

Hemodynamic Device-based Optimization in Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: Concordance with Systematic Echocardiographic Assessment of AV and VV Intervals


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Background & objectives

- Cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) has demonstrated significant clinical benefits and left ventricular (LV) reverse remodeling in selected patients with heart failure (HF), severe LV dysfunction, and a wide QRS complex.
- Inappropriate settings of atrioventricular (AV) and ventricular-ventricular (VV) intervals can be one of the factors impacting response to CRT.


Objective: To investigate the optimal concordance of AV and VV intervals between echocardiographic-based assessment and device-based **automatic programming with a hemodynamic sensor, SonR®**, together with left ventricle (LV) reverse remodeling after 6 months of regular automatic device-based optimization

Methodology



17 patients enrolled

- NYHA class III
- 76% with NIDCM
- LVEF 35%
- QRS ≥130 ms
- LV dyssynchrony



30 echos

- Conventional echo
- TSI
- TDI
- Radial strain
- 3D echo

Results

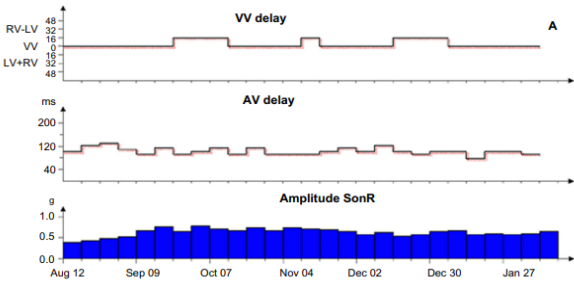
76.5% responders with LV reverse remodeling
- of those **69.2% were super-responders¹**

ECHO DATA			
Parameters	Pre-implant	First month	Sixth month
LVEF (%) <small>P<0.01</small>	25.5±7.9	38.8±11.9	37.9±12.0
LVEDV (mL) <small>P<0.05</small>	209.2±47.9	192.5±74.5	169.5±67.5
LVESV (mL) <small>P<0.05</small>	158.6±43.8	125.8±67.4	123.8±62.9

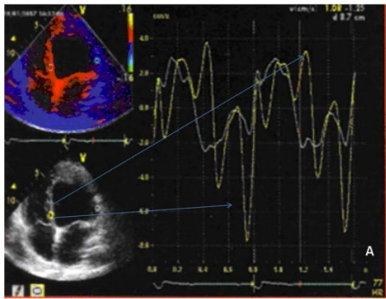
1. Patients with a final LVEF of >40% and an LVEF improvement of ≥20% above baseline

80% of Patients with NO AV/VV dyssynchrony at 6 months

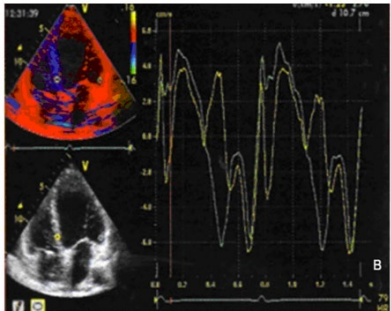
View of hemodynamic sensor amplitude profile and automatic programming of AV + VV intervals during the first 6 months after CRT implant in a super-responder patient (73 years old, ischemic cardiomyopathy, **baseline LVEF 34%, 6-months LVEF 55%**).



(A) Pre-CRT septal delay



(B) Post SonR® optimization with synchrony improvement



Conclusion

- **80% concordance** between **echocardiographic** methods and **SonR®** optimization was found in most examinations post-CRT.
- After 6 months of systematic optimization with **SonR®** patients showed a statistically significant **increase in LVEF**, with a **high rate of reverse remodeling**.