Coronary protection in patients undergoing TAVI at high risk of coronary obstruction

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### Mechanisms of coronary obstruction



### **Mechanics of acute coronary obstruction in VIV**



Dvir Circ Cv Int 2015

# Projection perpendicular to the valve and the coronary ostia: 1:2 technique



• Female, 84y.o

• 2009: SAVR (Magna 23)

• June 2020: CHF. AVA= 0,4 cm with severe AR

• Plan: TAVI VIV with Sapien Ultra 23 mm

#### Left coronary

#### **Right coronary**





#### Sinuses: 25 mm



#### VTC Left Cor: 4.3 mm



#### VTC CDx: 5.1 mm



### Magna 21









# Procedural coronary obstruction

- Height of coronary ostium
- •SOV dimension (< 30 mm)
- STJ height and dimension
- Extreme oversizing
- Valve in valve (Mitroflow, Trifecta, Stentless)
- Severe AV calcification with large left cusp calcium nodule (especially bicuspid valve)
- Post-dilatation

### Methods to protect coronary artery

#### **CHIMNEY STENTING**

BASILICA



#### **LEAFLET SPLITTING**



### Coronary Protection to Prevent Coronary Obstruction During Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

Multicenter, international, observational study with 19 centers and fup at 3 yrs



236 cases of coronary protection143 with stent eventually implanted93 protected with wire only

Palmerini et al; JACC Intervention 2020



Palmerini et al; JACC Int 2020

# Definite stent thrombosis, sudden death and delayed occlusion stratified by the strategy of coronary protection



## Outcomes stratified by the type of valves



Palmerini et al; JACC Int 2020

### Independent predictor of 3-year cardiac mortality

Variable	HR (95% confidence intervals)	P value
Stent vs wire protection	0.42 (0.13-1.28)	0.12
Prior myocardial infarction	1.37 (0.28-6.63)	0.68
NYHA class III/IV	3.75 (0.48-29.18)	0.20
Chronic kidney disease	1.80 (0.63-5.29)	0.26
Coronary artery disease	0.70 (0.26-2.26)	0.63
Left ventricular ejection fraction	0.99 (0.95-1.04)	0.90
Self expandable vs balloon expandable valves	3.97 (1.20-13.13)	0.02

## **BASILICA TECHNIQUE**



Laceration of the right or left leaflet (or both) using an electrified guidewire

The lacerated leaflet splays after TAVI to allow blood flow across it





Khan et al; JACC int 2018

### Preventing Coronary Obstruction During Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

Results From the Multicenter International BASILICA Registry



First-in-Human Dedicated Leaflet Splitting Device for Prevention of Coronary Obstruction in Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

### The ShortCut device

Handle, delivery system, distal unit





Dvir et al; JACC Int 2023

- First-in-human dedicated leaflet splitting device in TAVR
- 8 patients (11 leaflets) with coronary obstruction risk
- 5 left coronary risk
- 3 left plus right coronary risk
- No coronary obstruction occurred during TAVR
- No adverse neurologic events



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## Conclusions

- Iatrogenic coronary obstruction during TAVR is associated with high rates of mortality and morbidity
- Coronary height, SOV dimension, leaflet height, STJ height and wideness, VIV,post-dilation and VTH are risk factors for coronary occlusion
- Chimney stenting, BASILICA and the ShortCut device have been proven to be effective in preventing coronary obstruction