





EuroValve 2016 Challenges in the management Secondary MR Guidelines in perspective?

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Secondary MR







Level of Evidence in Valvular Heart Disease ESC Guidelines



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MR is unfrequently quantified



Grading the severity of ischaemic MR: integration of multiple parameters

- Colour Doppler jet is inaccurate
- Large FC zone at Niquist limit of 50-60 cm/s
- VC width > 8 mm (biplane)
- E wave > 1.5 m/s
- TVI Mit/TVI Ao > 1.4
- EROA > 0.2 cm² ?
- R Vol > 30 mL ?
- Regurgitant fraction > 50%

Echocardiographic criteria for the definition of severe MR: an integrative approach



Lancellotti et al, Eur Heart J Cardiovasc Img 2014

Potential pitfalls



Hemielliptic







Yosefy et al JASE 2007

Limitations of the PISA Method

- Assumes a hemispheric jet
- Regurgitant orifice is usually crescent shape
- Flow convergence shape is difficult to judge
- Shape affected by aliasing velocity
- Errors in measurement are squared
- Regurgitation flow changes during systole
- Interobserver variability
- Not valid for multiple jets

Moderate or Severe MR ?



PISA radius = 7 mm EROA = 0.16 cm² R Vol = 30 mL PISA radius = 8 mm EROA = 0.26 cm² R Vol = 42 mL

3D parameters: which cut-offs?







Gorlin hydraulic orifice equation



Grayburn et al JACC 2014

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MR severity EROA should be indexed to LVEDV



X – LVEDV values given in paper

Y – LVEDV not given in paper, calculated from LVEDD or LVEDVI (Cioffi)

The conundrum of treatment



Medical CRT **CABG or PCI Combined surgery** Surgical MV repair Surgical MV replacement MitraClip TMVI?

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Surgical Treatment Options



CABG







CARDIOTHORACIC SURGICAL TRIALS NETWORK The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Two-Year Outcomes of Surgical Treatment of Severe Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation

D. Goldstein, A.J. Moskowitz, A.C. Gelijns, G. Ailawadi, M.K. Parides, L.P. Perrault, J.W. Hung, P. Voisine, F. Dagenais, A.M. Gillinov, V. Thourani, M. Argenziano, J.S. Gammie, M. Mack, P. Demers, P. Atluri, E.A. Rose, K. O'Sullivan, D.L. Williams, E. Bagiella, R.E. Michler, R.D. Weisel, M.A. Miller, N.L. Geller, W.C. Taddei-Peters, P.K. Smith, E. Moquete, J.R. Overbey, I.L. Kron, P.T. O'Gara, and M.A. Acker, for the CTSN*



Integrative Method of MR Grading

Parameter	Mild	Moderate	/	Severe	λ
EROA(cm ₂)	<0.2	0.2 - 0.39		≥0.4	
VC width (mm)	<3	3 - 6.9		≥7	1/
Jet/LA area	<20%	20-39%		≥ 40%	Ζ



Mortality



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MR Recurrence (≥ moderate)



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Limitations

- Tethering was required but simple ring for all repairs
 - Comprehensive imaging to tailor intervention with more complex repair
- Severe MR was defined as ERO>40 mm²
 - Many pts with massive MR, ratio jet area/LA area was used (no longer recommended)
- If no recurrent MR after repair: \downarrow 22.6% in LV volume vs 6.8%
 - Recurrent MR after repair could be treated with MitraClip

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Combined surgery in moderate MR?

- 301 pts with moderate IMR randomly assigned to CABG alone or CABG + MV repair
- Primary end-point: LVESVI
- Mean change from baseline
 - - 9.4 mL: CABG alone
 - - 9.3 mL: in the combined procedure
- Rate of death
 - 7.3%: CABG alone
 - 6.7%:combined procedure
- Addition of MV repair: longer bypass time, longer hospital stay, more neurological events
- Moderate or severe MR less common in the combined group
 - 31%: CABG alone
 - 11.2%: combined procedure (P<0.001)



Smith et al N Engl J Med 2014;371:2178-88



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Limitations

- LVESV lower than assumed
 - ERO≥0.2 cm² represents severe, not moderate MR
- No measurements of valve-tethering forces
 - TA, coaptation point, angle predict unfavorable results
- No assessment of viability
 - Benefit of MV repair only when scarred myocardium
- Only measures at rest were evaluated
 - IMR is dynamic, exercise capacity was not evaluated
- Interventions should be anatomically based
 - Simple ring, secondary chord lysis, papillary muscle approximation, leaflet augmentation, valve replacement

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Exercise echo is recommended to identify dyspnea, increase in severity of MR and SPAP	IIA	

Ischaemic MR is dynamic



Exercise

Rest

Rest

Exercise

Secondary MR is dynamic

Exercise echo is useful prior to CABG if moderate MR to identify increase (a) or decrease (b) of ischaemic MR

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Symptomatic pts in whom revascularisation is not indicated but have LVEF < 30% ?

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3DE has the best intra- and inter-observer as well as testretest variability (3DE LVEF is the preferred technique)



Figure 3 Temporal Variability in EF

2DE LVEF appears to be reliable in the detection of differences close to 10%

3DE LVEF appears to be reliable in the detection of differences close to 5-6%

Guidelines in perspective?

- Accordance between guidelines and real life is unsufficient
- Most recommendations in 2012 have a level of evidence C
- Cut-off values for severe and moderate MR?
- Recent randomized trials should be considered, but have limitations
- Should replacement be preferred to repair?
- Should MitraClip become a IIa indication?
- Do we have still enough evidence for indicating exercise echo?