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27 Abstract

Background: Cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) response stratified by left ventricular 28 29 (LV) remodeling revealed differing mortality profiles for distinct patient cohorts. Measuring functional endpoints, as well as mortality, may better assess CRT efficacy and inform patient 30 management. However, the association between LV remodeling and functional outcomes after 31 32 CRT is not well understood. **Objective:** To evaluate long-term CRT outcomes by extent of LV remodeling. 33 Methods: REsynchronization reVErses Remodeling in Systolic Left vEntricular Dysfunction 34 35 (NCT00271154) was a prospective, double-blind, randomized CRT trial. Patients were classified based on LV end-systolic volume (LVESV) change from baseline to 6-months post-36 CRT: Worsened (increase); Stabilized (0 to $\leq 15\%$ reduction); Responder (>15 to < 30%37 reduction); and Super-responder (\geq 30% reduction). Subjects were evaluated annually for 5 38 39 years. 40 **Results:** The analyses included 353 patients randomized to CRT-ON arm. All-cause mortality was higher in the worsened group compared with the 3 other response groups (29.8% vs 8.0%, 41

42 p<0.0001), with no difference in survival among those groups (p=0.87). A significant

43 interaction between LVESV group and time was observed for health status and quality of life

44 (both p=0.02). The interaction was not significant for 6-minute hall walk (p=0.79); however,

45 super-responders had increased walk distance compared to the 3 other response groups

46 (p=0.03).

47 Conclusion: Preventing further increase in LVESV with CRT was associated with reduced

48 mortality, whereas functional measure improvement was associated with LV remodeling

49 magnitude. These results support consideration of functional and mortality endpoints to assess

- 50 CRT efficacy and provide further evidence the dichotomous 'responder and non-responder'
- 51 classification should be modified.
- 52 **Keywords:** Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy; response; heart failure; remodeling; mortality;
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54 Introduction

Heart failure with a reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF) is a progressive process that can be 55 effectively treated in selected cohorts with cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT).¹⁻⁷ CRT 56 improves survival, exercise capacity, and quality of life, while reducing heart failure (HF) 57 hospitalization among patients with both mild, moderate, and advanced HFrEF in the presence of 58 59 QRS prolongation. Large multicenter, randomized trials have consistently shown the benefit of CRT in these cohorts. The current method of assessing CRT benefit classifies patients as 60 'responder or non-responder' based on arbitrary cut-offs for clinical and/or echocardiographic 61 measures of response, such as left ventricular end-systolic volume (LVESV), to measure the 62 extent of reverse remodeling. Approximately 30% of CRT patients are classified as 'non-63 responders' using the traditional dichotomous CRT response classification; however, this 64 approach may underestimate the true clinical benefit of CRT, so alternative classification 65 methods have been proposed.⁸⁻¹⁰ 66

The traditional 'non-responder' group includes patients that worsen as well as those that 67 stabilize after CRT. Recent evidence demonstrated a favorable CRT response among patients 68 with early stabilization of disease progression (neither improved nor worsened LV function at 6-69 months post CRT) as they have better survival than those who worsen over time.^{9, 10} Stabilized 70 patients are a unique cohort, and therefore should not be considered 'non-responders'. Some 71 72 patients have an early "super-response" to CRT (normalization or near-normalization of LV function at 6-months post CRT) and may experience maximal benefit; however, super-73 responders are not extensively studied.^{11, 12} These collective findings support revision of the 74 75 current dichotomous classification of response, as multiple unique CRT response cohorts exist. In addition to mortality, patient quality of life and functionality measures are important factors 76

for assessing CRT therapy benefit and important for patients. However, little is known about the 77 relationship between the magnitude of early response, such as LVESV change, and these 78 79 outcomes. A better understanding of this relationship, as well as baseline characteristics or "phenotypes" of distinct CRT response cohorts, may enhance knowledge of patient selection and 80 allocation of patient management resources. 81 82 The current study was a post-hoc analysis of patients enrolled in the large randomized controlled trial (Resynchronization Reverses Remodeling in Systolic Left Ventricular Dysfunction or 83 84 REVERSE). The aims of this analysis were to evaluate baseline 'phenotypes' and long-term outcomes of four early CRT response cohorts determined by the magnitude of LV remodeling 85 (measured by LVESV change) at 6-months post-CRT. Moreover, we evaluated multiple different 86 outcome measures to determine whether the relationship between the magnitude of LV 87 remodeling and individual outcomes differ. 88

89 Methods

90 Study design

91 REVERSE (NCT00271154) was a prospective, multicenter, international, double-blind,

92 randomized trial of CRT in patients with mild HF. Details regarding the study design were

93 previously published.¹³⁻¹⁵ The study protocol complied with the Declaration of Helsinki and was

approved by the institutional review board or ethics committee of each center. All study patients

95 gave written informed consent to participate in the trial.

96 Patients and procedures

97 Patients included in the trial exhibited mild HF (New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class

98 I/II), sinus rhythm with QRS duration \geq 120ms, left ventricular end-diastolic diameter (LVEDD)

99	\geq 55mm, and left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) \leq 40%. Additional details on the
100	inclusion and exclusion criteria were reported elsewhere. ¹³ Baseline data were collected prior to
101	implant including medical history, NYHA Class, patient-reported health status (measured by
102	Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire (KCCQ) overall summary score), Quality of Life
103	(measured by Minnesota living with heart failure® Questionnaire or MLHFQ), 6-minute walk
104	test (6MWT), and a full echocardiogram. KCCQ and MLHFQ scores provide complimentary
105	information since KCCQ overall score reflects integrated information on physical limitations,
106	symptoms, self-efficacy, social interference and quality of life is a measure of health status, ¹⁶
107	whereas the Minnesota score provides how the HF condition restricted the quality of life of the
108	patient. Eligible patients were implanted with a Medtronic CRT system with or without
109	defibrillation capability in accordance with country or region-specific guidelines. ¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Patients
110	with a successful CRT system implant (n=610) were then randomized in a 2:1 fashion to either a
111	CRT-ON ($n=419$) or a CRT-OFF ($n=191$) group. During the 12-month randomization period in
112	North America and 24 months in Europe, patients were evaluated at 1, 3, 6, 12, 18 and 24
113	months in a blinded fashion for MLHFQ, KCCQ overall summary score, and 6MWT. A full
114	echocardiography assessment was completed at 6-month post-implant. Following the
115	randomization period, all patients were converted to CRT-ON and further evaluated annually for
116	up to 5 years in an unblinded fashion (including annual assessment for MLHFQ, KCCQ overall
117	summary score, and 6MWT). The current analyses of outcomes only included the patients
118	initially randomized to the CRT-ON group with adequate, paired echocardiograms at baseline
119	and 6-month post-implant. The CRT-OFF group was used only to compare patient
120	characteristics associated with response classification.

121 CRT Response Classification

Echocardiograms were obtained at baseline (before CRT implantation) and 6 months after active 122 CRT (CRT-ON). For the echocardiography procedure, CRT was temporarily inactivated. 123 124 Collected data were analyzed by 1 of 2 core laboratories blinded to group assignment. For each patient, the paired left ventricular end-systolic volume (LVESV) measurements at baseline and 6 125 months post-CRT implant were compared. Patients were classified into 1 of 4 CRT response 126 127 categories based on the change in LVESV post-CRT (expressed as a percent change): Worsened (any increase), Stabilized (0 to $\leq 15\%$ reduction), Responder (>15 to <30% reduction), and Super 128 Responder (\geq 30% reduction). 129

130 Endpoints

The primary endpoint for this analysis was all-cause mortality. Additional endpoints include a
composite measure of time to first heart failure hospitalization or all-cause mortality, as well as
improvement in patient-reported health status (KCCQ overall score), quality of life (MLHFQ),
and exercise capacity (6MWT).

135 Statistical analysis

Baseline variables were compared between groups using ordered univariate logistic regression 136 for continuous variables and chi-square tests for dichotomous variables. P-values less than 0.05 137 were considered statistically significant. The distribution of responder groups between CRT-ON 138 139 and CRT-OFF was compared using the chi-square test. All-cause mortality and the composite endpoint with first heart-failure hospitalization were analyzed using Cox proportional hazards 140 models, with LVESV responder group as the independent variable, along with adjustment for 141 142 statistically significant baseline variables by including them as covariates in the model (age, sex, ischemic/non-ischemic, CRT-P/CRT-D, LBBB/non-LBBB, LVEF, QRS duration, and diabetes). 143

A total of 4 Cox models were created: A 4-level LVESV responder group model and a 2-level (worsened vs. the rest) for each of the two endpoints. Mean changes from baseline for KCCQ, MLHFQ, and 6MWT variables were compared between groups using a repeated measures linear regression, including all time points where there was a value, with LVESV responder group as an independent variable, along with time and their interaction, and adjusting for statistically significant baseline variables by including them as covariates.

150 **Results**

151 Patients, Baseline Characteristics, and LVESV Responder Groups

Among the 419 patients randomized to the CRT-ON group, six patients died prior to the 6-month 152 follow up and 60 other patients were excluded due to missing or inadequate paired LVESV 153 measurements. Accordingly, 353 patients were included in the current analysis. Based on the 154 percent change in paired baseline to 6-month LVESV measurements, there were 99 (28%) super 155 responders, 84 (24%) responders, 81 (23%) stabilized, and 89 (25%) worsened patients. Table 1 156 shows baseline characteristics of each group. The super responder group had a higher percentage 157 of females, non-ischemic cardiomyopathy, LBBB-morphology, and longer baseline QRS 158 159 duration. In contrast, the worsened group had a higher percentage of males, ischemic cardiomyopathy, non-LBBB morphology, and higher baseline LVEF. A comparison of 160 distribution of response groups for the CRT-ON and CRT-OFF cohorts is shown in Table 2. 161 162 There was a highly significant difference between groups with more responders and super responders and fewer stabilized and worsened subjects (p < 0.0001) among the CRT-ON group 163 as compared to the CRT-OFF group. This finding supports that responder classification was not 164 165 simply due to baseline characteristic, but strongly dependent on the presence of CRT.

166 Mortality and HF Hospitalization

Of the 353 patients, 27 (7.6%) exited prior to 60-months post-implant. Fifteen of the 27 remained 167 168 in the study at least 3 years. All these exited patients were censored at the time of exit in the 169 survival analyses. There was a total of 45 deaths (12.7%) during the 6-month to 5-year follow up period. Mortality rates at 60 months post-implant were 6.1% for super responders, 7.9% for 170 171 responders, 10.6% for stabilized, and 29.8% for worsened. After adjusting for baseline variables, mortality was significantly different between the subgroups (p=0.02; Figure 1). There 172 was, however, no difference in survival among the super responder, responder, and stabilized 173 subgroups (adjusted p=0.87), supporting the concept that patients considered stabilized are a 174 distinct cohort with 5-year mortality rate lower than the worsened group but statistically similar 175 to the responder groups. 176

For the composite endpoint (time to first heart failure hospitalization or all-cause mortality), a trend towards a difference in event rates at 5 years was observed (adjusted p=0.09; Figure 2). Comparing the worsened group to the other 3 groups combined, the heart failure hospitalization or all-cause mortality rates at 60 months post-implant were 39.3% and 19.2%, respectively (adjusted p=0.06). The responder event rate was numerically higher than the stabilized or super responder rate. None of these differences were statistically significant, which may reflect the relatively low event rates in these groups of mild heart failure patients.

184 Patient-Reported Health Status, Quality of Life and Exercise Capacity

185 The relationship between the magnitude of LV remodeling and the change in patient-reported 186 health status (KCCQ overall summary scores) is shown in Figure 3. At each time point post-187 randomization, there was an improvement in KCCQ overall summary scores. The amount of

improvement was incremental with increased magnitude of LV remodeling. Moreover, the 188 magnitude of this improvement was very large compared with standard criteria for clinically 189 meaningful differences.¹⁶ This trending relationship was consistent over the 5-year follow up 190 period. Even when adjusted for baseline variables, the interaction between LVESV group and 191 time was significant (p=0.02), indicating that the groups are changing differently over time. 192 193 Similar results were observed with the MLHFQ (Figure 4). The super responder group had the largest mean improvement in MLHFQ score, with a consistent 10+ point group average above 194 195 baseline throughout the study period. The responder group had a larger mean improvement in 196 MLHFQ scores than that of the stabilized or worsened group throughout the study period, despite some decreases over time. Although the stabilized group had a mean improvement in 197 MLHFQ score equivalent to that of the worsened group at 6 months, at all subsequent follow-ups 198 the MLHFQ score averages were numerically higher in the stabilized group. After adjusting for 199 baseline covariates, the interaction between LVESV group and time was statistically significant 200

201 (p=0.02).

The relationship between the magnitude of LV remodeling and the change in exercise capacity (distance walked during a 6MWT) is shown graphically in Figure 5. The interaction between LVESV group and time was not statistically significant (p=0.79). However, improvement in 6MWT was better in the super responder group than others. A test comparing the super responders vs. the other 3 groups, adjusting for time and baseline variables was statistically significant (p=0.03).

208 Discussion

Our findings indicate that preventing further increase in LVESV by CRT was associated with reduced mortality. Secondly, improvement in functional measures by CRT was associated with LV reverse remodeling response. These results support consideration of functional and mortality endpoints to assess CRT efficacy and provides further evidence the dichotomous 'responder and non-responder' classification should be modified.

214 Previous results challenged the classification of CRT response using the clinical composite or reverse remodeling endpoints to divide patients dichotomously into either responders or non-215 responders.^{9, 10} Treating response as a continuum of care without dichotomization has been 216 emphasized more recently based on a growing body of evidence in favor of this approach.⁸ 217 Moreover, it is now clear that stabilizing heart failure with CRT, even if the traditional endpoints 218 of responder are not met, is associated with reduced mortality compared with those who continue 219 to worsen.^{9, 10} However, little is known about whether normalization or near normalization of LV 220 221 function (i.e. super responder) is associated with better survival or fewer heart failure hospitalizations.¹² In addition, the effect of CRT response classification on functional endpoints, 222 such as exercise capacity or quality of life, are not well studied. 223

We report **4 major findings**. First, mortality is higher among patients who continue to remodel 224 despite CRT (worsened subgroup), whereas there are no significant differences among subjects 225 who stabilize, respond, or super respond. This difference persisted over five years despite 226 227 adjustments of patient characteristics. Second, heart failure hospitalizations also show similar event rates in all groups, but with a higher rate among the worsened subgroup. Third, changes in 228 229 quality of life generally follow a continuum with separation between the groups clear by one 230 year and persisting throughout the duration of study follow-up, though the stabilized group improvement was similar to the worsened group. After a potential placebo effect initially, 231

exercise capacity improvement seems to be restricted to super responders, though factors other
than cardiac function may be contributing to the decline in hall walk distance over time. Fourth,
simple clinical predictors of the 4 categories of response are associated with distinct clinical
"phenotypes." Specifically, gender, etiology of heart failure, baseline QRS morphology and
QRS duration are significantly different between groups (Table 2), which extends this well
documented relationship with binary classifications of response.

Quality of life, health care status, and exercise capacity were some of the first endpoints assessed 238 with early CRT clinical trials.^{1, 2} However, these "softer" endpoints were considered less 239 important when studies with longer follow-up evaluated mortality and heart failure 240 hospitalization as primary endpoints.⁴⁻⁶ Moreover, there is concern of a placebo effect of device 241 implantation, which may over-estimate benefit.^{20, 21} This is unlikely to be contributing to the 242 outcome of the present study, as REVERSE was a double-blind study during the randomization 243 phase with device implantation in both groups. Thus, the changes noted in the first year of 244 245 follow-up were during a period when the differences between groups were already evident. Furthermore, it is now clear that optimizing the care of CRT patients should not only include 246 prolonging life and reducing hospitalization, but also improving functional status and quality of 247 life.⁸ 248

An intriguing and important aspect of our results was the disparate effect of the magnitude of reverse remodeling on different endpoints. Only those patients who worsened with CRT, as measured by continued increase of LVESV, had a higher mortality and more frequent heart failure hospitalizations. This could be interpreted as indicating that simply preventing continued remodeling is a sufficient goal for CRT. However, quality of life and patient-reported health status continued to improve further as more reverse remodeling occurred. These results provide

strong support for maximizing CRT response rather than simply avoiding further remodeling. 255 The results of 6-minute hall walk were more complex only showing a clear improvement among 256 257 super responders. This may reflect factors other than heart failure status, such as orthopedic issues or the ageing process, which may have a larger impact on this parameter. 258 This study should be interpreted in light of certain methodologic limitations. First, all analyses 259 260 were post-hoc. Second, REVERSE included only patients with mild heart failure with a lower mortality rate than more advanced heart failure patients, so the results cannot be extrapolated to 261 262 such patients. However, a more recent analysis of patients with advanced heart failure showed that stabilized patients have a lower mortality and heart failure hospitalization rate than those 263 who worsen, although responders did better than those who stabilized. Super responders and 264 other endpoints were not evaluated in that study.⁹ Third, group classification was based on 265 echocardiographic measures which may be less reproducible than some other imaging 266 modalities. However, the concordance correlation coefficient in REVERSE was very high (0.90) 267 for LVESVi.²² This analysis focused on the change in LVESV, a measure routinely used in CRT 268 trials and a prospectively powered endpoint of the REVERSE study. However no additional 269 echocardiographic measures (e.g., LVEF) were used. Fourth, the number of events was relatively 270 271 small, which may have led to inadequate statistical power to show differences in some of the analyses. Although CRT response is noted to be greatest among patients with LBBB, responder 272

groups were under-powered to compare LBBB to non-LBB (data not shown). Finally,

enrollment in REVERSE occurred during a time when only bipolar left ventricular leads were
available, and techniques were not available to maximize lead position. More recent advances in
technology, programming, and medical therapy are likely to improve CRT outcomes.²³⁻²⁵

277 Conclusion

278	The study provides further evidence that CRT patients with stabilized disease progression have
279	very low mortality and heart failure hospitalization rates in mild heart failure compared to those
280	who worsen. Thus, they should not be considered non-responders. This was reinforced in a
281	cohort of more advanced heart failure. ¹⁵ Stratification of patients into multiple cohorts based on
282	the magnitude of response provides a better estimation of the clinical benefit of CRT. This
283	stratification should also better inform clinical resource allocation, with demand increasing as the
284	magnitude of CRT response decreases. Patients who continue to remodel (or worsen) have poor
285	outcomes and need intensification of care to improve therapy (e.g., repositioning leads,
286	inactivating CRT, and optimizing programming and medical therapy), while clinical resource
287	utilization may be reduced for patients with a maximal reverse remodeling (or super-response).
288	Maximizing the reverse remodeling response is an important goal for heart failure management,
289	as a larger response is associated with improved quality of life, health status, and exercise
290	capacity.

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388 Tables

	Super Responder	Responder	Stabilized	Worsened	
	(n=99)	(n=84)	(n=81)	(n=89)	P-value
Age, mean (yrs.)	60.6 ± 11.7	64.1 ± 11.0	62.9 ± 9.2	64.6 ± 9.6	0.02
Male (%)	61.6	72.6	84.0	89.9	< 0.0001
Ischemic etiology (%)	37.4	54.8	63.0	74.2	< 0.0001
CRT-D (%)	73.7	78.6	93.8	84.3	0.004
NYHA II (%)	80.8	85.7	79.0	79.8	0.68
LBBB	81.6	68.7	51.9	43.2	< 0.0001
LVEF (%)	25.8 ± 6.0	27.2 ± 6.7	27.1 ± 6.7	28.8 ± 6.9	0.004
LVESVi (ml/m ²)	104.0 ± 34.3	97.1 ± 33.1	100.7 ± 37.0	95.2 ± 34.5	0.14
QRS (ms)	160.3 ± 21.2	153.4 ± 19.8	149.0 ± 18.1	147.0 ± 21.1	< 0.0001
Diabetes (%)	17.2	19.1	17.3	33.7	0.02
ACE Inhibitor or ARB (%)	97.0	96.4	93.8	97.8	0.56
Beta-blocker (%)	96.0	95.2	92.6	95.5	0.75
Diuretics (%)	81.8	75.0	80.3	80.9	0.68

389 Table 1: Baseline Characteristics

Values are presented as mean \pm standard deviation or as percentage where appropriate.

CRT-D = cardiac resynchronization therapy with defibrillator; NYHA II = New York Heart Association Class II; LBBB = left bundle branch block; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; LVESVi = left ventricular end-systolic volume index; ACE = angiotensin converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker.

	CRT OFF	CRT ON	P-value
	(n=191)	(n=419)	
Super Responder	15 (9.0%)	99 (28.0%)	
Responder	21 (12.6%)	84 (23.8%)	< 0.0001
Stabilized	67 (40.1%)	81 (22.9%)	
Worsened	64 (38.3%)	89 (25.2%)	
Missing LVESV at baseline or 6 months	24	66	

391 Table 2: Distribution of all REVERSE patients by LVESV response classification.

Values are presented as n (percentage).

CRT= Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy; LVESV= left ventricular end-systolic volume

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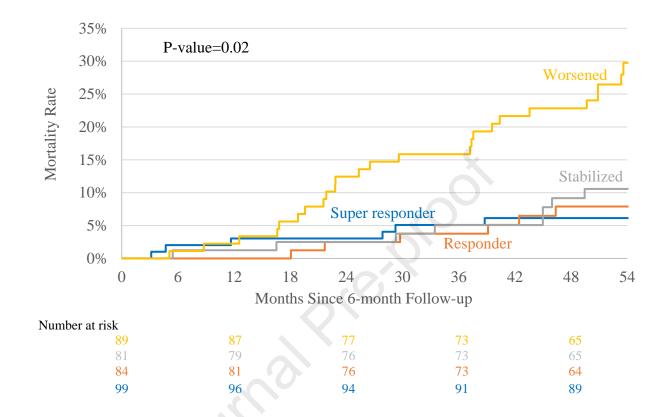


Figure 1: Mortality rate by 6-month LVESV Responder Classification

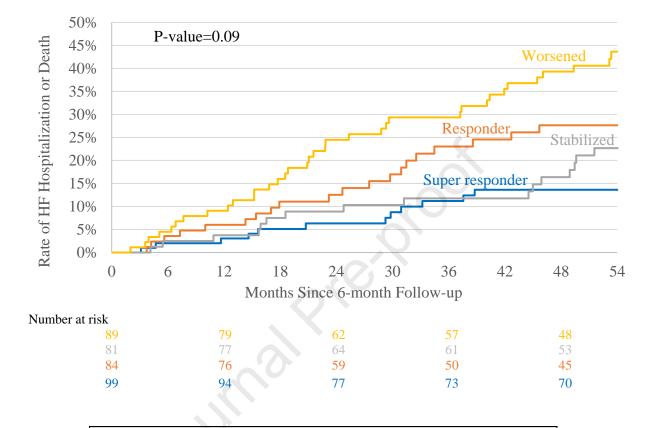
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- 400 tests whether LVESV group affects mortality. Covariate information from the Cox model is
- 401 shown beneath the graph.

Figure 2: Rate of Heart Failure Hospitalization or Mortality by 6-month LVESV Responder

403 Classification



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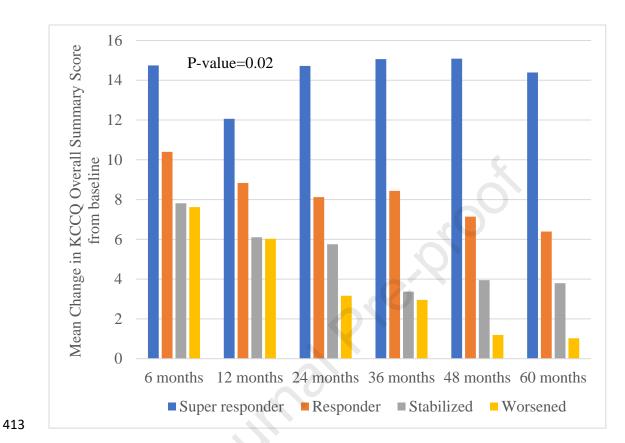
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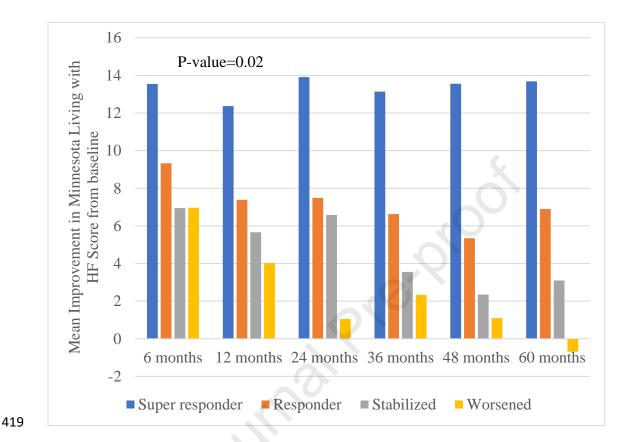
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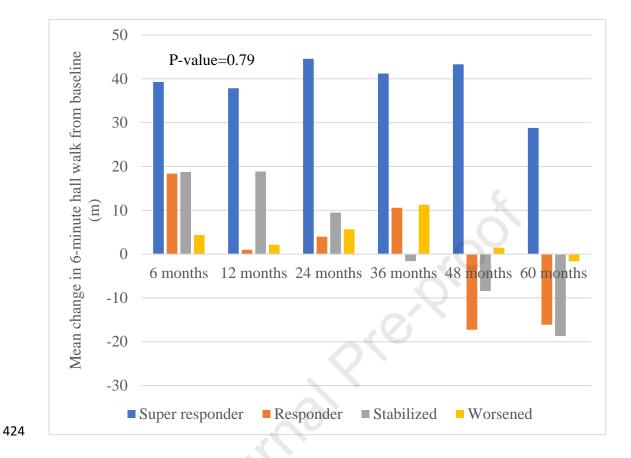
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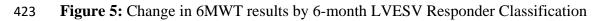
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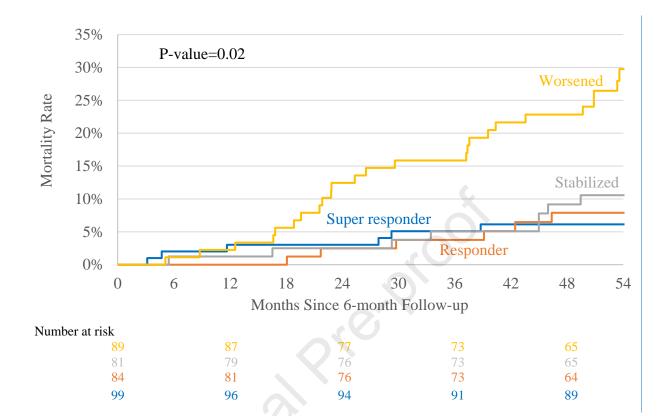
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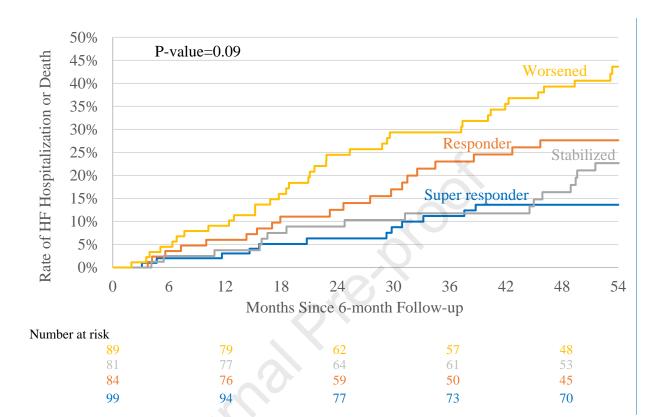


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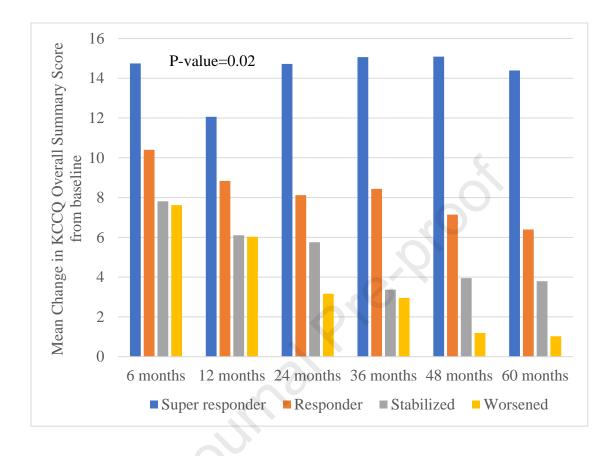


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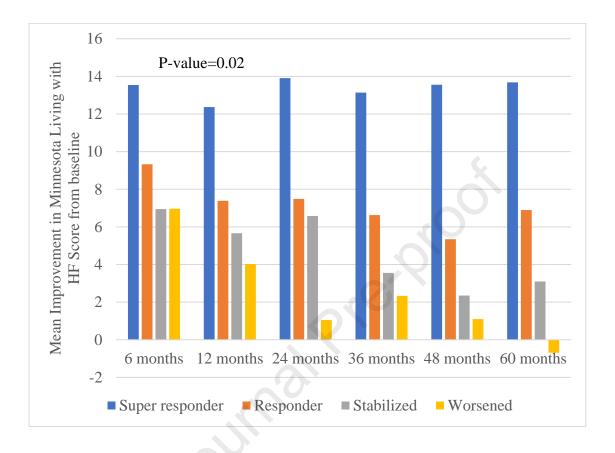


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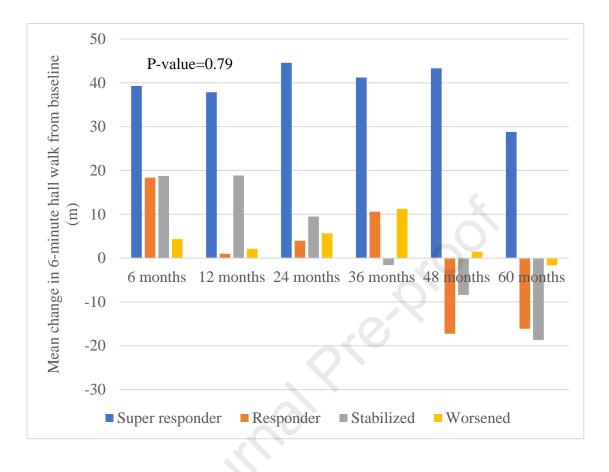


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