Use of Jarvik 2000 left ventricular assist device for treating acutely decompensated heart failure

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A 57-year-old patient experienced acute decompensation of heart failure and pulmonary oedema (Fig. 1). Off-pump implantation of Jarvik 2000 was performed as a salvage procedure as well as bridge to transplantation with immediate clinical improvement (Fig. 2). Use of a short-term VAD for symptomatic relief can be avoided.

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