PVL: How to Prevent and How to Treat!

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Moderate/Severe PVR at 30 Days Edwards SAPIEN Valves



Prevalence of Paravalvular Regurgitation with New Generations of THVs

15%

10%

5%

0%

12.5

≤10%

(N=8)

Moderate or Severe Paravalvular Leak (%)

PARTNER 2 – SAPIEN 3 Registry



3.5 % ≥ Moderate PVR 40.8% Mild PVR

Pibarot et al. TCT 2016

5.7 % ≥ Moderate PVR 32.6 % Mild PVR

Device Annular Sizing Ratio

CoreValve

4.Z

15%-20%

(N=72)

Evolut B

1.0

>20%

(N=108)

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EVOLUT R US Study

6.5

10%-15%

(N=49)

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Incidence of PVR at 30 days with LOTUS Valve RESPOND Registry (n=1000 patients)







Sizing Strategy and PVL Prevention

- Accurate Sizing: CT
- Upsizing or downsizing
- Intraoperative TEE Verification & Monitoring
- No predilation
- One inflation strategy
- Know the imperfect anatomy



Three iTAVR last Friday.....(4 on Tuesday)







All none or trace PVL (one inflation) !





Spontaneous Regression



Immediate Post-TAVR

5 minutes Post-TAVR (no intervention)

Small jets seen (frequently between the stent cells) and directed into the center of the LVOT, may regress over the first 5-10 minutes

Post-Dilatation: Reduces PVL and Increases Valve Area





Balloon Expandable

- Use valve delivery balloon
- Never add more than 1-2 cc to balloon
- Perform under rapid pacing

Self Expanding Valve

- Size balloon based on annulus size (Consider non-compliant balloon)
- Use balloon sized to minimum dimension of annulus
- Consider upsizing balloon if necessary
- Perform under rapid pacing

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Predictive Factors, Efficacy, and Safety of Balloon Post-Dilation After Transcatheter Aorti Valve Implantation With a Balloon-Expandable

100

90

80

70

60

50

40

30

20

10

0

DOI

(n=59)

8

53

39

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Objectives This study sought to evaluate the predictive factors, effects, and safety of balloon postdilation (BPD) for the treatment of significant paravalvular aortic regurgitation (AR) after transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI).

Background Very few data exist on BPD after TAVI with a balloon-expandable valve.

Methods A total of 211 patients who underwent TAVI with a balloon-expandable valve were included. BPD was performed after TAVI if paravalvular AR ≥2 was identified by transesophageal echocardiography. Clinical events and echocardiographic data were prospectively recorded, and median follow-up was 12 (6 to 24) months.

Results BPD was performed in 59 patients (28%) leading to a reduction in at least 1 degree of AR in 71% of patients, with residual AR <2 in 54% of the patients. The predictors of the need for BPD were the degree of valve calcification and transfemoral approach, with valve calcification volume >2,200 and >3,800 mm³ best determining the need for and a poor response to BPD, respectively. Patients who underwent BPD had a higher incidence of cerebrovascular events at 30 days (11.9% vs. 2.0%, p = 0.006), with most (83%) events within the 24 h after the procedure occurring in patients who had BPD. No significant changes in valve area or AR degree were observed at follow-up in BPD and no-BPD groups.

Conclusions BPD was needed in about one-fourth of the patients undergoing TAVI with a balloonexpandable valve and was successful in about one-half of them. A higher degree of valve calcification and transfemoral approach predicted the need for BPD. BPD was not associated with any deleterious effect on valve function at mid-term follow-up, but a higher rate of cerebrovascular events was observed in patients who had BPD. (J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2012;5:499-512) © 2012 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation



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Outcomes With Post-Dilation Following Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

The PARTNER I Trial (Placement of Aortic Transcatheter Valve)

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- The PARTNER-I trial Cohort A (n= 304) and ۲ Cohort B (n= 194) patients randomized to TAVR, and the non-randomized continued access TAVR (n=1637) patients (Total of 2135 patients)
- PD was performed at the discretion of the • operator. The overall incidence of PD was 12.4%.
- Clinical events and echocardiographic variables were collected prospectively out to 1 year.

(Valve Implant Patients)



Hahn RT et al. (J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2014;7:781–9)



Nombela-Franco L et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2012;5:499 –512

Subacute Stroke (<7 d)	Hazard Ratio	p value
Baseline Annulus Diameter	0.11 [0.01, 1.42]	0.0901
Post-dilatation	1.90 [1.03, 3.50]	0.0409

Model:

Potential Covariates included: Baseline annulus diameter, prior CABG, approach (transfemoral vs transapical), major arrhythmia, baseline AV area index Forced in Covariates: Post-dilatation

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Other Risks of PD: Left Main Occlusion



Due to effaced sinuses and threatened left main, decision was made not to post-dilate



Other Risks of PD: Aortic Perforation









Post-dilatation Risk-Benefit Analysis

"Benefit"



 Improved THV shape/EOA

No relative contraindications to post-dilatation

Central AR

"Risk"

- Aortic Trauma
- Coronary Occlusion
 Neurologic Events

Relative contraindications to PD

- Effaced SOV or bulky calcified STJ
- Threatened coronaries
- Severe ectopic calcium
- Low Likelihood of Success
- Bulky Calcium annulus/LVOT

Risk-Benefit of PVL Closure Device or Second THV

Other Solutions to PVL: Paravalvular Closure Device



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- ♦ Post-deployment angiography revealed 3+ PVL
- Post-dilatation performed with additional 1cc (2cc total) with no change in PVL
- \diamond Unable to expand valve due to LVOT calcium

Other Solutions to PVL: Paravalvular Closure Device



- In same setting, PVL was crossed with a glide wire and a 4F sheath
- AVP 4 device was advanced through the 4F glide cath
- Using echo and fluoroscopic guidance, it was deployed across the defect
- Echo post revealed reduced PVL

Other Solutions to PVL: Valve-in-Valve

Deep Gastric Views



- Large posterior PVL 13mm² with multiple jets
- Total 3D EROA = 19mm²
- AR VTI = 95cm,
 Regurgitation
 Volume = 18cc

89 year old with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis

- Annular perimeter = 85 cm
- 31 mm CoreValve delivered however valve was resulting position was low resulting in severe aortic regurgitation



SAPIEN in CoreValve salvage: CoreValve was snared and SAPIEN XT positioned at the anatomic anulus

- Final AVA = 1.9 cm2
- Trivial residual paravalvular regurgitation

One oz of PVL Prevention is worth a ton of Post-dilatation, Plug or V-in-V !



