



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

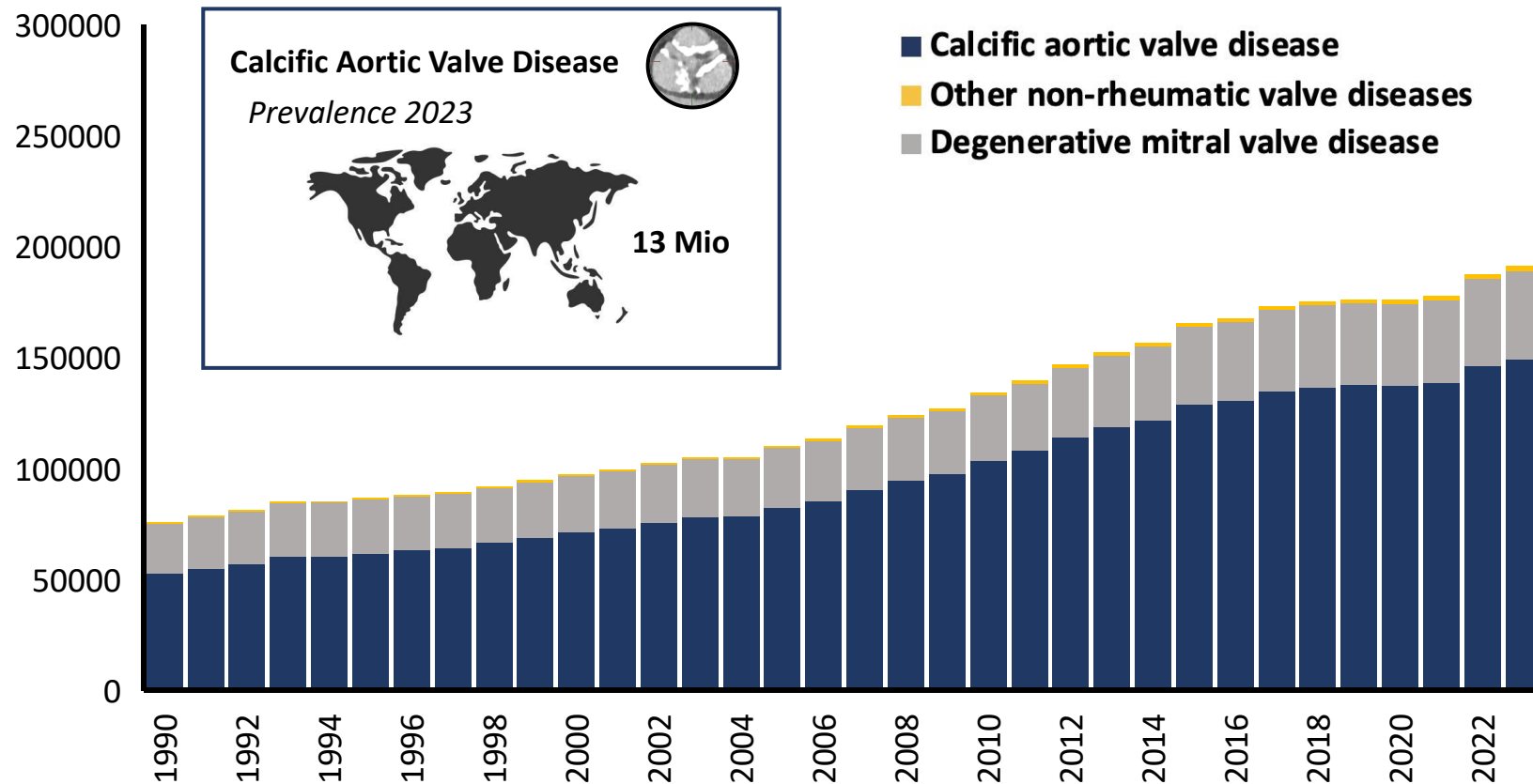
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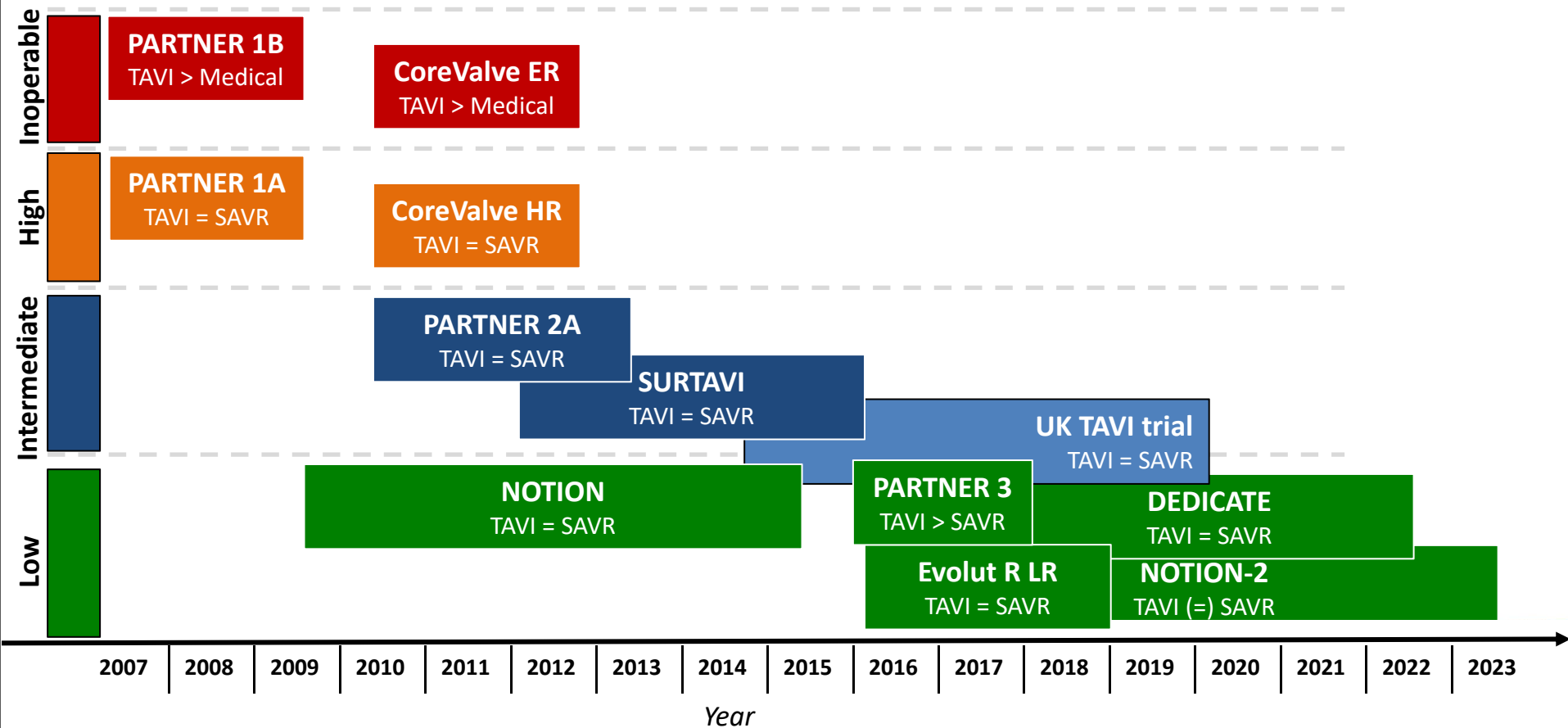
# Global Burden of Death from Degenerative Valvular Heart Disease



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

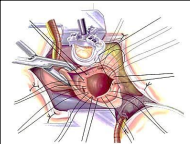
## A Summary of Landmark Trials

*Surgical Risk/STS*





# Evidence and Guidelines – TAVI vs SAVR



## 2012 ESC GL

Extreme risk	I	B
High-risk	IIa	B

## 2014 ACC GL

Prohibitive risk	I	B
High-risk	IIa	B

## 2017 ESC GL

Extreme risk	I	B
Increased risk	I	B

## 2017 ACC GL

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

## 2021 ESC GL

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

## 2020 ACC GL

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

## 2025 ESC GL

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

# Evolution of TAVI Challenges

**Procedural Optimization**

**Therapeutic Integration**

*The Heart Team Approach*

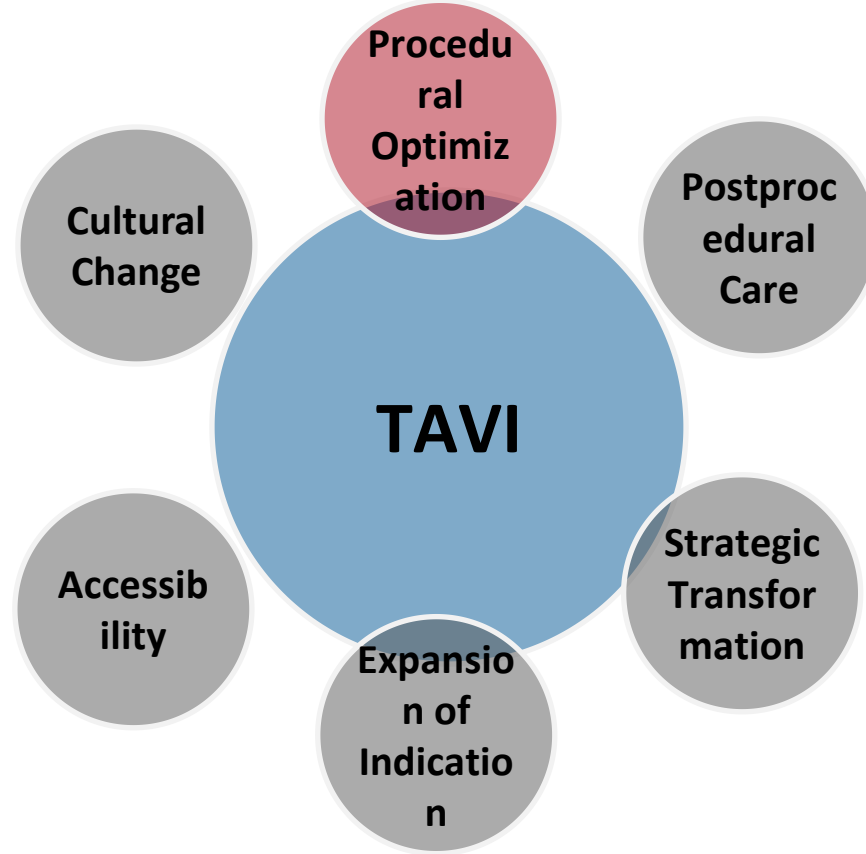
**Strategic Transformation**

*Lifetime management*



*Time*



# The Future of TAVI



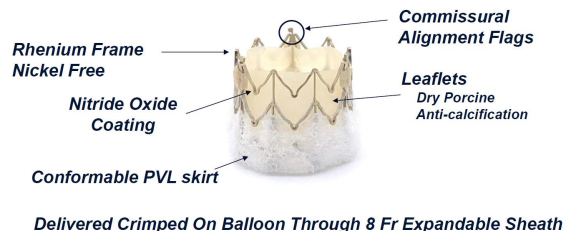
# Current TAVI Device Landscape

	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 & device selection**

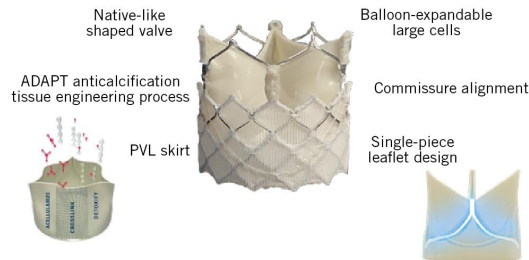
# Upcoming Devices with New Technology

## Siegel



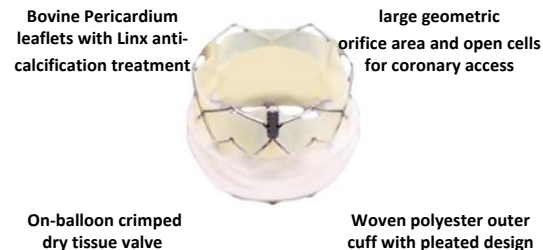
*Standout feature:*  
**8F delivery sheath**

## DurAVR



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

## Encantor

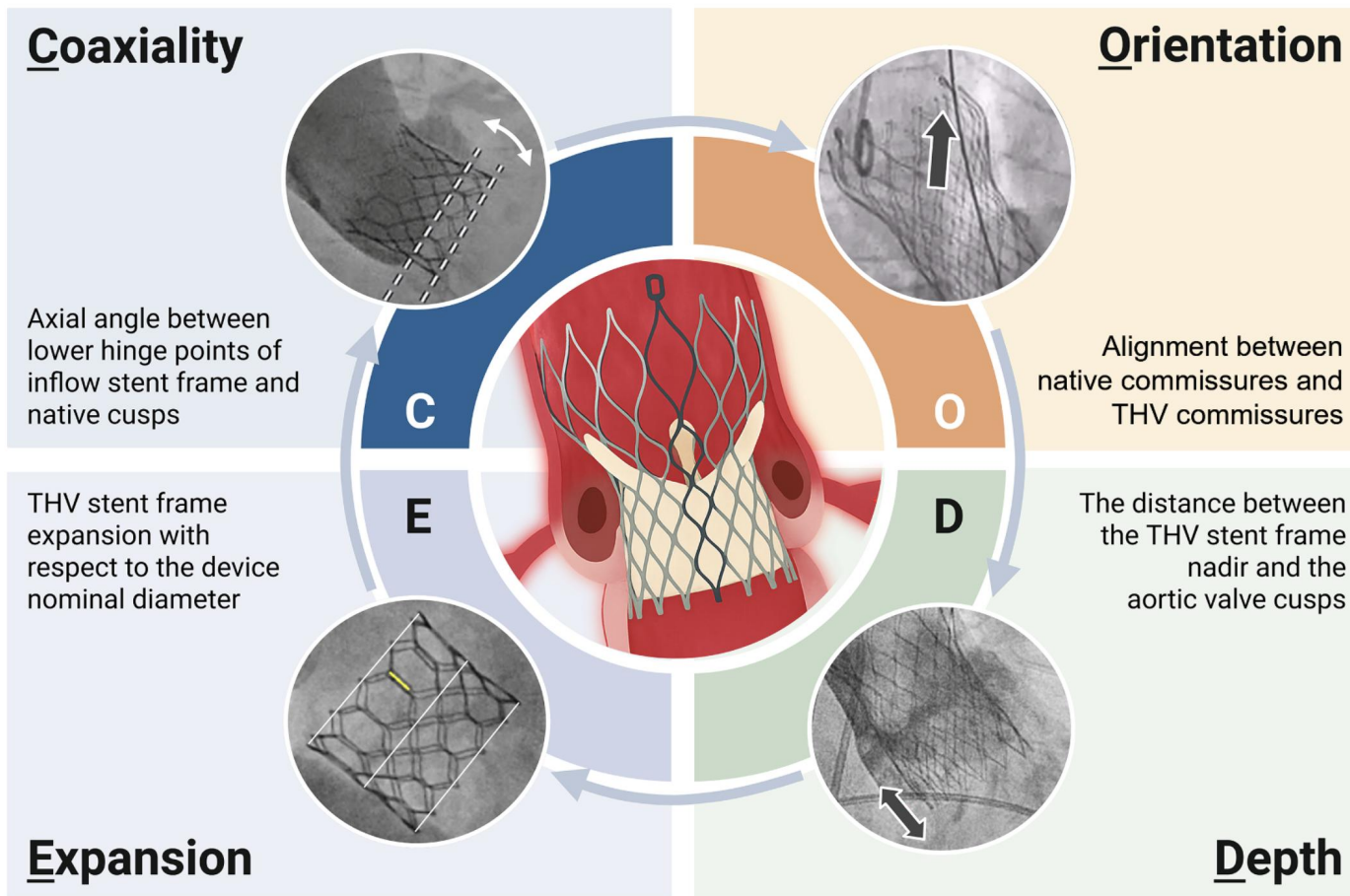


*Standout feature:*  
**Balloon-expandable THV with active commissural alignment**


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



# Optimization of Implantation: The CODE Framework



# 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

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25.8%

All-cause mortality

Vasc. compl.

Bleeding

Infection req. Abx

Neurologic event

2.4%

8.8%

8.0%

11.3%

8.7%

The right setting, the right patient

2.2%

9.0%

5.7%

10.1%

6.8%

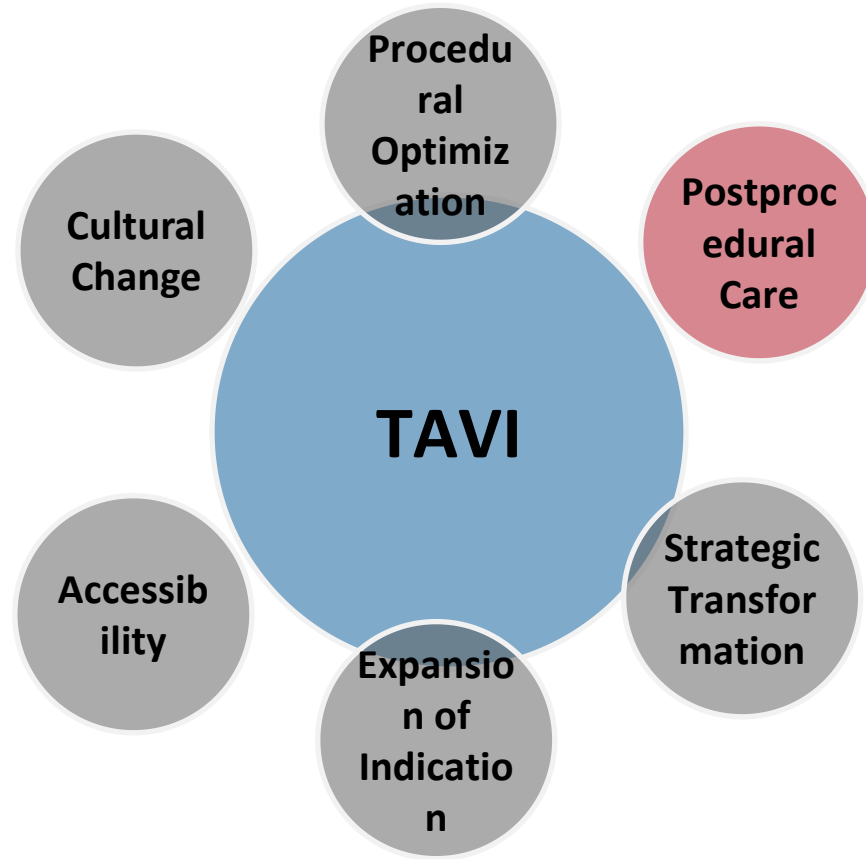
22.9%

PEP

P for noninferiority = 0.003

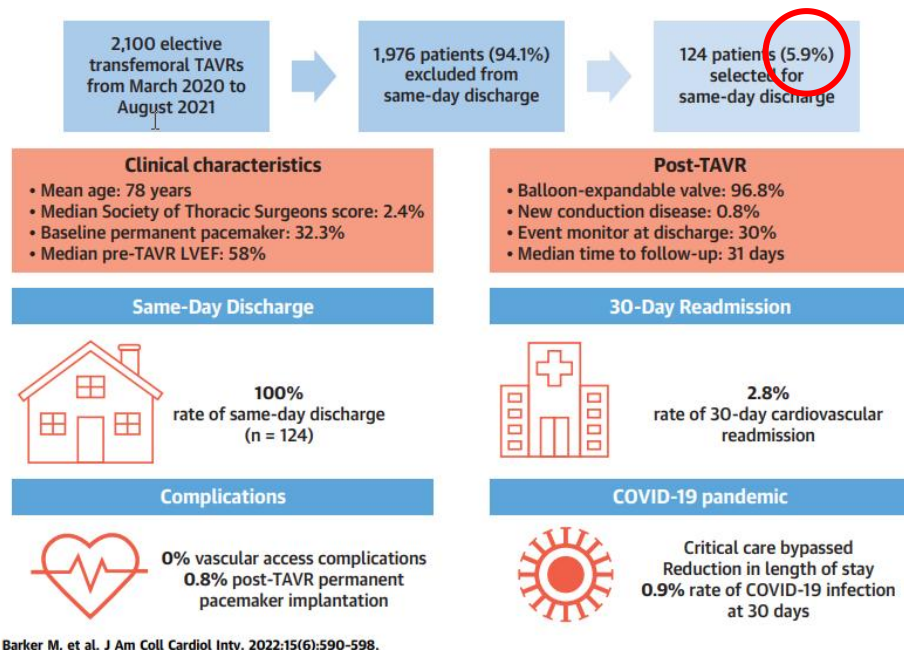
⊕ Resource utilization ↓   ⊖ Anxiety & stress ↑

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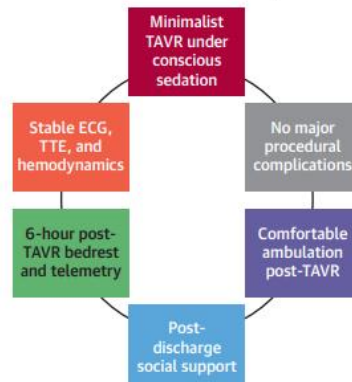
# Same-Day Discharge after TAVI

## Multicenter PROTECT TAVR Study

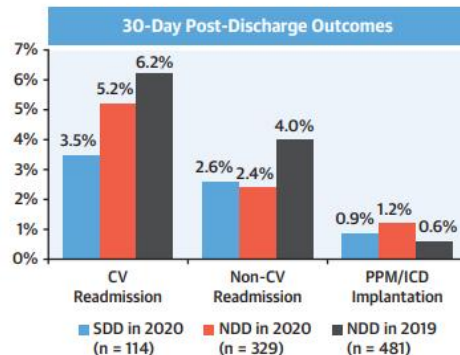


Barker M, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Interv. 2022;15(6):590-598.

## Cleveland experience



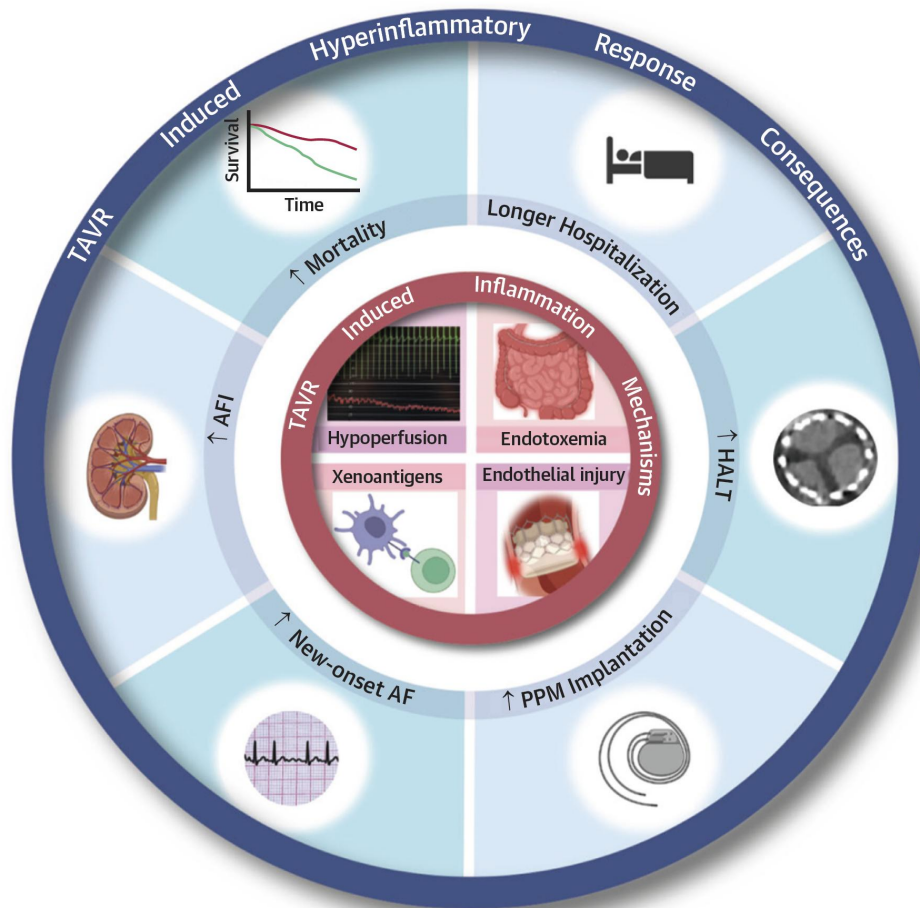
**Same-day discharge (SDD): 8.7%**  
**Next-day discharge (NDD): 61.6%**



**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

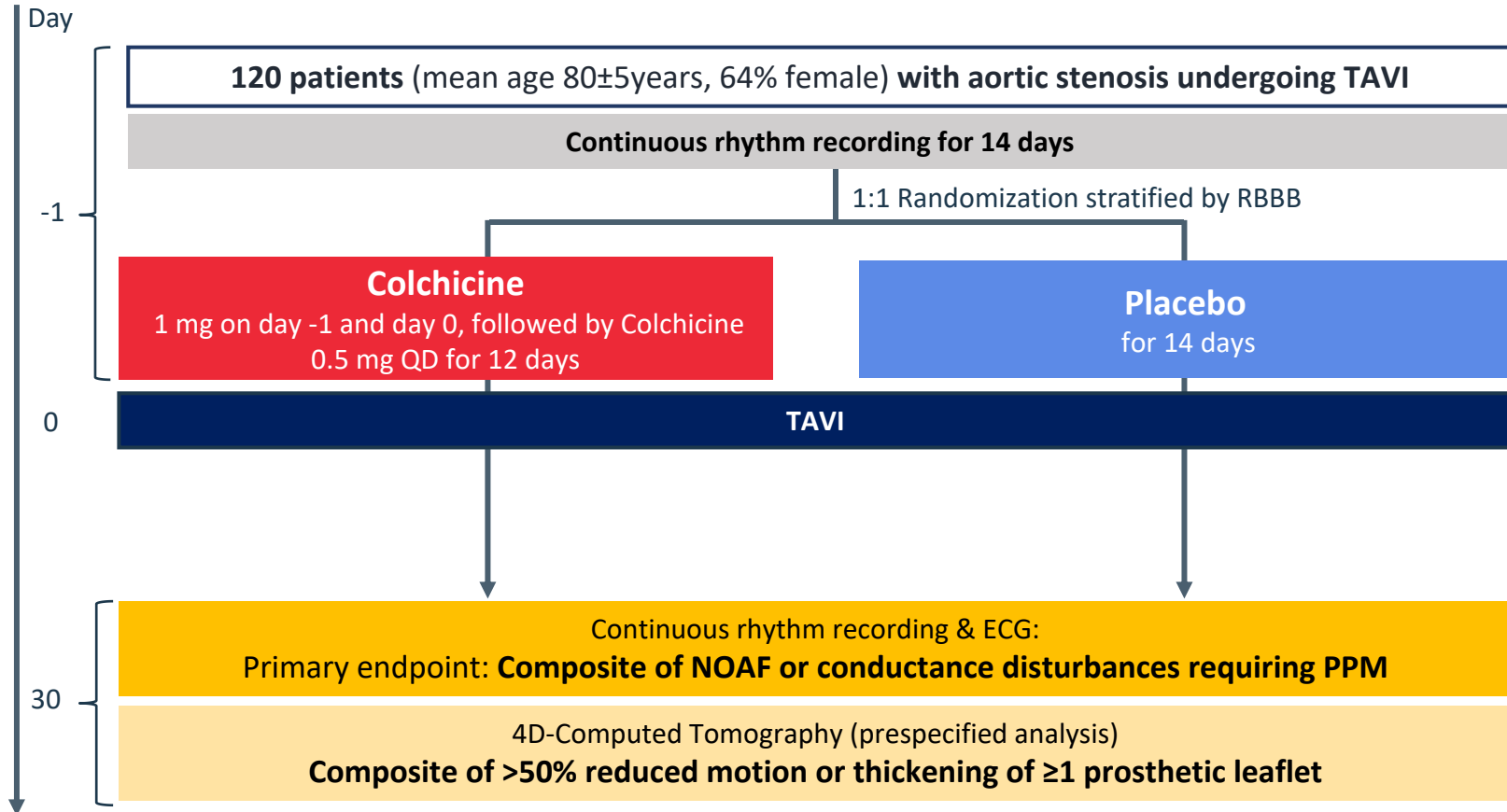
# Antiinflammatory Treatment after TAVI



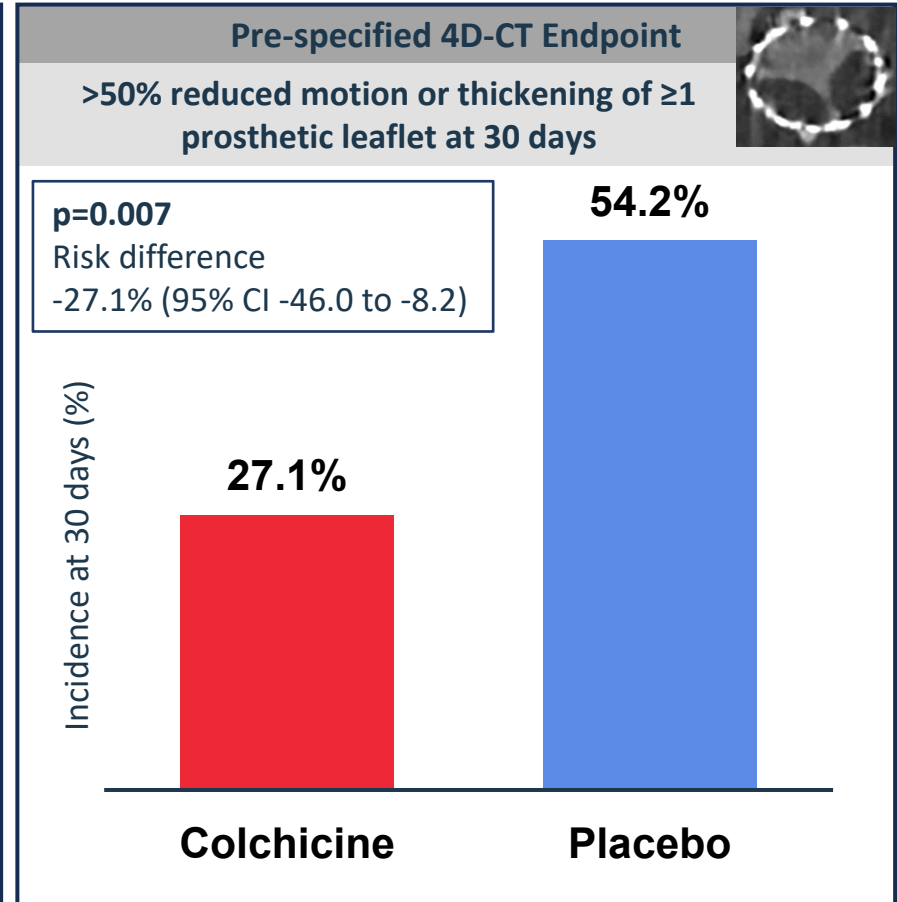
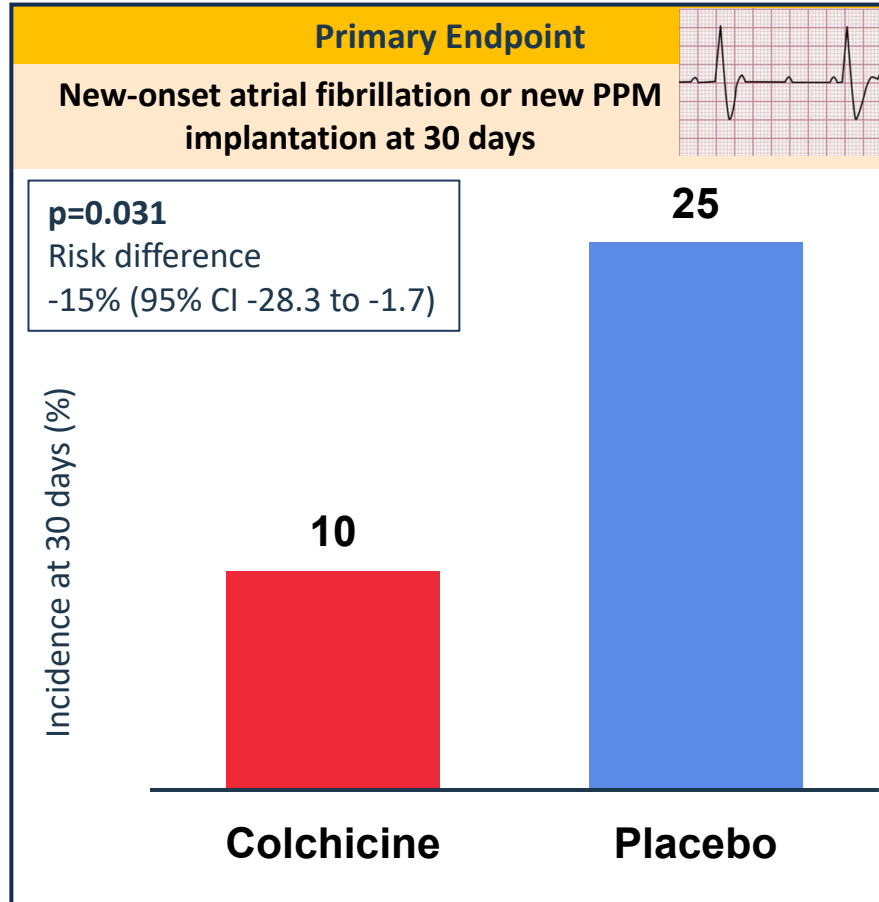


# Colchicine in Patients with Aortic Stenosis Undergoing TAVI

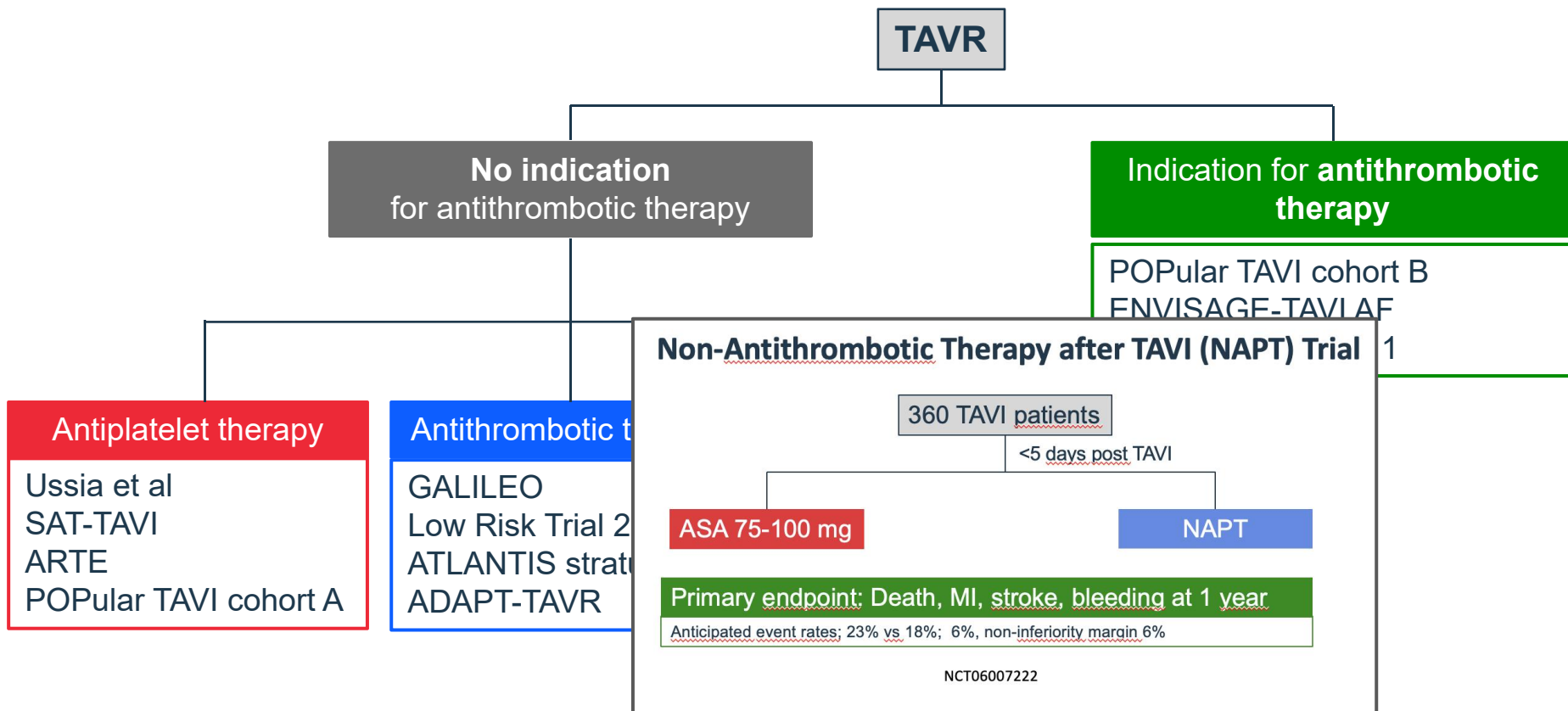
*Investigator-initiated, double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomised trial*



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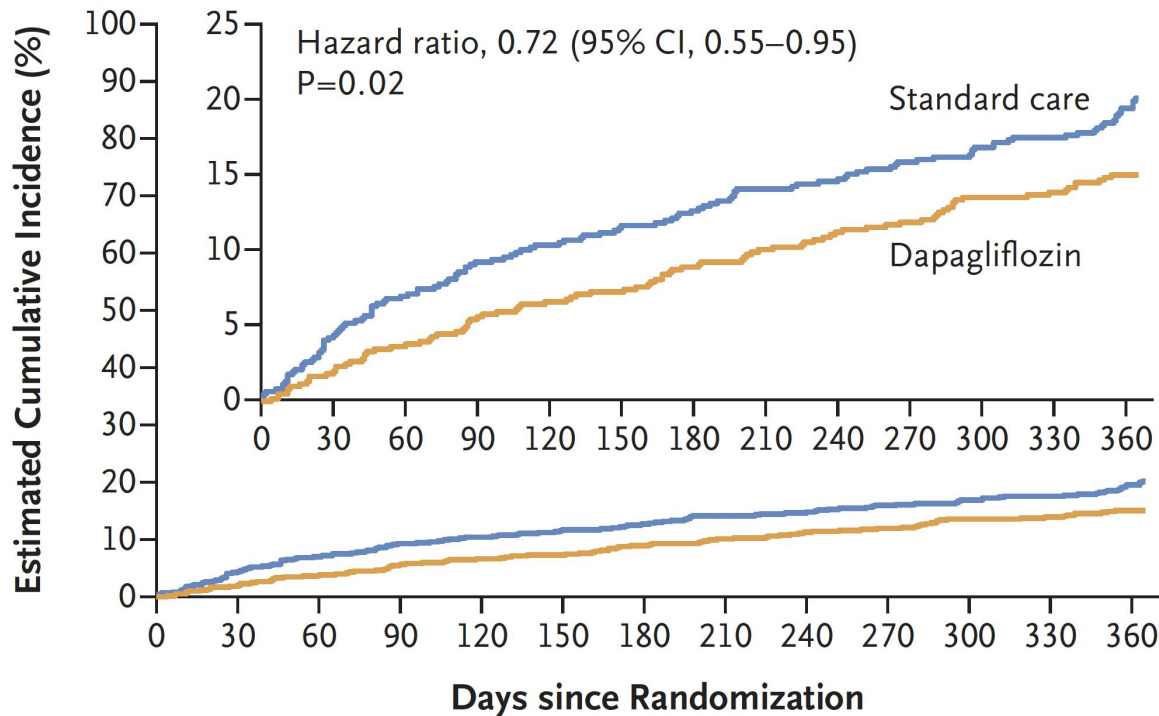
# Antithrombotic Therapy post TAVI



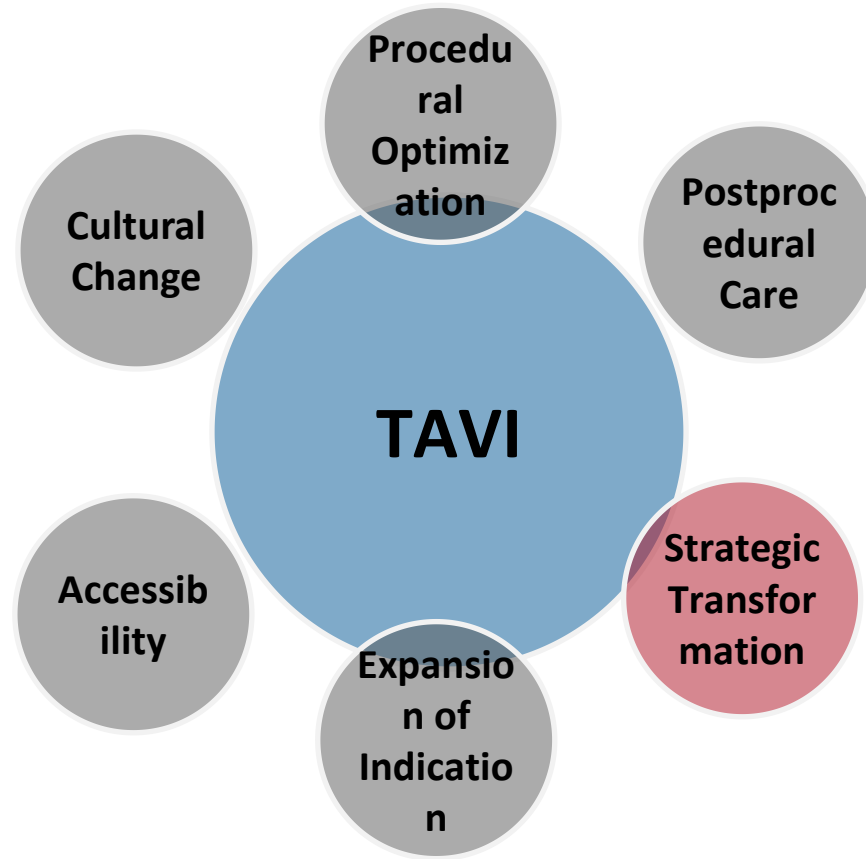
# SGLT2-Inhibitors in Patients Undergoing TAVI

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

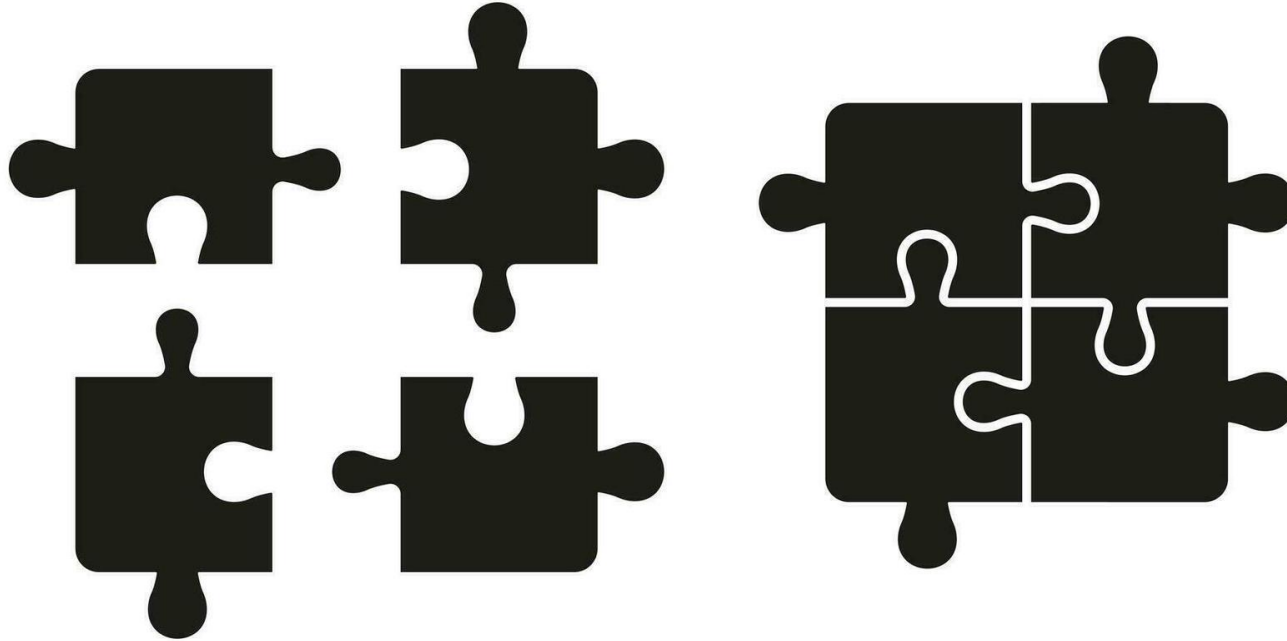
## *Death from any cause or worsening heart failure*



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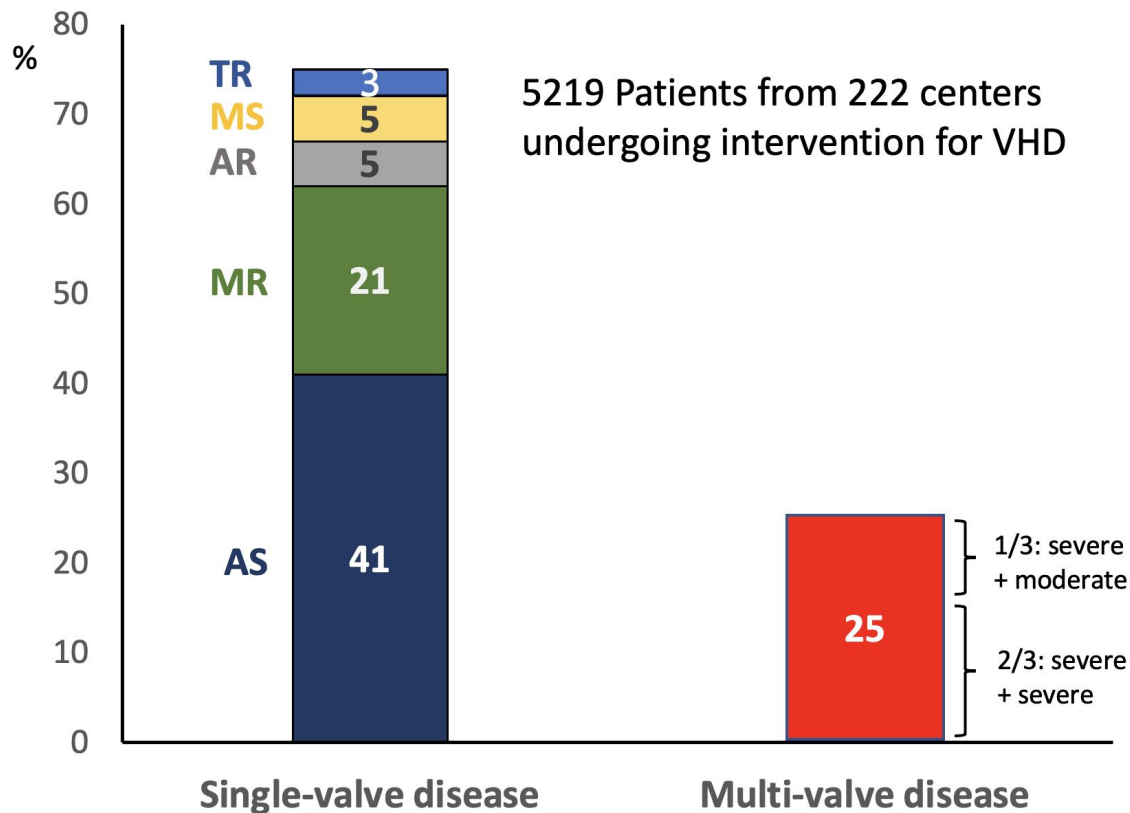


# Aortic Stenosis and Multivalve Disease



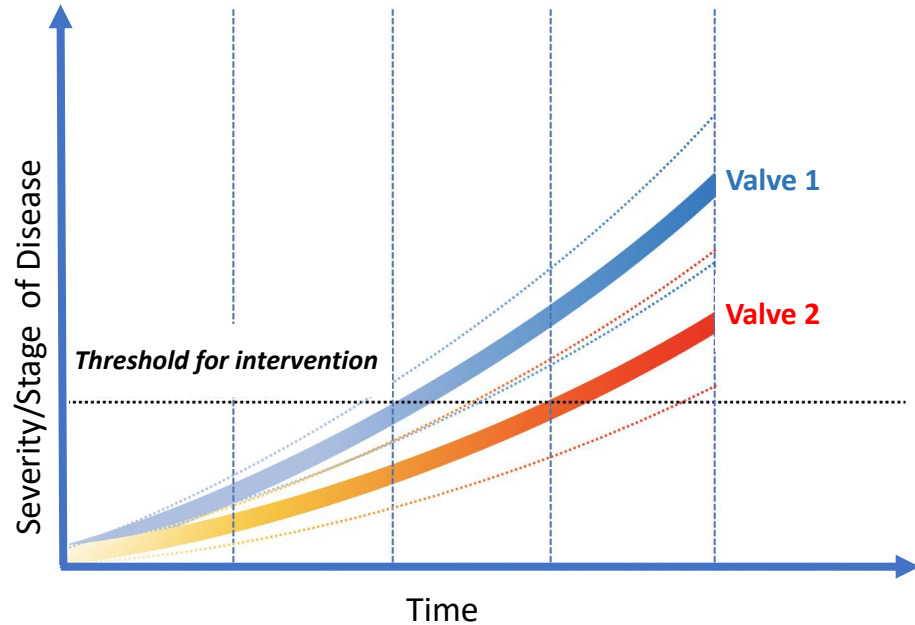


# Prevalence of Multivalve Disease



# Aortic Stenosis and Concomitant Valvular Heart Disease

## Asynchronous Progression of Concomitant VHD

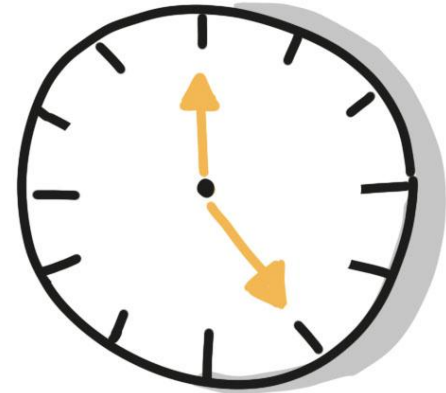


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|---|---|---|
| 1 | <b>Revascularization vs<br/>conservative Management</b><br><i>Severity of CAD</i> | ACTIVATION, NOTION 3,<br>COMPLETE TAVR (NCT04634240),<br>PRO-TAVI (NCT05078619) |
| 2 | <b>PCI + TAVI vs CABG + SAVR</b><br><i>Complexity of CAD</i>                      | TCW   |
| 3 | <b>PCI before, during or after<br/>TAVI</b><br><i>Timing of revascularization</i> | TAVI-PCI (NCT04310046))   |

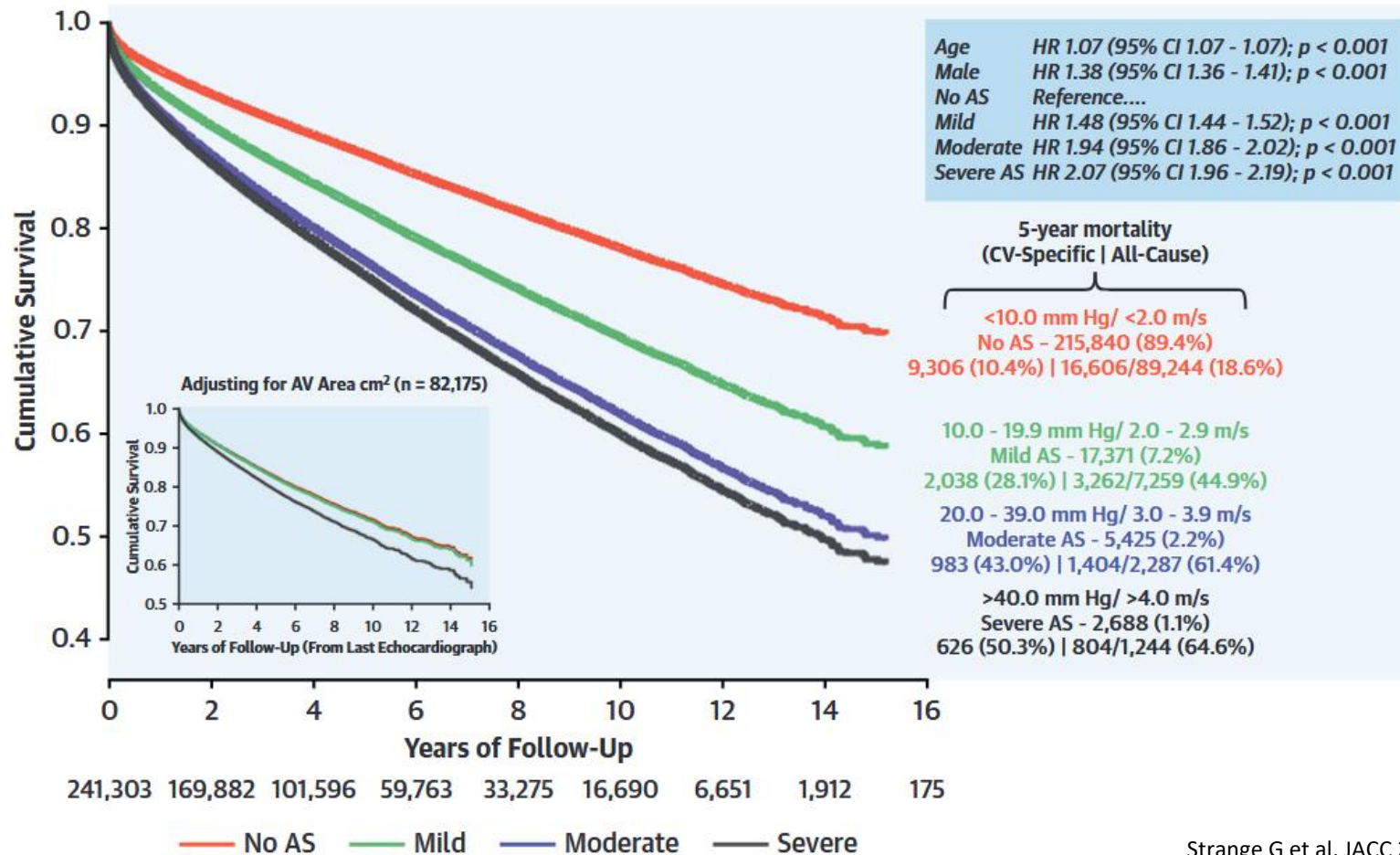
**From one-size-fits-all approach to a tailored/individualized approach to patients with aortic stenosis and coronary artery disease.**

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

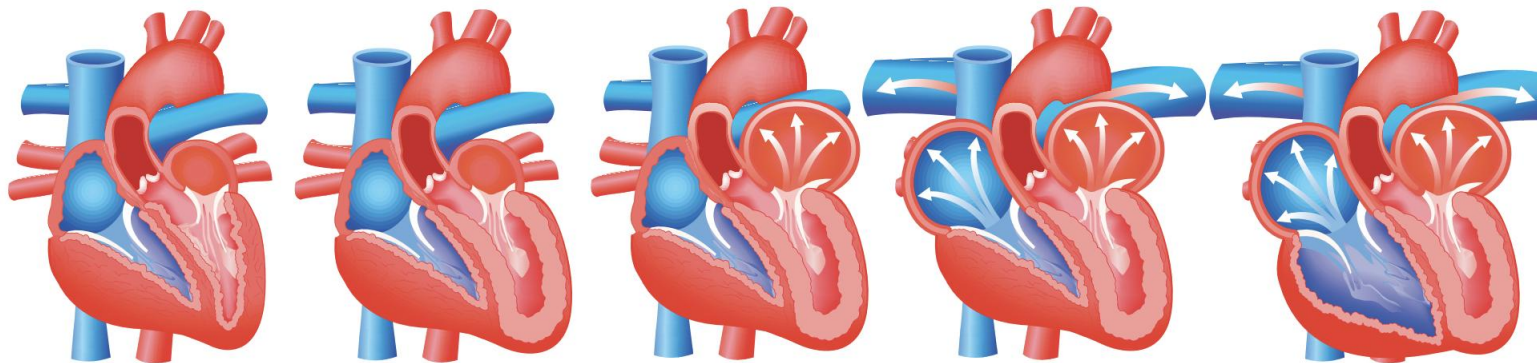
1. Mortality risk in aortic stenosis increases gradually rather than abruptly.
2. Shift from grading of aortic stenosis to staging of aortic stenosis (integrating markers of cardiac damage)



## 1. Mortality Risk According to Severity of AS



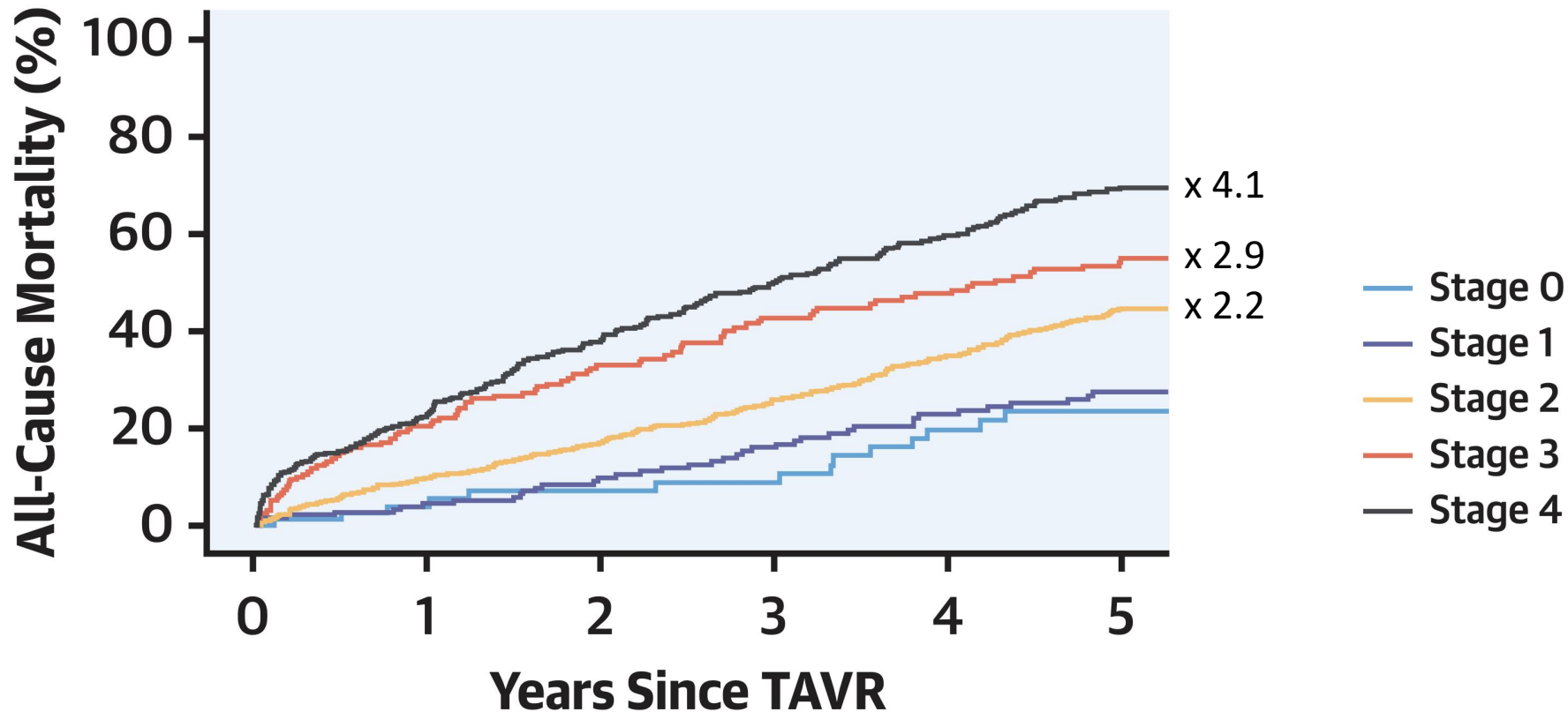
## 2. Cascade of Secondary Cardiac Damage due to AS



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

<b>RECOVERY</b> (2010-2015)	<b>AVATAR</b> (2015-2023)	<b>EARLY TAVR</b> (2017-2021)	<b>EVOLVED</b> (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

Généreux P et al, JACC 2025;85(9):912-922

# TAVI in Moderate Aortic Stenosis

## PROGRESS

(NCT04889872)  
N=1294 (complete)

TAVI (Sapien)  
vs Clinical  
surveillance

Moderate AS  
Symptoms OR signs  
of cardiac systolic  
or diastolic  
dysfunction

**Safety:** Composite of death, stroke, bleeding, AKI, hospitalization due to complication, reintervention at 30 days

**Efficacy:** Composite of all-cause mortality, stroke, CV hospitalization at 2 years

## EXPAND TAVR II

(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

**Safety:** Composite of all-cause mortality, stroke, bleeding, AKI, hospitalization due to complication, reintervention at 30 days

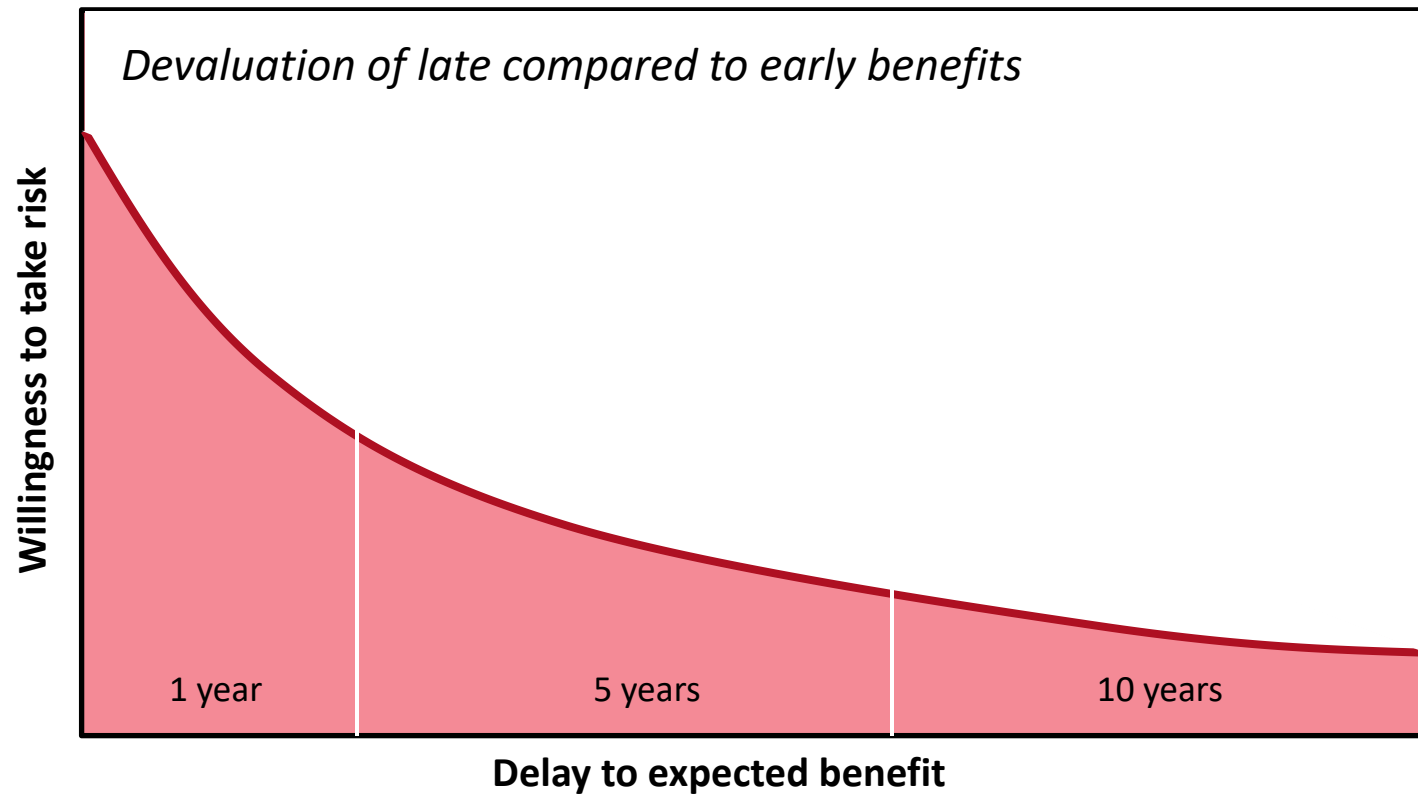
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# The „Dark Side“ of Early Intervention for Aortic Stenosis



- 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

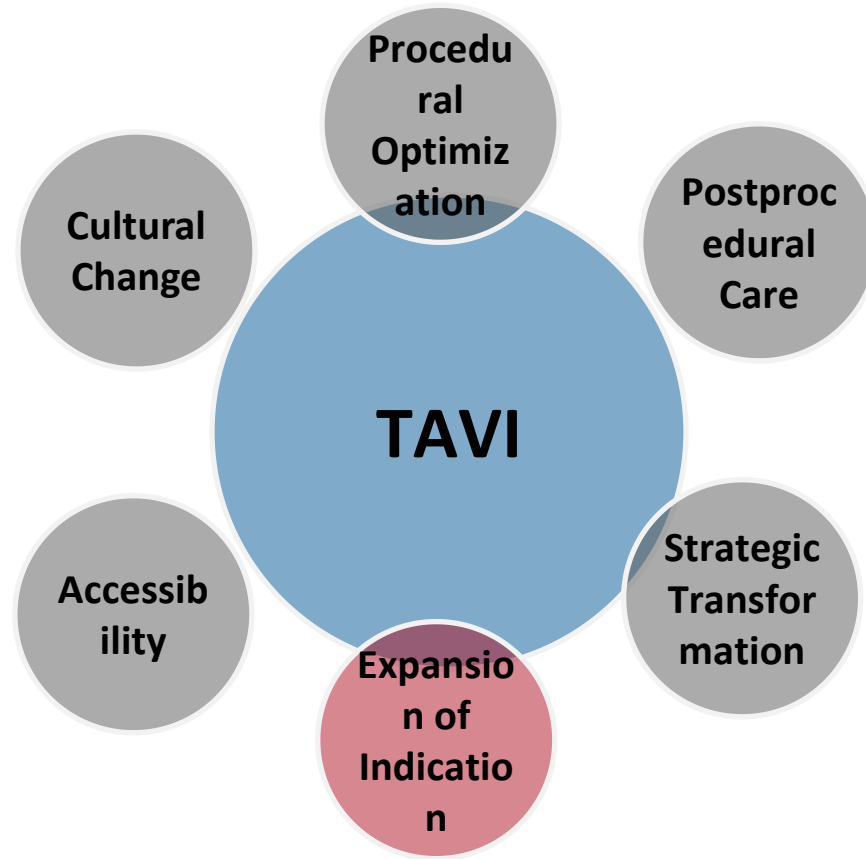


# RE-VALVE Interventions

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

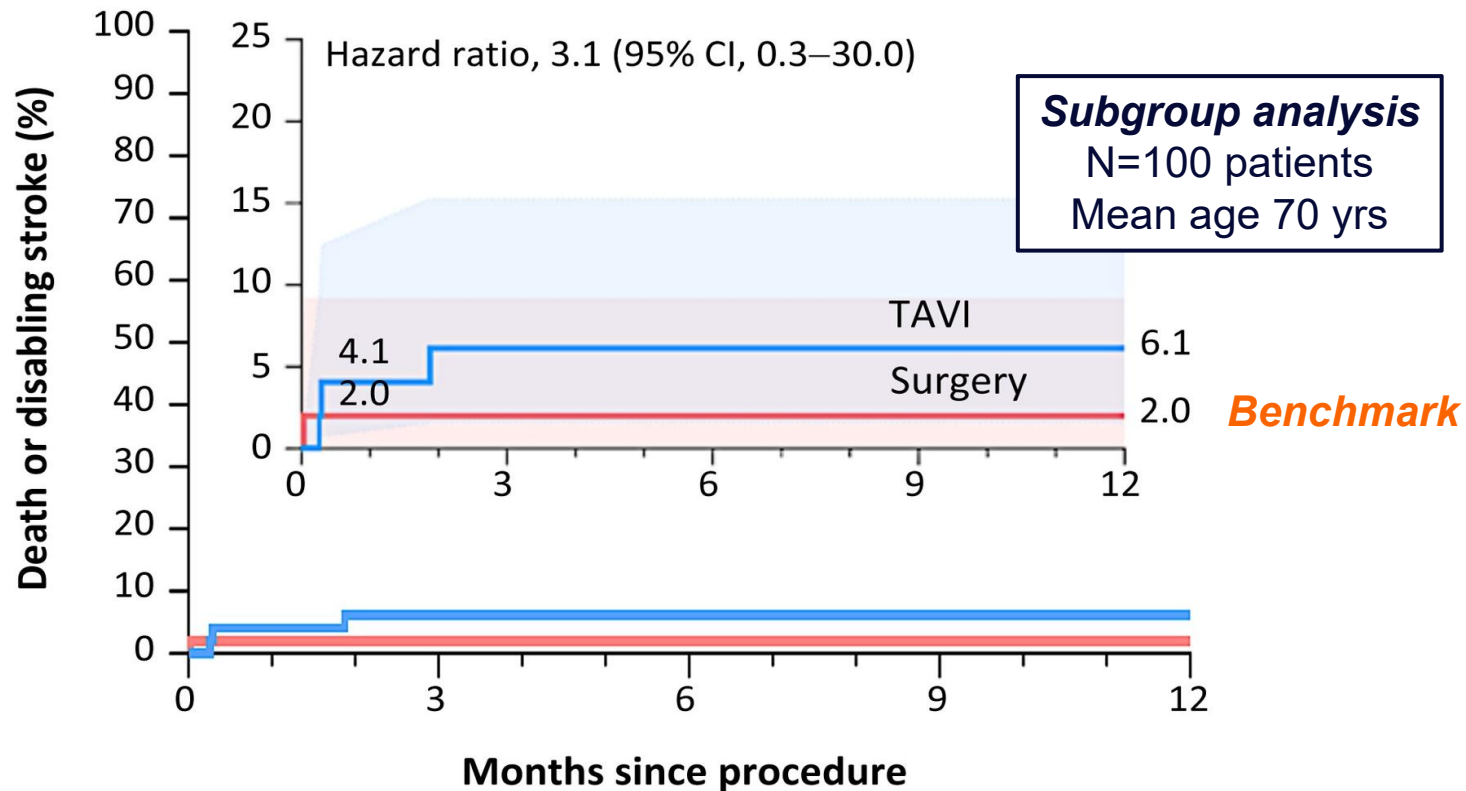


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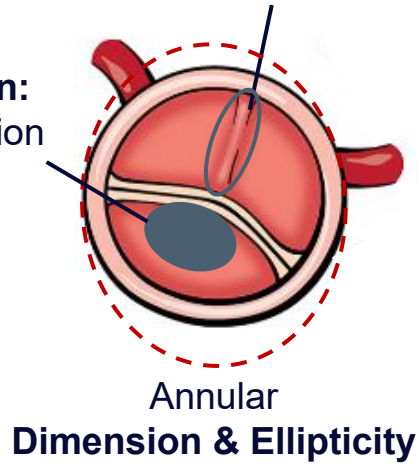
# TAVR versus SAVR in Bicuspid Aortic Stenosis (NOTION-2)



# Bicuspid Aortic Valve Anatomy - a Cocktail of Risks for TAVI

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

**Cusp calcification:**  
volume & distribution

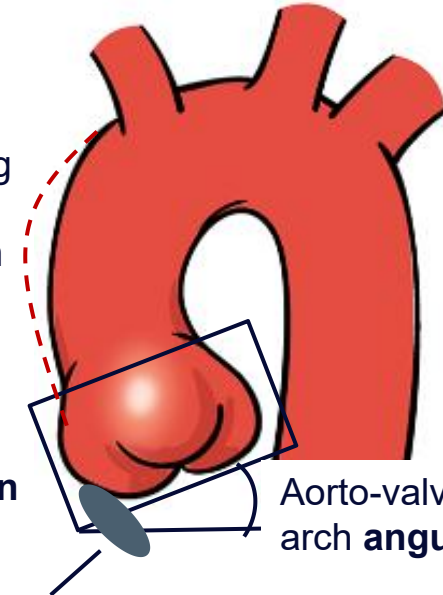


Ascending  
aorta  
**dilatation**

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

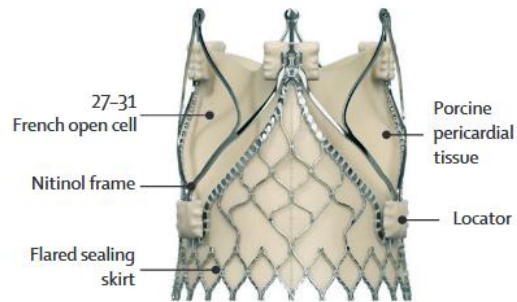
Safety endpoint: **Death** and disabling **stroke** assessed at 1-year FUP

### Primary efficacy endpoint:

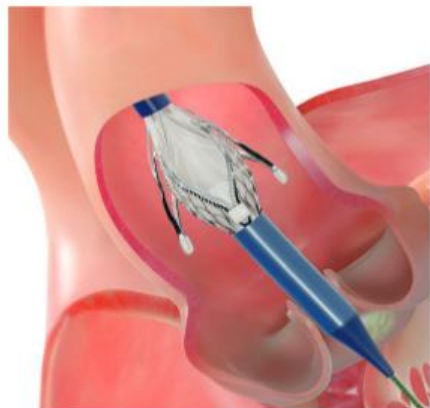
Composite of **death**, **stroke**, **re-hospitalization** (procedure-, valve-, heart failure-related) assessed at 5-year FUP

# TAVI for Pure Native Aortic Regurgitation

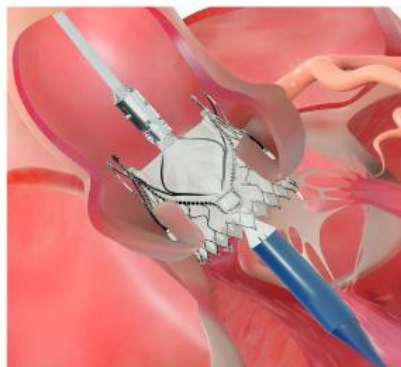
## JenaValve Trilogy



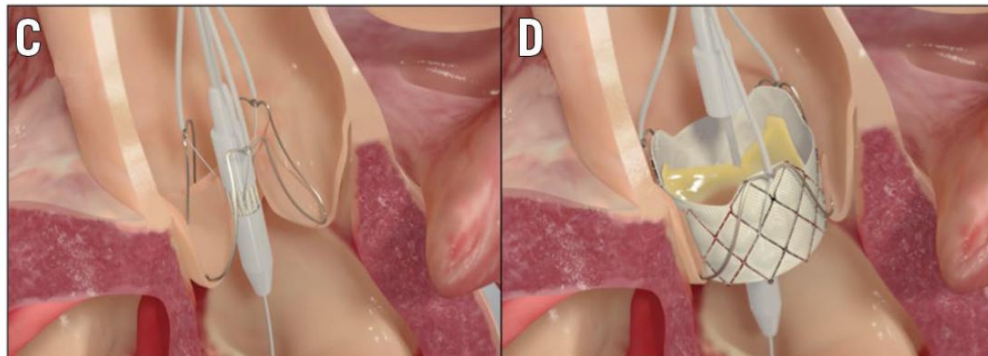
## J-Valve



Alignment and positioning

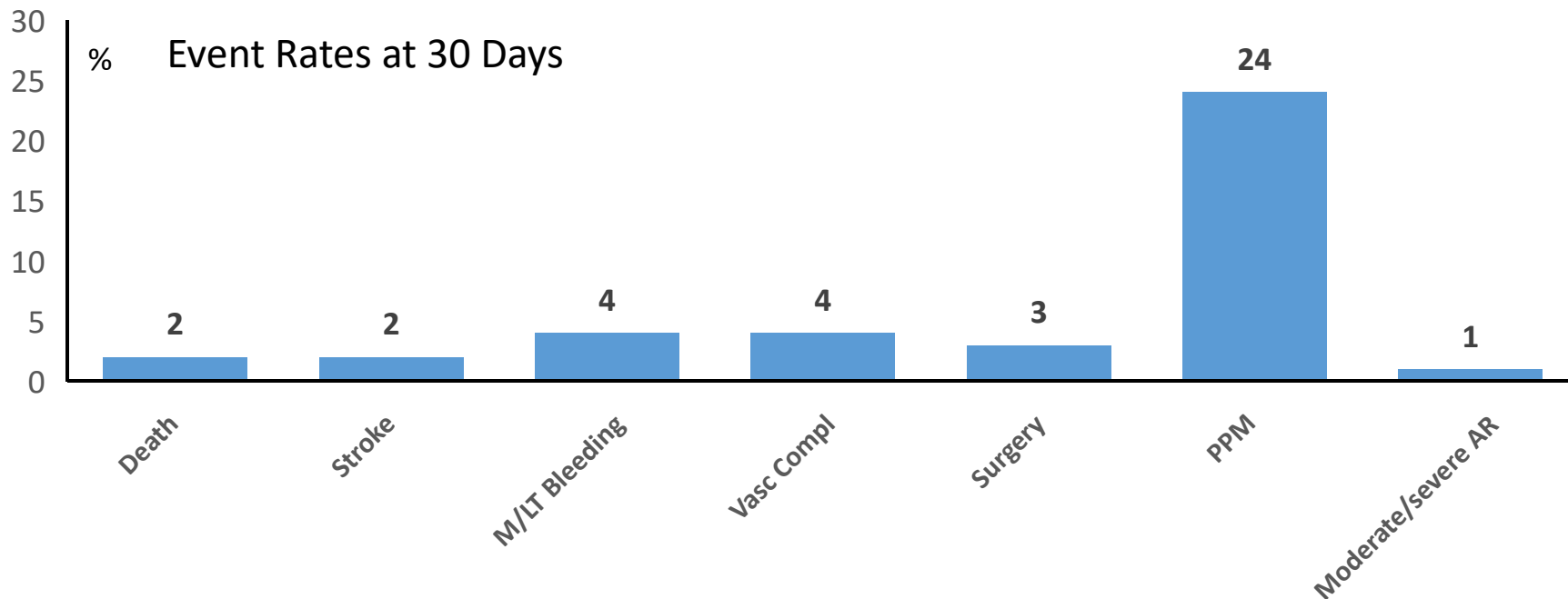


Anchoring and sealing



# TAVI for Pure Native Aortic Regurgitation

N=180, mean age 75.5 years



# TAVI for Pure Native Aortic Regurgitation

## ARTIST

NCT06608823

Patient with 3-4+ Native Valve AR Requiring  
Class I or II Indication for AVR

N = 1,016

TAVI with Trilogy

SAVR

### Primary endpoint

Noninferiority endpoint at 12 months: 1) Death, 2) Any stroke, 3) Unplanned cardiac rehospitalization

### Secondary outcome:

- Superiority analysis for primary EP;
- MACE at 1-10 years;
- EOA
- Prosthetic-patient mismatch:
- KCCQ-OS;
- Atrial fibrillation:

## JOURNEY

NCT06455787

Patients with symptomatic, severe AR who are  
deemed at high risk for surgery

N = 194

TAVI with J-Valve TF  
system

### Primary outcome

VARC-3 early safety at 30  
days

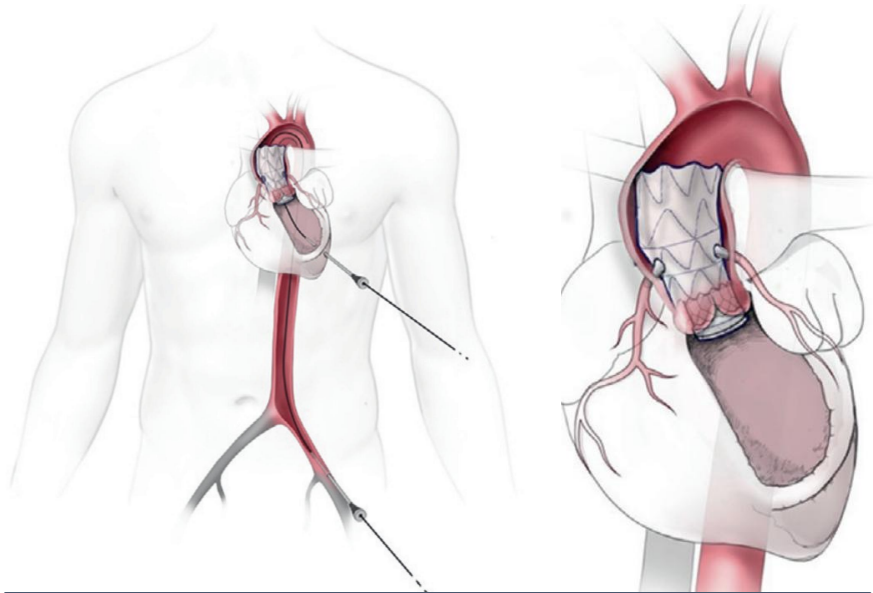
All-cause mortality at 1 year

### Secondary outcome:

- Rate of improvement in cardiovascular-specific health status (KCCQ)
- Improvement in left ventricular end diastolic diameter index (LVEDDi)
- Improvement in left ventricular end diastolic volume index (LVEDVi)

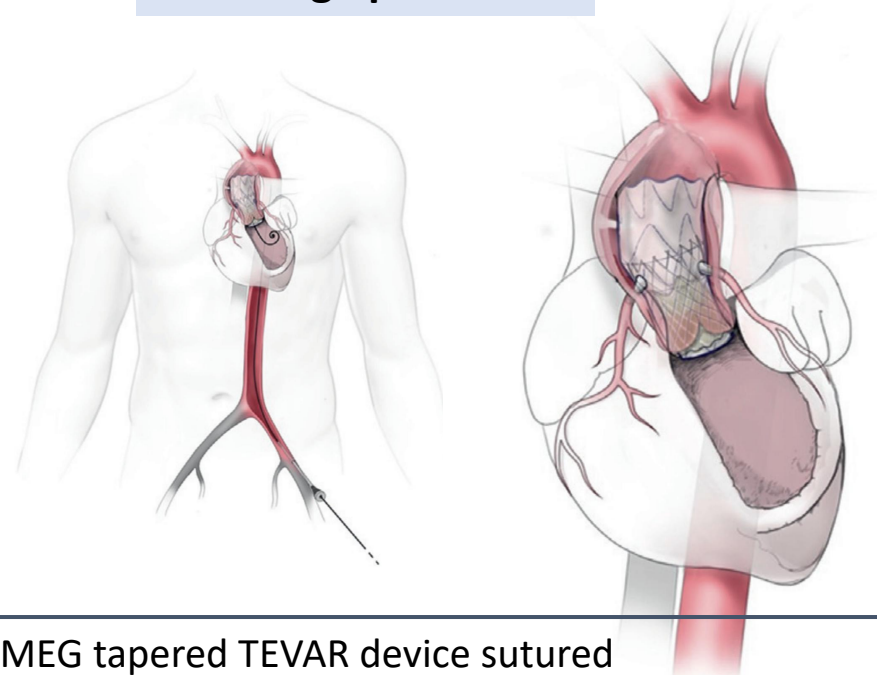
# Endo-Bentall Procedures for Aortic Dissection

## Two-stage procedure



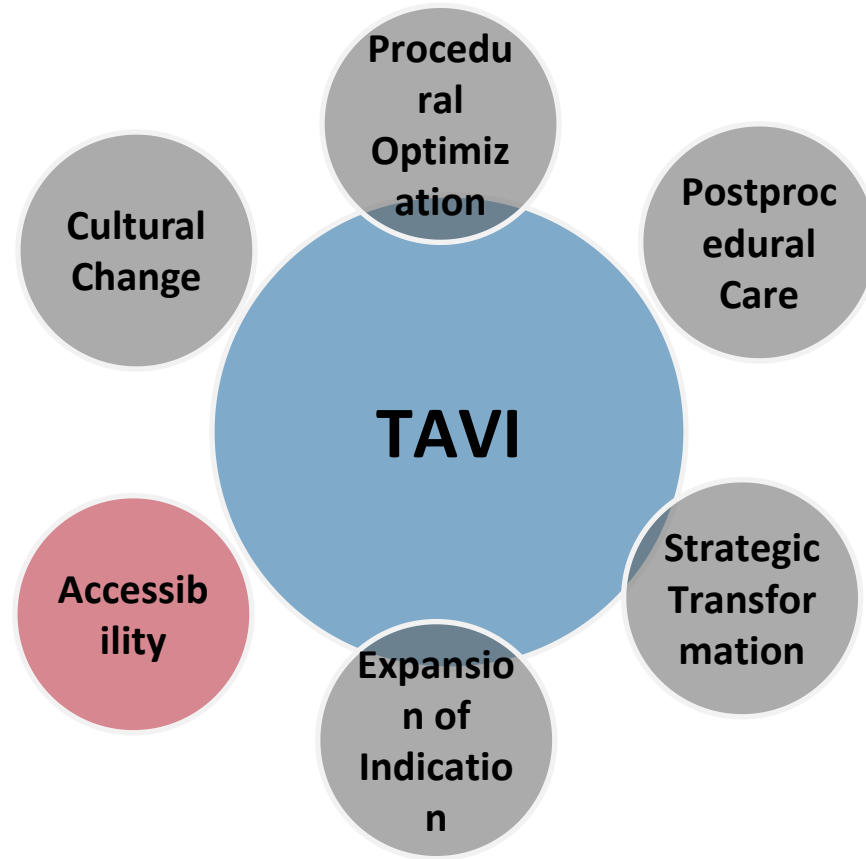
Fenestrated physician-modified endograft devices (PMEG) combined with a TAVI valve

## One-stage procedure



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

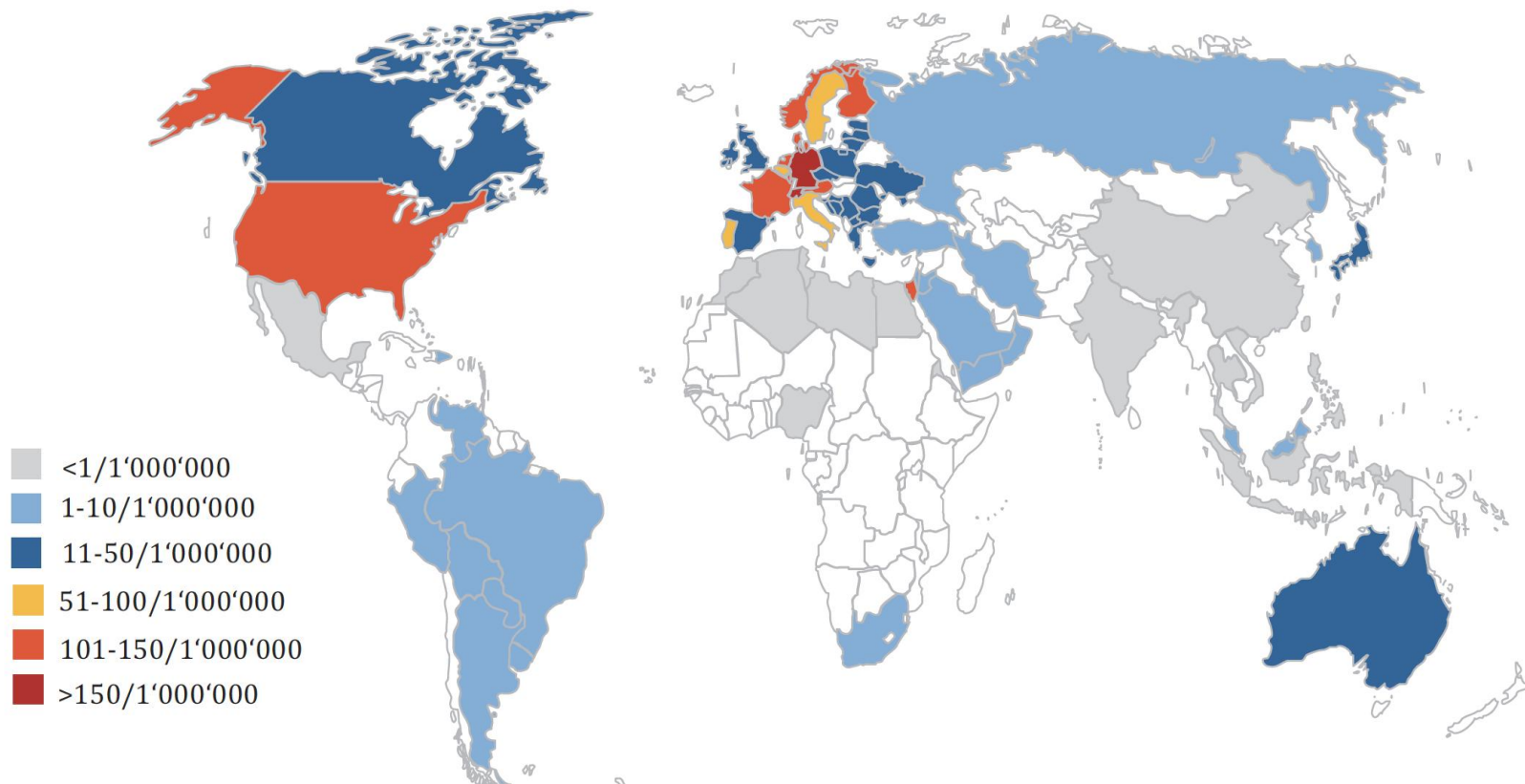
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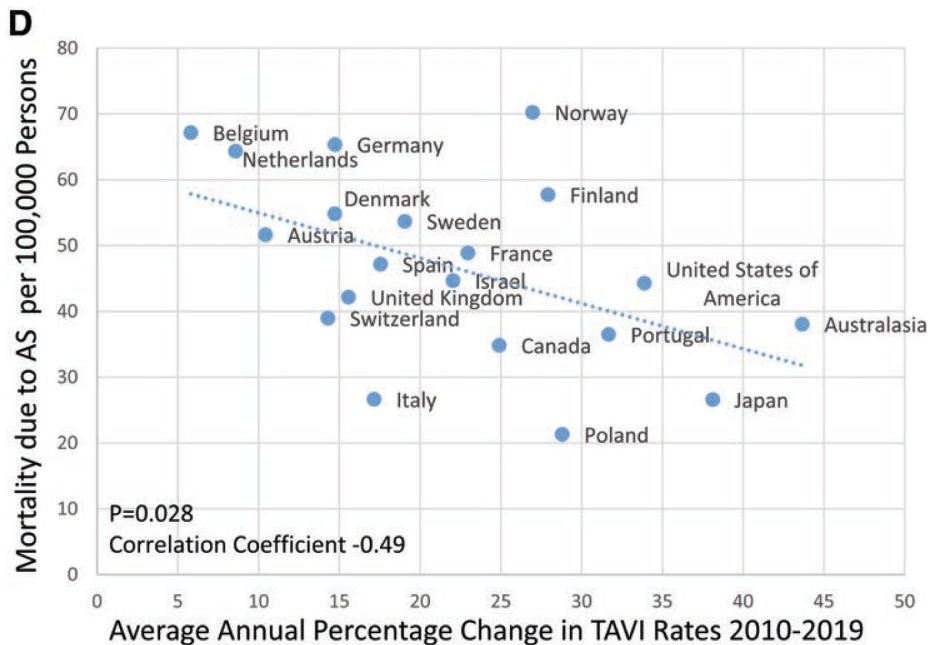


# Geographical Dispersion of TAVI



# Expansion of TAVI and Mortality from Aortic Stenosis

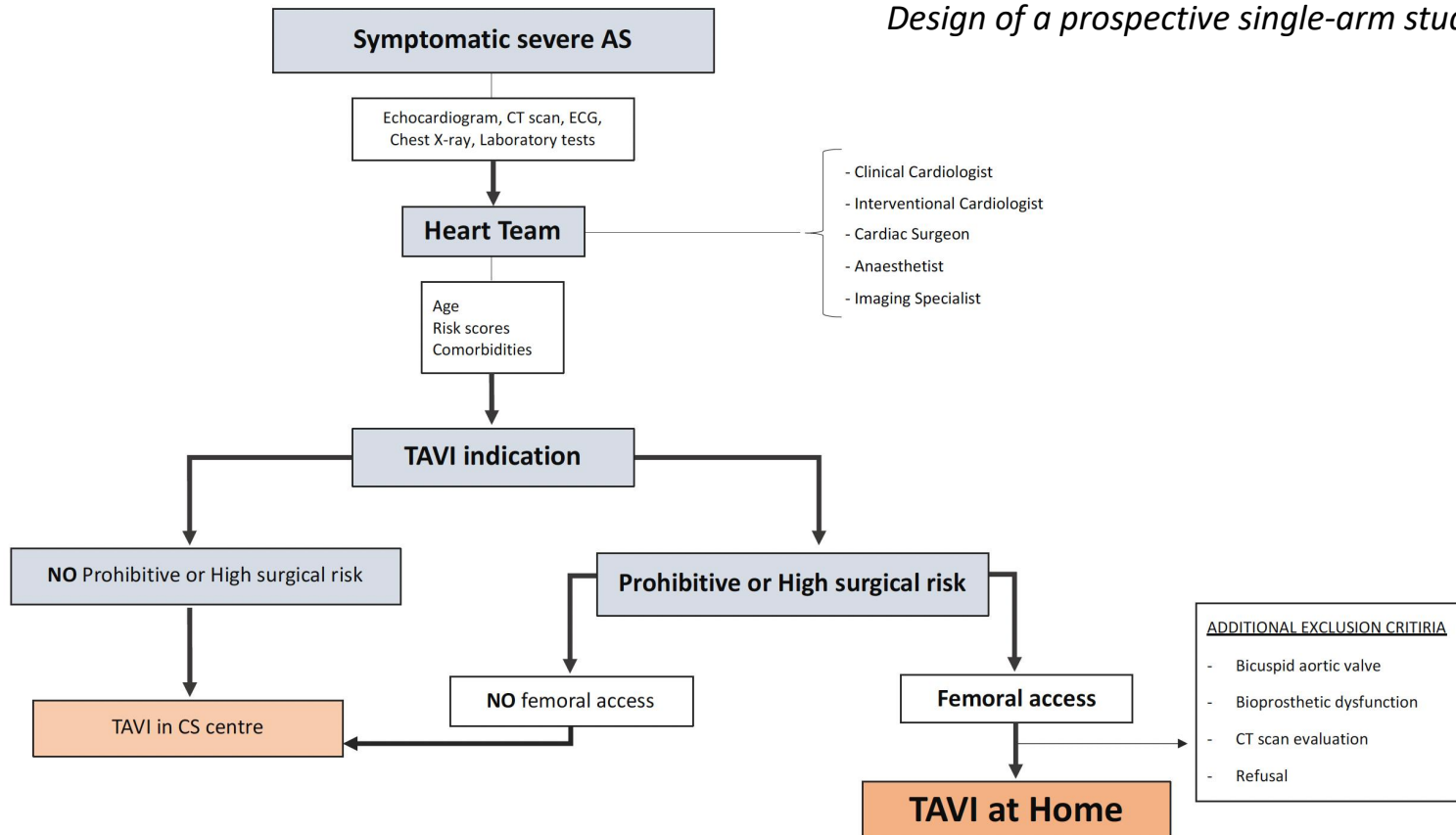
## Global Burden of Disease Study 2010-2019



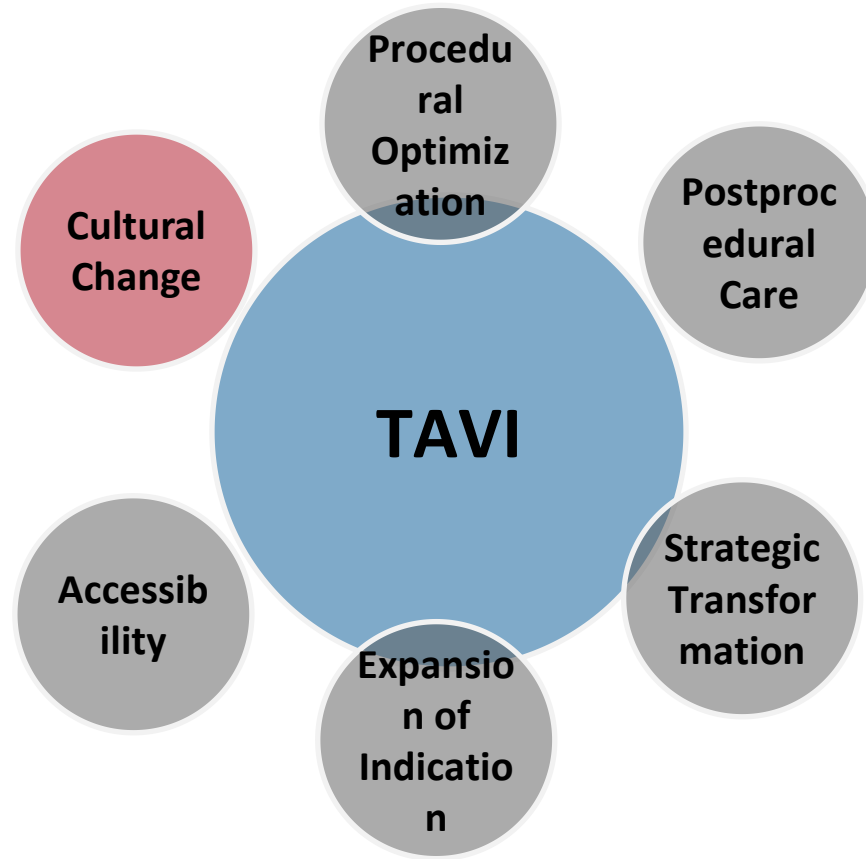
We need affordable TAVI systems for all of us.

# TAVI at Hospitals Without On-Site Cardiac Surgery

*Design of a prospective single-arm study*



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**Tigon**



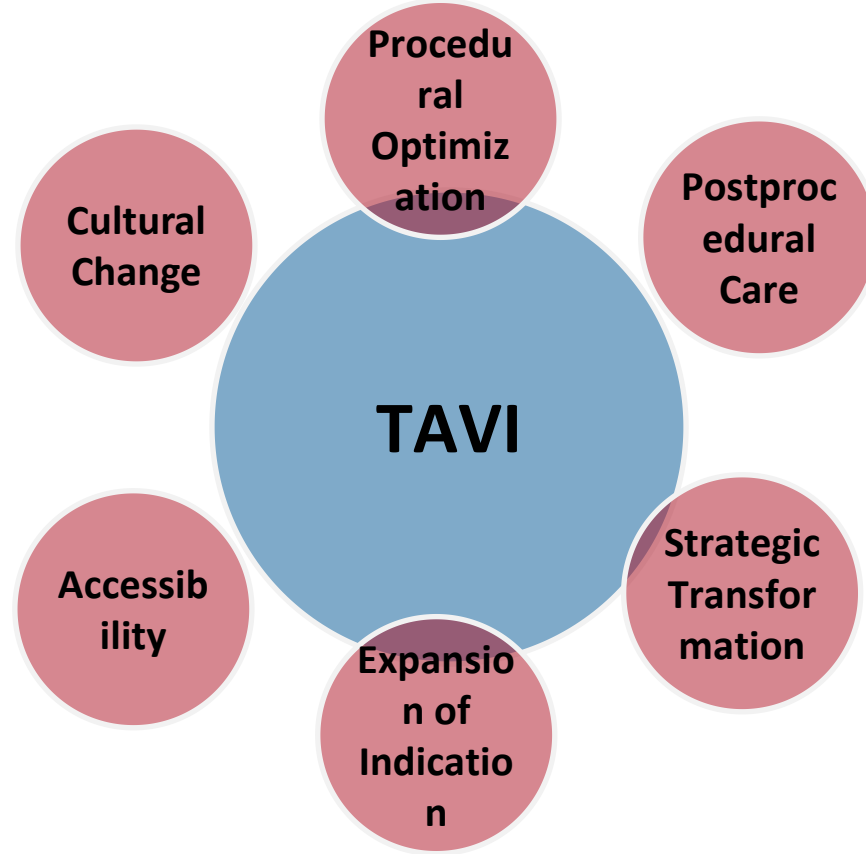
**Liger**



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

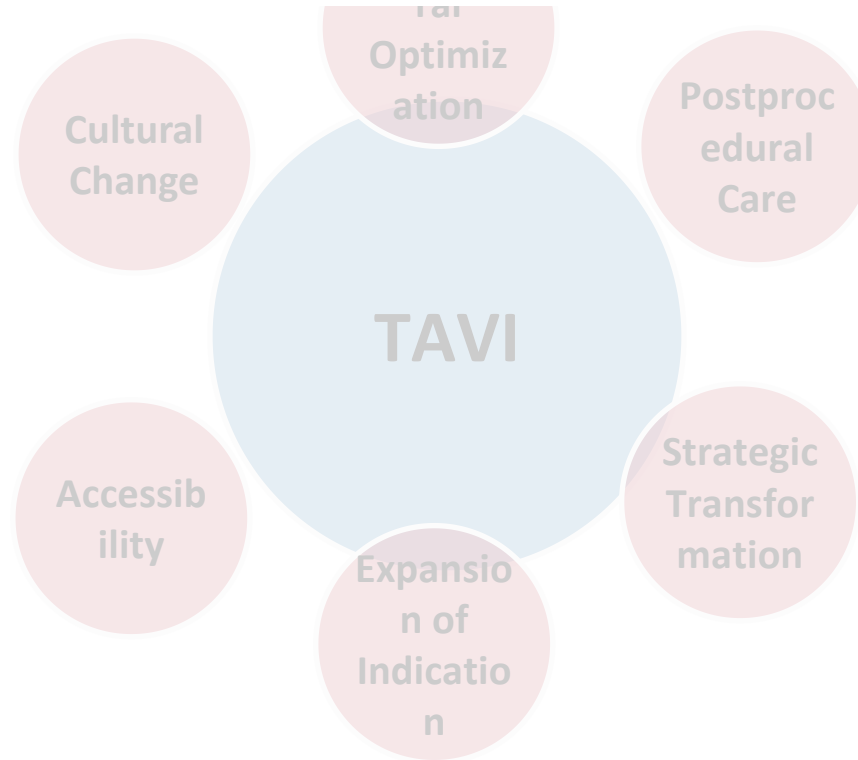
**TAVI has been bringing the specialties together much more than driving them apart.**

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## The Future of Degenerative Aortic Stenosis





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

## Target Trial Emulation of Nonsevere Aortic Stenosis Patients

### Patient Population

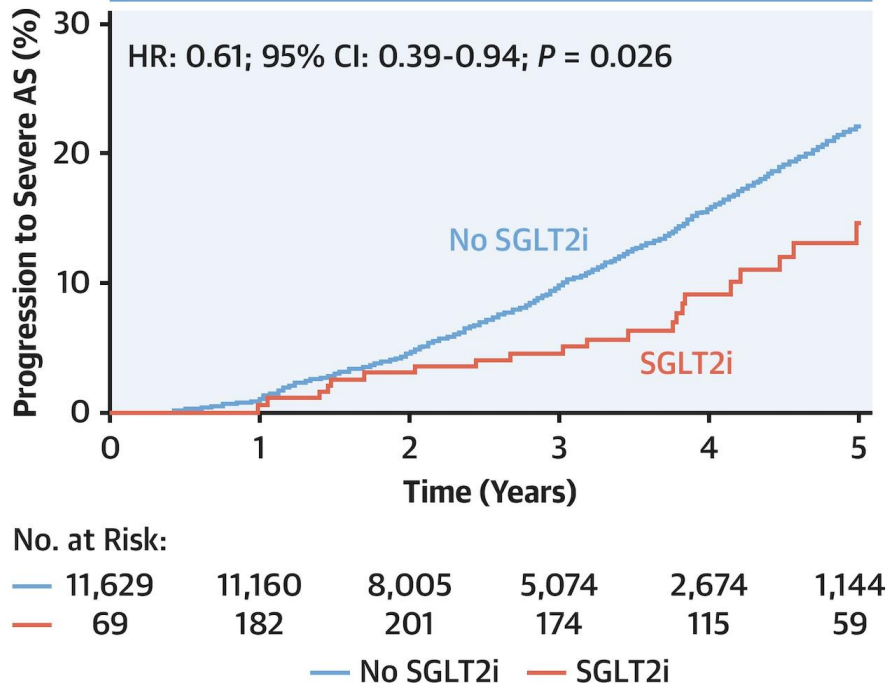
Yale New Haven Health System,  
January 2016 to September 2022

Recent SGLT2i  
initiators (n = 458) vs Non-SGLT2i users  
(n = 11,240)

No differences between groups in  
baseline AS severity

SGLT2i patients were younger with higher rates of  
diabetes, chronic kidney disease, coronary artery  
disease, and heart failure, which are all associated  
with more rapid AS progression

### Progression to Severe AS



# 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 VO2 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.