



# TAVR Shifting to lower risk: Ready or too fast?

**Corrado Tamburino, MD, PhD**

**University of Catania, Ferrarotto Hospital, Catania, Italy**



# TAVI in low-risk patients

Why not?

*Complications*

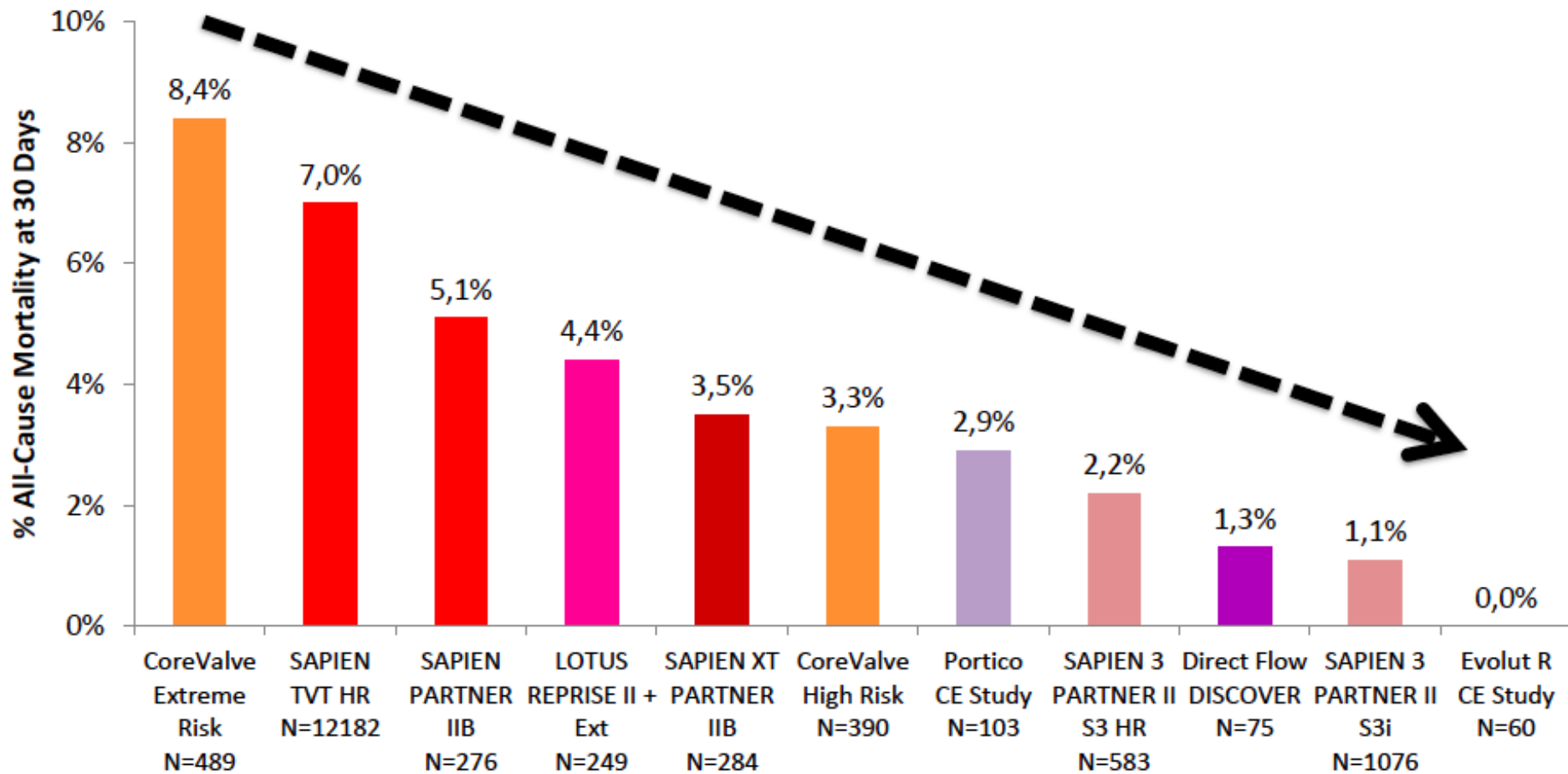
*Evidence*

*Durability*

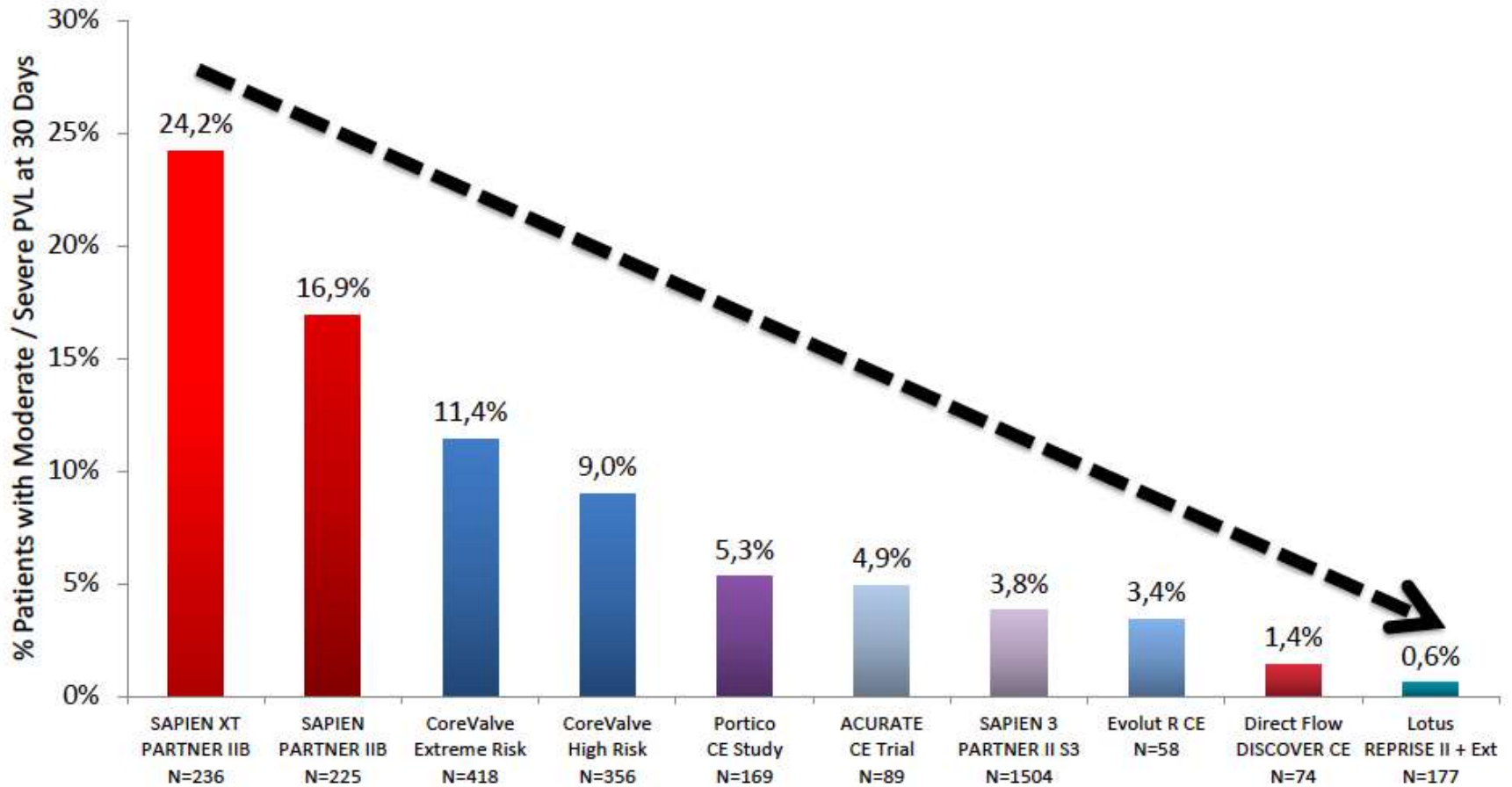
*Costs*



# TAVI: 30-day All-cause Mortality

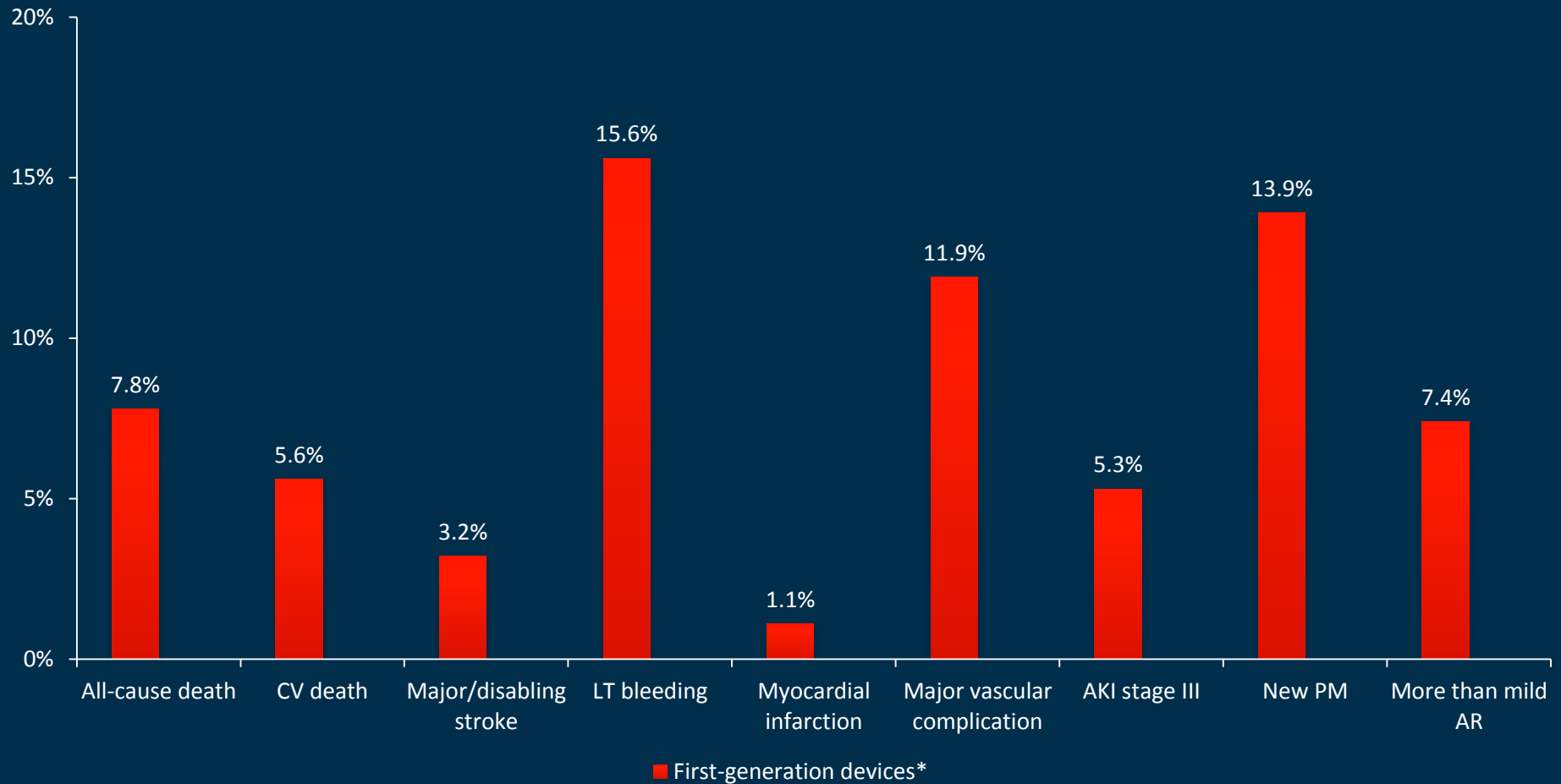


# Paravalvular Leak



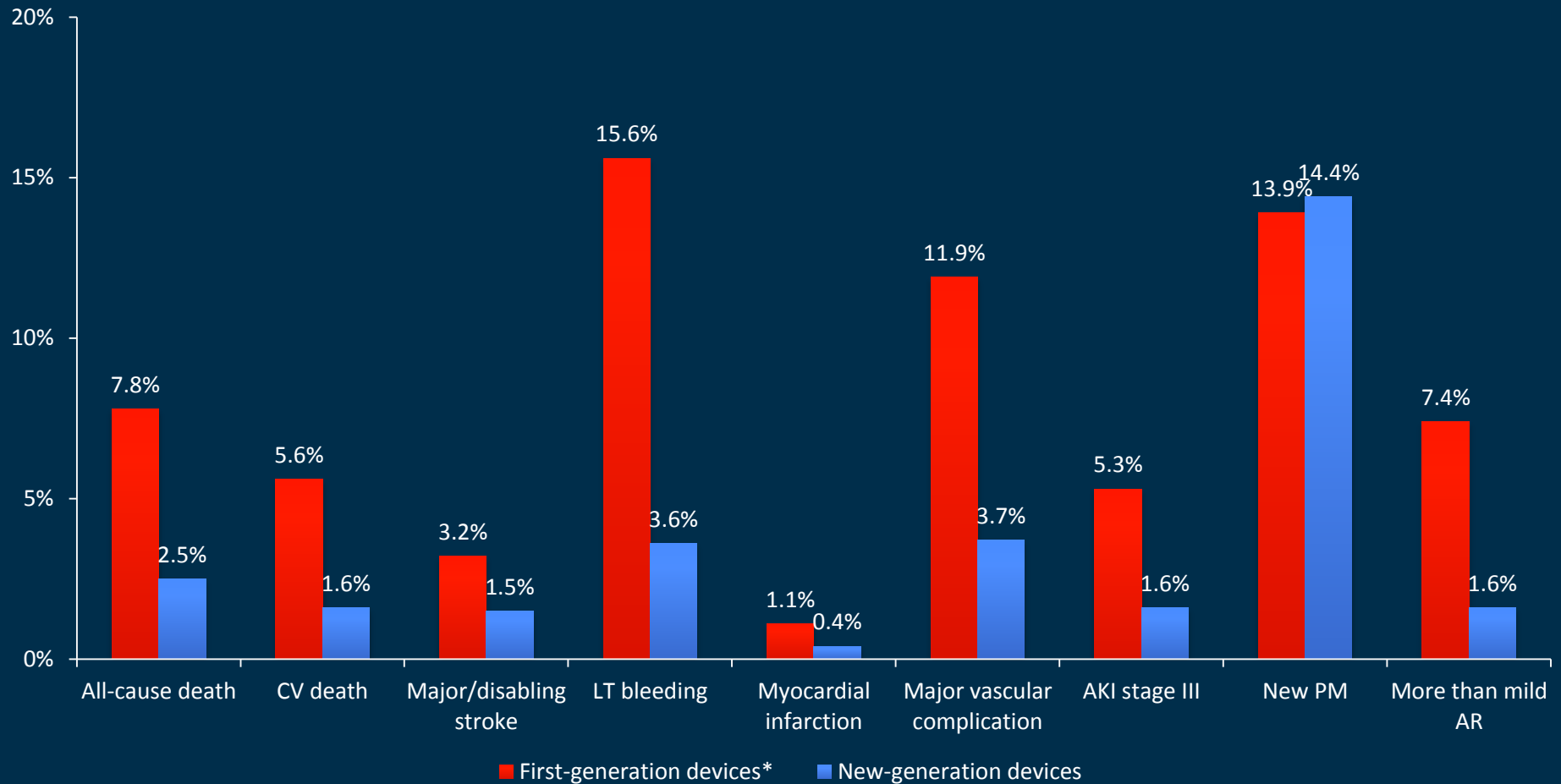
# Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation

## First- vs. Second-generation devices



# Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation

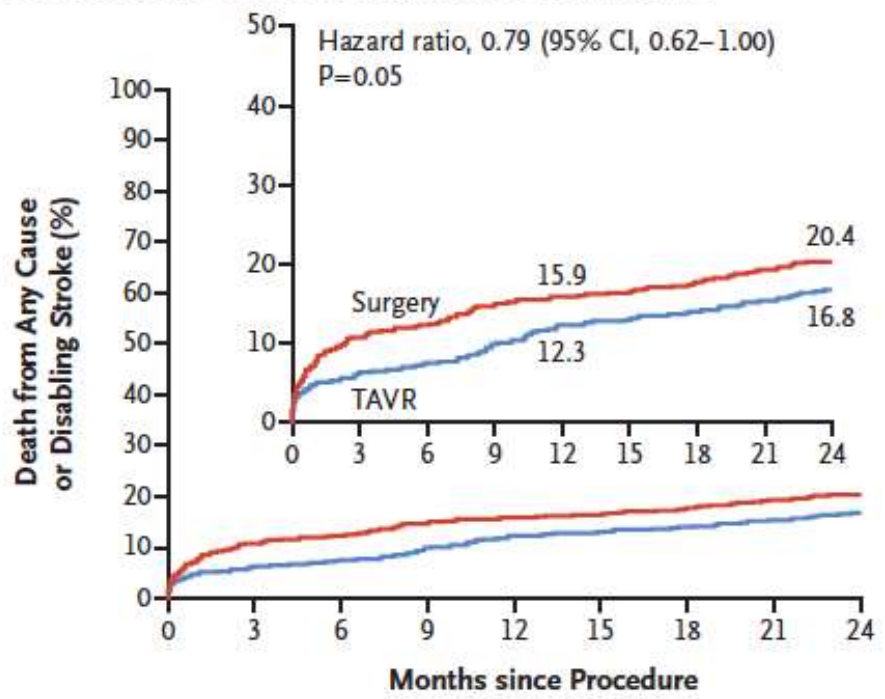
## First- vs. Second-generation devices



# PARTNER II Trial

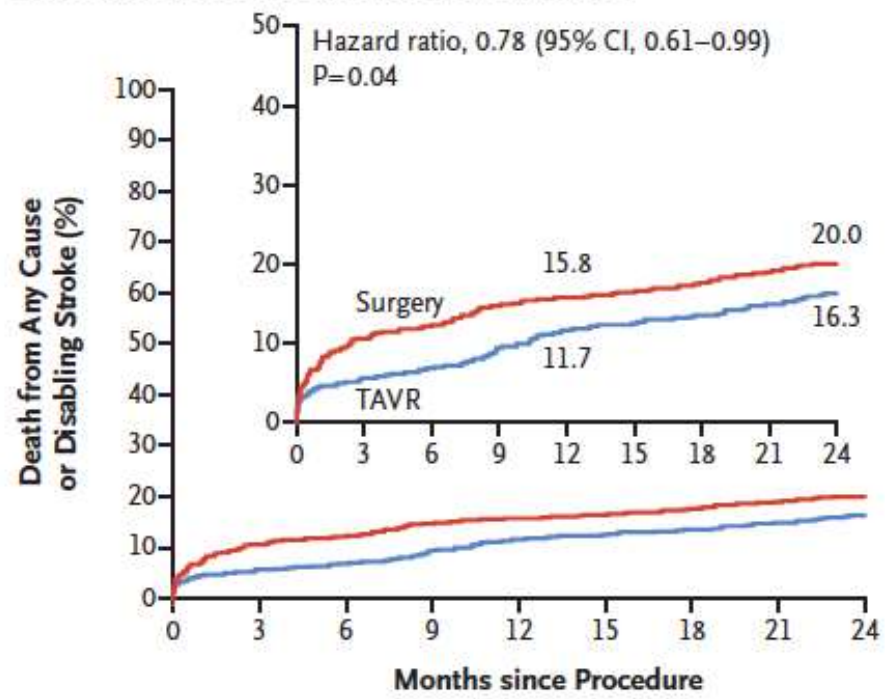
## Transfemoral procedures – Primary Outcome

**C Transfemoral-Access Cohort, Intention-to-Treat Analysis**



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
TAVR	775	718	709	685	663	652	644	634	612
Surgery	775	643	628	604	595	577	569	557	538

**D Transfemoral-Access Cohort, As-Treated Analysis**



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
TAVR	762	717	708	685	663	652	644	634	612
Surgery	722	636	624	600	591	573	565	555	537

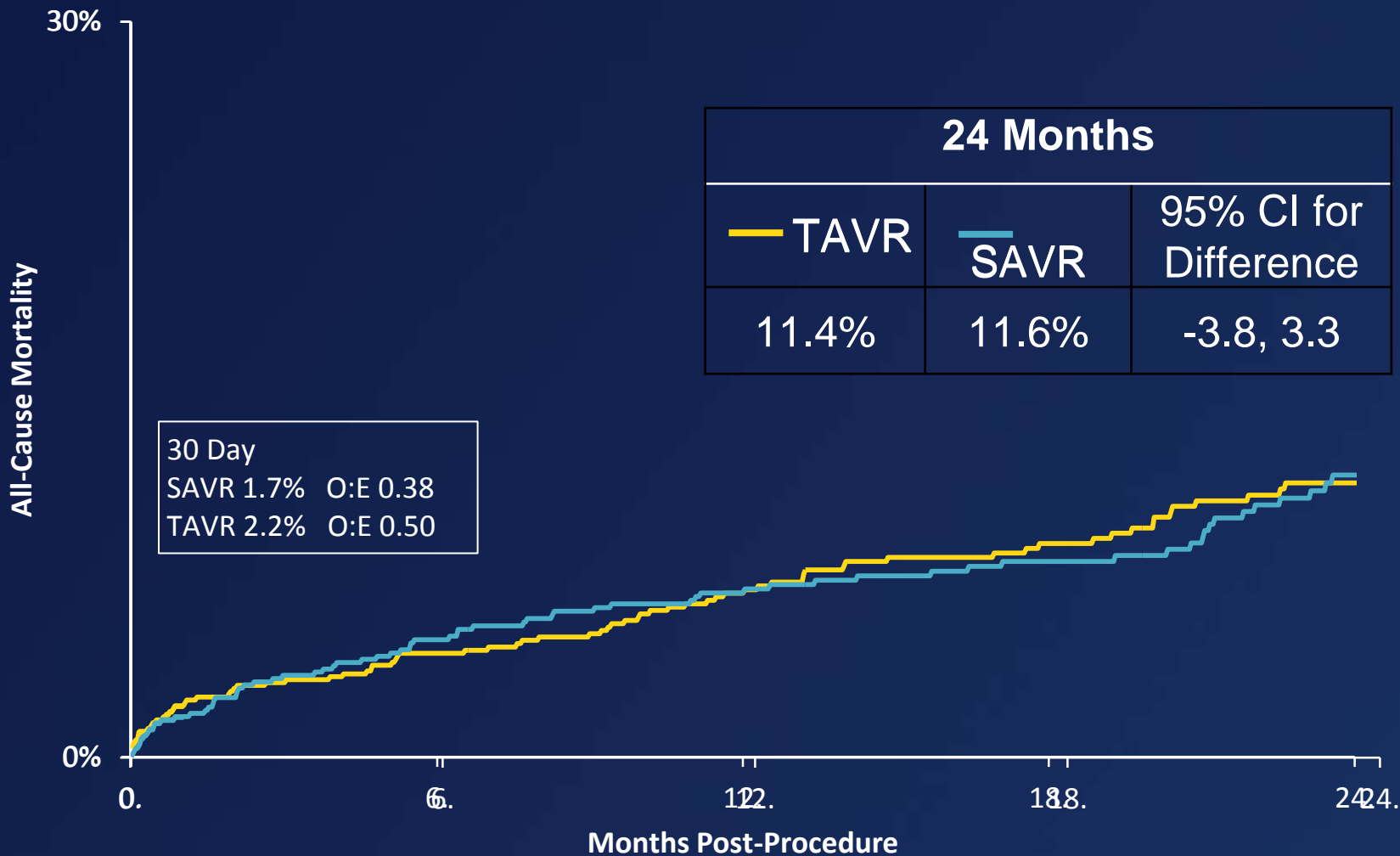




End Point	At 30 Days			At 2 Years		
	TAVR (N= 1011)	Surgery (N=1021)	P Value	TAVR (N= 1011)	Surgery (N=1021)	P Value
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>			<i>no. of patients (%)</i>		
Death from any cause or disabling stroke	62 (6.1)	80 (8.0)	0.11	192 (19.3)	202 (21.1)	0.33
Death						
From any cause	39 (3.9)	41 (4.1)	0.78	166 (16.7)	170 (18.0)	0.45
From cardiac causes	33 (3.3)	32 (3.2)	0.92	97 (10.1)	104 (11.3)	0.38
Not from cardiac causes	6 (0.6)	9 (0.9)	0.41	69 (7.4)	65 (7.4)	0.98
Neurologic event						
Any event	64 (6.4)	65 (6.5)	0.94	121 (12.7)	103 (11.0)	0.25
Transient ischemic attack	9 (0.9)	4 (0.4)	0.17	34 (3.7)	20 (2.3)	0.09
Any stroke	55 (5.5)	61 (6.1)	0.57	91 (9.5)	85 (8.9)	0.67
Disabling stroke	32 (3.2)	43 (4.3)	0.20	59 (6.2)	61 (6.4)	0.83
Nondisabling stroke	23 (2.3)	18 (1.8)	0.43	33 (3.4)	27 (2.9)	0.51
Rehospitalization	64 (6.5)	62 (6.5)	0.99	183 (19.6)	156 (17.3)	0.22
Death from any cause or rehospitalization	99 (9.8)	101 (10.2)	0.78	303 (30.5)	281 (29.6)	0.67
Death from any cause, any stroke, or rehospitalization	140 (13.9)	153 (15.3)	0.37	344 (34.6)	326 (33.9)	0.75
Myocardial infarction	12 (1.2)	19 (1.9)	0.22	33 (3.6)	37 (4.1)	0.56
Major vascular complication	80 (7.9)	51 (5.0)	0.008	86 (8.6)	55 (5.5)	0.006
Life-threatening or disabling bleeding	105 (10.4)	442 (43.4)	<0.001	169 (17.3)	471 (47.0)	<0.001
Acute kidney injury	13 (1.3)	31 (3.1)	0.006	36 (3.8)	57 (6.2)	0.02
New atrial fibrillation	91 (9.1)	265 (26.4)	<0.001	110 (11.3)	273 (27.3)	<0.001
New permanent pacemaker	85 (8.5)	68 (6.9)	0.17	114 (11.8)	96 (10.3)	0.29
Endocarditis	0	0	—	11 (1.2)	6 (0.7)	0.22
Aortic-valve reintervention	4 (0.4)	0	0.05	13 (1.4)	5 (0.6)	0.09
Coronary obstruction	4 (0.4)	6 (0.6)	0.53	4 (0.4)	6 (0.6)	0.53

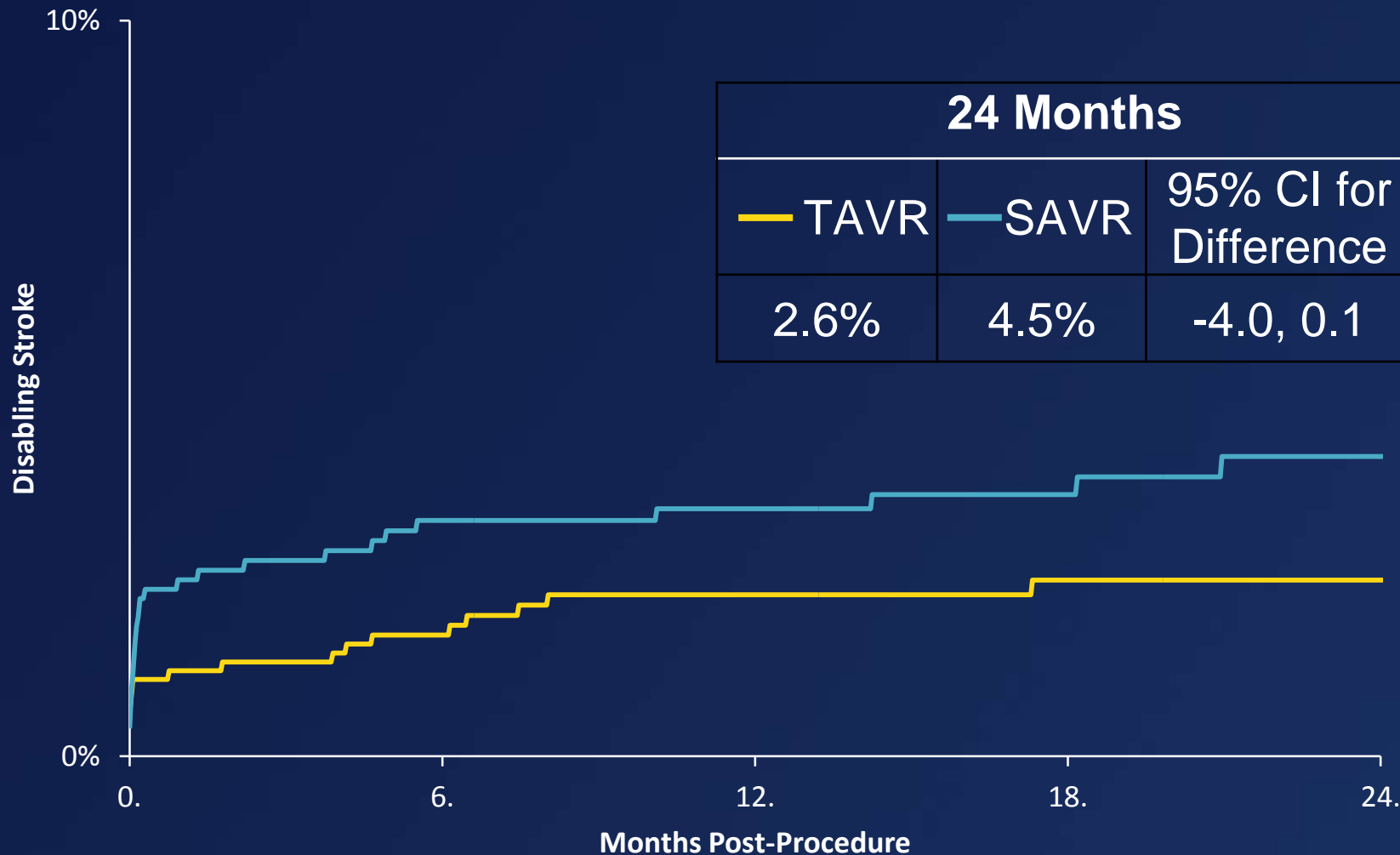


# All-Cause Mortality



No. at Risk	0	66	122	188	244
SAVR	796	690	569	414	249
TAVR	864	762	621	465	280

# Disabling Stroke



**No. at Risk**

SAVR	796	674	555	407	241
TAVR	864	755	612	456	272

# SURTAVI Trial

## All procedures – Primary Outcome 30 days

**Table 2. Procedure-Related Complications at 30 Days (Modified Intention-to-Treat Population).\***

Complication	TAVR (N=864)	Surgery (N=796)	95% Credible Interval for Difference
Life-threatening or major bleeding — %	12.2	9.3	-0.1 to 5.9
Transfusion of red cells — no. (%)			
0 units	756 (87.5)	469 (58.9)	24.4 to 32.5
1 unit	29 (3.4)	90 (11.3)	-10.5 to -5.5
2 to 4 units	48 (5.6)	136 (17.1)	-14.5 to -8.5
>4 units	31 (3.6)	101 (12.7)	-11.7 to -6.5
Acute kidney injury stage 2 or 3 — %	1.7	4.4	-4.4 to -1.0
Coronary-artery obstruction — %	0.2	0.0	-0.2 to 0.8
Major vascular complication — %	6.0	1.1	3.2 to 6.7
Cardiac perforation — %	1.7	0.9	-0.2 to 2.0
Cardiogenic shock — %	1.1	3.8	-4.2 to -1.1
Permanent pacemaker implantation — %	25.9	6.6	15.9 to 22.7
Atrial fibrillation — %	12.9	43.4	-34.7 to -26.4





# Transcatheter aortic valve replacement versus surgical valve replacement in intermediate-risk patients: a propensity score analysis

*Vinod H Thourani, Susheel Kodali, Raj R Makkar, Howard C Herrmann, Mathew Williams, Vasilis Babaliaros, Richard Smalling, Scott Lim, S Chris Malaisrie, Samir Kapadia, Wilson Y Szeto, Kevin L Greason, Dean Kereiakes, Gorav Ailawadi, Brian K Whisenant, Chandan Devireddy, Jonathon Leipsic, Rebecca T Hahn, Philippe Pibarot, Neil J Weissman, Wael A Jaber, David J Cohen, Rakesh Suri, E Murat Tuzcu, Lars G Svensson, John G Webb, Jeffrey W Moses, Michael J Mack, D Craig Miller, Craig R Smith, Maria C Alu, Rupa Parvataneni, Ralph B D'Agostino Jr, Martin B Leon*



	30 days						1 year					
	SAPIEN 3 TAVR			Surgical valve replacement			SAPIEN 3 TAVR			Surgical valve replacement		
	Events (n)	Cumulative KM estimates	Numbers at risk	Events (n)	Cumulative KM estimates	Numbers at risk	Events (n)	Cumulative KM estimates	Numbers at risk	Events (n)	Cumulative KM estimates	Numbers at risk
<b>Death</b>												
From any cause	12	1.1%	1063	38	4.0%	902	79	7.4%	963	121	13.0%	795
Cardiac death	10	0.9%	1063	29	3.1%	902	47	4.5%	963	74	8.1%	795
Non-cardiac death	2	0.2%	1063	9	1.0%	902	32	3.1%	963	47	5.3%	795
<b>Neurological events</b>												
Transient ischaemic attack	4	0.4%	1059	4	0.4%	898	18	1.8%	945	15	1.7%	782
Any stroke	29	2.7%	1035	57	6.1%	852	49	4.6%	930	75	8.2%	743
Disabling stroke	11	1.0%	1053	41	4.4%	868	24	2.3%	953	54	5.9%	764
Non-disabling stroke	18	1.7%	1045	16	1.7%	886	25	2.4%	940	22	2.4%	773
Death from any cause or disabling stroke	22	2.0%	1053	75	8.0%	868	90	8.4%	953	155	16.6%	764
Rehospitalisation	49	4.6%	1017	62	6.8%	845	119	11.4%	865	135	15.1%	697
Myocardial infarction	3	0.3%	1060	18	1.9%	889	3	0.3%	961	28	3.1%	780
<b>Life-threatening or disabling bleeding</b>	50	4.6%	1018	440	46.7%	493	..	..	..	..	..	..
Major vascular complication	66	6.1%	1000	51	5.4%	860	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute kidney injury (stage 3)	5	0.5%	1058	31	3.3%	879	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>New atrial fibrillation</b>	54	5.0%	1012	265	28.3%	649	63	5.9%*	912	272	29.2%	564
<b>New permanent pacemaker</b>	109	10.2%	955	68	7.3%	836	132	12.4%*	842	85	9.4%	721

p value < 0.01





# 1-Year Outcomes After Transfemoral Transcatheter or Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement

## Results From the Italian OBSERVANT Study



Corrado Tamburino, MD,\*† Marco Barbanti, MD,\*† Paola D'Errigo, RS,‡ Marco Ranucci, MD,§ Francesco Onorati, MD,||  
Remo Daniel Covello, MD,¶ Francesco Santini, MD,# Stefano Rosato, RS,§ Gennaro Santoro, MD,\*\*  
Danilo Fusco, RS,†† Claudio Grossi, MD,‡‡ Fulvia Seccareccia, RS,‡ for the OBSERVANT Research Group





# OBSERVANT

## In-hospital Outcomes & 30-day mortality

	<b>SAVR</b> <b>N=650</b> <b><i>LES II 5.1±6.2</i></b>	<b>TAVI</b> <b>N=650</b> <b><i>LES II 4.9±5.1</i></b>	<b>P value</b>
Renal failure, n (%)	64 (10.9)	36 (6.1)	0.004
New PPM, n (%)	23 (3.6)	98 (15.5)	<0.001
AMI, n (%)	5 (0.8)	3 (0.5)	0.479
Stroke, n (%)	14 (2.2)	8 (1.3)	0.180
Infection			
Wound, n (%)	10 (1.6)		
Lung or other organs, n (%)	24 (3.9)	29 (4.7)	0.191
Sepsis, n (%)	11 (1.8)	4 (0.6)	
RBC Transfusions: number of units	3.6±3.6	2.3±2.2	0.002
ICU stay (days)	3.8±7.7	3.2±4.7	0.077
Total hospital stay (days)	12.6±1.34	8.8±8.5	<0.001
Death (30 days), n (%)	24 (3.8)	20 (3.2)	0.546

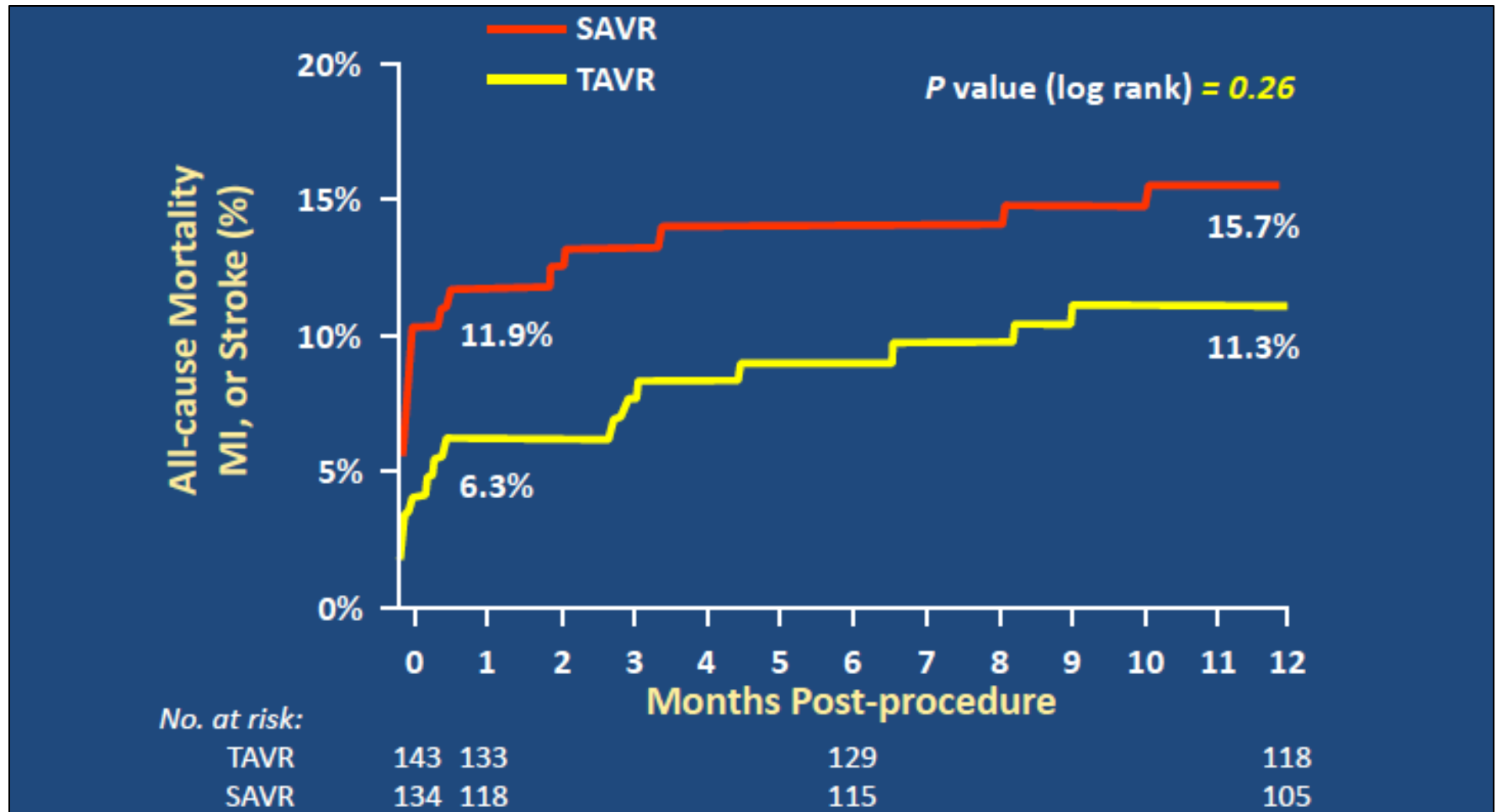


## Transcatheter Versus Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement in Patients With Severe Aortic Valve Stenosis

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



# TAVI and Low-risk



# NOTION 2y

	Surgery (n = 135)	TAVR (n = 145)	P Value
All-Cause Mortality	9.8%	8.0%	.54
CV Mortality	9.1%	6.5%	.40
Stroke	5.4%	3.6%	.46
MI	6.0%	5.1%	.69
A-fib	60.2%	22.7%	< .001
Pacemaker	4.2%	41.3%	< .001

Valve performance was better after TAVR, with a higher effective orifice area and lower mean gradient at 2 years compared with surgery ( $P < .001$  for both). Mild/severe aortic regurgitation was more common in the TAVR arm through 2 years (54.4% vs 16.1%;  $P < .001$ ).

Also, at 1 year, more surgery than TAVR patients were in NYHA class I, but this difference disappeared at 2 years ( $P = .44$ ).



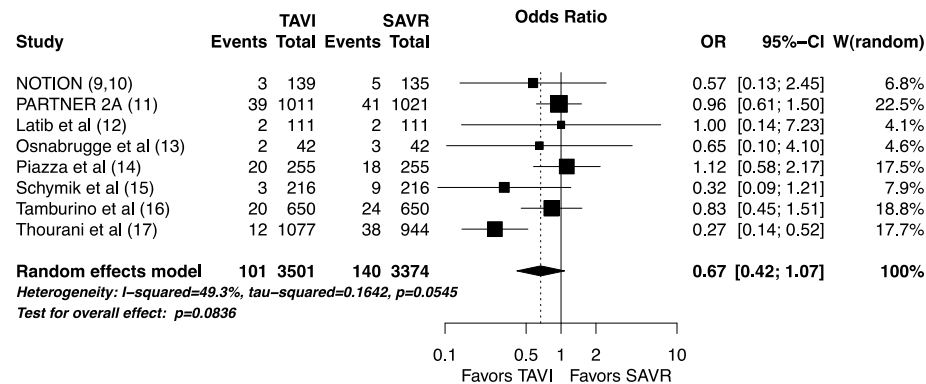
## Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation Versus Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement

### A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

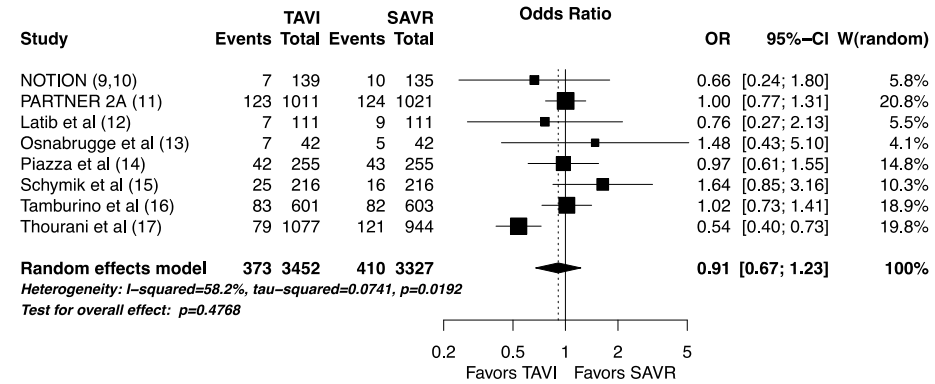
Giuseppe Gargiulo, MD; Anna Sannino, MD; Davide Capodanno, MD, PhD; Marco Barbanti, MD; Sergio Buccheri, MD; Cinzia Perrino, MD, PhD; Piera Capranzano, MD; Ciro Indolfi, MD, PhD; Bruno Trimarco, MD; Corrado Tamburino, MD, PhD; and Giovanni Esposito, MD, PhD

#### ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY IN LOW-TO-INTERMEDIATE RISK PATIENTS

##### Early all-cause mortality



##### Mid-term all-cause mortality



# No strong evidences of TAVI in low risk patients are available!

## FDA Grants Go-Ahead for Low-Risk TAVR Study

 Print |     11 [Add to Favorites](#)

**By Shelley Wood**

*Friday, January 15, 2016*

The US FDA has given a green light to the launch of the first large, randomized trial of transcatheter aortic valve replacement in low-risk patients, the trial sponsor announced today. That announcement is being seen by some as a broad hint that the as-yet undisclosed results from the intermediate-risk TAVR trial with this same device are likely positive.

PARTNER III, using the Sapien 3 valve (Edwards Lifesciences), will enroll approximately 1,300 elderly patients identified by a heart team as being at low risk for mortality were they to undergo surgical valve replacement (STS score  $\leq 4$ ). The patients, aged at least 65 years and having severe, symptomatic aortic stenosis, will be randomized at up to 50% to TAVR. The trial is expected to start enrolling patients this spring.

## FDA Gives Greenlight for Low-Risk TAVR Study With CoreValve

 Print |     3 [Add to Favorites](#)

**By Michael O'Riordan**

*Monday, February 22, 2016*

The US Food and Drug Administration has given its blessing yet again to a randomized trial of transcatheter aortic valve replacement in low-risk patients, this time with a self-expanding device.

Medtronic announced today that the new trial will randomize approximately 1,200 low-risk patients with severe aortic stenosis to TAVR with the CoreValve Evolut R system or surgical aortic valve replacement. Patients randomized in the trial will be considered low risk for surgery if, based on an evaluation from a heart team, they have a less than 3% risk of death from valve-replacement surgery.

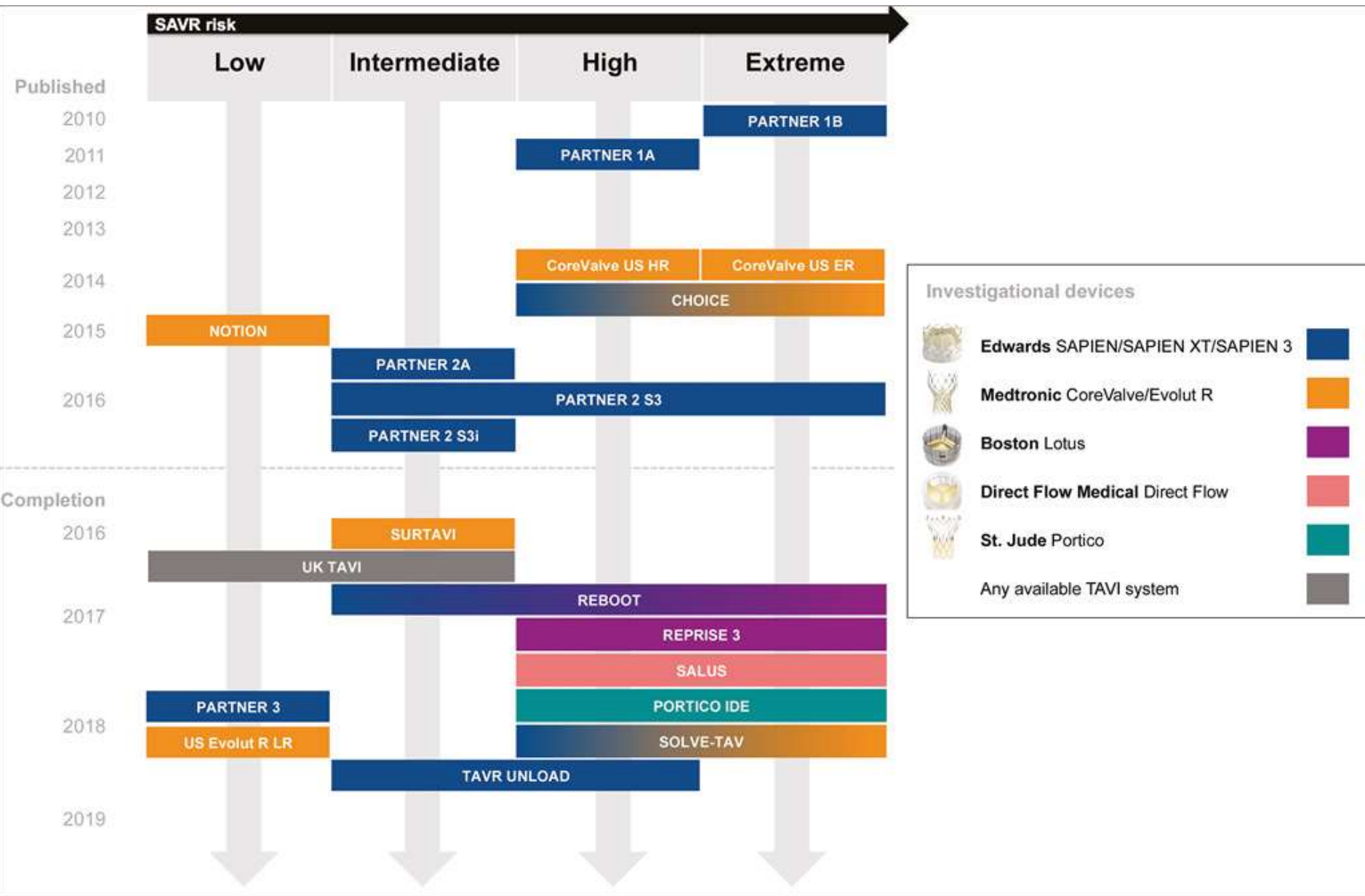
SOURCE: tctmd.com



**Ferrarotto Hospital  
University of Catania**

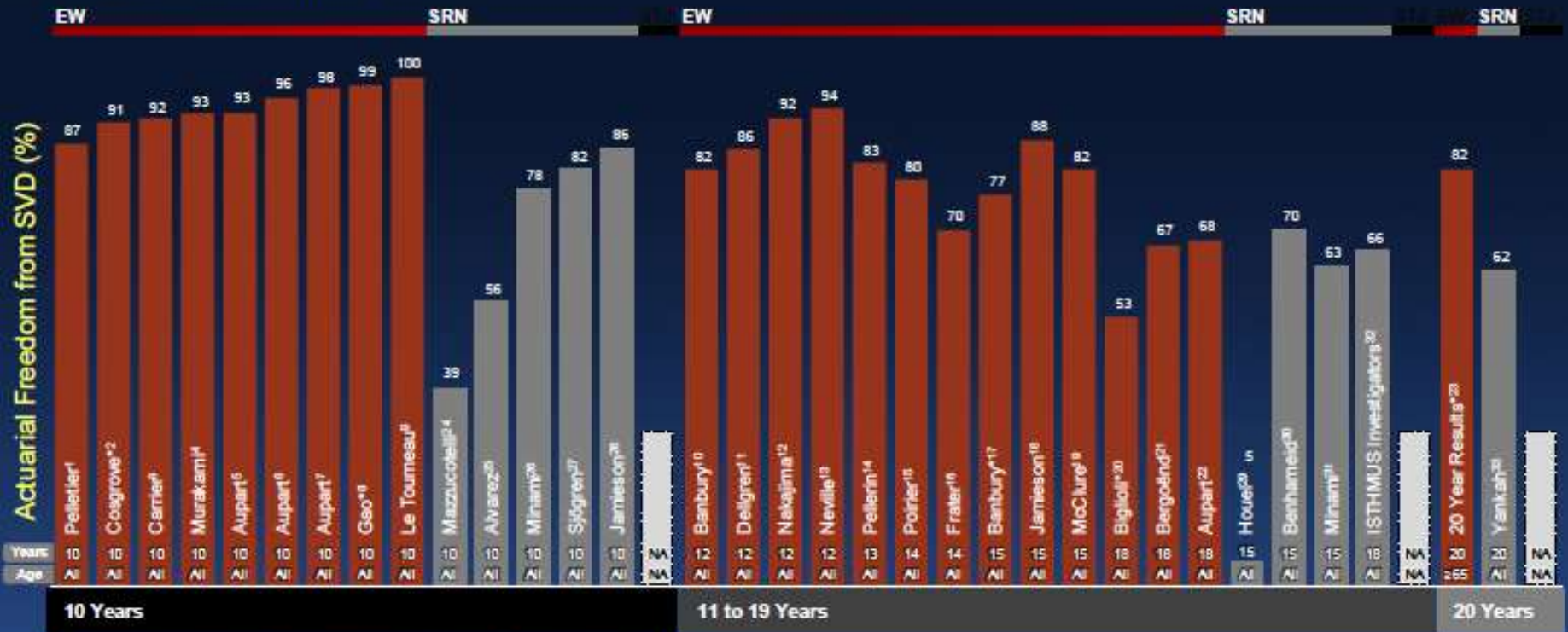






# Freedom from Structural Valve Deterioration of Pericardial Aortic Bioprostheses

## Actuarial Freedom from Structural Valve Deterioration of Pericardial Aortic Bioprostheses



\* Freedom from explant / prosthesis replacement / reoperation due to SVD

Methodology: Comprehensive literature searches were conducted utilizing a combination of key words. See references section for key words, filters, and a search results summary.  
 Note: Patients and results are a subset of each study. See references section for total cohort size, patient mean age, and at risk population size.

## Original Investigation

# Trends in Aortic Valve Replacement for Elderly Patients in the United States, 1999-2011

José Augusto Barreto-Filho, MD, PhD; Yun Wang, PhD; John A. Dodson, MD; Mayur M. Desai, PhD, MPH; Lissa Sugeng, MD, MPH; Arnar Geirsson, MD; Harlan M. Krumholz, MD, SM

**Table 3. Outcomes of Aortic Valve Replacement Surgery, 1999-2011**

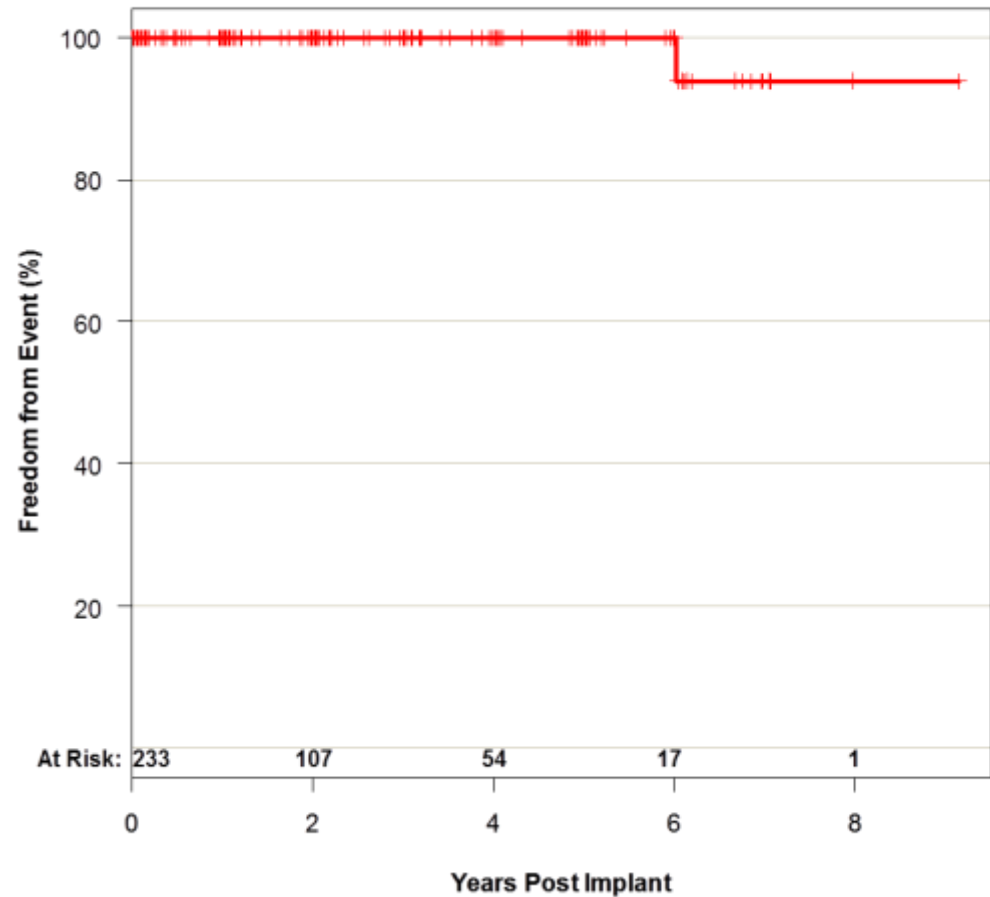
	% (95% CI)						
	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011
<b>Overall</b>							
No. of patients	24 568	26 598	28 186	28 687	28 039	30 418	31 380
In-hospital mortality rates, %	7.1 (6.81-7.46)	6.7 (6.42-7.03)	6.5 (6.24-6.82)	5.5 (5.26-5.79)	5.1 (4.82-5.34)	4.9 (4.62-5.10)	3.8 (3.56-3.99)
<b>30-d Mortality rates</b>							
Overall	7.6 (7.27-7.93)	7.3 (6.97-7.60)	7.1 (6.85-7.45)	6.0 (5.69-6.24)	5.5 (5.25-5.79)	5.5 (5.21-5.72)	4.2 (3.95-4.39)
<b>Age, y</b>							
65-74	5.9 (5.43-6.35)	5.7 (5.29-6.19)	5.6 (5.15-6.02)	4.6 (4.17-4.96)	4.5 (4.16-4.97)	4.2 (3.86-4.61)	3.3 (2.94-3.59)
75-84	8.2 (7.72-8.70)	7.8 (7.37-8.28)	7.6 (7.15-8.02)	6.3 (5.96-6.75)	5.6 (5.26-6.02)	5.7 (5.34-6.10)	4.4 (4.07-4.73)
≥85	12.3 (11.0-13.8)	10.8 (9.60-12.1)	11.1 (9.99-12.4)	9.3 (8.27-10.4)	8.1 (7.18-9.10)	8.1 (7.23-8.94)	5.8 (5.12-6.49)



# THV Durability

## CHU Rouen

- 239 pts from 2002-2011 (> 5 years FU)
- Freedom from either reoperation, or if asymptomatic, echo mean valve gradient >40 mmHg or severe AR (effective ROA > 0.3cm<sup>2</sup>)
- *Among survivors, none with MG >40 and only 1 pt with severe AR resulting in ViV procedure*

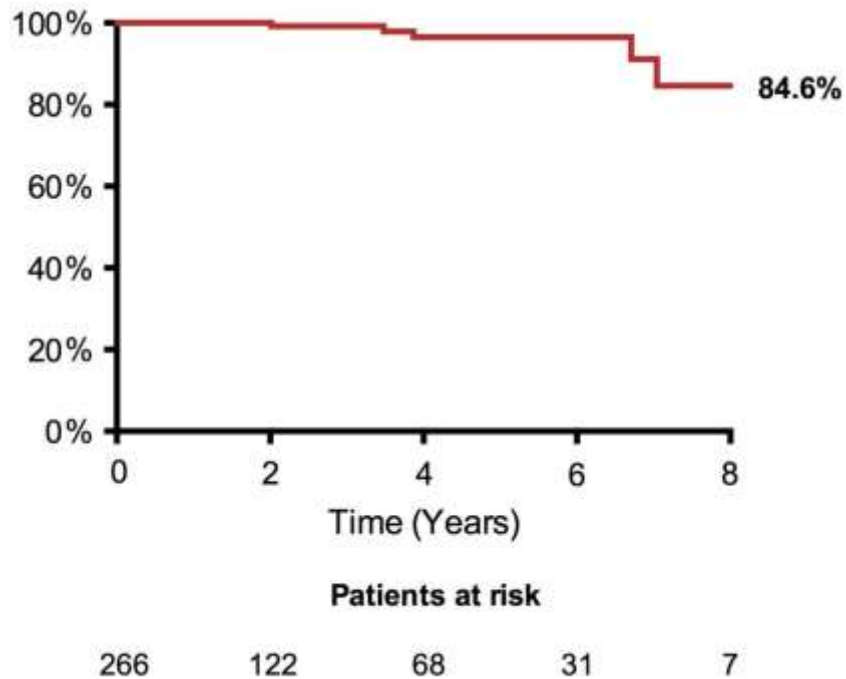


# THV Durability

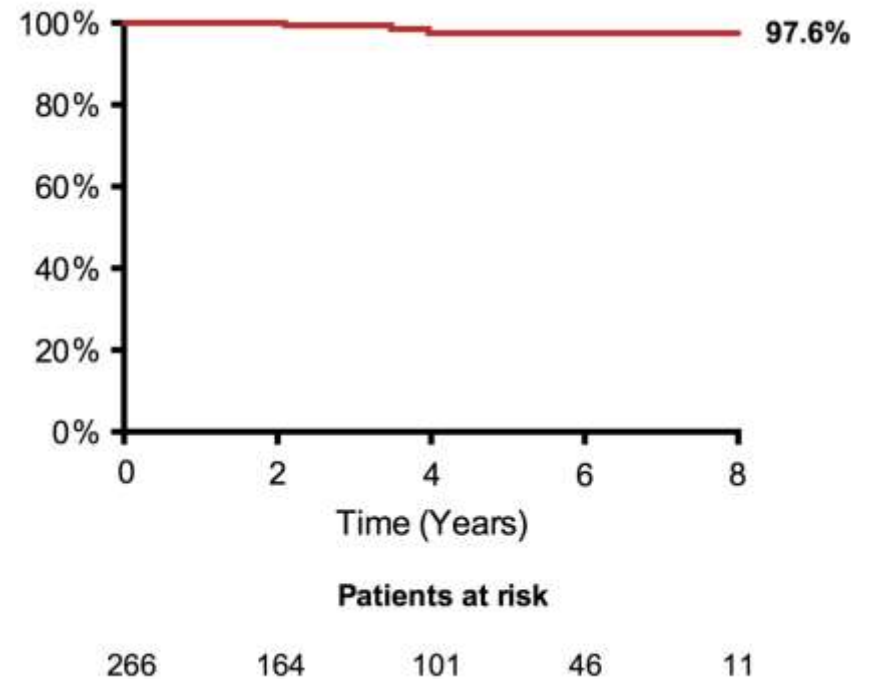
## Vancouver

- 266 pts from before 2011 (> 5 years FU)

### Freedom from severe failure



### Freedom from reintervention





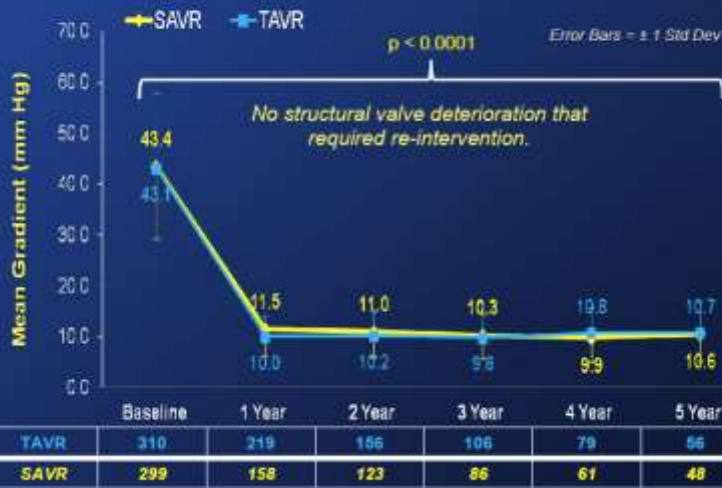
# Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation

## THV durability

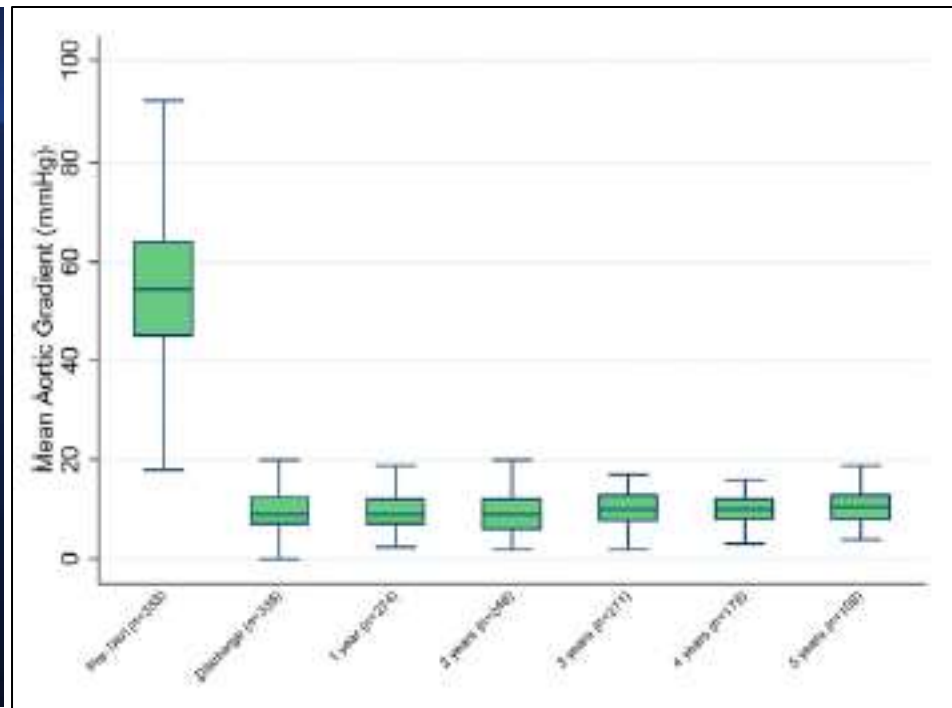
### PARTNER I

### Italian CV Registry

#### Aortic Valve Mean Gradient



Mack et al. Lancet 2015



Barbanti et al. JACC Intv 2015



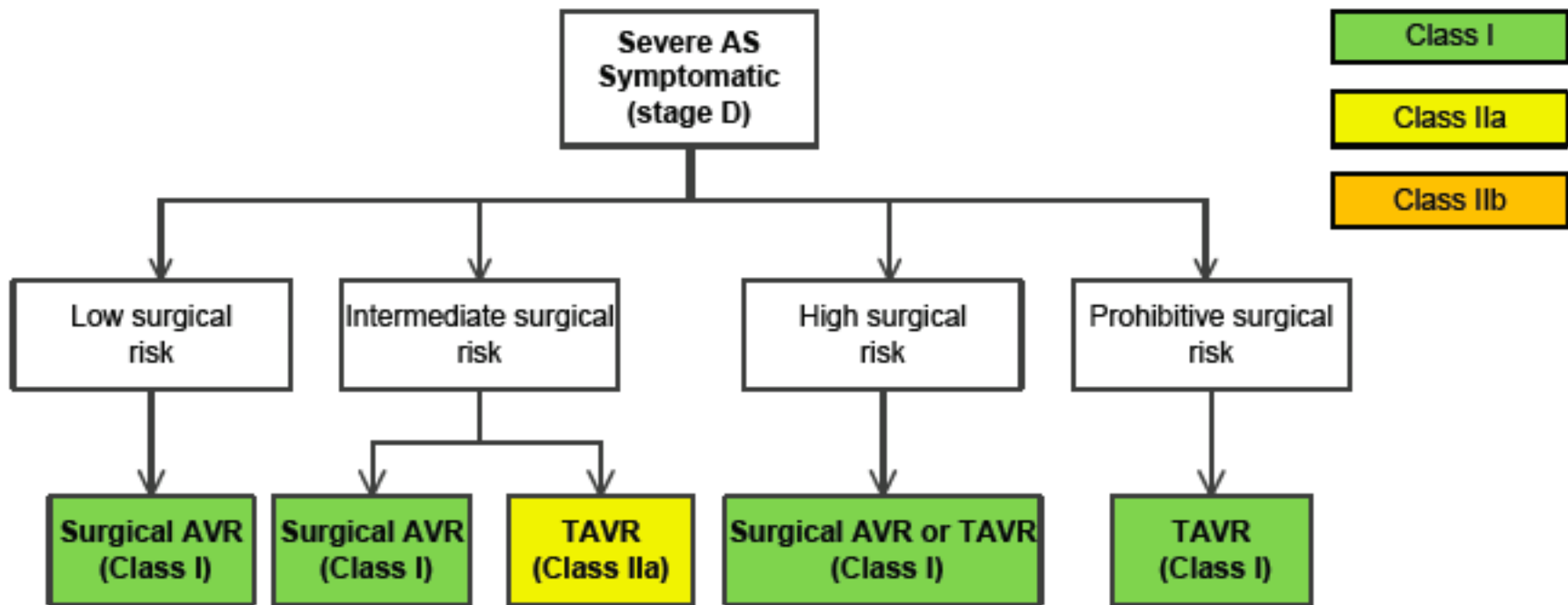
Ferrarotto Hospital  
University of Catania





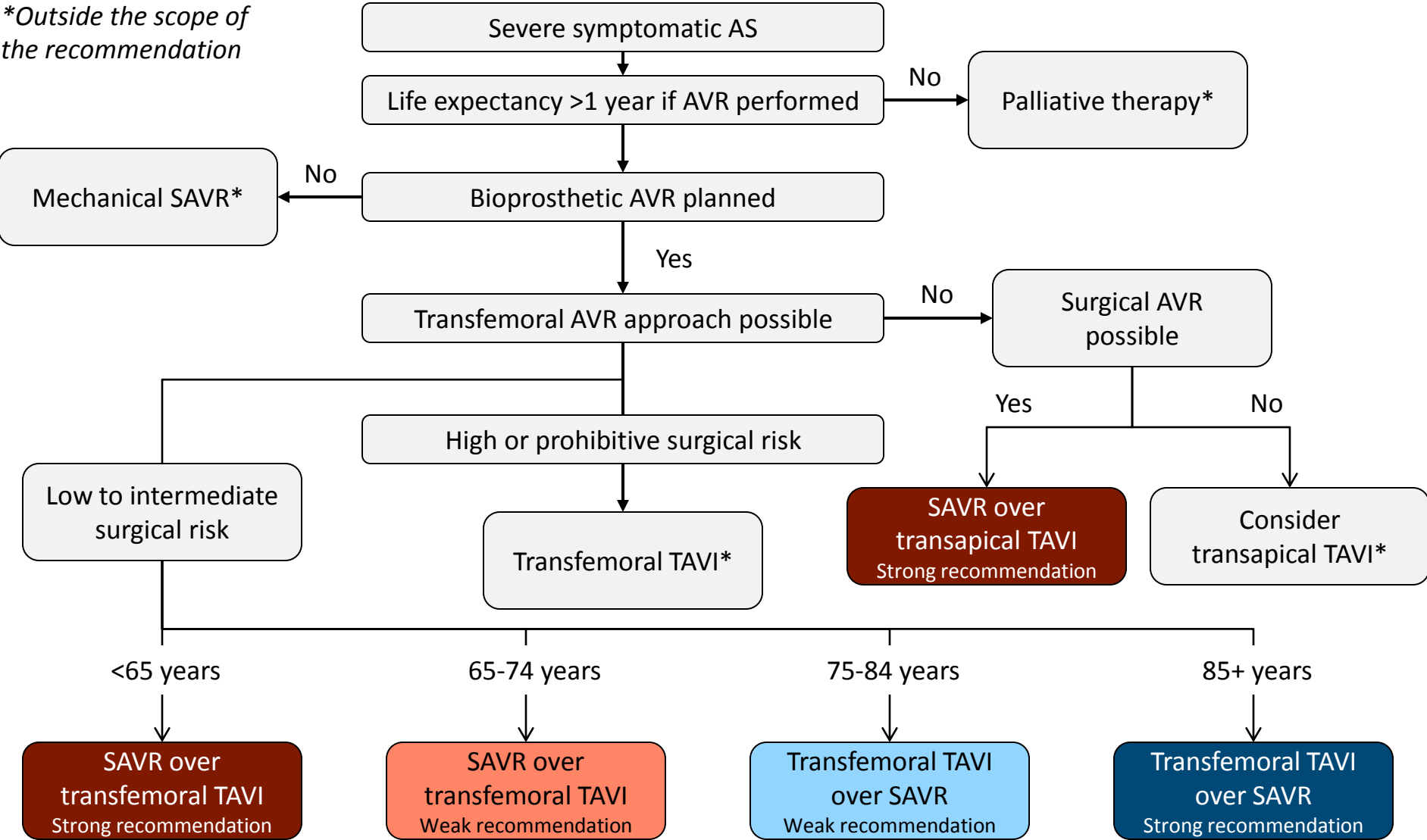
# Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation

## New Guidelines **AHA/ACC 2017**



# Management of severe AS - A Clinical Practice Guideline

*\*Outside the scope of the recommendation*



# Closing Remarks

- Over the next decade a remarkable growth in TAVI procedures is predicted
- The growing adoption of TAVI in lower-risk population has been driven by:
  - the multi-disciplinary heart team
  - rapid technology enhancement
  - simplification of the procedure
  - striking reduction in complications
  - global trends and accepted clinical practices
- The current TAVI guidelines (AHA/ACC), are more close to the clinical practice
- The ultimate role of TAVI is yet to be determined. But we can anticipate a future time when the choice of a procedure over the other one (TAVI or surgery) will be a risk-benefit assessment based on clinical and anatomic factors, and not an imprecise risk stratification model

