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Titel des Beitrags: Acute and Midterm Outcome After MitraClip Therapy in Patients With Severe Mitral Regurgitation and Left Ventricular Dysfunction.

Abstract: The clinical outcome of patients with severe primary and secondary mitral regurgitation (MR) and heart failure or significantly reduced left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) who underwent percutaneous mitral valve repair (pMVR) is yet not well known. This study compares midterm outcome of patients with severe left ventricular dysfunction (EF30%) after pMVR. One hundred thirty-six consecutive patients were enrolled: 42 patients displayed severe left ventricular dysfunction, group 1 (logistic EuroSCORE I 27.7 ± 21.8%; secondary MR in 37 patients), and 94 patients displayed slightly or moderately reduced or normal LVEF, group 2 (logistic EuroSCORE I 17 ± 18.2%; secondary MR in 21 patients). The primary efficacy endpoint was death of any cause, repeat mitral valve intervention, and/or New York Heart Association class>=III, which was reached in 31% of patients in group 1 versus 40% in group 2 (p = 0.719) at a median follow-up of 371 days. MR, graded by transthoracic echocardiography, was reduced in both groups (p0.05). In conclusion, at midterm follow-up, the pMVR provided significant clinical benefits with comparable results achieved both in patients with significantly reduced and in patients with moderately reduced to normal
LVEF. Thus, pMVR represents a feasible and effective treatment in high-risk patients who otherwise have limited therapeutic options and no safe option to reduce MR.