

# How to Treat Degenerated TAVI Valve?



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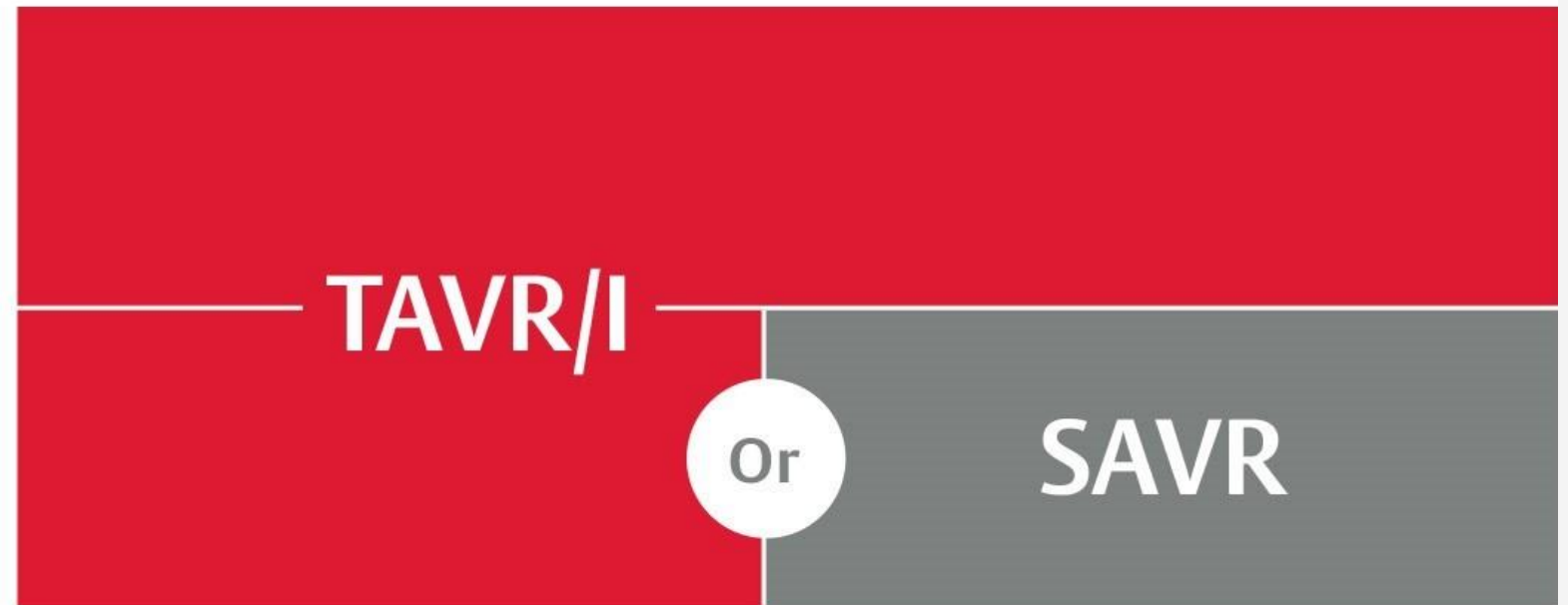
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The 2020 valvular heart disease guidelines from the ACC/AHA include **TAVR as a class I indication for patients aged 65–80 years** and not at high or prohibitive risk.

>80 years  
or life expectancy <10 years

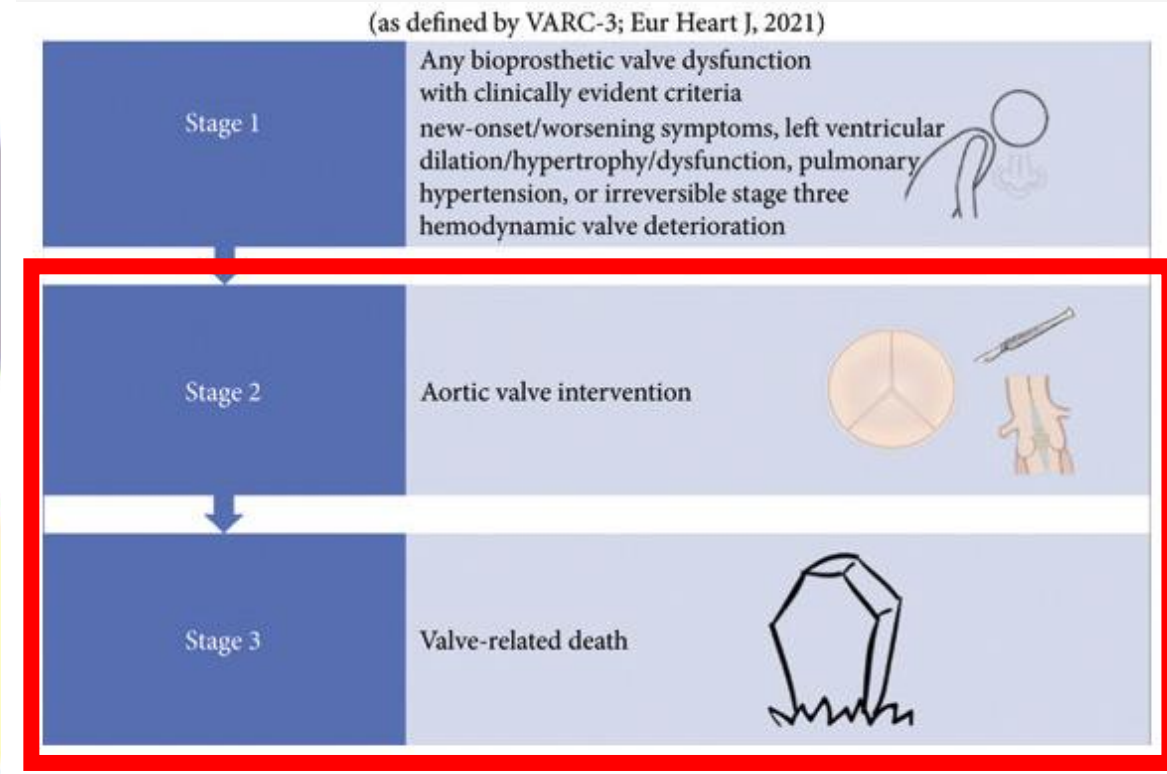
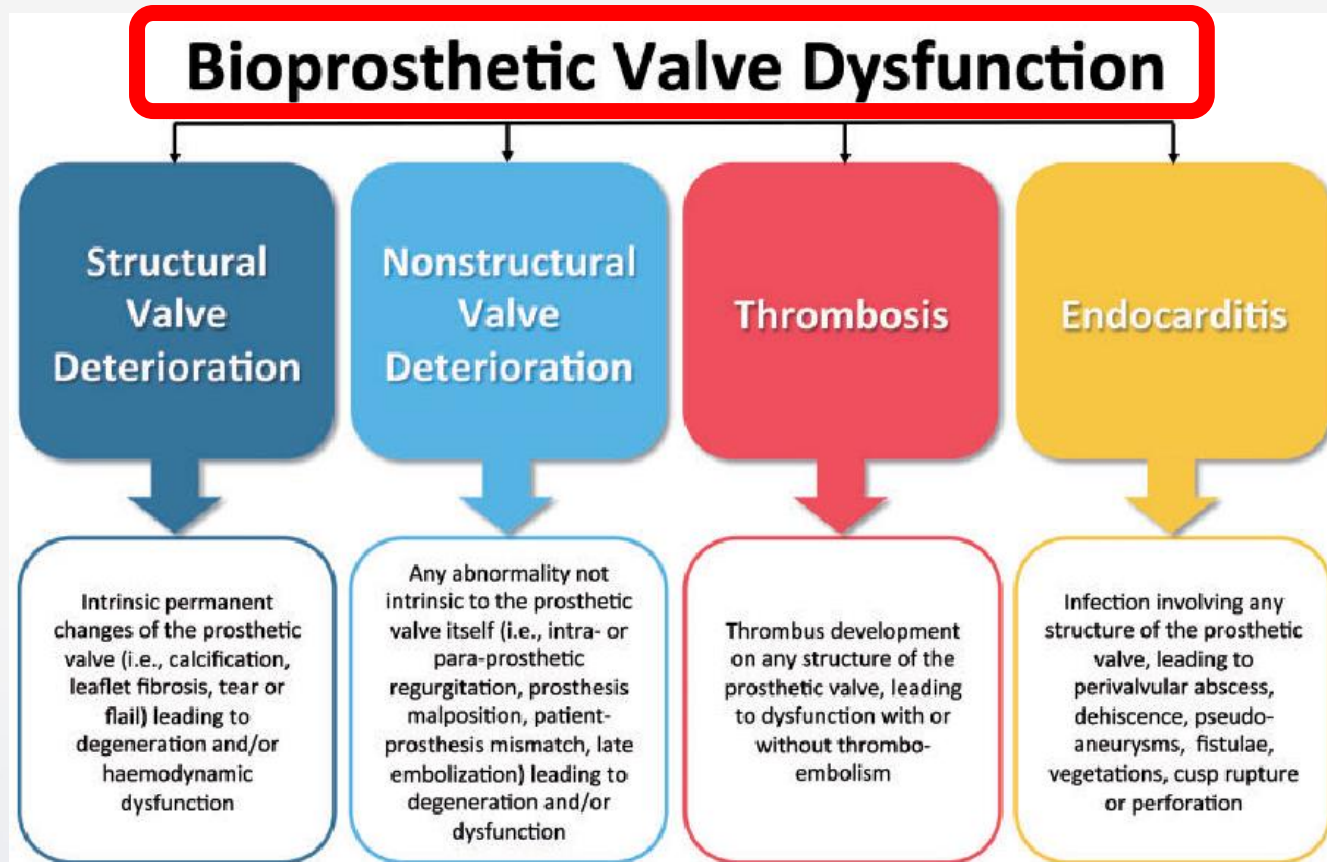
65-80 years ←



By 2021, the odds a patient under 65 would receive TAVI versus SAVR were about 50/50, a large US database shows.

# Dysfunction of a bioprosthesis is a well-known entity occurs with TAVR valves.

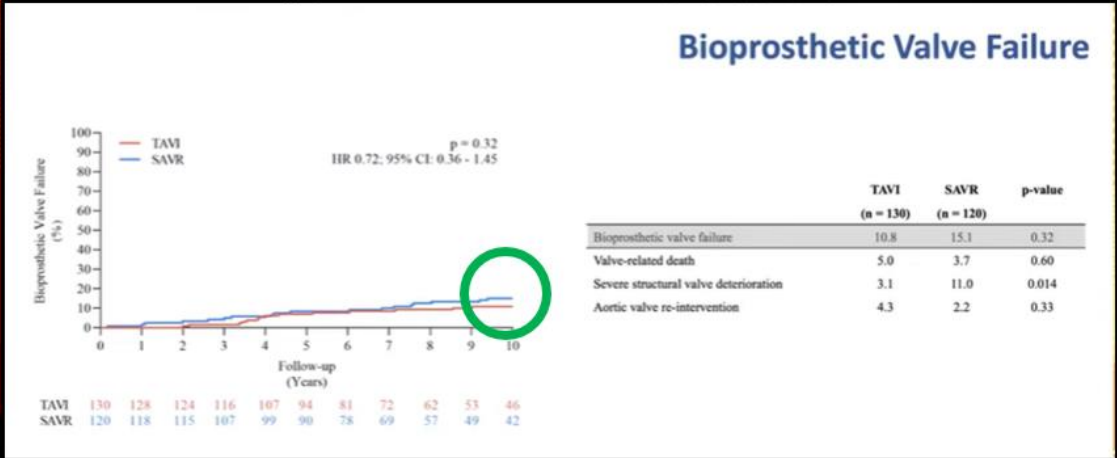
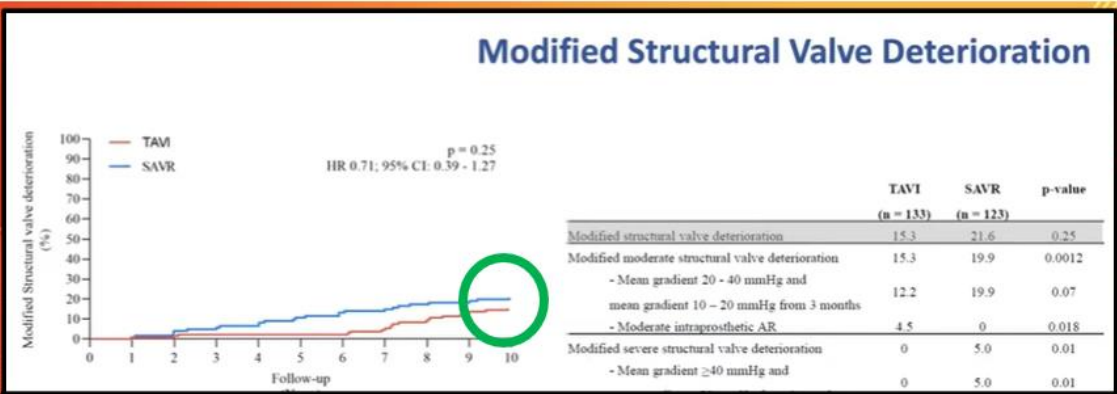
Eventually, bioprosthetic valve failure may happen and is categorized into three stages, ranging from the presence of clinical symptoms to reintervention to valve-related death.



# Bioprosthetic-Valve Failure of SEV and BEV

## NOTION - 10 Years

**Bioprosthetic-Valve Failure at 10 Yr 10.8%**



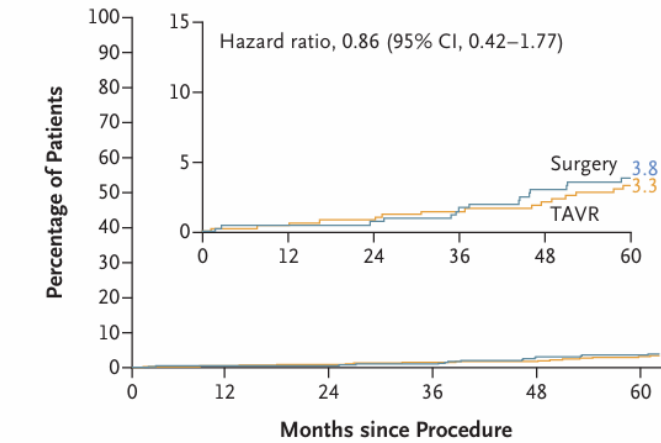
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Replacement in Low-Risk Patients at Five Years

**Bioprosthetic-Valve Failure at 5 Yr 3.3%**

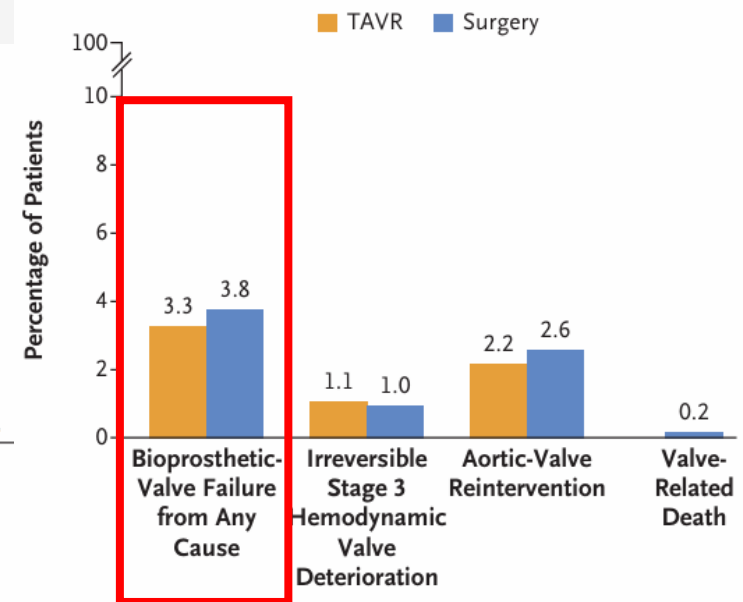
### Bioprosthetic-Valve Failure



No. at Risk

TAVR	496	489	475	454	430	392
Surgery	454	426	407	390	369	334

### Bioprosthetic-Valve Failure and Components at 5 Yr





# TAVR Explant (TAVR-SAVR) vs. Redo-TAVR (TAVR-TAVR) for failed TAVR valve

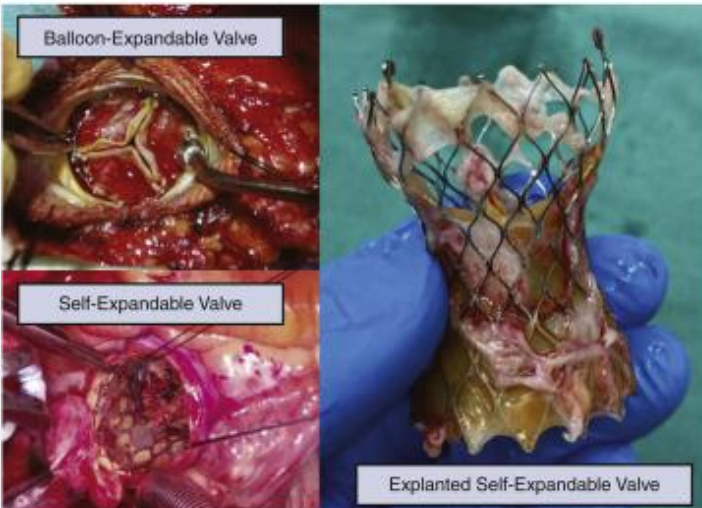
TAVR explantation (TAVR-then-SAVR)

Redo-TAVR (TAVR-in-TAVR)

**The Surgical risks associated with TAVR explant are not negligible.**

The surgical mortality was more than 10% and one-year mortality of around 25%.

1683 TAVR-Explants from 10 Studies



Supra-annular THV is associated with more extensive aortic wall endarterectomy.

TAVR-explant appears rare. However, the clinical impact is substantial. Implanters must be mindful of "lifetime management" strategy in younger and lower risk patients when planning the initial valve type.



Repeat TAVR

VS.



TAVR Explant



Lower 30-Day Mortality  
6.2% vs. 12.3%



Lower 30-Day MACE  
Relative Risk: 2.92  
(95% CI: 1.88-4.99)



**We will face a wave of  
THV-in-THV tsunami  
within 10 years!**

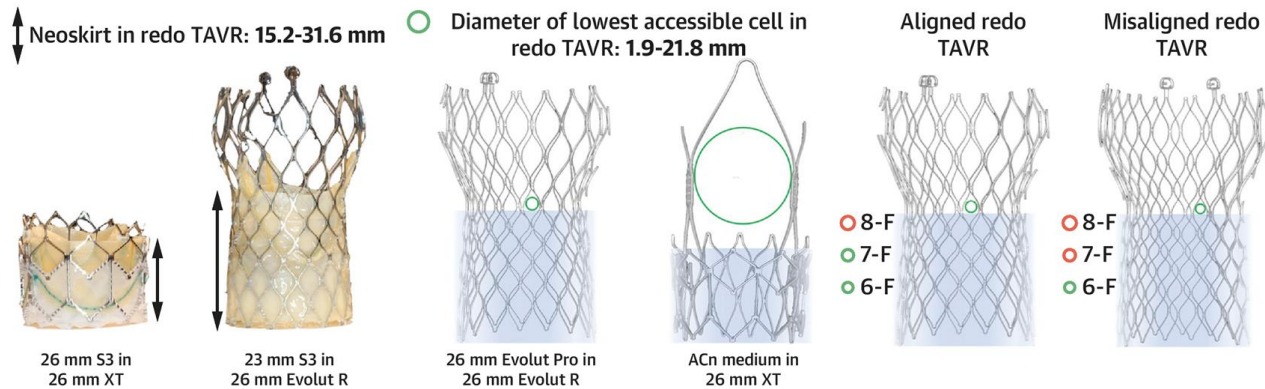


# Considerations in redo-TAVR (THV-in-THV) procedures

## Coronary risk Hemodynamics

### CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: The Impact of Transcatheter Heart Valve Design and Implant Characteristics for Coronary Access After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement and Redo TAVR

#### Micro-CT Measurements of 15 Native Transcatheter Heart Valves (5 Designs) and of 38 Valve-in-Valve Combinations



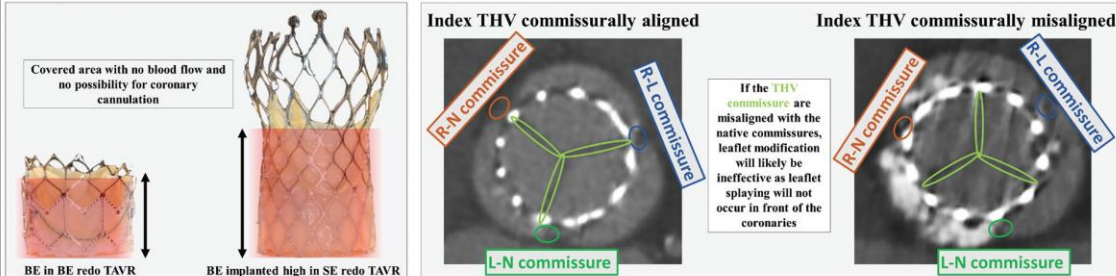
Variable neoskirt height after redo TAVR; some combinations have a neoskirt twice higher than some other combinations

Variable dimension of the lowest accessible cell after redo TAVR

Cell strut misalignment can reduce dimension of accessible cell by up to 22% and might result in difficult catheterization

Meier D, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Interv. 2022;15(15):1519-1531.

#### Key technical considerations for redo TAVR planning

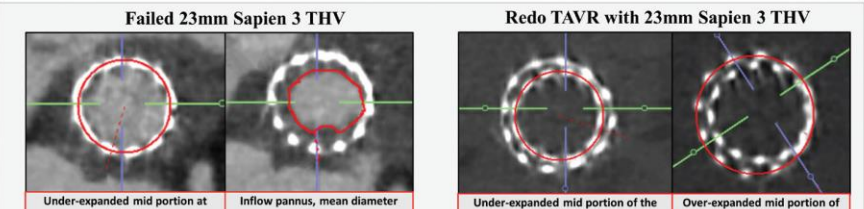


#### Neoskirt

#### Commissural alignment



#### Leaflet overhang/deflection



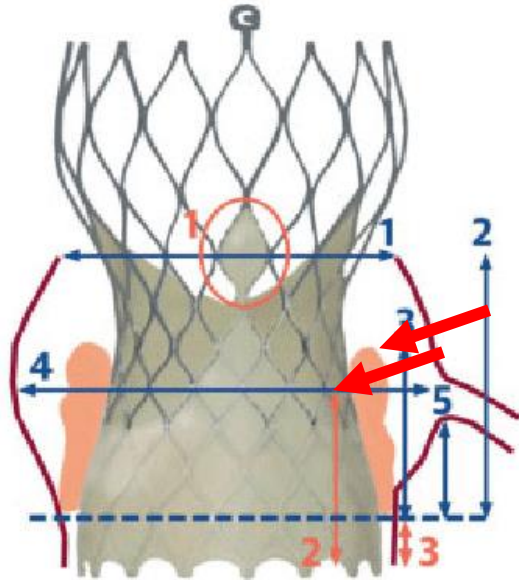
#### Under- or over-expansion



# Risk plane (RP) in TAVR and Redo-TAVR (TAVR-in-TAVR)

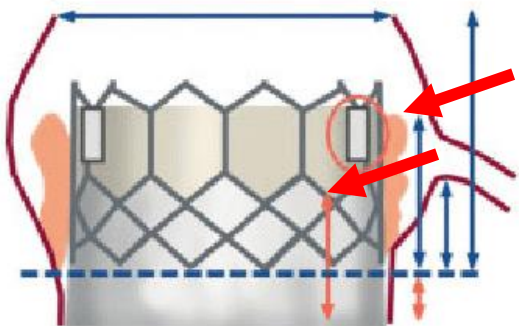
First TAVR RP = sealing skirt height/leaflet length

Redo-TAVR RP = neoskirt height



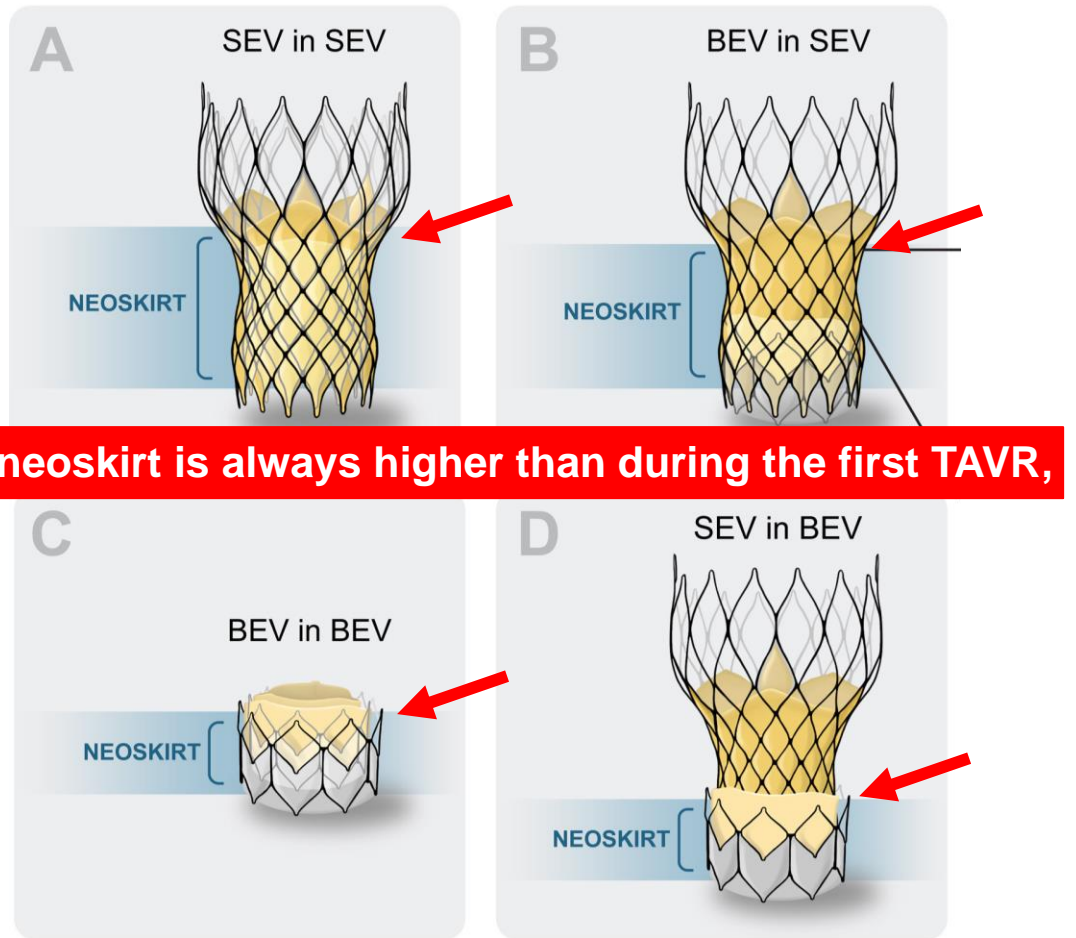
## Anatomical

1. Sinotubular junction dimensions
2. Sinus height
3. Leaflet length and bulkiness
4. Sinus of Valsalva width
5. Coronary height



## Device and Procedural

1. Commissural tab orientation
2. Sealing skirt height
3. Valve implant depth

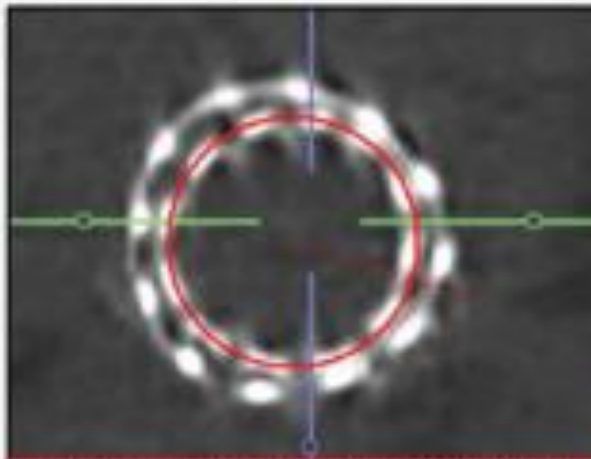


The neoskirt is always higher than during the first TAVR,

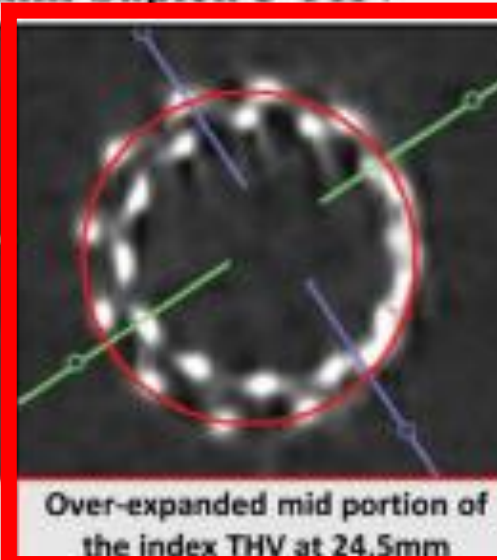
Front view

# Valve Expansion in Redo-TAVR reduces VTSTJ and VTA and coronary misalignment may significantly increase coronary risk, especially in small anatomies

## Redo TAVR with 23mm Sapien 3 THV

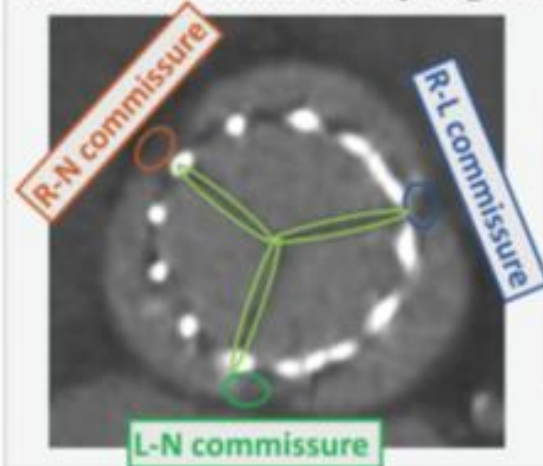


Under-expanded mid portion of the redo THV at 19.5mm



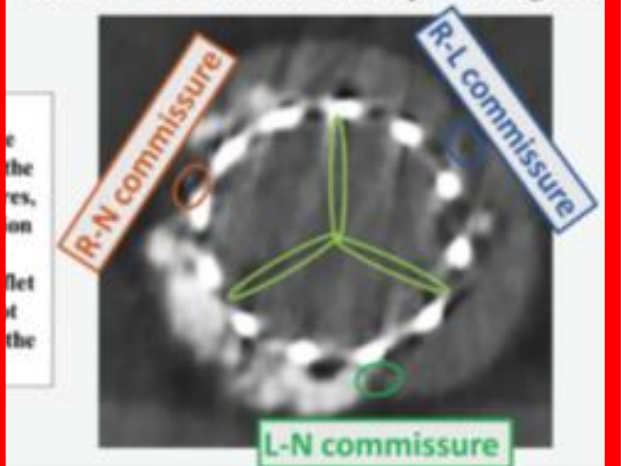
Over-expanded mid portion of the index THV at 24.5mm

## Index THV commissurally aligned

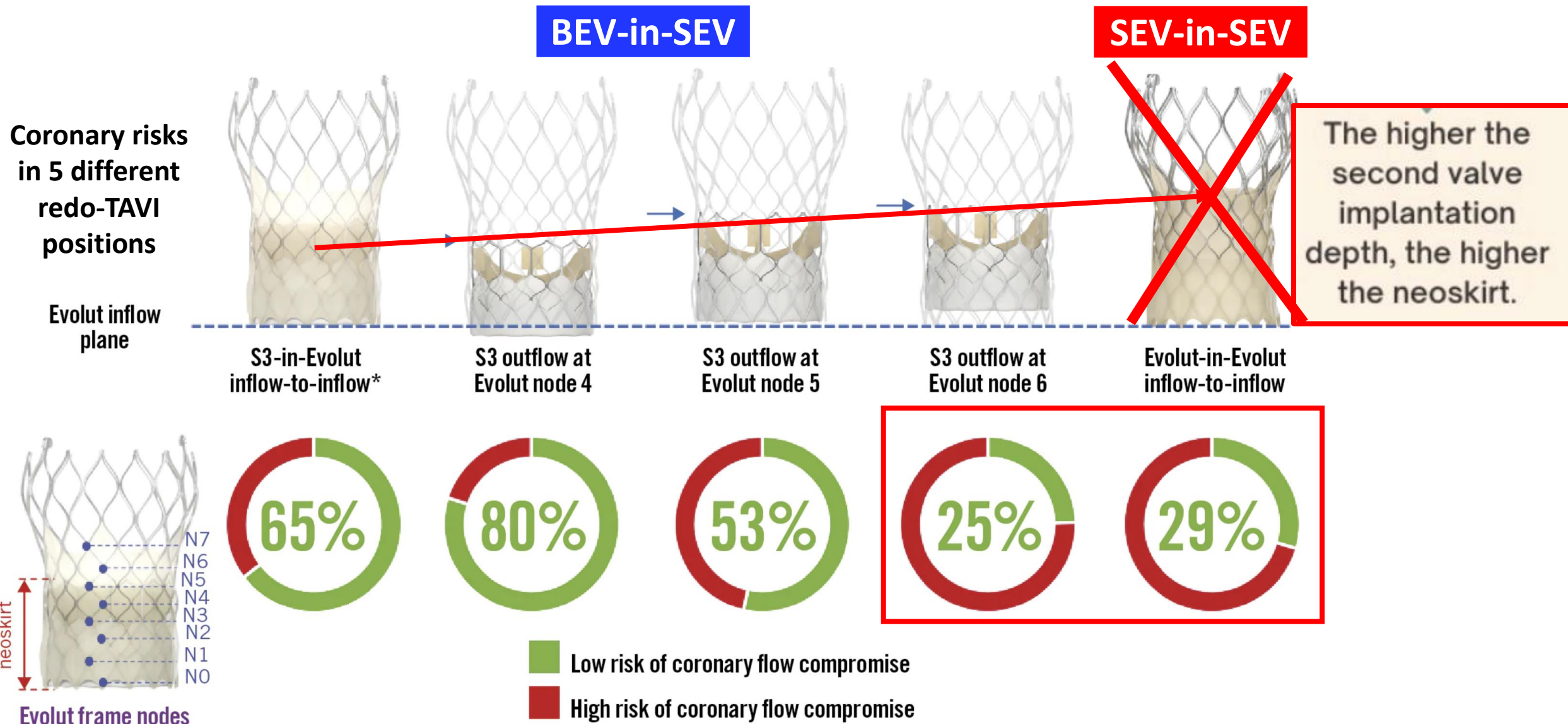


If the THV commissures are misaligned with the native commissures, leaflet modification will likely be ineffective as leaflet splaying will not occur in front of the coronaries

## Index THV commissurally misaligned



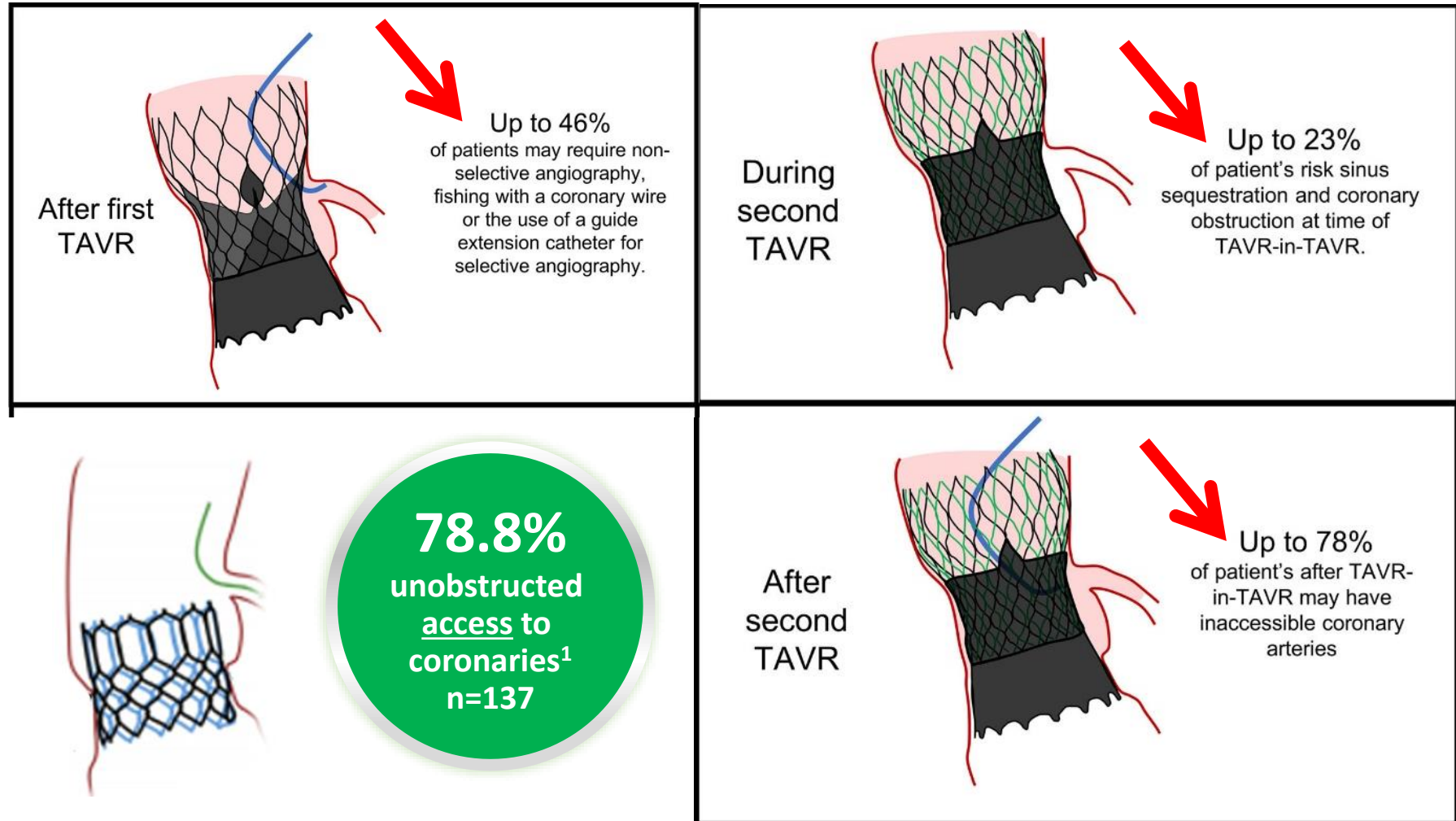
# The implant position matters in Redo-TAVR





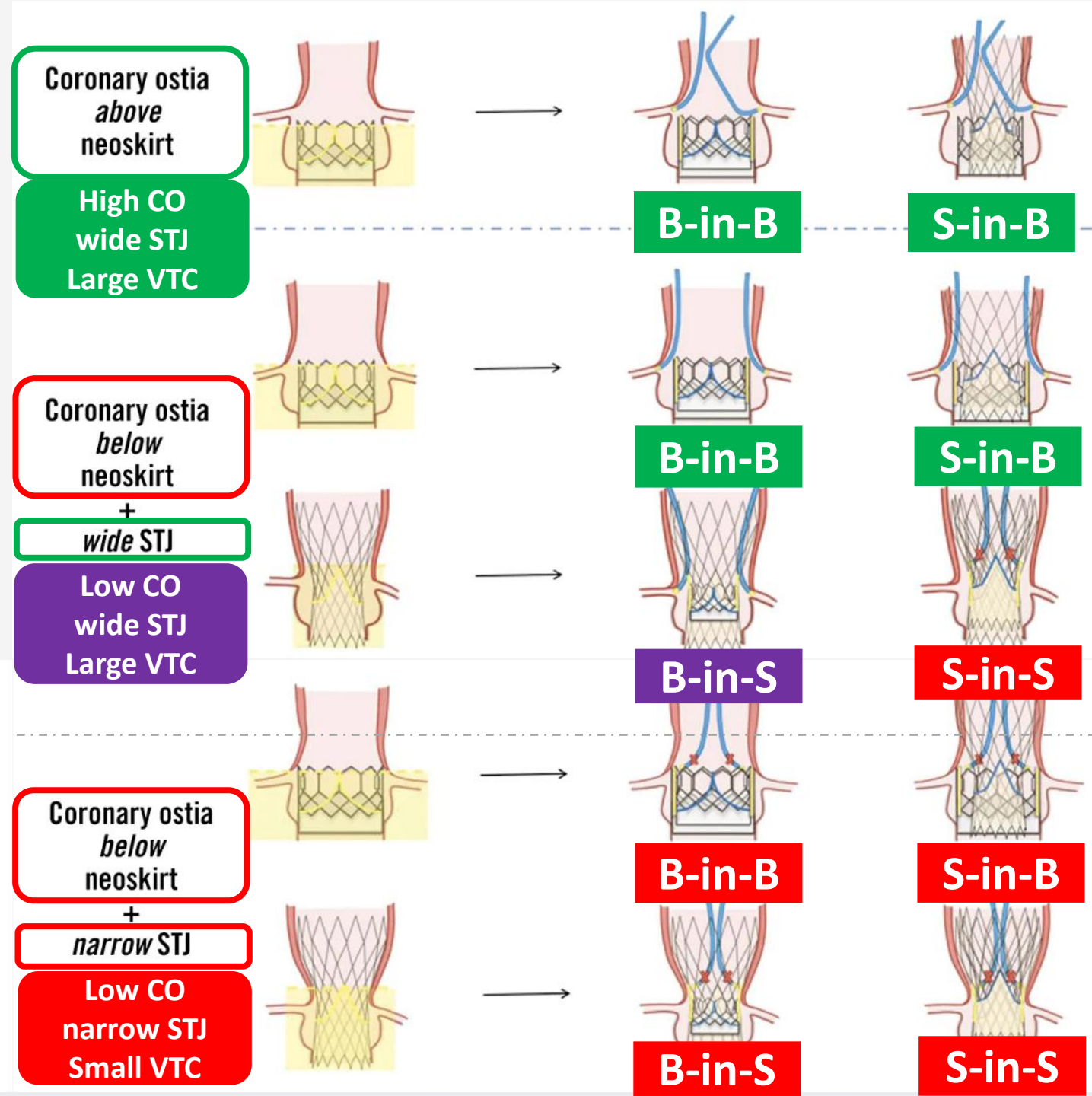
# Coronary reaccess after TAVR with SEV-in-SEV

- Taller valves with risk plane above coronaries are at risk of unfeasible for coronary reaccess, based on the valve to STJ (VTSTJ) and valve to coronary artery (VTC) distances



# Coronary risk after TAVR and redo-TAVR with different combinations of BEV and SEV

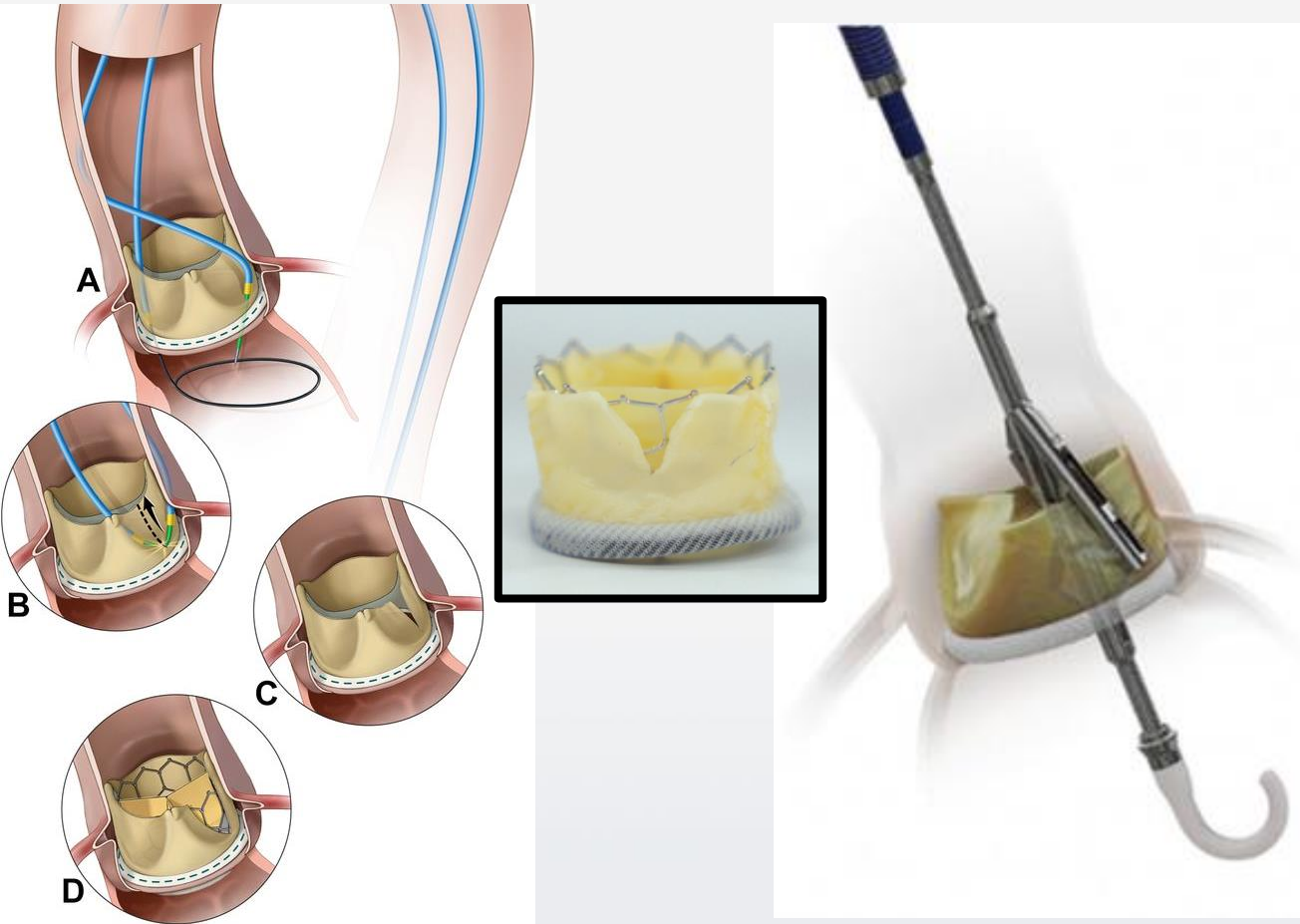
- Neoskirt height (risk plane) vs. coronary height
- VTSTJ (risk of sinus sequestration)
- VTC (risk of coronary obstruction)
- Commissural alignment (effectiveness of leaflet modification).





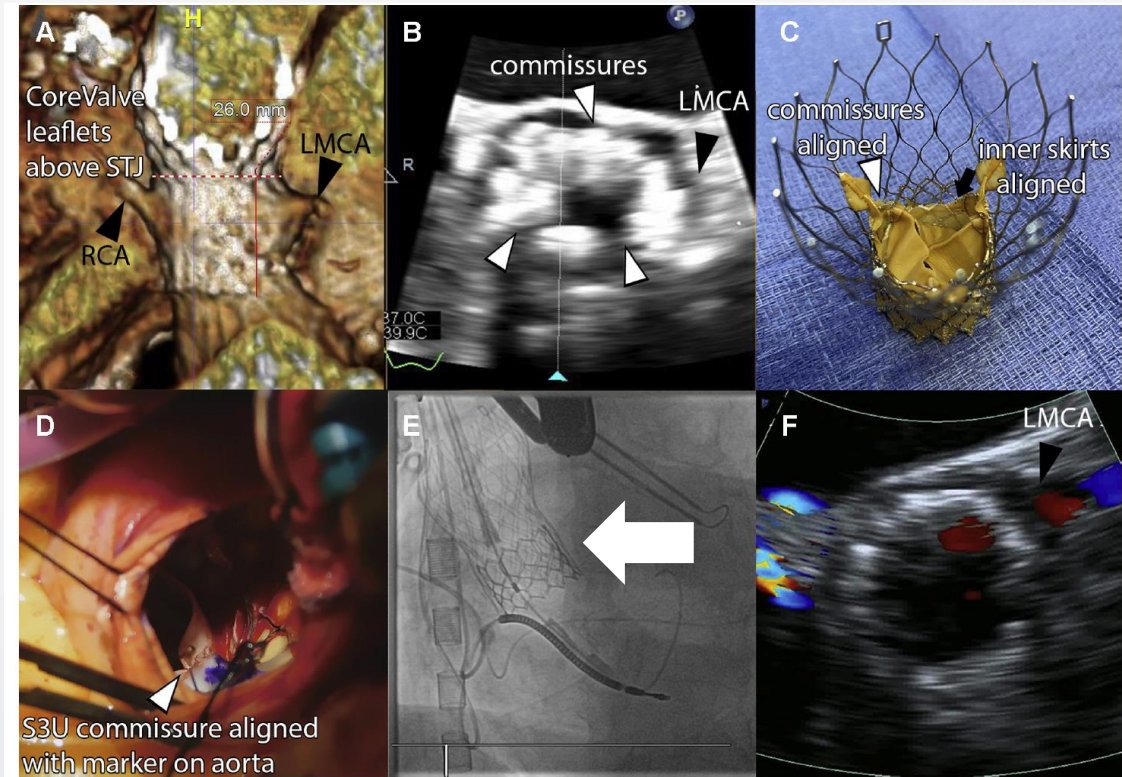
# Leaflet modification for patients with extreme high coronary risk

## BASILICA Procedure ShortCut device



## Surgical Resection of Prosthetic Valve Leaflets Under Direct Vision (SURPLUS) for Redo TAVR

Luigi Pirelli, MD, Craig L. Basman, MD, Derek R. Brinster, MD, Denny Wang, BS, Nirav Patel, MD, S. Jacob Scheinerman, MD, Chad A. Kliger, MD



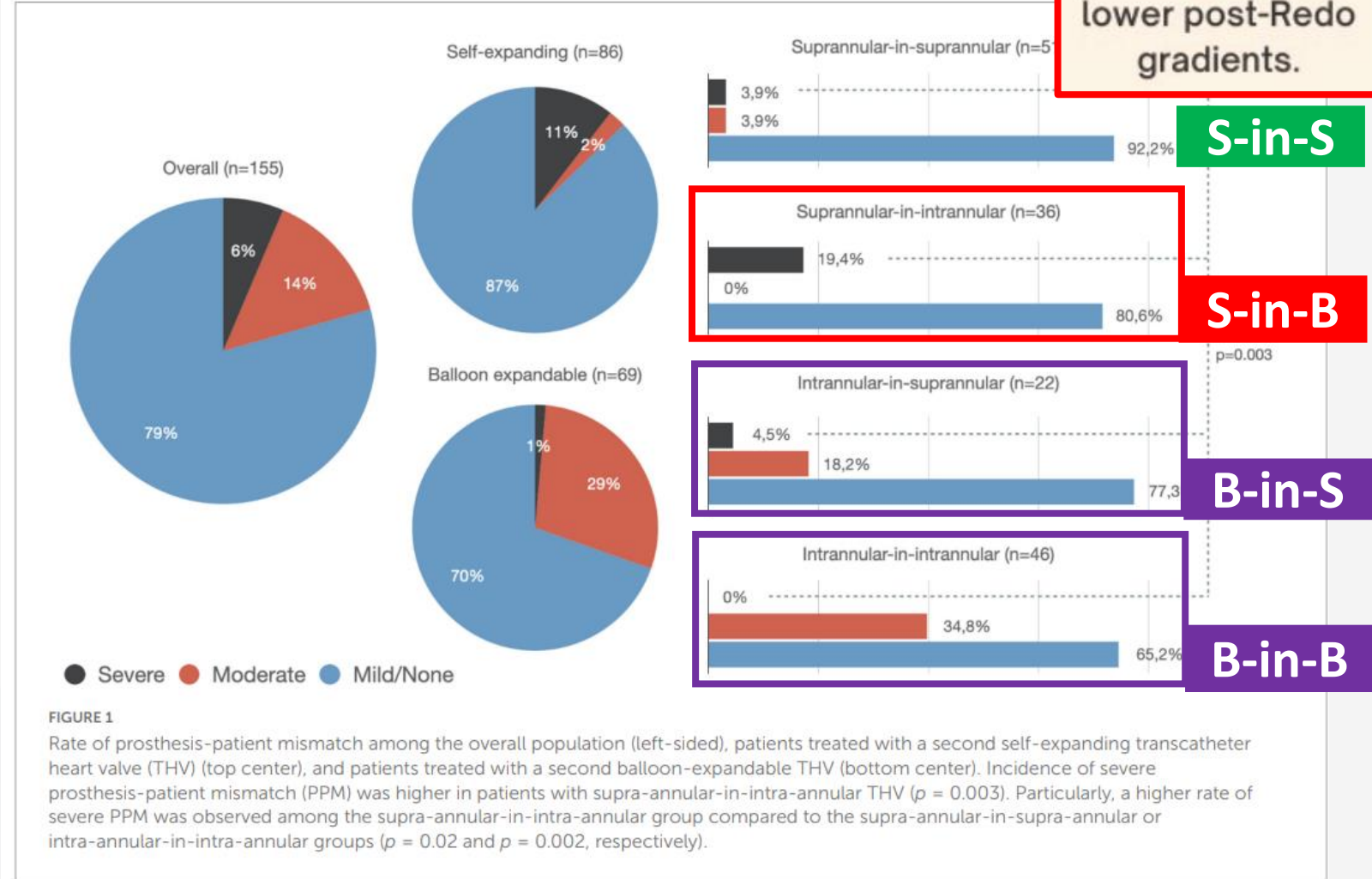


# Hemodynamics following Redo-TAVR

Self-expandable second valve is associated with lower post-Redo gradients.

Prosthesis-patient mismatch following transcatheter aortic valve replacement for degenerated transcatheter aortic valves: the TRANSIT-PPM international project

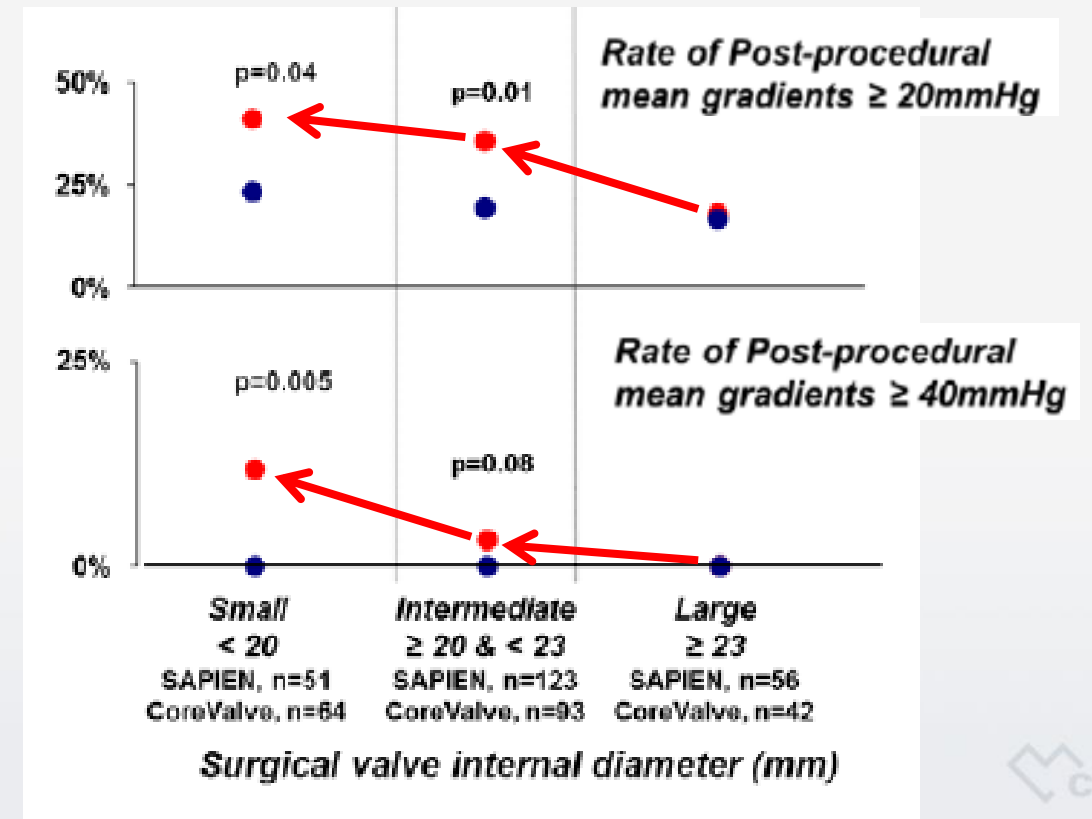
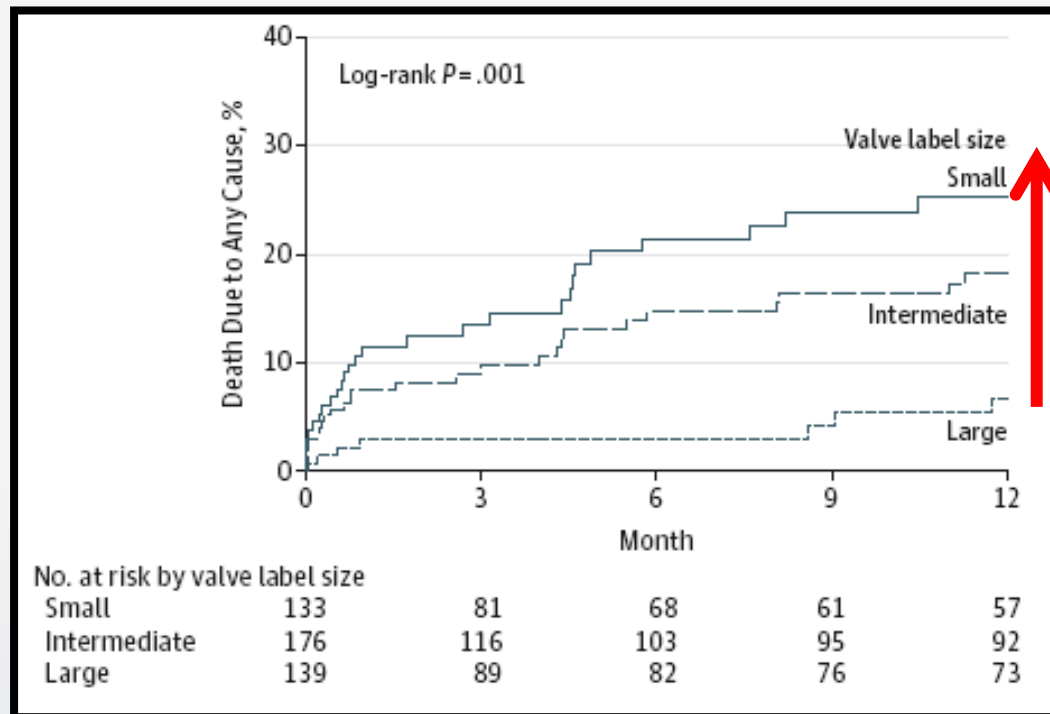
- The prevalence of **severe and moderate PPM** after Redo-TAVR is **6.5% and 14.2%**, respectively.
- The incidence of **severe PPM** was notably higher among patients who received a **supra-annular SEV THV into a balloon-expandable device (SEV-in-BEV)**.



# Zero-tolerance policy against PPM must be adopted.

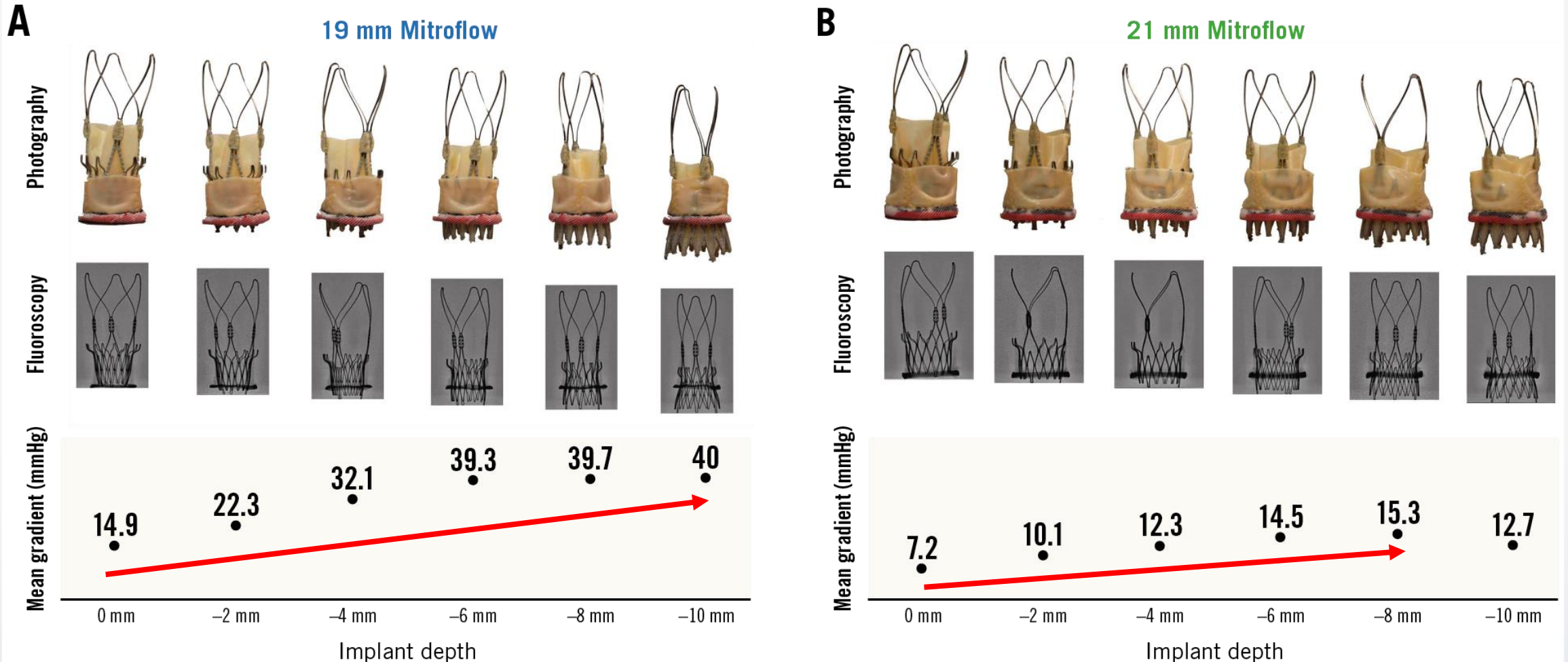
There was a negative trend between the surgical bioprosthesis size and high post-procedural PG, which may translate into poor survival.

## Surgical valve label size



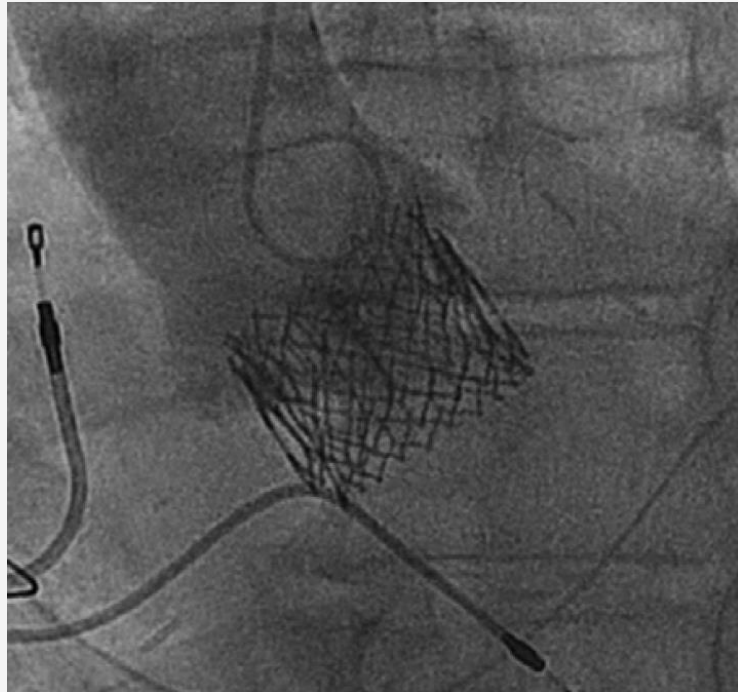
# Implantation depth and hemodynamics of Redo-TAVR with SEV-in-BEV

Especially when the THV was implanted deeper in a small surgical bioprosthesis.





# Hemodynamics of Redo-TAVR with BEV-in-BEV



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE  
Valvular Heart Disease

## Outcomes of Redo Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation for Structural Valve Degeneration of Transcatheter Aortic Valve

Although coronary risk is lower, but hemodynamics may be an issue in BEV-in-BEV (23mm)!

**Background:** The outcome of redo transcatheter aortic valve (TAV) implantation (TAVI) is unknown for TAV structural valve degeneration (SVD). This paper reports the initial results of redo TAVI for TAV-SVD in Japanese patients.

**Methods and Results:** Of 630 consecutive patients, 6 (1.0%) underwent redo TAVI for TAV-SVD (689–1,932 days after the first TAVI). The first TAVI was 23 mm BEV-in-BEV (BEV = 5) and 23 mm BEV-in-BEV (BEV = 4). All patients

regurgitation or 30-day mortality. One of 2 patients with a BEV-inside-BEV implantation had a high transvalvular mean pressure gradient post-procedurally (34 mmHg) and required surgical valve replacement 248 days after the redo TAVI. This, however, was

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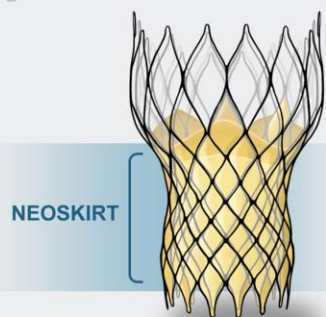
**Conclusions:** Redo TAVI for TAV-SVD appears safe and feasible, while specific strategies based on MDCT and device selection seem important for better outcomes.

# Leaflet overhang in Redo TAVR with BEV-in-SEV

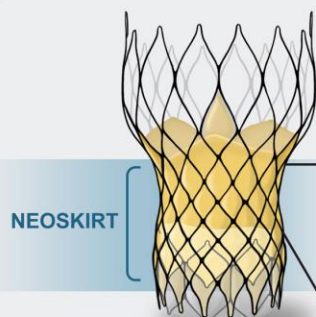
**Hemodynamic function is acceptable**

## NEOSKIRT

A SEV in SEV



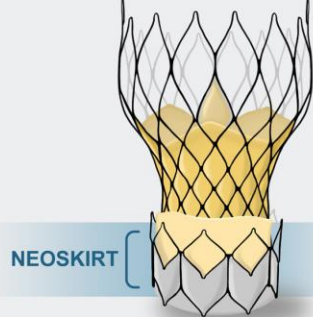
B BEV in SEV



C BEV in BEV



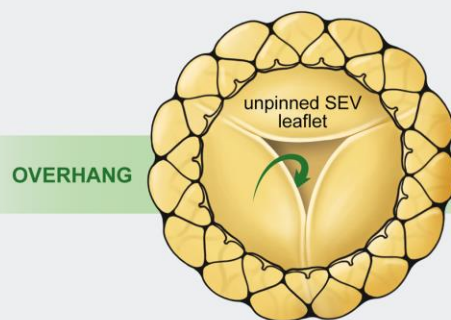
D SEV in BEV



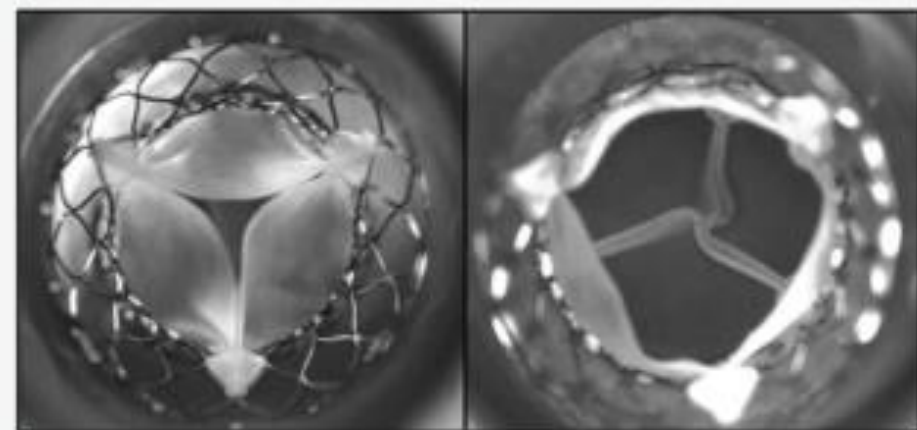
Front view

**Leaflet overhang: deploying a short frame THV in a tall frame THV can create overhanging leaflet of the index THV which may have long term consequences**

E BEV in SEV



Top view



**>90% leaflet overhang when a BE THV is implanted low in a SE THV**

**Minimal leaflet overhang when a BE THV is implanted high in a SE THV**

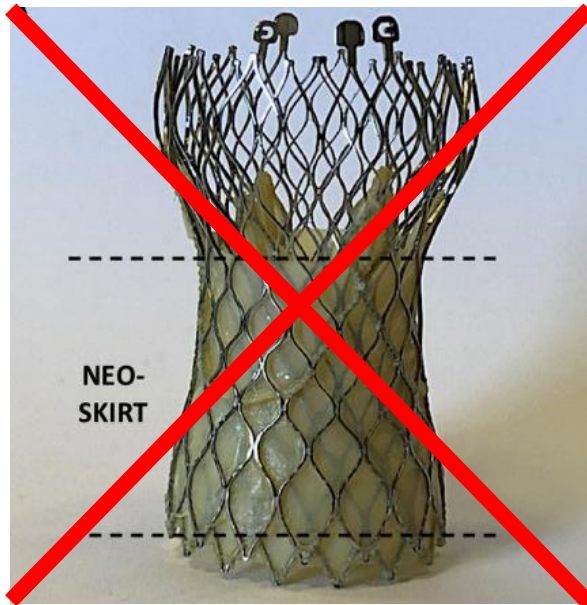
Balloon-expandable valve (BEV); self-expanding valve (SEV)

# Valve choice today is also a valve choice for tomorrow

Avoided in patients at higher lifetime coronary risk

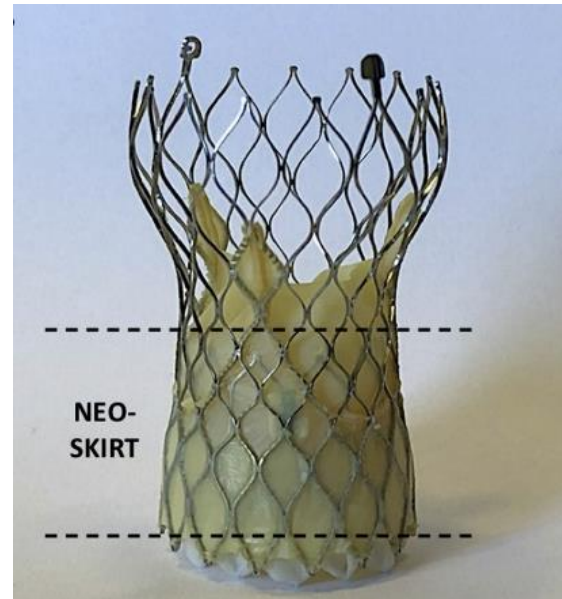
Coronary risk > PPM > PPI > PVL

SEV-in-SEV



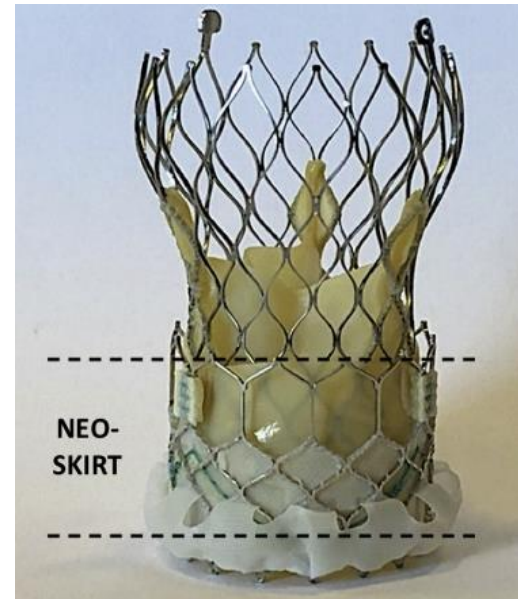
Less PPM  
Highest coronary risk

BEV-in-SEV



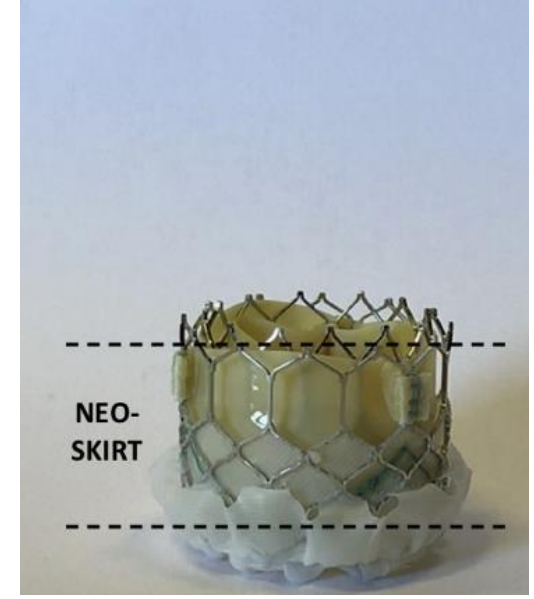
moderate PPM (small S)  
Moderate coronary risk

SEV-in-BEV



Highest PPM (small B)  
Lower coronary risk

BEV-in-BEV



Moderate PPM (small B)  
Lowest coronary risk

1. De Backer O, Landes Uri, Fuchs A, et al. Coronary access after TAVR-in-TAVR as evaluated by multidetector computed tomography. JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions. 2020;13(21).





# Coronary First Approach for Redo-TAVR

## Coronary Height

## Type of Aortic Root Anatomy

### Type 1

$CH \geq RP$  (coronary ostia above RP or neoskirt)

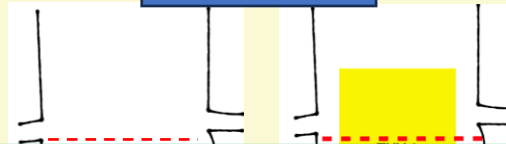
*No coronary reaccess issue*

--- Risk plane height

#### Type 1A

Wide VTC & VTSTJ  
(VTC >4mm, VTSTJ >2mm)

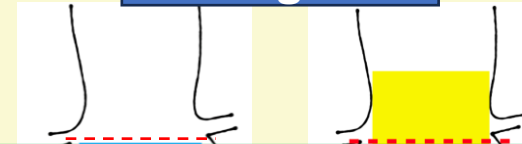
Barrel



#### Type 1B

Wide VTC **Narrow VTSTJ**  
(VTC >4mm, VTSTJ <2mm)

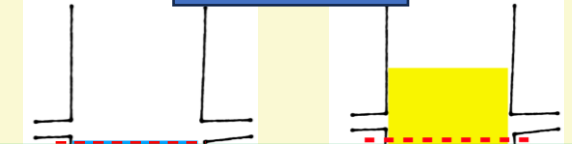
Hourglass



#### Type 1C

**Narrow VTSTJ & VTC**  
(VTC <4mm, VTSTJ <2mm)

Tube



**Implant the THV with the RP/neoskirt below coronary ostia and keep commissural alignment (SEV).**

### Type 2

$CH \leq RP$  (coronary ostia below RP or neoskirt)

1. Avoid **SEV-in-SEV!!!**

2. Watch for **PPM** in **small THV 1**. **BVF/M** is needed

3. If coronary misaligned in THV 1, and leaflet modification  $\pm$  snorkel stenting unsuccessful  $\rightarrow$  surgery is indicated

#### Type 2A

Wide VTC & VTSTJ  
(VTC >4mm, VTSTJ >2mm)

#### SEV-in-BEV or BEV-in-SEV

Consider high implant for better hemodynamics and avoid PPI

#### Type 2B

Wide VTC **Narrow VTSTJ**  
(VTC >4mm, VTSTJ <2mm)

#### SEV-in-BEV or BEV-in-SEV

1. Leaflet modification  $\pm$  snorkel stenting
2. THV explant/SURPLUS if THV1 (SEV) has commissural misalignment

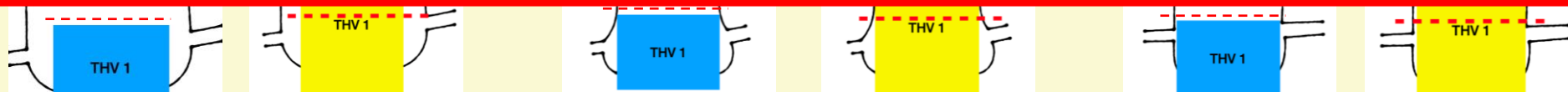
#### Type 2C

**Narrow VTSTJ & VTC**  
(VTC <4mm, VTSTJ <2mm)

#### SEV-in-BEV or BEV-in-SEV

1. Leaflet modification  $\pm$  snorkel stenting
2. THV explant/SURPLUS if THV1 (SEV or BEV) has commissural misalignment

**The outflow of the index THV should be below the coronaries, even though low BEV-in-SEV may have leaflet overhang.**





# Redo-TAVR with different THV combinations

The **"Coronary-first" principle** proposed by our team should be followed during the first TAVR procedure so as to maximize the success rate of TAVR and minimize long-term complications.

**S-in-S**

**B-in-S**

**S-in-B**

**B-in-B**

