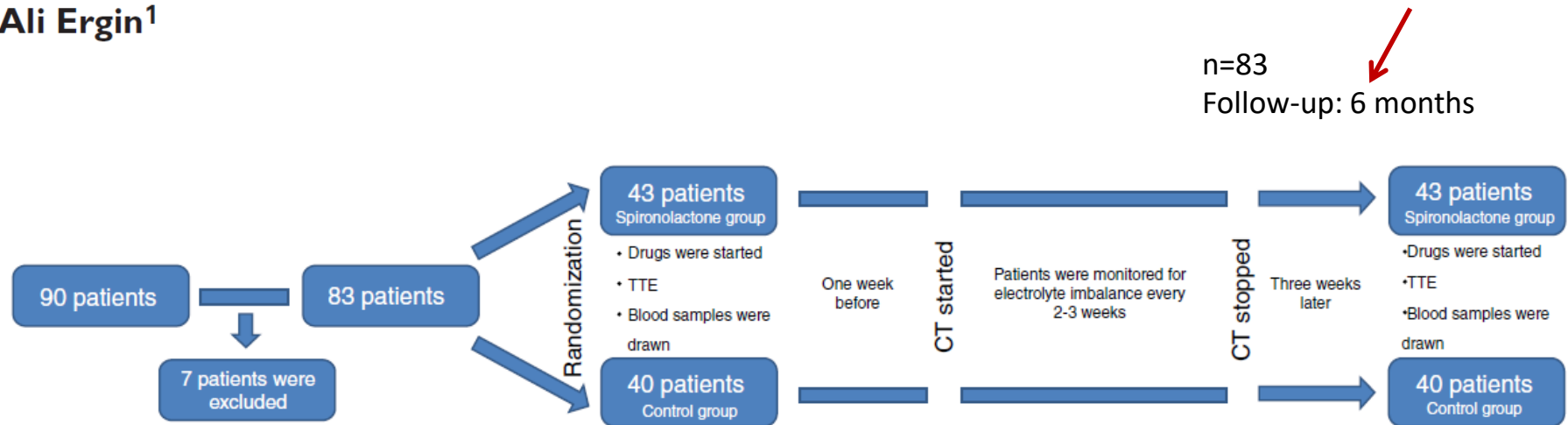
Given the negative primary endpoint, should findings from this study change clinical practice? In the absence of long-term outcomes data, the low incidence of abnormal left ventricular systolic function after contemporary chemotherapy argues against a primary prevention strategy for all-comers treated with anthracyclines. Although the observed improvements in secondary endpoints associated with the use of carvedilol are promising, they warrant cautious interpretation. It remains unclear whether troponin-based management improves cardiovascular outcomes in this patient population, and larger studies with longer follow-up will be necessary to assess the degree to which amelioration of secondary endpoints affects hard outcomes, such as clinical congestive heart failure and mortality.

The study by Avila et al. (4) highlights the need for additional randomized, controlled trials of prophylactic beta-blockade in larger cohorts as well as in patient populations with more marked left ventricular dysfunction and congestive heart failure, such as those with aggressive hematologic malignancies or refractory cancer requiring high-dose chemotherapy.



# Protective effects of spironolactone against anthracycline-induced cardiomyopathy

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## Echocardiographic properties of study population

	Spironolactone group (n = 43)			P-value	Control group (n = 40)			P-value	P-value*
	Before	After			Before	After			
LVEF (%)	67.0 ± 6.1	65.7 ± 7.4		0.094	67.7 ± 6.3	53.6 ± 6.8		<0.001	<0.001
LVESD (cm)	2.9 ± 0.3	3.1 ± 0.3		0.007	2.9 ± 0.4	3.6 ± 0.5		<0.001	<0.001
LVEDD (cm)	4.6 ± 0.4	4.9 ± 0.4		0.001	4.6 ± 0.5	5.2 ± 0.4		<0.001	0.002

\* P-value for interaction between groups in the general linear model.



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Research  
CorrespondenceEfficiency of Atorvastatin in the Protection  
of Anthracycline-Induced Cardiomyopathy

Zeydin Acar, MD

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

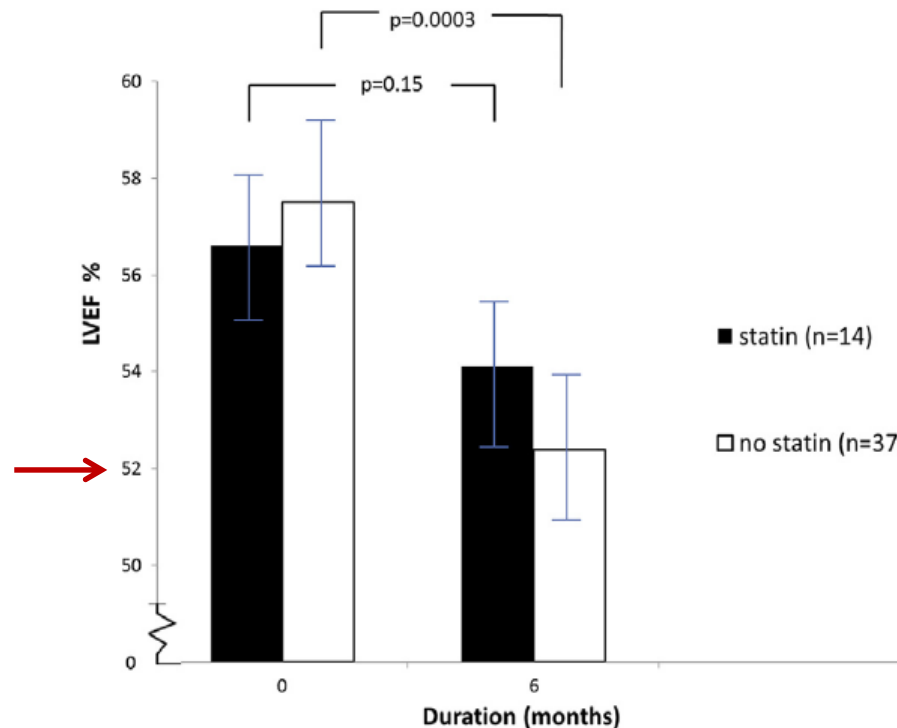
LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; LVEDD = left ventricular end-diastolic diameter; LVESD = left ventricular end-systolic diameter.

- Prospective randomized study
- Follow-up: 6 months  
n= 40
- n 20= atorvastatin
- n 20= Controls
- End-points=LVEF<50%



## Clinical Research

# Chronic Statin Administration May Attenuate Early Anthracycline-Associated Declines in Left Ventricular Ejection Function



n=51 patients  
Analysis by CMRI  
Follow-up: 6 months

**Conclusions:** These data highlight the finding that individuals receiving statin therapy for prevention of cardiovascular disease may experience less deterioration in LVEF with early receipt of Anth-bC than individuals not receiving statins. Further studies with large numbers of participants are warranted to determine if statins protect against LVEF decline in patients receiving Anth-bC.



# Primary prevention – Anthracycline cardiotoxicity

**TABLE 4 Primary and Secondary Prevention Strategies**

Clinical Setting	Primary Prevention	Level of Evidence*	Class of Recommendation*
High-risk profile from genetic testing	Dexrazoxane Liposomal doxorubicin Continuous infusion	C	IIb
Breast cancer (metastatic >300 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )†	Dexrazoxane	A	I
Sarcoma‡	Dexrazoxane Continuous infusion	A	IIa
High-risk pediatric ALL§	Dexrazoxane	A	IIa
All patients receiving anthracycline	β-blockers, ACEI, ARB	C	IIb
<b>Secondary Prevention</b>			
Abnormal strain/LV function ± elevated cardiac biomarkers	β-blockers, ACEI, ARB	B	IIa

\*According to American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association guideline criteria (65).

†Metastatic breast cancer patients requiring doxorubicin >300 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. ‡To receive doxorubicin >450 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

§Patients age <12 months or 10 to 18 years; white blood cell count ≥50,000 cells/μL; or have T-cell phenotype, presence of anterior mediastinal mass, or any lymphoblasts in a cerebrospinal fluid sample.


ALL = acute lymphoblastic leukemia; LV = left ventricular; other abbreviations as in Table 2.




# Trastuzumab - induced cardiotoxicity

## MRI imaging - Results

### PRADA

LVEF % (primary endpoint) 		Δ from baseline
No candesartan	63.2(±1.2)→60.6(±1.2)	<b>-2.6 (±1.2)*</b>
Candesartan	62.1(±1.1)→61.4(±1.2)	<b>-0.7 (±1.2)</b>
No metoprolol	62.8(±1.2)→61.0(±1.2)	-1.8 (±1.1)
Metoprolol	62.5(±1.2)→61.0(±1.2)	-1.5 (±1.2)

### MANTICORE

LVEDVi (primary endpoint) ml/m <sup>2</sup>		Δ from baseline
Placebo	76(±13)→79(±12)	+4(±11)
Perindopril	67(±14)→74(±16)	+7(±14)
Bisoprolol	69(±10)→76(±14)	+8(±9)
LVEF % (secondary endpoint) 		
Placebo	61(±5)→56(±6)	-5(±5)
Perindopril	62(±5)→59(±6)	-3(±4)
Bisoprolol	62(±4)→61(±5)	<b>-1(±5)*</b>

\*p<0,05

**PRADA:** the overall decline in LVEF was 2.6% in the placebo group and 0.6% in the **candesartan** group, a significant but very modest difference. **Metoprolol** didn't put a dent in the LVEF decline.

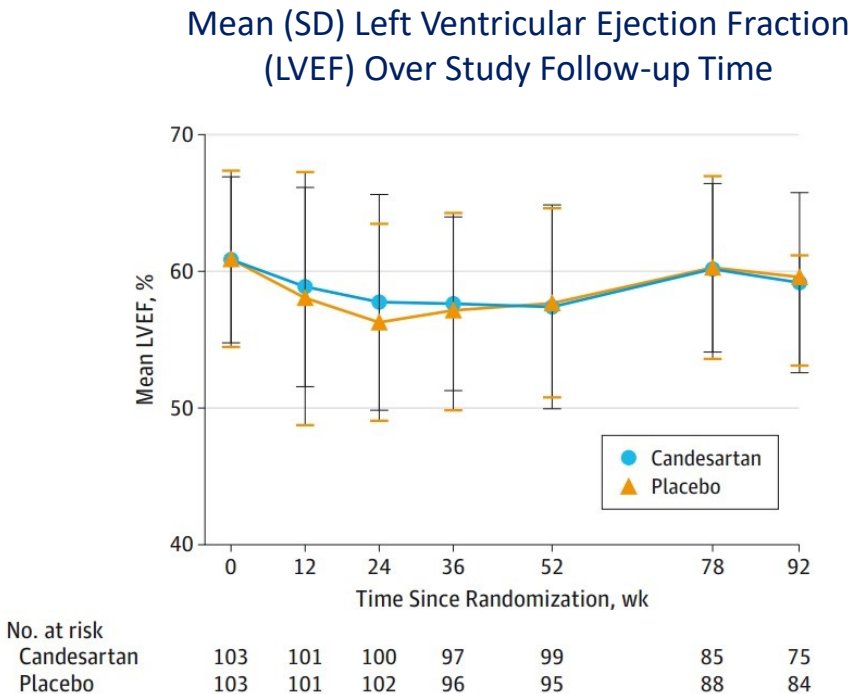
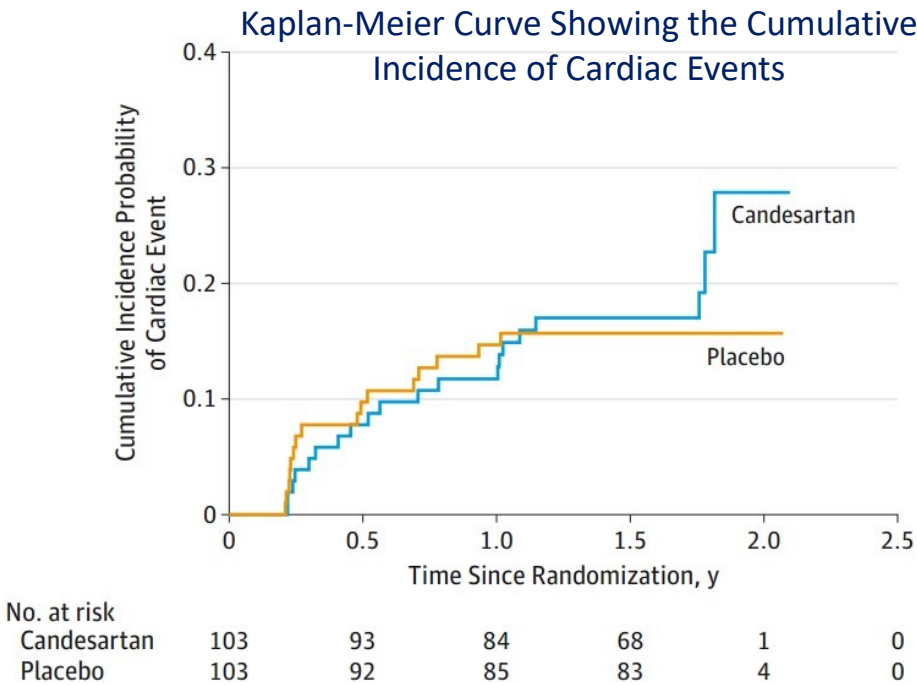
**MANTICORE:** ACE inhibitors and beta blockers did not prevent trastuzumab associated LV remodeling. Although **Bisoprolol** protected against trastuzumab-associated declines in LVEF, the overall decline was 5% in placebo group and 1% in Bisoprolol group, also in this case a significant but very modest difference. **Perindopril** didn't put a dent in the LVEF decline.



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

## A Randomized Clinical Trial

N=206 pts  
78 weeks Candesartan 32 mg



### CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE

The findings do not support the hypothesis that concomitant use of candesartan protects against a decrease in left ventricular ejection fraction during or shortly after trastuzumab treatment in early breast cancer.





# Lisinopril or Carvedilol for Prevention of Trastuzumab Induced Cardiotoxicity - Lisinopril or Carvedilol for Cardiotoxicity

Mar 11, 2018

Presented by Dr. Maya E. Guglin at the American College of Cardiology Annual Scientific Session (ACC 2018), Orlando, FL, March 11, 2018.

- **The Lisinopril or Carvedilol for Cardiotoxicity trial failed** to show that lisinopril or carvedilol was superior to placebo at preventing left ventricular systolic dysfunction.
- The primary outcome, **decrease in LVEF >10%, occurred in 30% of the lisinopril group vs. 29% of the carvedilol group vs. 32% of the placebo group (p = not significant).** Among those who received an anthracycline, decrease in LVEF >10% occurred in **37% of the lisinopril group vs. 31% of the carvedilol group vs. 47% of the placebo group (p = 0.009).**
- Among patients with breast cancer undergoing chemotherapy with trastuzumab, neither lisinopril nor carvedilol was effective at preventing cardiomyopathy compared with placebo. **Among those who were treated with an anthracycline, lisinopril and carvedilol appeared to be effective at preventing cardiomyopathy versus placebo.**



## Carvedilol for the Prevention of Anthracycline/Anti-HER2 Therapy Associated Cardiotoxicity Among Women With HER2-Positive Breast Cancer Using Myocardial Strain Imaging for Early Risk Stratification

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02177175

Recruitment Status ⓘ : Active, not recruiting

First Posted ⓘ : June 27, 2014

Last Update Posted ⓘ : May 30, 2018

### Sponsor:

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

### Study Description

Brief Summary:

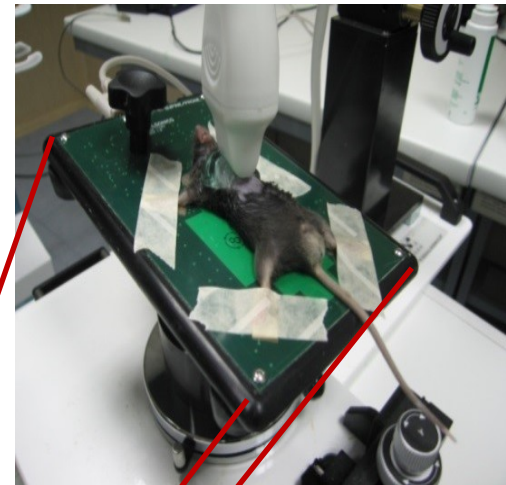
The purpose of this study is to find out the effects, good and/or bad, of a beta blocker (carvedilol) on heart function during treatment with anti-HER2 medication(s) including trastuzumab (Herceptin).

<u>Condition or disease</u> ⓘ	<u>Intervention/treatment</u> ⓘ	<u>Phase</u> ⓘ
Breast Cancer	Drug: Carvedilol Other: placebo	Phase 2



# Strain Analysis in the Assessment of a Mouse Model of Cardiotoxicity due to Chemotherapy: Sample for Preclinical Research

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# Ranolazine protects from doxorubicin-induced oxidative stress and cardiac dysfunction

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## Conclusions

Ranolazine protects against experimental doxorubicin cardiotoxicity. Such protection is accompanied by a reduction in oxidative stress, suggesting that  $I_{Na}$  modulates cardiac redox balance, resulting in functional and morphological derangements.



# Ranolazine Attenuates Trastuzumab-Induced Heart Dysfunction by Modulating ROS Production

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Our data support previous findings on the efficacy of ranolazine in experimental heart dysfunction (Sabbah et al., 2002; Rastogi et al., 2008; Coppini et al., 2013, 2017; Tocchetti et al., 2014; Cappetta et al., 2017). We acknowledge that further experiments may be necessary to conclude that the mechanism of action involves the levels of ROS, also considering that ranolazine has been recently shown to be able to antagonize  $\beta$ -adrenergic stimulation and decrease myofilaments Ca<sup>2+</sup> sensitivity (Flenner et al., 2016), with little therapeutic efficacy in a HCM murine model *in vivo*. Nevertheless, we show that in the cardio-oncologic setting, beside doxorubicin cardiotoxicity (Tocchetti et al., 2014; Cappetta et al., 2017), RAN could also be a promising cardioprotective drug in the setting of trastuzumab toxicity. More efforts involving both experimental and clinical studies will be needed in order to establish whether ranolazine might be introduced clinically in the therapeutic strategies that aim at addressing cardiotoxicity induced by trastuzumab or anthracyclines.



# Cardiotoxic effects of the novel approved anti-ErbB2 agents and reverse cardioprotective effects of ranolazine

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**Purpose:** Pertuzumab, a novel anti-epidermal growth factor receptor 2 humanized monoclonal antibody, and trastuzumab-emtansine (TDM1), a novel antibody–drug conjugate made up of trastuzumab covalently linked to the highly potent microtubule inhibitory agent DM1, have been recently approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for increasing the efficiency and safety of breast cancer therapy with trastuzumab. We investigated for the first time the potential cardiotoxic effects of pertuzumab and TDM1, which are not yet fully elucidated, and we tested whether ranolazine could blunt their cardiotoxicity.

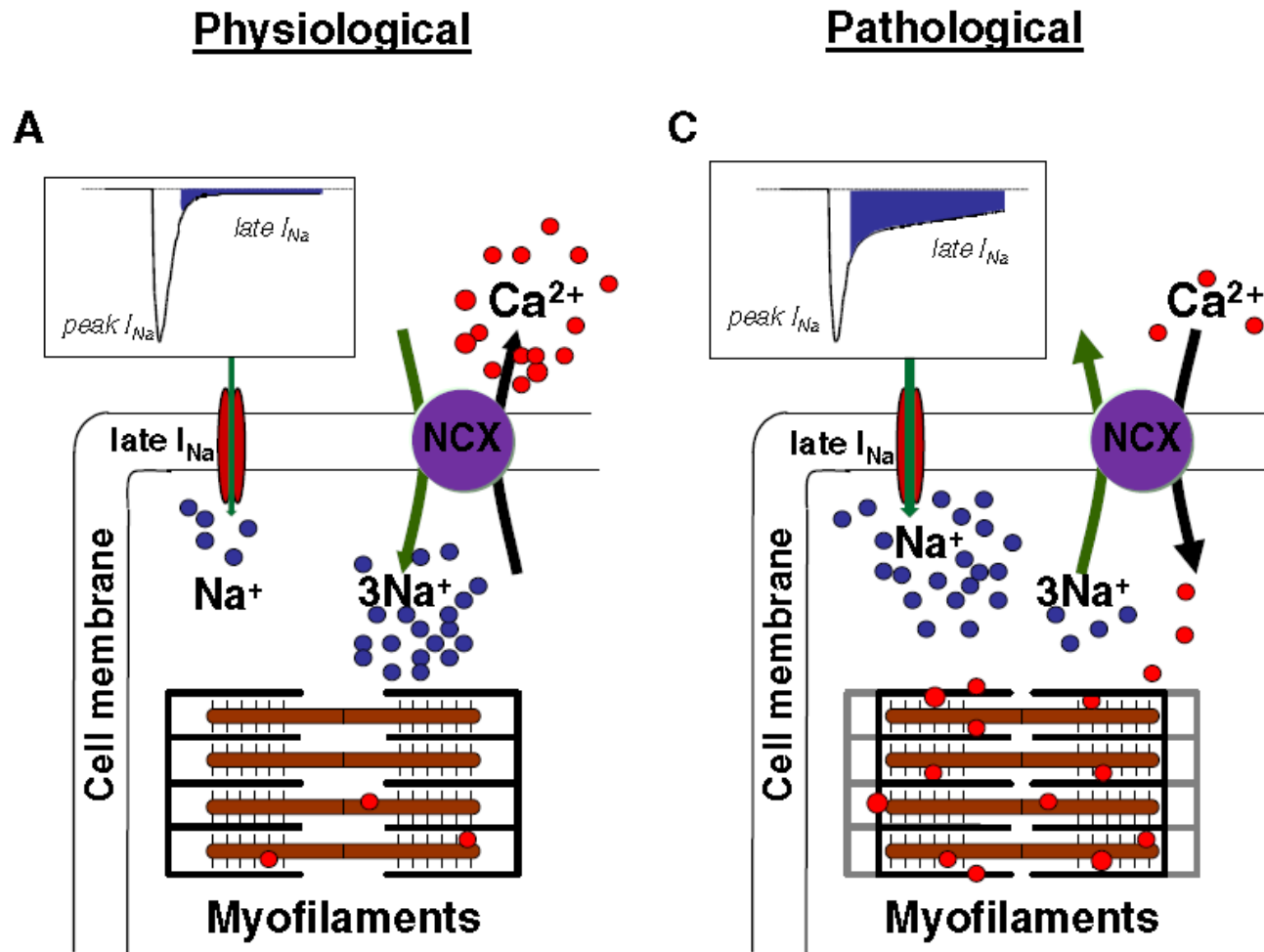
**Methods:** The cardiotoxic effects were tested in vitro on rat cardiomyoblasts, human fetal cardiomyocytes, adult-like cardiomyocytes, and in vivo on a mouse model.

**Results:** All the treated cardiac cell lines were significantly affected by treatment with the tested drugs. Surprisingly, TDM1 showed stronger inhibitory effects on cardiac cells with respect to trastuzumab and pertuzumab by more significantly reducing the cell viability and by changing the morphology of these cells. TDM1 also affected the beating phenotype of adult-like cardiomyocytes in vitro and reduced fractional shortening and ejection fraction in vivo in a mouse model. We also found that ranolazine attenuated not only the cardiotoxic side effects of trastuzumab but also those of pertuzumab and TDM1, when used in combinatorial treatments both in vitro and in vivo, as demonstrated by the recovery of fractional shortening and ejection fraction values in mice pretreated with TDM1.

**Conclusion:** We demonstrated that it is possible to predict the eventual cardiotoxic effects of novel approved anticancer drugs early by using in vitro and in vivo approaches, which can also be useful to screen in advance the cardioprotective agents, so as to avoid the onset of unwanted cardiotoxic side effects.

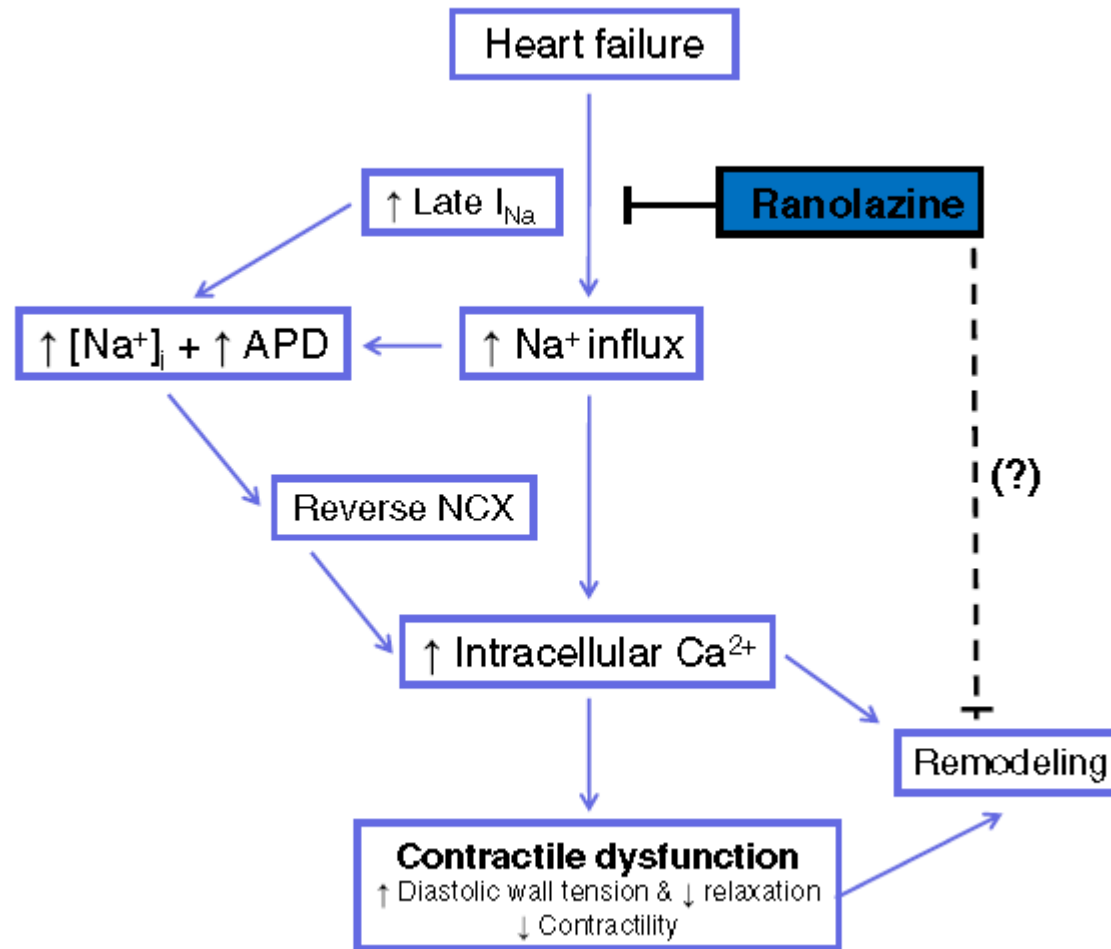


# Physiological condition and pathologically (HF) elevated late $I_{Na}$



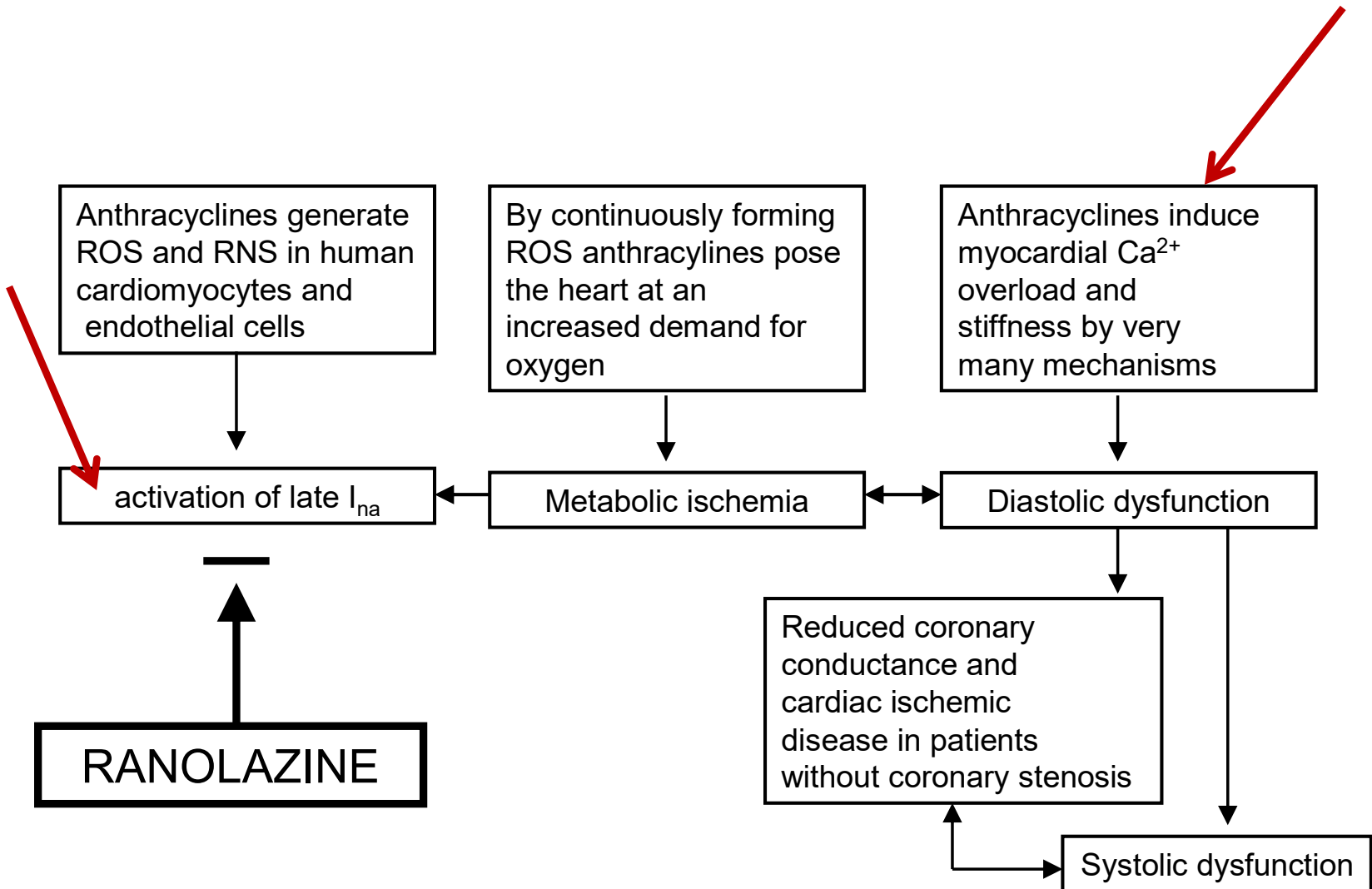


# Ranolazine acts against contractile dysfunction





# HYPOTHESIS







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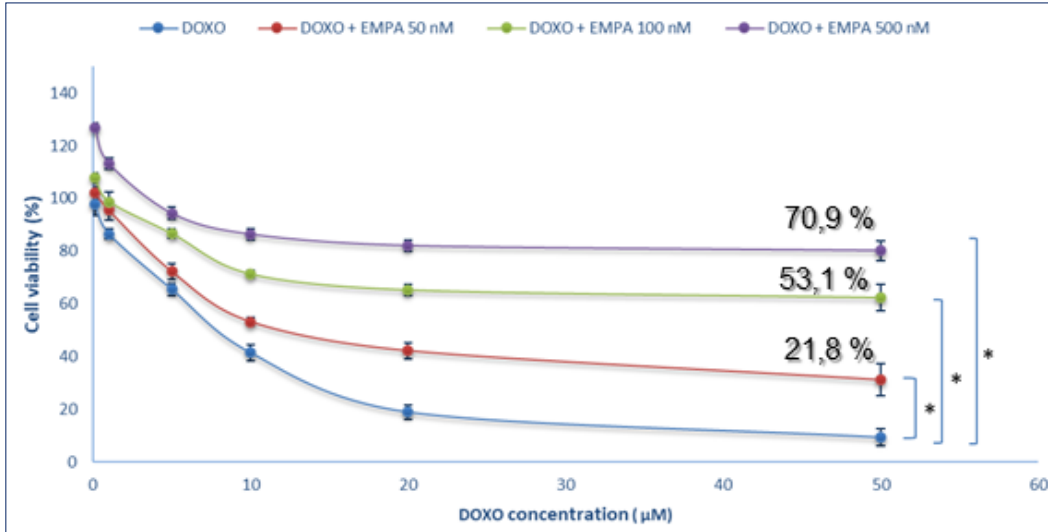


- Empagliflozin, essendo un inibitore del sodium-glucose co-transporter (SGLT), con possibili azioni antiossidanti, potrebbe essere un **agente cardioprotettore** dal danno cardiaco derivante dalla Doxorubicina. Recentemente è stato dimostrato che SGLT di tipo 1-2 è iperespresso in tessuti cardiaci di pazienti affetti da patologie cardiovascolari.
- Empagliflozin può migliorare il microambiente cardiaco, avere effetti anti-infiammatori e conseguentemente proteggere i cardiomiociti dal danno ossidativo (perossidi) e metabolico (overload di calcio, pathways legati all'NFkB e Leucotrieni) della Doxorubicina.



## Cardioprotection of Empagliflozin during Doxorubicin exposure in cardiomyocytes

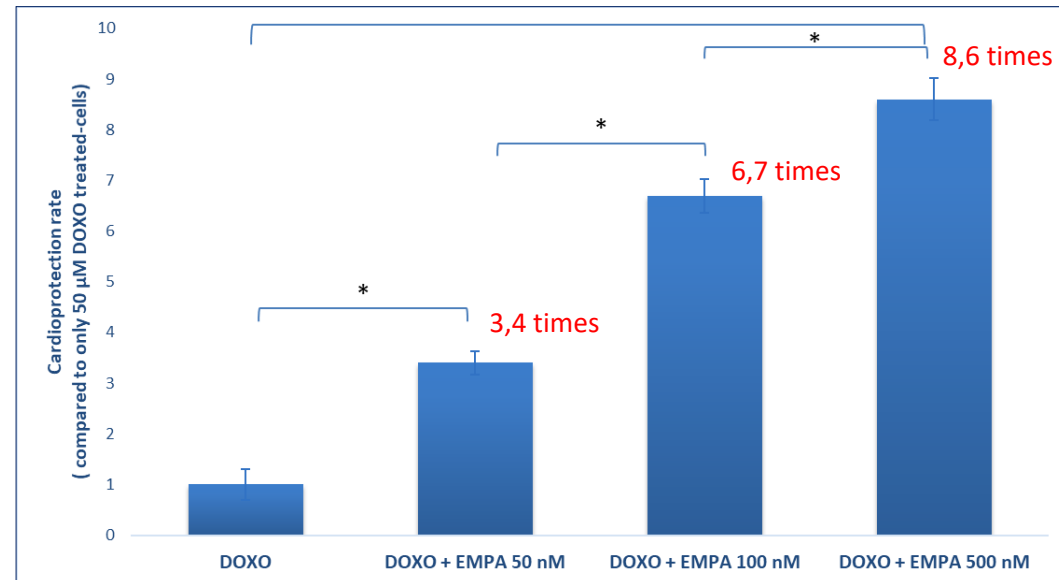
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Il trattamento con doxorubicina riduce la vitalità cellulare del 90% circa, rispetto al controllo. La co-incubazione con empaglifozin 50, 100 o 500 nM, aumenta del 21,8%, 53,1% e 70,9% la vitalità dei cardiomiociti adulti, rispetto al solo trattamento con doxorubicina.

In altre parole, il tasso di cardioprotezione dell'empaglifozin, ponendo il trattamento con sola doxorubicina a 50 μM uguale ad 1, corrisponde a:

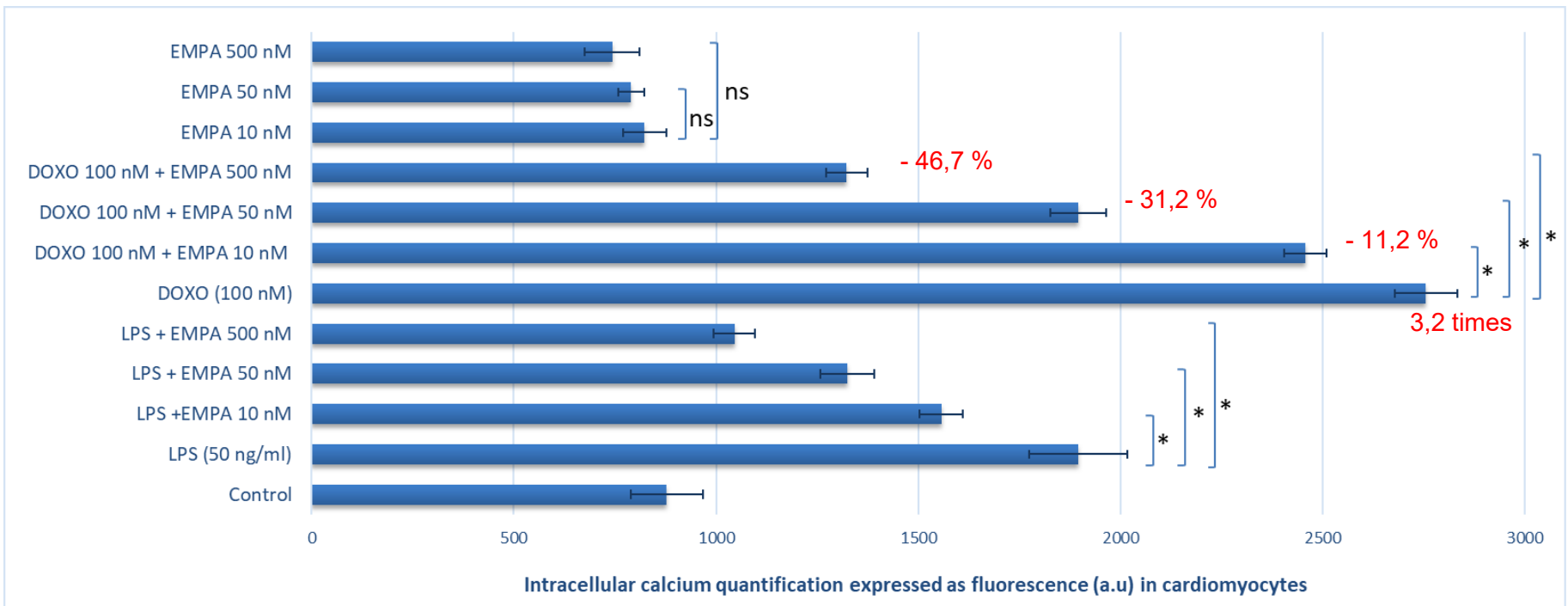
- 3,4: doxorubicina + empaglifozin 50 nM
- 6,7: doxorubicina + empaglifozin 100 nM
- 8,6: doxorubicina + empaglifozin 500 nM





# Intracellular calcium overload (Fura2 assay)

\*  $p < 0.001$ ; ns: not significant



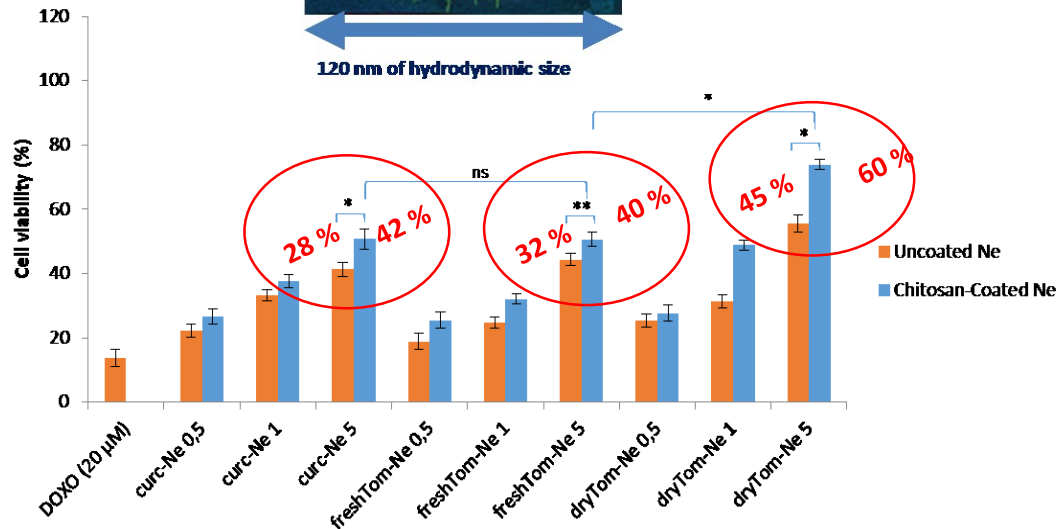
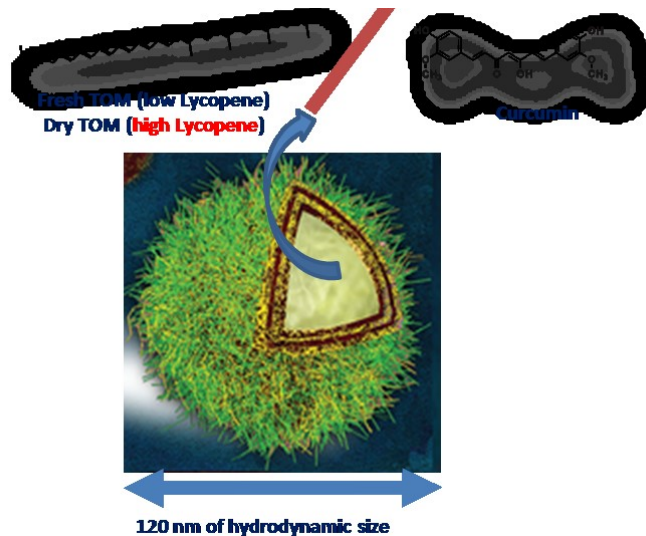
Il trattamento con doxorubicina incrementa l'accumulo di calcio intracellulare. La co-incubazione con empaglifozin determina una riduzione dell'accumulo di calcio con effetti concentrazione-dipendenti. L'empaglifozin alla massima dose testata, corrispondente a 500 nM, riduce del 46,7 % l'accumulo di calcio.

Questi dati spiegano gli effetti cardioprotettivi dell'empaglifozin durante il trattamento con doxorubicina.



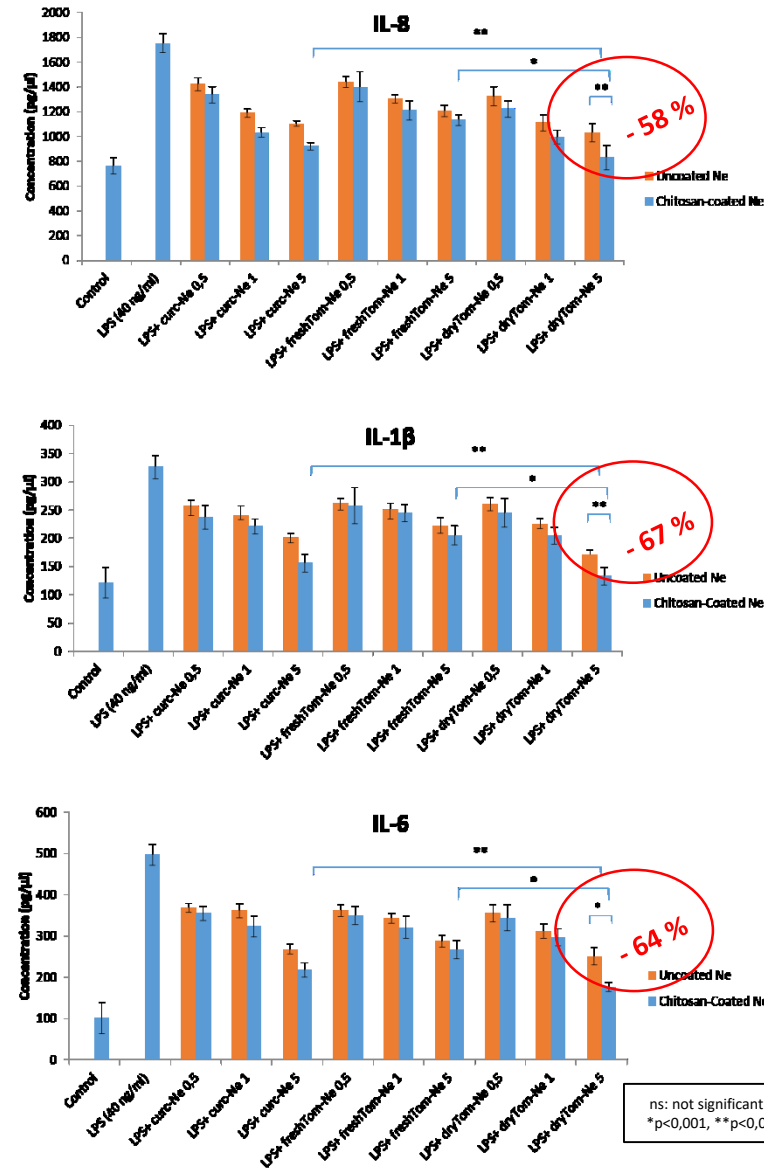
# Cardioprotective Effects of Nanoemulsions Loaded with Anti-Inflammatory Nutraceuticals against Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiotoxicity

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Cardioprotective properties

Nanoemulsions (coated with chitosan) loaded with dry tomato extract (having high quantity of lycopene) showed the best anti-inflammatory properties.




Anti-inflammatory properties



**E la prevenzione secondaria?**



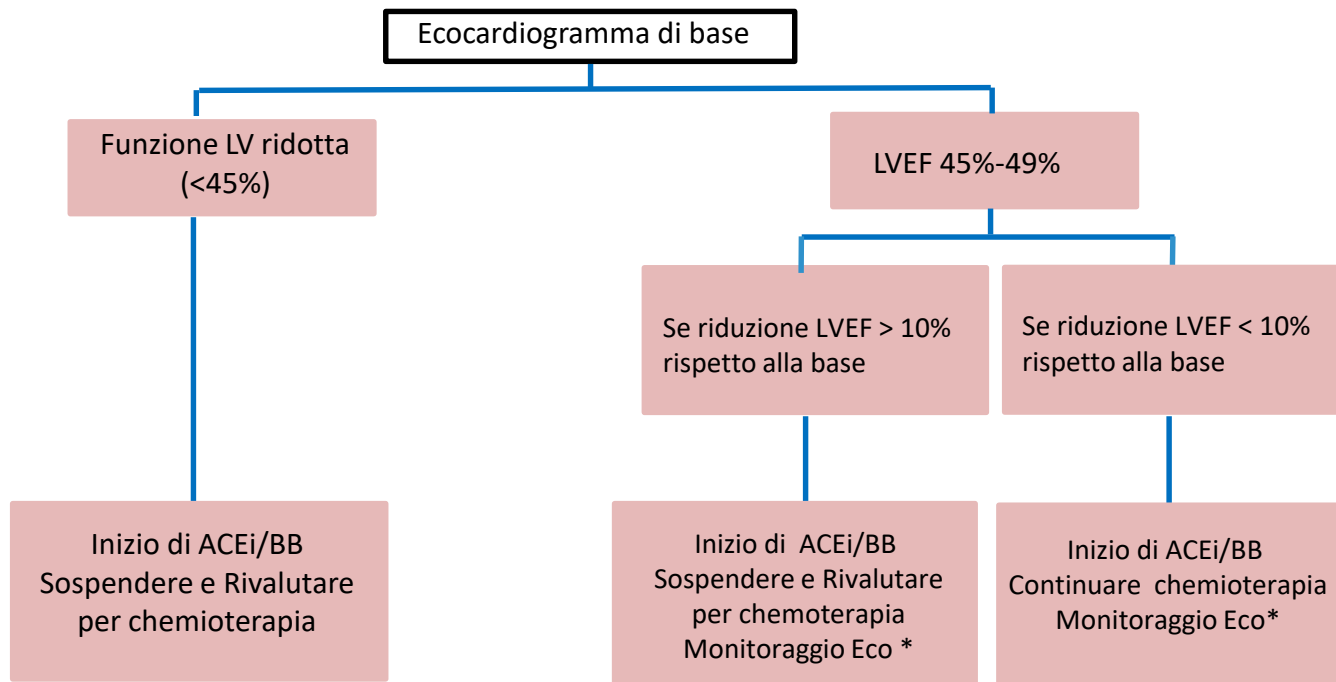
# Proposed diagnostic tools for the detection of cardiotoxicity



Technique	Currently available diagnostic criteria	Advantages	Major limitations
<b>Echocardiography:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3D-based LVEF</li> <li>- 2D Simpson's LVEF</li> <li>- GLS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LVEF: &gt;10 percentage points decrease to a value below the LLN suggests cardiotoxicity.</li> <li>• GLS: &gt;15% relative percentage reduction from baseline may suggest risk of cardiotoxicity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wide availability.</li> <li>• Lack of radiation.</li> <li>• Assessment of haemodynamics and other cardiac structures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-observer variability.</li> <li>• Image quality.</li> <li>• GLS: inter-vendor variability, technical requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>Nuclear cardiac imaging (MUGA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;10 percentage points decrease in LVEF with a value &lt;50% identifies patients with cardiotoxicity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reproducibility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumulative radiation exposure.</li> <li>• Limited structural and functional information on other cardiac structures.</li> </ul>
<b>Cardiac magnetic resonance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Typically used if other techniques are non-diagnostic or to confirm the presence of LV dysfunction if LVEF is borderlines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accuracy, reproducibility.</li> <li>• Detection of diffuse myocardial fibrosis using T1/T2 mapping and ECVF evaluation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited availability.</li> <li>• Patient's adaptation (claustrophobia, breath hold, long acquisition times).</li> </ul>
<b>Cardiac biomarkers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Troponin I</li> <li>- High-sensitivity Troponin I</li> <li>- BNP</li> <li>- NT-proBNP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A rise identifies patients receiving anthracyclines who may benefit from ACE-Is.</li> <li>• Routine role of BNP and NT-proBNP in surveillance of high-risk patient needs further investigation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accuracy, reproducibility.</li> <li>• Wide availability.</li> <li>• High-sensitivity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient evidence to establish the significance of subtle rises.</li> <li>• Variations with different assays.</li> <li>• Role for routine surveillance not clearly established.</li> </ul>



# Quando iniziare i farmaci cardiologici nella Cardiomiopatia da Antracicline



Inizio con beta bloccanti e/o ACEinibitori

- La dose di inizio teorica per il carvedilolo dovrebbe essere di 3.125 mg due volte al giorno con una lenta titolazione, fino un massimo di 25 mg due volte al giorno.
- La dose di inizio teorica per il lisinopril dovrebbe essere di 2.5 mg al giorno con una lenta titolazione, fino un massimo di 20 mg.



# Detection, monitoring, and management of trastuzumab-induced left ventricular dysfunction: an actual challenge

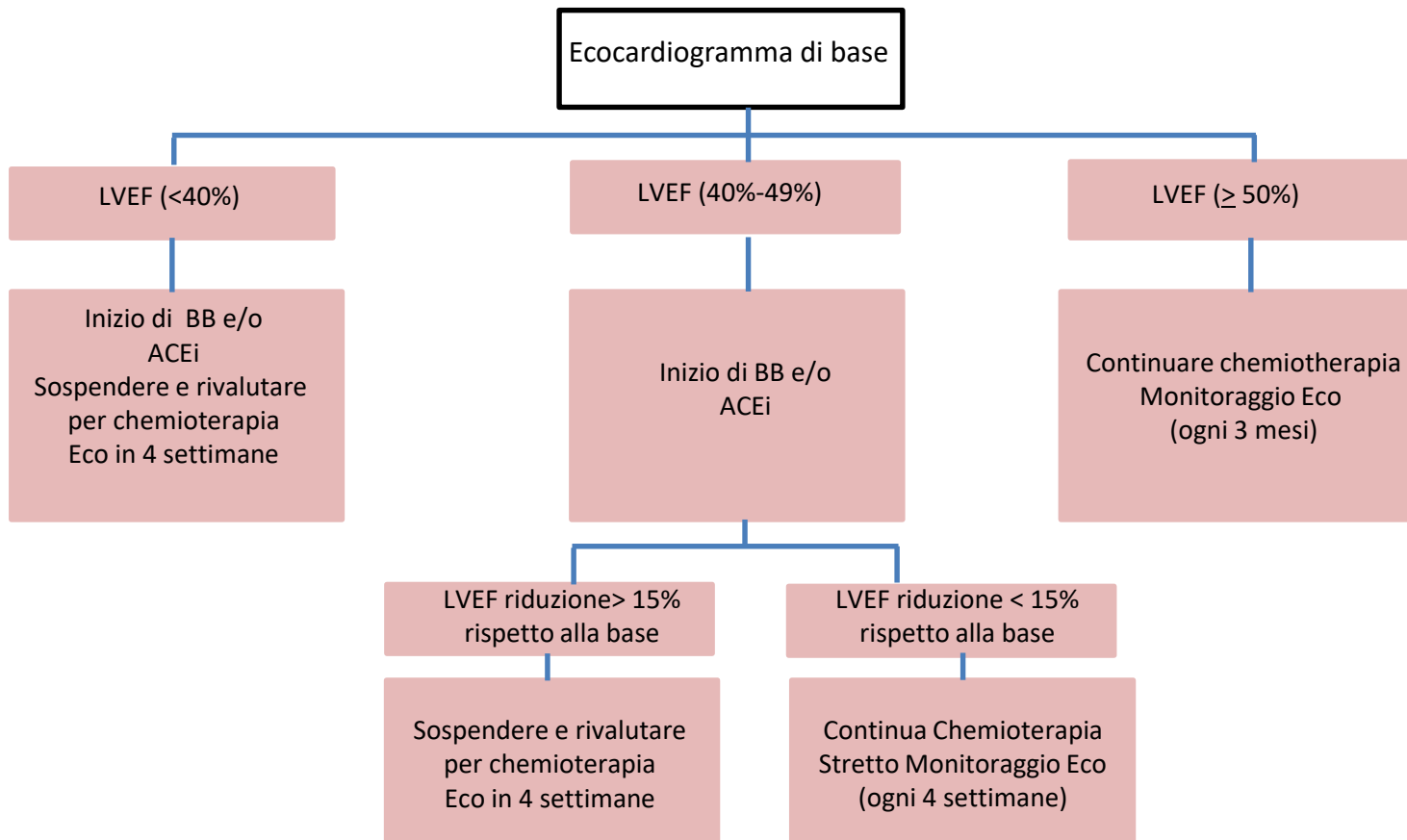
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**Table 2** The prevention, monitoring, and management of cardiac events in patients undergoing cytotoxic chemotherapy<sup>22,25</sup>

Treatment phase	Patient profile	Management strategy
Before trastuzumab-based therapy	A. No cardiac history of risk factors with normal EF	Treat and monitor EF every 3 months
	B. Cardiac history and/or risk factors with normal EF	Treat. Ask of symptoms and perform PE before each cycle
	C. Decreased EF	Treat low EF (ACE-I or ARB, BB) and remeasure
During trastuzumab-based therapy	First decrease in EF	Individual decisions about initiating trastuzumab Trastuzumab holiday for 1 month A. Treat HF and remeasure 1. Return to baseline. Restart trastuzumab 2. If EF remains low: intensify HF treatment and remeasure 3. If EF remains low: individual decisions
	Second decrease in EF	A. Stop trastuzumab B. If trastuzumab only option: 'holiday' and maximize HF therapy
	No change in EF and no symptoms during treatment	If you have already used anthracyclines is necessary to monitor LVEF at the end of treatment and after 1.2 and 5 years if doxorubicin <200 mg/m <sup>2</sup> . More strict monitoring if dosage > 200mg/m <sup>2</sup> . In the case of only trastuzumab, we advice, anyway, follow-up, considering the last results of real-world retrospective studies
Completion of trastuzumab-based therapy	EF decreased or symptoms of heart failure during therapy with trastuzumab	Continue HF treatment. Monitor according to clinical practice for HF. The duration of therapy for HF is variable, if previous anthracyclines may be required for life



# Quando iniziare i farmaci cardiologici nella Cardiomiopatia da Trastuzumab



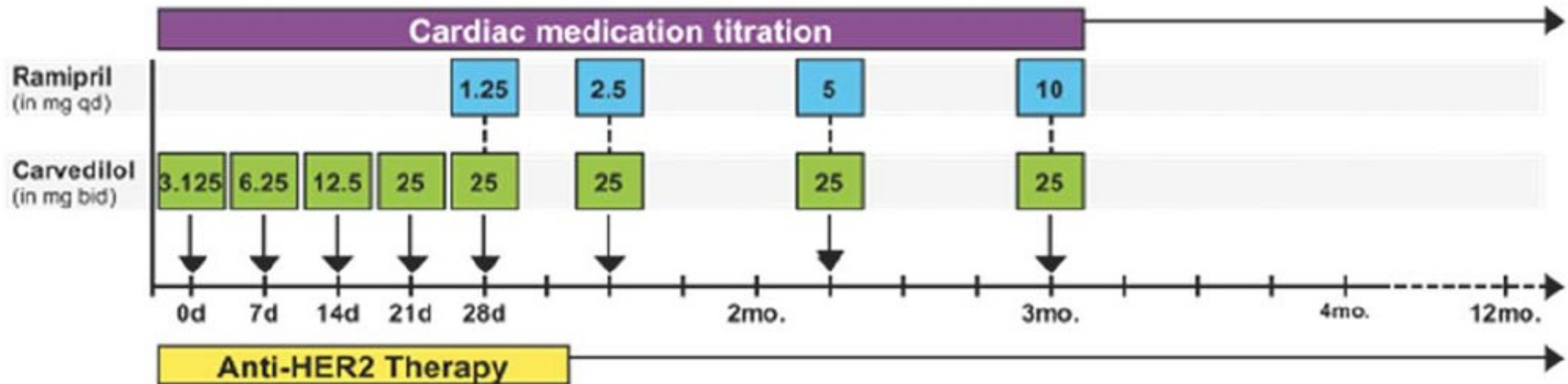


# Treatment of Trastuzumab Related Cardiotoxicity

Medication	Starting dose (mg)	Target dose (mg)	Suggested titration plan
<b>ACE Inhibitors</b> Captopril Enalapril Ramipril Lisinopril	6.25-12.5 x 3/day 1.25-2.5 x 2/day 1.25-2.5 x 2/day 2.5-5 x 1/day	25-50 x 3/day 10 x 2/day 5x2/day 20-35 x 1/day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase the dose at 1-2-w intervals</li> <li>▪ Monitor renal function and electrolytes w or every 2w</li> <li>▪ Maintain blood pressure normal</li> <li>▪ Try to reach target dose in 3-4 w</li> </ul>
<b>Beta-blockers</b> Carvedilol Bisoprolol	3.125 x 2/day 1.25 x 1/day	25 x 2/day 10 x 1/day	



# SAFE-HEaRt: Rationale and Design of a Pilot Study Investigating Cardiac Safety of HER2 Targeted Therapy in Patients with HER2-Positive Breast Cancer and Reduced Left Ventricular Function



**Implications for Practice:** Human epidermal growth receptor 2 (HER2) targeted therapies have survival benefit in adjuvant and metastatic HER2 positive breast cancer but are associated with cardiac dysfunction. To our knowledge, SAFE-HEaRt is the first clinical trial that prospectively tests the hypothesis that HER2 targeted therapies may be safely administered in patients with mildly reduced cardiac function in the setting of ongoing cardiac treatment and monitoring. The results of this study will provide cardiac safety data and inform consideration of clinical practice changes in patients with HER2 positive breast cancer and reduced cardiac function, as well as provide information regarding cardiovascular monitoring and treatment in this population.



## SAFE-HEaRt: A pilot study assessing the cardiac safety of HER2 targeted therapy in patients with HER2 positive breast cancer and reduced left ventricular function.

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**Conclusions:** Patients with BC and mildly reduced LVEF can safely receive HER2 therapies in the setting of regular cardiac monitoring and treatment with BB and ACEi. Our results provide new safety data in this unique population and have potential to contribute to clinical practice changes.

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### **Global longitudinal strain in the SAFE-HEaRT study (Cardiac SAFETY of HER2 targeted therapy in patients with HER2 positive breast cancer and reduced left ventricular function)**

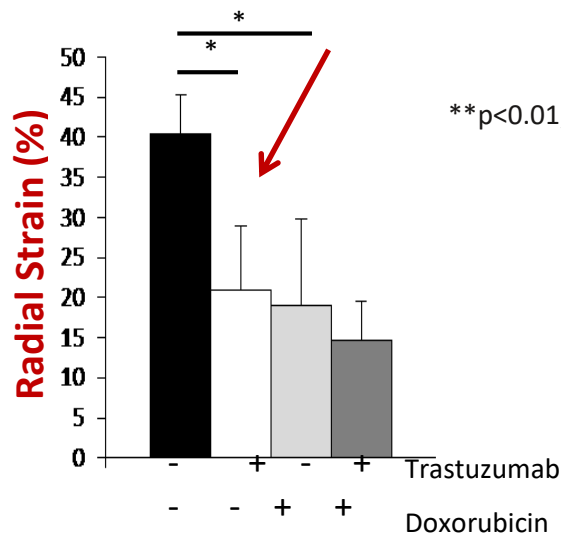
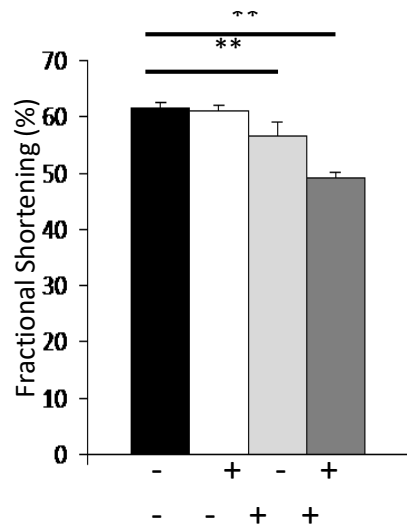
**Conclusions:** In this prospective study of patients with BC and baseline reduced LV function, H2TT therapy proved to be safe with cardiac treatment and close monitoring. GLS at baseline was lower in those who subsequently developed CE. While the change in LVEF from baseline to EOT was not statistically significant, GLS mildly worsened. The implications of this change in GLS should be further investigated in a larger population.

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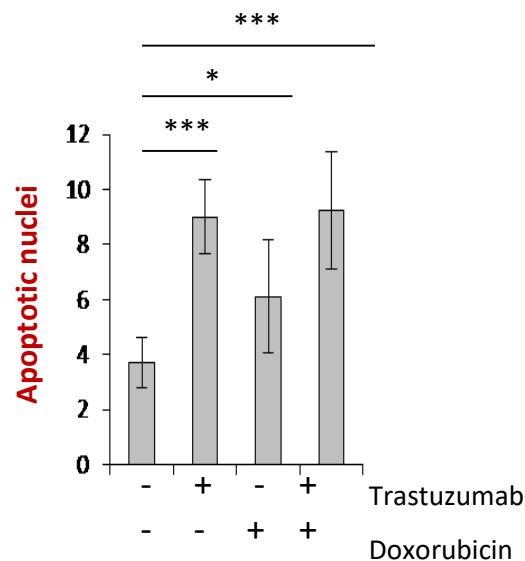
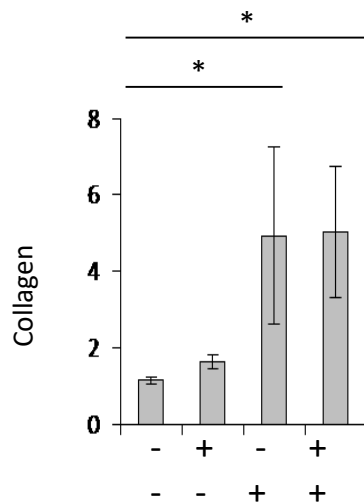
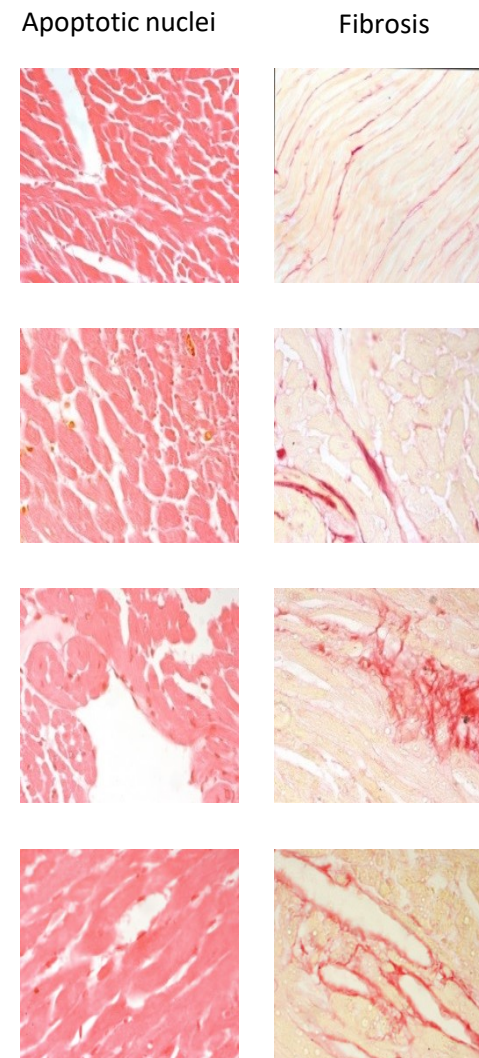


# Antineoplastic-related cardiotoxicity, morphofunctional aspects in a murine model: contribution of the new tool 2D-speckle tracking

## 2 days of Trastuzumab

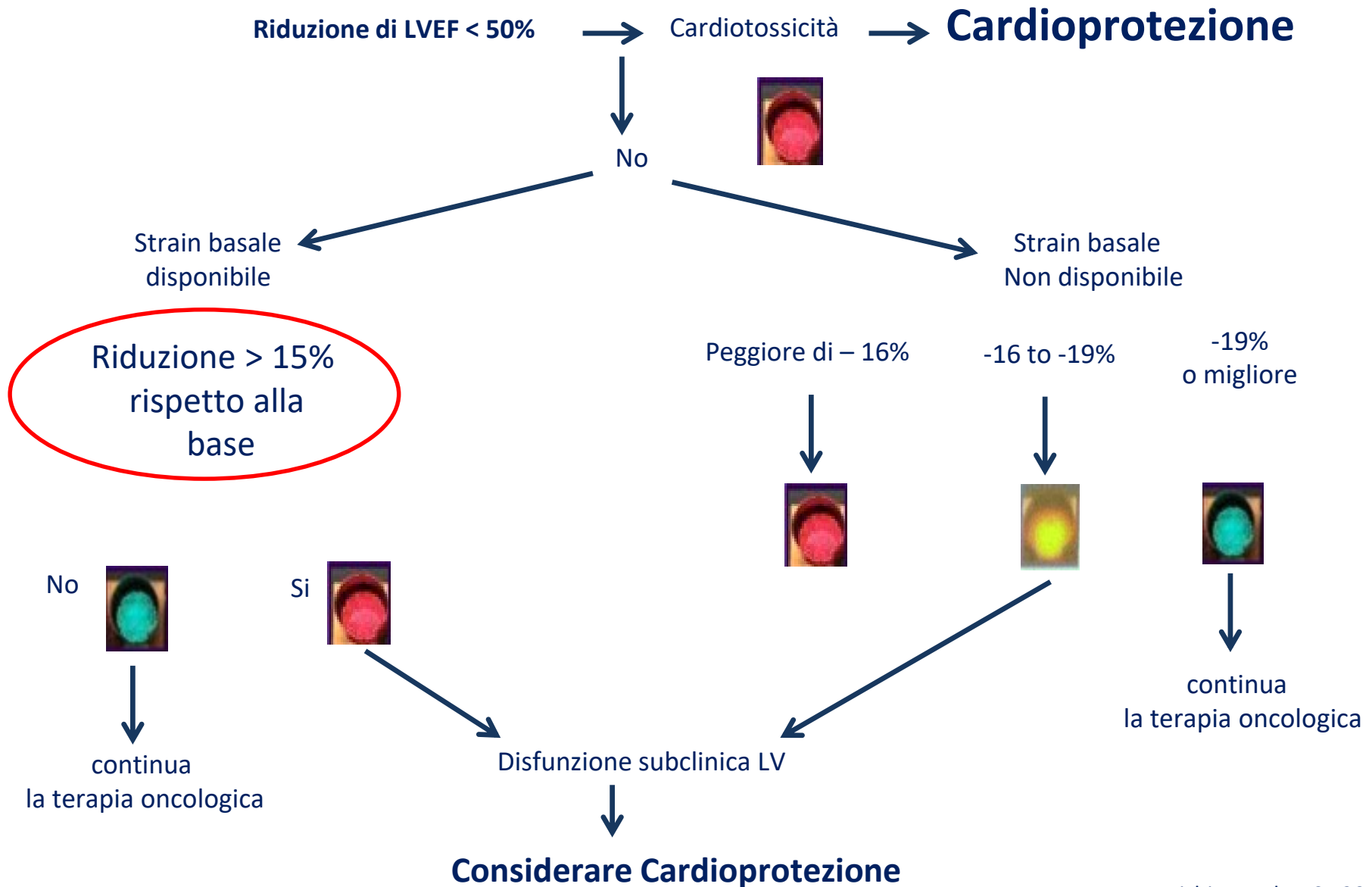


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# Global Longitudinal Strain: diagnosi precoce

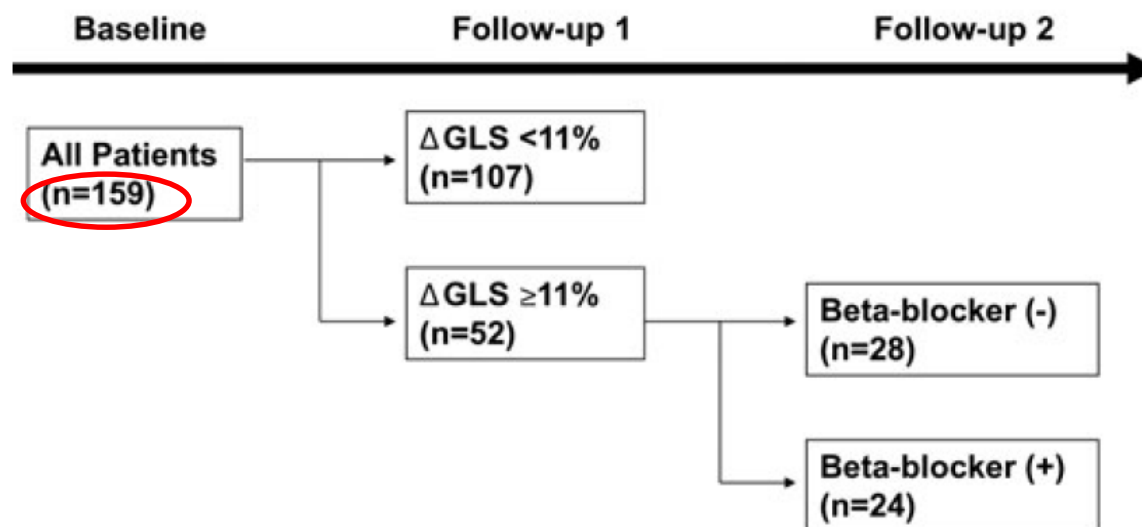




# Use of speckle strain to assess left ventricular responses to cardiotoxic chemotherapy and cardioprotection

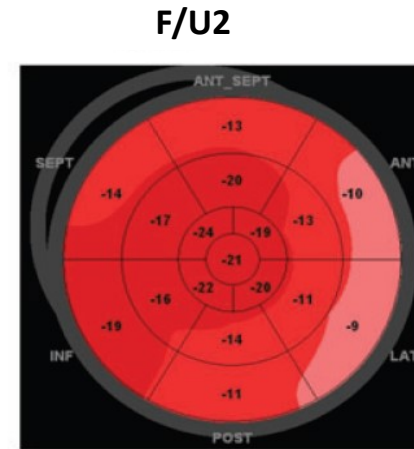
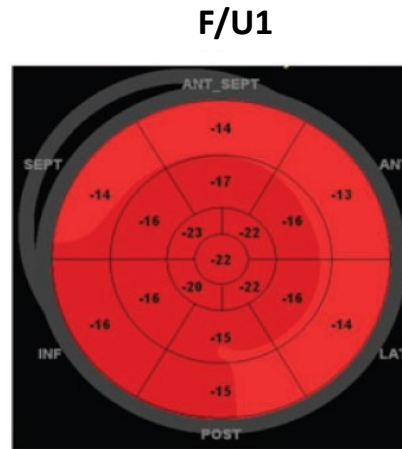
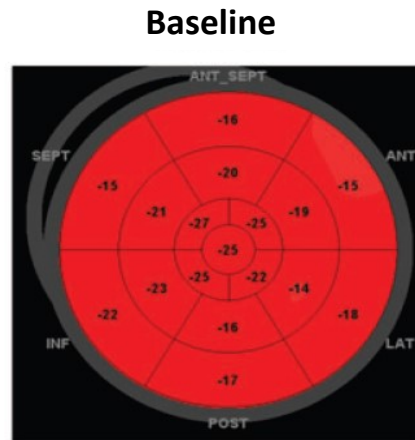
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GLS is an effective parameter for identifying systolic dysfunction (which appears worst with combined anthracycline and trastuzumab therapy) and responds to cardioprotection in patients administered beta-blockers.

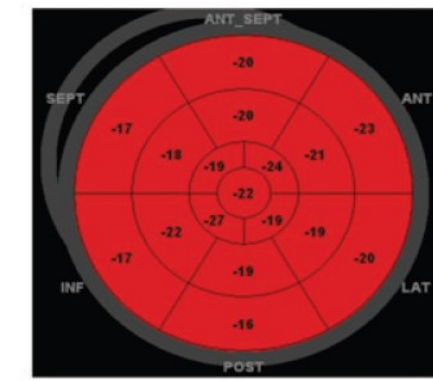
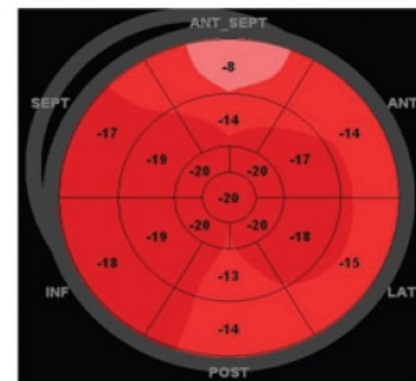
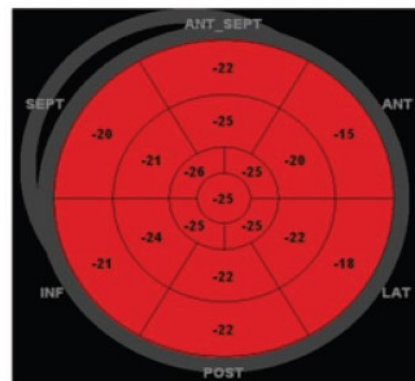




# Il GLS identifica precocemente la disfunzione e la risposta alla cardioprotezione



No beta-blocker therapy



Beta-blocker therapy

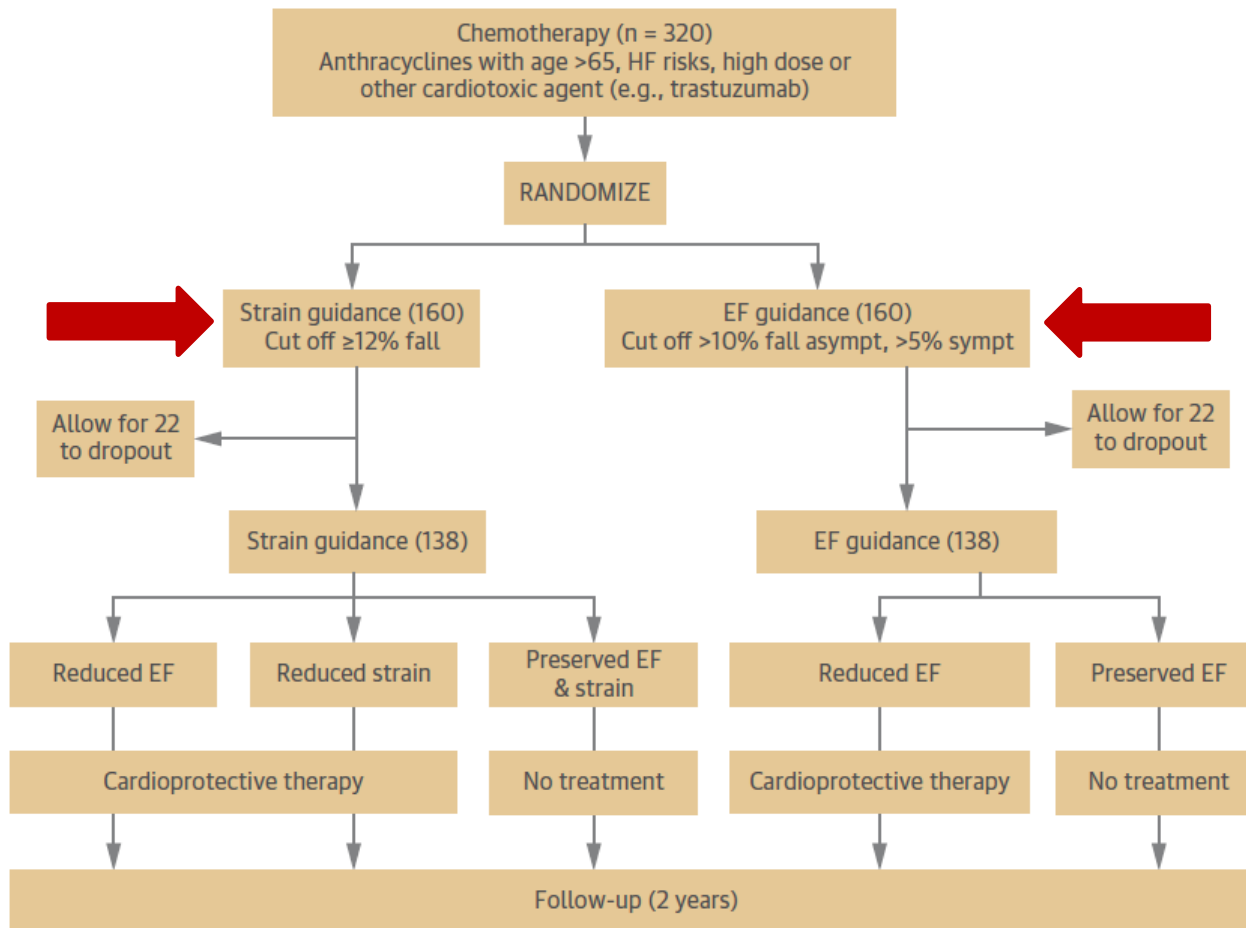


# Rationale and Design of the Strain Surveillance of Chemotherapy for Improving Cardiovascular Outcomes

## The SUCCOUR Trial

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# Conclusioni

- Il dexrazoxano è l'unico farmaco approvato **in prevenzione primaria**. Beta bloccanti, ACE inibitori e sartani etc., non hanno ancora dimostrato di poter prevenire la disfunzione ventricolare sinistra .
- In **prevenzione secondaria** è invece necessario identificare quanto più precocemente possibile la disfunzione ventricolare sinistra e istituire una terapia cardioprotettiva.
- A tal fine, il **Global Longitudinal Strain** sembrerebbe particolarmente utile, anche come indicatore di risposta alla cardioprotezione.



