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22 **Abstract**

23 **Background**

24 The truly popular consequence of management with the blood-thinning-drug, causation
25 of lower blood-viscosity (BV), is bleeding and very frequently asymptomatic-hemorrhage
26 (AH) and the acute-heart-failure (AHF) happen without any preceding symptoms.

27 **Objectives**

28 Our aim was to develop an infallible closed-form analytical model for demonstrating the
29 proof of the concept of the Sanal flow choking in cardiovascular system (CVS) causing
30 AH and AHF by correlating the blood pressure ratio (BPR), biofluid/blood-heat-capacity-
31 ratio(BHCR), blood viscosity(BV), stenosis (in terms of vessel cross-sectional area
32 (VCA)) and ejection fraction(EF). For establishing the proof of the concept we were
33 planned *in vitro* and *in silico* studies.

34 **Methods**

35 The closed-form-analytical-methodology is used herein to establish the proof of the
36 concept of Sanal-flow-choking. *In vitro* method is invoked for the speciation analyses of
37 blood samples of healthy subjects (human being/Guinea pig) for the BHCR estimation. *In*
38 *silico* method is used for demonstrating the asymptomatic pressure-overshoot in an artery
39 due to the Sanal flow choking and shock wave generation.

40 **Results**

41 The closed-form analytical, *in vitro* and *in silico* results are presented herein to
42 establish the proof of the concept of internal flow choking in CVS causing cardiovascular
43 risk without prejudice to the *percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)*. The analytical
44 models reveal that the relatively high and low BV are risk factors of AH and AHF. *In*

45 *vitro* study shows that nitrogen(N₂), oxygen(O₂), carbon dioxide(CO₂) and argon(Ar)
46 gases are predominant in fresh-blood samples of the healthy human-being and *Guinea-*
47 *pig* at a temperature range of 37-40⁰ C (98.6-104⁰ F), which increases the risk of flow-
48 choking leading to AH and AHF. The thermal-tolerance level in terms of BHCR of
49 *Guinea-pig* is found higher than the human being. In silico results demonstrated the Sanal
50 flow choking and shock wave generation in an artery with the divergent/bifurcation
51 region.

52 **Conclusions**

53 An overdose of blood-thinning drug for reducing the blood-viscosity(BV) augments
54 *Reynolds number* leading to high-turbulence and enhanced boundary-layer-
55 blockage(BLB), which increases the chances of cavitation and the *Sanal-flow-choking*
56 leading to the shock wave and pressure-overshoot causing *memory effect* (stroke history)
57 in viscoelastic vessels. Designing the precise blood-thinning regimen is vital for attaining
58 the desired therapeutic efficacy and negating undesirable flow-choking leading to AH
59 and AHF. Herein we established that the disproportionate blood-thinning treatment
60 increases the risk of the *Sanal-flow-choking* due to the enhanced BLB factor. The
61 cardiovascular risk could be diminished by concurrently lessening the BV and flow
62 turbulence by rising thermal-tolerance-level in terms of BHCR or by decreasing the BPR.

63 **Condensed Abstract**

64 Herein, we provide a proof of the concept to establish that such asymptomatic diseases
65 are due to the boundary-layer-blockage (BLB) induced flow choking (*Sanal-flow-*
66 *choking*) at a critical blood-pressure-ratio (BPR). When the pressure of the nanoscale-
67 fluid increases, *average-mean-free-path* decreases and thus, the *Knudsen number* reduces

68 leading to a no-slip boundary condition with compressible-viscous (CV) flow effect.
69 *Sanal-flow-choking* is a CV flow effect creating a physical situation of the *sonic-fluid-*
70 *throat*, at a critical BPR. We concluded that AH and AHF are transient-events due to
71 flow-choking, and not an illness. The cardiovascular risk could be diminished by
72 concurrently lessening the BV and flow turbulence by rising thermal-tolerance-level in
73 terms of BHCR or by decreasing the BPR.

74 **Introduction**

75 The acute-heart-failure (AHF) is reported as the biggest killer globally over the centuries.
76 Very frequently, the fatal AHF happens without prior indications of coronary artery
77 obstruction (angina). According to the WHO [1], the *Ischemic heart disease* (IHD) [2]
78 and the *asymptomatic hemorrhage (AH) / stroke* are the world's biggest killers. M.Packer
79 [3] categorically reported that the acute-heart-failure (AHF) is a transient episode and not
80 an illness and put forward a coherent claim for multidisciplinary research for drugs-
81 discovery [4]. Of late (May 2020), V.R.S.Kumar et al. [5] reported in a connected paper
82 that such an event instigating the AHF is due to an internal flow choking (biofluid and/or
83 *Sanal flow choking*) in the cardiovascular system (CVS), which happens at a critical
84 systolic-to-diastolic blood-pressure-ratio (BPR). It could occur without prejudice to the
85 *Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)*. The real scientific truth is that, at a critical
86 BPR, the internal flow choking occurs anywhere in the CVS with sudden
87 expansion/divergence, vasospasm or bifurcation regions (see Fig.1(a-f) – the central
88 illustration). The critical fact is that the internal biofluid/blood flow choking is uniquely
89 regulated by its heat-capacity-ratio (HCR). The *Sanal flow choking* phenomenon is
90 established as the *fluid-throat* induced internal flow choking in the real world flows

91 (continuum and non-continuum) due to the compressible viscous flow effect [5-11]. An
92 internal flow choking due to BV variations and turbulence in CVS leads to cavitation,
93 shock wave generation and transient pressure-spike. Internal flow choking could happen
94 in all vessels including *vasa vasorum* and nanoscale tubes. The fact is that when the
95 pressure of the *nanoscale fluid flow/non-continuum-flows* increases, *average-mean-free-*
96 *path* decreases and thus, the *Knudsen number* reduces leading to a no-slip boundary
97 condition with compressible viscous (CV) flow effect. The *Sanal-flow-choking* is a CV
98 flow effect creating a physical situation of *sonic-fluid-throat*, at a critical systolic to
99 diastolic blood pressure ratio (SBP/DBP), due to the boundary layer blockage (BLB). The
100 concepts of *Sanal flow choking* [5] is well correlated herein with the existing concepts in
101 the biological sciences for finding possible solutions for reducing the risk of
102 *biofluid/Sanal flow choking* leading to AH and AHF.

103 **Analytical Methodology**

104 Using the compressible flow theory, the following closed-form analytical models (see
105 Eqs.1-5) have been developed for correlating the BHCR, BPR, blood-kinematic-viscosity
106 (BKV), blood-density (BD), diastolic-blood-pressure (DBP), hydraulic-diameter of the
107 vessel (HDV), the vessel cross-sectional area (VCA), blood/biofluid velocity (LVB),
108 Reynolds number (Re), boundary-layer-blockage (BLB) and ejection-fraction in terms of
109 biofluid/blood flow rate (BFR) for predicting the risk of flow-choking in cardiovascular
110 system (CVS) causing AH and AHF.

111 Equations 1 & 2 are two independent conditions for maintaining an unchoked flow
112 condition in the CVS. Note that when the flow Mach number (M) reaches one flow gets
113 choked. Therefore, it is mandatory to retain the flow Mach number always less than one

114 for prohibiting the internal flow choking in CVS, which is reflected in Eq.2, Eq.2a and
 115 Eq.2b. Note that Eq.2(a) and Eq.2b are the corollary of Eq.2, which explains the role of
 116 the vessel blockage in terms of VCA and the ejection fraction in terms of BFR on the risk
 117 of flow choking leading to AH and AHF.

$$118 \quad BPR = \frac{SBP}{DBP} < \left(\frac{BHCR + 1}{2} \right)^{BHCR/BHCR - 1} \quad (1)$$

$$119 \quad M < 1 \quad (2)$$

$$120 \quad \frac{(Re)(BKV)}{HDV} \left[\frac{BD}{(BHCR)(DBP)} \right]^{1/2} < 1 \quad (2a)$$

$$121 \quad \left[\frac{(BFR)_{local} (BV)_{local}}{(BHCR)_{lowest} (DBP) (VCA)_{local}} \right]^{1/2} < 1 \quad (2b)$$

$$122 \quad LCHI = \left(\frac{(BHCR)_{lowest} + 1}{2} \right)^{BHCR_{lowest}/BHCR_{lowest} - 1} \quad (3)$$

$$123 \quad UCHI = \left(\frac{(BHCR)_{blood} + 1}{2} \right)^{(BHCR)_{blood}/(BHCR)_{blood} - 1} \quad (4)$$

124 Note that for prohibiting the internal flow choking in CVS all subjects must maintain BPR
 125 lower than the *lower-critical-hemorrhage-index* (LCHI), which could be estimated from
 126 the lowest value of the BHCR of evolved gases in the CVS (see Equation 3). For instance,
 127 if carbon dioxide is the dominant gas in the CVS it is mandatory to maintain BPR lower
 128 than 1.8257 for creating an unchoked flow condition for prohibiting the shock wave
 129 generation and pressure-overshoot causing the AH and AHF. The LCHI can be estimated

130 through *in vitro* study aiming for finding the dominant gases evolved from blood samples
 131 of each subject (*human being or animal*) at different thermal levels. The *upper critical*
 132 *hemorrhage index* (UCHI) can be predicted (see Equation 4) from the specific heat of blood
 133 at constant pressure (C_p) and the specific heat of blood at constant volume (C_v), estimated
 134 using the *Differential Scanning Calorimeter - Perkin Elmer DSC 8000*.

135 The boundary-layer-blockage (BLB) in the blood vessels can be influenced by the
 136 variations in the biofluid viscosity and the BHCR of the flowing gas / nano plasma. The
 137 Eq.(5) correlates the artery diameter (d_i), the corresponding inflow Mach number (M_{inlet}),
 138 the axial Mach number (M_{axial}), and the BHCR, which is derived from compressible flow
 139 theory [5-7].

$$140 \quad BLB = \left[1 - \left[\frac{M_{inlet}}{M_{axis}} \right]^{1/2} \left[\frac{1 + \left(\frac{BHCR - 1}{2} \right) M_{axis}^2}{1 + \left(\frac{BHCR - 1}{2} \right) M_{inlet}^2} \right]^{\frac{BHCR + 1}{4(BHCR - 1)}} \right] d_i \quad (5)$$

141 The previous researchers, in general, assumed that the human blood is an incompressible
 142 fluid (i.e., $C_p = C_v$). That is patently not true as the human blood specific volume (or
 143 density) does change with temperature or pressure. At the *Sanal flow choking* condition,
 144 the creeping flow will get accelerated in a uniform cross-sectional area duct due to the
 145 area blockage caused by the boundary-layer-displacement-thickness (i.e., the blockage
 146 factor). The total 3D boundary layer blockage (TBLB) at the *Sanal-flow-choking*
 147 condition ($M_{axis} = 1$) for *diabatic* flows is obtained as (see Eq.5a) [5-7],

$$148 \quad TBLB|_{@ \text{sonic-fluid-throat}} = \left[1 - M_{inlet}^{1/2} \left[\frac{2}{(BHCR)_{lowest} + 1} \left(1 + \frac{(BHCR)_{lowest} - 1}{2} M_{inlet}^2 \right) \right]^{\frac{(BHCR)_{lowest} + 1}{4(1 - (BHCR)_{lowest})}} \right] d_i \quad (5a)$$

149 The blockage factor in the blood vessels could change due to the seasonal effects as a
150 consequence of the differences in the blood viscosity [5-17]. If the blood vessel geometry
151 is similar to the CD nozzle shape (see **Fig.1(a-f)**), the *Sanal flow choking* leads to shock
152 wave generation and transient pressure-spike [5-7]. This physical situation could be
153 predicted through credible multidisciplinary *in silico* models [5,6] verified and validated
154 at the *Sanal flow choking* condition. The **Fig.2** shows (solution of Eq.5a) the SANAL
155 chart pertaining to a case of gas embolism with carbon dioxide as the dominant gas. It
156 clearly indicates that irrespective of the percentage blockage of the artery, the critical
157 BPR determines the risk of the biofluid/*Sanal flow choking* leading to an acute-heart-
158 failure. The *Sanal chart* also shows that a decrease in the blockage factor reduces the
159 flow Mach number, which reduces the risk of internal *flow choking*. Note that for
160 prohibiting the internal *flow choking* all subjects must maintain BPR always lower than
161 the LCHI. Our analytical model proves that the *stents* could reduce the risk of the heart
162 attack but it is not better than drugs owing to the fact that the biofluid/*Sanal flow choking*
163 could occur with and without stent (see **Fig.1(d-f)**). The self-explanatory equations (see
164 Eqs. 1-5), derived from the compressible flow theory [5-7], are highlighting various
165 influencing parameters for prohibiting the biofluid/*Sanal flow choking* in the artery. Note
166 that the ejection fraction (EF) is reflected in Eq.2(b) in terms of biofluid/blood flow rate
167 (BFR). It is evident from the closed-form-analytical model (see Eq.2b)) that the EF is not
168 the lone parameter for declaring the risk of AHF. It is coupled with the local vessel cross-
169 sectional area (VCA), local biofluid/blood velocity (BV), $(BHCR)_{\text{lowest}}$ and the DBP. In
170 high risk subjects (BPR close to LCHI and/or Mach number close one) a slight oscillation
171 in the BPR predisposes to the choking and the unchoking phenomena leading to

172 *arrhythmia*. Most heart valve problems involve the aortic and mitral valves, possibly
173 because of its geometric shape similar to CD nozzle flow passage. *Further discussion to*
174 *valve problems, aneurysm and arrhythmia is beyond the scope of this article*. Note that
175 the biofluid/*Sanal flow choking* could create unusual pressure-overshoot in vessels with
176 divergent/bifurcation regions [5-7], which increases *memory effects* (stroke history)
177 leading to artery tear in the subsequent stroke.

178 **In vitro Methodology**

179 We have estimated the heat capacity ratio (HCR) of blood, obtained from the healthy
180 human being and one *Guinea pig* living in the southern part of the Indian union, using the
181 *Differential Scanning Calorimeter (DSC) - Perkin Elmer DSC 8000*. *Samples are*
182 *collected from healthy subjects after the informed consent. All the experimental methods*
183 *reported herein are in accordance with relevant guidelines and regulations. Please note*
184 *that the ethical committee approval is not required by the national legislation of Indian*
185 *union for conducting the blood sample test of healthy human being and animals reported*
186 *herein, which are applicable to all the authors and their affiliated institutions in India.*
187 **We confirm that all experimental protocols were approved by the National Centre for**
188 **Combustion Research and Development (NCCRD) of Indian Institute of Science (IISc)**
189 **for the blood sample tests of healthy human being and animals.** *Also note that for the*
190 *randomized studies the blood bank who supplied blood samples of healthy subjects*
191 *obtained the written and informed consent from all the healthy human being prior to the*
192 *test conducted at NCCRD/IISc, India.* The *in vitro* methodology is available at
193 <https://osf.io/p7kmg> [10]. **Table-1** shows the estimated *UCHI* of healthy human being of
194 age 23-56. **Figure 3** shows the mass spectrum of N₂, O₂, and CO₂ evolved as a function

195 of both time and temperature obtained from blood sample tests of healthy subjects
196 (human being and *Guinea pig*). The mass spectrometer used in the present study is Perkin
197 Elmer SQ8T, which uses the Electron Impact detector. During our comprehensive *in vitro*
198 studies, we have noticed that the gases evolved from the fresh blood sample depends on
199 the blood temperature, heating rate, blood group, age and the blood pressure value. It is
200 evident from **Fig.3** that CO₂ is the dominant gas for human being whereas nitrogen gas is
201 dominant in the blood sample of *Guinea pig*. The estimated LCHI of all healthy human
202 being is found 1.82, which is based on the evolved dominant carbon dioxide gas (BHCR
203 = 1.289). In the case of *Guinea pig*, the LCHI is estimated as 1.89, which is based on the
204 dominant nitrogen gas (BHCR = 1.4). We found that there are variations in the heat
205 capacity of blood samples collected in three different Vacutainers of same healthy
206 subjects. The *anticoagulant* reduces the BHCR and susceptible to an early biofluid
207 choking in blood vessels, including *vasa vasorum*, causing high risk of *hemorrhage* and
208 heart attack. The most popular consequence of medication with anticoagulant drug is
209 bleeding.

210 It is crystal clear from **Fig.3** that the possibilities of the *Sanal flow choking* in the
211 animal (*Guinea pig*) is lower than in the human being at the same temperature level as the
212 HCR of the main gas generated in the animal is found constantly higher than the human
213 being. The mass spectrum of N₂ is observed greater in *Guinea pig* whereas in the healthy
214 human being CO₂ is observed greater. The HCR of N₂ is 1.4 and that of CO₂ is 1.289. It
215 corroborates that at the same thermal loading condition, the artery of *Guinea pig* gets
216 choked only at a BPR of 1.8929 and the artery of the healthy human being gets an early
217 choking at a BPR of 1.8257. Therefore, we concluded that the thermal tolerance level of

218 the healthy *Guinea pig* is higher and the cardiovascular risk is lower than the human
219 being under identical conditions. Therefore, increasing the thermal tolerance level of the
220 human being is important for reducing the risk of AHF due to the Covid-19 or otherwise.

221 **In Silico Methodology**

222 In an effort to demonstrate the BLB induced *Sanal flow choking* we have carried out
223 *in silico* studies with creeping inflow conditions (a case with gas embolism) using a
224 validated flow solver [6] and demonstrated the pressure overshoot at the downstream
225 region of an artery with a divergent region (see **Fig.4**) causing *hemorrhage* and/or *heart*
226 *attack* as the case may be. The preliminary *in silico* results (see **Fig.4**) show the *Sanal flow*
227 *choking* and the shock-wave generation at the subsonic inflow condition (creeping flow)
228 leading to the transient pressure-overshoots (stroke) in the downstream region of an artery
229 with divergent port. It corroborates that the phenomenon of biofluid/*Sanal-flow-choking* is
230 a paradigm shift in the diagnostic sciences of acute-heart failure.

231 **Statistical analysis**

232 All *in vitro* studies were carried out independently at least six times for repeatability
233 and also for establishing that the data generated are in agreement with the true value in
234 each independent experiment. *In silico* studies are carried out after the code validation.

235 **Outcomes**

236 *In vitro* study proved that the specific heat of blood at constant pressure (C_p) is always
237 higher than the specific heat at constant volume (C_v). Therefore, the validity of the
238 analytical models (Eqs.1-4) derived from the compressible flow theory for predicting the
239 risk of flow choking leading to AH and AHF presented herein is established. During the
240 *Hyphenated techniques* at the atmospheric pressure we have detected predominantly N_2 , O_2 ,

241 CO₂, Ar and one undefined composite gas ($m/z = 28.5$) in blood samples of healthy
242 subjects at various intensity at the temperature range of 37-40⁰ C (98.6-104⁰ F) and above.
243 We observed that the gasification temperature of healthy *Guinea pig* blood is higher than
244 the healthy human being. The BHCR of healthy subjects taken from the EDTA and
245 Lithium Heparin tubes was found significantly lower (31-32 %) than the fresh blood
246 samples of the same healthy subjects tested within 5 minutes of collection. We observed
247 that CO₂, the gas with the lowest HCR is relatively and consistently higher in the healthy
248 males than the healthy male *Guinea pig* of four weeks old (see **Fig.3**). Note that HCR of
249 CO₂ is 1.289, therefore a subject with gas embolism, with CO₂ as the dominant gas, the
250 biofluid choking occurs (see Eq.1) at a BPR of 1.8257, which is the *lower critical*
251 *hemorrhage index* (LCHI). It reveals that patients who are taking blood-thinning
252 medication must maintain their BPR always less than 1.8257, as dictated by Eq.1, for
253 reducing the risk of internal flow choking leading to *asymptomatic vascular diseases*.

254 The closed-form analytical model, *in vitro* and *in silico* study results reported herein
255 reveal that for a healthy-life all human being/animals with the high BPR inevitably have
256 high BHCR for reducing the risk of AHF by prohibiting biofluid/Sanal-flow-choking
257 heading to shock wave generation and transient pressure-spike causing memory effect
258 (stroke history). The preliminary single phase *in silico* results (see **Fig.4**) show the
259 phenomenon of Sanal-flow-choking and shock waves generation at the subsonic inflow
260 condition (creeping flow) leading to the transient pressure-overshoots (stroke) in the
261 downstream zone of an artery with a divergent port.

262 Results

263 We discovered that at a critical blood-pressure-ratio (BPR), the internal-flow-choking
264 occurs anywhere in the cardiovascular system (CVS) with sudden expansion/divergence/
265 bifurcation or vasospasm regions. The critical fact is that the internal-flow-choking is
266 uniquely regulated by *BHCR*. Analytical findings reveal that the relatively high and low
267 BV are cardiovascular risk factors. Herein we established that the disproportionate blood-
268 thinning treatment increases the risk of *internal flow choking* due to the enhanced
269 boundary-layer-displacement-thickness (boundary layer blockage (BLB) factor) due to an
270 increase in flow turbulence in the CVS due to an increase in *Reynolds number* (*Re*) as a
271 consequence of relatively low blood viscosity (BV).

272 Discussion

273 Through closed-form analytical models (see Eqs.1-4) we could correlate the BHCR,
274 BPR, BV and EF along with other parameters contributing for internal flow choking. The
275 infallible closed-form analytical models shed light on finding solutions for decreasing the
276 risk of AH and AHF due to biofluid choking and/or Sanal flow choking leading to shock
277 wave generation (see Fig.1(a-f)).

278 Mostly, in the CVS blood flow is considered as laminar. When taking blood thinning
279 drugs, the whole BV reduces and as a consequence *Re* rises and the laminar flow could
280 be disordered and convert to turbulent. The flow turbulence enhances the deficit of
281 energy in the type of friction, which increases the BLB in the vessels and generates heat
282 and augment the internal energy affecting a reduction in BHCR, which is corroborated

283 with *in vitro* results. Additionally, turbulence enhances the perfusion pressure essential
284 to push the blood flow.

285 Viscosity variations are depending on the shear rate or shear rate history of the
286 blood/biofluid, which could vary due to seasonal effects too [12-34]. Blood temperature
287 decreases during the *winter* season resulting an increase in blood viscosity and the
288 inverse effect happens during the *summer* season [6]. It corroborates that the BLB factor
289 causing the *Sanal flow choking* [5] would alter due to the BV variations as a consequence
290 of the blood-thinning medication and/or the seasonal effects [6]. Indeed, BLB induced
291 biofluid/*Sanal flow choking* is more prone during the winter season than the summer
292 season due to the higher BV at the relatively low blood temperature. It leads to say that
293 the risks of flow choking leading to AH and AHF would be high during the winter than in
294 the summer season, which is corroborating with literature data [6,17].

295 Eq.1 reveals that the critical ratio of BPR for flow choking is an exclusive function
296 of BHCR. It is crystal clear from Eq.2a that stenosis (an abnormal narrowing of the
297 passage of a blood vessel, i.e., a decrease in hydraulic diameter of the blood vessel) could
298 increase the risk of flow choking. Eq.2a also tells us that stent implant for increasing the
299 hydraulic diameter could decrease the risk of flow choking but not a permanent solution
300 for reducing the risk of AHF, without having proper control on the other parameters
301 highlighted herein (see Eqs.1, 2, 2a & 2b).

302 It is important to note that though all the existing percentage demarcation of the EF
303 are meaningful for the diagnosis, until the dissemination of this article these findings
304 were not supported by any closed-form analytical model for an authentic conclusion.
305 Eq.2(b) explains the desirable BFR or EF for forecasting the risk of AHF. Eq.2(a-b) is

306 showing the correlation of the EF in terms of local BFR of normal heart and the other
307 controlling parameters (geometric, fluid dynamics and thermodynamic properties of
308 blood/biofluid). It is evident from Eq.2(a-b) that the risk factor depends on the coupled
309 effects of the EF, the local VCA, BHCR, DBP and the local BV. It is evident from these
310 mathematical models that at a constant VCA and DBP a decrease in BHCR and an
311 increase in *Reynolds number* jointly or individually, increases the possibilities of internal
312 flow choking. Apparently (see Eq.2a) an increase in *kinematic viscosity* increases the
313 possibilities of flow choking. On the contrary, an increase in *kinematic viscosity*
314 decreases the possibilities of flow choking by reducing the *Reynolds number*. It reveals
315 that there is a safe range of blood viscosity for prohibiting the flow choking of each and
316 every subject, which depends up on the coupled effects of the other controlling
317 parameters (see Eqs.1, 2, 2a & 2b) for flow choking. Therefore, the dose of blood-
318 thinning drugs must be prescribed subjected to the condition prescribed in Eqs.2a & 2(b).

319 Note that using medicine to reduce the blood viscosity only makes the turbulence
320 worse and increases the chances of cavitation and flow choking because the BLB factor
321 will be more for turbulent flow than laminar flow. The flow turbulence increases the
322 deficit of energy in the form of friction, which increases the BLB in blood vessels and
323 generates heat and augment the internal energy causing a decrease in the BHCR, which is
324 vulnerable to an early flow choking in the CVS. Based on the above findings we
325 established herein that the *uneven blood-thinning* drugs increase the risk of internal flow
326 choking triggering AHF, which is supporting with the established laboratory index,
327 International normalized ratio (INA). More specifically, an overdose of drugs for blood-
328 thinning medication increases the *Reynolds number* leading to the high turbulence level

329 in the vessel and as a result the laminar flow could be disturbed and becomes turbulent
330 causing an early internal flow choking (biofluid and/or *Sanal flow choking*) causing a
331 transient sharp pressure-spike due to the generation of shock waves at the creeping inflow
332 condition without any iota of symptoms of the plaque in an artery with sudden expansion
333 / divergence / bifurcation / vasospasm (see Fig.1 as the Central Illustration). More
334 specifically, internal flow choking could occur in nanoscale vessels and also in the
335 coronary artery without prejudice to the *Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)*. Note
336 that when the pressure of the *nanofluid* increases, the *average mean free path* decreases
337 and thus, the *Knudsen number* reduces leading to a no-slip boundary condition with
338 compressible viscous flow effect. The *Sanal-flow-choking* is a CV flow effect, which is
339 established as the flow choking caused by the BLB at the creeping inflow condition at a
340 critical pressure ratio. Briefly, the prediction of internal flow choking in CVS is a
341 scientific breakthrough and a paradigm shift in the diagnostic science of *asymptomatic*
342 vascular diseases. *Sanal flow choking* leads to the shock-wave generation followed by
343 pressure overshoot causing tearing of the blood vessels. The tearing depends on the
344 *memory effects* (stroke history) and the thermoviscoelastic properties of the vessel. This
345 basic research paper, originated from the chemical rocket science [6], aims to discover
346 the fundamental cause(s) of bleeding while taking blood-thinning drugs and propose
347 possible conditions for reducing the risk of internal flow choking causing AH and AHF.

348 Note that large swings in BPR create periodic choking and unchoking phenomena
349 causing atrial fibrillation (*AFib*) or an irregular heartbeat (*arrhythmia*). In light of the
350 *Covid-19 pandemic*, the thermal tolerance level of blood needs to be examined in terms
351 of variations in the BHCR for the risk assessment of the ischaemic heart disease. The

352 European Society of Cardiology (ESC) reported (2020) that subjects with CVR factors
353 and proven cardiovascular disease (CVD) denote an exposed population when agonizing
354 from the *Covid-19*. ESC also added that subjects with cardiac injury in the perspective
355 of *Covid-19* have an enhanced risk of illness and demise (www.escardio.org). This article
356 sheds light for exploring new avenues in biological science for discovering new blood-
357 thinning drugs for reducing the risk of flow choking causing AH and AHF [9, 11, 33,35].
358 We concluded that the cardiovascular treatment should be targeted based on blood
359 pressure ratio (BPR), instead of blood pressure levels alone, in chronic heart failure
360 patients [34].

361 The sporadic internal flow *choking*, due to significant fluctuations in BPR, heading
362 to transient pressure-overshoots created throughout the life-span in the CVS create the
363 vessel walls more stiff due to *memory effects* (stroke history). Such physical situations in
364 any viscoelastic vessels are prone to rupture in the subsequent internal flow choking and
365 shock wave development. Briefly, we have reported conclusively herein (see Eq.1) that
366 high BPR and low BHCR are risk factors for flow choking.

367 **Conclusions**

368 The uneven usage of blood-thinning medication will increase the *Reynolds number*,
369 which produces high turbulence level creating enhanced boundary layer blockage causing
370 an early biofluid/Sanal flow choking. We concluded through infallible closed-form
371 analytical models that relatively **high blood viscosity** and relatively **low blood viscosity**
372 are risk factors for an early flow choking causing AH and AHF, which is correlating with
373 the established index INA. Therefore, the real effect of viscosity on flow choking needs
374 to be established for taking preventive strategies for reducing the risk of AH and AHF.

375 On this rationale, it is essential, rather needed, perhaps inevitable to declare a condition
376 for prohibiting the flow choking in the CVS, which we have presented herein in terms of
377 blood viscosity, density, *Reynolds number*, BHCR, BPR, DBP and stenosis (vessel
378 geometry). We concluded that a single anticoagulant drug capable to suppress the
379 turbulence level and enhance the BHCR or a companion medicine along with the
380 traditional blood-thinning medications is predestined for meeting the conflicting
381 requirements (*i.e., decrease viscosity and turbulence simultaneously*) of all the subjects
382 for reducing the risk of *asymptomatic vascular diseases*. In high risk subjects (*BPR close*
383 *to the LCHI*) a slight oscillation in the BPR predisposes to the choking and the unchoking
384 phenomena, which could lead to *arrhythmia*. In a nutshell, we have proved conclusively
385 that the high-BHCR reduces the risk of flow choking as dictated by Eq.1, which is an
386 indisputable physical condition, without any *ex vivo* or *in vivo* model support, for
387 prohibiting *asymptomatic stroke* in any vessel [20-23]. We concluded that for a healthy-
388 life all subjects with high-BPR inevitably have high-BHCR for reducing the risk of the
389 internal flow choking (*biofluid/Sanal-flow-choking*) triggering the AHF due to the shock
390 wave generation and pressure overshoot (36-39). We corroborated herein that, the AHF is
391 a transient episode and not an illness.

392 **Study limitations**

393 Conducting *in vivo* studies in all subjects require ethical clearance.

394 **Translational Outlook**

395 Large randomized blood sample tests for BHCR estimation along with the BPR
396 measurement, adequately in all seasons in all blood groups, across the globe are needed

397 for discovering new drugs capable to increase the BHCR and/or decrease the BPR in all
398 seasons for reducing the risk of *internal flow choking* in all subjects.

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403 The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding
404 author upon reasonable request.

405 **Code availability statement**

406 The mathematical algorithm used for generating analytical results are available with the
407 author VS. The code used for generating *in vitro* results are available with the authors RSB
408 and CO. The code used for generating the *in silico* results is available with the authors NC
409 and AS. The raw data required to reproduce the results are available with the corresponding
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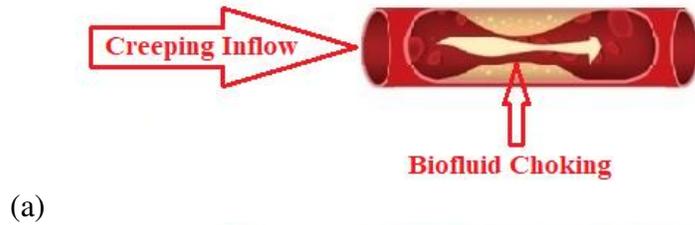
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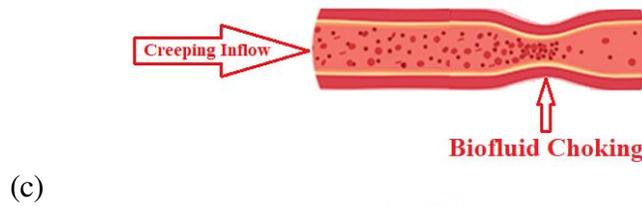
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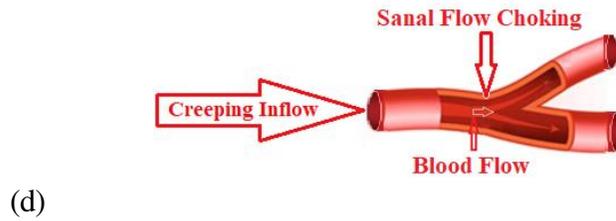
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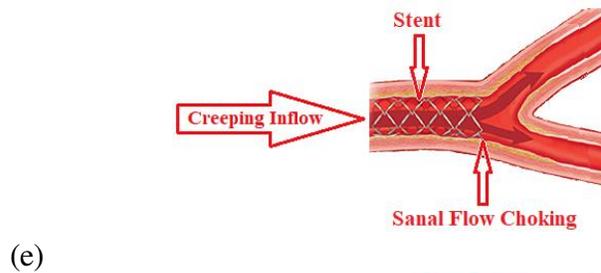
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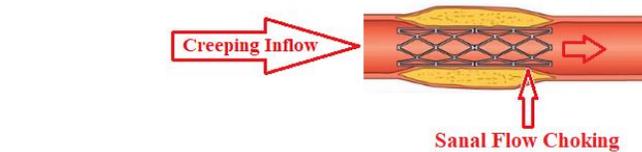
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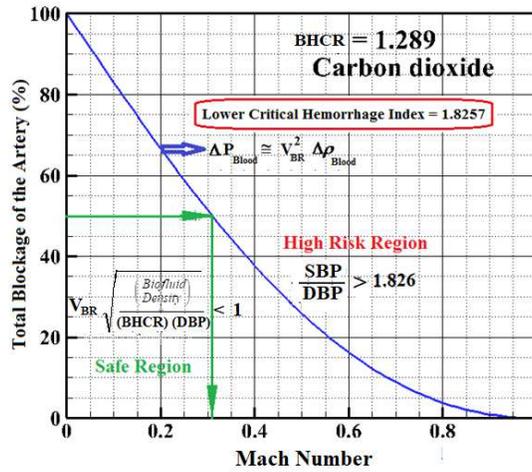


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546 **Figure 1(a-f). Demonstration of various physical situations of the Internal flow**
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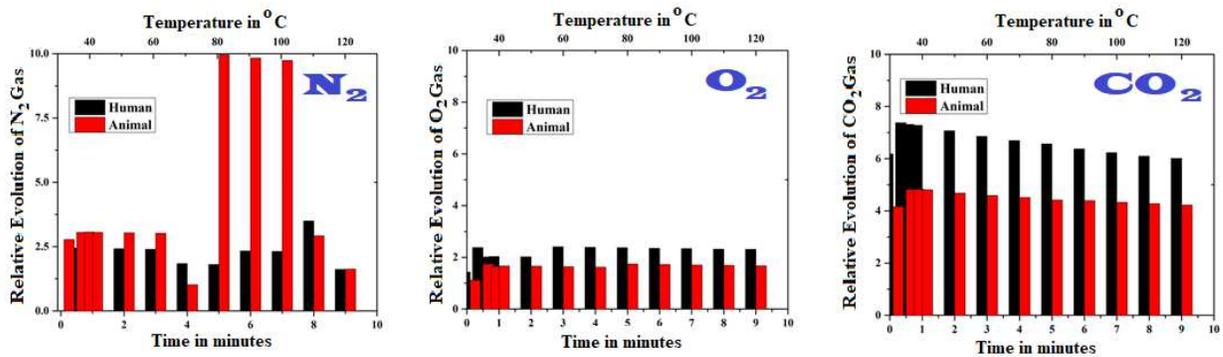
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Fig.2 SANAL Chart: Condition for prohibiting AH and AHF



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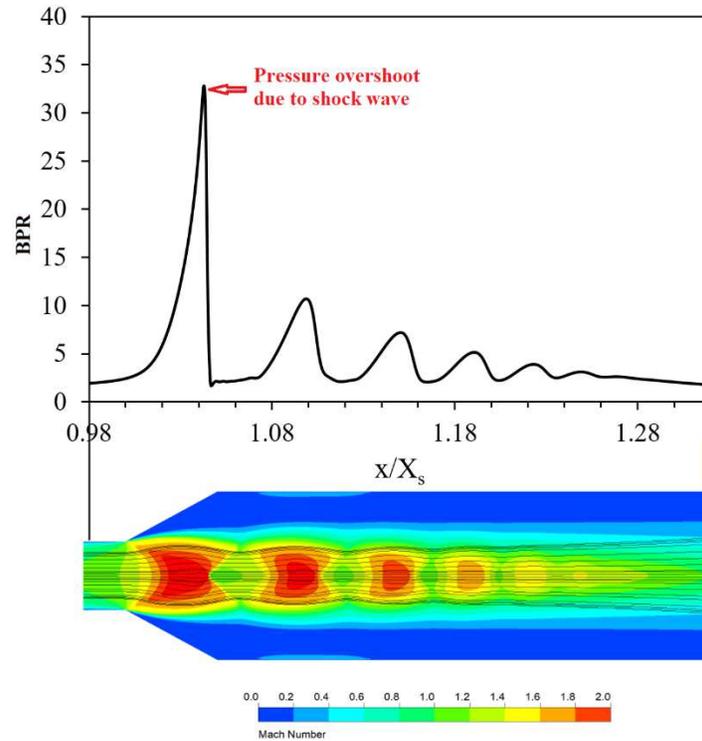
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555 Fig. 3(a-c) Mass spectrum of N_2 , O_2 , and CO_2 evolved as a function of both
556 temperature obtained from blood samples of healthy subjects.



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558 **Fig. 4** In silico results show the Sanal-flow-choking and shock waves
 559 generation at the subsonic inflow condition (creeping flow) leading to the
 560 transient pressure overshoots (stroke) in the downstream region of an artery
 561 (*where tissue death (infarction) occurs*) with divergent port as a result of the
 562 CD nozzle flow effect (a case with gas embolism).

563 **Table-1** Prediction of the *UCHI* from the heat capacity ratio
 564 of fresh blood samples of healthy human being of age 23-56.

<i>Batch No.</i>	<i>Blood Group</i>	<i>SBP/DBP</i>	<i>BPR</i>	<i>BHCR</i>	<i>UCHI @ 37.5° C</i>
3073	O+	150/90	1.666	3.5	3.11
3074	A+	120/70	1.714	2.76	2.691
3078	B-	150/90	1.666	2.7292	2.709
3080	O+	150/90	1.666	2.9935	2.824
3082	A+	140/96	1.458	2.6759	2.64

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567 **VRSK:** Conceptualization, analytical modeling, manuscript drafting; **SKC:** In vitro
568 conceptualization, manuscript editing; **PKR:** In vitro conceptualization, manuscript
569 editing; **RSB:** *In vitro* and data generation; **NC:** *In vitro, in silico* and project support, **VS:**
570 Modeling and simulation support, **AS:** *In silico* simulation support, **CO:** Resources

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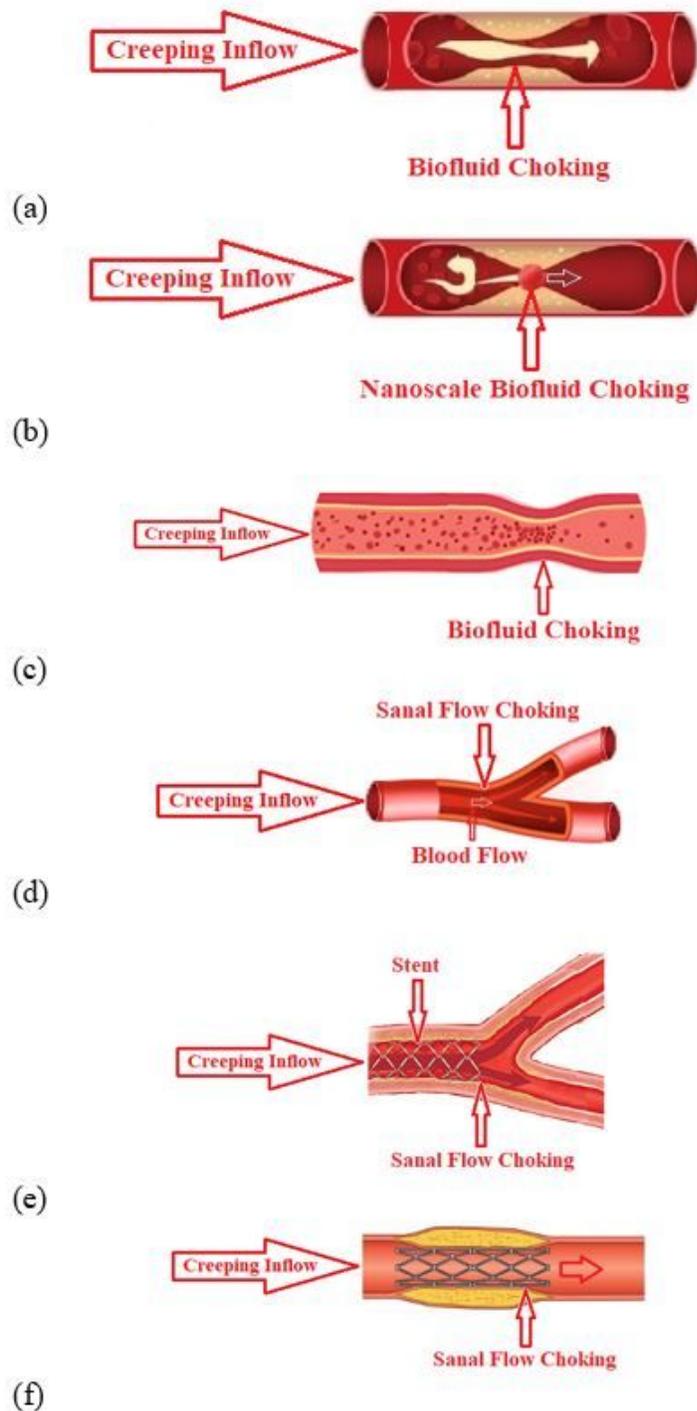


Figure 1

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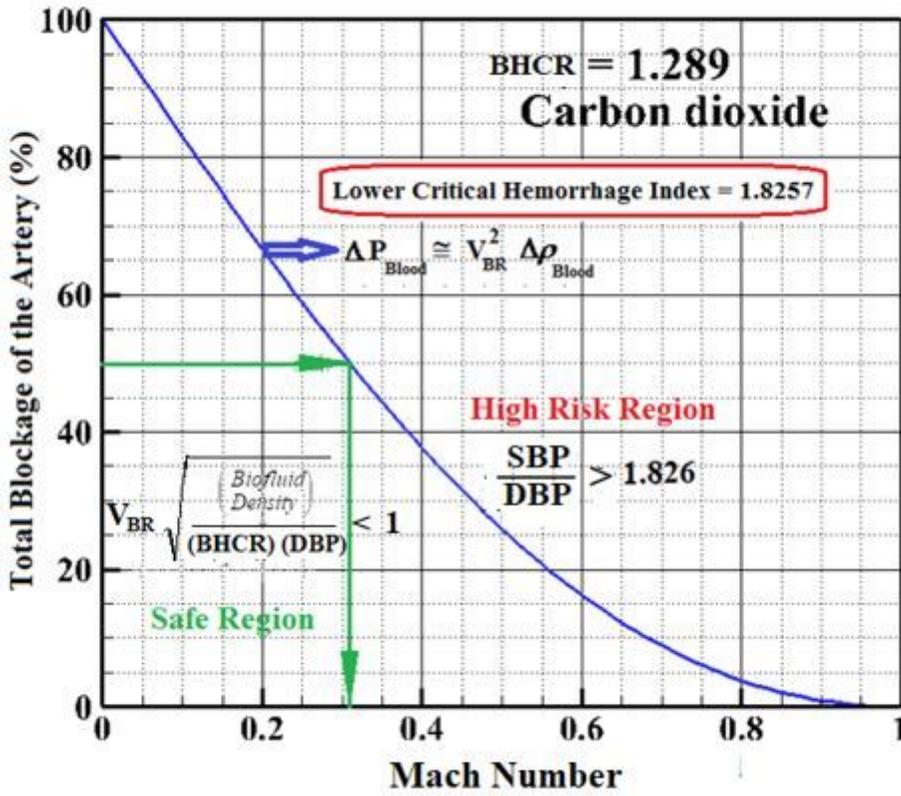


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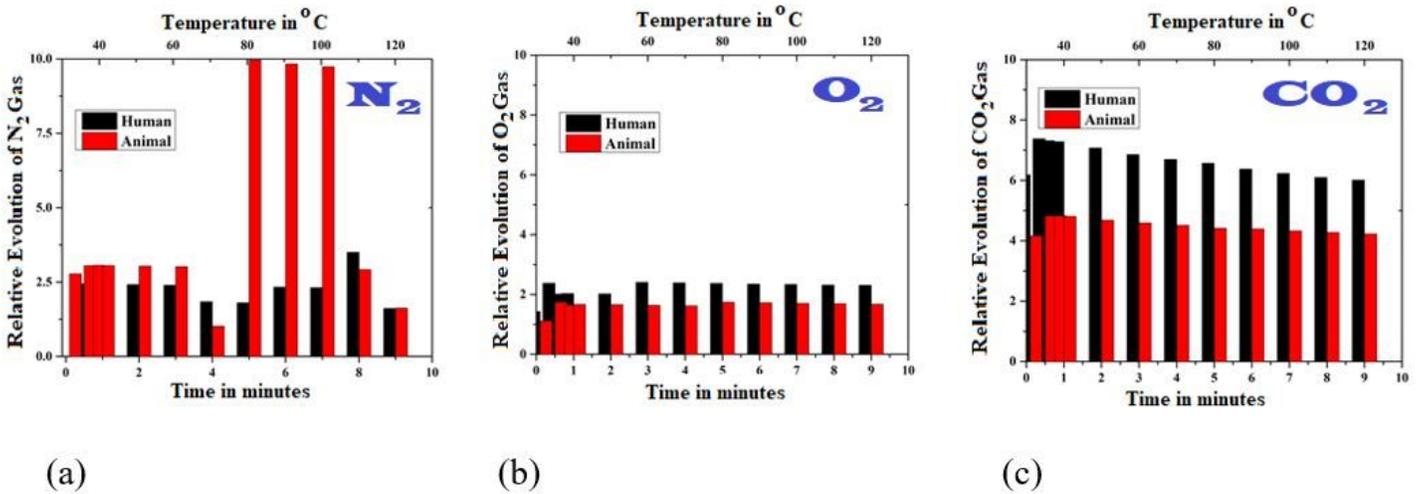


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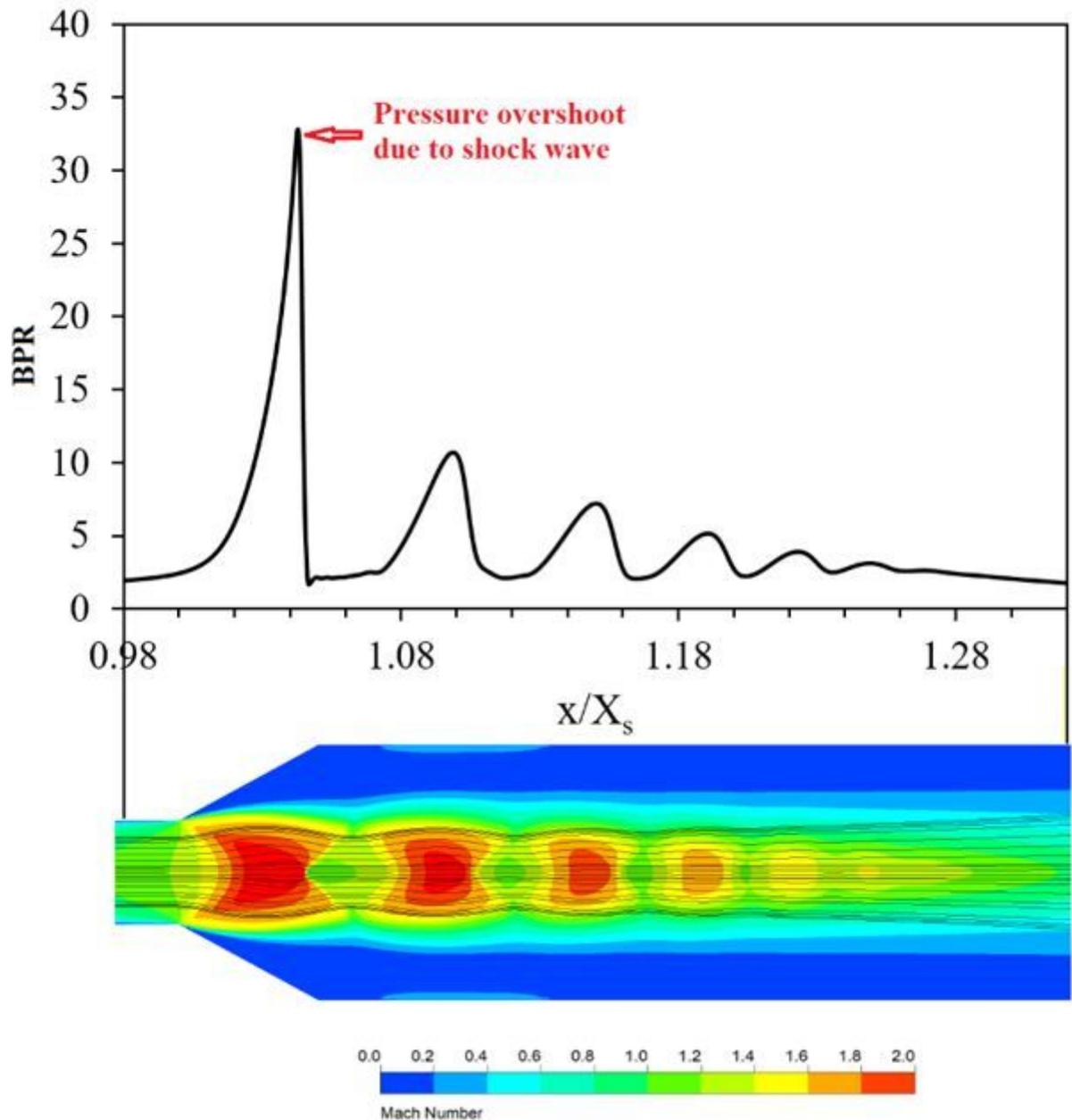


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