

Online Table 1. Characteristics of patients stratified by LGE and hs-CRP

	No LGE, LGE, and hs-CRP <0.3 mg/dL (n = 60)	LGE and hs-CRP >0.3 mg/dL (n = 16)	p-value
Age, years	53.1 ± 15.1	58.1 ± 13.6	0.23
Males, %	48 (80)	12 (75)	0.66
History of hypertension, %	20 (34)	5 (31)	0.80
History of diabetes mellitus, %	14 (23)	2 (12)	0.34
History of smoking, %	27 (50)	4 (33)	0.29
History of VF or sustained VT, %	8 (13)	7 (44)	0.01
Length of hospital stay	23.6 ± 19.9	32.6 ± 29.6	0.26
Clinical variables			
Systolic BP, mmHg	125.5 ± 26.4	115.2 ± 19.9	0.15
Diastolic BP, mmHg	81.7 ± 24.5	74.8 ± 17.6	0.29
Heart rate, beats/min	94.4 ± 25.5	85.9 ± 23.7	0.24
Sinus rhythm, %	52 (87)	11 (69)	0.09
Complete LBBB, %	14 (23)	9 (25)	0.88
NYHA functional class, %			
I	1 (2)	0 (0)	0.94
II	17 (29)	4 (25)	
III	27 (46)	8 (50)	
IV	14 (23)	4 (25)	
Medication at baseline, %			
Beta-blocker	59 (98)	15 (94)	0.30
ACEi or ARB	53 (88)	12 (75)	0.17
Aldosterone antagonist	38 (63)	14 (93)	0.024
Loop diuretic	40 (67)	11 (69)	0.87
Digoxin	6 (10)	3 (18)	0.33
Statin	18 (30)	4 (27)	0.8
Aspirin	7 (11)	1 (6)	0.53
Warfarin	26 (43)	7 (44)	0.97
Amiodarone	10 (17)	4 (25)	0.44
Device implantation, %			
ICD/CRT-D	18 (30)	8 (50)	0.15

Laboratory examination			
Hemoglobin, g/dL	14.1 ± 2.4	13.9 ± 1.9	0.79
Creatinine, mg/dL	1.0 ± 0.3	1.0 ± 0.2	0.54
Sodium, mmol/L	139.8 ± 3.2	139.3 ± 3.2	0.59
BNP at hospitalization, pg/mL	744 ± 708.7	711.4 ± 462.5	0.86
BNP at stable state, pg/mL	272.4 ± 254.3	355.8 ± 242.2	0.23
Cardiovascular magnetic resonance measurements			
LVEDV, mL/m <sup>2</sup>	156.0 ± 72.1	154.8 ± 71.7	0.95
LVESV, mL/m <sup>2</sup>	125.8 ± 69.0	119.4 ± 68.2	0.74
LVSV, mL	52.1 ± 18.4	60.5 ± 27.9	0.27
LVEF, %	21.2 ± 9.2	24.3 ± 11.7	0.34
LV mass index, g/m <sup>2</sup>	104.9 ± 33.6	95.1 ± 38.7	0.36

Values are mean±SD or n (%). ACEi = angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; BNP = B-type natriuretic peptide; BP = blood pressure; CRT-D = cardiac resynchronization therapy combined with a defibrillator; EDV = end-diastolic volume; EF = ejection fraction; ESV = end-systolic volume; Hs-CRP = high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; ICD = implantable cardioverter defibrillator; LBBB = left bundle branch block; LV = left ventricular; NYHA = New York Heart Association; SV = stroke volume; VF = ventricular fibrillation; VT = ventricular tachycardia.