

Global Perspective in Embolic Protection and Stroke Prevention in TAVR

Mitigating Stroke Risk in TAVR: Role of SENTINEL Embolic Protection

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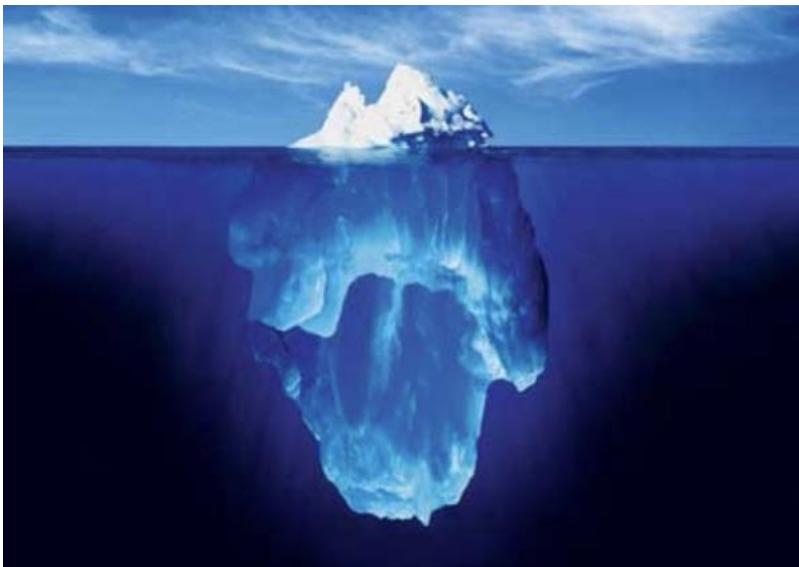
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Stroke and Brain Injury after TAVR



Stroke: 2-4%

Brain Injury:>90%

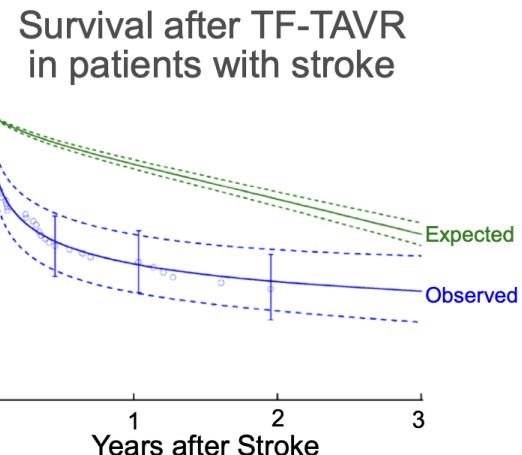
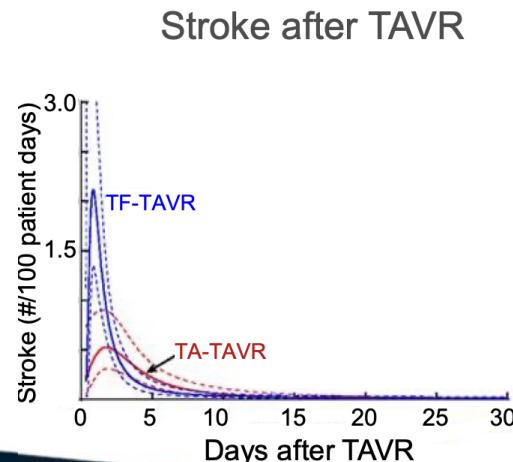
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Disability
Depression

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Dementia
Depression

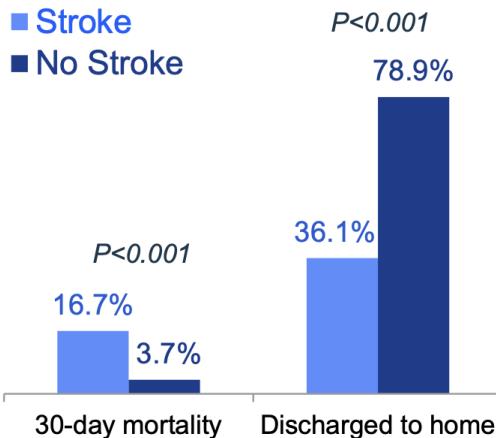
Why is Cerebral Protection Needed in TAVR?

The risk of stroke during TAVR is primarily procedural
And is associated with high morbidity and mortality

PARTNER Trial¹
(N=2,621)

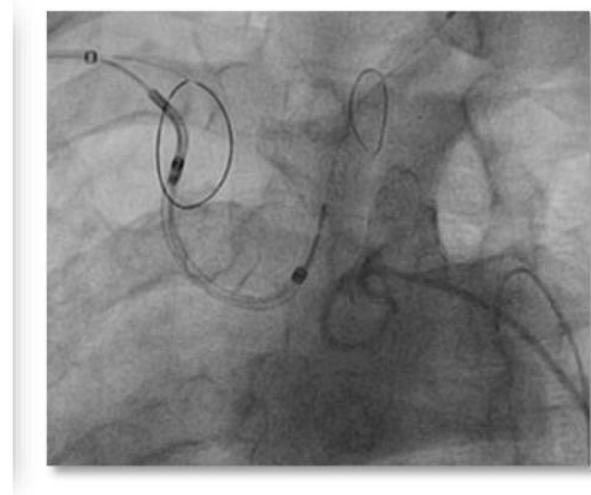
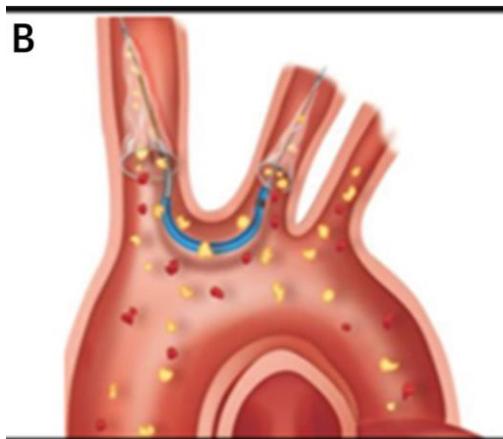


STS/ACC TVT Registry²
(N=101,430)



SENTINEL™ Cerebral Protection System

The only Approved CEP device



Indication for Use: FDA cleared, and CE Marked

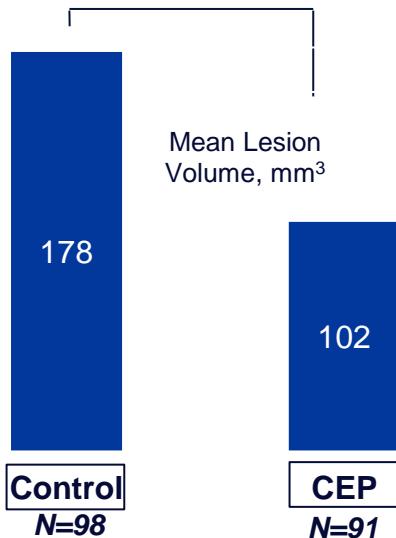
The SENTINEL™ Cerebral Protection System is indicated for use as an embolic protection device to capture and remove thrombus/debris while performing TAVR (transcatheter aortic valve replacement) procedures.

Sentinel Studied in \approx 11,000 patients in 3 RCTs

SENTINEL IDE

Kapadia, et al. JACC. 2017;69(4):367-377.

-0.21.1% [-94.9, 21.8]
 $p=0.33$



PROTECTED TAVR

Kapadia, et al. N Engl J Med. 2022;387(14):1253-1263.

-0.6% [-1.7, 0.5]
 $p=0.30$



BHF PROTECT-TAVI

Kharbanda, et al. N Engl J Med. 2025.

-0.02% [-0.68, 0.63]
 $p=0.94$



SENTINEL IDE Trial

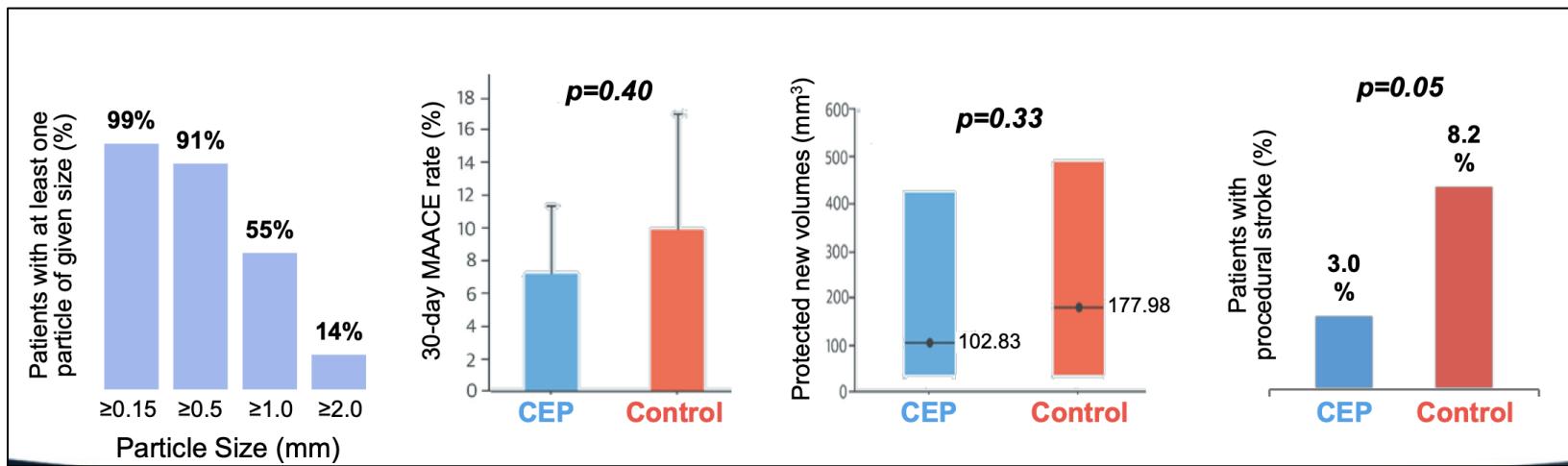
N=345; 2:1 RCT of TAVR with or with no CEP

Debris capture
99%

Sentinel is
Safe

Less
brain injury

Less stroke
@ 72 hrs



PROTECTED TAVR: Stroke at 72 hours

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Cerebral Embolic Protection during Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Replacement

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Patients undergoing commercial TF TAVR*, N=3000

*Patients of all risk categories eligible

Neurological[†] exam in all patients pre-procedure

TAVR without CEP
N=1500

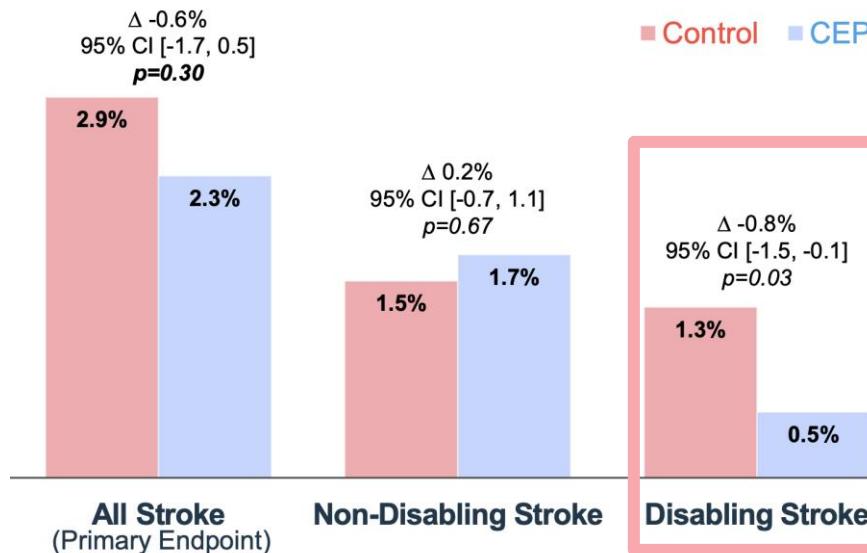
TAVR with Sentinel
N=1500

Neurological[†] exam in all patients post-procedure

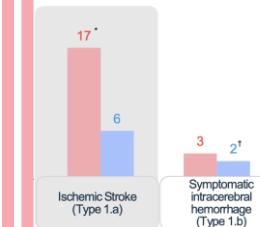
Primary endpoint: Stroke at 72h or Discharge
Adaptive study design with interim analysis at 70% enrollment

*Any commercially available TAVR device; [†] Neurological examination at baseline, and post-procedure and through 72 hours after TAVR or discharge (whichever comes first), performed by a neurology professional (board certified/board eligible neurologist, neurology fellow, neurology physician assistant, or neurology nurse practitioner)

Primary Endpoint: Stroke at 72h / Discharge



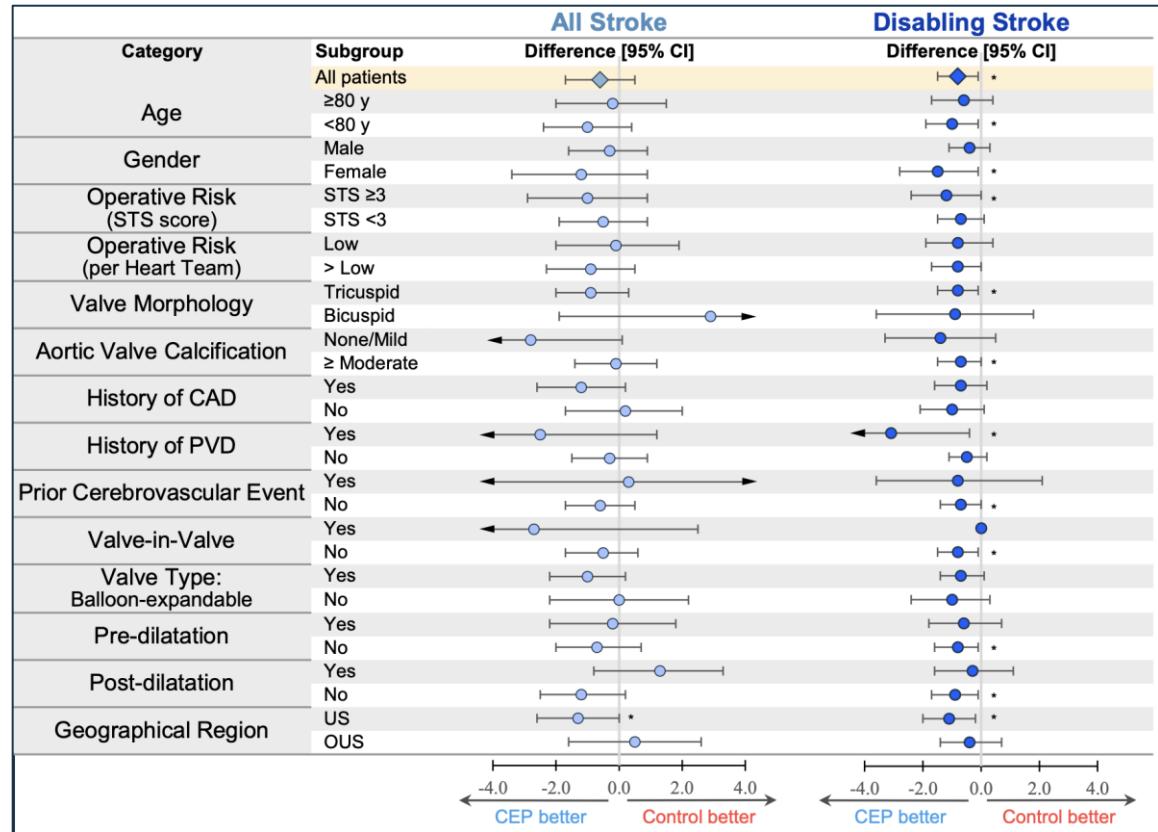
Disabling Stroke



Sentinel CEP delivery was successful in 94%

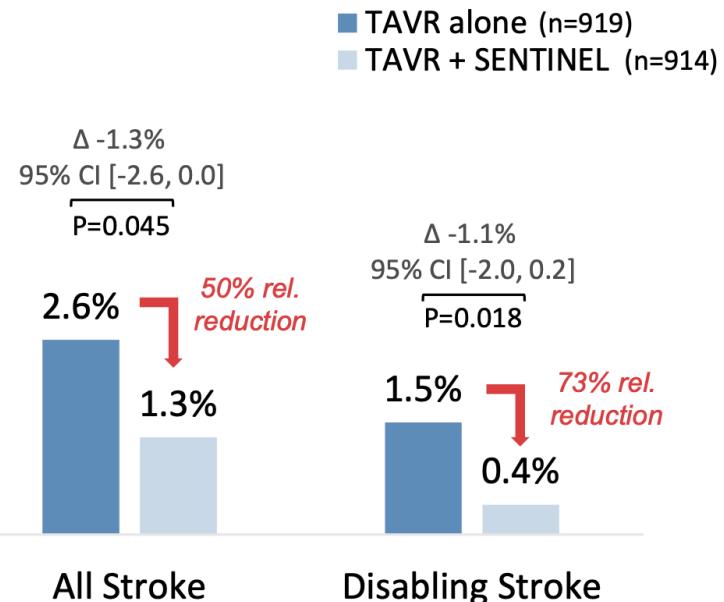
PROTECTED TAVR: Subgroup Analysis

- Consistent reduction in disabling stroke across all subgroups

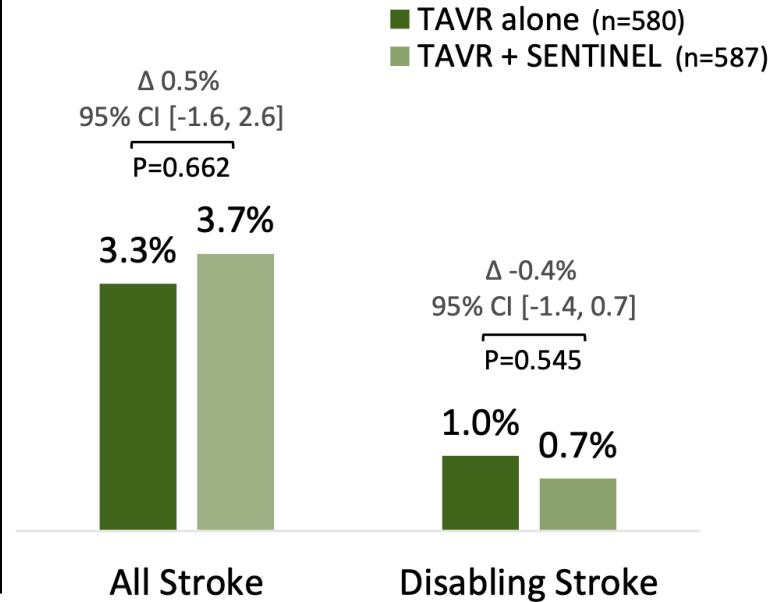


Stroke Outcomes by Geographic Region

US Cohort (N=1833)



OUS Cohort (N=1167)



BHF PROTECT-TAVI

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) PROTECT-TAVI Trial

Routine Cerebral Embolic Protection during Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Implantation



7,730 patients undergoing TAVI

Prospective, Multicenter, Investigator initiated study

Blinded adjudication of outcomes

Inclusion: Suitable for SENTINEL CEP in opinion of treating physician



**TAVI without CEP
(control group)**
n=3,820

Excluded
n=21

Control group
n=3,799

1:1 Randomized

**TAVI with CEP
(CEP group)**
n=3,815

CEP group
n=3,795

**32 / 33 UK NHS
TAVI centers**

**~30% of TAVR
cases enrolled**

**Primary outcome: Stroke at 72 hours post-TAVI
(or discharge if sooner)**

Stroke Definition:

- Neurological deficit that occurred after randomization
- Persisted for >24h (or resulted in death within 24 hours)
- Ischemic and haemorrhagic events

Standardized daily screening post-TAVR

- Further assessment by the local stroke team (if needed)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Routine Cerebral Embolic Protection during Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Implantation

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Δ -0.02%
95% CI [-0.68, 0.63]
p=0.9

■ Control ■ CEP

Δ -0.2%
95% CI [-0.7, 0.4]
p=0.8



ALL STROKE

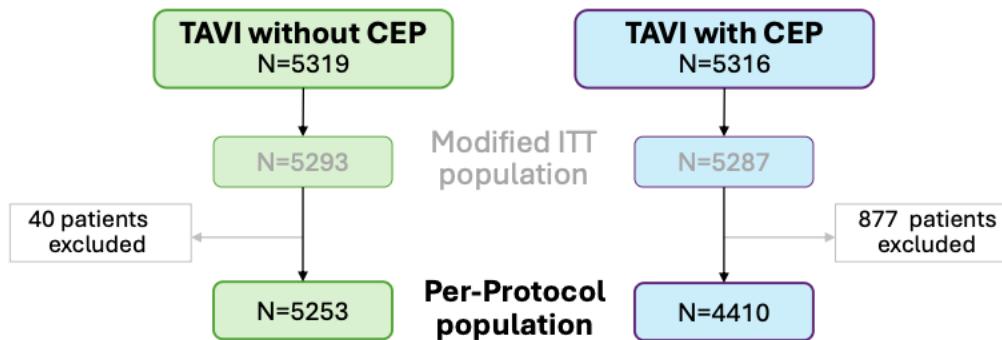
DISABLING STROKE

Sentinel CEP delivery was successful in 81%

Prospective individual patient data (IPD) meta-analysis

Secondary Analyses

Is CEP effective when we account for non-adherence?



Primary analysis: Difference in incidence of stroke (72h post-TAVI or hospital discharge) between interventional (CEP) and control (no CEP) arms of the trials

Meta-analysis plan registered prior to data unmasking: PROSPERO 2022 CRD42022324160

Primary mITT and Secondary Per-Protocol Analyses

Among randomized patients with successful CEP placement (81%)

All Stroke

PP - 26% reduction

■ TAVI without CEP ■ TAVI with CEP

p=0.641

2.3%

2.2%

N=5293

Modified ITT

p=0.023

2.3%

1.7%

N=5253
N=4410

Per-Protocol

Disabling Stroke

PP - 38% reduction

■ TAVI without CEP ■ TAVI with CEP

p=0.090

1.3%

1.0%

N=5293
N=5287

Modified ITT

p=0.007

1.3%

0.8%

N=5253
N=4410

Per-Protocol

SENTINEL™ is the Most Studied Cerebral Embolic Protection Device for TAVR

Study	Location	# Patients	Trial Type	Procedure	Data
First in Man	3 centers in Brazil & Germany	40	Registry	TAVR (CoreValve & Sapien)	EuroIntervention 2012
MISTRAL-I	Rotterdam, Netherlands	40	Registry	TAVR (CoreValve & Sapien)	Circulation 2013
CLEAN-TAVI	Leipzig University, Germany	100	Randomized	TAVR (CoreValve)	JAMA 2016
MISTRAL-C	4 centers in Netherlands	74	Randomized	TAVR (Sapien 3)	Eurointervention 2016
SENTINEL™-H	10 centers in Europe	220	Registry	TAVR (All-comers)	Presented at EuroPCR 2016
SENTINEL™ IDE	17 centers in USA & 2 in Germany	363	Randomized	TAVR (Sapien XT and 3, CoreValve, EvolutR)	JACC 2017
SENTINEL™-Ulm	University of Ulm, Germany	802	Registry Propensity-Score Matched	TAVR (All-comers)	JACC: CVInt 2017
SENTINEL-LIR	USA	50	Prospective	TAVR (all-comers, low- and intermediate-risk patients)	Circ: CVInt 2022
PROTECTED TAVR	USA, Europe, Australia	3000	Randomized	TAVR (All-comers)	NEJM 2022
TVT registry – disabling stroke	USA	414,649	Registry (STS/ACC TVT)	TAVR (All-comers)	Circulation Interventions 2024
SENTINEL™ in Valve-in-Valve	USA	19,090	Registry (Nationwide Readmissions Database)	ViV-TAVR (failed bioprosthetic)	JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions. 2024
NRD registry - RWE	USA	271,804	Registry (Nationwide Readmissions Database)	TAVR (All-comers)	JAHA 2024
BHF PROTECT-TAVI	UK	7635	Randomized	TAVR (All-comers)	NEJM 2025

Thank You