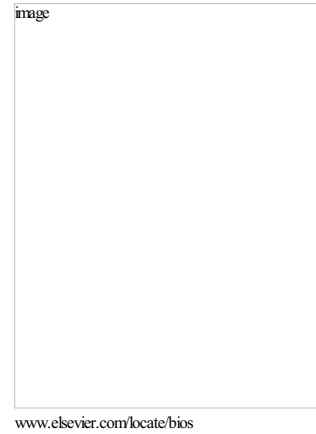


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## The 'right' patients for temporary mechanical circulatory support

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Dear Editor,

Temporary mechanical circulatory support (MCS), like many interventions in medicine, can deliver good outcomes when the 'right' practitioners deploy the 'right' MCS modality at the 'right' time in the 'right' patients. Viewed in this context, the experience reported by Hall and colleagues<sup>1</sup> with the Impella 5.0 in patients with advanced heart failure (HF) leaves a number of questions unanswered.

Chief among these questions is the 'right' group of patients for the Impella 5.0. Unfortunately, little can be gleaned from the report. The decision-making "was based on the clinical judgement of the treating physicians". Recent guidance on the use of temporary MCS have centred on acute myocardial infarction<sup>2</sup>. Recommendations for patients with advanced HF are lacking.

We have recently described significant phenotypic differences between patients with cardiogenic shock due to acute myocardial infarction and advanced HF<sup>3</sup>.

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