

# What's New In TAVR?

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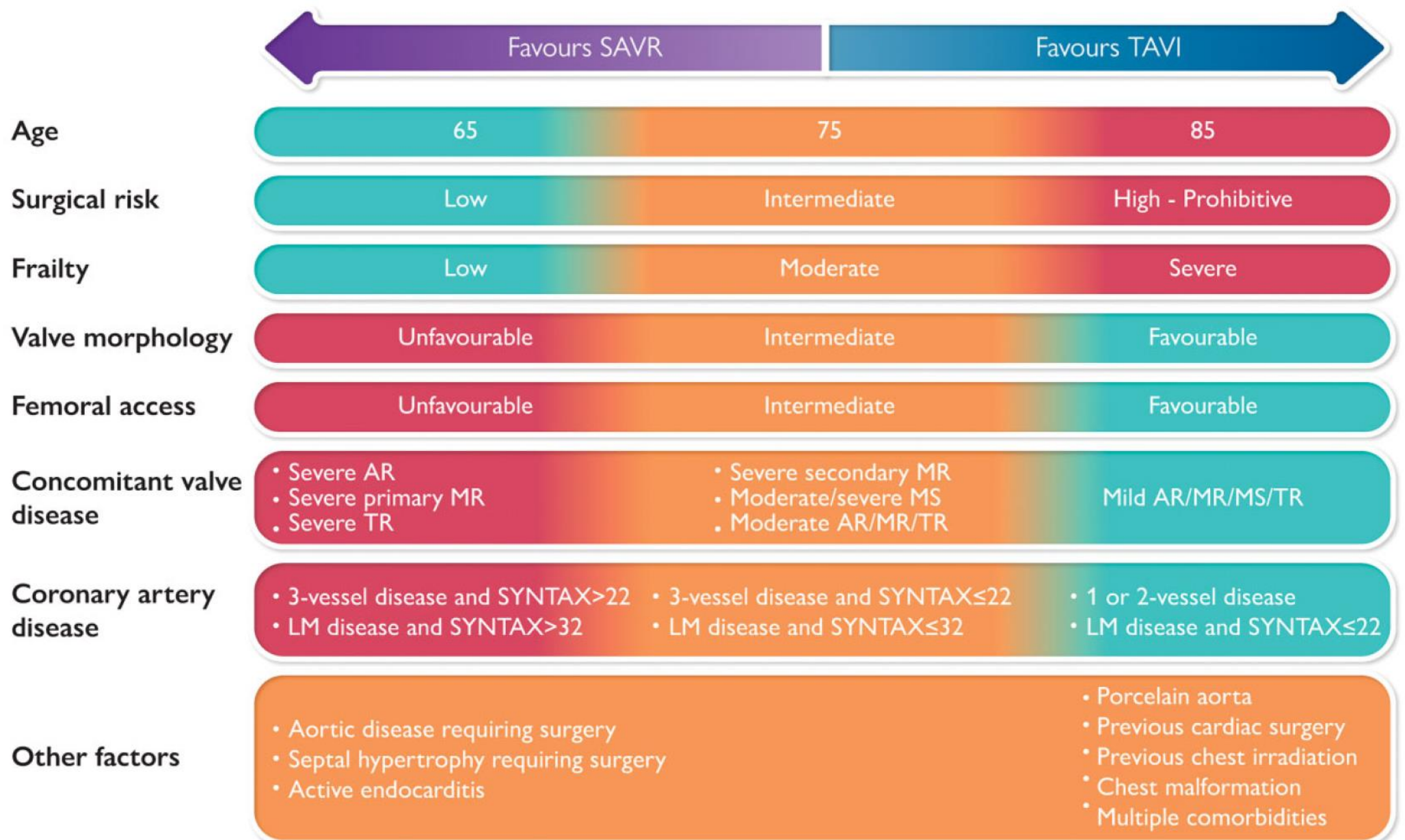
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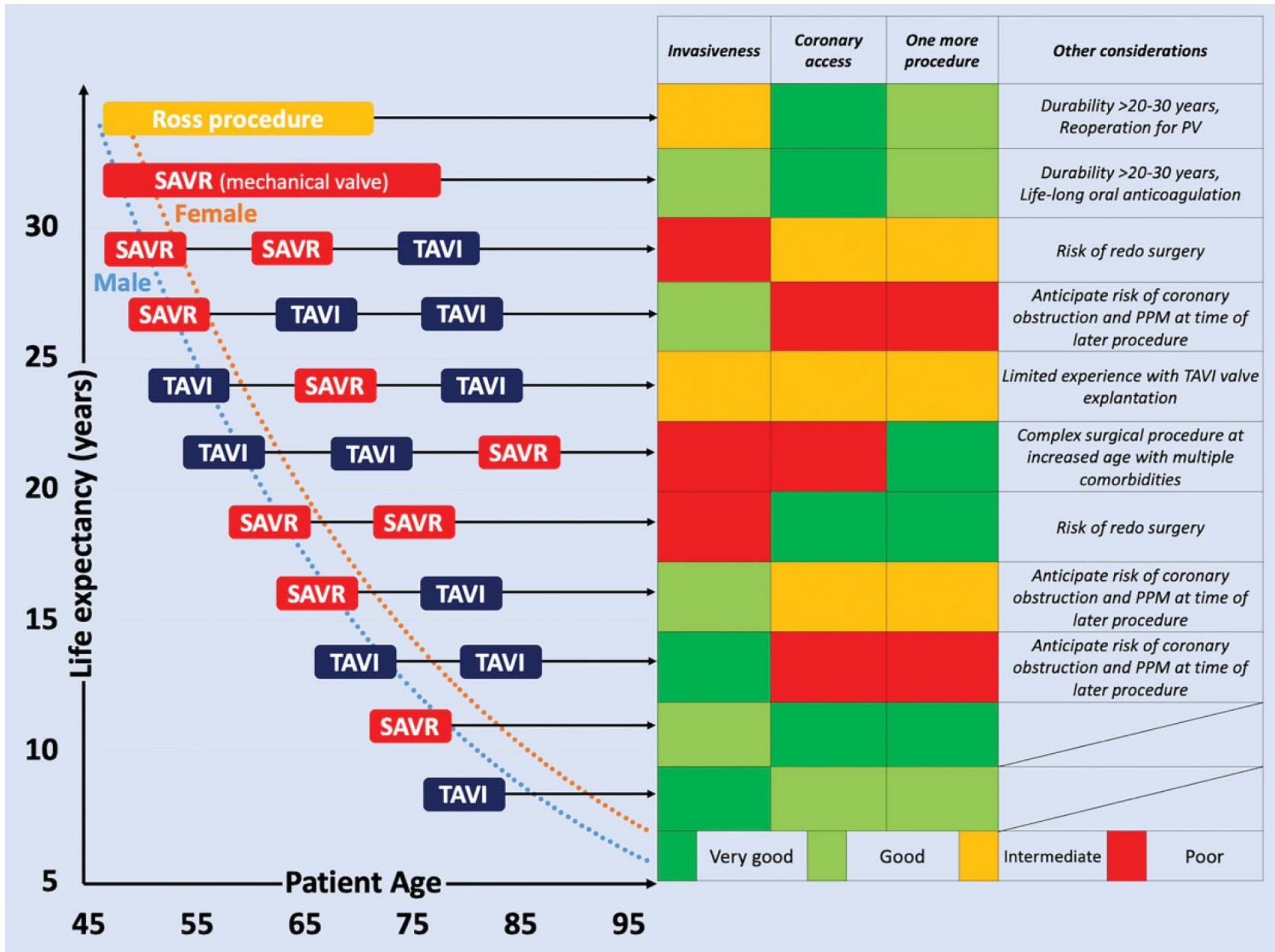
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- **Lifetime Management**
- **Durability**
- **Device Improvements**
- **Unique populations, expanding indications, redefining “severe” aortic stenosis**
- **Stroke Prevention**

## HOT TOPICS in Lifetime Management Of Aortic Stenosis

- 1) Understand the durability of valves as well as patient's life expectancy
- 2) Post-op Pacemakers, conduction delay, PVL, stroke, patient prosthesis mismatch (PPM), structural valve deterioration (SVD), annular/LVOT disruption are bad things
- 3) CAD is not benign... and it might get worse in the future...
- 4) The way we treat CAD with PCI or CABG can be dangerous and is not a sure thing
  - The additive risk of high-risk PCI to pre-TAVR need to be considered
  - Preserving coronary re-access is important (and predicable)
  - Achieving commissural alignment is important
  - Honesty about longer term patency and what is going to be achieved with PCI or CABG
- 5) Plan and predict NOW for future TAVR in TAVR –vs- TAVR in SAVR –vs- reoperation
- 6) Avoid high-risk TAVR in low-risk patients.....DON'T discover that SAVR is a bad idea while in the OR
- 7) ANATOMIC CRITERIA by CT SCAN = Gold Standard





# Define Durability: Structural Valve Deterioration (SVD)

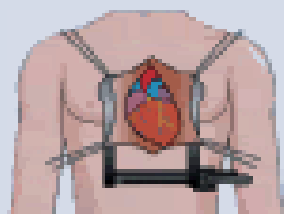
## Pre TAVR era, Surgical Series:

- Define SVD at the time point when surgeon performs a reoperation
- Given that reoperation does not necessary imply SVD, one would expect a systematic underestimation of the true incidence of SVD, which can be subclinical
- Incomplete echo data, retrospective



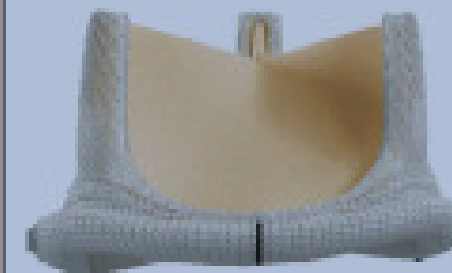
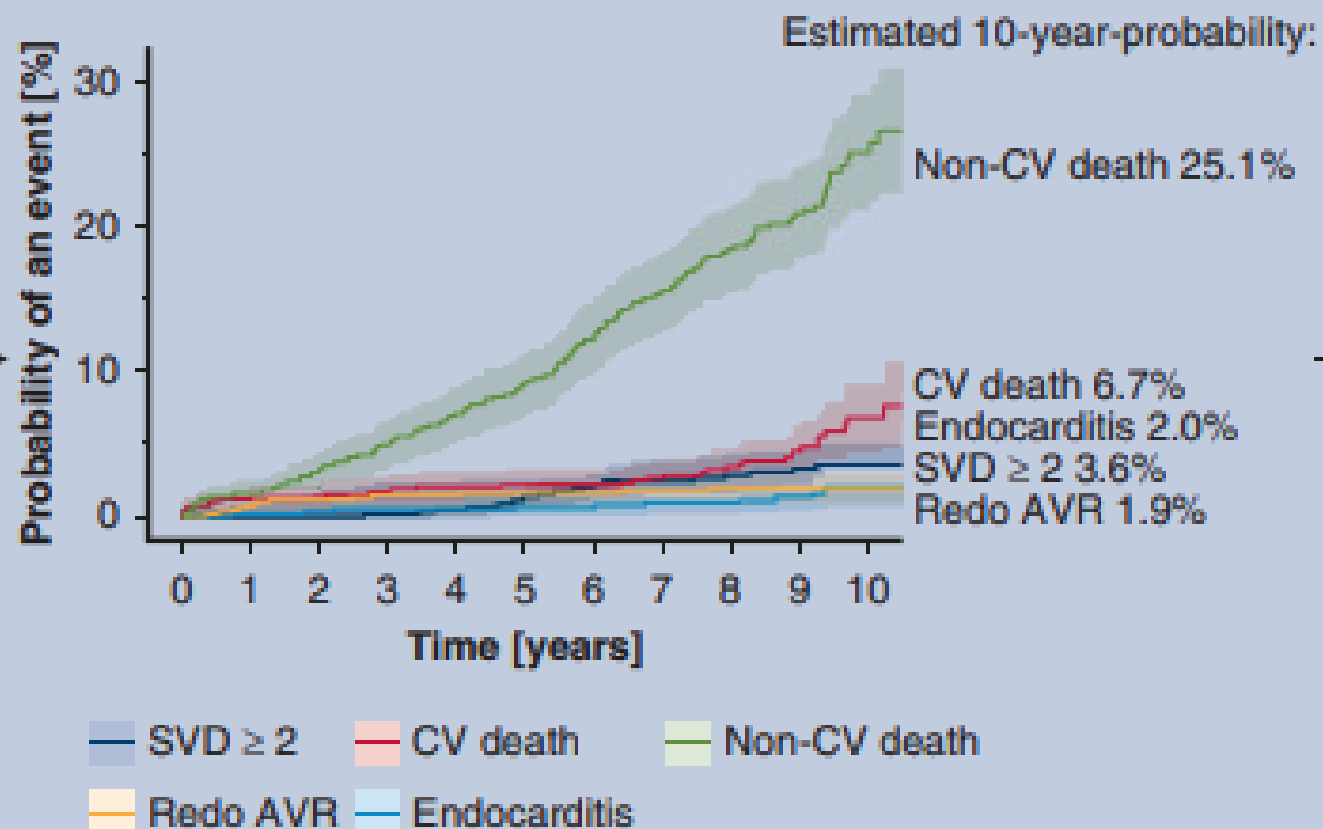
# Ten-year Clinical and Echocardiographic Follow-up of Third-Generation Biological Prosthesis in Aortic Position

2010-2012:  
689 Patients underwent  
isolated or combined  
AVR using PME valve

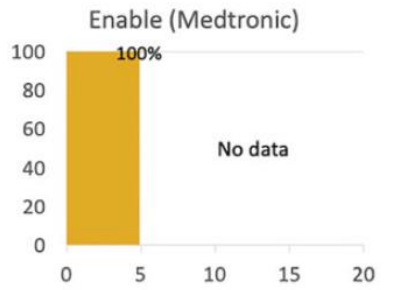
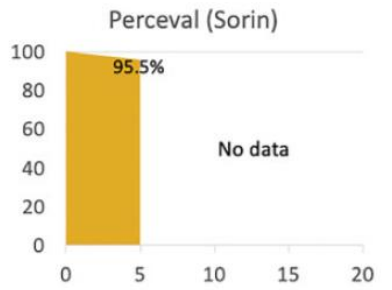
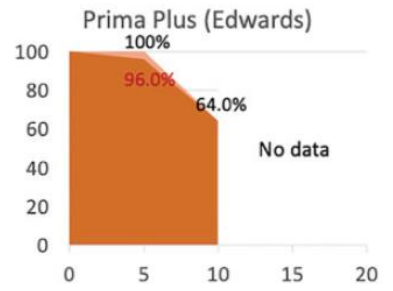
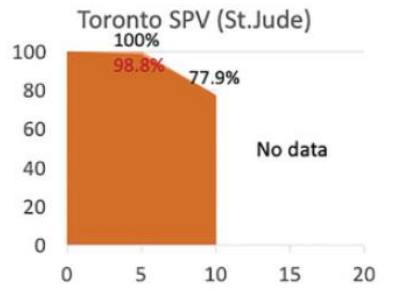
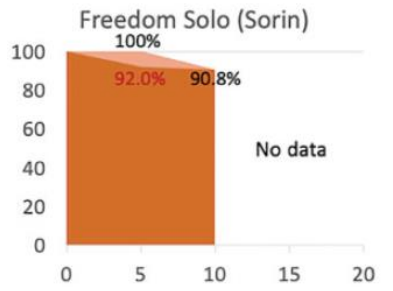
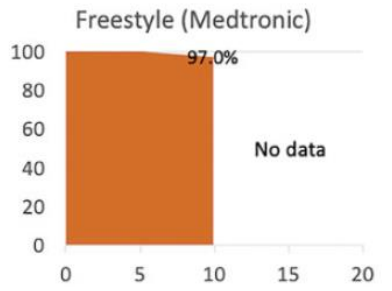
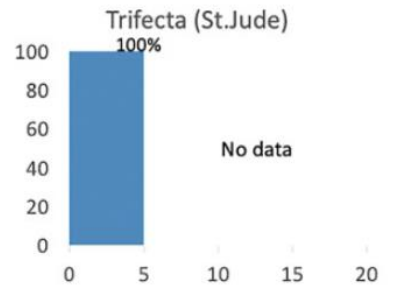
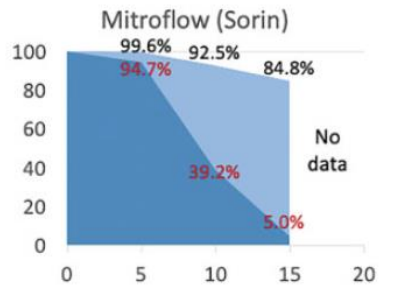
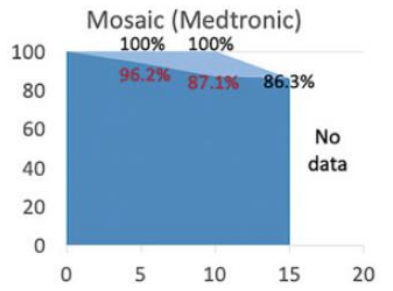
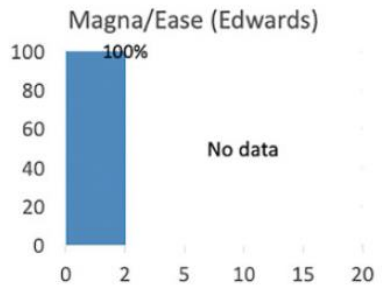
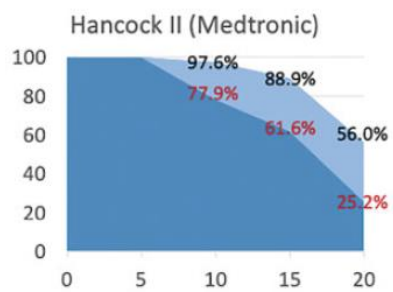
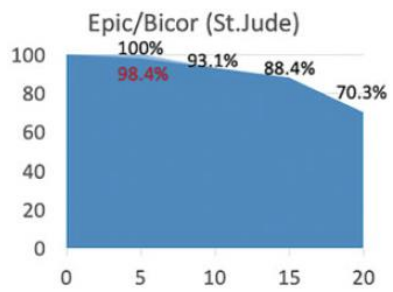
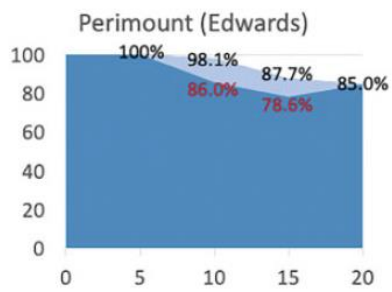


Outcomes after 10  
years from  
implantation were  
estimated

PME showed a low cumulative incidence of SVD  $\geq 2$ ,  
reoperation, and endocarditis at long-term follow-up



PME prosthesis  
shows good  
clinical and  
echocardiographic  
long-term outcome



**SVD is unusual (<15%) in 1<sup>st</sup> decade post SAVR**

**Incidence progressively increases thereafter**

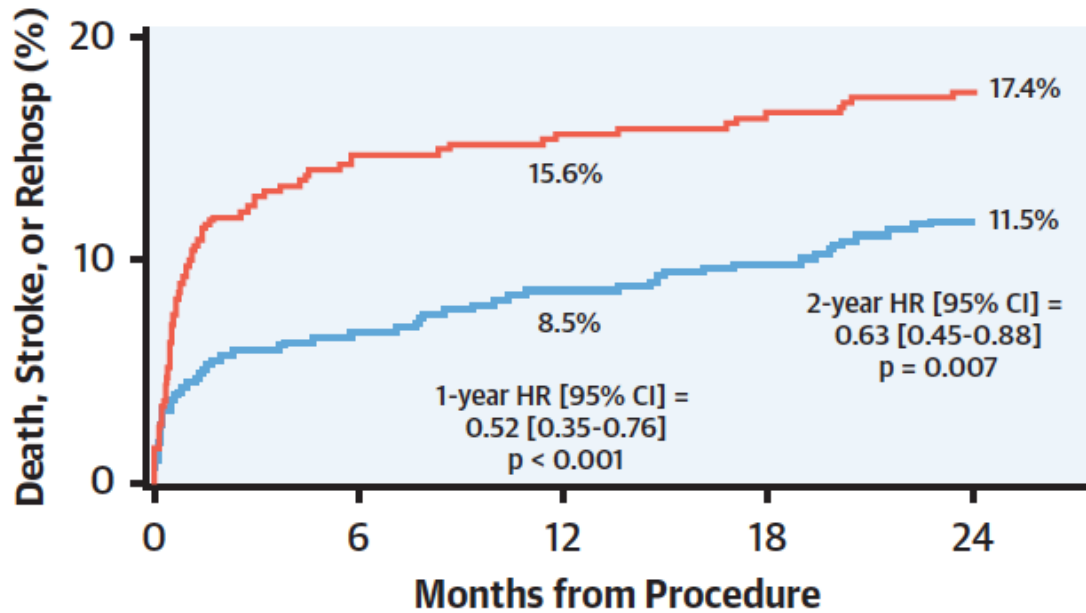
**No systemic surveillance studies and true incidence of SVD is camouflaged**

Falk V, et al. European Heart Journal. 2022

**Figure 10** Durability data of surgical aortic bioprostheses. A range of actuarial freedom from SVD for each surgical bioprosthesis, obtained from studies in which these data were available for the whole cohort, is provided.<sup>177</sup>

# PARTNER 3: 2-year outcomes SAPIEN S3 TAVR vs. SAVR

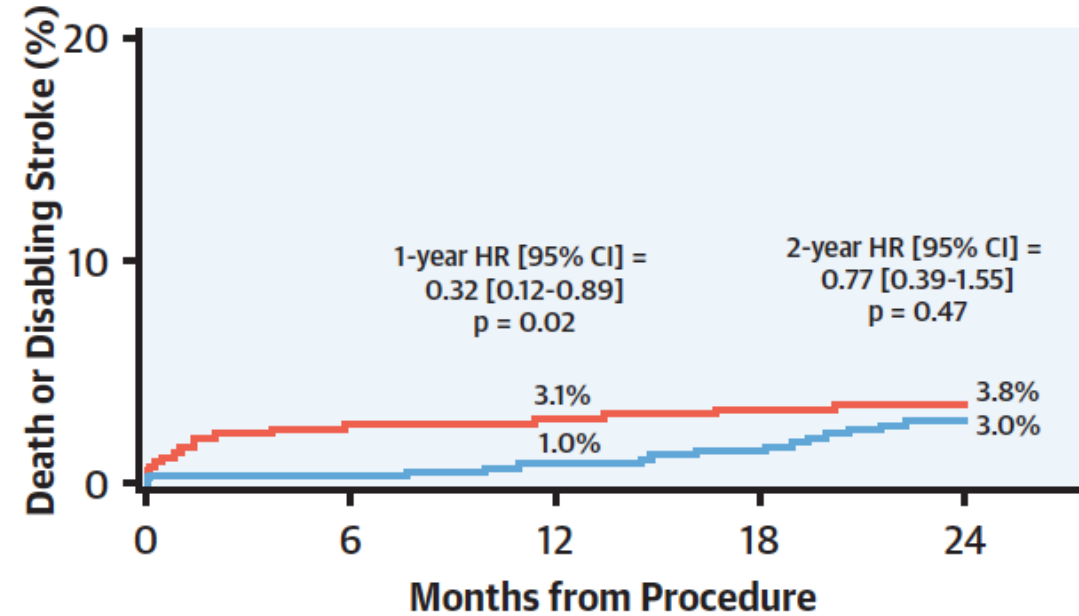
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Number at risk:

— Surgery	454	379	371	357	345
— TAVR	496	462	453	444	431

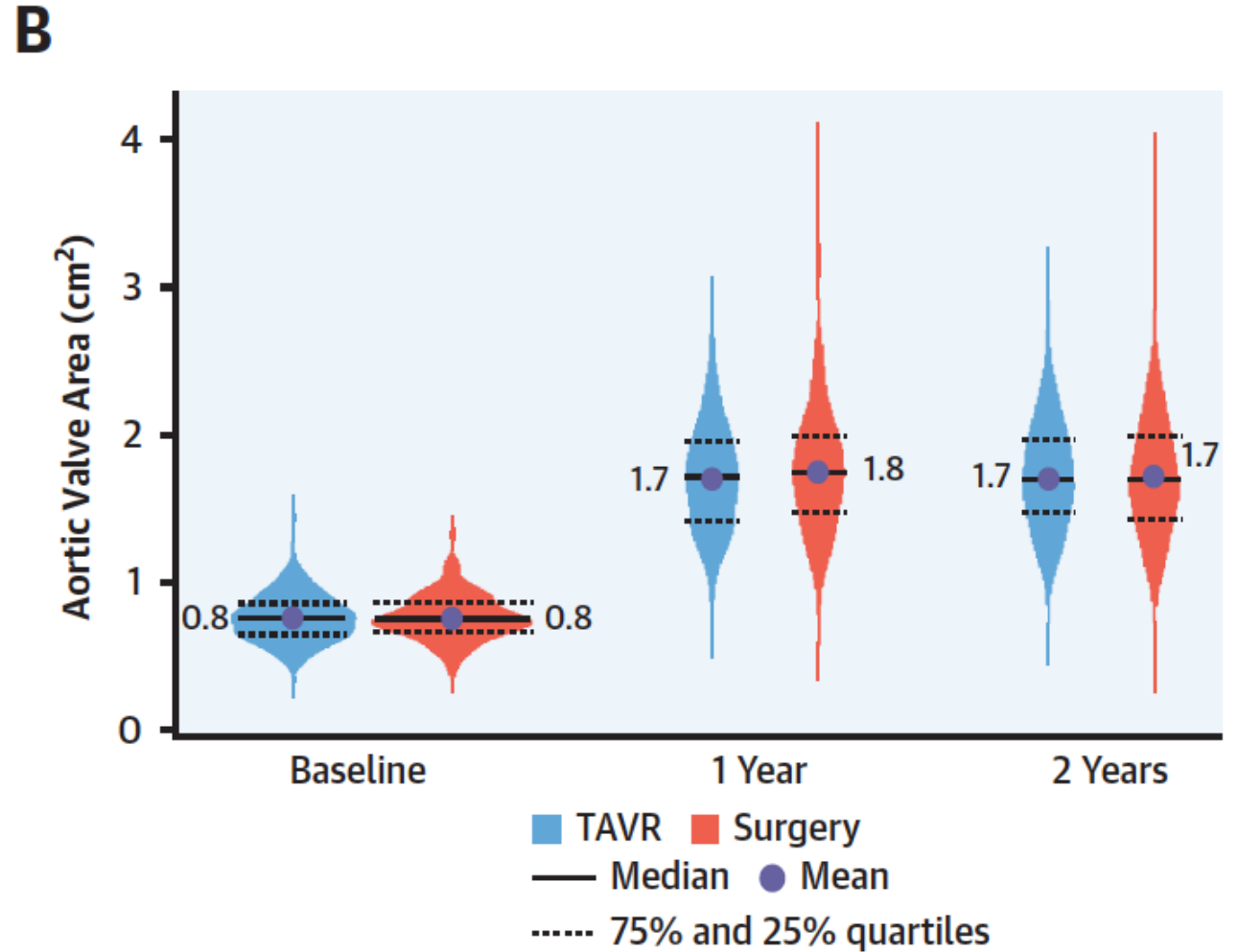
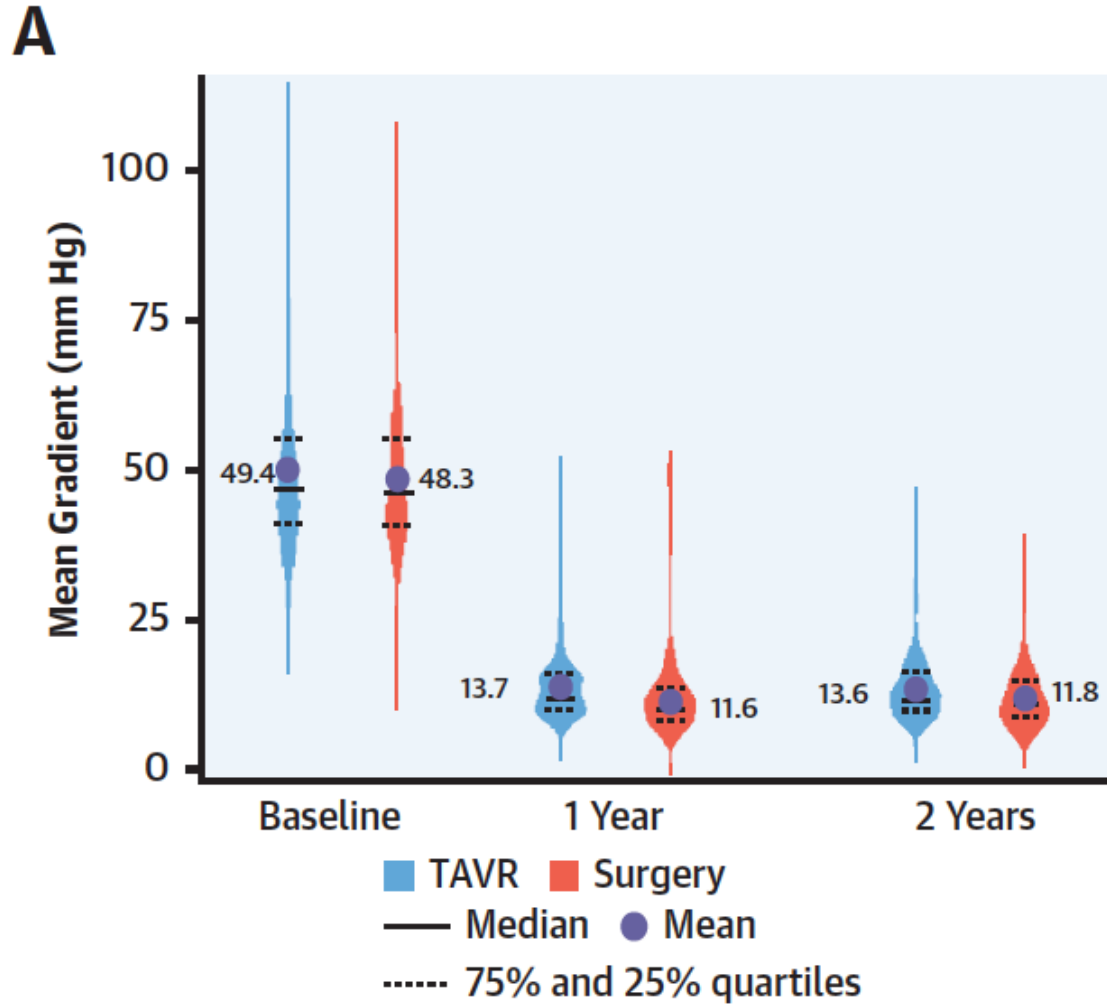
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Number at risk:

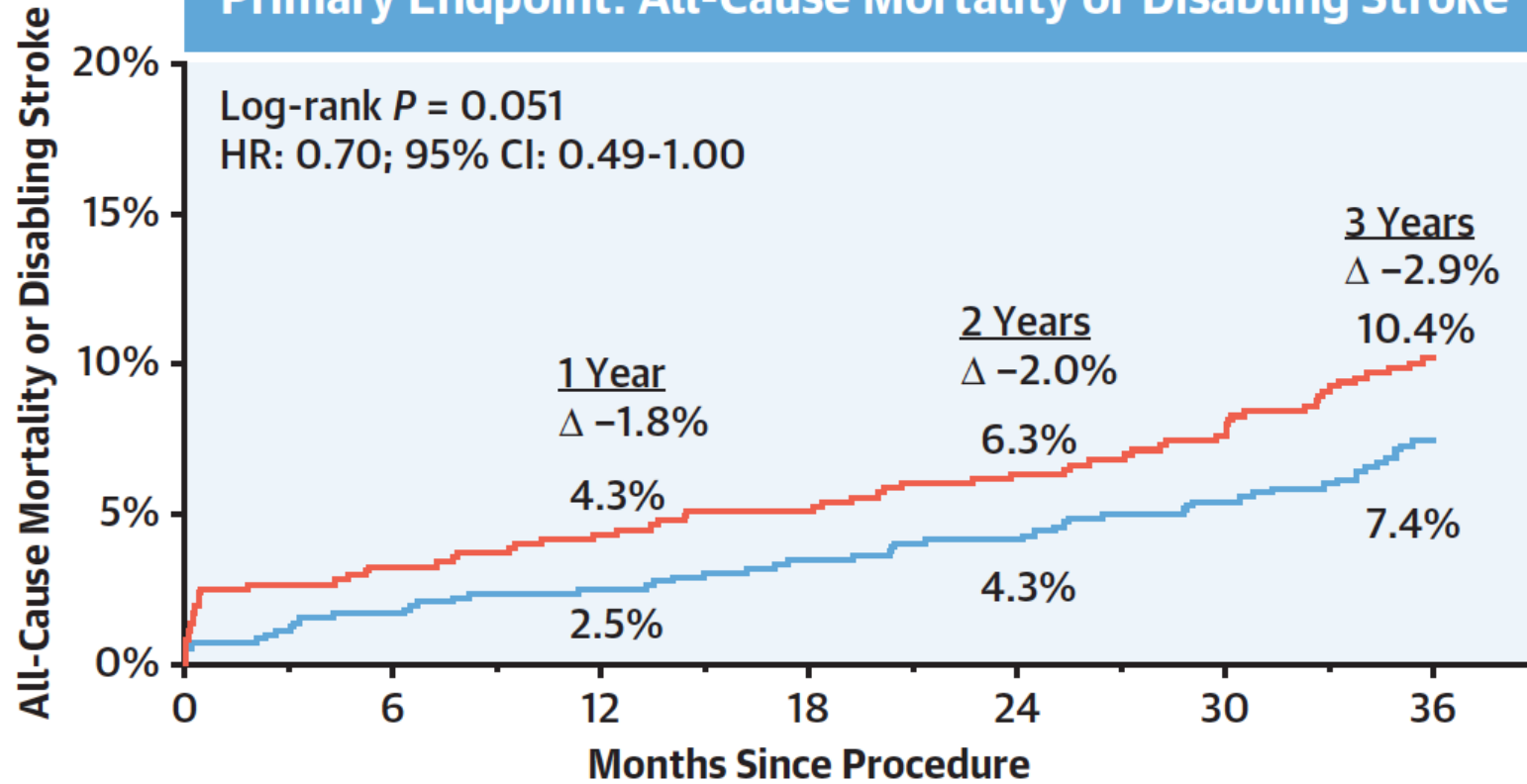
— Surgery	454	431	424	410	400
— TAVR	496	493	490	483	472





**CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION 3-Year Outcomes From the Evolut Low Risk Trial**

**Primary Endpoint: All-Cause Mortality or Disabling Stroke**



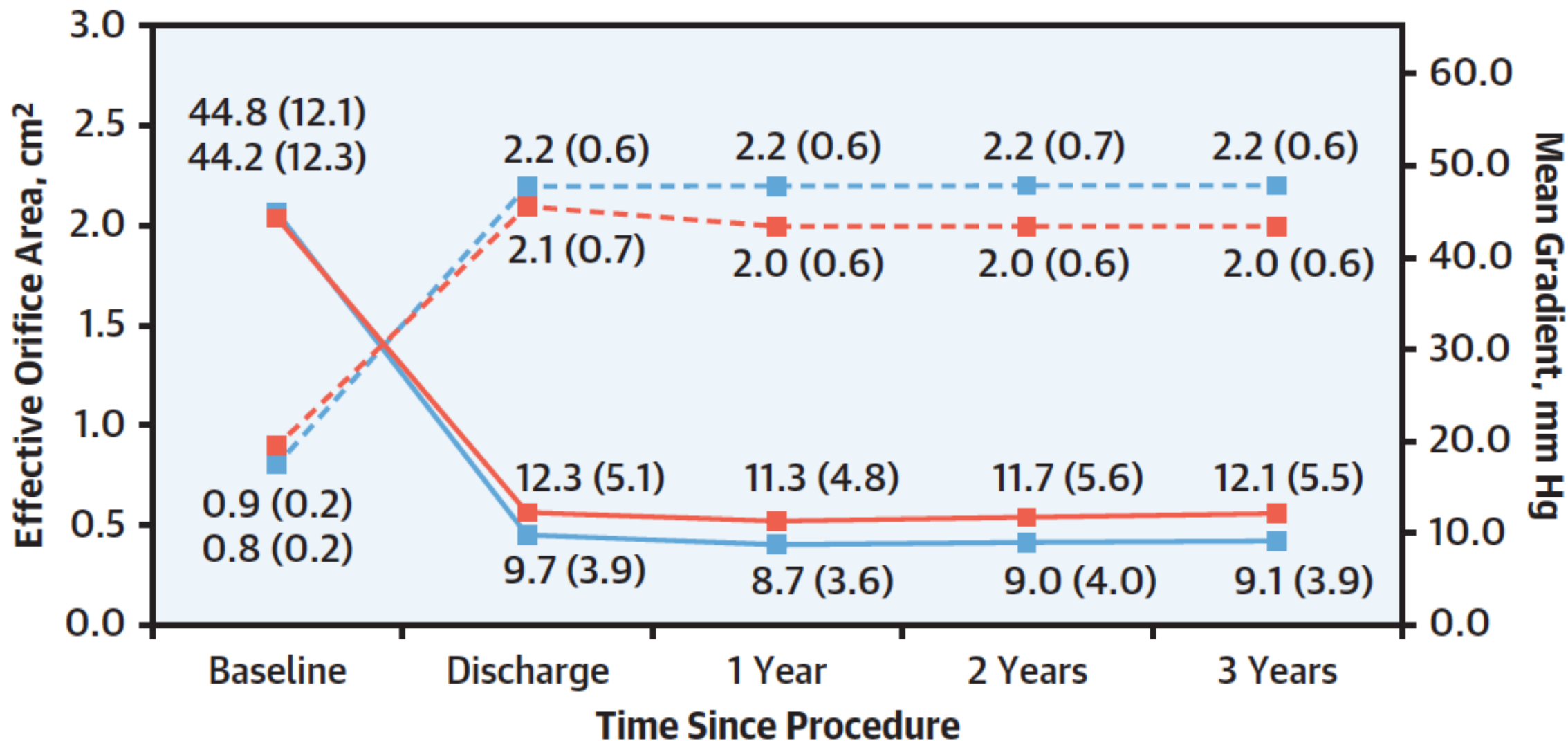
All-cause mortality or disabling stroke was lower with self-expanding TAVR vs surgery at 3 years

Difference in KM rates for TAVR vs surgery remained broadly consistent over time

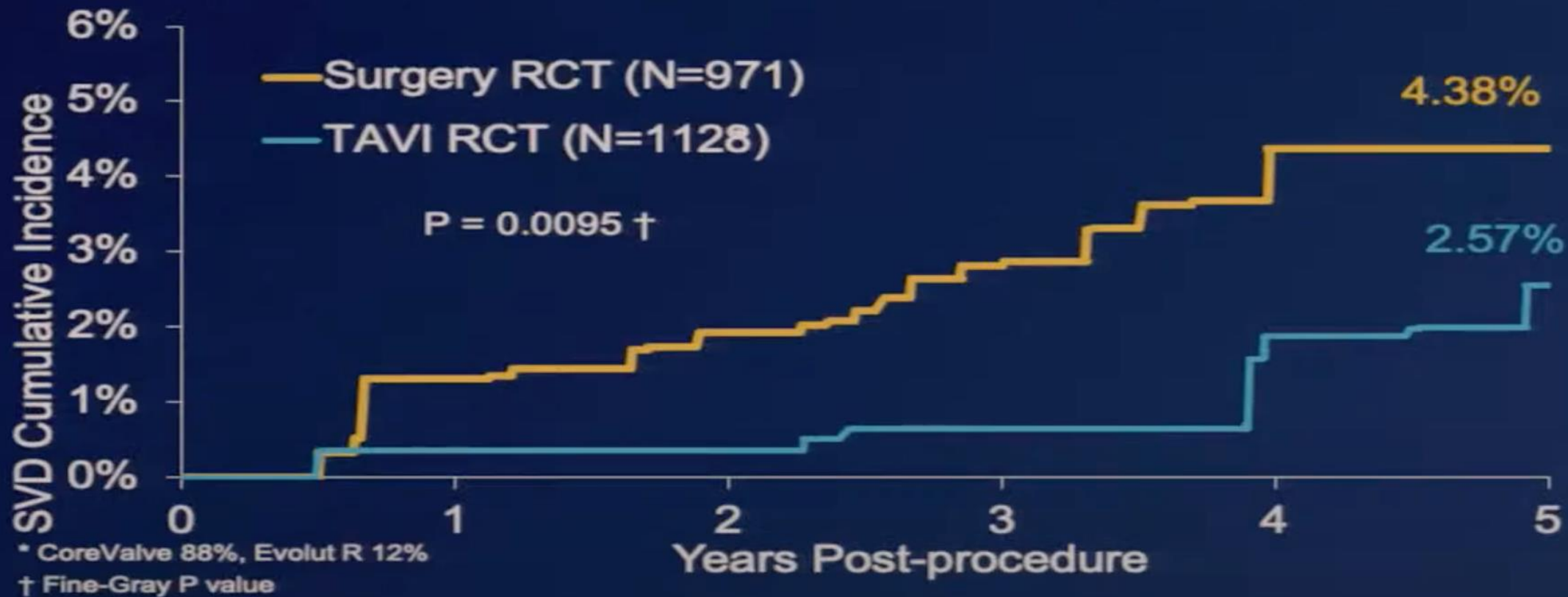
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	
— TAVR	730	725	715	706	695	685	667	624
— Surgery	684	663	648	628	616	594	568	537

Forrest JK, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2023;81(17):1663-1674.



**A**

## Significantly lower rate of SVD with TAVI vs. Surgery through 5 years



-Pooled data from the CoreValve US High Risk and SURTAVI clinical trials

-at 5 years, there was a 2-fold increase in SVD for patients who had surgery compared with TAVR



# COREVALVE EVOLUT POOLED ANALYSIS

## WORSENERD CLINICAL OUTCOMES IN PATIENTS WHO DEVELOP SVD

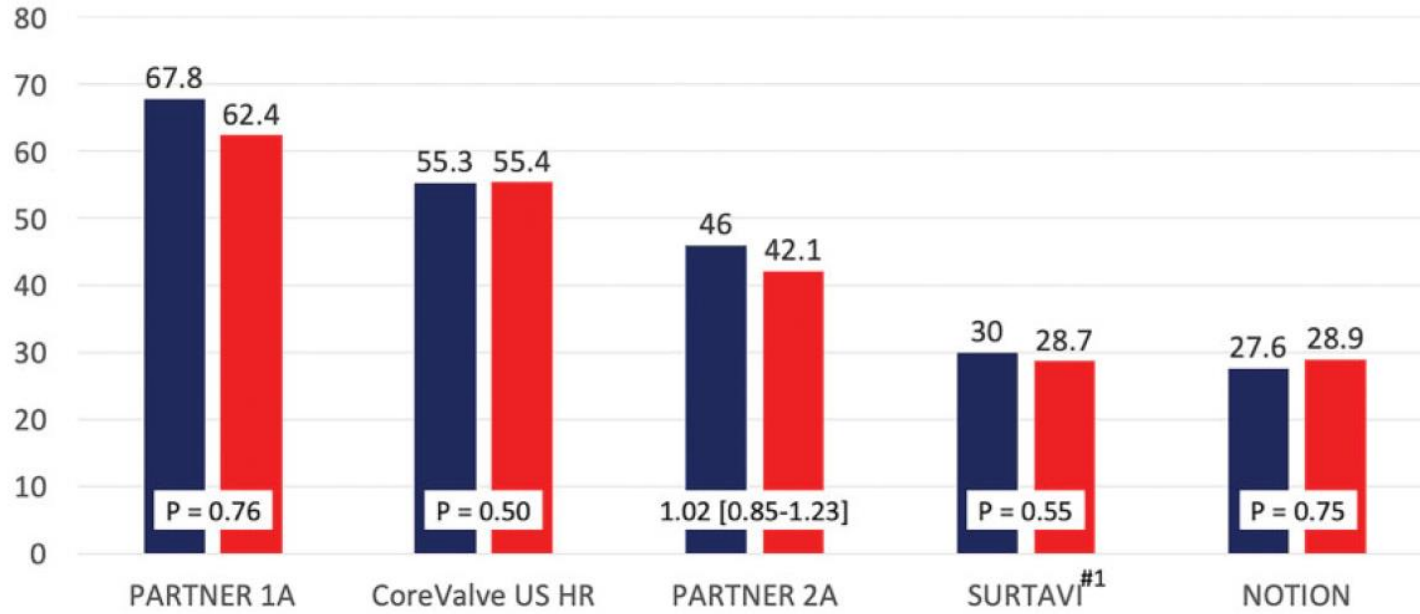
			HR (95% CI)	P value
<b>Pooled Surgery RCT and All TAVI* (N=4762)</b>				
All-cause mortality			1.98 (1.42, 2.76)	<0.001
Cardiovascular mortality			1.82 (1.17, 2.84)	0.008
Hospitalization for AV disease/worsening HF			2.11 (1.19, 3.74)	0.010
Composite †			1.96 (1.38, 2.80)	<0.001
<b>Surgery RCT (N=971)</b>				
All-cause mortality			2.45 (1.40, 4.30)	0.002
Cardiovascular mortality			2.37 (1.10, 5.08)	0.027
Hospitalization for AV disease/worsening HF			2.20 (0.81, 5.98)	0.121
Composite †			2.73 (1.53, 4.88)	<0.001
<b>All TAVI* (N=3791)</b>				
All-cause mortality			2.24 (1.48, 3.38)	<0.001
Cardiovascular mortality			2.07 (1.20, 3.59)	0.009
Hospitalization for AV disease/worsening HF			2.34 (1.16, 4.71)	0.017
Composite †			2.08 (1.23, 3.03)	0.005

\* RCT and Non-RCT cohorts  
CoreValve 97%; Evolut R 3%

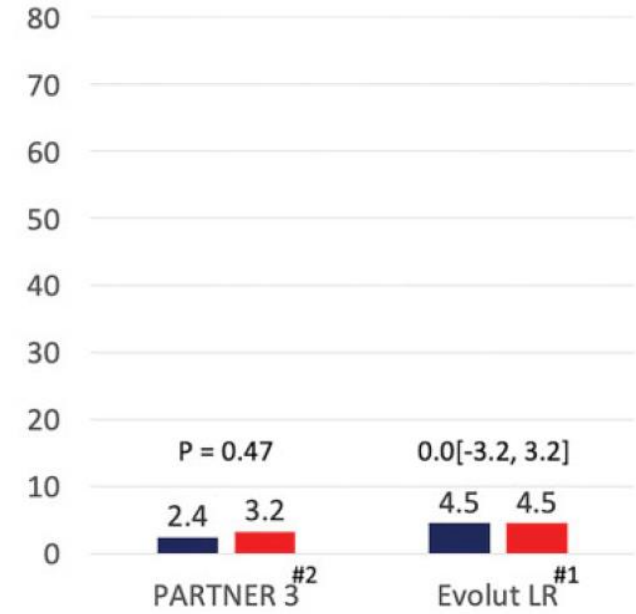
† All-cause mortality or hospitalization for AV disease or worsening HF



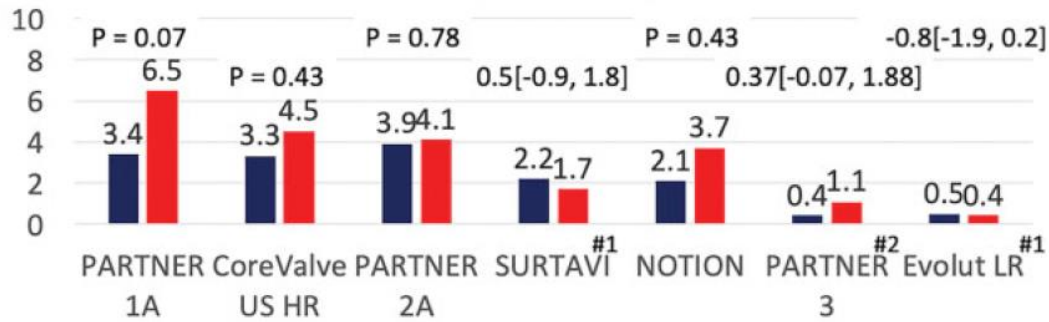
### 5-year Mortality Rate



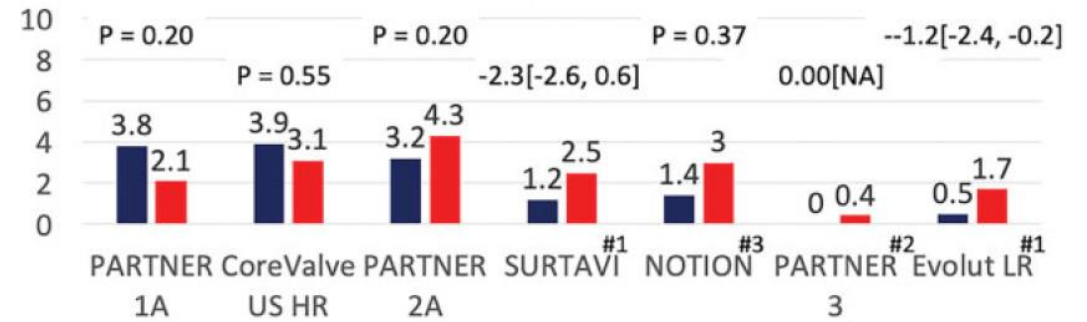
### 2-year Mortality Rate



### 30-day Mortality



### 30-day Major Stroke



■ TAVI ■ SAVR

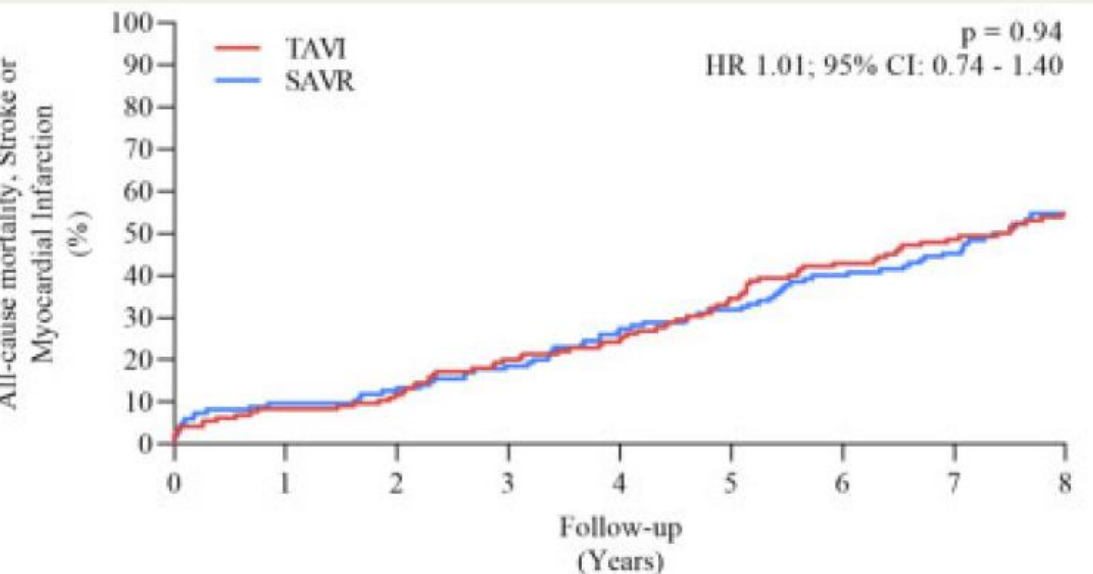
**There is no question that TAVR has an up-front advantage compared to surgery, but do we lose that advantage...and when... and by how much?**

**Are TAVR valves durable?**

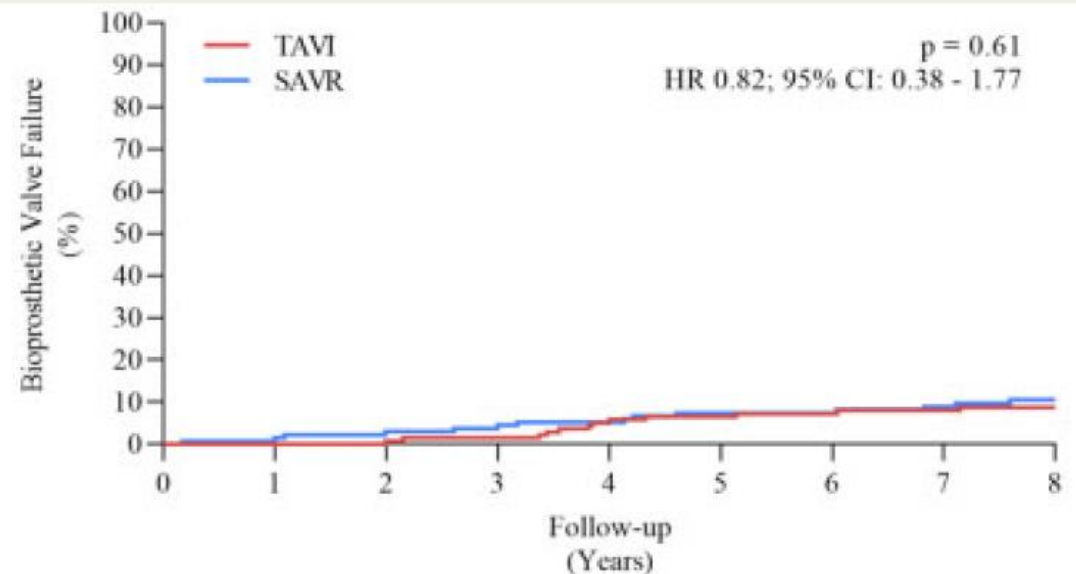


# Eight-year outcomes for patients with aortic valve stenosis at low surgical risk randomized to transcatheter vs. surgical aortic valve replacement

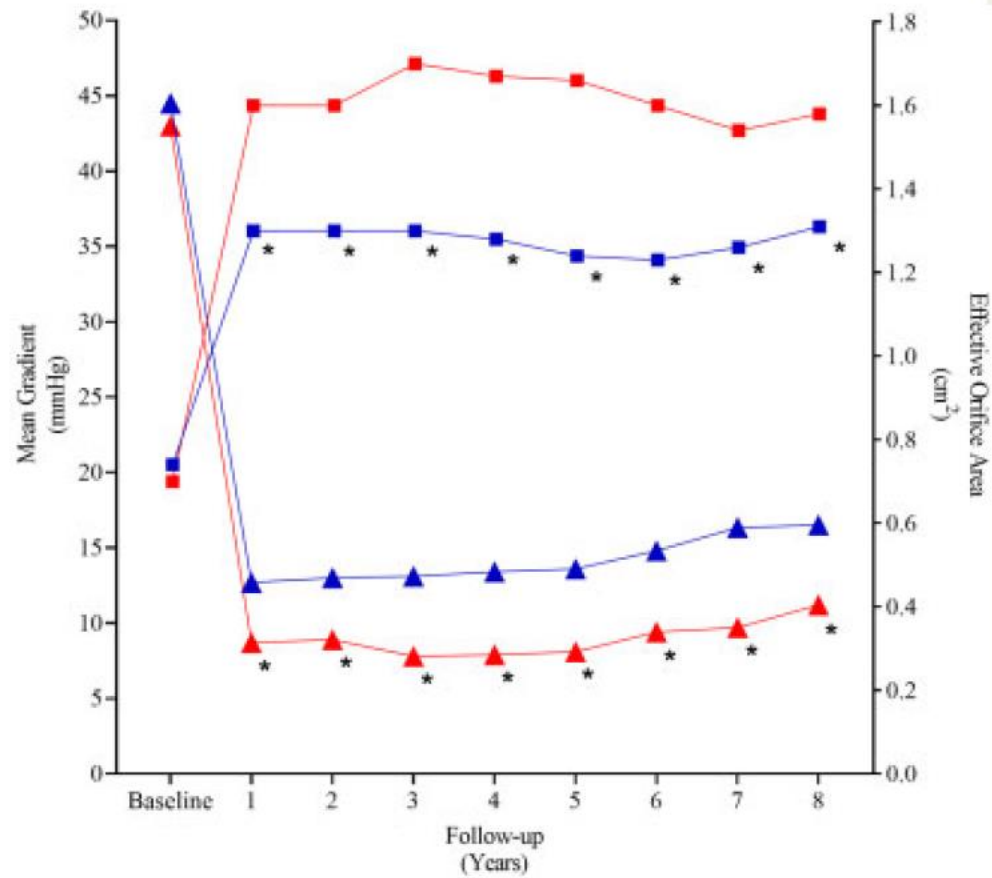
## NOTION TRIAL



TAVI	145	133	128	116	110	93	81	73	60
SAVR	135	122	118	110	99	92	80	73	54



TAVI	145	133	128	118	109	96	82	73	60
SAVR	135	125	121	113	103	94	82	73	55

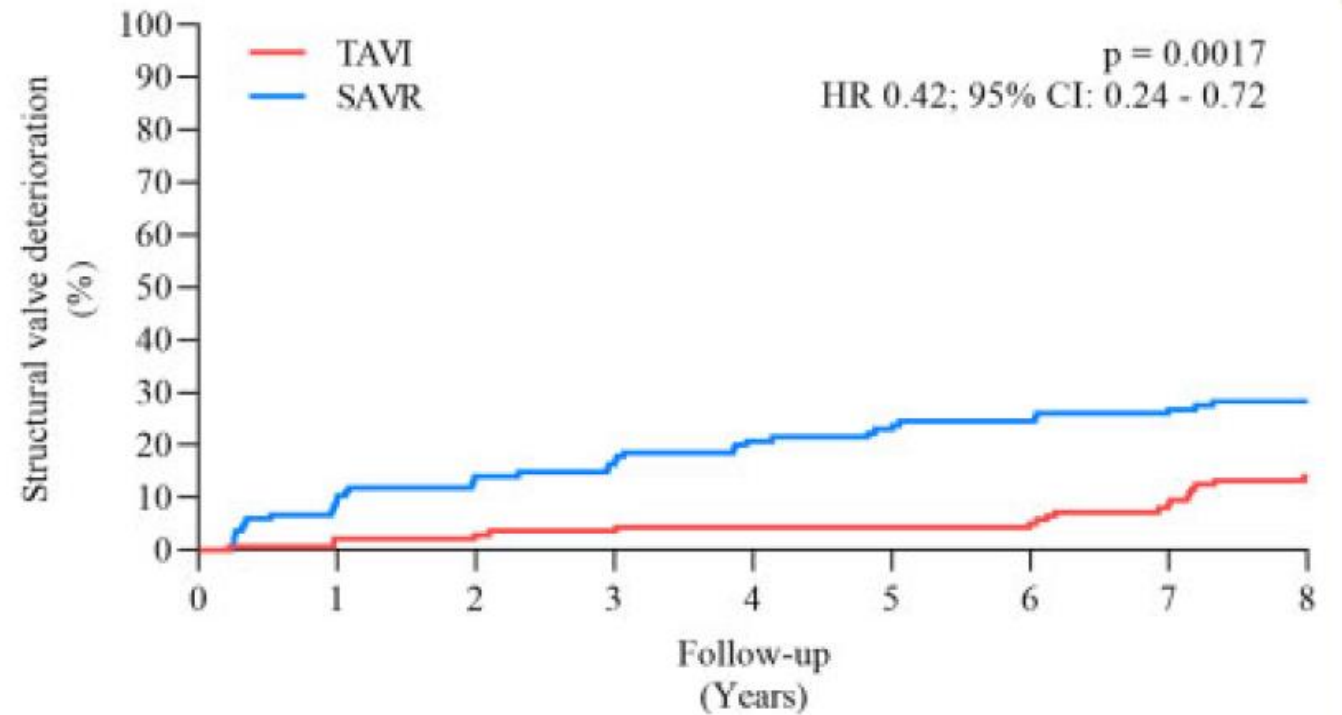


▲ TAVI - Gradient	124	122	105	107	96	79	67	58	44
▲ SAVR - Gradient	117	116	109	106	96	84	70	56	46
■ TAVI - EOA	125	118	118	87	82	76	56	47	44
■ SAVR - EOA	118	116	111	95	77	83	61	51	42

**Figure 3** Mean gradient and effective orifice area during follow-up. EOA, effective orifice area; SAVR, surgical aortic valve replacement; TAVI, transcatheter aortic valve implantation. \* $P < 0.05$ .

**TAVR: Lower gradients, larger EROA**

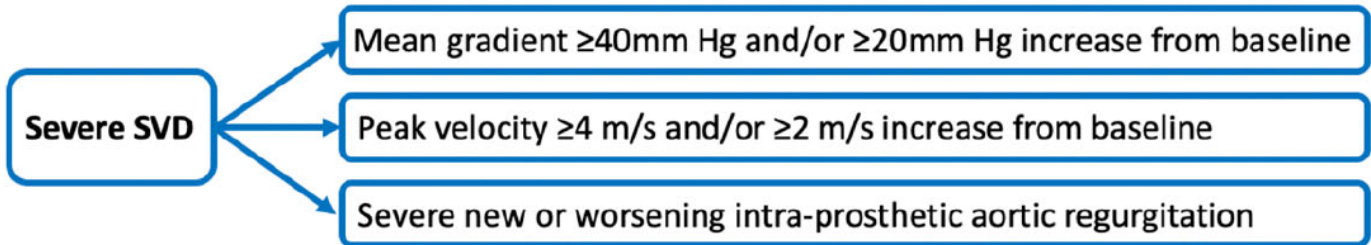
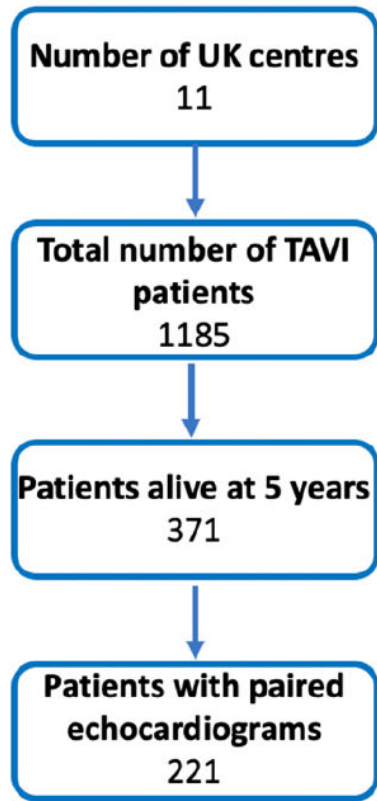
## TAVR: Lower incidence of SVD



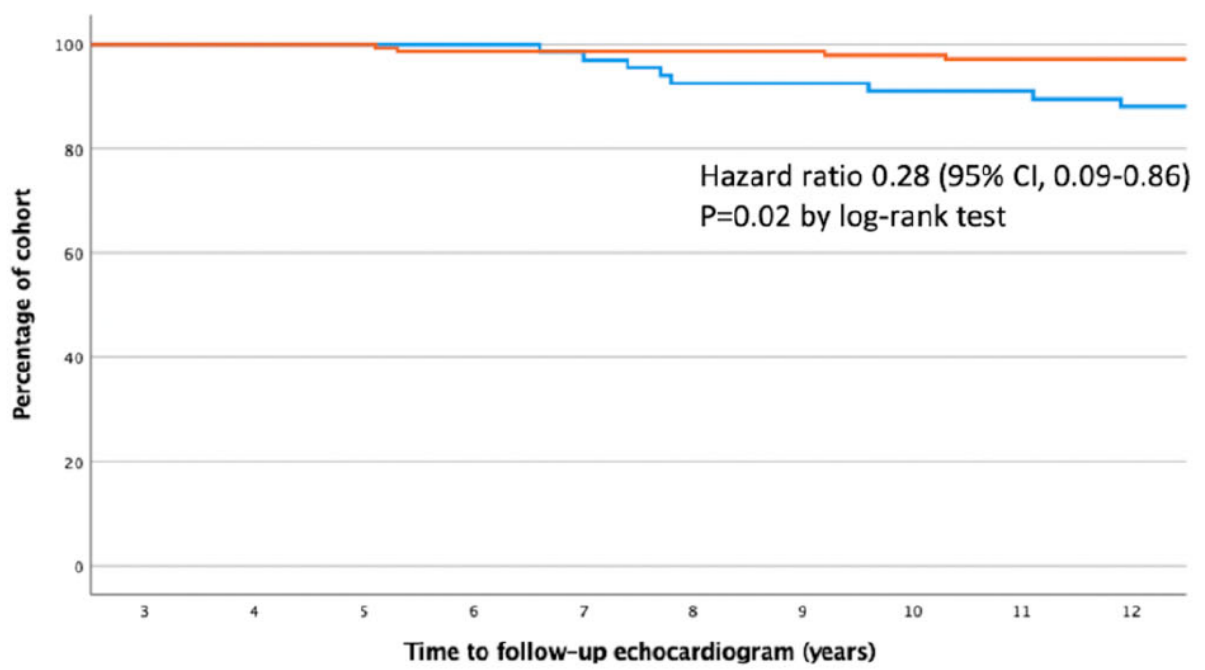
TAVI	145	130	126	115	107	94	80	68	50
SAVR	135	113	105	97	84	75	62	54	40

**Figure 4** Structural valve deterioration. CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; SAVR, surgical aortic valve replacement; TAVI, transcatheter aortic valve implantation.

# Long-term durability of self-expanding and balloon-expandable transcatheter aortic valve prostheses: UK TAVI registry



**KM curves comparing balloon-expandable (SAPIEN; blue) and self-expanding (CoreValve; red) valves with respect to freedom from severe SVD over time**



Time (years)	BEV SAPIEN (n)	SEV CoreValve (n)
3	67	143
4	67	143
5	54	107
6	31	53
7	16	27
8	2	8

	All (n = 221)	BEV (n = 67)	SEV (n = 143)	p Value
SVD	30 (13.6)	15 (22.4)	14 (9.8)	0.01
Moderate SVD	17 (56.7)	7 (10.4)	9 (6.3)	0.29
Severe SVD	13 (5.9)	8 (11.9)	5 (3.5)	0.02
Mean gradient $\geq$ 40 mmHg <sup>a</sup>	2 (0.9)	0 (0)	2 (1.4)	1.00
Mean gradient increase $\geq$ 20 mmHg	8 (3.6)	6 (9.0)	2 (1.4)	0.01
Severe intravalvular AR	3 (1.4)	2 (3.0)	1 (0.7)	0.19
Valve-related death/reintervention	5 (2.3)	3 (4.5)	2 (1.4)	0.17

SVD More common in smaller Balloon expandable valves

# TAVR (and SAVR) Evidence Gaps

- Valve Durability
- Important of valve leaflet thickening/thrombosis
- TAV in TAV safety
- Coronary Access
- Echo gradients -vs- hemodynamic gradients
- Post AVR conduction disturbances
- Optimal medical therapy post AVR
- Concomitant CV Dz/CAD/Valve dz management
- Bicuspid
- Asymptomatic severe AS and moderate symptomatic AS
- Aortic regurgitation
- Cerebral embolic protection

# When is the above data not as applicable?


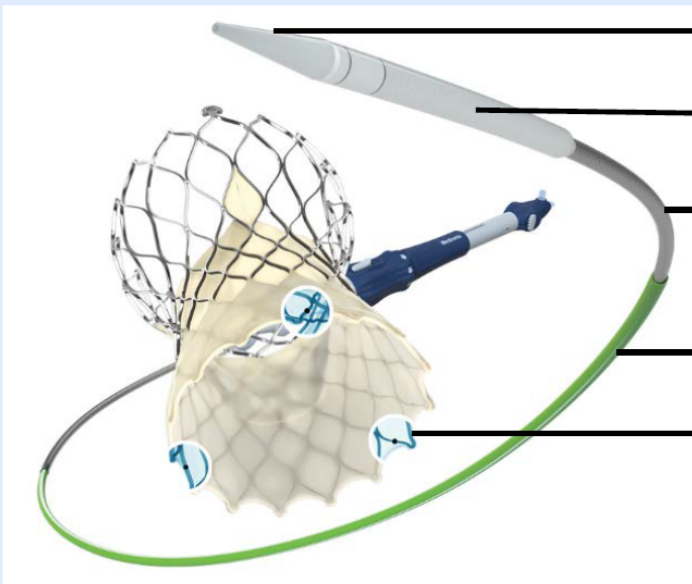
## HIGH RISK TAVR in “LOW RISK” PATIENTS

### Anatomic Factors Associated with Hazard in TAVR (anatomic risk stratification)

- Horizontal Aorta
- Low take off of left main coronary artery with small sinus of Valsalva
- Poor femoral/peripheral access
- Non calcified Aortic valve
- Severe calcified AV leaflets, annulus or LVOT
- Extreme Annulus Dimensions
- Risk of conduction disturbances
- Concomitant HOCM
- Unicuspid or Bicuspid AV
- Mixed Valve disease
- Concomitant ischemic heart disease/CAD

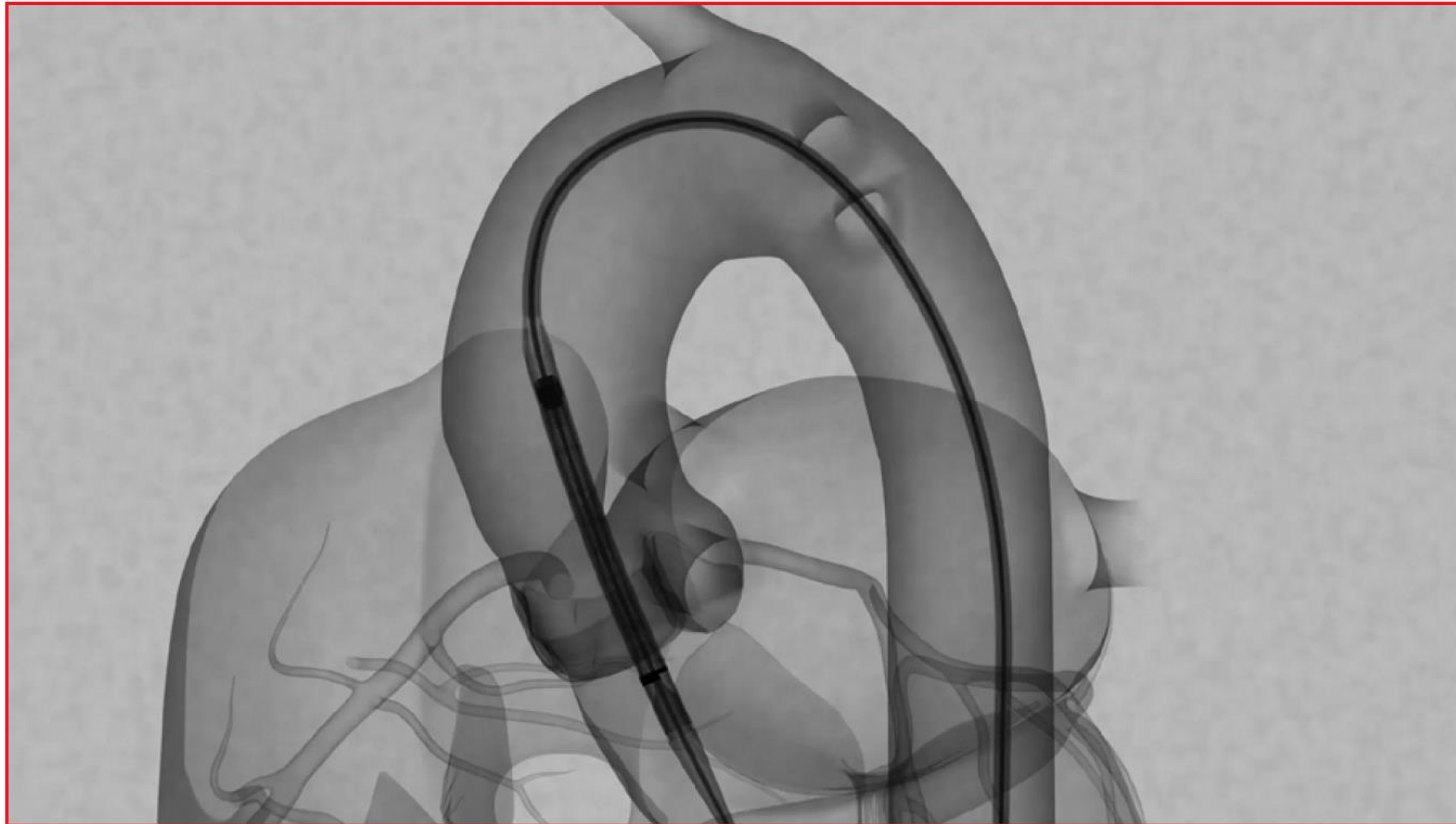
# Device Improvements

## Evolut FX System Modifications from PRO+

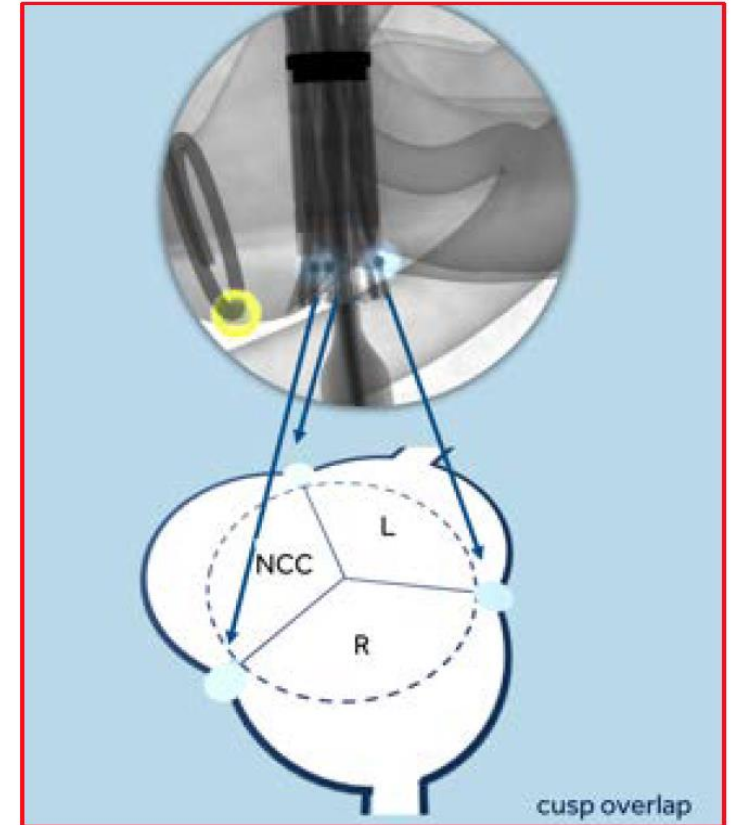
SHARED FEATURES		KEY REFINEMENTS
EVOLUT PRO+	EVOLUT FX	
 <p>Self-expanding Nitinol Frame</p> <p>Supra-annular Design Porcine Pericardium</p> <p>Pericardial Skirt with External Pericardial Wrap</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Redesigned Nose Cone</li><li>Redesigned Capsule</li><li>Single Spine Shaft</li><li>Optimized Stability Layer</li><li>Radiopaque Dot Markers at 3 mm from inflow</li></ul>

# Evolut FX System Modifications from PRO+

Deployment Symmetry



Commissural Alignment



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# Real-World Early Outcomes of Evolut FX Versus PRO+ Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

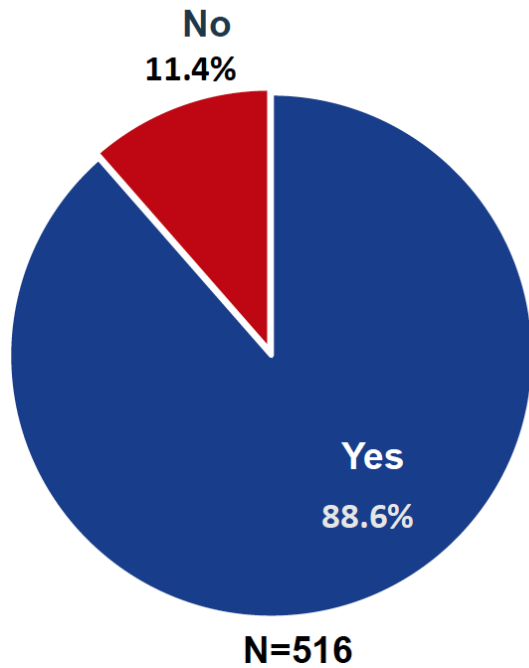
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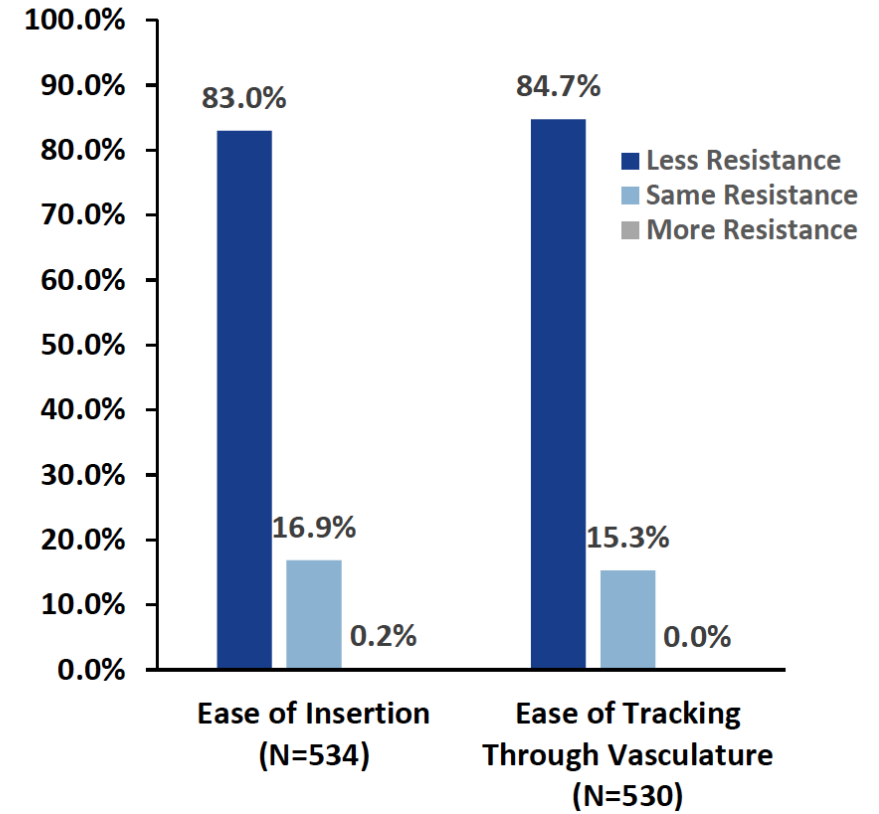
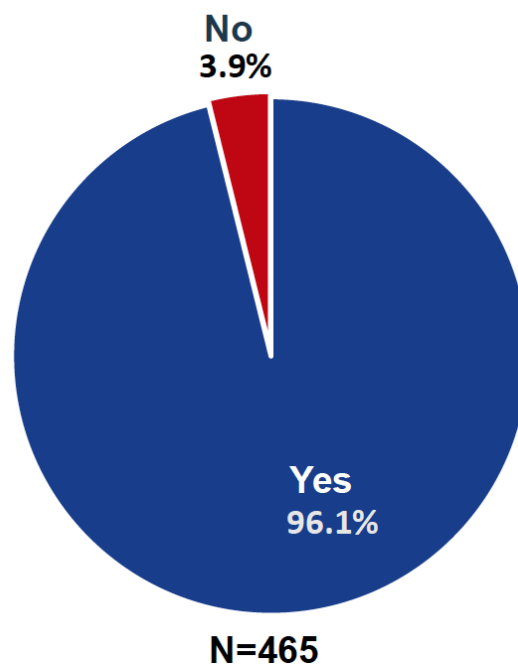
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# Recent Findings From the Evolut FX Limited Market Release Survey\*

## Cusp Overlap Technique Used



## Commissural Alignment Achieved

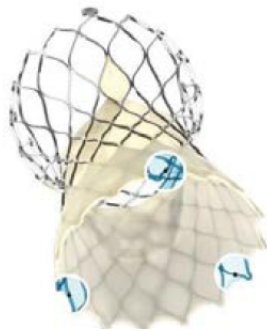


# Methods

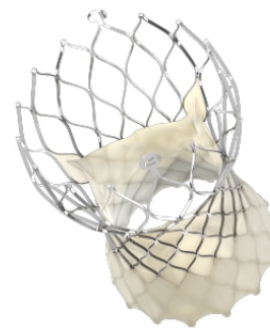
- The first implant of Evolut FX in the US occurred June 24, 2022. For this analysis, the STS/ACC TVT registry was utilized to identify all patients who underwent TAVR with an Evolut FX or PRO+ valve between July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.
- Procedural, in-hospital and 30-day clinical and echocardiographic outcomes are reported for both groups of patients and compared between groups.

**701 Centers**

**Evolut FX  
1700  
procedures**



**Evolut PRO+  
4058  
procedures**



# Baseline Demographics

Mean ± SD or %	Evolut FX (N=1700)	Evolut PRO+ (N=4058)	P-Value
Age (years)	79.2 ± 8.5 (1699)	78.8 ± 8.3 (4057)	0.11
Body surface area (m <sup>2</sup> )	1.9 ± 0.2 (1694)	1.9 ± 0.3 (4048)	0.36
BMI < 21 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	7.8 (132/1694)	7.0 (283/4044)	0.29
Male	51.1	46.7	0.002
NYHA Class III/IV	57.0 (964/1692)	62.7 (2521/4022)	<0.001
STS Score (Risk of Mortality, %)	3.9 ± 3.4 (1677)	4.3 ± 3.6 (3976)	<0.001
Diabetes Mellitus	38.0	36.9	0.42
Creatinine level >2 mg/dl	6.0 (101/1684)	6.0 (242/4039)	0.99
History of hypertension	89.5	89.9	0.65
Peripheral vascular disease	15.5	15.0	0.58
Prior stroke	10.2	9.7	0.59
Prior TIA	7.1	6.4	0.34
Chronic lung disease/COPD	25.5	24.5	0.45
Coronary artery bypass surgery	14.9	14.2	0.46
Percutaneous coronary intervention	25.2	26.6	0.30
Pre-Existing IPG/ICD	12.5	13.7	0.20
Conduction defect	36.8	31.5	<0.001
Previous MI	13.5	14.9	0.19
Atrial fibrillation / Atrial flutter	36.5	34.2	0.10

# Procedural Data

Assessment	Evolut FX (N=1700)	Evolut PRO+ (N=4058)	P-Value
General anesthesia	28.2 (480)	36.0 (1461/4057)	<0.001
Ilio-femoral access	96.1 (1633)	96.1 (3898/4056)	0.93
Device capture & repositioning	12.6 (184/1461)	18.7 (601/3206)	<0.001
More than 1 valve used	1.9 (32)	1.4 (57)	0.18
Device implanted successfully	99.7 (1694/1699)	99.8 (4048/4056)	0.48
Valve size implanted			
23 mm	6.5 (110/1693)	9.2 (371/4048)	<0.001
26 mm	29.9 (506/1693)	31.7 (1283/4048)	0.18
29 mm	43.3 (733/1693)	40.7 (1647/4048)	0.07
34 mm	20.3 (344/1693)	18.5 (747/4048)	0.10
Median procedure time (minutes)	62.0 [44.0, 84.0]	66.0 [49.0, 87.0]	<0.001
Median length of stay (days)	1.0 [1.0, 2.0]	1.0 [1.0, 2.0]	0.14
Discharged - home	94.1 (1579/1678)	92.8 (3728/4017)	0.08

Data are presented as % (n/N) or median [q1, q3].

# 30-Day Patient Outcomes

Events <sup>1</sup>	Evolut FX (n=1700)	Evolut PRO+ (n=4058)	P- value
All-cause mortality	2.3 (36)	2.2 (79)	0.78
Cardiovascular mortality	1.2 (19)	1.4 (50)	0.65
Stroke	3.2 (52)	2.7 (105)	0.35
Myocardial infarction	0.3 (4)	0.4 (15)	0.39
Major or life-threatening bleeding	4.2 (69)	5.6 (220)	0.03
Major vascular complication	1.8 (30)	1.7 (66)	0.74
Permanent pacemaker implant <sup>2</sup>	9.8 (159)	10.3 (396)	0.50
Permanent pacemaker implant <sup>3</sup>	11.1 (157)	12.0 (395)	0.35
Aortic valve re-intervention	0.4 (6)	0.2 (8)	0.29
Valve related readmission	0.8 (13)	0.5 (19)	0.20
Non-valve related readmission	7.9 (121)	8.0 (281)	0.94

Values are reported as Kaplan Meier event rates, %(n).

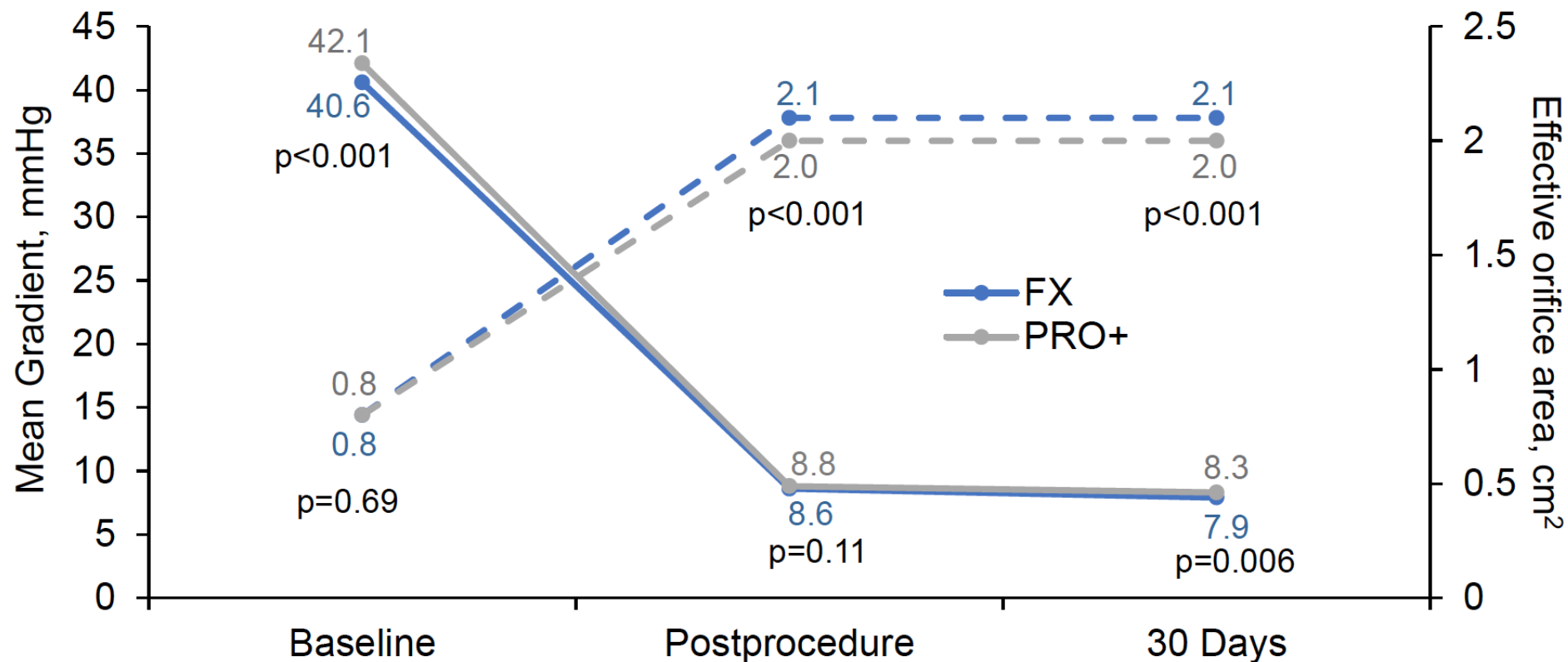
<sup>1</sup>Event rates include in-hospital reported events and events reported at follow-up.

<sup>2</sup>Subjects with pacemaker or ICD at baseline are included.

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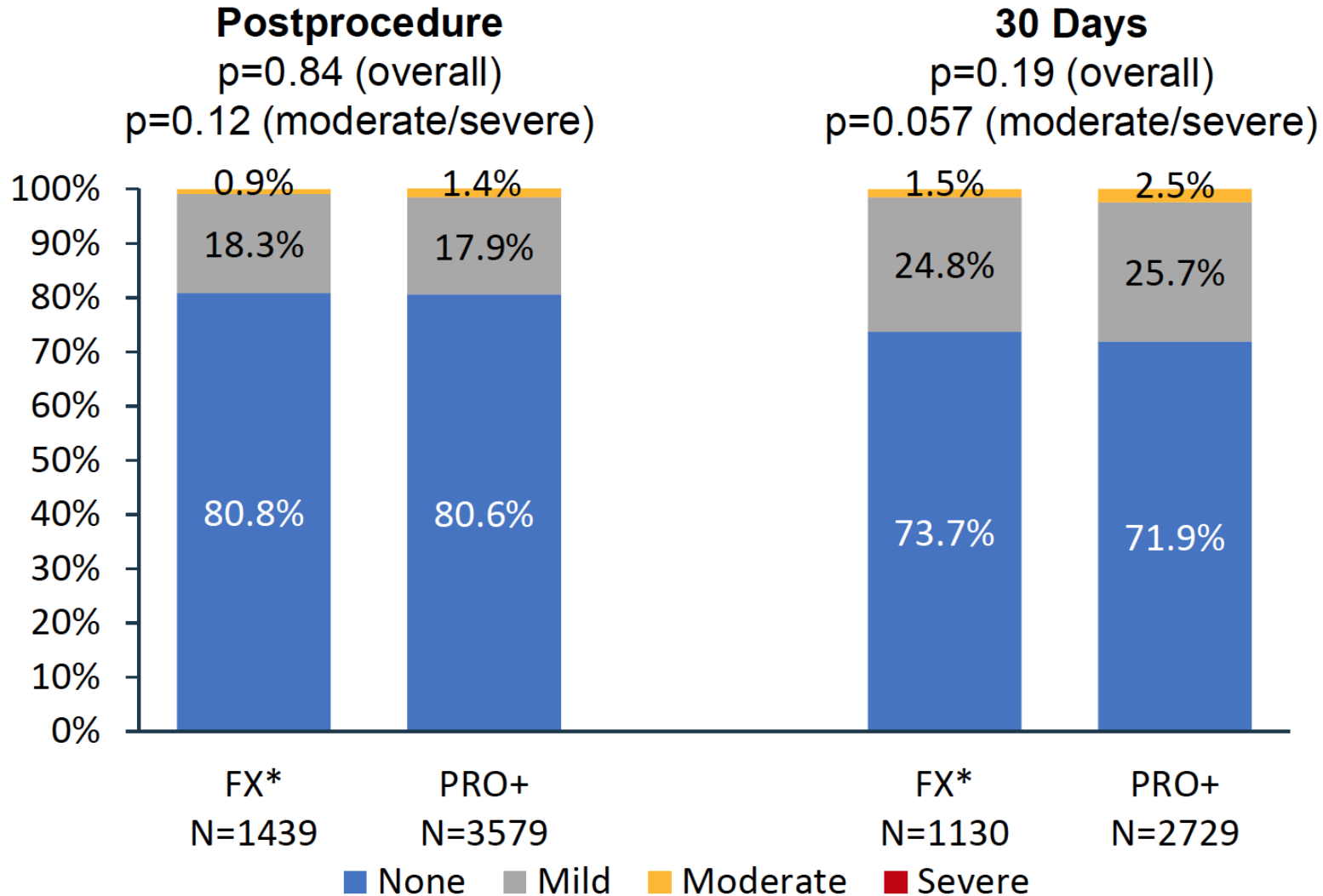
# Valve Hemodynamics to 30 Days



FX MG (N)	1667	1550	1213
PRO+ MG (N)	3972	3801	2976
FX EOA (N)	1642	1275	953
PRO+ EOA (N)	3897	2892	2240



# Paravalvular Regurgitation



**\*No severe PVR with FX**

## Summary: Patients Implanted with Evolut FX vs PRO+

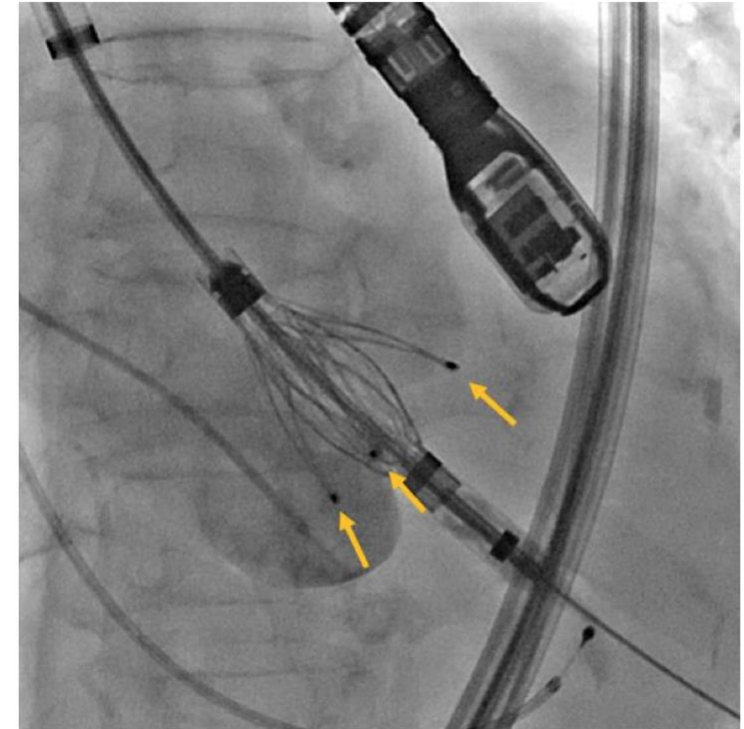
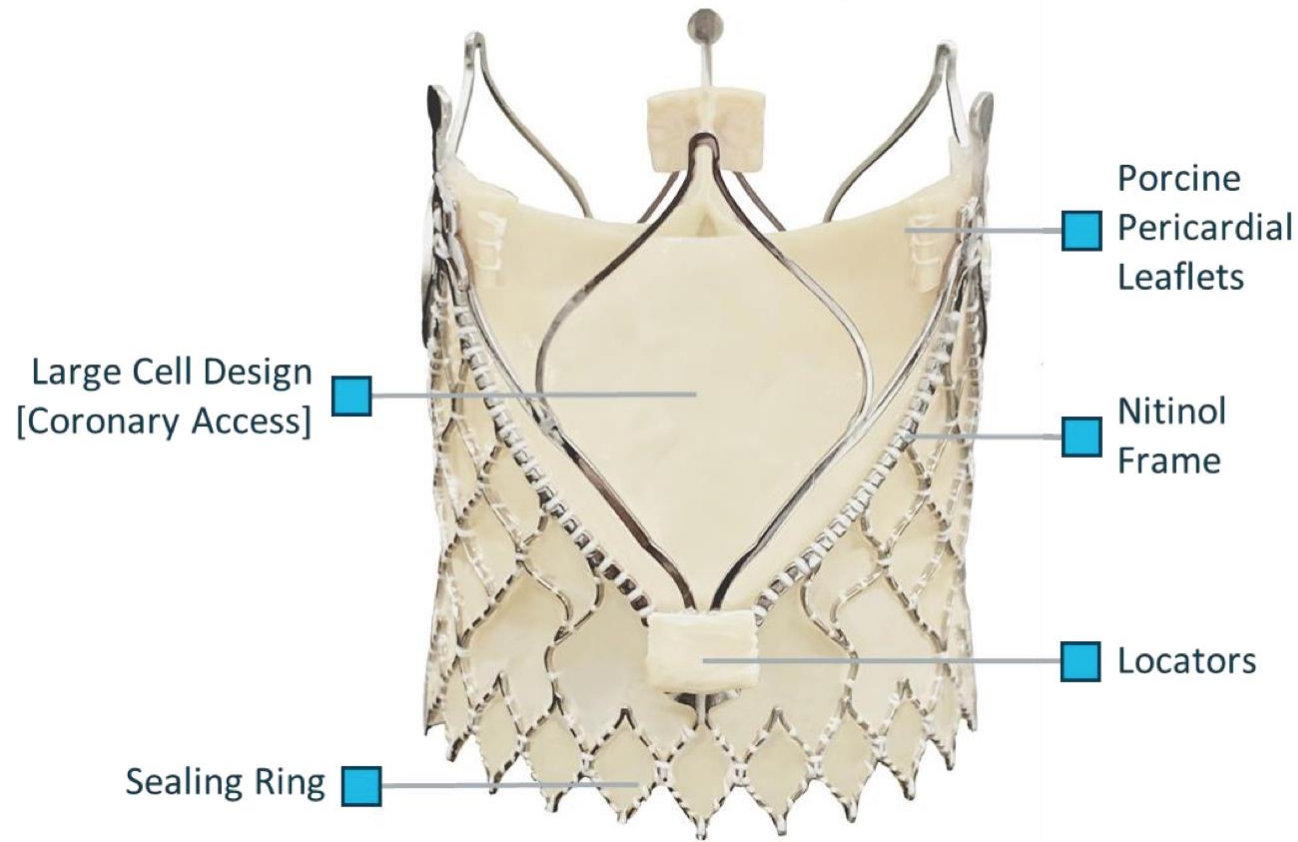
- Need for device repositioning, procedure time, and major/life-threatening bleeding were significantly less with Evolut FX
- Moderate/severe PVR at 30 days was numerically less with Evolut FX ( $p = 0.057$ )
- High rates of successful device implantation in both groups
- Clinical outcomes were favorably low in both groups, including mortality, stroke reintervention, and new PPI
- Preserved 30-day valve hemodynamics in both groups

Unique populations, expanding indications,  
redefining “severe” aortic stenosis



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# TAVR for Aortic Regurgitation: JenaValve Trilogy



Three Locators on Fluoroscopy

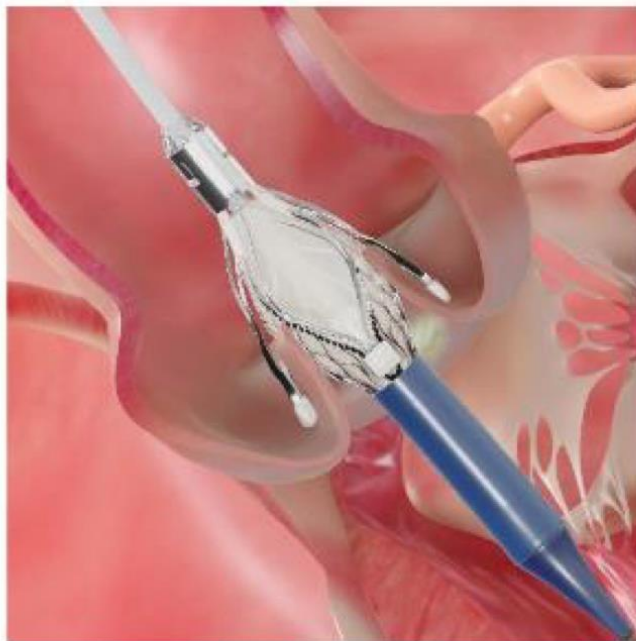


# Technology Overview - JenaValve Trilogy with Locator Technology



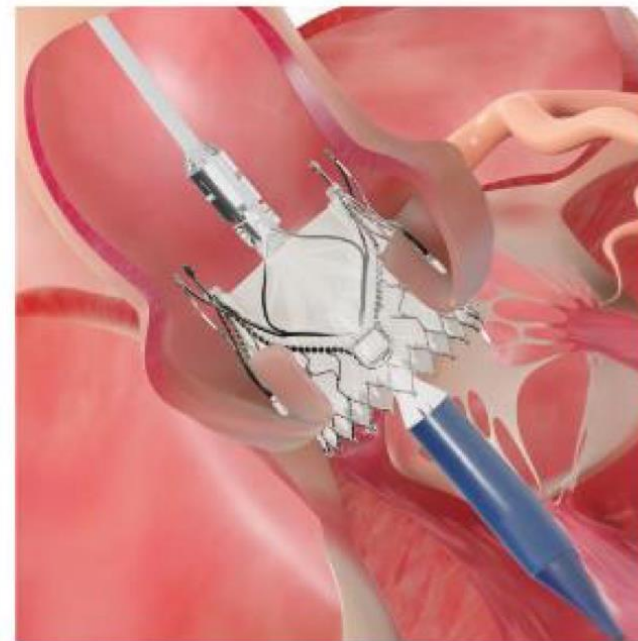
Alignment

- Aligns THV with native cusps



Positioning/Anchoring

- Locators “clip” onto native leaflets forming a natural seal and stable securement



Deployment

- Large open cells provide access to low coronaries
- 24 diamond-shaped cells provide annular conformability and sealing



# Align-AR Study

A Study to Assess Safety and Effectiveness of the JenaValve Trilogy™ Heart Valve System in the Treatment of High Surgical Risk Patients with Symptomatic, Severe Aortic Regurgitation (AR)

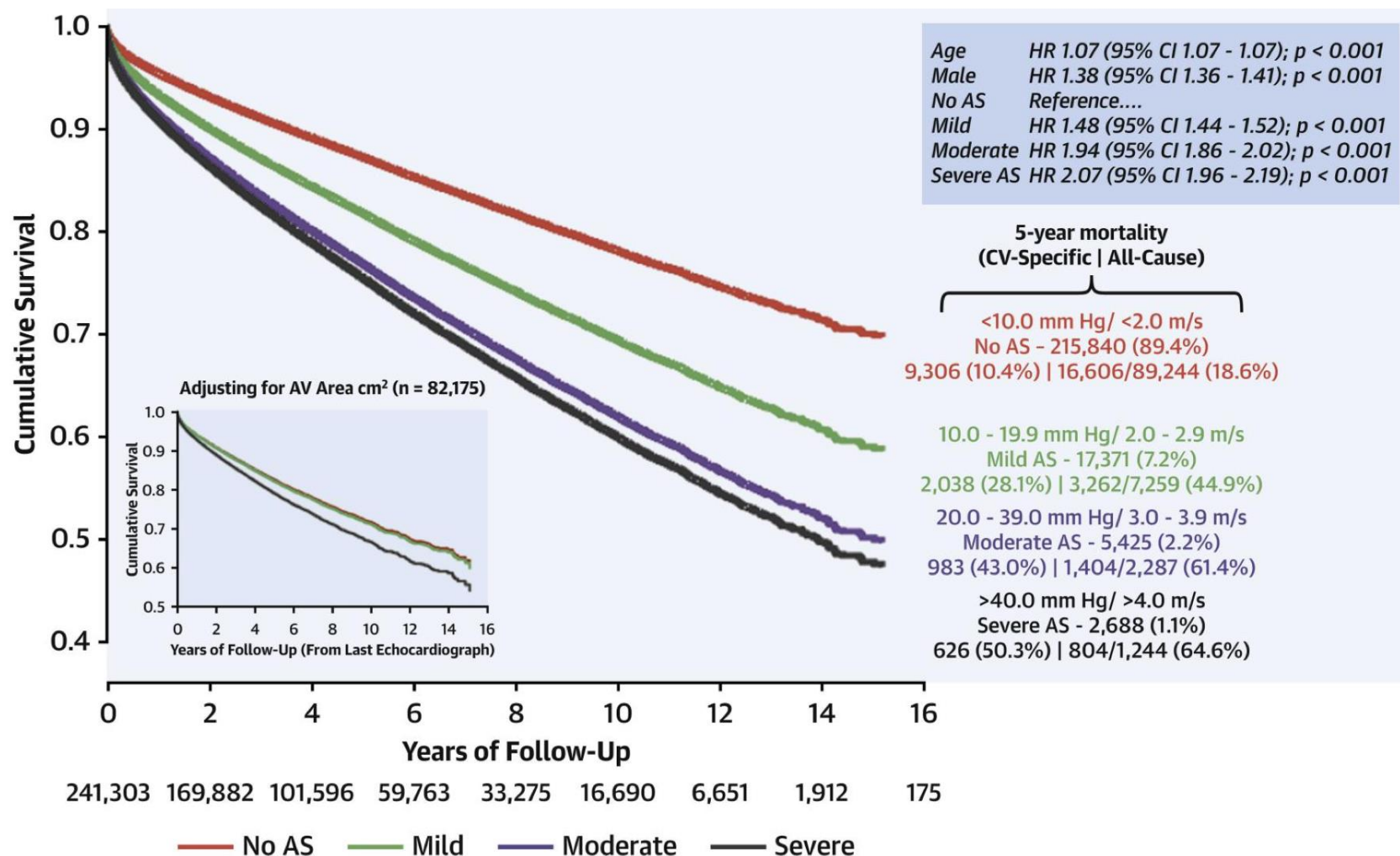
<b>Study Design</b>	Prospective, Multi-Center, Single-Arm
<b>Indication</b>	Symptomatic Severe AR w/ High Surgical Risk
<b>Sample Size</b>	N = 180 [enrollment complete]
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	All-Cause Mortality at 1 Year
<b>Additional 30-Day Evaluations</b>	All Stroke, Major Bleeding, AKI, Major Vascular Complications, PPMI, Total Aortic Regurgitation
<b>Regions</b>	United States
<b>Clinicaltrials.gov NCT</b>	#04415047



# Poor Long-Term Survival in Patients with Moderate AS\*

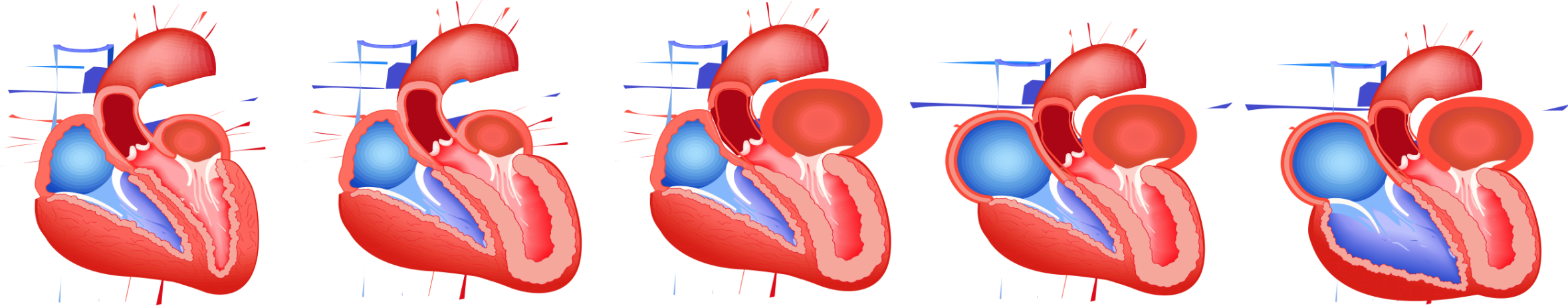
Strange et al found that the 5-year mortality rate of patients with moderate AS approaches that of severe AS:

- High risk of death
- Potential risk of fast progression to severe AS

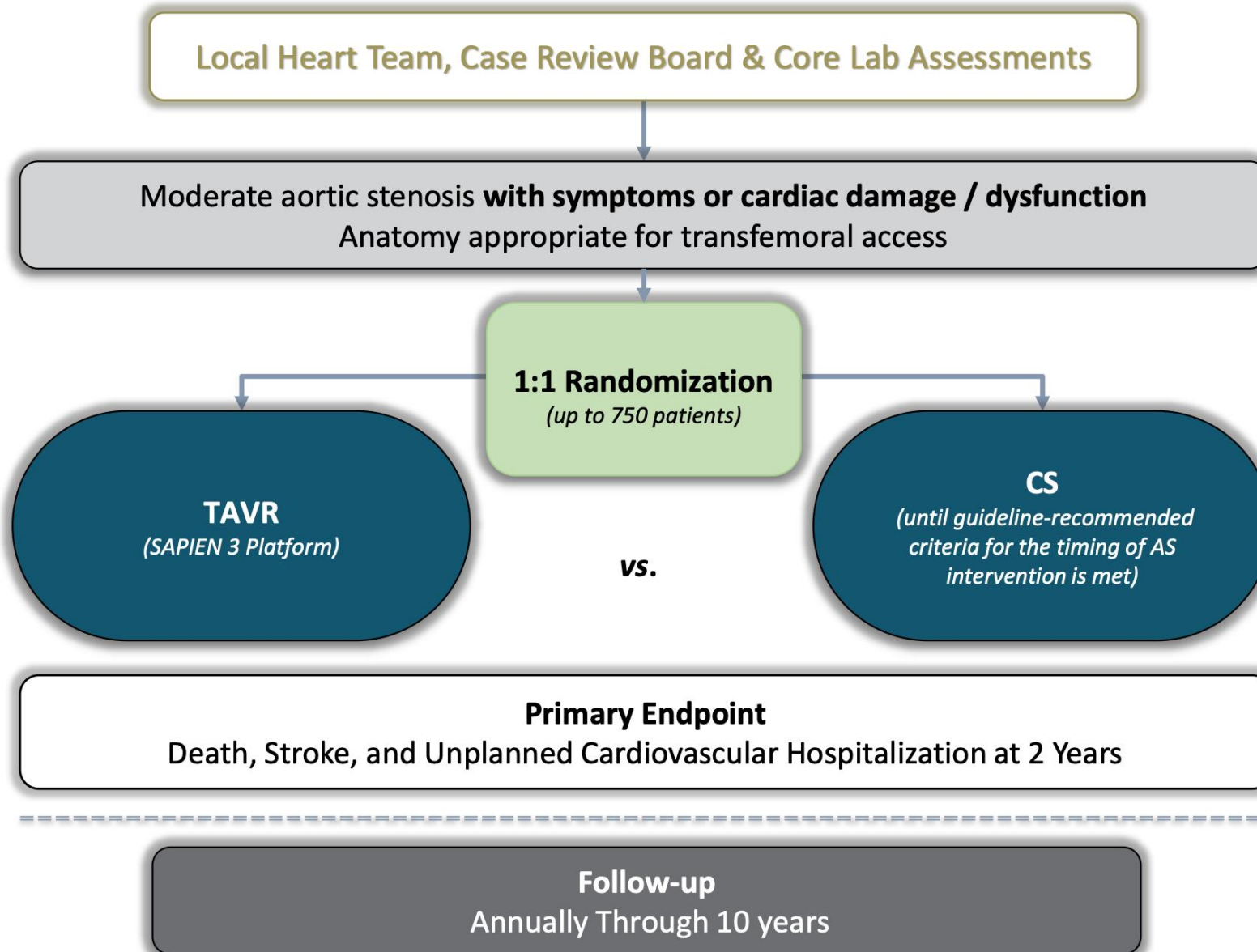


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# Staging Classification of Patients with AS: Specific Criteria



<b>Stage 0</b> No damage	<b>Stage 1</b> LV damage	<b>Stage 2</b> LA/Mitral damage	<b>Stage 3</b> PA/Tricuspid damage	<b>Stage 4</b> RV damage
	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>	PAS ≥60mmhg	Moderate-Severe RV dysfunction
	E/e' >14	Moderate-Severe MR	Moderate-Severe TR	
	EF <50%	Atrial Fibrillation		



# Key Inclusion Criteria

1

≥65 Years

2

## Moderate AS

### 1. Moderate AVA/i

- AVA 1.0 – 1.5 cm<sup>2</sup> OR
- AVA < 1.0 with AVAi > 0.6 cm<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> if BMI <30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> OR
- AVA < 1.0 with AVAi > 0.5 cm<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> if BMI ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

**AND**

### 2. Moderate peak aortic velocity or gradient:

- Peak velocity 3.0 – < 4.0 m/s **OR** mean gradient 20 – < 40 mmHg

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## At-Risk Factors

### 1. Evidence of Symptoms

(NYHA 2-3-4 or valve-related symptoms)

**OR**

### 2. Evidence of Cardiac Damage or Dysfunction

- LVEF < 60%
- Diastolic dysfunction ≥ Grade 2
- Stroke volume index < 35 mL/m<sup>2</sup>
- Persistent atrial fibrillation or any paroxysmal episode within 6 months
  - NT-Pro BNP > 3x normal
- Elevated calcium score (> 1200 AU for female and > 2000 AU for male)

Note: Subjects who only meet one of the above criteria on resting echo due to low flow state are eligible if both criteria are met following dobutamine stress echo (DSE).

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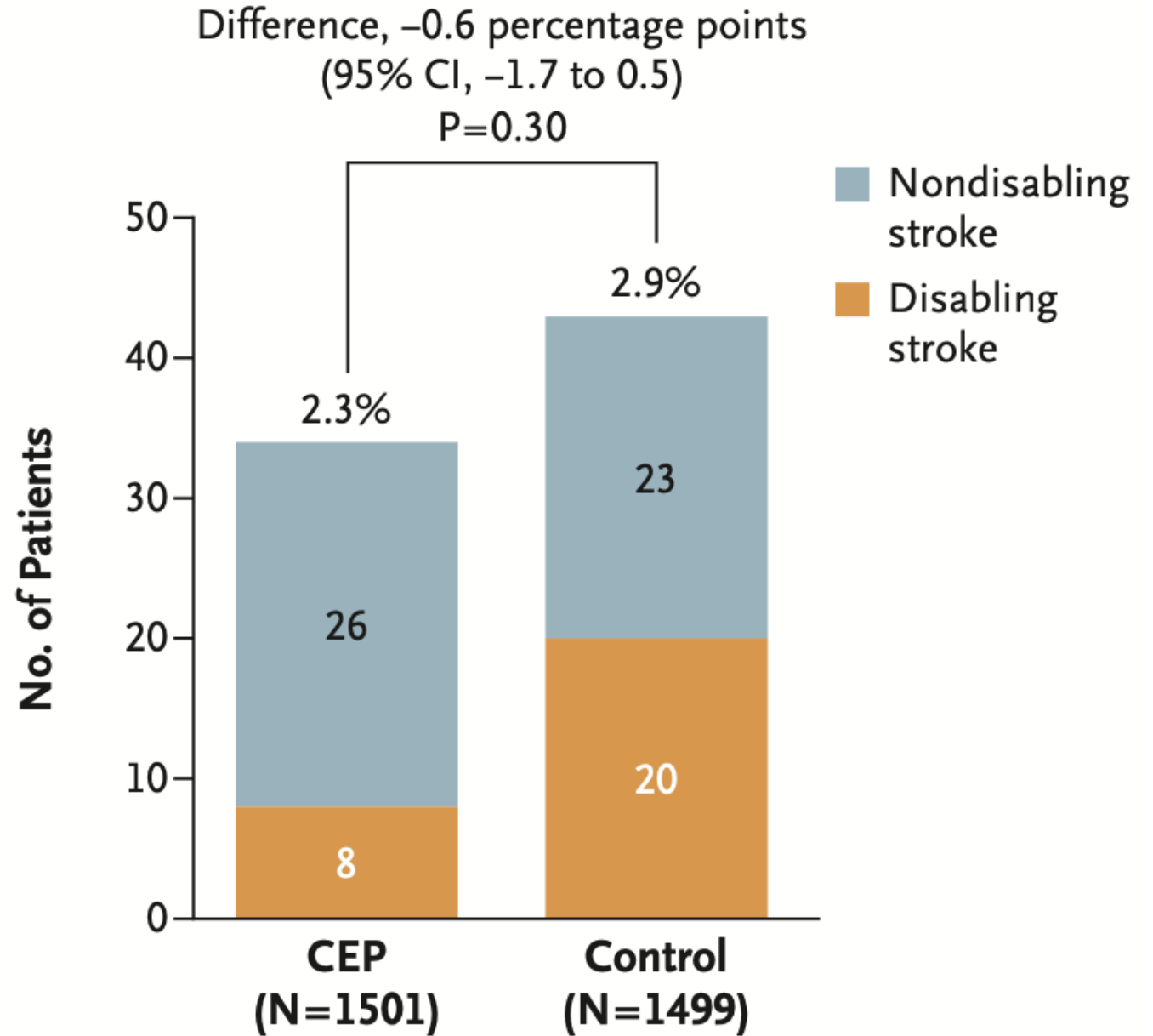
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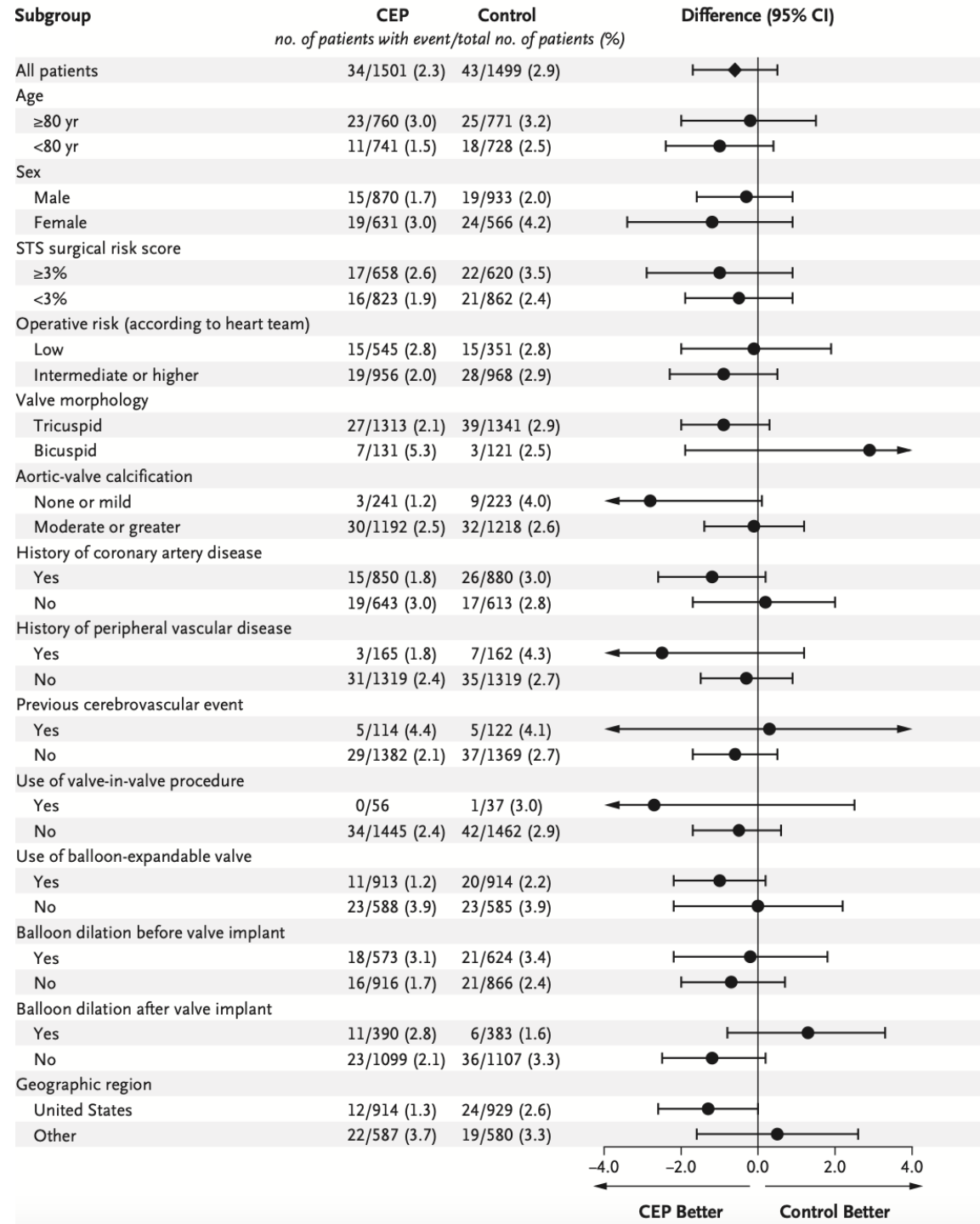


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3000 Patients  
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Primary Endpoint:  
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