



ANALYSIS OF IRON DEFICIENCY IN DIABETIC AND NON-DIABETIC PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE

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IRON DEFICIENCY - A COMMON COMORBIDITY IN PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE

Iron deficiency (ID) occurs in 40% to 50% of patients with chronic heart failure and up to 80% of patients with acute heart failure.

ID worsens heart failure syndrome by affecting energy metabolism in myocardium and skeletal muscle, oxidation-reduction balance and contractile function.

There are several reasons: inflammation, neurohormonal activation, use of antiplatelet drugs, congestion in the GIT, chronic kidney disease...

ID worsens functional status and performance, is associated with a higher degree of negative remodeling, progression of HF and a higher risk of hospitalization for HF

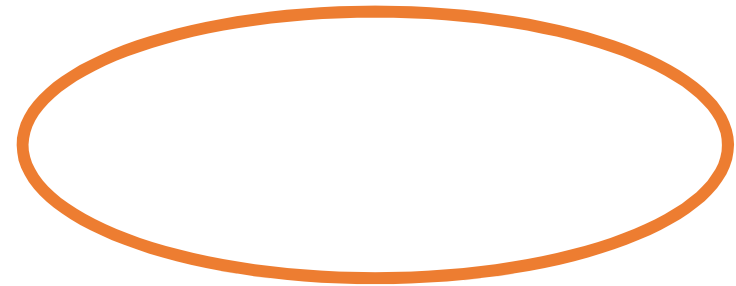


NEWS IN DIAGNOSE IN ESC GUIDELINES UPDATE

Screening and treatment of ID in patients with heart failure by intravenous administration of ferric carboxymaltose is recommended by the Guidelines for Diagnosis and Treatment of HF since 2016.

Indication was extended for HFmrEF in patients after acute HF decompensation in 2021.

The definition of ID was based on ferritin and T-sat values. T-sat based orientation is now preferred because inflammation is present in heart failure¹ - and ferritin is an acute phase parameter that may be elevated in inflammation. Low ferritin may not always be associated with true iron deficiency.



NEWS IN DIAGNOSE OF ID IN ESC GUIDELINES UPDATE

According to the
2023 Update of the Guidelines

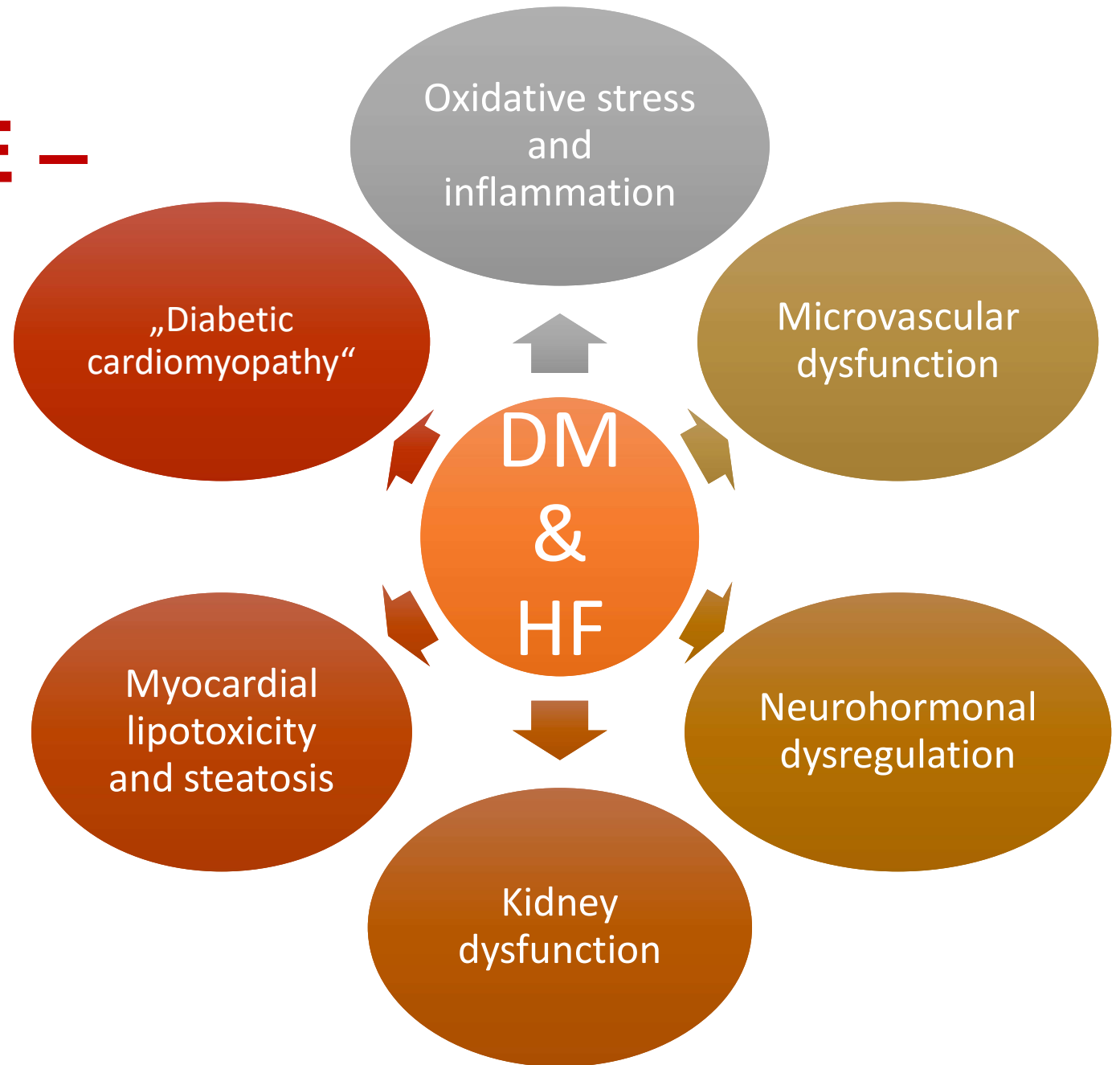
Indication for HFmrEF regardless of
previous cardiac decompensation

ID was defined as T-sat < 20% OR
ferritin < 100 ng/ml

Level of evidence for treatment was
up-graded to A

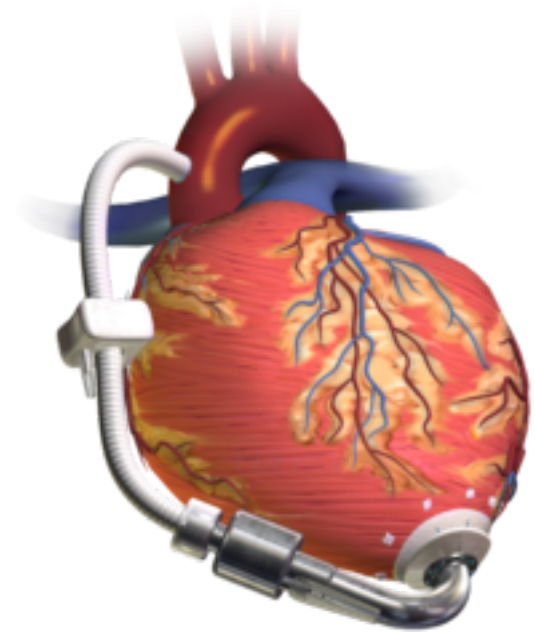
Recommendations	Class ^a	Level
Intravenous iron supplementation is recommended in symptomatic patients with HFrEF and HFmrEF, and iron deficiency, to alleviate HF symptoms and improve quality of life. ^{c 12,41,47–49}	I	A
Intravenous iron supplementation with ferric carboxymaltose or ferric derisomaltose should be considered in symptomatic patients with HFrEF and HFmrEF, and iron deficiency, to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization. ^{c 12,41,43–46}	Ila	A

DIABETES AND HEART FAILURE – BIDIRECTIONAL RELATIONSHIP



DIABETES AND LVAD

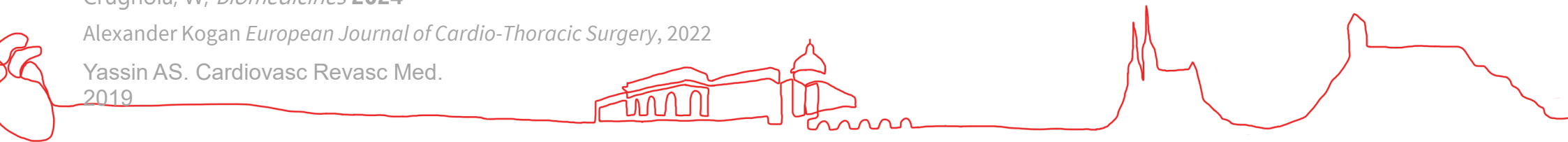
- Approximately 40% of patients with HF also have diabetes mellitus
- In LVAD, peripheral vascular disease, hypertension, renal failure, ischaemia and dyslipidemia is more frequent in DM vs. non-DM patients
- Diabetes is a predictor of long-term mortality after LVAD implantation, mortality starts to increase 3 years after surgery



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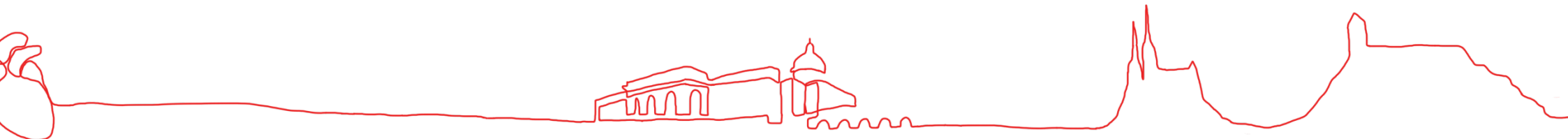
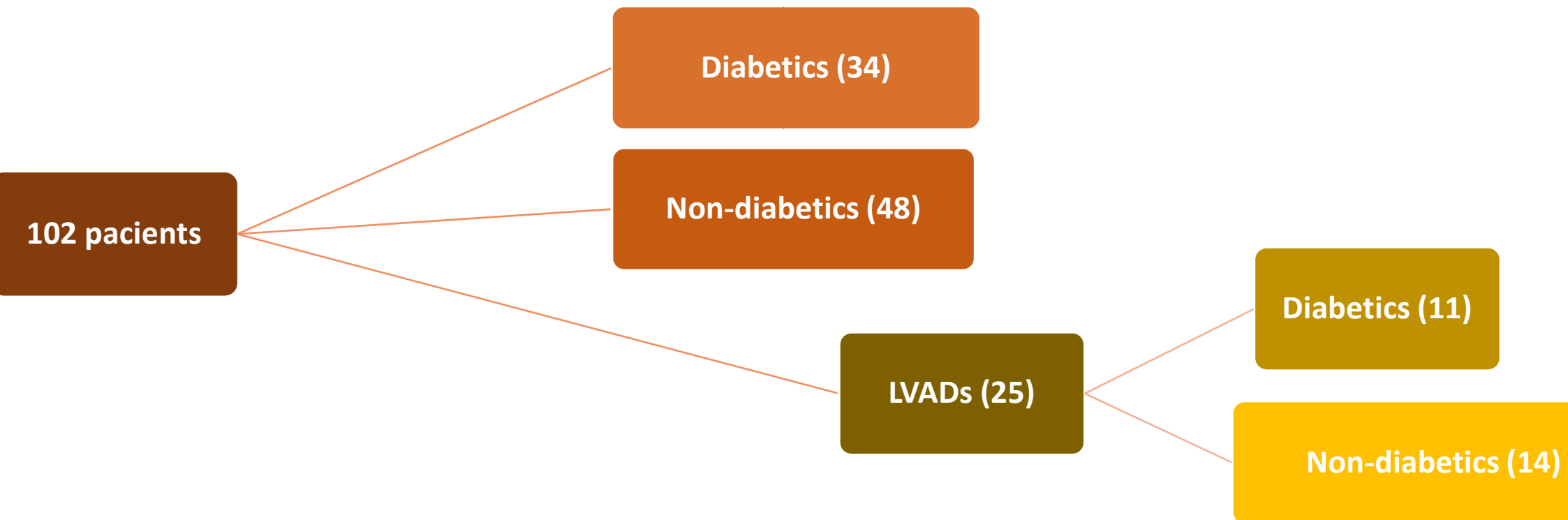


STUDY AIM, METHODS, POPULATION

Objective: To explore the relationship between ID and diabetes in HF

Method: collecting ID parameters and statistical analysis

Analysis of ID prevalence between diabetic and non-diabetic groups



CHARACTERISTICS

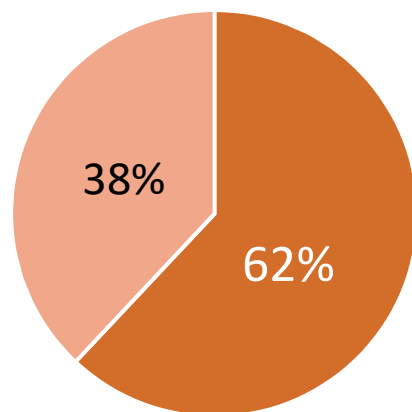
Variables	All patients (102)	Diabetics (34)	Non-diabetics (68)	P-value
Age at inclusion, years	60	63	59	0.19
Gender, women, n (%)	22 (21%)	3 (8%)	19 (28%)	0.001
Cardiovascular parameters				
NYHA Class III-IV, n (%)	58 (56%)	20 (59%)	38 (55%)	0.23
LVEF, (%)	23	20	20	0.25
Laboratory parameters				
CRP (mg/L)	4.50	7.60	3.40	0.16
NT-proBNP (pg/mL)	1788	1605	1889	0.18
GFR (ml/s/1,73m ²)	0.98	0.77	1.05	0.004
Creatinine (μmol/l)	115	126	110	0.07
Haemoglobin (g/l)	142	143	140	0.25
Glycated Haemoglobin (mmol/mol)	43	60	40	<0.001

IRON PARAMETERS

– DIABETICS x non-DIABETICS (regardless of LVAD)

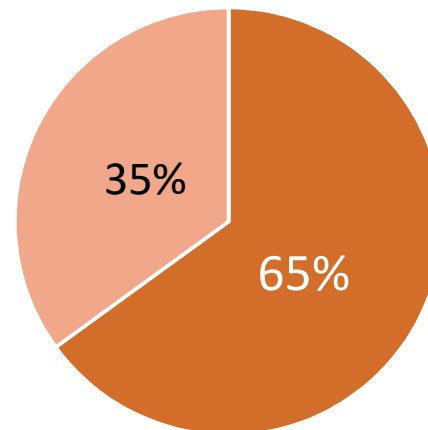
Variables	Diabetics (34)	Non-diabetics (68)	P-value
T-sat	0.18	0.18	0.11
Ferritin (µg/L)	181.55	133	0.09
sTfR (mg/L)	1.78	1.62	0.13
Serum iron (µmol/L)	11.70	11.90	0.25

ID in diabetics



■ ID ■ nonID

ID in non-diabetics



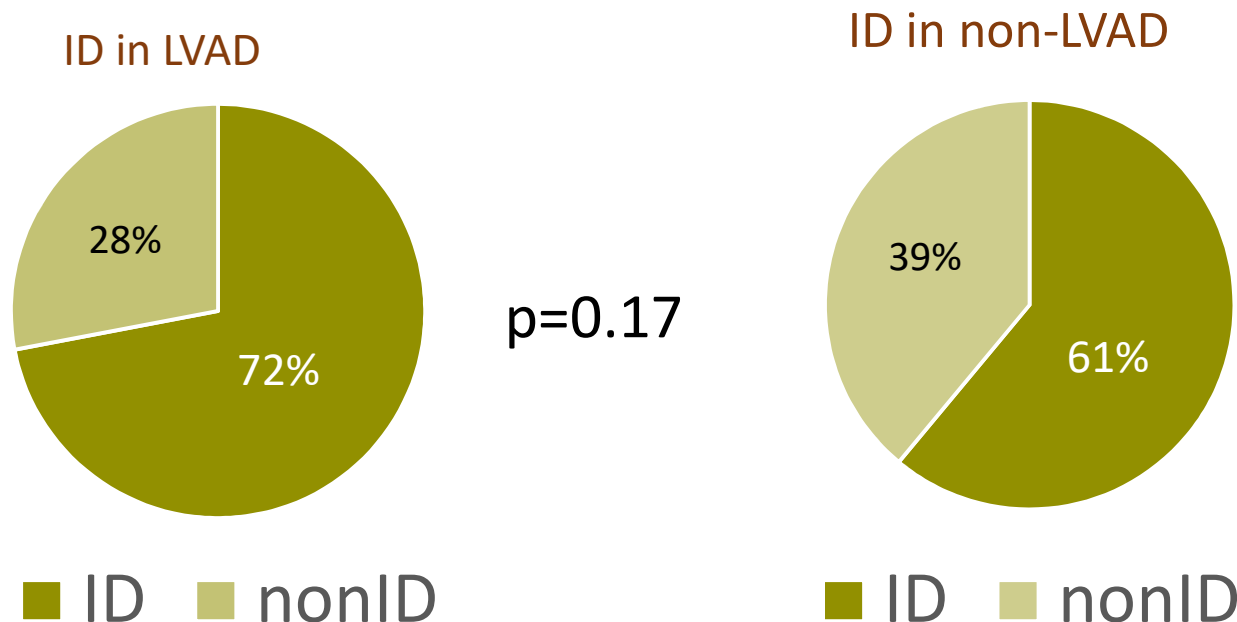
■ ID ■ nonID

p=0.11

IRON PARAMETERS

– LVADs x non-LVADs (regardless of DM)

Variables	LVADs (25)	Non-LVADs (77)	P-value
T-sat	0.19	0.18	0.17
Ferritin (µg/L)	105	145.5	0.18
sTfR (mg/L)	1.97	1.6	0.17
Serum iron (µmol/L)	12.5	11.6	0.17

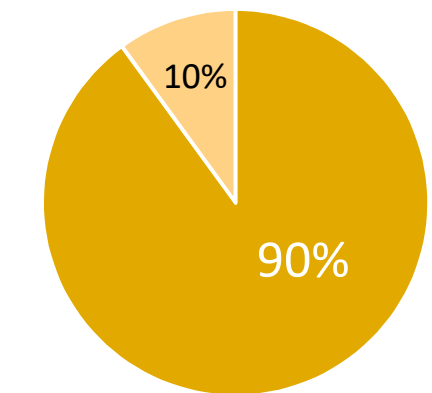


IRON PARAMETERS

LVAD diabetics x non-diabetics

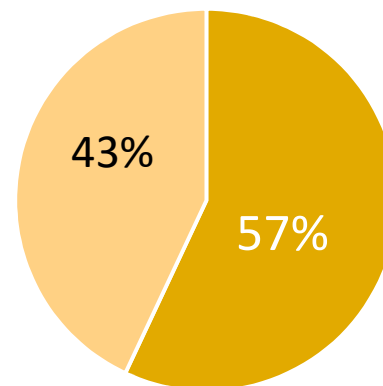
Variables	LVAD Diabetics (11 – 44%)	LVAD Non-diabetics (14 – 56%)	P-value
T-sat	0.16	0.22	0.04
Ferritin (µg/L)	105	118	0.05
sTfR (mg/L)	2.1	1.8	0.08
Serum iron (µmol/L)	10.7	14.05	0.04

ID in diabetics with LVAD



■ ID ■ nonID

ID in non-diabetics with LVAD



■ ID ■ nonID

p=0.04

RENAL PARAMETERS

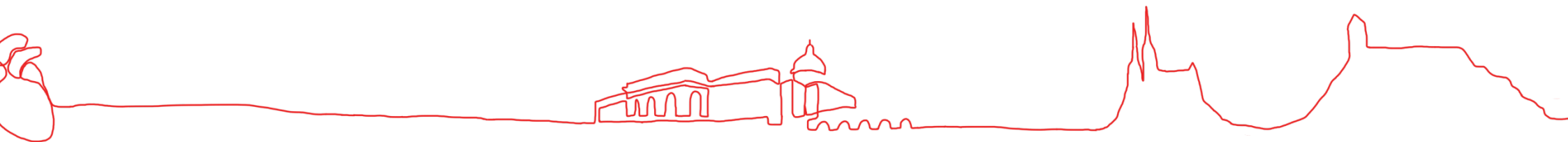
LVAD diabetics x non-diabetics

Variables	LVAD diabetics (11)	LVAD non-diabetics (14)	P-value
Creatinine	130	130.5	0.132
GFR	0.69	0.82	0.013
CRP	9.8	5	0.14

Correlations of renal parameters and CRP					
	Creatinine & T-sat	Creatinine & ferritin	Creatinine & serum iron	Creatinine & sTfR	Creatinine & CRP
R	0,020335691	0,9234	-0,289123922	-0,367	0.5
	GFR & T-sat	GFR & ferritin	GFR & serum iron	GFR & sTfR	GFR & CRP
R	0,266	-0,925	0,547	0,5469	-0.7

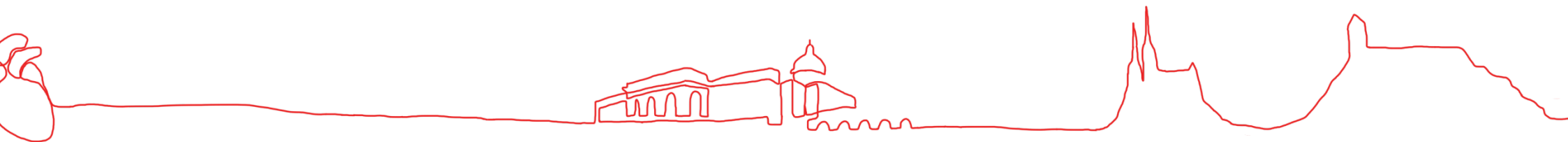
CONCLUSIONS

- The results from our clinic support studies reporting a high prevalence of ID in patients with HF.
- The prevalence of ID generally did not differ between patients with and without diabetes.
- In patients with LVAD, the prevalence of ID was higher but the difference was not statistically significant.
- In the LVAD group, the prevalence of ID was higher in diabetic patients.



CONCLUSIONS and DISCUSSION

- U diabetiků s LVAD byla významná korelace mezi ferritinem a renálními parametry (GFR a kreatinin). Jiné parametry železa s GFR a kreatininem nekorelovali.
- Lze uvažovat, že tato korelace vyjadřuje prezentaci ferritinu jakožto parametru zánětlivé odpovědi.
- Můžeme předpokládat, že tento vztah vyjadřuje zánětlivé podmínky při přítomnosti několika agens výrazně podporující zánět - srdeční selhání, diabetes mellitus a LVAD.



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