



Amylose à transthyrétine : que faut-il optimiser ?

"Y-a-t-il des examens imageriques à privilégier ?«

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Conflits d'intérêt

- Invitations congrès: BMS, Pfizer, MSD, Novartis
- Réunions scientifiques: Astrazeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, Novartis

Une épidémie...



Autopsy in unselected elderly individuals: 21%
(95% CI 7-39%)



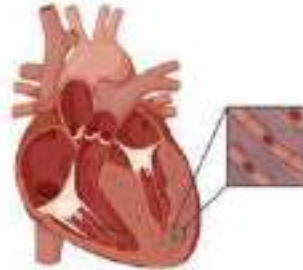
Bone scintigraphy for non-cardiac reasons:
≥81 years: ~1.3% M, ~0.4% W



HFpEF: 12%
(95% CI 6-20%)
M 73% (39-100%)
77 years (66-86)
AL-CA 10% (0-40%)



Aortic stenosis: 8%
(95% CI 5-13%)
M 67% (50-89%)
84 years (75-88)
AL-CA 2% (0-6%)



HFrEF/HFmrEF: 10%
(95% CI 6-15%)
M 100%
81 years (76-85)
AL-CA 0%



HCM: 7%
(95% CI 5-9%)
M 80% (73-87%)
74 years
AL-CA 0-9%

Prevalence of cardiac amyloidosis in screening studies



Surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome: 7%
(95% CI 5-10%)
M 64% (33-100%)
76 years (73-79)
AL-CA 18% (0-33%)

Conduction disorders: 2%
(95% CI 0-4%)
M 50%
90 years
AL-CA 0%



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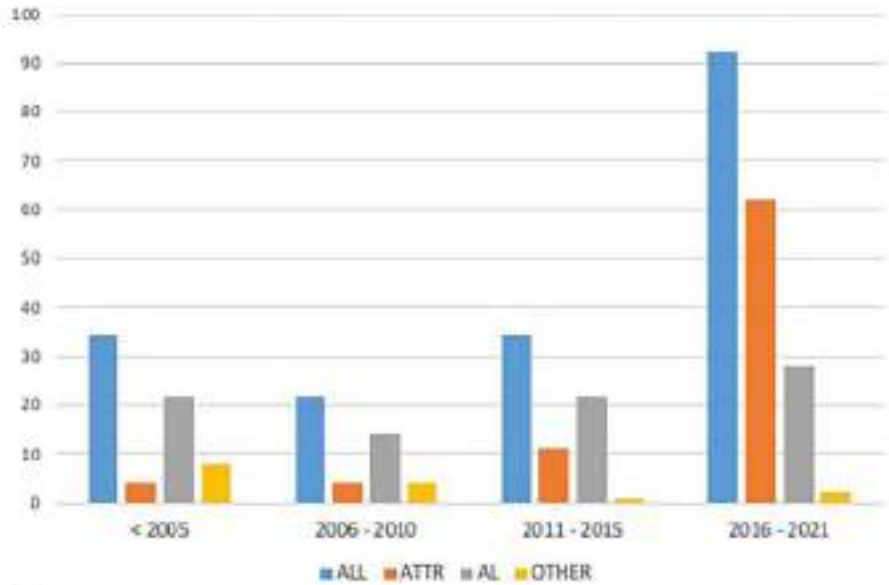
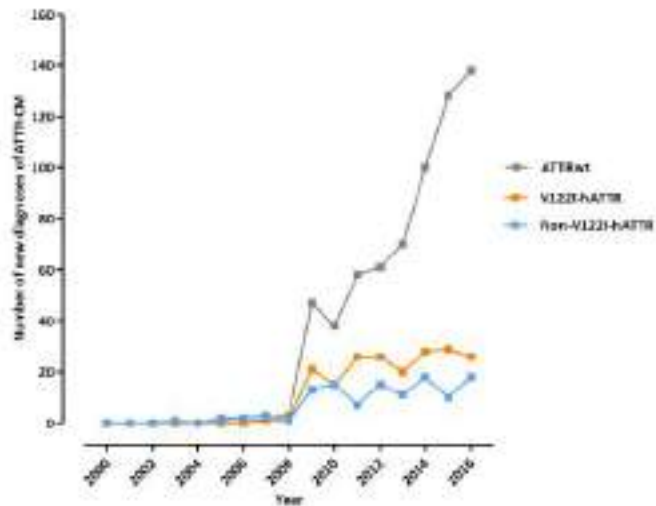


FIGURE 1 Enrollment rate of the study population according to different periods. AL, Light Chain Amyloidosis; ATTR, Transthyretin Amyloidosis.

Porcari 2023 ITA



Lane 2019 UK



ATTR-CM incidence overall and by gender between 2011 and 2019

Damy 2023 FR

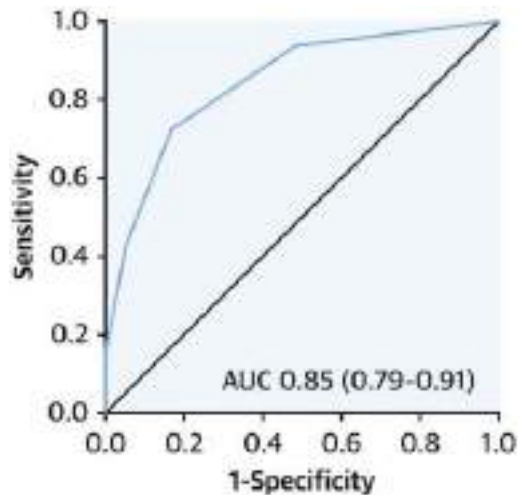
Imagerie de l'amylose TTR

- ETT – suspicion diagnostique
- IRM – caractérisation tissulaire, diagnostics différentiels
- SCINTIGRAPHIE BIPHOSPHONATES – l'essentiel

Specific populations

Aortic stenosis

- Prevalence and Outcomes of Concomitant Aortic Stenosis and Cardiac Amyloidosis
[J Am Coll Cardiol. 2021 Jan 19; 77\(2\): 128-139.](#)



Parameter	Points
CTS	3
RBBB	2
Age ≥85 years	1
Hs-TnT >20 ng/l	1
IVS ≥18 mm	1
If in SR+: E/A ratio >1.4	1
If no BBB or PM: Sokolow index <1.9 mV	1

* AUC for AFib sub-cohort: 0.83

Score	Specificity	Sensitivity
≥6 points	100%	14.9%
≥5 points	98.9%	23.4%
≥4 points	95.0%	42.6%
≥3 points	83.6%	72.3%
≥2 points	52.1%	93.6%
≥1 point	16.7%	97.9%

HFpEF

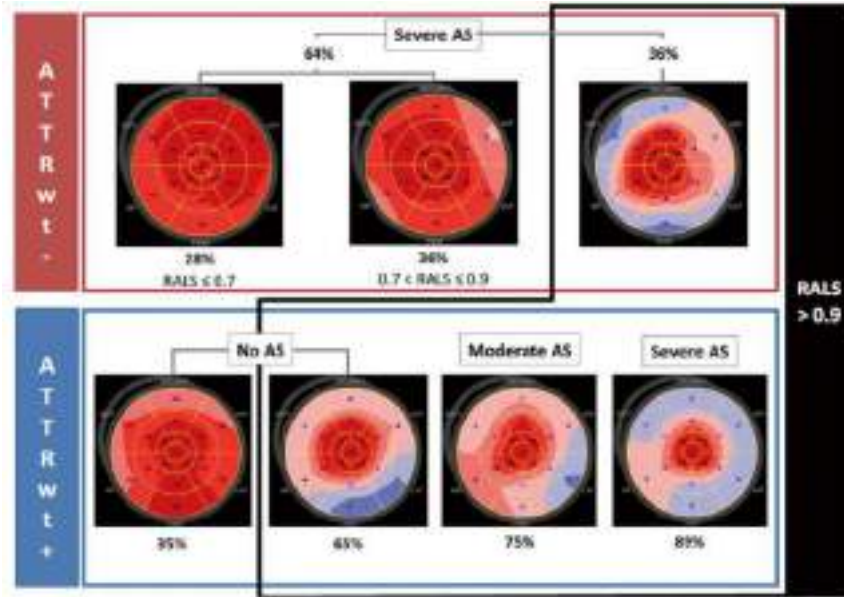
A Simple Score to Identify Increased Risk of Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy in Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction
[JAMA cardio 2022 Oct 1;7\(10\):1036-1044](#)

Clinical variable	Value	Points ^a
Age, y	If 60-69	+2
	If 70-79	+3
	If ≥80	+4
Sex	Male	+2
Hypertension diagnosis	Present	-1
Ejection fraction	<60%	+1
Posterior wall thickness	≥12 mm	+1
Relative wall thickness ^b	>0.57	+2

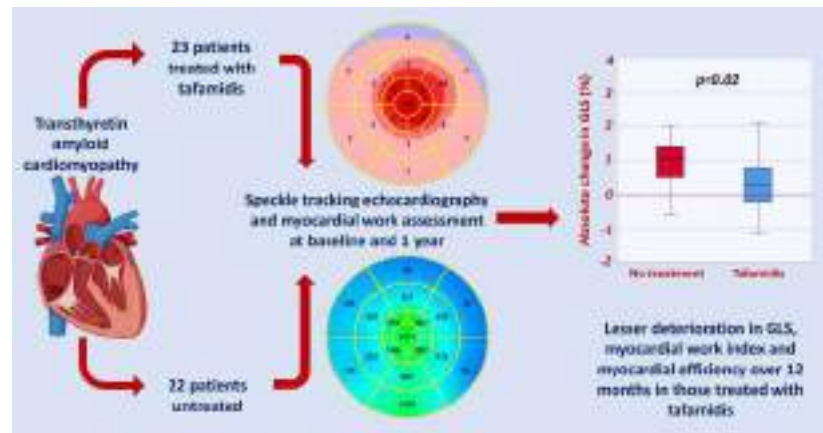
High-risk score ≥6

Transthoracic echocardiography

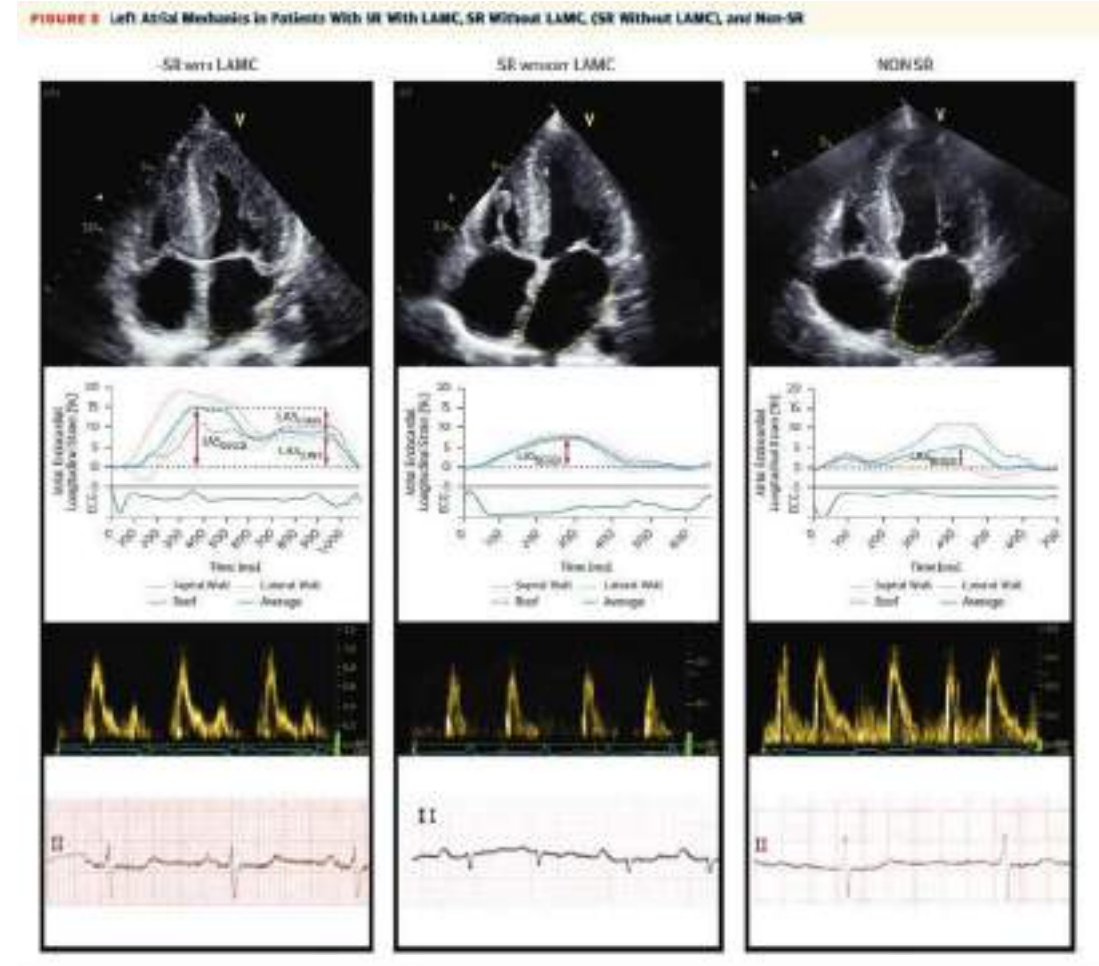
- apical sparring, LF/LG AS, atrial dysfunction



Robin Circ J 2021



Giblin EHJ CV im 2022



(From top to bottom) apical 4 chamber view showing strain endocardial trace; endocardial longitudinal strain curves with measurements of LA functional components; transmural push-wave Doppler; electrocardiographic trace. LA = left atrium; LAMC = left atrial mechanical contraction; SR = sinus rhythm.

Attention à la FA

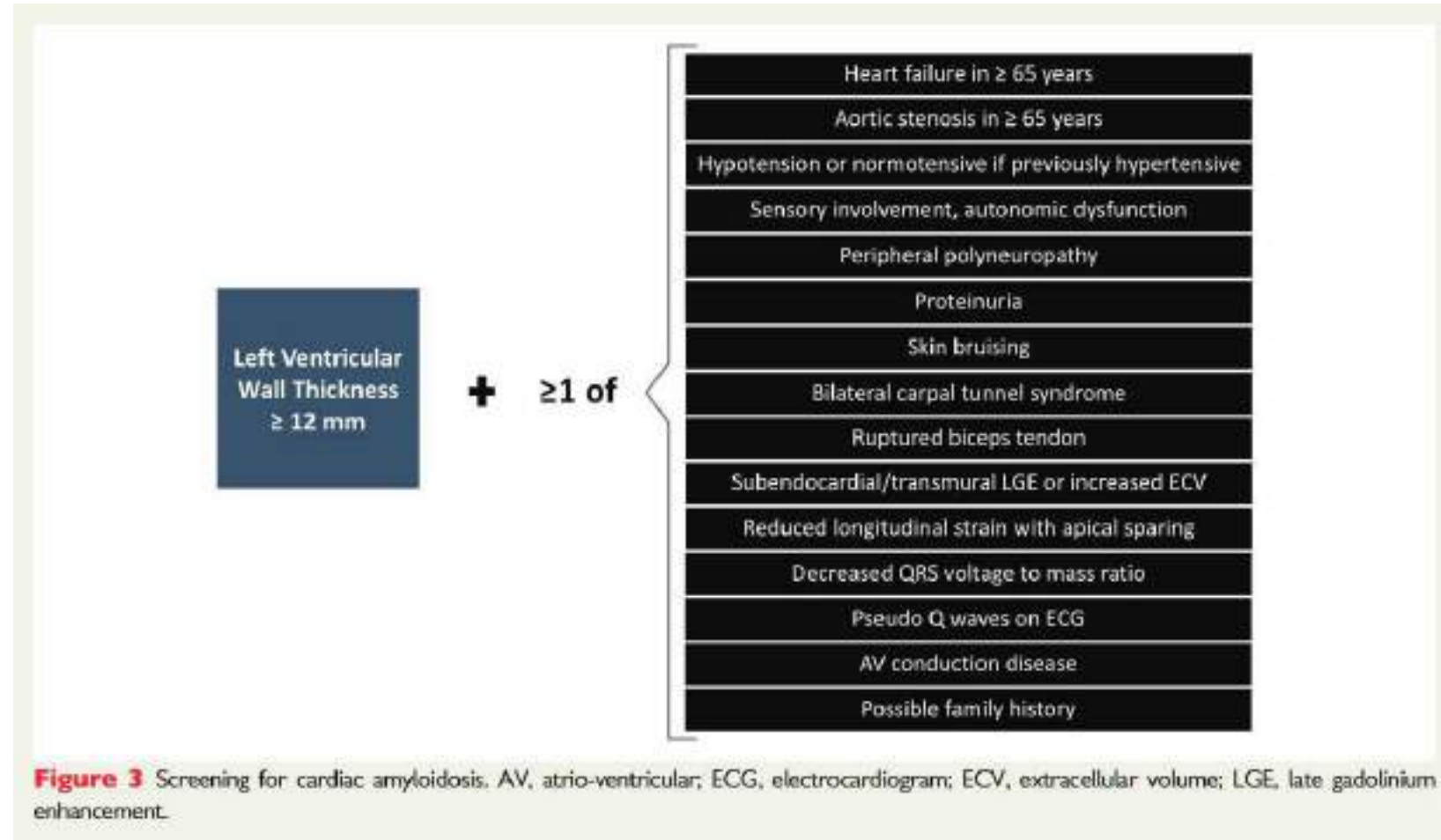
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Echo = the screening for cardiac amyloidosis

Multiparametric echocardiographic score ≥ 8 points:

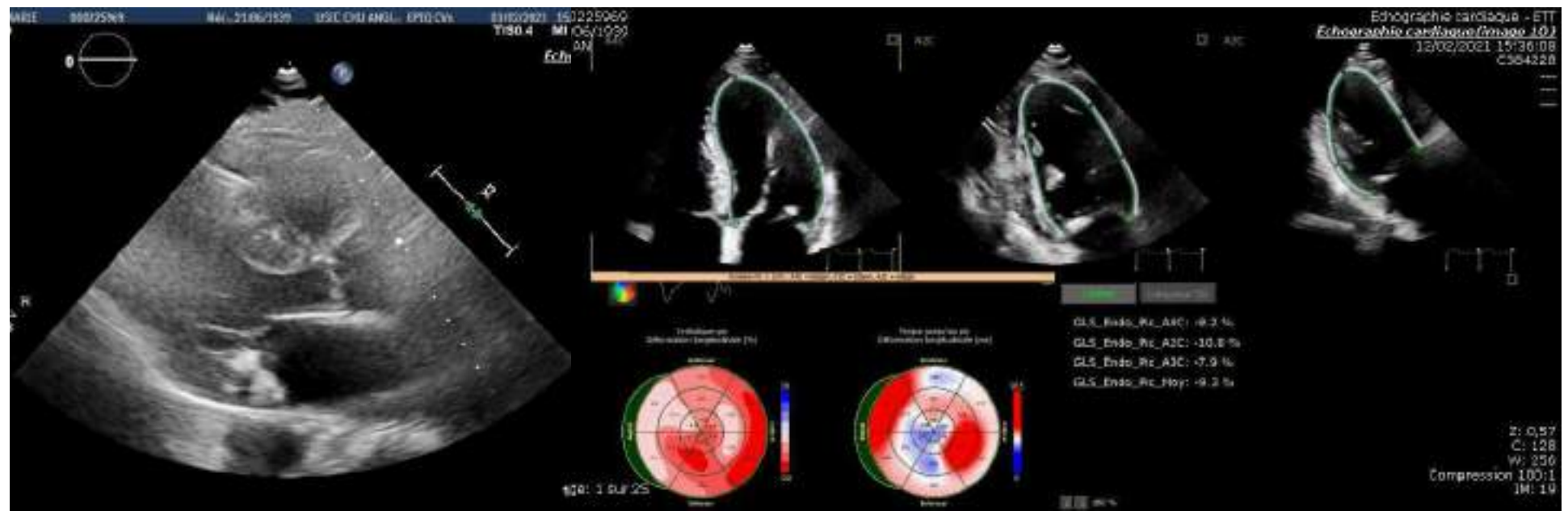
- a. Relative LV wall thickness (IVS+PWT)/LVEDD > 0.6
3 points
- b. Doppler E wave/e' wave velocities > 11
1 point
- c. TAPSE ≤ 19 mm
2 points
- d. LV global longitudinal strain absolute value $\leq -13\%$
1 point
- e. Systolic longitudinal strain apex to base ratio > 2.9
3 points

[Boldrini J Am Coll Cardiol Img. 2020](#)
Apr, 13 (4) 909–920



Diagnosis and treatment of cardiac amyloidosis: a position statement of the ESC Working Group on Myocardial and Pericardial Diseases. EHJ 2021

81 yrs old female
Dyspnea
2023 Feb: TTE

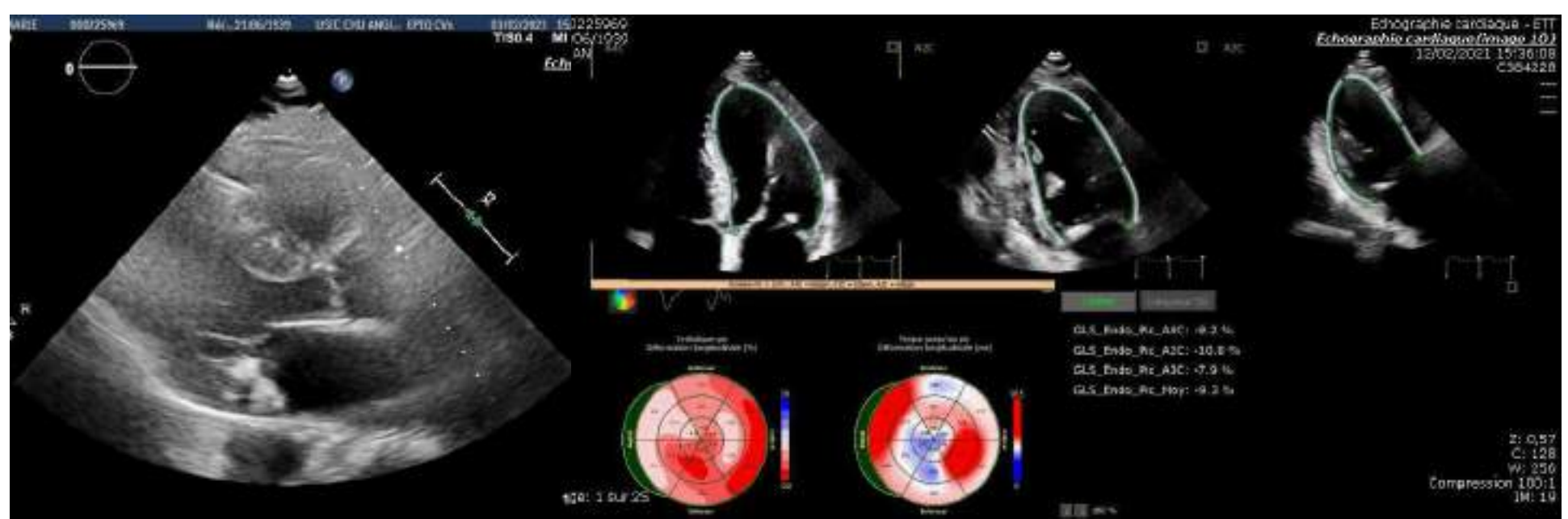


Cardiac Magnetic Resonance

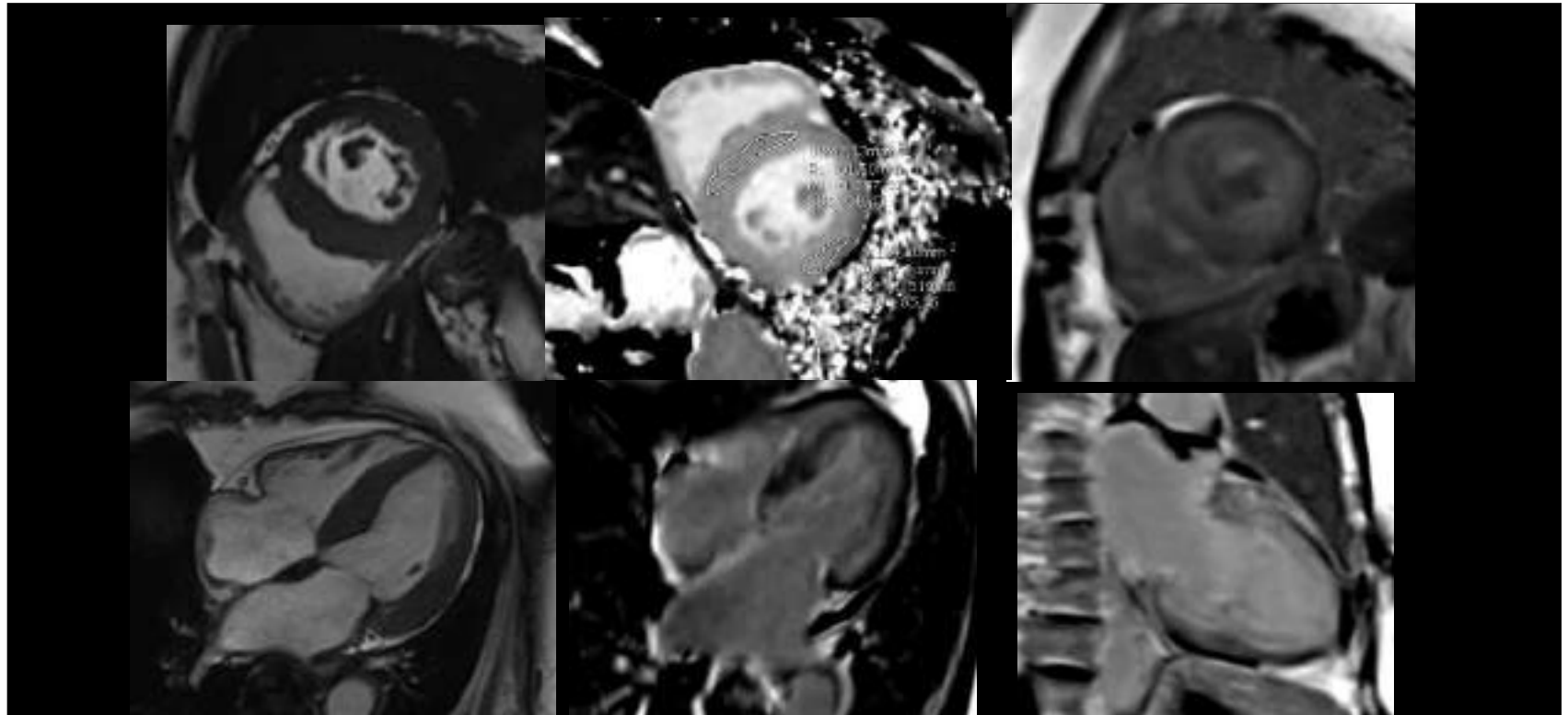
« Une bonne echo vaut une IRM pour le morpho... », « L'IRM c'est une super écho... »

- Morphology, hypertrophy, atrial septum, strain
- Gadolinium kinetics
- Late gadolinium enhancement μ (5 to 10 min)
- T1 mapping (T2 mapping)
- Extra-cellular volume
- Atrial fibrillation
- Contra-indications to gadolinium or MRI
- LGE is not 100% sensitive
- T1 mapping: magnetic fields, MOCO, spatial definition
- ECV : hematocrit

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2023 Apr: CMR



TEMPS PRECOCE



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Dyspnea
2023 Feb: TTE

2023 Apr: CMR

2023 May: HMDP...

TEMPS TARDIF



Siemens Healthineers
MAGNETOM Vida
IRM CARDIAQUE

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max. avr. T1: 1951
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ECV Map

100
80
60
40
20
0

Acquisition type: Inversion Recovery (T1)
Correction factor: 1.0000 (Default)
Registration:
Create maps: Start Stop auto
Export maps: Export
Overlay: Raw Images
Autocopy:
Shift acquisition times:
Hematocrit (%): 43,0

Reports: Statistics (ROI)

Research only / Not for clinical use

Statistics (ROIs) - ECV [%] - slice: 1

Region	Mean	SD	Median	Min	Max
LV Myocard	-	-	-	-	-
ROI 1	55,5	4,48	55	45	74
ROI 2	-	-	-	-	-
ROI 3	-	-	-	-	-
ROI 4	-	-	-	-	-
LV Blood Pool	57,0	2,86	57	48	65

Statistics (ROIs) - T1 Native [ms] - slice: 1

Region	Mean	SD	Median	Min	Max
LV Myocard	-	-	-	-	-
ROI 1	1425,9	32,44	1422	1329	1502
ROI 2	-	-	-	-	-
ROI 3	-	-	-	-	-
ROI 4	-	-	-	-	-
LV Blood Pool	1868,1	63,12	1870	1719	2026

Statistics (ROIs) - T1 Post [ms] - slice: 1

Region	Mean	SD	Median	Min	Max
LV Myocard	-	-	-	-	-
ROI 1	293,8	18,20	295	232	341
ROI 2	-	-	-	-	-
ROI 3	-	-	-	-	-
ROI 4	-	-	-	-	-

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SI 1/1, Ph: 1/8
HR: 0 bpm, RR: 1067 ms
TR: 280.56 ms, TE: 1.12 ms
TI: 100.00 ms, TD: 657.50 ms
SP: 41.52 mm, Thk: 8.0 mm, Gap: 1.6 mm
S: 33
FS: 3 T
ww: 1713, wl: 768
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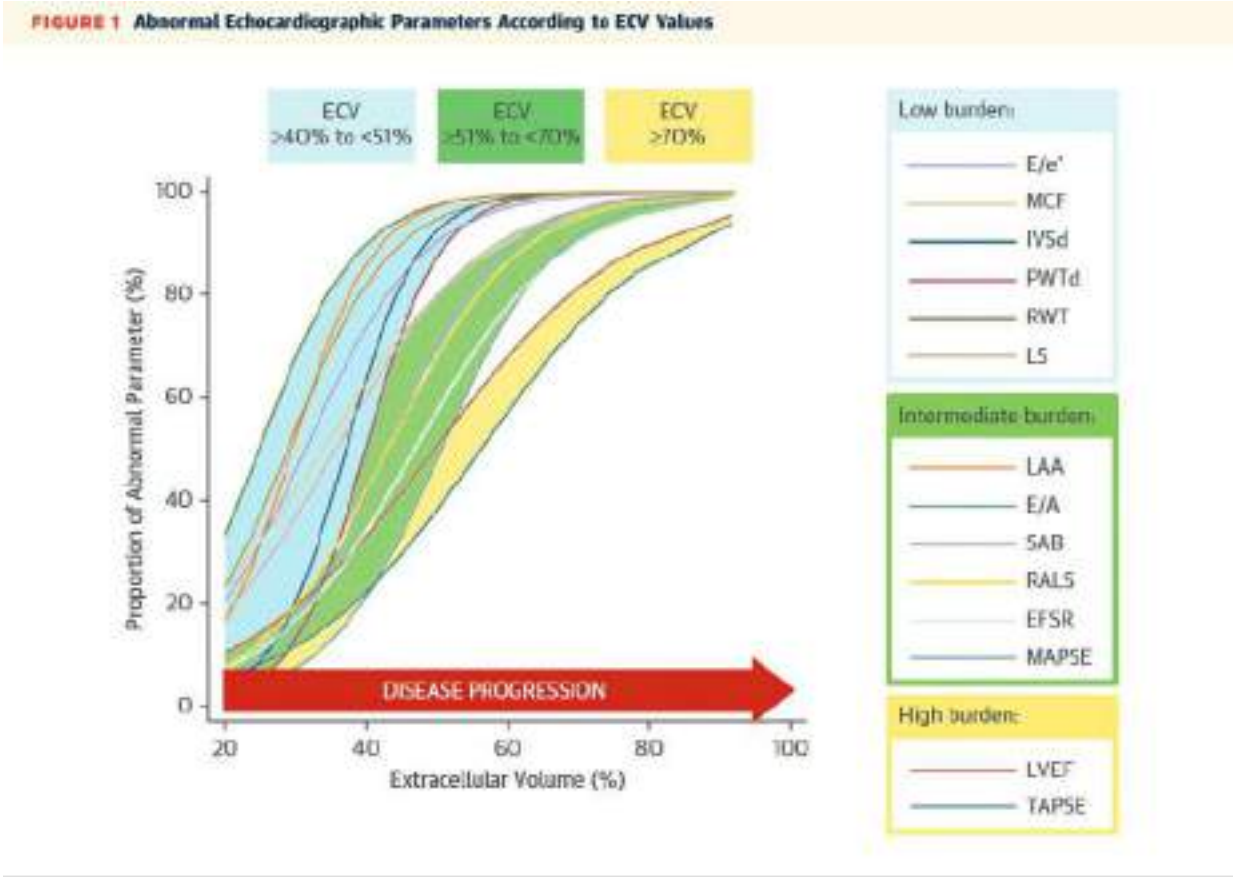
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HR: 0 bpm, RR: 1100 ms
TR: 360.56 ms, TE: 1.12 ms
TI: 100.00 ms, TD: 940.00 ms
SP: 41.52 mm, Thk: 8.0 mm, Gap: 1.6 mm
S: 85
FS: 3 T
ww: 1647, wl: 718
ven. avr: 142023
t1map_short_t1_post_4cev

Graph: Bullseye ECV, Bullseye T1 Native, Bullseye T1 Post
T1 relaxation curves

Intensity (a.u.)

Time [ms]

Extracellular volume



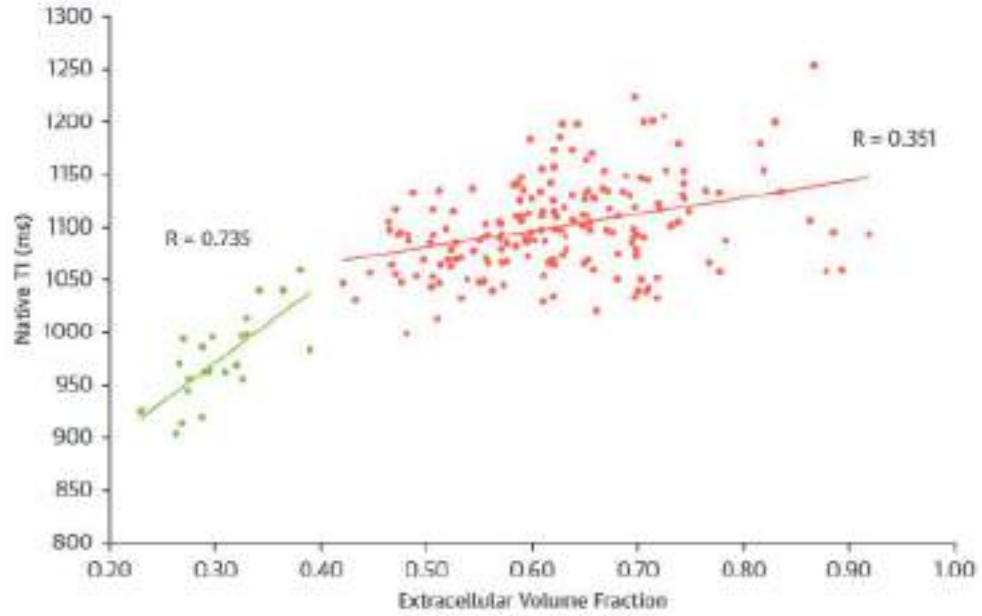
AUC = 0.87
(95% CI: 0.85-0.90)

PARAMETERS	[RWT >0.6	3 points
		E/e' >11	1 point
		TAPSE ≤19 mm	2 points
		LS ≥ -13%	1 point
		SAB > 2.9	3 points
]	

The probability of cardiac structural and functional variables being abnormal across the spectrum of cardiac amyloid burden (as defined by ECV). Variables can be categorized into 3 groups according to their likelihood of being abnormal: either predominantly at low, intermediate, or high burden of amyloid infiltration. ECV = extracellular volume; other abbreviations as in Table 1.

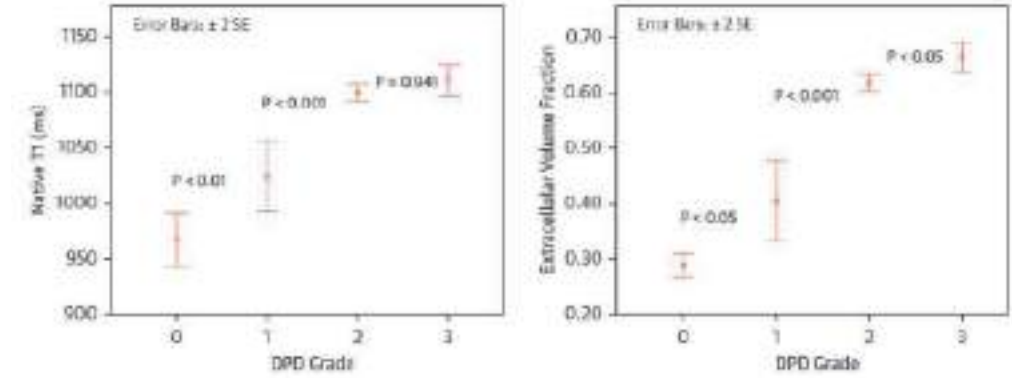
Extracellular volume

FIGURE 1 Correlation Between Native T1 and ECV in ATTR

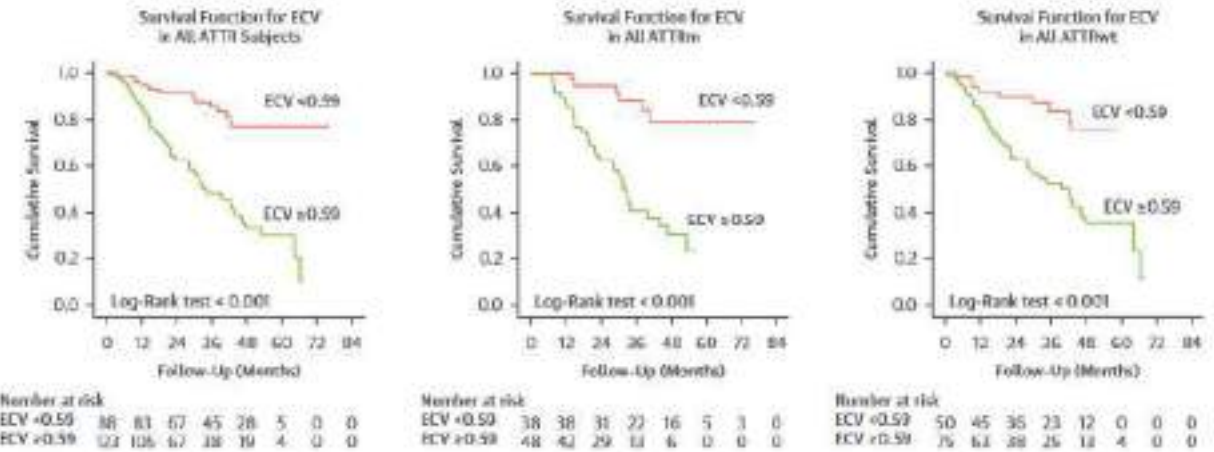


Correlation among native T1 and extracellular volume (ECV), ECV < 0.40 (green), and ECV ≥ 0.40 (pink). ATTR – transthyretin amyloidosis.

FIGURE 4 DPD Grade Versus Native T1 and ECV



^{99m}Tc-3,3'-diphosphono-1,2-propanedicarboxylic acid (DPD) grade versus mean (left) native myocardial T1 and (right) ECV ± 2 SE in gene carriers and ATTR patients according to different degrees of uptake on the ^{99m}Tc-DPD scintigraphy, p for trend < 0.001 for both. Abbreviations as in Figure 1.



(BONE) SCINTIGRAPHY

- Tracers: DPD, HMDP
- early (10 min) vs late (3 hrs)
- SPECT
- !39% des amyloses AL sont perugini 1
Quarto EHJ Cvim 2021
- !10% des ATTRv n'ont pas de fixation

Table 4 Possible false positives and false negatives of bisphosphonate scintigraphy for detecting transthyretin cardiac amyloidosis

	Situation	How to suspect and confirm?
False positive	AL amyloidosis	Abnormal SPE, UPE or serum free light ratio. Requires histologic confirmation.
	Hydroxychloroquine cardiac toxicity	Interrogation. Requires histologic confirmation.
	AApoA1 and AApoAII amyloidosis	Concomitant kidney disease present. Genetic testing.
	ApoAIV amyloidosis	Concomitant kidney disease present. Requires histologic confirmation.
	A β 2M amyloidosis	Long-term dialysis (>9 years). Requires histologic confirmation.
	Blood pool	Cardiac dysfunction could be present. Use SPECT to detect uptake in myocardium. Delay acquisition.
False negative	Rib fractures, valvular/annular calcifications	Use SPECT to detect uptake in myocardium.
	Recent myocardial infarction (<4 weeks)	Interrogation. Use SPECT to detect diffuse uptake in myocardium.
	Pho84Leu ATTRv, Ser97Tyr ATTRv	Concomitant neuropathy. Familial disease. Genetic testing.
	Very mild disease	Requires histologic confirmation.
	Delayed acquisition	Shorter acquisition time interval.
Premature acquisition	Prolong acquisition time interval.	

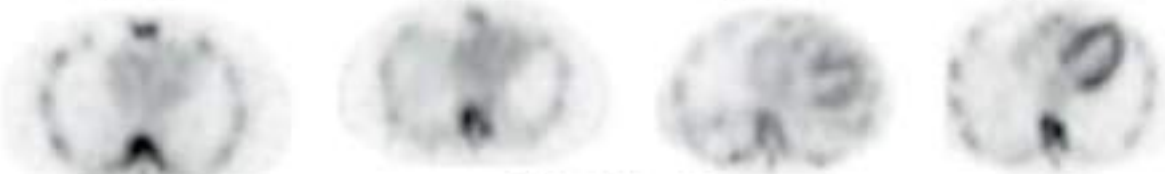
AApoA1, apolipoprotein A1 amyloidosis; AApoAII, apolipoprotein AII amyloidosis; AApoAIV, apolipoprotein A-IV amyloidosis; A β 2M, β 2-microglobulin amyloidosis; AL, light-chain amyloidosis; ATTRv, hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis; SPECT, single photon emission computed tomography; SPE, serum protein electrophoresis with immunofixation; UPE, urine protein electrophoresis with immunofixation.

Qualitative Visual Scoring
Planar-^{99m}Tc-PYP



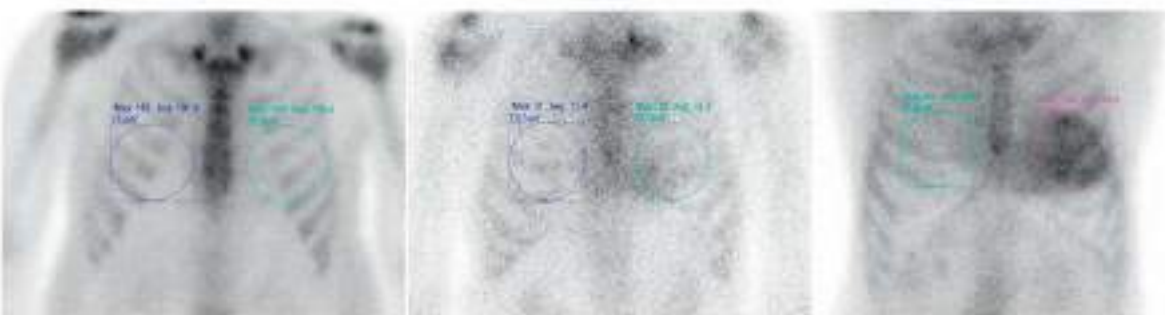
Grade 0 Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3

SPECT-^{99m}Tc-PYP

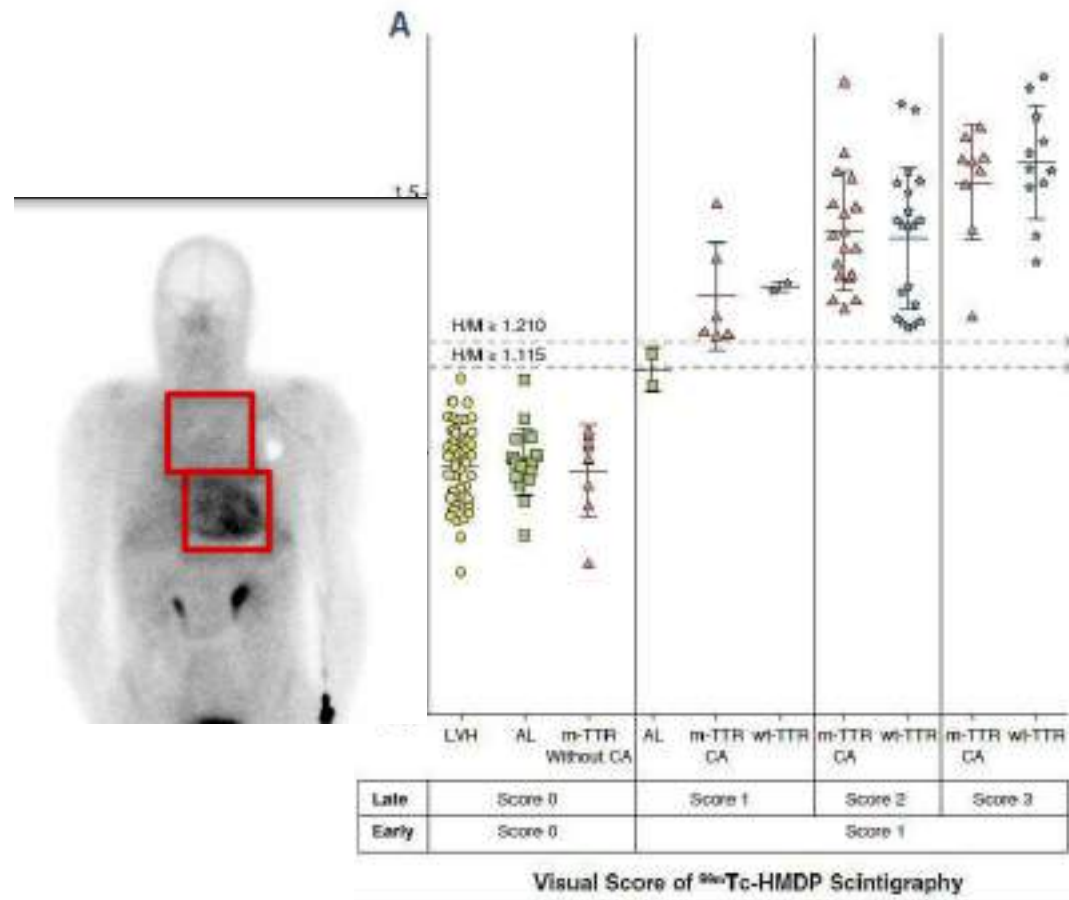


Semiquantitative Evaluation

HCL = 1.0 (Normal) HCL = 1.2 (Equivocal) HCL = 1.7 (ATTR)

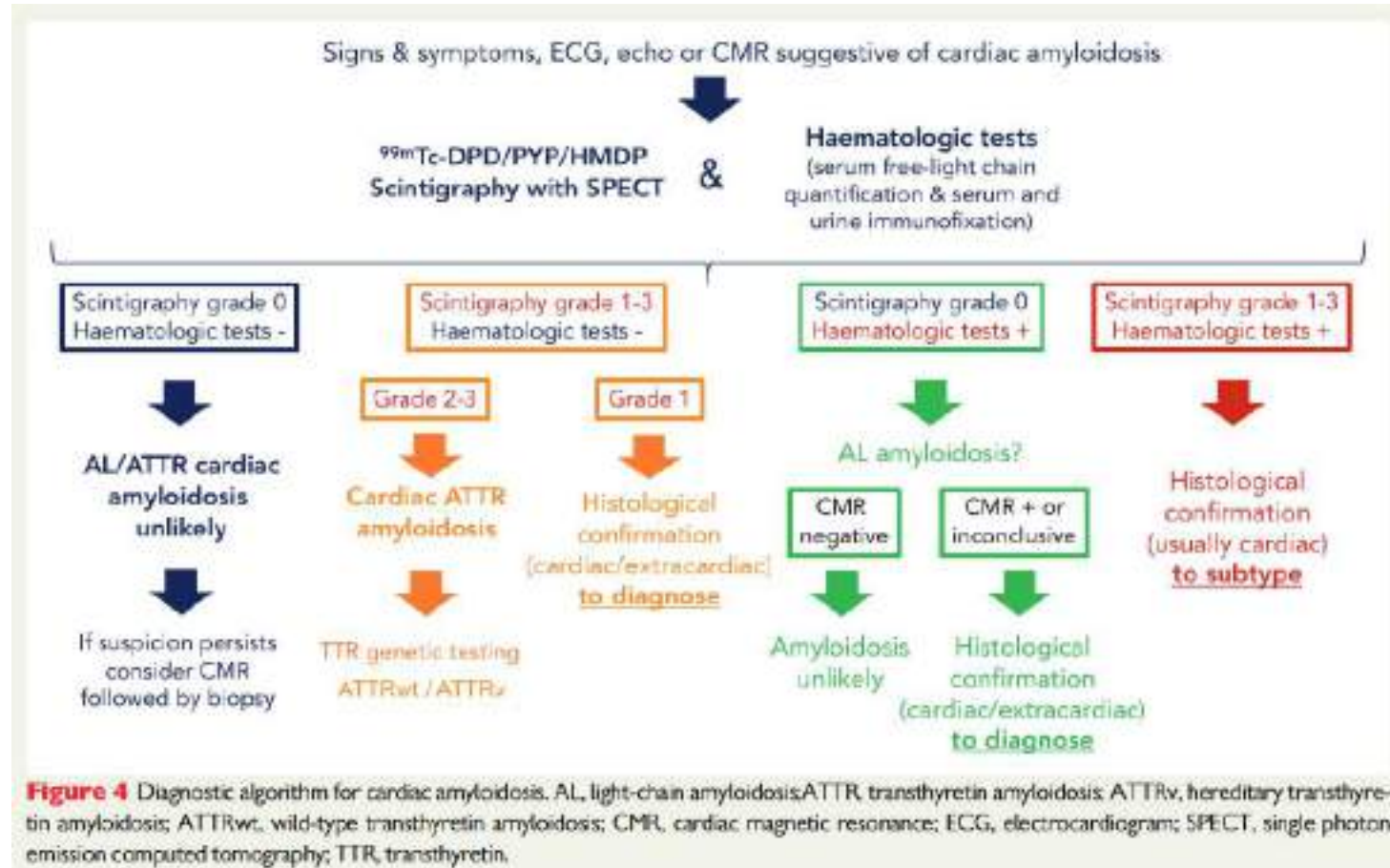


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Early
Ratio H/M
Gallat JACC 2017

Algorithme diagnostique



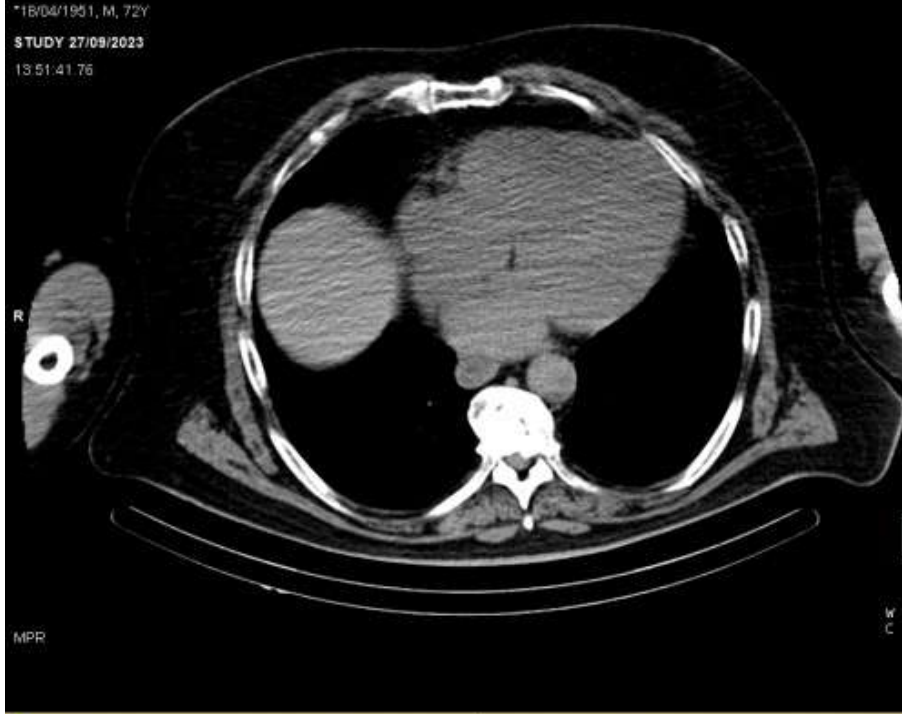
71 yrs old male

HF

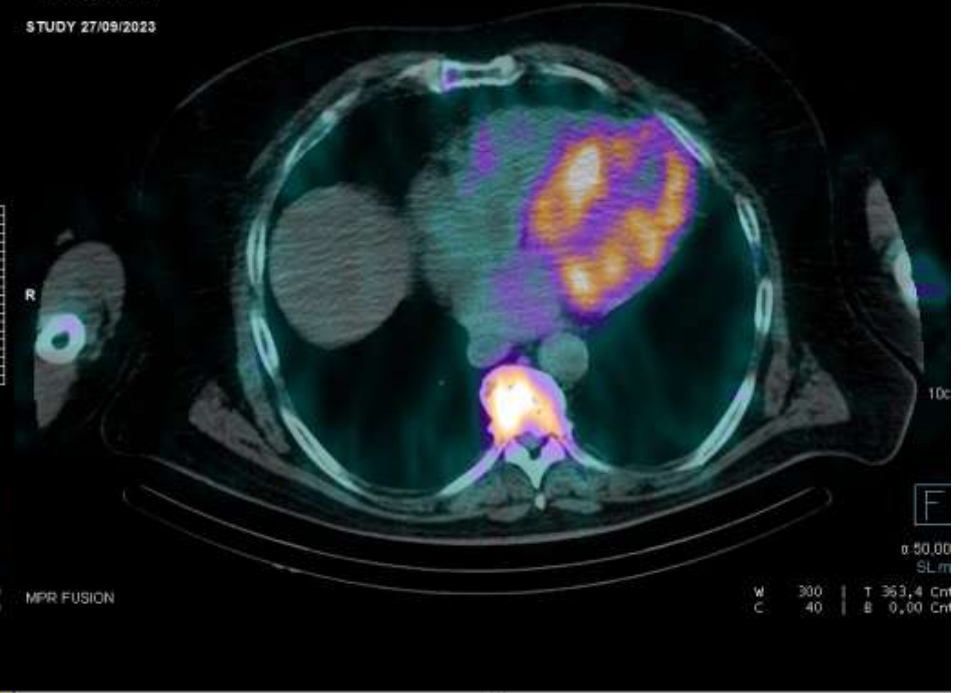
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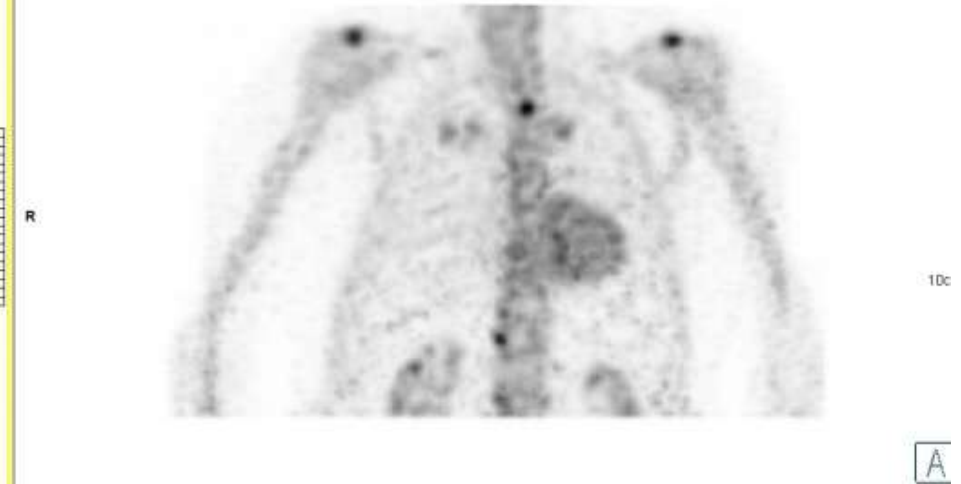
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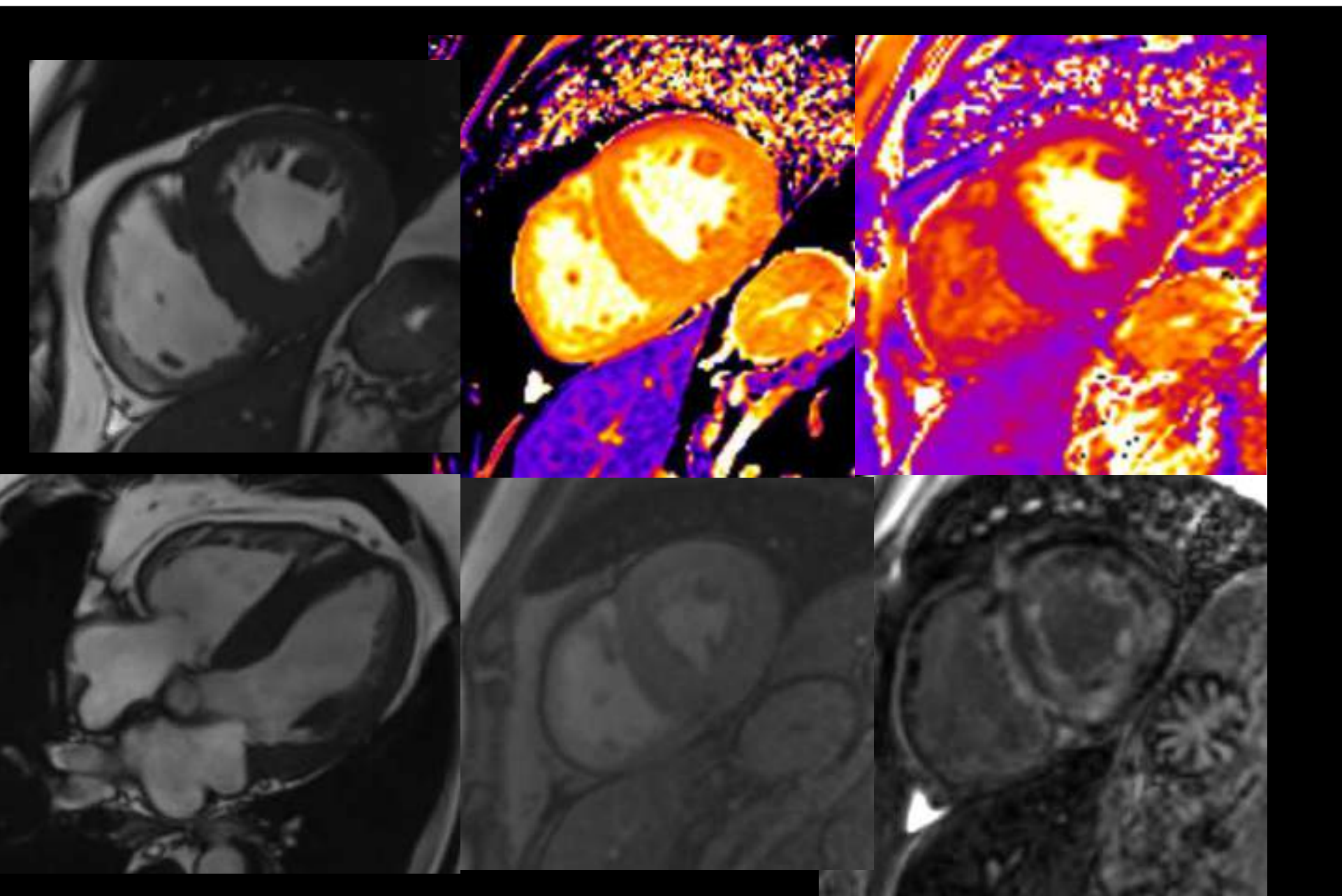
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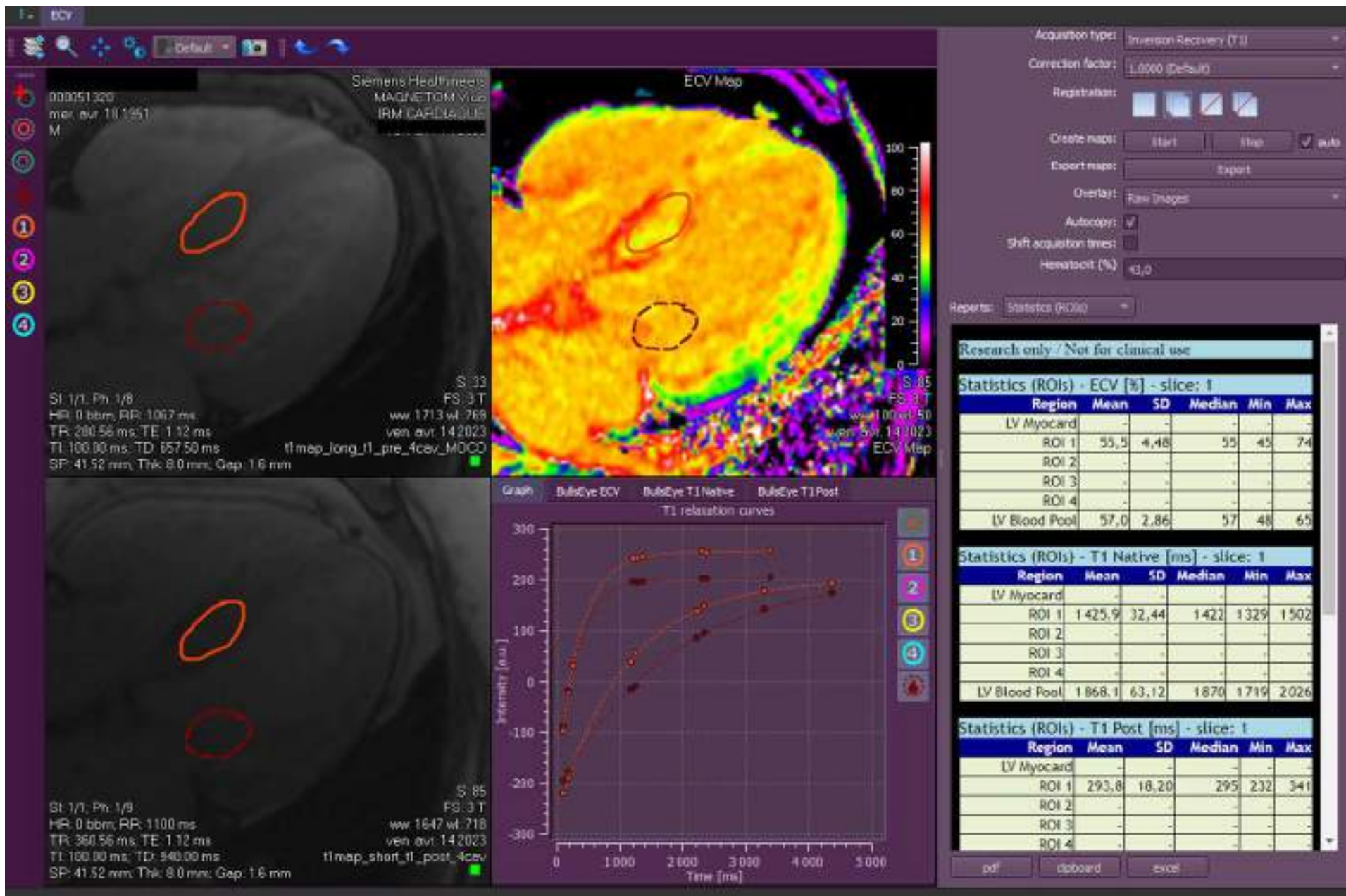


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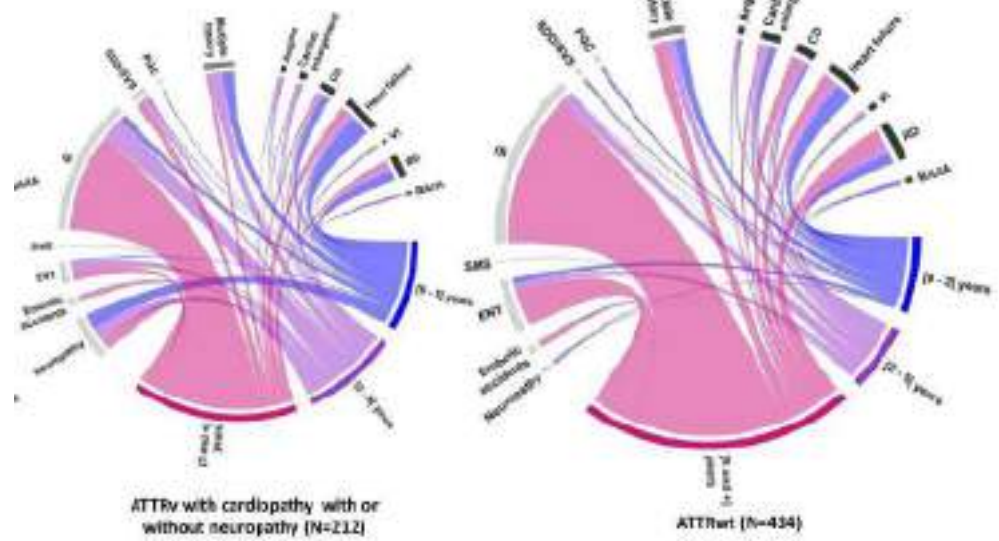


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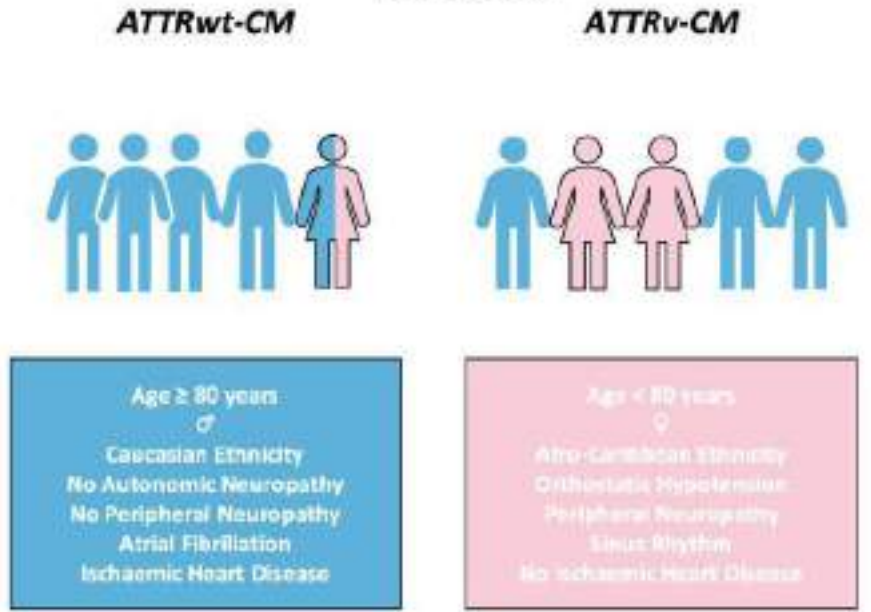


Imaging to distinguish wild type from
variant ATTR?

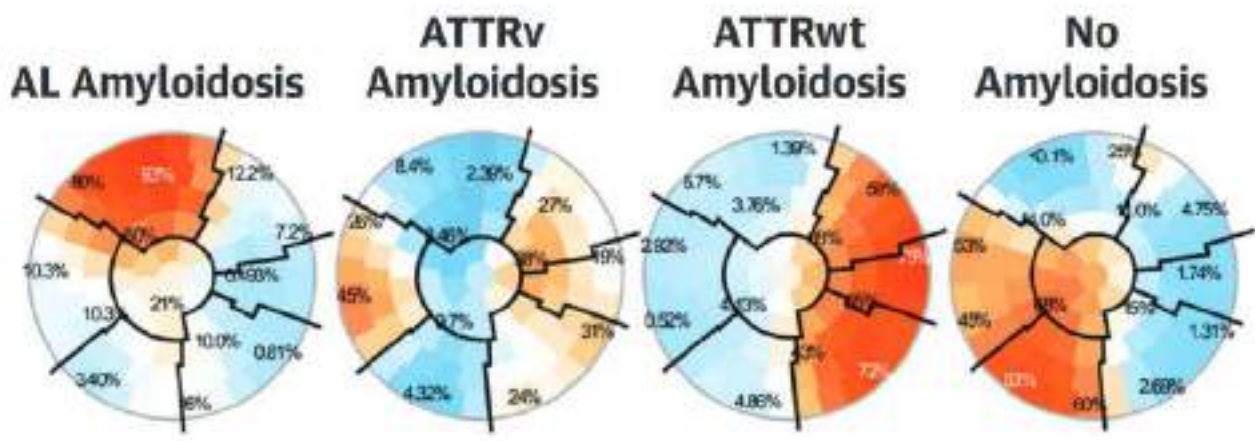


n=983
 Kharoubi, ESC Heart Failure 2021; 8: 5501–5512

Clinical Profile of Patients with Wild-Type and Hereditary ATTR-CM



n=2029
 Porcari, European Journal of Heart Failure (2023) 25,515–524



n=1394
 Bonnefous, J Am Coll Cardiol 2021;78:2177–2192

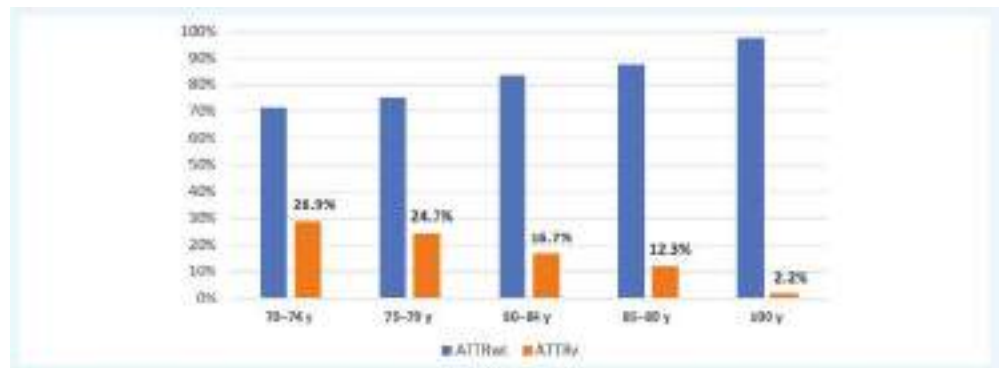
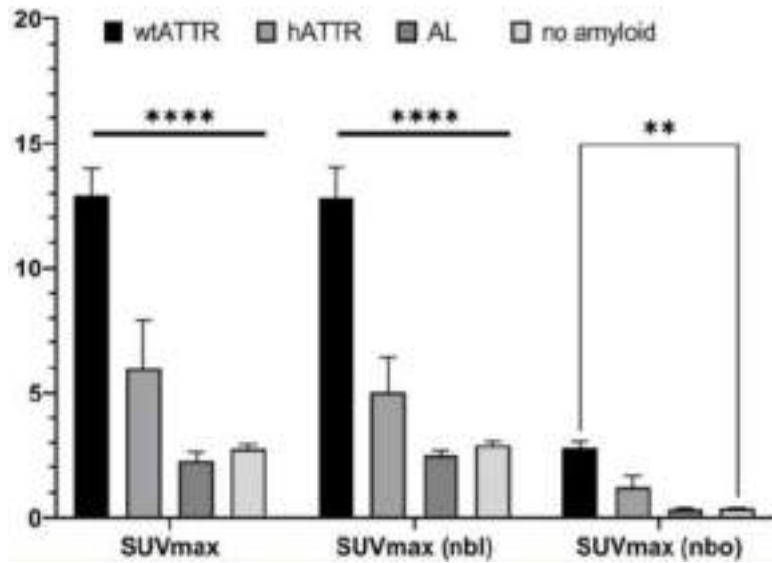
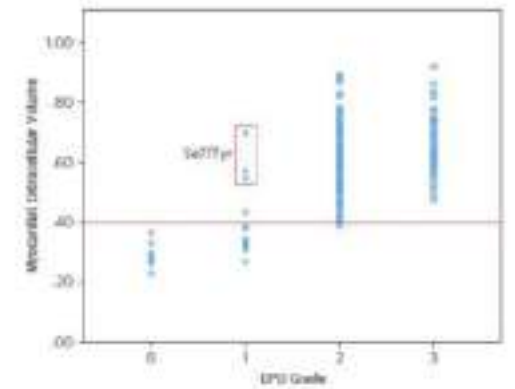
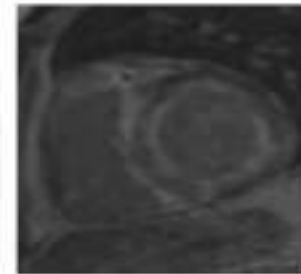


Figure 1 Trends in diagnosis of variant transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (ATTRv-CM) according to age ranges at diagnosis. ATTRwt-CM, wild-type transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy; y, years.



n=136

Kessler, J Nucl Cardiol. 2023; 30(1): 101–111



A Martinez-Naharro. J Am Coll Cardiol 2017; 70:466–77

Diag précoce de l'atteinte amyloïde

Prognostic staging

Table 6 Prognostic staging scores in light-chain and transthyretin amyloidoses

Kumar et al.¹⁵ (Mayo)		Lilleness et al.¹⁶ (BU)		Grogan et al.¹⁷ (Mayo)		Gillmore et al.¹⁸ (NAC)		Cheng et al.¹⁹ (Columbia)	
AL		AL		ATTRwt		ATTRv and ATTRwt		ATTRv and ATTRwt	
Staging parameters:		Staging parameters:		Staging parameters:		Staging parameters:		Scoring parameters:	
FLC-diff \geq 18 mg/dL		Troponin I $>$ 0.1 ng/mL		Troponin T $>$ 0.05 ng/mL		eGFR $<$ 45 mL/min/1.73 m ²		Mayo or NAC score (0–2 points)	
Troponin T \geq 0.025 ng/mL		BNP $>$ 81 pg/mL		NT-proBNP $>$ 3000 pg/mL		NT-proBNP $>$ 3000 pg/mL		Daily dose of furosemide or equivalent: 0 mg/kg (0 points),	
NT-proBNP \geq 1800 pg/mL								$>$ 0–0.5 mg/kg (1 point), $>$ 0.5–1 mg/kg (2 points), and $>$ 1 mg/kg (3 points)	
								NYHA class I-IV (1 to 4 points)	
Stage	5-year survival	Stage	Median survival	Stage	4-year survival/ median survival	Stage	Median survival	Score	Median survival
Stage I (0 parameters)	68%	Stage I (0 parameters)	Not reached	Stage I (0 parameters)	57% 66 months	Stage I (0 parameters)	69.2 months	Score 1–3	90.5 months
Stage II (1 parameter)	60%	Stage II (1 parameter)	112.8 months	Stage II (1 parameter)	42% 40 months	Stage II (1 parameter)	46.7 months	Score 4–6	38.5 months (Mayo) 36 months (NAC)
Stage III (2 parameters)	28%	Stage III (2 parameters)	51.6 months	Stage III (2 parameters)	18% 20 months	Stage III (2 parameters)	24.1 months	Score 7–9	20.3 months (Mayo) 19.8 months (NAC)
Stage IV (3 parameters)	14%	Stage IIIb (2 parameters and BNP $>$ 700 pg/mL)	12 months						


AL, light-chain amyloidosis; ATTRv, hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis; ATTRwt, wild-type transthyretin amyloidosis; BU, Boston University School of Medicine; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate calculated by the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease formula; FLC-diff, difference between involved and uninvolved free light chain; NAC, UK National Amyloidosis Centre; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide; NYHA, New York Heart Association.

Change of extracellular volume and its prognostic impact in cardiac amyloidosis

Baseline cardiac MRI
n=103

Patient characteristics

ATTR: n=80
AL: n=23
Median age: 75.0 years



Cardiomyocyte
Extracellular Volume
Amyloid
Matrix with Collagen

Follow-up cardiac MRI after 12.0 months
n=103

Stabilization/Decrease in Extracellular Volume

Increase in Extracellular Volume

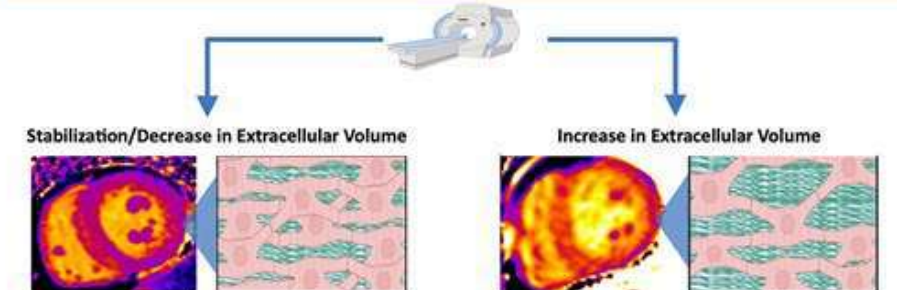
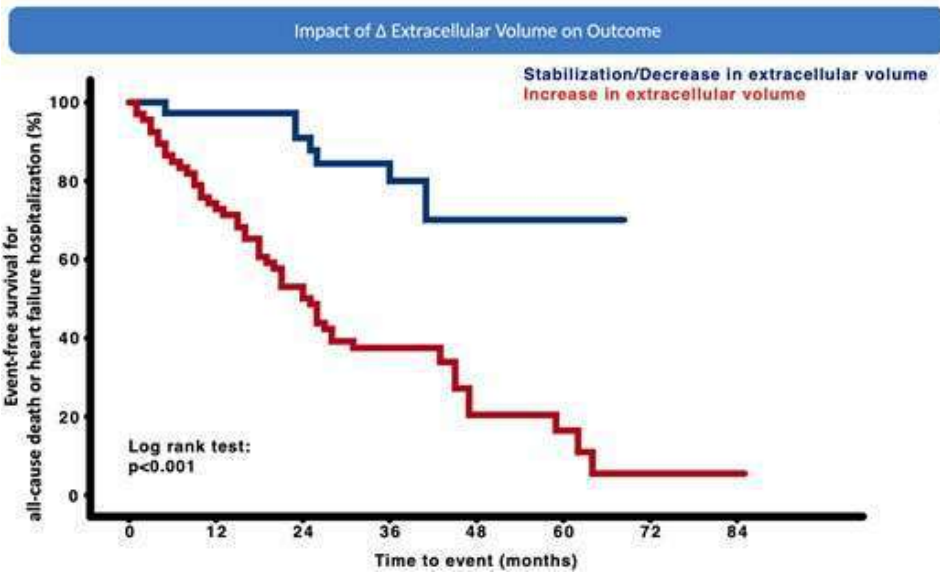
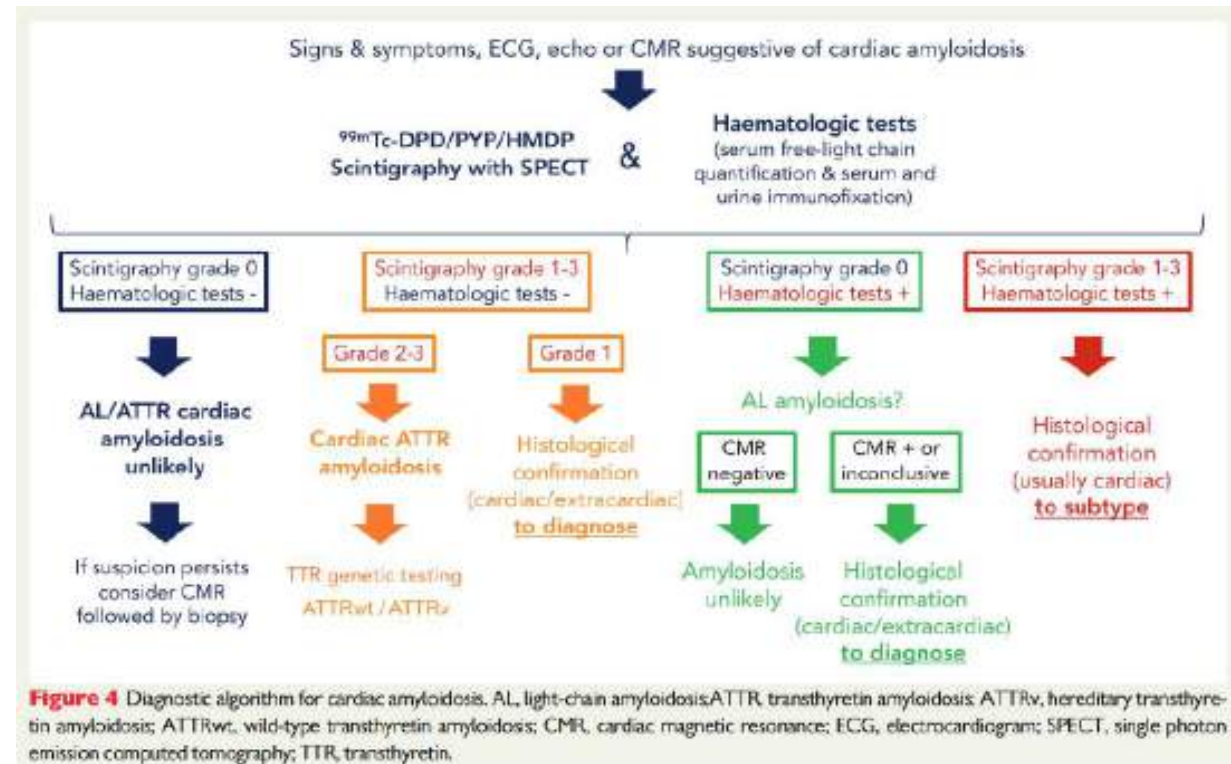



Table 7 Proposed follow-up scheme in cardiac amyloidosis

	AL	ATTR
Patients with cardiac amyloidosis	<p>Every month (during initial haematological treatment):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete blood count, basic biochemistry, NT-proBNP, and troponin Serum free light chain quantification Clinical evaluation by Haematology Evaluation by Cardiology if clinically indicated <p>Every 3-4 months (after completing initial haematological treatment):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete blood count, basic biochemistry, NT-proBNP, and troponin Serum free light chain quantification Clinical evaluation by Haematology <p>Every 6 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECG Echocardiography/CMR Evaluation by Cardiology <p>Every 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24-h Holter ECG 	<p>Every 6 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECG Blood tests including NT-proBNP and troponin Neurological evaluation (if ATTRv) 6MWD (optional) KCCQ (optional) <p>Every 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Echocardiography/CMR 24-h Holter ECG Ophthalmological evaluation (if ATTRv)
ATTRv asymptomatic genetic carriers*		<p>Yearly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECG Blood tests including NT-proBNP and troponin Echocardiography Neurological and ophthalmological evaluation <p>Every 2 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holter ECG <p>Every 3 years or if any of above complementary tests is abnormal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scintigraphy CMR

Take home messages

- Echo for screening
- CMR for differential diagnosis
- SCINTIGRAPHY is mandatory



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