Bioprosthetic Heart Valve Durability

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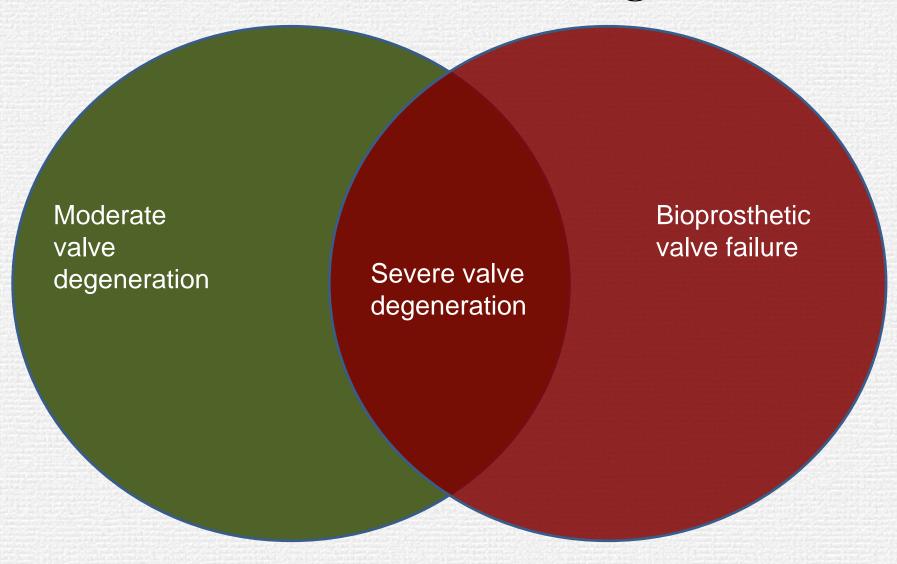
Truism

• All bioprosthetic valves will fail eventually, if the patient lives long enough

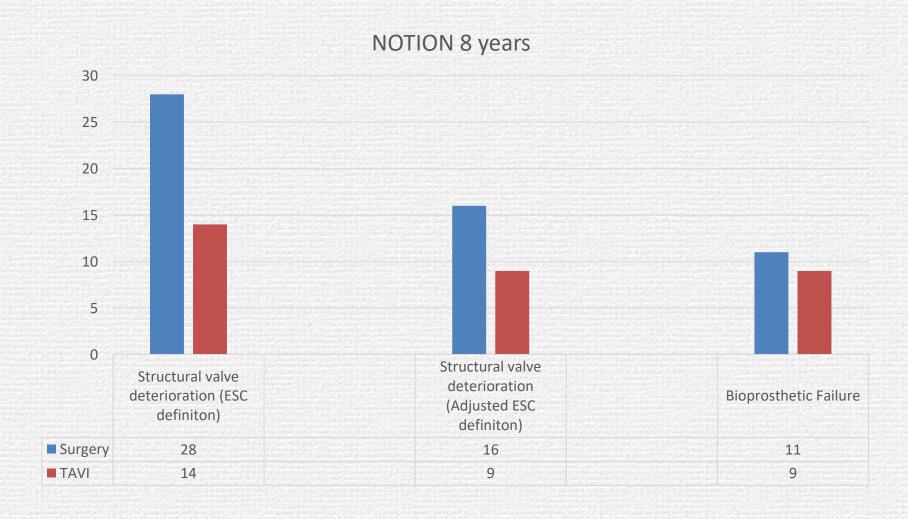
Definitions

- Structural Valve Deterioration
- Bioprosthetic valve failure

Definition Venn diagram



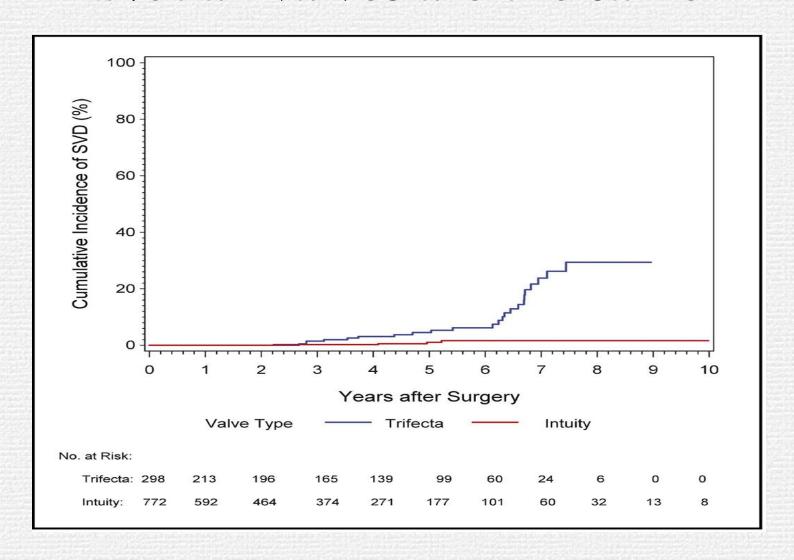
Differing definitions....

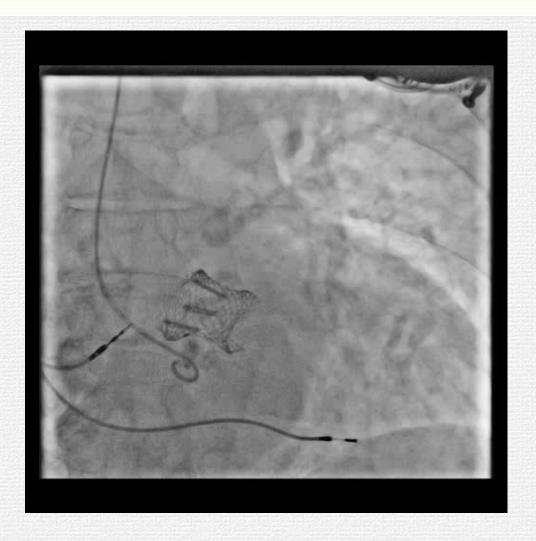


Differences

- All valves are different
- Some transcatheter valves will be excellent, some will not
- Some surgical valves will be great, some will not

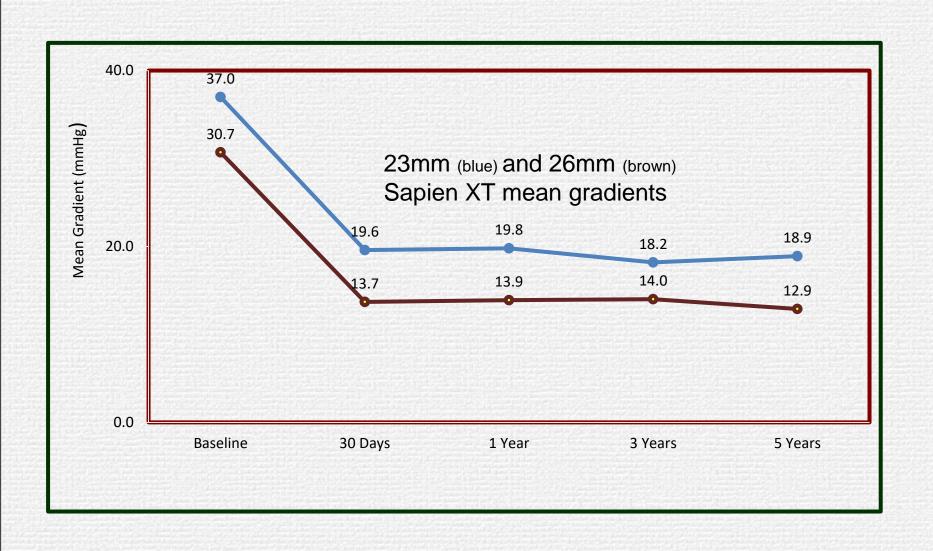
Not all valves are the same



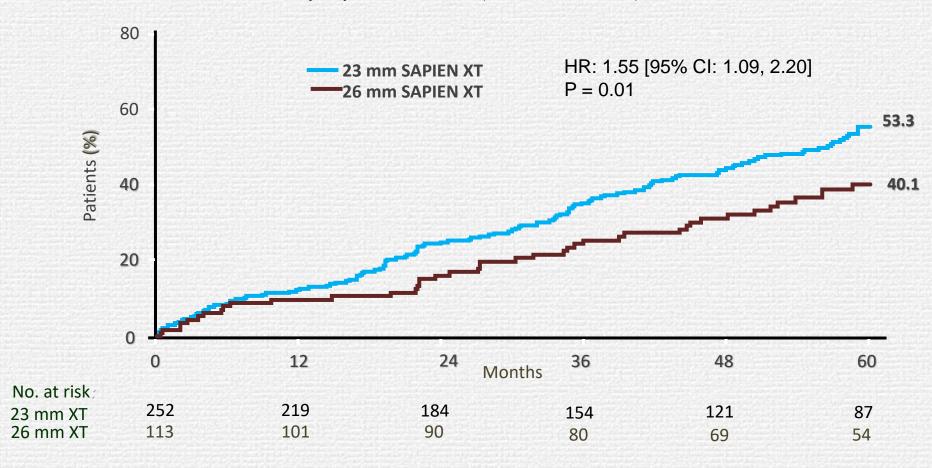


What factors affect durability?

Size of implanted valve



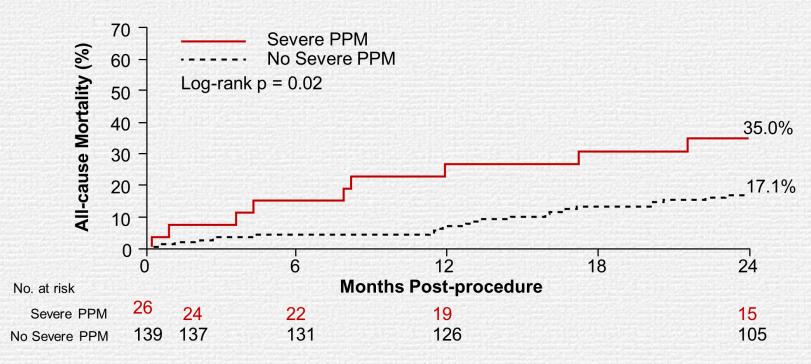
TAVI – Mortality by valve size (PARTNER 2)



Patient-prosthesis mismatch

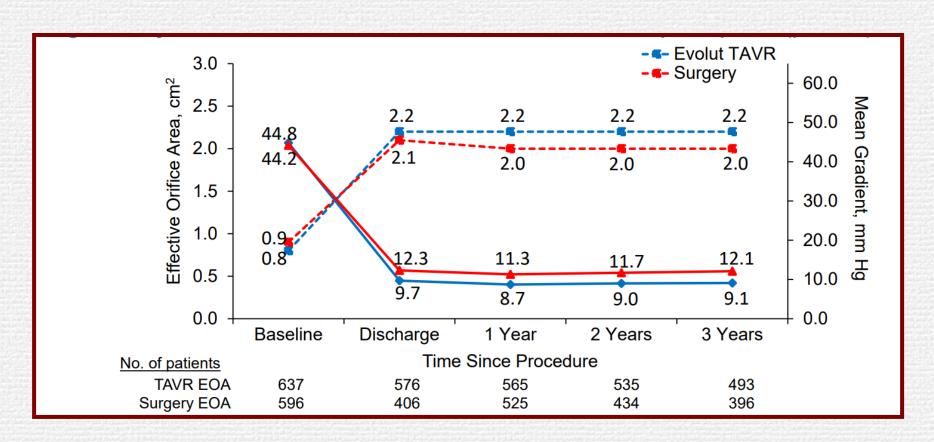
CoreValve High Risk

Combined TAVR and SAVR in the Lowest Annular Sizes

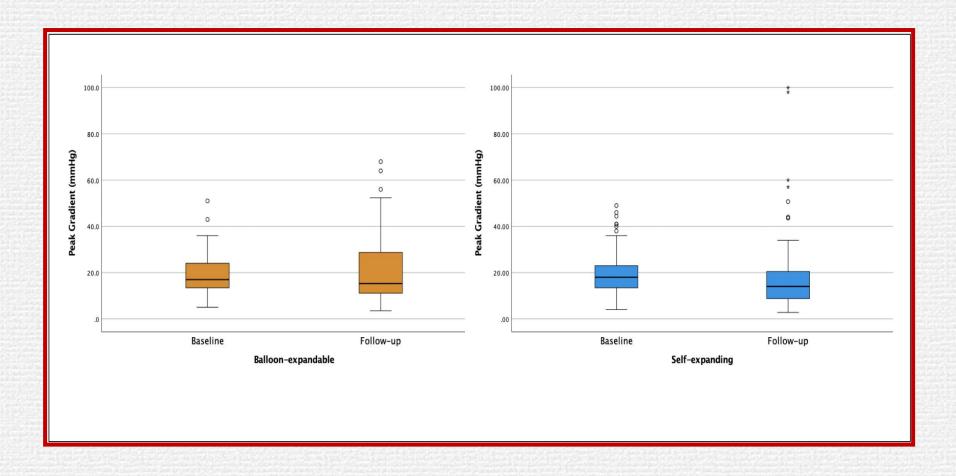


Source: Deeb GM, et al. Ann Thorac Surg. 2018;105:1129-1136.

CoreValve low risk

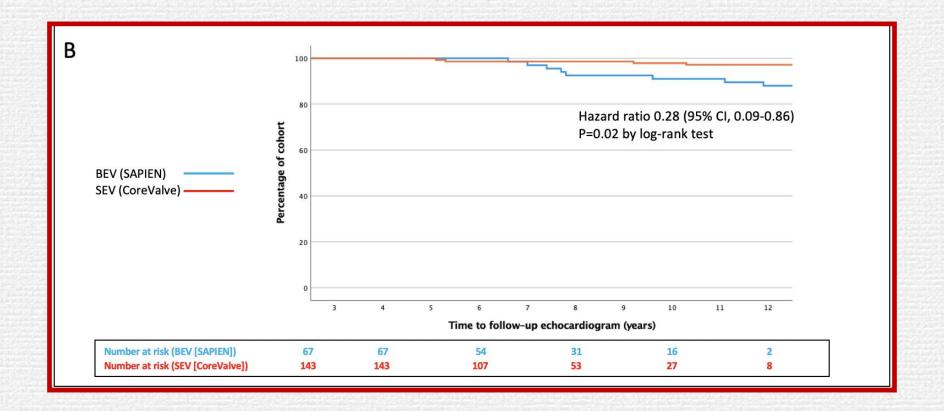


Gradient across valve



UK TAVI Registry Durability data N. Ali et al CCI 2023

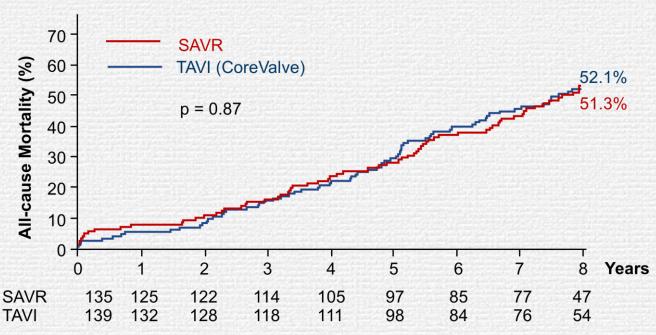
Type of valve



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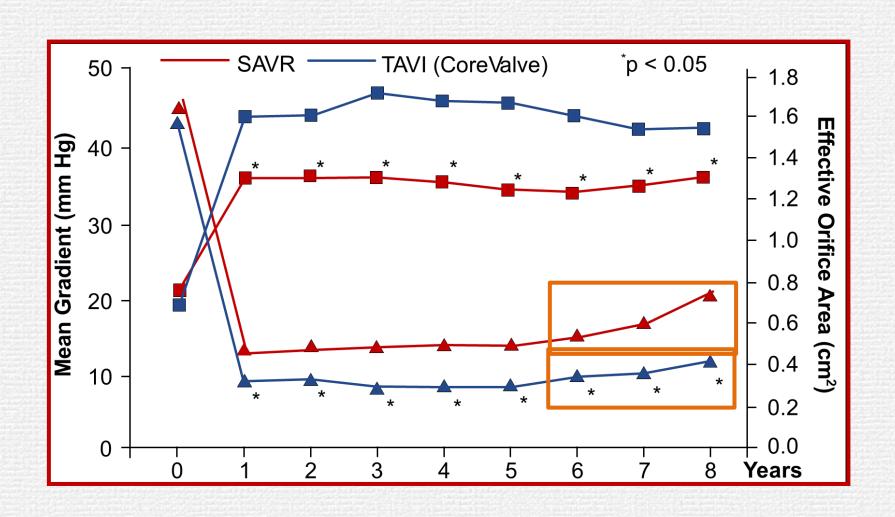
Method of implantation?

NOTION 8 yrs

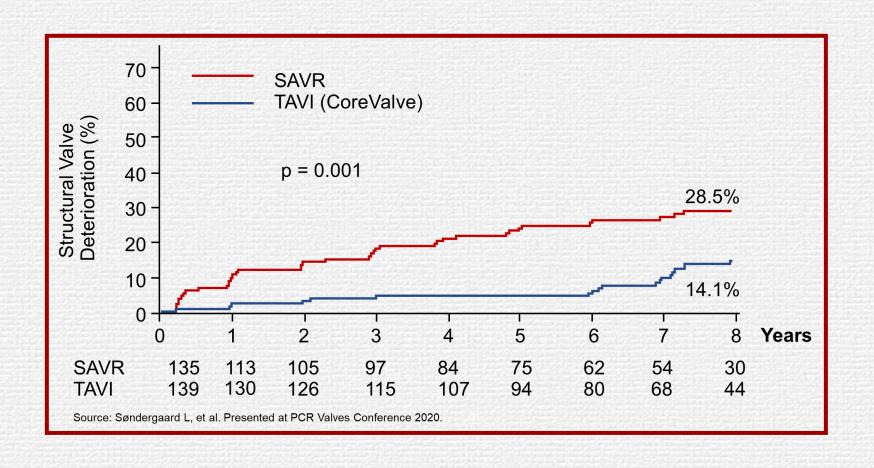


Source: Søndergaard L, et al. Presented at PCR Valves Conference 2020.

Notion Valve Performance



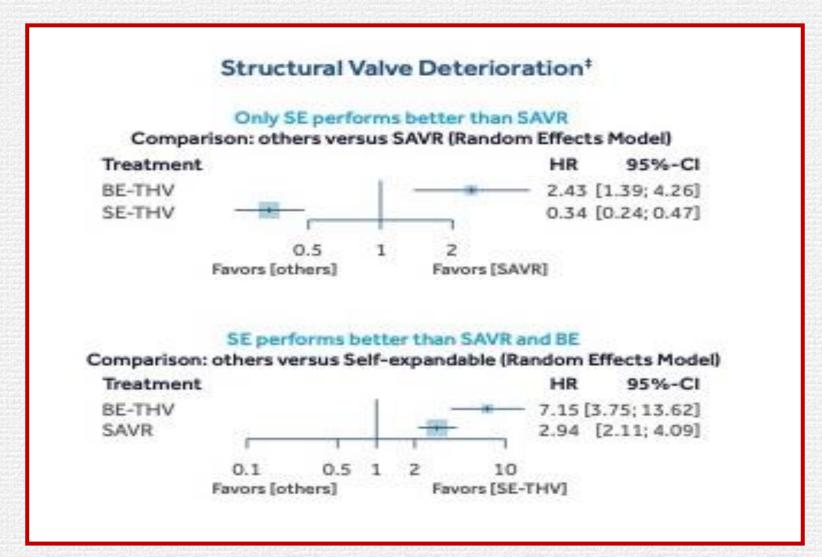
Notion Structural Deterioration



Meta-analysis

- 10 RCTS
 - 9,000 patients
 - 1 to 6 years follow-up
 - Multiple devices TAVI (SE; BE) SAVR

Key Findings



Things we thought we knew

•are true after all

The surgical sewing ring occupies space....

- Is bad for
 - Valve area
 - Valve gradient
 - Valve longevity

Patient prosthesis mismatch....

Implanting too small a valve

- Is commoner with surgical valves and results in
 - Higher valve gradients
 - Smaller valve areas
 - Reduced valve longevity
 - Reduced patient survival

Self-expanding supra-annular valves

- Offer better
 - Valve area
 - Valve gradients
 - Valve longevity

The larger aortic valve implant

- Is better
 - Valve gradients
 - Valve area
 - Valve longevity

Conclusions: Valve durability

- Bigger is better
- Transcatheter is better
- Self-expanding is better