

# TAVR in Lower Risk Patients

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# TAVR Journey - 2016

	YES	NO
Survival comparable to or better than SAVR in patients at all levels of surgical risk	X	
Safety and efficacy comparable to or better than SAVR	X	
Safety in common anatomical variations such as bicuspid aortic valve	X	
Ability to perform PCI or valve re-interventions in patients with long life expectancy	X	
Perfect, complication-free performance which is durable for the lifetime of every TAVR patient		XXX

# TAVR Journey - 2016



The Beginning...

# HEART DISEASE

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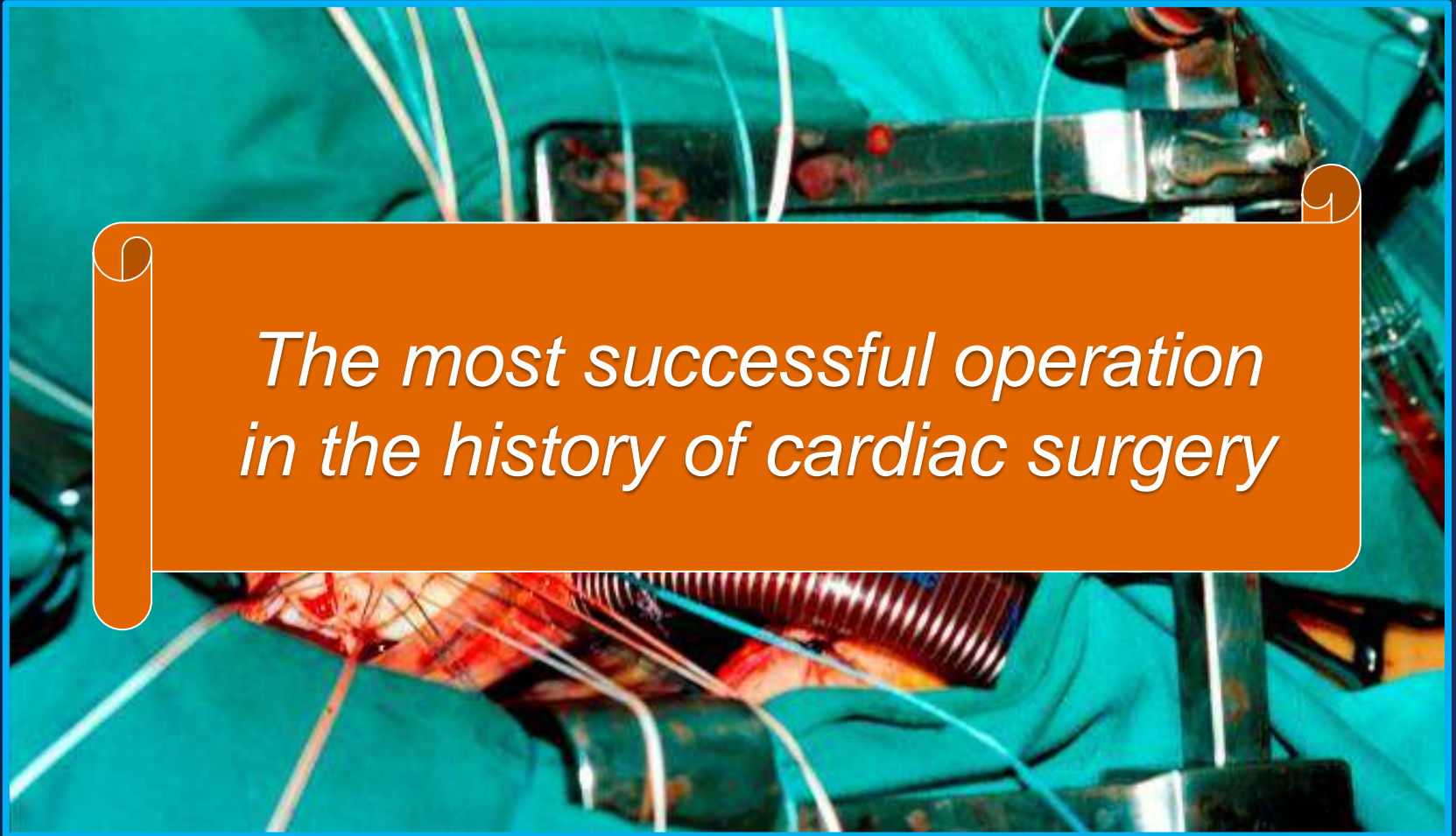
*“There is no treatment for  
aortic valve disease”*

*New York*

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY

1931

# Conventional Aortic Valve Surgery



*The most successful operation  
in the history of cardiac surgery*

Is there a better way?

# 92 yo Patient with severe AS...

## Which Therapy ?



- Severe COPD
- Creat 2.8
- Prior CABG  
(patent LIMA)
- EF 30%
- Class IV CHF
- STS 15.5%

.....but still enjoying life.!

# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Beginning...**

*With global aging, there is an important unmet clinical need in the treatment of aortic stenosis*

- open surgery is problematic in frail elderly patients with multiple co-morbidities



# The Andersen Stent-Valve (1989)



# First Sapien and Core Valve Implants



April 16, 2002



July 12, 2004

# TAVR - The Early Skeptics

- Strokes
- Aortic rupture
- Coronary occlusion
- Mitral valve injury
- Valve instability – embolization
- Para-valvular regurgitation
- Vascular complications
- Valve durability
- Technical challenges insurmountable

***This is a crazy project that will fail!***

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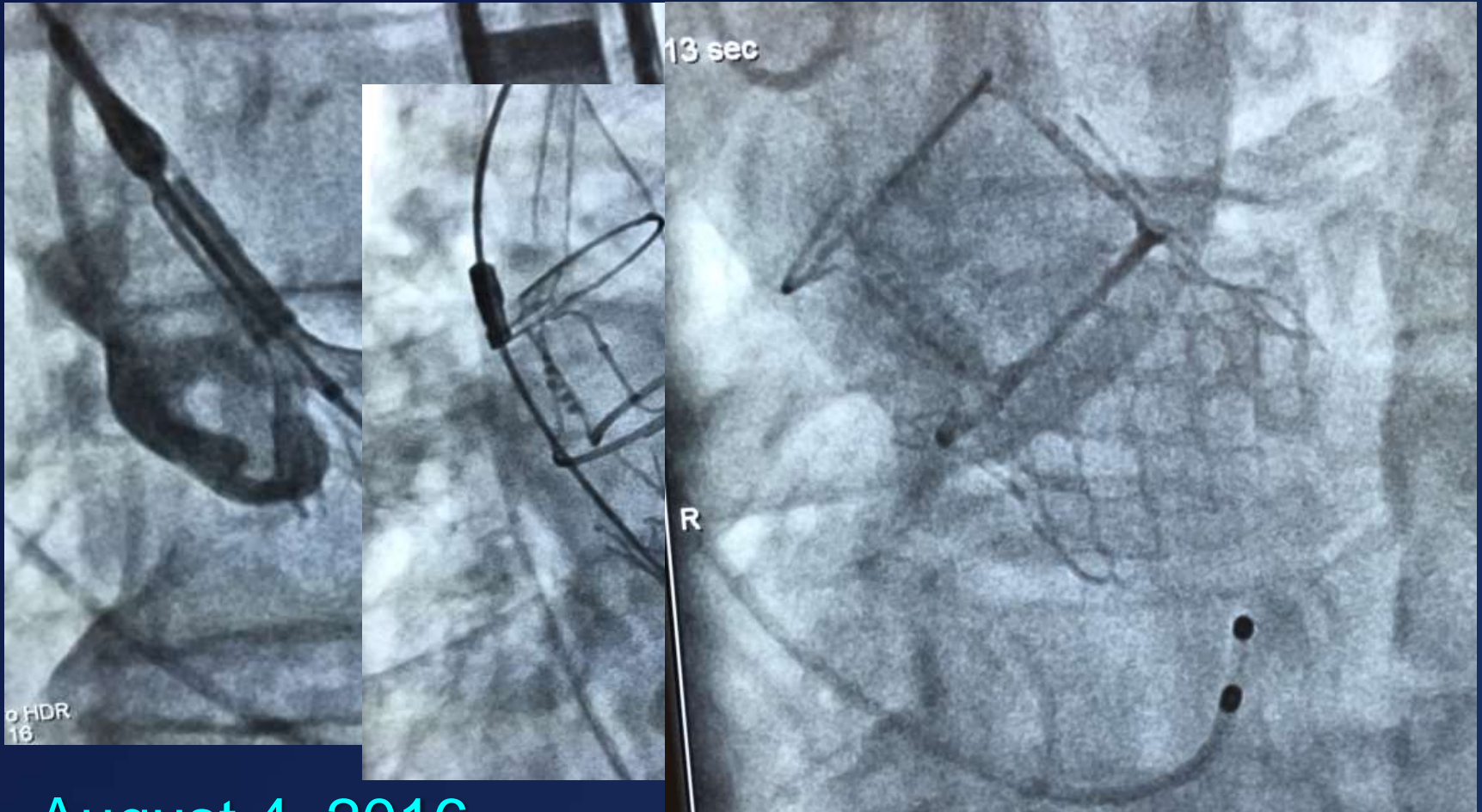
- **The Beginning...**

*With global aging, there is an important unmet clinical need in the treatment of aortic stenosis*

- open surgery is problematic in frail elderly patients with multiple co-morbidities

*The early days of TAVR were tumultuous – crude devices, inexperienced operators, and unstable procedures = frequent complications*

# First Successful 12 French Valve Medical TAVR Modular Implant



August 4, 2016

*MB Leon, A Abizaid, E Grube*

# TAVR Journey - 2016



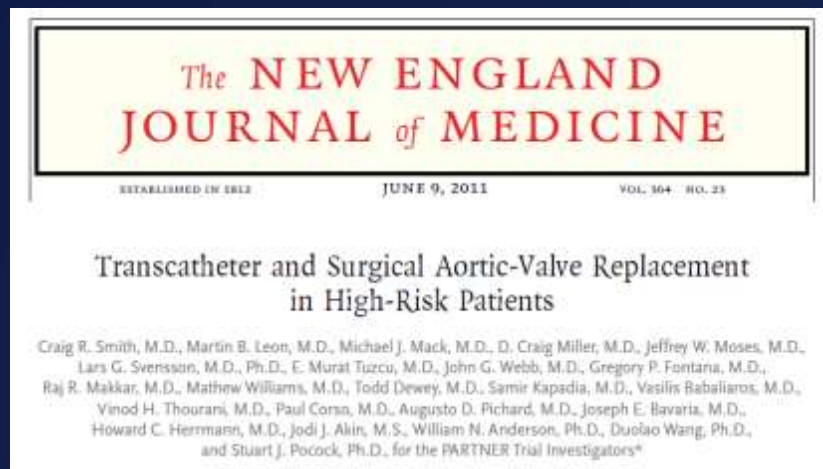
Survival

# TAVR vs. SAVR

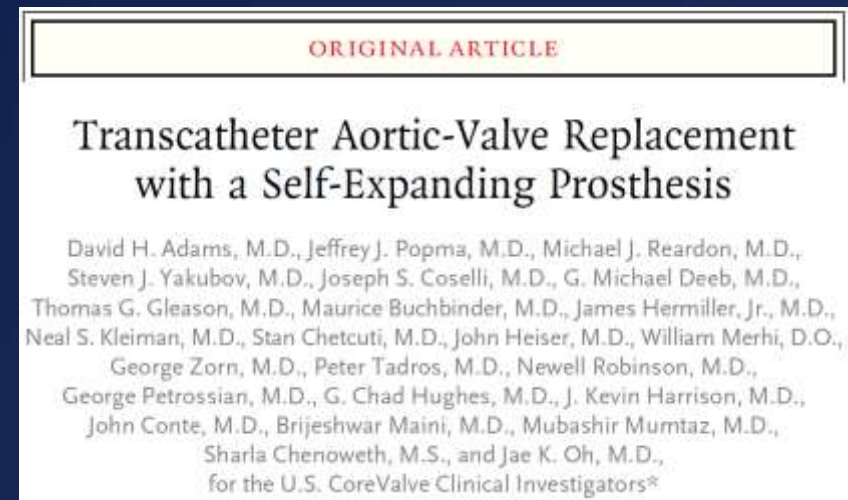
## High Risk Patients

*We have data from 2 randomized trials comparing TAVR with SAVR in patients at high surgical risk*

### PARTNER A



### CoreValve US Pivotal Trial



SAPIEN, N=348, STS 11.8% vs.  
SAVR, N=351, STS 11.7%



CoreValve, N=390, STS 7.3%  
vs. SAVR, N=357, STS 7.5%

# TAVR vs. SAVR

## PARTNER A



- The final analysis of PARTNER A showed that ~35% of patients survived to 5 years, regardless of treatment
- This study was the first to confirm that TAVR is a reasonable alternative to surgery in high risk patients

### All-Cause Mortality (ITT)

#### All Patients





# TAVR vs. SAVR

## CoreValve US Pivotal Trial



Survival in TAVR patients in the CoreValve Pivotal Trial was superior to surgery to 2 years ( $p=0.04$ ), with continued separation of the curves to 3 years



# TAVR vs. SAVR

## Lower-than-High Risk Patients

*We now also have data from 2 randomized trials comparing TAVR with SAVR in patients at lower surgical risk*

### PARTNER 2A

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SAPIEN XT, N=1,011, STS 5.8%  
vs. SAVR, N=1,021, STS 5.8%

### NOTION

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## Transcatheter Versus Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement in Patients With Severe Aortic Valve Stenosis

### 1-Year Results From the All-Comers NOTION Randomized Clinical Trial

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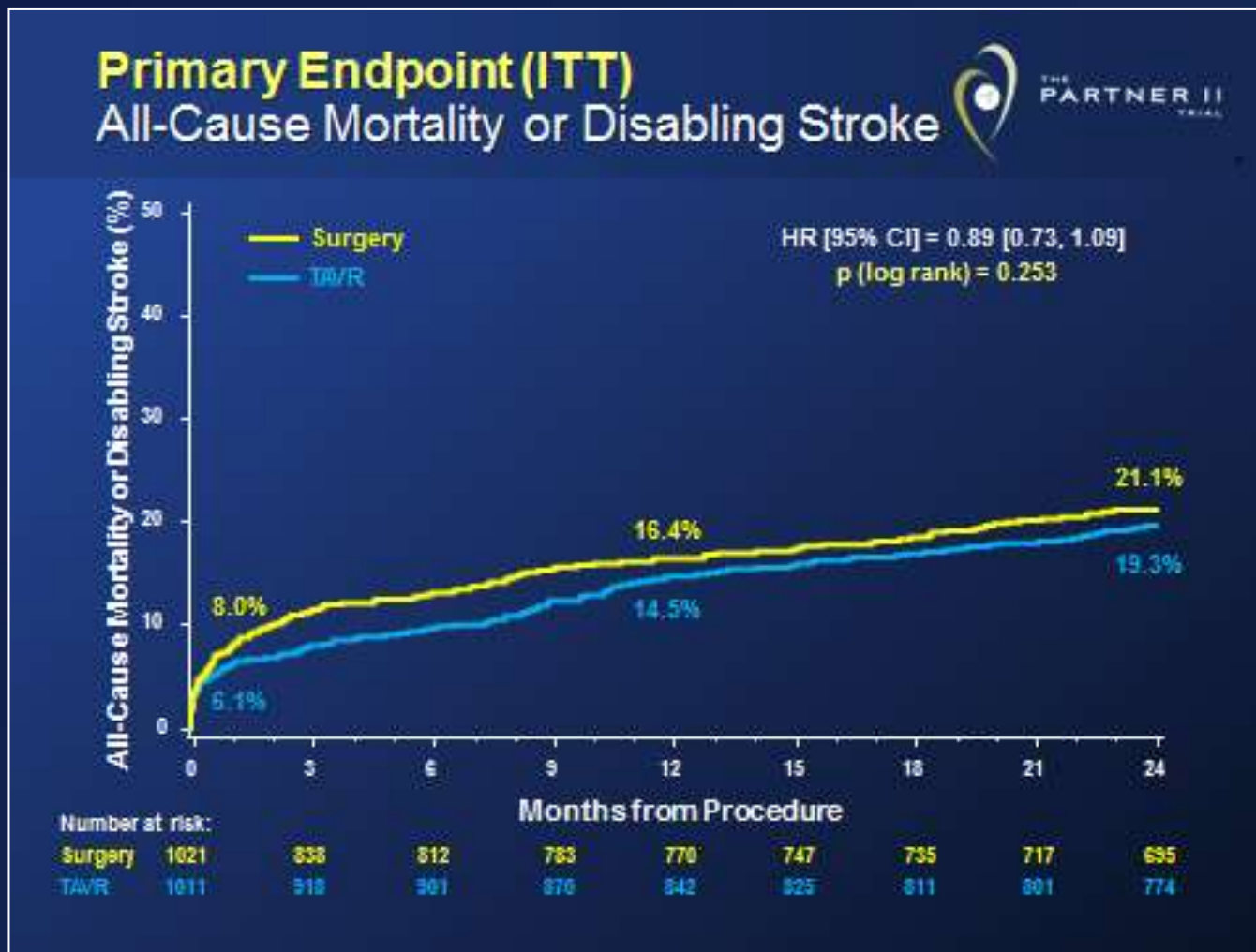
CoreValve, N=145, STS 2.9%  
vs. SAVR, N=135, STS 3.1%

# TAVR vs. SAVR

## PARTNER 2A



*In PARTNER 2A, TAVR using SAPIEN XT was non-inferior to surgery for the primary endpoint (all-cause mortality or disabling stroke) at 2 years*

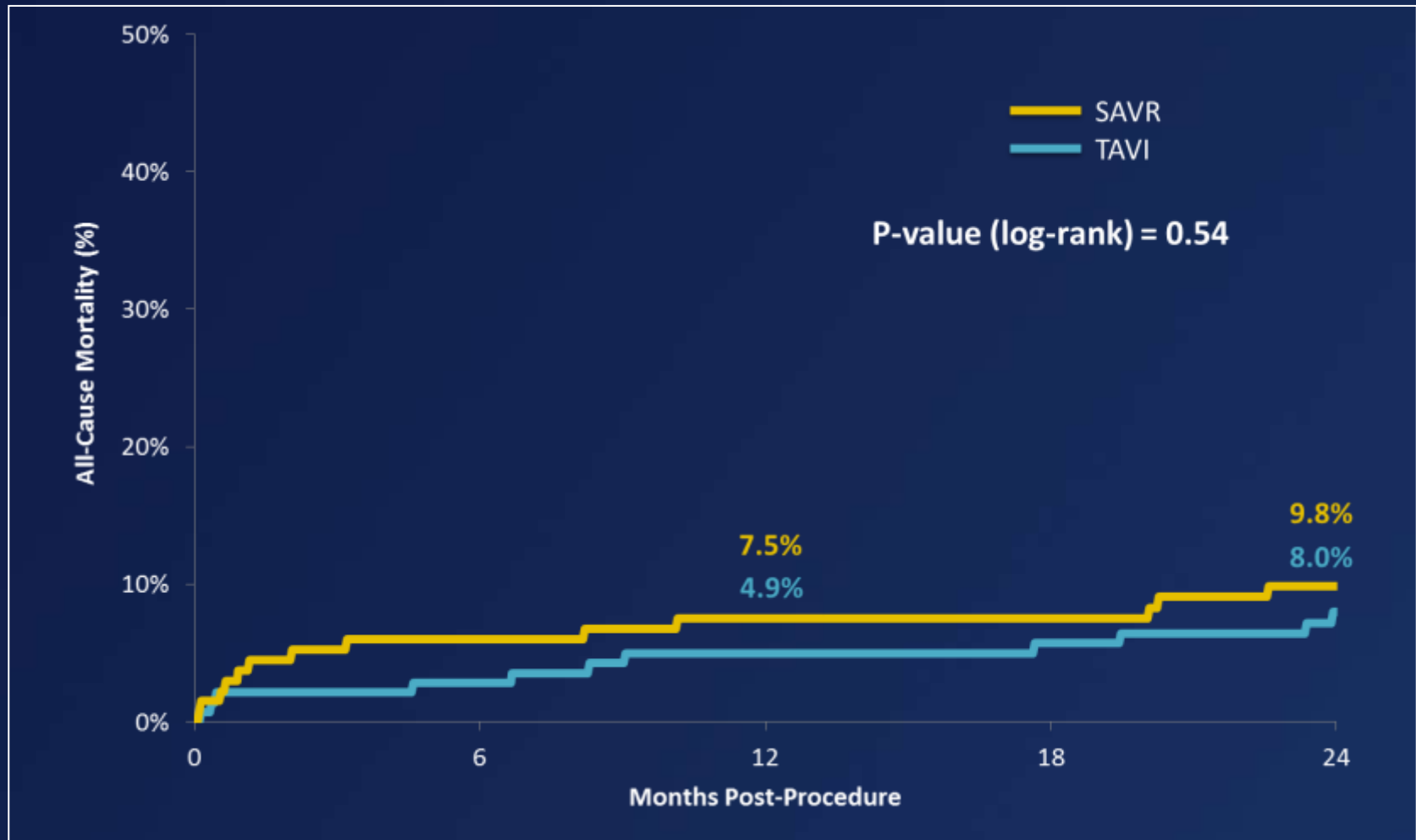


# TAVR vs. SAVR

## The NOTION Trial



*The NOTION trial showed all-cause mortality with TAVR to be non-inferior to SAVR*



# TAVR Journey - 2016

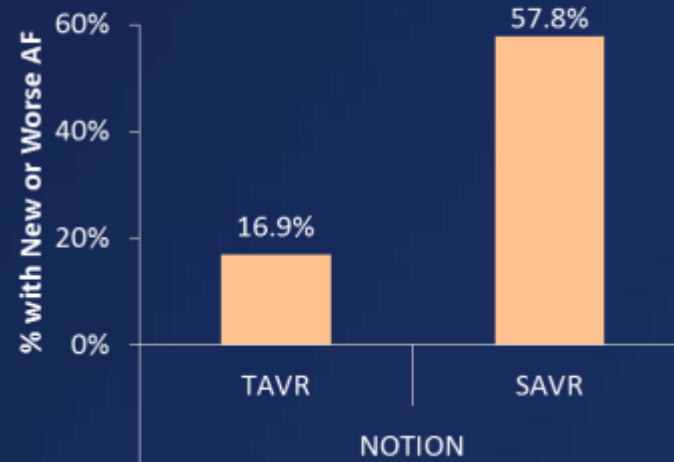
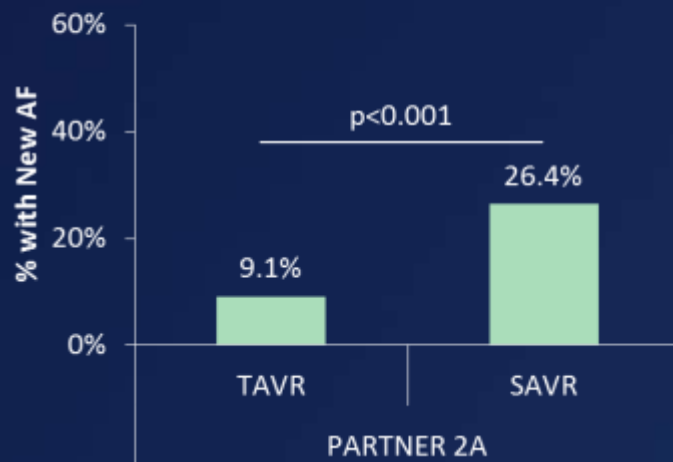
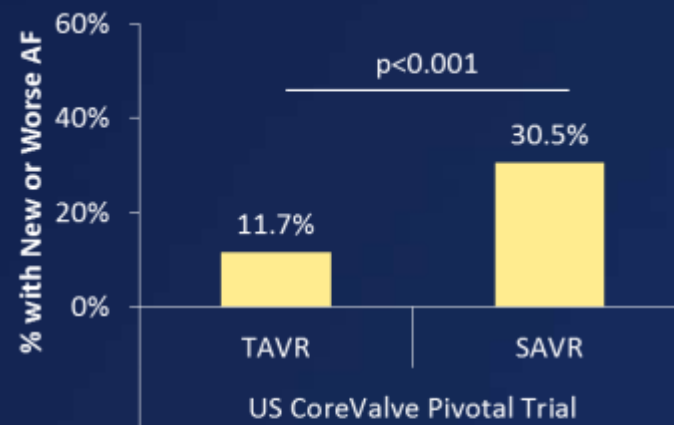
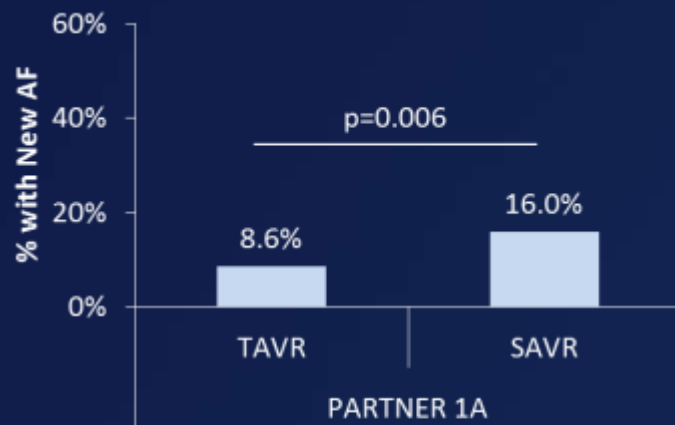
Safety

TAVR vs SAVR

# Atrial Fibrillation

## Rates in TAVR vs. SAVR

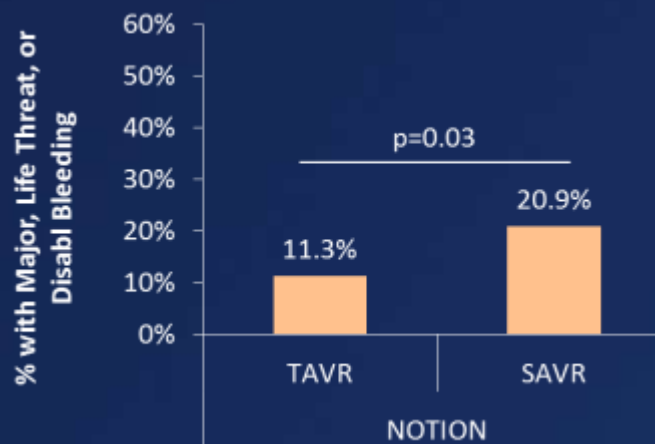
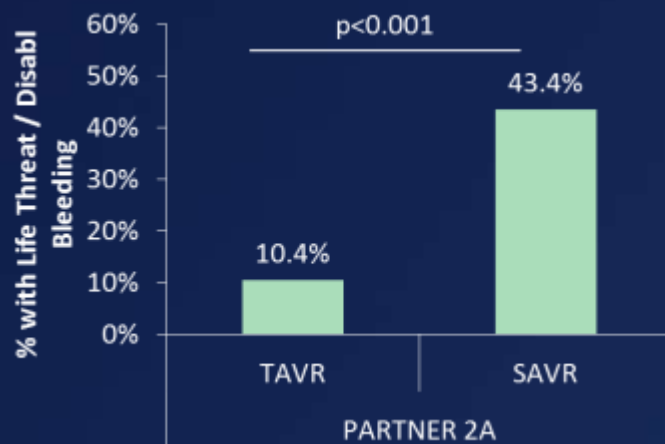
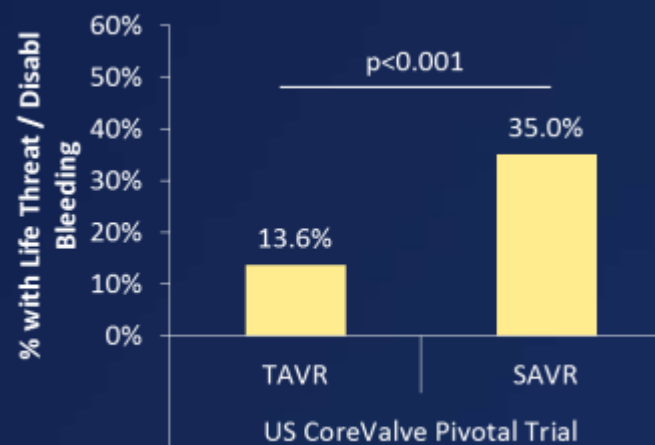
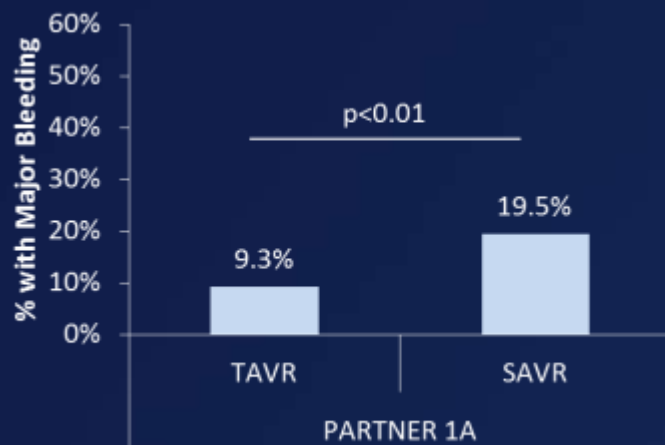
- Differing definitions of New Onset Atrial Fibrillation and methods of detection (continuous vs. discrete monitoring) preclude comparison of rates across studies
- Within each randomized trial, the rate of NOAF was at least 2x higher with SAVR



# Bleeding

## Rates in TAVR vs. SAVR

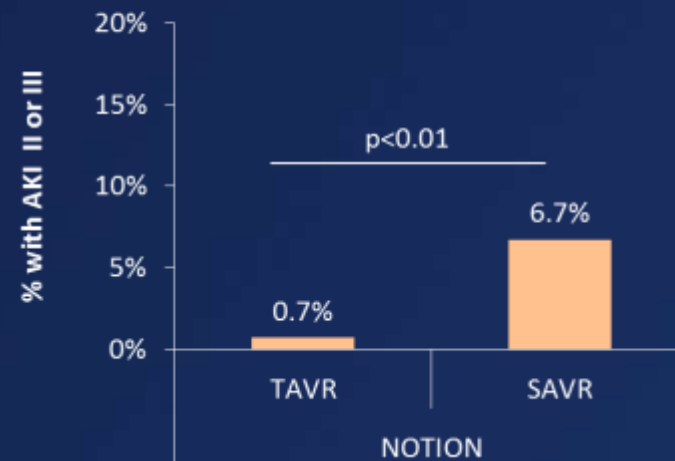
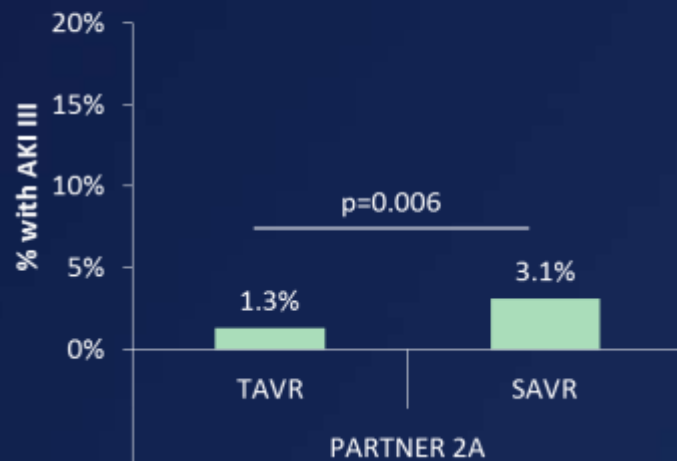
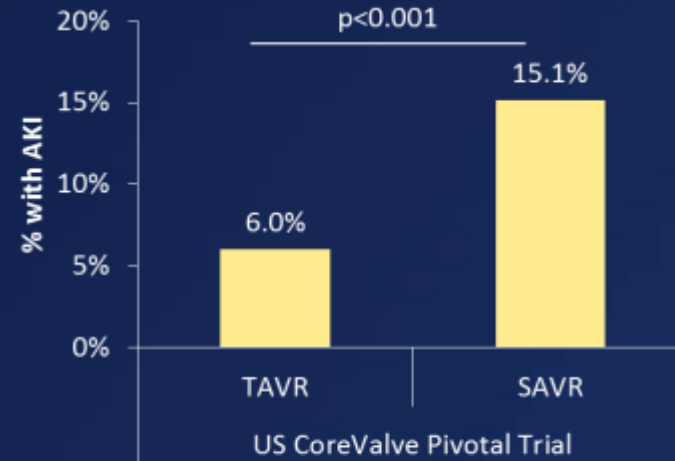
- Differing definitions of bleeding (major vs. life threatening or disabling) preclude comparison of rates across studies
- Bleeding was significantly more frequent in SAVR patients within the randomized trials



# Acute Kidney Injury

## Rates in TAVR vs. SAVR

- Differing definitions of Acute Kidney Injury (total AKI vs. certain stages only) preclude comparison of rates across studies
- AKI was significantly more frequent in SAVR patients within the randomized trials

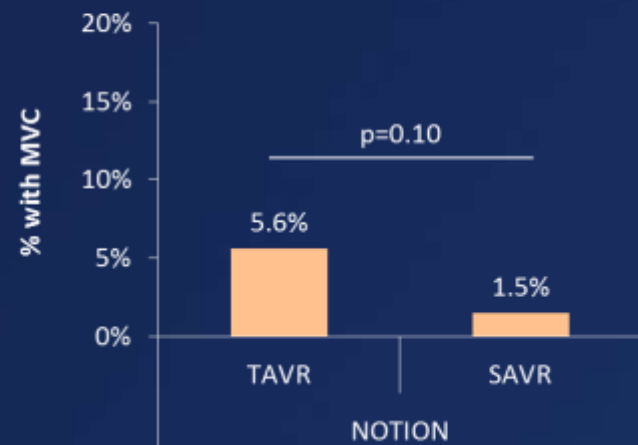
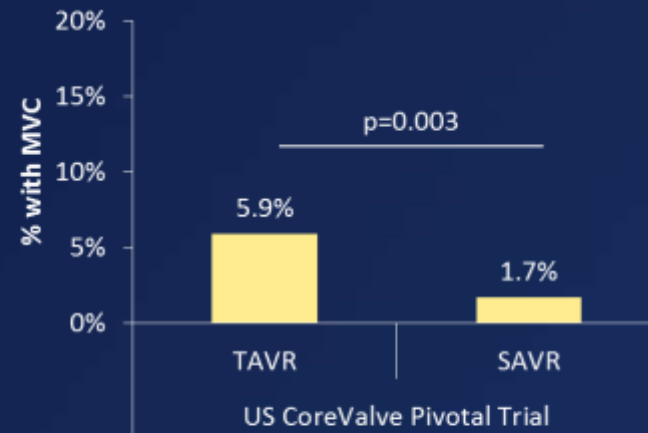




# Major Vascular Complications

## Rates in TAVR vs. SAVR

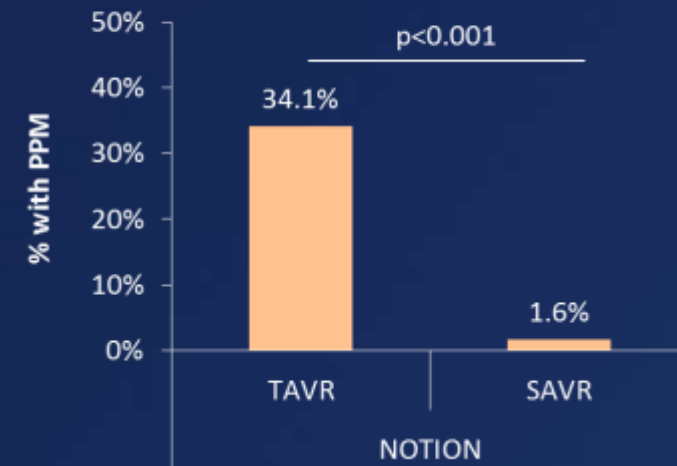
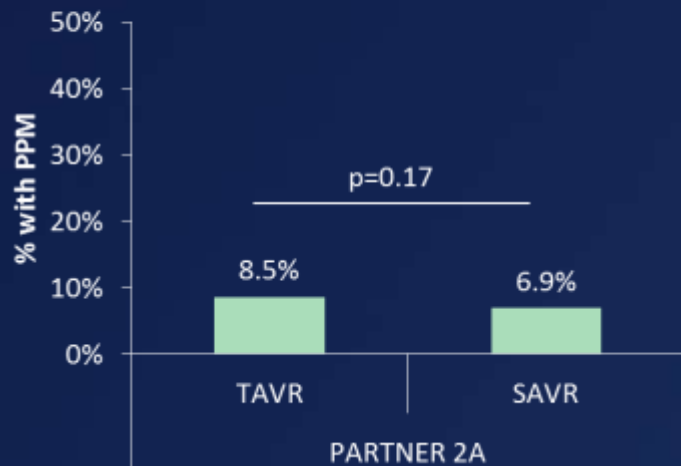
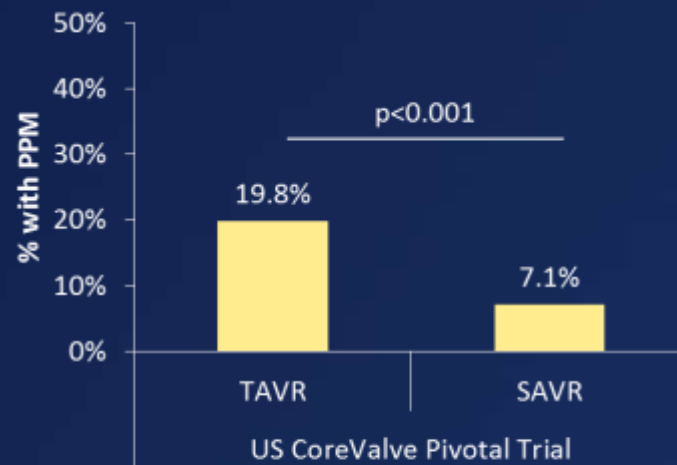
- Differing definitions of Major Vascular Complications (modified VARC vs. VARC) preclude comparison of rates across studies
- MVCs were significantly more frequent in TAVR patients within the randomized trials



# Permanent Pacemakers

## Rates in TAVR vs. SAVR

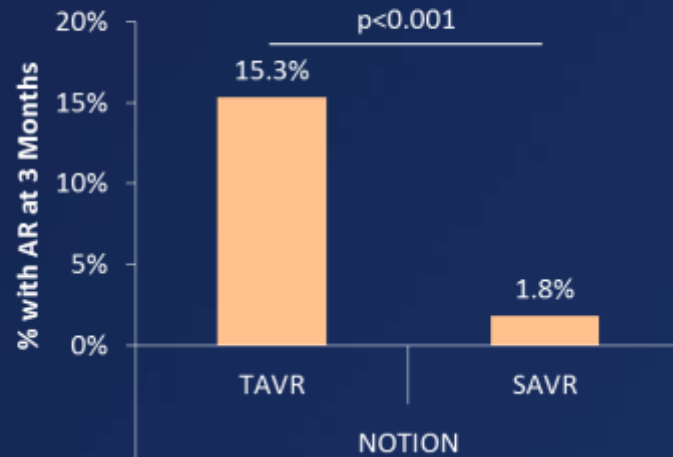
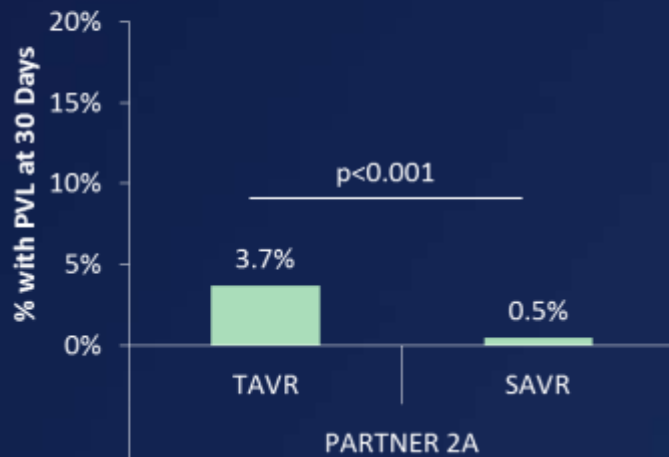
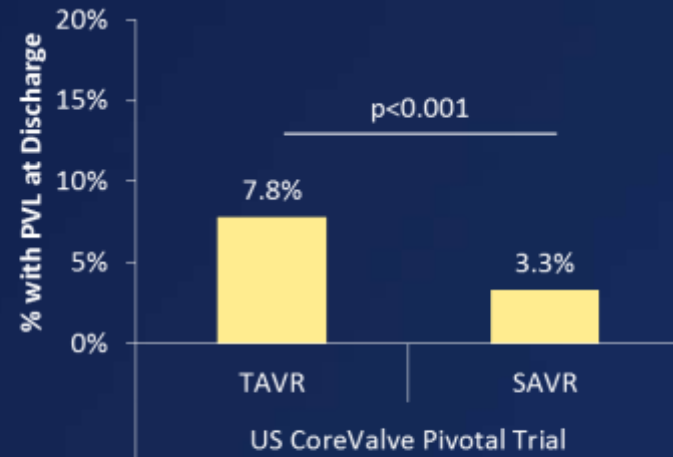
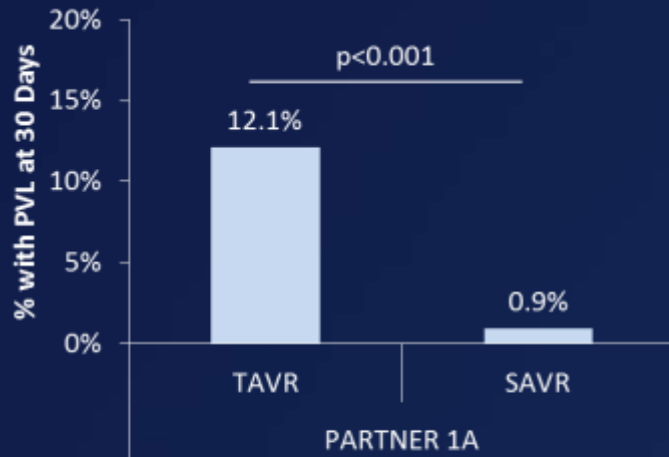
- New permanent pacemakers were common after TAVR with the self-expanding valve, however pacemaker rates were similar between SAVR and TAVR with balloon-expandable valves*



# Paravalvular Leak

## Moderate / Severe Rates in TAVR vs. SAVR

- Differing definitions of Paravalvular Leak preclude comparison of rates across studies
- PVL was significantly more common in TAVR patients across trials



# Safety Outcomes

## Key Points

- Atrial fibrillation, bleeding, and acute kidney injury were all significantly more common with SAVR than TAVR across randomized studies.
- This finding was regardless of TAVR valve type, patient risk profile, or specific outcome definition used.
- Each of these outcomes increased the risk of 1-year mortality by approximately 2 times.
- Major vascular complications, new permanent pacemakers, and paravalvular leak were sometimes more common with TAVR than with SAVR.
- Only PVL strongly impacted mortality, increasing the risk of death at 1 year by 2 times. Major vascular complications were important if they were severe, and permanent pacemakers did not appear to have a meaningful clinical impact.
- *Taken together, the data suggest that common SAVR complications present a higher risk to patients than common TAVR complications.*

# TAVR Journey - 2016



## The Low-Risk Journey

# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Low-Risk Journey**

*The relentless evolution of TAVR clinical growth has been driven by:*

- the multi-disciplinary heart team
- commitment to evidence-based medicine
- rapid technology enhancement
- simplification of the procedure
- striking reduction in complications

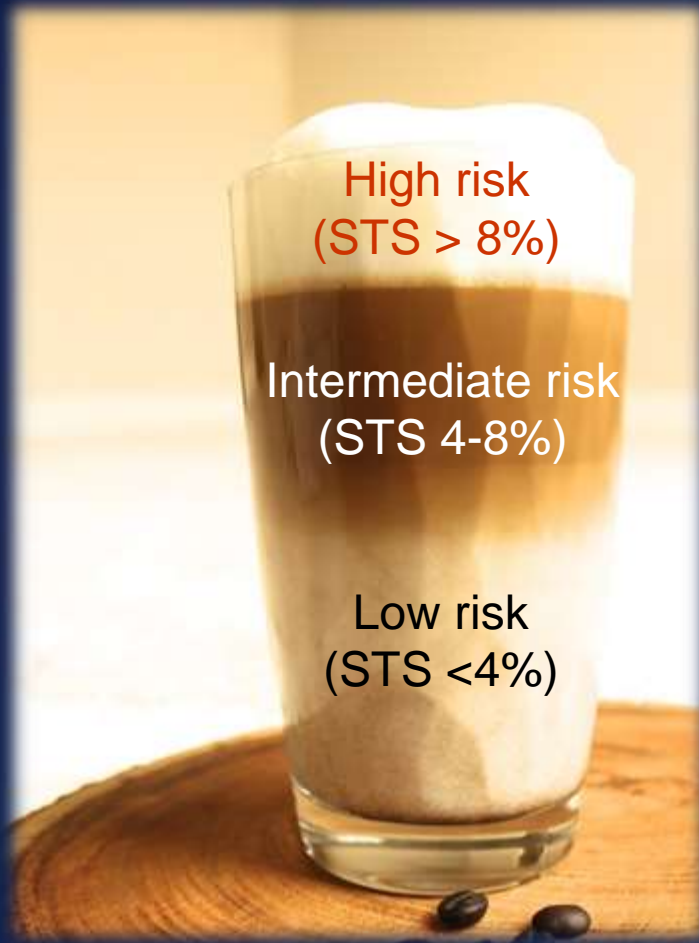
# The Low-Risk Journey

## *Double-Shot Mocha Latte*



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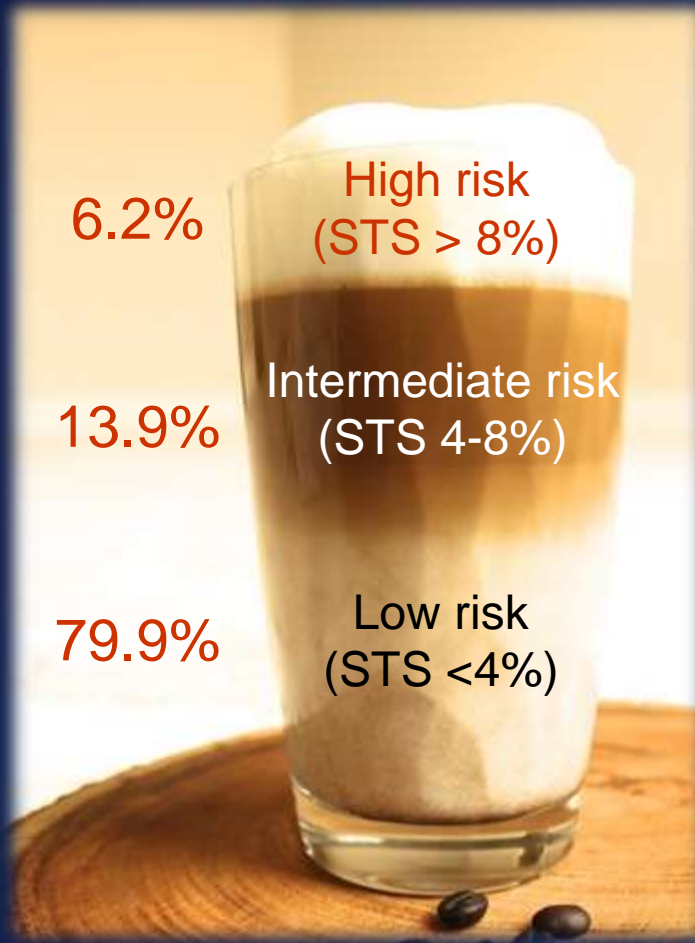
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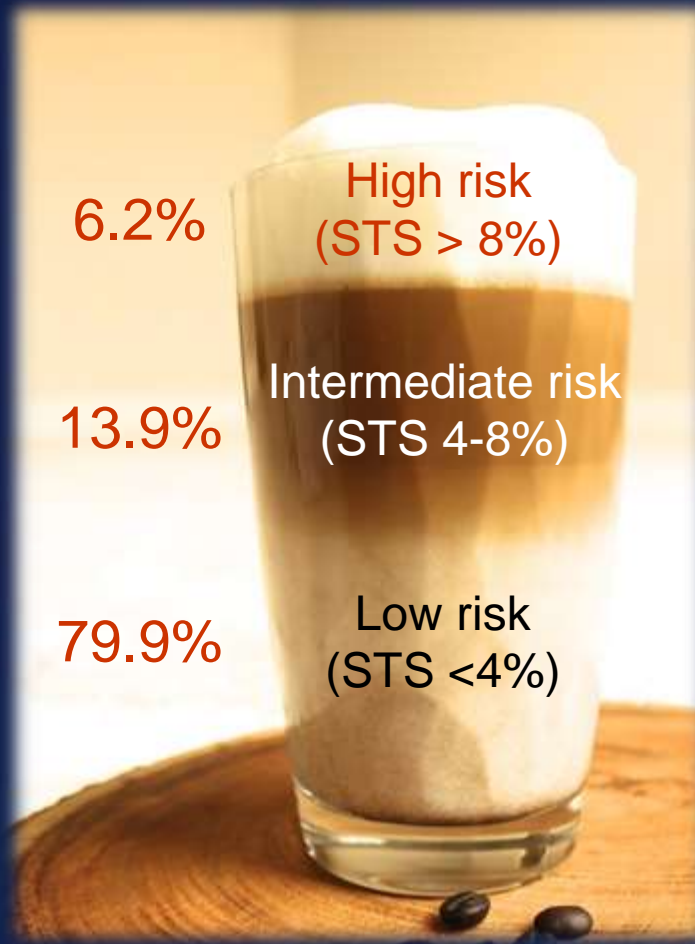
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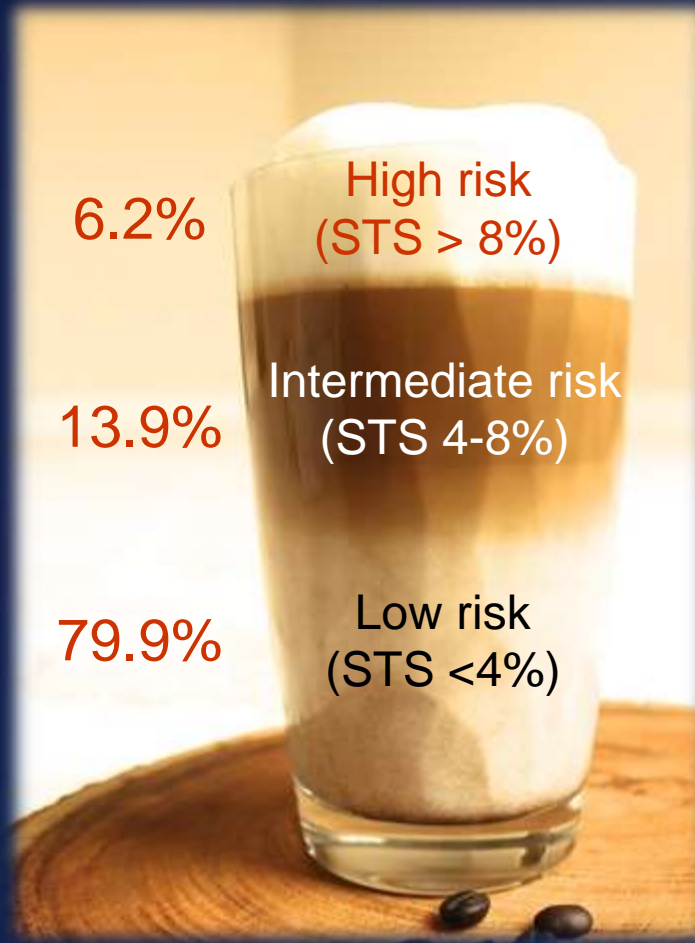
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Since 2007, in the U.S.,  
>15,000 patients  
have been enrolled  
in FDA studies  
(including 6 RCTs) with  
multiple generations of  
two TAVR systems!

# The Low-Risk Journey

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CoreValve Extreme/High-Risk

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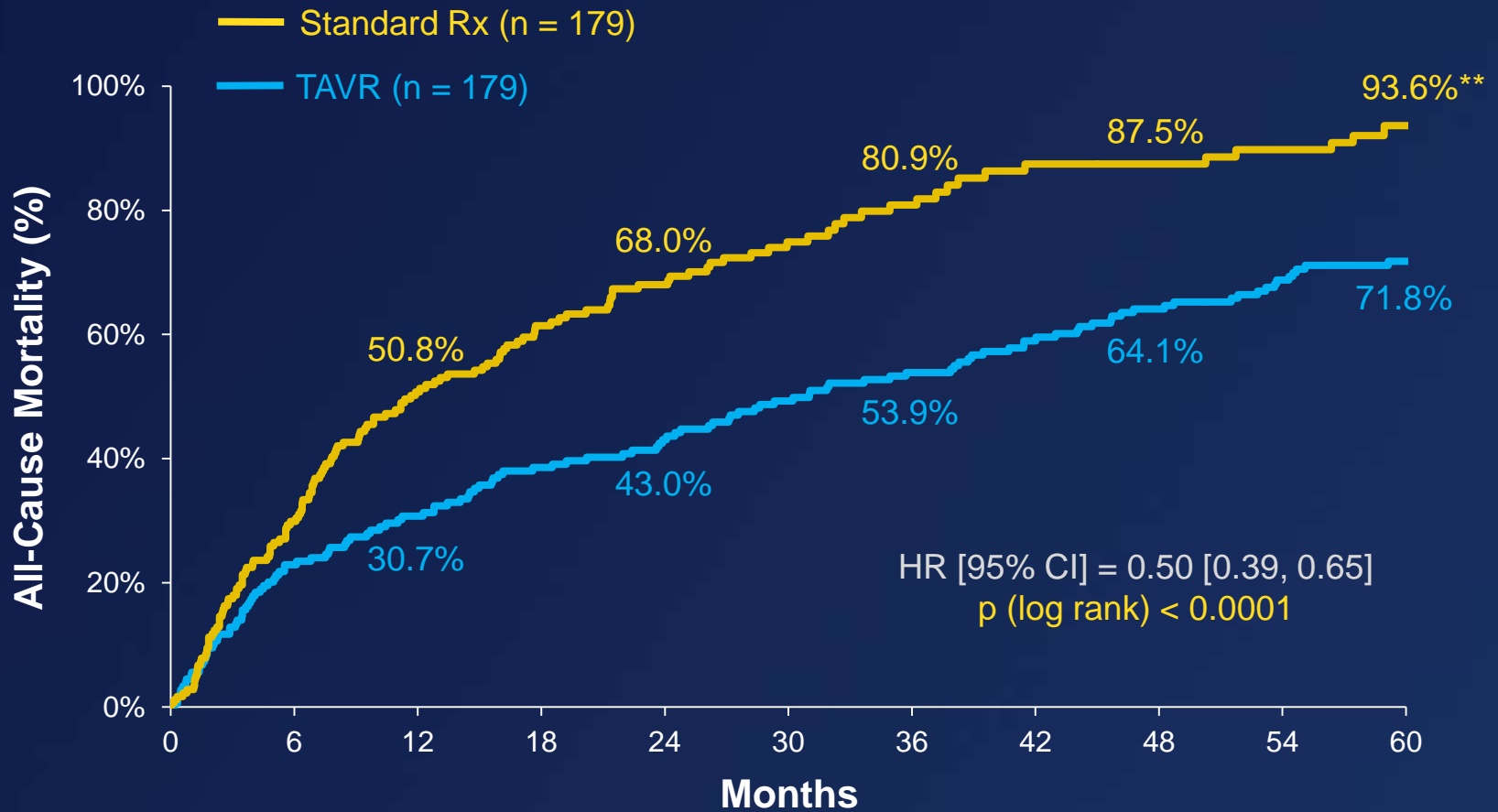
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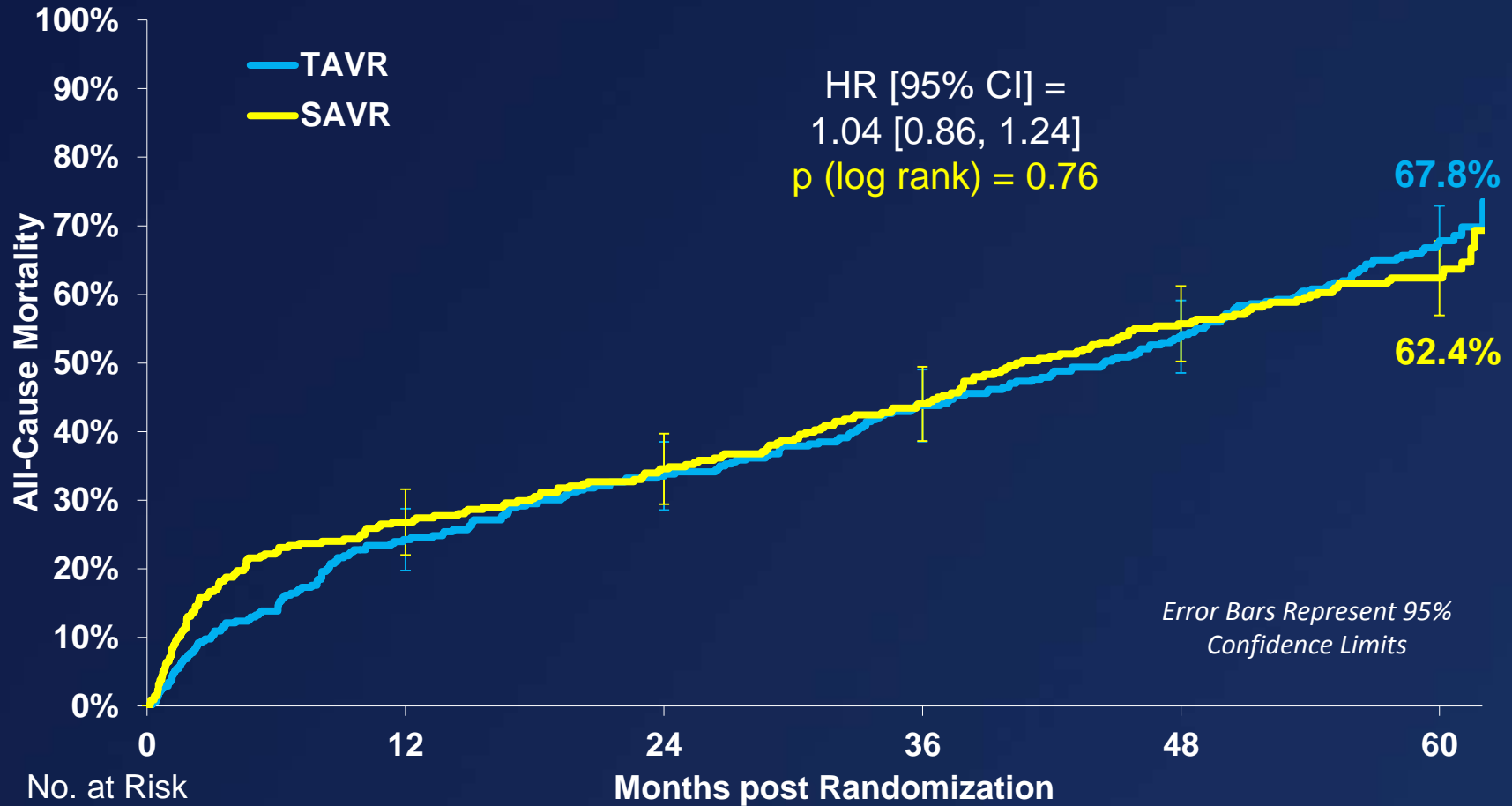
# All-Cause Mortality (ITT) Inoperable Pts

## All Patients



# All-Cause Mortality (ITT) (Extreme Risk)

All Patients



# CoreValve High-Risk U.S. Pivotal Trial (1 and 2-Yr Follow-up)

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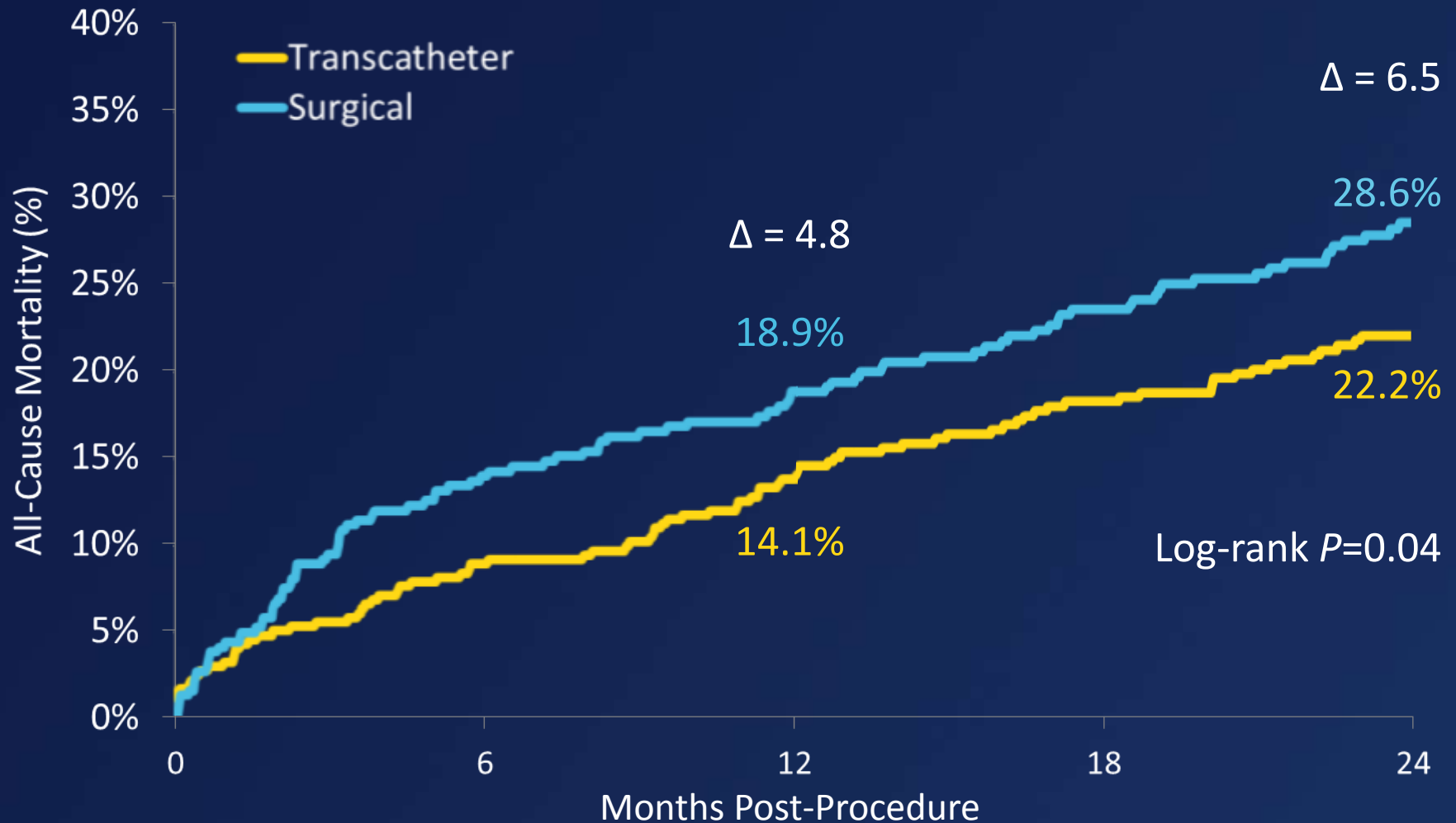
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# All-Cause Mortality (Core Valve High Risk)





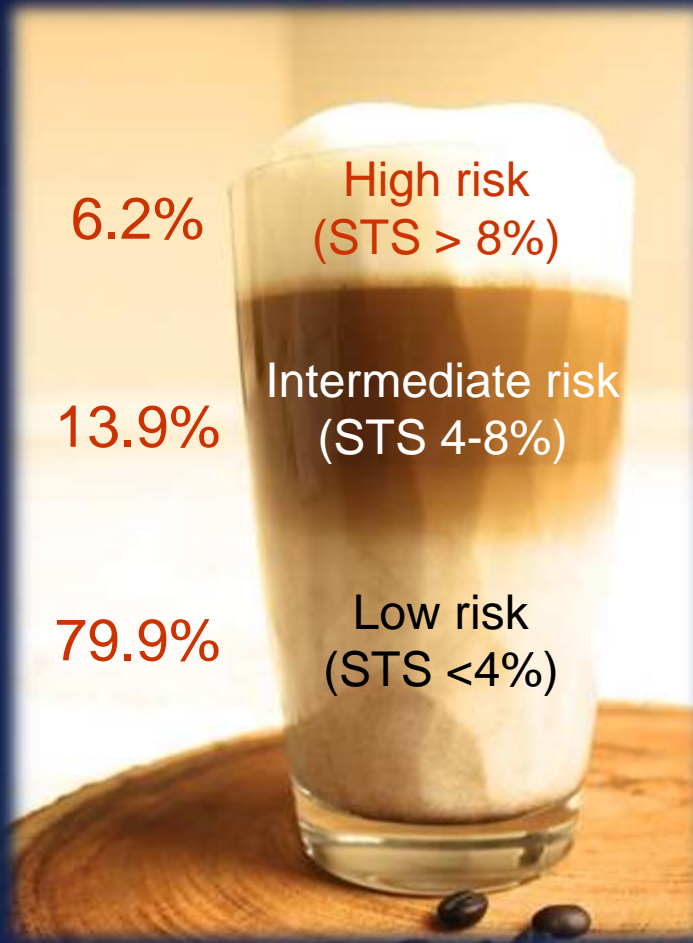
# Echocardiographic Findings

TAVR had significantly better valve performance over SAVR at all follow-up visits ( $P<0.001$ )



# The Low-Risk Journey

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# The PARTNER 2A and S3i Trial

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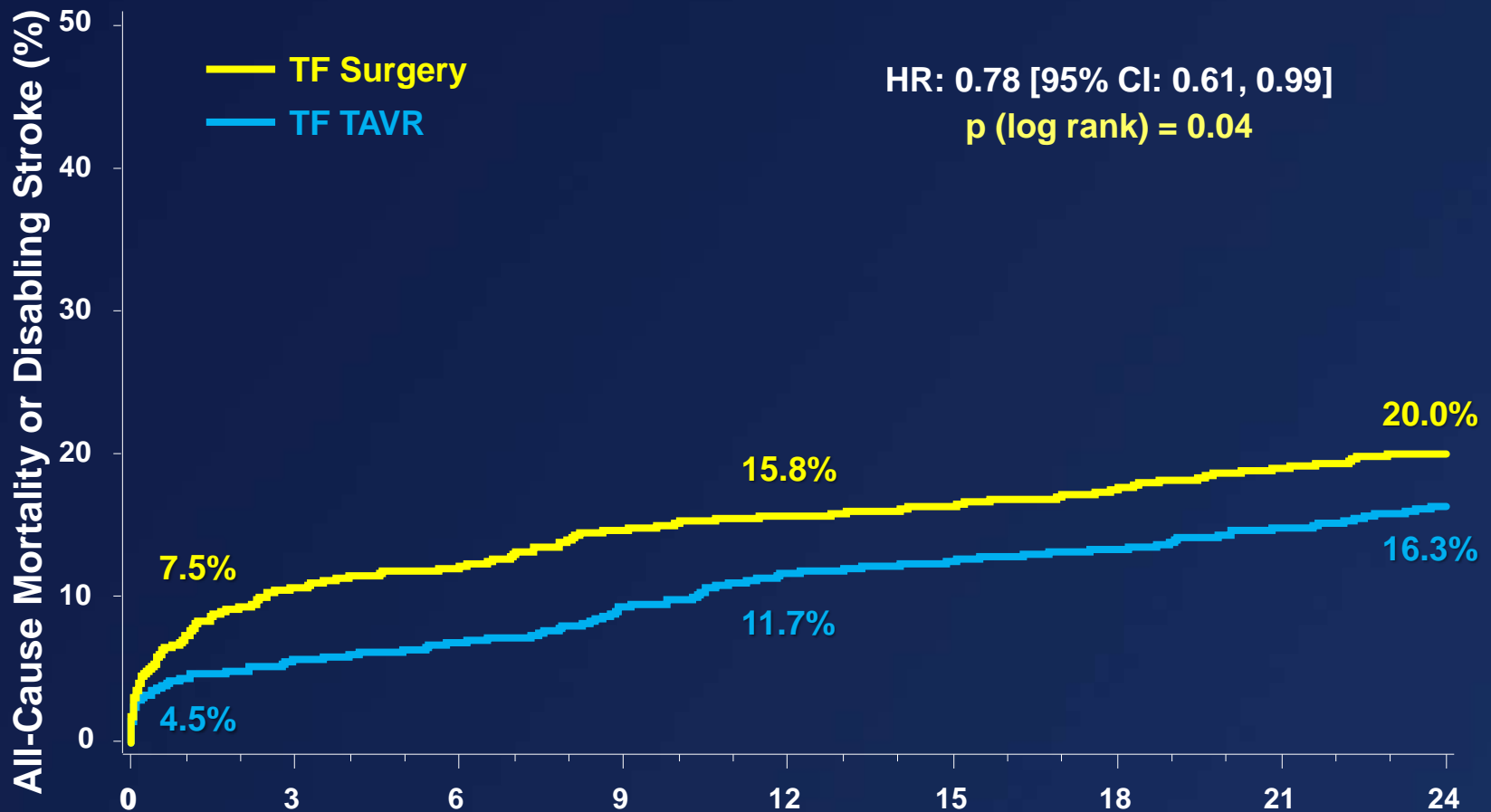


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# TF Primary Endpoint (AT)

## All-Cause Mortality or Disabling Stroke

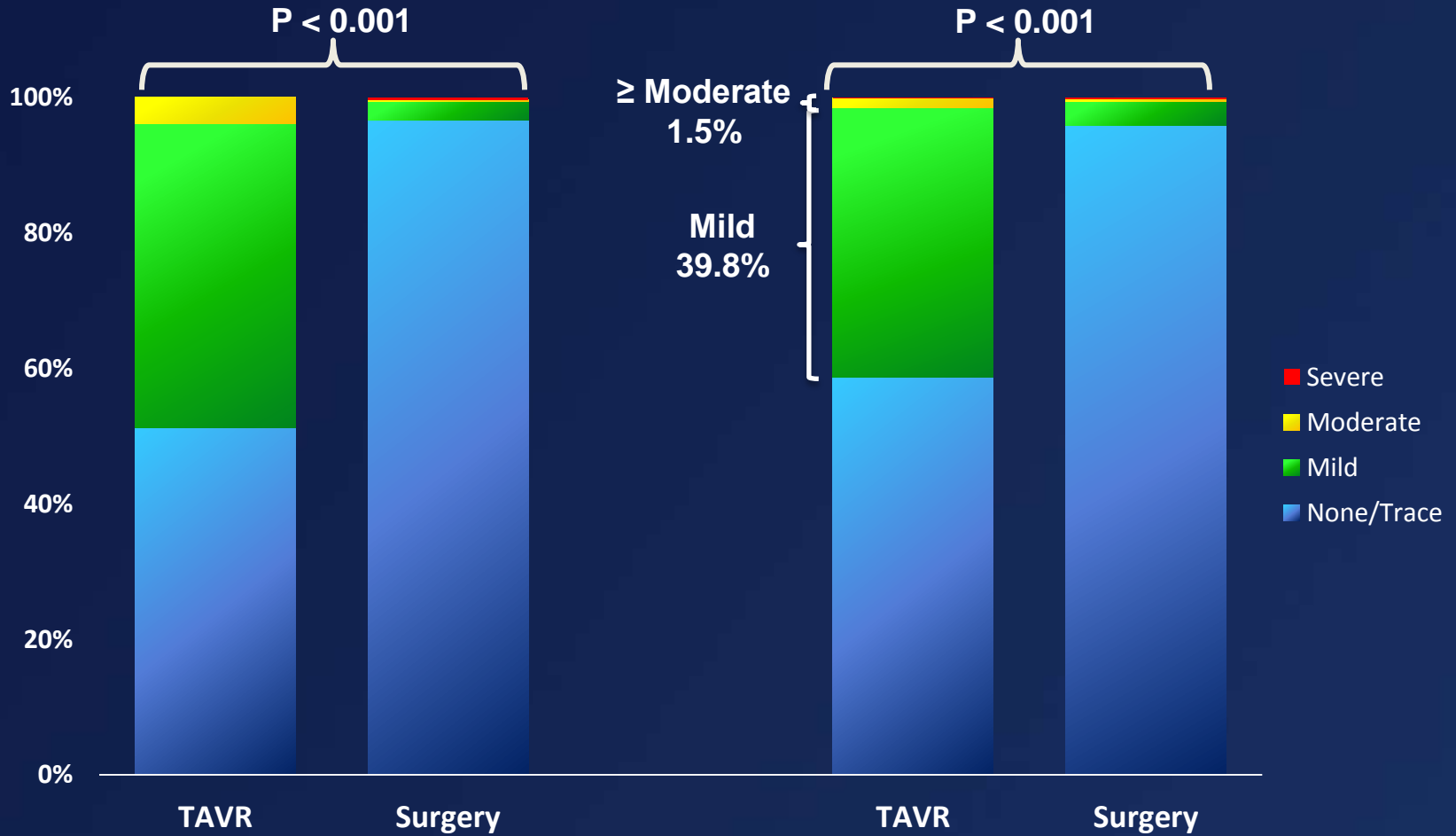


Number at risk:

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
TF Surgery	722	636	624	600	591	573	565	555	537
TF TAVR	762	717	708	685	663	652	644	634	612

Months from Procedure

# Paravalvular Regurgitation 3-Class Grading Scheme (VI)



No. of echos

30 Days

1 Year

P2A Surgery

755

610

S3i TAVR

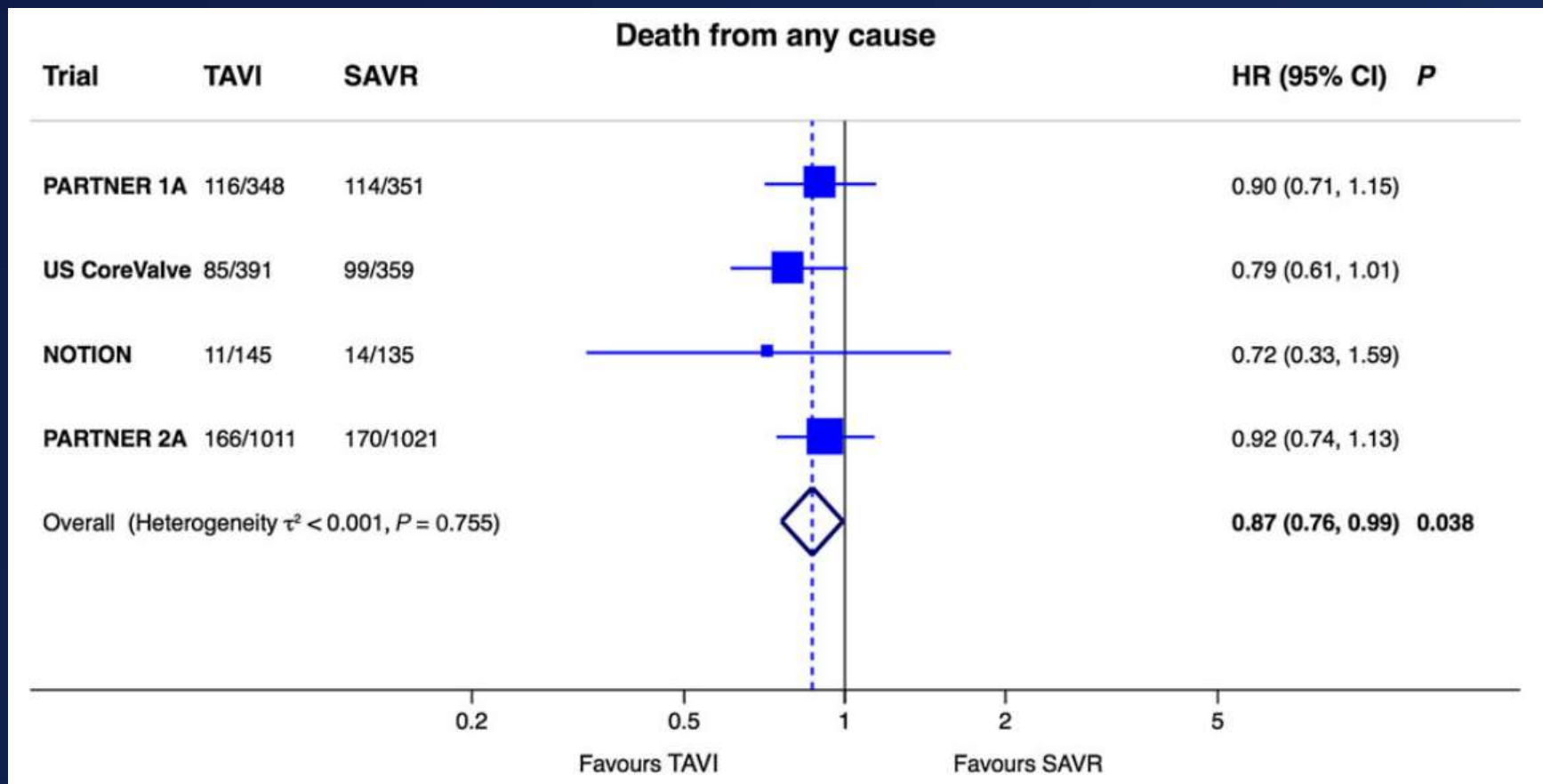
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875

# TAVR vs. SAVR

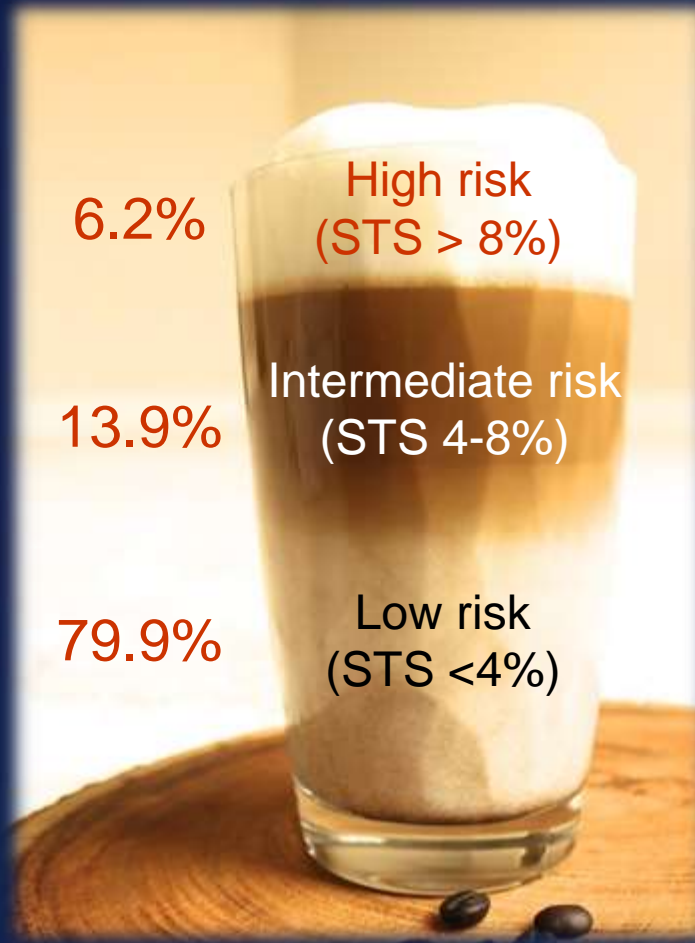
## Meta-Analysis

- Putting it all together in a meta-analysis, TAVR when compared to SAVR provides a statistically significant, 13% relative risk reduction of death from any cause
- This is a class effect, independent of valve type



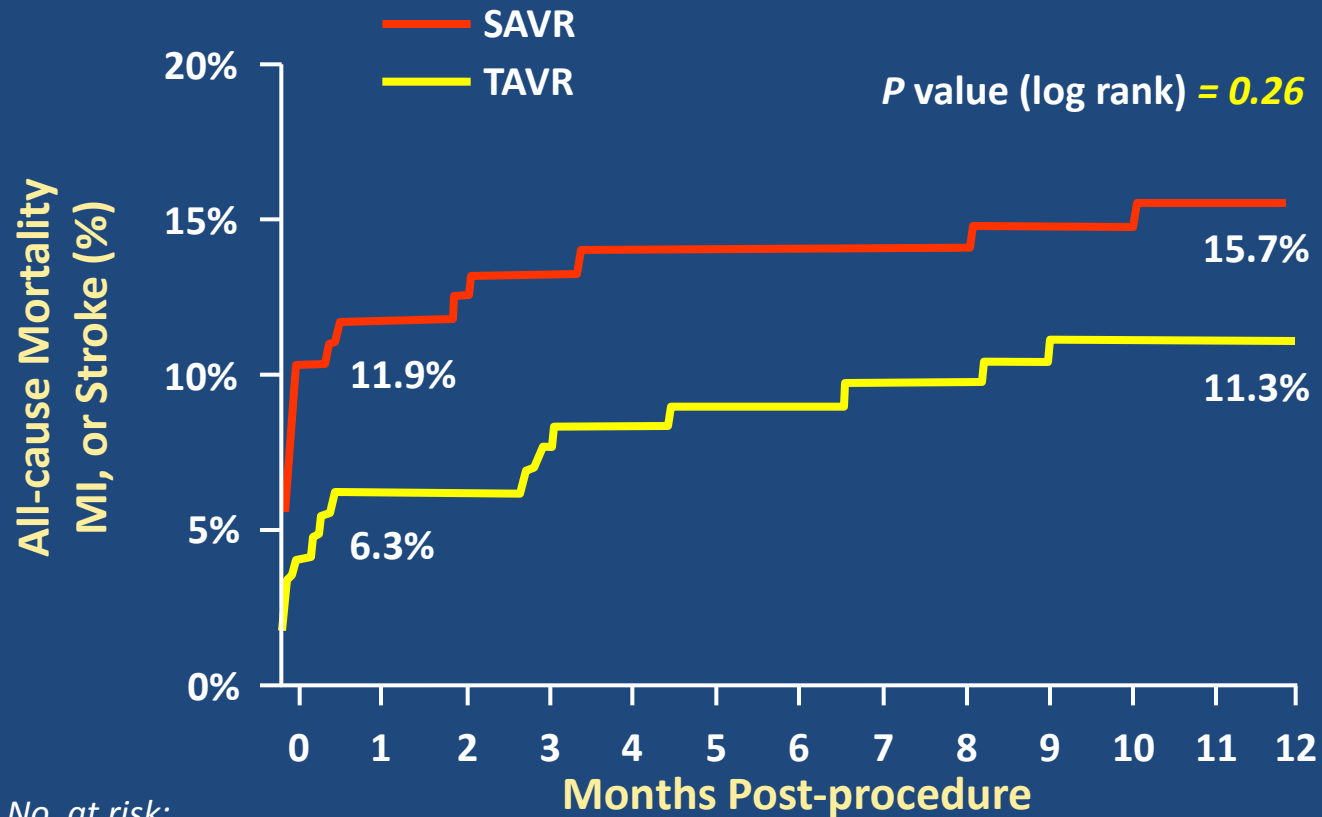
# The Low-Risk Journey

*STS database 2002-2010 (141,905 pts)*



NOTION All Comers,  
PARTNER 3 LR, CoreValve LR

# NOTION: Death (all-cause), Stroke or MI at 1 Year (as-treated)



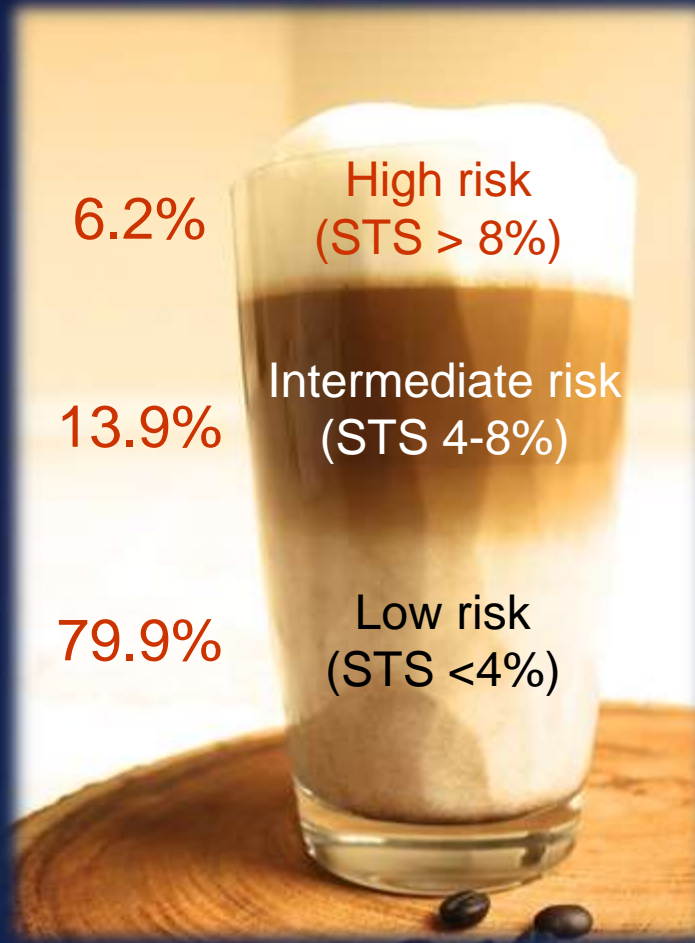
No. at risk:

TAVR	143	133	129	118
SAVR	134	118	115	105



# The Low-Risk Journey

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The Evidence  
for TAVR is  
Definitive,  
Progressive &  
Unprecedented!

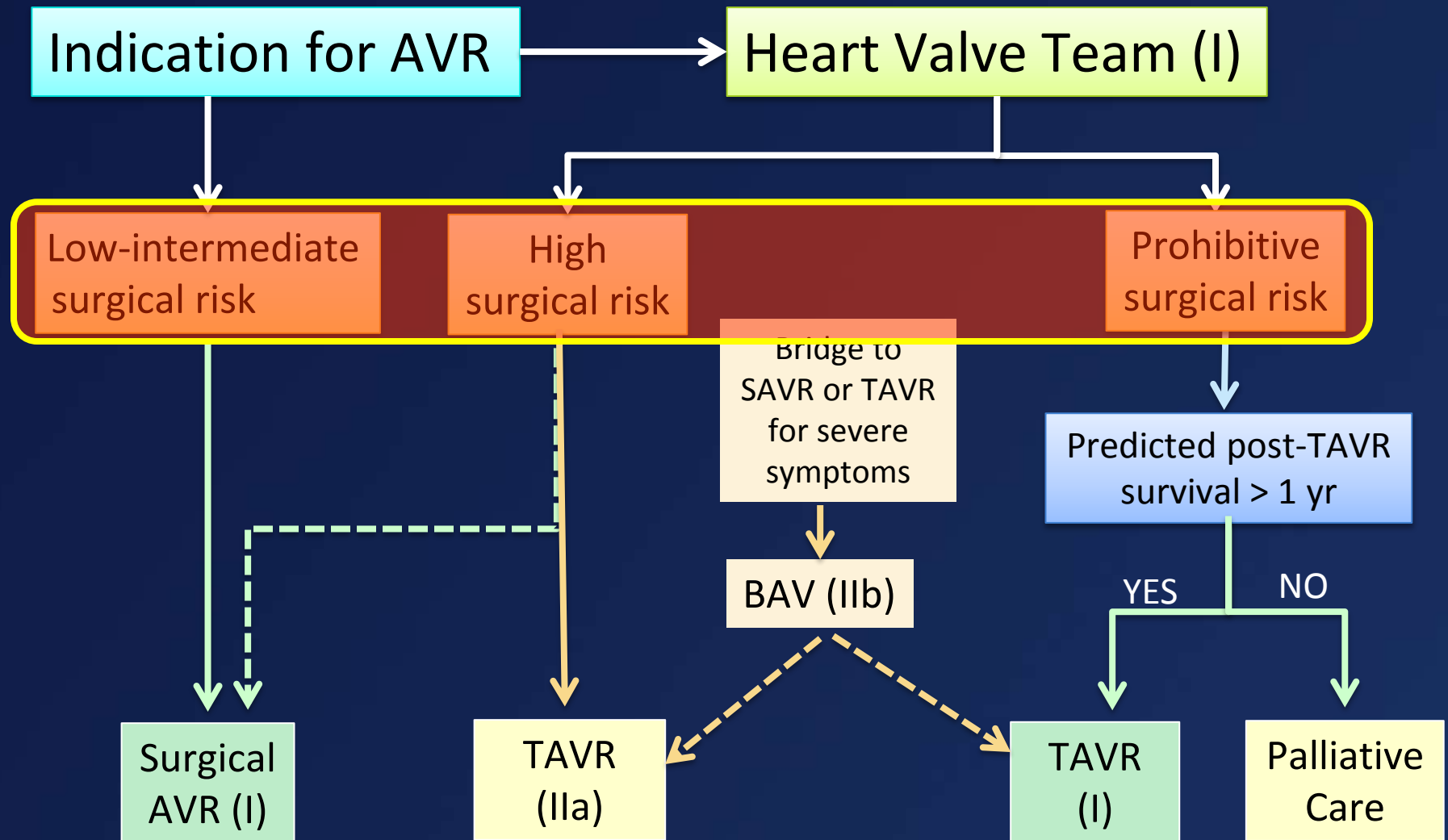
# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Low-Risk Journey**

*Risk stratification for TAVR, especially based upon surgical risk scores, is imprecise, heavily biased, and mainly served a regulatory purpose to control clinical expansion of TAVR and to encourage a disciplined commitment to evidence-based risk-cohort studies!*

# 2014 ACC/AHA Valve Guidelines

## CHOICE of Intervention for AS



# ACC/AHA 2014 Risk Assessment (with MHT\*)

Combining STS Risk Estimate, Frailty, Major Organ System Dysfunction, and Procedure-Specific Impediments

	<b>Low Risk (ALL criteria)</b>	<b>Intermediate Risk (any 1)</b>	<b>High Risk (any 1 criteria)</b>	<b>Prohibitive Risk (any 1 criteria)</b>
<b>STS PROM*</b>	<4% <b>AND</b>	4% to 8% <b>OR</b>	>8% <b>OR</b>	Predicted risk with surgery of death or major morbidity (all-cause) >50% at 1 y <b>OR</b>
<b>Frailty</b>	<b>None</b> <b>AND</b>	1 index (mild) <b>OR</b>	2 or more indices (moderate-severe) <b>OR</b>	<b>OR</b>
<b>Major organ system compromise not to be improved postop</b>	None <b>AND</b>	1 organ system <b>OR</b>	No more than 2 organ systems <b>OR</b>	3 or more organ systems <b>OR</b>
<b>Procedure-specific impediment</b>	None	Possible procedure-specific impediment	Possible procedure-specific impediment	Severe procedure-specific impediment

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# The Low-Risk Journey

## *Imagery of TAVR Risk Strata*

AS Patient Population Requiring Treatment



# The Low-Risk Journey

## *Imagery of TAVR Risk Strata*

AS Patient Population Requiring Treatment



# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Low-Risk Journey**

*Realization of TAVR (society guidelines and reimbursement) for essentially ALL patients (including low-risk) with AS requiring treatment, will still require...*

- completion of the low-risk RCTs
- meaningful TAVR risk scores
- management of valve durability issues

TAVR Journey - 2016



The Durability  
Controversy



# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **The Durability Controversy**

*Until there is long-term (>10 years) reliable clinical and echo data on normal-risk patients treated with “modern era” transcatheter bioprosthetic valves, there will always be concerns regarding “durability”!*

# PARTNER 5-year FU in Lancet (March, 2015)

## 5-year outcomes of transcatheter aortic valve replacement compared with standard treatment for patients with inoperable aortic stenosis (PARTNER 1): a randomised controlled trial

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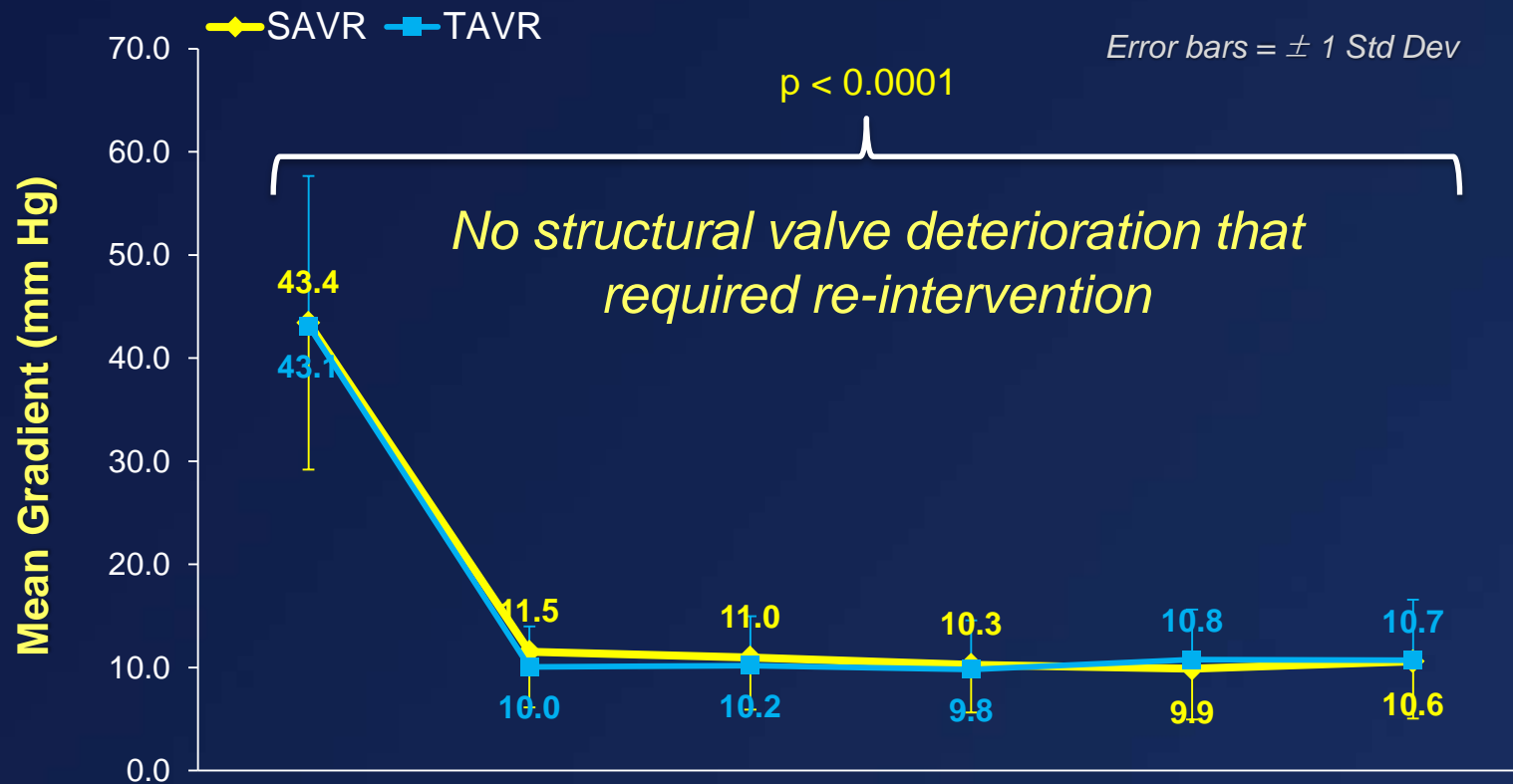
# Mean Gradient & Valve Area (AT)

## P1B - All Patients



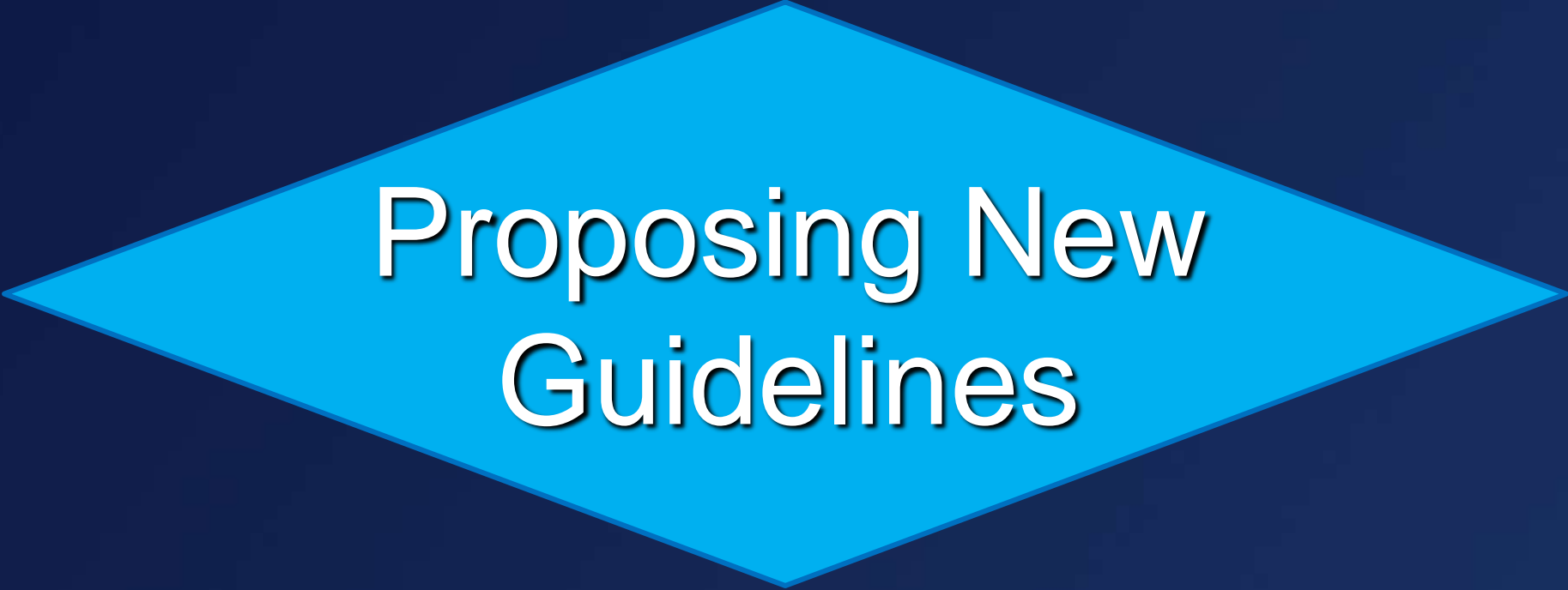
# Aortic Valve Mean Area (AT)

## P1A - All Patients



TAVR	310	219	156	106	79	56
SAVR	299	158	123	86	61	48

# TAVR Journey - 2016



Proposing New  
Guidelines

# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **Proposing New Guidelines**

*The current TAVR guidelines (ESC and AHA/ACC) are already anachronistic and don't reflect clinical practice!*

# 2014 ACC/AHA Valve Guidelines

## TIMING of Intervention (AVR) for AS

Recommendations	COR	LOE	References
AVR is recommended for symptomatic patients with severe high-gradient AS who have symptoms by history or on exercise testing (stage D1)	I	B	(10,57-59)
AVR is recommended for asymptomatic patients with severe AS (stage C2) and LVEF <50%	I	B	(60,61)
AVR is indicated for patients undergoing aortic surgery	I	B	(62,63)
AVR is reasonable for asymptomatic patients with aortic velocity $\geq 5.0$ m/s and LVEF $\geq 50\%$	I	B	(64,65)
AVR is reasonable in asymptomatic patients with aortic velocity $\geq 4.0$ m/s and LVEF $\geq 50\%$ and an exercise tolerance or an exercise test demonstrating symptoms	I	B	(27,38)
AVR is reasonable in symptomatic patients with aortic velocity $\geq 4.0$ m/s (or mean gradient $\geq 40$ mmHg) and LVEF (stage D2) with a low surgical risk	I	B	(66-68)
AVR is reasonable in symptomatic patients with aortic velocity $\geq 4.0$ m/s (or mean gradient $\geq 40$ mmHg) and LVEF (stage D3) who are normotensive and have no aortic dissection. Current data support valve obstruction as a risk factor for aortic dissection	I	C	N/A
AVR is reasonable for patients with moderate AS (stage B) (aortic velocity 3.0-3.9 m/s) who are undergoing other cardiac surgery	IIa	C	N/A
AVR may be considered for asymptomatic patients with severe AS (stage C1) and rapid disease progression and low surgical risk	IIb	C	N/A

Indications, although “reasonable”, are not supported by evidence-based medicine clinical trials!

**Summary:** 8 class I or IIa indications for AVR; LOE either B or C; no RCTs, supported by few small studies (100's pts) or N/A; *not based on age or risk stratification*

# TAVR Journey - 2016

- **Proposing New Guidelines**

*Therefore, until the guidelines are updated, we should consider introducing “clinical” guidelines to help the practicing TAVR community, based upon...*

- ALL available clinical trial evidence
- global trends and accepted clinical practices
- important “secondary” endpoints which better indicate the impact/value of TAVR



# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS I

Benefit >>>  
Risk

SHOULD  
be performed

## *Class Ia (of course!)*

- Cannot have surgery (= inoperable, extreme risk, prohibitive risk)
  - ✓ esp. technical reasons (e.g. hostile chest, chest RT, etc.)
  - ✓ beware futility (e.g. wheelchair-bound, ultra-frail, extreme co-morbidities)
- “Very” high-risk for surgery
  - ✓ e.g. severe COPD, chronic liver disease, dementia, severe PH

# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS I

Benefit >>>  
Risk

SHOULD  
be performed

## *Class Ib (enough already!)*

- $\geq 90$  years old
- All other high-risk patients
- Aortic valve-in-valve (high-risk)
- Special considerations
  - ✓ low EF (esp.  $<30\%$ )
  - ✓ CKD on dialysis
  - ✓ small annulus (esp. in women)
  - ✓ low flow-low gradient AS

# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS IIa

Benefit >>  
Risk

IT IS  
REASONABLE  
to perform

## *Class IIa (strong preference!)*

- Intermediate-risk patients (esp. TF)
- $\geq 80$  years old
- Aortic valve-in-valve (normal risk)
- Severe *asymptomatic* AS (PV > 5 m/s)
- Concomitant disease
  - ✓ previous CABG
  - ✓ CKD not requiring dialysis
  - ✓ CAD – non-complex
  - ✓ RH failure

# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS IIb

Benefit ≥  
Risk

MAY BE  
CONSIDERED  
to perform

*Class IIb (on the fence = need more evidence; proceed with caution)*

- Low-risk patients (except as above)
  - ✓ ? bicuspid aortic valve disease
  - ✓ < 65 years old (the durability issue)
- High “anatomic” risk for TAVR
  - ✓ extreme calcification (esp. LVOT) and high risk of rupture or CA occlusion
  - ✓ marked horizontal aorta

# TAVR Clinical Use in 2016

*(evidence + common sense)*

CLASS III

No Benefit  
OR Harm

SHOULD NOT  
be performed

## *Class III (stay away!)*

- Concomitant CV lesions requiring surgery (e.g. aortopathies, complex CAD, other valve lesions)
- Poor candidates for TAVR due to technical or anatomic reasons
  - ✓ annulus size too small/large
  - ✓ LV thrombus or endocarditis

# TAVR Journey - 2016

## ***Are We There Yet?***

*The ultimate role of TAVR is yet to be determined. But we can foresee a future time when the use of TAVR will be an objective risk-benefit assessment based upon clinical, anatomic, and evidence-based factors, thus ensuring optimal care for all patients with Aortic Stenosis!*