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Multimodality imaging assessment and treatment are needed in suspected subclinical prosthetic valve thrombosis - Opposition -

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Core laboratory contract - Edwards Lifesciences

Research grant - Medtronic

Evaluation prosthesis: Echocardiography

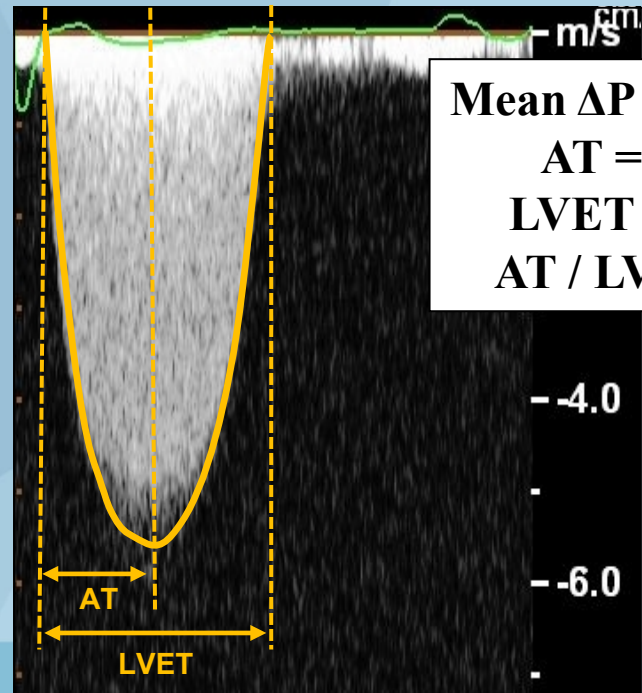
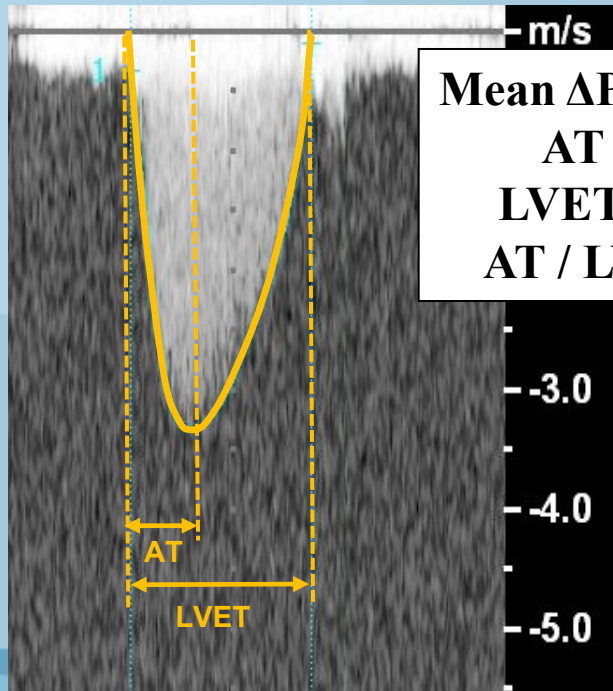


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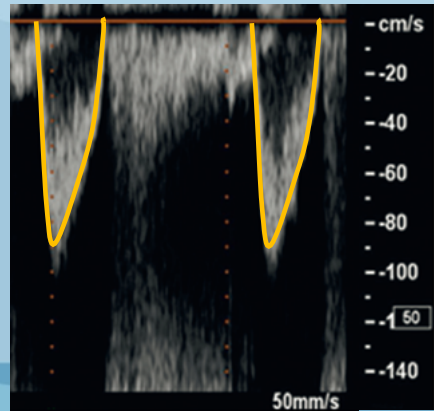
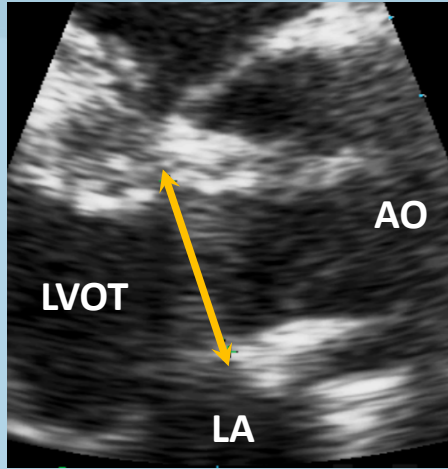
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Non invasive and non-expensive imaging modality

Evaluation of hemodynamic of the prosthesis as well as LV/RV remodelling/function



Evaluation prosthesis: Echocardiography



Prosthetic valve size (mm)	19	21	23	25	27	29
Stented bioprosthetic valves						
Mosaic	1.1 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.3	1.4 ± 0.3	1.7 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.4
Hancock II	–	1.2 ± 0.2	1.3 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.2
Carpentier-Edwards Perimount	1.1 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.4	1.5 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.4	2.1 ± 0.4	2.2 ± 0.4
Carpentier-Edwards Magna	1.3 ± 0.3	1.5 ± 0.3	1.8 ± 0.4	2.1 ± 0.5	–	–
Biocor (Epic)	1.0 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.5	1.4 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.7	–	–
Mitroflow	1.1 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.3	1.4 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.3	1.8 ± 0.3	–
Trifecta	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4
Stentless bioprosthetic valves						
Medtronic Freestyle	1.2 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.3	2.0 ± 0.4	2.3 ± 0.5	–
St Jude Medical Toronto SPV	–	1.3 ± 0.3	1.5 ± 0.5	1.7 ± 0.8	2.1 ± 0.7	2.7 ± 1.0
Prima Edwards	–	1.3 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.3	1.9 ± 0.4	–	–
Mechanical valves						
Medtronic-Hall	1.2 ± 0.2	1.3 ± 0.2	–	–	–	–
St Jude Medical Standard	1.0 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.5	2.1 ± 0.4	2.7 ± 0.6	3.2 ± 0.3
St Jude Medical Regent	1.6 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.7	2.2 ± 0.9	2.5 ± 0.9	3.6 ± 1.3	4.4 ± 0.6
MCRI On-X	1.5 ± 0.2	1.7 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.6	2.4 ± 0.8	3.2 ± 0.6	3.2 ± 0.6
Carbomedics Standard and Top Hat	1.0 ± 0.4	1.5 ± 0.3	1.7 ± 0.3	2.0 ± 0.4	2.5 ± 0.4	2.6 ± 0.4
ATS Medical ^a	1.1 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.3	2.3 ± 0.8	–

Effective orifice area is expressed as mean values available in the literature. Further studies are needed to validate these reference values.

^aFor the ATS medical valve, the label valve sizes are 18, 20, 22, 24, and 26 mm. High velocities are common in size 19 or 21 prostheses. Adapted with permission from Ref. 7.



Natural history of SLT

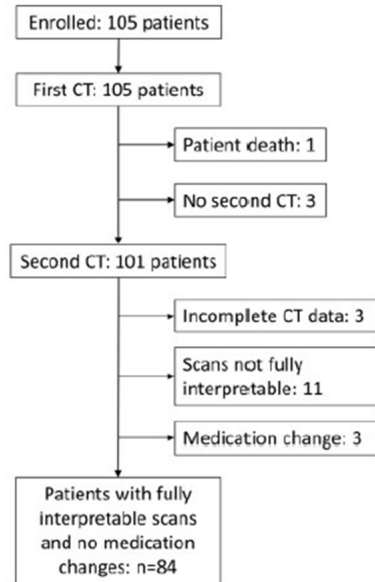
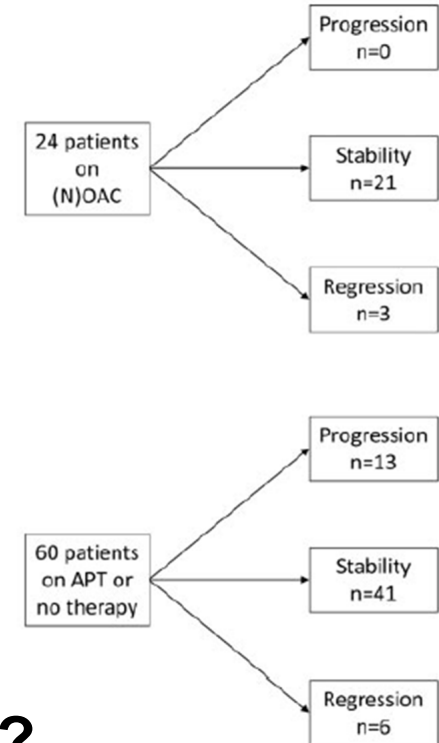


Table 1 Evolution pattern of leaflet status between the first and second computed tomography scan

HALT/HAM at first CT	HALT/HAM at second CT			Total
	HALT- HAM-	HALT+ HAM-	HALT+ HAM+	
HALT-HAM-	53	7	4	64
HALT+HAM-	5	3	2	10
HALT+HAM+	2	2	7	11
Total	60	12	13	85

HALT, hypo-attenuating leaflet thickening, HAM, hypo-attenuation affecting motion; Green, regression; orange, progression; CT, computed tomography.



When should we perform a contrast CT???

Prevalence of SLT and outcomes



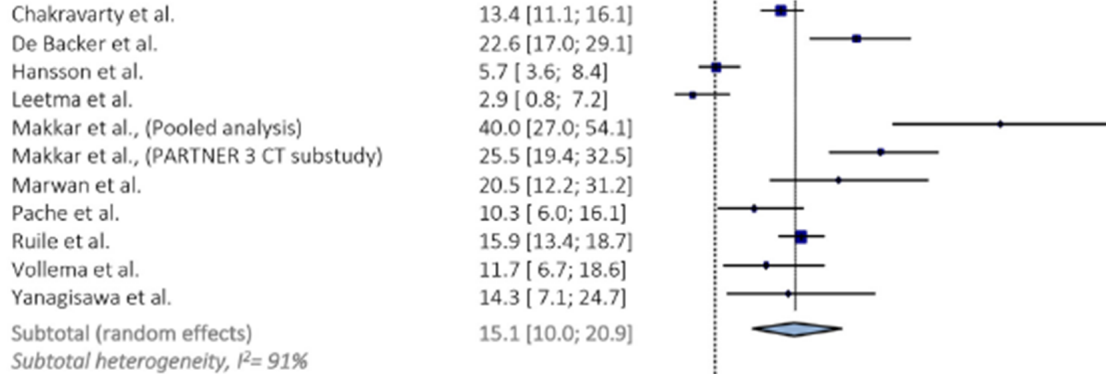
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Study/subgroup

Prevalence, % [95% CI]

Subclinical leaflet thrombosis

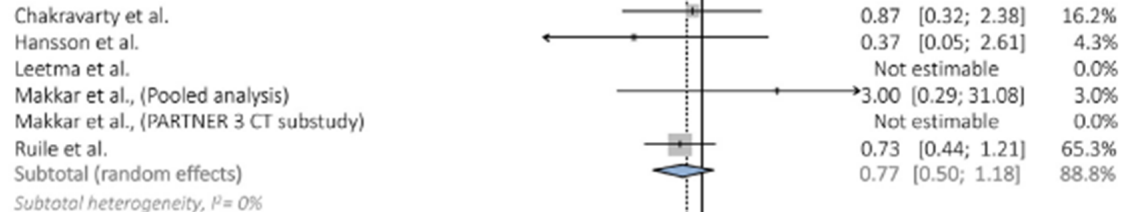


All cause death

Study/subgroup

Risk Ratio [95% CI] Weight

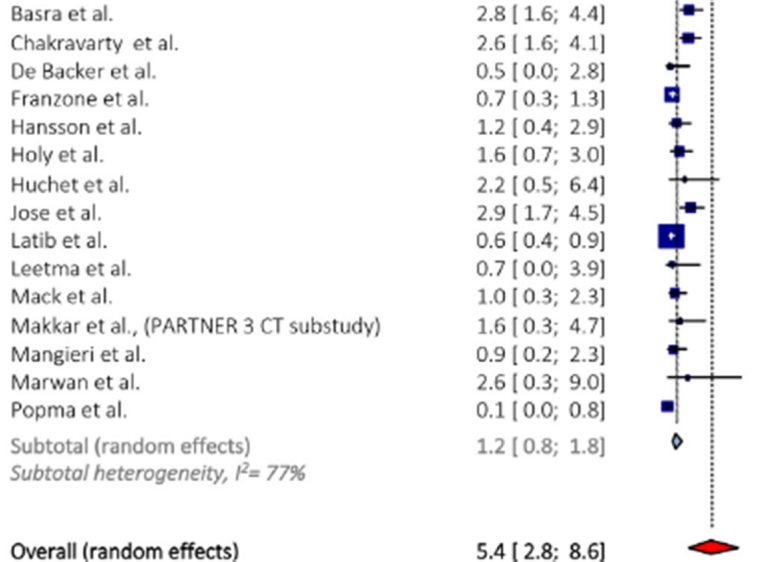
Subclinical leaflet thrombosis



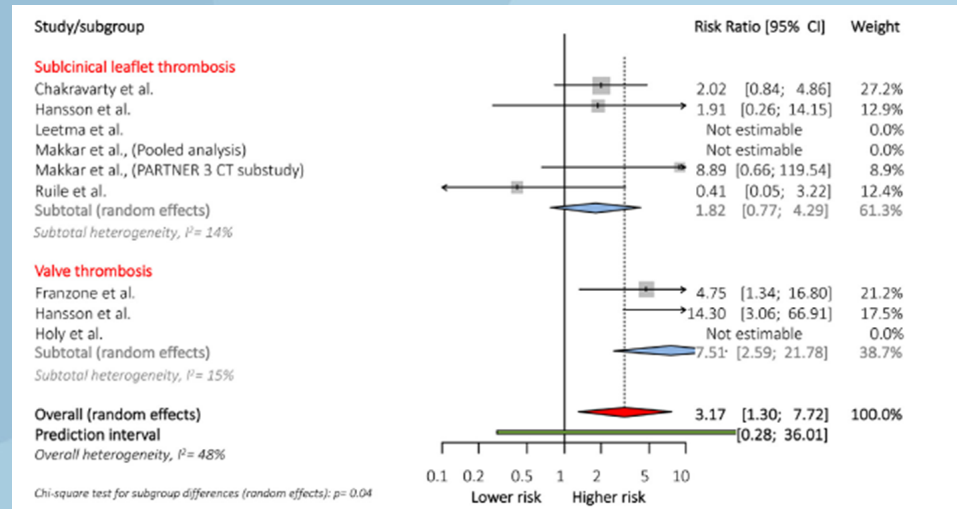
Prevalence of Clinical LT and outcomes



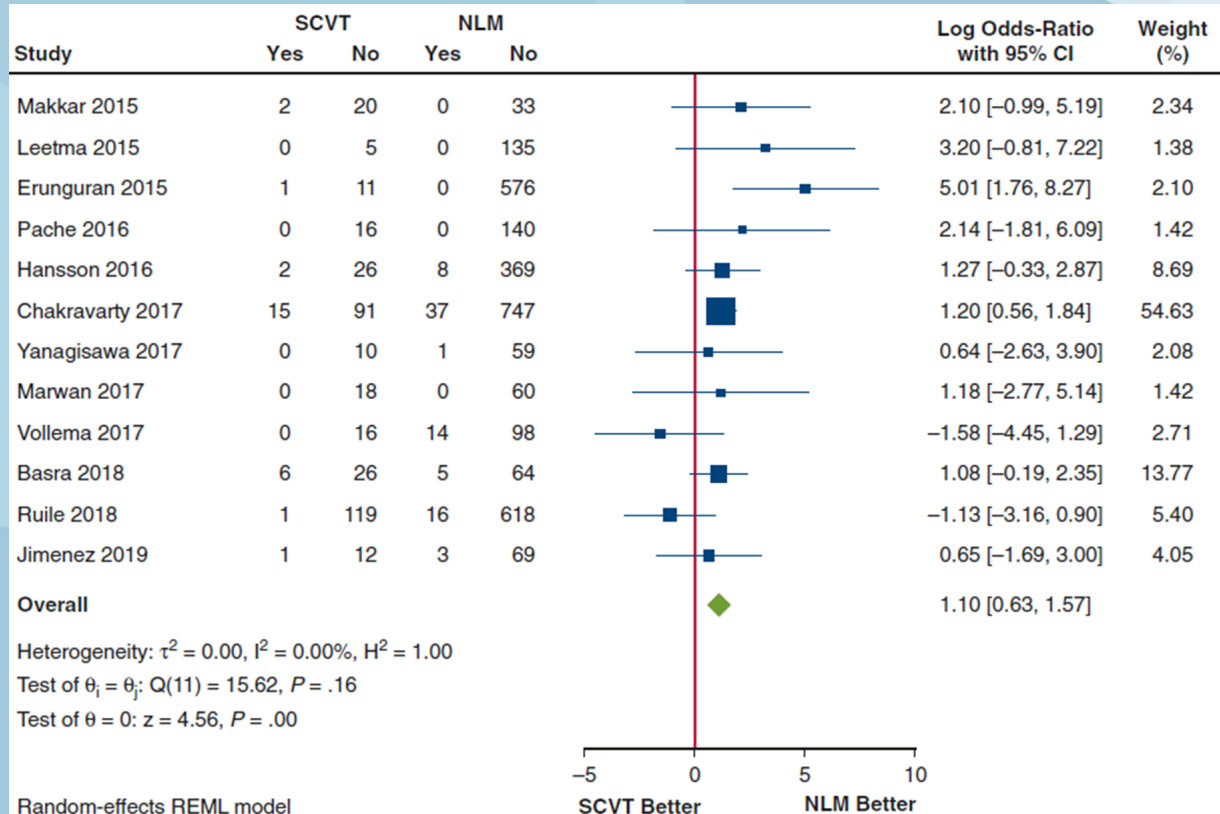
Valve thrombosis



All cause mortality



Impact of SLT on stroke occurrence



Predictors of SLT



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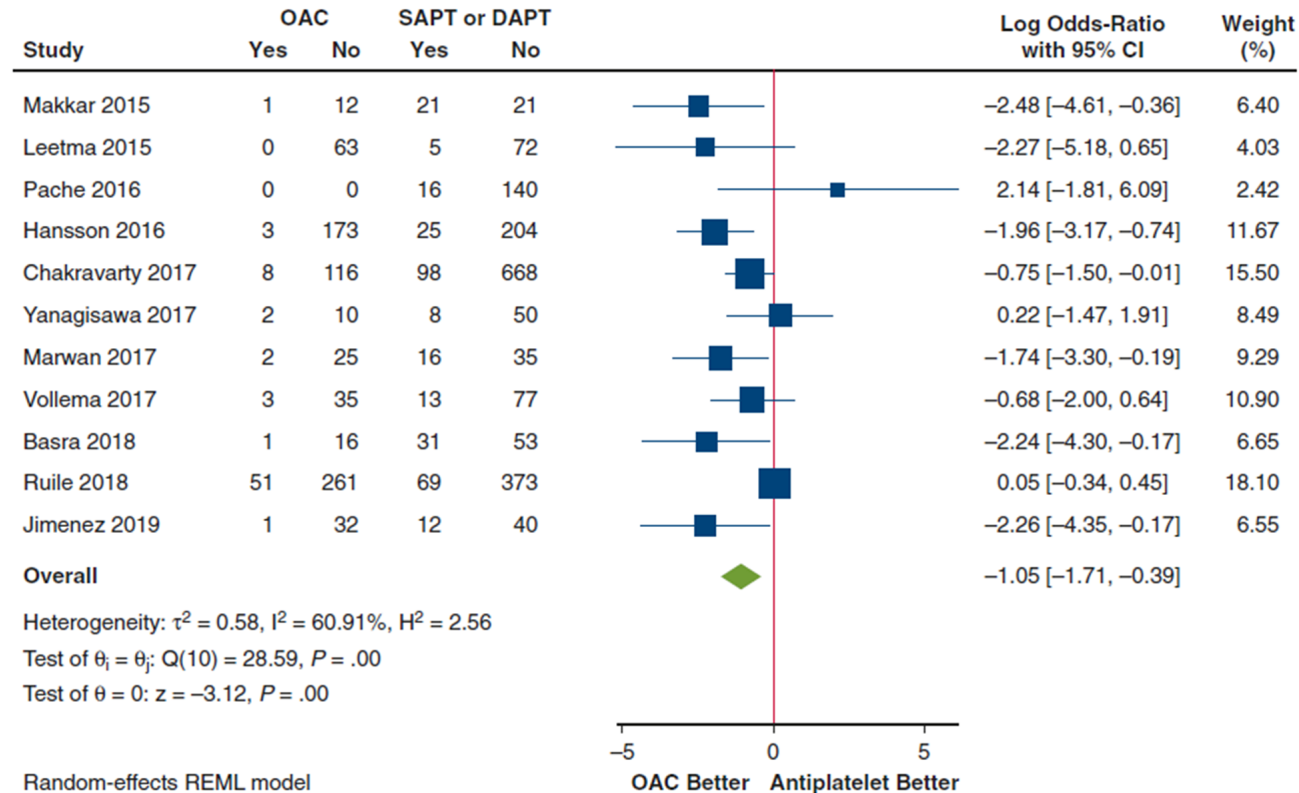
- ✓ Male sex; obesity; hypertension; hypercoagulable state (COPD)
- ✓ Reduce ejection fraction
- ✓ Paravalvular leak
- ✓ Larger prosthesis
- ✓ Prosthesis eccentricity

Also Predictors of stroke

Need to treat patients at risk of stroke post TAVR

Ruile et al. JACC Cardiovasc. Interv. 2018;11:1164–1171; Rashid et al. Heart Vessels. 2021 Sep;36(9):1374-1383; Rashid et al. Heart Lung Circ. 2022 May;31(5):678-684; Pieniak et al. J Clin Med . 2020 Nov 21;9(11):3742.

Anticoagulation associated with less SLT





- Incidence of subclinical leaflet thrombosis could happen at **any time** post TAVR
- Subclinical leaflet thrombosis is **not constant** after TAVR (spontaneous regression)
- Associated with clinical **stroke** or subclinical stroke
- SLT has **similar predictors** than stroke, thus SLT could be a marker of stroke not a predictor

Thank you for your attention



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