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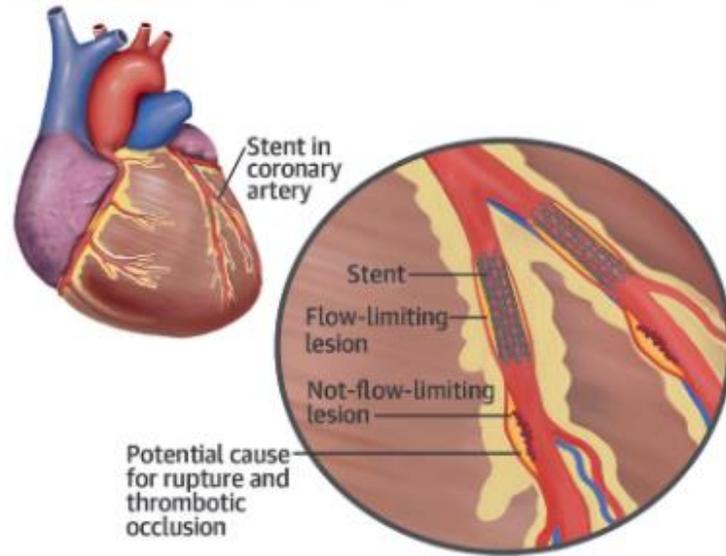
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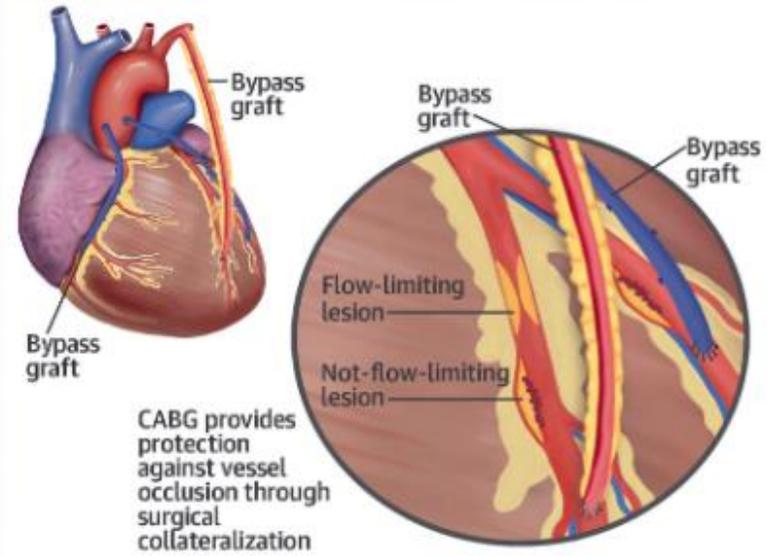
Coronary Artery Disease

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Infarct Prevention Through Bypass Grafting

Percutaneous Coronary Intervention



Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting



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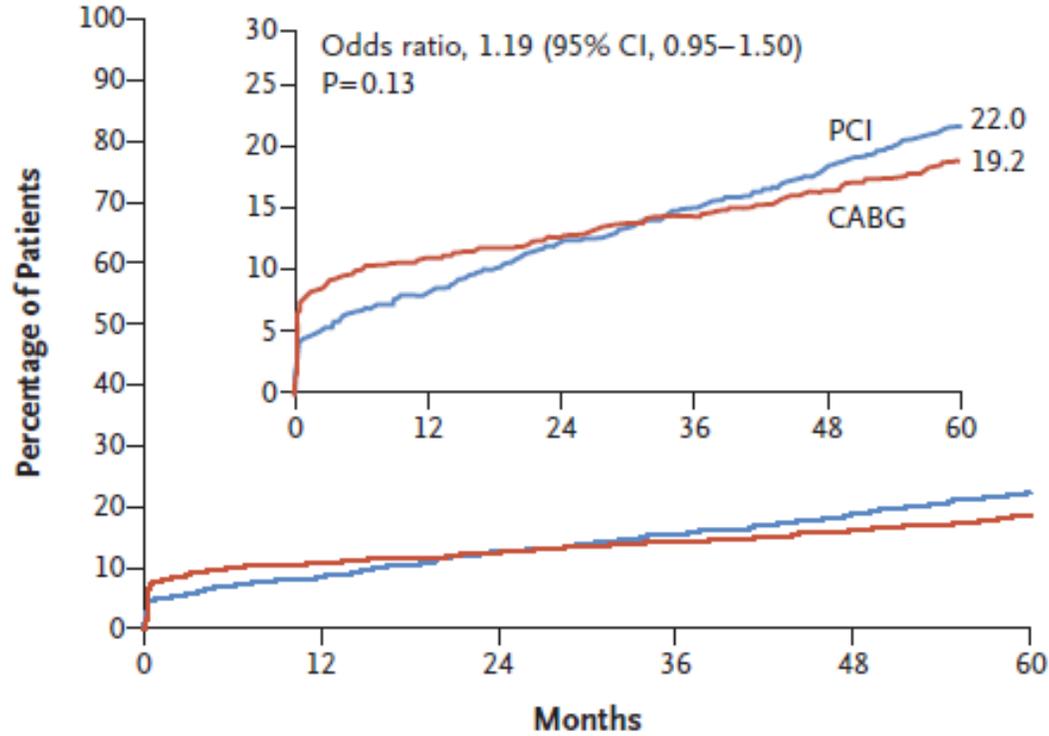
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Five-Year Outcomes after PCI or CABG for Left Main Coronary Disease

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PCI (948 patients) or CABG (957 patients)

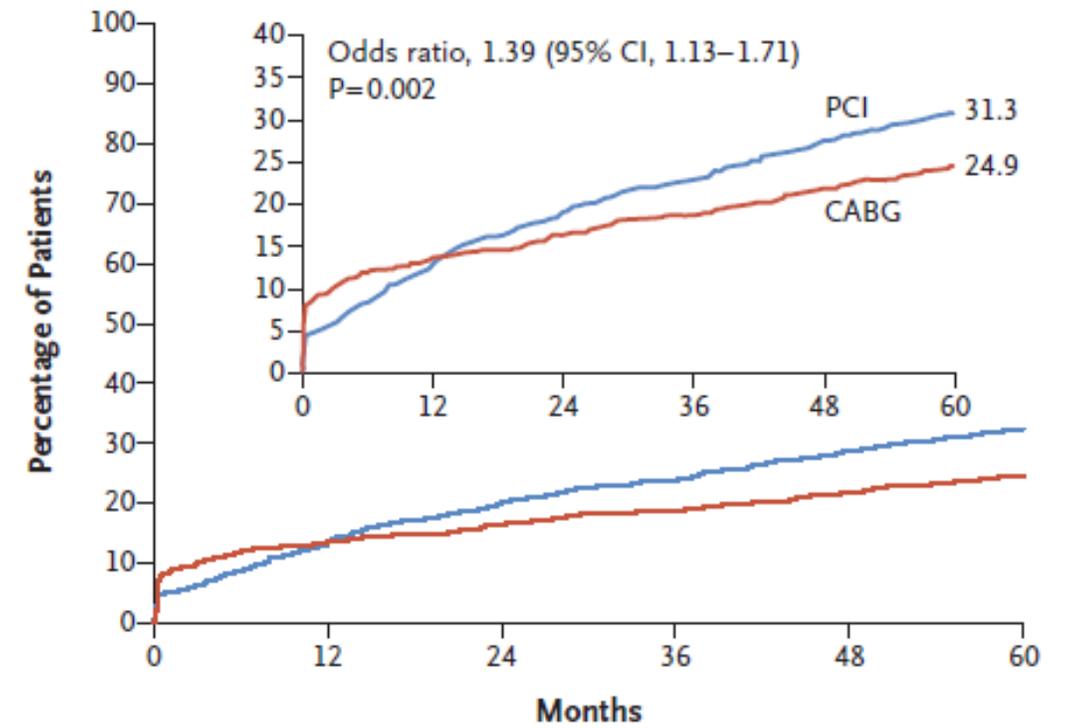
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No. at Risk

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|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| PCI | 948 | 854 | 809 | 778 | 738 | 486 |
| CABG | 957 | 818 | 789 | 763 | 734 | 532 |

B Death, Stroke, Myocardial Infarction, or Ischemia-Driven Revascularization



No. at Risk

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|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| PCI | 948 | 813 | 746 | 706 | 653 | 428 |
| CABG | 957 | 795 | 757 | 725 | 686 | 494 |

P2Y12 inhibitor for PCI vs. CABG, 97.6% vs. 32.6%; $p < 0.001$

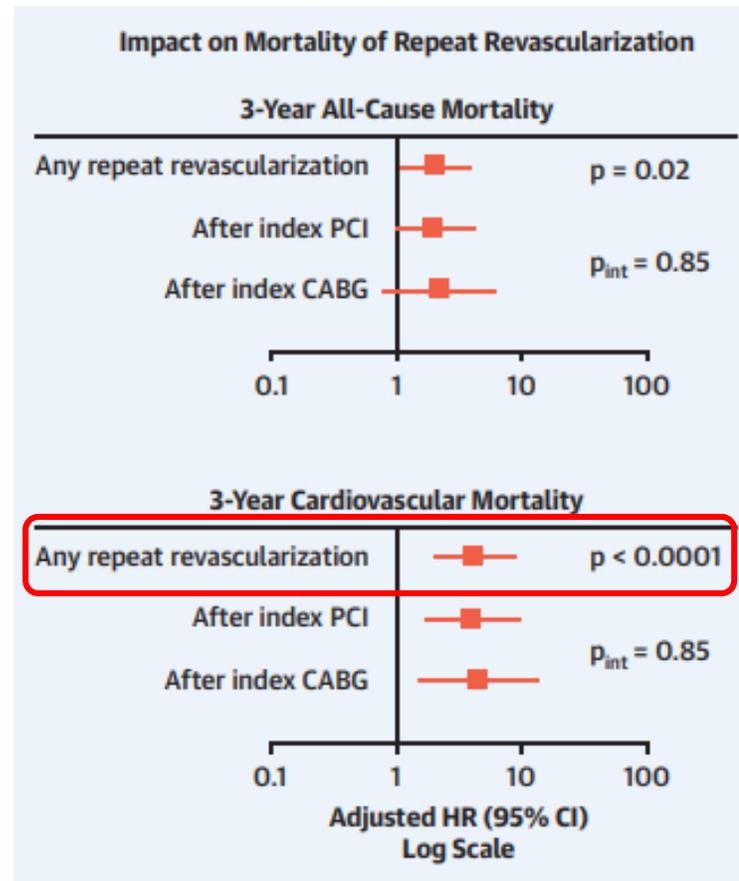
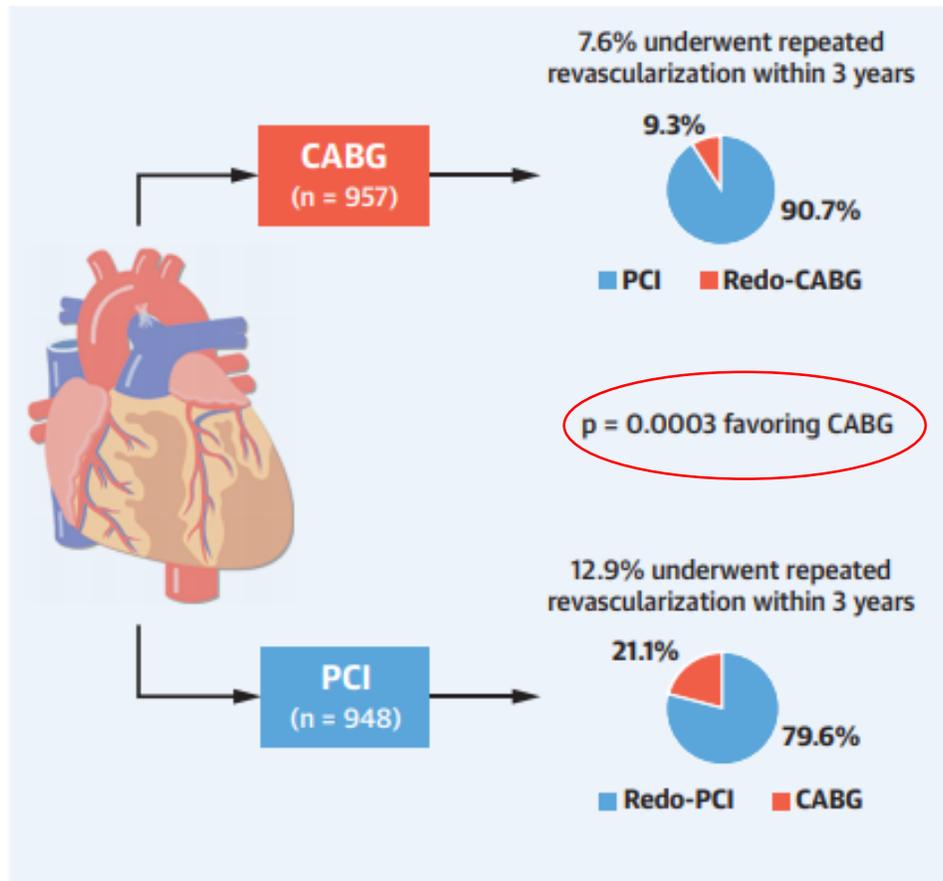
Mortality After Repeat Revascularization Following PCI or CABG for Left Main Disease



The EXCEL Trial

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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Repeat Revascularization and Mortality After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention or Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting for Left Main Coronary Artery Disease



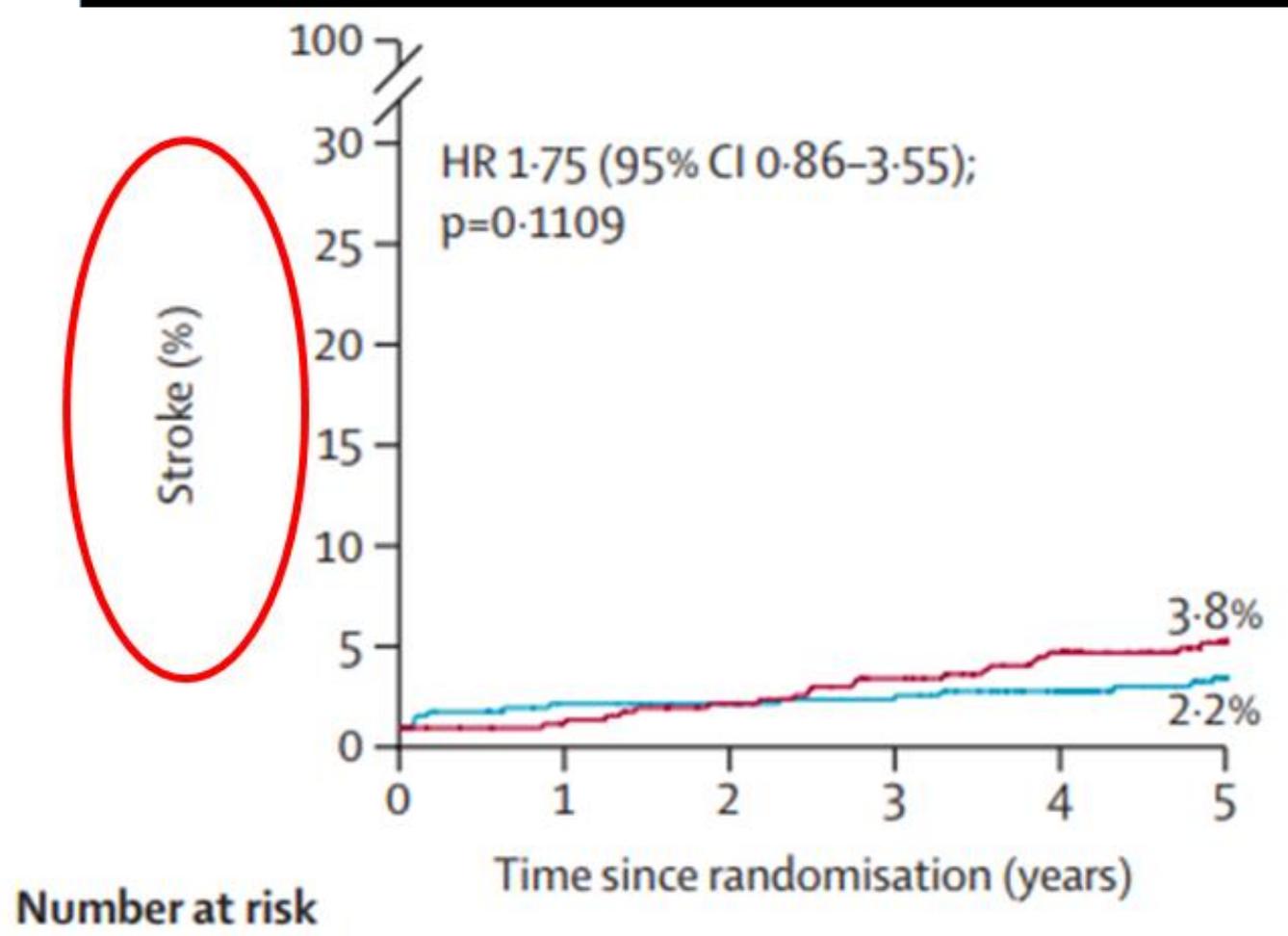
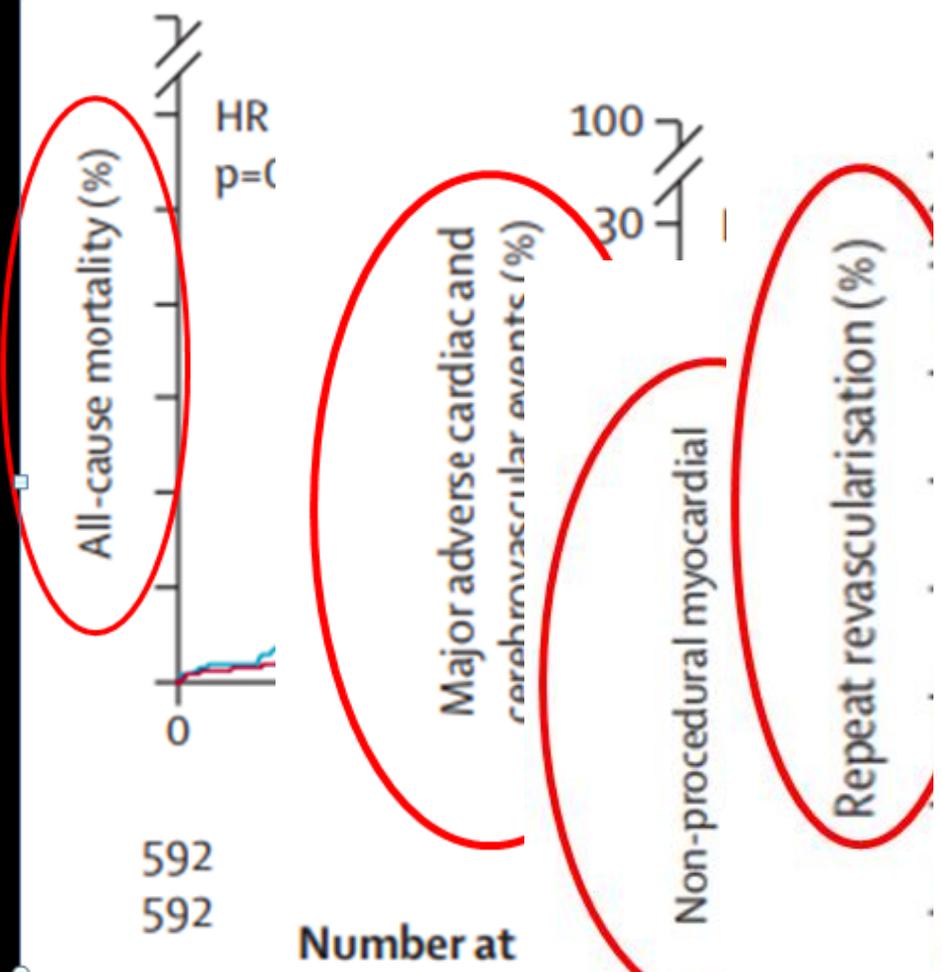
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Percutaneous coronary angioplasty versus coronary artery bypass grafting in the treatment of unprotected left main stenosis: updated 5-year outcomes from the randomised, non-inferiority NOBLE trial



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2008- 2015, PCI (n=598) or CABG (n=603)
Median of 4.9 years of follow-up



| | PCI | CABG |
|----------------|-----|------|
| Number at risk | 592 | 592 |
| 592 | 583 | 573 |
| 553 | 572 | 568 |
| 528 | 552 | 563 |
| 499 | 525 | 540 |
| 463 | 392 | 426 |
| 348 | | |
| 592 | | |
| 558 | | |
| 540 | | |
| 530 | | |
| 502 | | |
| 387 | | |

- All-cause mortality was estimated in 9% after PCI versus 9% after CABG (HR 1.08 [95% CI 0.74–1.59]; $p=0.68$)
- **MACCE** were 28% (165 events) for PCI and 19% (110 events) for CABG (HR 1.58 [95% CI 1.24–2.01]); **CABG was found to be superior to PCI** for the primary composite endpoint ($p=0.0002$)
- **Non-procedural myocardial infarction** was estimated in 8% after PCI versus 3% after CABG (HR 2.99 [95% CI 1.66–5.39]; $p=0.0002$)
- **Repeat revascularisation** was estimated in 17% after PCI versus 10% after CABG (HR 1.73 [95% CI 1.25–2.40]; $p=0.0009$)

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Interpretation In revascularisation of left main coronary artery disease, PCI was associated with an inferior clinical outcome at 5 years compared with CABG. Mortality was similar after the two procedures but patients treated with PCI had higher rates of non-procedural myocardial infarction and repeat revascularisation.

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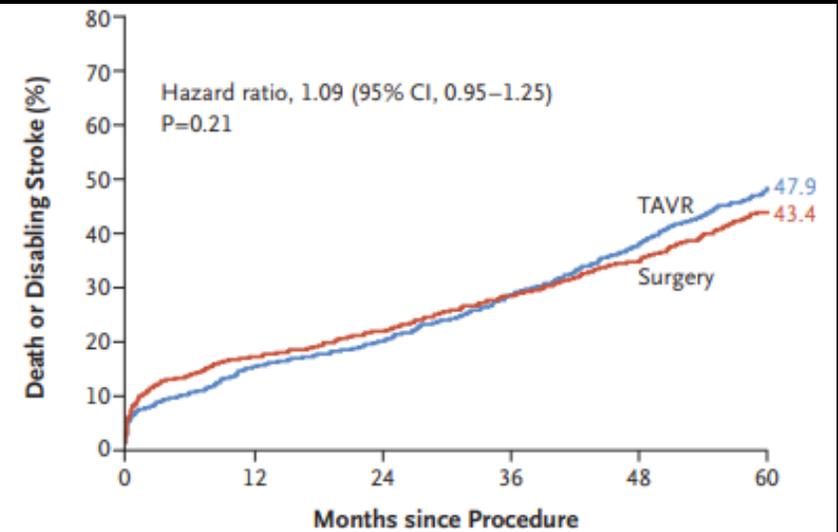
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CONCLUSIONS

Among patients with aortic stenosis who were at intermediate surgical risk, there was no significant difference in the incidence of death or disabling stroke at 5 years after TAVR as compared with surgical aortic-valve replacement. (Funded by Edwards Lifesciences; PARTNER 2 ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT01314313](#).)



No. at Risk

| | | | | | | |
|---------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| TAVR | 1011 | 843 | 785 | 687 | 581 | 474 |
| Surgery | 1021 | 771 | 704 | 625 | 547 | 440 |

Figure 1. Time-to-Event Curves for Death from Any Cause or Disabling Stroke to 5 Years.

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Incidence of death or disabling stroke was higher after TAVR than after surgery in the transthoracic-access cohort

At 5 years, TAVR had more at least mild paravalvular aortic regurgitation (33.3% vs. 6.3%).

Repeat hospitalizations (33.3% vs. 25.2%)

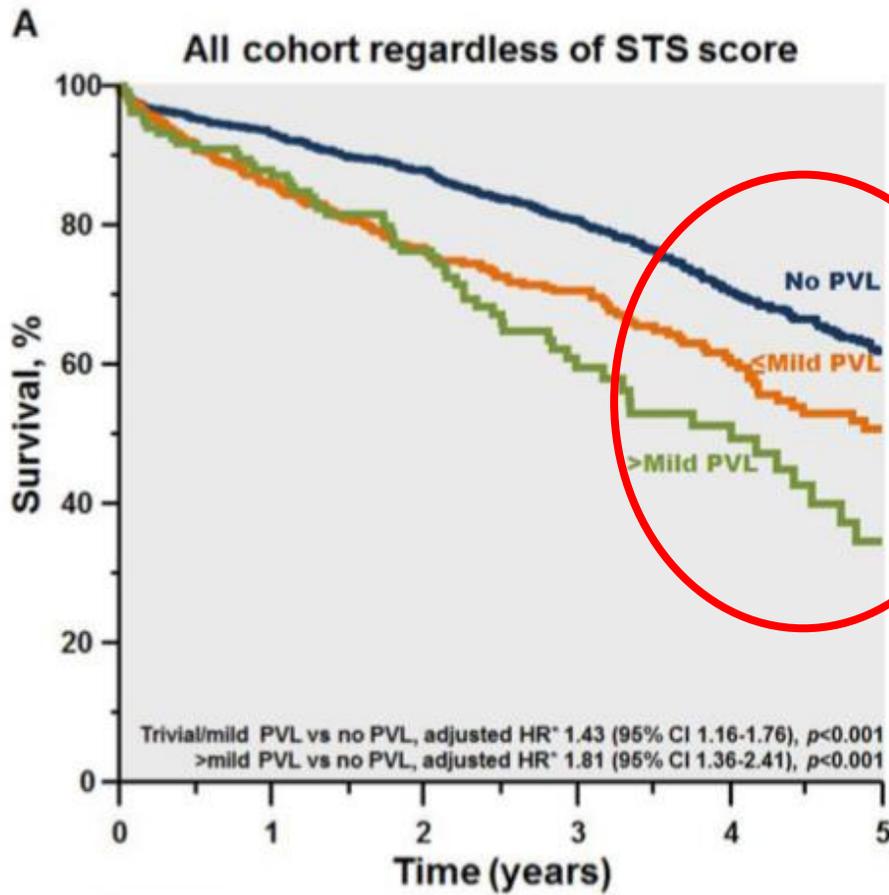
Aortic-valve reinterventions (3.2% vs. 0.8%)

Long-Term Outcomes in Patients With New Permanent Pacemaker Implantation Following Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

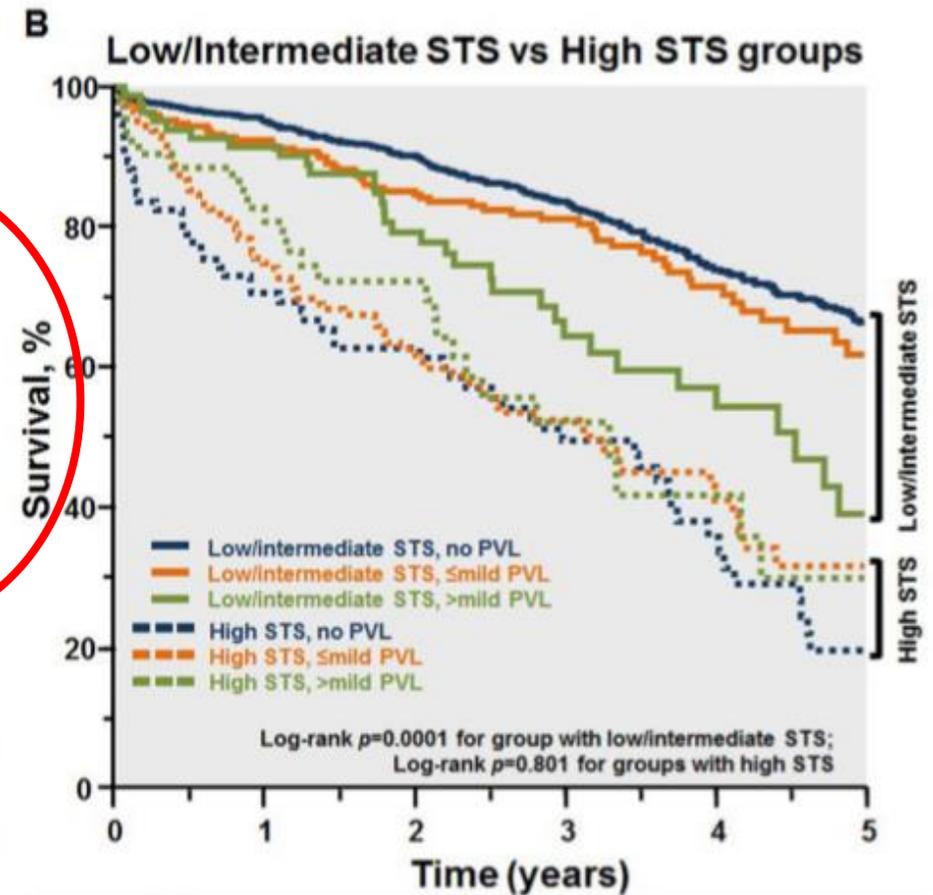


CONCLUSIONS The need for PPI post-TAVR was frequent and associated with an increased risk of heart failure rehospitalization and lack of LVEF improvement, but not mortality, after a median follow-up of 4 years. Most patients with new PPI post-TAVR exhibited some degree of pacing activity at follow-up. (J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2018;11:301-10)

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| At Risk % (n) | | | | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| 100 (1622) | 93.8 (994) | 88.9 (771) | 82.0 (566) | 71.6 (356) | 62.7 (224) | |
| 100 (393) | 86.0 (337) | 76.9 (242) | 70.6 (158) | 60.4 (84) | 50.9 (38) | |
| 100 (134) | 88.0 (116) | 76.5 (83) | 59.8 (45) | 51.5 (28) | 34.9 (11) | |



| Low/intermediate STS groups (<8%) - At Risk % (n) | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| 100 (1496) | 95.8 (920) | 90.9 (710) | 84.7 (524) | 75.0 (336) | 67.1 (216) | |
| 100 (250) | 92.4 (230) | 84.6 (172) | 81.2 (114) | 71.5 (63) | 61.8 (31) | |
| 100 (82) | 91.4 (74) | 79.3 (54) | 64.4 (30) | 57.1 (21) | 39.0 (9) | |

| High STS groups ($\geq 8\%$) - At Risk % (n) | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
| 100 (126) | 74.7 (74) | 68.4 (61) | 56.4 (42) | 40.2 (20) | 22.9 (8) | |
| 100 (143) | 74.8 (107) | 63.4 (70) | 52.1 (44) | 40.9 (21) | 31.5 (7) | |
| 100 (52) | 82.7 (42) | 72.2 (29) | 52.1 (15) | 41.7 (7) | 29.8 (2) | |

Treatment options for ischemic mitral regurgitation: A meta-analysis

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Treatment options for ischemic mitral regurgitation

- medical therapy
- percutaneous repair (MitraClip)
- CABG
- CABG + mitral valve replacement
- CABG + mitral valve repair
 - annular
 - annular + subvalvular

meta-analysis of high-quality evidences
12 studies (8 RCTs and 4 PSMs)
2848 patients

MitraClip vs OMT

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Obadia et al, 2018 ¹² (MITRA-FR) | OMT 152 | OMT + MitraClip 152 | 70.6 ± 9.9 | 70.1 ± 10.1 | 107 | 120 | 39 | 50 | 52 | 75 | 40 | 35 |
| Stone et al, 2018 ¹¹ (COAPT) | OMT 312 | OMT + MitraClip 302 | 72.8 ± 10.5 | 71.7 ± 11.8 | 192 | 201 | 123 | 106 | 160 | 156 | 110 | 130 |

TABLE 2. Summary of the outcomes of the meta-analysis

| | Long-term mortality | Hospital mortality | Reoperation | Readmission | Composite end point |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| MitraClip (N = 454) vs optimal medical therapy (N = 464) | 0.77 (0.40-1.49) <i>P</i> = .44 | 3.35 (0.25-44.7) <i>P</i> = .36 | 0.40 (0.22-0.72) <i>P</i> = .003 | 0.35 (0.04-3.06) <i>P</i> = .34 | 0.39 (0.09-1.73) <i>P</i> = .21 |
| CABG associated with mitral valve procedure (N = 301) vs CABG alone (N = 314) | 1.10 (0.67-1.79) <i>P</i> = .71 | 0.84 (0.31-2.24) <i>P</i> = .73 | 2.96 (0.64-13.63) <i>P</i> = .16 | 0.53 (0.05-5.07) <i>P</i> = .58 | 0.72 (0.33-1.56) <i>P</i> = .40 |
| Mitral valve replacement (N = 553) vs mitral valve repair (N = 556) | 1.12 (0.85-1.48) <i>P</i> = .43 | 1.91 (1.18-3.12) <i>P</i> = .009 | 0.60 (0.36-1.00) <i>P</i> = .05 | 0.45 (0.23-0.87) <i>P</i> = .02 | 0.95 (0.74-1.21) <i>P</i> = .68 |
| Restrictive annuloplasty with subvalvular repair (N = 103) vs restrictive annuloplasty alone (N = 103) | 0.78 (0.35-1.73) <i>P</i> = .55 | 0.70 (0.21-2.28) <i>P</i> = .55 | 0.39 (0.09-1.61) <i>P</i> = .19 | 0.50 (0.24-1.02) <i>P</i> = .06 | 0.30 (0.12-0.74) <i>P</i> = .009 |

Data are presented as OR with 95% confidence interval, with the corresponding overall *P* value. OR refers to the comparison between the first group and the second group in the treatment group. (a) an OR >1 favors optimal medical therapy, an OR <1 favors optimal medical therapy plus MitraClip. (b) an OR >1 favors CABG alone, an OR <1 favors CABG associated with mitral valve procedure. (c) an OR >1 favors MV repair, an OR <1 favors MV replacement. (d) an OR >1 favors restrictive annuloplasty alone, an OR <1 favors restrictive annuloplasty with subvalvular repair. Bold indicates statistically significant. CABG, Coronary artery bypass graft.

| | Long-term mortality | Hospital mortality | Reoperation | Readmission | Composite endpoint |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
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| Mitral valve replacement (N = 553) vs mitral valve repair (N = 556) | = | Repair better | Replacement better | Replacement better | = |
| Restrictive annuloplasty with subvalvular repair (N = 103) vs restrictive annuloplasty alone (N = 103) | = | = | = | Subvalvular repair better | Subvalvular repair better |

Meta-analysis of results of subvalvular repair for severe ischemic mitral regurgitation

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478 patients: 228 patient MA alone and 250 patients underwent concomitant PMS.

Early mortality was similar between two groups.

Conclusions: This meta-analysis demonstrated superiority in terms of ventricular remodeling of a combined approach encompassing PMS and MA over MA alone in IMR. Moreover, the association of subvalvular surgery with restrictive MA decreases the incidence of mitral regurgitation recurrence and cardiac-related events at follow-up.

Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) and Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) reporting standards for type B aortic dissections



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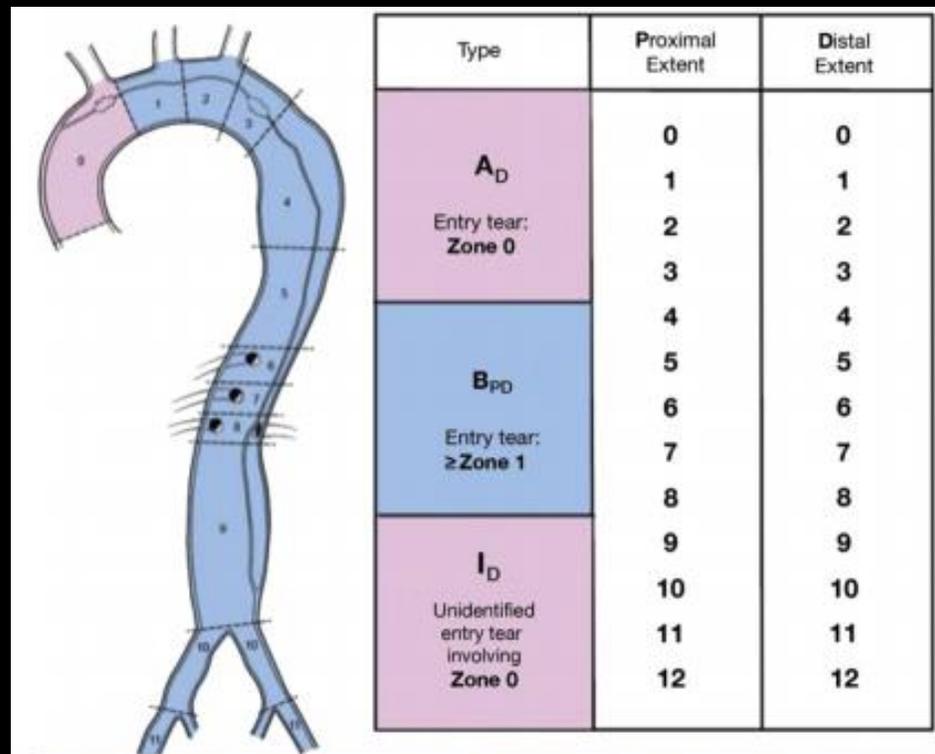


Fig 7. Society for Vascular Surgery/Society of Thoracic Surgeons (SVS/STS) Aortic Dissection Classification System.

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Table 1. Society for Vascular Surgery/Society of Thoracic Surgeons (SVS/STS) Chronicity Classification of Aortic Dissection

| Chronicity | Time From Onset of Symptoms |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| Hyperacute | <24 hours |
| Acute | 1-14 days |
| Subacute | 15-90 days |
| Chronic | >90 days |

Table 5. Stroke Severity: Modified Rankin Scale

The scale runs from 0-6, running from perfect health without symptoms to death.

0. No symptoms.
1. No significant disability. Able to carry out all usual activities, despite some symptoms.
2. Slight disability. Able to look after own affairs without assistance, but unable to carry out all previous activities.
3. Moderate disability. Requires some help, but able to walk unassisted.
4. Moderately severe disability. Unable to attend to own bodily needs without assistance, and unable to walk unassisted.
5. Severe disability. Requires constant nursing care and attention, bedridden, incontinent.
6. Dead.

From Broderick JP, Adeoye O, Elm J. Evolution of the modified Rankin scale and its use in future stroke trials. *Stroke*. 2017;48:2007-2012.

Table 3. Aortic Dissection Acuity

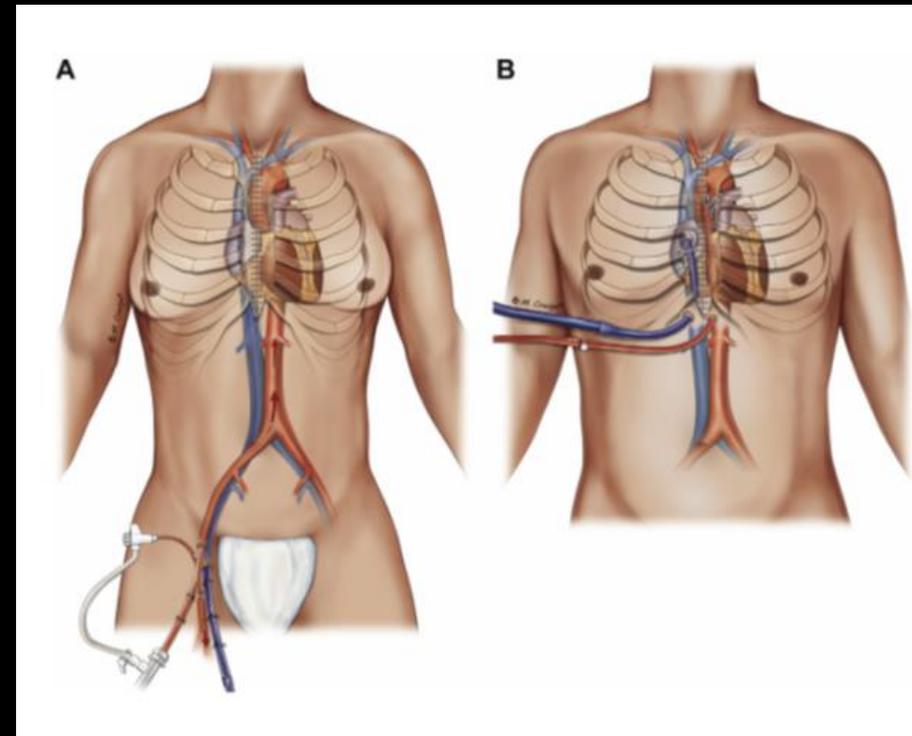
| |
|-----------------------------------|
| Uncomplicated |
| No rupture |
| No malperfusion |
| No high-risk features |
| High risk |
| Refractory pain |
| Refractory hypertension |
| Bloody pleural effusion |
| Aortic diameter >40 mm |
| Radiographic only malperfusion |
| Readmission |
| Entry tear: lesser curve location |
| False lumen diameter >22 mm |
| Complicated |
| Rupture |
| Malperfusion |

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Table 4. Principles to Consider When Choosing Non-conventional Post-cardiotomy ECLS System Modes and Configurations

| |
|---|
| Underlying disease (preoperative or intraoperative) (ischemic/ inadequate myocardial protection, valve disease with mechanical prosthesis, associated lung dysfunction or edema) |
| Preoperative uni- or biventricular function (isolated RV versus isolated LV or biventricular dysfunction) |
| Adequacy of ECLS venous return |
| Adequacy of ECLS output (septic state) (if higher flow is required) |
| State of global cardiac contractility (very poor or absent contractility with high risk of intracardiac thrombosis) |
| Extent of left chamber stasis and distension |
| Adequacy and efficacy of aortic valve opening under ECLS support |
| Pulmonary insufficiency/congestion |
| Adequacy of upper body and/or coronary oxygenation |
| Presence and extent of peripheral arterial atherosclerosis |
| Presence of limb ischemia (peripheral cannulation) |
| Presence of limb hyperperfusion (axillary artery perfusion with 'chimney technique') |
| Likelihood of ECLS weaning (bridge to VAD or HTx) (a prophylactic 'VAD-like' configuration for a prolonged temporary assistance with short-term mechanical assistance without oxygenator) |
| Possibility of patient mobility on ECLS (if prolonged support expected) |



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TABLE 5. Criteria and clues for weaning from veno-arterial ECLS (modified from ELSO Red Book¹¹⁰)

| Types of ECLS systems | Criteria for weaning |
|-----------------------|--|
| V-A ECLS | <p>Stable hemodynamic conditions for at least 24 h</p> <p>Mean arterial pressure >60 mm Hg in the absence of or with low levels of vasopressors/inotropes</p> <p>Low arterial lactate levels (<2 mmol/L)</p> <p>PaO₂ >100 mm Hg with ECLS FiO₂ <21% and FiO₂ 40% on the mechanical ventilator</p> <p>Aortic flow velocity time integration >10–12 cm at an ECLS flow of 1–1.5 L/min</p> <p>Left ventricular ejection fraction >20%–25%</p> <p>Doppler lateral mitral annulus peak systolic velocity ≥6 cm/s</p> <p>LV and RV adequate contractile response to volume challenge</p> <p>Venous and arterial patency and lack of distal thrombi should be checked after decannulation</p> <p>Use of other temporary assist device, like a transaortic suction device, may be used to enhance weaning from ECLS</p> <p>Transition to a VAD may be considered once hemodynamic stability has been achieved; however, in the presence of liver dysfunction, systemic inflammation, or obesity, mortality will be high</p> |

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| Unfavorable for ECPR |
|--|
| Unobserved cardiac arrest |
| Age >75 years and frailty |
| No-flow time ≥ 10 min |
| Inadequate resuscitation measures |
| Clinical signs of severe irreversible brain damage or expected poor neurological prognosis |
| Prolonged CPR of >20 min in the case of asystole (exception: accidental hypothermia, intoxication, and suspected pulmonary embolism) or of >120 min in the case of persistent ventricular fibrillation/ventricular tachycardia |
| Low pH (<6.8) and high lactate level (>20 mmol/L). Clinical signs of severe irreversible brain damage or expected poor neurological prognosis |
| Patient's refusal (advance directive, the presence of emergency sheet regarding advance-care planning) |
| Contraindications to full anticoagulation (eg, active bleeding, severe trauma, or hemothorax after CPR) |

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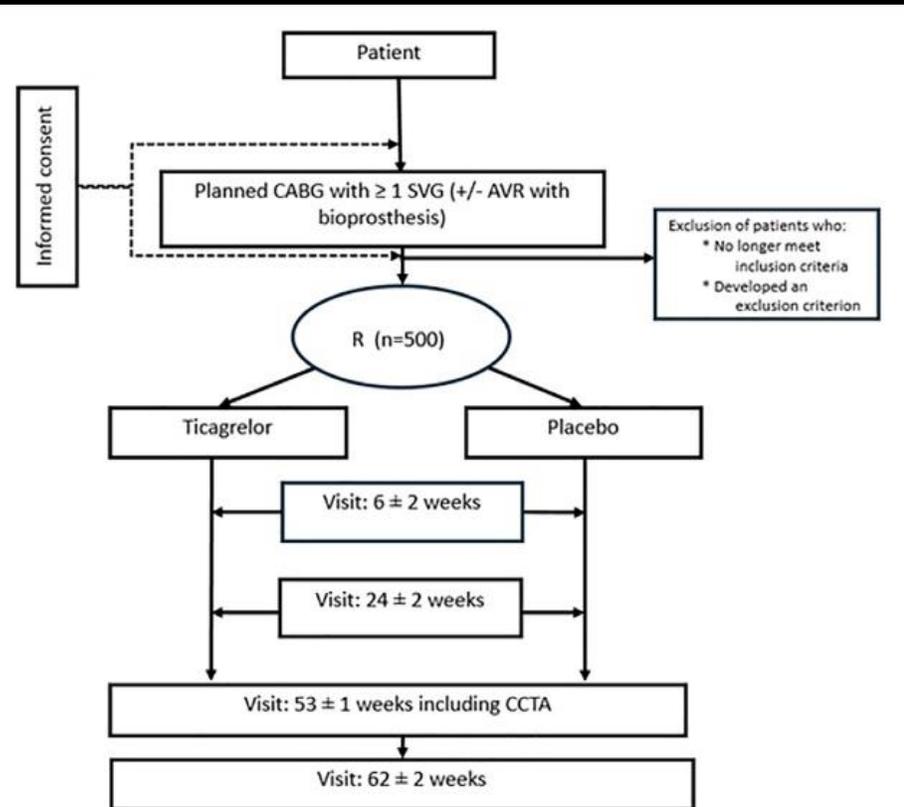
The text "Thank you" is written in a dark blue, elegant cursive font. The word "Thank" is on the top line and "you" is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by several watercolor-style hearts in various colors: orange, pink, purple, blue, and yellow. The hearts are scattered around the text, with some overlapping it. The entire graphic is centered on a white background.

Effect of Adding Ticagrelor to Standard Aspirin on Saphenous Vein Graft Patency in Patients Undergoing Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (POPular CABG)

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial

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Study flowchart of the main study. AVR, Aortic valve replacement; R, randomization.

- Patients scheduled for CABG were randomized in a 1:1 fashion to either ticagrelor 90 mg BID (n = 247) or placebo (n = 249).
- All patients received 80-100 mg of aspirin, continued indefinitely.
- Duration of follow-up: 1 year
- Mean patient age: 68 years
- Percentage female: 33%
- Percentage with diabetes: 26%

- Acute coronary syndrome (ACS): 31%
- Left ventricular ejection fraction >50%: 78%
- Cardiopulmonary bypass use: 95%
- Mean number of vein grafts/patient: 2.2

- The primary outcome, SVG occlusion at 1 year on computed tomography/coronary angiography
- Ticagrelor vs. placebo, was 10.5% vs. 9.1% (odds ratio 1.29, 95% confidence interval 0.73-2.30, $p = 0.38$).

- (~77% in DACAB, ~91% in current trial). This is more in line with other contemporary CABG trials, which have reported 1-year SVG patency rates between 85-95%. One big difference is that approximately three-fourths of CABG surgeries were performed off-pump in DACAB
- **Conclusions:**
- In this randomized, placebo-controlled trial, the addition of ticagrelor to standard aspirin did not reduce SVG occlusion at 1 year after CABG.

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Abstract

A sound knowledge of the functional anatomy of the mitral valve and the alterations caused by different diseases is indispensable for surgeons treating patients with mitral valve disease. Rheumatic mitral valve disease remains the most common heart valvular disorder in developing countries, whereas mitral regurgitation due myxomatous degeneration of the valve is the most common in developed countries. The mitral valve should be repaired whenever possible, as long as the outcome is predictably better than that of replacement. The intraoperative decision to repair or replace is not always simple and depends on the experience of the surgeon and the pathological changes that caused mitral valve dysfunction.

Keywords

Cardiac surgical procedures, heart valve prosthesis implantation, mitral valve annuloplasty, mitral valve insufficiency, mitral valve stenosis, rheumatic heart disease

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Conclusions: Patients treated with Impella CP/5.0 or ECMO for cardiogenic shock after myocardial infarction did not differ in 30-day mortality. More device-related complications occurred with ECMO compared to Impella support.

