

Challenging Situations: LV Dysfunction

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Disclosure

- Consultant and proctor to Edwards, Boston, St Jude.
- Clinical trial arrangements with Edwards, Boston, St Jude, Abbott, Symetis, Medtronic.



Case Study

Age: 83 years

Gender: M

Height: 171 cm

Weight: 60 kg

BMI: 20.5 kg/m²

Resides: Lives with wife



Medical history I

- **Symptoms- NYHA 2**
- **Aortic stenosis - low flow low gradient**
 - diffuse thickening AV + reduced leaflet excursion
 - AVA 1cm², V_{max} 3.5, MPG 32mmHg
- **PBAV 14/10/15**
 - gradient fell from 25 mmHg to 12 mmHg
- **Left ventricular function**
 - EF 30%



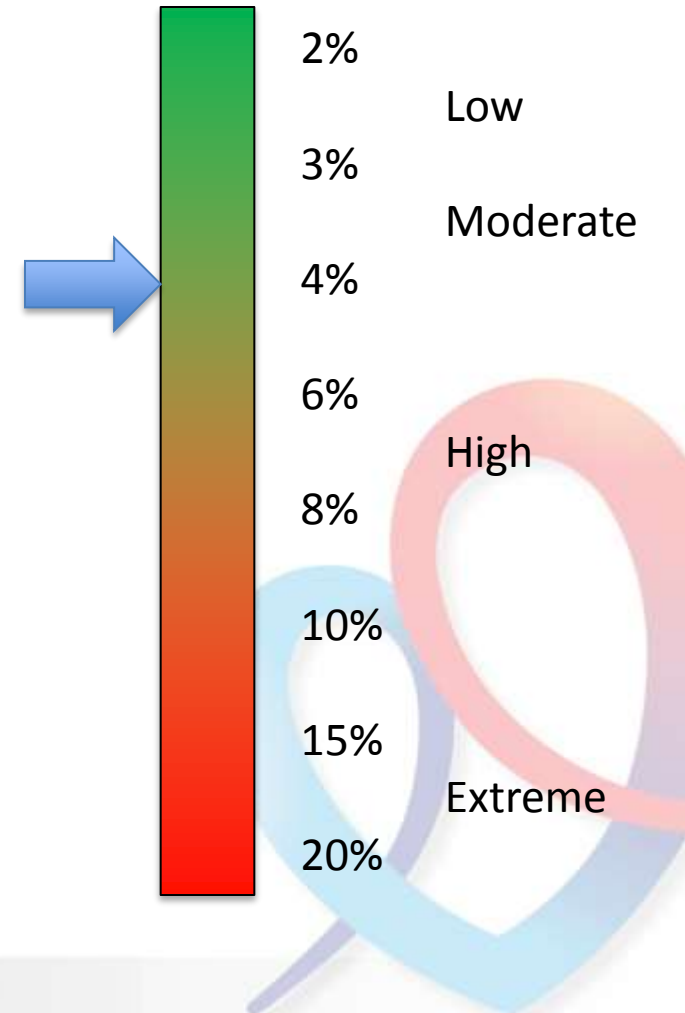
Medical history II

- **Coronary artery disease- IHD , CABG 2000 (LIMA LAD, SVG RPDA, SVG Ramus)**
- **Cerebrovascular disease –nil**
- **Peripheral vascular disease – nil**
- **Respiratory disease – mild airflow obstruction, impaired gas transfer (FEV1 77% , FVC 94% DLCO 47% , KCP 66%)**
- **Renal disease – nil**
- **GI/haematological/bleeding – GORD**
- **Other – hernia operation, rheumatoid arthritis,**

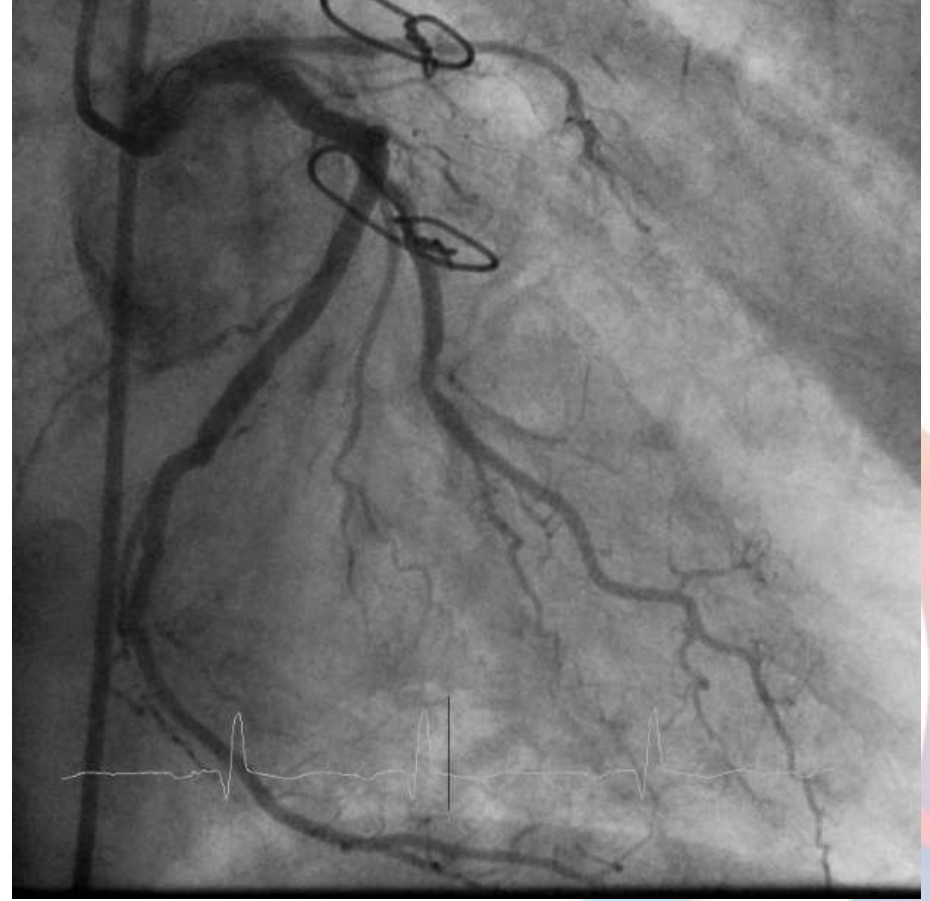
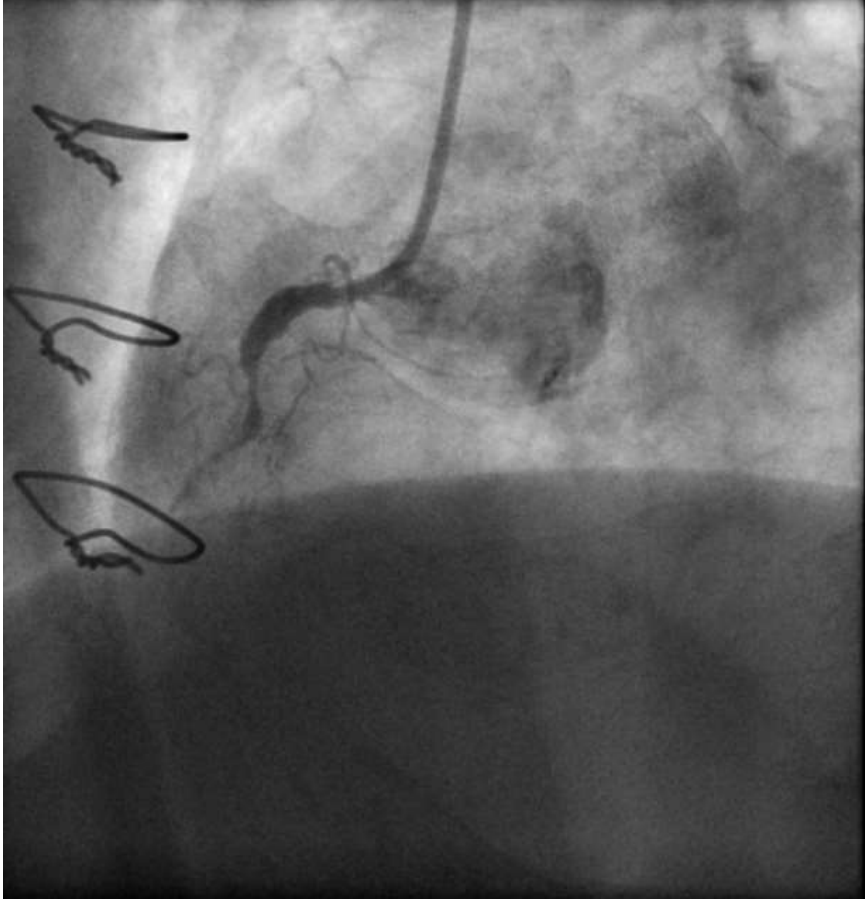


Surgical Risk Scores

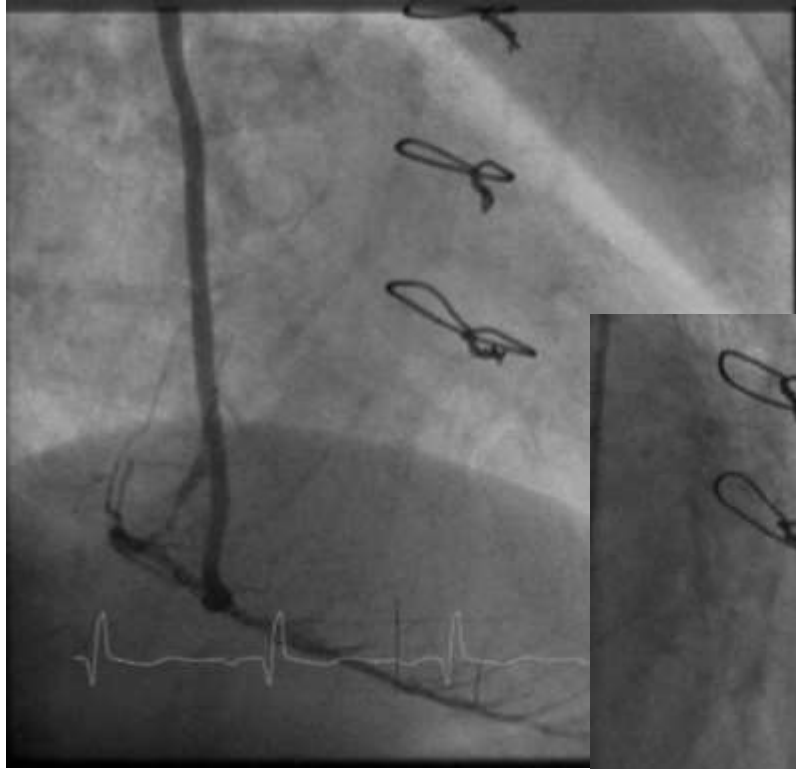
- STS mortality 4.1%
- STS morbidity 22.7% and mortality
- Euroscore logistic 50%
- Euroscore II 8.2%



Coronary Artery Evaluation



Graft study



CT Valve Evaluation

Raymond Warner
 MRN: 781572-TPCH
 Age: 083Y
 Sex: M

Annulus

RC
 LC
 Compass: 50.0 mm

ID	Name	Value	Type
1	Area	576.4 mm ²	Polygon
1	Perimeter	86.5 mm	Polygon
1	Min. Pixel Value	121.0	Polygon
1	Max. Pixel Value	1060.0	Polygon
1	Avg. Pixel Value	483.1	Polygon
1	Std. Deviation	66.5	Polygon
2		29.4 mm	Diameter
3		24.4 mm	Diameter

Annulus to LC ostium

WARNER, RAYMOND JAMES
 7/10/1932
 781572-TPCH
 Series: 6

LVOT Systolic Thins
 1/04/2016
 11:41 AM

Center: 440
 Width: 1126

ID	Name	Value	Type
1	Annulus to Left Coronary Ostium Length	19.8 mm	Vessel Length

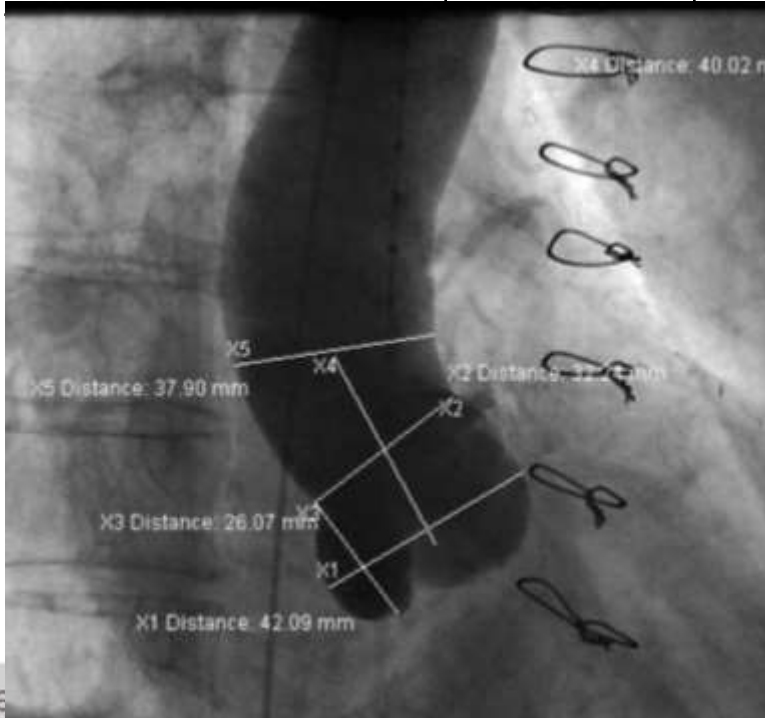
Series: 6

Center: 440
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ID	Name	Value	Type
1	Sinus Height	27.0 mm	Vessel Length
2	Annulus to Right Coronary Ostium Length	24.3 mm	Vessel Length

Aortic Evaluation

Calcified bulky leaflets?		Distance coronary ostia – annulus ($\geq 10\text{mm}$)	Right 24.3mm Left 19.8mm
Horizontal aorta?		Define optimum view (3 leaflets aligned)	
Porcelain aorta?			



Peripheral Access Evaluation

Right

Minimum diameter by angio
7.3mm

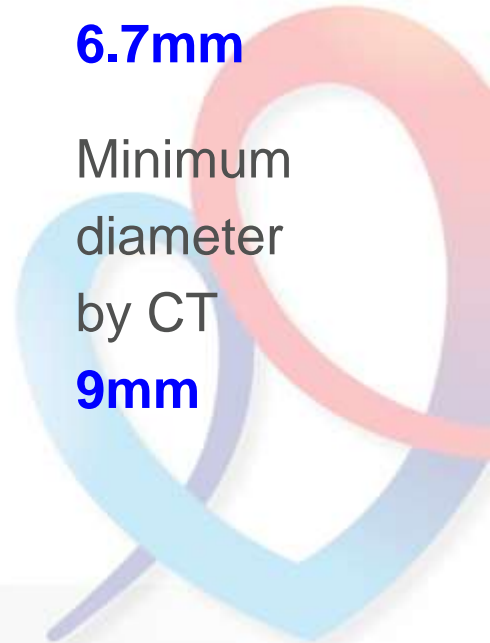
Minimum diameter by CT
8mm



Left

Minimum diameter by angio
6.7mm

Minimum diameter by CT
9mm



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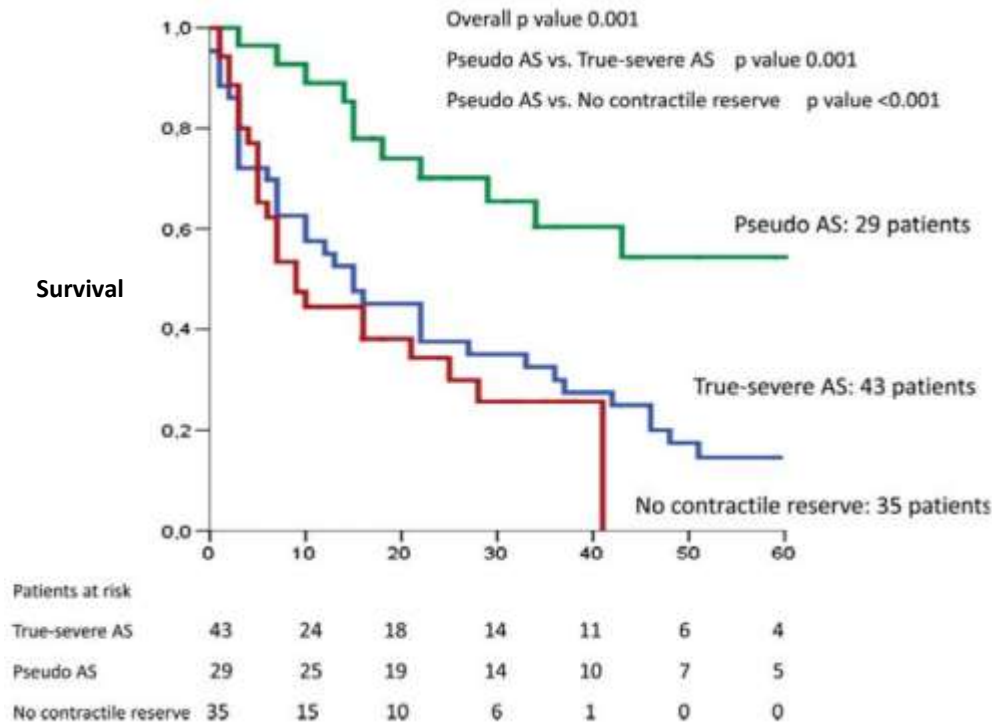
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Low gradient, low EF AS

the importance of differentiation from pseudosevere AS



N = 107 patients managed conservatively (out of 305 from European LF, Low EF AS registry)
MPG<40mmHG,
LVEF<40%,AVA<1.0cm².

Pseudosevere AS shown to have low event rate out to 5 years, in comparison to the poor outcomes seen with untreated severe AS or severe AS with no CR

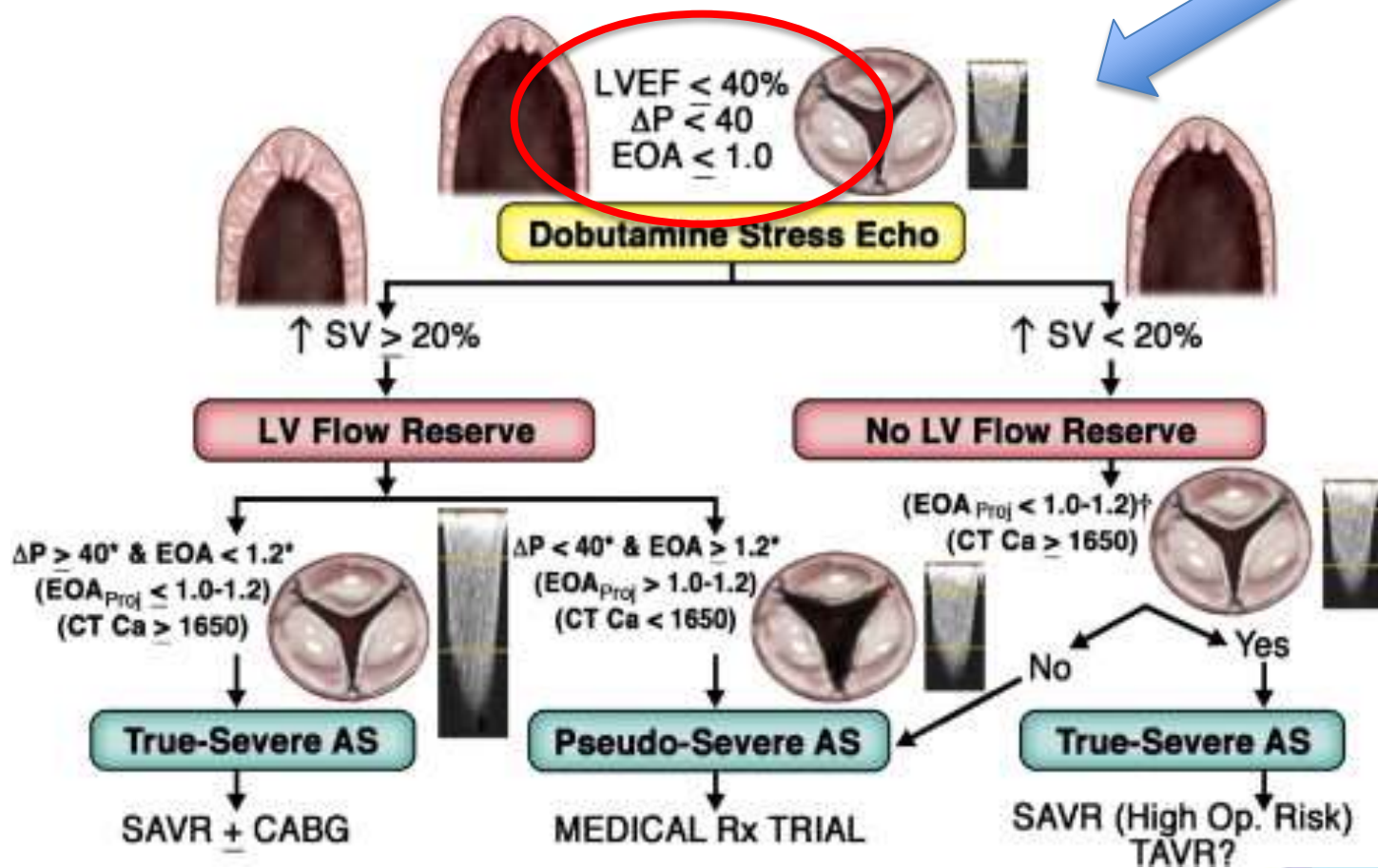
Fougeres et al. Eur Heart J 2012;33:2426-2433

Low gradient, low EF AS

- Important to Identify true severe aortic stenosis from pseudo-severe aortic stenosis
- Untreated mortality is high
- Treated either by surgery or TAVI prognosis improved



Low flow Low Gradient Algorithm



Dobutamine Echo 8/10/15

1. Resting echo:

Severe LV systolic dysfunction.

EF 20 %, GLS -7%

Aortic Valve: Low flow low gradient severe AS

AVA 0.64 cm² . MG = 33mmHg. AR grade 1-2/4.

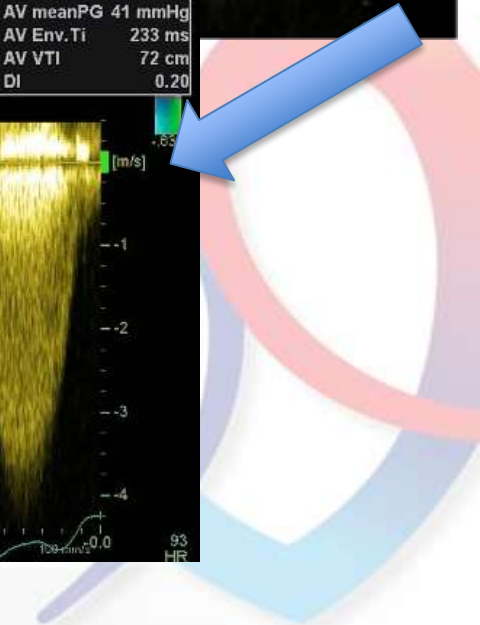
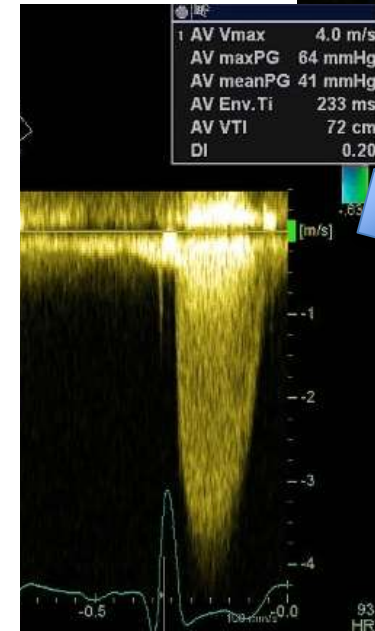
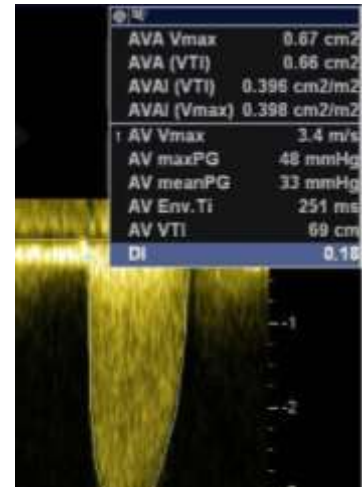
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Dobutamine Echo 8/10/15



TPCH ECHO



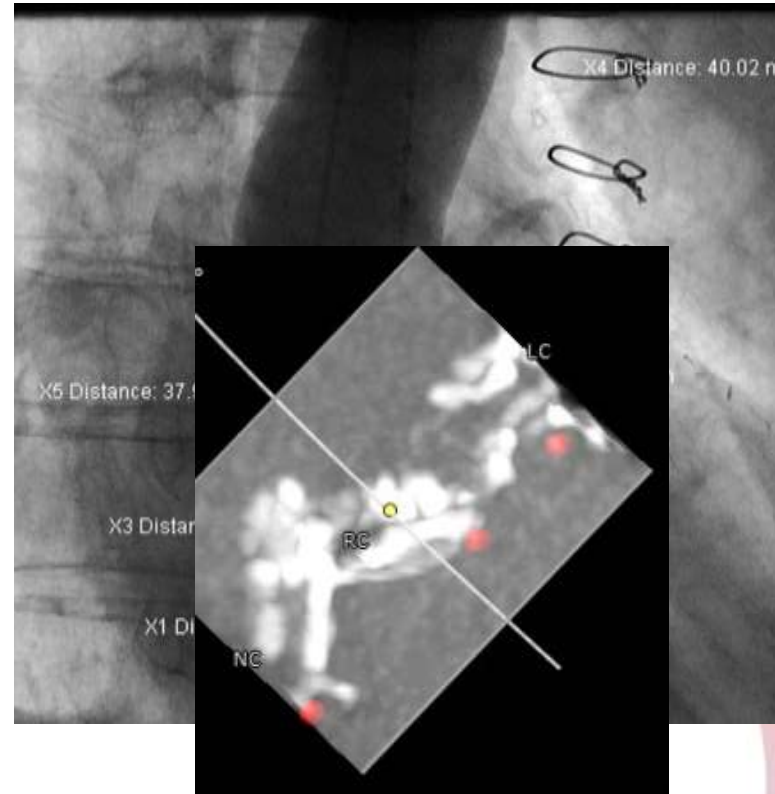
DSE 8/10/15

**Low Dose Dobutamine stress echo:
Severe LV systolic dysfunction
Lack of LV contractile reserve.
EF 21%, GLS -7%**

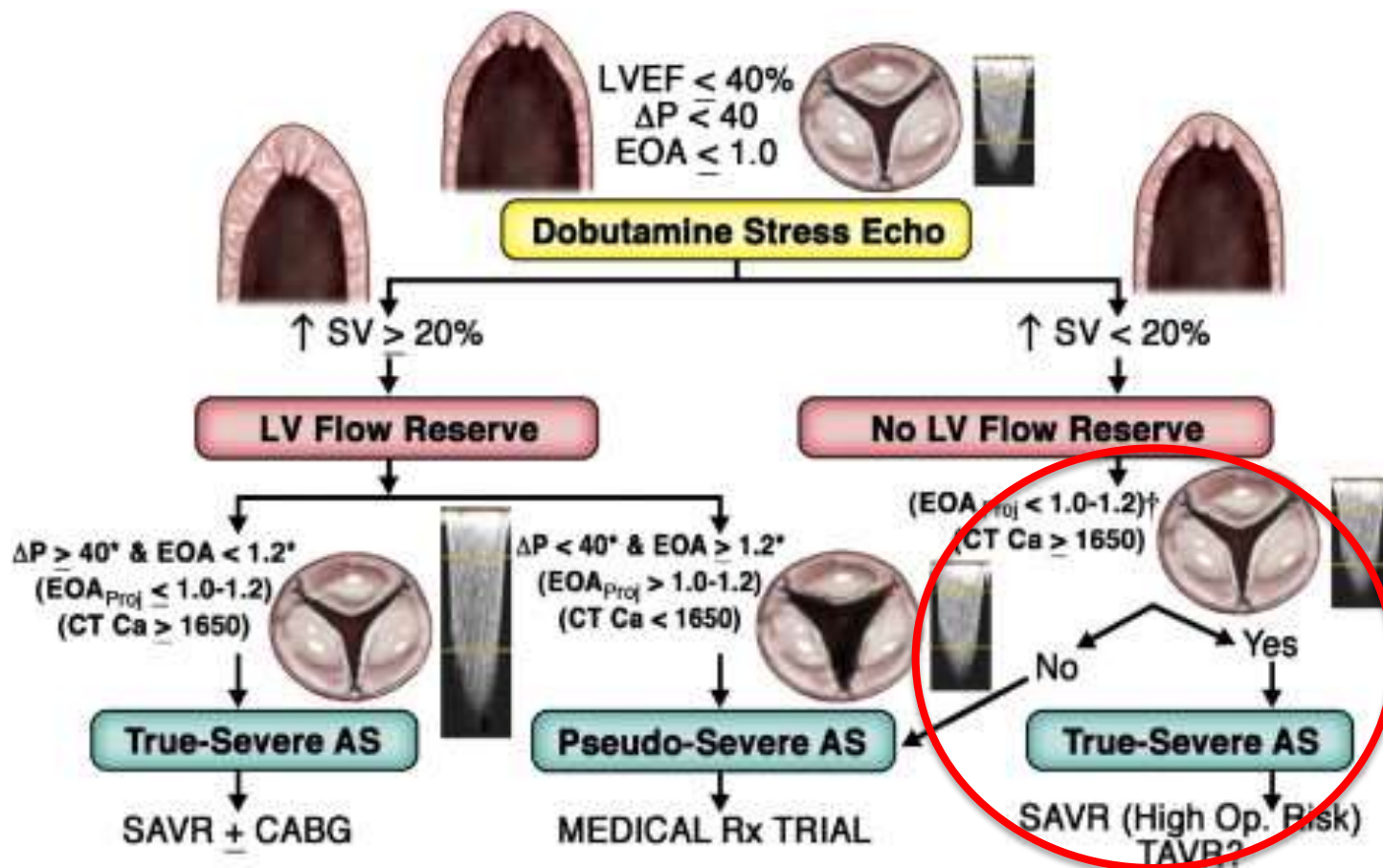
Aortic valve:

**Low flow low gradient severe AS
AVA 0.72 cm², MG = 41mmHg.
AR grade 1-2/4.**

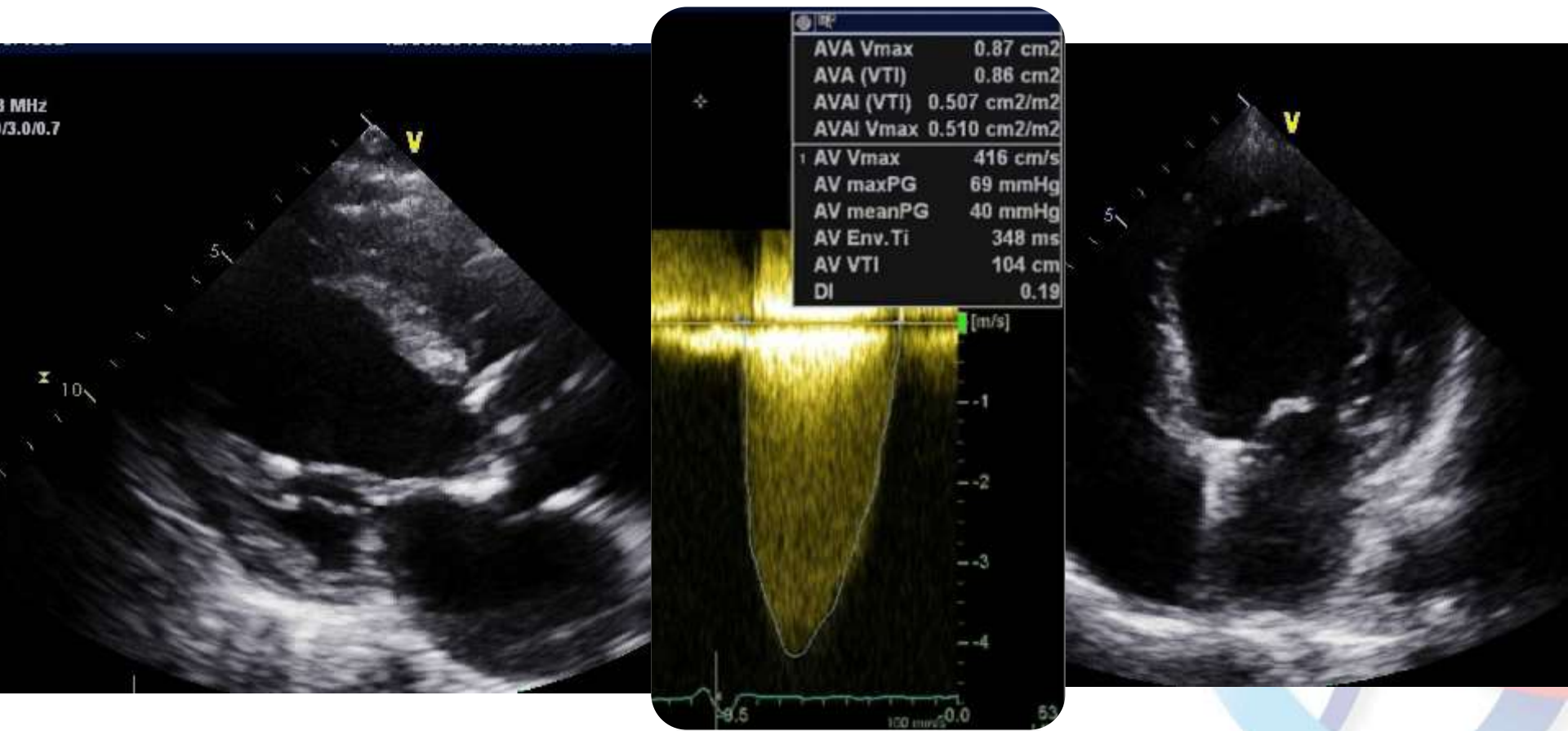
Severe anatomic calcification



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Echo Evaluation 12/08/16



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Transcatheter aortic valve implantation in patients with LV dysfunction

[Elhmidi Y¹](#), [Bleiziffer S](#), [Deutsch MA](#), [Krane M](#), [Mazzitelli D](#), [Lange R](#), [Piazza N](#).

- 505 consecutive patients with severe aortic stenosis who underwent TAVI
- Patients were stratified according to LV function as follows: normal LV function (ejection fraction [EF] >50%), moderate LV dysfunction (EF 35%-50%) and severe LV dysfunction (EF ≤35%).
- No significant difference in 30-day mortality was observed between the LV function subgroups.

J Invasive Cardiol. 2014
Mar;26(3):132-8.

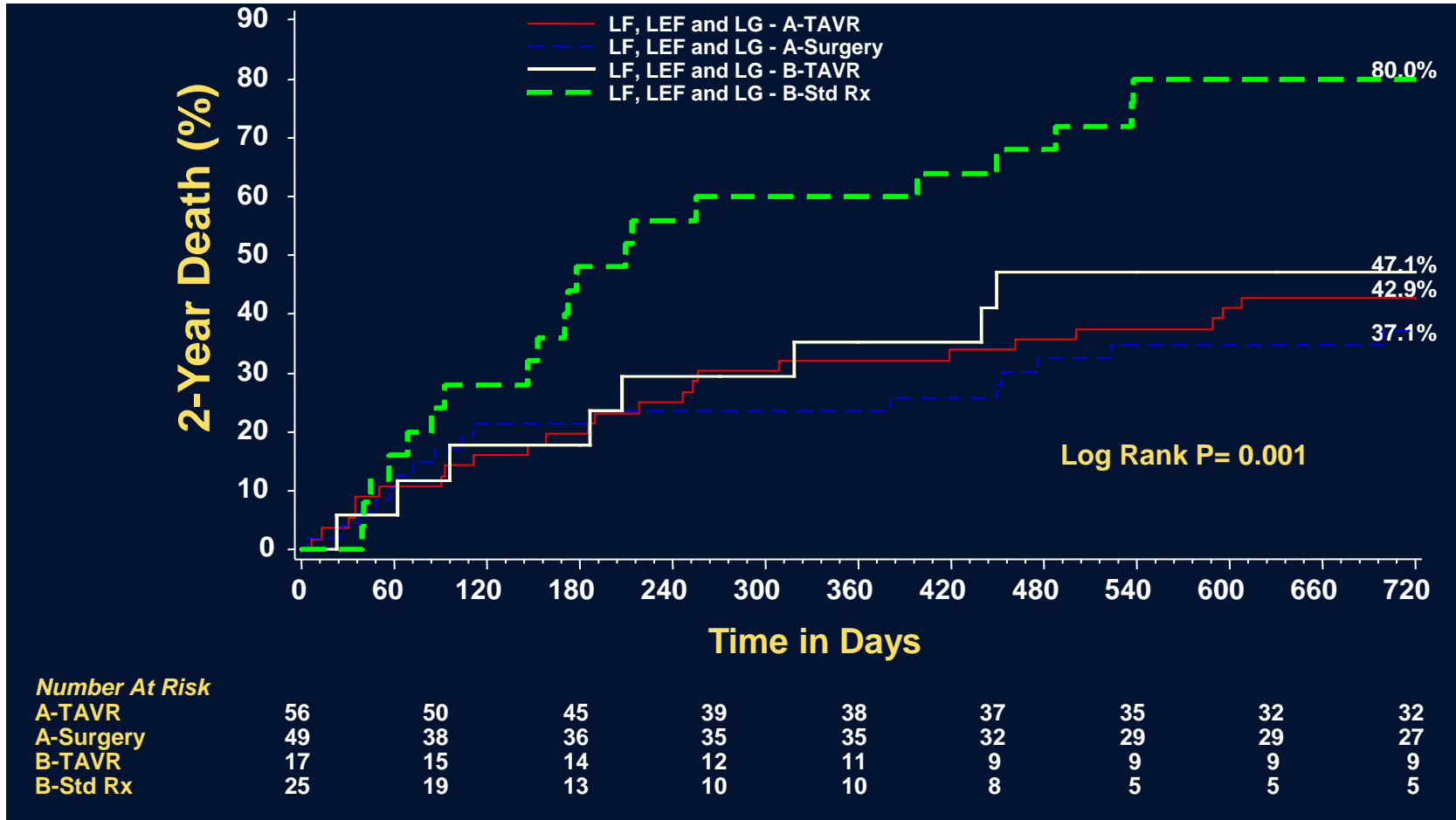


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Treatment Comparison in Low-EF, Low-Flow, Low-Gradient

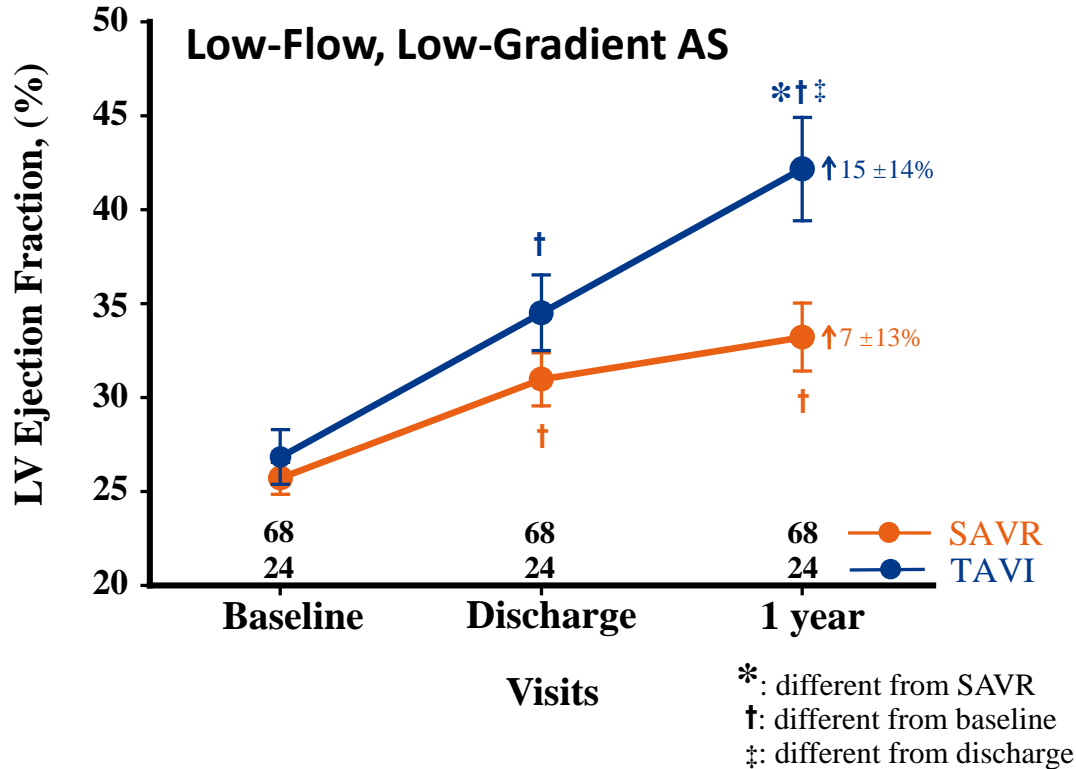


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Recovery of LVEF in Patients with Low-LVEF, Low-Flow, Low-Gradient AS: TAVR versus SAVR



Clavel Circulation,
122:1928-36., 2010

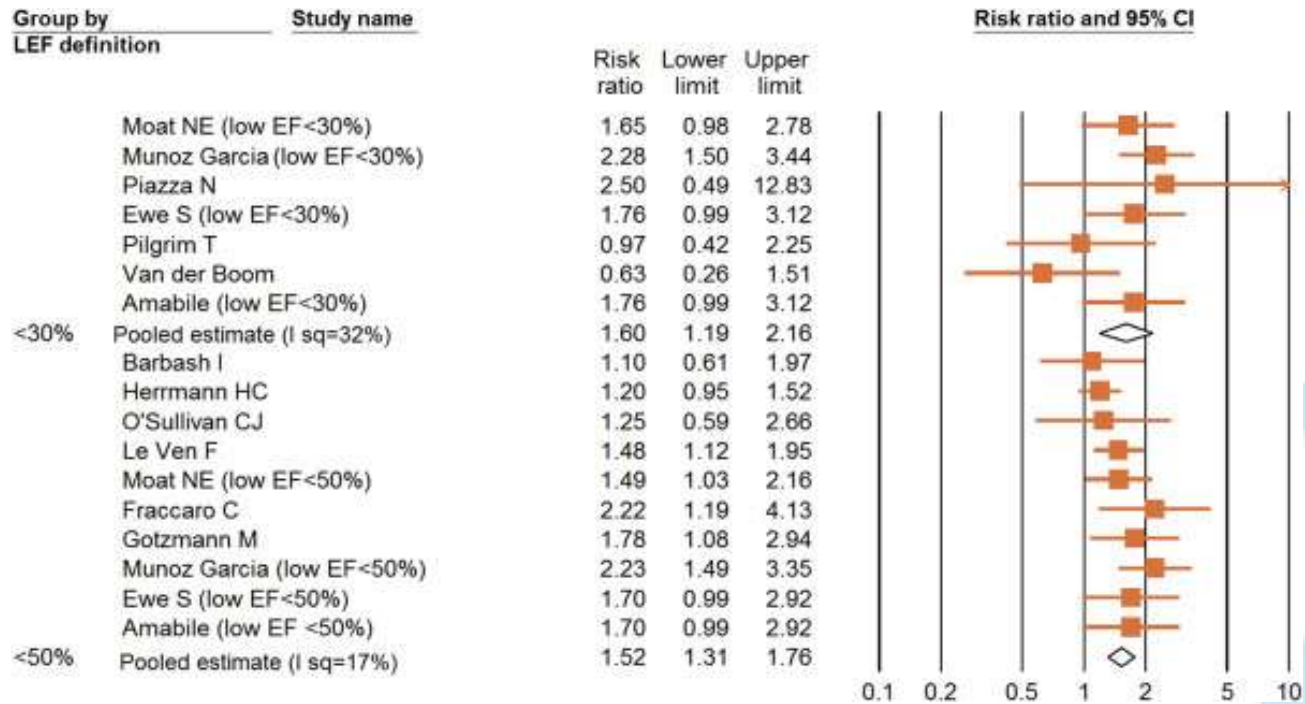
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LV dysfunction & TAVI

- LV dysfunction increases risk mortality at 1 year



- Low gradient

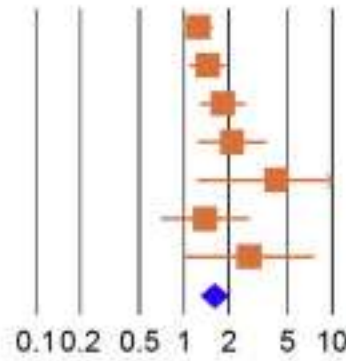
Low SVI

Study name

Study name	Risk ratio	Lower limit	Upper limit
Herrmann HC	1.26	1.00	1.58
Le Ven F	1.45	1.10	1.91
Zahn R	1.83	1.29	2.60
Gotzmann M	2.12	1.26	3.59
Amabile	4.24	1.23	14.62
Biner, S	1.40	0.71	2.75
Elhmidi Y	2.76	1.01	7.53
Pooled estimate	1.60	1.30	1.97

(I sq=36%)

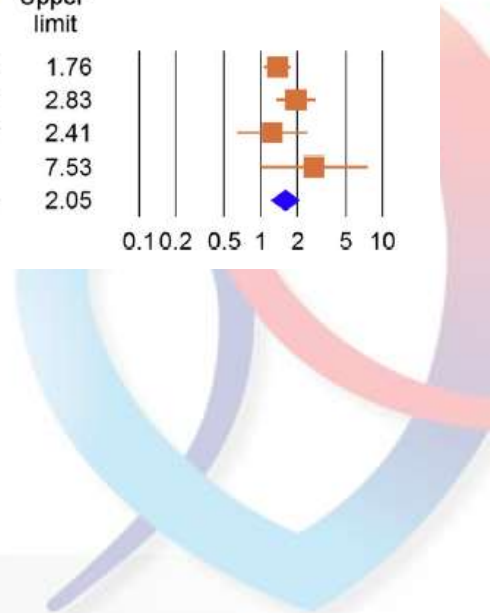
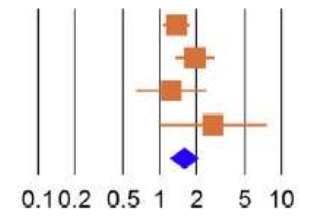
Risk ratio and 95% CI



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Le Ven F	1.96	1.36	2.83
O'Sullivan CJ	1.25	0.65	2.41
Elhmidi Y	2.76	1.01	7.53
Pooled estimate (I sq=27%)	1.59	1.23	2.05

Risk ratio and 95% CI



Summary and Discussion

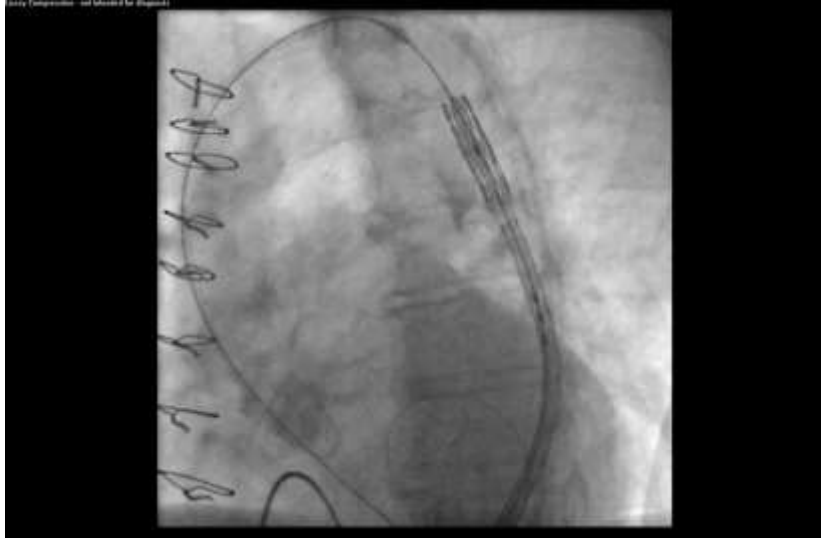
83yo male

- Mixed CMP- EF 30%
- Low flow, low gradient AS

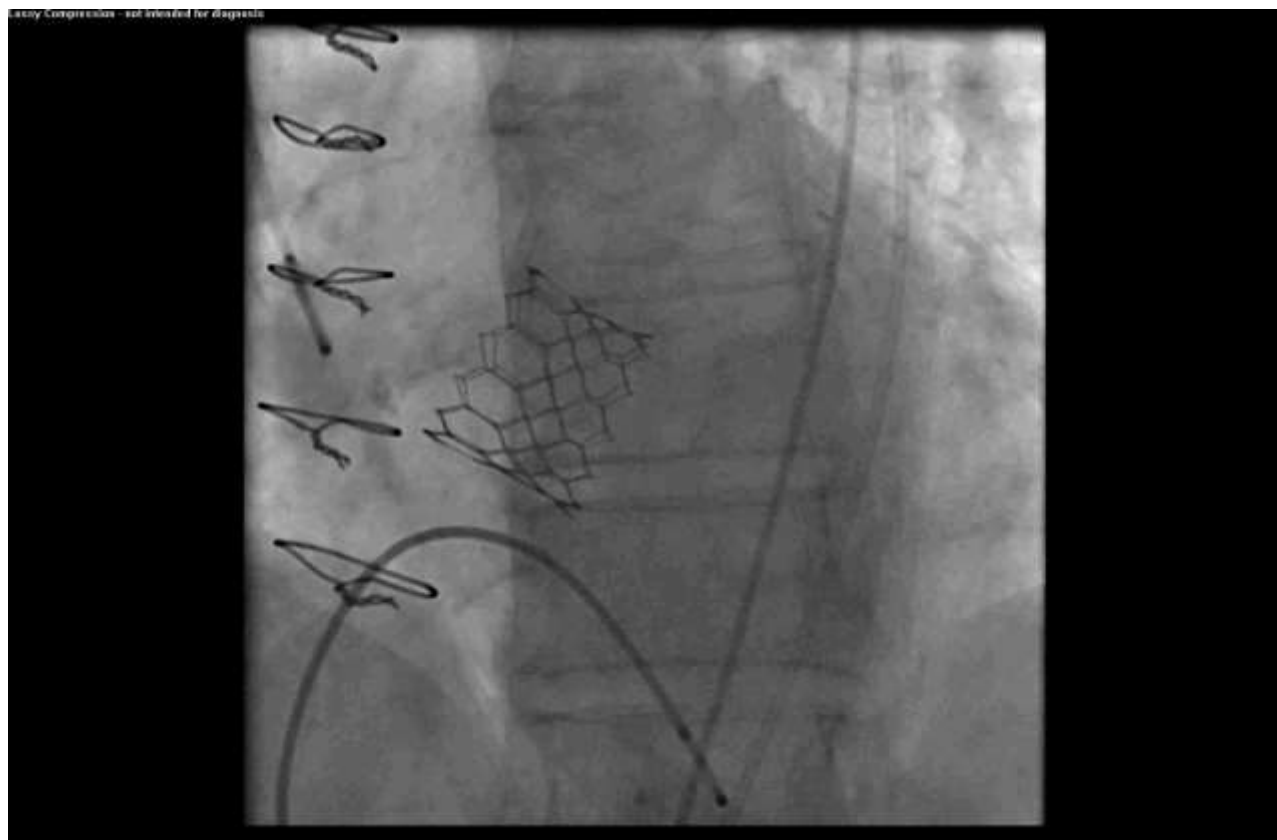
- Technically suitable for: Femoral TAVI.
- Valve choice/sizing: Edward Sapien S3 29mm



Procedure







Conclusions LV Dysfunction:

- Important to establish the diagnosis of Aortic stenosis
- TAVI can be safely performed in pt severe Aortic stenosis and with LV dysfunction
- Outcomes are improved with TAVI compared to medical therapy and survival is acceptable
- LV recovery may occur
- Patients with LV dysfunction have a worse prognosis post TAVI than those with normal EF

