

# Clinical and echocardiographic parameters associated with outcome in secondary moderate mitral regurgitation.

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# Current approach of secondary MR.

Management of patients with chronic severe secondary mitral regurgitation

Symptoms despite GDMT

- Referral to Heart Team
- GDMT optimization
- CRT when indicated (ESC HF Guidelines)

Recommendations	Class <sup>b</sup>	Level <sup>c</sup>
Valve surgery/intervention is recommended only in patients with <u>severe SMR</u> who remain symptomatic despite GDMT (including CRT if indicated) and has to be decided by a structured collaborative Heart Team. <a href="#">247,323,336,337</a>	I	B

Vahanian, Alec, et al. "2021 ESC/EACTS Guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease: developed by the Task Force for the management of valvular heart disease of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)." *European heart journal* 43.7 (2022): 561-632.

Otto, Catherine M., et al. "2020 ACC/AHA guideline for the management of patients with valvular heart disease: executive summary: a report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Joint Committee on Clinical Practice Guidelines." *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* 77.4 (2021): 450-500.

Recommendations for Intervention for Secondary MR  
Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in [Online Data Supplement E1](#).

COR	LOE	Recommendations
2a	B-R	1. In patients with <u>chronic severe secondary MR</u> related to LV systolic dysfunction (LVEF <50%) who have persistent symptoms (NYHA class II, III, or IV) while on optimal GDMT for HF (Stage D), TEER is reasonable in patients with appropriate anatomy as defined on TEE and with LVEF between 20% and 50%, LVESD ≤70 mm, and pulmonary artery systolic pressure ≤70 mm Hg. <sup>1-8</sup>
2a	B-NR	2. In patients with <u>severe secondary MR</u> (Stages C and D), mitral valve surgery is reasonable when CABG is undertaken for the treatment of myocardial ischemia. <sup>9-15</sup>
2b	B-NR	3. In patients with <u>chronic severe secondary MR</u> from atrial annular dilation with preserved LV systolic function (LVEF ≥50%) who have severe persistent symptoms (NYHA class III or IV) despite therapy for HF and therapy for associated AF or other comorbidities (Stage D), mitral valve surgery may be considered. <sup>16-20</sup>
2b	B-NR	4. In patients with <u>chronic severe secondary MR</u> related to LV systolic dysfunction (LVEF <50%) who have persistent severe symptoms (NYHA class III or IV) while on optimal GDMT for HF (Stage D), mitral valve surgery may be considered. <sup>9,12,21-43</sup>
2b	B-R	5. In patients with CAD and <u>chronic severe secondary MR</u> related to LV systolic dysfunction (LVEF <50%) (Stage D) who are undergoing mitral valve surgery because of severe symptoms (NYHA class III or IV) that persist despite GDMT for HF, chordal-sparing mitral valve replacement may be reasonable to choose over downsized annuloplasty repair. <sup>9,12,21-32,44-47</sup>

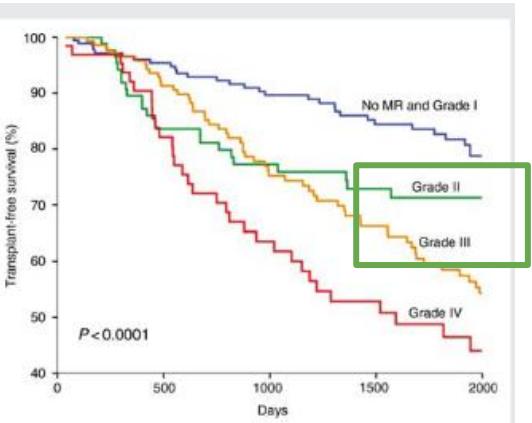
# Why moderate MR?

# Prognostic implications of functional mitral regurgitation according to the severity of the underlying chronic heart failure: a long-term outcome study

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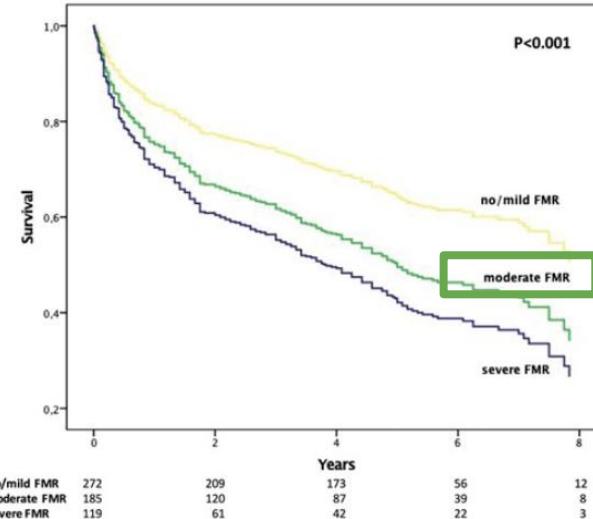
	Adjusted HR	95% CI	P
No FMR or Grade I (referent group)	1		
FMR Grade II	1.32	0.82 - 2.13	0.247
<b>FMR Grade III</b>	<b>2.02</b>	<b>1.36 - 3.01</b>	<b>0.0005</b>
FMR Grade IV	2.38	1.37 - 4.10	0.0001
Age	1.02	1.00 - 1.03	0.019
Men	1.52	1.07 - 2.15	0.019
NYHA class	1.42	1.12 - 1.79	0.003
Ischaemic aetiology	1.10	0.80 - 1.51	0.571
Atrial fibrillation	1.38	0.96 - 1.98	0.079
Chronic kidney disease	1.32	0.84 - 2.07	0.229
COPD	0.80	0.51 - 1.26	0.341
ACE inhibitors/ARBs	0.91	0.57 - 1.44	0.683
Beta-blockers	0.84	0.62 - 1.14	0.262
ICD	0.66	0.38 - 1.15	0.140
Cardiac resynchronization therapy	0.31	0.14 - 0.67	0.003
LV ejection fraction (per 10% increase)	0.74	0.60 - 0.91	0.003

# Refining the prognostic impact of functional mitral regurgitation in chronic heart failure

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Vienna General Hospital,



Adjusted for: age, sex, ischaemic aetiology of heart failure, serum creatinine and NT-proBNP.

# Etiology of MR

## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Secondary Mitral Regurgitation Versus Atrial Functional Mitral Regurgitation

Secondary Mitral Regurgitation	Atrial Functional Mitral Regurgitation
<p>Coaptation Depth</p> <p>Closing Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LV contractility</li><li>• LA pressure</li><li>• Annular contraction</li></ul> <p>Tethering Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LV dilation ± dyskinesia</li><li>• PM displacement/dysynchrony</li><li>• Annular dilation (relative)</li></ul>	<p>Coaptation Depth</p> <p>Closing Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LA pressure</li><li>• Annular contraction</li></ul> <p>Leaflet Malcoaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annular dilation and flattening</li><li>• Insufficient leaflet growth</li><li>• Fibrotic leaflet thickening</li><li>• Altered atrial/annular dynamics</li></ul>
Etiology and Prevalence	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11%-59% post myocardial infarction</li><li>• &gt;50% in dilated cardiomyopathy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6%-7% in lone AF</li><li>• Up to 53% in HFrEF</li></ul>
Diagnosis	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Systolic LV dysfunction</li><li>• Restricted leaflet motion and tethering</li><li>• Eccentric jet &gt; central jet</li><li>• Relative LA dilation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Normal systolic LV function</li><li>• Normal leaflet motion</li><li>• Central jet</li><li>• Severe LA dilation</li></ul>
Management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optimal HF therapy</li><li>• Cardiac resynchronization therapy</li><li>• Revascularization</li><li>• MitraClip</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Address AF/HFrEF risk factors and lifestyle</li><li>• HF therapy, diuretics as indicated</li><li>• Early sinus restoration strategy</li><li>• ?Intervention, annuloplasty, MitraClip</li></ul>

# Severe Atrial Functional Mitral Regurgitation

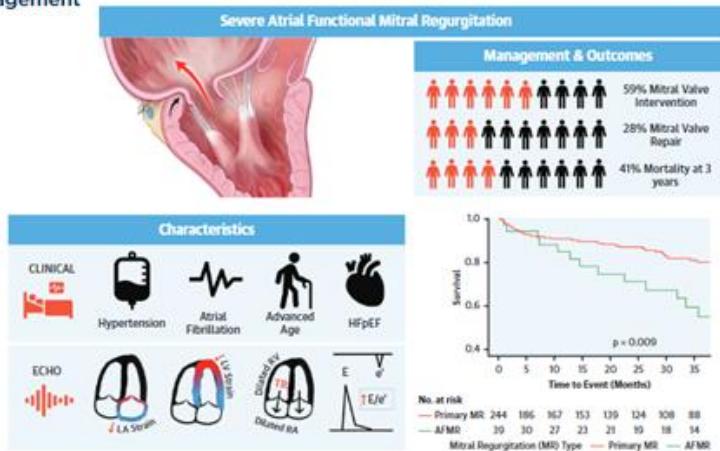
Clinical and Echocardiographic Characteristics, Management and Outcomes

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Severe MR, normal EF

- AFMR
  - N=39
  - Divided in 2 groups
    - Central jet ,30pt
    - Posterior jet ,9pt
    - No significant difference in death
- Primary MR
  - N=244
- => significant difference in survival, HF hospitalisation between both groups
- Worse outcome for aFMR

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Population	Intervention	Outcome
<p>n= 1061, all moderate MR Euvolemic and haemodynamic stable condition</p> <p>=3 months after ACS or heart failure hospitalization</p> <p>=6 months after CRT implantation</p> 	<p>Retrospective</p> <p>Clinical and echocardiographic risk factors</p>	<p>Primary: All-cause mortality</p> <p>Secondary: composite: all-cause mortality and heart failure *</p> <p>*increase of loop diuretics or heart failure hospitalization</p>

1846 patients moderate FMR

Time range: 2008-2018

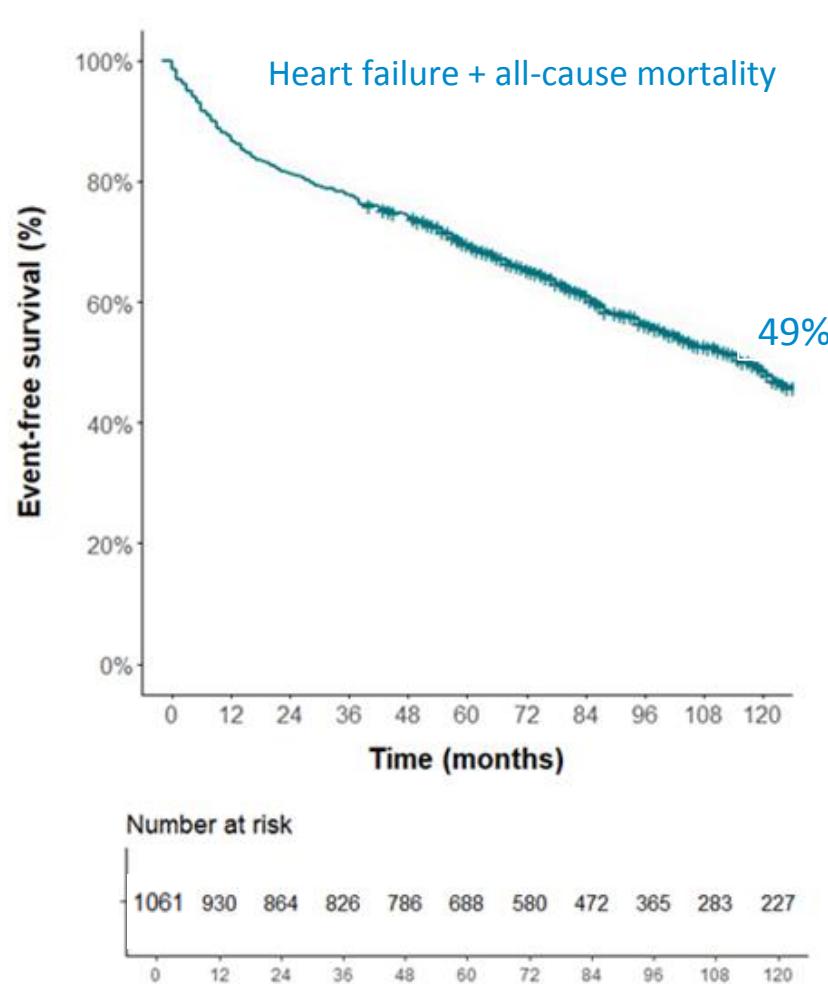
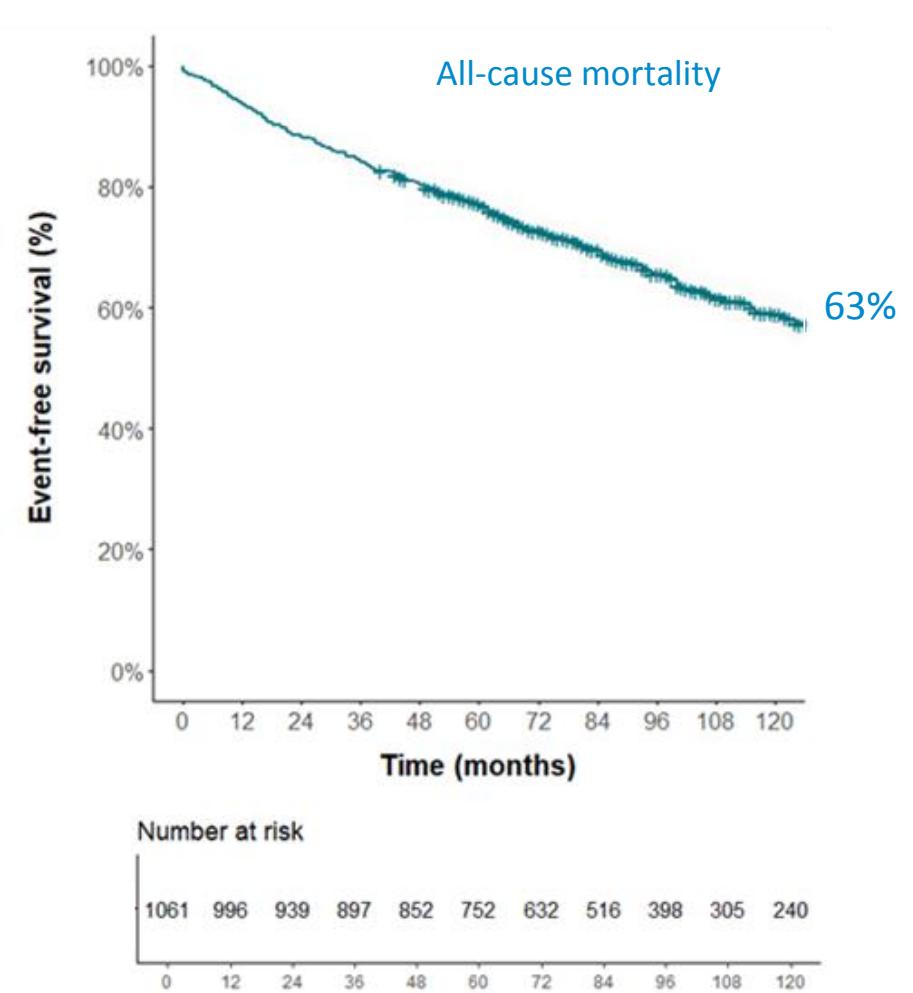


Excluded patients:

- Congenital cardiomyopathy, n= 36
- Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy, n= 28
- Mild regurgitation aortic regurgitation or > mild stenosis of left-sided valves, n= 236
- Previous left-sided valve surgery, n= 128
- Echo only during congestion or acute coronary syndrome without follow-up echo, n= 270
- Poor image quality or no patient files, n= 87

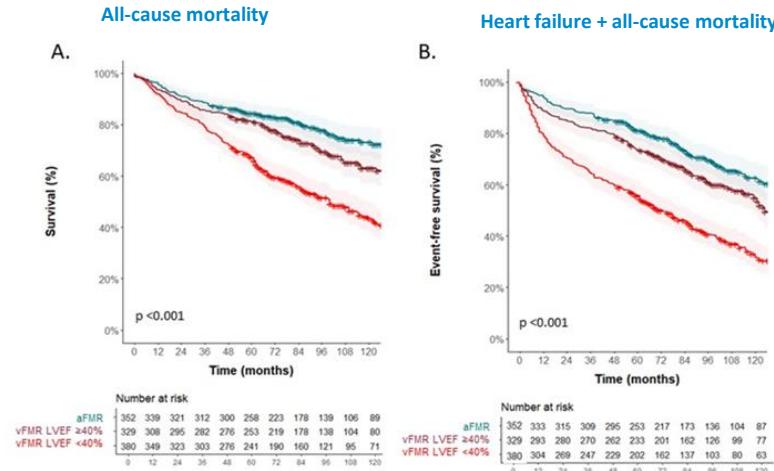
1061 patients moderate FMR

Clinical characteristics	Total population n = 1061	Echo characteristics	Total population n = 1061
Age, years	69 ( $\pm 11$ )	EF, %	45 ( $\pm 14$ )
Sex, male	624 (59)	FMR Etiology aFMR vFMR LV EF $\geq 40\%$ vFMR LV EF <40%	325 (33) 329 (31) 380 (36)
Arterial hypertension	617 (58)	LV end- diastolic volume index mL/m <sup>2</sup>	74 (72 -76)
Diabetes Mellitus	179 (17)	LV end-systolic volume index, mL/m <sup>2</sup>	44 (42 - 46)
COPD	142 (13)	Vena Contracta, mm	4 ( $\pm 1$ )
eGFR, mL/min/1,73m <sup>2</sup>	65 ( $\pm 23$ )	EROA, mm <sup>2</sup>	24 ( $\pm 7$ )
History of heart failure hospital admission	412 (39)	Regurgitation Volume, mL	38 ( $\pm 12$ )
Coronary artery disease	483 (46)	Regurgitation Fraction, %	31 (16)
Atrial fibrillation	556 (52)	LAVI, mL/m <sup>2</sup>	38 (29 - 49)
NYHA class III-IV	207 (19)	E/E'	14 (13 - 14)
History of stroke	133 (13)	Severe TR	158 (15)
Beta blockers	766 (72)	TR gradient, mmHg	27 (20 - 34)
ACEi/ARB/ARNI	720 (68)	RV-PA coupling index, mm/mmHg	0.80 ( $\pm 0.6$ )

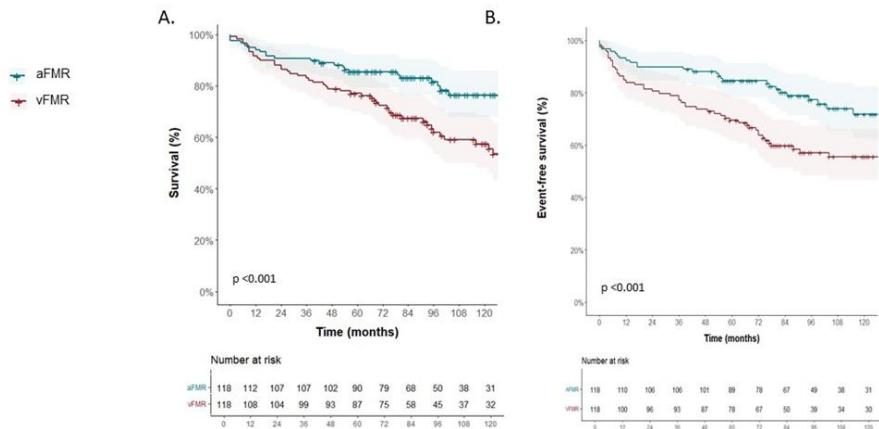


Multivariable Cox regression analysis.	Outcome: all cause mortality.		Outcome: heart failure and all -cause mortality.	
Variable	HR (CI)	p-value	HR (CI)	p-value
Age, years	1.034 (1.023 - 1.045))	<0.001	1.022 (1.013 - 1.031)	<0.001
Sex, male	1.698 (1.351 - 2.134)	<0.001	1.489 (1.230 - 1.802)	<0.001
Diabetes	1.406 (1.097 - 1.804)	0.007	1.491 (1.205 - 1.845)	<0.001
COPD	1.362 (1.055 - 1.758)	0.018	1.261 (1.486 - 2.290)	0.049
Coronary artery disease	0.970 (0.770 - 1.223)	0.797	0.981 (0.804 - 1.196)	0.848
eGFR	0.999 (0.998 - 1.000)	0.042	0.999 (0.998 - 1.000)	0.003
Atrial fibrillation	N/A	N/A	1.121 (0.918 - 1.367)	0.262
NYHA class III - IV	1.578 (1.244 - 2.002)	<0.001	1.365 (1.104 - 1.687)	0.004
aFMR vFMR, LV EF ≥40% vFMR, LV EF <40%	ref. 1.528 (1.108 - 2.106) 1.960 (1.434 - 2.679)	<0.001 0.010 <0.001	ref. 1.583 (1.198 - 2.093) 1.956 (1.498 - 2.553)	<0.001 0.001 <0.001
LAVI, mL/m <sup>2</sup>	1.007 (1.001 - 1.012)	0.013	1.008 (1.003 - 1.012)	0.001
Severe TR	1.181 (0.896 - 1.557)	0.003	1.176 (0.925 - 1.495)	0.186
RV - PA coupling index	0.797 (0.642 - 0.990)	0.041	0.762 (0.631 - 0.920)	0.005
MVI (time - dependent)	1.359 (1.026 - 1.800)	0.032	1.302 (1.017 - 1.668)	0.037
CRT (time - dependent)	1.389 (1.023 - 1.886)	0.036	1.328 (1.010 - 1.744)	0.042

# Focus on ETIOLOGY



Total population

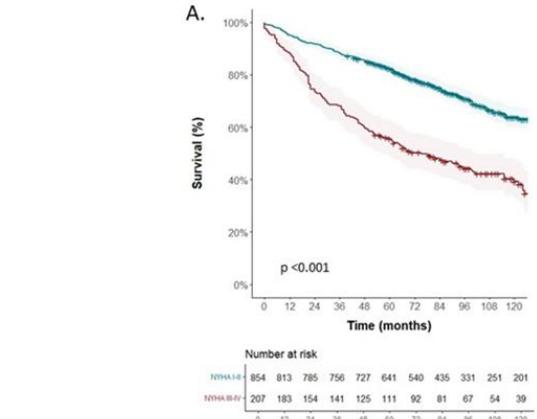


Matched groups

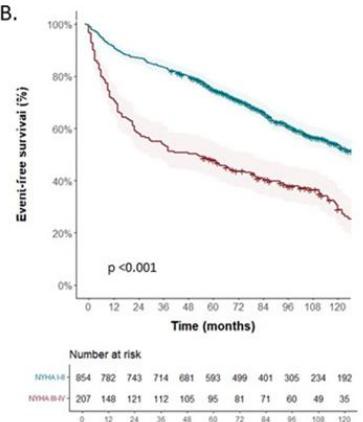
Groups are matched for:  
age, sex, diabetes, COPD, eGFR, NYHA class, LV EF,  
LAVI, TR, RV-PA coupling index

## Focus on NYHA

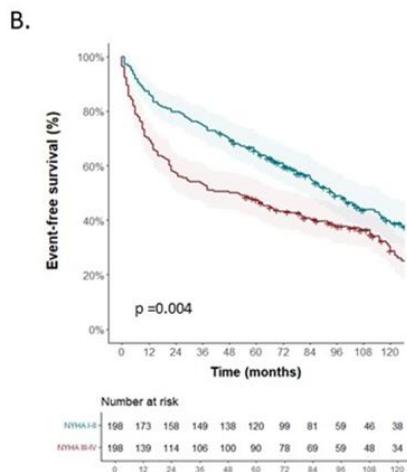
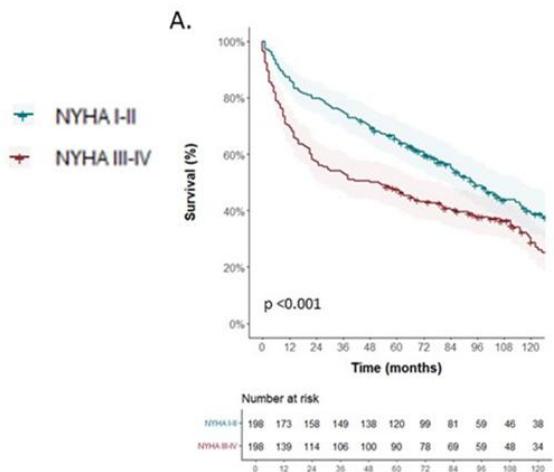
### All-cause mortality



### Heart failure + all-cause mortality



### Total population



### Matched groups

Groups are matched for:  
age, sex, diabetes, COPD, eGFR, FMR etiology+LV  
EF, LVEF, LAVI, TR, RV-PA coupling index

# Conclusion:

In moderate MR, symptoms and FMR etiology have a significant association with outcome.

Early recognition of etiology implies a better risk stratification and may be helpful in management.



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