TAVR in Bicuspid Aortic Stenosis with Severe Calcification: Case Review and Tips-and-Tricks

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Case

- 81 YO Female
- CC: DOE(NYHA Fc III) and Chest discomfort for 7 months
- Medical history: None
- STS score: 2.913%
- Euroscore I = 11.59%, Euroscore II = 2.01%















Chest PA









Echocardiography



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Echocardiography

- Degenerative aortic valve
- AVA = 0.37 cm²
- Peak / Mean PG = 202 / 127 mm Hg
- V max = 7.1 m/s
- EF= 39 %
- LVOT diameter, TTE: 20.8 mm
- Moderate MR, trivial TR
- Very severe degenerative AS
- Concentric LVH with moderate LV dysfunction





CT findings – Aortic annulus view



Annulus plane

Aortic Annulus parameters	
Annulus short diameter	19.5 mm
Annulus long diameter	28.5 mm
Annululs mean diameter	24.0 mm
Annulus area	441 mm ²
Annulus area-driven diameter	23.7 mm
Annulus perimeter	76.6 mm
Annulus perimeter-driven diameter	24.4 mm

CT findings – Aortic Valve Complex



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LVOT	
Area	477 mm ²
LVOT / Annulus Area Ratio	1.08
Short diameter	19.2 mm
Long diameter	30.0 mm



Mean LVOT / Annulus Area Ratio 0.9

0.95 ± 0.12



CT findings – Aortic Valve Complex



Calcified Raphe

Calcium volume	
NCC	47 mm ³
R-LCC	398 mm ³
Total	445 mm ³

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CT findings – Coronary Height



Coronary Height	
LCA	9.8 mm
RCA	14.5 mm







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Aortogram









BAV (20mm)









Device Implantation









Post-Implantation









RAO Projection









Pressure Tracing





ATLAS[®] PTA Dilatation Catheter (20 mm x 4 cm)







Post-Ballooning









Final Aortogram









Final Pressure Tracing



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Summary

- TAVR for bicuspid AV remains challenging.
- Balloon valvuloplasty before valve implantation for sizing and premodification is generally recommended.
- In our case, despite the balloon valvuloplasty, additional postdilatation was necessary for a poorly expanded device and residual pressure gradient.
- When a noncompliant balloon is used, it is possible to expect appropriate valve expansion while minimizing the risk of root injury by uniform and predictable force transmission.
- In addition, multiple projection is very important to detect the asymmetric device underexpansion in bicuspid AS.



