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# TAVI: COME RIDURRE LE COMPLICANZE POST-INTERVENTO

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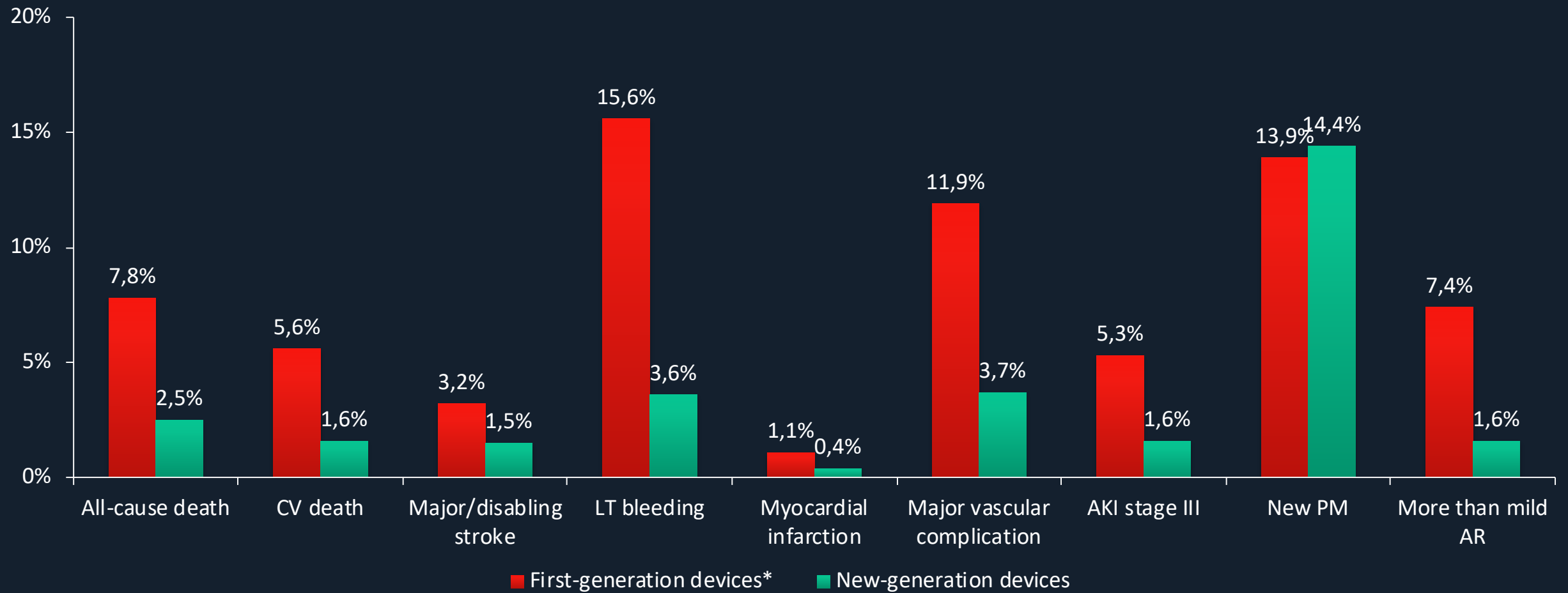
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# Aortic Stenosis: Recommendations for the choice of intervention mode

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Aortic valve interventions should only be performed in centres with both departments of cardiology and cardiac surgery on site and with structured collaboration between the two, including a Heart Team (heart valve centres)	I	C
TAVI is recommended in patients who are not <b>suitable for SAVR</b> as assessed by the Heart Team	I	B
In patients who are at <b>increased surgical risk</b> (STS or EuroSCORE II $\geq$ 4% or logistic EuroSCORE I $\geq$ 10% or other risk factors not included in these scores such as frailty, porcelain aorta, sequelae of chest radiation), the decision between SAVR and TAVI should be made by the Heart Team according to the individual patient characteristics, with TAVI being favoured in elderly patients suitable for transfemoral access	I	B

# Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation

## First- vs. Second-generation devices



# TAVI potential complications



Paravalvular regurgitation

Cerebrovascular events

Conduction disturbances

Vascular complications

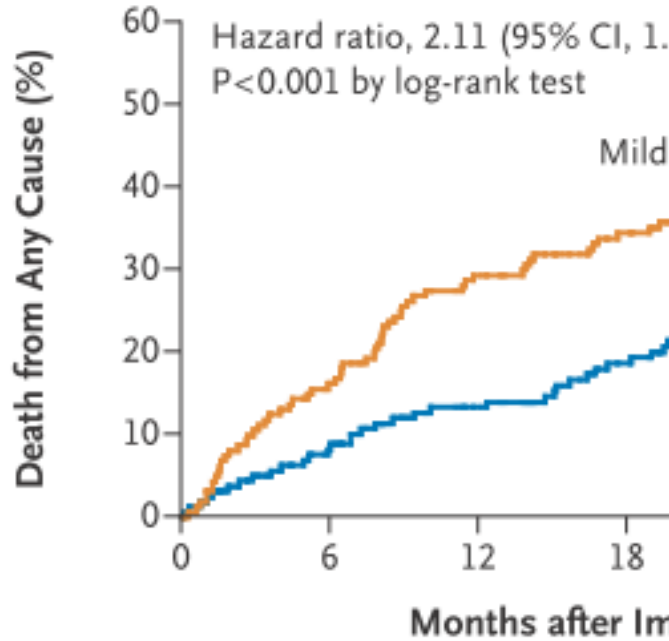
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# Impact of PVL after TAVI

**A** Severity of Paravalvular Leak: None or Trace versus Mild to Severe

**B** Severity of Paravalvular Leak: None or Trace, Mild, or Moderate



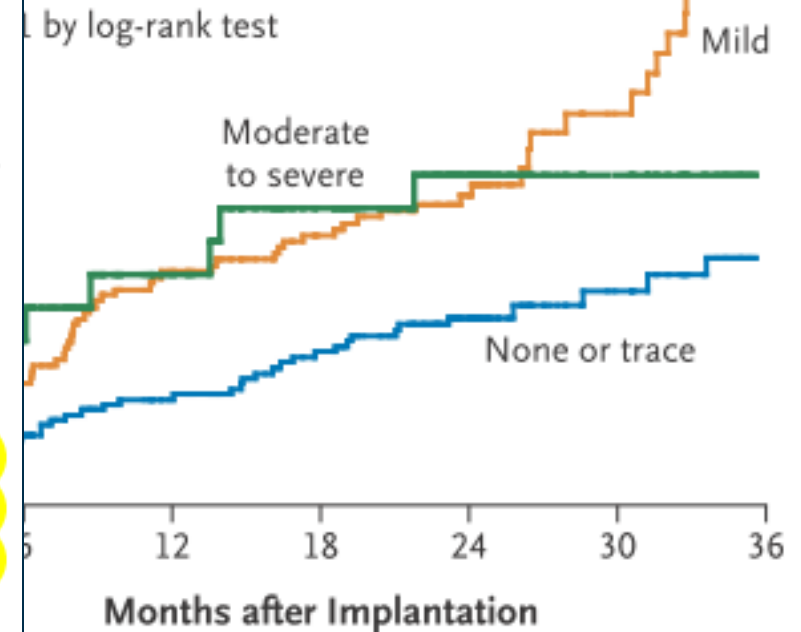
No. at Risk	0	6	12	18
None or trace	158	142	134	121
Mild to severe	160	134	112	101

that subsequent device generations and increased operator experience with TAVR may improve outcomes.<sup>18,38-40</sup>

In conclusion, this 2-year follow-up of patients in the PARTNER trial supports the use of TAVR as an alternative to surgery in selected high-risk patients with aortic stenosis. The two treatments were similar with respect to mortality, reduction in cardiac symptoms, and improved valve hemodynamics. The early increase in the risk of stroke with TAVR was attenuated over time. **A new, important observation was the association of paravalvular regurgitation after TAVR with late mortality.** Work now should be directed toward

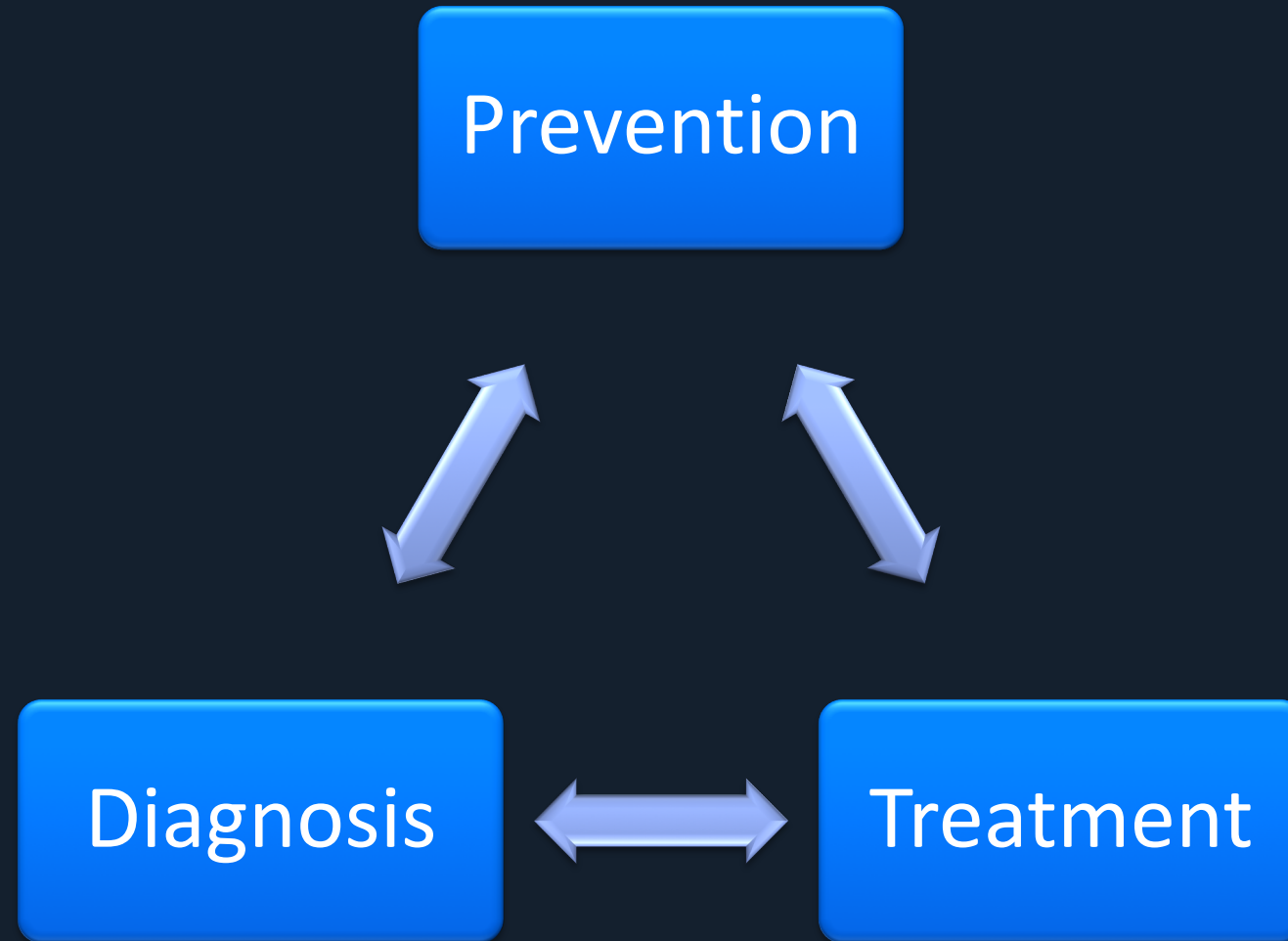
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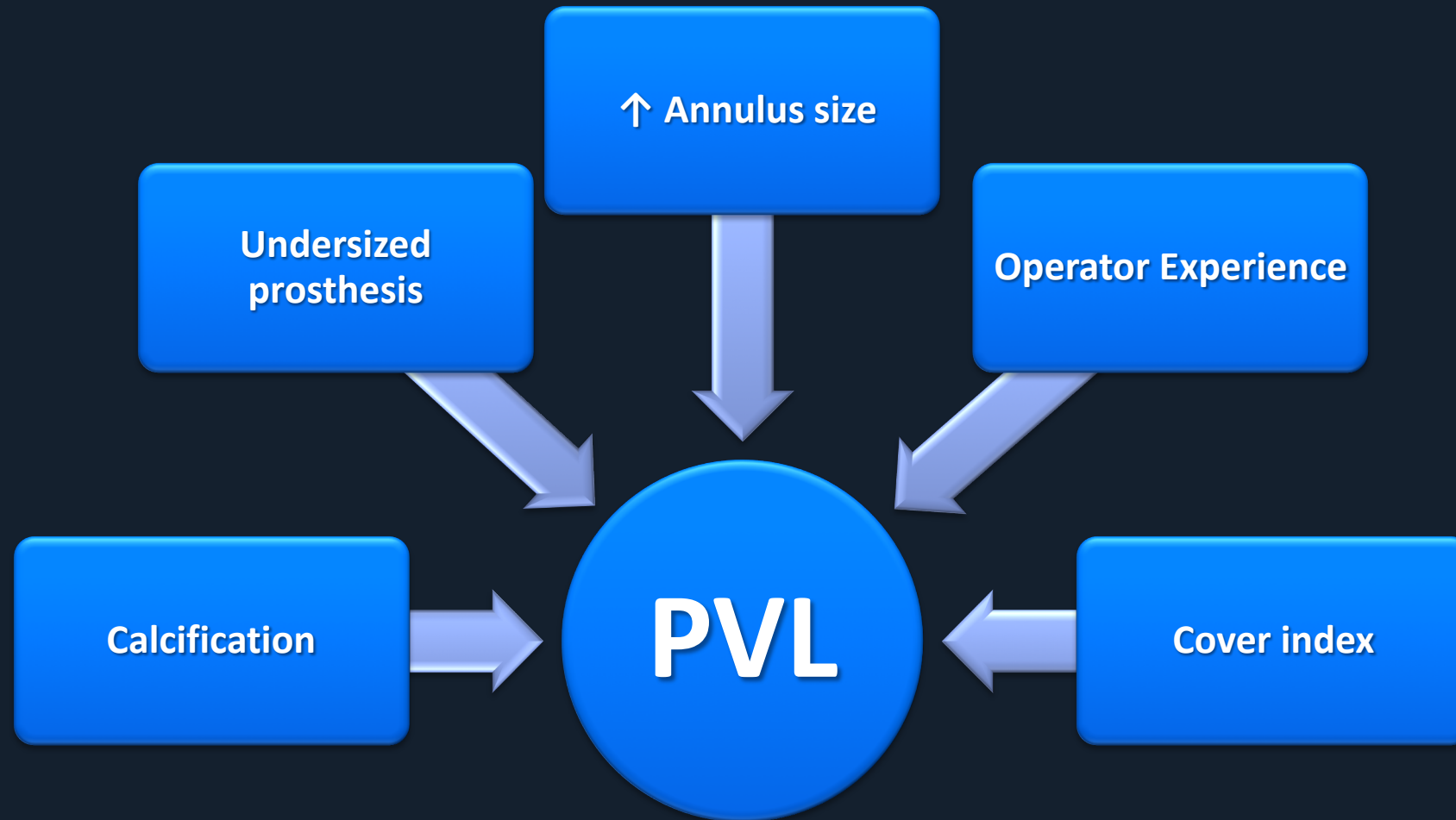


No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
None or trace	158	142	134	121	84	39	15
Mild	160	134	121	84	39	15	10
Moderate to severe	160	134	121	84	39	15	2

# PVL after TAVI



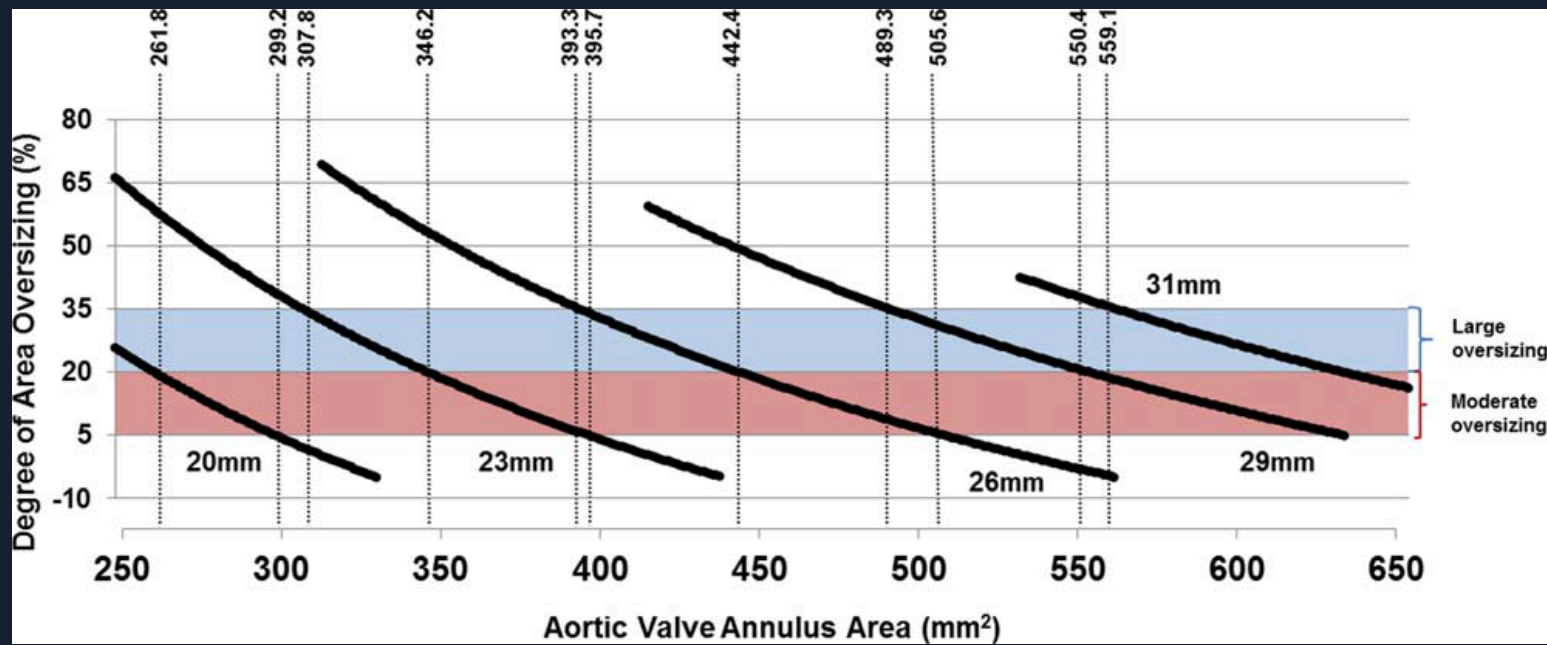
# Predisposing factors of PVL after TAVI



# Prevention of PVL after TAVI

MSCT assessment

Appropriate THV sizing





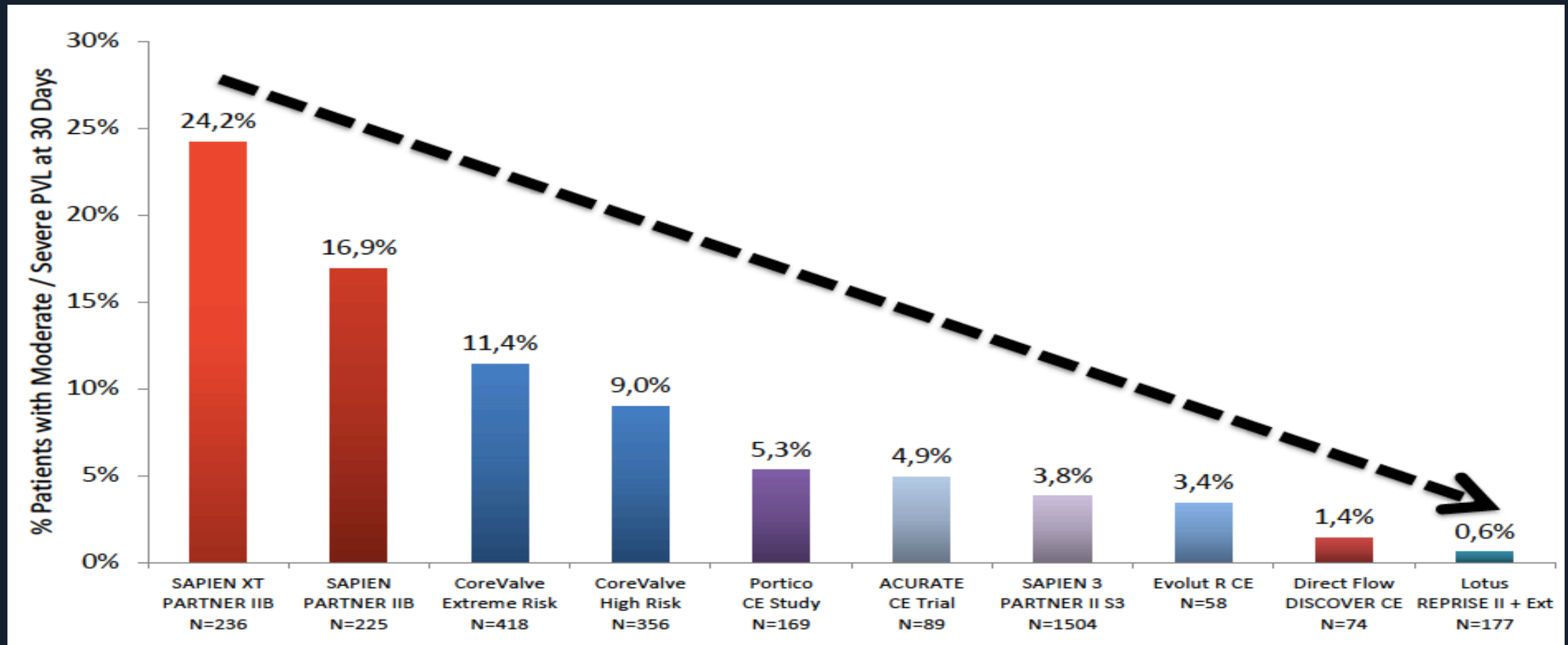
# Prevention of PVL after TAVI: Calcium is bad!

150 patients who received the Sapien or Sapien XT valves at a single institution, Oct 2011 to July 2013; 19% had at least mild leak.

Mean Asymmetry of Calcification	No/Trace PVR	≥ Mild PVR	P Value
LVOT, mm <sup>3</sup>	30 ± 69	65 ± 81	0.013
Annulus, mm <sup>3</sup>	67 ± 64	125 ± 101	0.002
Leaflet, mm <sup>3</sup>	276 ± 209	304 ± 185	0.243

- Study finds that calcification regardless of location predicts mild or greater paravalvular leak after TAVI
- Correlation strongest for asymmetrical calcification of annulus, LVOT regions

# Paravalvular Leak



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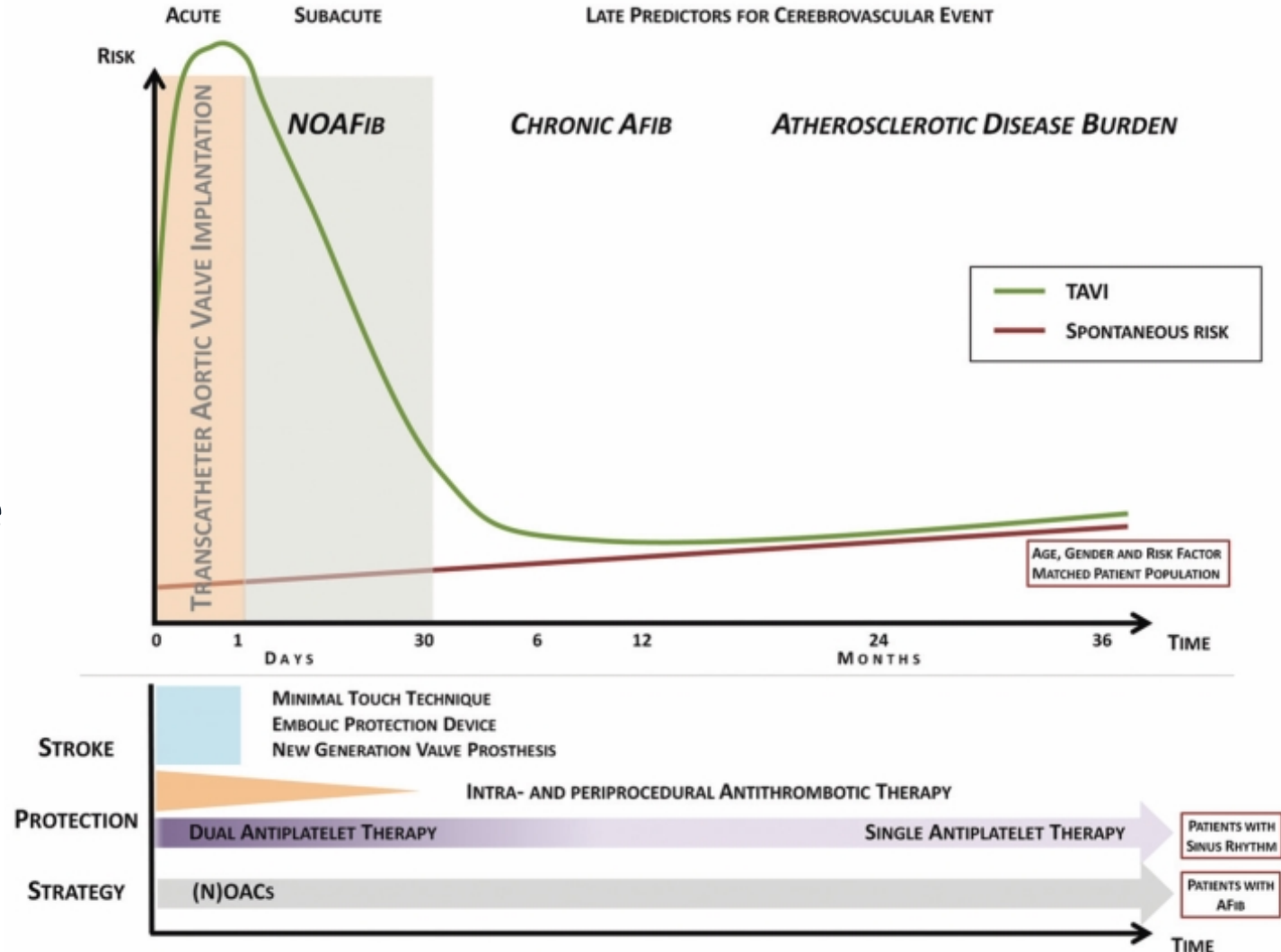
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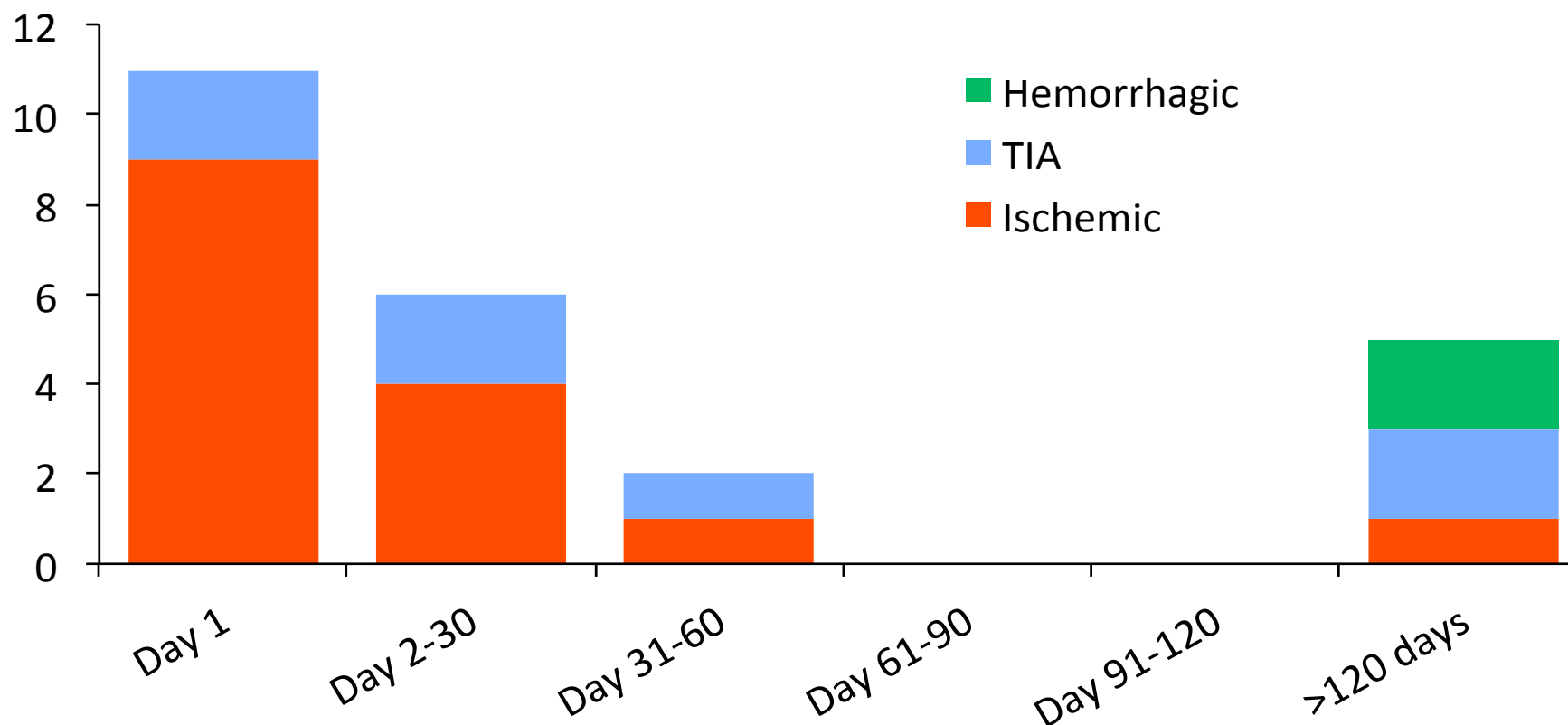


# Cerebrovascular events and TAVI

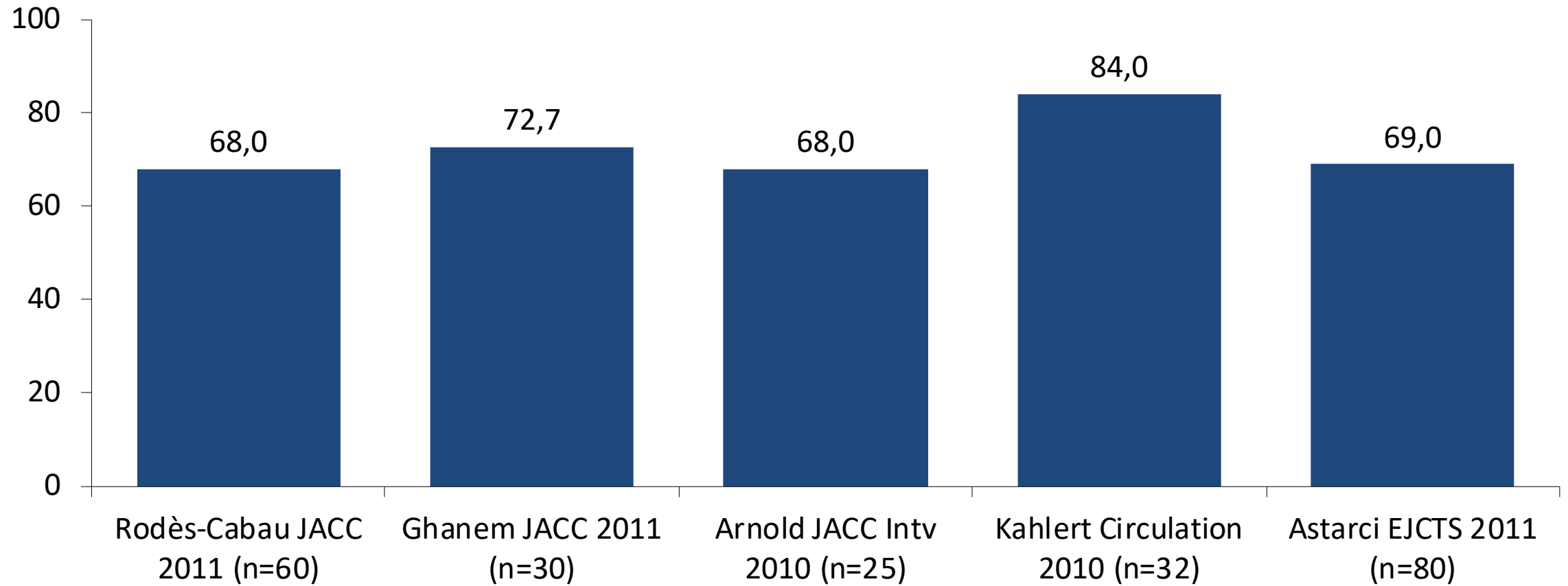
- Stroke is a potential major complication of SAVR, TAVI, and balloon aortic valvuloplasty
- Although it is rare, stroke significantly affects survival and quality of life
- Stroke aetiology is still under debate, particularly when it occurs far from the procedure
- Procedural expedients and optimization of antithrombotic medical therapy are key to reduce cerebrovascular complications



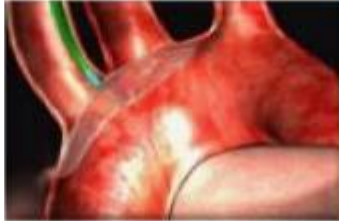
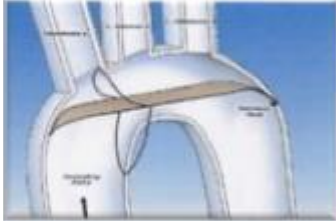

# Timing of cerebrovascular events after TAVI



# MRI cerebral ischemic lesions

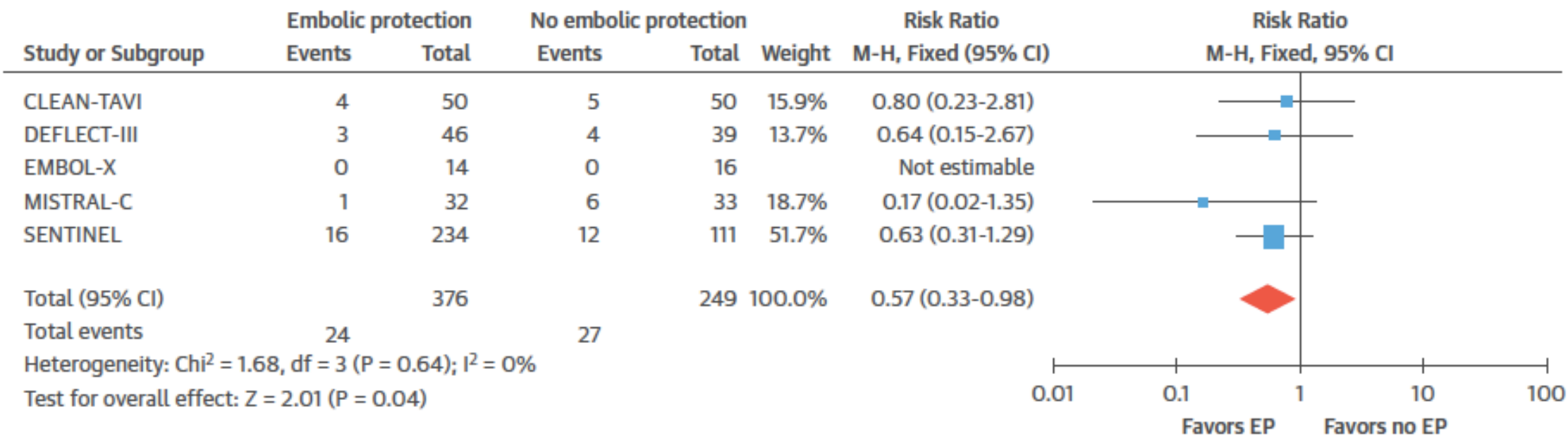


# Cerebral embolic protection devices

Feature	Embrella Deflector	TriGuard Deflector	Claret Sentinel Filter
			
<b>Access</b>	Radial	Femoral	Radial
<b>Position</b>	Aorta	Aorta	Brachiocephalic Left common carotid
<b>Coverage area</b>	Brachiocephalic & LCC	Brachiocephalic & LCC & LSA	Brachiocephalic & LCC
<b>Mechanism</b>	Deflection	Deflection	Filter
<b>Size</b>	6 Fr	9 Fr	6 Fr
<b>Pore Size</b>	100 microns	~130 microns	140 microns
<b>CE mark</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

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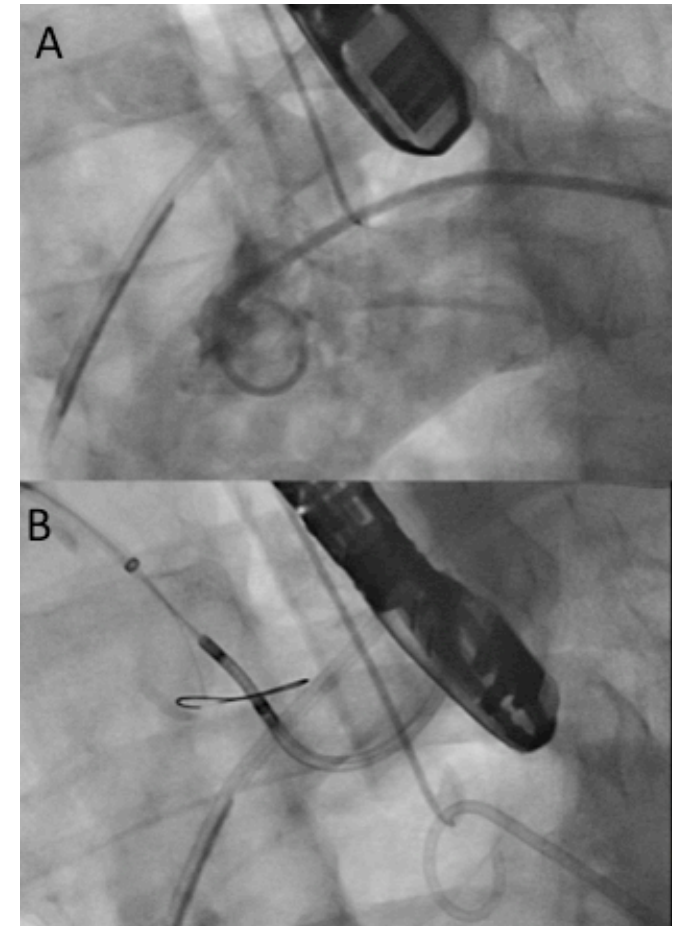
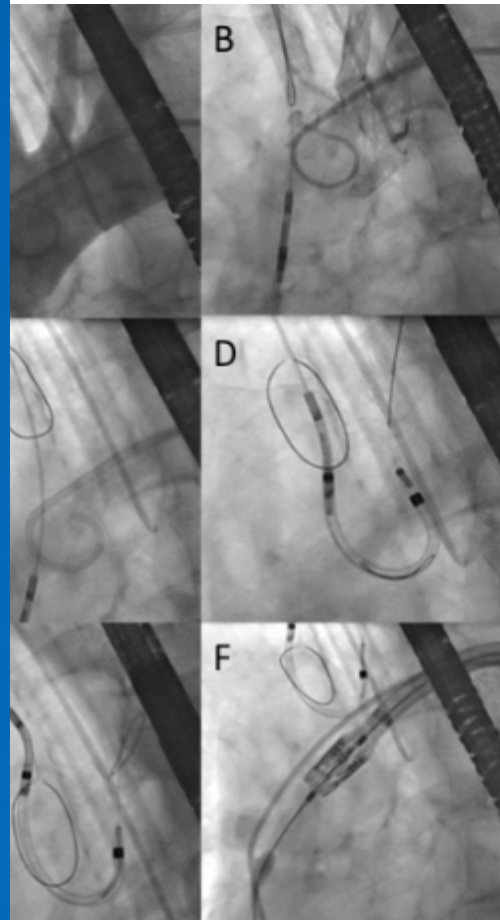
## Death or stroke



Pooled effect estimates for the risk of death or stroke according to the use of cerebral embolic protection versus not during TAVR. CI = confidence interval; CLEAN-TAVI = Claret Embolic Protection and TAVI; DEFLECT-III = A Prospective, Randomized Evaluation of the TriGuard HDH Embolic Deflection Device During TAVI; EP = embolic protection; M-H = Mantel-Haenszel; MISTRAL-C = MRI Investigation With Claret; SENTINEL = Cerebral Protection in Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement; TAVR = transcatheter aortic valve replacement.

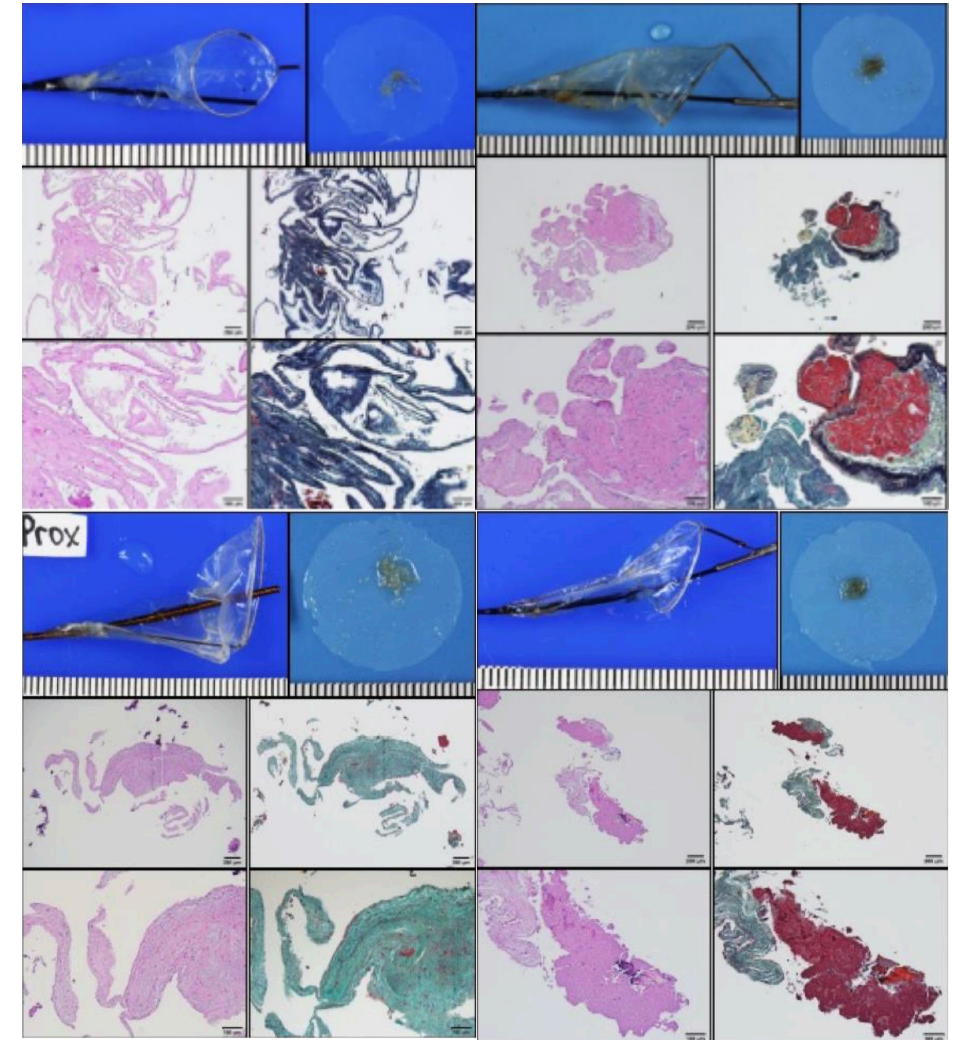
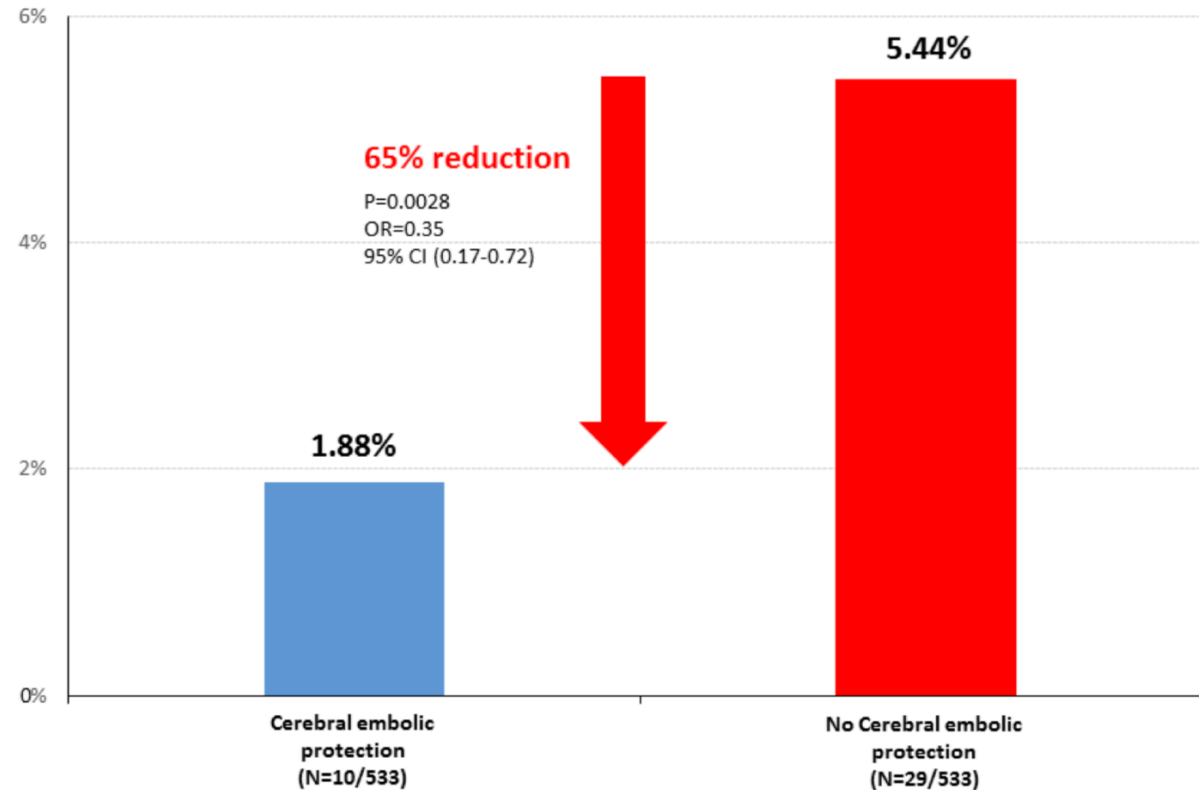


# Embolic protection device

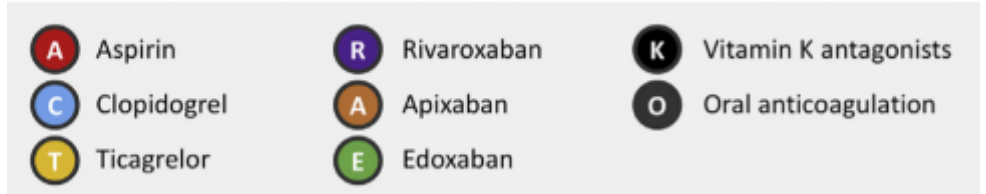
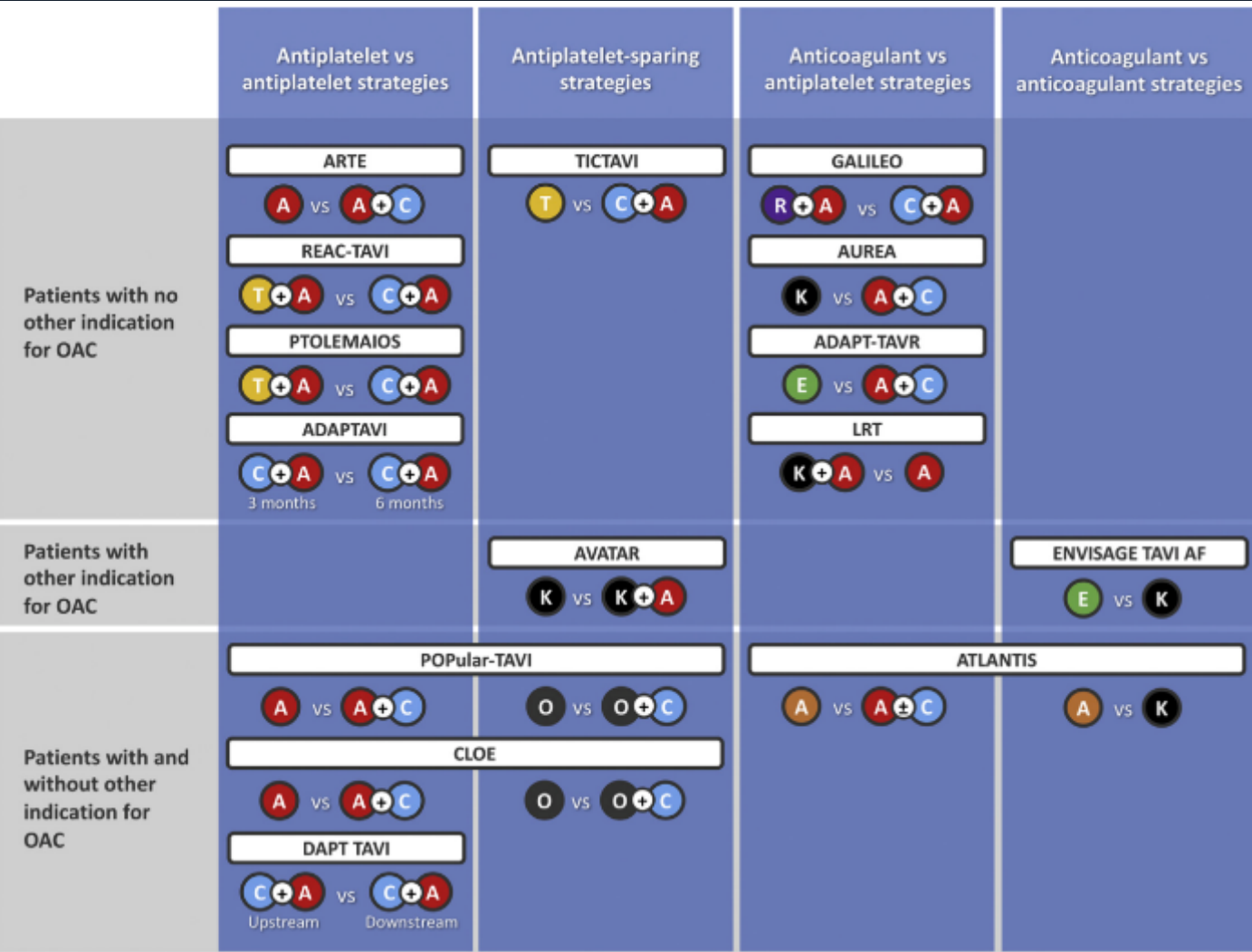


# Patient level meta-analysis of 1306 patients enrolled in **SENTINEL, CLEAN-TAVI, SENTINEL-ULM**

- Propensity score matching: 533 pairs
- primary endpoint was all procedural stroke within 72 hrs post TAVR
- No ViV procedures



# Trials of Antithrombotic Pharmacotherapy in Patients Undergoing Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement



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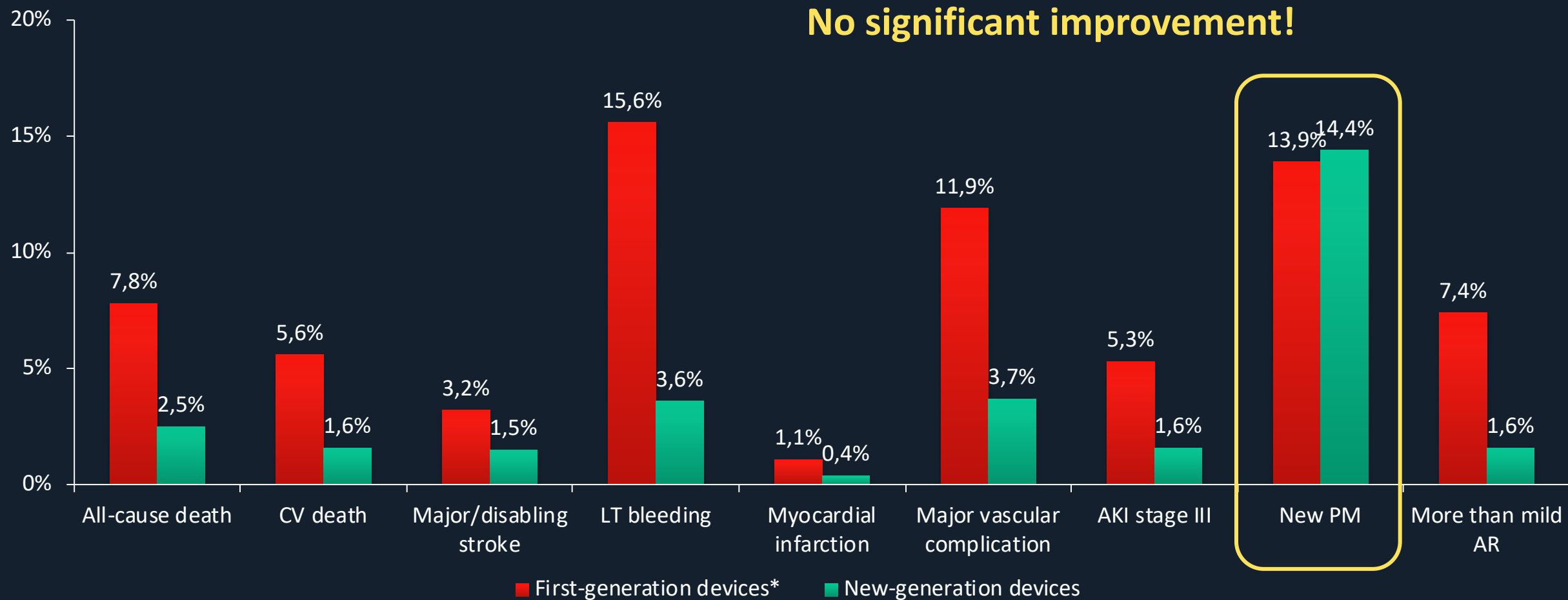
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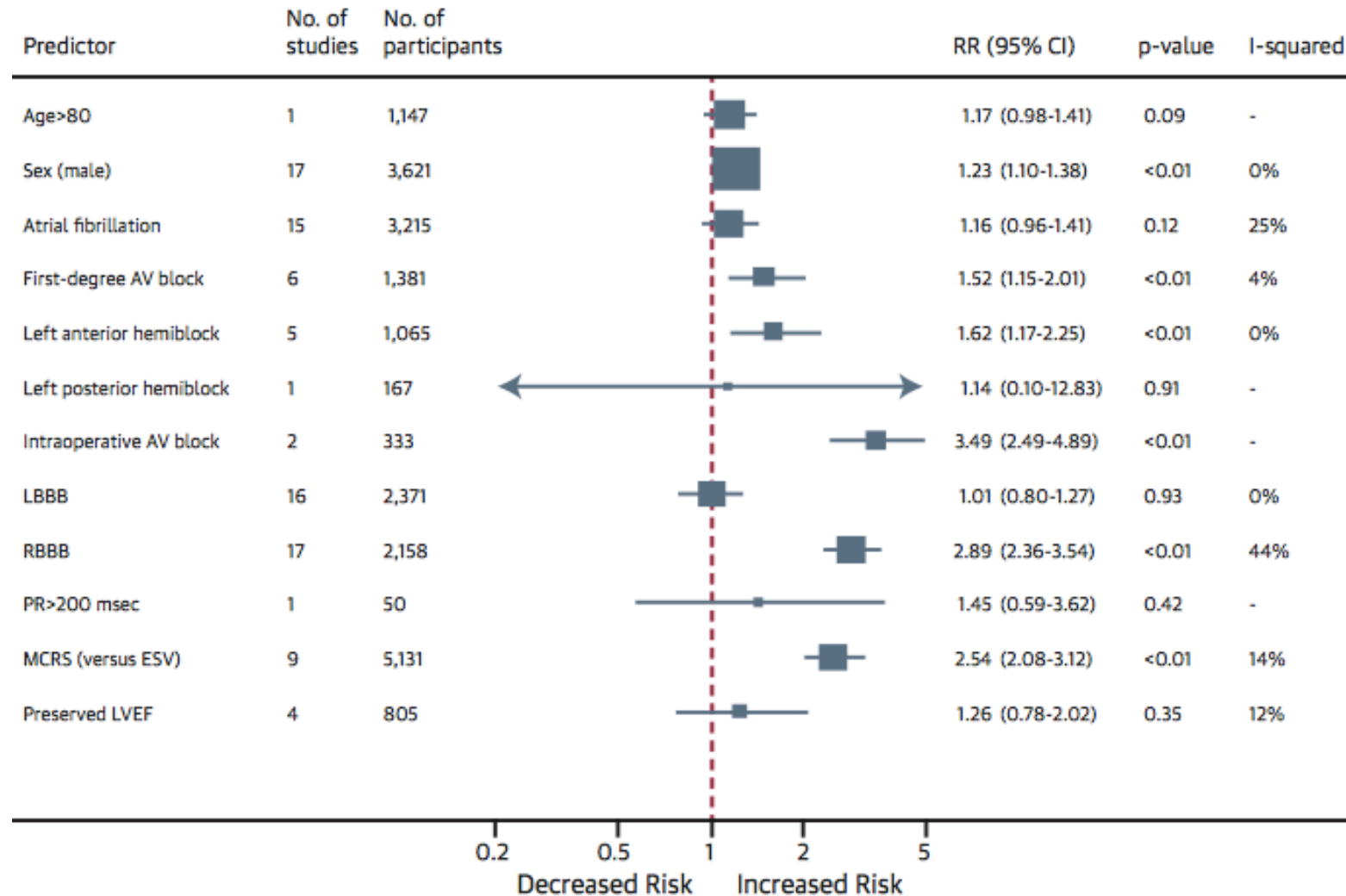
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# Conduction disturbances and TAVI

## First- vs. Second-generation devices



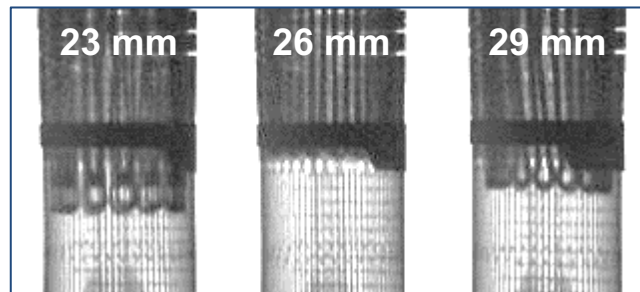
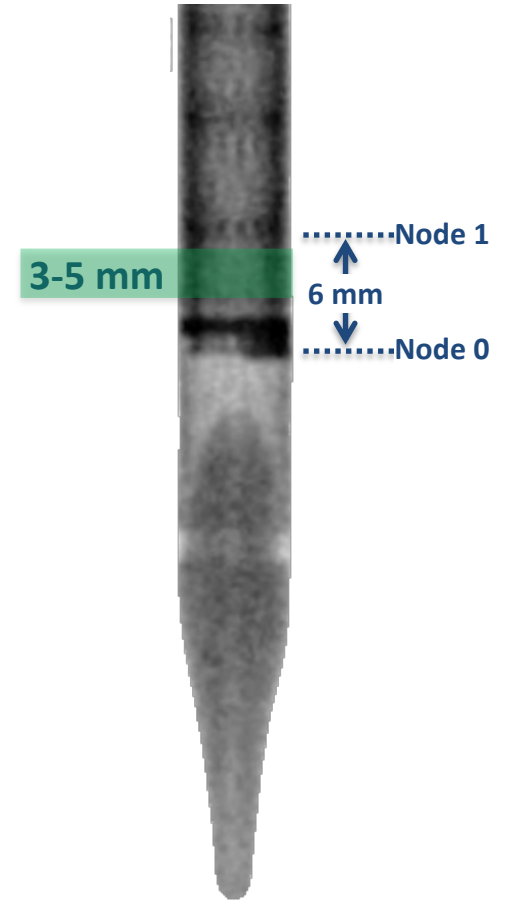
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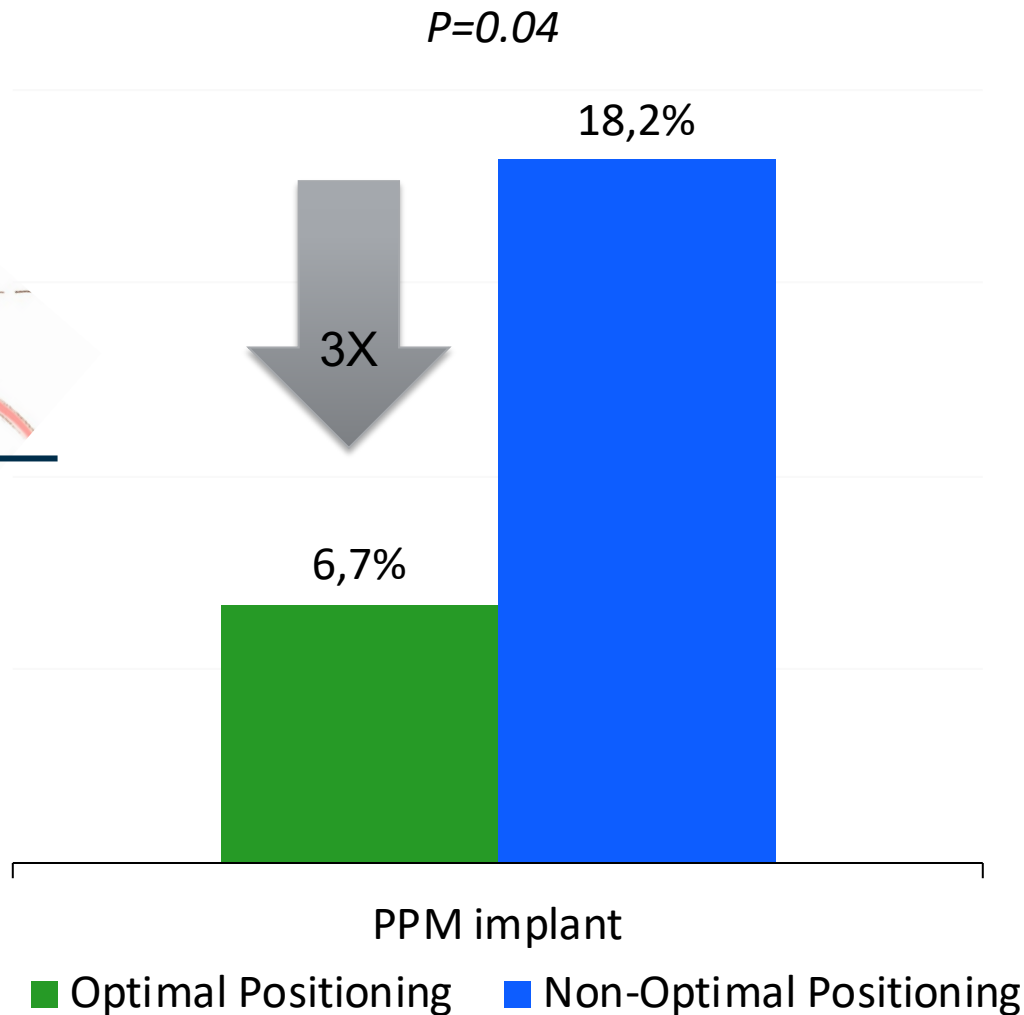
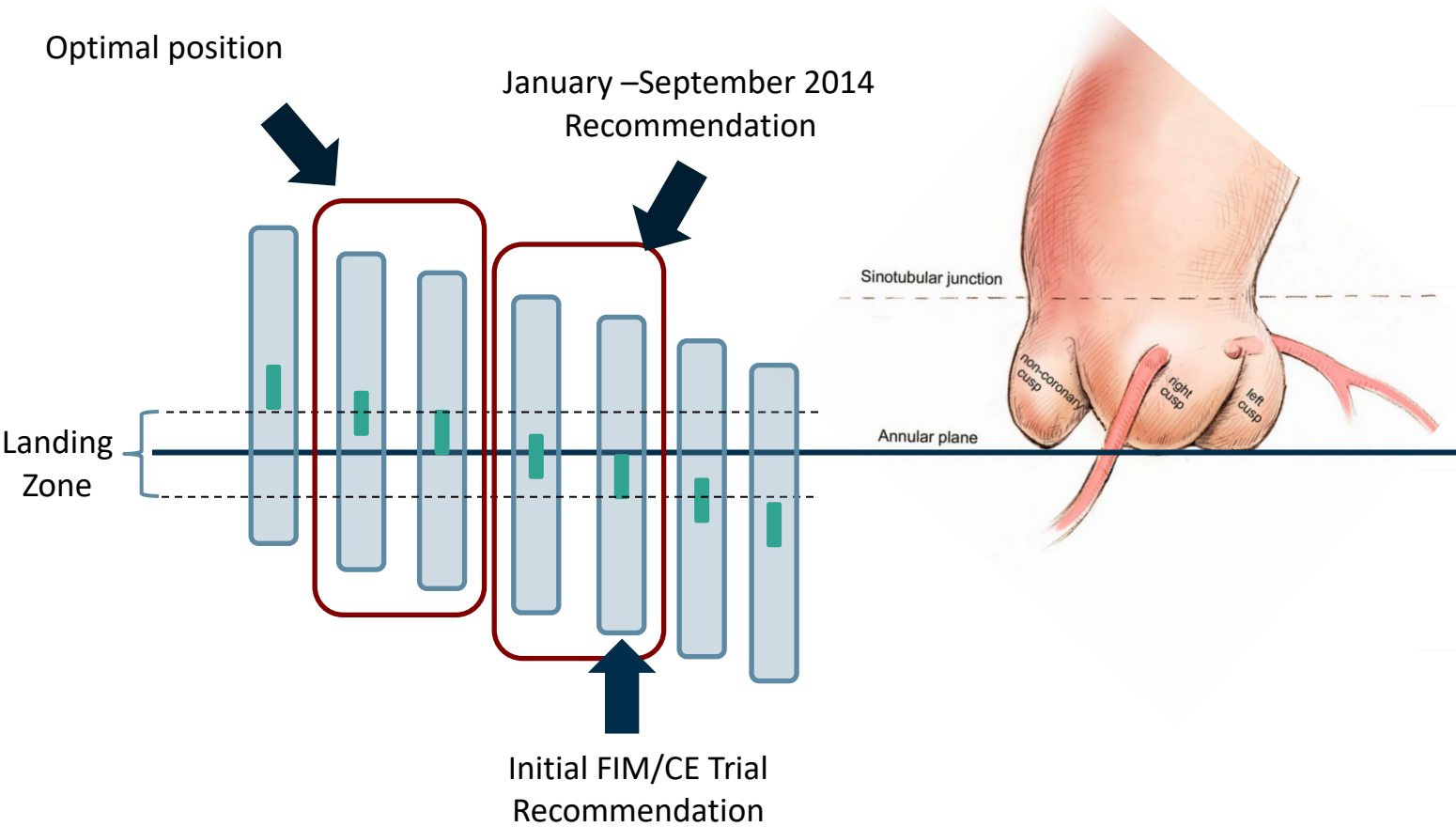
# Prevention of conduction disturbances after TAVI

## Target implant depth (3-5 mm) easier to achieve thanks to enhanced deliverability

- Midway between node 0 (inflow edge of frame) and node 1 to just below node 1
- Note: due to minor valve frame length differences, ensure to assess valve position from frame inflow (node 0) and not the edge of the marker band:



# Prevention of conduction disturbances after TAVI



- The initial positioning guidance used in FIM & CE trial was based on XT experience
- After an ad-hoc internal analysis of CE trial and partial IDE data the guidance was expanded to include a larger zone in January, 2014



# PM implantation after TAVI: The importance of preventing inappropriate implants

PM dependency at 12 months  
(23/63, 33.3%)

PPI on day 0 (n=56, 39.7%)

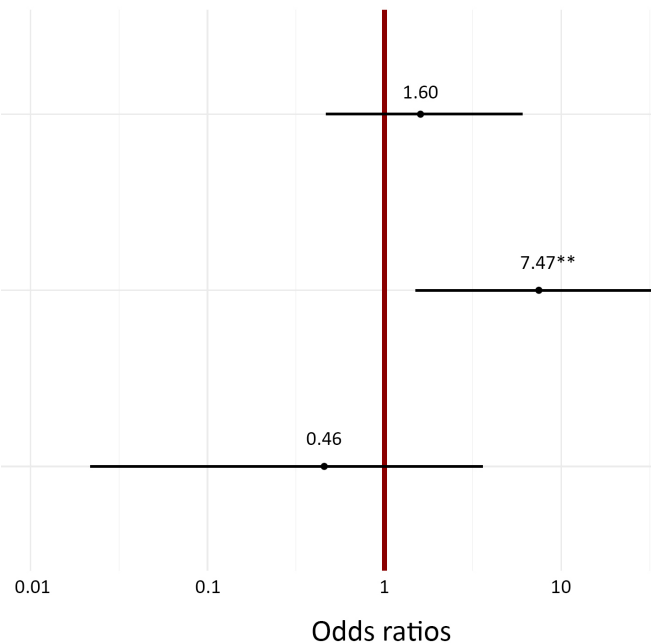
1.60

PPI on day 1 (n=26, 18.4%)

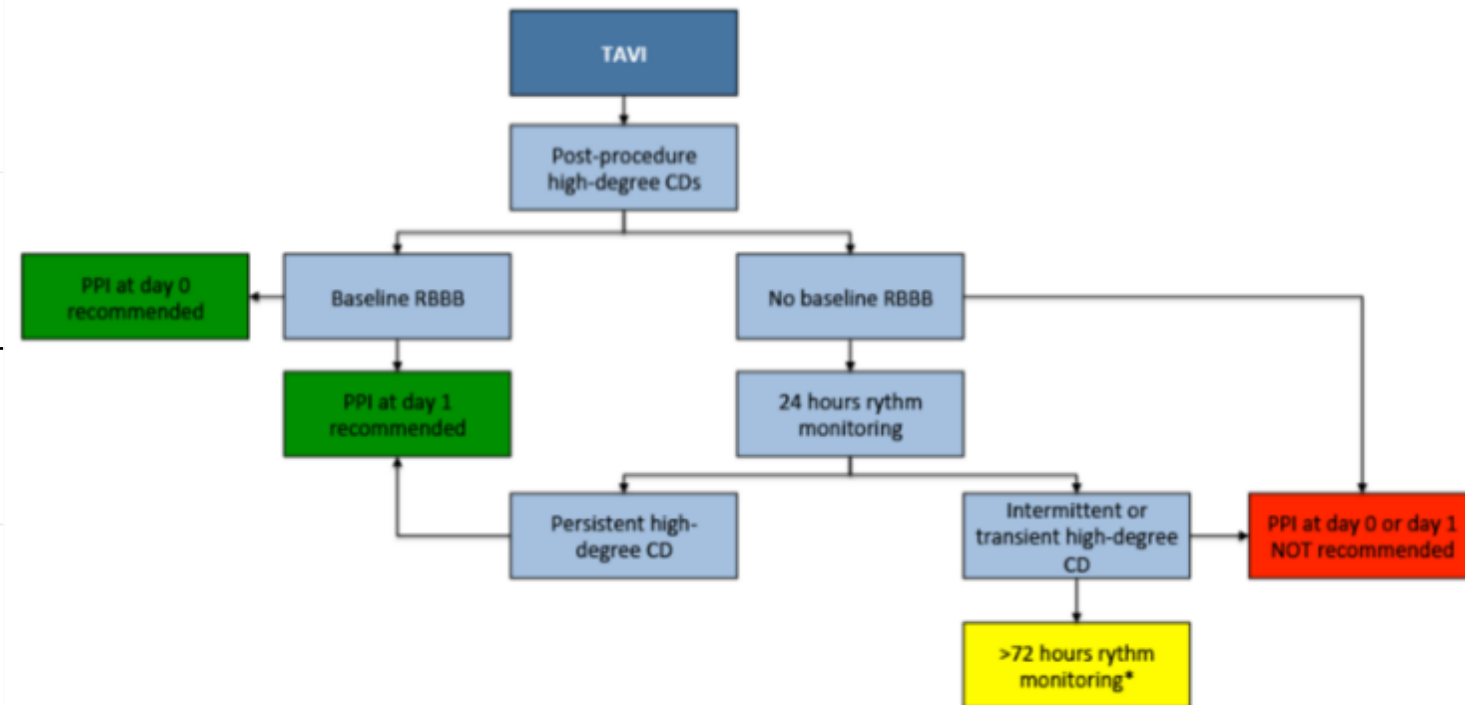
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PPI on day 2 (n=15, 10.6%)

0.46



\*\*p<0.05



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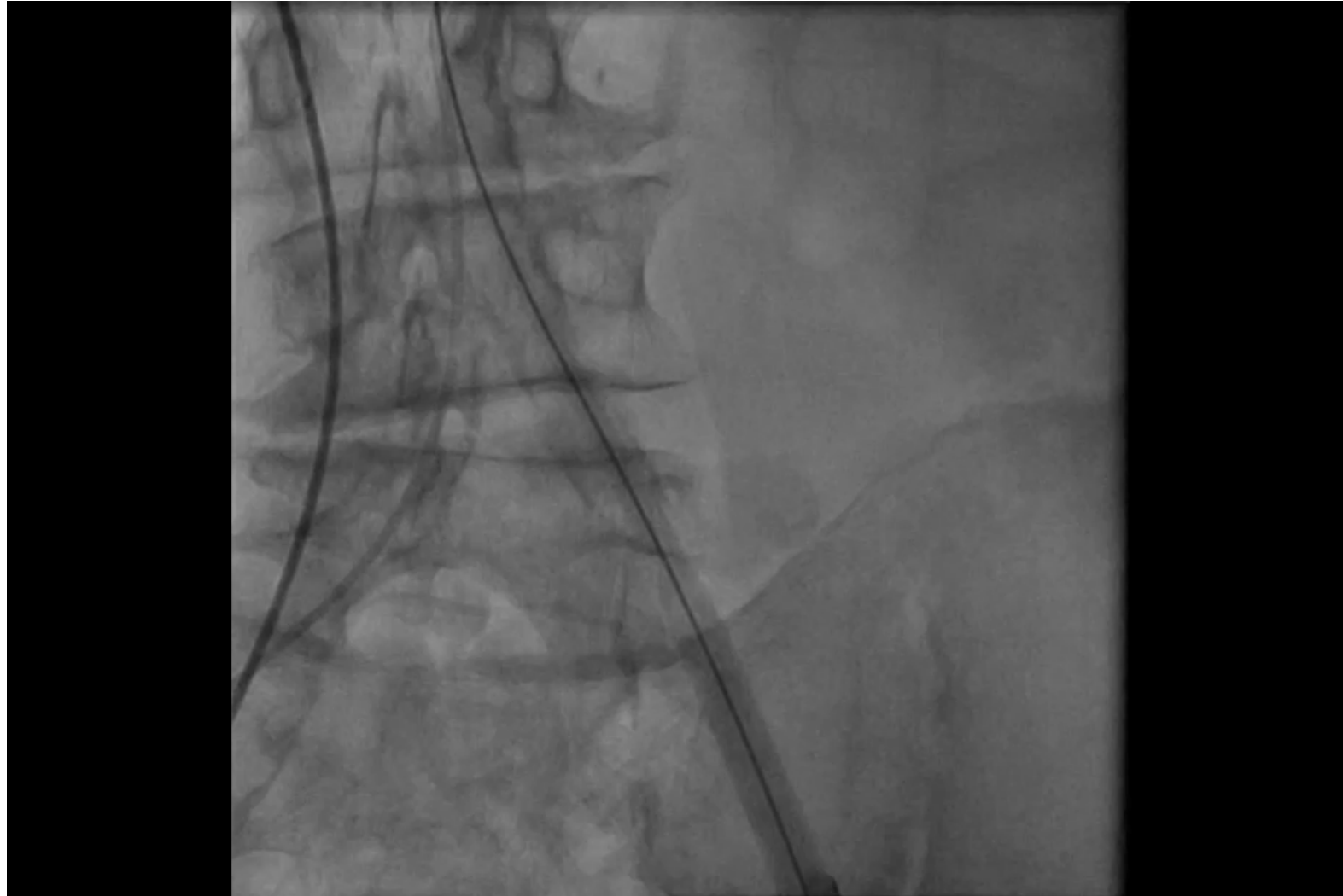
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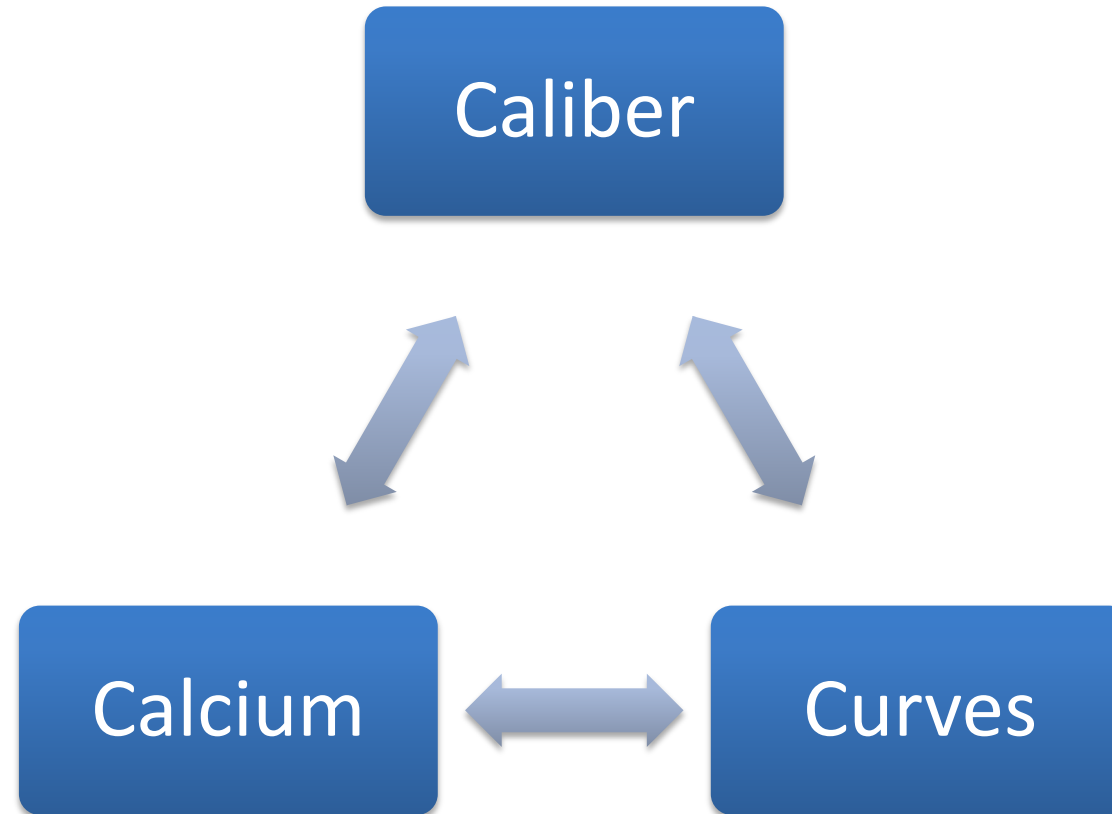


# How to prevent vascular complications

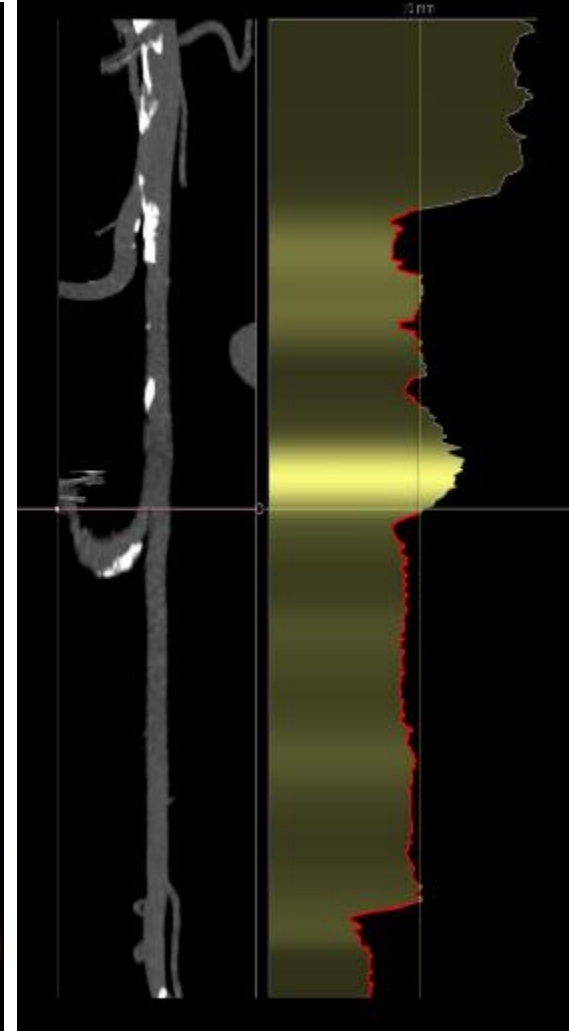
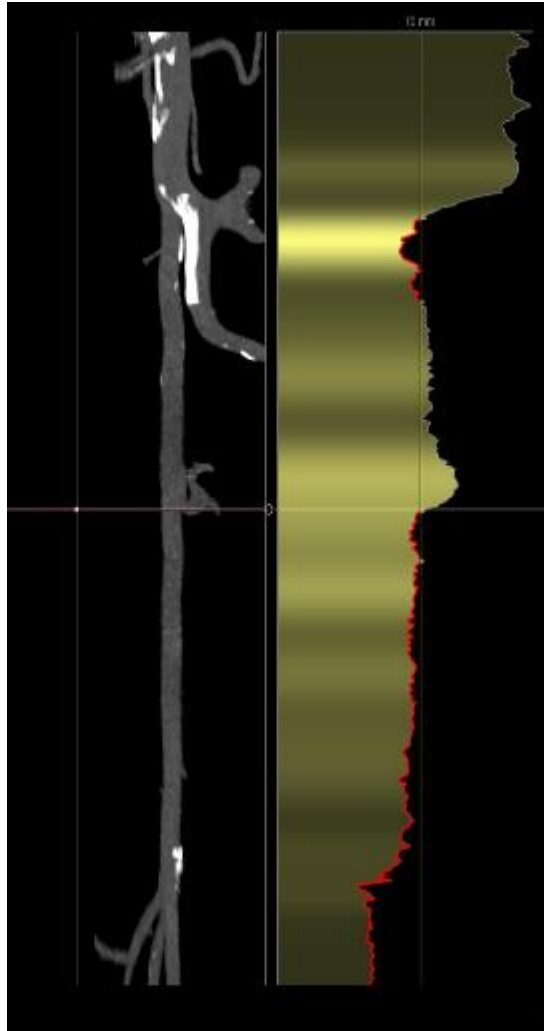
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  - Arterial puncture
  - Closure devices placement
  - Sheath and wire management

# How to prevent vascular complications

## ➤ Vascular access screening phase

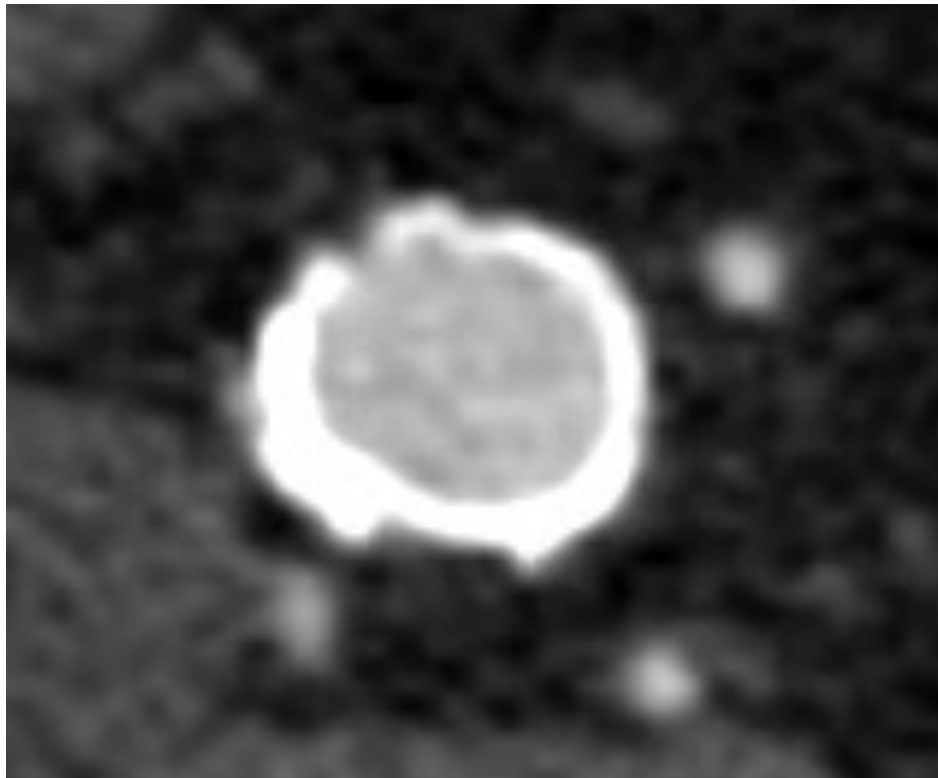


# How to prevent vascular complications



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Circumferential or horseshoe calcification



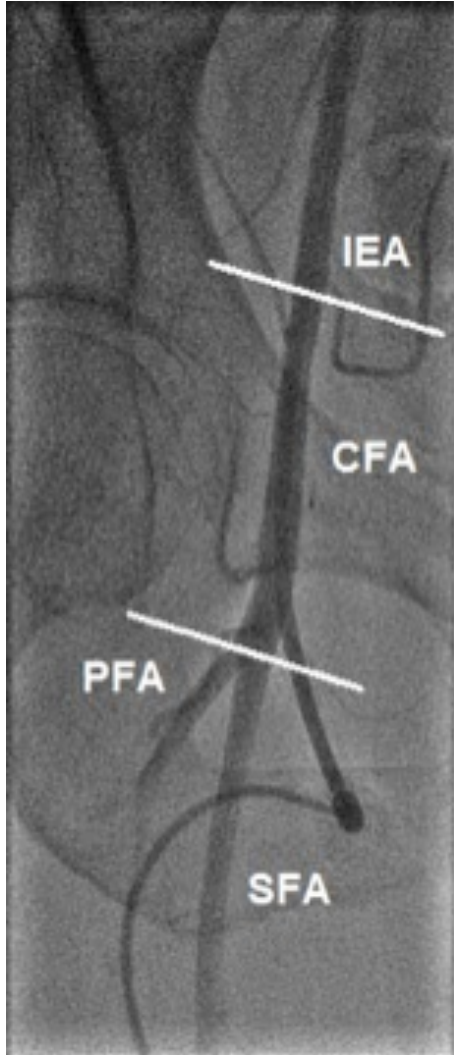
This won't dilate!

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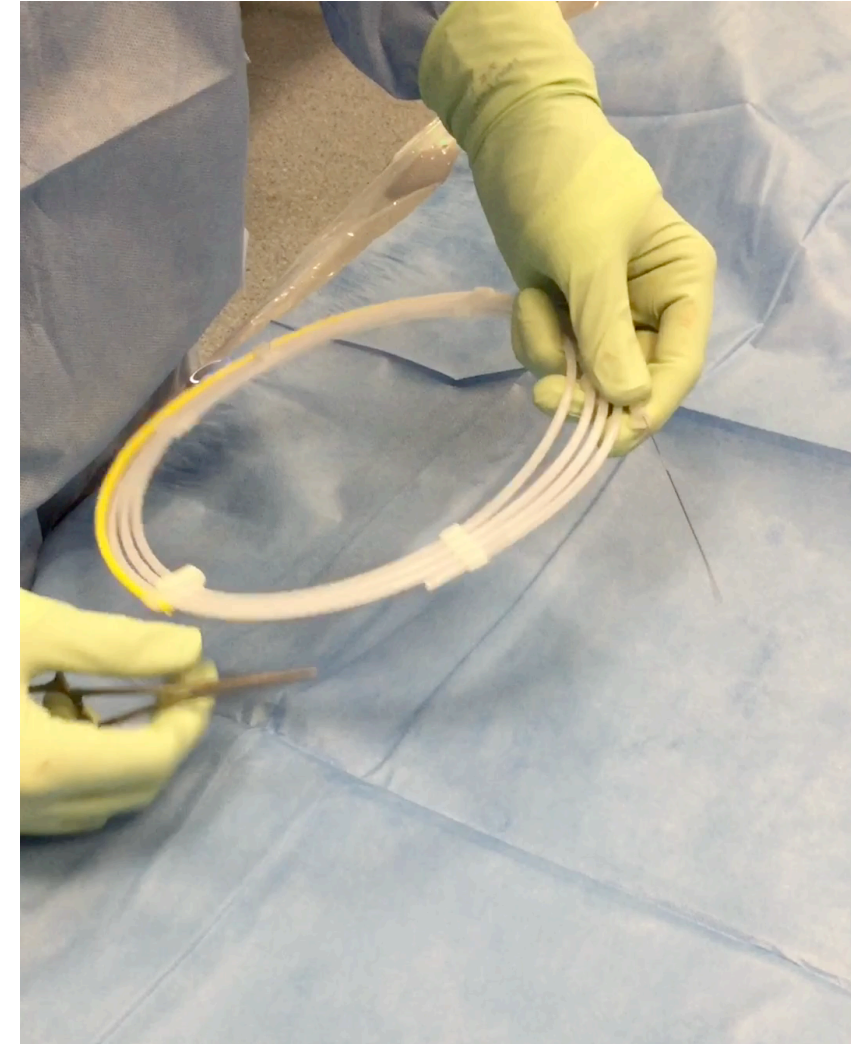


## Appropriate Iliac and Femoral anatomy

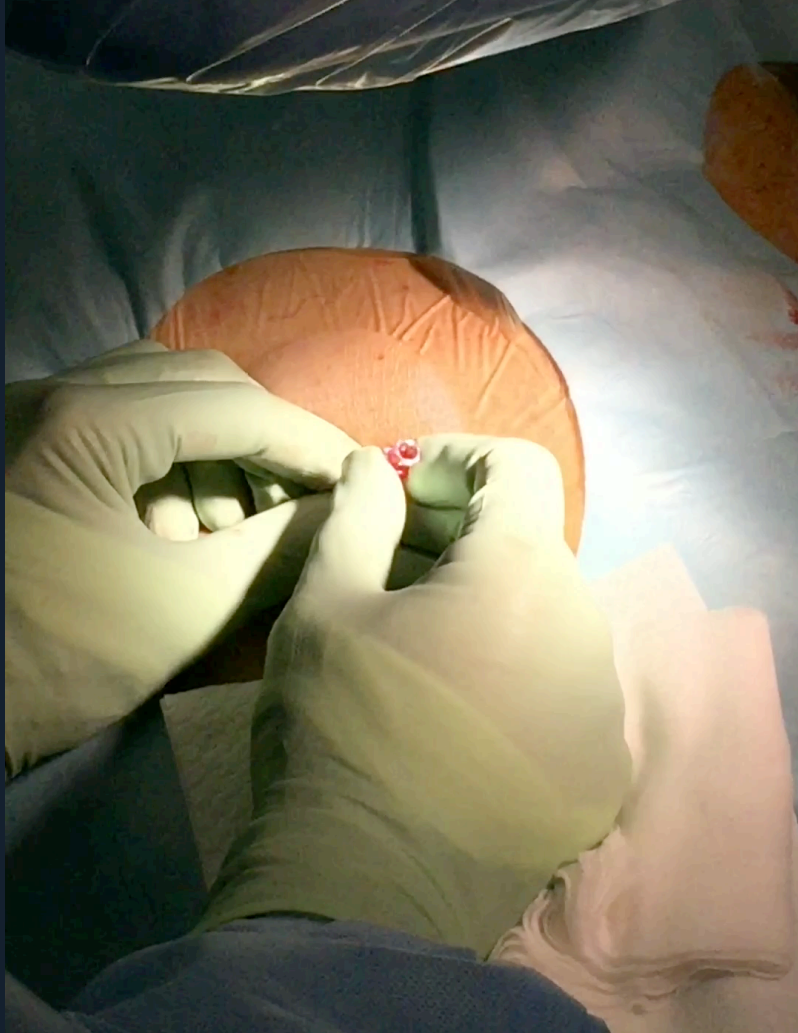
- Size  $\geq 5.5$  mm (14 Fr) SFAR  $< 1.05$
- No major **tortuosity** + **calcium**
- No **calcification** at puncture site

## Puncture of Common Femoral Artery

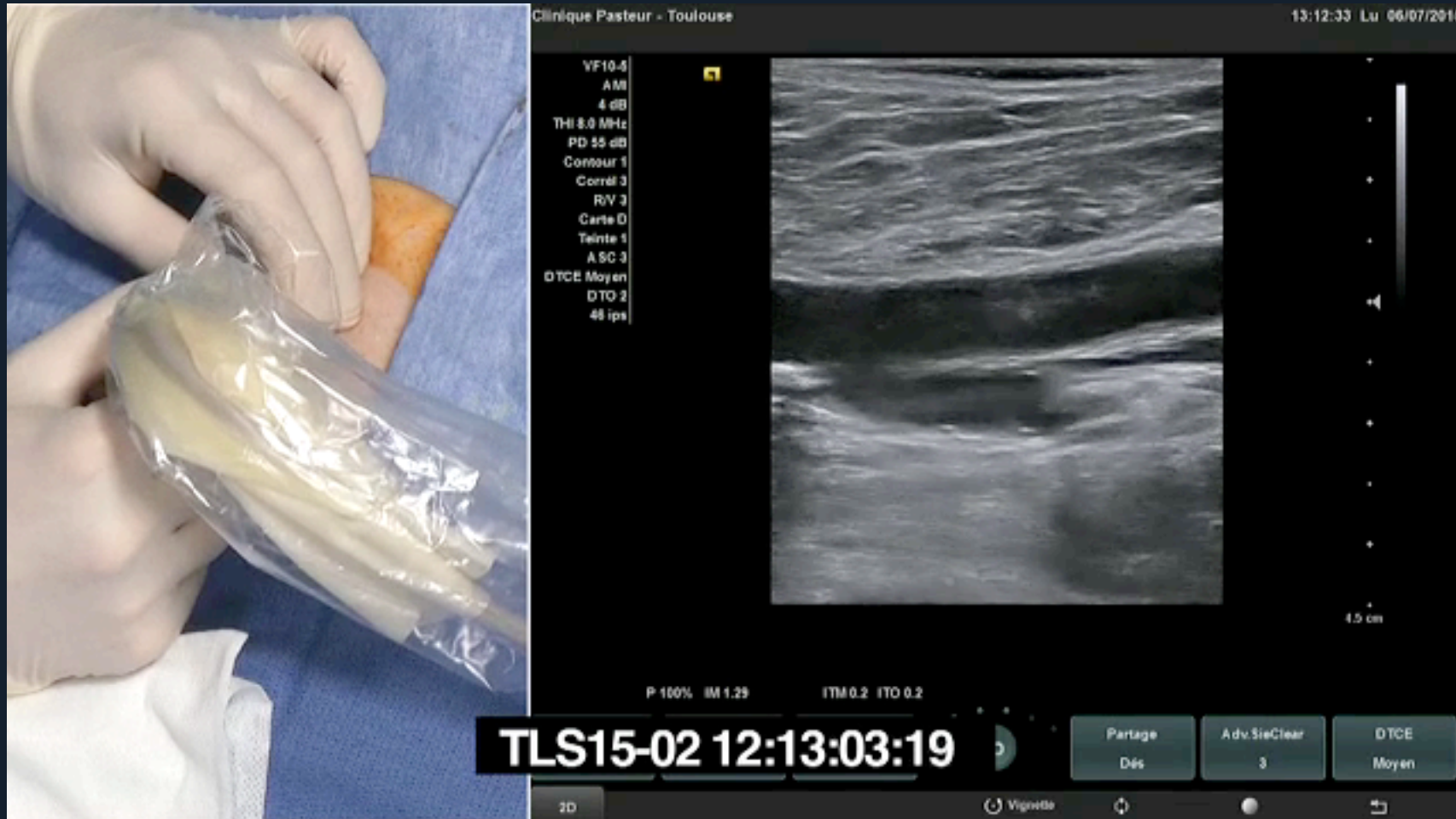
- Below the Inguinal Ligament
- At least **10 mm** above the Femoral bifurcation
- In the centre of the anterior wall
- Back-up cross-over wire



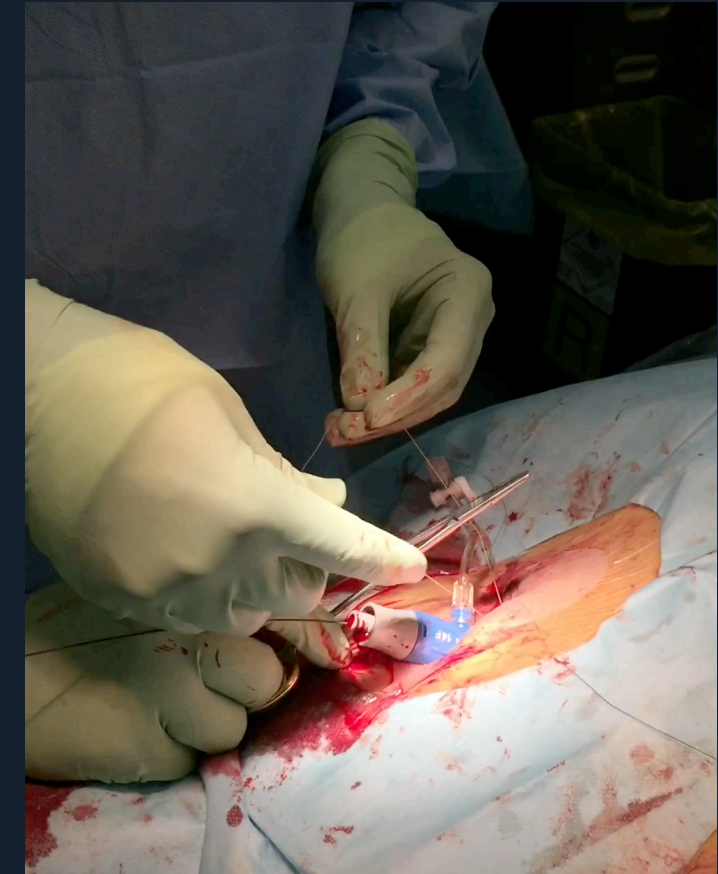
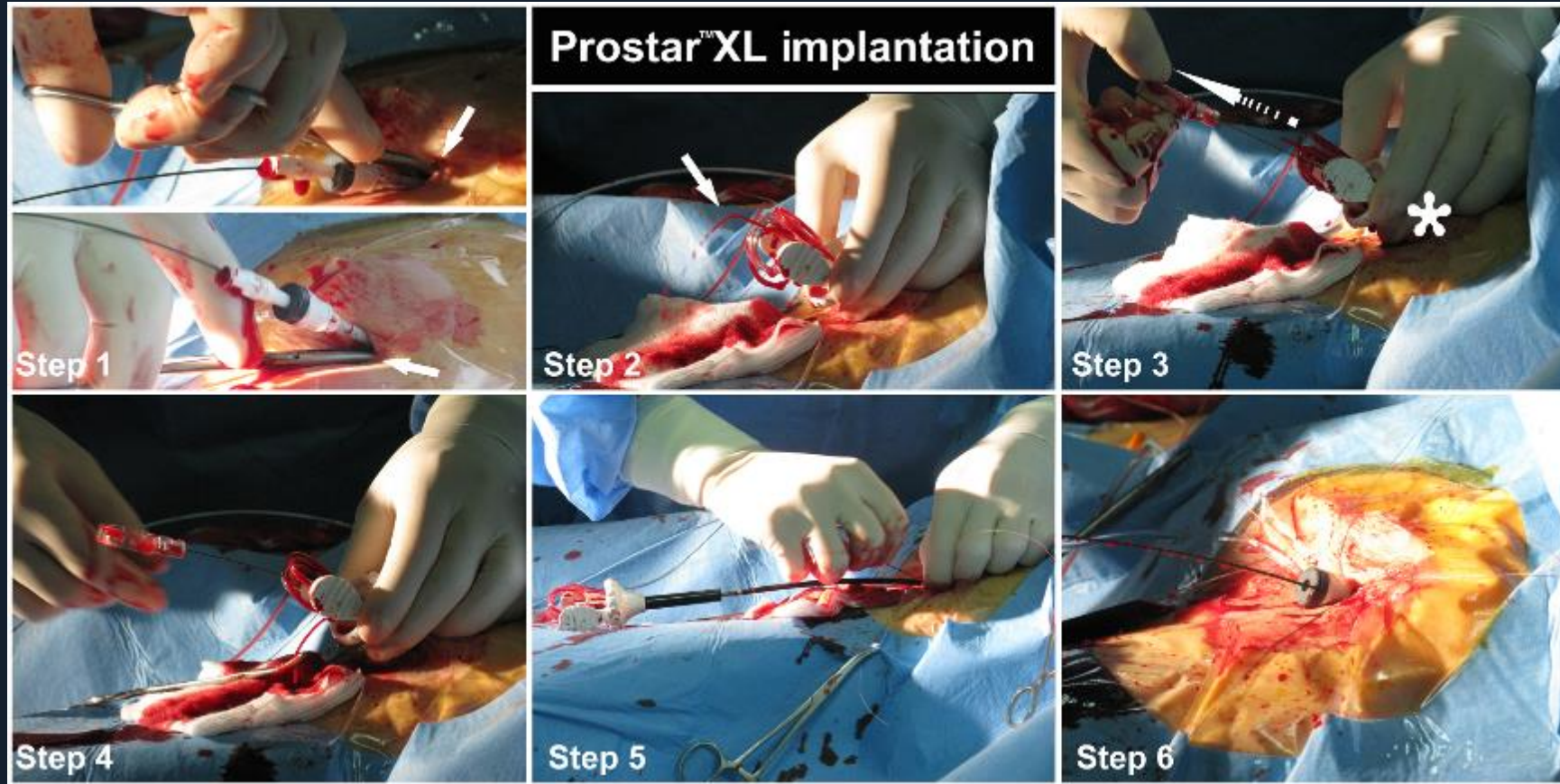
# How to prevent vascular complications: The importance of accurate puncture



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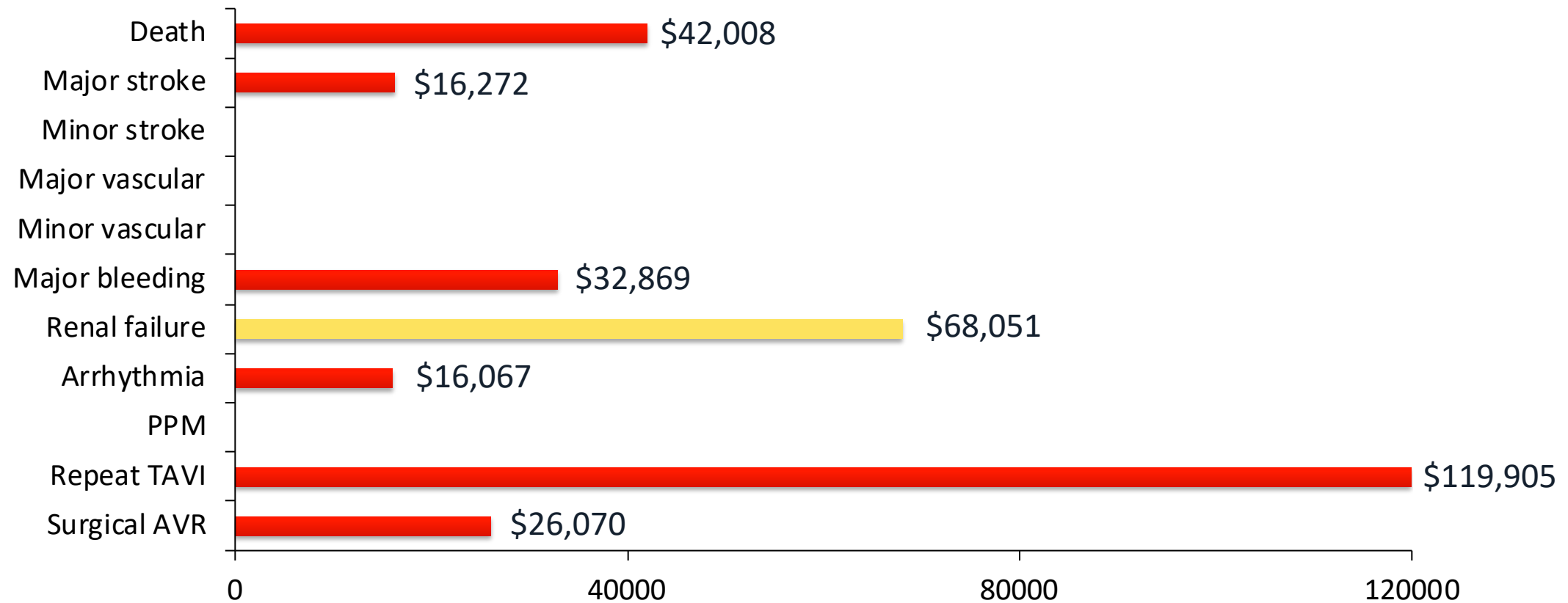
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# Acute kidney injury after TAVI

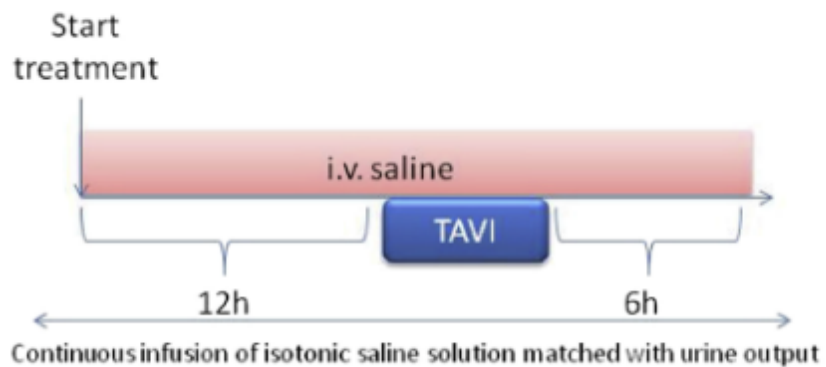
## Adjusted Incremental Costs of TAVI from PARTNER trial

\*Adjusted for age, sex, prior bypass surgery, peripheral vascular disease, diabetes, and STS mortality risk score; R<sup>2</sup>=0.41

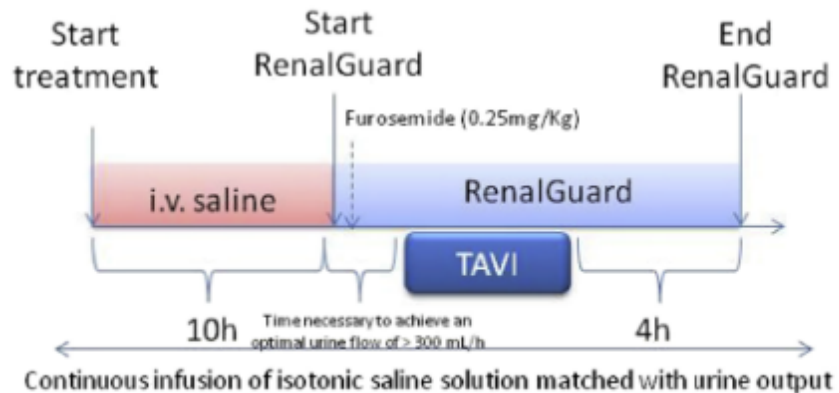


# Prevention of AKI after TAVI

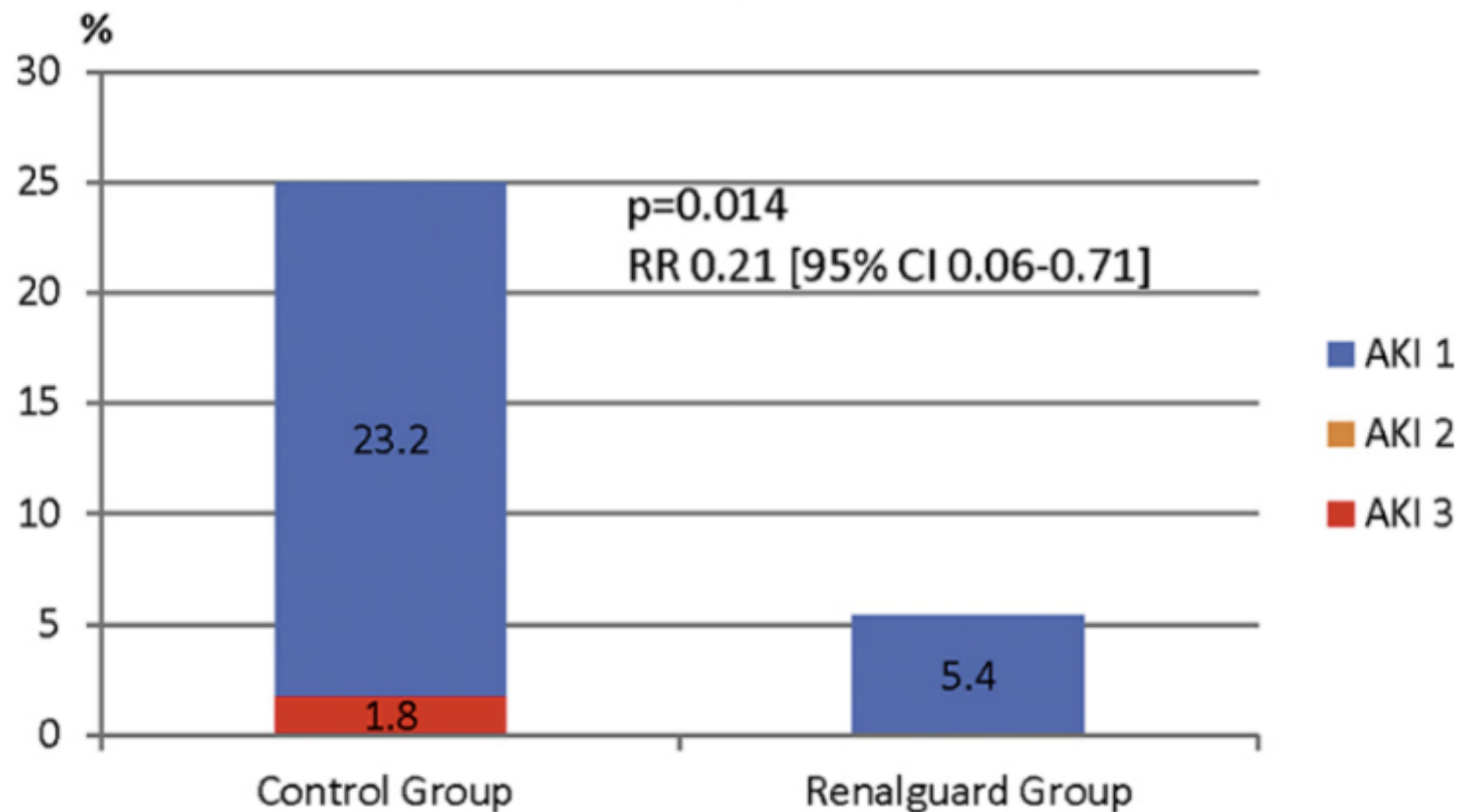
## Control Group



## RenalGuard Group



## AKI Incidence



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# Annulus rupture and coronary occlusion: Impact on operator's well-being



Uncomplicated TAVI

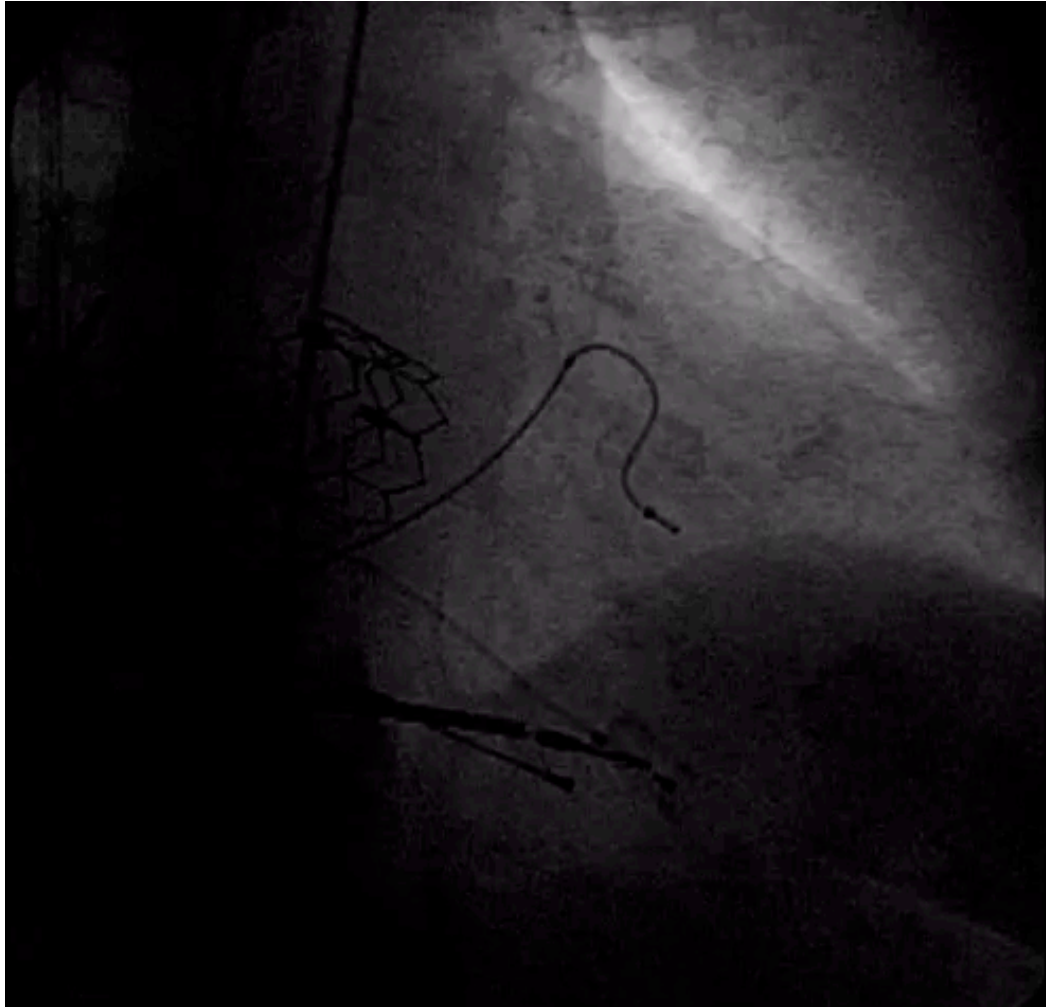


Moderate PVR  
Conduction disturbances  
Vascular complication

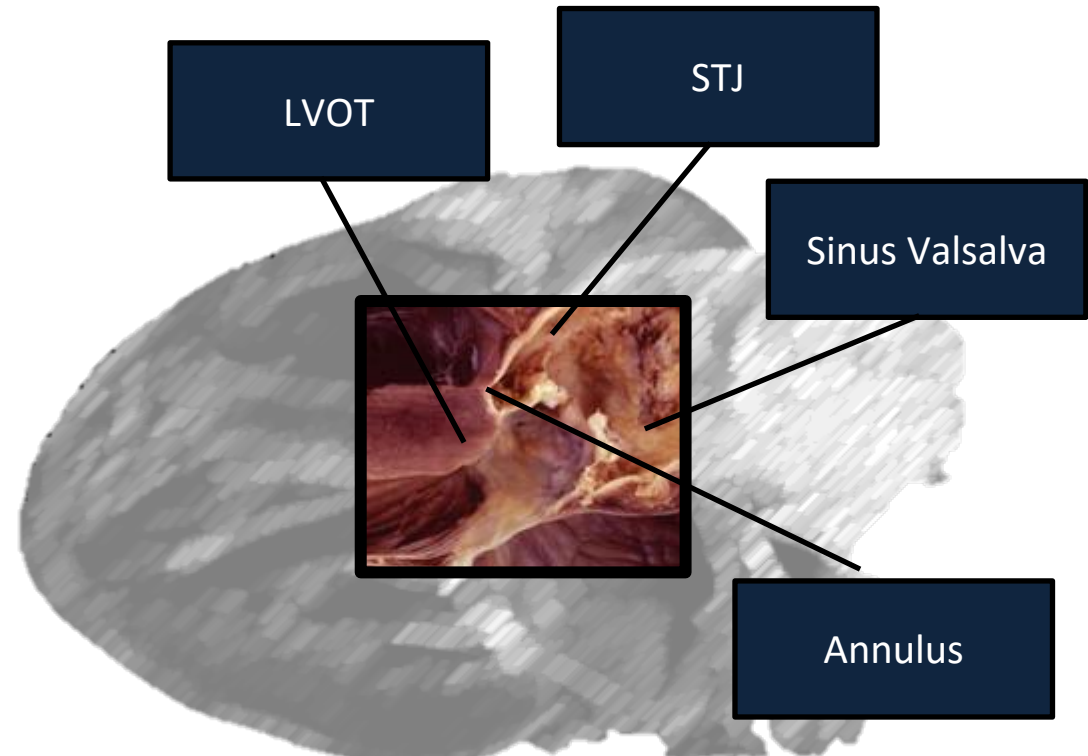


Aortic rupture  
Coronary occlusion

# Aortic rupture after TAVI



*Where aortic rupture might occur?*



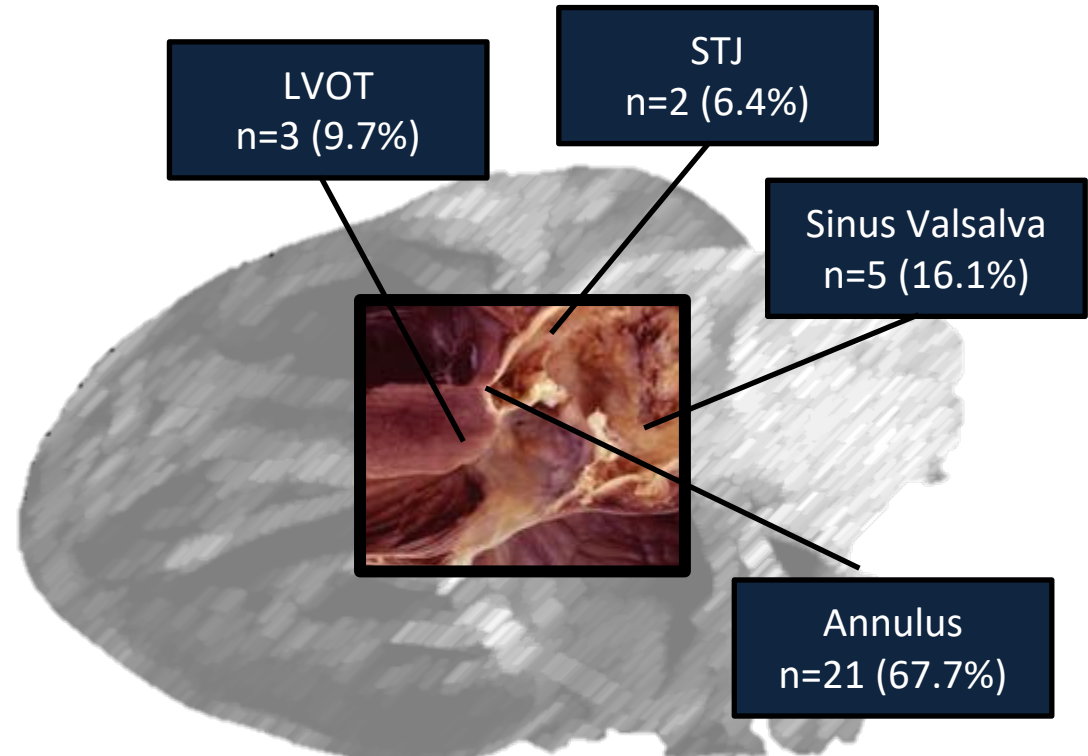
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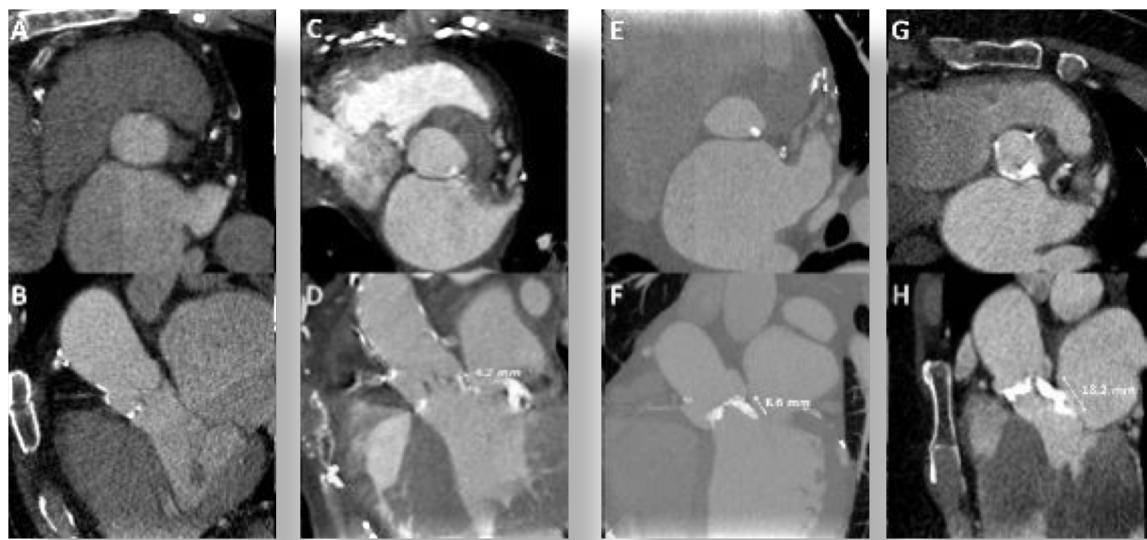
	Study group (n = 31)	Uncontained rupture (n = 20)	Contained rupture (n = 11)	P value
Mortality	48.4%	75.0%	0.0%	<0.001
Cardiovascular mortality	45.2%	70.0%	0.0%	<0.001
Disabling stroke	12.9%	10.0%	18.2%	0.447
Life-threatening bleeding	45.2%	60.0%	18.2%	0.049

## Univariate

Predictors of aortic root rupture	Odds Ratio (95%CI)	P value
LVOT calcifications moderate/severe	10.92 (3.23-36.91)	<0.001
Prosthesis oversizing $\geq$ 20%	8.38 (2.67-26.33)	<0.001

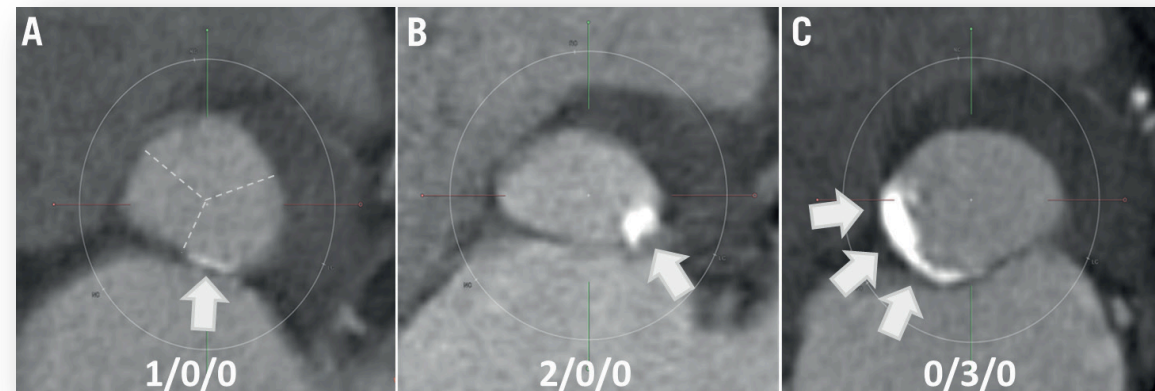


# Aortic rupture after TAVI: LVOT Calcium classification



Barbanti et al. Circulation 2013

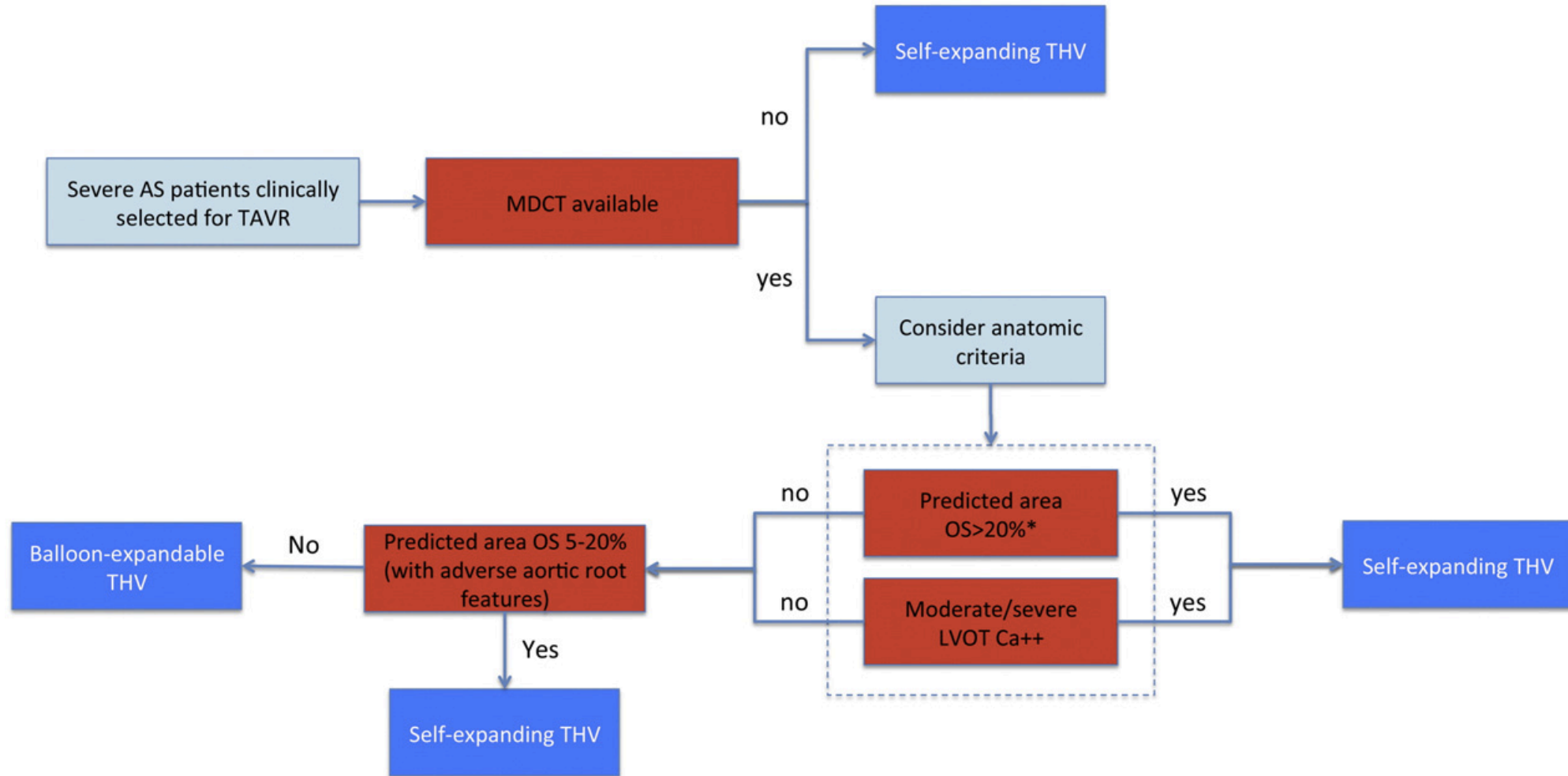
- **Mild:** 1 nodule of calcium extending <5 mm in any dimension and covering <10% of the perimeter of the LVOT
- **Moderate:** 2 nodules of calcification or 1 extending >5 mm in any direction or covering >10% of the perimeter of the LVOT
- **Severe:** multiple nodules of calcification or single focus extending >1 cm in length or covering >20% of the perimeter of the LVOT



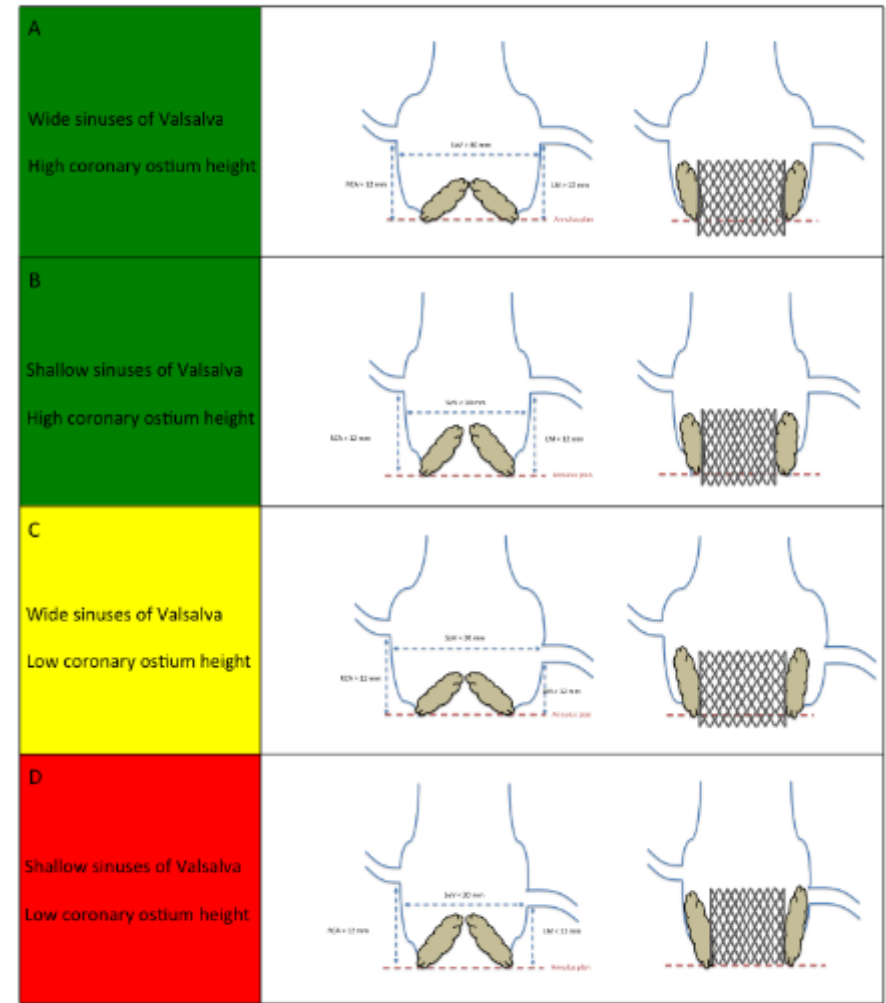
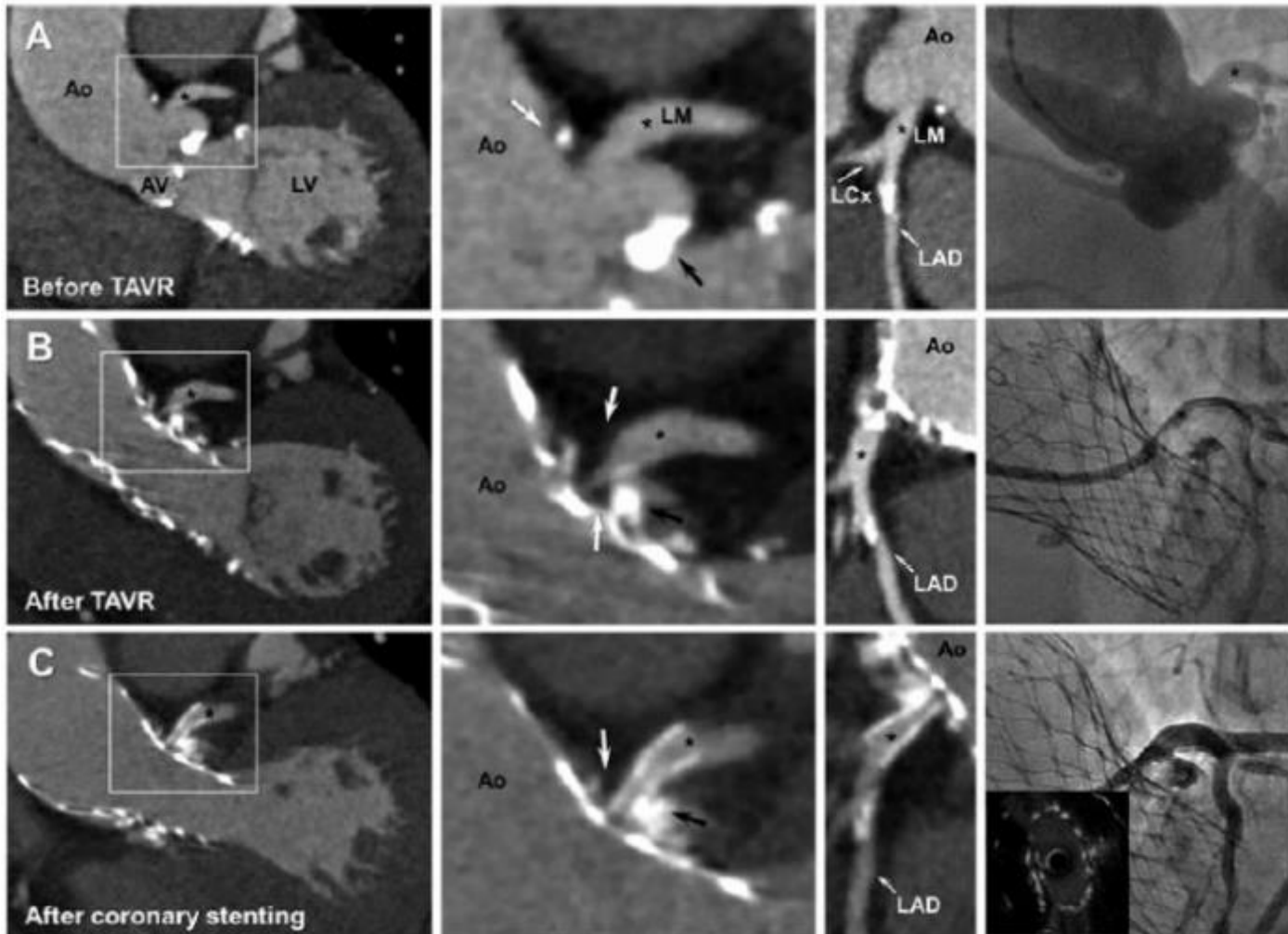
Buellesfeld et al. Eurointervention 2014

- **Grade 1 (mild):** Small, non-protruding calcification
- **Grade 2 (moderate):** Protruding (>1 mm) or extensive (>50% of cusp sector) calcification
- **Grade (severe):** Protruding (>1 mm) and extensive (>50% of cusp sector) calcification

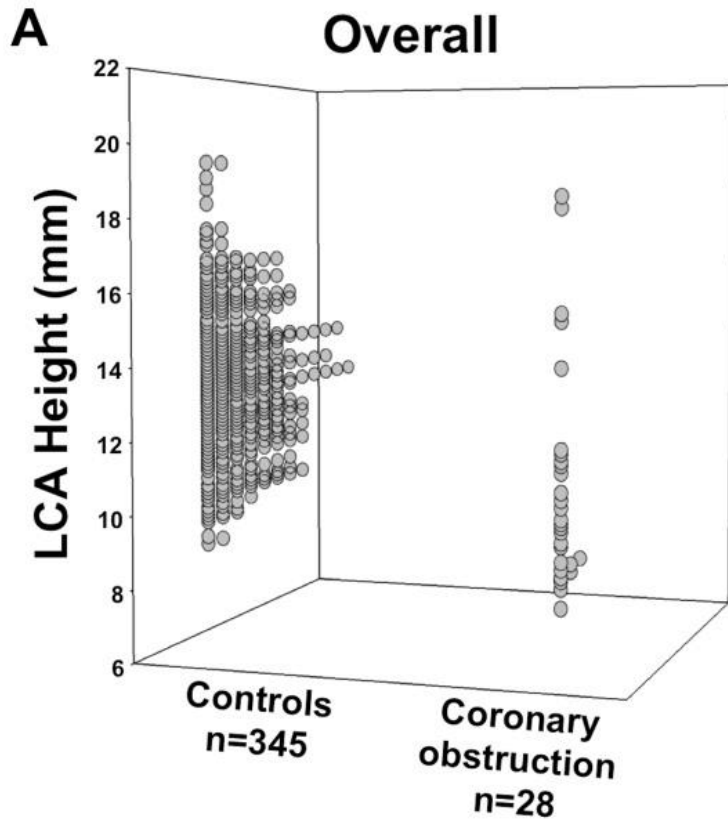
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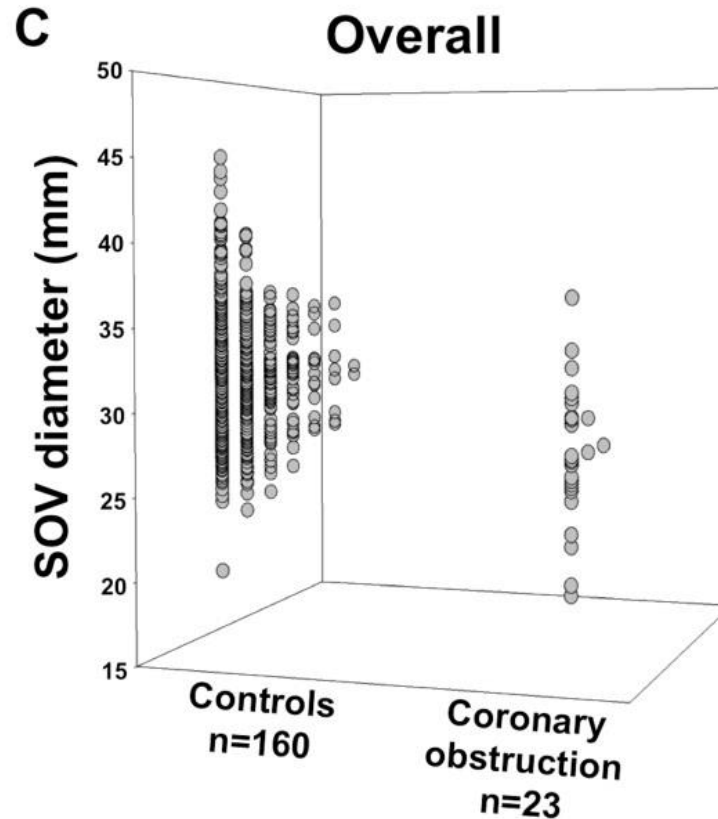
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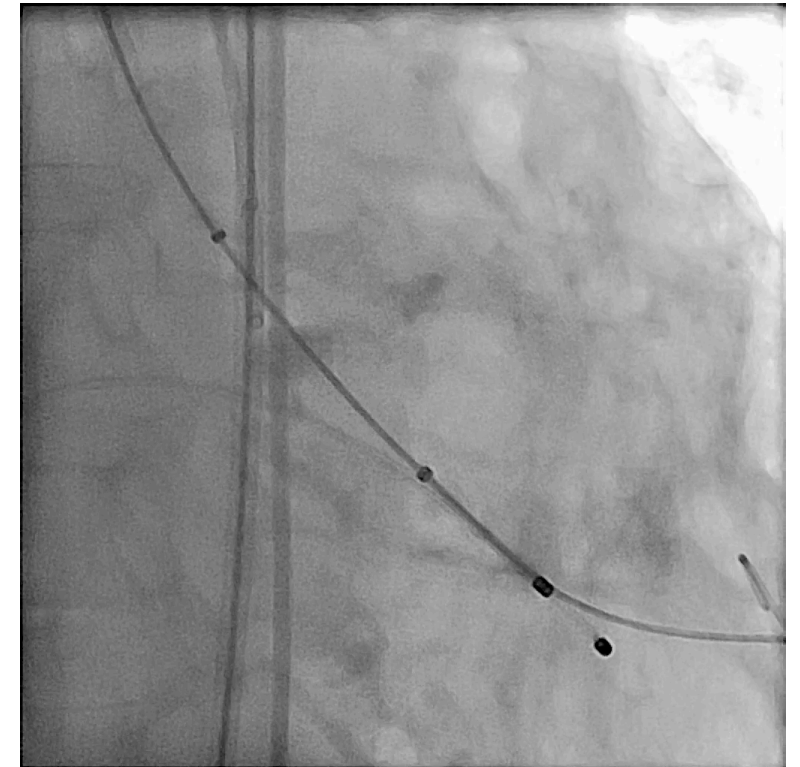
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*LCA height < 12mm*



*SoV diameter < 27mm*



# Preventing TAVI complications: Optimized TAVI patients pathway

## Pre procedure

- Outpatient baseline TTE
- Outpatient baseline MDCT
- Admission for TAVI 24 hours before the procedure
- Patient and family preparation for possible early discharge after TAVI

## Procedure

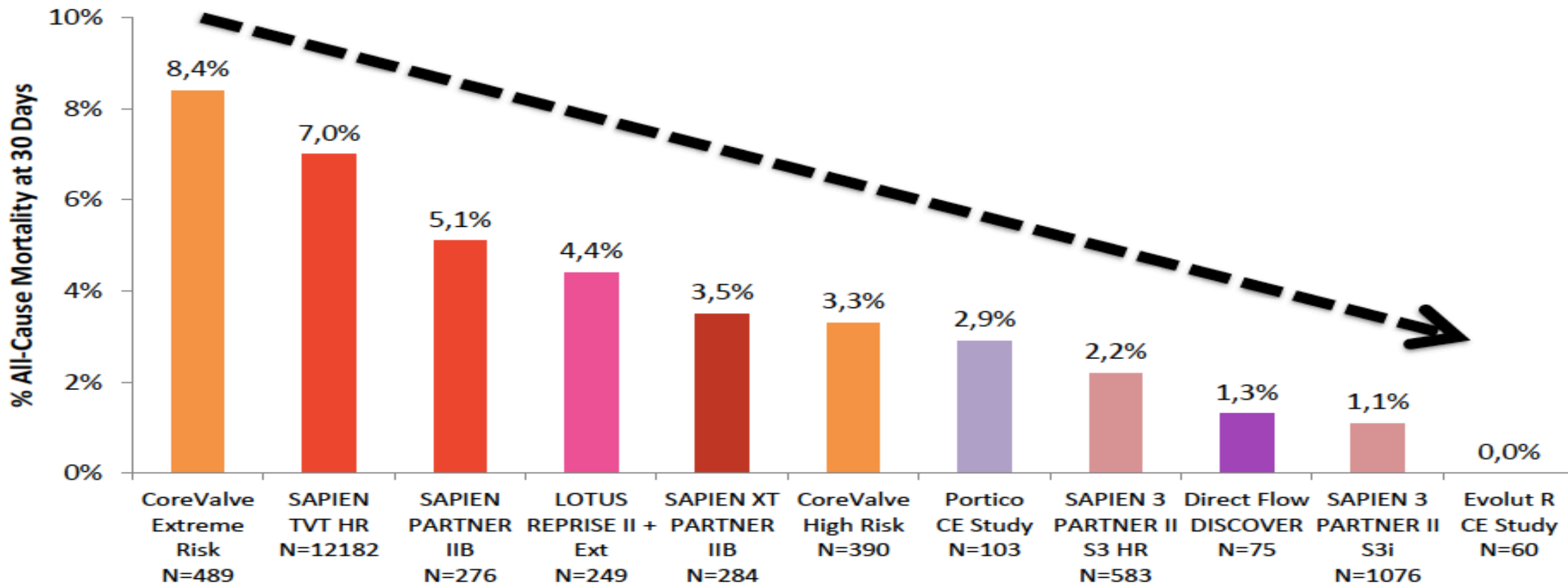
- Local anesthesia
- Back-up TTE
- Fully percutaneous access
- No urinary catheter
- CAD screening and ad hoc PCI
- All sheaths removed in procedure room
- Temporary pacemaker removed in procedure room<sup>1</sup>

## Post procedure

- Review of TTE
- Reduce CICU stay
- Early return to baseline mobilization (6-8 hours)
- Early return to baseline hydration (6-8 hours)
- Criteria-driven discharge



# TAVI: 30-day All-cause Mortality



# CONCLUSIONI

Le complicanze durante TAVI sono sempre in agguato

alcune sono quasi sempre imprevedibili (stroke, TIA, perforazione ventricolare da guida o da PM);

tutte le altre (insufficienza aortica, pace-maker, rottura di anulus, occlusione coronarica, danno arterioso femorale, insufficienza renale) sono quasi sempre prevedibili e prevenibili con una accurata selezione della strategia di procedura e del dispositivo da utilizzare

