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IL RISCHIO DI ICTUS DOPO TAVI. IL RUOLO DEI NAO

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**Il rischio di ictus dopo TAVI –
Il ruolo dei NAO**

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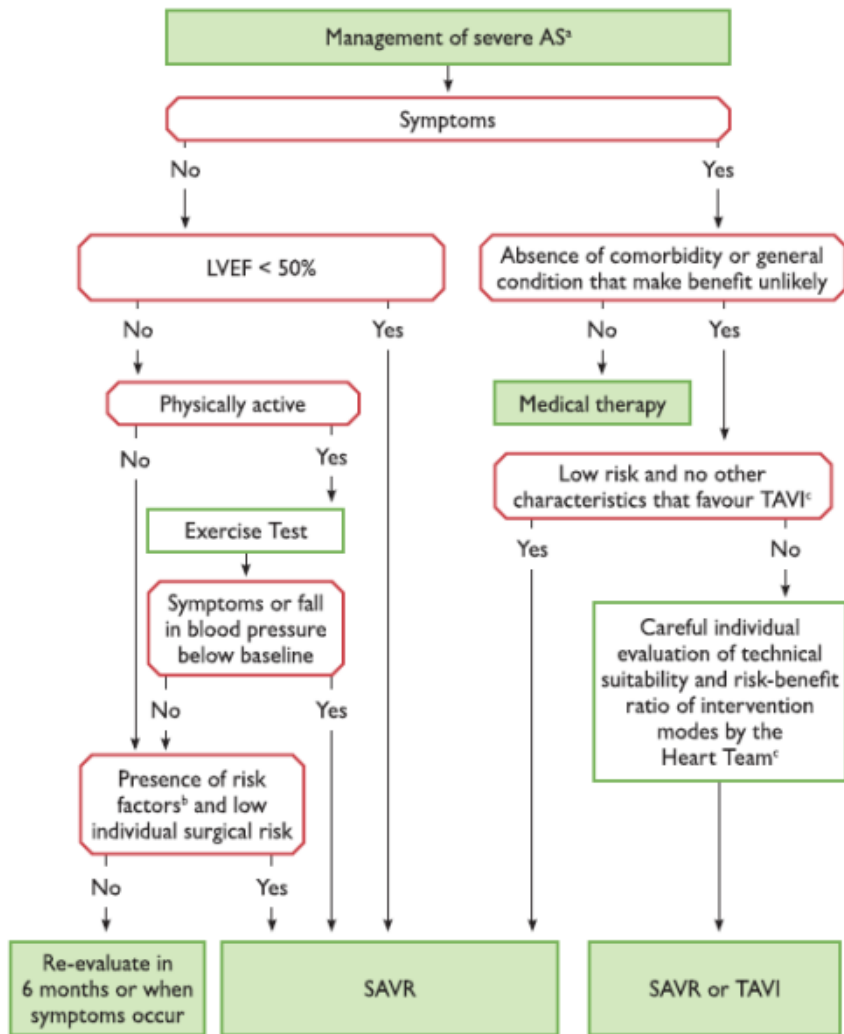
- Co-author ESC Guidelines on Atrial Fibrillation 2010-2012
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TAVI have now a recognized role in the management of aortic stenosis

2017 ESC/EACTS Guidelines for the management of valvular heart disease

The Task Force for the Management of Valvular Heart Disease of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

Baumgartner H et al., EHJ 2017
00, 1–53 doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehx391



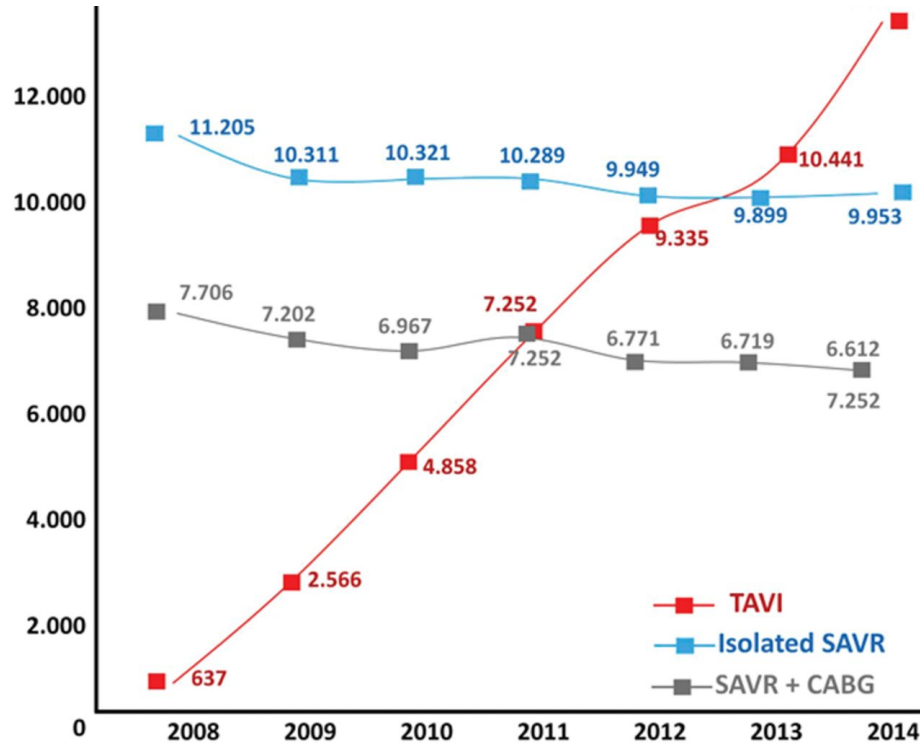
TAVI commercial approval in USA in 2011 for excessive-risk patients; in 2012 for high-risk; in 2016 for intermediate-risk patients

Perioperative risk of death – the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) score

- ▶ low-risk: <4%
- ▶ intermediate-risk: 4-8%
- ▶ high-risk: >8%
- ▶ excessive-risk: >12%

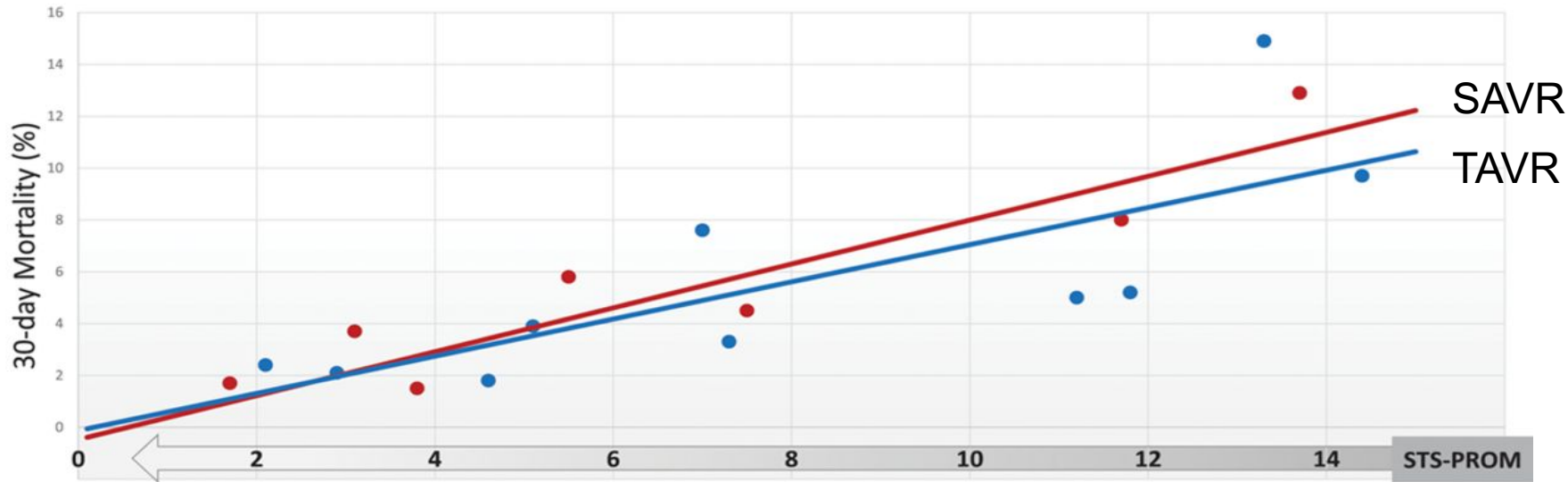


Temporal trends of transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) and surgical aortic valve replacement (SAVR) performance in Germany between 2008 and 2014



Mortality after transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) vs surgical aortic valve replacement (SAVR) with decreasing Society of Thoracic Surgeons-predicted risk of operative mortality (STS-PROM)

30-day Mortality (%) in TAVI vs. SAVR with decreasing STS-PROM



PARTNER Study Design



Symptomatic Severe Aortic Stenosis

ASSESSMENT: High-Risk AVR Candidate
3,105 Total Patients Screened

Total = 1,057 patients

**2 Parallel Trials:
Individually Powered**

N = 699

High Risk

**ASSESSMENT:
Transfemoral
Access**

Yes

No

Transfemoral (TF)

Transapical (TA)

1:1 Randomization

1:1 Randomization

N = 244

N = 248

N = 104

N = 103

TF TAVR

VS

AVR

VS

TA TAVR

VS

AVR

**Primary Endpoint: All-Cause Mortality at 1 yr
(Non-inferiority)**

Inoperable

N = 358

**ASSESSMENT:
Transfemoral
Access**

Yes

No

1:1 Randomization

Not In Study

N = 179

N = 179

TF TAVR

VS

**Standard
Therapy**

**Primary Endpoint: All-Cause Mortality
Over Length of Trial (Superiority)
Co-Primary Endpoint: Composite of All-Cause Mortality
and Repeat Hospitalization (Superiority)**

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Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Implantation for Aortic Stenosis in Patients Who Cannot Undergo Surgery

Martin B. Leon, M.D., Craig R. Smith, M.D., Michael Mack, M.D., D. Craig Miller, M.D., Jeffrey W. Moses, M.D., Lars G. Svensson, M.D., Ph.D., E. Murat Tuzcu, M.D., John G. Webb, M.D., Gregory P. Fontana, M.D., Raj R. Makkar, M.D., David L. Brown, M.D., Peter C. Block, M.D., Robert A. Guyton, M.D., Augusto D. Pichard, M.D., Joseph E. Bavaria, M.D., Howard C. Herrmann, M.D., Pamela S. Douglas, M.D., John L. Petersen, M.D., Jodi J. Akin, M.S., William N. Anderson, Ph.D., Duoluo Wang, Ph.D., and Stuart Pocock, Ph.D., for the PARTNER Trial Investigators*

Leon M. et al.

N Engl J Med 2010;363:1597-1607.

Neurological Events at 30 Days and 1 Year All Patients (N=699)



Results from
the
Placement of
Aortic
Transcatheter
Valves
(PARTNER) 1
high risk
group
randomized
trial

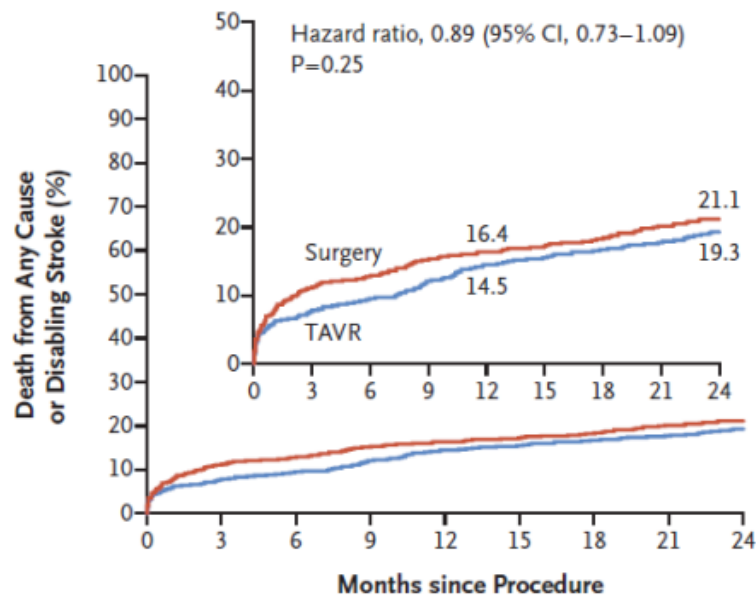
* Outcome	30 Days			1 Year		
	TAVR (N = 348)	AVR (N = 351)	p-value	TAVR (N = 348)	AVR (N = 351)	p-value
All Stroke or TIA – no. (%)	19 (5.5)	8 (2.4)	0.04	27 (8.3)	13 (4.3)	0.04
TIA – no. (%)	3 (0.9)	1 (0.3)	0.33	7 (2.3)	4 (1.5)	0.47
All Stroke – no. (%)	16 (4.6)	8 (2.4)	0.12	20 (6.0)	10 (3.2)	0.08
Major Stroke – no. (%)	13 (3.8)	7 (2.1)	0.20	17 (5.1)	8 (2.4)	0.07
Minor Stroke – no. (%)	3 (0.9)	1 (0.3)	0.34	3 (0.9)	2 (0.7)	0.84
Death/maj stroke – no. (%)	24 (6.9)	28 (8.2)	0.52	92 (26.5)	93 (28.0)	0.68

Leon M. et al.

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Results from the Placement of Aortic Transcatheter Valves (PARTNER) 2 cohort A randomized trial

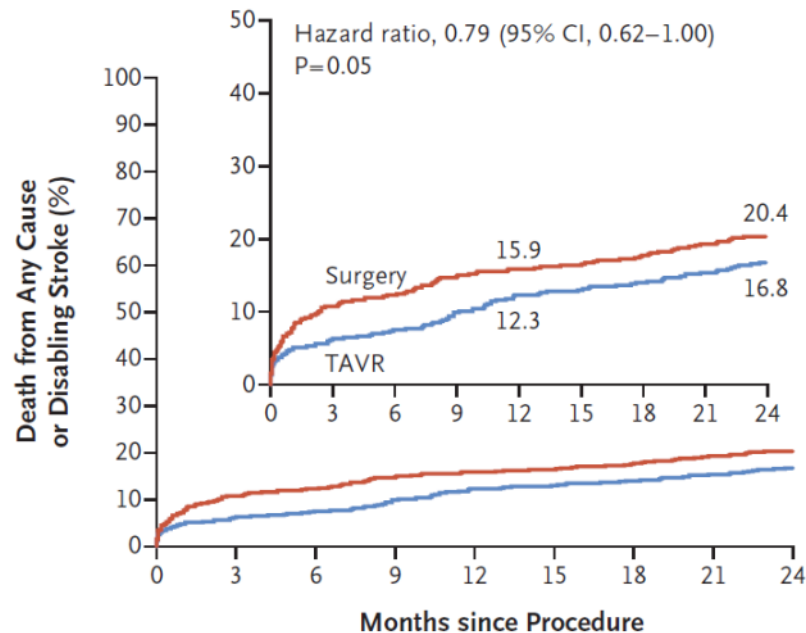
A Intention-to-Treat Population



No. at Risk

TAVR	1011	918	901	870	842	825	811	801	774
Surgery	1021	838	812	783	770	747	735	717	695

C Transfemoral-Access Cohort, Intention-to-Treat Analysis



No. at Risk

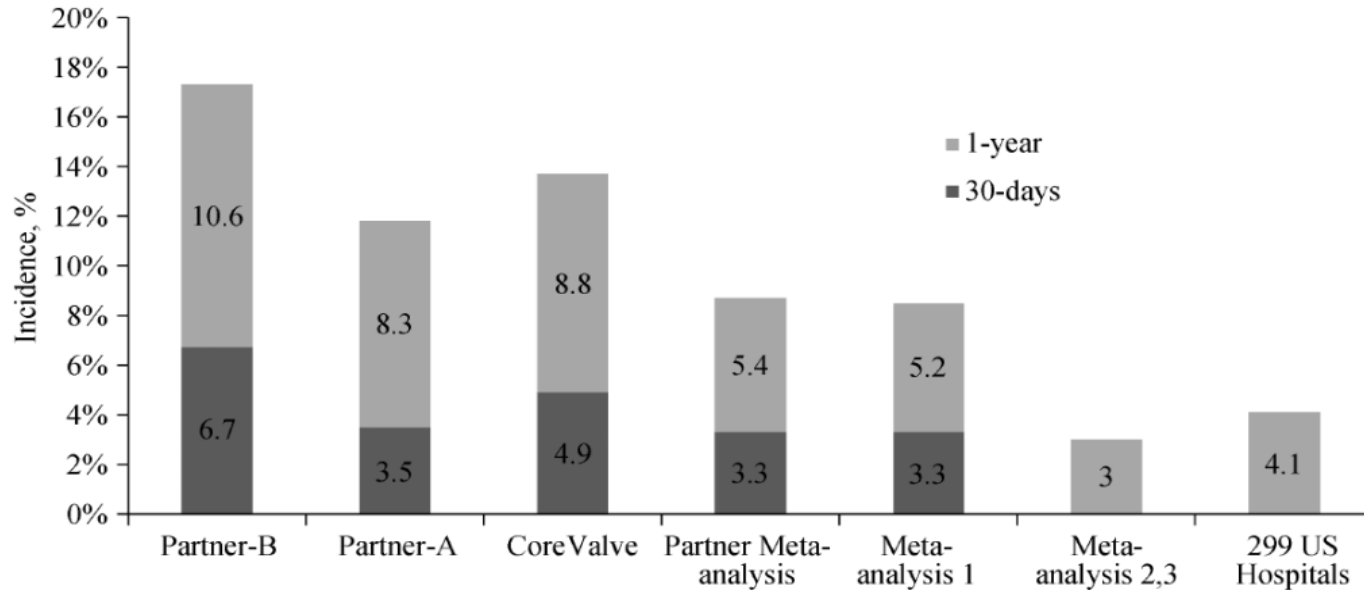
TAVR	775	718	709	685	663	652	644	634	612
Surgery	775	643	628	604	595	577	569	557	538

Comparable risk of stroke in TAVR vs surgery from the Placement of Aortic Transcatheter Valves (PARTNER) 2 cohort A randomized trial

Table 2. Clinical End Points at 30 Days, 1 Year, and 2 Years.*

End Point	At 30 Days			At 1 Year			At 2 Years		
	TAVR (N=1011)	Surgery (N=1021)	P Value	TAVR (N=1011)	Surgery (N=1021)	P Value	TAVR (N=1011)	Surgery (N=1021)	P Value
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>			<i>no. of patients (%)</i>			<i>no. of patients (%)</i>		
Any stroke	55 (5.5)	61 (6.1)	0.57	78 (8.0)	79 (8.1)	0.88	91 (9.5)	85 (8.9)	0.67
Disabling stroke	32 (3.2)	43 (4.3)	0.20	49 (5.0)	56 (5.8)	0.46	59 (6.2)	61 (6.4)	0.83
Nondisabling stroke	23 (2.3)	18 (1.8)	0.43	30 (3.0)	24 (2.5)	0.44	33 (3.4)	27 (2.9)	0.51

Decreasing rates of stroke in TAVI trials over time

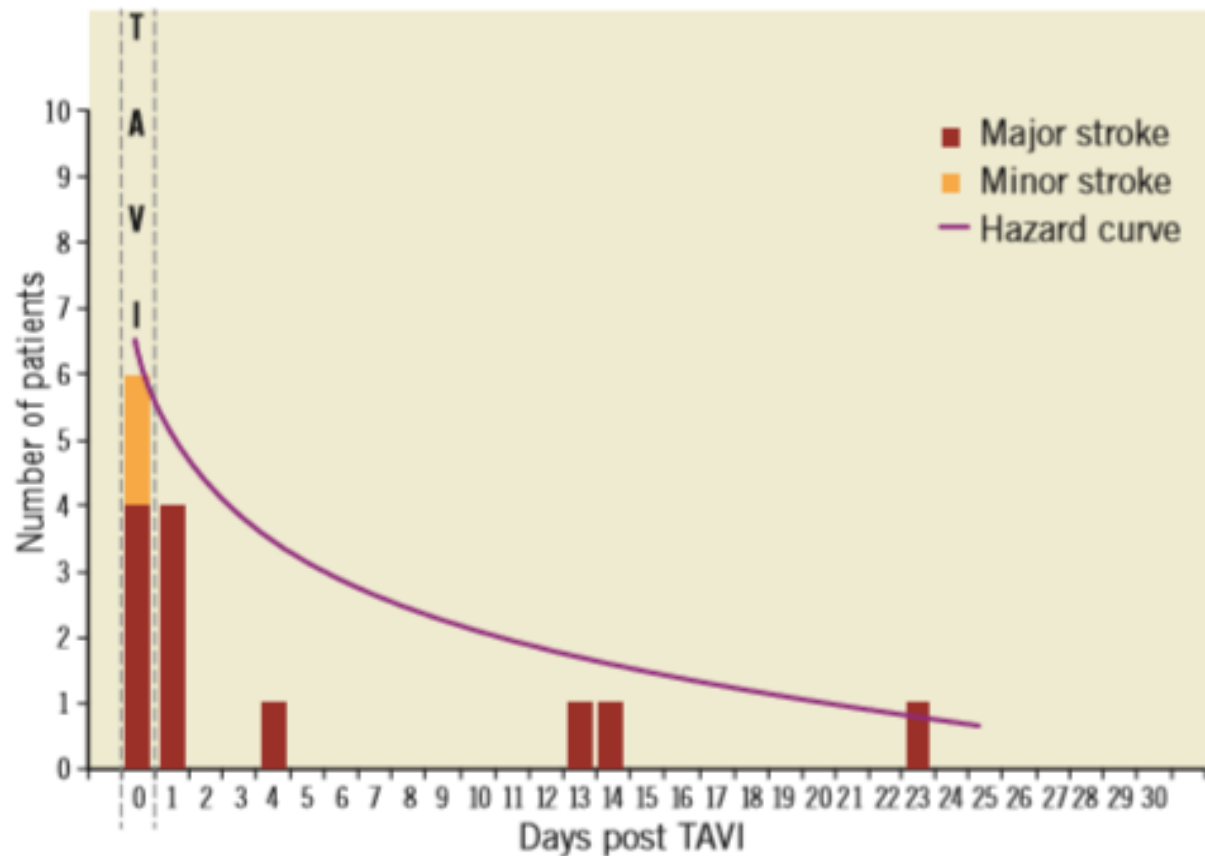


Incidence of stroke after TAVI

- ▶ Currently <5%.
- ▶ In an analysis examining the STS/American College of Cardiology Transcatheter Valve Therapy Registry from November 2011 to June 2013, stroke rate of 4.1% at 1 year in a large cohort of 12,182 patients.

Stroke after TAVI – still a major issue

- ▶ Increases mortality by 3.5 %
- ▶ Increases all-cause morbidity
- ▶ impacts on cognitive function and quality of life



Stortecky S. et al;
EuroIntervention
2012;8:62-70

Figure 1. *Frequency distribution of cerebrovascular accidents within 30 days after transcatheter aortic valve implantation.*

Stroke rates increase throughout the first year

In a meta-analysis of 10,037 patients who underwent TAVR (2004-2011) in Europe and North America, the incidence of stroke was

- ▶ 1.5% ± 1.4% at 24 hours
- ▶ 3.3% ± 1.8% at 30 days
- ▶ 5.2% ± 3.4% at 1 year

So, what can we do?



The multiple etiologies of stroke after TAVI

Procedural factors	Catheter manipulation within the proximal atheromatous thoracic aorta
Atheromatous and calcific emboli	Wire, catheter, and valve manipulation across a calcific aortic valve Balloon aortic valvuloplasty Valve deployment Balloon dilation of the deployed aortic valve
Alternative emboli	Air embolism Thromboembolism
Nonembolic issues	Watershed ischemia due to hypotension with hypoperfusion Acute hypertension after valve deployment
Nonprocedural factors	New atrial fibrillation Chronic atrial fibrillation Prior stroke Diabetes Atheromatous arterial disease Chronic hypertension

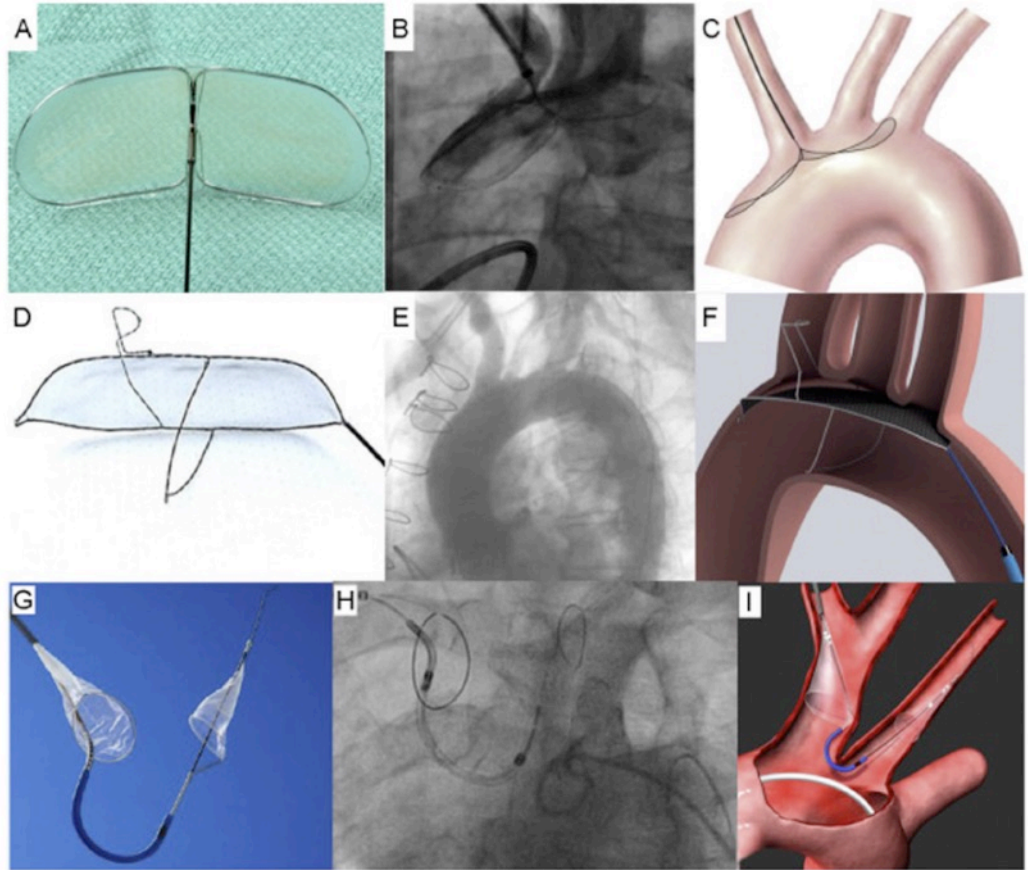
Nombela-Franco et al 2012
Freeman et al. 2014

Procedure-dependent reasons for cerebral embolism during aortic valve replacement

Transfemoral TAVR	Transapical TAVR	SAVR
Manipulation through diagnostic catheters and large valve delivery systems	Air embolism through catheter changes and final catheter retrieval	Plaque dislocation due to <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Insertion of the aortic cannula- Cross-clamping- Declamping
Balloon Valvuloplasty		Solid embolism during exercising the calcified leaflets
Positioning and implantation of the balloon-mounted valve		Air embolism through insufficient deairing
Balloon post-dilatation		
Hypoperfusion due to rapid passing		

TAVR: transcatheter aortic valve replacement; SAVR: surgical aortic valve replacement.

Embolic protection devices



Histopathologic illustrations of captured debris retrieved from the Claret Montage Dual Filter

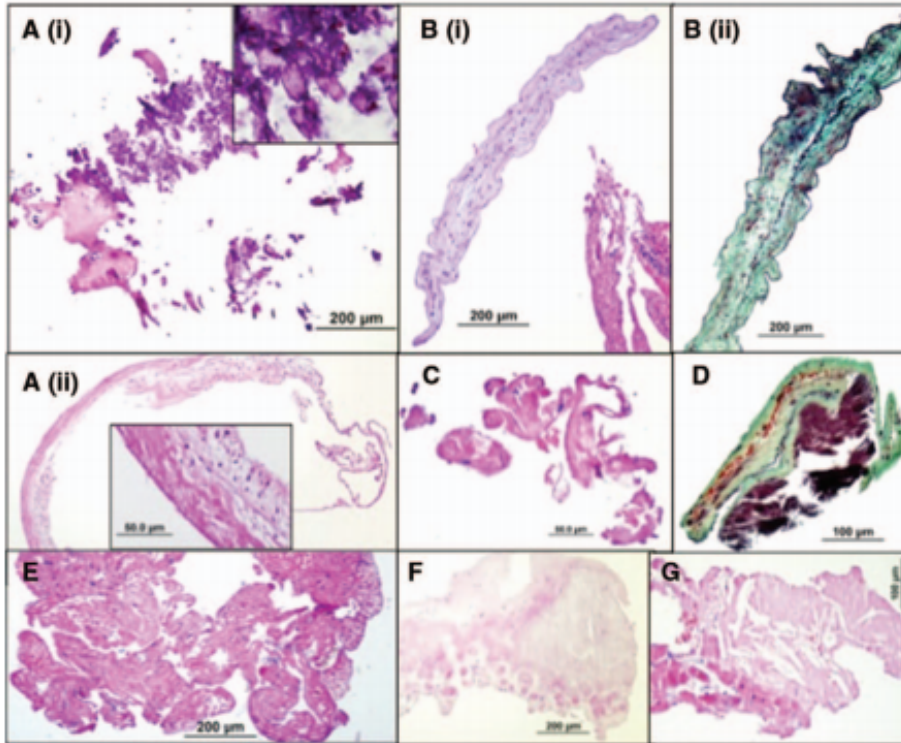
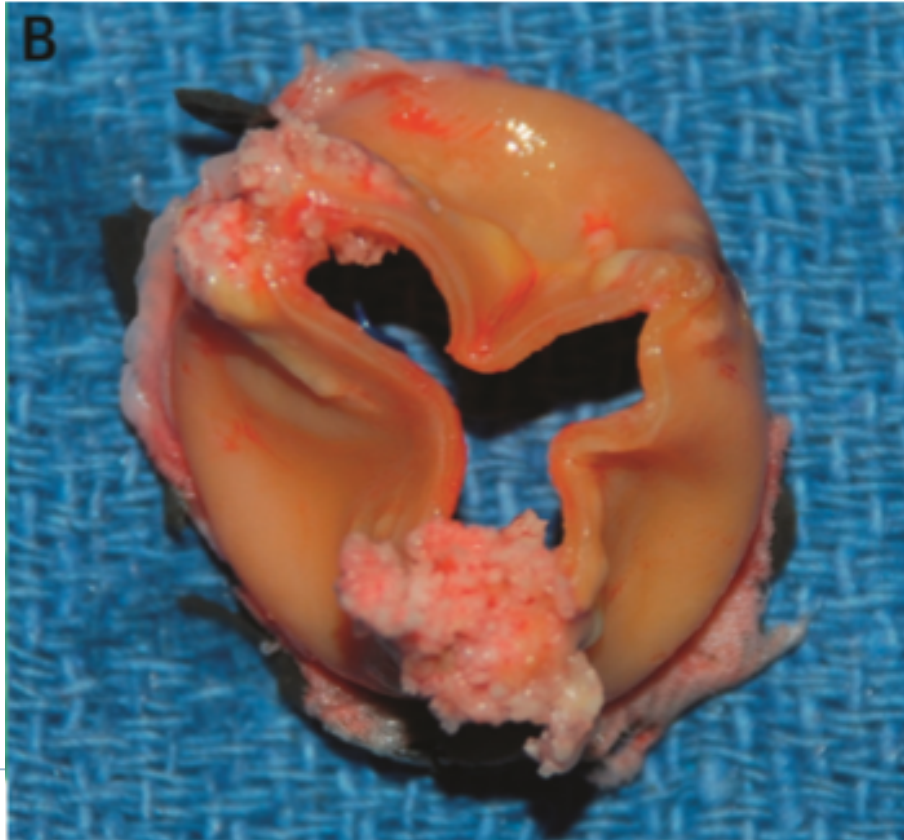


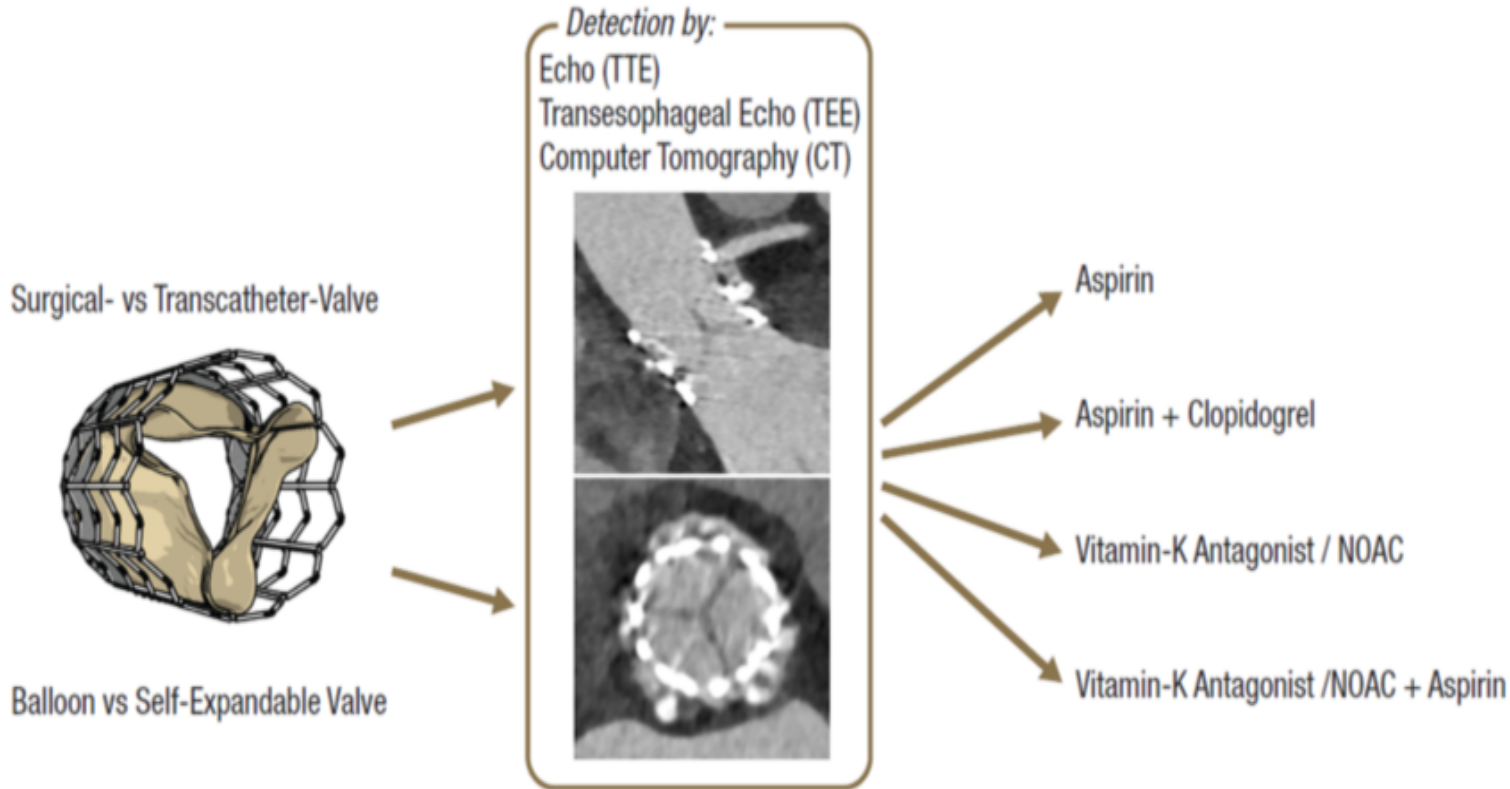
Figure 4. Histopathologic illustrations of captured debris retrieved from the Claret Montage Dual Filter. **A(i)**, The calcium fragment. **A(ii)**, The valve fragment. **B(i)**, Valve fragments, H&E stained; note proteoglycan-rich matrix. **B(ii)**, Elastic fibers and proteoglycans matrix are better appreciated on the Movat-stained section. **C**, Collagen fragments. **D**, Fragment of collagen and proteoglycan with thrombus (Movat stained). **E**, Thrombotic material consisting mostly of fibrin strands with trapped red blood cells and rare neutrophils. **F**, Valve tissue showing the presence of a nodule of Arantí. **G**, Necrotic material with thrombus, H&E stained. H&E indicates hematoxylin and eosin.

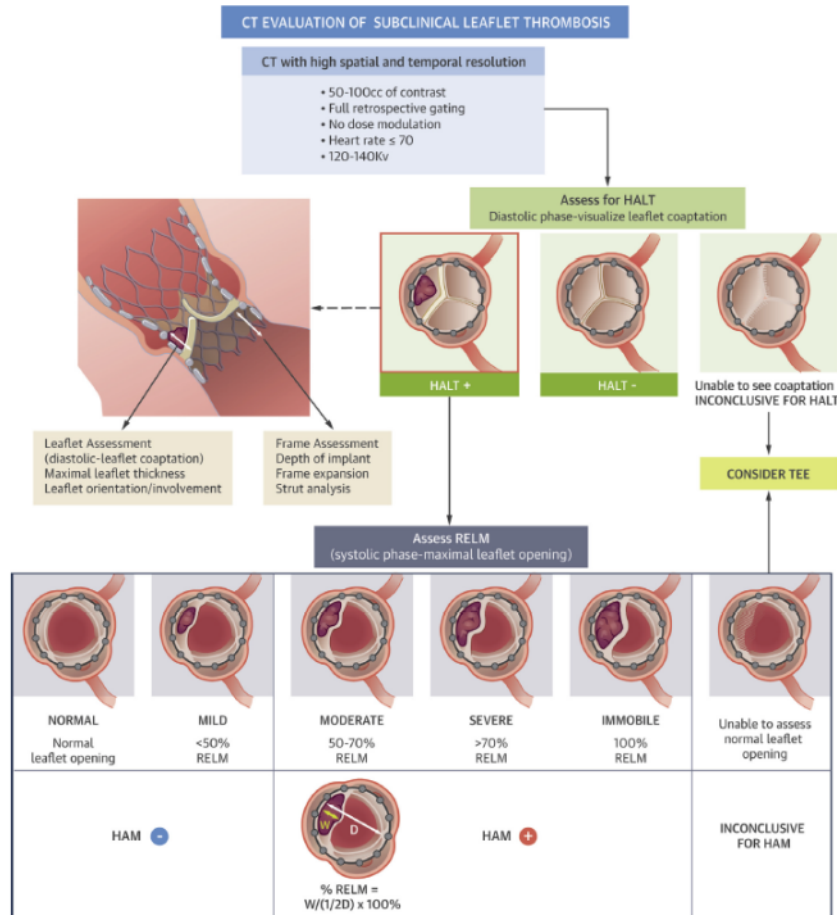
An example of an explanted CoreValve with immobile leaflets due to the presence of thrombi on the aortic side



Puri R et al, JACC 2017

Thrombosis of TAVI prosthesis





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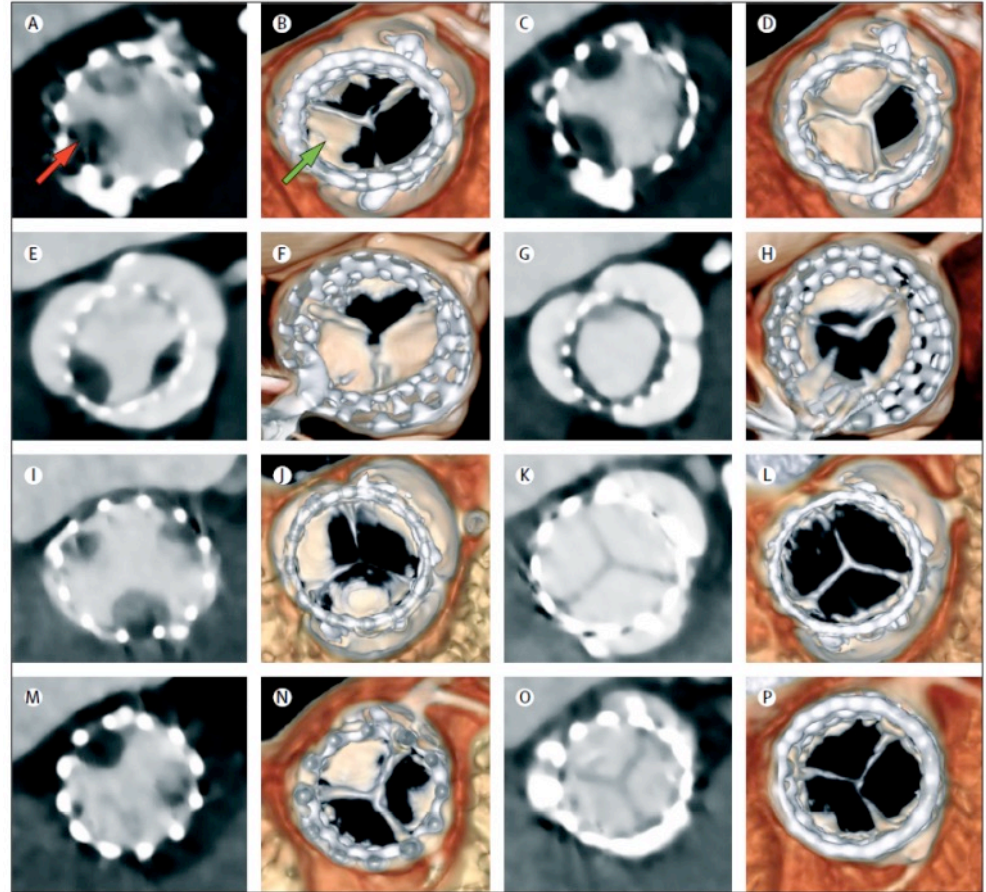
Systematic CT Methodology for the Evaluation of Subclinical Leaflet Thrombosis

Hasan Jilaihawi, MD,^a Federico M. Asch, MD,^b Eric Manasse, MD,^c Carlos E. Ruiz, MD,^d Vladimir Jelnin, MD,^d Mohammad Kashif, MD,^e Hiroyuki Kawamori, MD,^e Yoshio Maeno, MD,^e Yoshio Kazuno, MD,^e Nobuyuki Takahashi, MD,^e Richard Olson, BSME, MBA,^c Joe Alkhatib, BSME,^c Daniel Berman, MD,^e John Friedman, MD,^e Norman Gellada, RT, CRT,^e Tarun Chakravarty, MD,^e Raj R. Makkar, MD^e

J Am Coll Cardiol Img
2017;10:461-70

Effect of dual antiplatelet
therapy versus
anticoagulation on
hypoattenuating opacities
and reduced leaflet motion

Chakravarty T. et al.,
***Lancet* 2017; 389: 2383–92**

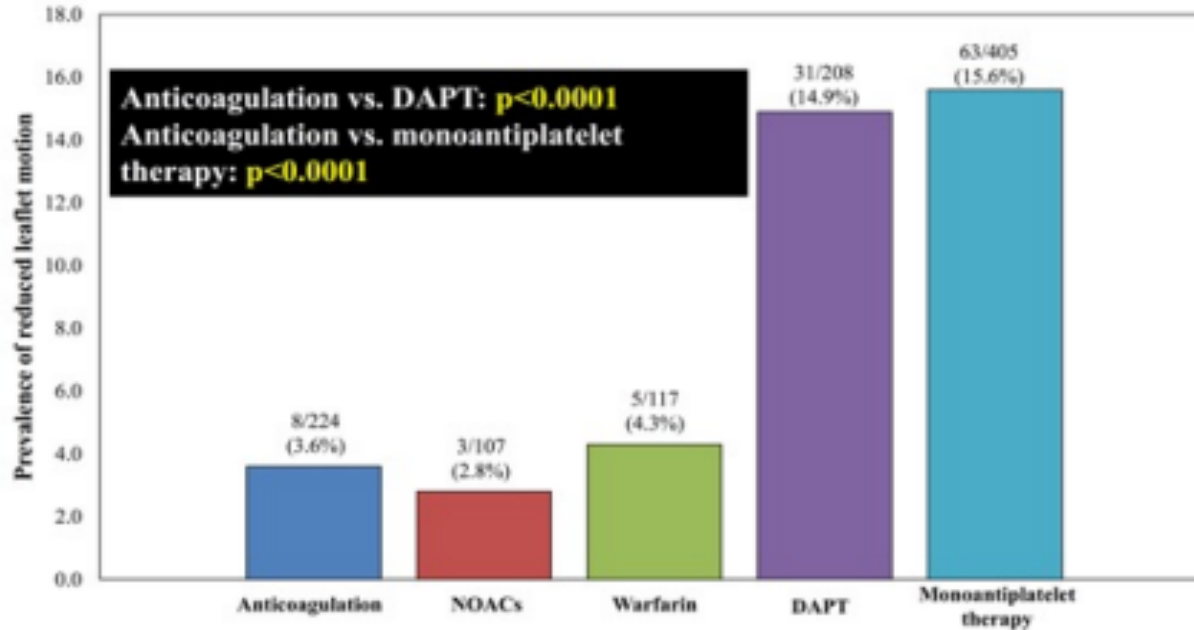


Subclinical leaflet thrombosis in surgical and transcatheter bioprosthetic aortic valves: an observational study

- ▶ Subclinical leaflet thrombosis occurred frequently in bioprosthetic aortic valves, more frequently in transcatheter than in surgical valves
- ▶ **Anticoagulation** (both NOACs and warfarin), **but not dual antiplatelet therapy**, was effective in prevention or treatment of subclinical leaflet thrombosis
- ▶ Subclinical leaflet thrombosis was associated with increased rates of TIA and stroke +TIA
- ▶ Most patients with reduced leaflet motion detected with CT scanning had echocardiographic gradients of less than 20 mm Hg.
- ▶ Despite excellent outcomes after TAVI with the new generation valves, **prevention and treatment of subclinical leaflet thrombosis** might offer a potential opportunity for further improvement in valve haemodynamics and **clinical outcomes**.

Anticoagulation and reduced leaflet motion

Anticoagulation vs antiplatelet therapy



Chakravarty T et al.
Lancet 2017

Chakravarty T et al. Lancet 2017 Mar 19. Epub ahead of print.

Atrial fibrillation and TAVI

- ▶ Pre-existing AF is common – 33.4% and affects all-cause mortality
- ▶ The incidence of new atrial fibrillation was 17.5%. It did not affect mortality after TAVI, but did increase risk of stroke significantly in the short-term
- ▶ Therefore up to >50% of TAVI patient may have AF!

Current Antithrombotic Therapeutic Recommendations for Bioprosthetic Valve Implantation

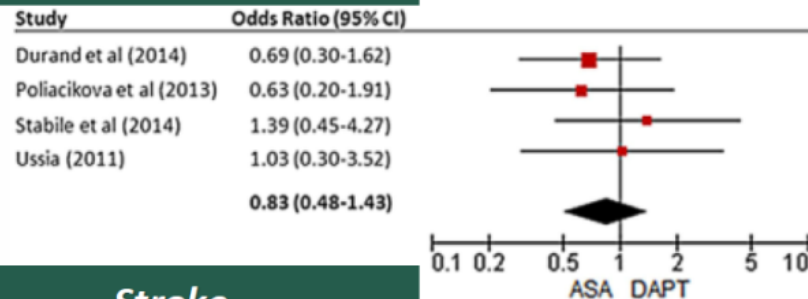
	ACC/AHA Guidelines (19)	ESC/EACTS Guidelines (57)	ACCP Guidelines (56)	ACCF/AATS/SCAI/STS Expert Consensus (59)	CCS Position Statement (58)
SAVR MVR or repair	ASA 75–100 mg/d lifelong (IIa B) + VKA (INR of 2.5) for the first 3 months (IIa C for MVR or repair; IIb B for SAVR)	Low-dose ASA (IIa C) or VKA (IIb C) for the first 3 months post-SAVR VKA for the first 3 months after MVR or repair (IIa C)	ASA (50–100 mg/day) over VKA in the first 3 months post-SAVR (grade 2C) VKA (INR of 2.5) for the first 3 months post-MVR ASA over no therapy after 3 months in all cases (grade 2C)		
TAVR	ASA 75–100 mg/day lifelong + clopidogrel 75 mg/day for the first 6 months post-TAVR (IIb C)	DAPT (duration unspecified) In setting of OAC, avoid triple therapy and use warfarin with either ASA or clopidogrel	DAPT over VKA therapy and over no antiplatelet therapy in the first 3 months (grade 2C)	IV heparin with an ACT goal of 300 s during the procedure DAPT for 3–6 months, then ASA 81 mg indefinitely In setting of OAC, continue ASA, but not clopidogrel	DAPT for 1–3 months, then ASA 81 mg indefinitely In setting of OAC, avoid triple therapy

AATS = American Association for Thoracic Surgery; ACC = American College of Cardiology; ACCP = American College of Chest Physicians; ACT = activated clotting time; AHA = American Heart Association; ASA = aspirin; CCS = Canadian Cardiovascular Society; EACTS = European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery; ESC = European Society of Cardiology; IV = intravenous; MVR = mitral valve replacement; SCAI = Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions; STS = Society of Thoracic Surgeons; VKA = vitamin K antagonist; other abbreviations as in [Tables 1 and 3](#).

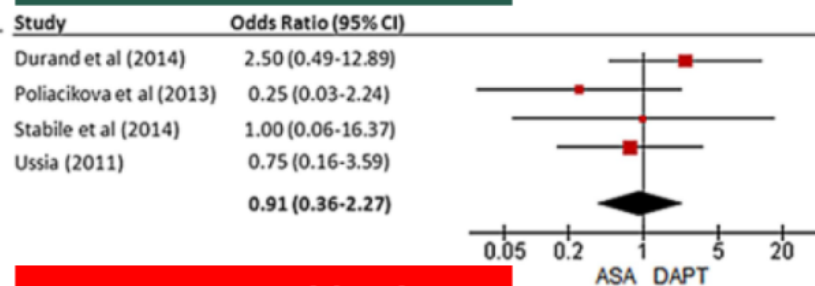
DAPT Vs. Aspirin After TAVI: 30-Day FU

Hassell et al. *Heart* 2015;101:1118-25

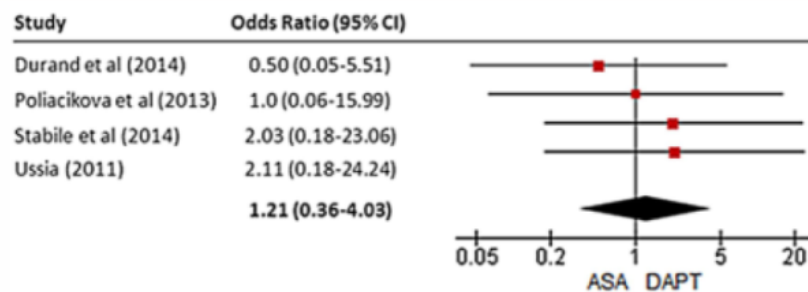
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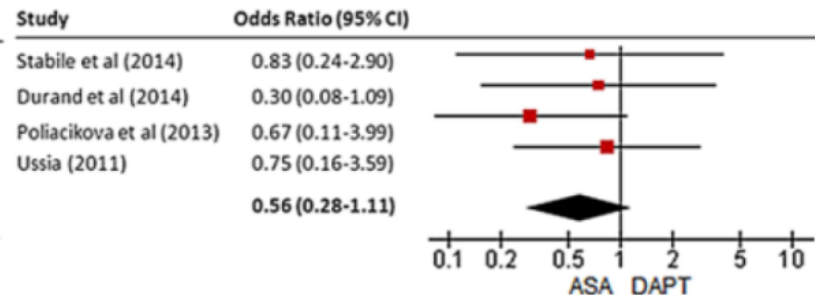
All-cause Death



Stroke



LTB or major bleeding



IPD analysis (N=672) of 2 RCT (N=199) and 2 non-matched cohorts (N=473)

ESC Guidelines 2017 for peri-TAVI antithrombotic therapy

Indications for antithrombotic therapy in patients with a prosthetic heart valve or valve repair

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Bioprostheses		
Dual antiplatelet therapy should be considered for the first 3–6 months after TAVI, followed by lifelong single antiplatelet therapy in patients who do not need oral anticoagulation for other reasons.	IIa	C
Single antiplatelet therapy may be considered after TAVI in the case of high bleeding risk.	IIb	C
Oral anticoagulation may be considered for the first 3 months after surgical implantation of an aortic bioprosthesis.	IIb	C

Baumgartner H et al., EHJ 2017
00, 1–53 doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehx391

Ongoing studies comparing different antithrombotic regimes following TAVI (i)

Study	Acronym	NCT-number	Study arms	Primary endpoint	Planned pat. number	Sponsor	Timeline
Global study comparing a rivaroxaban-based antithrombotic strategy to an antiplatelet-based strategy after transcatheter aortic valve replacement to optimize clinical outcomes	GALILEO	NCT02556203	Rivaroxaban + aspirin vs. DAPT	Death/MI/stroke/embolism/prosthesis thrombus/major bleeding	1520	Bayer	Estimated completion 01/2018
Comparison of a rivaroxaban-based strategy with an antiplatelet-based strategy following successful TAVR for the prevention of leaflet thickening and reduced leaflet motion as evaluated by four-dimensional, volume-rendered computed tomography (4DCT)	GALILEO substudy	NCT02833948	As above	Leaflet thickening and motion	300	ECRI/Bayer	Estimated completion 11/2017
Anti-thrombotic strategy after trans-aortic valve implantation for aortic stenosis	ATLANTIS	NCT02664649	Apixaban vs. DAPT or VKA	Death/MI/stroke/embolism/prosthesis thrombus/major bleeding	1509	Pfizer/BMS	Estimated completion 09/2018
Edoxaban compared to standard care after heart valve replacement using a catheter in patients with atrial fibrillation	ENVISAGE-TAVI AF	NCT02943785	Edoxaban vs. VKA	Death/MI/stroke/embolism/prosthesis thrombus/major bleeding	1400	Daiichi Sankyo	Estimated completion 11/2020

Ongoing studies comparing different antithrombotic regimes following TAVI (ii)

Antiplatelet therapy for patients undergoing transcatheter aortic valve implantation (POPular-TAVI)	POPular-TAVI	NCT02247128	Aspirin vs. DAPT vs. OAC vs. OAC + clopidogrel	Bleeding	1000	St. Antonius Hospital, Netherlands	Estimated primary completion 08/2016
Dual antiplatelet therapy versus oral anticoagulation for a short time to prevent cerebral embolism after TAVI	AUREA	NCT01642134	DAPT vs. acenocoumarol	Cerebral thromboembolism (MRI)	–	Hospital de Meixoeiro, Spain	Estimated completion 04/2017
Anticoagulation alone versus anticoagulation and aspirin following transcatheter aortic valve interventions (1:1)	AVATAR	NCT02735902	Aspirin vs. aspirin + VKA	Death/MI/stroke/valve thrombosis major bleeding	170	Nimes university Medtronic	Estimated start 04/2017
Aspirin versus aspirin + clopidogrel following transcatheter aortic valve implantation: the ARTE Trial	ARTE	NCT01559298	Aspirin vs. DAPT	Death/MI/stroke/major bleeding	155	University Quebec/Edwards Lifesciences	Estimated completion 01/2017

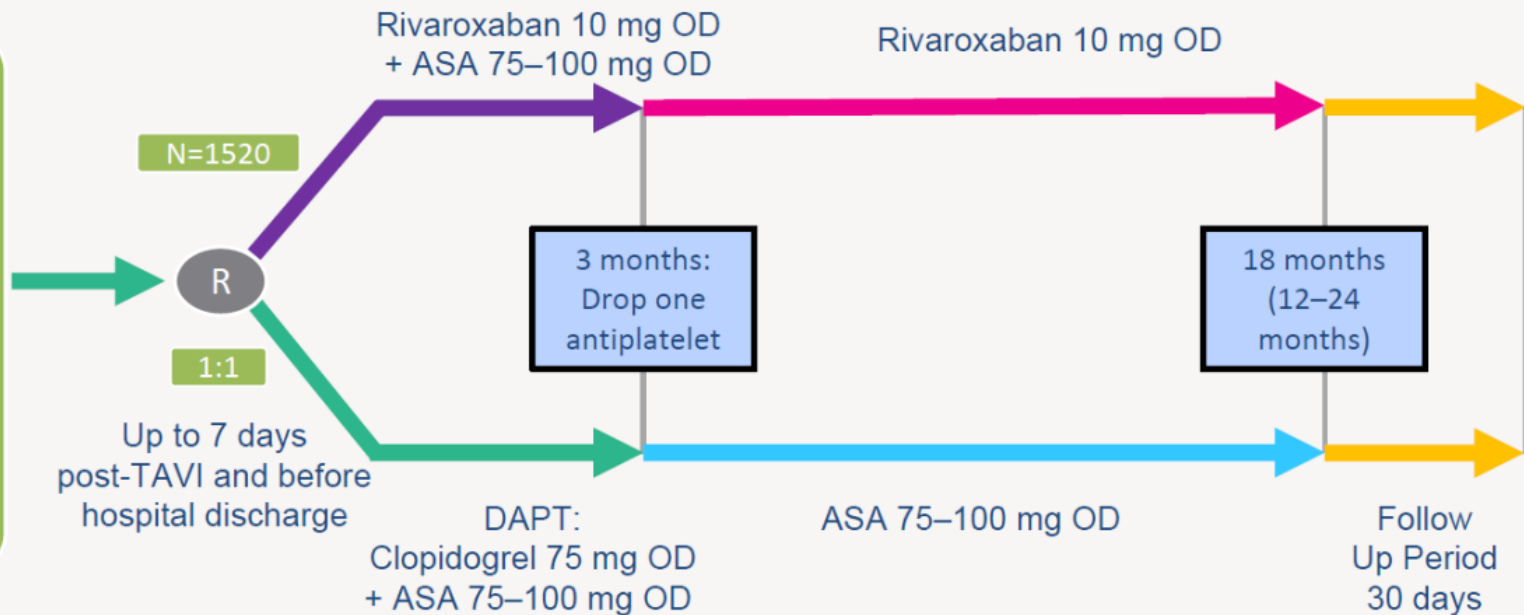
Information provided as provided on <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>

DAPT dual antiplatelet therapy (i.e. aspirin + clopidogrel), *OAC* oral anticoagulation, *VKA* vitamin K antagonist, *MI* myocardial infarction, *MRI* magnetic resonance imaging

GALILEO: Study Design Overview

Study population:
Patients with successful TAVI* and without AF

Key Excl. criteria:
Ongoing indication for DAPT or anticoagulation, previous ischemic stroke, active peptic ulcer or upper GI bleeding, previous ICH, or severe renal insufficiency



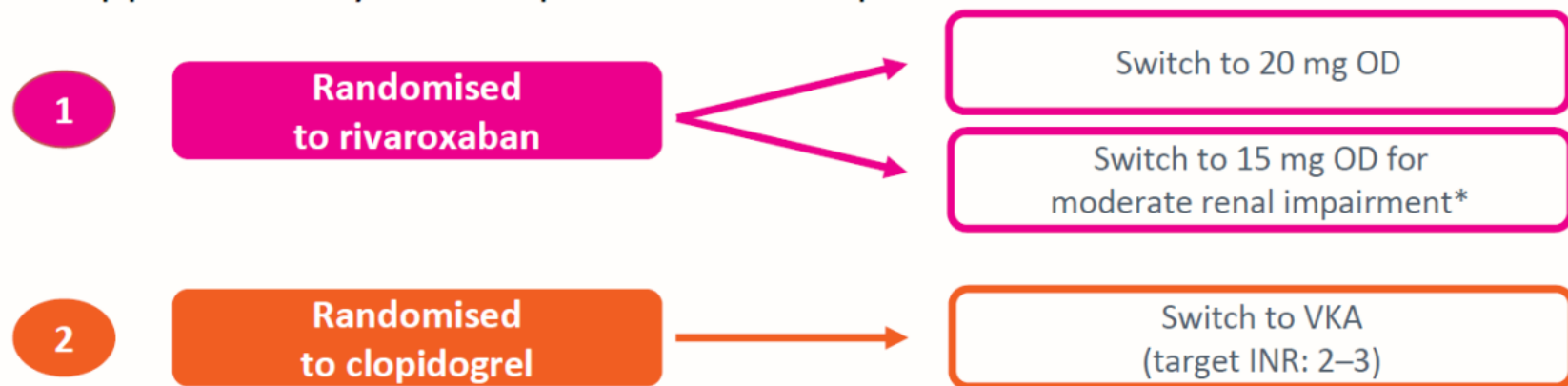
*~144 sites in Europe & North America (15 countries).

ASA=Acetylsalicylic acid; DAPT=Dual antiplatelet therapy; GI=Gastrointestinal; ICH=Intracranial haemorrhage; OD=Once daily; TAIR=Transcatheter aortic valve implantation
www.ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02556203.

GALILEO

GALILEO: Treatment after new onset of AF (NOAF)¹

- Approximately 15% of patients develop NOAF after randomisation^{2, 3}



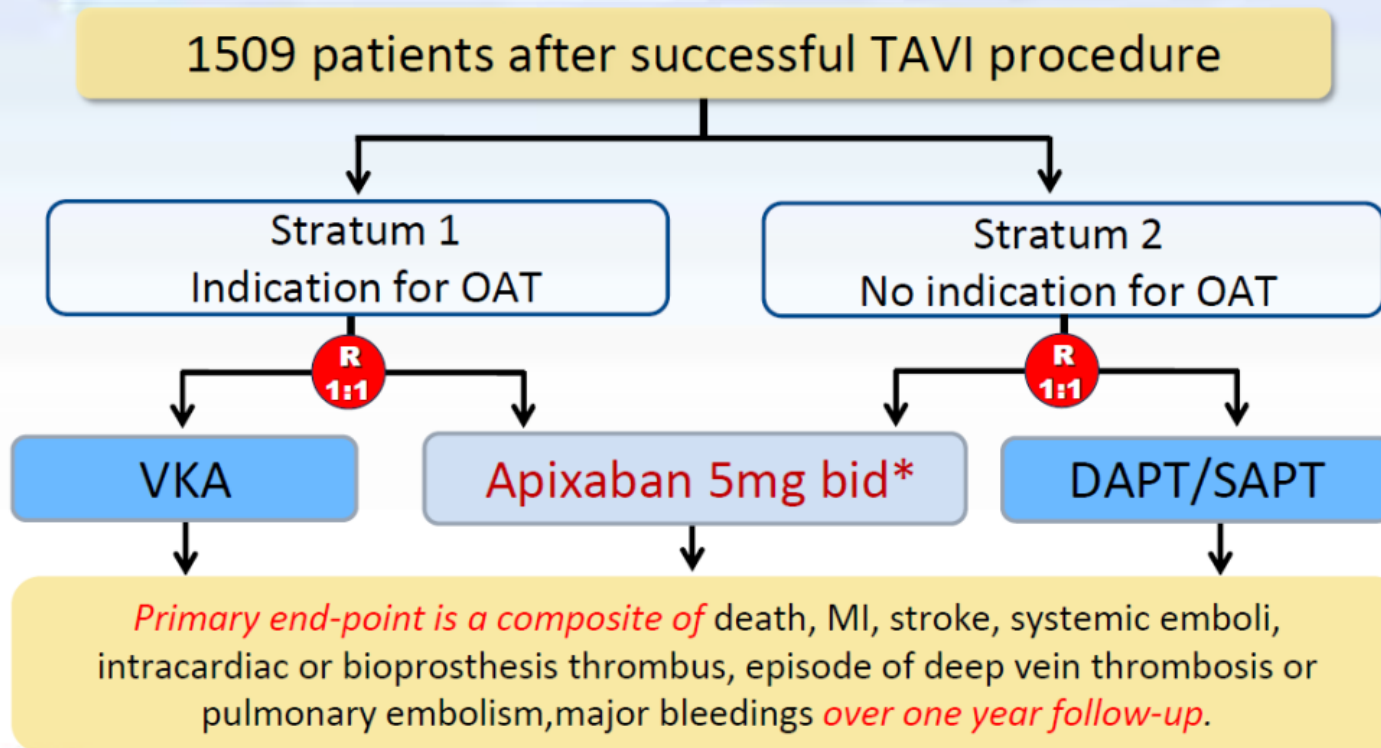
- Follow-up until end of study
 - Included in primary efficacy analysis (ITT)
 - Censoring in secondary analysis

i.e. CrCl=30–49 mL/min. CrCl=Creatinine clearance; INR=International normalised ratio; ITT=Intention to treat; NOAF=New onset atrial fibrillation; OD=Once daily; VKA=Vitamin K antagonist.

1. [www.ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02556203](https://www.ClinicalTrials.gov/Identifier/NCT02556203); 2. Smith CR et al. *NEJM* 2011;364:2187–2198; 3. Adams DN et al. *NEJM* 2014;370:1790–1798

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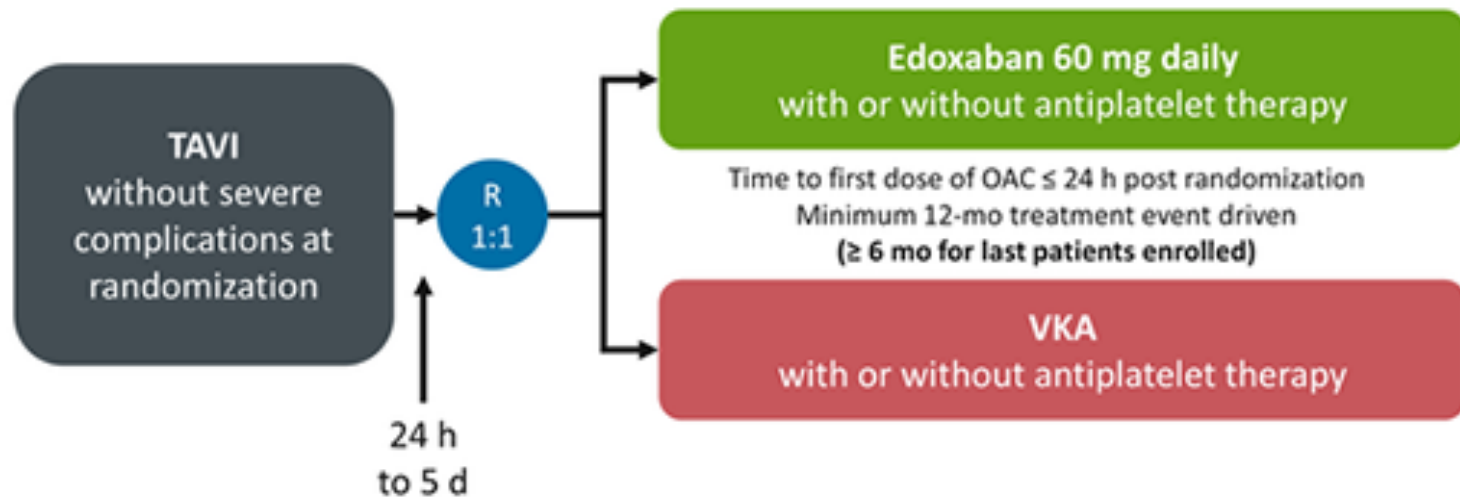
(Anti-Thrombotic Strategy to Lower All cardiovascular and Neurologic Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Events after Trans-Aortic Valve Implantation for Aortic Stenosis)



*2.5mg bid if creatinine clearance 15-29mL/min or if two of the following criteria: age≥80 years, weight≤60kg or creatinine≥1,5mg/dL (133μMol).

ENVISAGE TAVI AF -- Study Design

Prospective, randomized, open-label, blinded evaluation of edoxaban vs VKA in approximately 1400 patients with AF indicated for chronic OAC after successful TAVI (~2500 patient-y)



Van Mieghem NM, et al. *Am Heart J* 2017

Conclusion

- ▶ Excellent rationale for the possible use of NOACs with TAVI to avert stroke even in the absence of atrial fibrillation
- ▶ ...pending the completion of ongoing studies



That's all!

