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Comparing valve-in-valve Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation and Redo Aortic Valve Replacement: A National Project

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Background: Patients requiring reoperation for failing bioprosthetic implantations have increased. This national project investigates the outcomes of redo aortic valve replacement and valve-in-valve transcatheter valve implantation to delineate the best treatment modality.

Methods: A UK retrospective project including 11 tertiary centres. A propensity score matching with 0,02 tolerance for age, BSA, Diabetes Mellitus, Logistic EuroSCORE and NCEPOD was performed. Person Chi-Square tests, one-way ANOVA and Kaplan-Meyer survival log rank were utilised for the analysis. 649 patients matched to a final database of 353 patients.

Results: Redo-AVR 48,4% (n=171) and valve-in-valve TAVI 51,6% (n=182). Primary outcomes were in-hospital mortality (4,1% n=7 vs 0, p 0,006) and long-term mortality (33,9% n=58 vs 20,9% n=38, p 0,006). The Kaplan Meyer log rank had a significance <0,001, in favour of valve-in-valve TAVI. Secondary outcomes were: arrhythmias (24,6% n=42 vs 0,5% n=1, p<0,001), PPM (8,8% n=15 vs 4,4% n=8, p 0,09), respiratory (15,2% n=26 vs 2,7% n=5, p<0,001), renal (11,1% n=19 vs 6% n=11, p 0,08), neurological (7,6% n=13 vs 1,6% n=3, p 0,007), and wound complications (2,9% n=5 vs 4,4% n=8, p 0,4). Finally, MOF (4,7% n=8 vs 0,5% n=1, p 0,01), IABP was 4,7% n=8 vs 0 (p 0,003), re-operation 5,3% n=9 vs 0 (p 0,002), ITU (hours) 49,77±55,09 vs 11,42±38,57 (p 0,001), and hospital stay (days) 13,81±11,55 vs 7,76±9,24 (p 0,001). Moderate to severe residual aortic regurgitations resulted in 0,6% n=1 for redo AVR and 4,9% n=9 for valve-in-valve TAVI, p 0,001.

Conclusion: Redo aortic valve replacement resulted in greater short- and long-term mortality, as well as peri-operative morbidity in comparison with valve-in valve TAVI. The latter appeared a favourable treatment modality, at the expenses of residual aortic valve regurgitation. This is a preliminary analysis.

Biography

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