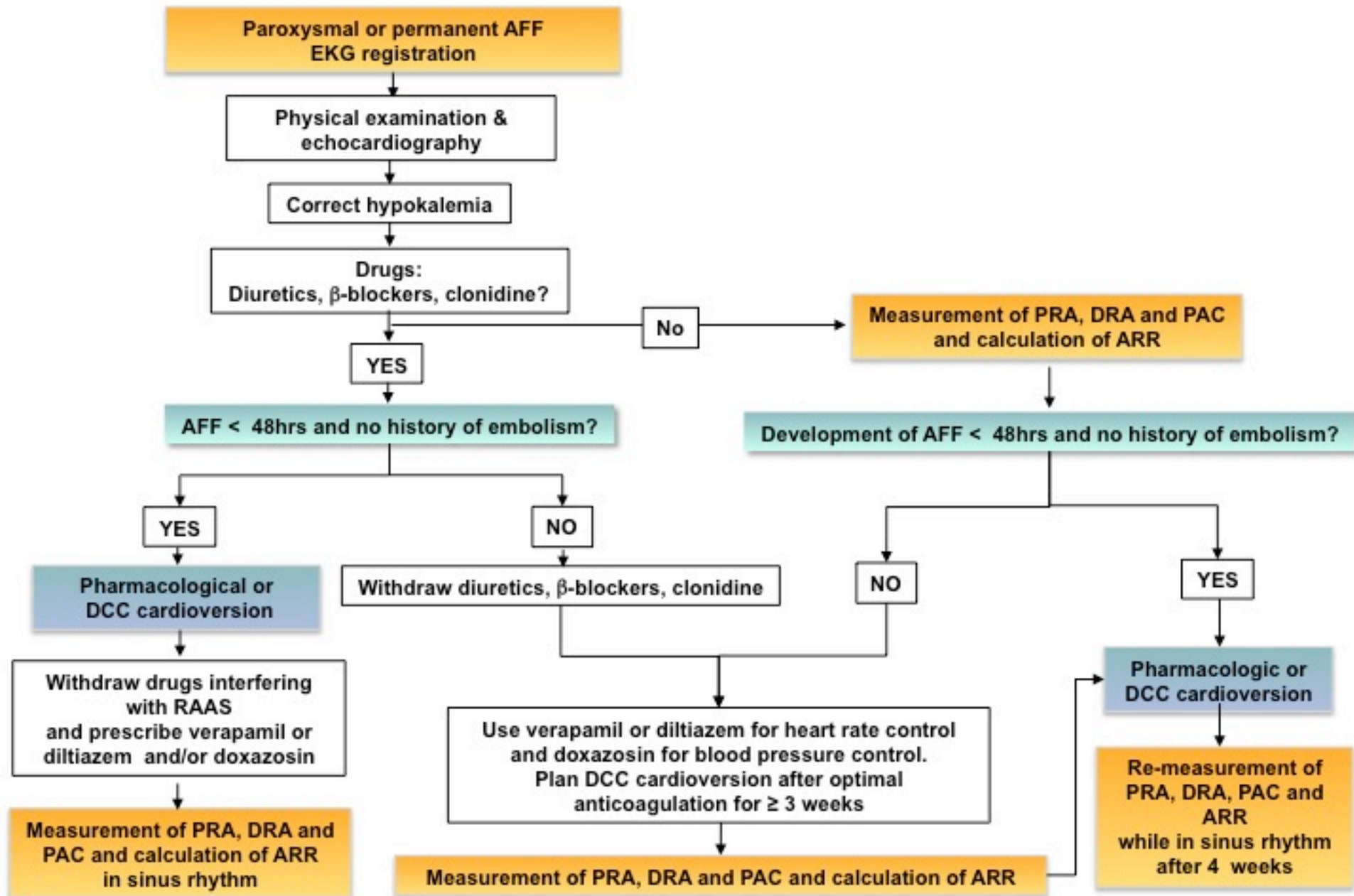


Flow chart (I)



Measurement of PRA, DRA and PAC and calculation of ARR (if suitable)

Pharmacologic or DCC cardioversion

Estimate performance DCC

Measurement of PRA, DRA and PAC and calculation of ARR

ARR > 26 and PAC > 15 ng/dl?

NO

PA is excluded

Yes

ARR > 100?

Yes

Biochemical diagnosis of PA

Is the patient willing to undergo adrenalectomy if indicated and general anesthesia?

NO

Yes

CT, AVS

Diagnosis of PA subtype (AVS)

Lateralized aldosterone excess production?

NO

Yes

Adrenalectomy

Time (mo)

1 6 12 18 24

Record drugs

x x x x x

Record death and CV events

x x x x x

Lab tests (PRA and PAC not needed)

x x x x x

Cardiac remodeling

x x x x x

Arterial stiffness

x x x x x

Quality of life

x x x x x

Time (mo)

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