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2. Myerberg RJ, Mitrani R, Interain A, et al: Identification of Risk of Cardiac Arrest and Sudden Death in Athletes. In Estes NAM, Salem DM, Wang PJ (eds): *Sudden Cardiac Death in the Athlete*. Blackwell Futura Publishing, Inc., Armonk, 1999, p. 25-27.

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3. Kerut K, McIlwain EF, Plotnick GD: *Handbook of Echo-Doppler Interpretation*, Futura Publishing Co., Inc., Armonk, NY 1996, p. 137.

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4. Smith I: personal communication, December 10, 1976.

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