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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for diagnosing and/or prognosing heart failure in a subject the method comprising the step of determining the level of at least one genetic marker in a body fluid sample obtained from said subject, wherein said at least one genetic marker is an mi RNA. The invention further relates to a method for treating or preventing heart failure in a subject the method comprising the step of decreasing within said subject the expression, amount, and/or activity of at least one mi RNA, or decreasing within said subject the interaction of at least one mi RNA with its m RNA target or increasing within said subject the expression, amount, and/or activity of the m RNA target of at least one mi RNA.