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Fontan

- ACE inhibitor

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# Fontan circulation

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SVC, IVC flows passively to PA

Ventricle (pumps pul venous return to the systemic circ)

lack of pul vent : pul blood flow – transpul pr gradient

impaired contractility

limited preload - abnormal diastolic function

excessive afterload - systemic vascular resistance

→ CO

→ exercise capacity      (central hemodynamics)

# Reduced exercise capacity

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## Peripheral hemodynamics

Reduced blood supply of the working skeletal muscle

Attenuated post exercise O<sub>2</sub> resat of skeletal muscle

- impaired endothelium dependent vasodilation

## Others

abnormal autonomic nervous system

abnormal ventilation-perfusion ratio

# ACE inhibitor

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improve clinical status, hemodynamics,

exercise capacity

systemic vascular resistance

improve vent diastolic dysfunction

Fontan patients

efficacy?

# Pleural effusion

Mainwarning RD. *J Card Surg.* 1995 n=40

6pts develop PE -  
renin , angiotensin  
correlation with hosp stay

Thompson LD. *Cardiol Young.*

2001 n=36(18:18)

pleural effusion vol ,  
duration , readmission

Stewart JM. *JTCS.* 1991 n=19

ANF , vasopressin

Heragu N. *AJC.* 1999 n=44

PE duration

Gupta A. *JTCS.* 2004 n=100

low preop sat, postop inf,  
small conduit, long bypass  
ACEI-duration PE

# Activation of RAA system?

20pts (NYHA - ), age 11yrs(4~22), post op 2yrs (0.5~6)

Table 3 Neurohormonal activity

|                         | TCPC (n = 12)     | BDG (n = 8)       | TCPC+BDG (n = 20) | Control (n = 33) |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Angiotensin II (pmol/l) | 42 (24 to 109)*   | 40(14 to 97)*     | 42 (21 to 106)*   | 11 (8 to 15)     |
| Renin ( $\mu$ U/ml)     | 182 (31 to 267)*  | 82 (39 to 202)*   | 129 (34 to 256)*  | 34 (27 to 41)    |
| Aldosterone (pmol/l)    | 306 (111 to 778)* | 111 (83 to 389)   | 278 (83 to 500)*  | 67 (56 to 117)   |
| AVP (pmol/l)            | 1.2 (0.5 to 2.6)  | 2.2 (1.4 to 3.0)* | 1.9 (0.6 to 2.6)* | 0.7 (0.5 to 2.5) |
| ANF (pmol/l)            | 13 (6 to 17)*     | 20 (11 to 29)*    | 15 (9 to 22)*     | 6 (4 to 8)       |
| BNP (pmol/l)            | 2.2 (1.8 to 3.4)* | 1.6 (1.5 to 2.1)  | 2.0 (1.5 to 2.6)* | 1.2 (1.0 to 1.9) |

Inverse correlation between f/u interval and angiotensin , renin

Patients over the age of 15years ; late post-op phase

- normal neurohormone levels

***Neurohymoral activation late after cavopulmonary connection. Heart 2000***

# Enalapril in Fontan patients

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N=18 ( $14.5 \pm 6.2$  yr, 4~19 yrs after Fontan, NYHA )

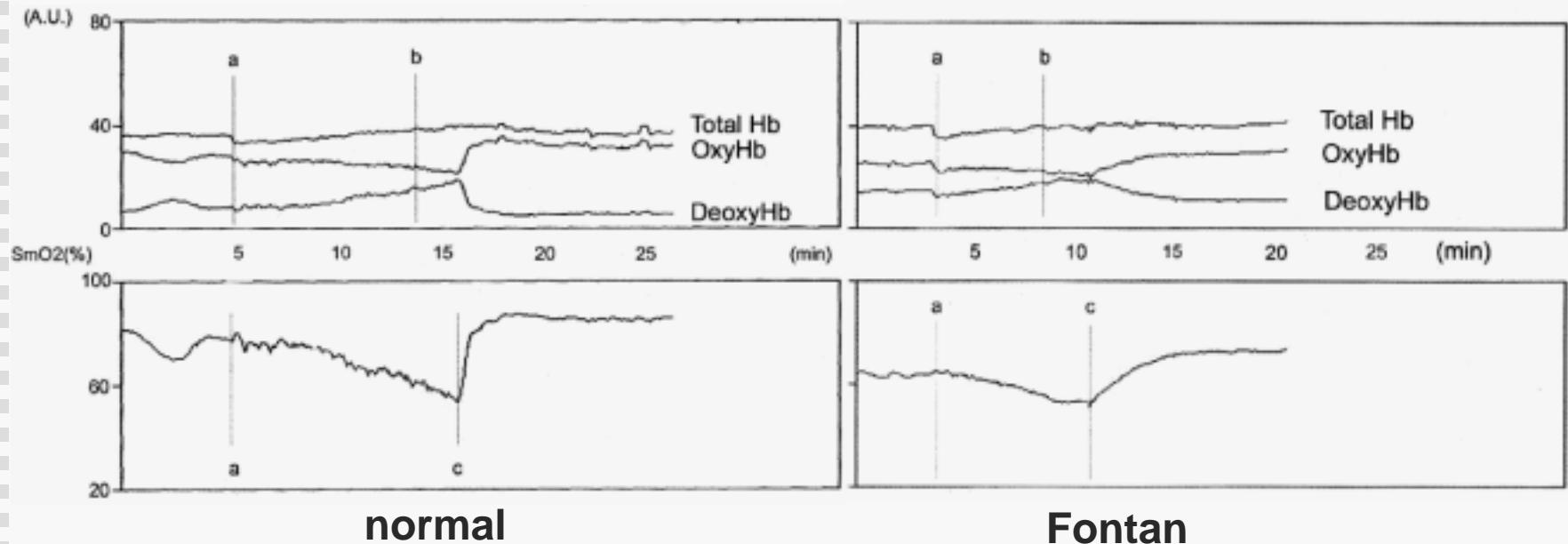
0.2~0.3mg/kg/d, max 15mg, 10weeks

| Measurement     | Enalapril       | Placebo         |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Peak E velocity | $0.73 \pm 0.21$ | $0.74 \pm 0.26$ |
| Peak A velocity | $0.55 \pm 0.16$ | $0.52 \pm 0.18$ |
| Peak E/A ratio  | $1.35 \pm 0.31$ | $1.47 \pm 0.48$ |
| IVRT            | $71.1 \pm 16.2$ | $63.3 \pm 9.9$  |

***Enalapril does not enhance exercise capacity in patients after Fontan procedure. Circulation 1997***

| Measurement                        | Enalapril       | Placebo         |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Heart rate at rest                 | $88.9 \pm 13.8$ | $86.9 \pm 12.6$ |
| Maximum heart rate                 | $156 \pm 22$    | $156 \pm 21$    |
| Maximum respiratory rate           | $52 \pm 11$     | $52 \pm 9$      |
| Maximum systolic BP                | $135 \pm 21$    | $143 \pm 16$    |
| Maximum diastolic BP               | $77 \pm 12$     | $80 \pm 13$     |
| Cardiac output at rest             | $2.3 \pm 0.7$   | $2.3 \pm 0.6$   |
| Maximum cardiac output             | $4.9 \pm 1.6$   | $5.3 \pm 1.6$   |
| Cardiac index at rest              | $1.7 \pm 0.3$   | $1.7 \pm 0.3$   |
| Maximum cardiac index              | $3.5 \pm 0.9$   | $3.8 \pm 0.9$   |
| Cardiac index % change             | $102 \pm 34$    | $125 \pm 34$    |
| Stroke volume index at rest        | $19.4 \pm 5.4$  | $19.7 \pm 4.7$  |
| Maximum stroke volume index        | $23.8 \pm 7.3$  | $26.1 \pm 7.6$  |
| Stroke volume index % change       | $18 \pm 27$     | $28 \pm 21$     |
| Systemic vasc resist index at rest | $37 \pm 14$     | $40 \pm 9$      |
| Max systemic vasc resist index     | $24 \pm 7$      | $21 \pm 10$     |
| Oxygen consumption at rest         | $5.3 \pm 1$     | $5.2 \pm 1$     |
| Maximum oxygen consumption         | $18.3 \pm 9$    | $20.5 \pm 7$    |

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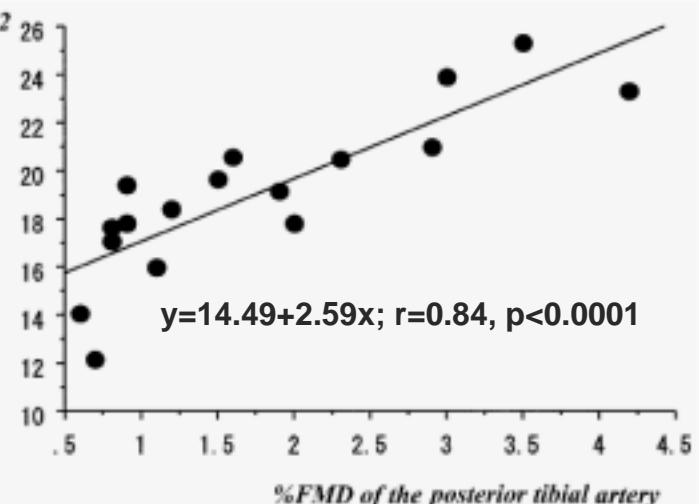
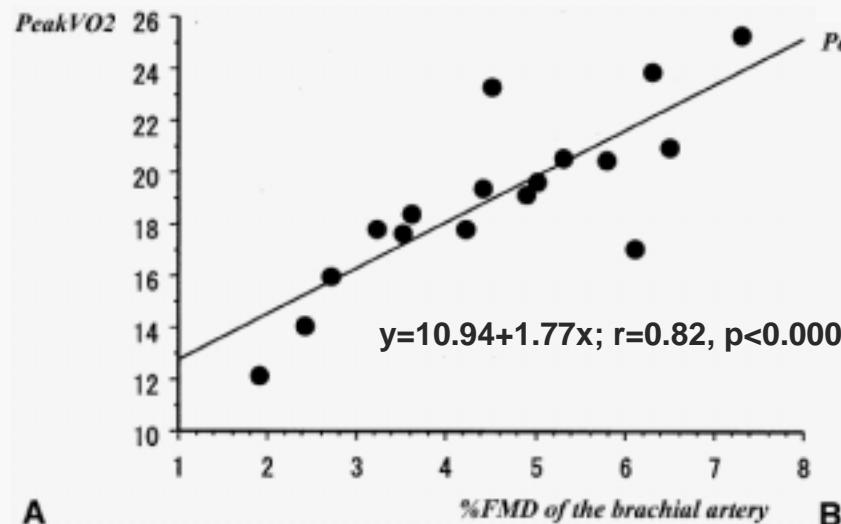
**TABLE 4** Comparison of Skeletal Oxygenation During Exercise Using Near-Infrared Spectroscopy

|   | Fontan Patients<br>(n = 50) | Control Subjects<br>(n = 15) | p Value |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Exercise hyperemic reaction (AU)<br>(Δtotal hemoglobin) | 4.8 ± 3.8                   | 8.9 ± 4.1                    | <0.001  |
| Postexercise oxygen resaturation (%)                    | 31.3 ± 15.4                 | 39.9 ± 8.7                   | <0.01   |
| Muscle oxygen extraction (%)                            | 15.0 ± 9.8                  | 24.7 ± 8.7                   | <0.001  |

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## Flow mediated vasodilation

|               | Fontan          | Control         |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Brachial a    | $4.5 \pm 1.5\%$ | $8.4 \pm 2.0\%$ |
| Post tibial a | $1.7 \pm 1.3\%$ | $6.0 \pm 2.0\%$ |



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## Cardiac autonomic nervous activity?

**TABLE 2. Comparison of Cardiac Autonomic Nervous Activity Among the Study Groups**

| Variables     | Groups   |    |          |    |          |    |
|---------------|----------|----|----------|----|----------|----|
|               | APC      | n  | TCPC     | n  | Control  | n  |
| Log HF        | 1.1±0.7‡ | 18 | 1.4±0.5‡ | 45 | 2.5±0.5  | 40 |
| Log LF        | 1.4±0.5‡ | 18 | 1.7±0.5‡ | 45 | 2.5±0.4  | 40 |
| BRS, ms/mm Hg | 3.1±3.1‡ | 18 | 3.2±3.1‡ | 40 | 17.1±6.0 | 44 |
| α, bpm        | 11±8‡    | 8  | 16±12‡   | 19 | 48±12    | 11 |
| H/M           | 1.6±0.4‡ | 13 | 1.8±0.4‡ | 26 | 2.9±0.6  | 14 |
| β, bpm        | 27±13    | 8  | 28±11    | 19 | 24±7     | 11 |
| NE, pg/mL     | 266±181† | 18 | 229±130* | 45 | 160±72   | 44 |

***Severely impaired cardiac autonomic nervous activity after Fontan.***  
***Circulation 2001***

**TABLE 4. Change in Cardiac Autonomic Nervous Activity Before and After ACEI Therapy and in Those During Follow-Up Without ACEI Therapy**

| ACEI Status/Variables | Before  | n  | After   | n  | P  |
|-----------------------|---------|----|---------|----|----|
| <b>With ACEI</b>      |         |    |         |    |    |
| Log HF                | 0.9±0.6 | 10 | 1.2±0.4 | 10 | NS |
| BRS, ms/mm Hg         | 2.1±1.6 | 10 | 2.3±2.1 | 10 | NS |
| NE, pg/mL             | 231±137 | 10 | 279±268 | 10 | NS |
| ANP, pg/mL            | 120±80  | 10 | 162±219 | 10 | NS |
| BNP, pg/mL            | 139±153 | 10 | 159±252 | 10 | NS |
| <b>Without ACEI</b>   |         |    |         |    |    |
| Log HF                | 1.2±0.6 | 8  | 1.3±0.5 | 8  | NS |
| BRS, ms/mm Hg         | 2.6±2.3 | 8  | 3.3±1.5 | 8  | NS |
| NE, pg/mL             | 173±70  | 8  | 299±223 | 8  | NS |
| ANP, pg/mL            | 70±39   | 8  | 76±49   | 8  | NS |
| BNP, pg/mL            | 50±29   | 8  | 58±47   | 8  | NS |

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# Medication of ACEI

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|      |      | N   | f/u | %    |        |       |     |
|------|------|-----|-----|------|--------|-------|-----|
| JTCS | 1997 | 327 | 5.4 | 16.8 | no med | 37.9% |     |
| AJC  | 2004 | 36  | 15  | 9    | Warf   | 91%   |     |
| Circ | 2003 | 22  | 13  | 27.3 | Warf   | 81.8% |     |
| Circ | 2004 | 97  | 8   | 8.2  | FC     | -0,   | -3, |
|      |      |     |     |      |        |       | -5  |

# Conclusion

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1. There is no benefit to use ACE inhibitor to healthy Fontan patients.
2. Decreased exercise capacity depends on many mechanisms.
3. Further study is needed to clarify that ACEI administration benefits the Fontan patients.

