

**PATIENT**

Little Bit Clark

**SPECIES**

Canine

**BREED**

Chihuahua

**SEX**

Female Spayed

**AGE**

11 years

**WEIGHT**

8.56lbs

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22468

**DATE**

2/9/22

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

History: Recheck echo. History chronic valvular disease - Stage B1. History 2nd degree AV block. Current presentation: Little Bit has been coughing occasionally but generally only after drinking. She is eating well with some weight loss. Her activity level remains static. She is presently on benazepril and amlodipine for hypertension. NSR grade IV/VI murmur with PMI left apical area radiating to right PSS lung fields clear 1) Amlodipine 1.25mg 1/2 tab twice a day 2) Benazepril 5mg 1 tab twice a day \*No sedation for study.  
-Pertinent previous echo findings (5/4/21 MML): LA 2.0 cm; LA;Ao1.3, LV 2.1 cm; mild LAE; mild MR; trivial TR (2.6 m/s).

**ECHOCARDIOGRAM FINDINGS**

2D, m-mode, color flow and Doppler imaging is available.

**Left ventricle:** The LV diameter is normal with adequate myocardial function. LV wall thicknesses are normal.

**Left atrium:** The left atrium is mildly dilated.

**Mitral valve:** The mitral valve is thickened with minimal prolapse into the left atrial lumen. Mild eccentric mitral regurgitation with an elevated velocity.

**Aortic valve/aorta:** The aortic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. Normal aortic outflow velocity; laminar flow. No aortic insufficiency.

**Right ventricle:** Normal right ventricular diameter and morphology indicating no overt evidence of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

**Right atrium:** Normal RA dimension.

**Tricuspid valve:** The tricuspid valve appears normal with trivial tricuspid regurgitation. Normal velocity.

**Pulmonic valve/pulmonary artery:** The pulmonic valve is normal in morphology and mobility. No pulmonic insufficiency. Normal RVOT velocity; laminar flow.

**Pericardium/other:** No pericardial or pleural effusion noted. No obvious cardiac

**Heart rhythm:** ECG reveals a sinus rhythm with an average HR of 170bpm.

**2-Dimensional Measurements**

Ao diam (cm)	1.3
LA diam (cm)	1.8
LA:Ao (Swe)	1.5
IVS thickness (cm)	0.56
LVID diastole (cm)	2.0
PW thickness (cm)	0.56
LVID systole (cm)	0.9
FS (%)	55

**Doppler Measurements**

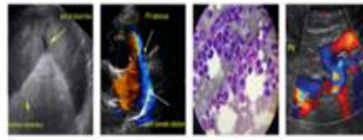
PV Vmax (m/s)	1.3
AoV Vmax (m/s)	1.6
MR Vmax (m/s)	NA
TR Vmax (m/s)	2.7
TR PG (mmHg)	29

**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS**

Chronic degenerative valve disease persists unchanged. Persistently mild mitral and trivial tricuspid regurgitation without evidence of progression. No additional issues are identified.

A brief ECG recording did not show any persistent AV block, which is good.

Continued assessment of progression in the future will help predict long term prognosis, which remains highly variable at this stage (B1).



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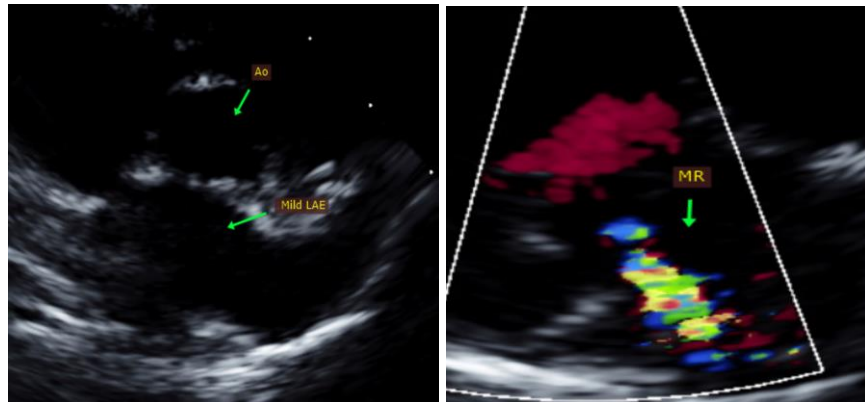
**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Given these findings, no cardiac medications are clearly indicated.
- Omega fatty acid supplementation and mild salt restriction may be of some long-term benefit.
- Anesthetic risk is considered mild if needed. Cardiac protective drug choices (opioid/benzodiazepine premedication, propofol or alfaxalone induction, isoflurane gas) are recommended. Pre-oxygenate for 5-10 minutes prior to induction. Monitor for arrhythmias, hypotension, and hypoxia both intra and post-operatively and intervene as necessary. Mild IV fluid restriction is recommended to avoid fluid overload. Avoid heart rate stimulating drugs such as atropine unless clinically indicated.
- Monitor for development of a cough, labored breathing, exercise intolerance or collapse episodes.

**PLAN**

- Recommend conservative monitoring with a recheck echocardiogram in 1 year, sooner if any development of clinical signs.

**IMAGES**



The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

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