CHD over the perioperative period by comparing them with genetically normal controls, matched for cardiac lesion.

Infants with DS and with CHD of atroventricular septal defect (ASVD) and ventricular septal defect (VSD) were prospectively recruited to undergo three echocardiograms (pre-operatively, post-operatively within 24 hours and pre-discharge from hospital). Left (LV) and right (RV) ventricular function was measured using deformation analysis to derive LV global longitudinal strain (LV GLS) and RV free wall longitudinal strain (RV FwLS). LV end systolic wall stress (ESWS) and RV systolic pressure (RVSP) were also measured. A non-DS control group with VSD and AVSD were recruited for comparison. Data on cardiorespiratory parameters, complications, and length of stay were compared.

34 infants with DS were compared with 17 controls. LVGLS was significantly higher in the DS group at echo 1 and 3. LVGLS decreased in both groups post-operatively with neither group recovering to preoperative values pre-discharge. RV FwLS significantly decreased in both groups post-operatively with controls demonstrating better recovery by hospital discharge. ESWS was lower and RVSP was higher in the DS group throughout the study period. Post-operatively, infants with DS had higher vasoactive inotropic scores, longer duration of inotropic support and total duration of PICU stay. Chylo-mesenteric lymphatic obstruction was measured using deformation analysis to derive LV global longitudinal strain (LV GLS) and RV free wall longitudinal strain (RV FwLS). LV end systolic wall stress (ESWS) and RV systolic pressure (RVSP) were also measured. A non-DS control group with VSD and AVSD were recruited for comparison. Data on cardiorespiratory parameters, complications, and length of stay were compared.

To study lipid peroxidation and periodontal tissues regional blood flow parameters in adolescents with arterial hypertension and periodontal diseases 94 adolescents group with arterial hypertension (AH) and periodontal disease (n=57, mean age of 14.7±1.89 years) and a group without AH and with periodontal disease 94 adolescents group with arterial hypertension and periodontal disease (n=57, mean age of 14.7±1.89 years) were recruited for comparison. In the group of adolescents with AH with periodontal disease the appearance of pathological dependences between toxic metabolites of the lipid peroxidation process and indices of vascular blood flow was noted.

Imbalance in the LPO-AOD system as well as the appearance of pathological relationships between the parameters of lipid peroxidation and the parameters characterizing reduction of vascular blood flow in adolescents with hypertension and periodontal disease was proved and it can be the new comorbidity association.

Although rare, cardiac rhabdomyomas (CRs) are the most common fetal cardiac tumors. They may be the earliest manifestation of tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC). TSC is diagnosed in 75-80% cases of multiple fetal CRs and in 30% of single cases. We retrospectively reviewed the clinical outcome of fetal CR cases.

All cases of prenatally diagnosed rhabdomyoma in a single tertiary centre from 2009 to 2019 were ascertained from medical records.

We identified 14 fetuses with prenatally diagnosed CRs. Mean period of follow-up was 4 years (range 4m-9y). Two fetuses were twins (BC/BA), both affected by CR with family history of TSC, and one fetus of the dichorionic pair was not affected by rhabdomyoma. The mean GA at diagnosis was 29 weeks (range 21-35). There were eleven fetuses with multiple, and three with a solitary tumor. The right and left ventricle as well as the intraventricular septum were equally affected with a slight predominance of the left ventricle. The cardiac atrium was affected in two cases. The size ranged from small tumors of several mm in diameter up to dimensions of 20x20 mm.

Sixty percent were <20 mm in diameter. Two of fetuses were affected by hemodynamically relevant cardiac obstruction (LVOT), and in four arrhythmias (SVES, VES, WPW syndrome, and AV block) were observed. No hydrops fetalis or fetal perinatal demise were observed. In 11 (79%) TSC was confirmed clinically or by mutational analysis. After birth, most rhabdomyomas demonstrated a stable (14%, n=2) or spontaneous regressive growth pattern (57%, n=8). In four children (29%) tumors entirely disappeared. No progression of tumor size or number was observed. After birth in five (36%) children the conduction abnormalities were confirmed by ECG and responded well to the anti-arrhythmic medication and two children were affected by LVOT obstruction. Cerebral manifestations (tubers and/or nodules) were detected by brain MRI in 9 patients (3 prenatally). Subependymal giant cell