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## **IMAGES IN INTERVENTION**

## First-in-Man Fully Percutaneous Complete **H** Bypass of Heart and Lung

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24-year-old man was admitted to a regional hospital after an attempted suicide by taking 9 g of the antidepressant venlafaxine. After initial seizures, overnight progressive cardiogenic shock developed (1,2) and resulted in cardiac arrest from electromechanical dissociation (EMD) 12 h after ingestion.

Femoral venoarterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VA-ECMO) was inserted under continued cardiopulmonary resuscitation. On arrival at our center the patient had persistent cardiac arrest (EMD) on VA-ECMO support (flow, 5.5 l/min). Coronary artery disease was absent on angiography. The left ventricle (LV) was severely dilated (left ventricular end-diastolic pressure, 36 mm Hg) (Online Video 1) with most segments being akinetic. Massive pulmonary congestion caused by functional cardiac arrest and a toxic effect of venlafaxine (3) was present, necessitating repetitive endotracheal suctioning. For re-establishing transpulmonary blood flow (Online Video 2) and unloading the LV, an Impella CP microaxial pump (Abiomed, Danvers, Massachusetts) was inserted (Figure 1). However, Impella flow was very unstable because of persistent right ventricular arrest (Online Video 2), and pulmonary gas exchange was almost impossible. Therefore we expanded the system to a novel form of mechanical support.

A flexible 15-F ECMO cannula was introduced via the right internal jugular vein into the pulmonary artery (Figure 1) over a stiff Amplatz guidewire and connected to the ECMO outflow (veno-arterialpulmonary-arterial cannulation [VAPa]) (4). Now the ECMO drained 5.5 l/min from the right atrium and returned 2 to 3 l/min to the pulmonary artery and 2.5 to 3.5 l/min toward the aorta, as adjusted by a clamp. The failing right ventricle was bypassed and preoxygenated blood supplied to the pulmonary artery was consecutively drained from the failing LV by the Impella. As a result, upper and lower body gas exchange was completely taken over by the ECMO, and systemic and pulmonary circulatory function was taken over by the triple cannulated ECMO and the Impella.

The LV consecutively regained pulsatility, catecholamine use decreased, and respiratory function recovered (**Figure 2**). After 6 days ECMO and Impella could be explanted. The patient was weaned from mechanical ventilation, fully mobilized, and ultimately transferred to rehabilitation with normalized cardiac function (Online Video 3), chest radiograph,

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