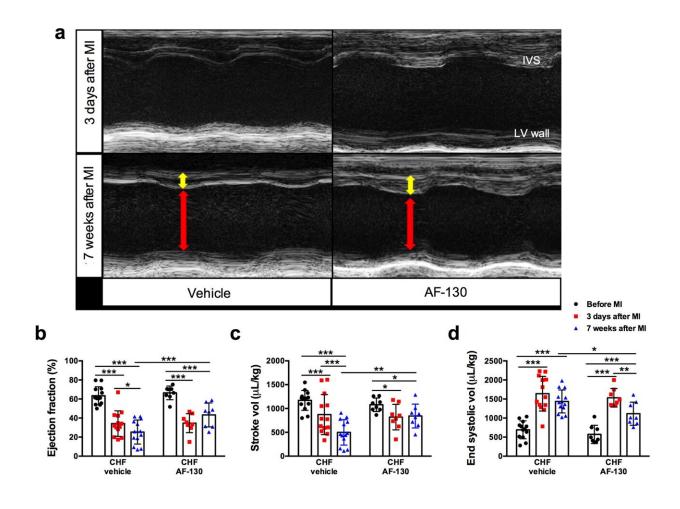


## Novel drug shows promise for alleviating both heart failure and the sleep apnea associated with it

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P2X3-receptor antagonism improves cardiac function in chronic heart failure (CHF) rats. a Representative images of echocardiography in rats submitted to myocardial infarction (MI), before and after 7 weeks of treatment with vehicle or AF-130. Red arrows indicate diastolic ventricular diameter and yellow arrows indicate diastolic ventricular wall thickness. P2X3-receptor antagonism



prevented the reduction of ejection fraction (b) and stroke volume (c) during HF development, and reduced left ventricular (LV) end-systolic volume (d). The parameters were analyzed before MI surgery, three days after MI and after 7 weeks of vehicle (n = 13) or AF-130 (n = 8) administration. IVS: interventricular septum. Data are mean  $\pm$  SD. Repeated measures two-way ANOVA, with Student-Newman-Keuls post hoc comparison. \*P

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