

Supplementary material

INTERMACS profiles

Profile	Description
1. Severe cardiogenic shock ("crash and burn")	Haemodynamic instability in spite of increasing doses of catecholamines and/or mechanical circulatory support with critical hypoperfusion of target organs (severe cardiogenic shock).
2. Progressive decline despite inotropes ("sliding on inotropes")	Deteriorating on intravenous inotropic support with worsening organ function and signs of congestion.
3. Stable but inotrope dependent ("dependent stability")	Haemodynamic stability with low or intermediate doses of inotropics, but necessary due to hypotension, worsening of symptoms, or progressive renal failure.
4. Resting symptoms ("frequent flyer")	Temporary cessation of inotropic treatment is possible, but patient presents with frequent symptom recurrences and typically with fluid overload.
5. Exertion intolerant ("housebound")	Complete cessation of physical activity, stable at rest, but frequently with moderate fluid retention and some level of renal dysfunction.
6. Exertion limited ("walking wounded")	Minor limitation on physical activity and absence of congestion while at rest. Easily fatigued by light activity.
7. Ambulant heart failure	NYHA class III with no current or recent decompensation