

# 11° CONGRESSO NAZIONALE



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**HOW TO SESSION 2**  
**CARDIOLOGIA INTERVENTISTICA CORONARICA E VALVOLARE**

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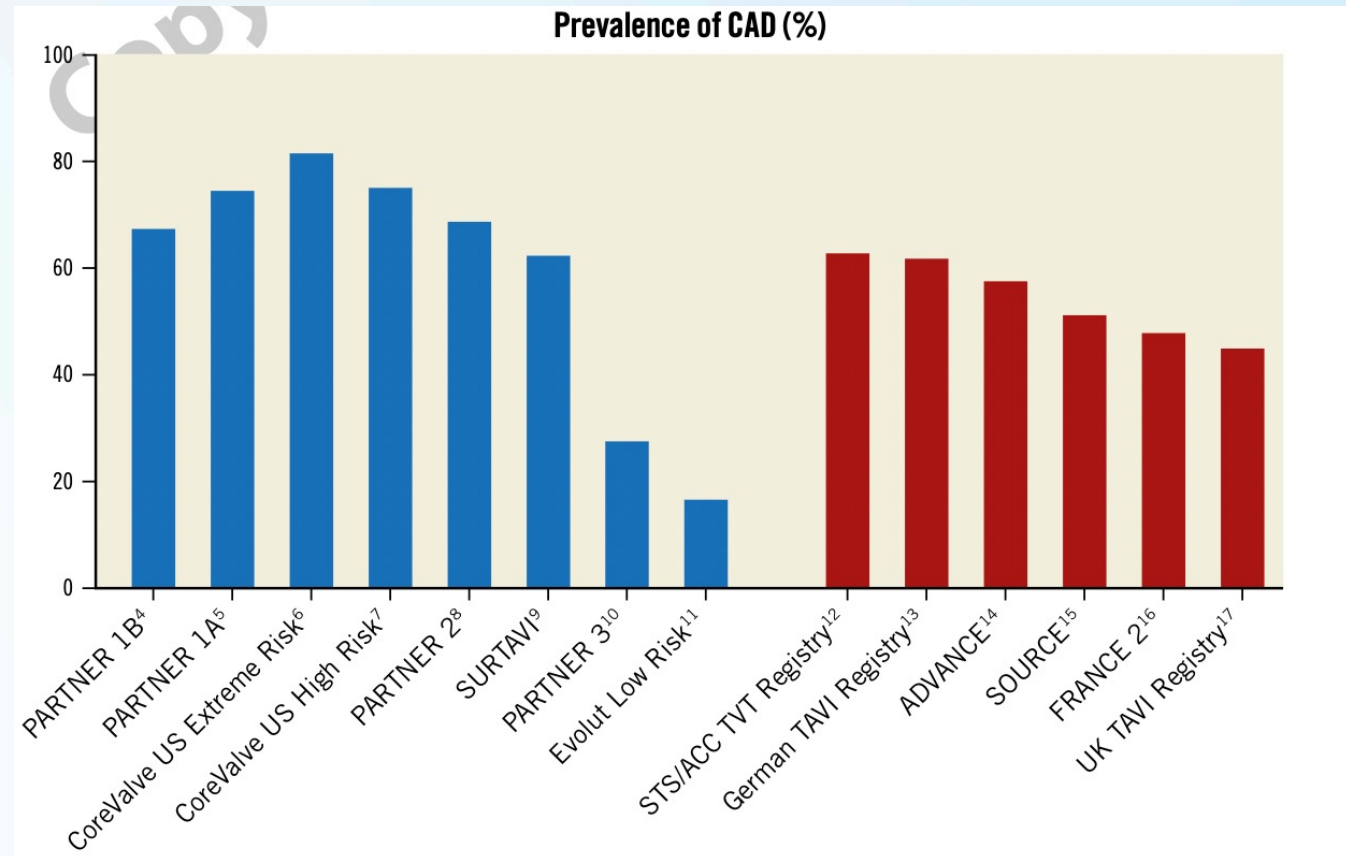
**Gestione della coronaropatia nel paziente candidato a TAVI:  
timing ideale del trattamento**

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The burden CAD is significant in patients with severe AS and may impact both the procedural risk as well as the post-procedural prognosis of the patient.



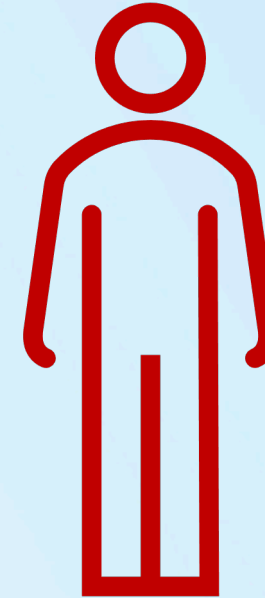
- **Coronary artery disease (CAD) co-exists in up to 60% of cases**
- **This high prevalence can be attributed to overlapping causative factors**
- **CAD is an independent predictor of adverse outcomes in the surgical population and revascularisation is recommended in patients undergoing SAVR**

Prevalence of CAD in low-risk pts with AS is 15-20% but it goes up to 80% extreme high-risk pts

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## ESC Valvular Heart Disease Guidelines

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
<b>Diagnosis of CAD</b>		
<p>Coronary angiography is recommended before valve surgery in patients with severe VHD and any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● History of cardiovascular disease.</li> <li>● Suspected myocardial ischaemia.<sup>c</sup></li> <li>● LV systolic dysfunction.</li> <li>● In men &gt;40 years of age and postmenopausal women.</li> <li>● One or more cardiovascular risk factors.</li> </ul>	I	C

Vahanian et al. *European Heart Journal* (2022) 43, 561–632



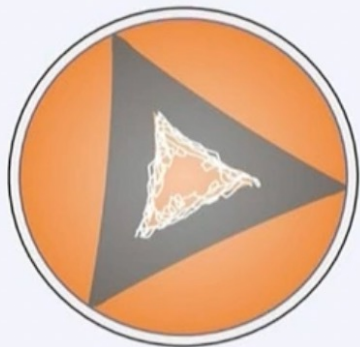
## Factors attenuating coronary blood flow in aortic stenosis

Education in Heart

Management of coronary artery disease in patients with aortic stenosis

Vitaliy Androshchuk, Tiffany Patterson, Simon R Redwood

### Aortic Valve Stenosis



#### Flow Input:

- Attenuated/delayed peak systolic arterial pressure
- Lower mean arterial pressure and pulse pressure
- Attenuated/delayed dominant systolic forward compression wave

#### Flow output:

- Left ventricular hypertrophy
- Increased resting dominant diastolic backward expansion wave
- Reduced microcirculatory resistance at rest
- Lower coronary microvasculature density

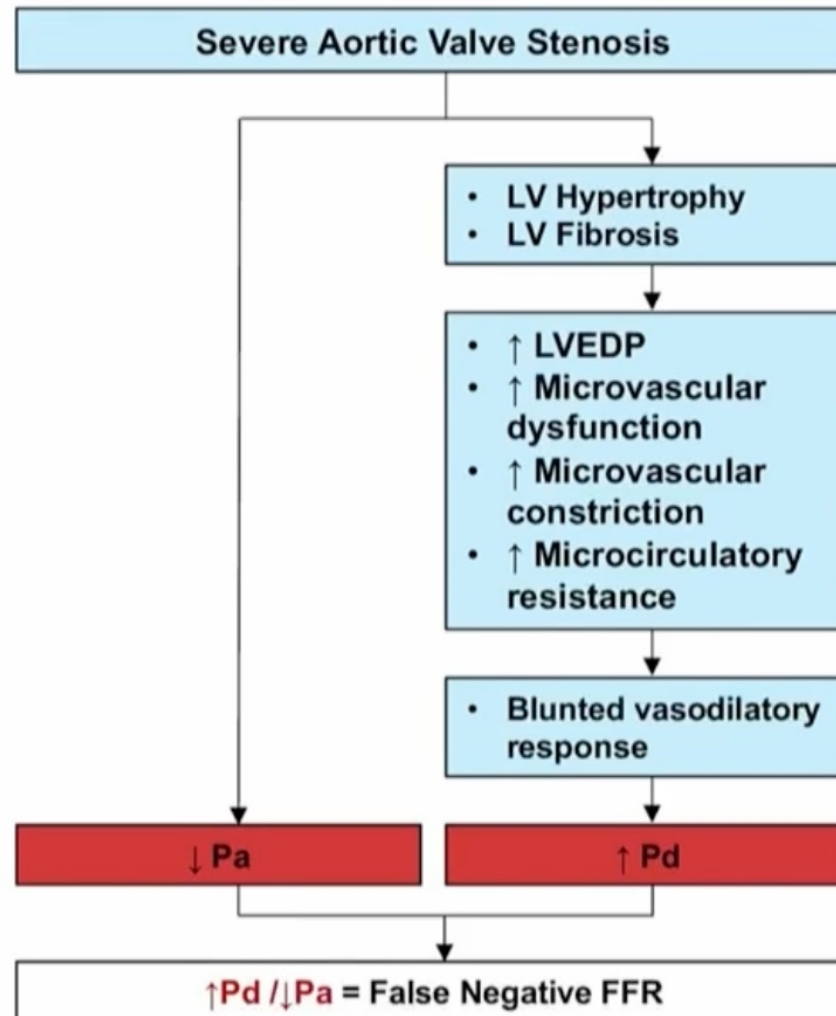
#### Coronary arteries:

- Vasoactive substance upregulation increases blood flow
- Endothelial dysfunction impairs hyperaemic responses
- Reduced diastolic coronary perfusion

Vitaliy Androshchuk et al. *Heart* 2023;109:322-329



## Effects of severe aortic stenosis on FFR measurement



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- No formal validation
- Hamper maximal hyperaemia in pts with SAS
- "Tandem stenosis effect"
- Concerns about the administration of vasodilators in pts with SAS
- Also iFR has **never been validated** in patients with SAS





## Ongoing RCTs in management of CAD in TAVI patients

### Education in Heart

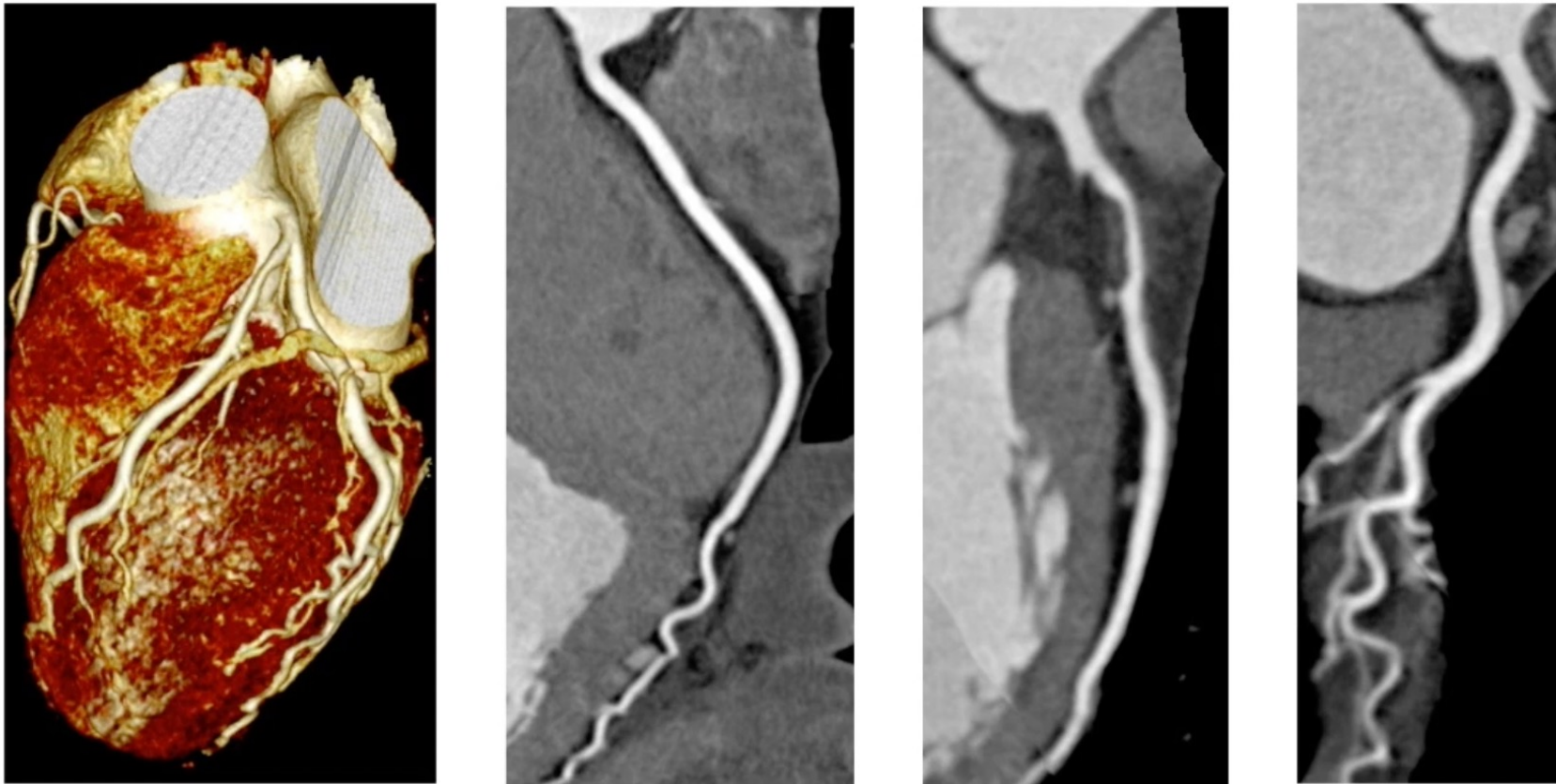
**Table 3** Ongoing randomised controlled trials on the management of coronary disease in TAVI recipients

Study	Identifier	Randomisation strategy	Primary endpoint
NOTION-3	NCT03058627	TAVI alone vs TAVI with FFR-guided complete revascularisation.	Number of patients experiencing all-cause mortality, myocardial infarction or urgent PCI at 1 year.
FAITAVI	NCT03360591	Angiographically guided PCI (coronary stenosis $\geq 50\%$ by visual assessment in vessels $\geq 2.5$ mm) vs physiologically guided PCI (lesions with FFR values $\leq 0.80$ only).	Composite of all-cause death, myocardial infarction, stroke, major bleeding and need for target vessel revascularisation as adjudicated by the clinical event committee at 1 year.
TCW	NCT03424941	FFR-guided PCI and TAVI vs CABG and SAVR.	Composite of all-cause mortality, myocardial infarction, disabling stroke, unscheduled clinically driven target vessel revascularisation, valve reintervention, and life-threatening or disabling bleeding at 1 year.
TAVI-PCI	NCT04310046	PCI (any suitable lesion with iFR $\leq 0.89$ or $>90\%$ diameter stenosis in a coronary artery $\geq 2.5$ mm) within 1–45 days before TAVI vs within 1–45 days after TAVI.	Composite of all-cause death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, ischaemia-driven revascularisation, rehospitalisation, and life-threatening/disabling or major bleeding at 1 year.

CABG, coronary artery bypass grafting; FAITAVI, Functional Assessment in TAVI; FFR, fractional flow reserve; iFR, instantaneous wave-free ratio; NOTION-3, Revascularisation in Patients Undergoing Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; SAVR, surgical aortic valve replacement; TAVI, transcatheter aortic valve implantation; TAVI-PCI, Optimal Timing of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention; TCW, Transcatheter Valve and Vessels trial.

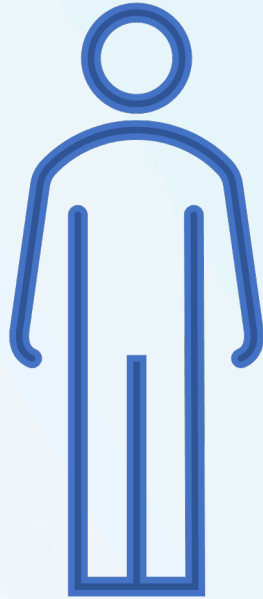


## NON-INVASIVE CAD ASSESSMENT



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CTCA might be considered in patients with a low pre-test probability of CAD and in whom reasonable image quality is expected.

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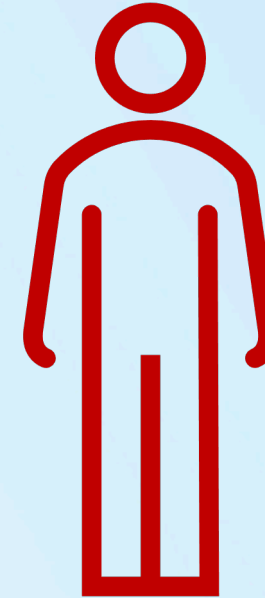
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# Should we mimic the surgical approach?

## 2018 ECG guidelines myocardial Revasc

PCI should be considered in patients with a primary indication to undergo TAVI and coronary artery diameter stenosis >70% in proximal segments.

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## 2023 EAPCI Consensus Document CAD & TAVI

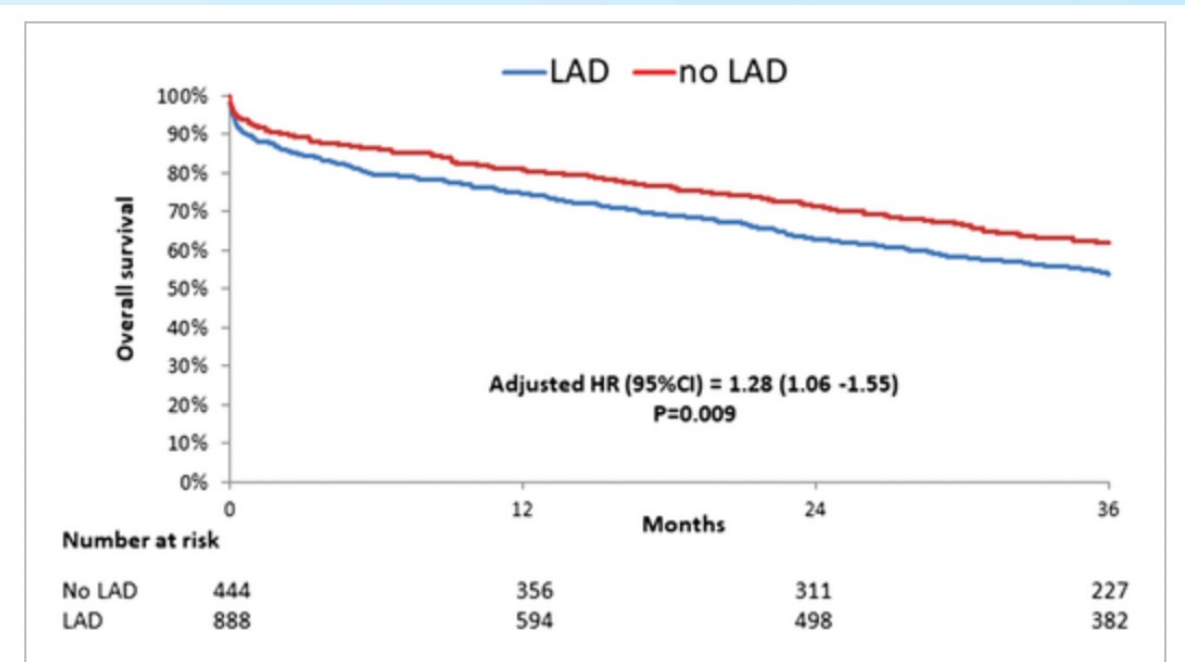
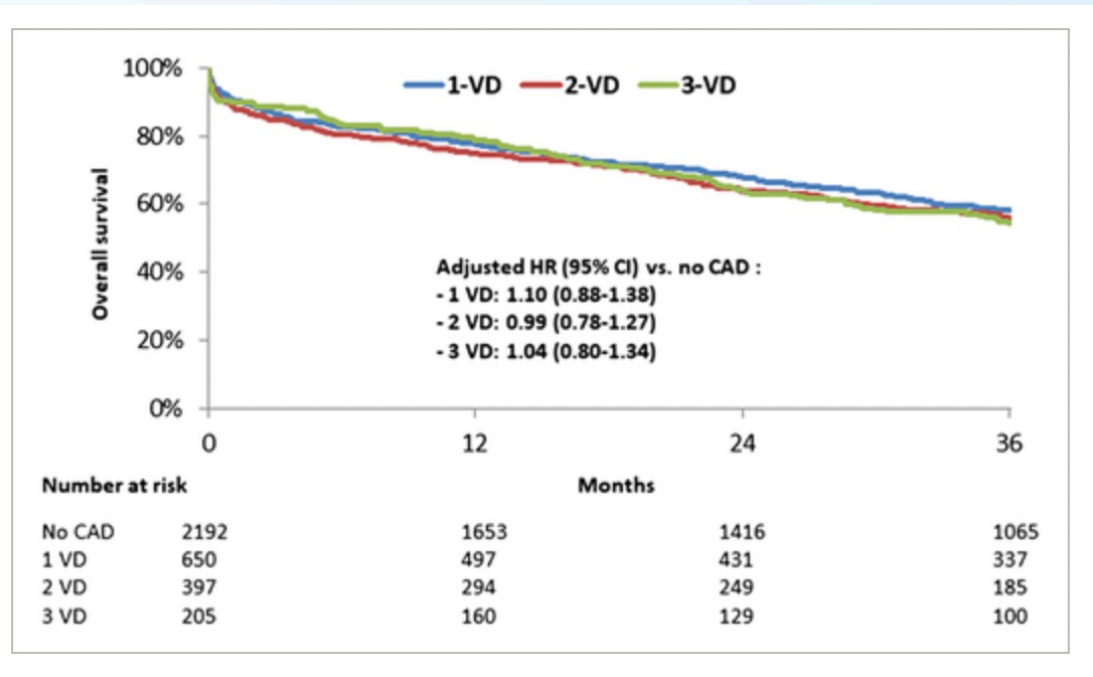
### Consensus points:

- 1) PCI before TAVI should be performed in patients with severe CAD (i.e., coronary artery diameter stenosis >70%, >50% for the left main) only in proximal segments, particularly if presenting with an acute coronary syndrome, symptoms of angina pectoris or subocclusive lesions (i.e., >90% diameter stenosis).



## FRANCE 2 registry

French registry including all consecutive TAVR performed between 2010 and 2012  
4201 patients were enrolled. CAD reported in 1252 patients (30%).



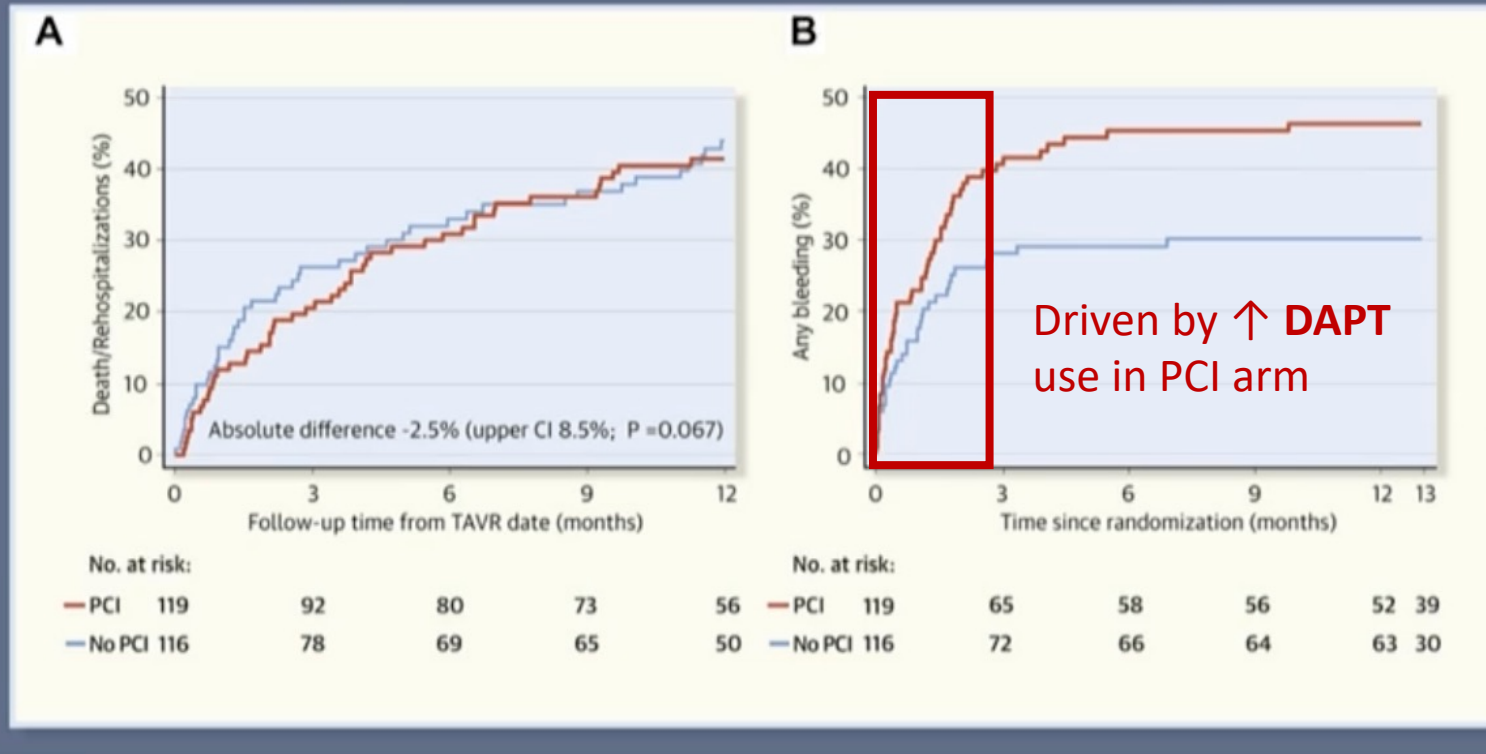
Only **significant lesions of LAD** were associated with increased 3-year mortality but neither the **presence** nor the **extent** of CAD was associated with mortality at 3 years.



- 17 Centers, 235 patients
- Severe AS + CAD with CCS Class  $\leq 2$  Angina
- PCI vs No PCI pre TAVR

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**ACTIVATION Trial of PCI Before TAVR**



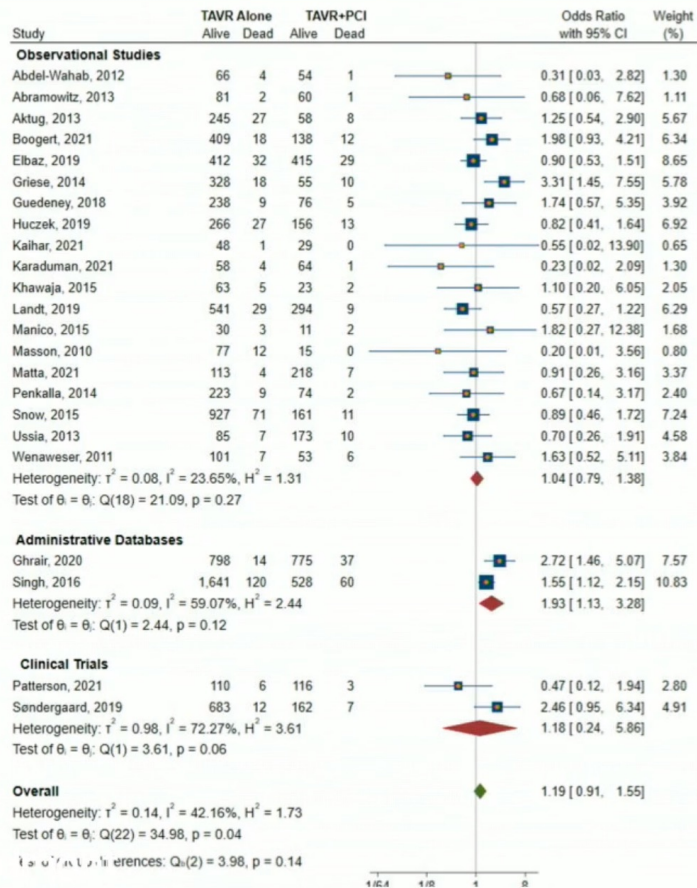
Patterson, T. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Interv. 2021;14(18):1965-1974.

At 1 year, the primary composite endpoint (all-cause death or rehospitalization at 1 year) occurred in 48 (41.5%) of the PCI arm and 47 (44.0%) of the no-PCI arm.

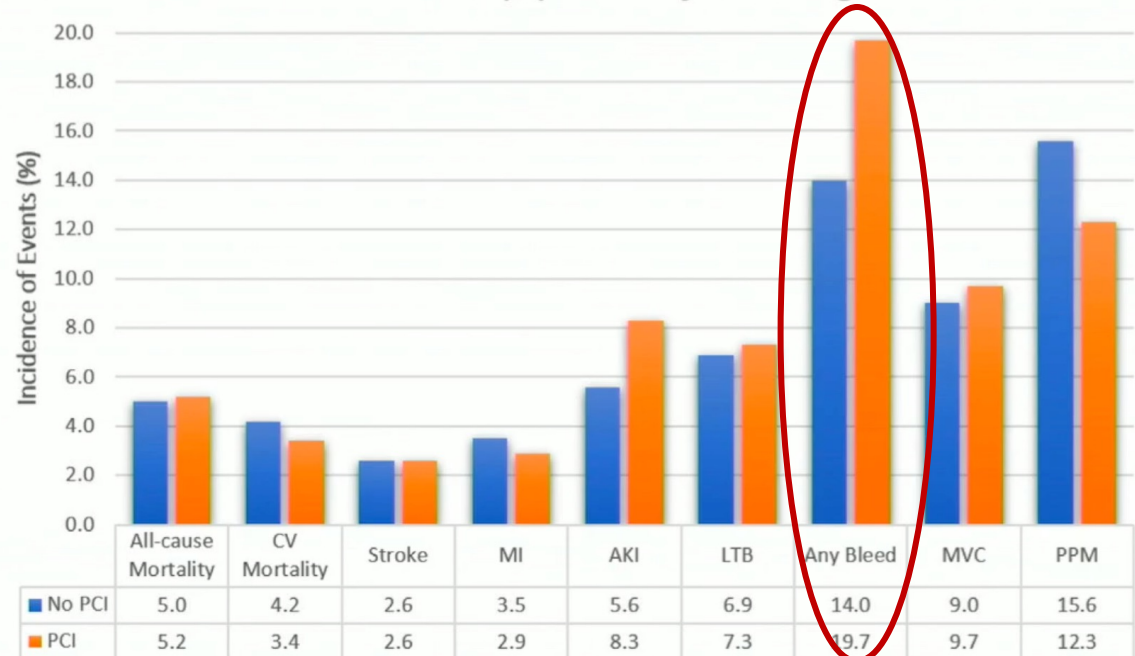
**STABLE MOSTLY SINGLE VESSEL CAD (UNPROTECTED LM EXCLUDED)**  
**HIGH USE OF BMS**  
**LOWER THAN-PLANNED SAMPLE SIZE**



# TAVR with Prior/Concomitant PCI vs Without PCI: Meta-Analysis



Pooled Event Rates (%) at 30-Day Following TAVR



**24 Studies**  
**12,182 Patients**







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**CLINICAL RESEARCH**

*Valvular heart disease*

# Impact of untreated chronic obstructive coronary artery disease on outcomes after transcatheter aortic valve replacement

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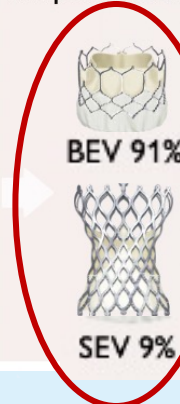
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#### Definition of CAD Risk/Severity

- Non-obstructive** All lesions in LAD, LCx and RCA <70%, LM <50%
- Intermediate** LCX or RCA or non-prox LAD ≥70%
- High** LCX and LAD ≥70% or RCA and either LAD or LCX ≥70% or prox LAD ≥70% or 50% ≤ LM <70%
- Extreme** Triple vessel disease (all lesions ≥70%) or LM ≥70%

#### TAVR procedural safety with obstructive CAD



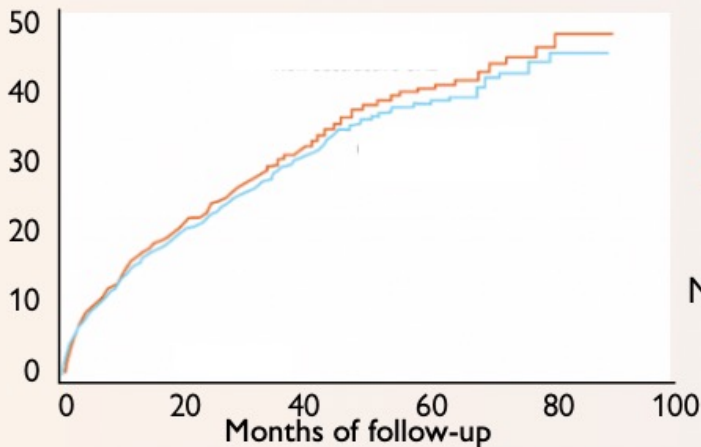
1911 included for analysis

	Non-obstructive CAD:1432	Intermediate CAD:116	High CAD:199	Extreme CAD:199
Intra-aortic balloon pump	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ventricular arrhythmia requiring shock	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ECMO	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Shock	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
Death	0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.6%

Overall procedural complications: p=0.60 (across groups)

### B Cumulative incidence of MACE

Cumulative incidence of MACE (%)



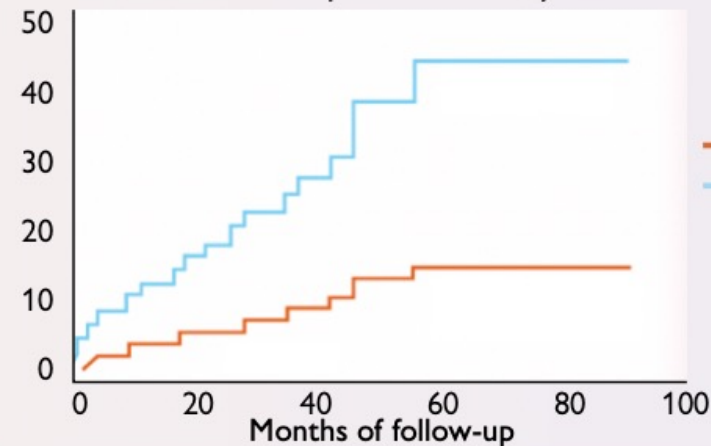
— Non-obstructive CAD  
— Obstructive CAD  
p=0.609

MACE: ACS/Stroke/Heart failure hospitalizations

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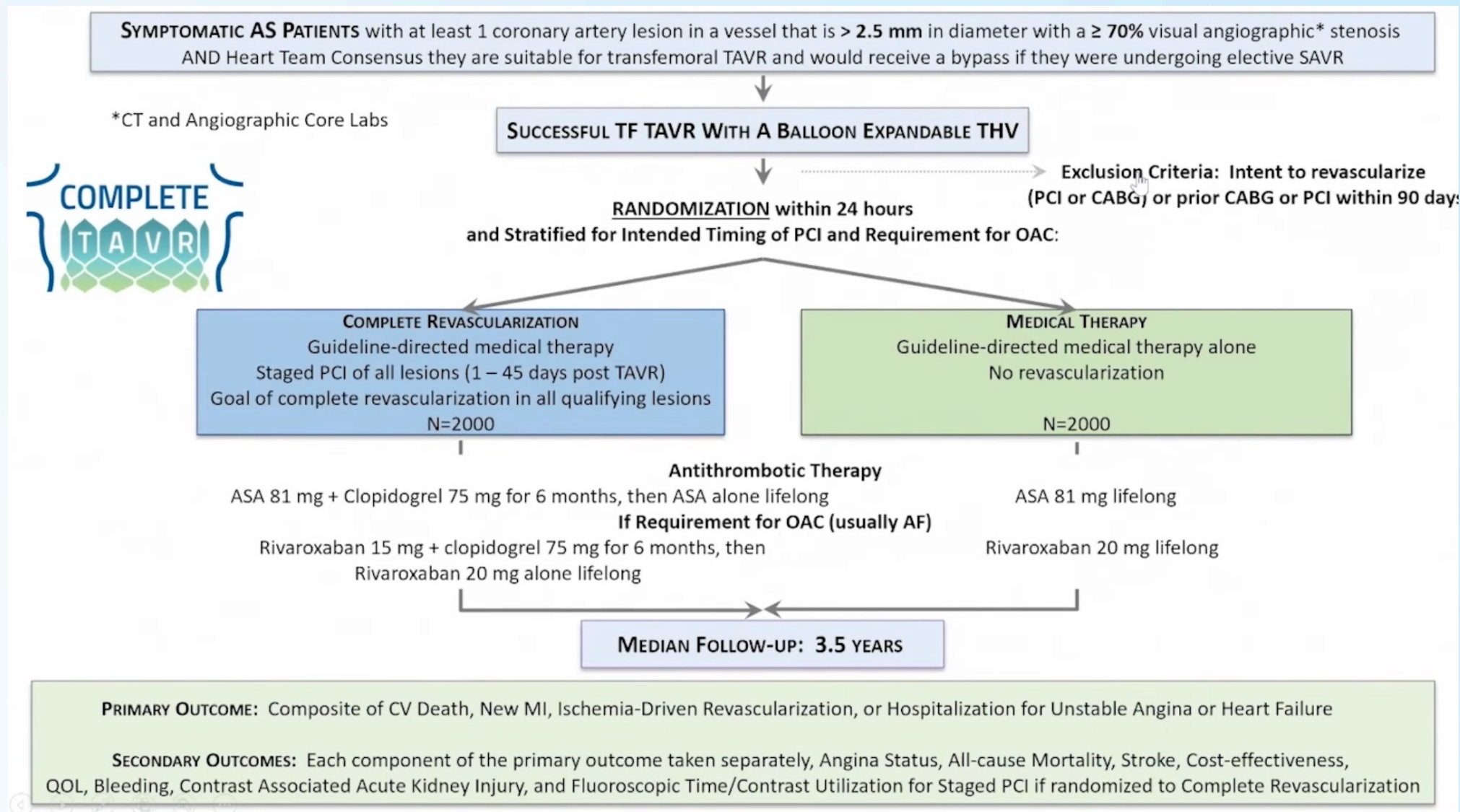
### Cumulative incidence of unplanned coronary revascularization

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— Non-obstructive CAD  
— Obstructive CAD  
p=0.006

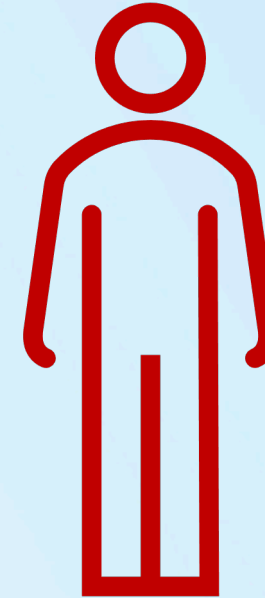




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## Advantages and disadvantages of different PCI timing in patients undergoing TAVI.

### PCI before TAVI?

#### Advantages

- Easier coronary access (especially for self-expanding THV with a supra-annular leaflet position)
- Lower risk of ischaemia-induced haemodynamic instability (i.e., during rapid pacing)
- Reduced contrast use compared with concomitant PCI and TAVI

#### Disadvantages

- Less reliable FFR/iFR assessments of borderline lesions
- Higher risk of haemodynamic instability due to AS

### PCI + TAVI?

- Use of the same arterial access
- Lower cost
- Free coronary access

- Larger amount of contrast and higher risk of AKI
- Prolonged procedure
- Need for DAPT at the time of TAVI, hence increased bleeding risk

### PCI after TAVI?

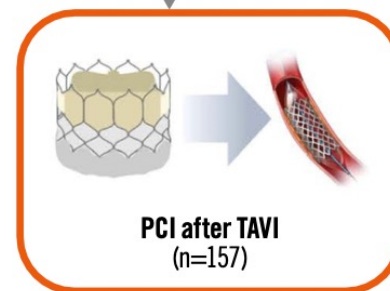
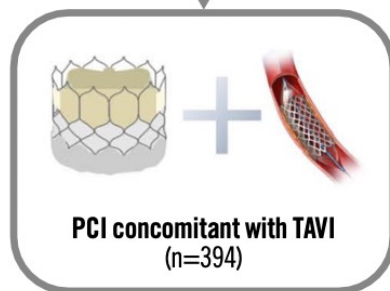
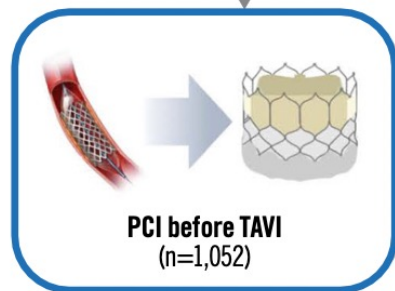
- More reliable FFR/iFR of intermediate lesions
- Lower risk of haemodynamic instability during complex PCI (i.e., with rotational atherectomy and impaired LV function)
- Reduced contrast use compared with concomitant PCI and TAVI

- More challenging and potentially compromised coronary access
- Less stability and support of the coronary guiding catheter
- Potential THV dislodgement

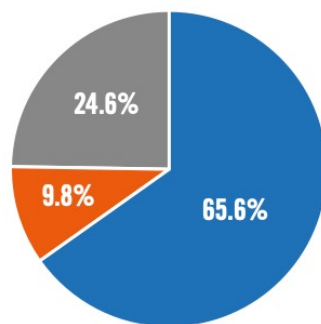


TAVI patients undergoing PCI for stable CAD in the REVASC-TAVI registry  
(n=1,617)

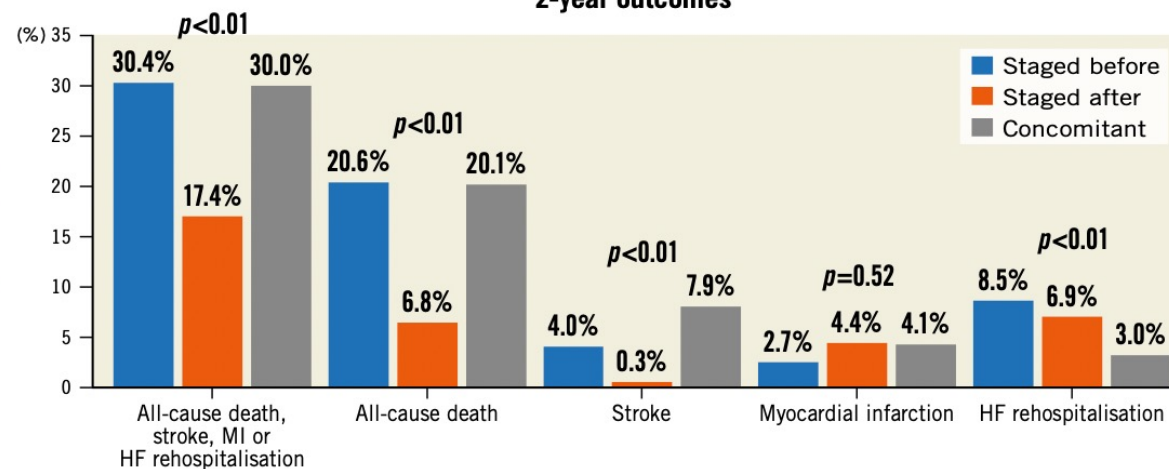
Patients excluded  
Data of timing not available (n=7)  
Unplanned PCI (n=7)



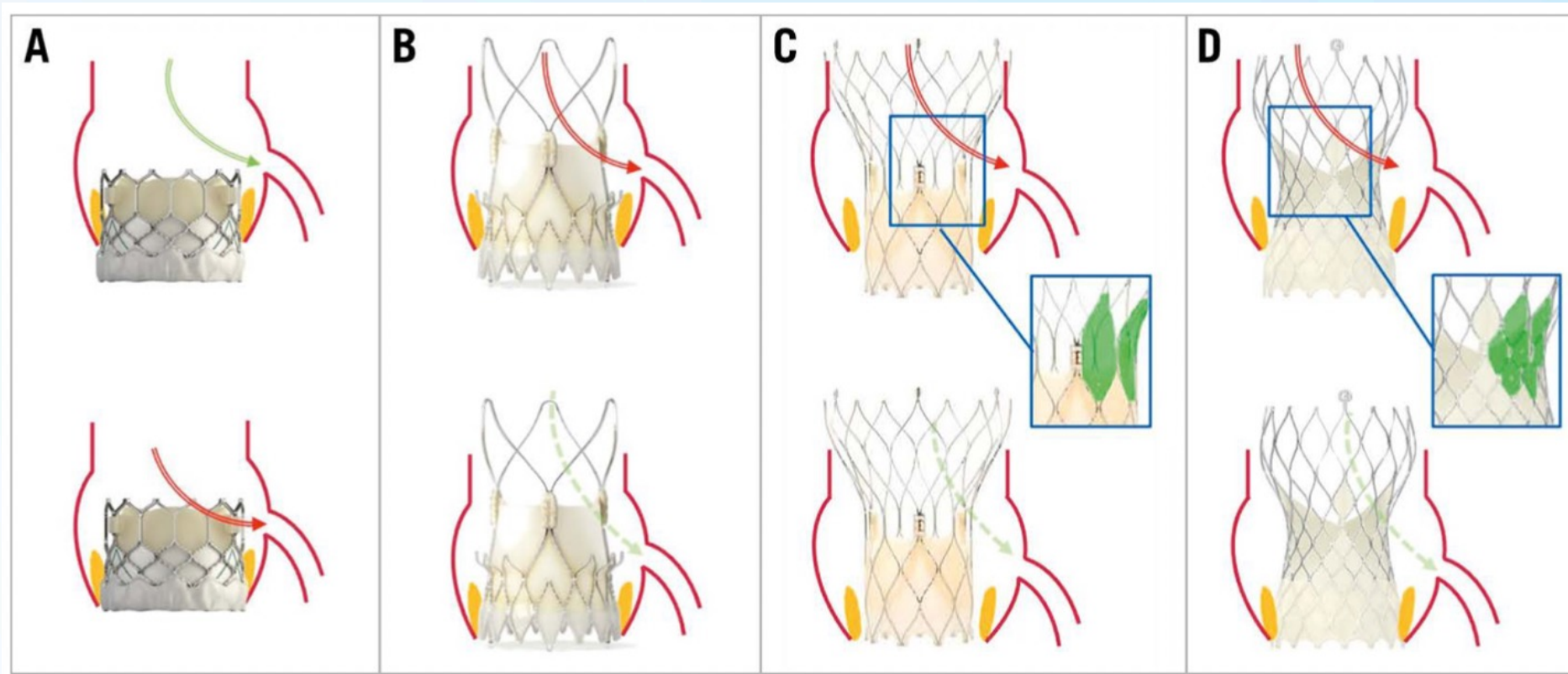
PCI timing distribution



2-year outcomes

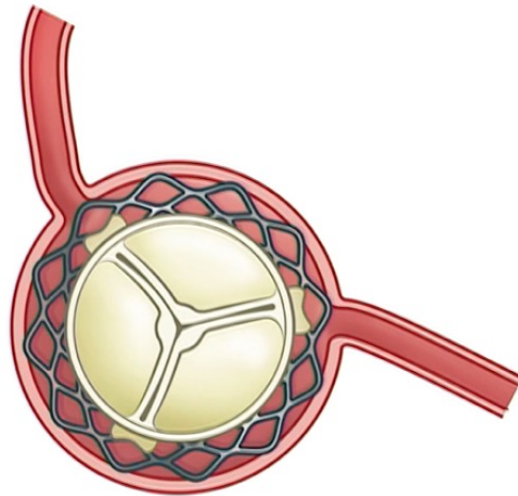


## Coronary Access according to THV design and Implantation depth

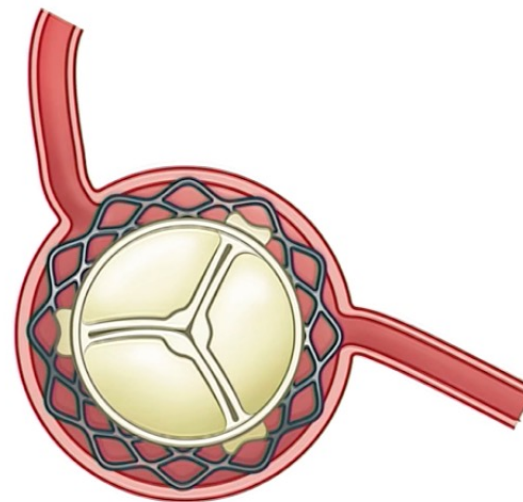




## Commissural alignment



**X** Commissural misalignment

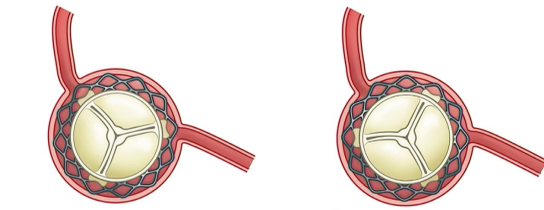


**✓** Commissural alignment

Sondergaard et De Backer. EuroIntervention. 2018; 14:147-9



Commissural alignment



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	CoreValve platform	ACURATE <i>neo</i> platform	Portico platform
STEP 1 – DELIVERY INSERTION	<p><b>A</b></p> <p>Start with flush port at 3 o'clock away from the operator.</p>	<p><b>B</b></p> <p>Start with flush port at 6 o'clock.</p>	<p><b>C</b></p> <p>Start with flush port at 12 o'clock.</p>
STEP 2 – CRIMPED VIEW	<p><b>D</b></p> <p>CF in cusp overlap</p> <p>Starting with the hat marker in the OC position when crossing the aortic arch in the LAO view, the hat marker must be in the CF position when checking the LR cusp overlap view.</p>	<p><b>E</b></p> <p>In the RL cusp overlap view, one thin marker corresponding to one single post and one protruding free stent strut on the right of the screen. A thicker line corresponding to the 2 other overlapped posts is visible on the left.</p>	<p><b>F</b></p> <p>In the RL cusp overlap view, one thin marker corresponding to one single post on the right of the screen. A thicker line corresponding to the 2 overlapped posts is visible on the left.</p>
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**CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Coronary Access Following TAVR**

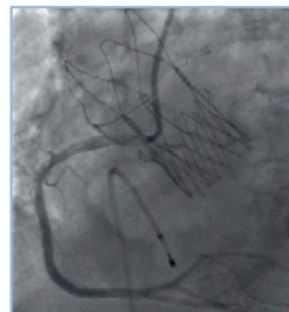
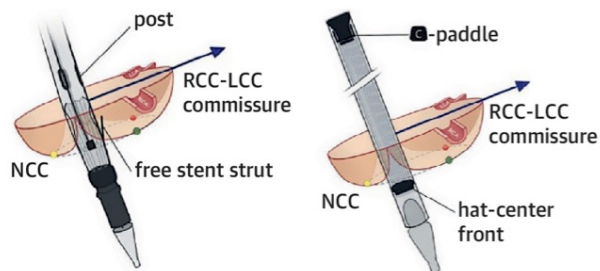
**Coronary Cannulation Following TAVR Using Self-Expanding Devices With or Without Patient-Specific Commissural Alignment**

**REACCESS-1 Evolut/ACURATE substudy (n = 195)**

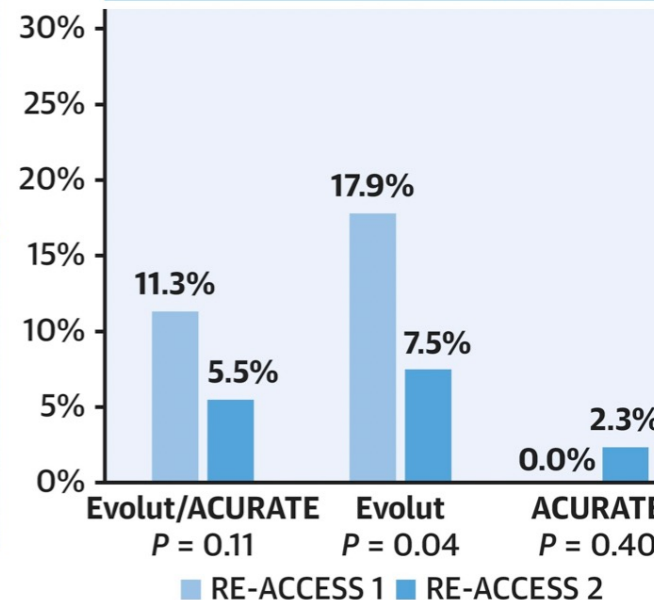
Random commissural alignment

**REACCESS-2 Evolut/ACURATE study (n = 127)**

Patient-specific commissural alignment



**Unsuccessful Coronary Cannulation Following TAVR**



- Unsuccessful coronary cannulation with patient-specific commissural alignment occurred in 5.5% of cases.
- Failed cannulation occurred more frequently for the RCA and with Evolut valves.

Costa G, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Interv. 2024;17(6):727-737.

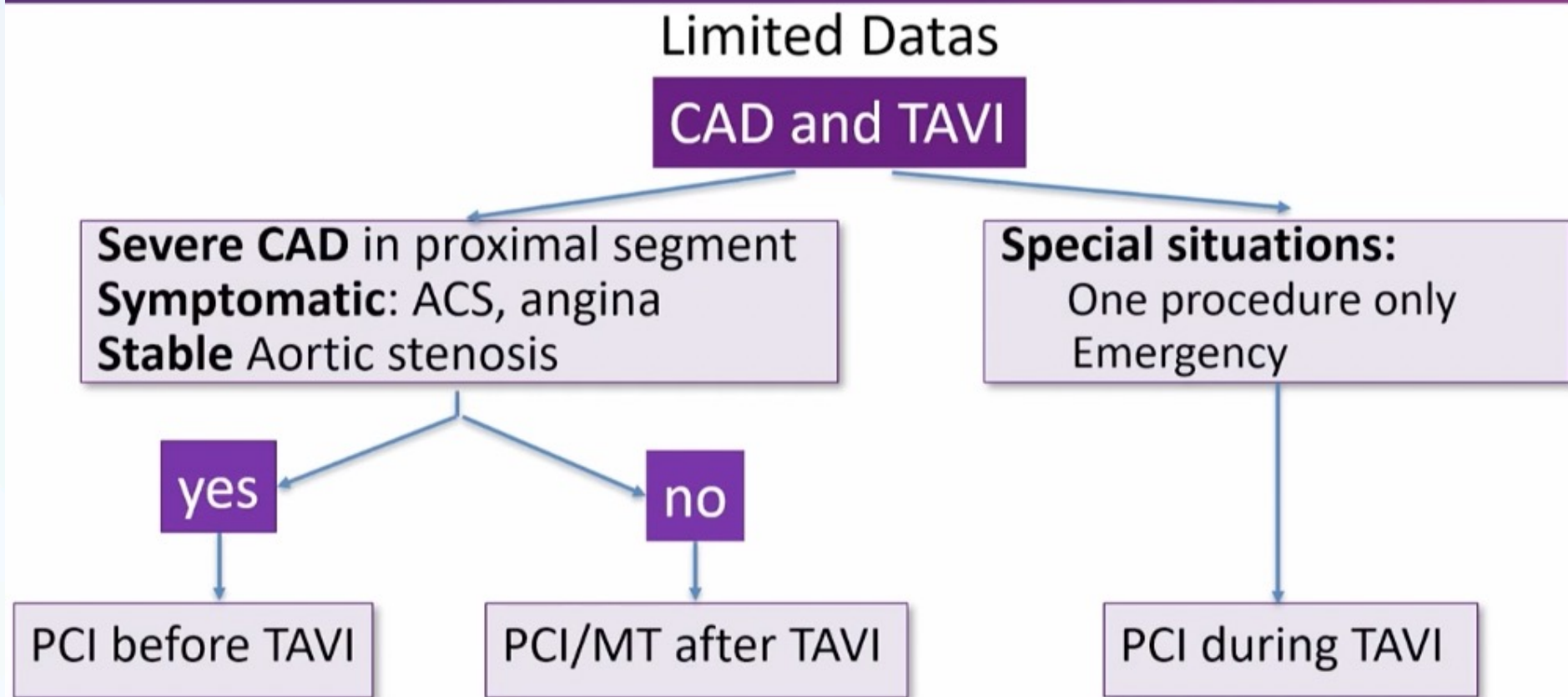


# CONCLUSIONS

- **CAD is common** in patients with severe AS planned for TAVI
- **Invasive coronary angiography** is recommended when CAD is suspected
- **Coronary CT** could be considered in patients with low pre-test probability of CAD
- Current evidence **does not support routine PCI** before TAVI in the presence of AS and minimal angina
- The **timing of PCI** should be based on clinical presentation, the patient's anatomical characteristics and coronary lesion complexity.
- If **PCI is planned after TAVI**, the **THV choice** (i.e., low-frame versus high-frame) and **implantation technique** (i.e., commissural alignment) should be aimed at preserving easy coronary access.



## Algorithm



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