

ASSESSMENT OF PVR (Paravalvular Regurgitation) and Prognostic impact After TAVI

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Outlines

- ◆ Causes of PVR
- ◆ Incidence
- ◆ Prognostic Impact
- ◆ Assessment methods for PVR
- ◆ Treatment Modalities
- ◆ Conclusion



Characteristics Features of PVR

Post TAVI



Location

- ◊ Outside of Bioprosthesis Stent Strut

Etiology

- ◊ Incomplete Apposition of Stent Strut
- ◊ Inaccurate Position (Too High or Too low)
- ◊ Calcification of Native Valve Leaflet

-> Usually PVR Site Anatomy: **complex**

Incidences of PVR after TAVI

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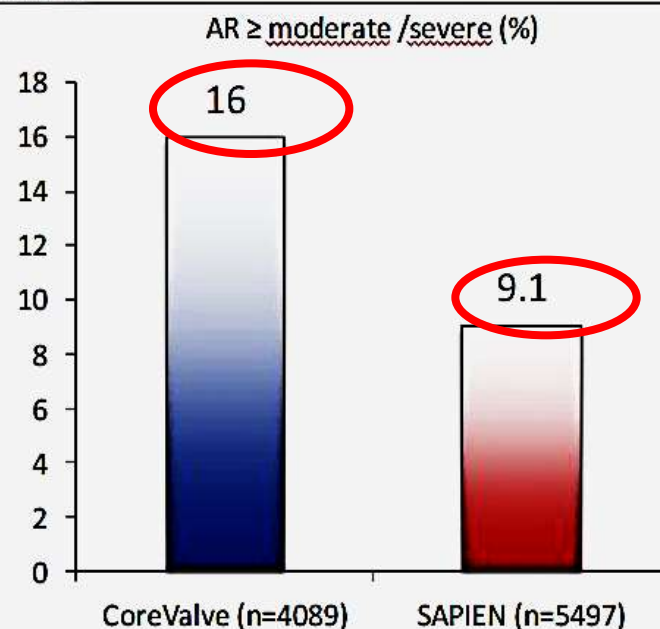
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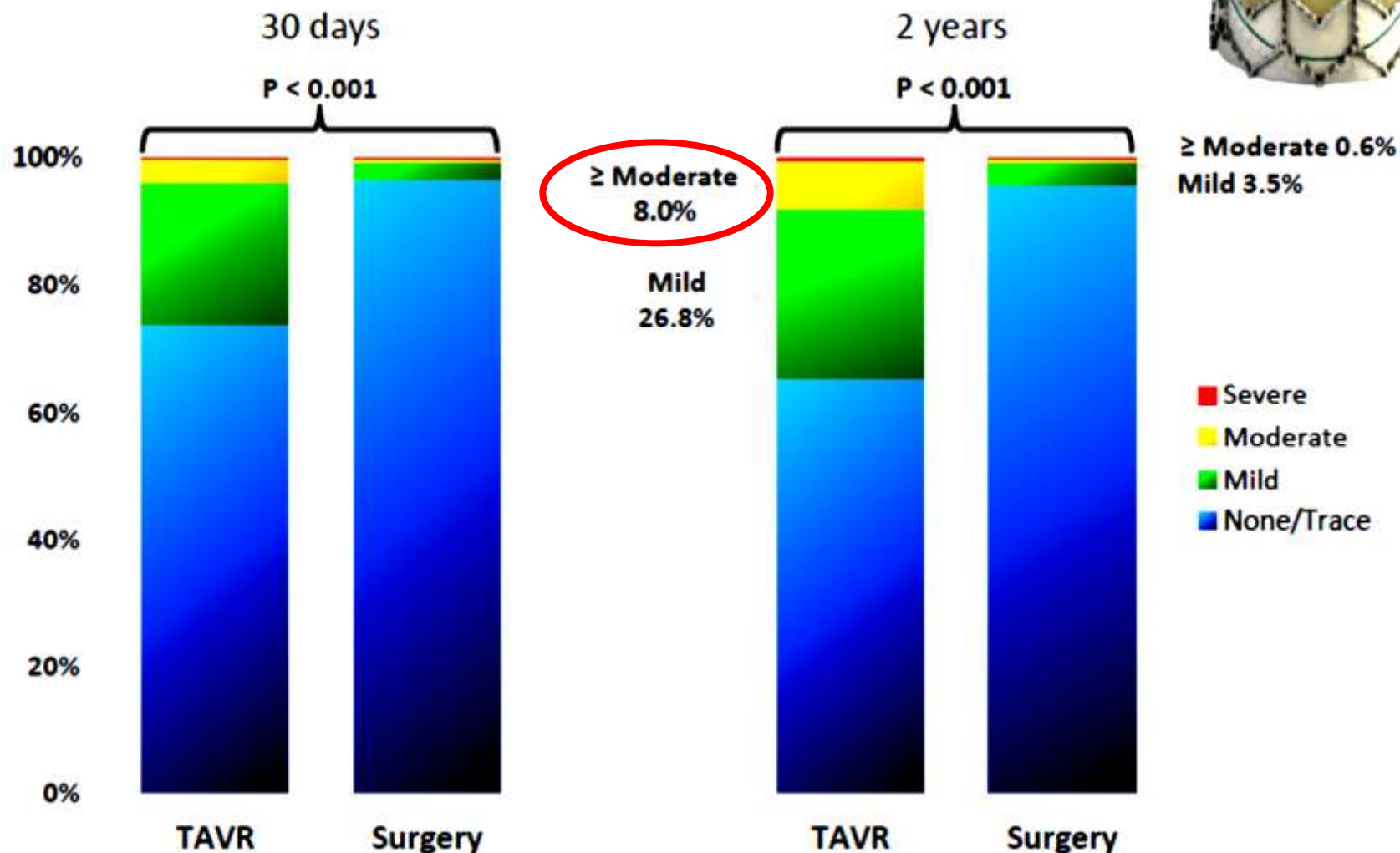
25 studies reported on predictors of post-TAVR AR.
7,279 SAPIEN pts and 5,261 CoreValve pts
Predictors include ($r = 0.47$, $p < 0.001$)

1. Implantation depth
2. Valve undersizing
3. Agatston calcium score



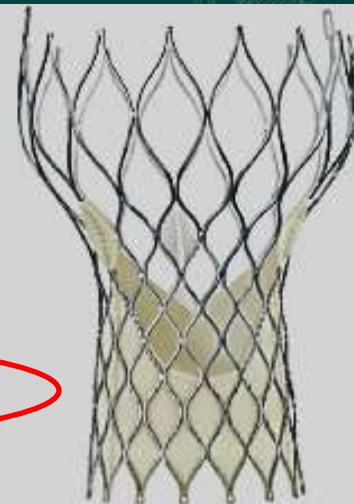
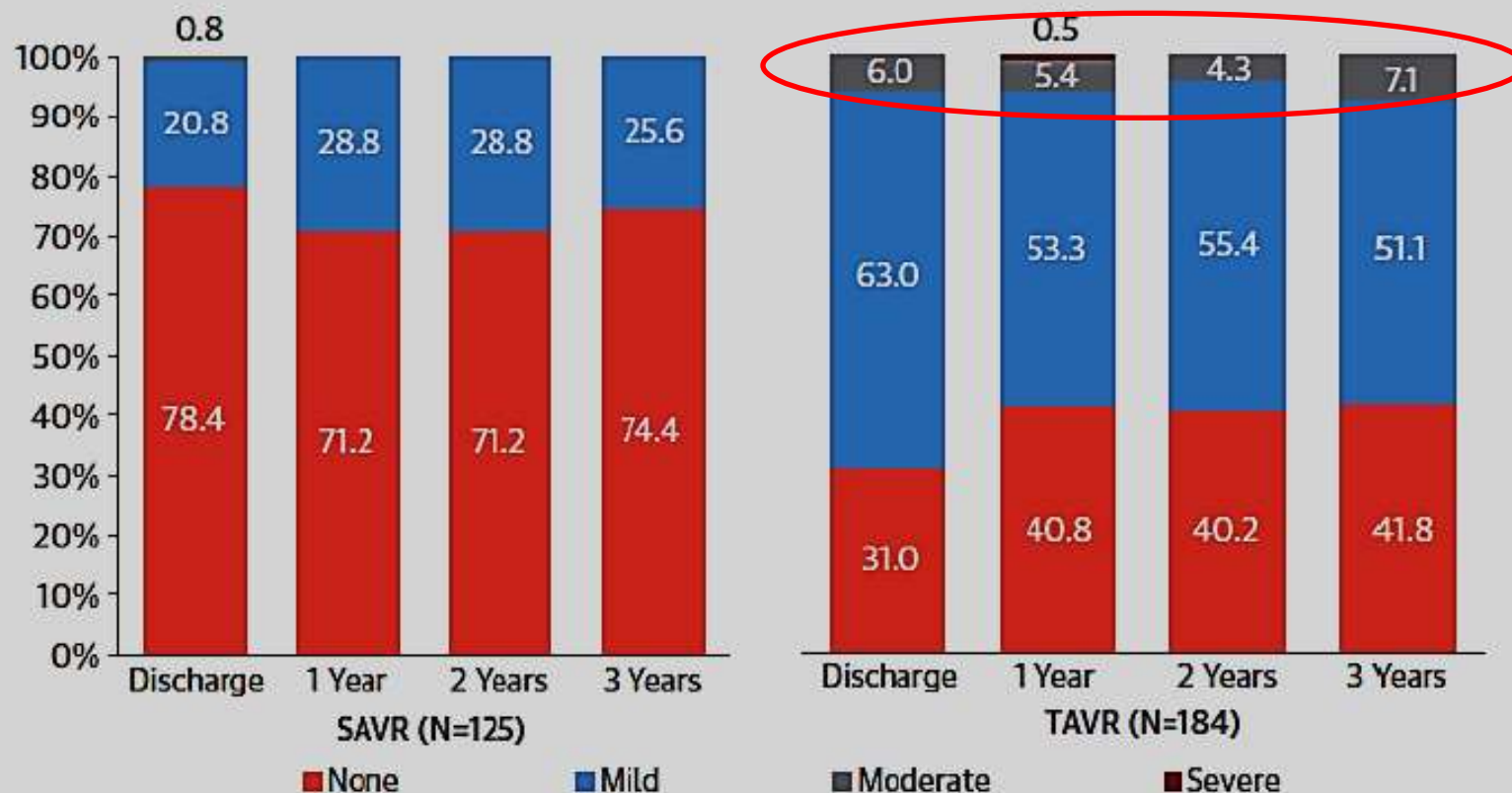
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Paravalvular Regurgitation PARTNER 2A



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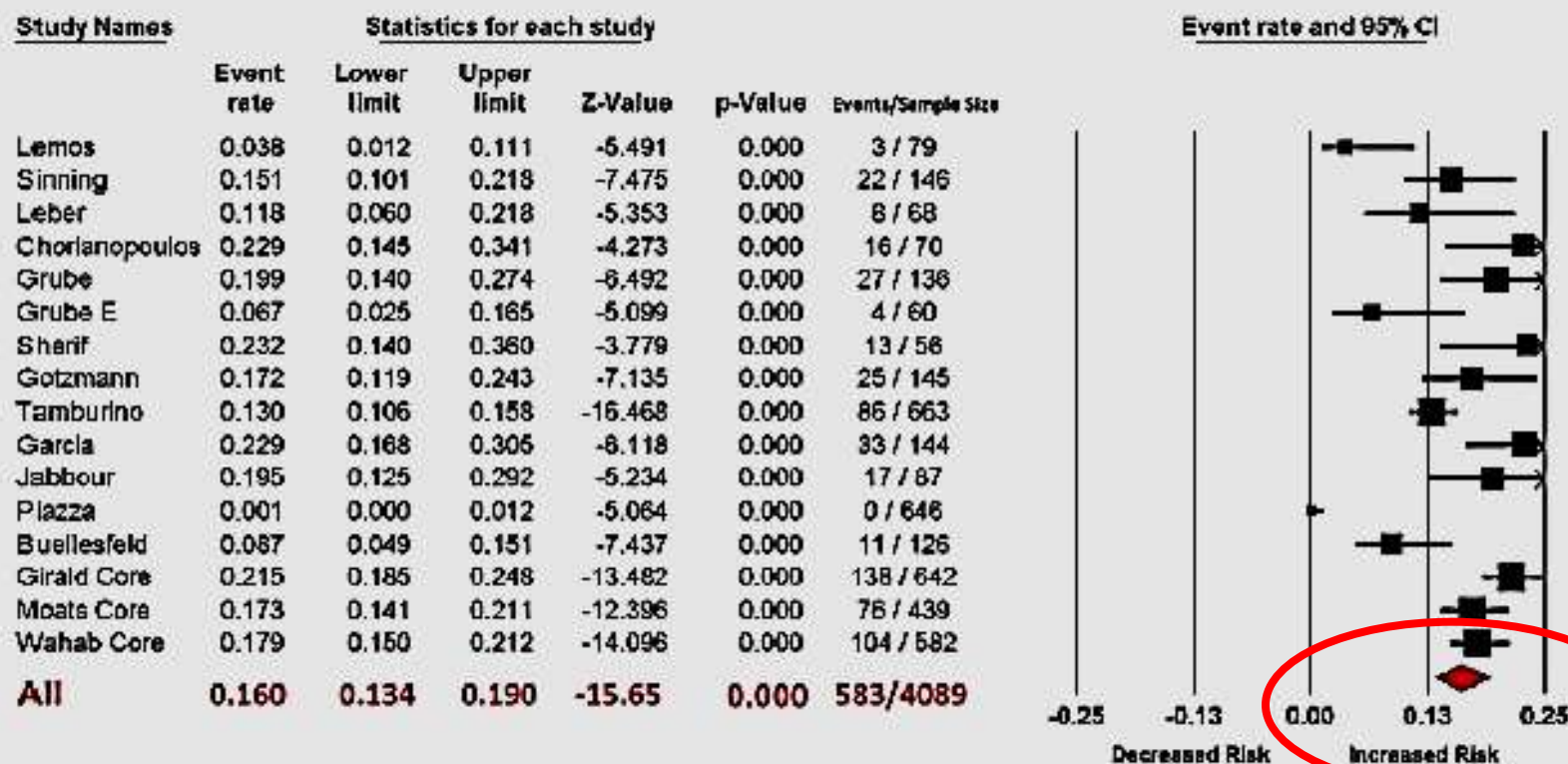
PVL over 3 years in CoreValve US Pivotal Trial



Prognostic Impact of PVR

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A Moderate or Severe AR Post TAVR: CoreValve



Prognostic Impact of PVR

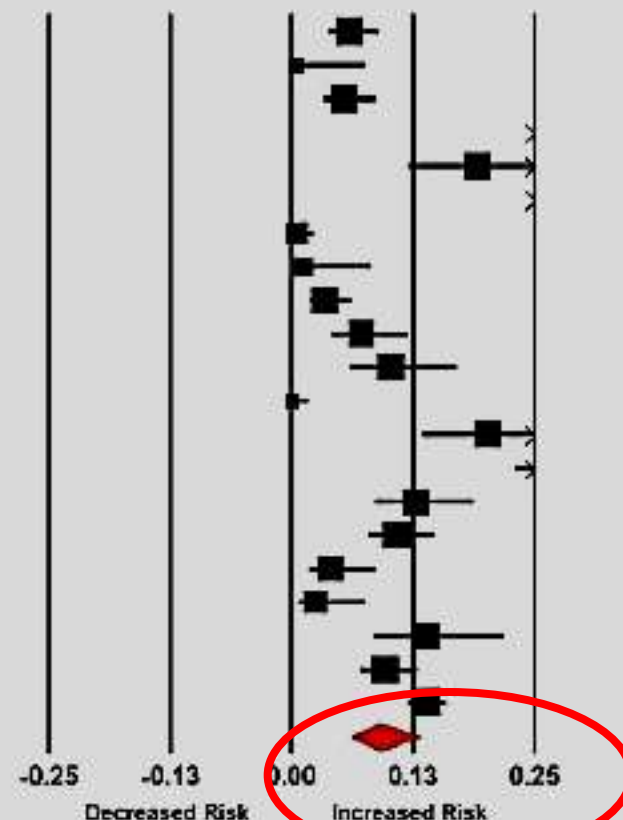
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Study Names

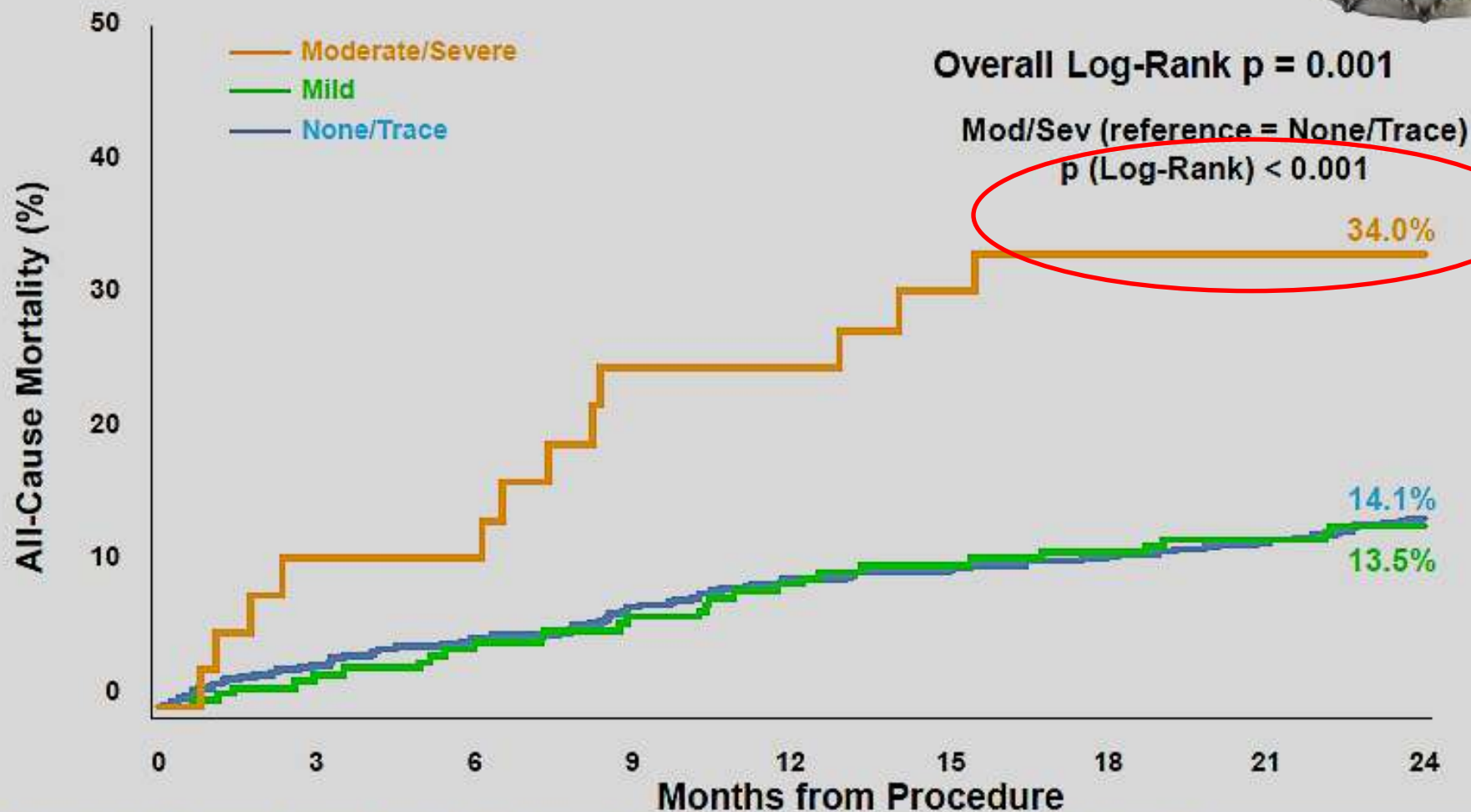
Statistics for each study

Event rate and 95% CI

	Event rate	Lower limit	Upper limit	Z-Value	p-Value	Events/Sample Size
Cabau	0.059	0.038	0.090	-12.014	0.000	20 / 339
Bagur	0.005	0.000	0.074	-3.741	0.000	0 / 100
Gurvitch	0.055	0.034	0.086	-11.412	0.000	17 / 310
Lefa'vre	0.469	0.385	0.555	-0.701	0.483	61 / 130
Atlas	0.193	0.122	0.292	-5.147	0.000	16 / 83
Hayashida	0.308	0.255	0.366	-6.035	0.000	80 / 260
Unbehaun	0.006	0.001	0.022	-7.308	0.000	2 / 358
Conradl	0.012	0.002	0.081	-4.368	0.000	1 / 82
Walther	0.033	0.018	0.061	-10.458	0.000	10 / 299
Puls	0.072	0.042	0.120	-8.866	0.000	13 / 180
Amabile	0.103	0.061	0.170	-7.384	0.000	13 / 126
D'Onofrio	0.001	0.000	0.016	-4.888	0.000	0 / 504
Ewe	0.202	0.136	0.290	-5.626	0.000	21 / 104
REVIVAL	0.345	0.232	0.479	-2.254	0.024	19 / 55
Malkar	0.128	0.087	0.186	-8.571	0.000	23 / 179
Kodall	0.109	0.080	0.147	-12.212	0.000	38 / 348
Dworakowski	0.040	0.018	0.086	-7.645	0.000	6 / 151
Wendler	0.025	0.008	0.075	-6.266	0.000	3 / 120
Wahab Edw	0.139	0.085	0.218	-8.557	0.000	15 / 108
Moats Edw	0.096	0.071	0.129	-13.293	0.000	39 / 405
Girald Edw	0.139	0.121	0.159	-22.375	0.000	174 / 1256
All	0.091	0.062	0.131	-11.03	0.000	571/5497



Severity of PVR at 30 Days and All-cause Mortality at 2 Years - PARTNER 2A



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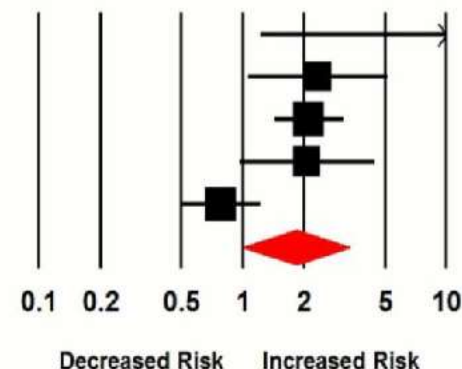
Impact of Mild AR on Mortality

Study name

Statistics for each study

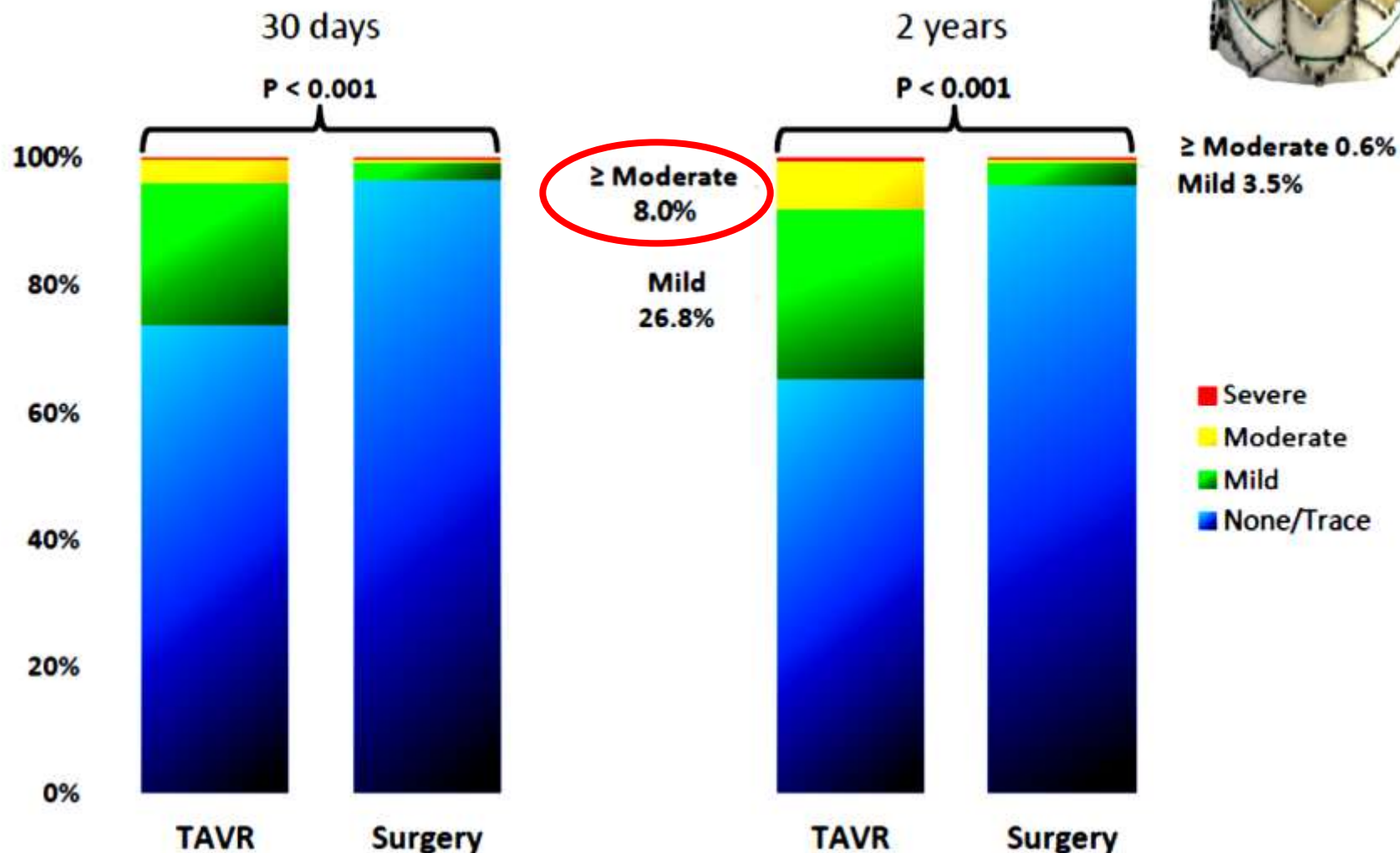
Hazard ratio and 95% CI

	Hazard ratio	Lower limit	Upper limit	Z-Value	p-Value
Lemos	10.080	1.229	82.673	2.152	0.031
Sinning	2.342	1.066	5.145	2.119	0.034
Kodali	2.110	1.433	3.107	3.782	0.000
Fraccaro	2.064	0.968	4.400	1.876	0.061
Tamburino	0.780	0.499	1.218	-1.092	0.275
All (N=1620)	1.829	1.005	3.329	1.975	0.048



Incidences of PVR after TAVI

Paravalvular Regurgitation PARTNER 2A



Heart Valve Disease

Standardized grading

stolic

 $\geq 0.30 \text{ cm}^2$

EROA = effective regurgitant orifice area; PW = pulsed wave.

Angiographic Assessment of PAR Severity



- ◆ Qualitative; Easy to-use
- ◆ Recent TAVI studies, the angiographically (qualitative) degree of PAR correlated well with echocardiography in TAVI patients *

Classification : (Adapt to Valve Academic Research Consortium 2 criteria)

- ◆ Mild (reflow of contrast in LVOT and mid-part of the LV, clear with EACH beat)
- ◆ Moderate (contrast fill whole LV with incomplete washout in a single beat and faint opacification of the entire LV over several beats)
- ◆ Severe (opacify entire LV with the same intensity as in the aorta and persistence of contrast after a single beat)

Drawback :

- ◆ Regurgitant flow within each grade varies widely, and a considerable overlap
- ◆ Contrast Volume

* Sinning JM, Hammerstingl C, Vasa-Nicotera M, et al., J Am Coll Cardiol 2012;59:1134-41
Vasa-Nicotera M, Sinning JM, Chin D, J Am Coll Cardiol Interv 2012;5:858-65

Echocardiographic Assessment of PAR

- ◆ remains challenging
- ◆ imprecise in practice, especially implant situation
 - 1) acute hemodynamic changes during TAVI affect doppler and color flow assessment
 - 2) semiquantitative parameters of AR severity, eg. jet width, vena contracta, or P 1/2 time, are best applied in central jets
(Not ideal for eccentric, circumferential PAR)
 - 3) acoustic shadowing by prosthesis and native calcification may obscure PAR jets
- ◆ TEE preferred for accurate assessment (TransV. AR vs PAR; mechanisms – Supra-skirt vs Infra-skirt etc)
(BUT Most cases are NOW under LA or light sedation only)

ECHO Parameters for PAR

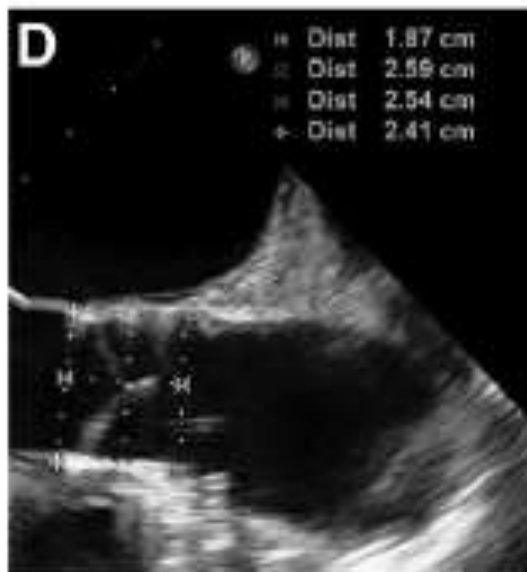
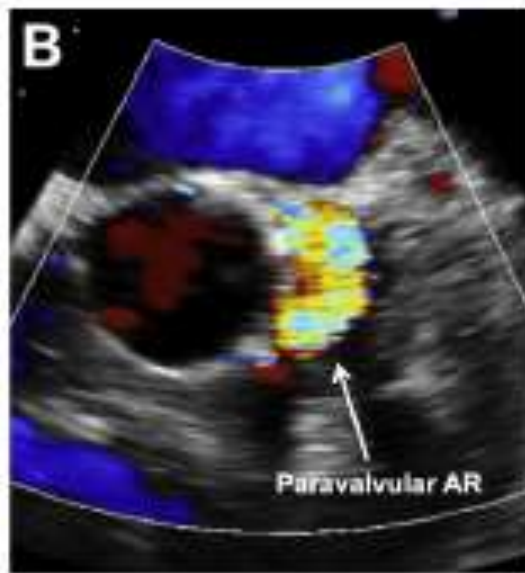
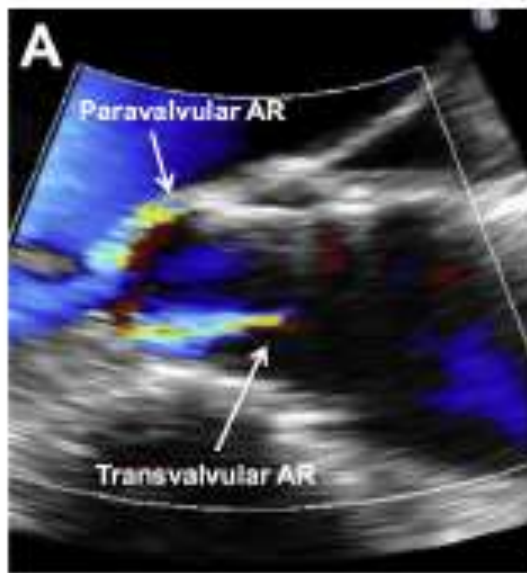
Semi-Quantitative : Diastolic Flow Reversal
Circumferential extent ($\geq 30\%$ severe)

Quantitative Parameter : Regurgitant Volume
Regurgitant fraction
EROA(Effective Regurg Orifice Area)



	Prosthetic aortic valve regurgitation		
	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Semi-quantitative parameters			
Diastolic flow reversal in the descending aorta—PW	Absent or brief early diastolic	Intermediate	Prominent, holodiastolic
Circumferential extent of prosthetic valve paravalvular regurgitation (%)**	<10%	10%-29%	$\geq 30\%$
Quantitative parameters†			
Regurgitant volume (mL/beat)	<30 mL	30-59 mL	≥ 60 mL
Regurgitant fraction (%)	<30%	30-49%	$\geq 50\%$
EROA (cm ²)	0.10 cm ²	0.10-0.29 cm ²	≥ 0.30 cm ²

PW, Pulsed wave; EROA, effective regurgitant orifice area. *In conditions of normal or near-normal stroke volume (50-70 mL). †These parameters are more affected by flow, including concomitant aortic regurgitation. ‡For LVOT >2.5 cm, significant stenosis criteria is <0.20 . §Use in setting of BSA ≥ 1.6 cm² (note: dependent on the size of the valve and the size of the native annulus). ¶Use in setting of BSA <1.6 cm². **Use in setting of BMI <30 kg/cm². ††Use in setting of BMI ≥ 30 kg/cm². *Not well-validated and may overestimate the severity compared with the quantitative Doppler.



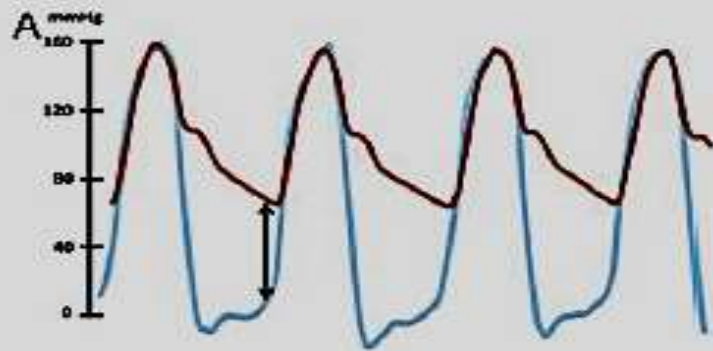
Hemodynamic Assessment ~PAR

- ◆ Aortic Regurgitation index (ARI) = $(\text{DBP} - \text{LVEDP}) / \text{SBP} \times 100$
- ◆ Cutoff value of 25
- ◆ Predictor of the 1-year mortality
- ◆ (ARI >25) : GOOD Negative predictive value (95 - 100%) for more than mild PAR, when used complementary to the angio - or echo -
- ◆ ARI still has to be validated in larger and controlled trial
- ◆ Or just simply compare the baseline and post TAVI AO diastolic and LVEDP

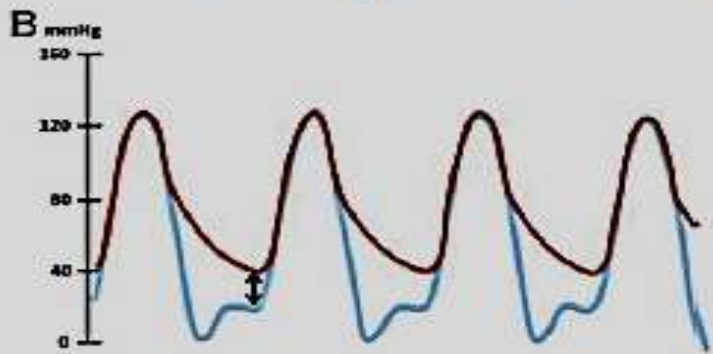
TIPS in measuring ARI :

- ◆ Measure ARI appr. 10 min after valve deployment
(Prevent confounding by an increased LVEDP due to myocardial ischemia and/or diastolic dysfunction after rapid pacing / balloon valvuloplasty)
- ◆ ARI measured as mean value over several cycles (especially AF pats)
- ◆ Measure with HR of 60 to 80 /min and without PVC
(Inc HR - the diastolic pressure in the aorta increases and lead to a false-negative ARI)

AR Index



AR index 34.4



AR index 15.4

$$\text{AR index} = (\text{DBP} - \text{LVEDP}) / \text{SBP} \times 100$$

	AR Index <25	AR Index ≥25	P-value
1-year Mortality	46.0%	16.7%	<0.001

AR Index : $\left[\frac{(DBP - LVDP)}{SBP} \right] \times 100$

Same patient imr

Immediately after TAVR

The image displays two monitoring graphs. The top graph is a 12-lead ECG strip showing a sinus rhythm with a heart rate of approximately 100 bpm. A red circle highlights the P wave of one of the complexes. The bottom graph is a heart rate monitor trace showing a sinus tachycardia with a heart rate ranging from approximately 60 to 120 bpm. The trace is labeled with 'HR' and '120' at the top. The x-axis of the heart rate monitor graph shows time in minutes and seconds, with labels for 11:20:00 AM, 11:20:30 AM, 11:21:00 AM, 11:21:30 AM, and 11:22:00 AM.

HR 80
AR Index = 42

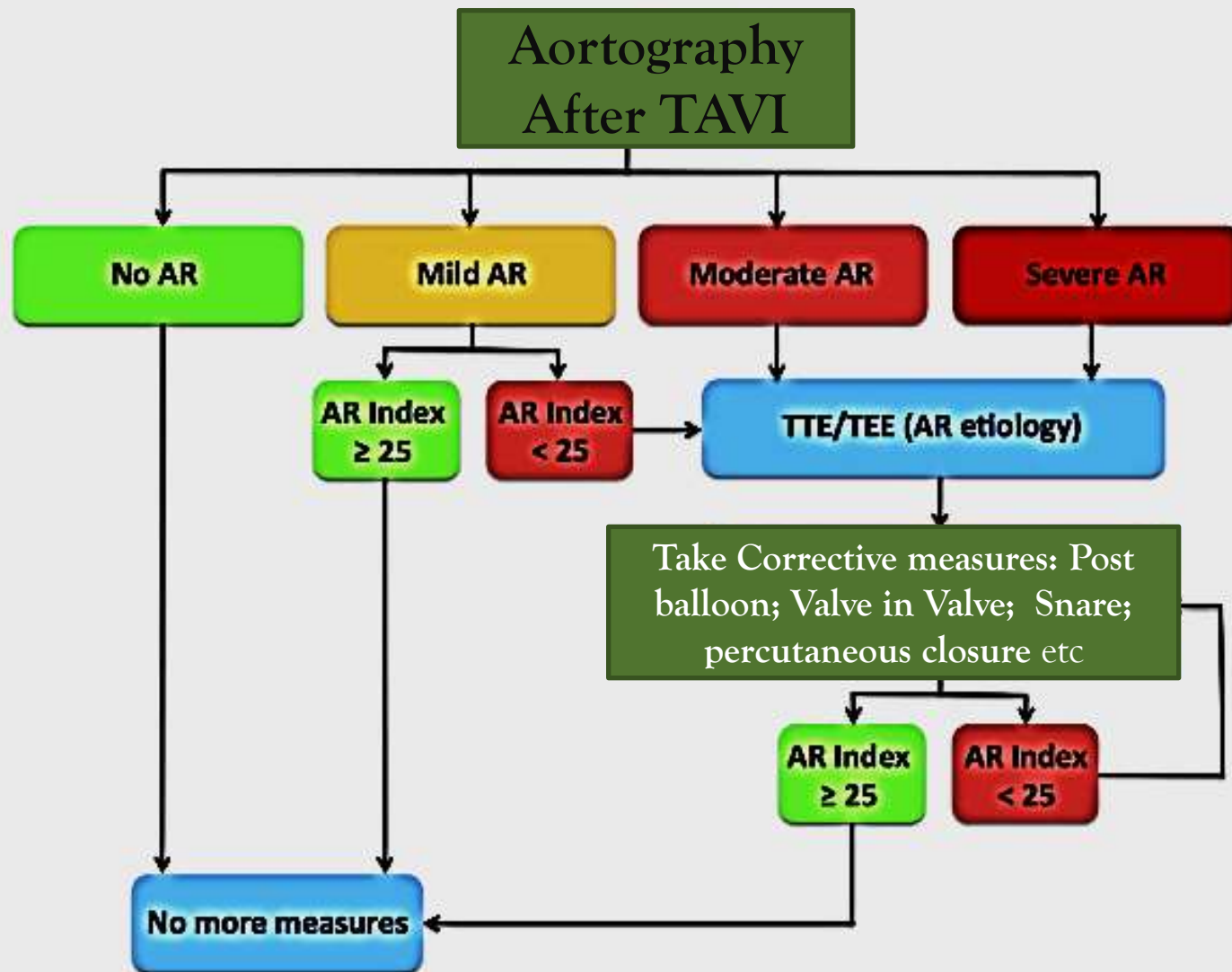
Treatment Options for Post TAVI PVR

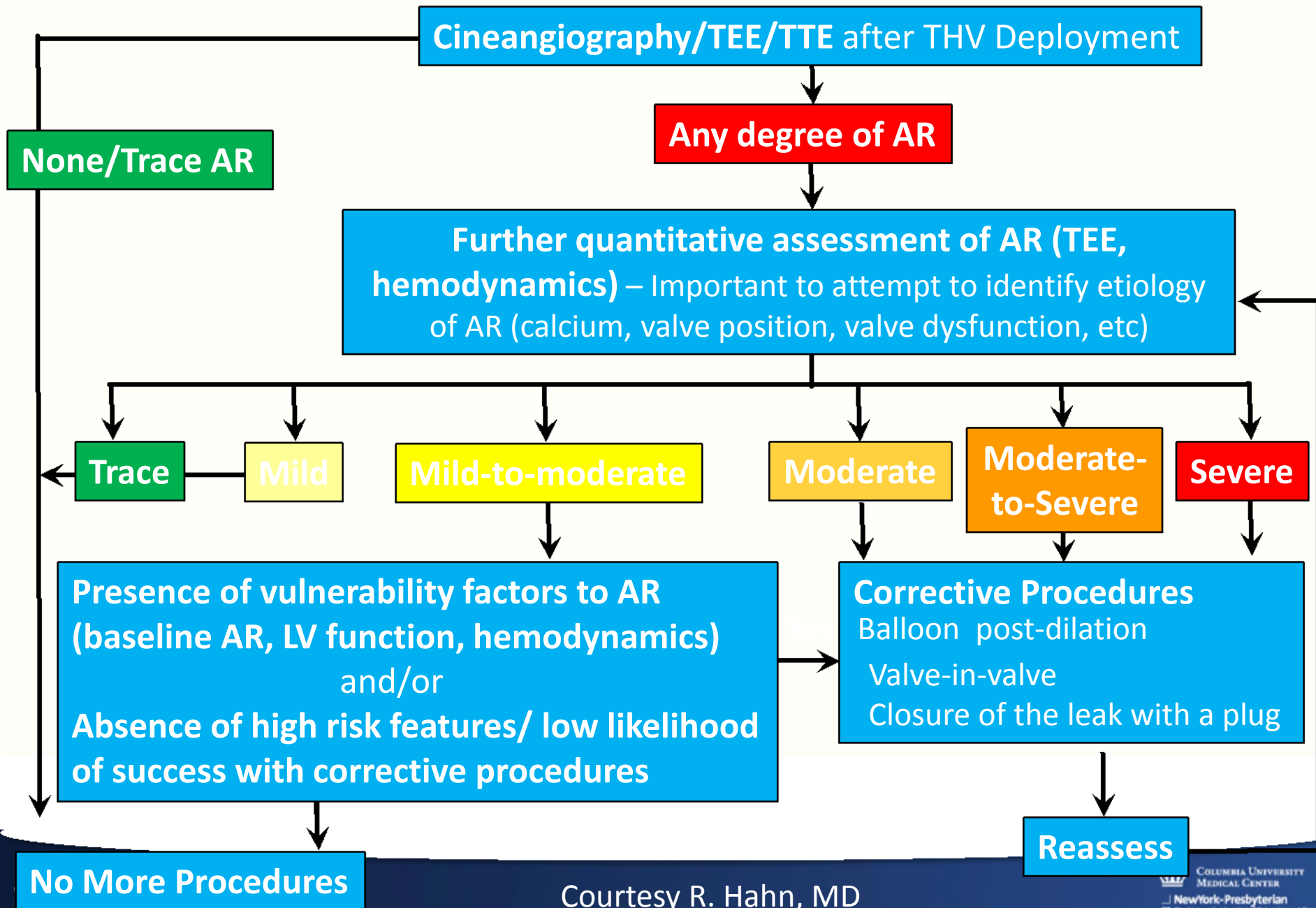
- ◆ Prevention is MUCH Better than Cure :
 - Accurate Annulus assessment and Valve sizing
 - 3 D Multimodality Imagings x planning (esp MSCT)
 - Meticulous technique for Accurate Valve position

Treatment : Depend on PAR etiology

- ◆ Post Balloon Dilatation
- ◆ Valve in Valve
- ◆ Trans- catheter closure of PVR eg Vascular Plugs

Practical Approach- Complimentary





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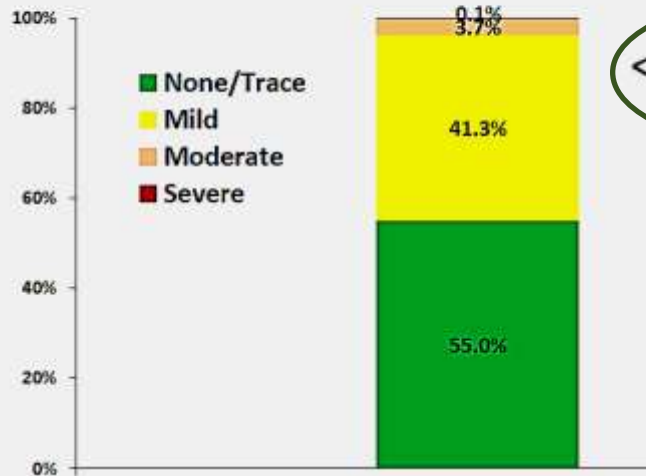
Paravalvular AR Assessment New 5-Class Grading System

3-CLASS GRADING SCHEME	TRACE	MILD		MODERATE		SEVERE
4-CLASS GRADING SCHEME	1	1	2	2	3	4
NEW 5-CLASS GRADING SCHEME	TRACE	MILD	MILD-TO-MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE-TO-SEVERE	SEVERE
CINE ANGIOGRAPHY	Grade 1	Grade 1	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
INVASIVE HEMODYNAMICS Aortic regurgitation index ¹	<25	<25	<25	10-25	10-25	>30
ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY/DOPPLER Structural Parameters						
• Valve stent	Usually normal	Usually normal	Normal/ abnormal ¹	Normal/ abnormal ¹	Usually abnormal ¹	Usually abnormal ¹
Doppler parameters (qualitative or semi-quantitative)						
• Jet features ²						
Extensive/wide jet origin	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present
Multiple jets	Possible	Possible	Often Present	Often Present	Usually present	Usually present
Jet path visible along the stent	Absent	Absent	Possible	Often Present	Usually present	Present
Proximal flow convergence visible	Absent	Absent	Absent	Possible	Often present	Often present
• Vena contracta width (mm) ³	<2	<2	2-4	4-5	5-6	>6
• Vena contracta area (mm ²) ³	<5	<5	5-10	10-20	20-30	>30
• Jet width at its origin (%LVOT diameter); color Doppler ⁴	Narrow (<5)	Narrow (5- 15)	Intermediate (15-30)	Intermediate (30-45)	Large (45- 50)	Large (>50)
• Jet density: CW Doppler	Incomplete or faint	Incomplete or faint	Variable	Dense	Dense	Dense
• Jet deceleration rate (PHT, ms): CW Doppler ⁵	Slow (>500)	Slow (>500)	Slow (>500)	Variable (200- 500)	Variable (200- 500)	Steep (<200)
• Diastolic flow reversal in the descending aorta: PW Doppler ⁶	Absent	Absent or brief early diastolic	Intermediate	Intermediate	Holodiastolic (end-diast. vel. >20 cm/s)	Holodiastolic (end-diast. vel. >25 cm/s)
• Circumferential extent of PVR (%)	<10	<10	10-20	20-30	>30	>30
Doppler parameters (quantitative)						
• Effective regurgitant orifice area (mm ²) ⁷	<5	<5	5-10	10-20	20-30	>30
• Regurgitant fraction (%)	<15	<15	15-30	30-40	40-50	>50
CARDIAC MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING						
Regurgitant Orifice Area (mm ²)	<10	<10	10-20	20-30	20-30	>30
Regurgitant fraction (%) ⁸	<15	<15	15-30	30-40	40-50	>50

Future Perspectives – Newer Valves

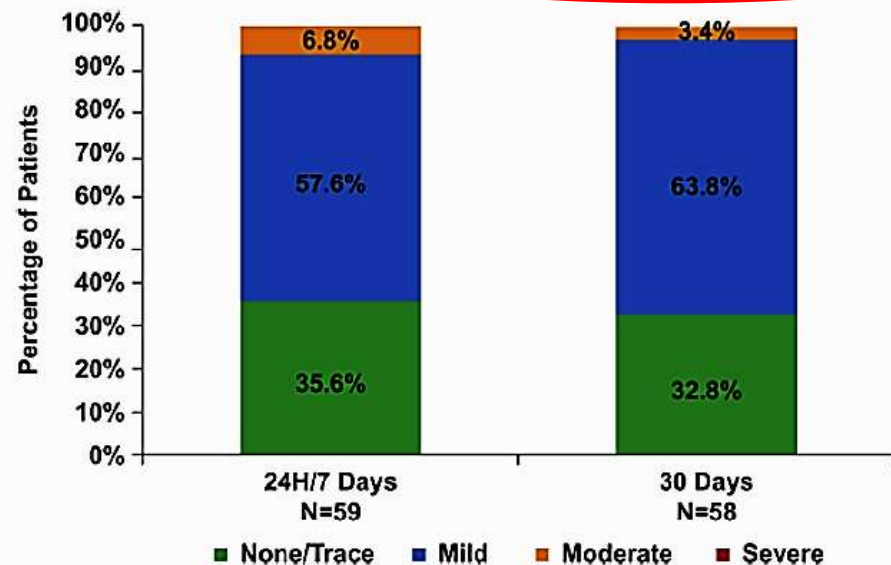
Low Rates of PVL at 30 Days

PARTNER II – Sapien 3



< 4% significant PVL

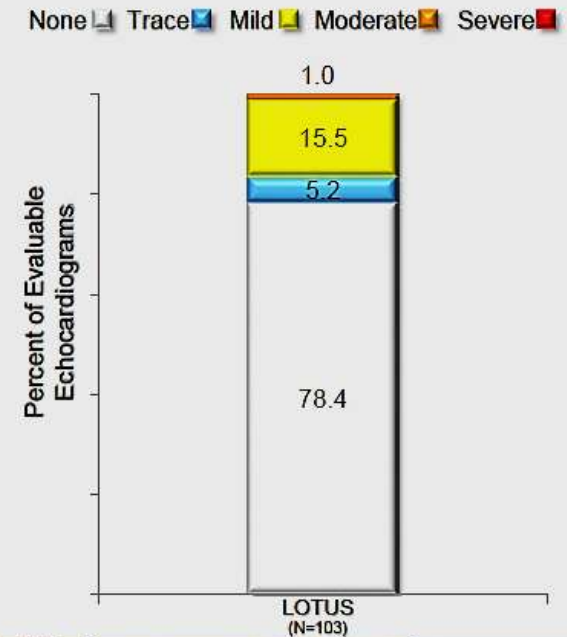
PVL with CoreValve Evolut R



Manoharan et al., J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2015;8:1359–67

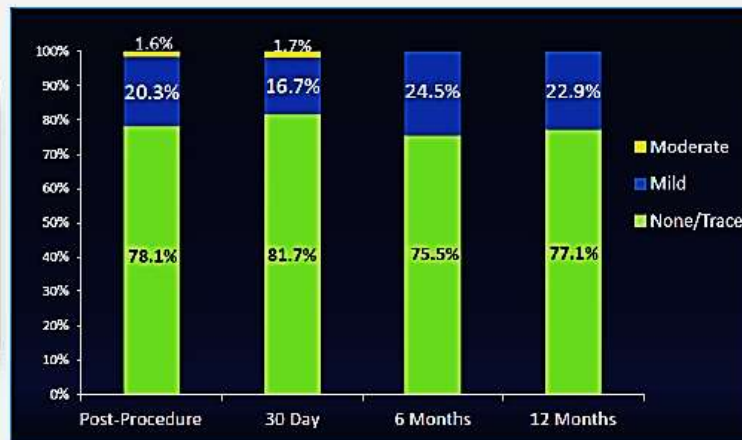
LOTUS TAVR (REPRISE II)

PVR at 30 days (n=103)



Direct Flow TAVR (DISCOVER)

PVR thru 1 year (n=100)



Conclusion



- ◆ Immediate Post -TAVI PVR needs Accurate Assessment as moderate to severe PAR carries significant Mortality and Morbidity
- ◆ A Complimentary Practical approach with Angiography; Hemodynamic assessment and Echocardiography (TTE/3D TEE) is important for accurate assessment, New VARC3 definition
- ◆ Prevention (pre -procedure planning; accurate sizing; accurate deployment) is Most important to prevent moderate / severe PAR
- ◆ Newer generation devices with sealing skirts ; Repositionability and Retrievability may Reduce the occurrence of PVR and improve outcomes esp if we want to mimic our surgical counterpart's results

◆ Thank you!

