Access Site Vascular and Bleeding Complications Following Transfemoral TAVI

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Definition of Access Related Vascular Complications

Major Complications Clinical sequele

Minor Complications No clinical sequele







VARC-2- Major Vascular Complications

- Any aortic dissection, aortic rupture, annulus rupture, left ventricle perforation, or new apical aneurysm/pseudo-aneurysm OR
- 2. Access site or access-related vascular injury (dissection, stenosis, perforation, rupture, arteriovenous fistula, pseudoaneurysm, hematoma, irreversible nerve injury, compartment syndrome, percutaneous closure device failure) *leading to death, life-threatening or major bleeding*, visceral ischemia, OR*
- 3. Neurological impairment OR



VARC-2- Major Vascular Complications

- 4. Distal embolization (non-cerebral) from a vascular source requiring surgery or resulting in amputation or irreversible end-organ damage OR
- 5. The use of *unplanned endovascular or surgical intervention* associated with death, major bleeding, visceral ischemia or neurological impairment OR
- 6. Any new ipsilateral *lower extremity ischemia* documented by patient symptoms, physical exam, and/or decreased or absent blood flow on lower extremity angiogram OR
- 7. Surgery for access site-related *nerve injury* OR
- 8. Permanent access site-related nerve injury



Incidence of Major Vascular Complications After TAVI*



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Vascular complications after TAVI Meta-analysis

0	utcomes	Reported Rate min,max (%)	Cumulative rate	₽ (%)	Rate Estimated (%)	[95% CI]
	Major	5.0-23.3	282/2417	81.3	11.9	[8.6,16.4]
	Minor	5.6-28.3	203/2142	88.8	9.7	[6.7,14.0]
	AII	9.5-51.6	511/2740	92.6	18.8	[14.5,24.3]



Généreux P et al. JACC 2012;59:2317





Major Vascular Complications PARTNER 1 TF-Cohort A and B



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Genereux P et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2012;60:1043



Vascular Complication and Mortality PARTNER Cohort B (Inoperable)TF, Sapien



Vascular Complication and Mortality PARTNER Cohort A (High-risk) TF, Sapien



Vascular Complications and Mortality SOURCE XT Registry: SAPIEN-XT



Can we prevent ?







Predictors of Major Vascular Complications

- Hayashida et al. JACC Intv 2012
 - SFAR HR 186.2 [4.41, 7,855.11]
 - Early experience HR 3.66 [1.17, 11.49]
 - Femoral calcification HR 3.44 [1.16, 10.17]
- Van Mieghem N et al. Am J Cardiol 2012
 - Female gender HR 1.63 [1.12, 2.36]
 - >19Fr system 2.87 [1.68, 4.91]
- Généreux et al. JACC 2012
 - Female gender HR 2.31 [1.08, 4.98]



Learning Curve and Vascular Complications



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Sheath Size and Vascular Complications



Patients treated with the >19Fr sheath (ID) had

- Significantly more vascular complications (22% vs 12%, p < 0.001)
- more bailout interventions for access-related issues (20% vs 10%, p < 0.001)

Required Arterial Access Diameter SAPIEN XT (before e-sheath)

Valve Size	Sheath size	Diameter
23mm	18F	> 6.0mm
26mm	19F	> 6.5mm
29mm	20F	> 7.0mm







Improved Current Delivery System Reduced Sheath Size: Expandable Sheath



Edwards eSheath Expandable Introducer Sheath

The Edwards expandable sheath (1) features a fold that expands as the NovaFlex catheter moves through (2,3).

Required Arterial Access Diameter

CoreValve (currently used)

Valve Size	Sheath size	Diameter	
26mm			
29mm	18F	> 6.0mm	
31mm			





Vascular Cx and New Delivery System SAPIEN vs. SAPIEN XT in PARTNER IIB

	SAPIEN (n=271)		SAPIEN XT (n=282)		
Events	n	%	n	%	p-value
Vascular:					
Major	42	15.5	27	9.6	0.04
Minor	20	7.4	14	5.0	0.23
Bleeding:					
Disabling	34	12.6	22	7.8	0.06
Major	44	16.4	44	15.7	0.84
Patients with transfusions	80	29.5	73	25.9	0.40

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Vascular Complications and New Delivery System CoreValve with Accutrack system

	MCV	MCV + AT	D Value	
	N=90	N=68	F value	
Life-Threatening Bleed	28 (31.1)	8 (11.9)	0.005	
AKI Stage 3	13 (14.4)	1 (1.5)	0.005	
Major Vascular Complications	13 (14.4)	2 (2.9)	0.015	
Combined Safety Endpoint	37 (41.1)	10 (14.9)	<0.001	

AMC Experience







Access Site Management in AMC



30-day Outcomes

	Total (n=194)	Edward (n=96)	CoreValve (n=98)	P value
Mortality	8 (4.1%)	5 (5.2%)	3 (3.1%)	NS
Major Stoke	2 (1.0%)	1 (1.0%)	1 (1.0%)	NS
Vascular Complication	6 (3.1%)	3 (3.1%)	3 (3.1%)	NS
AKI ≥ Stage 2	2 (1.0%)	1 (1.1%)	1 (1.0%)	NS
Post AR ≥ Moderate	22 (11.8%)	7/92 (7.6%)	15/95 (15.8%)	0.083
Implant of ≥ 2 valves	12 (6.2%)	0	12 (12.2%)	< 0.001
Device success	158 (91.4%)	86 (89.6%)	72 (73.5%)	0.004
Permanent Pacemaker	23 (11.9%)	1 (1.2%)	22 (22.2%)	< 0.001
Coronary obstruction	4 (2.1%)	1 (1.2%)	3 (3.1%)	NS



Patient selection Vascular Access Screening CTA: 3D reconstruction





Surgical Cut-down and 22 Fr Sheath Insertion









Two or Three ProGlides









ProStar XL: Not available in Korea









Case 1 – Iliofemoral CT Angio





Minimal diameter Rt. FA 7.3 mm

Minimal diameter Lt. FA 7.8 mm







Pre-procedural Angiography









26mm Sapien XT, 18F Sheath





Final Angiography









Management of Access Complication

- Ilio-femoral rupture
 - Surgery, occlusion balloon, covered stent
- Dissection
 - Balloon or stent
- Infection
 - Medication or surgery
- Stenosis/thrombosis
 - Balloon or surgery, rarely stenting
- Avulsion
 - Occlusion balloon and prompt surgery
- Pseudoaneurysm
 - Compression, thrombin injection, surgery
- Bleeding
 - Compression, hemostasis

Case 2: Very early painful memory Two Sapien Retroplex, 22 Fr sheath









Arerial Avulsion and Perforation



Balloon occlusion, emergent surgical repair







Case 3: Iliofemoral CT Angio





Iliofemoral CT Angio





Pre-procedural Angiography









PTA for Rt CIA









PTA for Rt EIA









Sapien XT 26mm, e-Sheath 18F









Final Iliac-femoral Angiography









Case 4: Iliofemoral Angio



Minimal diameter Rt. FA 7.3 mm Minimal diameter Lt. FA 6.6 mm





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Pre-procedural Iliac-femoral Angiography









CoreValve 29mm, Sheath 18F



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Follow-up

In-hospital Course

- Permanent pacemaker was inserted due to complete AV Block after successful CoreValve Implantation.
- Inguinal mass was observed at right inguinal but the size was decreased.

Outpatient History

- Rt side claudication occurred.
- Thrill was felt at right puncture site.
- Ankle-brachial index in the right side was 0.73.



Stenosis at Access Site







Angiography









Balloon Angioplasty









Vascular Access Complication: TF

- Vascular access complication can be associated with acute fatal outcome of TF-TAVI.
- With accumulation of experience and improvement of device, the incidence of vascular complications is decreasing.
- New-generation device will overcome the contemporary limitation of access site complication.
- Integration of PTA technique sometimes enables safe TF-AVI in selected cases.