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# Terapia Fetal en Cardiopatías Congénitas

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# Introducción



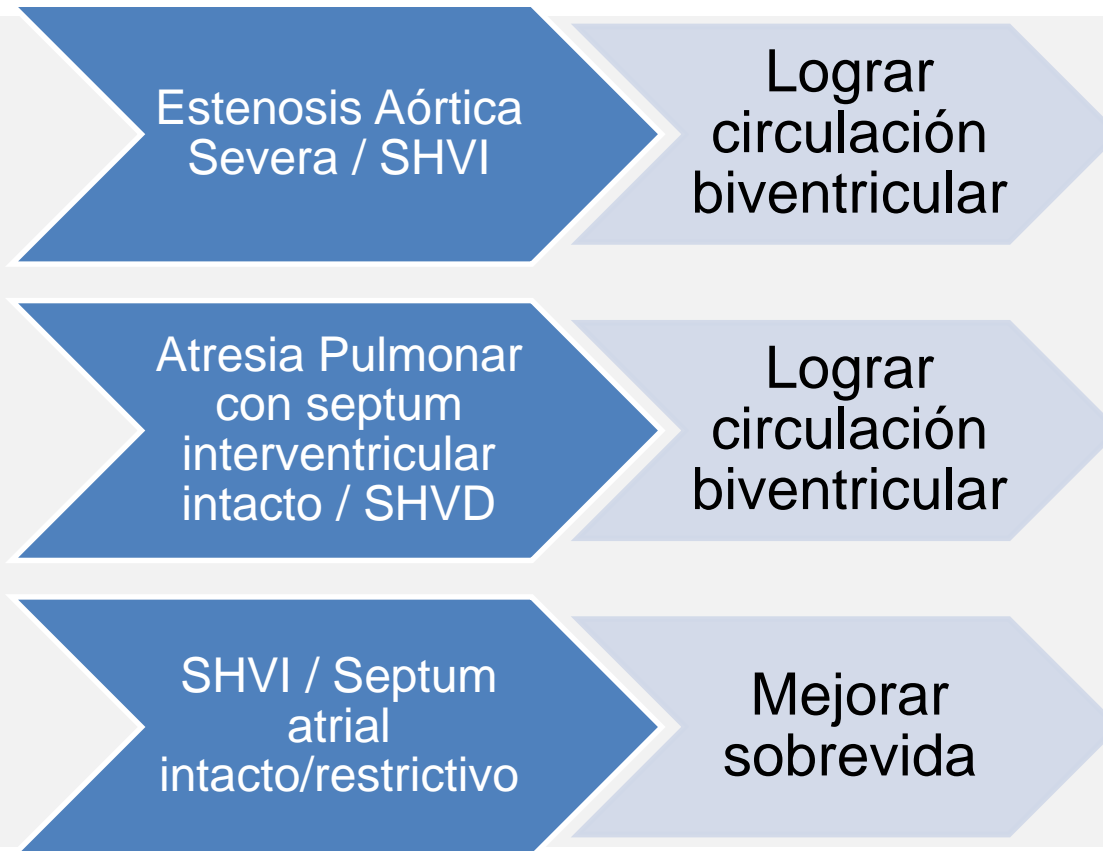
- Las cardiopatías congénitas son las afecciones mas comunes en la vida prenatal.
- Incidencia 6-12/1000 nacidos vivos.
- La mayoría de las malformaciones cardiacas ocurren tempranamente en el desarrollo y permanecen estables en el embarazo.
- Un pequeño grupo de cardiopatías pueden ser evolutivas a lo largo de la gestación y se podrían beneficiar de la terapia fetal.

# Terapia Fetal en Cardiopatías Congénitas



- **Estenosis Aórtica Severa**
  - Síndrome de Hipoplasia de Ventrículo Izquierdo
- **Atresia Pulmonar con septum interventricular intacto**
  - Síndrome de Hipoplasia de Ventrículo Derecho
- **Síndrome de Hipoplasia de Ventrículo Izquierdo con Septum atrial intacto o restrictivo**

# Objetivos Terapia Fetal

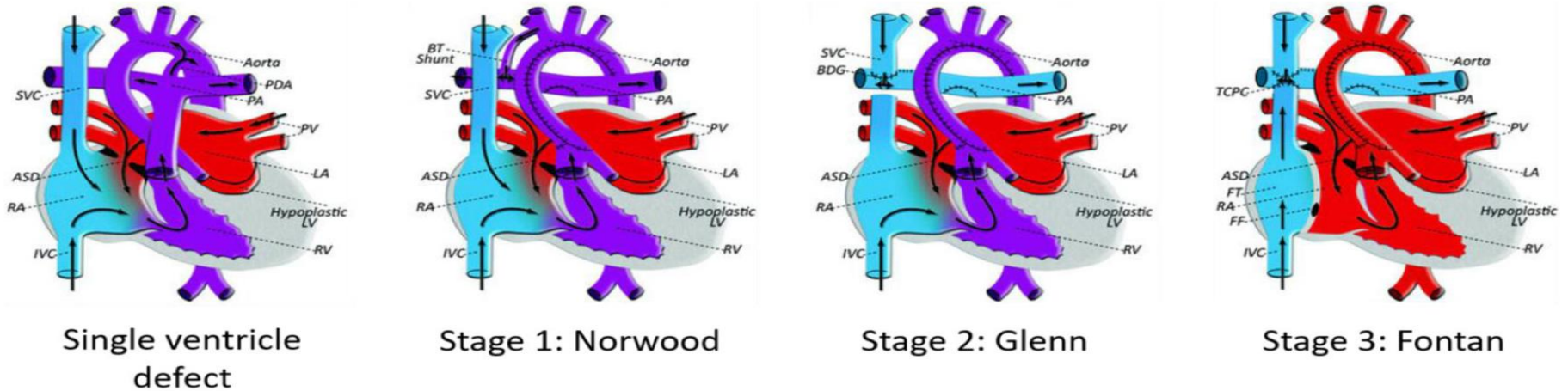


# Estenosis Aórtica Severa - SHVI



- La estenosis aórtica severa diagnosticada en 2do trimestre con ventrículo izquierdo normal o dilatado puede evolucionar a SHVI.
- **Fisiopatología**
  - *VI bombea contra una postcarga elevada*
  - *Dilatación y disfunción ventricular*
  - *Regurgitación mitral*
  - *Disminución de la perfusión miocárdica*
  - *Muerte celular y desarrollo de tejido cicatricial*
  - *Detención del desarrollo de VI*

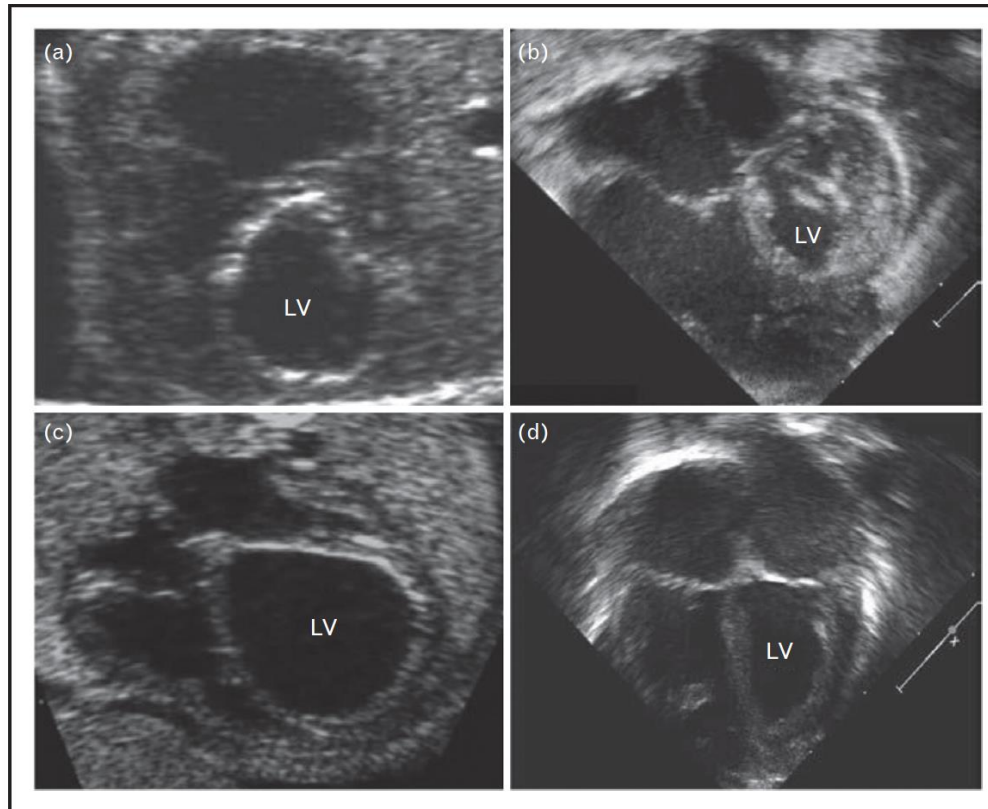
# Cirugía en SHVI



**Fig. 1.**

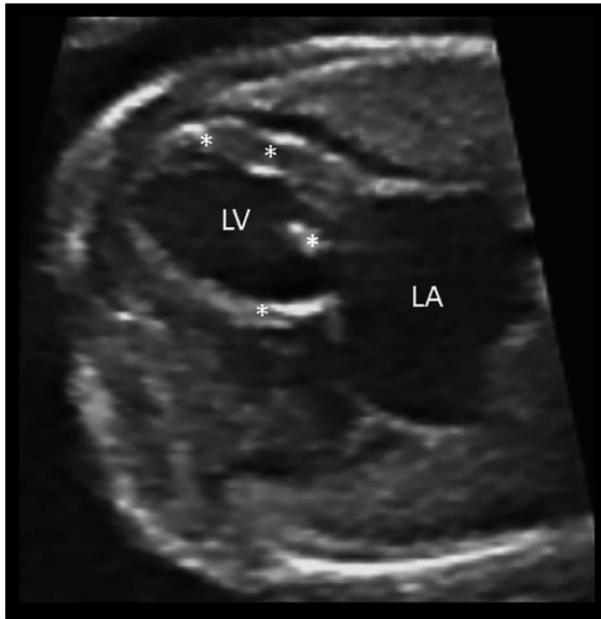
Staged palliation for single ventricle congenital heart defects. Blood volume is colored by blue (deoxygenated) and red (oxygenated). ASD: atrial septal defect, BDG: bidirectional Glenn anastomosis, BT: Blalock-Taussig, FF: Fontan fenestration, FT: Fontan tunnel, IVC/SVC: inferior/superior vena cava, LA: left atrium, LV: left ventricle, PA: pulmonary artery, PDA: patent ductus arteriosus, PV: pulmonary vein, RA: right atrium, RV: right ventricle, TCPC: total cavopulmonary connection

# EAO/SHVI

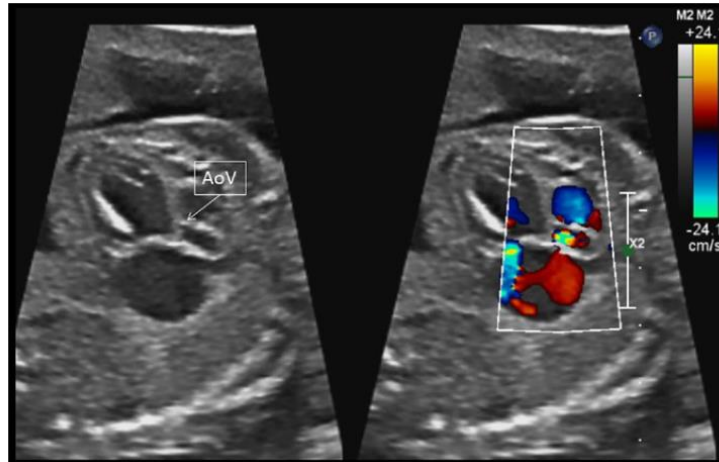


**FIGURE 2.** Four-chamber views of the heart are demonstrated for two patients, with the preintervention fetal echocardiograms on the left and the postnatal echocardiograms on the right. The patient depicted in the first row (images a and b) had a technically unsuccessful fetal aortic valvuloplasty and was managed as HLHS after birth, whereas the patient in the second row (images c and d) had a technically successful procedure and a biventricular outcome. (Reprinted with permission from [20].) LV, left ventricle.

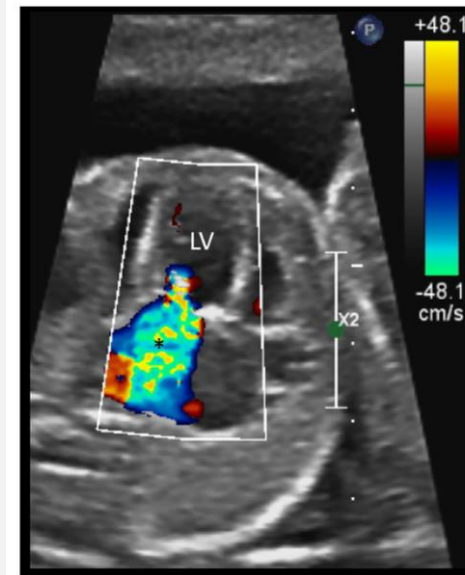
# Ecocardiografía fetal en EAo/SHVI



**FIGURE 2** Typical appearance of the myocardium in aortic stenosis with evolving hypoplastic left heart syndrome. The left ventricle is dilated. There are multiple areas of increased echogenicity consistent with left ventricular endocardial fibroelastosis. LA = left atrium; LV = left ventricle; \*endocardial fibroelastosis



**FIGURE 1** Color compare image of aortic stenosis with evolving hypoplastic left heart syndrome. The left panel demonstrates a two-dimensional image of a thickened and doming aortic valve. The right panel demonstrates a small jet of antegrade aortic valve flow consistent with severe aortic stenosis. AoV = aortic valve



**FIGURE 4** Significant mitral regurgitation in a fetus with aortic stenosis and evolving hypoplastic left heart syndrome. LV = left ventricle; \*mitral regurgitation



# Ecocardiografía fetal en EAo/SHVI



**TABLE 1** Key elements of echocardiographic assessment to identify evolving hypoplastic left heart syndrome (eHLHS)

LV long-axis dimension Z-score

LV short-axis dimension Z-score

Aortic valve annulus Z-score

Mitral valve annulus Z-score

Mitral valve regurgitation peak gradient

Aortic valve stenosis peak gradient

Assessment of ventricular systolic function

Direction of transverse aortic arch flow

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# EAo/SHVI

## *Selección de Pacientes*



- ¿Puede la ecocardiografía fetal identificar aquellos fetos que van a desarrollar SHVI?
- ¿Se puede realizar una valvuloplastía aórtica de manera segura y exitosa en esos fetos?
- ¿Una valvuloplastía aórtica fetal exitosa puede restaurar un flujo adecuado que permita el desarrollo del VI?

# EAo/SHVI

## *Selección de Pacientes*



- Elementos que sugieren progresión a SHVI
  - Flujo retrógrado en arco aórtico transverso
  - Flujo izquierda-derecha en foramen oval
  - Onda E/A mitral monofásica
  - Disfunción sistólica de VI

# EAO/SHVI

## *Selección de Pacientes*



**TABLE 2** Threshold scoring system to estimate potential for biventricular outcome in mid-gestation fetuses with AS and evolving hypoplastic left syndrome (HLHS)

LV long-axis Z-score  $> 0$

LV short-axis Z-score  $> 0$

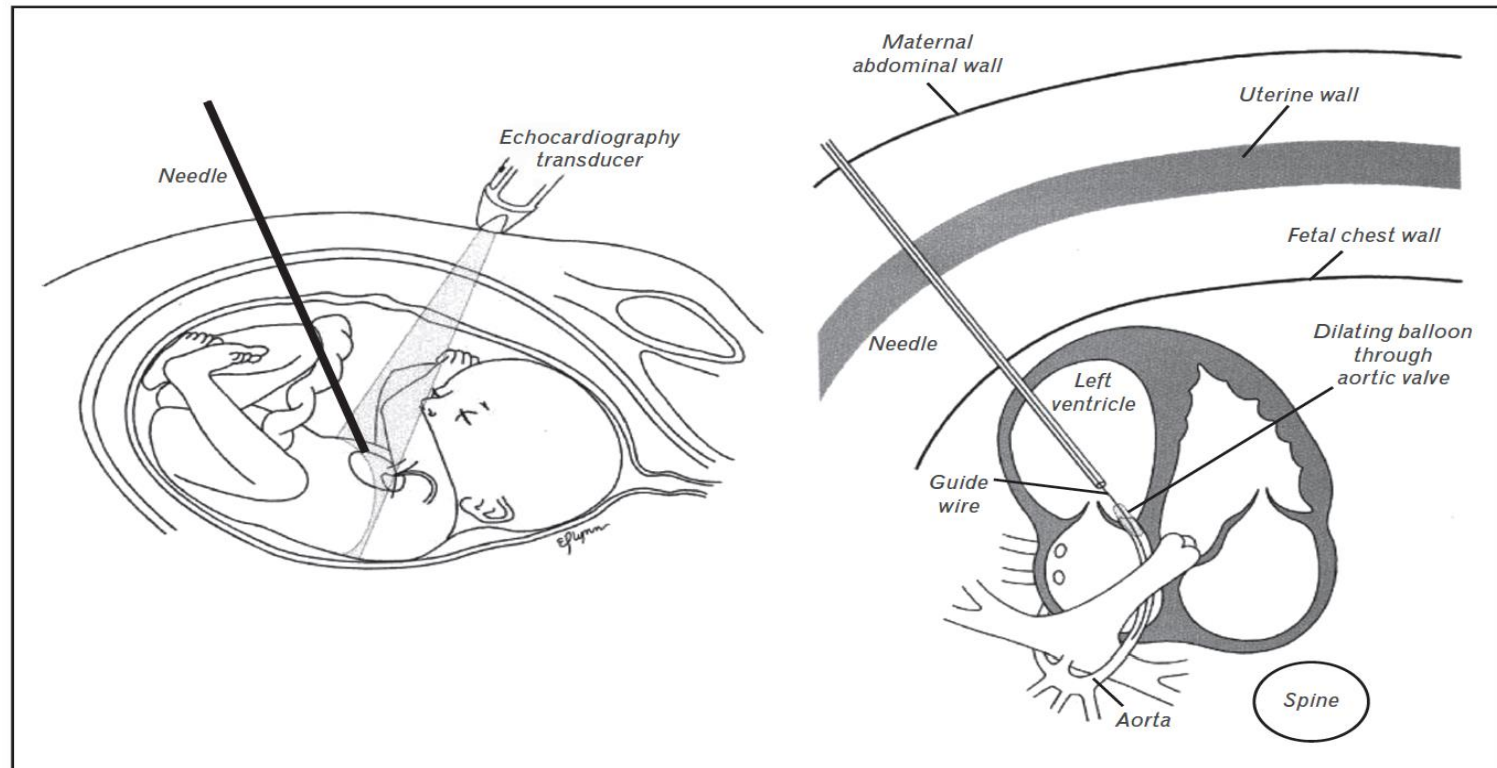
Aortic annulus Z-score  $> -3.5$

MV annulus Z-score  $> -2$

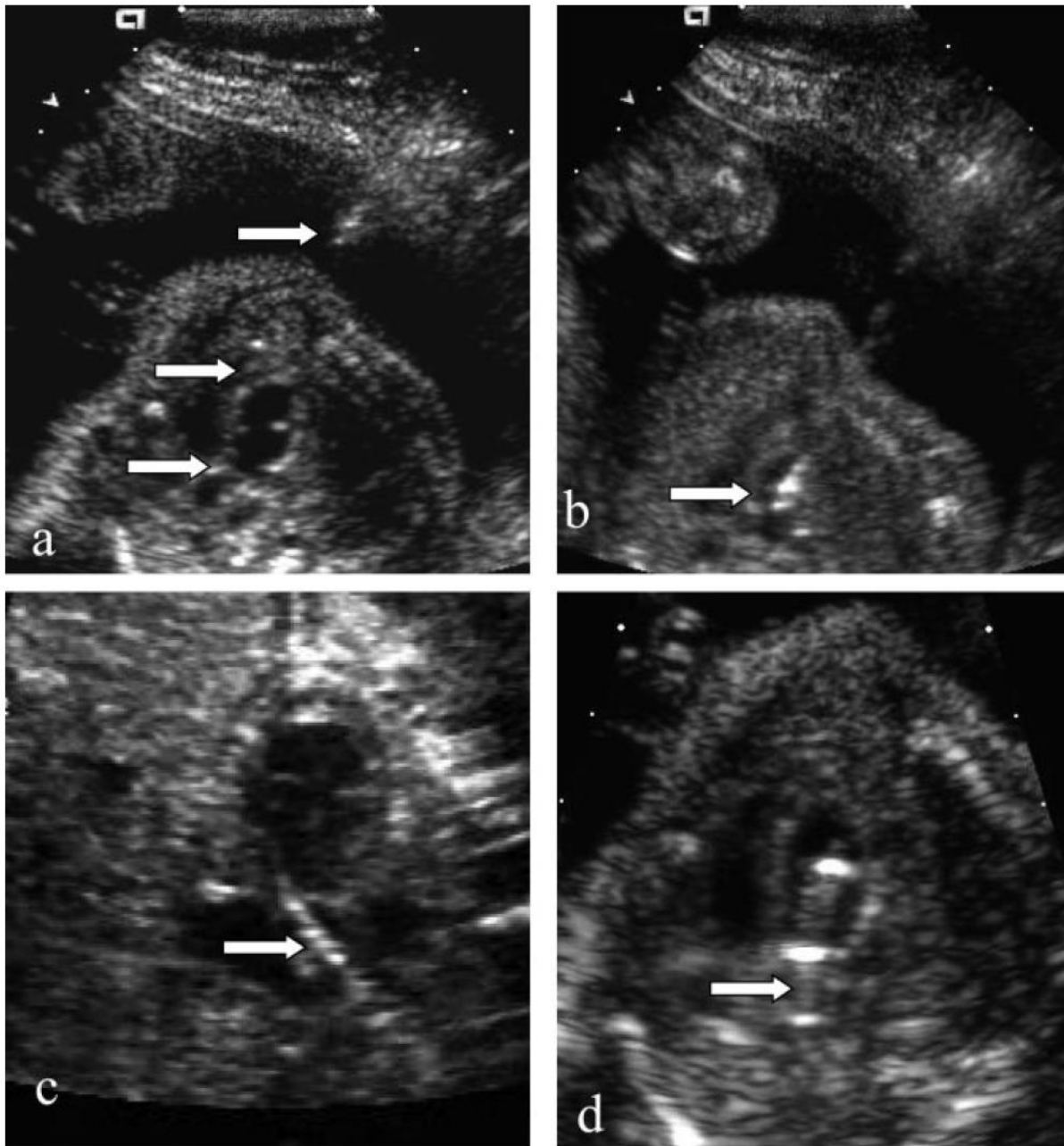
MV or AS maximum gradient  $20$

One point assigned for each of the above parameters. A threshold score  $\geq 4$  had 100% sensitivity, 53% specificity, 38% positive predictive value, and 100% negative predictive value for identifying fetuses that had a biventricular outcome from the time of birth without intermediate univentricular palliation.<sup>41</sup>

# Técnica Valvuloplastía aórtica fetal



**FIGURE 1.** Ideal fetal position is demonstrated, with the fetal left chest anterior. The cannula has an unobstructed pathway from the maternal abdomen to the left ventricular (LV) apex. Once the LV apex is punctured, the guide wire and coronary angioplasty catheter are positioned for balloon dilation across the aortic valve. (Reprinted with permission from [11].).

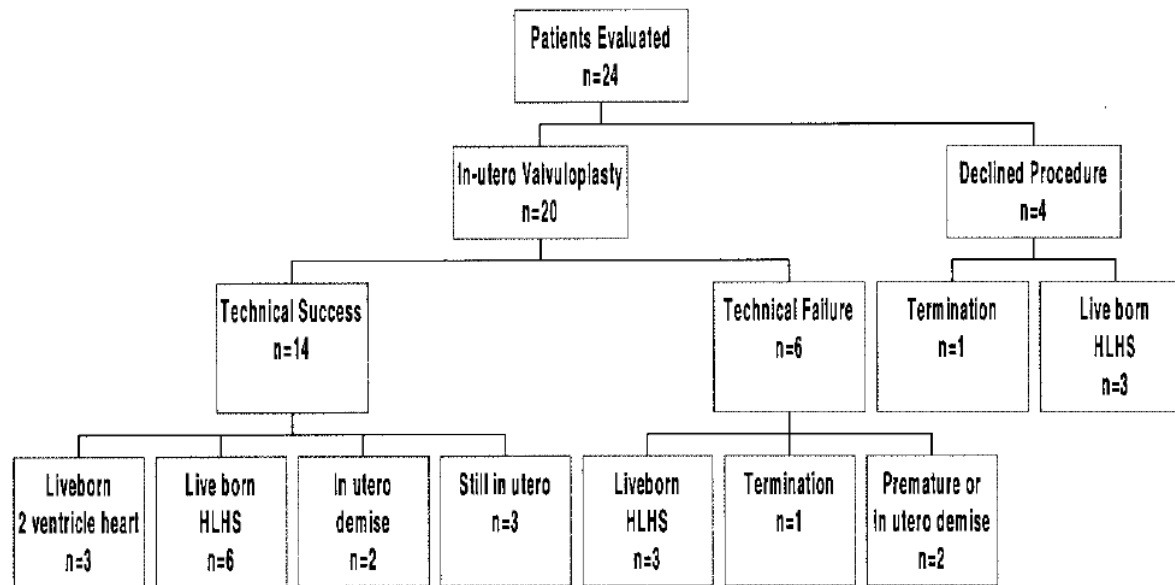


**Figure 2.** Ultrasound images of technically successful percutaneous in utero aortic valvuloplasty. a, LV before intervention. Four-chamber view demonstrating echogenic LV, apex-forming RV, and alignment of needle (arrow), LV apex (arrow), aortic valve, and ascending aorta (arrow). b, Cannula in LV. After LV puncture with cannula, LV appears smaller. Cannula can be seen as echo-bright line in LV, with its tip directed at aortic valve (arrow). c, Guidewire across aortic valve in ascending aorta (arrow). d, Balloon across valve. Correct position of balloon across aortic valve is confirmed by external measurements of catheter and by ultrasound imaging. Balloon inflation appears as movement of bright reflection along line of LV outflow track and across level of valve (arrow).

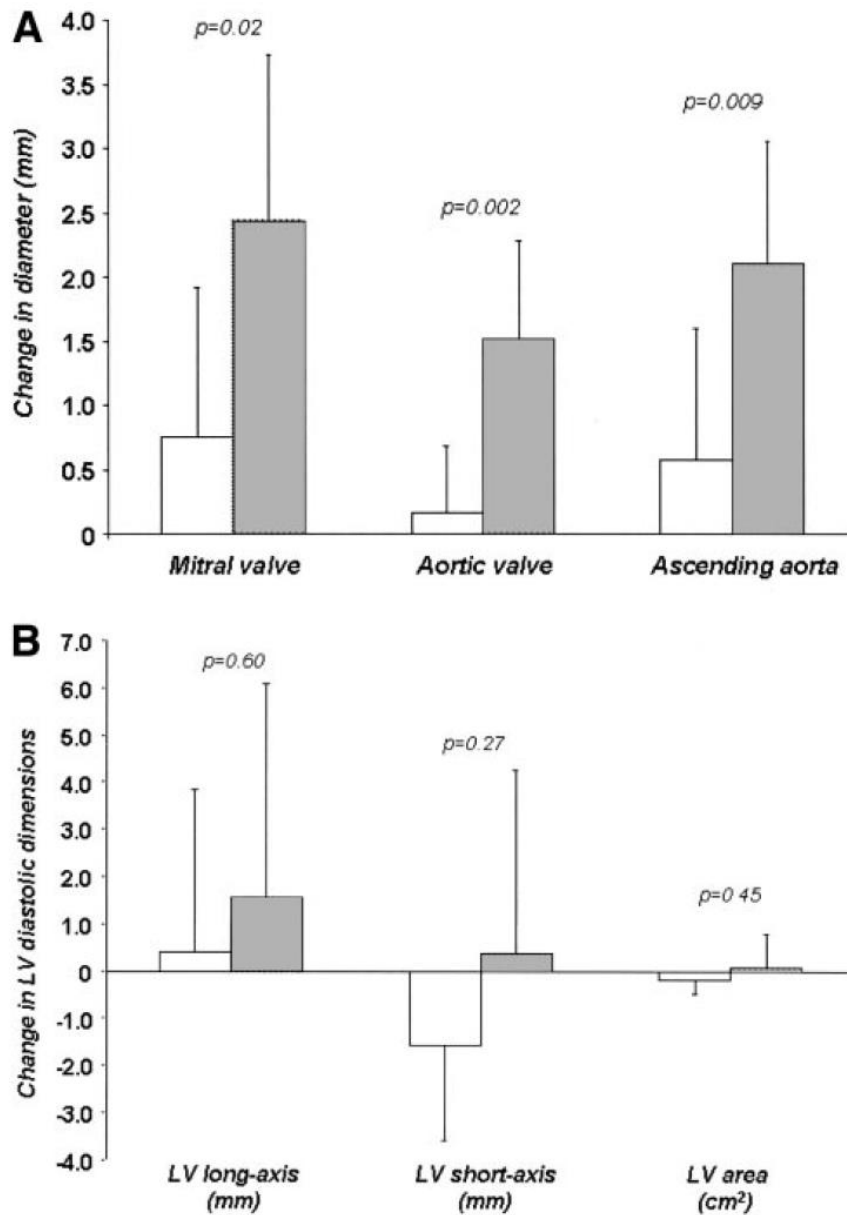
## Balloon Dilation of Severe Aortic Stenosis in the Fetus Potential for Prevention of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome Candidate Selection, Technique, and Results of Successful Intervention

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Flow Chart of All Patients Evaluated for Fetal Aortic Valvuloplasty



**Figure 6.** Flow chart showing perinatal outcomes of all 24 patients initially considered candidates for in utero aortic valvuloplasty.



**Figure 5.** A, Change in dimension of left heart structures (mitral and aortic valves and ascending aorta) in fetuses that had technically successful in utero aortic valvuloplasty (gray bars) vs those with unsuccessful procedure and those that declined procedure (white bars). Only fetuses with pregnancies carried to near-term delivery (>33 weeks' gestation) were included. Data reflect first and last measurements made during gestation (n=15 for data in this figure; of original 24 patients evaluated, 3 are still in utero, 3 died in utero, 1 was born prematurely, and 2 pregnancies were terminated). B, Change in LV diastolic dimensions (long axis, short axis, and cross-sectional area) of fetuses that had technically successful in utero aortic valvuloplasty (gray bars) compared with those with unsuccessful procedure and those that declined procedure (white bars). Only fetuses with pregnancies carried to near-term delivery (>33 weeks' gestation) were included. Data reflect first and last measurements made during gestation (n=15 for data in this figure; of original 24 patients evaluated, 3 are still in utero, 3 died in utero, 1 was born prematurely, and 2 pregnancies were terminated).





## Changes in left heart hemodynamics after technically successful *in-utero* aortic valvuloplasty

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**Table 1** Doppler and left heart functional variables in fetuses undergoing technically successful *in-utero* aortic valvuloplasty ( $n = 26$ )

Echocardiographic variable	Pre-intervention	Post-intervention	P
Biphasic MV inflow	5/25 (20%)*	21/23 (91%)*	< 0.001
MV inflow duration Z-score	$-3.1 \pm 1.8$	$-0.3 \pm 0.9$	< 0.001
MV inflow duration indexed to cardiac cycle length	$0.29 \pm 0.12$	$0.46 \pm 0.08$	0.001
Heart rate (bpm)	$144 \pm 13$	$136 \pm 11$	0.004
Heart rate Z-score	$-0.2 \pm 1.1$	$-0.6 \pm 1.4$	NS
Moderate or severe MV regurgitation	14/26 (54%)	5/23 (22%)*	0.02
LV ejection fraction (%)	$19 \pm 10$	$39 \pm 14$	< 0.001
Antegrade aortic valve color Doppler jet width (mm)	$1.0 \pm 0.3$	$3.9 \pm 1.3$	< 0.001
Aortic valve jet width indexed to aortic annulus diameter	$0.37 \pm 0.10$	$0.88 \pm 0.31$	< 0.001
Antegrade flow in transverse arch	0/25 (0%)*	17/26 (65%)	< 0.001
Bidirectional flow across foramen ovale	0/26 (0%)	6/25 (24%)*	0.01

Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD or frequency (%). \*Color and/or pulsed Doppler interrogation of the mitral valve and the aortic arch was not performed in up to three cases (different measurements in different patients) for some of the measurements. Statistical analyses for each variable only included patients with both pre- and post-intervention data. LV, left ventricle; MV, mitral valve; NS, not significant.



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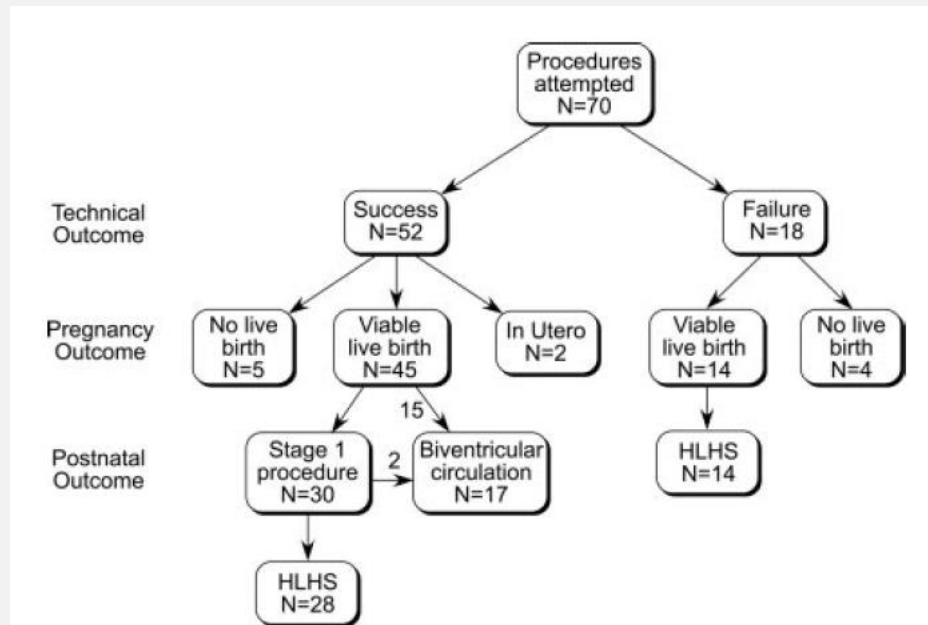
**Table 2** Doppler and left heart functional variables in controls and fetuses undergoing technically unsuccessful *in-utero* aortic valvuloplasty ( $n = 18$ )

<i>Echocardiographic variable</i>	<i>Baseline</i>	<i>Late gestation</i>	<i>P</i>
Biphasic MV inflow	1/16 (6%)*	2/11 (18%)*	NS
MV inflow duration Z-score	$-3.1 \pm 1.9$	—*	
MV inflow duration indexed to cardiac cycle length	$0.36 \pm 0.18$	—*	
Heart rate (bpm)	$146 \pm 15$	$140 \pm 11$	0.08
Heart rate Z-score	$-0.4 \pm 2.5$	$-0.4 \pm 0.7$	NS
Moderate or severe MV regurgitation	7/17 (41%)*	5/12 (42%)*	NS
Antegrade aortic valve color Doppler jet width (mm)	$1.4 \pm 0.8$ †	$2.4 \pm 1.6$ †	0.07
Aortic valve jet width indexed to aortic annulus diameter	$0.54 \pm 0.27$ †	$0.73 \pm 0.61$ †	NS
Antegrade flow in transverse arch	0/18 (0%)	0/18 (0%)	NS
Bidirectional flow across foramen ovale	0/18 (0%)	0/18 (0%)	NS

Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD or frequency (%). \*Color and/or pulsed Doppler interrogation of the mitral valve and the aortic arch was not performed for some of the measurements. Only variables with data available for at least 50% of control fetuses were included. Follow-up data were available in less than 50% of fetuses for MV inflow duration; these data are not presented. For four patients, the MV inflow pattern could be distinguished from Doppler evaluation of the LV outflow tract, but inflow duration could not be calculated due to the inability to distinguish the baseline clearly and consistently. † $n = 14$ . LV, left ventricle; MV, mitral valve; NS, not significant.

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**Figure 1.** Flow diagram depicting procedural, pregnancy, and postnatal outcomes among 70 fetuses that underwent attempted prenatal aortic valvuloplasty for AS with evolving HLHS.

74% de éxito  
30% circulación  
biventricular  
40% complicaciones

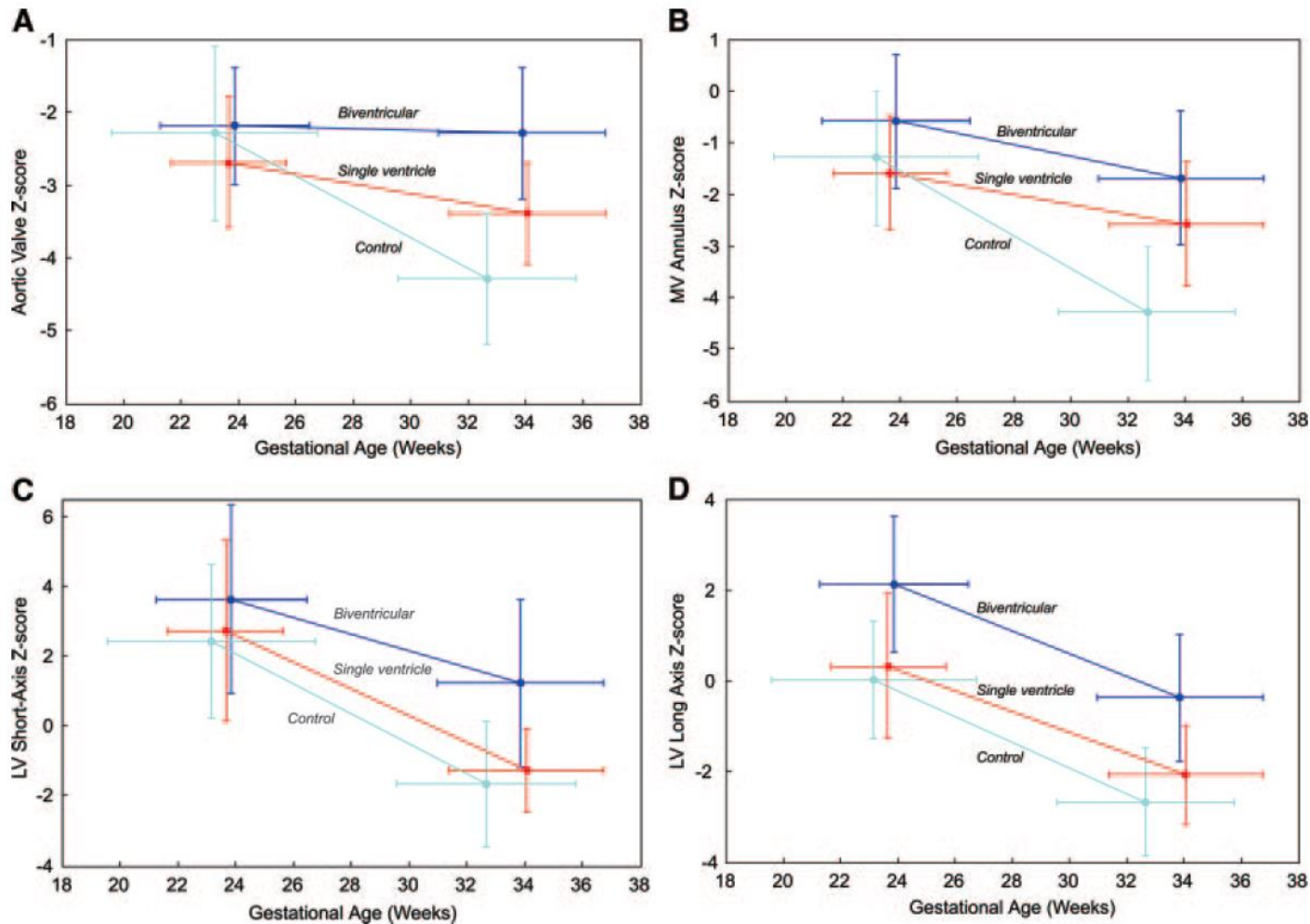
**Table 3. Comparison of Fetuses That Underwent Technically Successful and Unsuccessful In Utero Aortic Valvuloplasty**

Variable	Technically Successful Intervention (n=52)	Technically Unsuccessful Intervention (n=18)	P
Gestational age, wk	23.8±2.1	24.6±3.6	0.26
Anatomic features			
Aortic annulus diameter, mm	2.91±0.45	3.01±0.82	0.56
Aortic annulus diameter Z score	-2.5±0.9	-2.6±1.0	0.60
Ascending aorta diameter, mm	4.18±1.08	3.76±1.61	0.20
Ascending aorta diameter Z score	-0.5±1.9	-1.7±2.0	0.03
LV long-axis dimension, cm	1.88±0.36	1.57±0.63	0.01
LV long-axis dimension Z score	0.9±1.8	-1.2±1.6	<0.001
LV short-axis dimension, cm	1.26±0.33	1.20±0.42	0.57
LV short-axis dimension Z score	3.0±2.6	1.8±1.7	0.09
LV sphericity index	0.66±0.11	0.79±0.13	<0.001
RV long-axis dimension, cm	1.84±0.25	1.76±0.49	0.38
RV long-axis dimension Z score	1.9±1.6	0.2±1.7	0.01
Physiological features			
LV ejection fraction, %	22.8±11.4	20.1±10.6	0.39
"High" LV pressure (n=29), n (%)	24 (49)	5 (36)	0.38
Moderate or severe MR (n=38), n (%)	29 (56)	9 (50)	0.67
Procedural factors, n (%)			
Limited laparotomy (n=19)	14 (27)	5 (28)	0.94
Transplacental access (n=22)	16 (32)	6 (35)	0.80

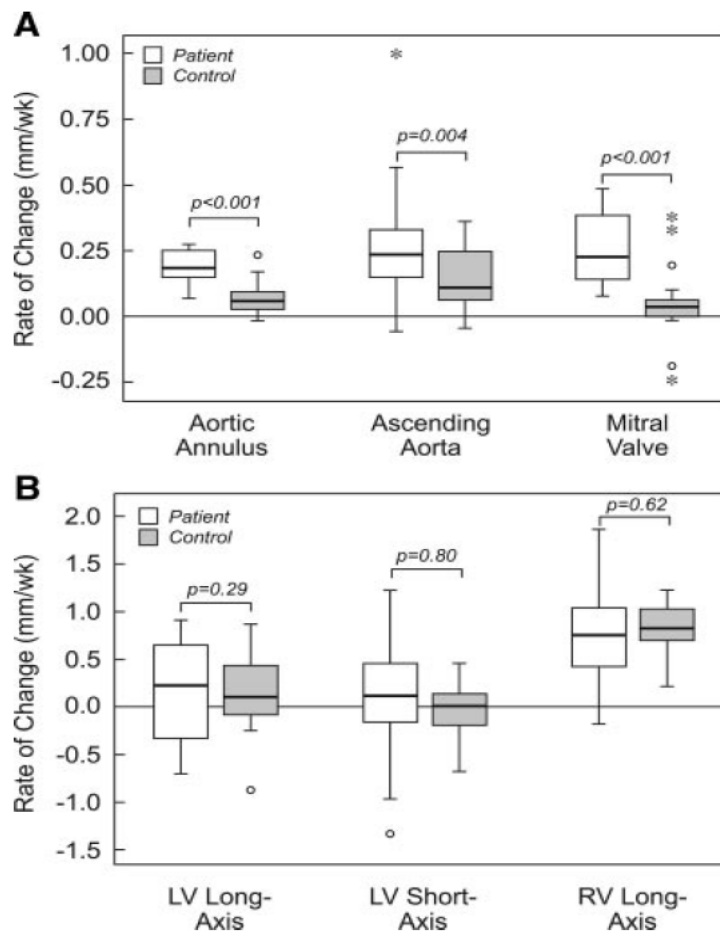
All fetuses that underwent intervention are included, regardless of pregnancy or postnatal outcome. Data are presented as mean±SD.



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**Figure 2.** Mean $\pm$ SD Z scores of the aortic annulus (A), MV annulus (B), LV short axis (C), and LV long axis (D) at the time of prenatal intervention and at the latest follow-up fetal echocardiogram with adequate data in fetuses with a biventricular outcome after technically successful intervention (from birth or after initial univentricular staging), fetuses with a univentricular outcome after technically successful intervention (single ventricle), and comparison fetuses (control).



**Figure 3.** Box plots depicting the rate of change in aortic annulus, ascending aorta, and MV dimensions (A) and LV long- and short-axis and RV long-axis dimensions (B) in fetuses that underwent successful intervention and comparison group fetuses. All measures are expressed in millimeters per week, with positive numbers indicating an increase in size and negative numbers indicating a decrease. For each plot, the central line represents the median rate of change; box, the interquartile range; and whisker bars, 95% confidence intervals. Outliers are shown individually.



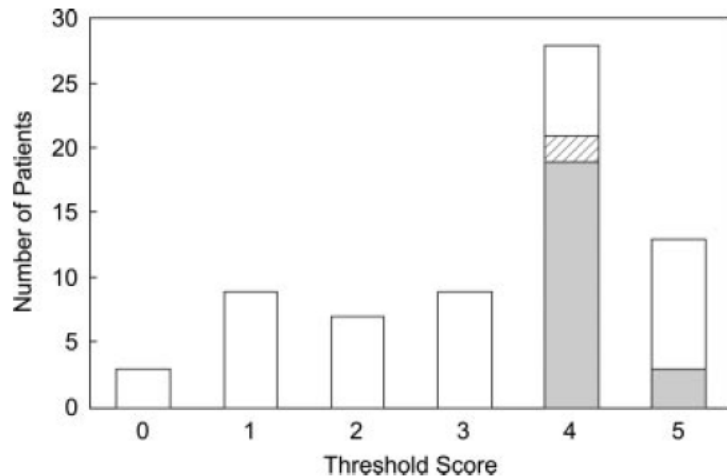
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**Table 4. Preintervention Variables Associated With Postnatal Biventricular or Single-Ventricle Outcome After In Utero Aortic Valvuloplasty**

	Biventricular Outcome (n=17)	All Attempted Interventions, Single-Ventricle Outcome (n=51)	Technically Successful Interventions, Single-Ventricle Outcome (n=33)	<i>P</i>	
Gestational age, wk	23.9±2.6	24.0±2.6	23.7±2.0	0.95,* 0.68†	
Aortic annulus diameter Z score	-2.2±0.8	-2.7±0.9	-2.7±0.9	0.03,* 0.02†	←
Ascending aorta diameter Z score	0.6±1.9	-1.4±1.8	-1.2±1.6	<0.001,* 0.002†	
LV long-axis dimension Z score	2.1±1.5	-0.2±1.8	0.3±1.6	<0.001,* <0.001†	←
LV short-axis dimension Z score	3.6±2.7	2.4±2.3	2.7±2.6	0.09,* 0.28†	←
LV sphericity	0.62±0.09	0.72±0.13	0.69±0.12	0.004,* 0.04†	
MV annulus diameter Z score	-0.6±1.3	-1.6±1.3	-1.6±1.1	0.009,* 0.01†	←
RV long-axis dimension Z score	1.7±1.8	1.1±1.2	1.4±1.1	0.13,* 0.46†	
Female, n (%)	7 (41)	9 (18)	7 (21)	0.06,* 0.14†	
“High” LV pressure, n (%)	13 (76)	15 (29)	10 (30)	0.006,* 0.004†	←
Moderate or severe MR, n (%)	10 (59)	27 (53)	18 (54)	0.67,* 0.77†	
MV inflow time (msec)	124±38	115±40	118±45	0.43,* 0.62†	
MV inflow time Z score	-2.9±1.6	-3.2±1.7	-3.1±1.9	0.47,* 0.67†	
Restrictive PFO/intact atrial septum, n (%)	4 (24)	4 (8)	2 (6)	0.10,* 0.16†	
Acute postdilation AR (moderate or greater), n (%)	5 (29)	NA	14 (42)	0.45†	

PFO indicates patent foramen ovale. Includes patients with a biventricular outcome from birth or after intermediate univentricular palliation. Biventricular outcome vs single-ventricle outcome \*including or †excluding technically unsuccessful interventions. Data are presented as mean±SD unless otherwise indicated.

# Análisis multivariado



**Figure 4.** Distribution of threshold scores according to biventricular or univentricular outcome postnatally. White shading indicates fetuses with a univentricular outcome; gray shading, those with a biventricular outcome from birth; and hatched shading, the 2 that initially underwent univentricular staging and were later converted to a biventricular circulation.

Threshold score  $\geq 4$  ( $\geq 4$  of the following)

LV long-axis Z score  $> 0$

LV short-axis Z score  $> 0$

Aortic annulus Z score  $> -3.5$

MV annulus Z score  $> -2$

MR or AS maximum systolic gradient  $\geq 20$  mm Hg

Sensibilidad 100%

Especificidad 53%

VPP 38%

VPN 100%



## Table 1. Previous and Current Selection Guidelines for Fetal Aortic Valvuloplasty



1. Dominant cardiac anatomic anomaly is valvar AS with all of the following
    - Decreased mobility of valve leaflets
    - Antegrade Doppler color flow jet across aortic valve smaller than the valve annulus diameter
    - No or minimal subvalvar LV outflow obstruction
  2. Evolving HLHS
    - LV function qualitatively depressed
    - AND EITHER
    - Retrograde or bidirectional flow in the transverse aortic arch (between the first 2 brachiocephalic vessels) at any time during the cardiac cycle
    - OR two of the following:
      - Monophasic MV inflow (Doppler profile of MV inflow without discrete E and A waves)
      - Left-to-right flow across atrial septum or intact atrial septum (bulging left to right)
      - Bidirectional flow in pulmonary veins
  3. Potential for a technically successful procedure and biventricular outcome postnatally
    - Criteria used for most of the patients in the present study (all 3 of the following)
      - LV long-axis Z score  $\geq -2$
      - LV function qualitatively depressed but generating at least a 10 mm Hg pressure gradient across aortic valve or 15 mm Hg MR jet gradient
      - MV diameter Z score  $> -3$
- Modified criteria based on the findings of the present study

  - Unequivocal AS (vs aortic atresia)
  - LV long-axis Z score  $> -2$
  - Threshold score  $\geq 4$  ( $\geq 4$  of the following)
    - LV long-axis Z score  $> 0$
    - LV short-axis Z score  $> 0$
    - Aortic annulus Z score  $> -3.5$
    - MV annulus Z score  $> -2$
    - MR or AS maximum systolic gradient  $\geq 20$  mm Hg



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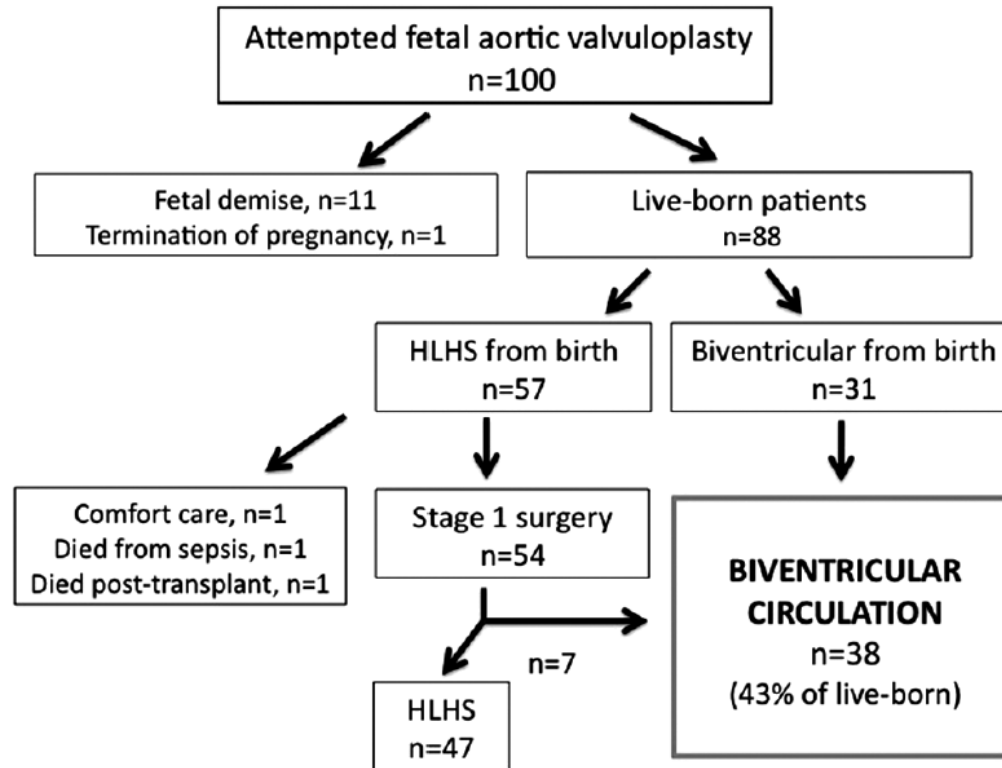
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- El éxito de la valvuloplastía se logró en aprox.  $\frac{3}{4}$  de los casos.
- Un menor largo del VI se asoció con mayor riesgo de falla de la técnica.
- Existe un riesgo importante de óbito.
- La regurgitación aórtica es común y generalmente mejora o desaparece antes del nacimiento.
- El VI no crece después de una valvuloplastía exitosa pero contribuye al gasto cardiaco.
- Una combinación de características anatómicas y fisiológicas del corazón izquierdo puede identificar aquellos fetos con potencial de lograr una circulación biventricular.

## Fetal Aortic Valvuloplasty for Evolving Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

### Postnatal Outcomes of the First 100 Patients

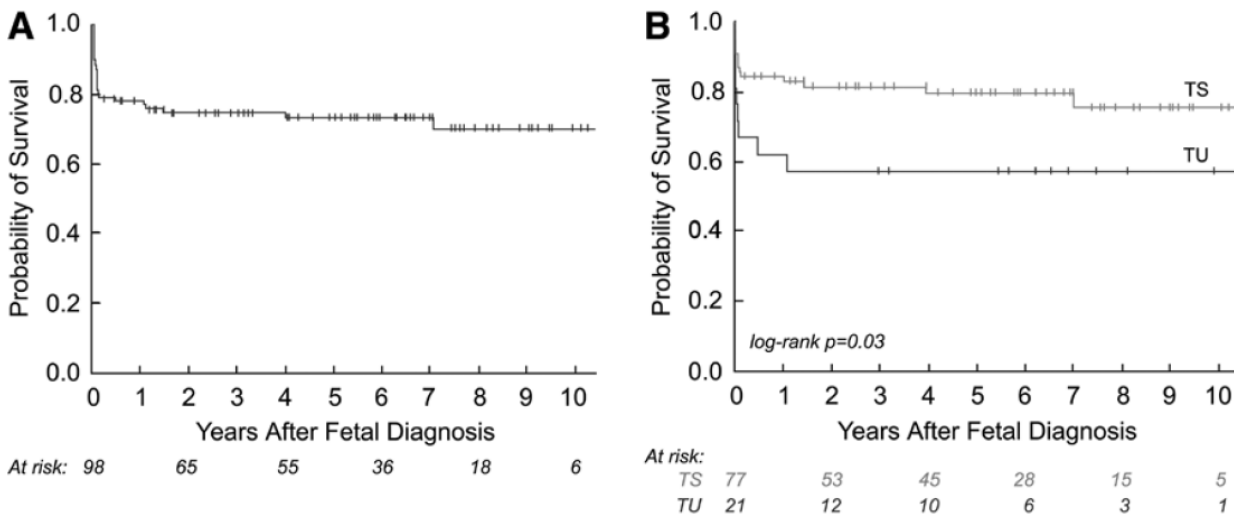
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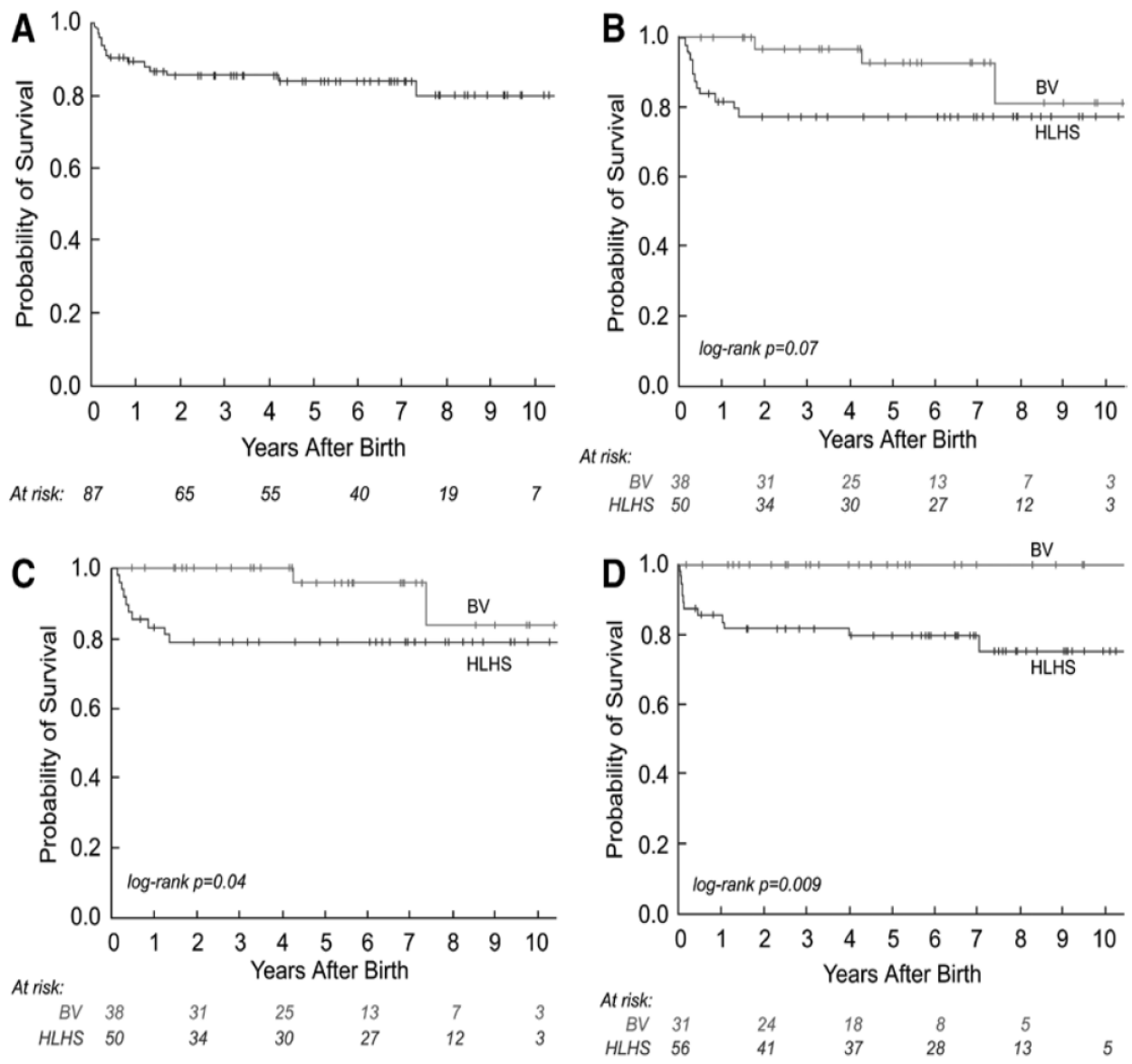
Técnica exitosa en 77 pacientes

**Figure 2.** Flow diagram summarizing postnatal management and outcomes for the entire 100-patient cohort. HLHS indicates hypoplastic left heart syndrome.

# Sobrevida post valvuloplastía



**Figure 1.** Kaplan–Meier curves depicting intention-to-treat analyses from the date of fetal intervention. **A**, Survival of all fetuses. **B**, Survival of all fetuses stratified by technical success – technically successful (TS) vs technically unsuccessful (TU).

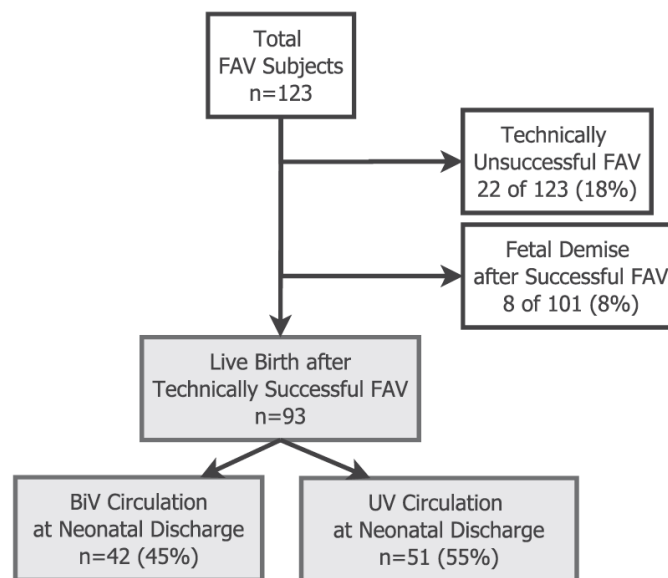


**Figure 4.** Kaplan–Meier curves depicting survival from the time of birth. **A**, All-cause mortality in the live-born cohort. **B**, All-cause mortality between hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS) and biventricular (BV) outcome groups. **C**, Cardiac mortality between HLHS and BV outcome groups (excluding the 2 noncardiac deaths: 1 in the HLHS and 1 in the BV outcome group). **D**, Cardiac mortality between HLHS and BV outcome groups based on the initial postnatal management strategy.



## Early hemodynamic changes after fetal aortic stenosis valvuloplasty predict biventricular circulation at birth

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**FIGURE 1** Derivation of analysis cohort. Among all subjects undergoing FAV for fetal aortic stenosis with high-risk features of evolving HLHS, those with technically unsuccessful procedures and/or fetal demise after FAV were excluded. The remaining 93 subjects were live-born after a technically successful FAV. Within this analysis cohort, 42 subjects (45%) achieved BiV circulation at neonatal discharge. Abbreviations: BiV (biventricular), FAV (fetal aortic valvuloplasty), HLHS (hypoplastic left heart syndrome), UV (univentricular)

**TABLE 2** Paired data sets of early fetal hemodynamic changes after FAV

Variable	Pre-FAV	Post-FAV	Change	P-Value
Any antegrade systolic transverse aortic arch flow <sup>a</sup> (n = 91)	0 (0%)	59 (65%)	65%	<0.001
Bidirectional FO flow (n = 81)	9 (11%)	22 (27%)	16%	0.002
Change in FO flow (n = 81):				
Unchanged left-to-right flow	----	----	59 (73%)	
New bidirectional flow	----	----	15 (19%)	
Unchanged bidirectional flow	----	----	7 (9%)	
Mitral inflow pattern (n = 82):				
Biphasic	15 (18%)	32 (39%)	21%	0.003
Partially fused	11 (13%)	15 (18%)		
Monophasic	56 (68%)	35 (43%)		
Change in mitral inflow pattern (n = 82):				
Worsened to monophasic or partially fused, or unchanged monophasic	----	----	37 (45%)	
Unchanged partially fused or biphasic	----	----	12 (15%)	
Improved to partially fused or biphasic	----	----	33 (40%)	
MV inflow time (msec) (n = 75)	105 [81, 150]	155 [133, 190]	32 [8, 78]	<0.001
MV inflow time z-score (n = 75)	-3.4 [-4.4, -1.8]	-1.5 [-2.5, -0.2]	1.2 [0.3, 3.0]	<0.001
MV inflow index (msec/bpm) (n = 75)	0.75 [0.58, 1.06]	1.06 [0.89, 1.36]	0.26 [0.03, 0.53]	<0.001
Mitral regurgitation (> mild) (n = 93)	49 (53%)	37 (40%)	-13%	0.017
LV end-diastolic volume (mL) (n = 93)	2.23 [1.53, 3.73]	2.22 [1.35, 3.21]	-0.06 [-0.19, 0.06]	0.013
LV end-diastolic volume z-score (n = 89)	1.78 [0.72, 3.04]	1.26 [0.25, 2.94]	-0.26 [-1.3, 0.97]	<0.001
LV sphericity (n = 88)	0.68 [0.59, 0.75]	0.66 [0.57, 0.75]	-0.02 [-0.09, 0.05]	0.16
LV ejection fraction (%) (n = 87)	23 [18, 32]	28 [22, 41]	6.9 [-0.4, 14.7]	<0.001
Change in LV ejection fraction (≥ 5%) (n = 87)			54 (62%)	
LV systolic pressure (mm Hg) (n = 84)	45.9 [35, 60.3]	40.1 [32.1, 55]	-3.6 [-10.9, 3.2]	0.001
Aortic jet width (mm) (n = 83)	1.3 [1, 1.5]	2.8 [2.4, 3.1]	1.5 [1.1, 1.9]	<0.001
Aortic jet width index (jet width/annulus) (n = 82)	0.44 [0.35, 0.52]	0.88 [0.75, 0.97]	0.41 [0.31, 0.54]	<0.001
Aortic regurgitation (< mild) (n = 92)	0 (0%)	31 (34%)	34%	<0.001

All values listed as “median, [25<sup>th</sup> percentile, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile]” or “number of subjects (% of the total).” All data displayed in pre-FAV and post-FAV columns are limited to data pairs that allow for complete-case analysis. The Change column displays either the pre-FAV percentage subtracted from the post-FAV percentage for categorical variables, or the median of the paired differences for continuous variables.

Abbreviations: FAV, fetal aortic valvuloplasty; LV, left ventricle; MV, mitral valve; FO, patent foramen ovale.

<sup>a</sup>Among the 59 subjects with antegrade systolic arch flow, 36 (61%) had partially antegrade flow and 23 (39%) had exclusively antegrade flow.



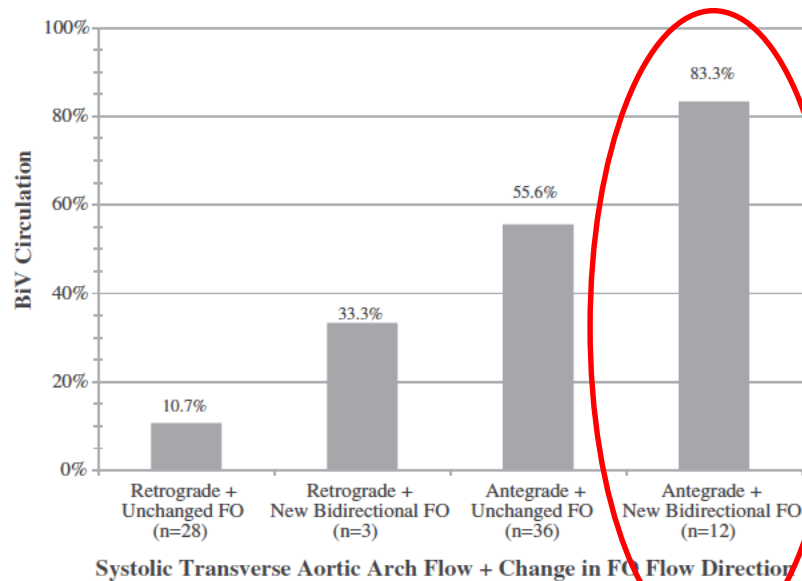
**TABLE 3** Univariate models for BiV circulation as a function of early post-FAV hemodynamic changes

Variable	Observations	OR	95% CI	P-Value
Post-FAV systolic transverse aortic arch flow:				<0.001
Exclusively retrograde	32/91	Ref	----	----
Partially antegrade	36/91	9.80	2.84–34.85	<0.001
Exclusively antegrade	23/91	19.83	4.88–80.54	<0.001
New bidirectional FO flow	15/81	5.14	1.47–17.97	0.010
Change in mitral inflow pattern:				<0.001
Unchanged monophasic or worsened	37/82	Ref	----	----
Unchanged fused or biphasic	12/82	4.17	1.04–16.62	0.043
Improved to fused or biphasic	33/82	3.21	1.20–8.54	0.020
Change in MV inflow time (msec)	75	1.00	0.99–1.00	0.32
Change in MV inflow time z-score	75	0.89	0.73–1.09	0.27
Change in MV inflow index (msec/bpm)	74	0.48	0.17–1.37	0.17
Change in mitral regurgitation (> mild)	93	1.33	0.55–3.20	0.53
Change in LV end-diastolic volume (mL)	93	0.95	0.64–1.42	0.82
Change in LV end-diastolic volume z-score	93	1.01	0.77–1.32	0.95
Change in LV sphericity	88	3.49	0.20–60.66	0.39
Change in LV ejection fraction (%)	87	1.05	1.01–1.10	0.016
Improved LV ejection fraction (≥ 5%)	54/87	3.10	1.24–7.76	0.016
Change in LV systolic pressure (mm Hg)	84	0.97	0.93–1.01	0.11
Change in aortic jet width (per 1-mm increase)	83	1.17	0.60–2.28	0.64
Change in aortic jet width index (jet width/annulus)	82	0.87	0.11–6.94	0.90
Increasing AR from ≤ mild to ≥ moderate	31/91	0.77	0.32–1.85	0.56

“Ref” signifies the reference group for the estimated odds ratios. “Change” is defined as post-FAV minus pre-FAV.

Abbreviations: AR, aortic regurgitation; FAV, fetal aortic valvuloplasty; LV, left ventricle; OR, odds ratio; FO, patent foramen ovale.





**FIGURE 2** Post-FAV hemodynamic changes predict circulation status at neonatal discharge. After FAV for fetal aortic valve stenosis, there are several acute hemodynamic changes that signify increased forward flow through the left ventricle. Key changes are increasing degree of antegrade systolic flow across the transverse aortic arch and improving direction of flow across the FO, both of which play a role in predicting the chance of BiV circulation after birth. This bar chart depicts the percentage of subjects with BiV circulation at neonatal discharge ( $n = 34/79$ ) by systolic transverse aortic arch flow direction after FAV (ie, exclusively retrograde versus any amount of antegrade systolic flow) and by the presence of new post-FAV bidirectional FO flow versus unchanged flow direction (either left-to-right or bidirectional). Abbreviations: BiV (biventricular), FAV (fetal aortic valvuloplasty), FO (patent foramen ovale)

**TABLE 4** Multivariate model for BiV circulation as a function of early post-FAV hemodynamic changes ( $n = 79$ ; 34 events (BiV circulation); c-statistic = 0.791)

Variable	OR	95% CI	P-Value
Systolic transverse aortic arch flow:			
Exclusively retrograde	Ref	----	----
Partially antegrade	9.01	2.49–32.57	0.001
Exclusively antegrade	14.63	2.98–72.15	0.001
New bidirectional FO flow	3.75	0.89–15.80	0.07

“Ref” signifies the reference group for the estimated odds ratios.

Abbreviations: FAV, fetal aortic valvuloplasty; OR, odds ratio; FO, patent foramen ovale.

# Criterios de selección



El feto probablemente va a desarrollar SHVI

El VI tiene posibilidad de recuperarse tras una valvuloplastía exitosa para soportar la circulación sistémica

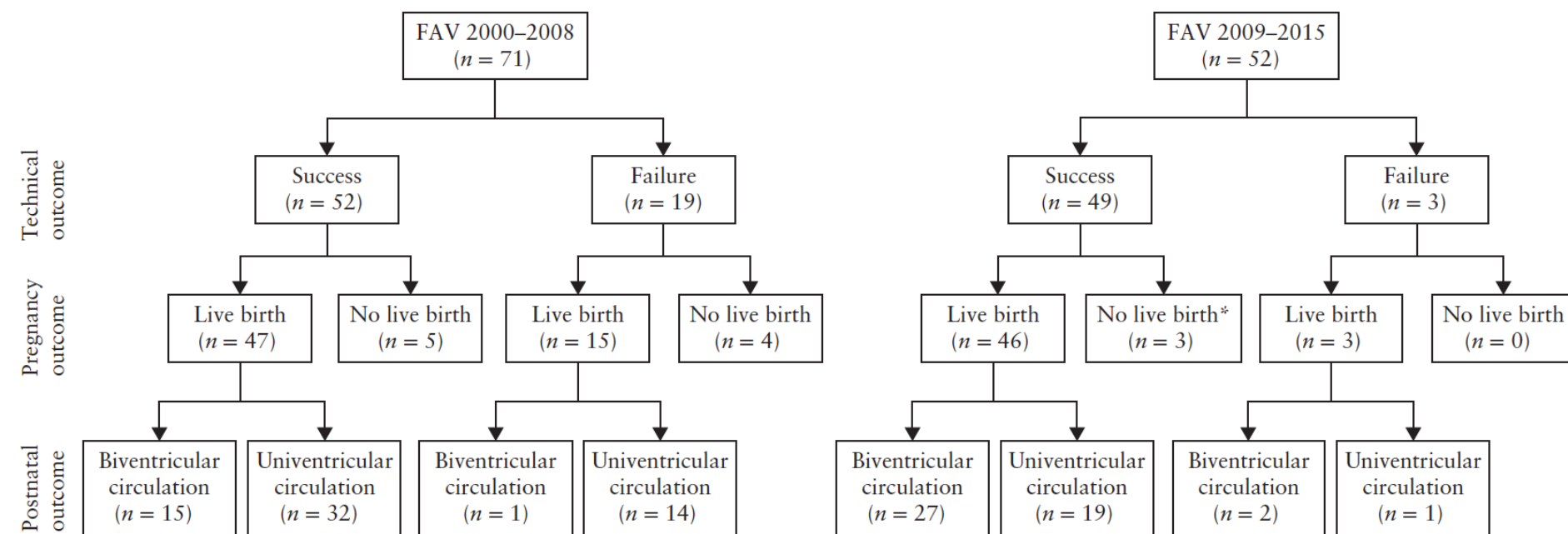


# Improved technical success, postnatal outcome and refined predictors of outcome for fetal aortic valvuloplasty

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**Figure 1** Procedural, pregnancy and postnatal outcomes of fetuses undergoing fetal aortic valvuloplasty (FAV), according to whether procedure was performed in early (2000–2008) or later (2009–2015) period. \*Includes one patient who was born prematurely and had no postnatal cardiac intervention.

# Modelos predictivos



**Table 2** Factors associated with biventricular outcome ( $n = 42$ ) in liveborn neonates following technically successful fetal aortic valvuloplasty ( $n = 90^*$ ), based on multivariate analysis

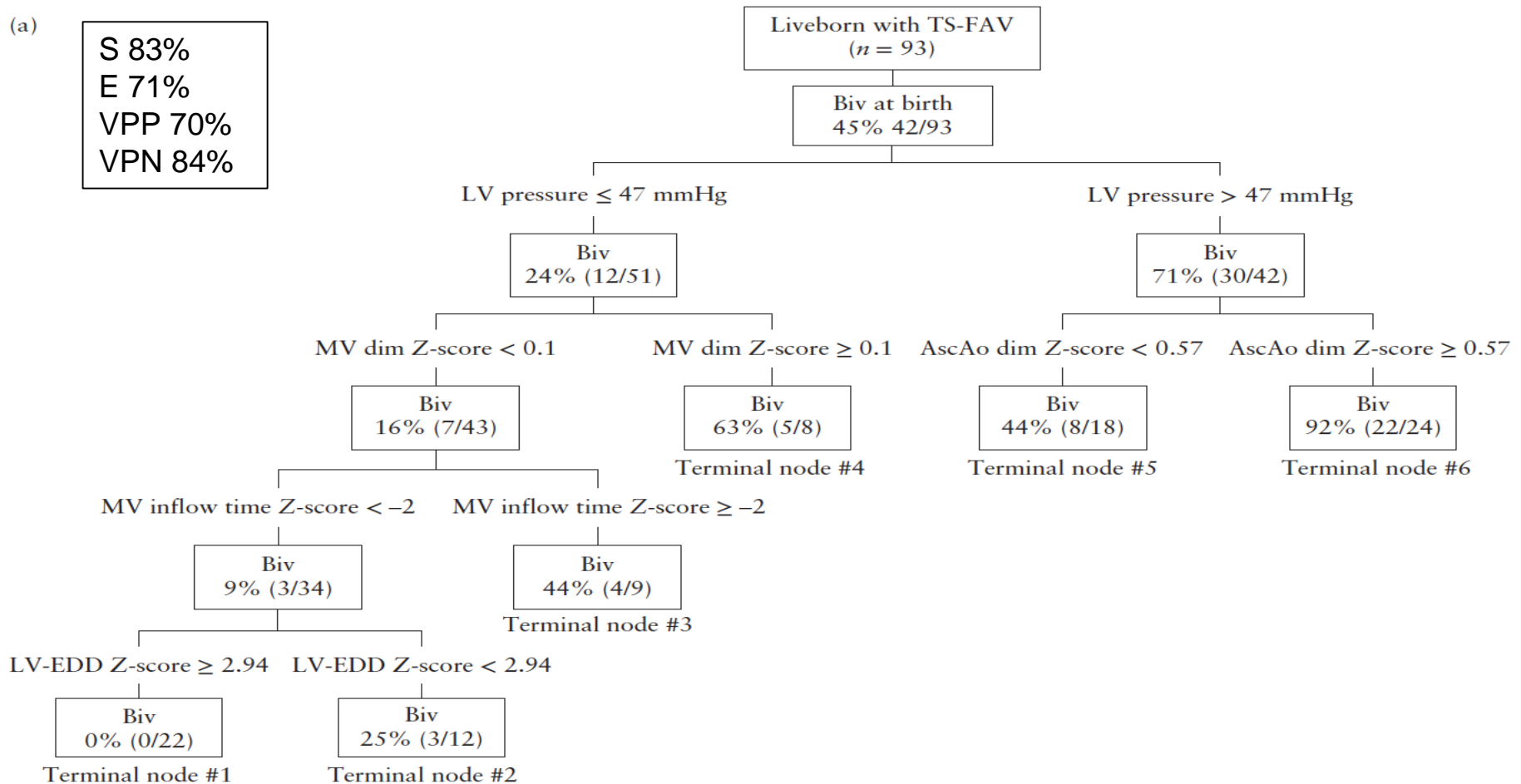
<i>Factor</i>	<i>Odds ratio (95% CI)</i>	<i>P</i>
Ascending aorta dimension Z-score	1.95 (1.27–2.99)	0.002
LV pressure (per 5-mmHg increase)	1.37 (1.12–1.67)	0.002
LV long-axis dimension Z-score	1.56 (1.02–2.40)	0.041
Mitral valve inflow time Z-score	1.79 (1.19–2.69)	0.005

C-statistic = 0.91. \*Data not available for three cases. LV, left ventricle.

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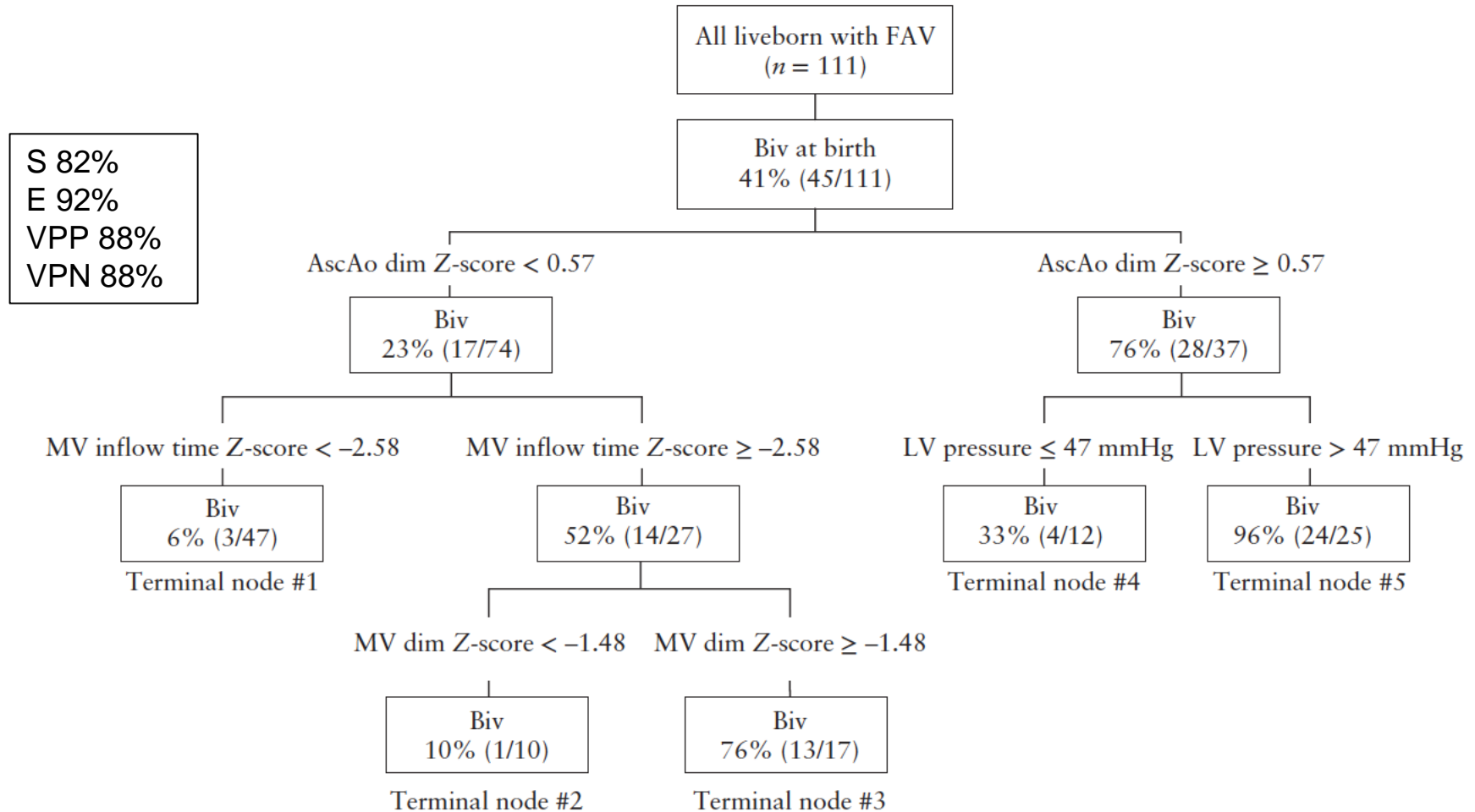
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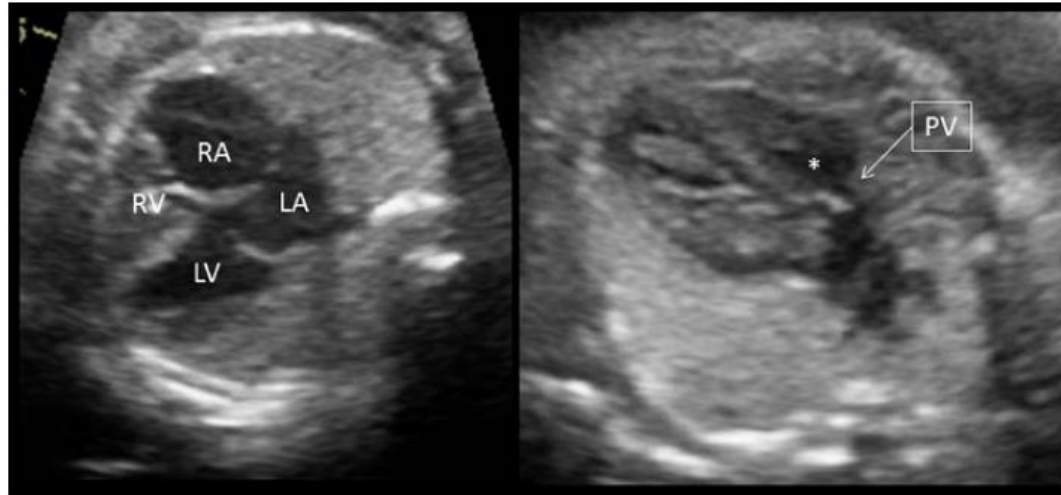


# Atresia Pulmonar con Septum IV intacto / SHVD



- La atresia pulmonar con septum interventricular intacto puede evolucionar a SHVD.
- **Fisiopatología**
- *Atresia de infundíbulo del tracto de salida de VD*
- *Atresia válvula pulmonar*
- *Hipoplasia VD*
- *Fistulas ventrículo-coronarias*
- *Regurgitación tricuspídea*
- *Flujo retrogrado en ramas pulmonares por ductus arterioso*

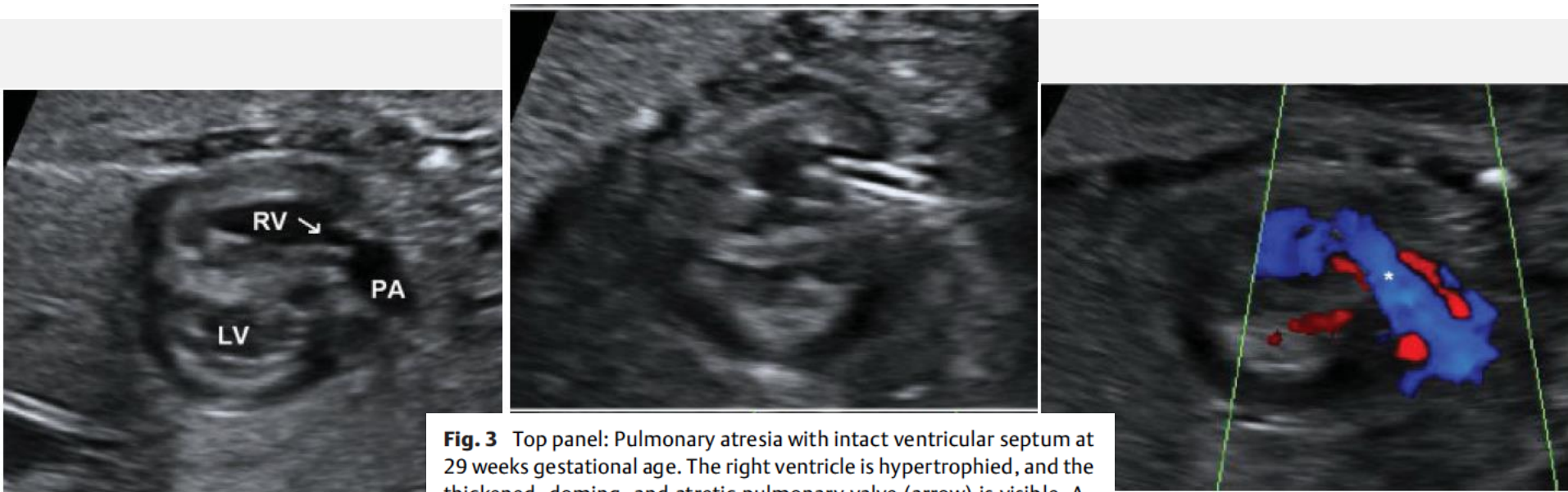
# Atresia Pulmonar con Septum IV intacto / SHVD



**FIGURE 7** Appearance of a fetal heart with pulmonary atresia with intact ventricular septum at 25-wk gestation that may be a candidate for fetal cardiac intervention. There is mild tricuspid valve and right ventricular hypoplasia. Membranous pulmonary atresia and a patent right ventricular outflow tract are present. LA = left atrium; LV = left ventricle; PV = pulmonary valve; RA = right atrium; RV = right ventricle, \*right ventricular outflow tract



# Atresia Pulmonar con Septum IV intacto / SHVD



**Fig. 3** Top panel: Pulmonary atresia with intact ventricular septum at 29 weeks gestational age. The right ventricle is hypertrophied, and the thickened, doming, and atretic pulmonary valve (arrow) is visible. A normally sized right pulmonary artery is visualized. Middle panel: After perforation of the pulmonary valve with a cannula, an angioplasty balloon is inflated in the right ventricular outflow tract and across the pulmonary valve. Bottom panel: Still-frame color Doppler image after pulmonary valve perforation and balloon angioplasty in the same patient. There is a broad jet of anterograde flow (asterisk) into the pulmonary artery. LV, left ventricle; RV, right ventricle; PA, main pulmonary artery.

# Atresia Pulmonar con Septum IV intacto / SHVD

## *Selección de pacientes*



**TABLE 3** Features prompting consideration of fetal intervention for pulmonary atresia with intact ventricular septum (PA/IVS)

Membranous pulmonary atresia

Intact or highly restrictive ventricular septum

Tricuspid valve annulus Z-score <2.5

Identifiable but qualitatively small right ventricle

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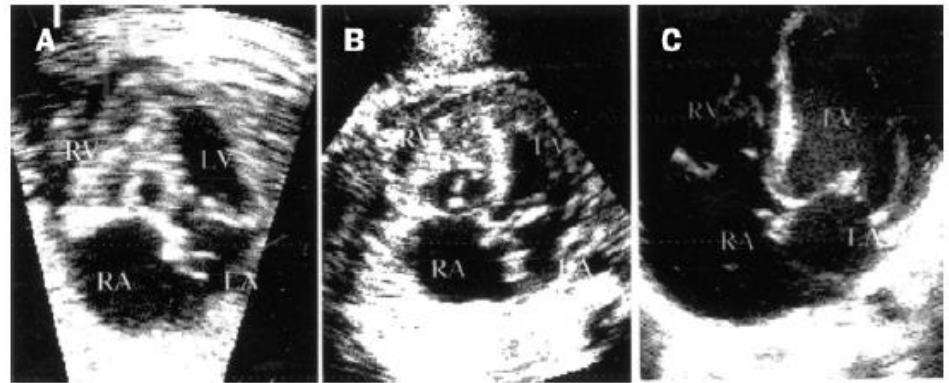


## Fetal pulmonary valvuloplasty for critical pulmonary stenosis or atresia with intact septum

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Progressive stenosis of the semilunar valves in utero can be life threatening. We treated two fetuses with complete or almost complete pulmonary atresia and imminent hydrops (increased cardiothoracic ratio, pericardial effusion, holosystolic tricuspid regurgitation extending into diastole, and abnormal venous Dopplers). We dilated the pulmonary valve of two fetuses in utero at 28 and 30 weeks' gestation, through the mothers' abdomens. After the procedure, the fetuses had decreased signs of circulatory failure and gestation continued until near term. In the neonatal period, we did a repeat valvuloplasty with systemic-to-pulmonary arterial shunt. Both children (now aged 18 months and 12 months) now have biventricular circulation. Surgery on selected fetuses with semilunar valve stenosis or atresia, or both, can extend pregnancy and favourably change the postnatal surgical options.

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**Figure 2: Growth of the small right ventricle after successful balloon dilation of the pulmonary valve**

Images are serial four-chamber views of fetus A before procedure (A), 6 weeks after procedure (B), and after birth (C). RV=right ventricle. LV=left ventricle. RA=right atrium. LA=left atrium.

# Fetal Intervention in Right Outflow Tract Obstructive Disease: Selection of Candidates and Results



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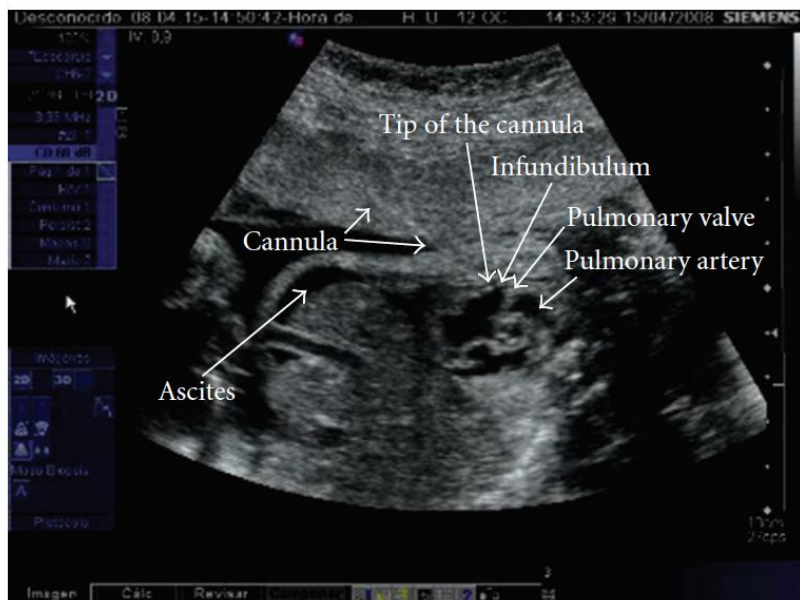


FIGURE 1: Cannula course during fetal cardiac intervention for pulmonary valvuloplasty, entering the right ventricle at the infundibulum, in the longitudinal view, with the cannula course parallel to the RV outflow tract.

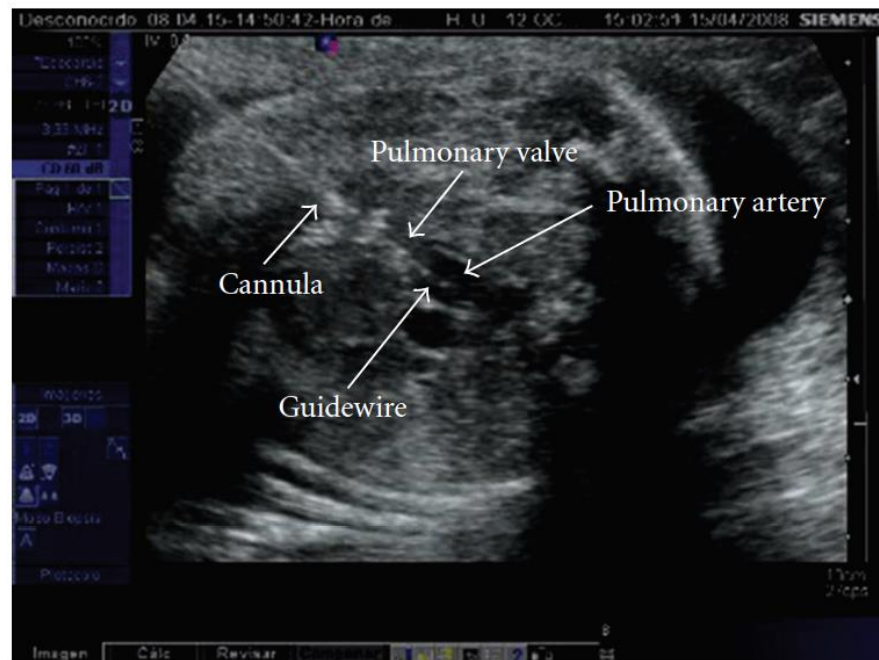


FIGURE 2: The guidewire has crossed the pulmonary valve, and it is inside the main pulmonary artery.

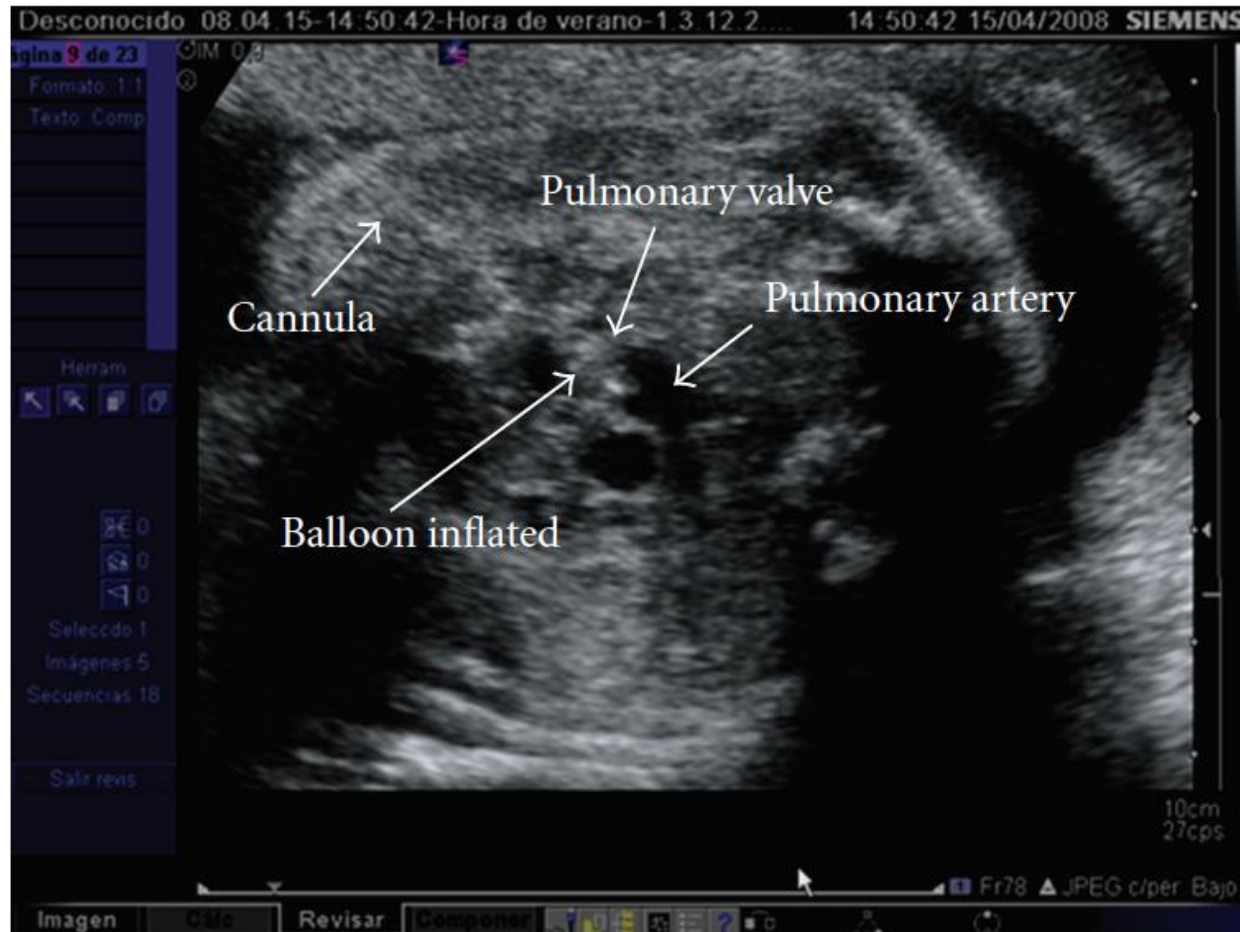


FIGURE 3: The coronary angioplasty balloon is inflated across the fetal pulmonary valve.

# Crterios de seleccin



TABLE 1: Criteria used for prenatal echocardiographic prediction of postnatal outcome for pulmonary atresia/critical pulmonary stenosis with intact ventricular septum (PA/CS-IVS).

Reference	Prenatal predictors of non-BV outcome	Test accuracy
Salvin et al. (2006) [22]	(i) TV z-score $\leq -3$	Sn 92%, Sp 100%
Roman et al. (2007) [19]	(i) TV/MV ratio $< 0.7$ (ii) RV/LV length ratio $< 0.6$ (iii) Tricuspid inflow duration/cardiac cycle length $\leq 31.5\%$ (iv) Presence of ventriculocoronary connections	3/4 criteria: Sn 100%, Sp 75%
Gardiner et al. (2008) [12]	(i) PV z-score $< -1$ or TV z-score $< -3.4$ before 23 weeks (ii) Median TV z-score $< -3.95$ , before 26 weeks (iii) Median PV z-score $< -2.8$ and medium TV/MV ratio $< 0.7$ at 26–31 weeks (iv) Median TV z-score $< -3.9$ and medium TV/MV ratio $< 0.59$ after 31 weeks	(i) 2/2 criteria $< 23$ weeks: Sn 100%, Sp 80% (ii) 1 criteria $< 26$ weeks*: Sn 92%, Sp 100% (iii) 2/2 criteria at 26–31 weeks: Sn 100%, Sp 100% (iv) 1 criteria after 31 weeks: Sn 100%, Sp 100%
G3mez-Montes et al. (2011) [17]	(i) TV/MV ratio $\leq 0.83$ (ii) RV/LV length ratio $\leq 0.64$ (iii) PV/AV ratio $\leq 0.75$ (iv) Tricuspid inflow duration/cardiac cycle length $\leq 36.5\%$	4/4 criteria: Sn 100%, Sp 100% 3/4 criteria: Sn 100%, Sp 92%

TV: tricuspid valve; MV: mitral valve; RV: right ventricle; LV: left ventricle; PV: pulmonary valve; AV: aortic valve; BV: biventricular; Sn: sensitivity; Sp: specificity.

\* In combination with hemodynamical markers of right atrial pressure (severity of tricuspid regurgitation, waveform characteristics of the ductus venosus, and restriction of the interatrial septum) and the presence of coronary artery fistulae.

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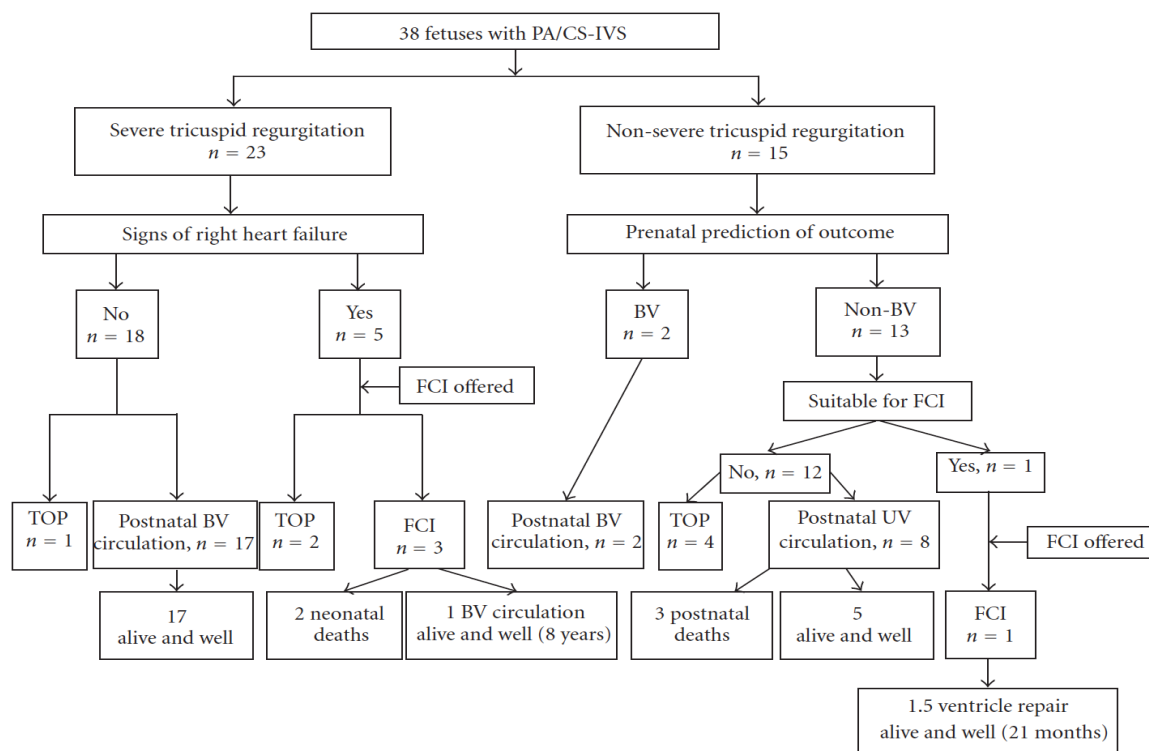


FIGURE 4: Flow chart showing the distribution of fetuses with pulmonary atresia/critical stenosis with intact ventricular septum (PA/CS-IVS) according to the process of selection for fetal cardiac intervention (FCI). BV, biventricular; UV, univentricular; TOP, termination of pregnancy.



# In Utero Valvuloplasty for Pulmonary Atresia With Hypoplastic Right Ventricle: Techniques and Outcomes



**WHAT'S KNOWN ON THIS SUBJECT:** Only 3 case reports have been published on fetal intervention for pulmonary atresia.



**WHAT THIS STUDY ADDS:** This is the first series on fetal PV perforation and dilation for treatment of PA/IVS and documents changes in right heart growth after successful fetal pulmonary valvuloplasty.

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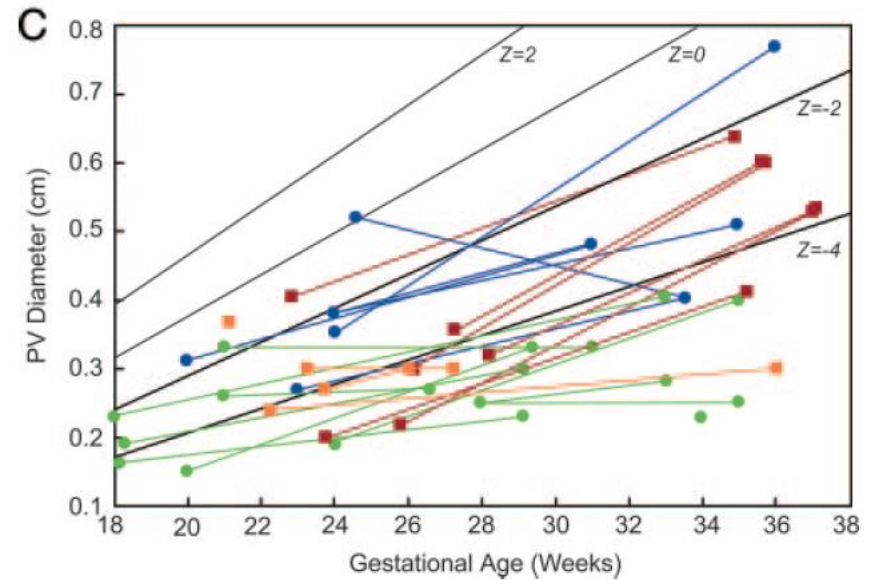
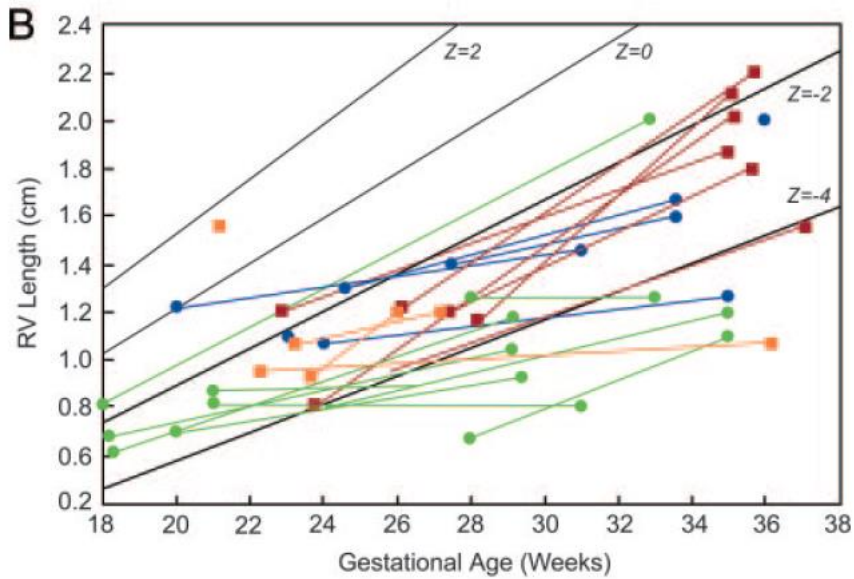
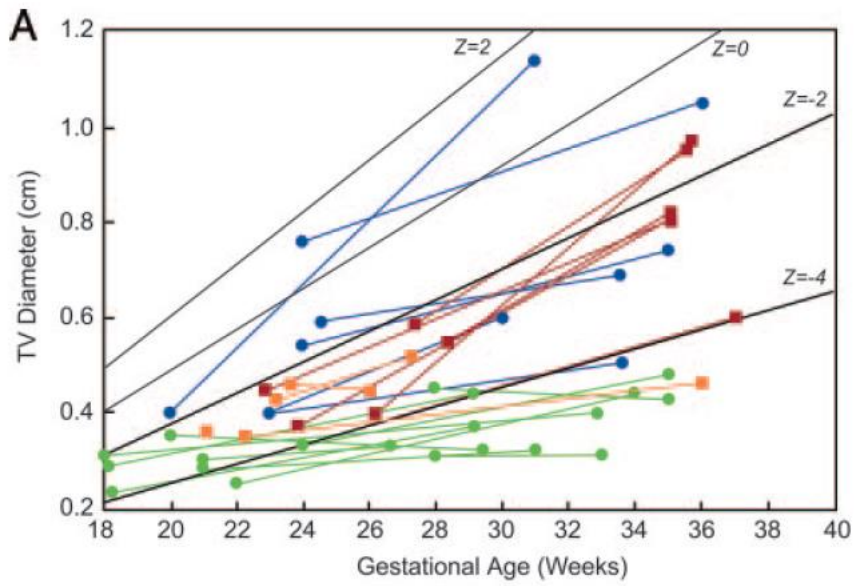


# Resultados

**TABLE 1** Details of Prenatal Pulmonary Valvuloplasty

Patient No.	EGA, wk	Laparotomy Performed	Successful Introduction of Cannula Into RVOT	Successful Perforation of PV	Successful Balloon Dilation of PV	Antegrade Flow Present After Procedure	Treated for Hemodynamic Instability
1	24	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
2	22	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
3	21	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
4	24	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (+)	Yes
5	23	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes (+++)	Yes
6	27	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (+++)	Yes
7	28	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (++)	No
8	24	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (+++)	No
9	26	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (++)	No
10	26	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (++)	No

EGA indicates estimated gestational age; RVOT, right ventricular outflow tract.

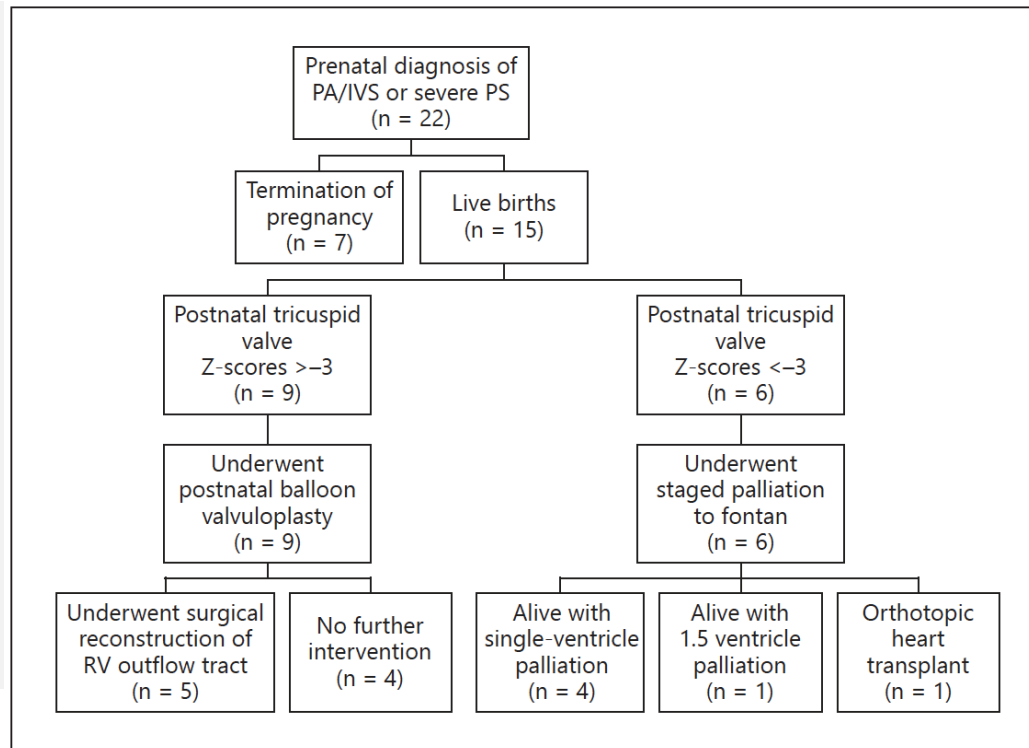


Azul = biventricular  
 Verde = Univentricular  
 Rojo = Intervención exitosa  
 Naranja = Intervención no exitosa

## Prenatal Tricuspid Valve Size as a Predictor of Postnatal Outcome in Patients with Severe Pulmonary Stenosis or Pulmonary Atresia with Intact Ventricular Septum

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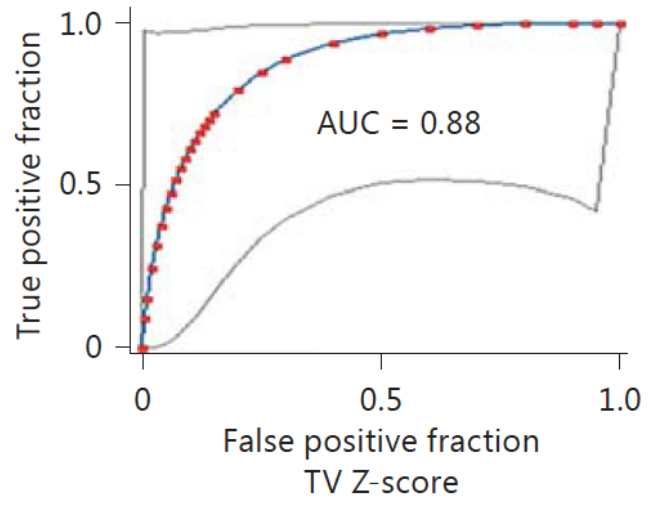
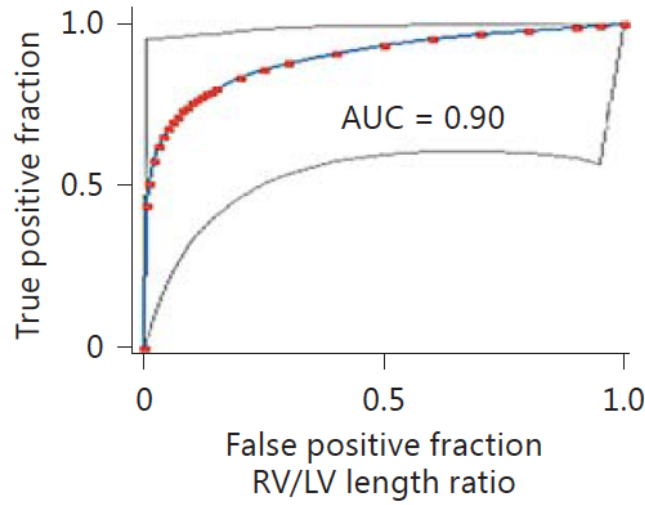
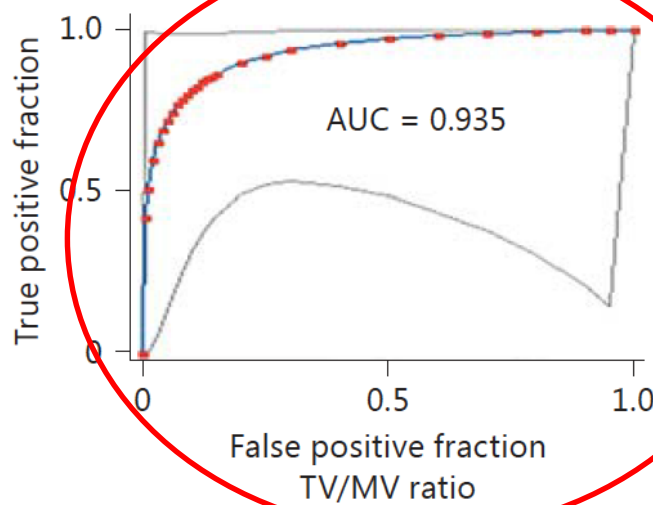
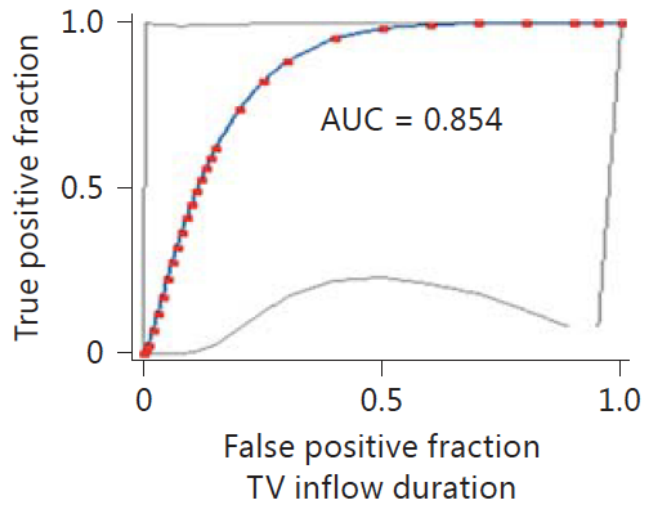


**Table 1.** Data derived from the initial echocardiograms

Fetal echocardiographic data	Neonatal TV Z >-3 (n = 9)	Neonatal TV Z <-3 (n = 6)	p value
GA at Dx, weeks ( $\pm$ SD)	27.1 $\pm$ 4.8	29.5 $\pm$ 3.8	NS
TV/MV ratio ( $\pm$ SD)	0.74 $\pm$ 0.2	0.4 $\pm$ 0.2	0.002
TV Z score ( $\pm$ SD)	-2.28 $\pm$ 1.8	-6.45 $\pm$ 2.8	0.003
TV inflow duration ( $\pm$ SD)	0.37 $\pm$ 0.06	0.27 $\pm$ 0.09	0.046
RV/LV length ratio ( $\pm$ SD)	0.72 $\pm$ 0.2	0.38 $\pm$ 0/1	0.004
None/mild TR	6	6	NS
Moderate/severe TR	4	0	see Discussion
PV forward flow	5	0	see Discussion
TV monophasic	1	4	NS
Abnormal systemic venous Dopplers	5	5	NS
Retrograde DA flow	7*	6	NS

DA = Ductus arteriosus; Dx = diagnosis; GA = gestational age; LV = left ventricle; MV = mitral valve annulus; NS = not significant; RV = right ventricle; TR = tricuspid regurgitation; TV = tricuspid valve annulus.

\* Two fetuses had equivocal imaging on the initial study but on follow-up fetal examination and in our database had flow reversal in the ductus arteriosus.



AUC 0.94  
 Cut-off > 0.63  
 TV Z-score > -3  
 BV outcome  
 Sensibilidad 78%  
 Especificidad 100%

# SHVI / Septum atrial intacto o restrictivo



- SHVI establecido sin potencial de circulación biventricular
- SHVI
  - Cierre anormal del foramen oval
  - Engrosamiento anormal del septum atrial
  - Septum primum anormalmente grande
- Septum restrictivo en 22% de los casos de SHVI
- 6% de los casos septum intacto

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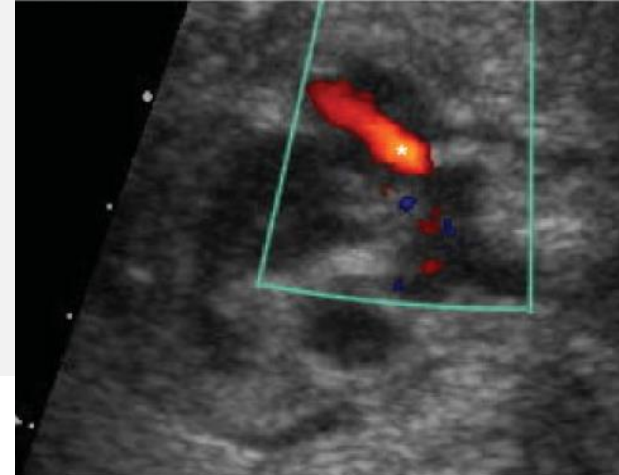
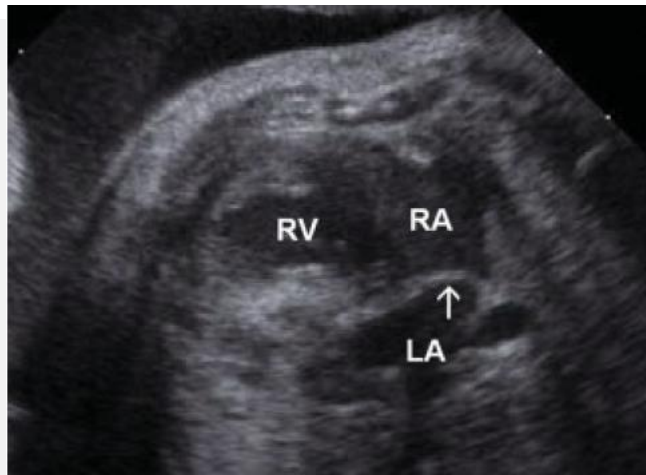
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- **Fisiopatología**
- *Septum atrial intacto o restrictivo*
- *Aumento de presión en aurícula izquierda*
- *Daño en vasculatura y parénquima pulmonar*
- *“Arterialización de venas pulmonares”*

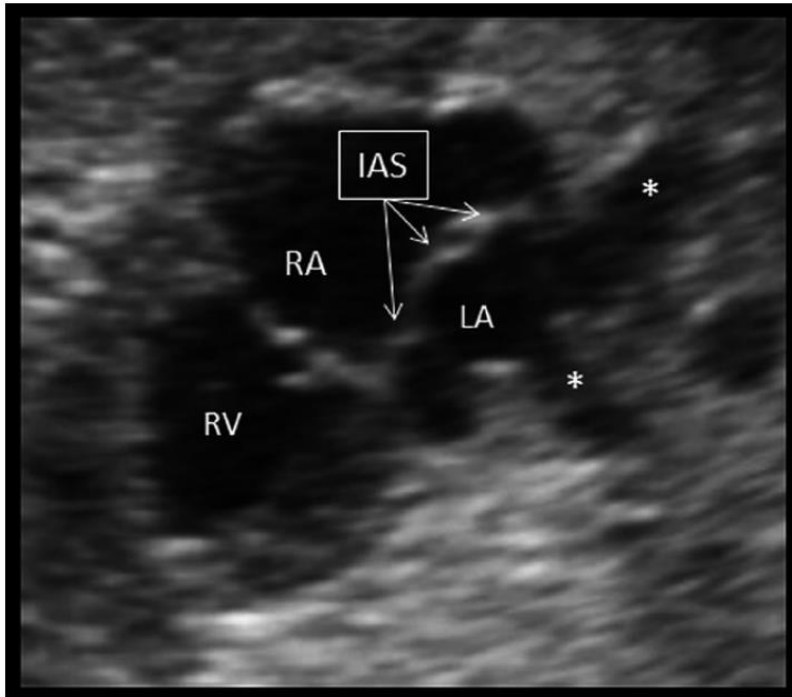
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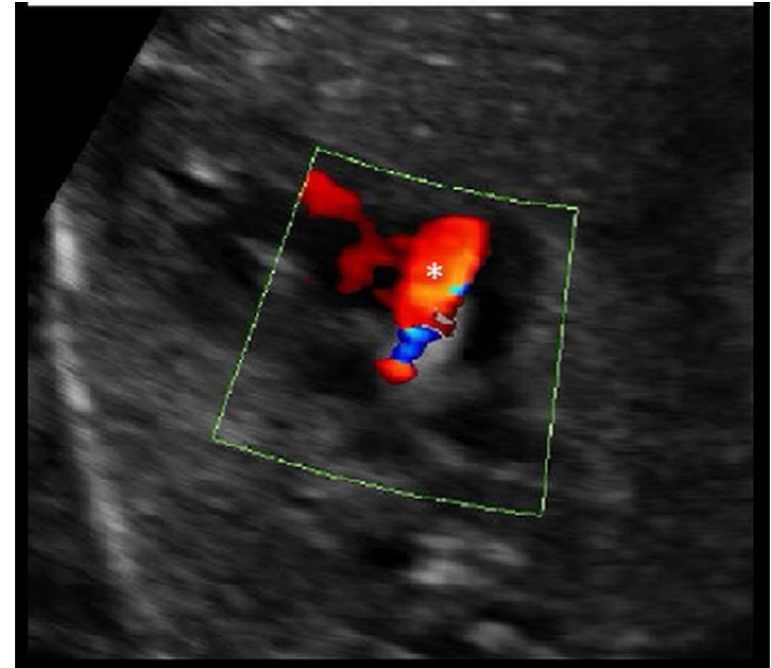
**Fig. 2** Top panel: Hypoplastic left heart syndrome with intact atrial septum at 31 weeks gestational age. Severe left ventricular hypoplasia is noted. The left atrium is markedly dilated, and the thickened, hypertrophied septum primum (arrow) bulges into the right atrium. Middle panel: An inflated angioplasty balloon traverses the right atrium, atrial septum and into the left atrium. Bottom panel: Still-frame color Doppler image demonstrating a jet of left-to-right flow (asterisk) across the newly created atrial septal defect. LA, left atrium; RA, right atrium; RV, right ventricle.



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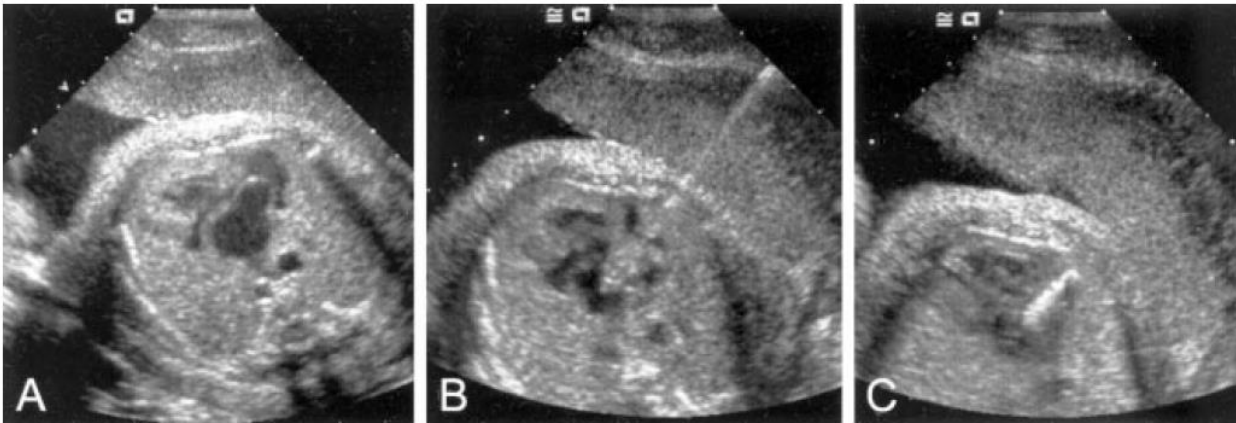
**FIGURE 8** Hypoplastic left heart syndrome with intact atrial septum. The atrial septum is thickened and bows into the right atrium. Dilated pulmonary veins, consistent with left atrial hypertension, are present. IAS = intact atrial septum; LA = left atrium; RA = right atrium; RV = right ventricle, \*pulmonary veins



**FIGURE 10** Appearance of hypoplastic left heart syndrome with intact atrial septum after stent angioplasty of the atrial septum. The top panel demonstrates a two-dimensional image of the atrial septum stent. The bottom panel demonstrates a relatively broad jet of accelerated left-to-right flow across the stented atrial septum. LA = left atrium; RA = right atrium; RV = right ventricle, \*left atrium-to-right atrium color Doppler jet

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## *Técnica quirúrgica*



**Figure 3.** A–C, Transabdominal ultrasound image of heart in 1 fetus with dilated left atrium and thin, bulging atrial septum before atrial septal puncture (A), during septal puncture with Chiba needle (B), and during dilation with 3-mm coronary angioplasty balloon (C).

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## *Selección de pacientes*



**Table 2** Characteristics suggesting atrial restriction in HLHS

Intact atrial septum
$\leq 1$ -mm atrial septal defect
Prominent pulmonary vein flow reversal
Forward: reverse pulmonary vein velocity time integral ratio $< 5$

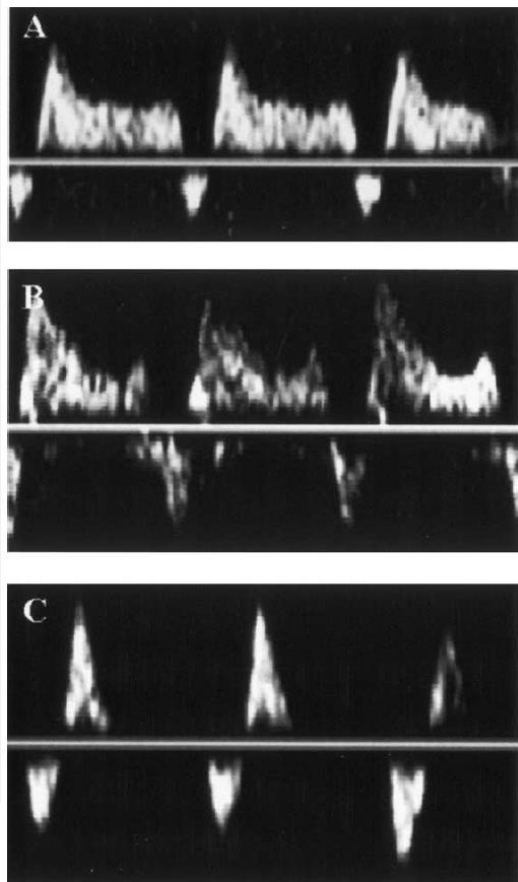
Abbreviation: HLHS, hypoplastic left heart syndrome.



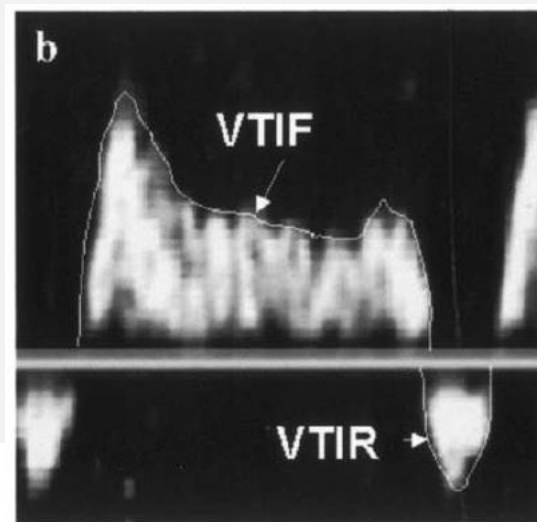
## Intrauterine Pulmonary Venous Flow and Restrictive Foramen Ovale in Fetal Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome

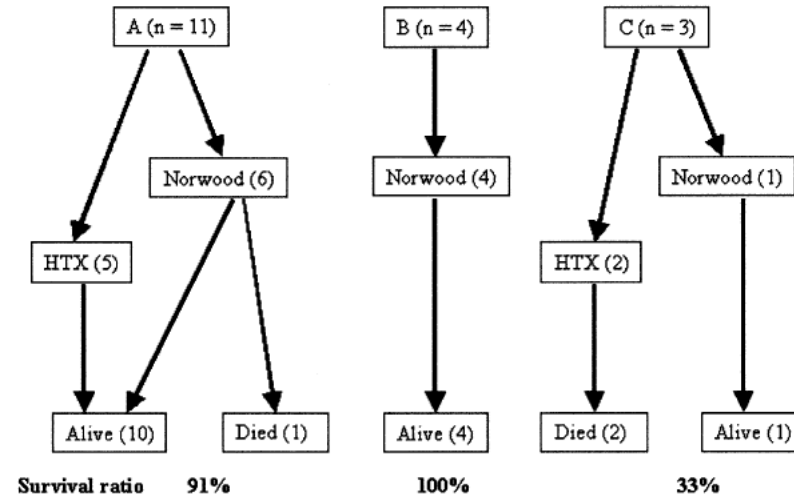
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**Figure 2.** Three pulmonary vein flow patterns identified in fetuses with left heart obstruction. (A) Continuous forward flow with a small a-wave reversal (VTIR/VTIF ratio  $<0.18$ ). (B) Continuous forward flow with an increased a-wave reversal (VTIR/VTIF ratio  $\geq 0.18$ ). (C) To-and-fro flow pattern with absent early diastolic forward flow. VTIF = velocity-time integral for forward flow; VTIR = velocity-time integral for reverse flow.





**Figure 4.** Outcome of patients with perinatal surgical intervention. Perioperative survival was 91% in patients with type A, 100% with type B, and 33% with type C pulmonary vein flow. HTX = heart transplant.

**Table 2.** Comparison of Neonatal FO Size and Clinical Condition Between Fetuses With Different Pulmonary Venous Flow Patterns Identified in Utero

	Type A Flow (n = 12)	Type B Flow (n = 4)	Type C Flow (n = 3)	p Value*
Neonatal FO (mm)	4.5 ± 2.1	1.6 ± 1.6	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0015
PaO <sub>2</sub> (mm Hg)	52.0 ± 15.8	61.7 ± 25.9	30.7 ± 3.5	0.022
BE (mmol/l)	-2.6 ± 3.6	-4.3 ± 1.4	-12.2 ± 11.1	0.040
Ventilation	2	0	3	0.010
Inotropic support	2	0	2	0.112
Emergent septoplasty	0	0	3	0.001

\*The Kruskal-Wallis test was used to compare continuous variables and the Fisher exact test for categorical variable. Data are presented as the mean value ± SD or number of patients.

FO = size of foramen ovale; other abbreviations as in Table 1.

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**TABLE 1. Median Fetal Pulmonary Venous Doppler Indices for Newborns Who Did or Did Not Require EAS**

	(+) EAS (n=8)	(-) EAS (n=33)	<i>P</i>
S-wave velocity, cm/s	45 (21–75)	42 (16–71)	NS
D-wave velocity, cm/s	14 (4–26)	21 (7–40)	<0.04
S-wave/D-wave ratio	3.2 (2.0–5.0)	1.8 (1.0–5.8)	<0.001
A-wave velocity, cm/s	35 (13–54)	17 (7–41)	<0.001
A-wave duration, ms	92 (68–119)	63 (20–88)	<0.001
A-wave VTI, cm	2.5 (0.8–5.3)	0.6 (0.1–2.4)	0.0001
Forward flow VTI, cm	5.9 (3.1–10.8)	8.4 (3.1–14.5)	NS
Forward/reverse VTI ratio	3.4 (0.9–5.8)	13.6 (3.3–48.3)	<0.0001
A-wave/D-wave ratio	2.7 (1.3–6.8)	0.7 (0.2–4.3)	0.0001

Values in parentheses are ranges.

**TABLE 2. ROC Analysis for PVD Indices With AUC  $\geq$  0.90**

PVD Index	Area Under ROC Curve	95% Confidence Limits	"Optimal" Cutpoint Value
S/D-wave velocity ratio	0.90	0.79–1.00	>2.5
A-wave duration	0.93	0.84–1.00	>77 ms
A-wave VTI	0.94	0.85–1.00	>1.4 cm
A/D-wave velocity ratio	0.94	0.87–1.00	>1.35
Forward/reverse VTI ratio	0.98	0.94–1.00	<5.0

AUC indicates area under the curve.

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**TABLE 3. Clinical Accuracy of PVD Doppler Indices in Predicting Need for EAS in the Newborn Period**

PVD Index	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	Positive LH Ratio	Negative LH Ratio
A-wave duration >77 ms	0.88 (0.47–0.99)	0.82 (0.64–0.92)	0.54 (0.26–0.79)	0.96 (0.80–0.99)	4.8 (2.2–10.4)	0.15 (0.02–0.97)
S/D ratio >2.5	0.88 (0.47–0.99)	0.85 (0.67–0.94)	0.58 (0.29–0.84)	0.97 (0.80–0.99)	5.8 (2.5–13.5)	0.15 (0.02–0.93)
A/D ratio >1.35	0.88 (0.47–0.99)	0.91 (0.75–0.98)	0.70 (0.35–0.92)	0.97 (0.81–0.99)	9.6 (3.2–29.2)	0.14 (0.02–0.87)
A-wave VTI >1.4 cm	0.88 (0.47–0.99)	0.94 (0.78–0.99)	0.78 (0.40–0.96)	0.97 (0.82–0.99)	14.4 (3.7–56.7)	0.13 (0.02–0.84)
<b>Forward/reverse VTI ratio &lt;5</b>	<b>0.88 (0.47–0.99)</b>	<b>0.97 (0.82–0.99)</b>	<b>0.88 (0.47–0.99)</b>	<b>0.97 (0.82–0.99)</b>	<b>28.9 (4.1–203)</b>	<b>0.13 (0.02–0.80)</b>

LH ratio indicates likelihood ratio; NPV, negative predictive value; PPV, positive predictive value. Values in parentheses are 95% CIs.

# Congenital Heart Disease



## Creation of an Atrial Septal Defect In Utero for Fetuses With Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and Intact or Highly Restrictive Atrial Septum

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### Summary of Procedures

Fetus	Gestational Age, wk	LA Size, mm	Septum	LA-RA Gradient, mm Hg	Balloon Diameter, mm	Result*	O <sub>2</sub> Saturation at Catheterization, %	LA Pressure, mm Hg	Outcome
1	34	20×22	Thin	≥9†	3.0	++	73	33	Alive
2	30	8×10	Thick	≥7†	2.75	+	58	28	Neonatal death
3‡	26	5×7	Thick	Intact	2.75	+	NA	NA	Fetal demise
4	26	8×10	Thin	8	3.0	++	NA	NA	Neonatal death
5‡	30	27×37	Thin	Intact	2.75	++	NA	NA	Neonatal death
6	29	6×15	Thick	Intact	NA	0	43		Alive
7	33	11×15	Thin	Intact	2.75	++	61	26	Neonatal death

RA indicates right atrium.

\*Results are the following: 0, no new defect; +, new defect ≤1 mm; and ++, new defect >2 mm.

†Determined by interrogating decompressing vein.

‡Hydropic.



# Potenciales beneficios



Mejorar la  
circulación  
venosa  
pulmonar  
postnatal

Atenuar los  
cambios  
anatómicos  
pulmonares



## Results of *in utero* atrial septoplasty in fetuses with hypoplastic left heart syndrome

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- 21 procedimientos
  - 19 técnicamente exitosos (90%)
  - Complicaciones 8/21 casos (38%)
  - ASD > 3mm en 6 fetos
- ASD > 3mm
  - Mayor saturación de oxígeno postnatal (p=0.001)
  - Menor necesidad de descompresión atrial previo a la cirugía estadio I. (p=0.001).
- Sobrevida total 58%
  - 5/12 (42%) en descompresión atrial de urgencia
  - 5/7 (86%) en estadio I de cirugía paliativa

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