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Resolution of obesity cardiomyopathy following treatment with weight reduction and medical management

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Obesity cardiomyopathy, a concerning cardiovascular condition associated with obesity, has become increasingly prevalent worldwide. We present an intriguing case of a 55-year-old non-diabetic patient with Class I Obesity who developed acute-on-chronic systolic heart failure. This case report highlights the remarkable resolution of obesity cardiomyopathy following a comprehensive treatment approach involving weight reduction, medical management, and lifestyle modifications. The patient underwent an eight-month regimen of exercise, diet control, and pharmacotherapy, resulting in a significant reduction in body weight (from 95 kg to 64 kg) and BMI (from 34.1 kg/m2 to 22.9 kg/m2). Subsequent reassessment demonstrated normal left ventricular cavity size, improved left ventricular systolic function (ejection fraction increased from 25% to 62%), and notable reductions in mitral regurgitation and diastolic dysfunction. This case emphasizes the potential benefits of weight loss and lifestyle modifications in reversing obesity-related cardiac abnormalities, challenging the prevailing notion of an "obesity survival paradox" in heart failure management. Prospective studies are warranted to further explore the optimal management strategies for obese patients with concurrent heart failure, shedding light on this intriguing therapeutic approach.

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