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PEPTIDES" AS NEW MARKERS OF EARLY LEFT  
VENTRICULAR DYSFUNCTION**

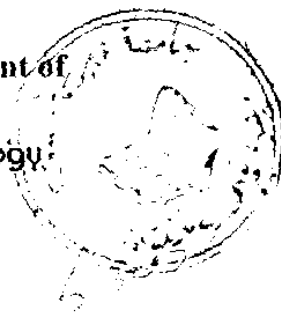
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AA</b>	Amino acid
<b>ACE</b>	Angiotensin converting enzyme
<b>AM</b>	Adrenomedullin
<b>ANP</b>	Atrial natriuretic peptide
<b>AUC</b>	Area under the curve
<b>AVP</b>	Arginine vasopressin
<b>BNP</b>	Brain natriuretic peptide
<b>c-GMP</b>	Cyclic guanosine monophosphate
<b>CNP</b>	C-type natriuretic peptide
<b>CSF</b>	Cerebrospinal fluid
<b>FN</b>	False negative
<b>FP</b>	False positive
<b>GC</b>	Guanine cyclase
<b>LVEF</b>	Left ventricular ejection fraction
<b>LVH</b>	Left ventricular hypertrophy
<b>N-ANP</b>	N-terminal of atrial natriuretic peptide
<b>N-BNP</b>	N-terminal of brain natriuretic peptide
<b>NEP</b>	Neutral endopeptidase
<b>NPR</b>	Natriuretic peptide receptors
<b>NPY</b>	Neuropeptide tyrosine
<b>NYHA</b>	New York Heart Association
<b>PV-</b>	Negative predictive value
<b>PV+</b>	Positive predictive value
<b>RAAS</b>	Renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system
<b>ROC</b>	Receiver operating characteristic
<b>SA-HRP</b>	Streptavidin-conjugated horseradish peroxidase
<b>TMB</b>	Tetramethyl benzidine dihydrochloride
<b>TN</b>	True negative
<b>TP</b>	True positive
<b>URO</b>	Urodilatin





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