


**PATIENT**

Renard Yacuzzio

**PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

14 yo MN Chihuahua presented for echo to monitor heart murmur, previous echo showed MVR with no LA enlargement. Patient also has been vomiting for the past 2 days and has a history of pancreatitis.

**SPECIES**

Canine

**ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN AND HEART**
**BREED**

Chihuahua

CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	MR VMAX (m/s)	TR VMAX (m/s)	LA/AO (Boon method)	LA/AO (Heart Base; Swe)	FS (%)	EF (%)	EPSS (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	4.5-5.5	<2.7	1.3	<1.3	28-40	40-100	<0.6
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CANINE CARDIAC PARAMETERS	HR (BPM)	AV VMAX (m/s)	PV MAX (m/s)	BODY WEIGHT (kg)	LA 2D short axis Base view (cm)	LVIDd Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)	LVIDs Avg; 2D and m-mode short axis (cm)
NORMAL PARAMETER	50-100	0.7-1.7	0.7-1.6				
PATIENT	NM	NM	NM		2.2	2.0	

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MN

**AGE**

14yr

**WEIGHT**

4lb

**Cardiac Presentation**
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The echocardiogram in this patient demonstrated normal left atrial size based on 3 different LA measurement methods. Chamber volumes and echogenicity were normal. The cranial and caudal mitral valve leaflets presented mild to moderate thickening consistent with endocardiosis. Doppler indicated mild to moderate centralized to eccentric insufficiency. The left ventricle presented thicknesses with linear contour and was not dilated nor restricted. The myocardium presented normal echogenicity without subjective evidence of significant fibrotic or ischemic disease. Contractility of the ventricular walls was adequate and in normal range for this patient evidenced by the fractional shortening measurement and subjective evaluation of the different regions of the myocardium. The left ventricular outflow tract demonstrated normal laminar flow and subjective structural integrity. The right atrium and auricle revealed normal size, structure and content. No evidence of masses was noted or chamber overload. Tricuspid valvular assessment demonstrated adequate linear morphology. The right ventricle was of normal size (1/3 diameter of LV), chordae structure, myocardial echogenicity and thickness. Pulmonic tract assessment revealed normal valve structure, laminar flow, and diameter (approx. 1:1 pa/ao ratio). No visible pericardial or free pleura fluid was noted. No echographically detectable evidence of infiltrative disease was visible. The cranial mediastinum and pericardial regions were free of masses in the visible window.

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**Urinary System**
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The urinary bladder, trigone, cystourethral junction, and visible pelvic urethra to a depth of 2 cm exhibited normal thickness and tone. Anechoic urine was present in the lumen with no uroliths or sediment. The ureteral papillae were normal. The ureters were not visible which is normal. No evidence of inflammatory or neoplastic changes were noted.

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Normal size and margination were present in the left kidney. A normal 1:3 cortex / medulla ratio was maintained. The medulla and cortices were uniform in texture with some increased echogenicity and



<b>PATIENT</b>	mild loss of corticomedullary symmetry and definition expected for the age of the patient. No evidence of pelvic dilation was present. The right kidney was not definitively visualized. The left kidney measured 2.6 cm in length.
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<b>SPECIES</b>	The area of the aortic trifurcation was free of pathology.
Canine	The area of the residual prostate appeared normal and free of pathology.
	<b>Adrenal Glands</b>
<b>BREED</b>	The left adrenal gland was uniform in size and contour with a uniformly hypoechoic parenchyma. The left adrenal gland measured 0.35 cm width at the caudal pole and 0.38 cm width at the cranial pole. The right adrenal gland was not definitively visualized.
Chihuahua	
<b>SEX</b>	<b>Spleen</b>
MN	The spleen exhibited a finely textured and homogenous parenchyma which was hyperechoic to the liver and renal cortical parenchyma. The capsule was smooth and regular without apparent expansion. The splenic vasculature at the hilus was normal in volume with no evidence of congestion or thrombosis. Acute to chronic inflammatory, neoplastic, or benign parenchyma changes were not noted.
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14yr	<b>Liver/Gallbladder</b>
<b>WEIGHT</b>	The liver presented normal in size. The parenchyma of the liver was subjectively normal in echogenicity compared to the spleen and renal cortices. The liver parenchyma was uniform with a mildly coarse echotexture. The capsule of the liver was symmetrically rounded to mildly swollen in margination. The hepatic and portal vasculature were normal in appearance without signs of congestion. The gallbladder was non-distended in size with primarily anechoic luminal content and mild to moderate non-dependent non-organized echogenic debris. The cystic and common bile ducts were normal.
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<b>INTERPRETED BY</b>	<b>Gastrointestinal</b>
R. McKenzie Daniel, DVM, DABVP (Canine and Feline)	The stomach presented wall thickening secondary to echogenic mucosa hypertrophy. Intact wall layering was maintained and distinct. The pylorus wall measured 0.43 cm width. Moderate gastric distension with retained primarily anechoic fluid and non-specific non-shadowing ingesta was present.
<b>IMAGING PERFORMED BY</b>	The small intestine presented intact wall layering with 1:3 muscularis/mucosa ratio. The lumen of the small intestine was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction or foreign material.
Dr. Petrone	The large intestine presented intact wall layering with 1:3 muscularis/mucosa ratio. The lumen of the large intestine was empty with no signs of ileus, obstruction or foreign material. Normal visible colon wall layers were present with apparent formed feces in lumen.
<b>HOSPITAL NAME</b>	<b>Pancreas</b>
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<b>INVOICE</b>	<b>ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS</b>
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- Heterogenous pancreas- patient/ age variant, remodeling owing to previous inflammatory episode or mild to chronic pancreatitis possible
- Sonographically normal small bowel
- Mild age related left kidney change
- Hepatic parenchymal remodeling with mild to moderate gallbladder debris (non-mucocele)

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**INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**BREED**

Chihuahua

The echocardiogram is consistent with static compensated MR without evidence of LA enlargement or left heart volume overload. In a non-clinical patient, no indication for cardiac medications at this stage. Prognosis at this stage is variable and serial sonographic monitoring is recommended with a recheck echocardiogram in 6 - 12 months, sooner if clinical signs suggestive of heart disease develop.

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No sonographic evidence of significant or active pancreatitis with a more chronic pancreatitis presentation present. Correlation with a spec cPL is recommended. Minor potential for early infiltrative gastric disease cannot be definitively excluded yet is thought less likely.

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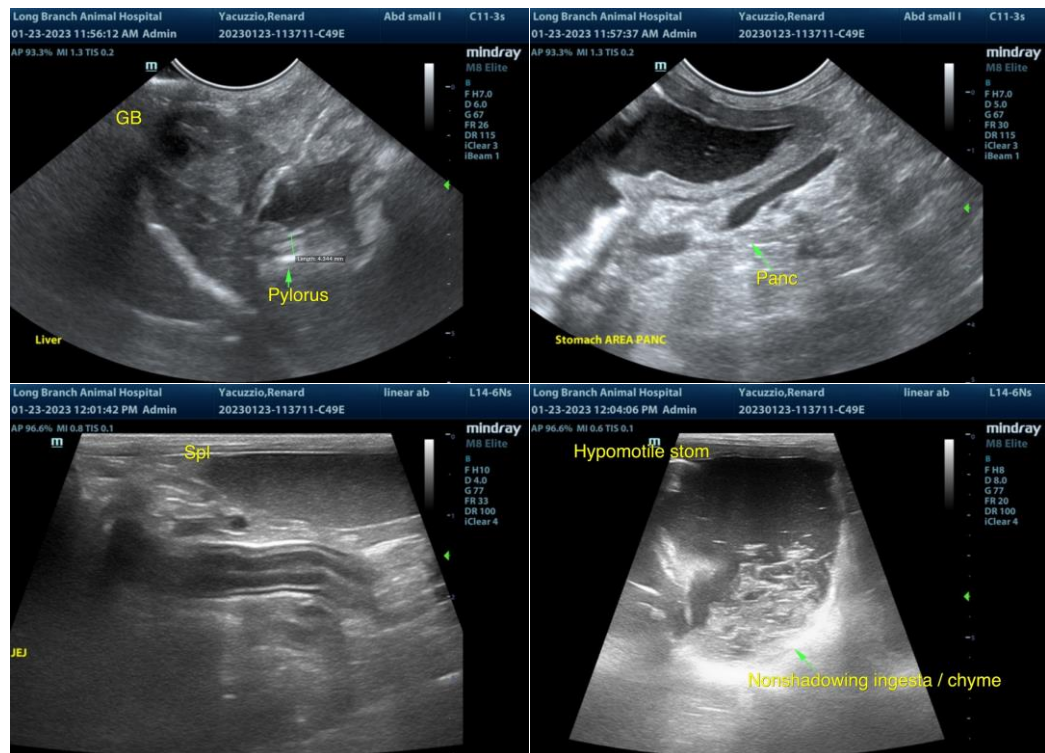
Empirical therapy for hypomotile gastritis/chronic pancreatitis with coverage for helicobacter and assessment of clinical response +/- recheck sonogram for reassessment of the gastric walls and retained fluid if persistent vomiting is noted despite supportive care is recommended.

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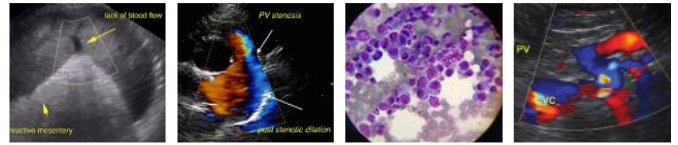
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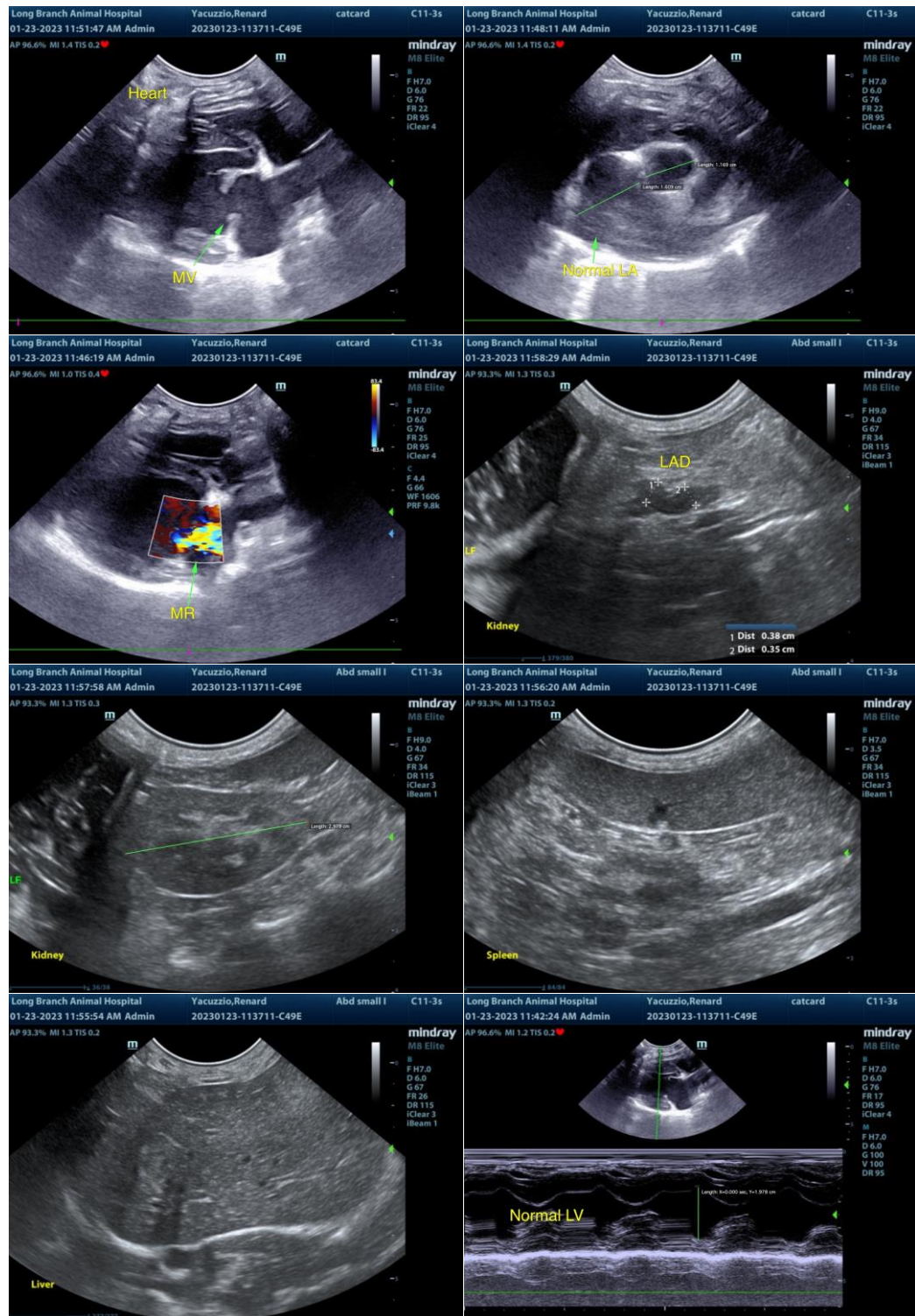
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The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I



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can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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