

# TAVI update 2025

**GOOD NEWS / BAD NEWS**



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Konzultant		x	Proctor TAVI výkonů (Edwards, Medtronic)
Přednášková činnost	x		
Člen poradních sborů (advisory boards)	x		
Podpora výzkumu / granty	x		
Jiné honoráře (např. za klinické studie či registry)	x		

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## Females and small annuli



**THE PARTNER 3 TRIAL**  
50 U.S. sites  
Enrolled 2016 - 2019

**Principal Investigators**  
*Martin Leon*  
*Michael Mack*

**Sponsor** *Edwards Lifesciences*

**Funder** *Edwards Lifesciences*



**RHEIA**  
48 European sites  
Enrolled 2019-2023

**Principal Investigators**  
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**Funder** *Edwards Lifesciences*

# Transcatheter vs. Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement in Women: A Pooled Analysis of the RHEIA and PARTNER 3 Trials

# Study Design

Women with symptomatic, severe AS in the PARTNER 3 Low Risk and RHEIA RCT

*Randomization  
N=712*

*TAVR N=376*

*SAPIEN 3 / SAPIEN 3 Ultra  
Balloon-expandable valve*

*Surgery N=336*

*Any commercially available  
surgical valve*

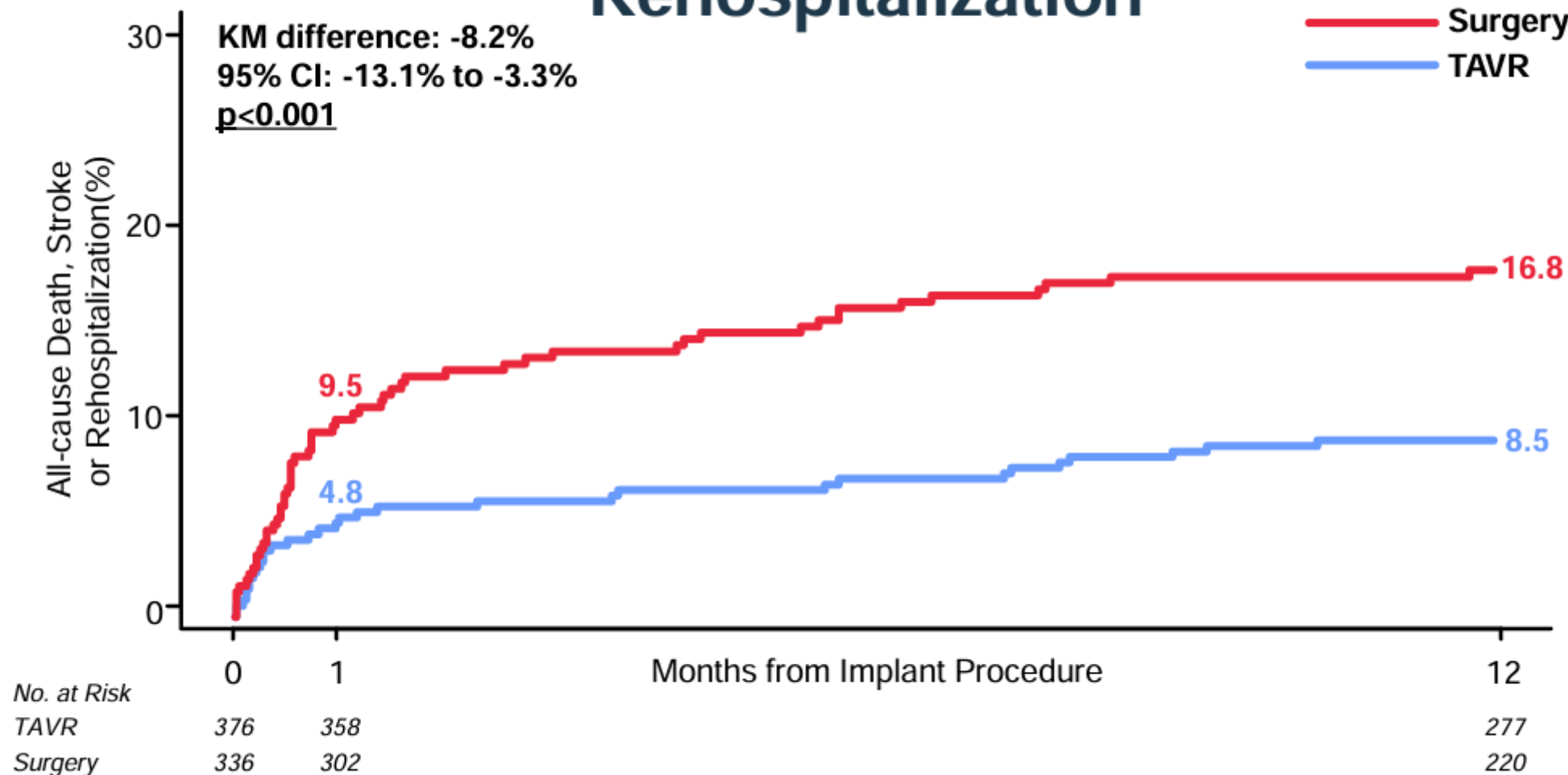
*Follow-up: 30 days and 1 year*

**PRIMARY ENDPOINT at 1 Year**

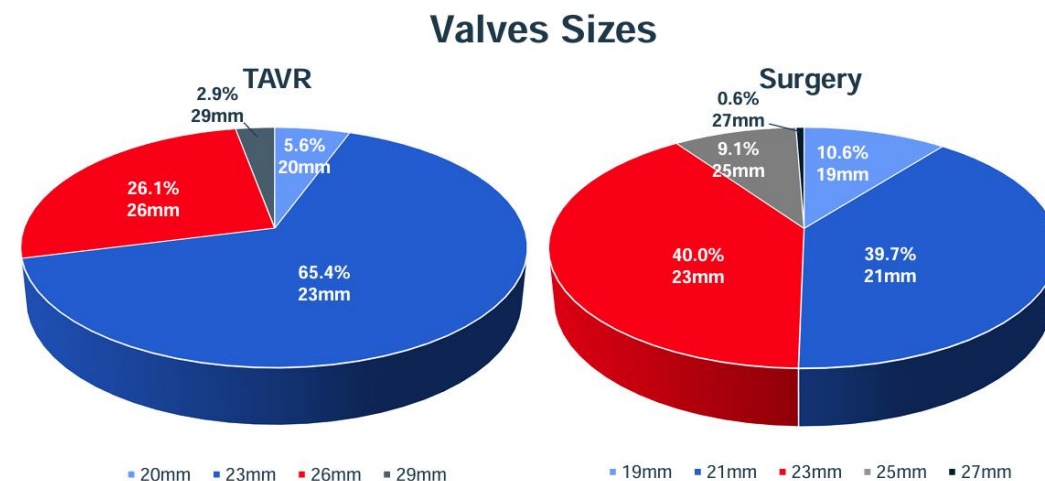
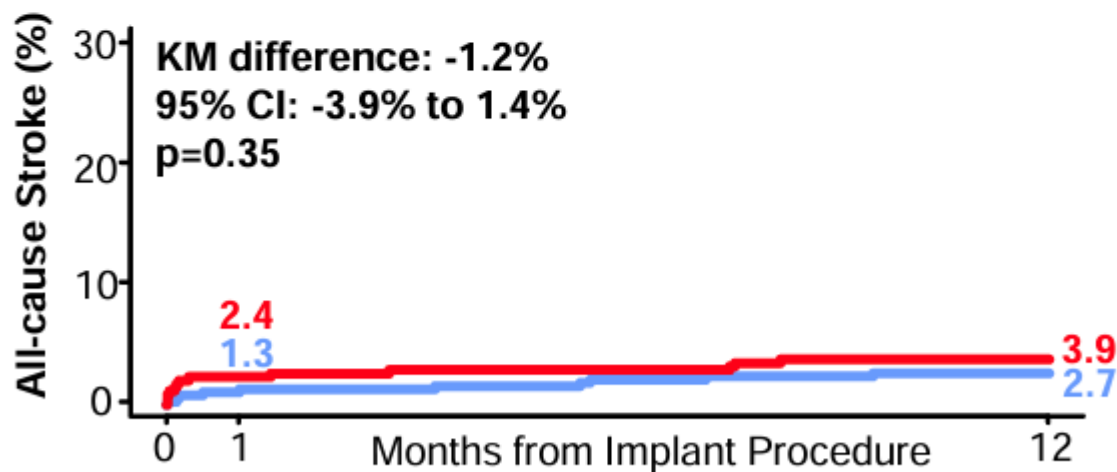
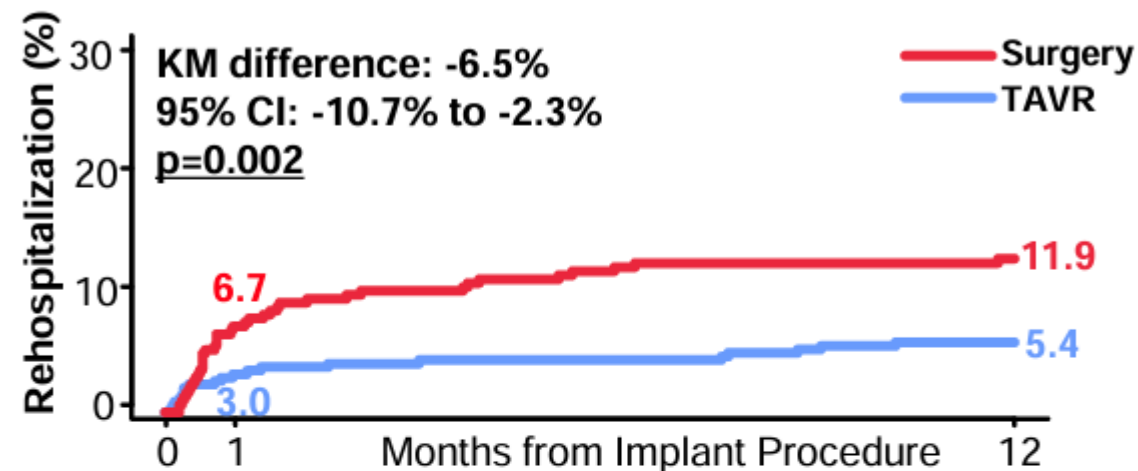
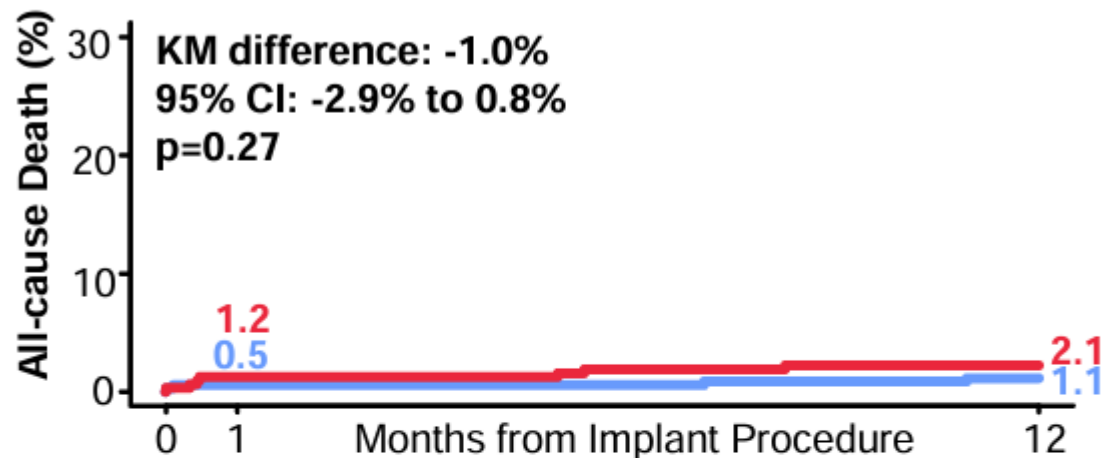
**Composite of all-cause DEATH, STROKE and REHOSPITALIZATION\***

*\*related to the procedure, the valve, or heart failure.*

# Primary Endpoint: All-cause Death, Stroke or Rehospitalization

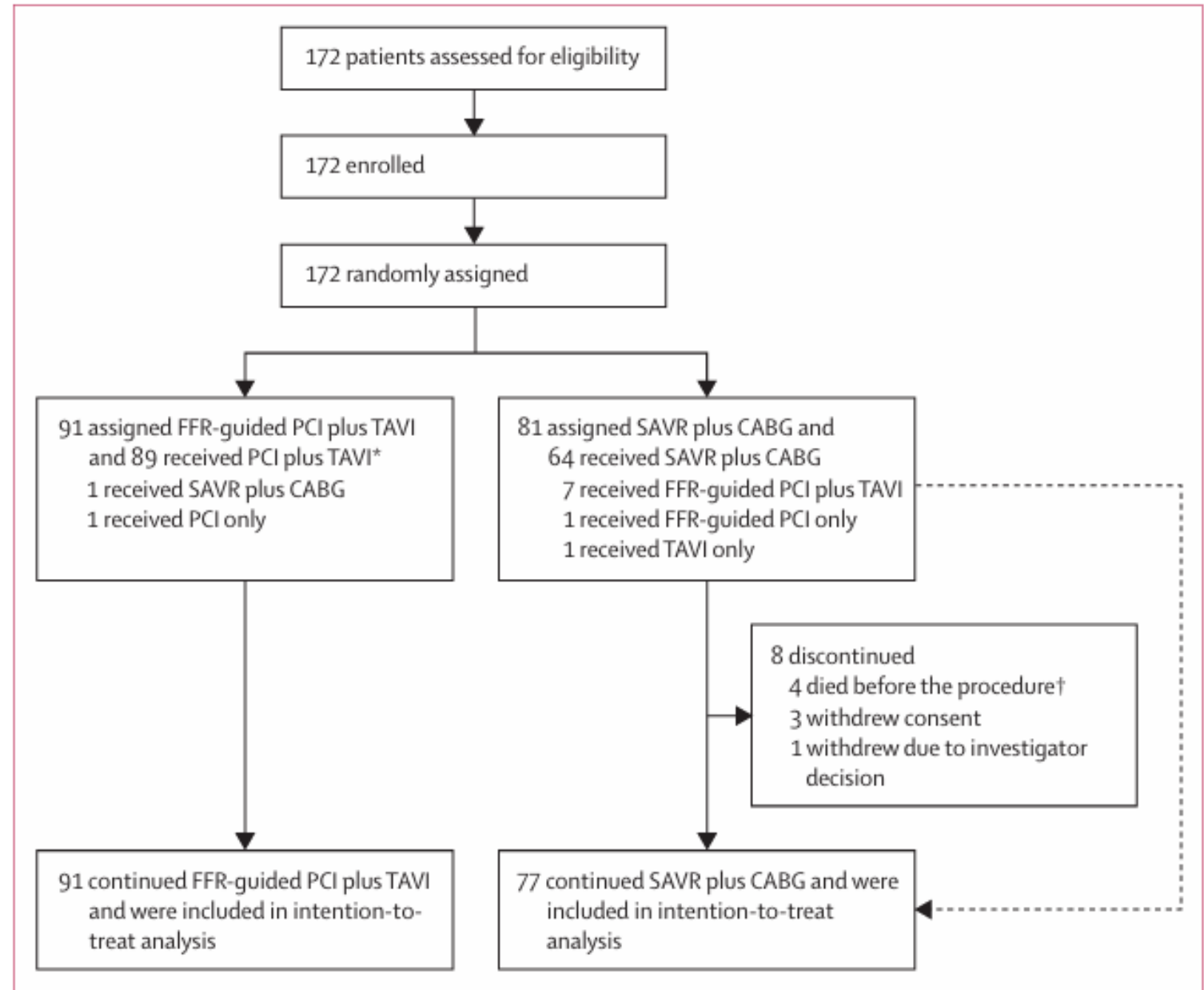


# Secondary Endpoints



# TCW trial (TransCatheter Valves and Vessels)

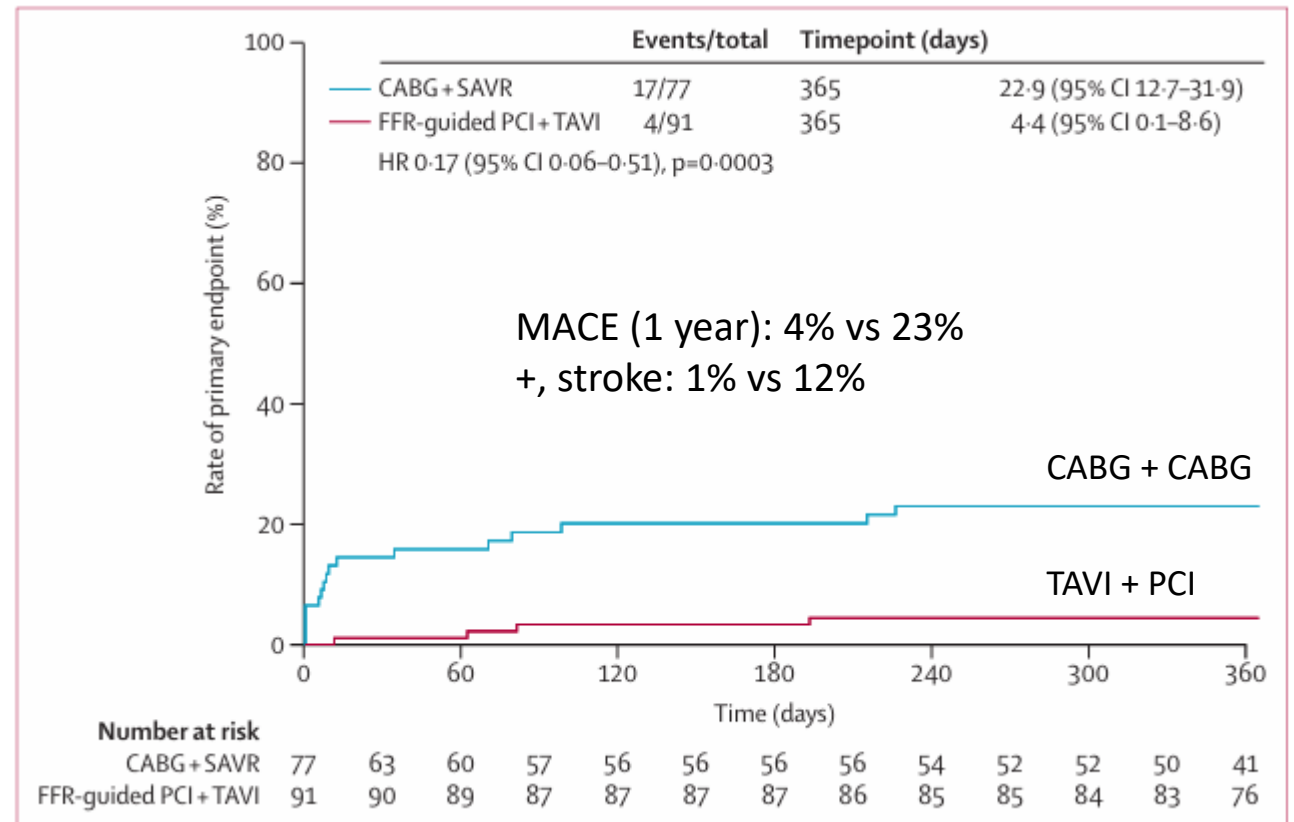
TAVI + PCI vs  
SAVR + CABG





	FFR-guided PCI plus TAVI (n=89)	SAVR plus CABG (n=64)
Lesions per patient	2.2 (1.0)	2.3 (0.8)
FFR-guided revascularisation	73 (82%)	19 (30%)
Lesions treated per patient	1.5 (0.6)	NA
Complete revascularisation	74 (81%)	41 (64%)
Total stent length, mm	53.7 (29.4)	NA
Procedural success	88 (99%)	NA
Femoral access	84 (94%)	NA
Subclavian access	5 (6%)	NA
Conscious sedation	63 (71%)	NA
Successful implantation	89 (100%)	NA
Valve migration or embolisation	0	NA
Device size, mm	29.7 (3.0)	23.5 (2.15)
Device success	89 (100%)	NA
Vessels grafted	NA	1.6 (0.8)
Arterial grafts only	NA	27 (42%)
Arterial and venous grafts	NA	25 (39%)
Venous grafts only	NA	12 (19%)
Biological aortic valve	NA	64 (100%)
Hancock or Hancock Ultra (Medtronic, USA)	NA	10 (16%)
Perimount Magna Ease (Eduard Lifesciences, USA)	NA	41 (64%)
Trifecta (Abbott, USA)	NA	10 (16%)
Parcival (Livanova, UK)	NA	3 (5%)

**Percutaneous therapy may be best for those in need of both interventions**



# Medicare database 2018-2022 (17 413 PCI/TAVI or 20 409 CABG/SAVR) non randomized comparison + real word practice

TAVI/PCI: less bleeding, AKI or in-hospital mortality

SAVR/CABG: long term lower risk of stroke (HR 1,1), mortality (HR 1,09)



## SAVR



## TAVI



# Study Design

Prospective, multicenter RCT evaluating patients with asymptomatic, severe AS aged  $\geq 65$  years w/ an STS score  $\leq 10\%$  and LVEF  $\geq 50\%$

## Asymptomatic Assessment

Confirmed by negative treadmill stress test\*

Mean gradient  $\geq 40$  mmHg or peak jet velocity  $\geq 4.0$  m/s

## Randomization 1:1

### Transfemoral-TAVR

(SAPIEN 3 or SAPIEN 3 Ultra THV)

### Clinical Surveillance

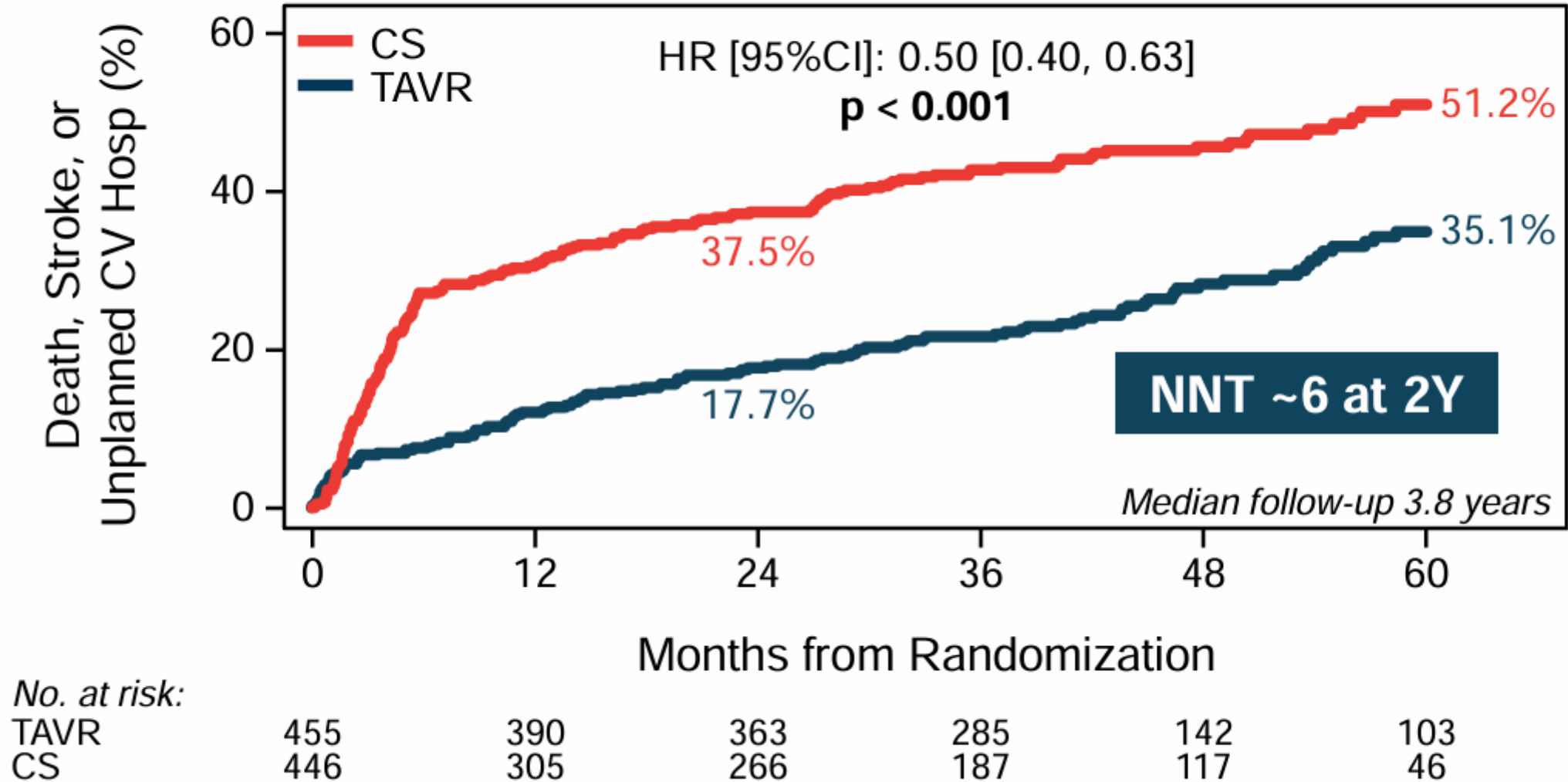
## PRIMARY ENDPOINT (Superiority)

Non-hierarchical composite of all-cause death, any stroke, or unplanned CV hospitalization at a minimum follow-up of 2 years

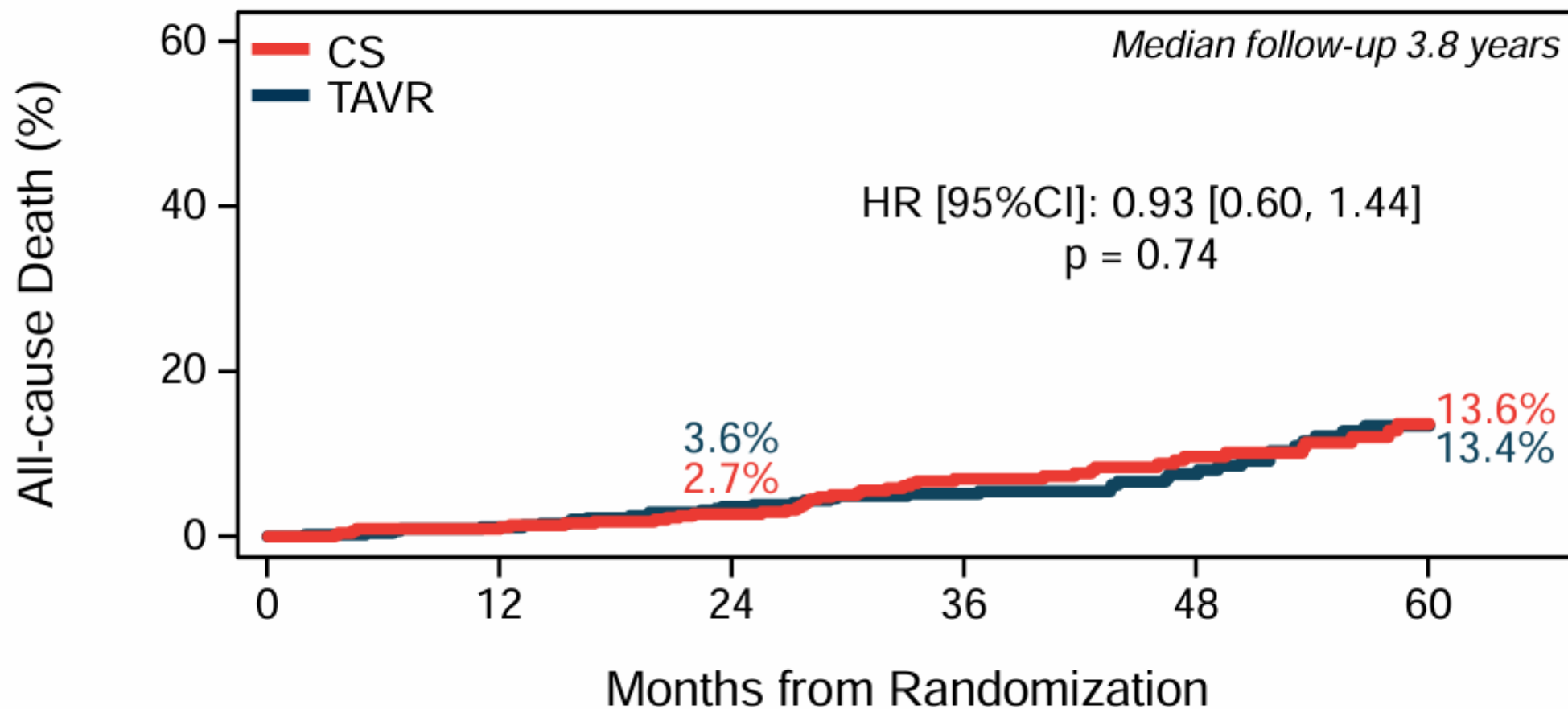
\*Confirmed by detailed clinical history alone if patient was unable to perform stress test

# Primary Endpoint

Av. AGE 76y



# All-cause Death



No. at risk:

TAVR	455	439	425	346	187	136
CS	446	436	418	310	199	95

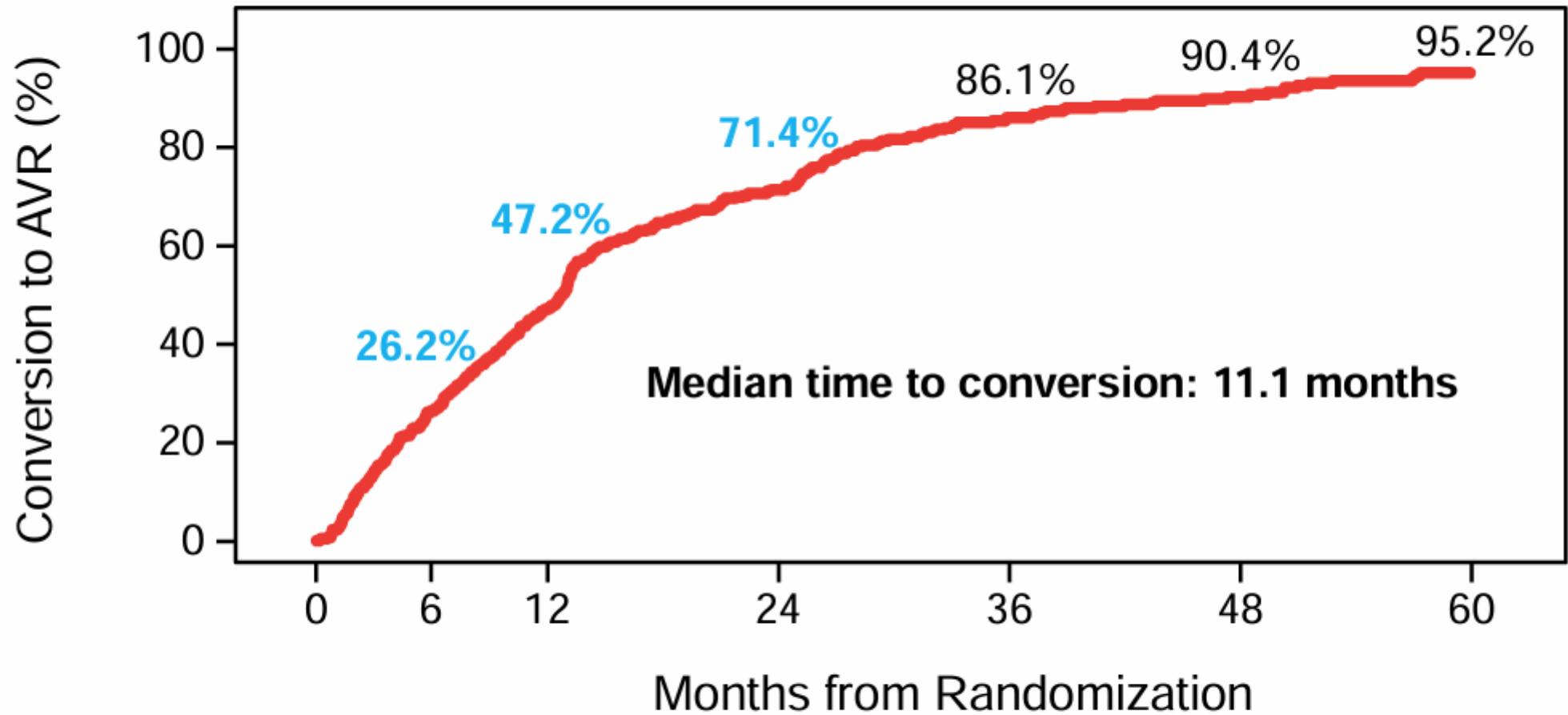
# Primary Endpoint Components

Endpoint – % (no. of pts w/ an event)	TAVR (N=455)	CS (N=446)	P-value
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	<b>26.8% (122)</b>	<b>45.3% (202)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
All-cause Death	8.4% (38)	9.2% (41)	---
Any Stroke	4.2% (19)	6.7% (30)	---
Unplanned CV Hospitalization	20.9% (95)	41.7% (186)	---

Median follow-up of 3.8 years



# Conversion to TAVI in CS



No. at risk:

Months from Randomization	0	6	12	24	36	48	60
Clinical Surveillance	446	326	231	119	45	22	9

Median follow-up 3.8 years; At the time of analysis, 30 patients were still on study but hadn't converted to AVR

# AVATAR

## Asymptomatic

Inclusion/exclusion criteria, treadmill stress test  
Key inclusion: > 18 years old, LVEF  $\geq$  50%, STS risk score < 8%, life expectancy > 3 years

## 1:1 Randomization

N = 157

SAVR

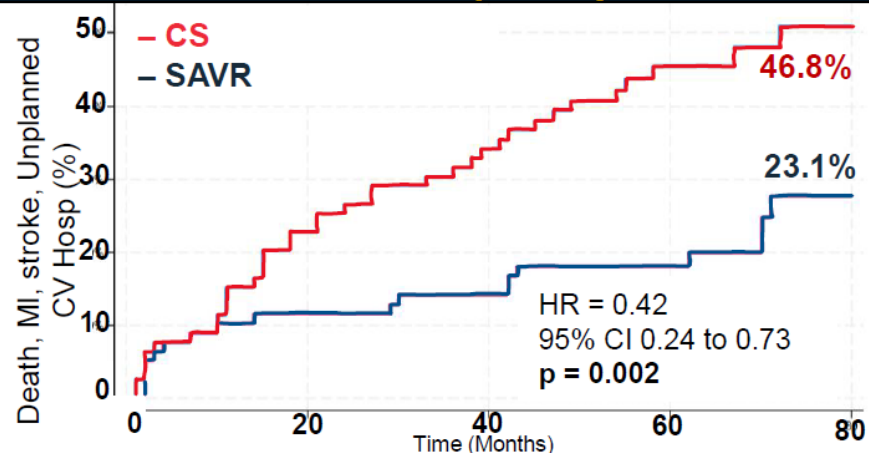
N= 78

Clinical  
Surveillance

N= 79

# AVATAR

Median follow-up 5.25 years



Endpoint	SAVR (N=78)	CS (N=79)
<b>Primary endpoint</b>	23.1% (18)	46.8% (37)
All-cause Death	16.7% (13)	34.2% (27)
Myocardial Infarction	1.3% (1)	7.6% (6)
Stroke	5.1% (4)	5.1% (4)
HF hospitalization	3.8% (3)	16.4% (13)

# AVATAR

Av. Age 69 y

44.3%

Median time to conversion:  
15.6 months (IQR 7.4-36.2)

Symptom onset	18 (51.4%)
AS progression	6 (17.1%)
Decrease in LVEF	3 (8.6%)
Combination of factors	8 (22.9%)



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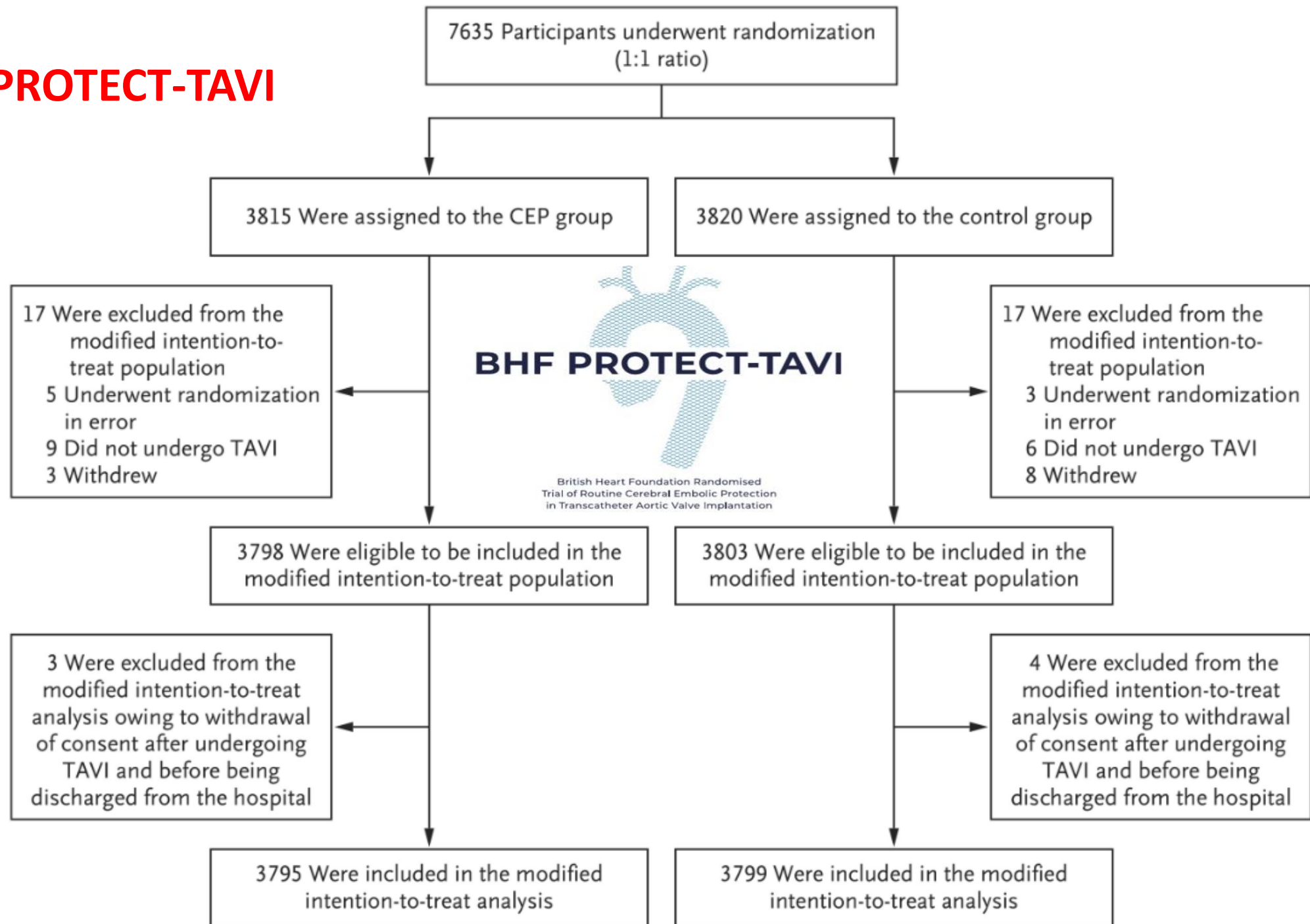
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Outcome	CEP Group (N=3798)	Control Group (N=3803)	Treatment Effect	
			Risk Difference (95% CI)†	Risk Ratio (95% CI)†
			<i>no./total no. (%)</i>	<i>percentage points</i>
Primary outcome				
Stroke within 72 hr after TAVI or before discharge, if sooner	81/3795 (2.1)	82/3799 (2.2)	−0.02 (−0.68 to 0.63)‡	0.99 (0.73 to 1.34)‡
Ischemic stroke	80/3795 (2.1)	82/3799 (2.2)		
Hemorrhagic stroke	1/3795 (<0.1)	0/3799		
Secondary outcomes				
Disabling stroke within 6 to 8 wk after TAVI§¶	47/3795 (1.2)	53/3799 (1.4)	−0.2 (−0.7 to 0.4)	0.89 (0.60 to 1.31)
Ischemic stroke	47/3795 (1.2)	53/3799 (1.4)		
Hemorrhagic stroke	0/3795	0/3799		
Death, stroke, or TIA within 72 hr after TAVI or before discharge, if sooner	126/3795 (3.3)	117/3799 (3.1)	0.2 (−0.6 to 1.0)	1.08 (0.84 to 1.38)
Death	29/3795 (0.8)	26/3799 (0.7)		
Nonfatal stroke	79/3795 (2.1)	78/3799 (2.1)		
TIA	18/3795 (0.5)	13/3799 (0.3)		

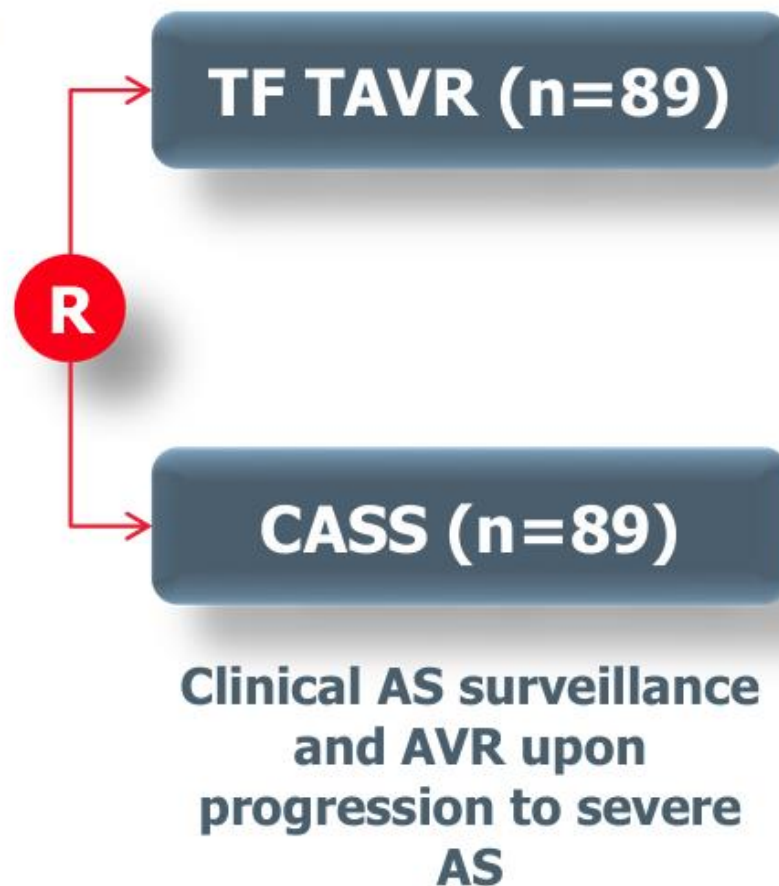
NEJM, March 30, 2025

# Study Design

Investigator-initiated,  
international,  
randomized controlled,  
open label, superiority  
trial

**TAVR  
UNLOAD**

Symptomatic patients  
with HFrEF on GDMT  
& moderate AS



## Primary Endpoint

*Hierarchical*\* occurrence of:

1. All-cause death
2. Disabling stroke
3. Hospitalizations and equivalents
4. Change in KCCQ

## 1<sup>st</sup> Key Secondary EP

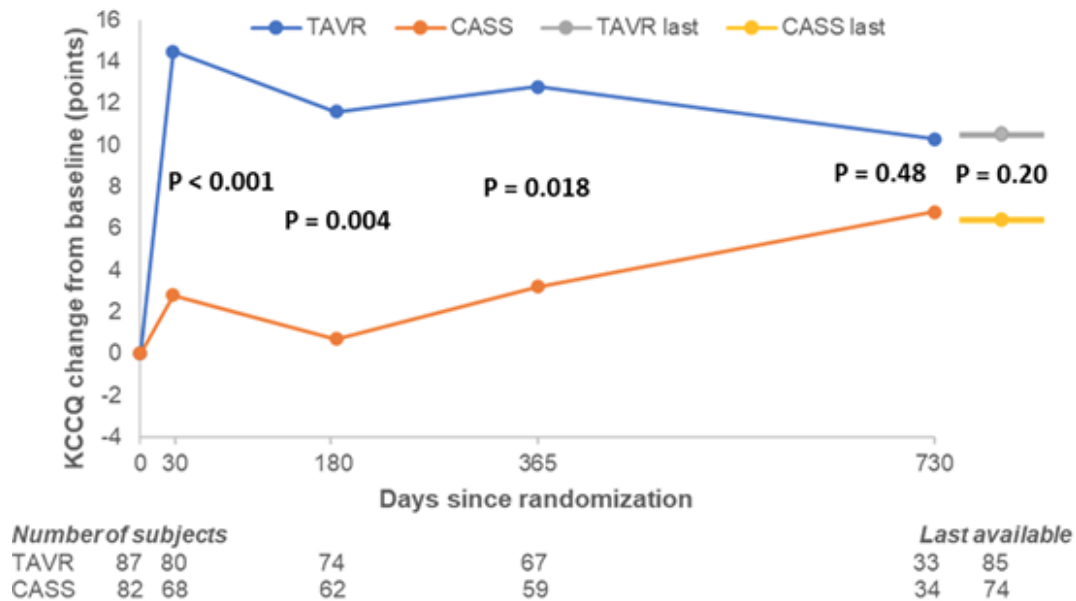
*Time-to-event* analysis of:

Major adverse cardiac or cerebrovascular events (MACCE) defined as the composite of:

- All-cause death
- All stroke
- Hospitalizations and equivalents

78 y.o., 20% females, 50% AF, 75% CAD, 40 % ICD/CRT,  
LV EF 40%, moderate AS, NYHA II – 43%, NYHA III – 52%

### ➤ Progression to severe AS

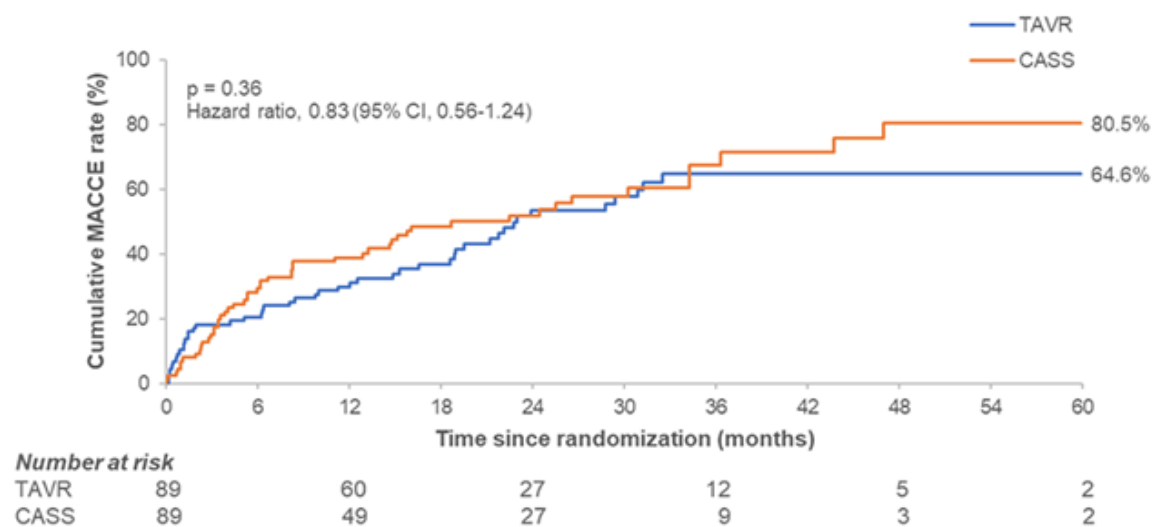


All available KCCQ-OS measurements

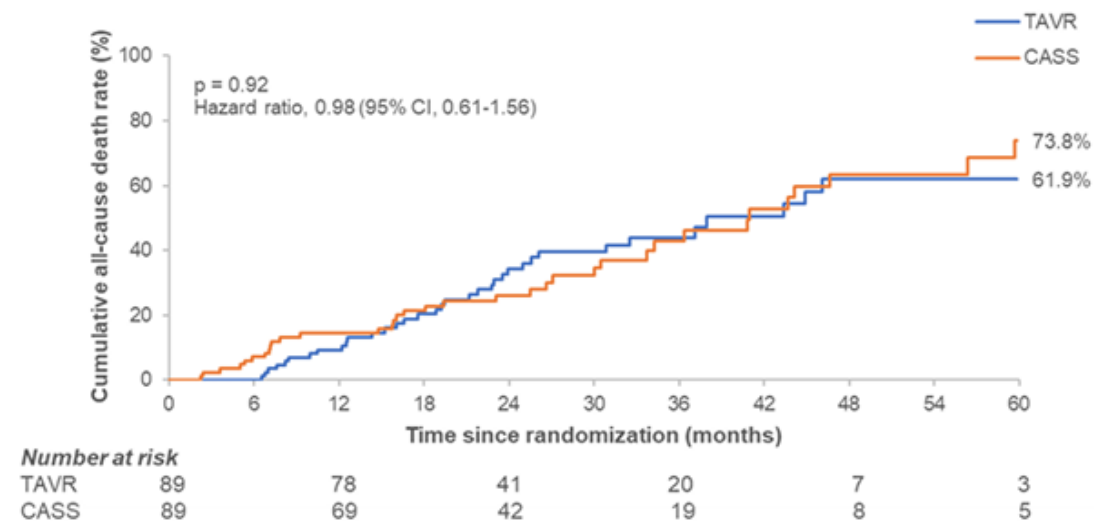
- ✓ 35/89 patients (39%\*)
- ✓ 16 patients in year 1
- ✓ + 13 patients in year 2
- ✓ + 5 patients in year 3
- ✓ + 1 patient in year 4
- All underwent TAVR
- 17 / 35 (= 49%) with HF event\*

# Major Events

## MACCE



## All-cause Death



\* MACCE = composite of all-cause death, all stroke, and HF hospitalizations and equivalents

# CONCLUSION

1. TAVR for moderate AS in patients with HFrEF on GDMT was safe but did not affect the primary hierarchical composite endpoint at a median follow up of 23 months
2. TAVR resulted in more wins in the primary hierarchical composite endpoint at one year follow up driven by clinically meaningful improvement in quality of life compared with clinical AS surveillance
3. During the trial, 43% of the clinical AS surveillance group underwent TAVR predominantly because of disease progression to severe AS.
4. The cardiac damage framework may identify a broader patient phenotype with moderate AS that may benefit from upstream TAVR. This concept is under investigation in the PROGRESS and EXPAND TAVR II trials.





**Objective:** To investigate whether early aortic valve intervention can improve outcomes in patients with asymptomatic severe aortic stenosis who had myocardial fibrosis



***Can at risk Disease  
Phenotypes Prioritise  
Earlier Treatment  
(EVOLVED)***





427 Patients with Asymptomatic Severe Aortic Stenosis Were Screened



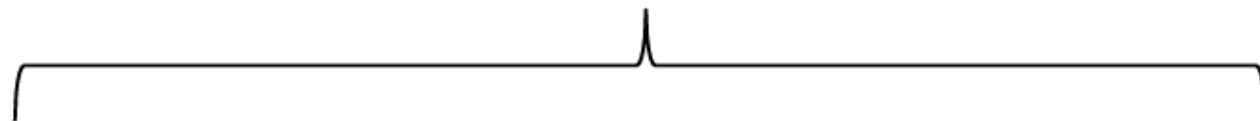
*Exclusion of patients with normal ECG and  
hsTroponin I  $\geq$  6 ng/L*

278 Patients underwent CMR



**224 Patients with Asymptomatic Severe Aortic Stenosis  
& Myocardial Fibrosis**

*Randomised 1:1*



**Routine Care**

n=113

**Early Intervention**

n=111

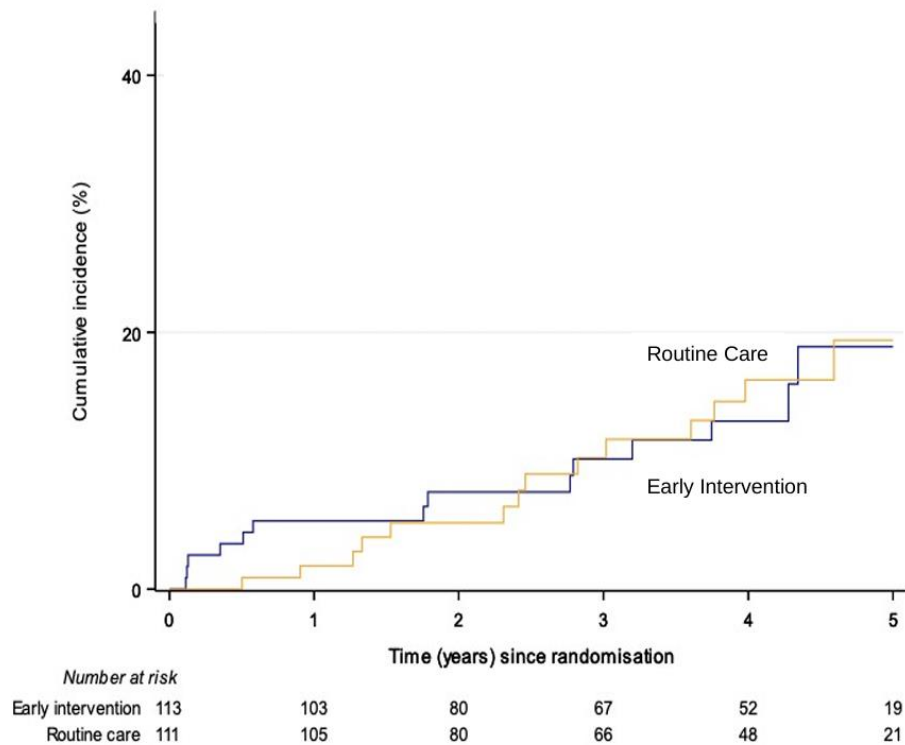
**Primary Outcome:** All-cause mortality or  
first unplanned aortic stenosis hospitalization

**Median Follow Up:** 42 months

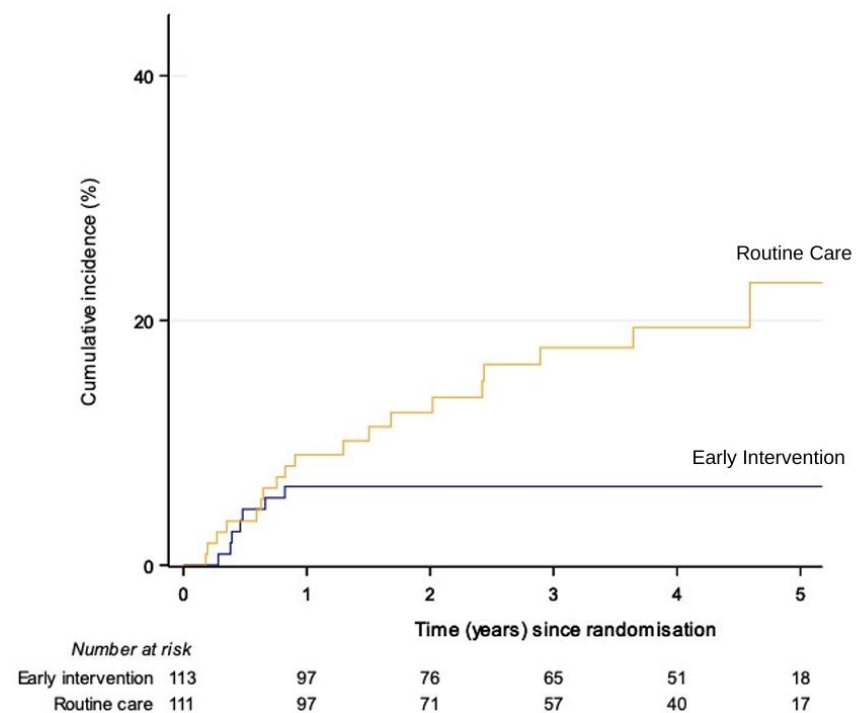


: negative results

## All-cause death



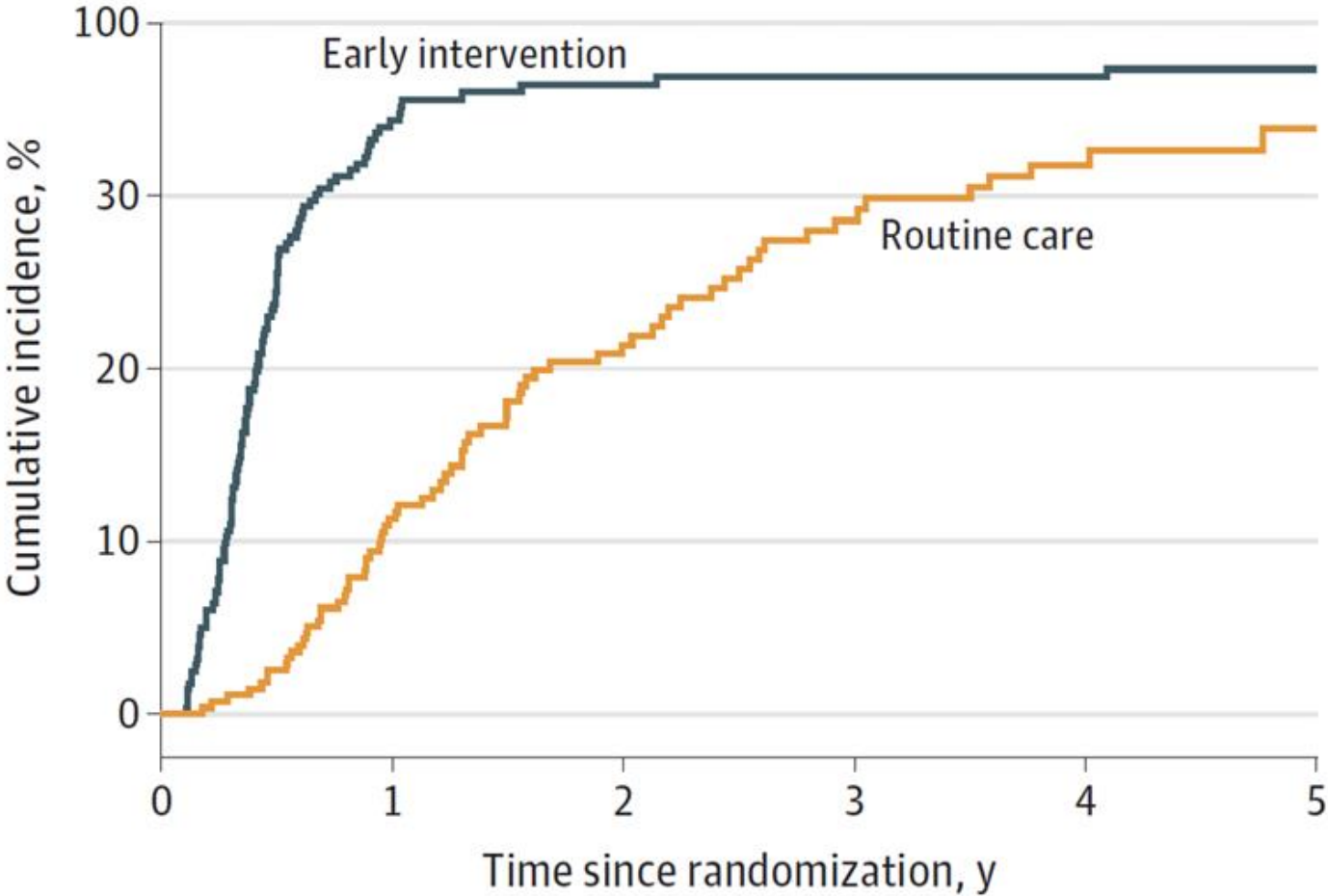
## Unplanned aortic hospitalizations



# Time to Intervention

**15-month difference in median time-to-intervention**

*Median time to intervention*  
- Early intervention 5 months  
- Routine care 20 months



No. of patients at risk							
Early intervention	113	16	8	7	7	6	
Routine care	111	77	37	18	12	4	

## THV in THV:

- Sapien in Sapien:
  - Downsizing 16%, acceptable structural integrity
- Sapien in Evolut:
  - Lowest effective orifice area
  - High position: downsizing in 66% (position in the waist of Evolut) plus highest deformation index
  - Low position: underexpansion in of redo Sapien, eccentricity plus leaflet overhang = worse haemodynamics
- CT planning is mandatory before THV-in-THV
- RedoTAV smartphone app



EXPLANT or REDO TAVI registry  
N=503, 2009-2022

### Death

In hospital	11,8% vs 2,3%
30-day	14,2% vs 3,5%
1 year	35,5% vs 14,6%

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# ACURATE IDE Trial Design

Prospective, multicenter, randomized study  
N=1500 patients with symptomatic severe native aortic stenosis indicated for TAVR

*Operators pre-specify valve type to be used if randomized to Control*

1:1 Randomization

ACURATE *neo2*  
N=752

Mixed Control  
N=748

Evolut  
N=244

CoreValve Evolut R  
Evolut PRO  
Evolut PRO+  
Evolut FX

SAPIEN  
N=504

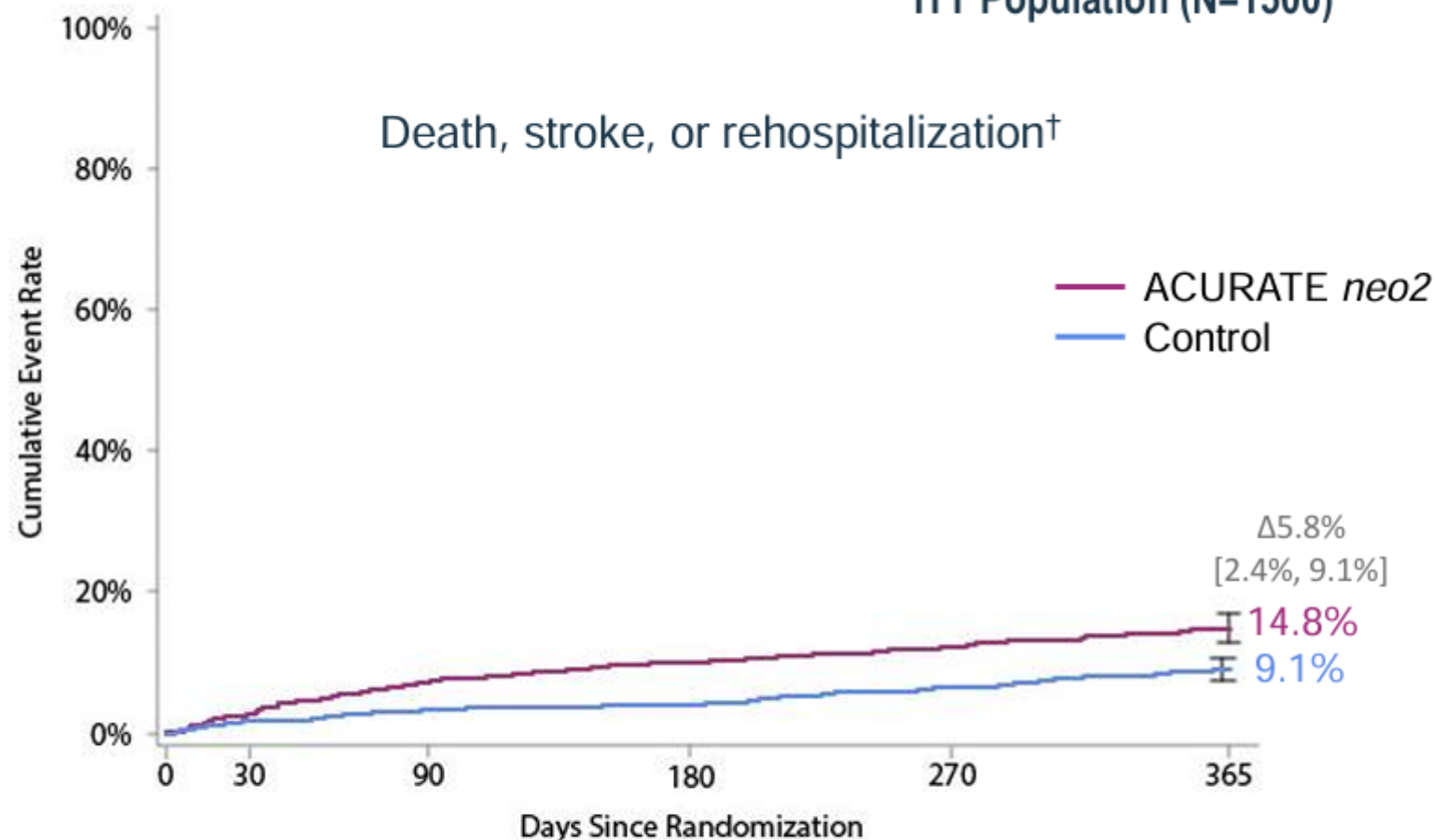
SAPIEN 3  
SAPIEN 3 Ultra

- **Primary Endpoint: Composite of all-cause mortality, stroke or rehospitalization<sup>†</sup> at 1 year**
- **Follow-Up: Discharge/7d post-procedure, 30d, 6mo, 1-10y post-procedure**

# Kaplan-Meier Analysis through 1 Year

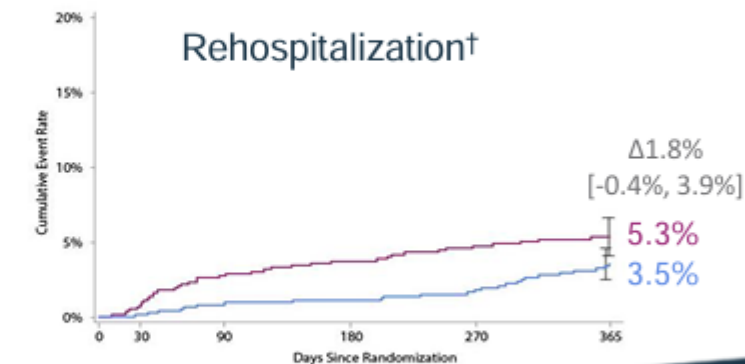
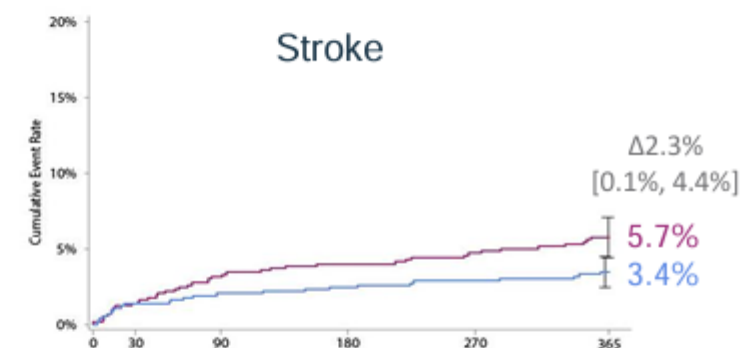
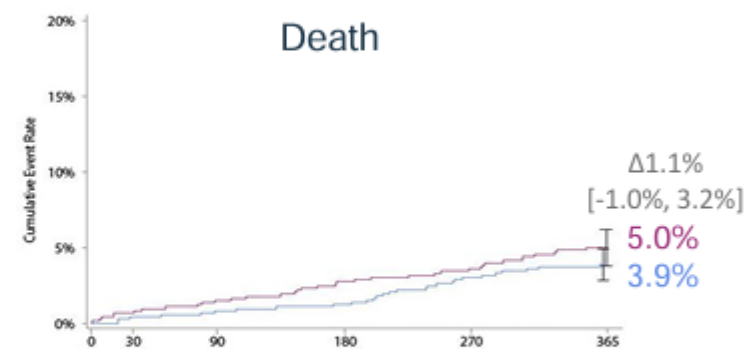
ITT Population (N=1500)

Death, stroke, or rehospitalization†



No. at risk

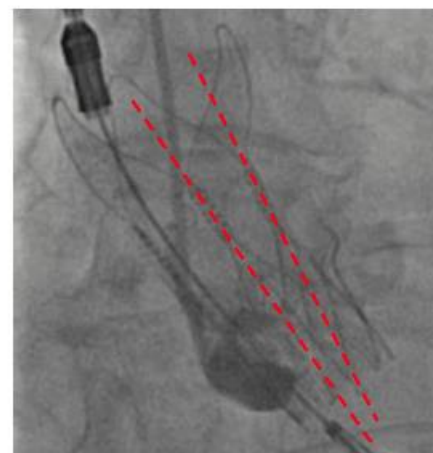
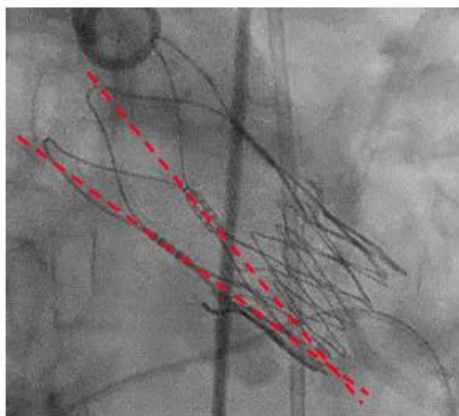
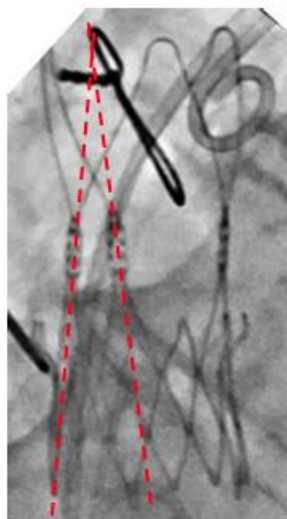
ACURATE <i>neo2</i> (N=752)	752	733	711	676	651	617
Control (N=748)	748	737	723	706	695	654



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Note: Control devices include CoreValve Evolut R, Evolut PRO, Evolut PRO+, and Evolut FX and SAPIEN 3, SAPIEN 3 Ultra   
 † Hospitalization for valve-related symptoms or worsening congestive heart failure (NYHA class III or IV); per VARC-2 definition





Valve frame under-expansion was present in ~20% of ACURATE *neo2* cases

	ACURATE <i>neo2</i>		
	Expanded Valve Frame (N=553)	Under-Expanded Valve Frame (N=150)	P-value
<b>Primary Endpoint: Death, stroke, or rehospitalization†</b>	<b>12.4% (68)</b>	<b>18.8% (28)</b>	0.050
<i>Individual components</i>			
Death	<b>3.7% (20)</b>	<b>7.4% (11)</b>	0.054
Stroke	<b>3.5% (19)</b>	<b>11.0% (16)</b>	<0.001
Rehospitalization†	<b>5.9% (32)</b>	<b>2.7% (4)</b>	0.131