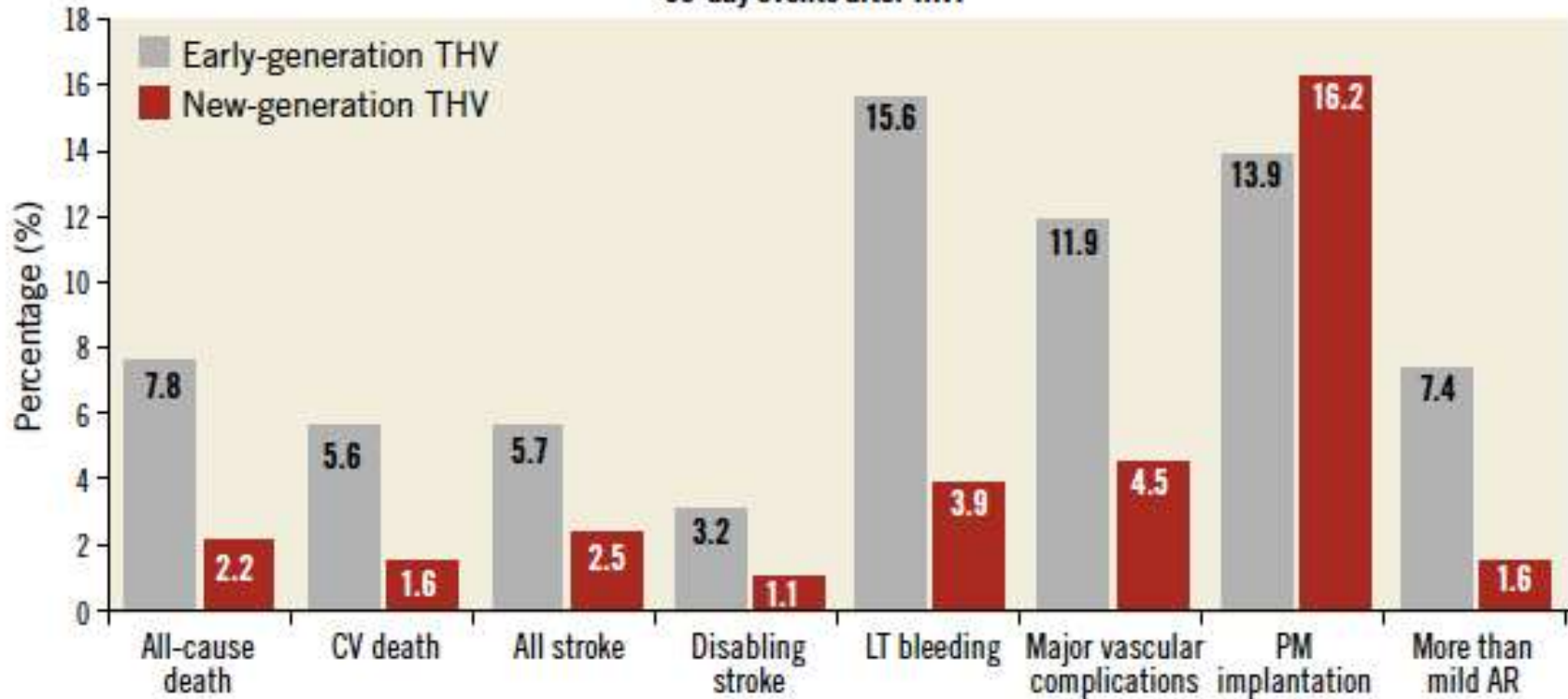


# TAVI Devices: Major Complications

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### 30-day events after TAVI



# TAVI Complications

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## Periprocedural

- Vascular Issues
- Valve Deployment
- Valve Function
- Organ Injury
- Arrhythmia

## Long-Term

- PVR
- Valve Thrombosis
- Endocarditis

# Vascular Issues

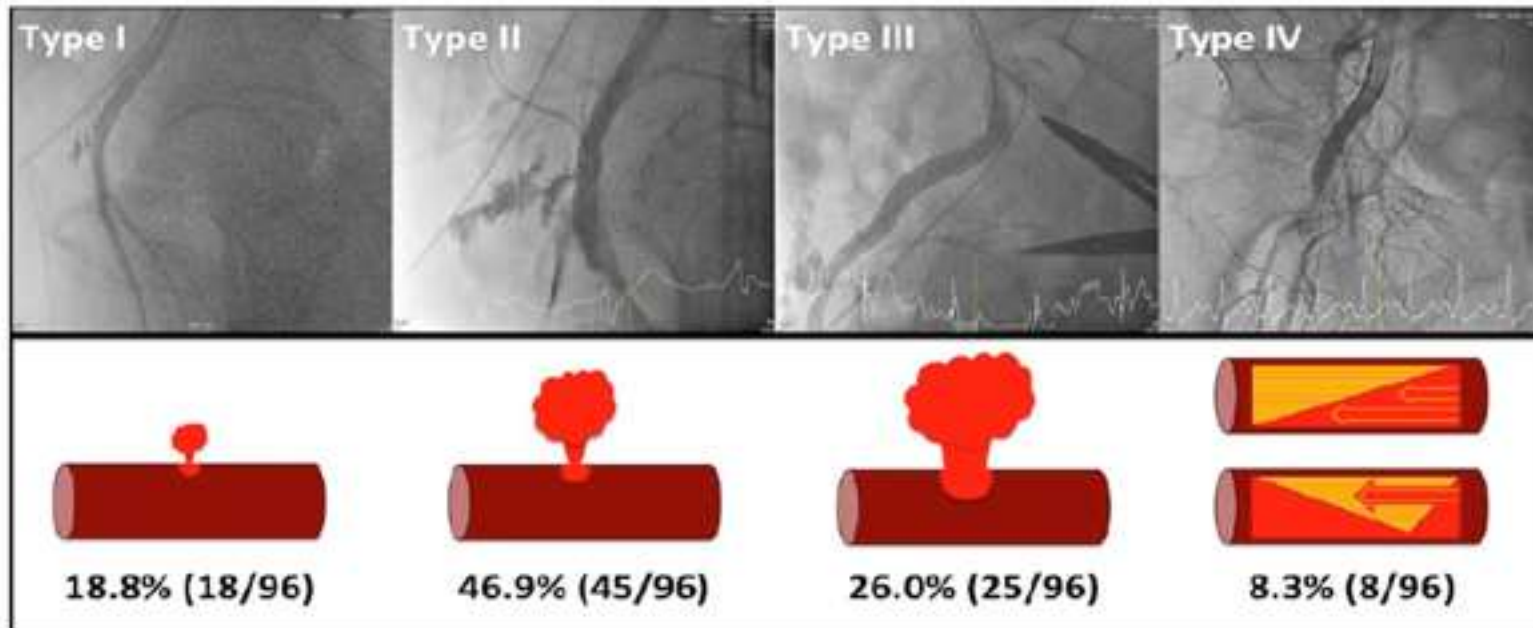
# Periprocedural Complications

## 1a. Vascular Issues-Access Site

- Bleeding
  - Dissection
  - Occlusion
- } 4-6%

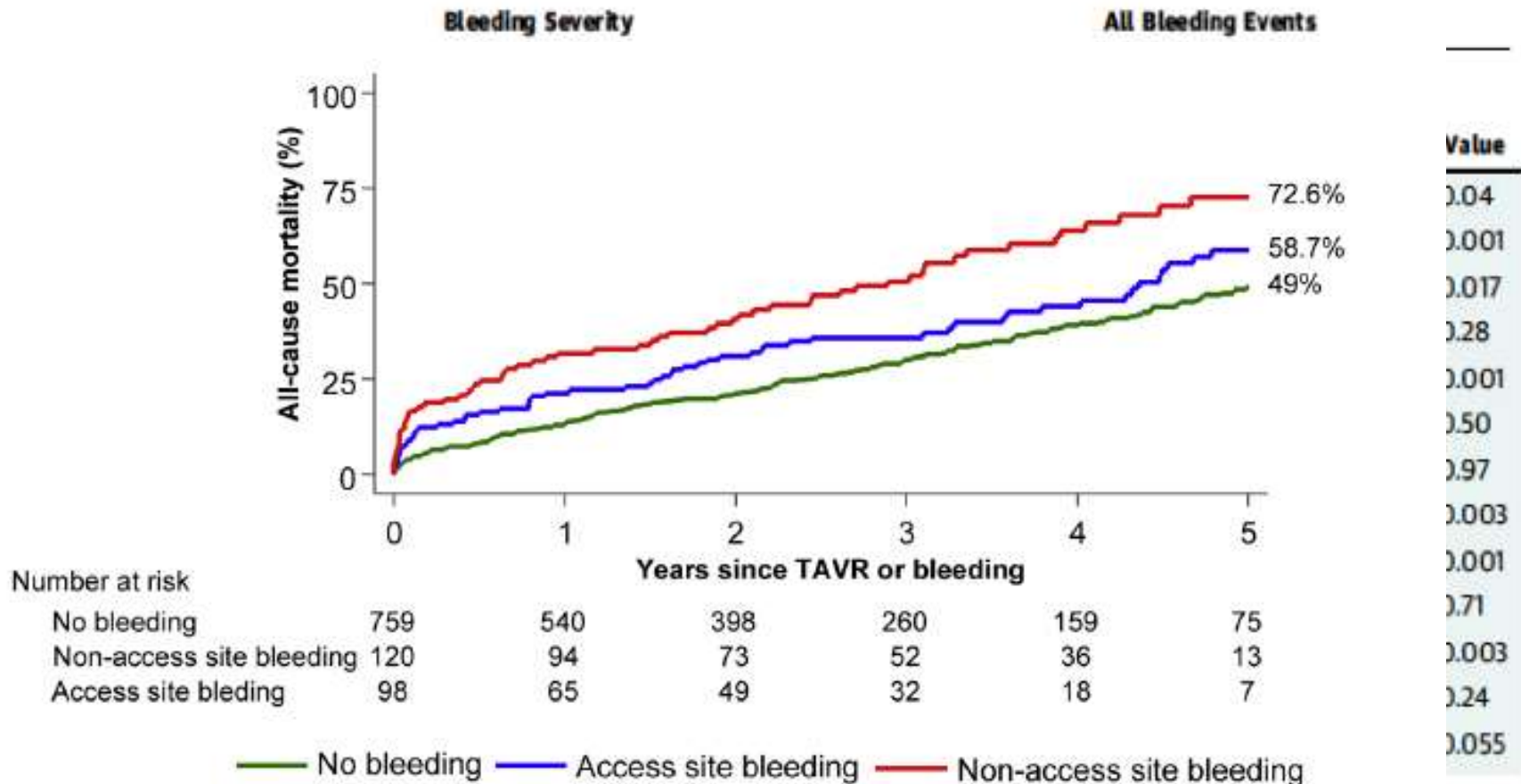
### Risk Factors

- Sheath-to-artery ratio
- Calcification
- Tortuosity
- Closure Device



# Periprocedural Complications

## 1b. Access Site Bleeding-Mortality



*Piccolo et al, JACC Cardiol Intv, 2017*

# Periprocedural Complications

## 1c. Vascular Issues- Prevention and Management

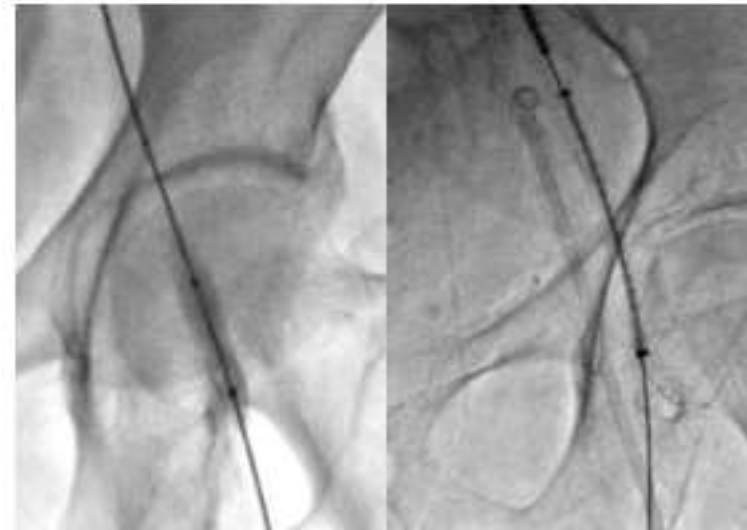
### Prevention

- Suitable Anatomy
- Closure Device
- Continuous Access to Punctured Artery (Cross-over)



### Management

- Occlusion Balloon
- Covered Stent
- Surgery

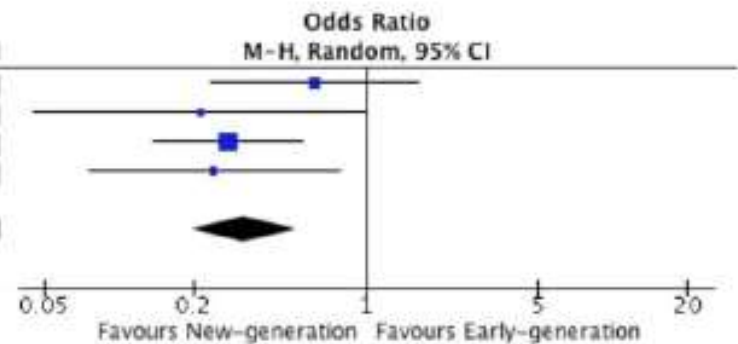


# Periprocedural Complications

## 1d. Vascular Issues- NG Devices

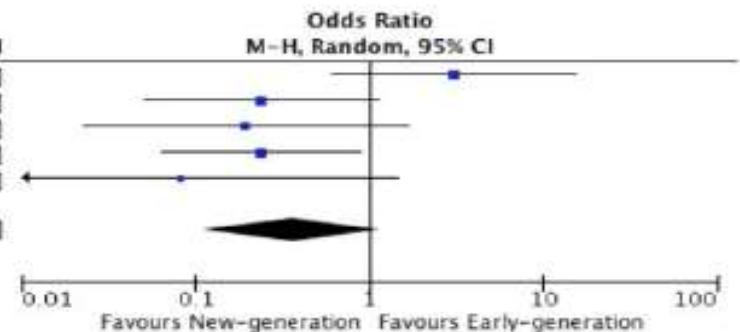
### Major and life threatening bleeding

Study or Subgroup	New-generation		Early-generation		Weight	Odds Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI
	Events	Total	Events	Total		
Levi 2017	7	175	11	175	24.8%	0.62 [0.24, 1.64]
Nijhoff 2015	2	44	12	66	9.8%	0.21 [0.05, 1.01]
Ruparella 2016	12	154	36	154	48.2%	0.28 [0.14, 0.56]
Schaefer 2016	4	69	14	69	17.2%	0.24 [0.08, 0.78]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>		<b>442</b>		<b>464</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.32 [0.20, 0.52]</b>
Total events	25		73			
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$ ; $\text{Chi}^2 = 2.44$ , $\text{df} = 3$ ( $P = 0.49$ ); $I^2 = 0\%$						
Test for overall effect: $Z = -4.58$ ( $P < 0.00001$ )						



### Major vascular complication

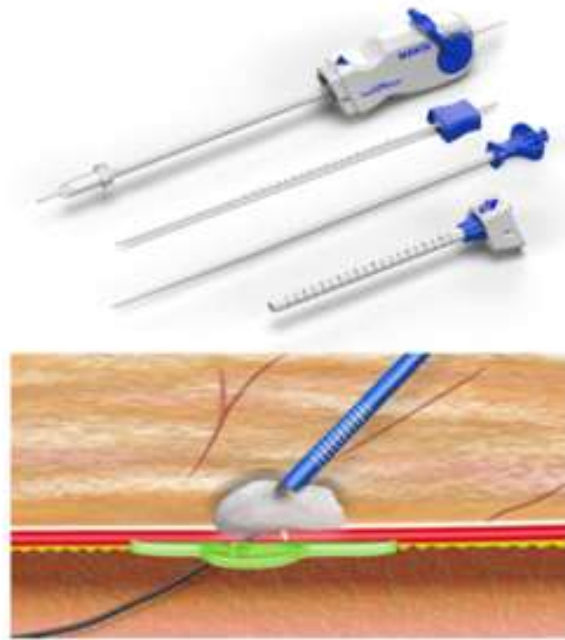
Study or Subgroup	New-generation		Early-generation		Weight	Odds Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI
	Events	Total	Events	Total		
Levi 2017	6	175	2	175	22.4%	3.07 [0.61, 15.43]
Nijhoff 2015	2	44	11	66	23.0%	0.24 [0.05, 1.13]
Ruparella 2016	1	154	5	154	16.9%	0.19 [0.02, 1.69]
Schaefer 2016	3	69	11	69	25.9%	0.24 [0.06, 0.90]
Zhang 2015	0	40	10	80	11.8%	0.08 [0.00, 1.45]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>		<b>482</b>		<b>544</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.36 [0.11, 1.18]</b>
Total events	12		39			
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.95$ ; $\text{Chi}^2 = 8.72$ , $\text{df} = 4$ ( $P = 0.07$ ); $I^2 = 54\%$						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.69$ ( $P = 0.09$ )						



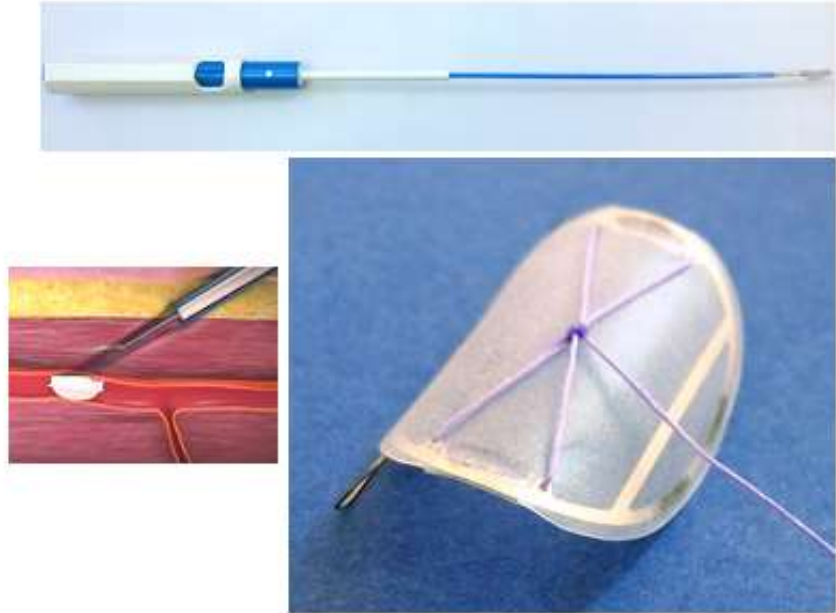


# Periprocedural Complications

## 1e. Vascular Issues- NG Closure Devices



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InClosure VCD



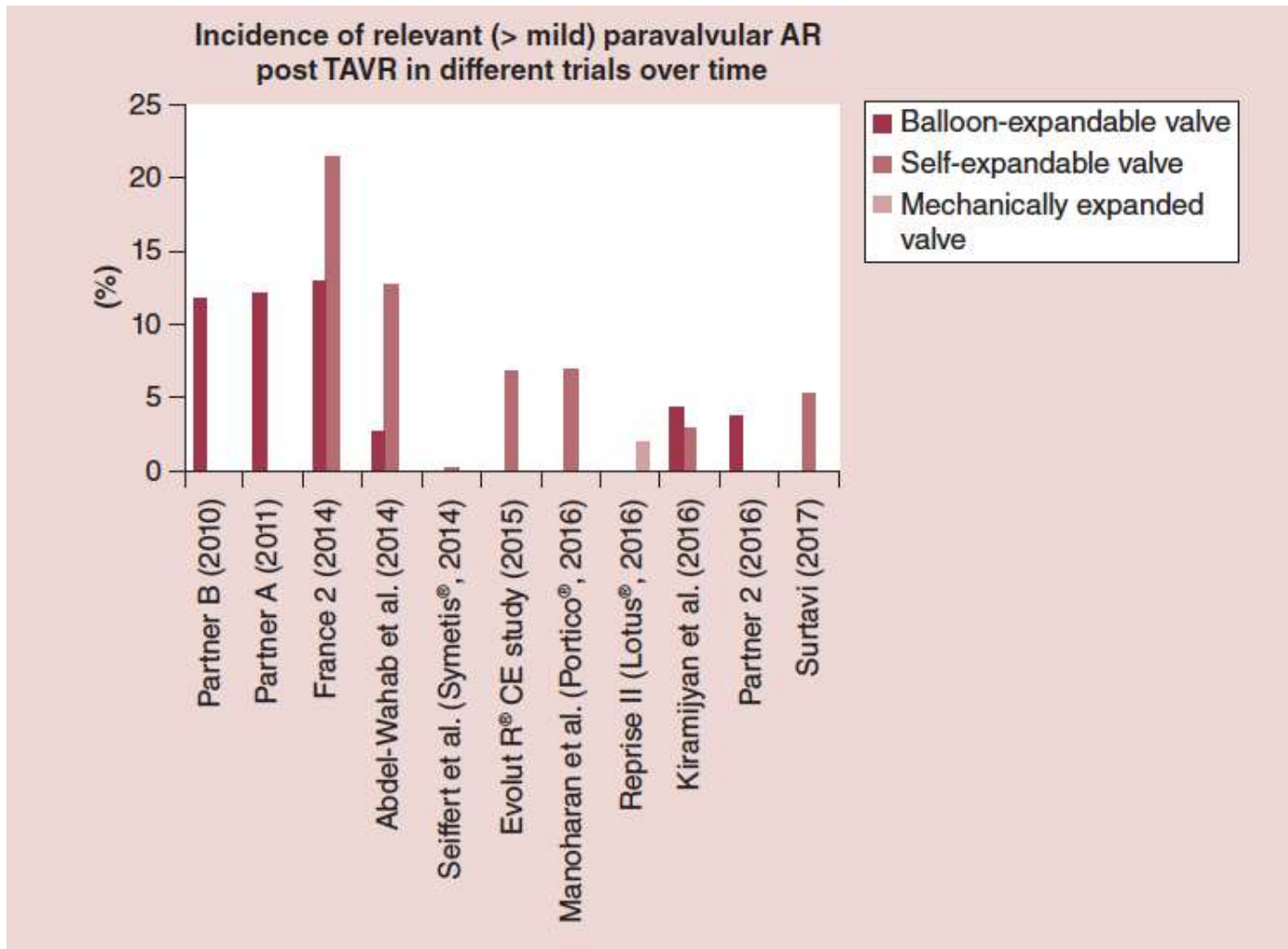
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# Paravalvular Regurgitation

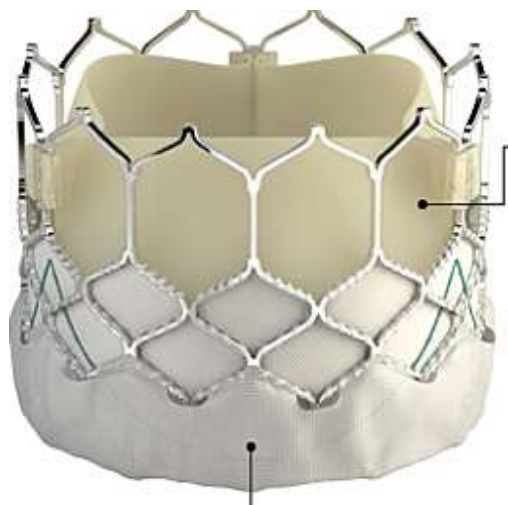
# Periprocedural Complications

## 2a. Paravalvular AR-Incidence



# Periprocedural Complications

## 3b.PVR-Design Evolution



- Outer skin
- Designed



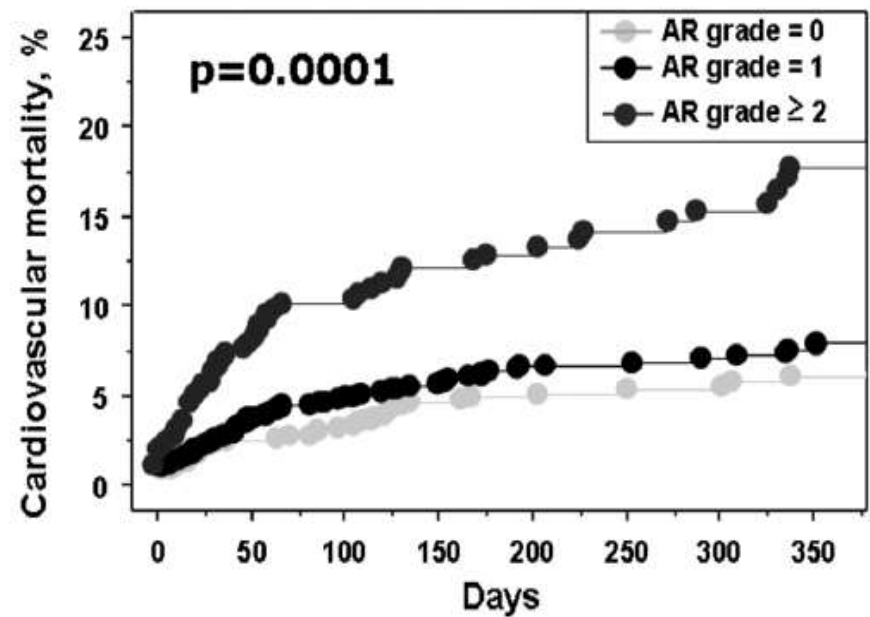
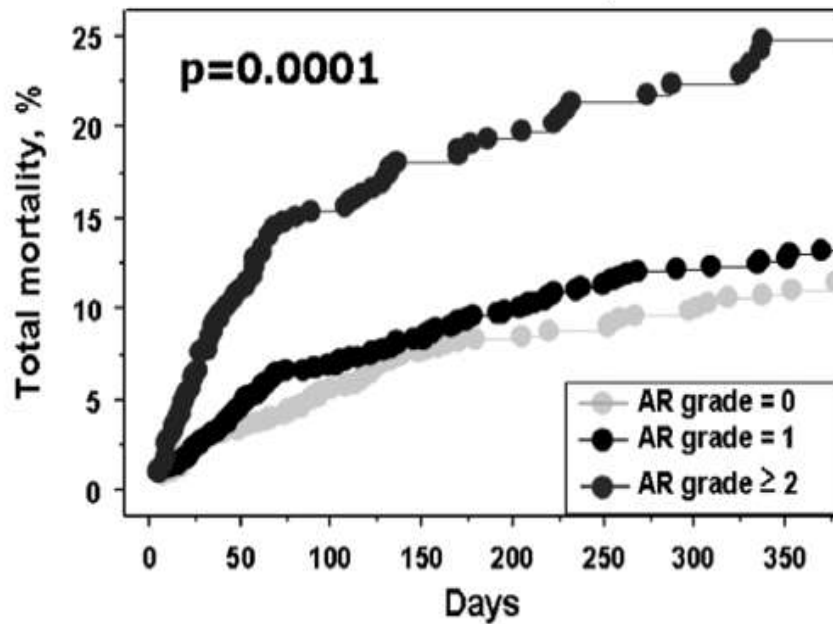
Large cell geometry

High tissue-to-tissue contact



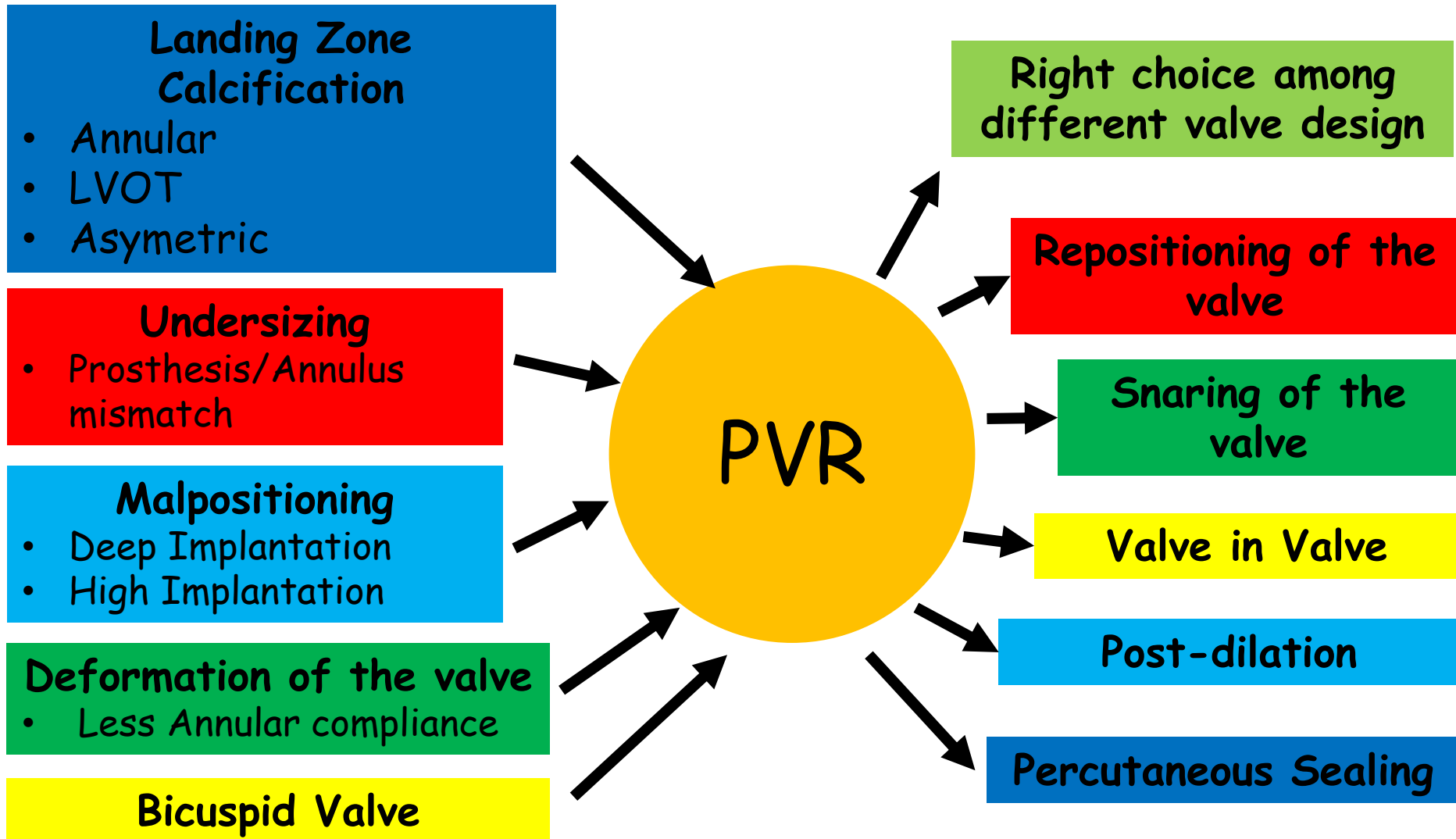
# Periprocedural Complications

## 3c.PVR-Mortality



# Periprocedural Complications

## 3d. PVR-Risk Factors and Management



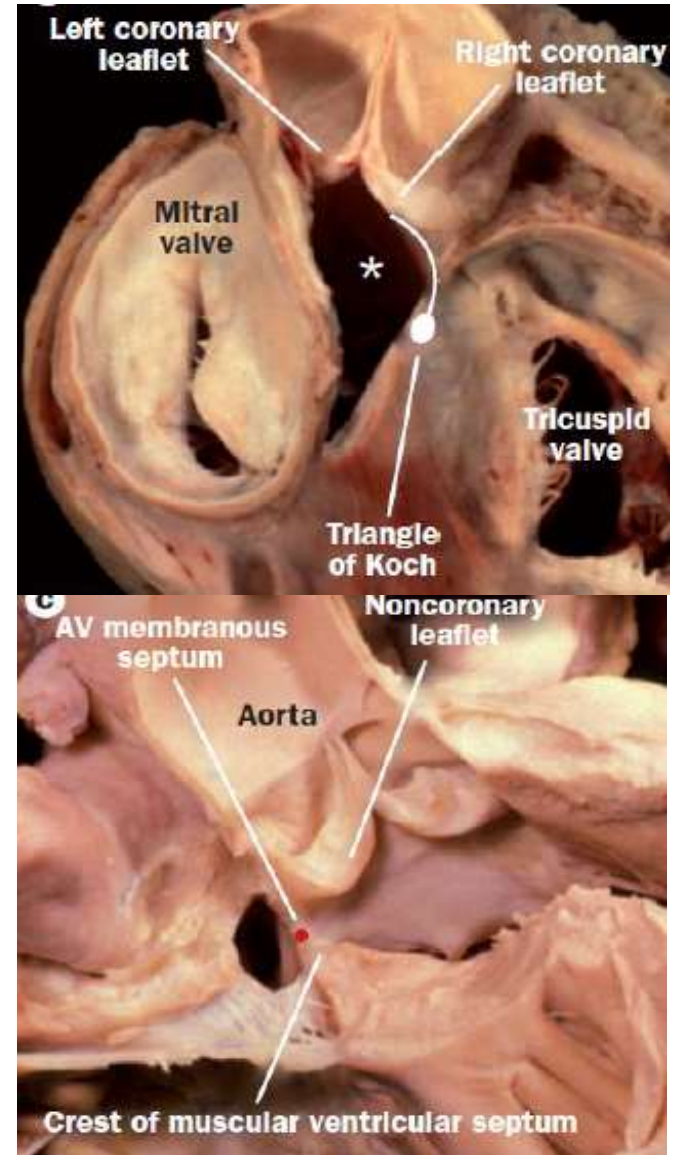
# Conduction Disturbances



# Periprocedural Complications

## 3a. High Degree AV Block-Incidence

- The most common TAVR complication (13%)  
5-7% for SAPIEN/SAPIEN XT  
25-28% for CoreValve
- 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Devices have little influence on the occurrence of conduction disturbances  
11-14% for S3 (<10% in high implantation)  
29% with the Lotus valve system  
12% with the Portico Valve





# Periprocedural Complications

## 3b.HAVB-Main Predictors

Variable	Multivariable Odds Ratio*
Baseline right bundle-branch block	2.8–46.7
Implantation of a Medtronic CoreValve (vs Edwards SAPIEN/ SAPIEN XT valves)	2.6–25.7
Depth of implantation	1.1–1.5/1 mm
Oversizing/stretching of the aortic annulus/ left ventricular outflow tract	1.02–1.5/1 %
First-degree atrioventricular block	4.0–11.4

# Periprocedural Complications

## 3c.HAVB-Timing and Evolution

- 85-90% of TAVR-induced HAVB occur within 7 days postoperatively, with the majority of these events recorded within 24 hours

*Nazif et al, JACC Cardiovasc Interv, 2014*

- Patients with no 1<sup>st</sup>-degree AVB and no LBBB after TAVI are of exceedingly low risk of very late conduction disturbances.

*Toggweiler et al, JACC Cardiovasc Interv, 2016*

- HAVB may resolve in up to 48% of cases in the first 7 days after TAVR

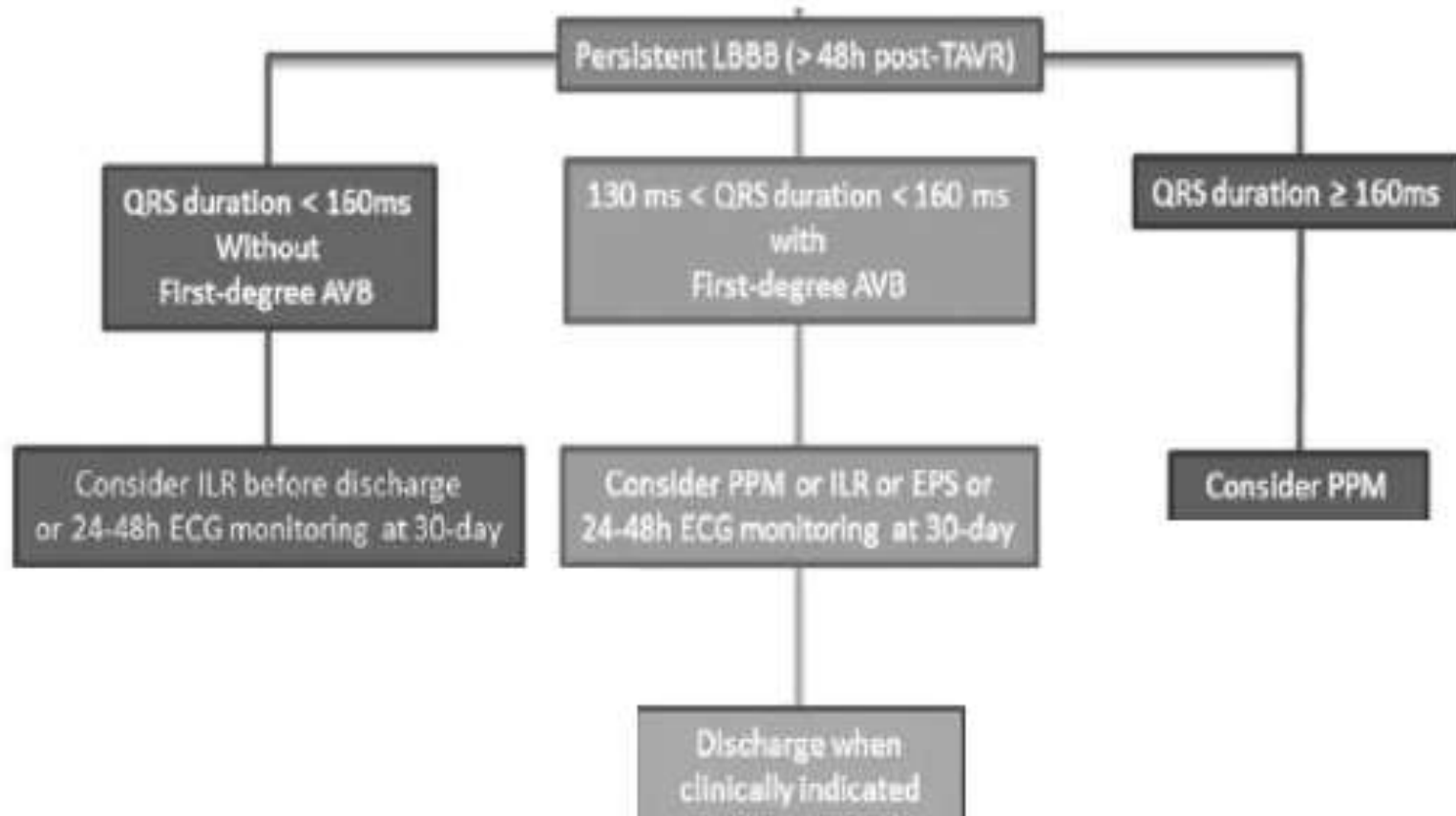
*Kagase et al, Unpublished data, 2016*

- New-onset LBBB is associated with a higher 30-day risk of PPM

*Lopez-Aguiela et al, Am J Cardiol, 2016*

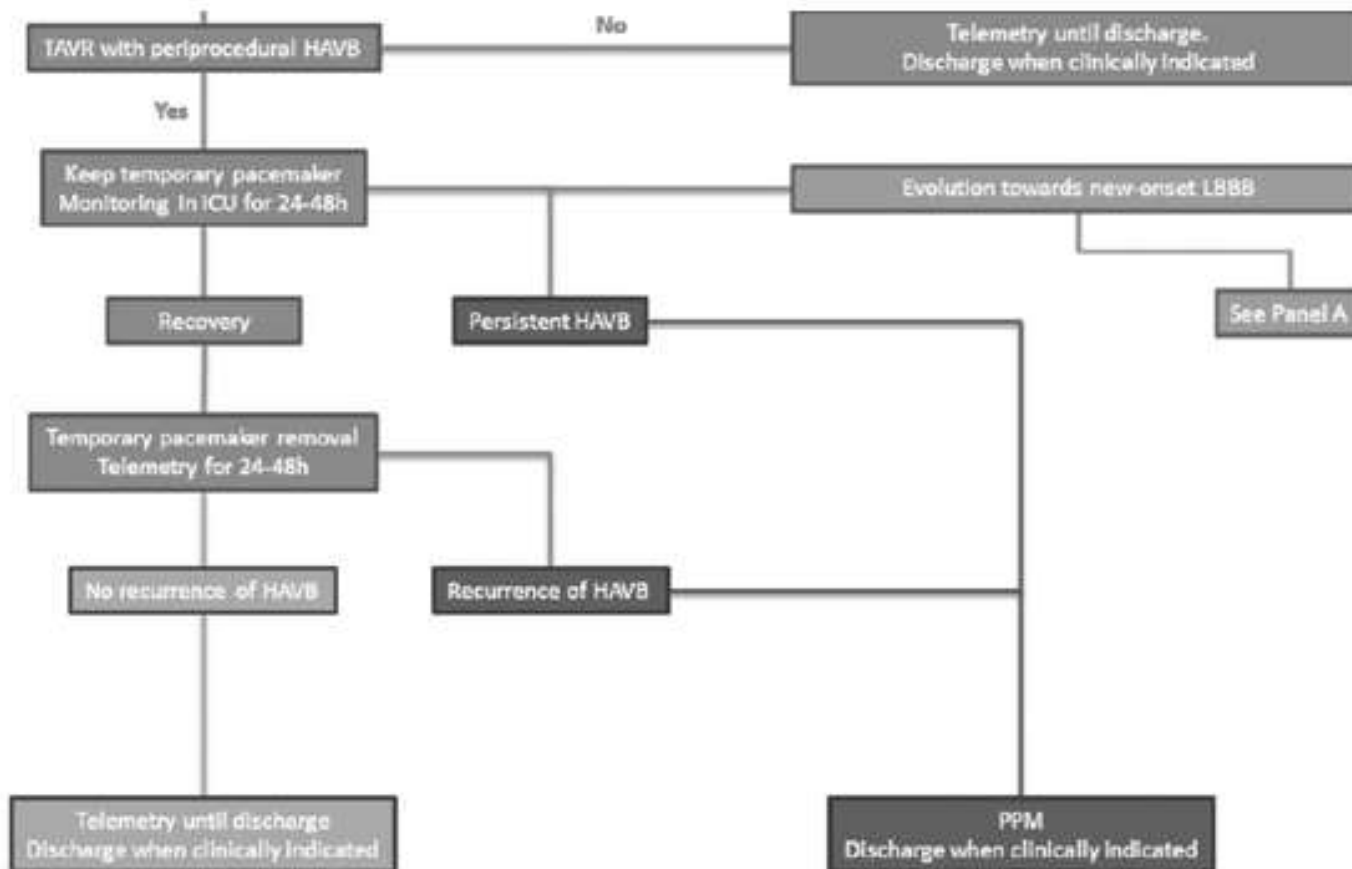
# Periprocedural Complications

## 3c.LBBB Management



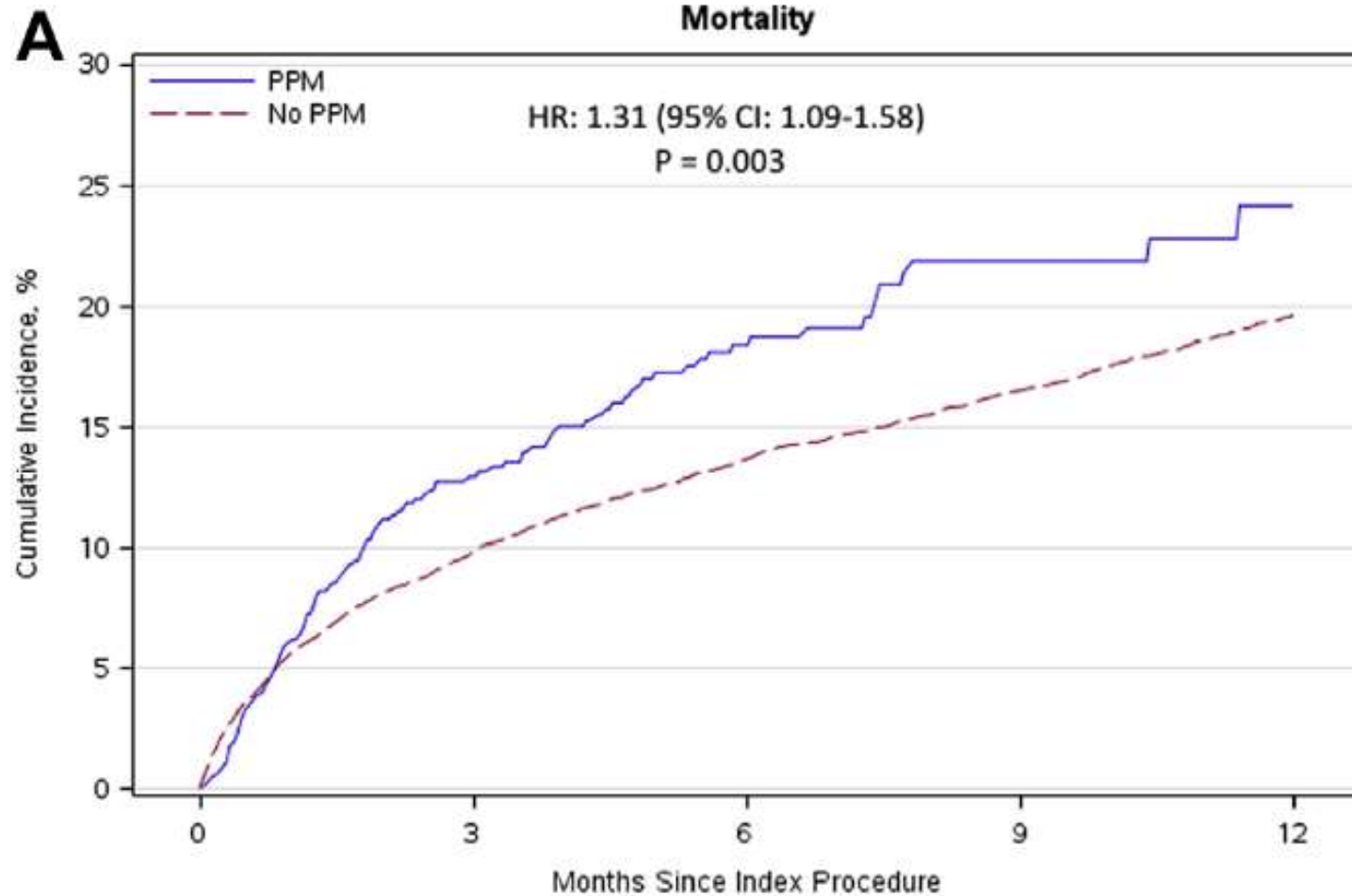
# Periprocedural Complications

## 3d.HAVB Management



# Periprocedural Complications

## 3e.PPM and Mortality

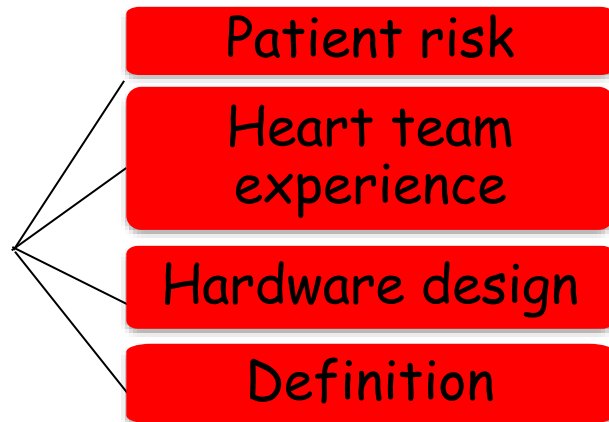


**Stroke**

# Periprocedural Complications

## 4a. Stroke-Incidence

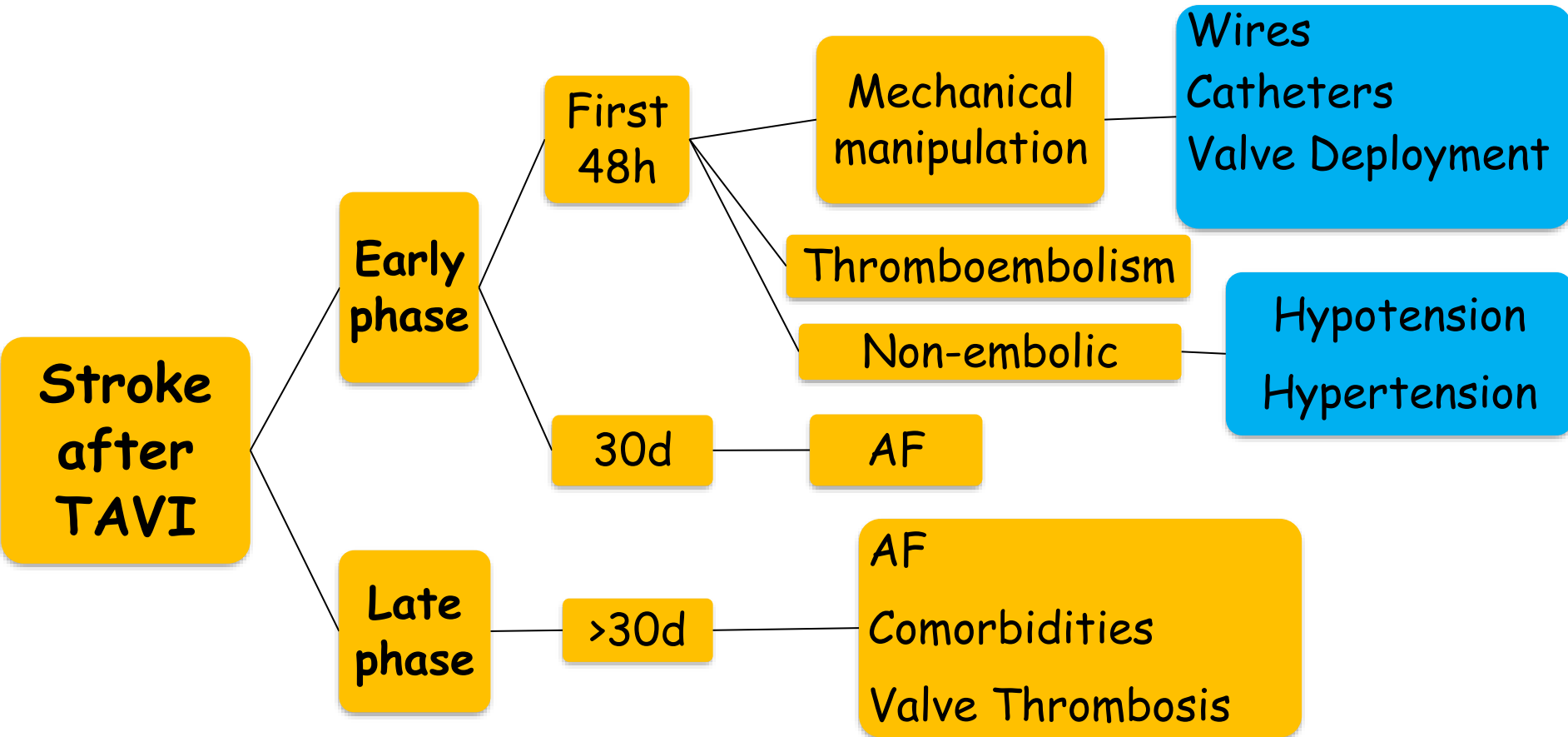
- Incidence of stroke: <5%
- Impressive improvement comparing to older studies (5-10%)



- Stroke-related 30-day mortality rate: x3,5

# Periprocedural Complications

## 4b. Stroke-Timing and Etiology





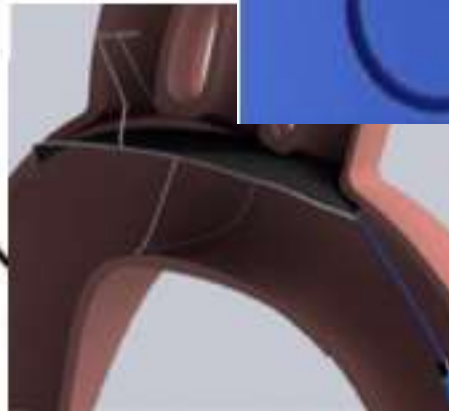
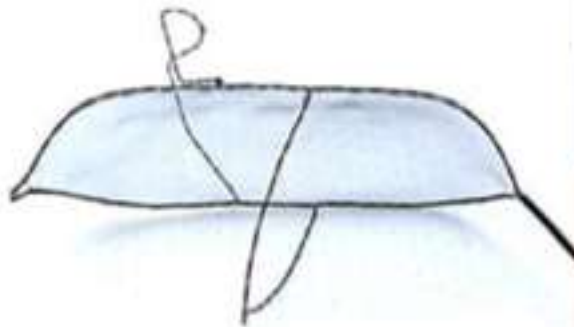
# Periprocedural Complications

## 4c. Stroke-Prevention

- Perioperative Anticoagulation
  - Unfractionated Heparin (ACT>300)
  - Bivalirudin (?)
- Embolic Protection Devices
  - Embrella
  - Sentinel
  - TriGuard
- Postoperative Pharmacology
  - Dual Antiplatelet Therapy
  - Peros Anticoagulation (?)

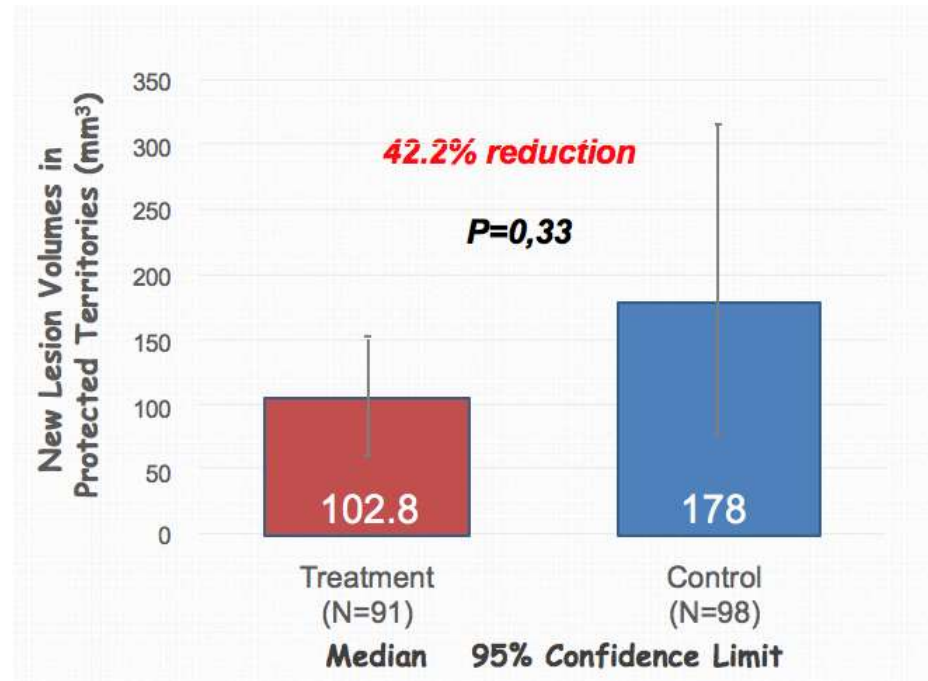
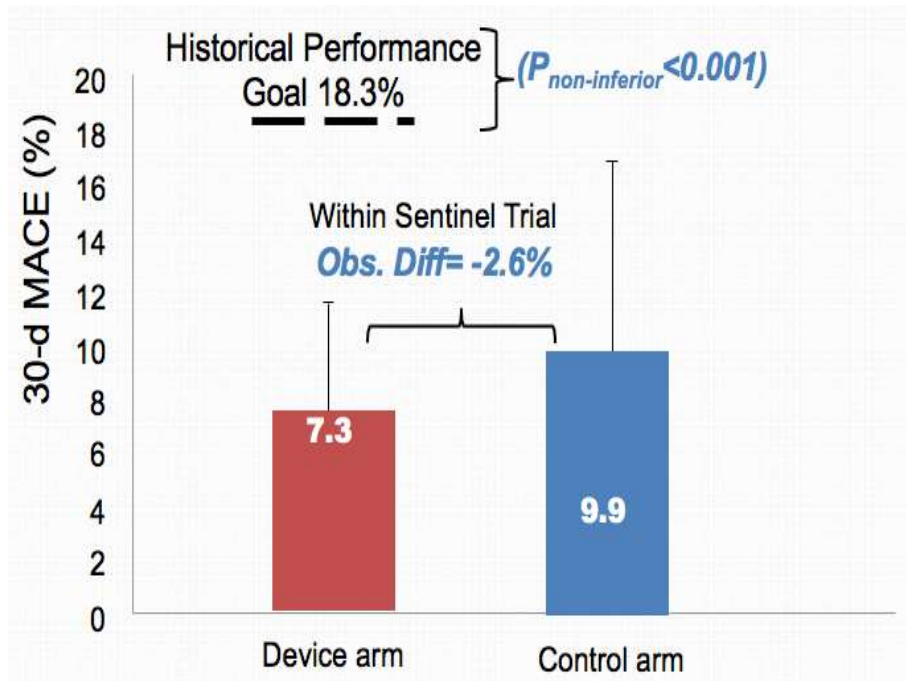
# Periprocedural Complications

## 4d. Stroke-Embololic Protection Devices



# Periprocedural Complications

## 4e. Stroke-Embolic Protection Devices



- No significant difference in adverse cardiac and cerebrovascular events at 30days
- No significant reduction in new cerebral lesion volume, although the trend was favorable
- No difference in clinical stroke rate at 30days

# Acute Kidney Injury

# Periprocedural Complications

## 5a.AKI-Incidence and Definition

- Incidence of AKI: 4.0-57% (3-10% after VARC II)

### Stage 1

Increase in serum creatinine to 150–199% (1.5–1.99 x increase compared with baseline) OR increase of >0.3 mg/dl (>26.4 mmol/l) OR

Urine output <0.5 ml/kg/h for >6 but <12 h

### Stage 2

Increase in serum creatinine to 200–299% (2.0–2.99 x increase compared with baseline) OR

Urine output <0.5 ml/kg/h for >12 but <24 h

### Stage 3†

Increase in serum creatinine to >300% (>3 x increase compared with baseline) OR serum creatinine of >4.0 mg/dl (>354 mmol/l) with an acute increase of at least 0.5 mg/dl (44 mmol/l) OR

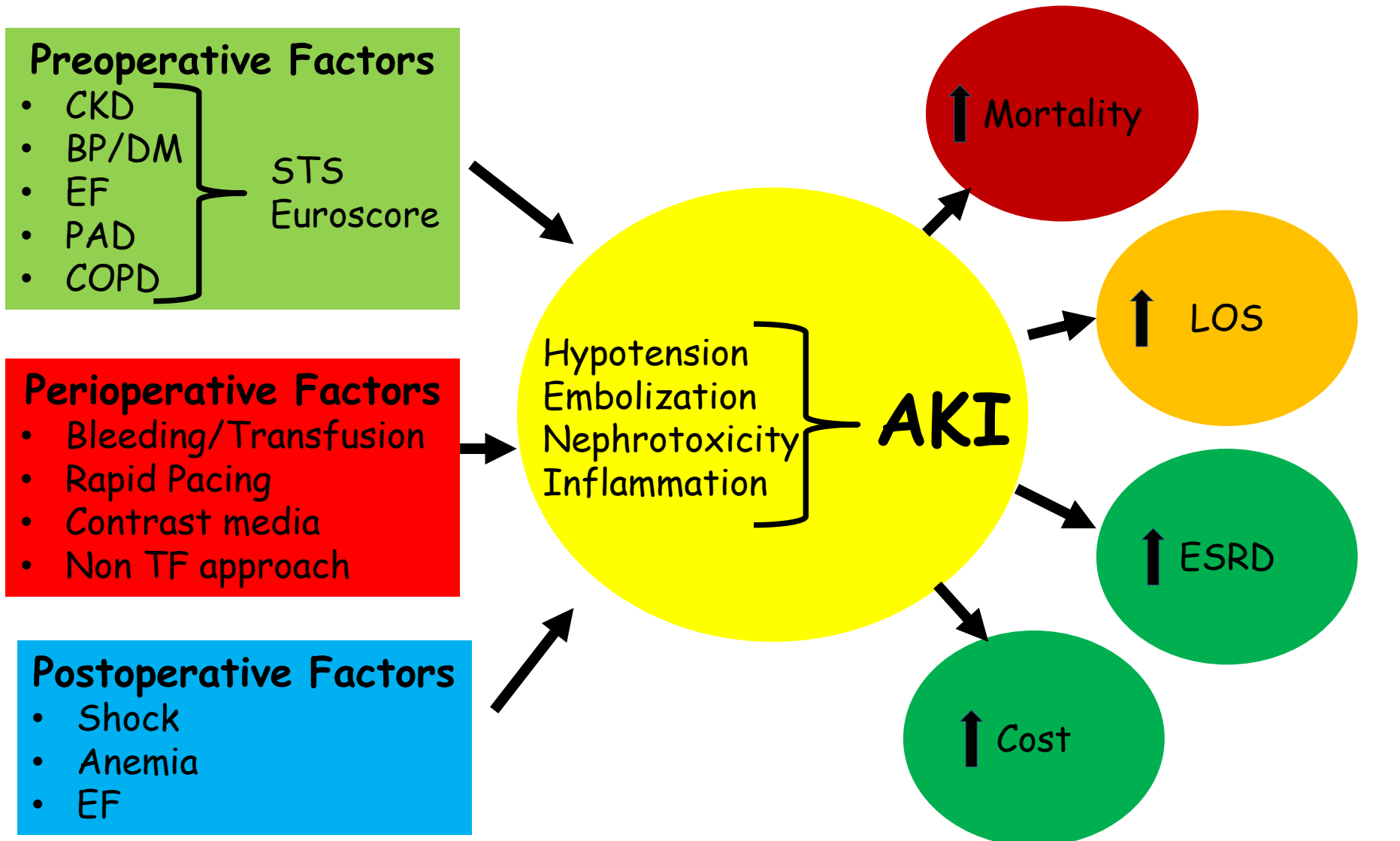
Urine output <0.3 ml/kg/h for >24 h OR

Anuria for > 12 h

- AKI-related 30-day mortality rate: x2
- AKI-related 1-year mortality rate: x1.4

# Periprocedural Complications

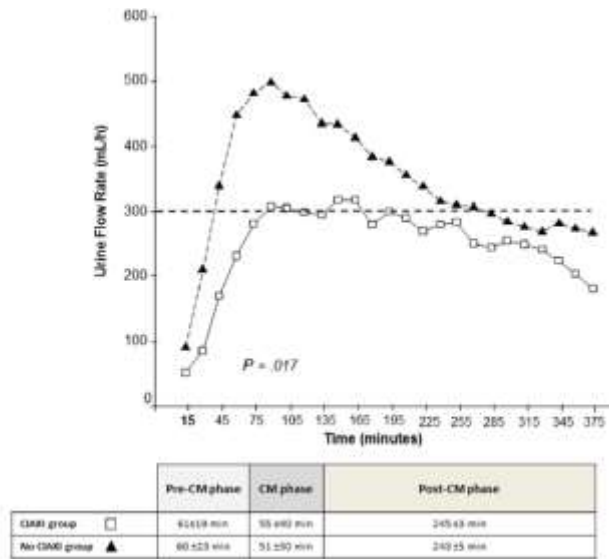
## 5b. AKI-Risk Factors/Pathogenesis



# Periprocedural Complications

## 5c.AKI-Prevention

- Discontinuation of Nephrotoxic agents (Metformin, NSID...)
- Optimization of pre-TAVI volume status
  - RenalGuard system



*Briguori et al, Am. Heart J, 2016*

- No benefit of IV sodium bicarbonate or oral acetylcysteine over placebo for the prevention of contrast-associated acute kidney injury

*Weisboard et al, NEJM, 2017*

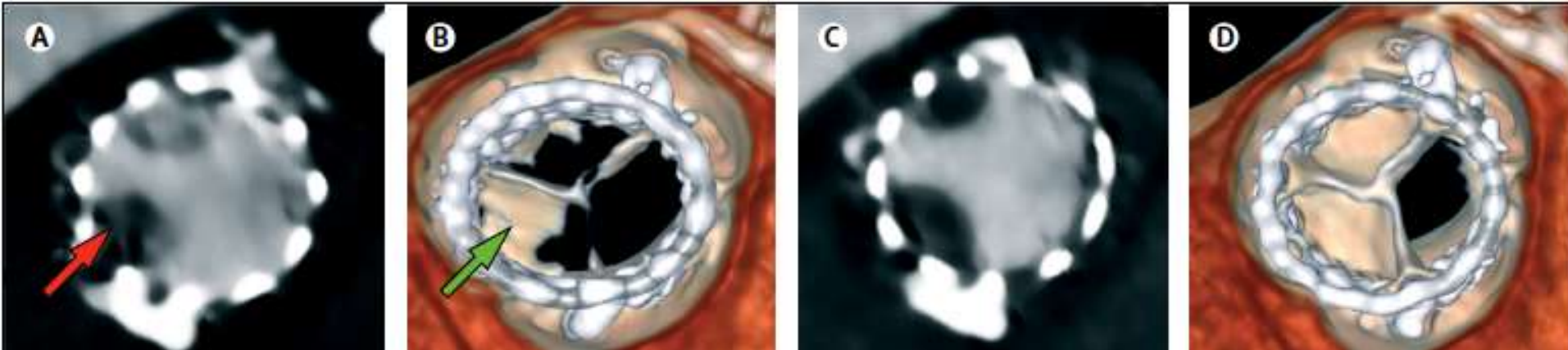
# Subclinical Leaflet Thrombosis



# Long-Term Complications

## 6a. Subclinical Leaflet Thrombosis

- Incidence: 15% for TAVI  
4% for SAVR

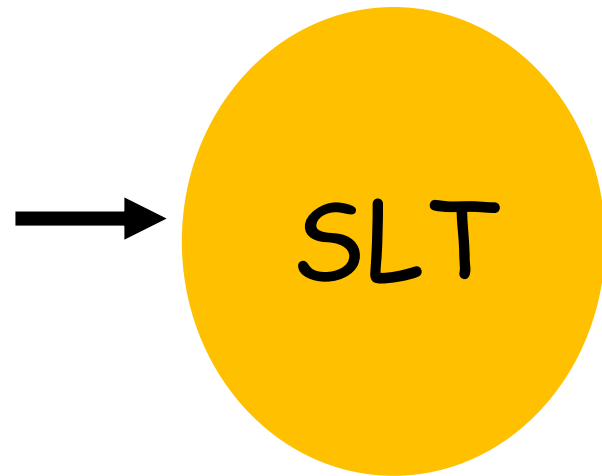


*Chakravarty et al, Lancet, 2017*

# Long-Term Complications

## 6b. SLT-Etiology

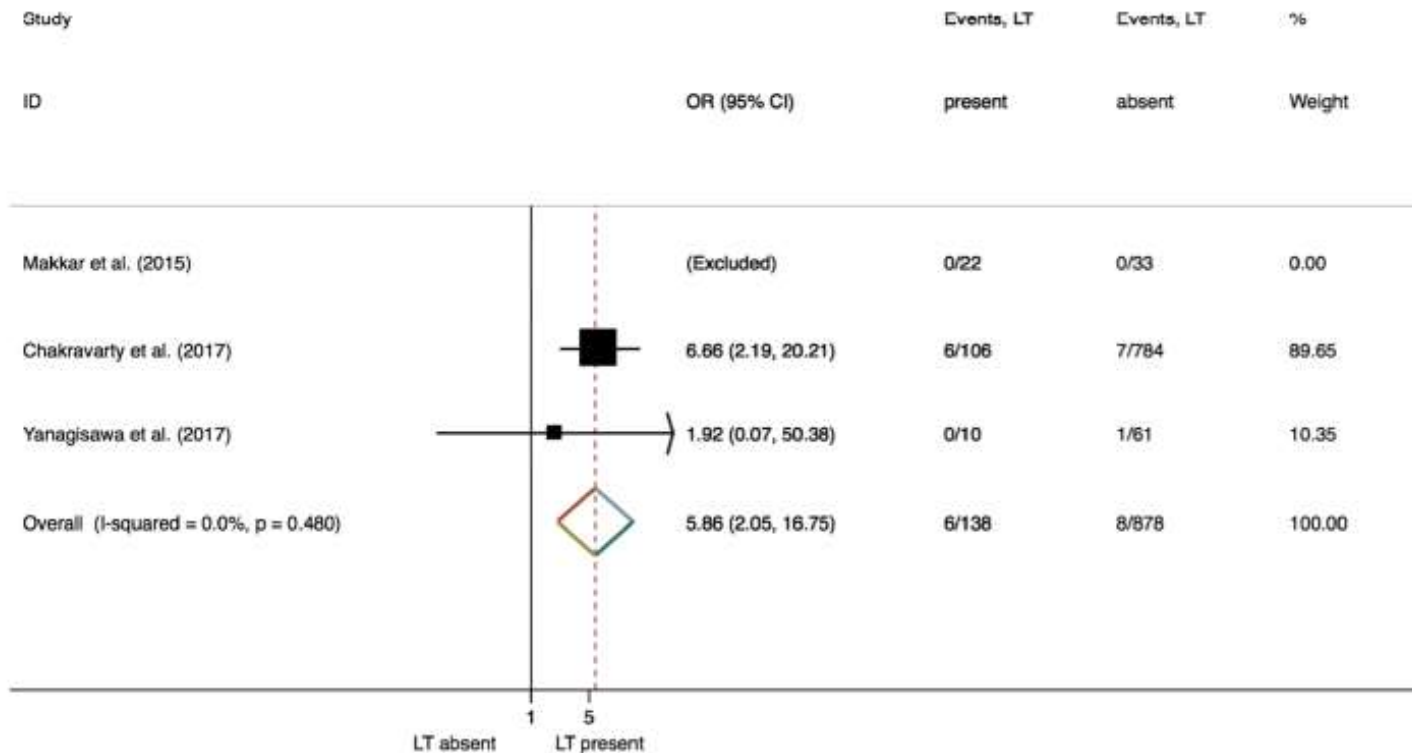
- Leaflet trauma during crimping
- Metallic THV frame
- Incomplete THV expansion
- Incomplete THV apposition
- Balloon expansion of the valve
- Large valves
- Valve in-valve
- Low EF



# Long-Term Complications

## 6c. SLT-Cerebrovascular Events

### Transient Ischaemic Attack



*Rashid et al, Eurointervention, 2018*

# Long-Term Complications

## 6d. SLT-Prevention and Management

	AHA/ACC guidelines	ESC/EACTS guidelines	ACC expert consensus
Early after TAVI	Aspirin 75–100 mg/day+clopidogrel 75 mg/day for 6 months (IIb)	Low-dose aspirin+thienopyridine	Aspirin 75–100 mg/day+clopidogrel 75 mg/day for 3–6 months
	VKA to achieve an INR of 2.5 for at least 3 months in patients at low risk of bleeding (IIb) (newly added from 2017)	For patients with AF, VKA+aspirin or thienopyridine (it should be weighed against increased risk of bleeding)	Consider VKA (INR 2.0–2.5) if at risk of AF or VTE for 3 months
Late after TAVI	Lifelong aspirin 75–100 mg/day (IIb)	Aspirin or thienopyridine alone	Lifelong aspirin 75–100 mg/day

*Nakatani et al, Heart, 2017*

# Take home messages

- Complications of TAVI are divided in Periprocedural and Long-term complications
- Most common periprocedural complications are access site bleeding, PVR, HAVB and distal organ injury.
- Evolution in valve design targets in reducing complication rate.
- New generation valve systems managed to significantly reduce access site bleeding and PVR
- Further evolution of existing technology and the emerge of newer devices will improve clinical outcome in the near future

Thank you for your  
attention

