**Supplementary Table 1.** The results of laboratory tests obtained during patient hospitalization in our department.

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| **First hospitalization** | **Second hospitalization** |
| **Parameter** | **At admission** | **Before epi-VVI**  | **Before** **S-ICD**  | **Before discharge** | **At admission** | **Before discharge** |
| Red blood cells count [1012/L]N: 4.5-5.5 | 3.58 | 3.20 | 2.74 | 2.86 | 3.18 | 3.13 |
| Haemoglobin[g/dL]N: 13.0-17.0 | 10.2 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 9.5 |
| White blood cells count [109/L]N:4.0-10.0 | 6.76 | 5.77 | 5.91 | 5.30 | 5.19 | 3.92 |
| Platelet count [109/L]N:150-410 | 315 | 269 | 128 | 213 | 340 | 242 |
| Creatinine [mg/dL]N: 0.73-1.18 | 1.85 | 2.46 | 1.92 | 1.85 | 1.14 | 1.28 |
| eGFR [ml/min/1.73 m2] N: >60 | 36 | 26 | 35 | 36 | 65 | 56 |
| C-reactive protein [mg/L]N:0.0-5.0 | 63.43 | 39.78 | 7.88 | 24.23 | 37.9 | 19.63 |
| Procalcitonin [ng/mL]N: 0.0-0.5 | 0.19 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.04 |

epi-VVI – epicardial ventricular pacing system; CRP – C-reactive protein; eGFR - estimated glomerular filtration rate; S-ICD- subcutaneous implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; N – ranges of normal values