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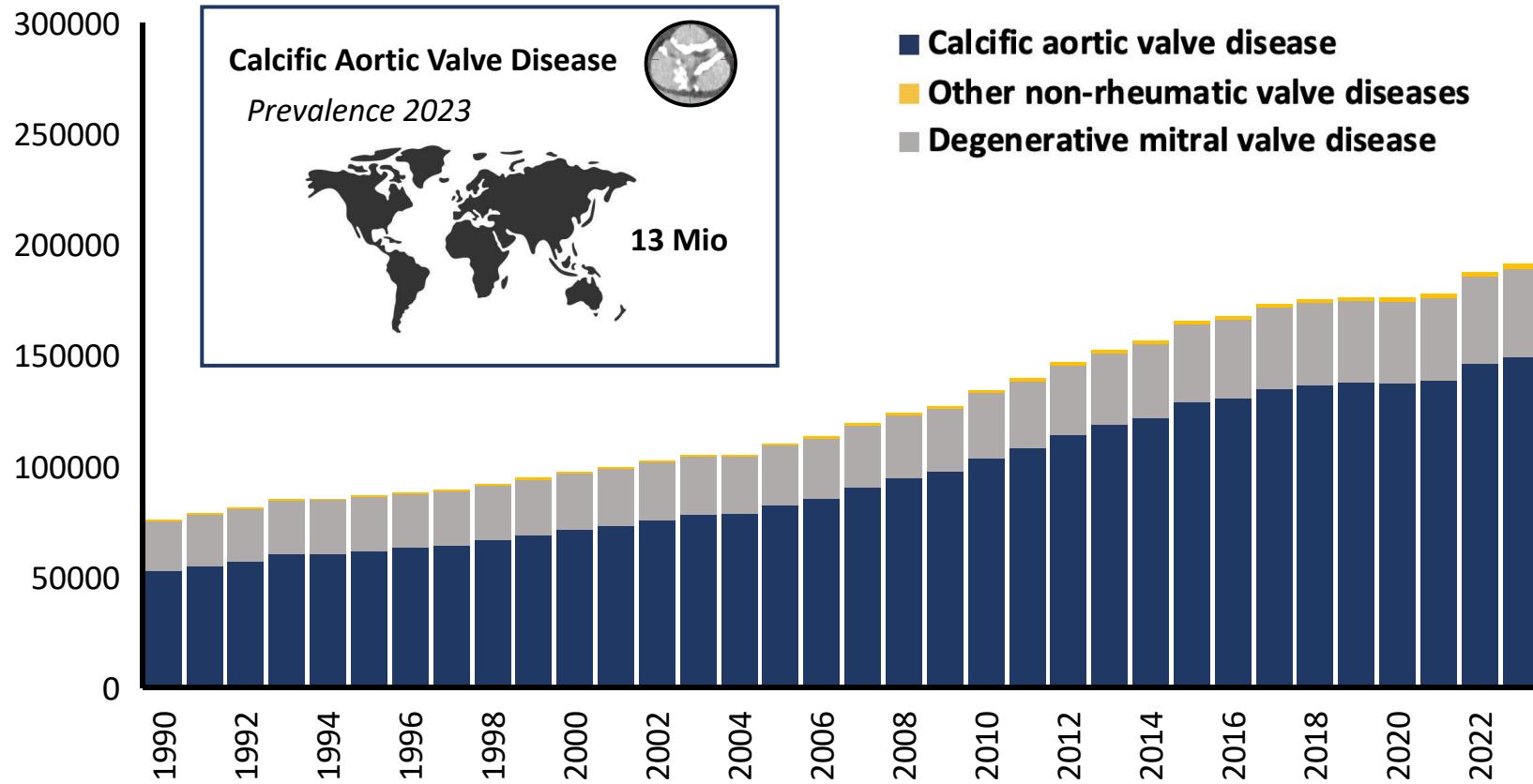
# El Futuro del Implante Percutáneo de Prótesis Aórtica The Future of TAVI

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CSC Madrid, November 5 2025

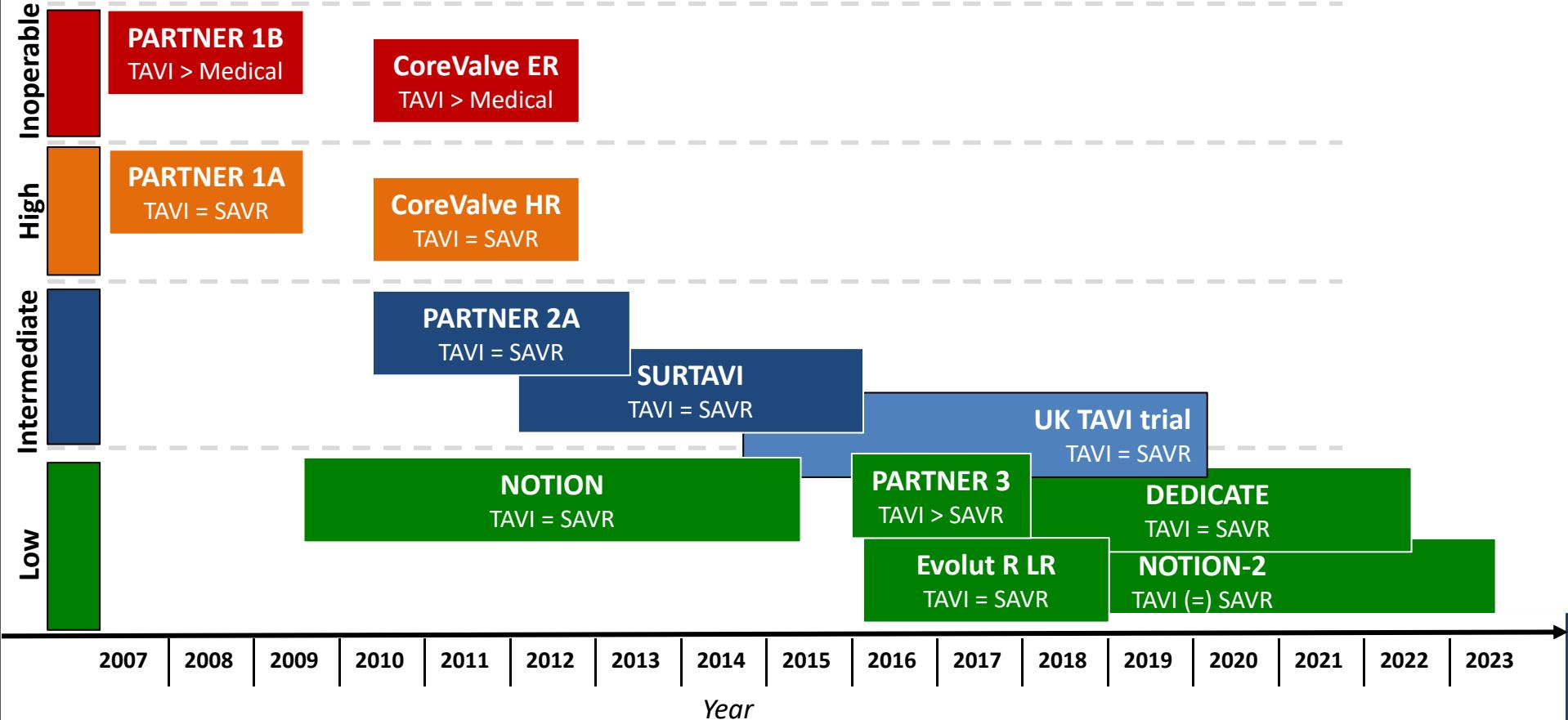
# Global Burden of Death from Degenerative Valvular Heart Disease

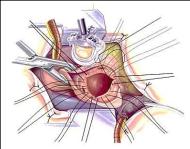


# TAVI - A Paradigm Change in the Treatment of Aortic Stenosis

## *A Summary of Landmark Trials*

Surgical Risk/STS





# Evidence and Guidelines – TAVI vs SAVR



Extreme risk	I	B
High-risk	IIa	B

Extreme risk	I	B
Increased risk	I	B

Age $\geq 75$ years	I	A
Patients according to individual characteristics	I	B

Age $\geq 70$ years	I	A
Asymptomatic AS	IIa	A
Severe bicuspid stenosis at increased surgical risk	IIb	B

Prohibitive risk	I	B
High-risk	IIa	B

Prohibitive risk	I	A
High risk	I	A
Intermediate risk	IIa	BR

Age 65-80 years based on shared decision making	I	A
Age $>80$ years	I	A
High/prohibitive risk	I	A

# Evolution of TAVI Challenges

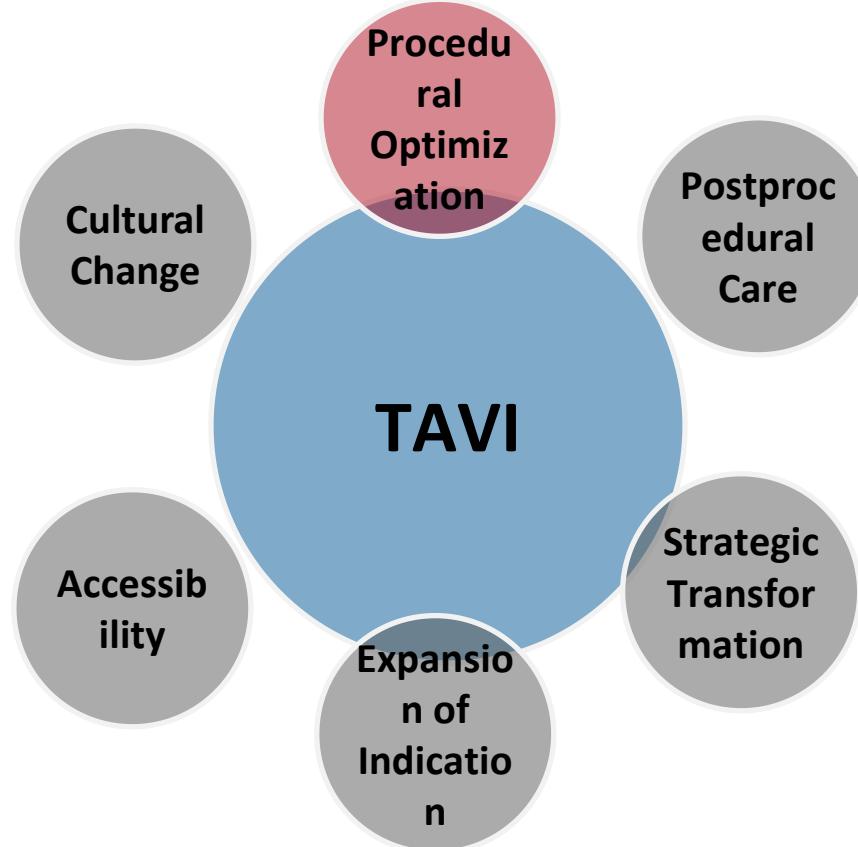
Procedural Optimization

**Therapeutic Integration**  
*The Heart Team Approach*

**Strategic Transformation**  
*Lifetime management*

Time

# The Future of TAVI



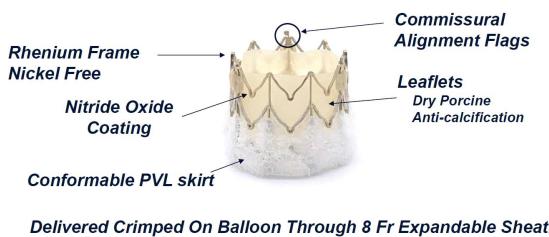
## Current TAVI Device Landscape

	Balloon-expandable		Self-expanding			
Indication	Severe AS				Pure AR	
	SAPIEN 3 UR	Myval Octacor	Evolut FX Plus	Navitor	J-Valve	JenaValve Trilogy
						
Frame	Cobalt-chromium	Cobalt-Nickel				Nitinol
Valve tissue	Bovine pericardium		Porcine pericardium	Bovine pericardium	Porcine Pericardium	
Valve size (mm)	20/23/26/29	20/21.5/23/24.5/26/27.5/29/30.5/32	23/26/29/34	23/25/27/29/35	22/25/28/31/34	23/25/27
Design	Intra-annular		Supra-annular	Intra-annular	Intra-annular	Supra-annular
Repositioning	No		Yes			
Delivery system	14/16 Fr	14 Fr	14/18 Fr	14/15 Fr	18 Fr	

Artificial Intelligence tools to assess anatomical risks and refine patient &amp; device selection

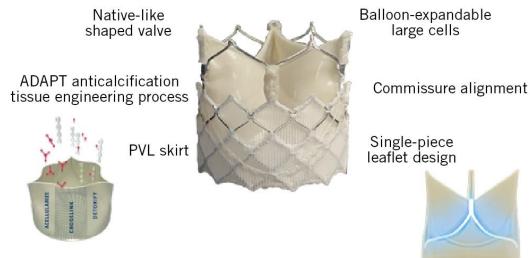
# Upcoming Devices with New Technology

## Siegel



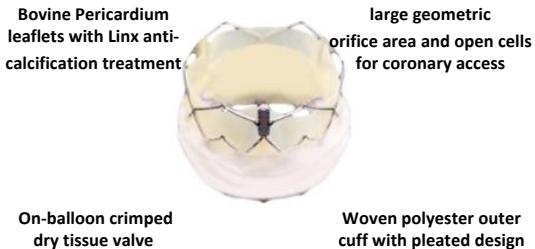
**Standout feature:**  
**8F delivery sheath**

## DurAVR



**Standout feature:**  
**Single piece native-shaped leaflet structure with superior hemodynamic performance and improved durability**

## Encantor



**Standout feature:**  
**Balloon-expandable THV with active commissural alignment**

**Fully repositionable & retrievable THV? THV with a minimized stent frame?**

# Optimization of Implantation: The CODE Framework

## Coaxiality



Axial angle between lower hinge points of inflow stent frame and native cusps

## Orientation

Alignment between native commissures and THV commissures

THV stent frame expansion with respect to the device nominal diameter

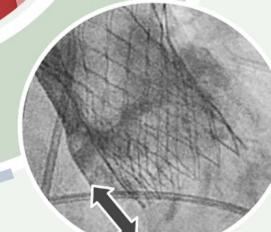
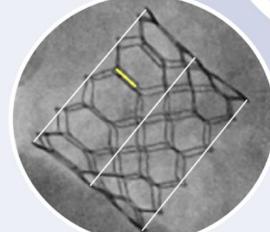
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## Expansion



## Depth

The distance between the THV stent frame nadir and the aortic valve cusps

# Minimalist Approach: DOUBLE-CHOICE Trial



## Standard of care

- Local anesthesia
- + conscious sedation
- Central venous line
- Arterial lines
- Urinary catheter

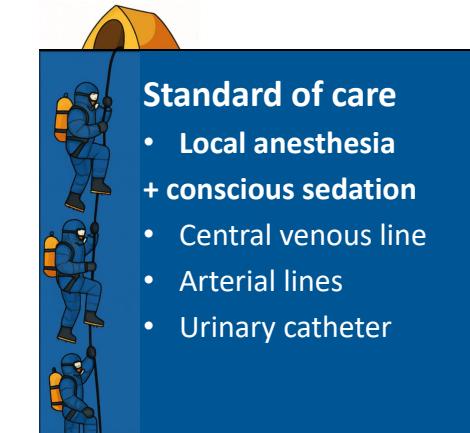
N= 752 patients, median age 83 yrs, 58% female, STS-PROM >4.5%



## Minimalist approach

- Local anesthesia
- without sedation
- No additional lines

# Minimalist Approach: DOUBLE-CHOICE



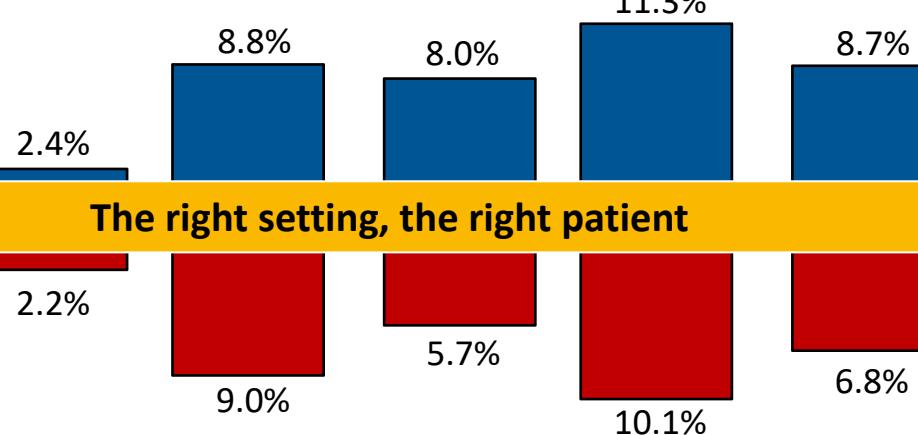
25.8%



22.9%

PEP

All-cause mortality      Vasc. compl.      Bleeding      Infection req. Abx      Neurologic event

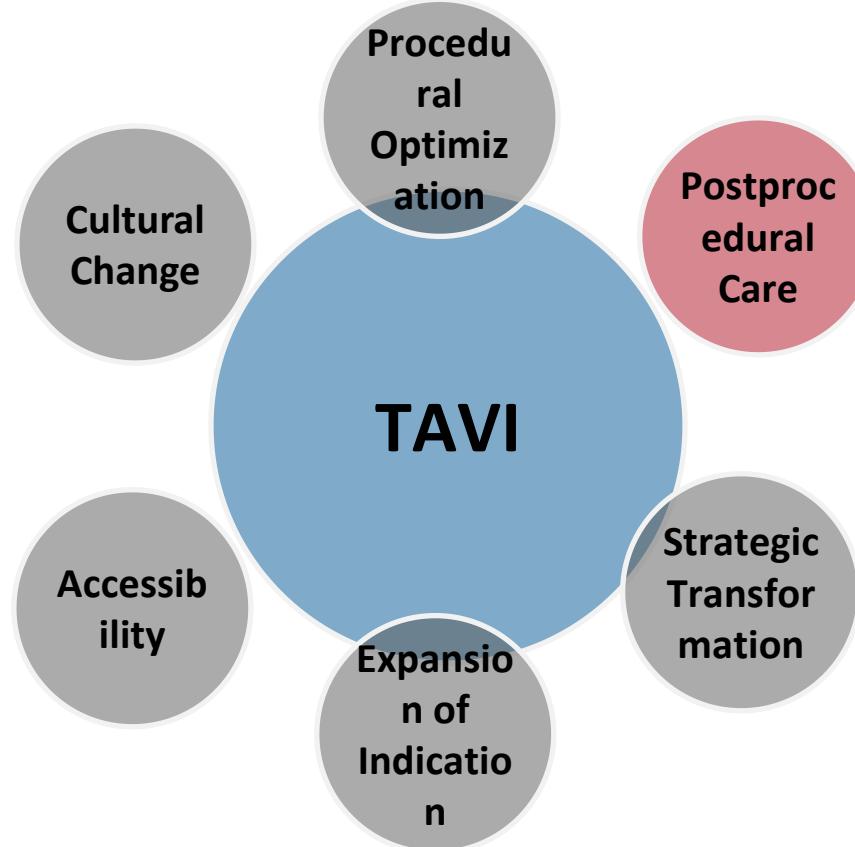


The right setting, the right patient

P for noninferiority = 0.003

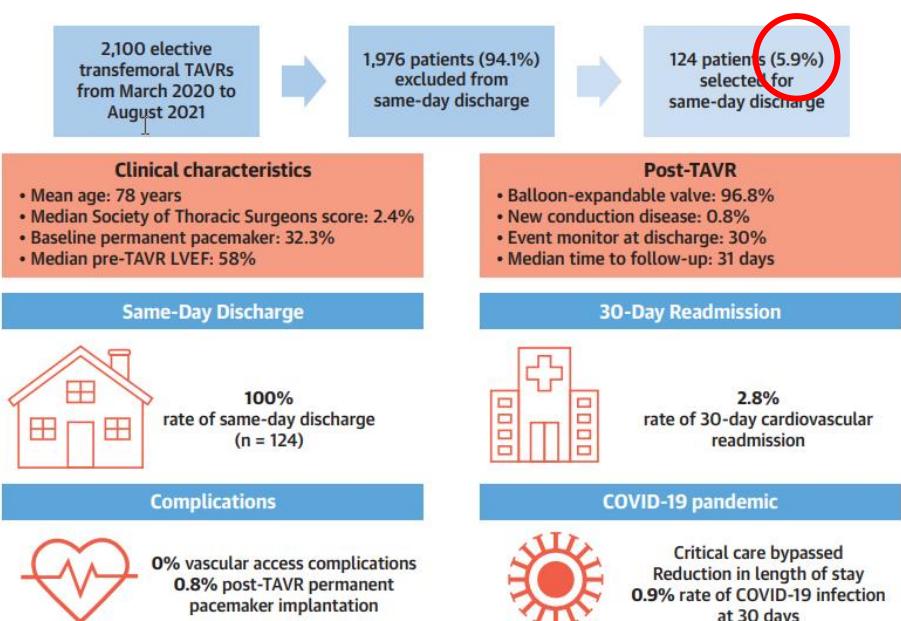
⊕ Resource utilization ↓ ⊖ Anxiety & stress ↑

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# Same-Day Discharge after TAVI

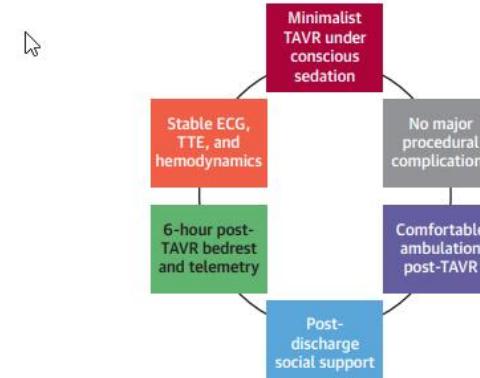
## Multicenter PROTECT TAVR Study



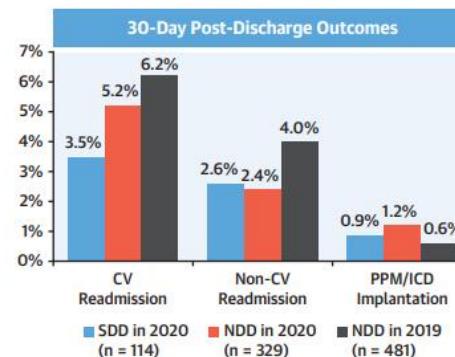
Barker M, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Intv. 2022;15(6):590-598.

Barker M et al, JINT 2022

## Cleveland experience



**Same-day discharge (SDD): 8.7%**  
**Next-day discharge (NDD): 61.6%**

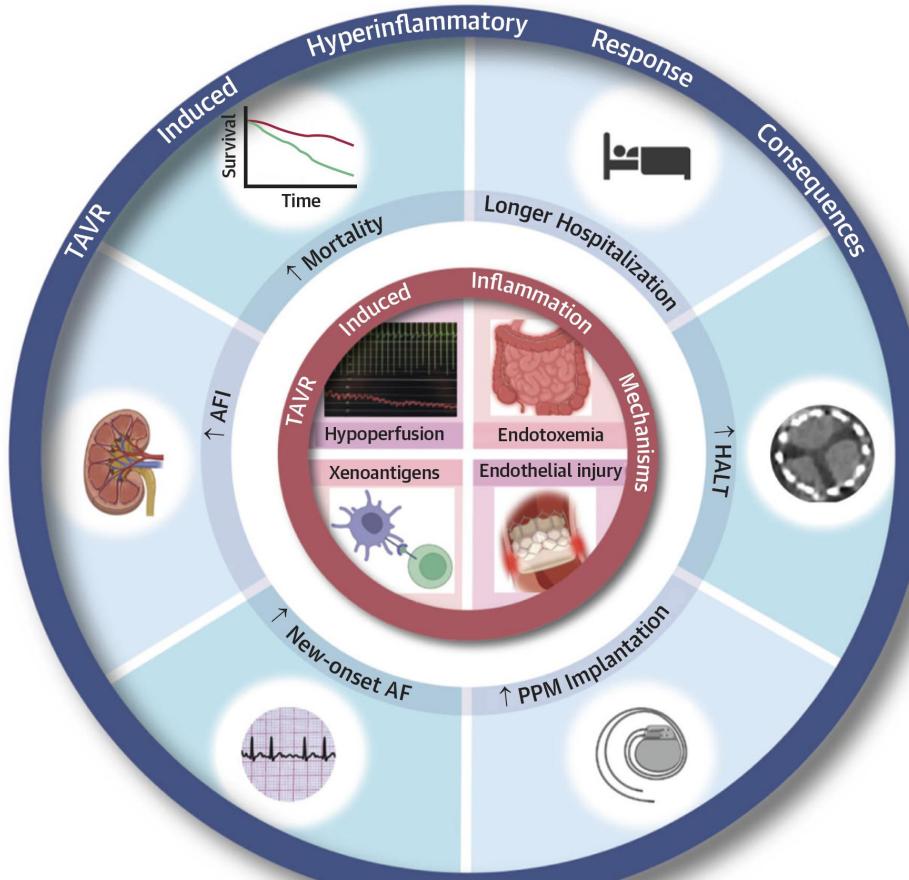


**CV Readmissions Within 30 Days After SDD (n = 4)**

- Rapid atrial fibrillation (POD 1) → Spontaneous resolution
- Pulmonary edema (POD 7) → IV diuresis and antihypertensives
- GI bleed related to DAPT (POD 15) → EGD and changed to SAPT
- Intermittent CHB (POD 25) → PPM Implantation

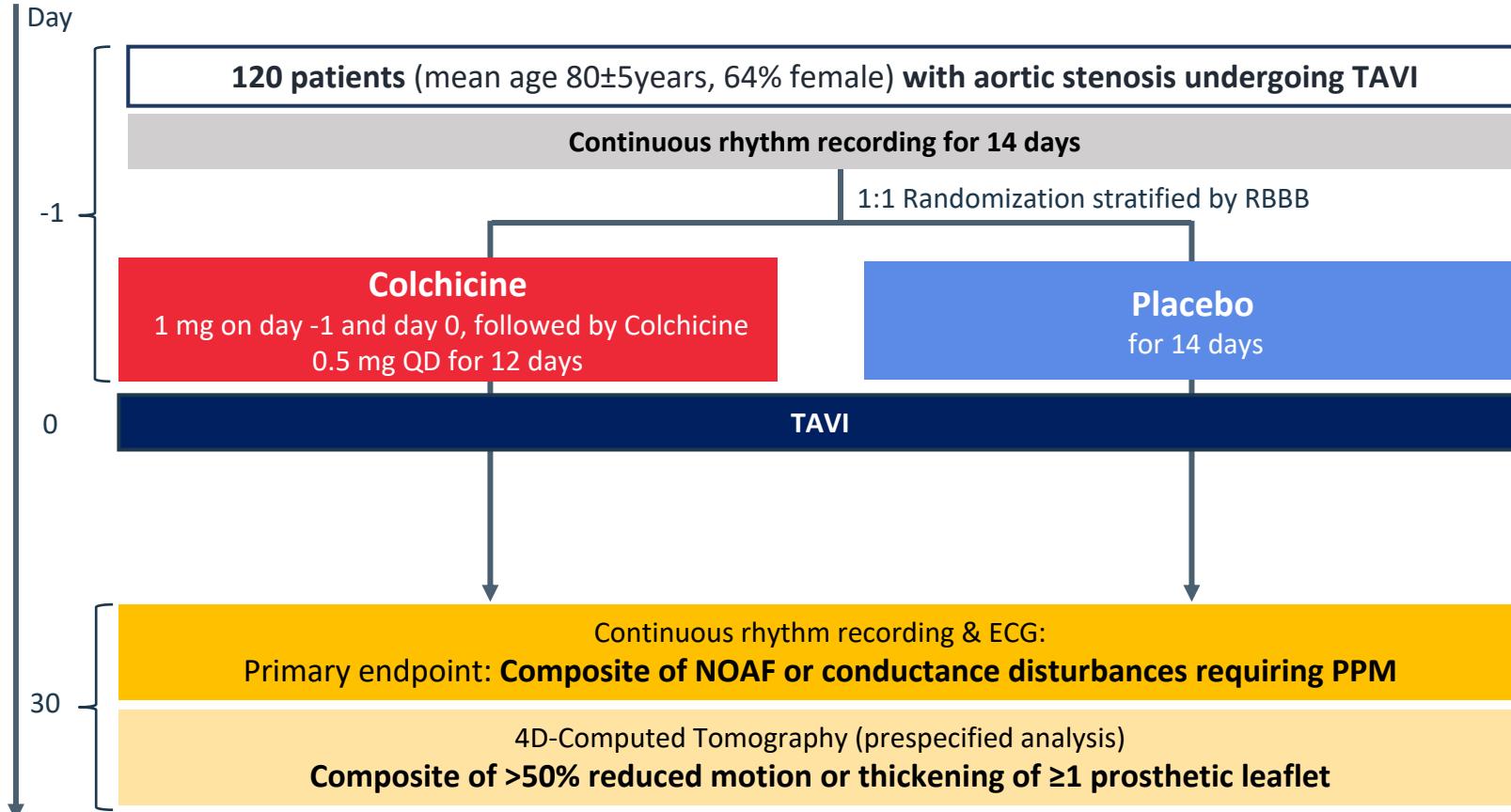
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# Antiinflammatory Treatment after TAVI

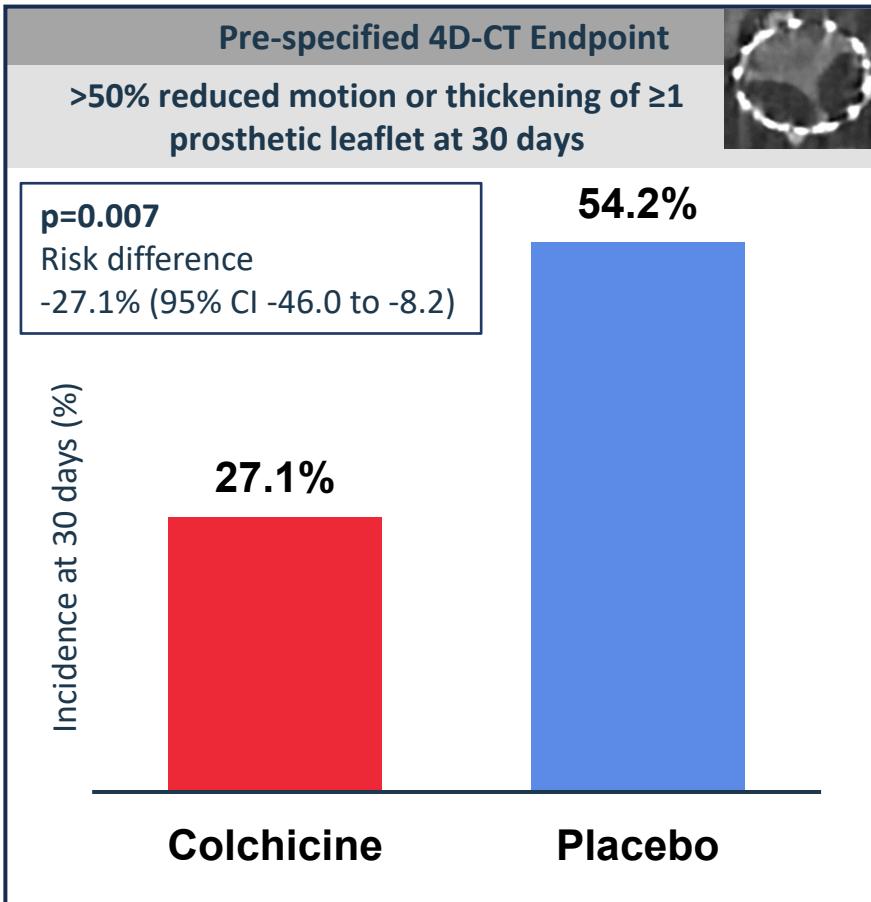
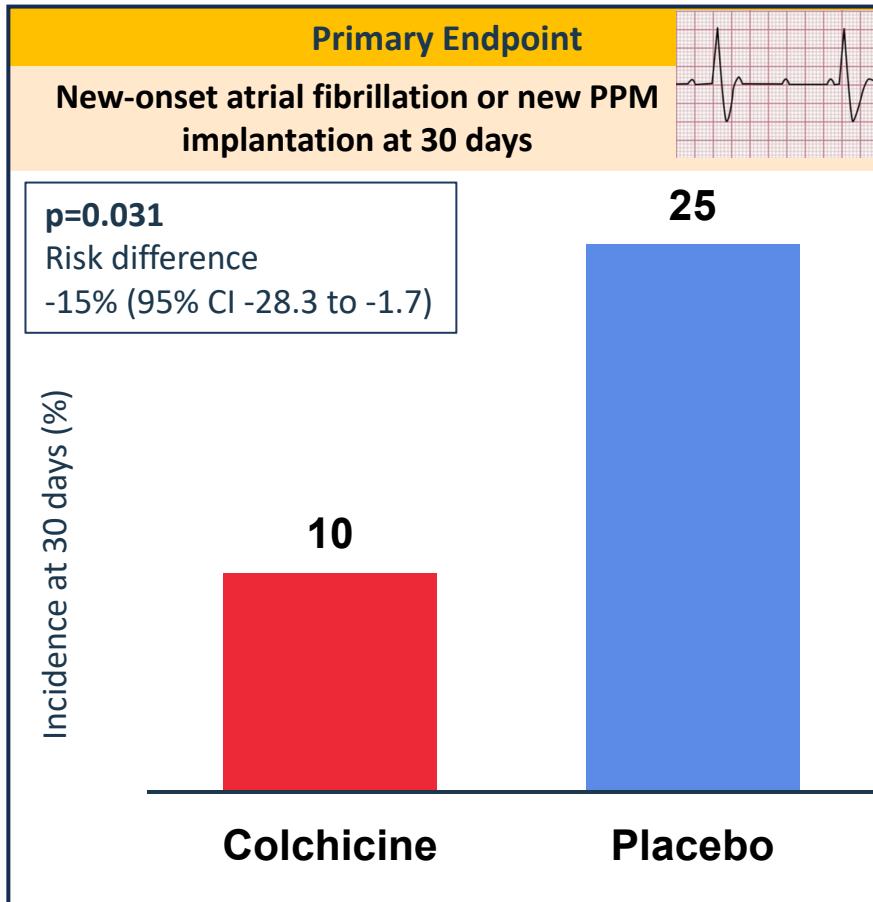


# Colchicine in Patients with Aortic Stenosis Undergoing TAVI

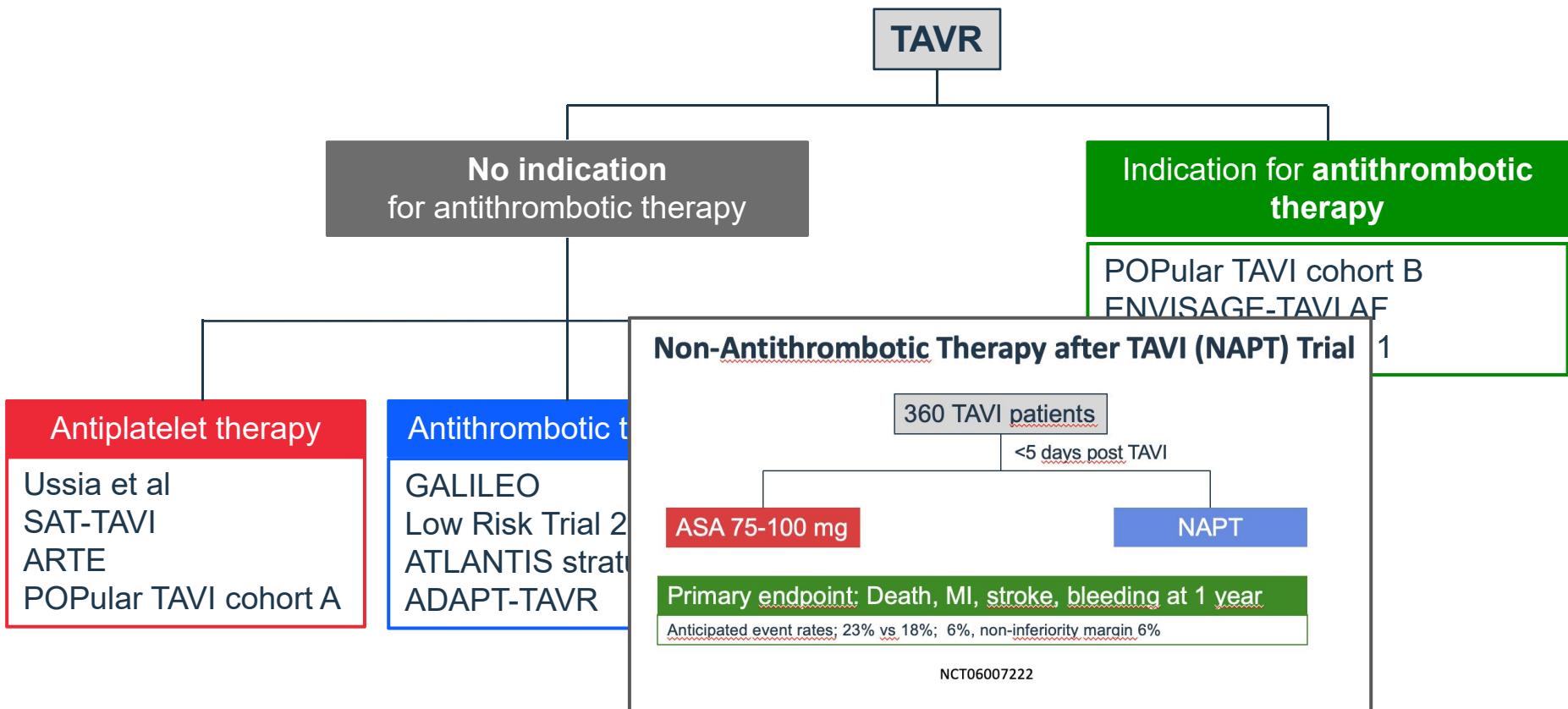
*Investigator-initiated, double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomised trial*



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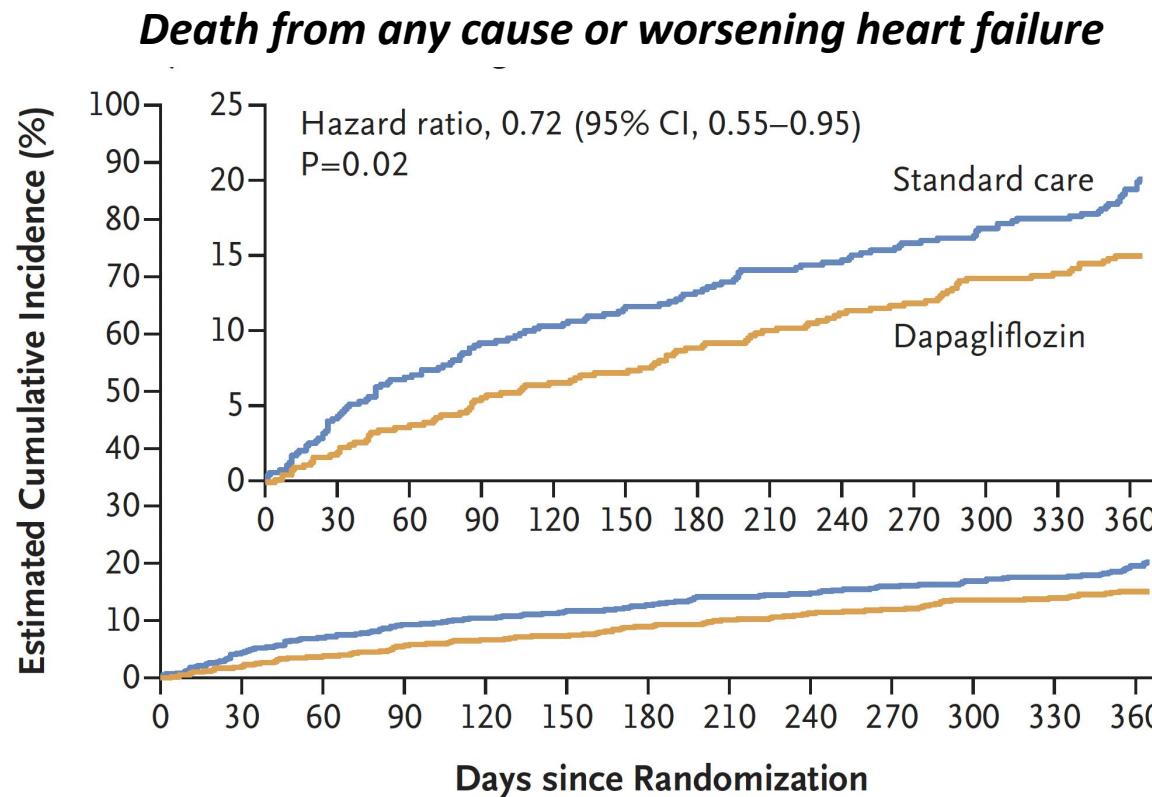


# Antithrombotic Therapy post TAVI

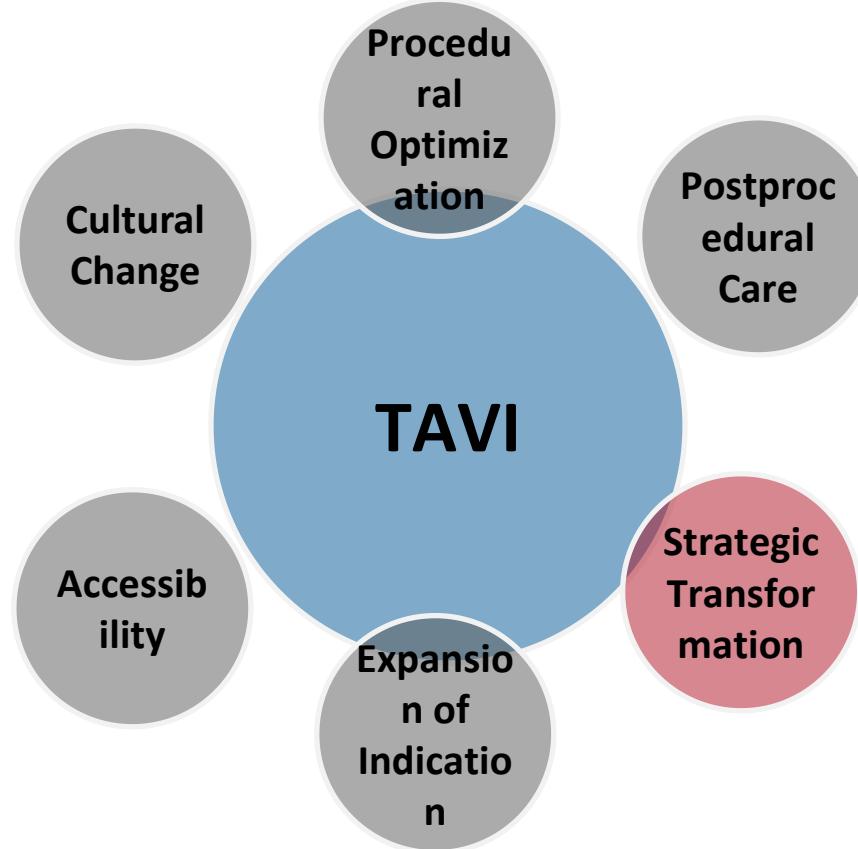


# SGLT2-Inhibitors in Patients Undergoing TAVI

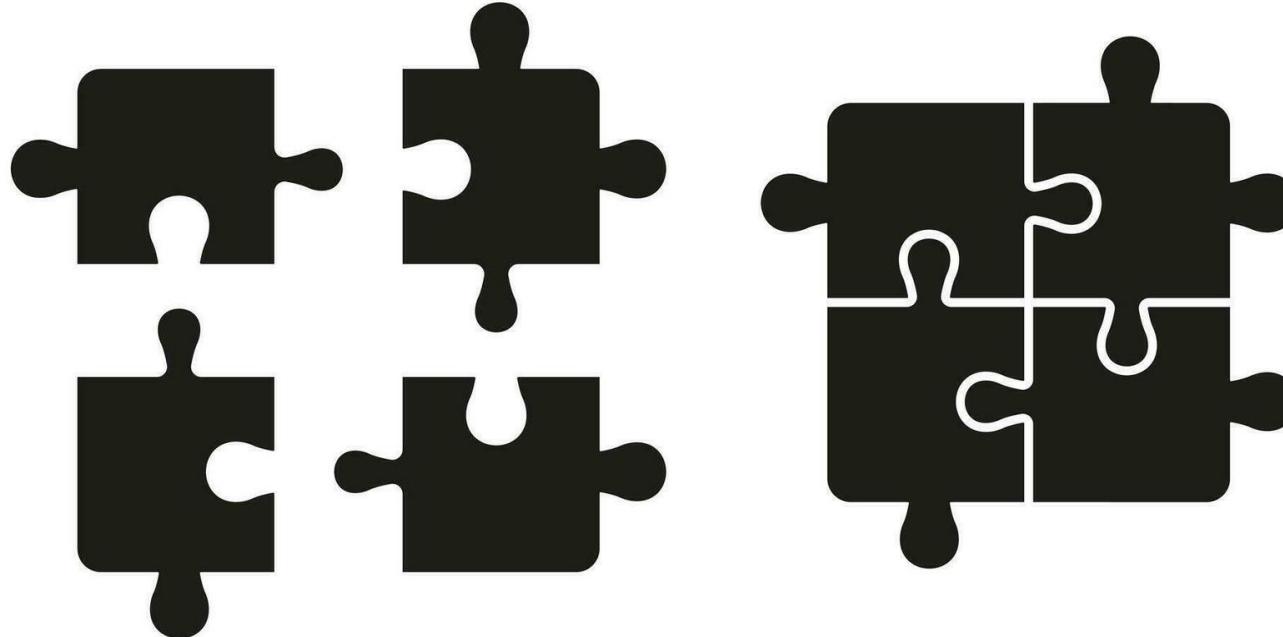
1257 patients s/p TAVI with a Hx of HF plus CKD, diabetes, or LVEF↓ (mean age 82±6 yrs, 49% female)



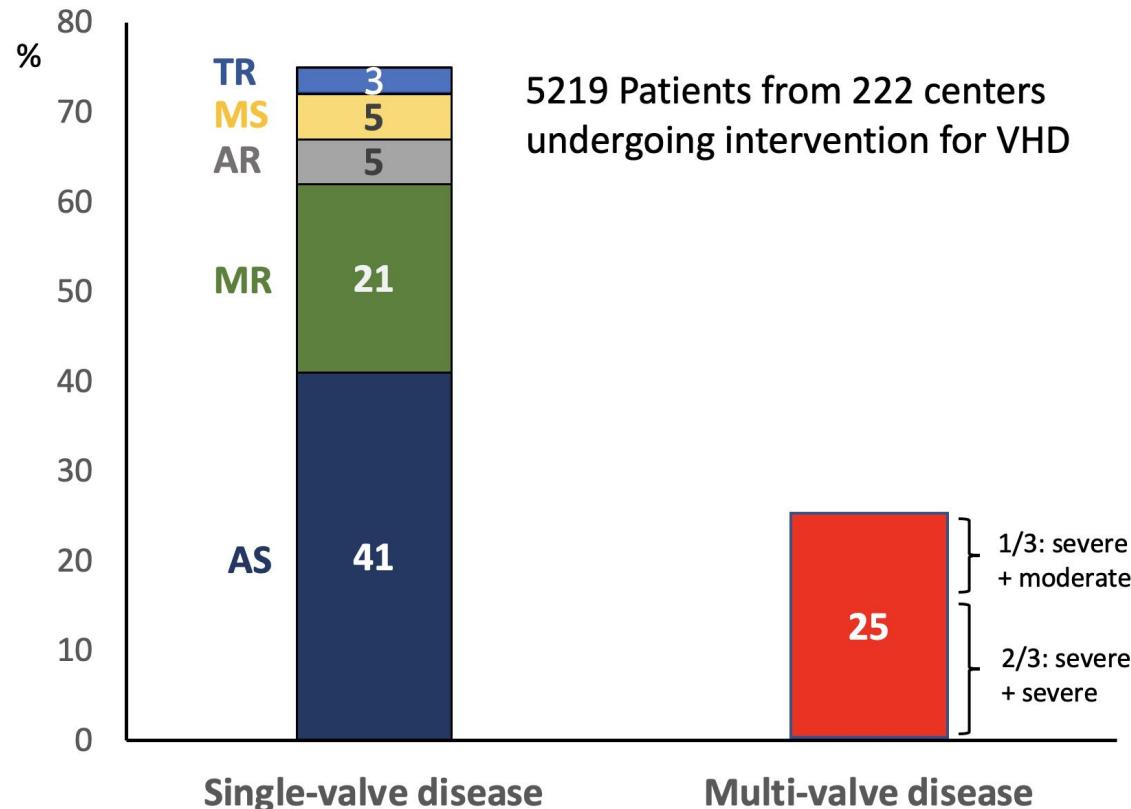
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# Aortic Stenosis and Multivalve Disease

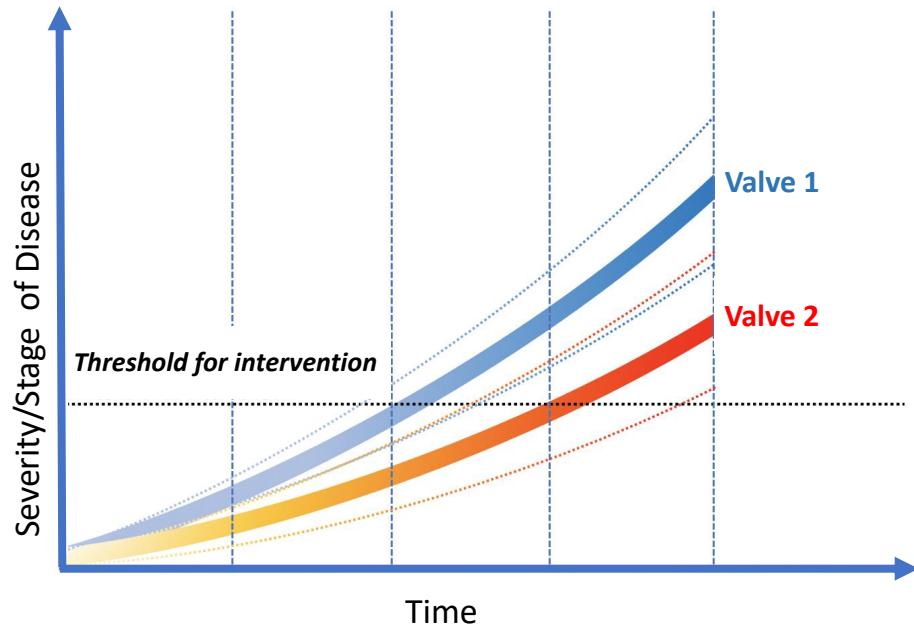


# Prevalence of Multivalve Disease



# Aortic Stenosis and Concomitant Valvular Heart Disease

## Asynchronous Progression of Concomitant VHD



1

**Revascularization vs  
conservative Management**

*Severity of CAD*

ACTIVATION, NOTION 3,  
COMPLETE TAVR (NCT04634240),  
PRO-TAVI (NCT05078619)

2

**PCI + TAVI vs CABG + SAVR**

*Complexity of CAD*

TCW

3

**PCI before, during or after  
TAVI**

*Timing of revascularization*

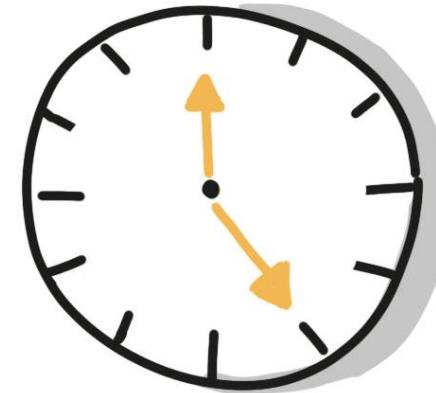
TAVI-PCI (NCT04310046))

**From one-size-fits-all approach to a tailored/individualized approach to patients with aortic stenosis and coronary artery disease.**

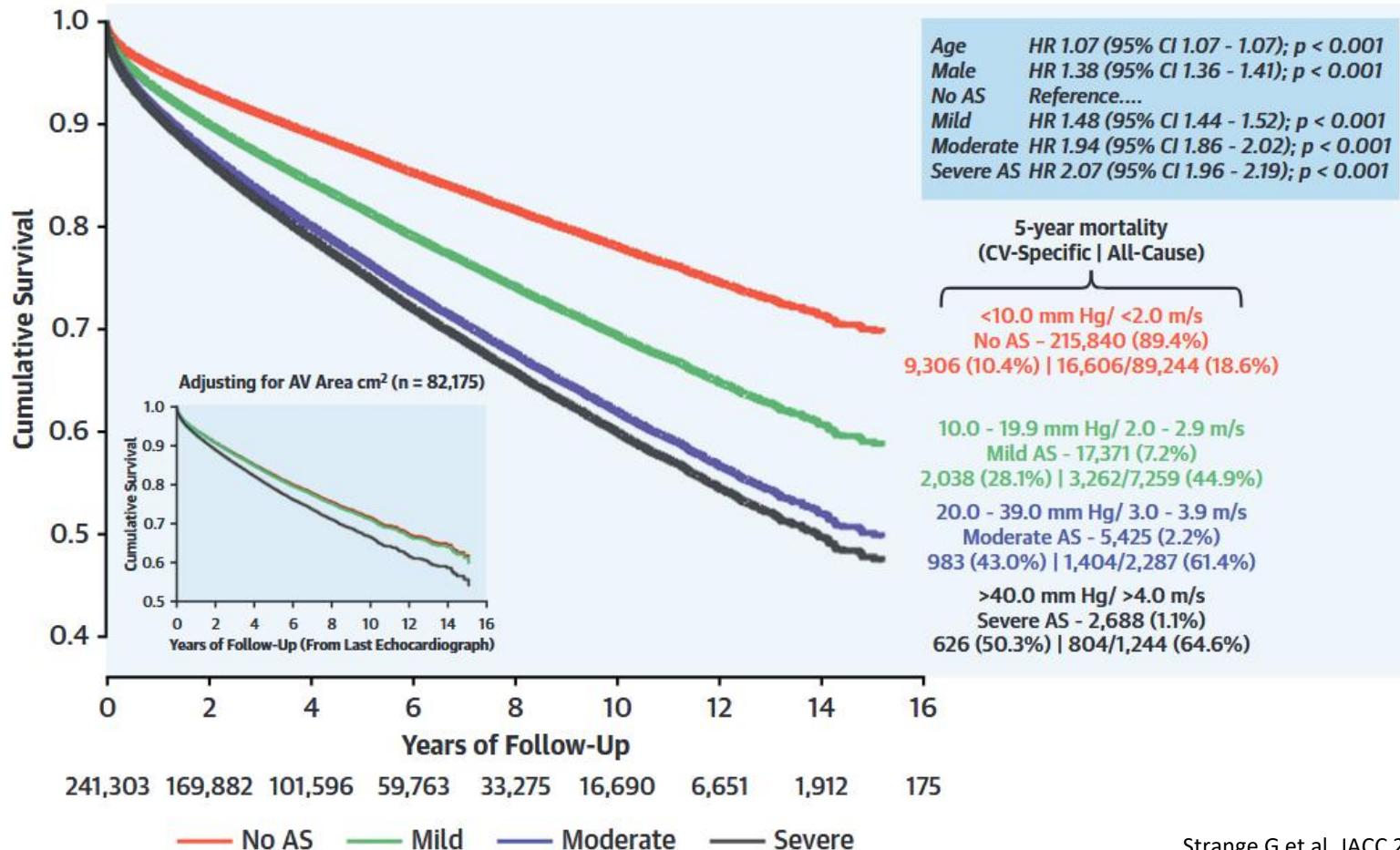
# Timing of Intervention in Aortic Stenosis

Earlier intervention in aortic stenosis is supported by two key insights:

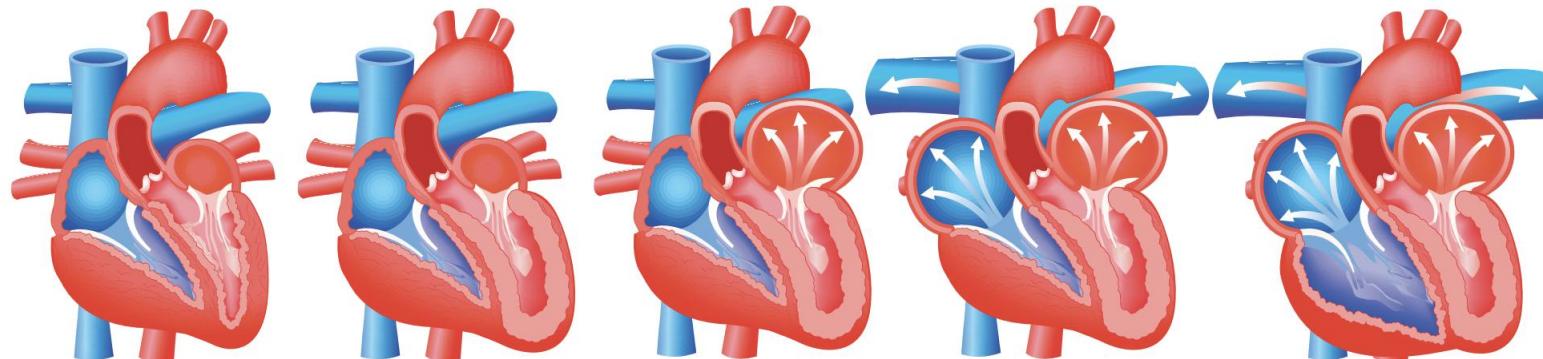
1. Mortality risk in aortic stenosis increases gradually rather than abruptly.
2. Shift from grading of aortic stenosis to staging of aortic stenosis (integrating markers of cardiac damage)



# 1. Mortality Risk According to Severity of AS

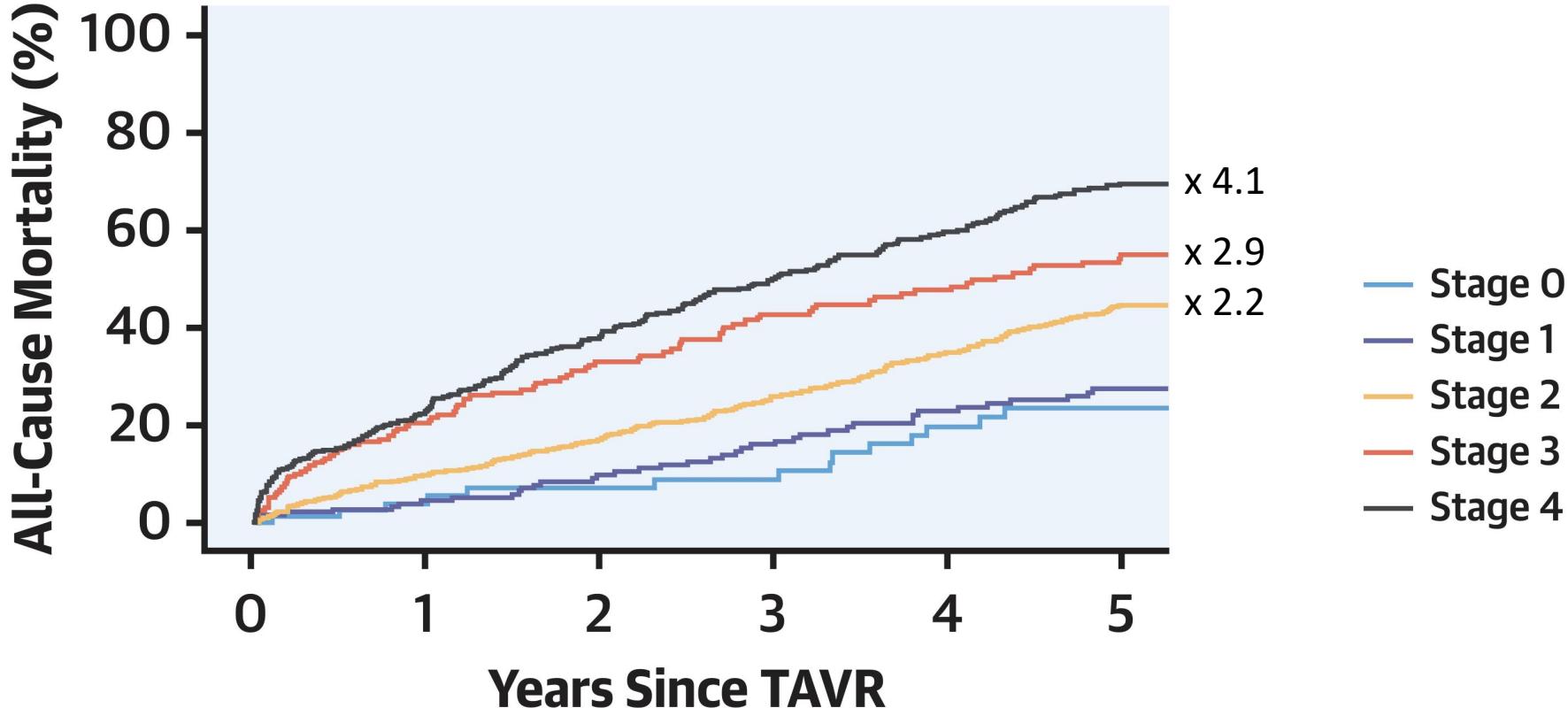


## 2. Cascade of Secondary Cardiac Damage due to AS



Stages/Criteria	Stage 0	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
	No Cardiac Damage	LV Damage	LA or Mitral Damage	Pulmonary Vasculature or Tricuspid Damage	RV Damage
Echocardiogram		Increased LV Mass Index >115 g/m <sup>2</sup> (Male) >95 g/m <sup>2</sup> (Female)	Indexed left atrial volume >34mL/m <sup>2</sup>	Systolic Pulmonary hypertension ≥60 mmhg	Moderate-Severe right ventricular dysfunction
		E/e' >14	Moderate-Severe mitral regurgitation	Moderate-Severe tricuspid regurgitation	
		LV Ejection Fraction <50%	Atrial Fibrillation		

## 2. Long-Term Impact of Cardiac Damage Following TAVI

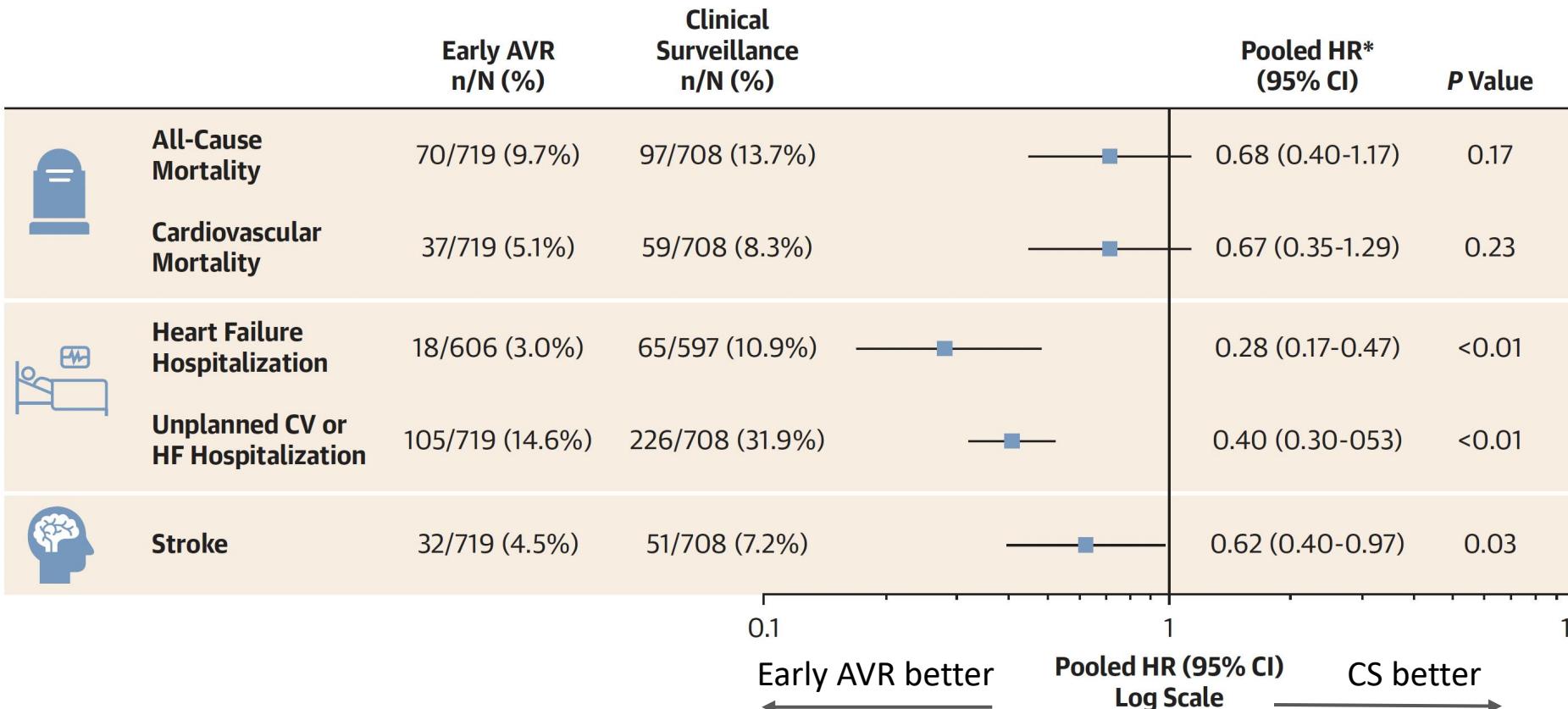


# Metaanalysis of RCTs: AVR vs Medical Tx in Asymptomatic Severe AS

N=1427 patients, mean age 73.3 years, average duration of follow-up 4.1 years

RECOVERY (2010-2015)	AVATAR (2015-2023)	EARLY TAVR (2017-2021)	EVOLVED (2017-2022)
N=145 SAVR=73 Age 64.5 years	N=157 SAVR=78 Age 67.0 years	N=901 TAVR=455 Age 75.8 years	N=224 SAVR= 80; TAVR=26 Age 73.4 years
Low-level stress test in 17%	Low-level stress test in 100%	Low-level stress test in 90.6%	No stress test reported
mG 63 mmHg	mG 50 mmHg	mG 47 mmHg	mG 45 mmHg
FUP ~ 6.2 years	FUP ~ 5.3 years	FUP ~ 3.8 years	FUP ~ 3.5 years

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# TAVI in Moderate Aortic Stenosis

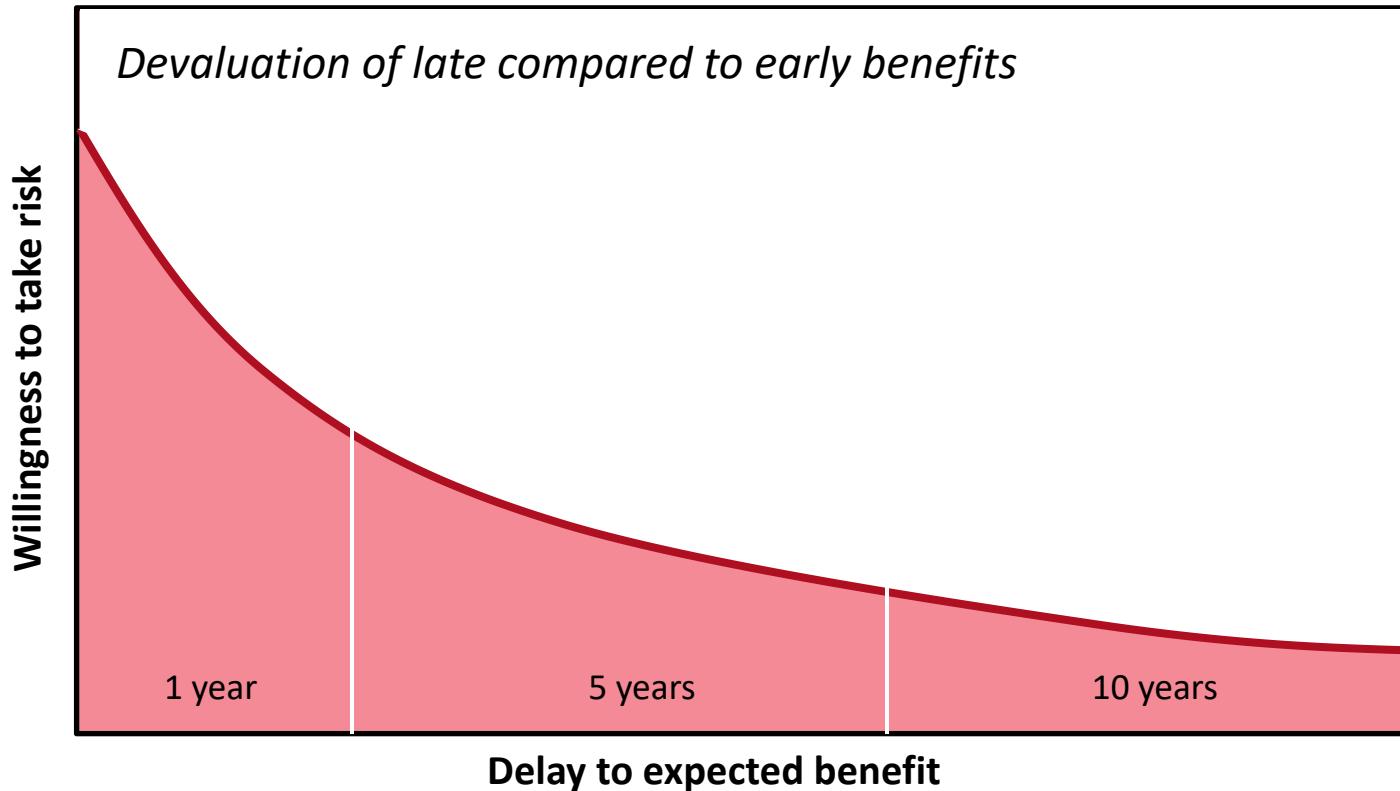
<b>PROGRESS</b> (NCT04889872) N=1294 (complete)	TAVI (Sapien) vs Clinical surveillance	Moderate AS Symptoms OR signs of cardiac systolic or diastolic dysfunction	<b>Safety:</b> Composite of death, stroke, bleeding, AKI, hospitalization due to complication, reintervention at 30 days  <b>Efficacy:</b> Composite of all-cause mortality, stroke, CV hospitalization at 2 years
<b>EXPAND TAVR II</b> (N05149755) N=650 (complete)	TAVI (Evolut) + OMT vs OMT + clinical surveillance	Moderate AS + risk features: symptoms OR cardiac dysfunction, ↑NT-proBNP, Afib, ↑AV calcium, previous HF event	<b>Safety:</b> Composite of all-cause mortality, stroke, bleeding, AKI, hospitalization due to complication, reintervention at 30 days  <b>Efficacy:</b> Composite of all-cause mortality, HF, AV reintervention at 2 years

# The „Dark Side“ of Early Intervention for Aortic Stenosis



- **Rhythm disturbances**
- **Premature prosthetic valve degeneration  
and ↑risk of repeat procedures**
- **Prosthetic valve endocarditis**
- **Challenging coronary access**

# Time Preference for Now – Discount of Late Benefits

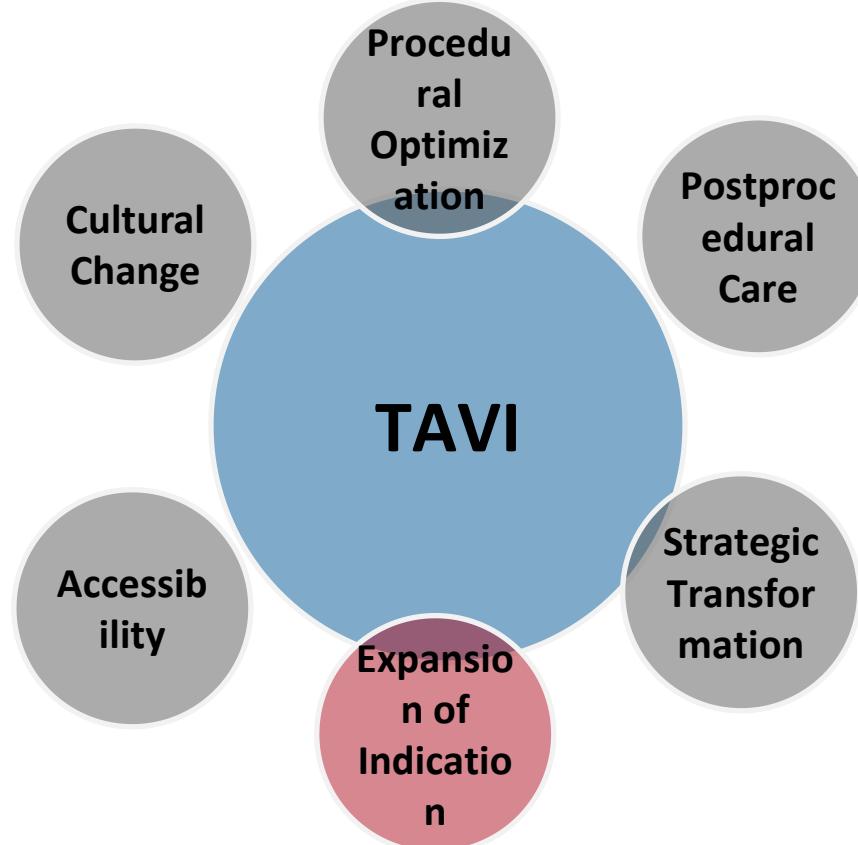


# RE-VALVE Interventions

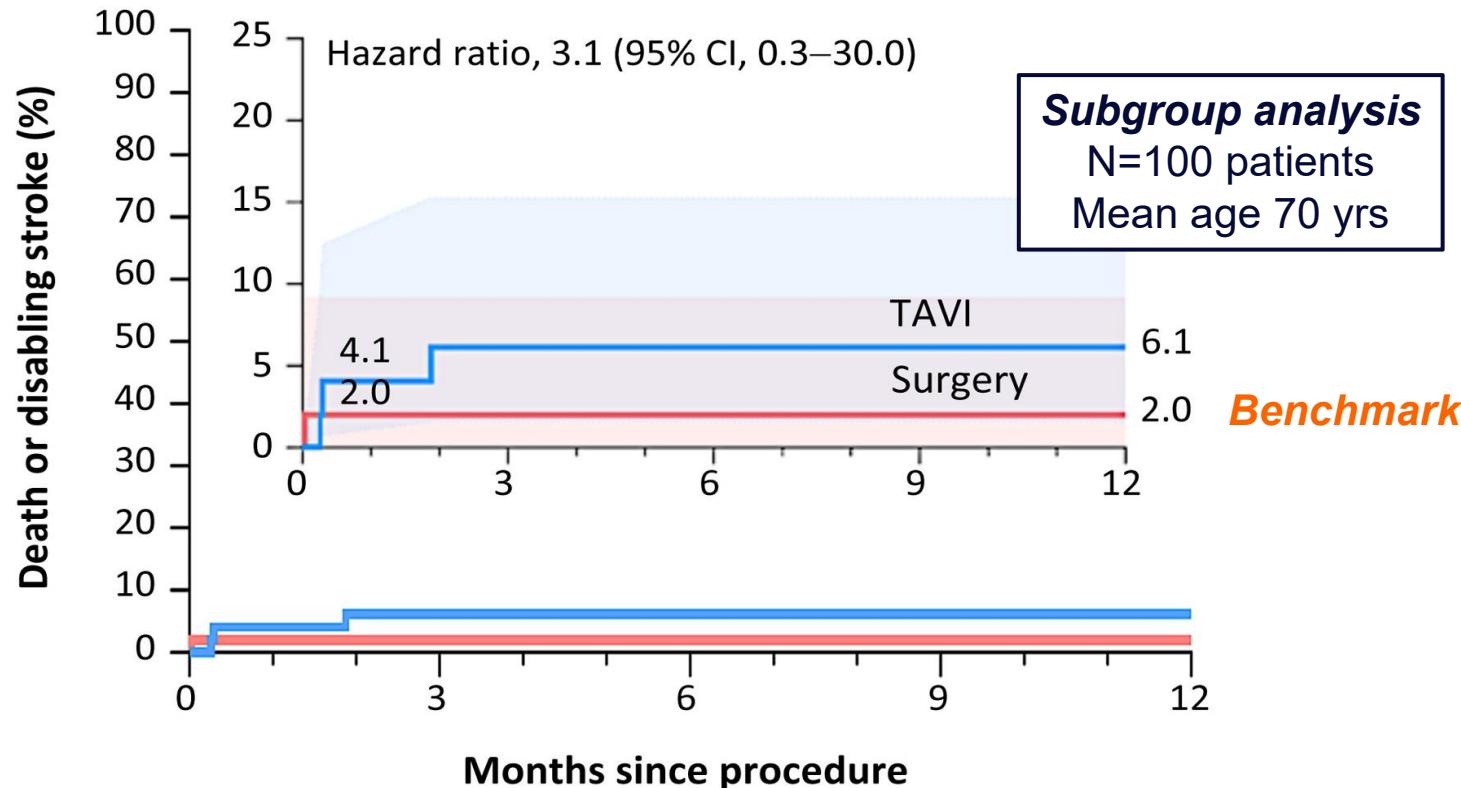
Techniques and devices that ***modify, split, lacerate, or partially remove*** valve leaflets to allow safe repeat TAVI.



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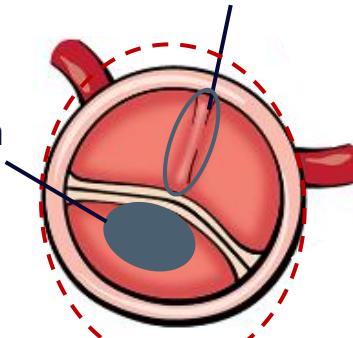


# TAVR versus SAVR in Bicuspid Aortic Stenosis (NOTION-2)



# Bicuspid Anatomy - a Cocktail of Risks for TAVI

**Cusp calcification:**  
volume & distribution



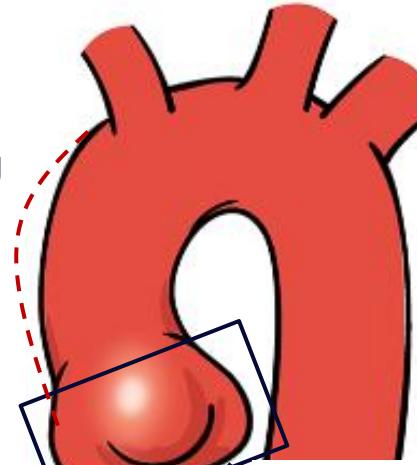
Annular  
Dimension & Ellipticity

**Raphe:** Number, type &  
configuration of fusion,  
length, calcification

Ascending  
aorta  
dilatation

Aortovalvular  
configuration

LVOT calcification



Aorto-valvular  
arch angulation

# RCTs in Patients with Bicuspid Aortic Stenosis

## BELIEVERS



1050 patients with BAV stenosis

TF TAVI

SAVR

### Primary endpoint:

Composite of all-cause **mortality**, all **stroke**, **CV rehospitalization**, or valve **reintervention** at 3 years post-procedure

## NAVIGATE



1500 patients with BAV stenosis

TF TAVI

SAVR

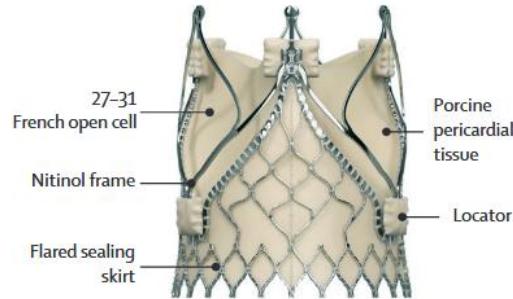
Safety endpoint: Death and disabling stroke assessed at 1-year FUP

### Primary efficacy endpoint:

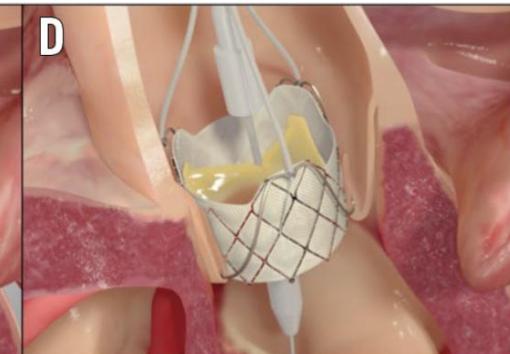
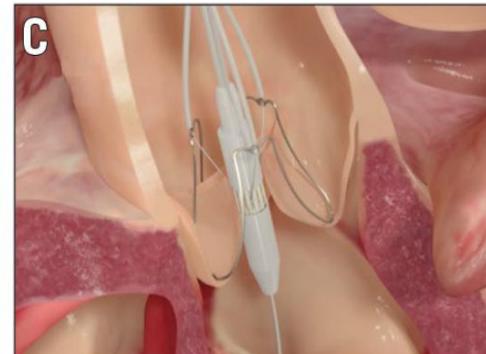
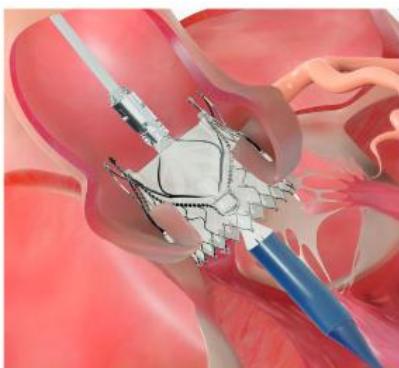
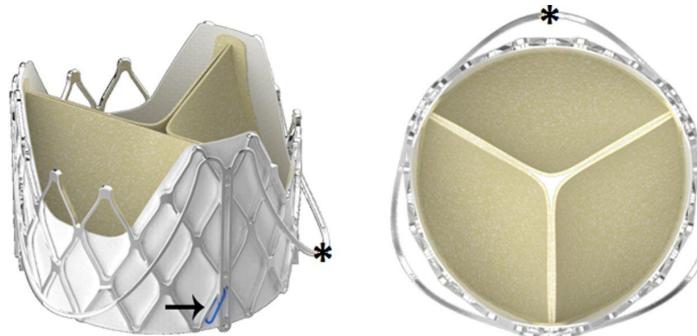
Composite of **death**, **stroke**, **re-hospitalization** (procedure-, valve-, heart failure-related) assessed at 5-year FUP

# TAVI for Pure Native Aortic Regurgitation

## JenaValve Trilogy



## J-Valve



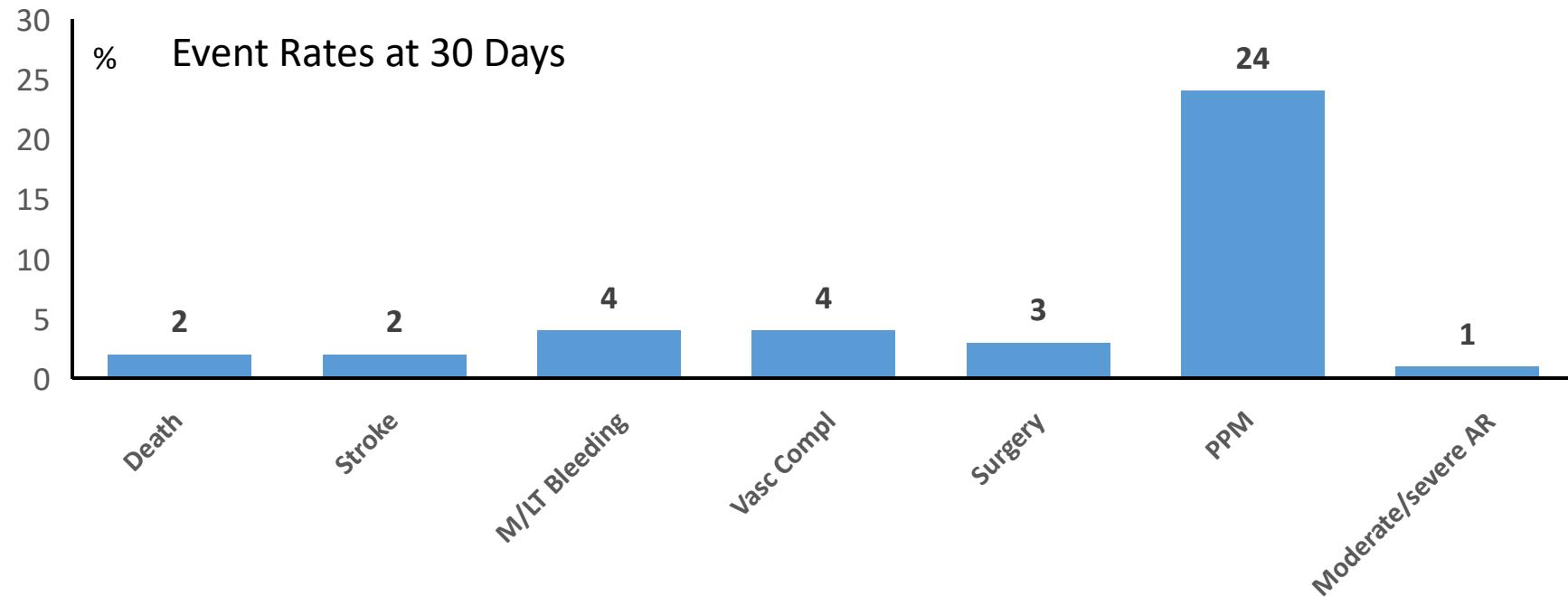
Alignment and positioning

Anchoring and sealing

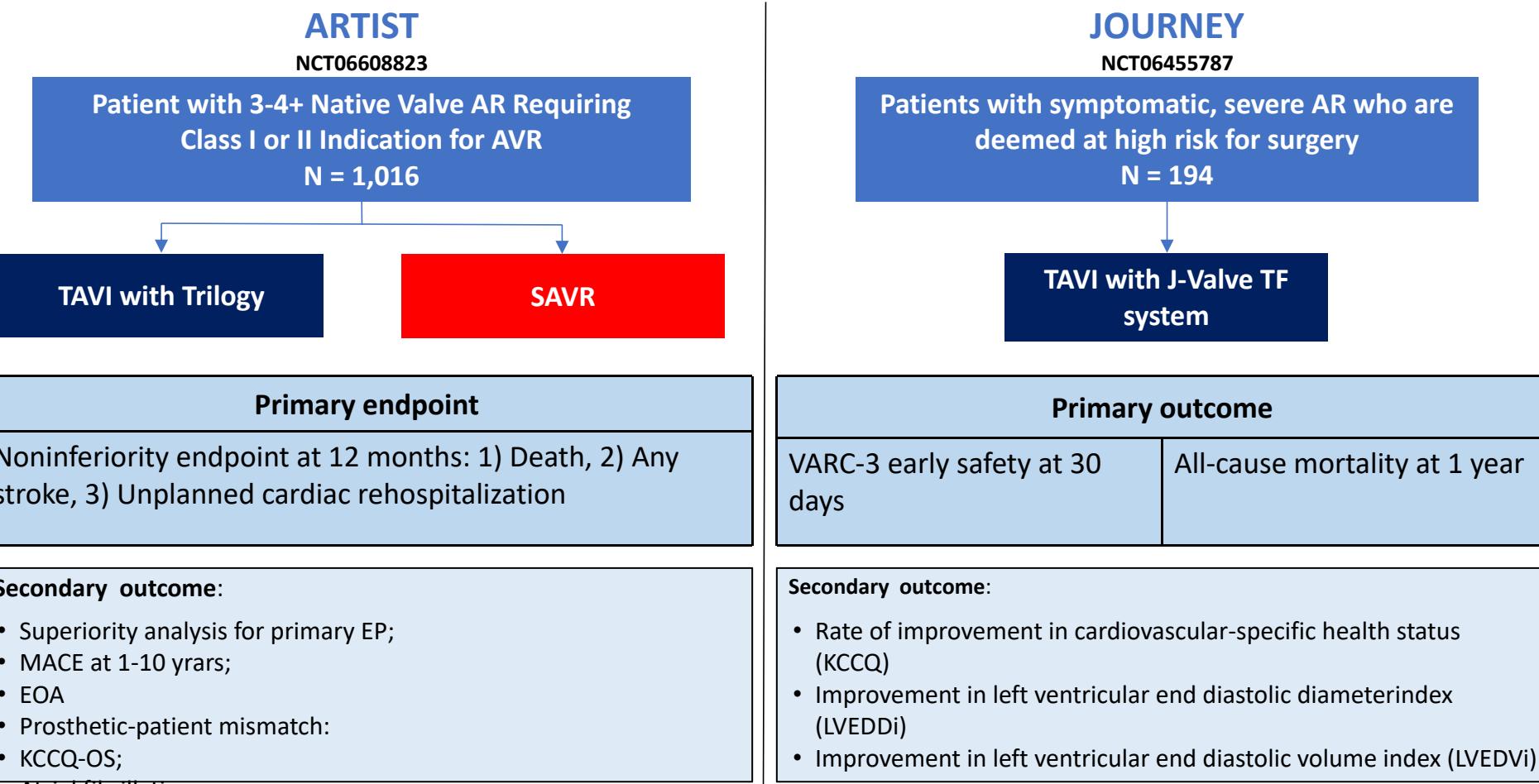
Wei L et al, JACC Cardiovasc Interv 2015;8:1831-45; Hensey M et al, EuroIntervention 2019;14(5):e1553-e1555

# TAVI for Pure Native Aortic Regurgitation

N=180, mean age 75.5 years

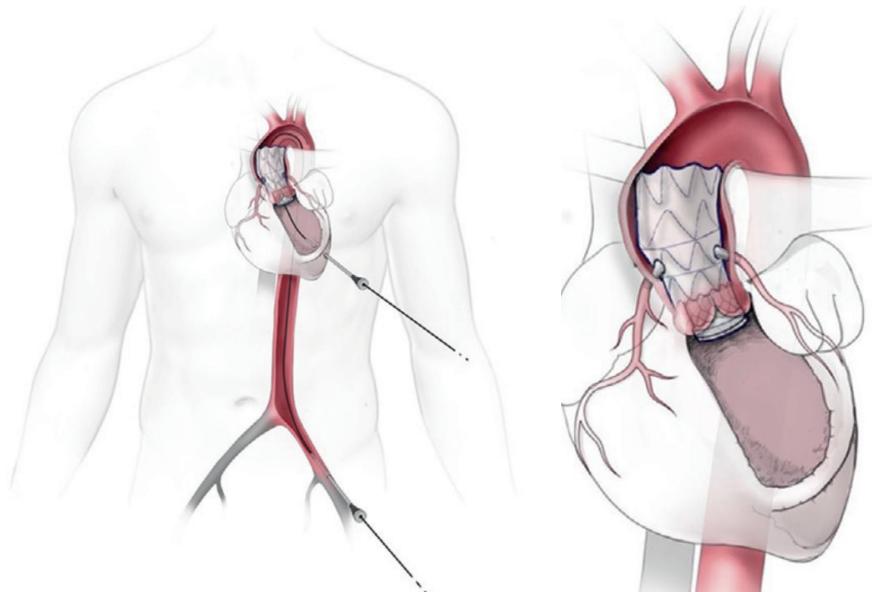


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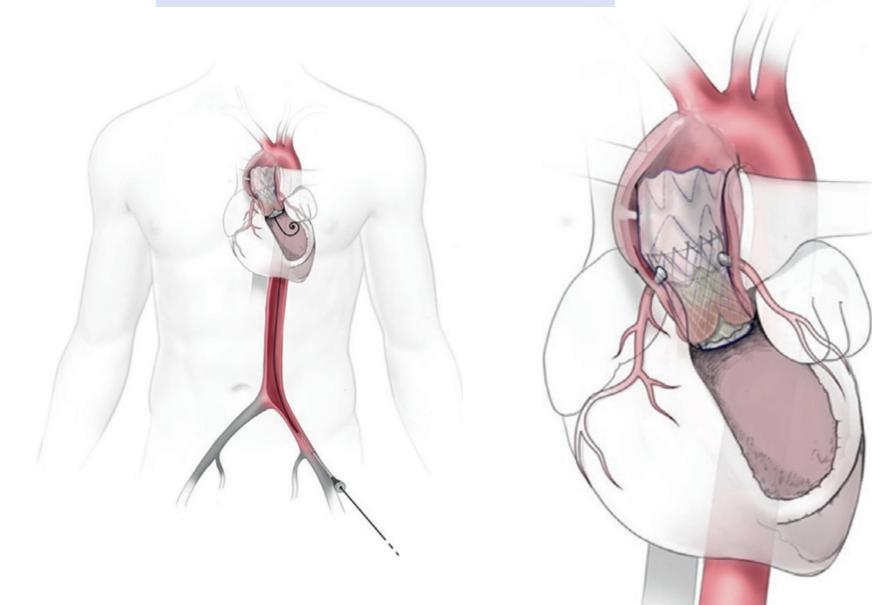
# Endo-Bentall Procedures for Aortic Dissection

## Two-stage procedure



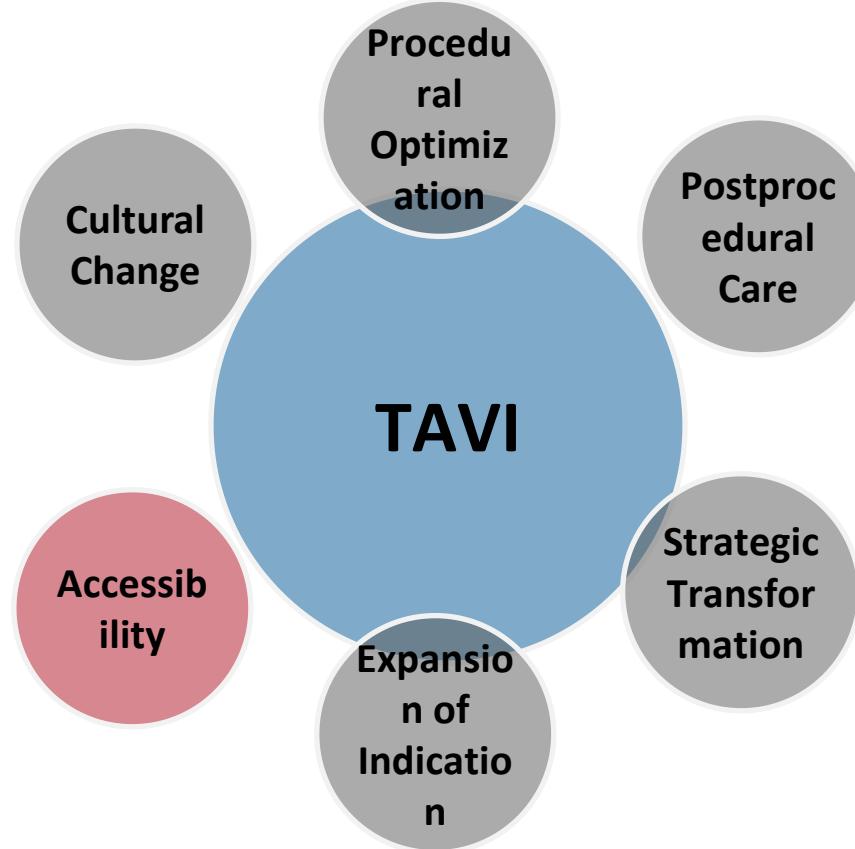
Fenestrated physician-modified endograft devices (PMEG) combined with a TAVI valve

## One-stage procedure



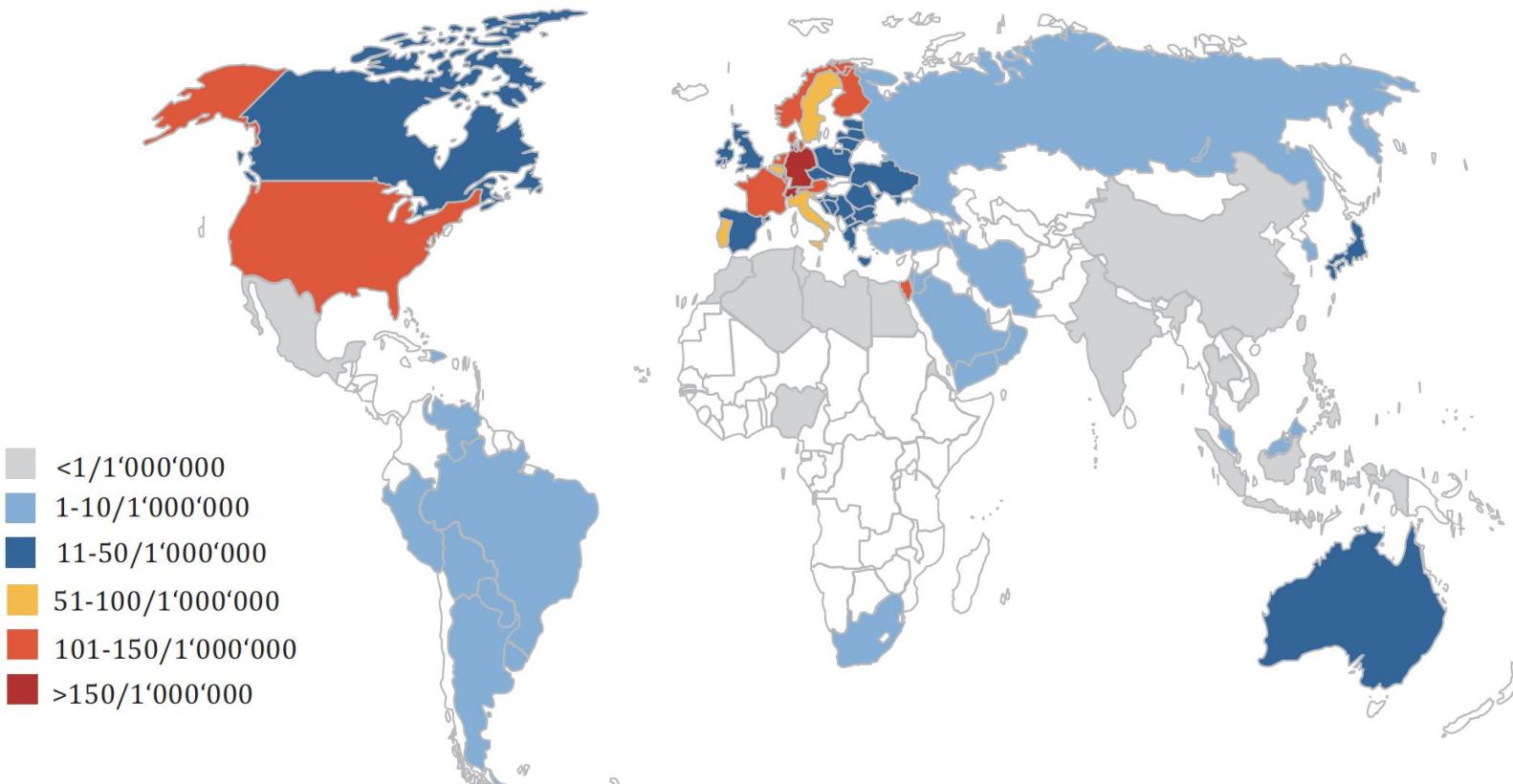
PMEG tapered TEVAR device sutured circumferentially to a self expandable TAVI device

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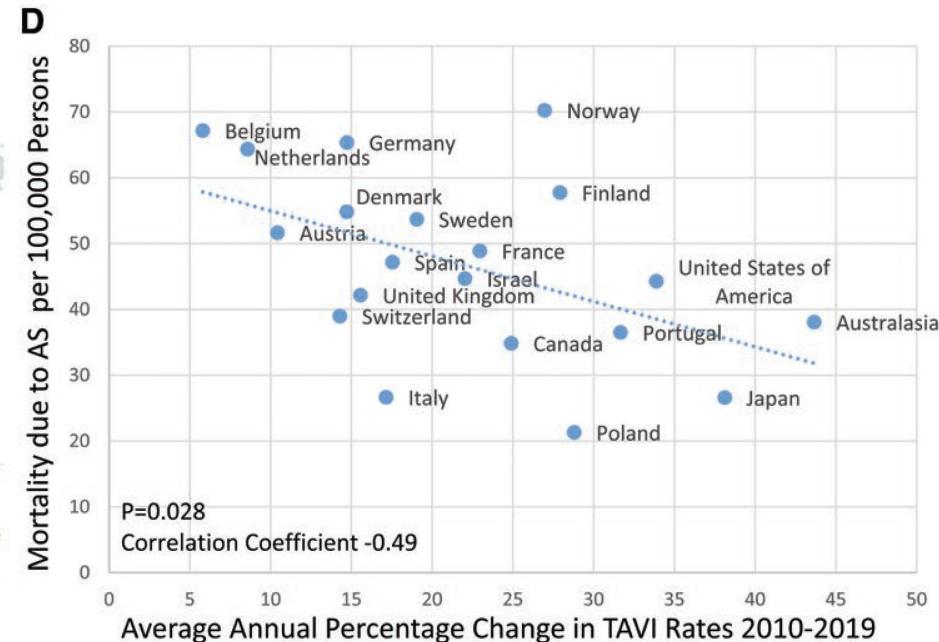
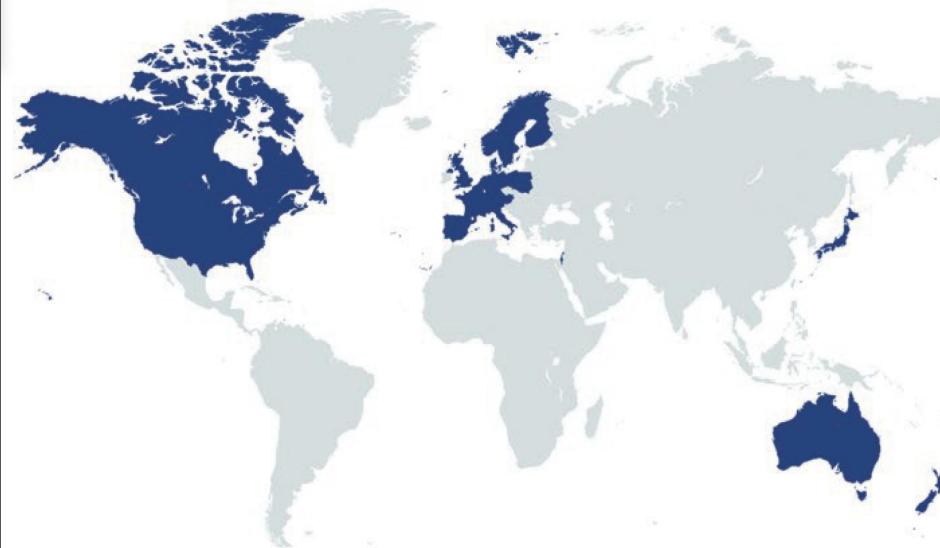


# Geographical Dispersion of TAVI



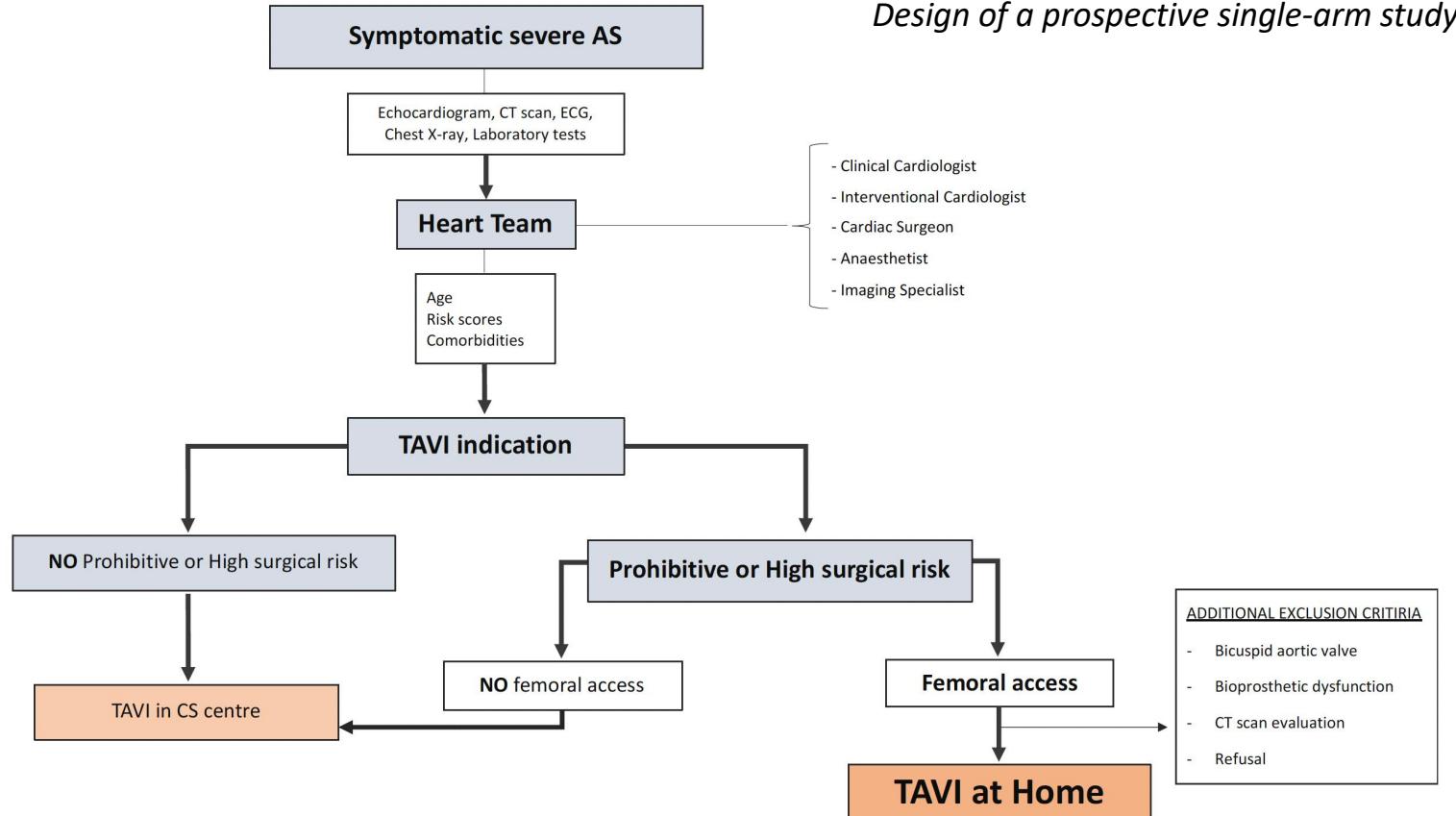
# Expansion of TAVI and Mortality from Aortic Stenosis

## Global Burden of Disease Study 2010-2019

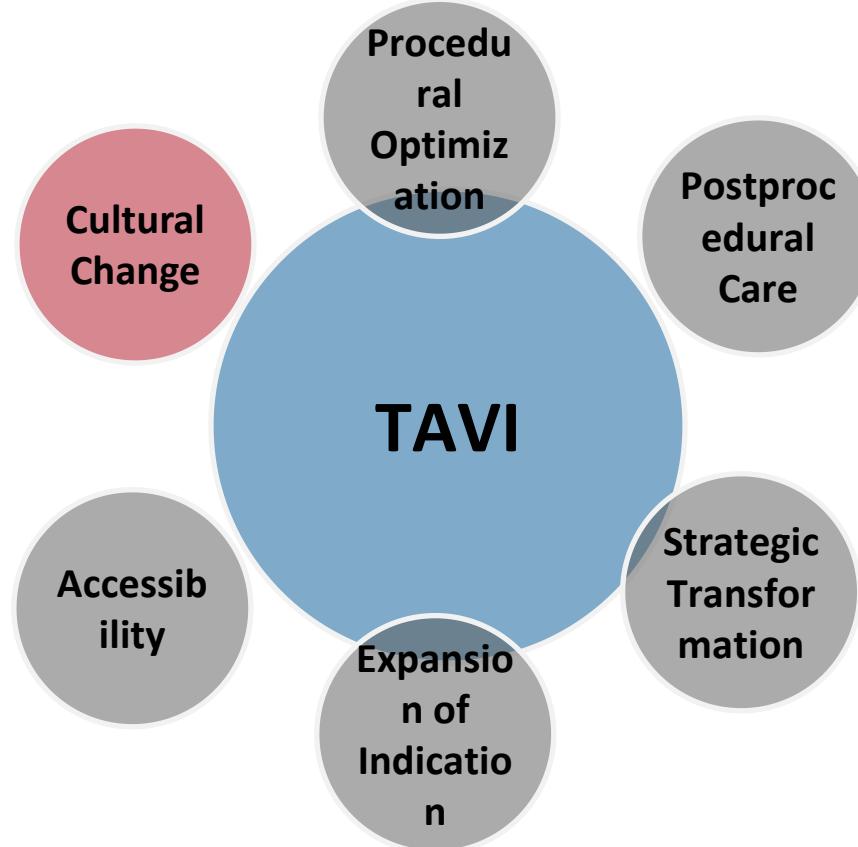


We need affordable TAVI systems for all of us.

# TAVI at Hospitals Without On-Site Cardiac Surgery



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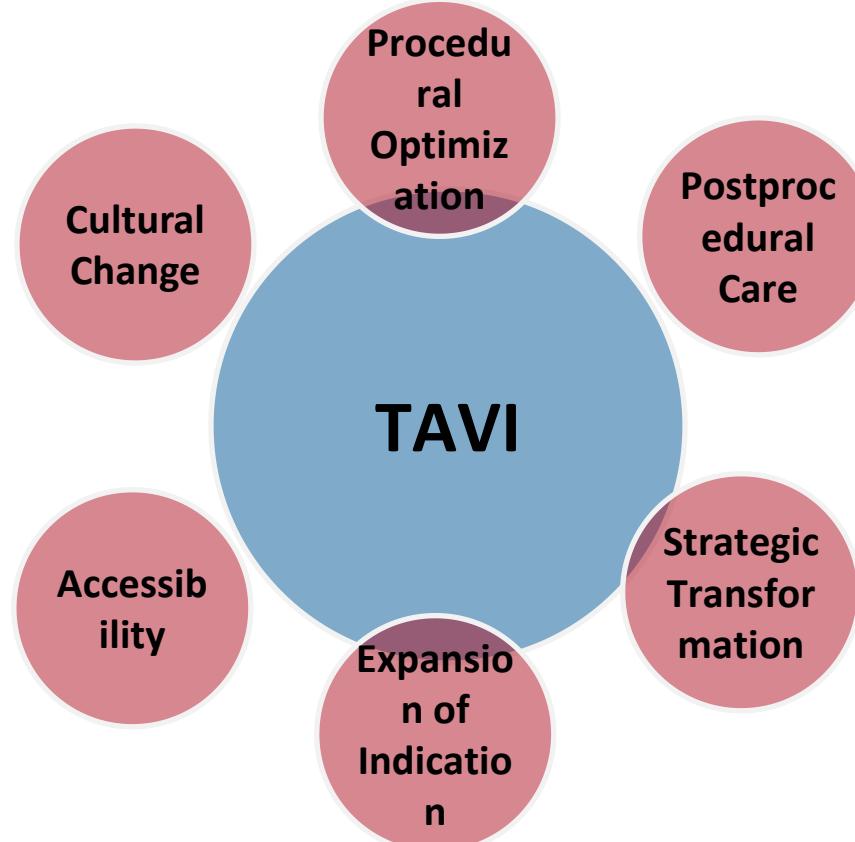
Liger



Transcatheter valvular interventions are at the intersection of interventional cardiology and cardiac surgery

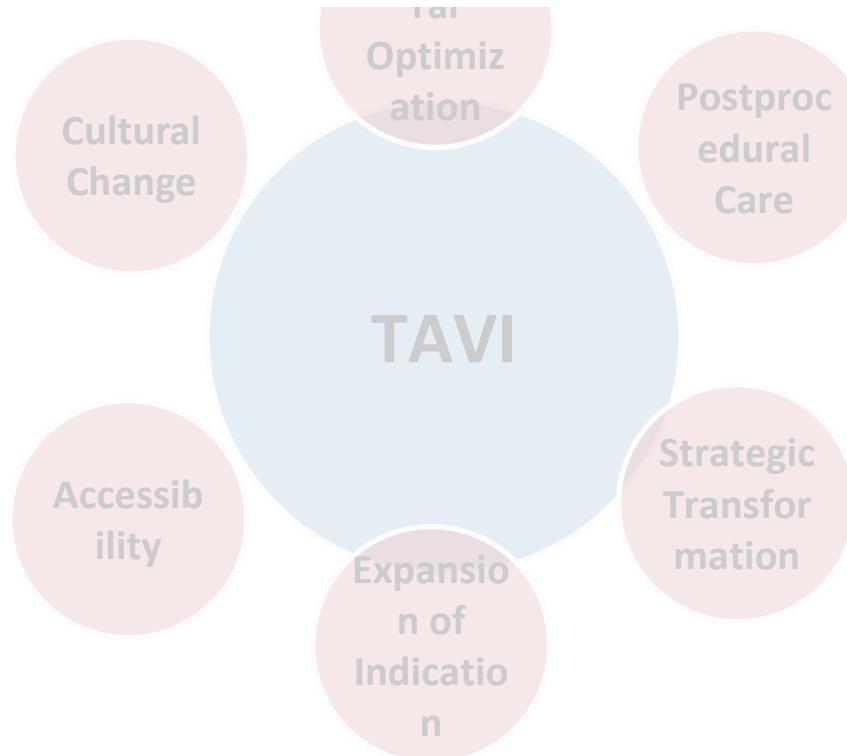
**TAVI has been bringing the specialties together much more than driving them apart.**

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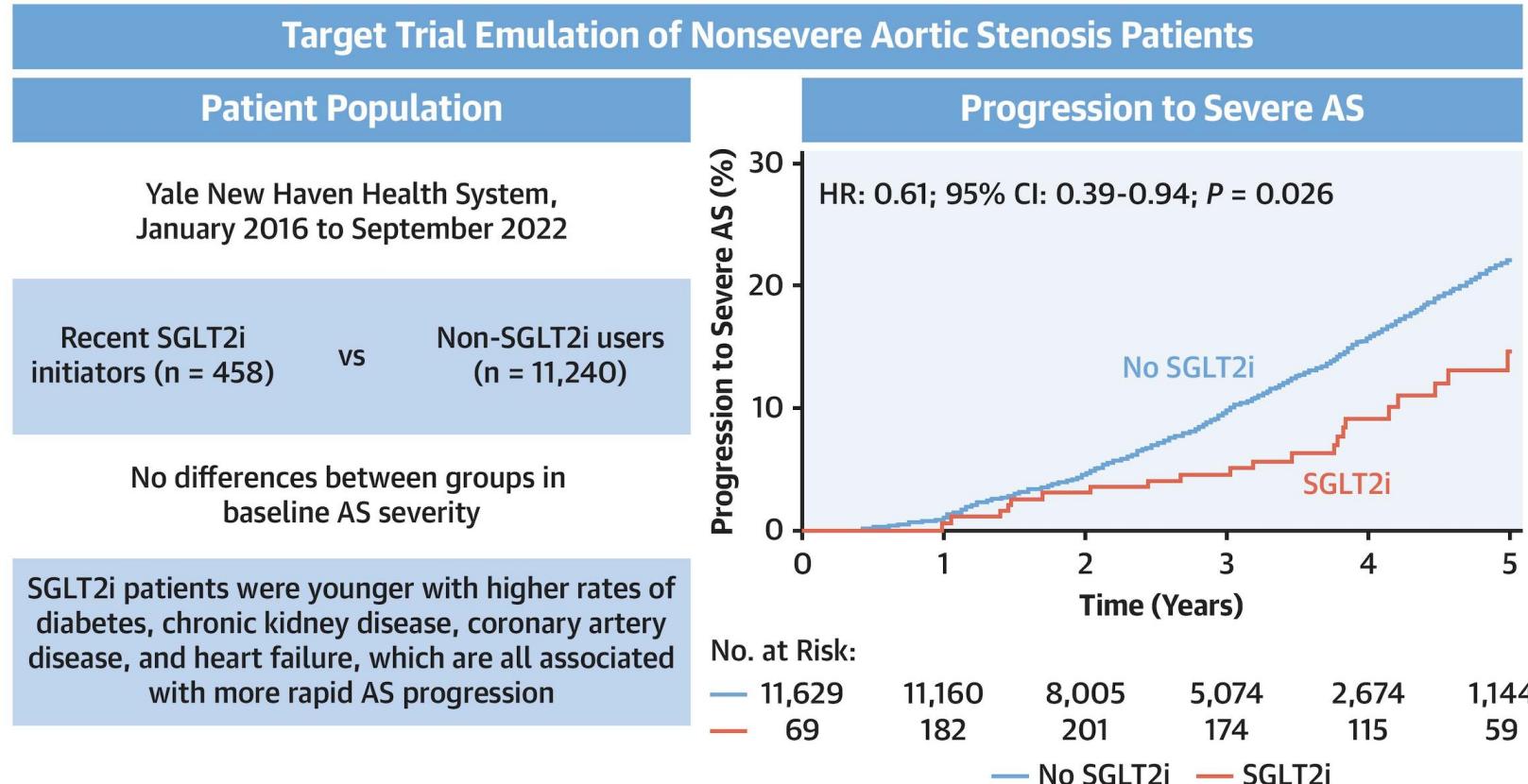


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## The Future of Degenerative Aortic Stenosis



# Effect of Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors on the Progression of Aortic Stenosis



# Prevention of Progression of Aortic Stenosis

## Reactivation of Oxidized Guanylate Cyclase

1410 patients with moderate AS

Double blind

Ataciguat

Placebo

### Primary outcome

Part A: Change in Aortic Valve Calcium (AVC) from baseline to Week 24

Part B: Percent change in AVA as measured by echocardiogram from baseline to Week 48

Part C: Change in peak VO<sub>2</sub> from baseline to Week 48

NCT07001800

## Lipoprotein(a) Lowering

502 patients with mild or moderate calcific AS and Lp(a)  $\geq 125$  nmol/L

Double blind

Pelacarsen 80 mg injected monthly

Placebo

### Primary outcome

Change in peak aortic jet velocity at 36 months

Change in aortic valve calcium score at 36 months

NCT05646381

- *Procedural optimization*: technological refinement of THV systems; **AI tools** to assess anatomical risk and refine patient selection; optimization of THV; minimalist approach & **streamlined patient pathways**.
- *Postprocedural care*: early discharge, medical management
- *Strategic transformation*: **tailored timing of intervention** for multivalve disease; refined management of patients with AS and CAD; timing of intervention
- *Expansion of indications*: BAV, pure native AR; aortic dissection
- *Global accessibility* in less affluent geographies
- *Cultural change*: evolution of a **chimeric speciality**
- And maybe there will be a future when TAVI will no longer be needed at all.