

First-in-Human Robotic-assisted TAVR for the Treatment of Severe Aortic Valve Stenosis

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Background

- TAVR procedures, especially those with self-expanding valves, require high team coordination, advanced technical skills, and collaborative expertise.
- This feasibility study aimed to preliminarily assess the safety and efficacy of the robotic-assisted TAVR system.
- The first-in-man robotic-assisted TAVR procedure was successfully completed in Xiamen on June 8, 2025.



Master operating system



Execution System

System Introduction

Main
Touchscreen

Remote
Control
Console



Master Operating System

Robotic
Arm

TAVR Drive
Platform

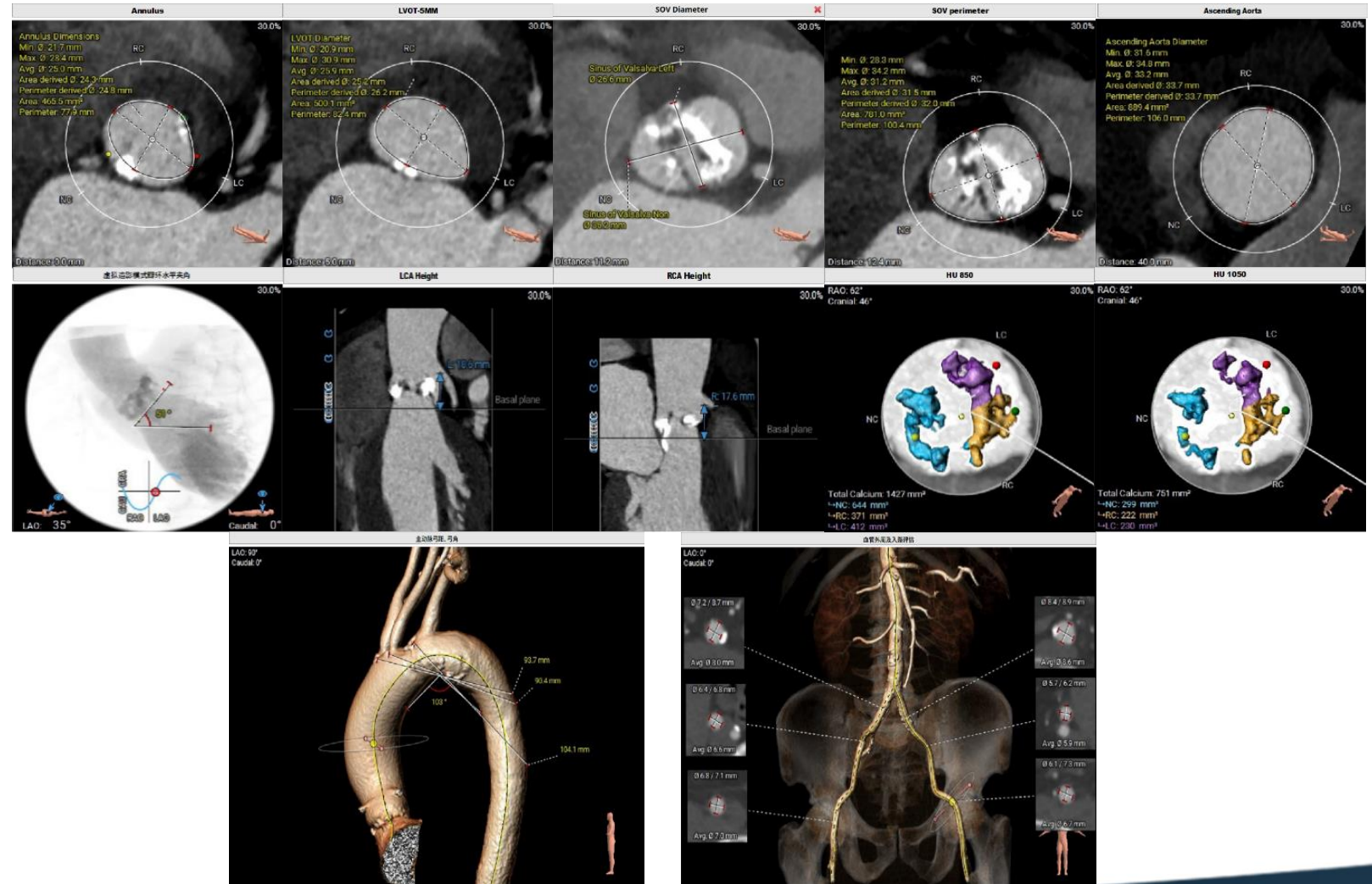


Execution System

- Remote control enables radiation protection
- Efficient installation and switching
- Highly sensitive force feedback
- High-precision grasping and manipulation
- Simultaneous control of multiple instruments

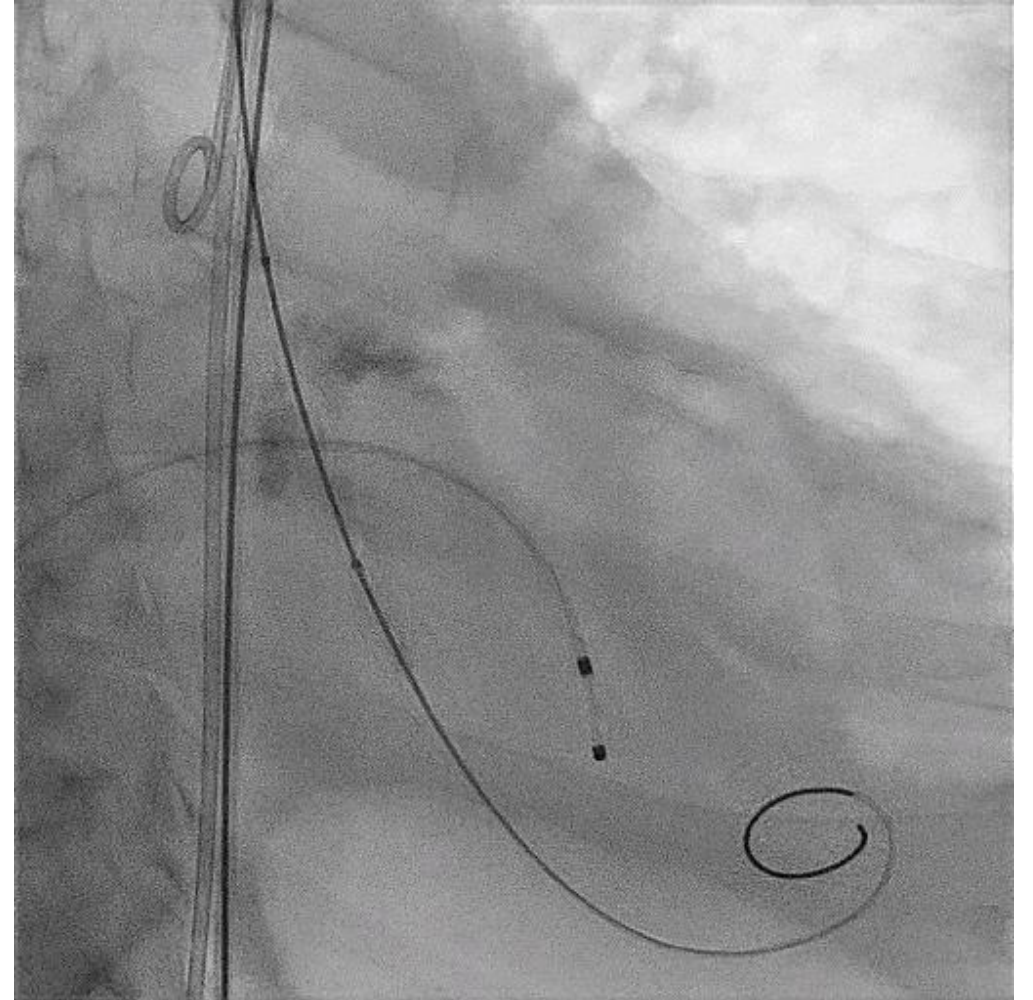
Robotic-assisted TAVR Case

- 70-year-old male
- Recurrent exertional dyspnea
- Dx: Severe AS with moderate-to-severe AR
- Aortic CTA : BAV, severe calcification, leaflet thickening and adhesion



Robotic-assisted TAVR

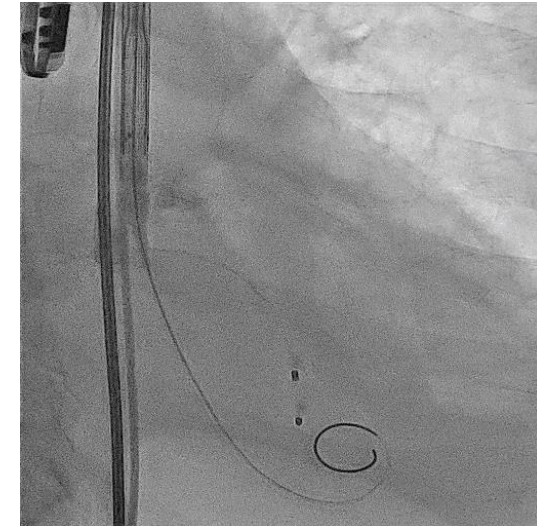
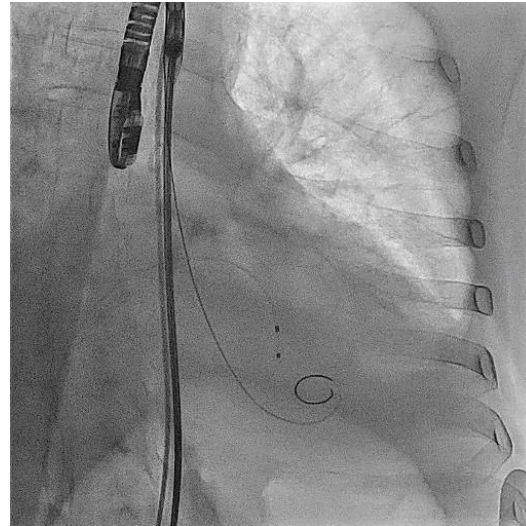
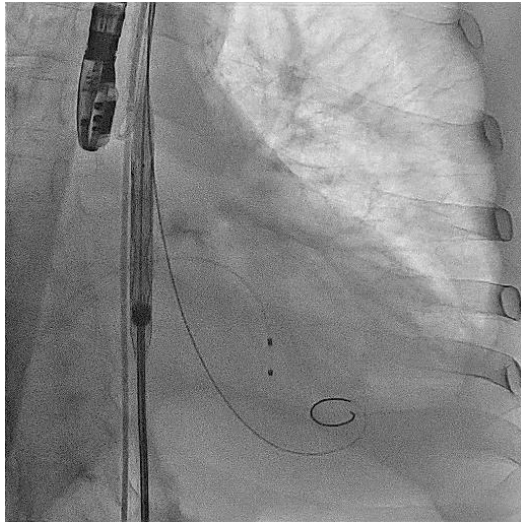
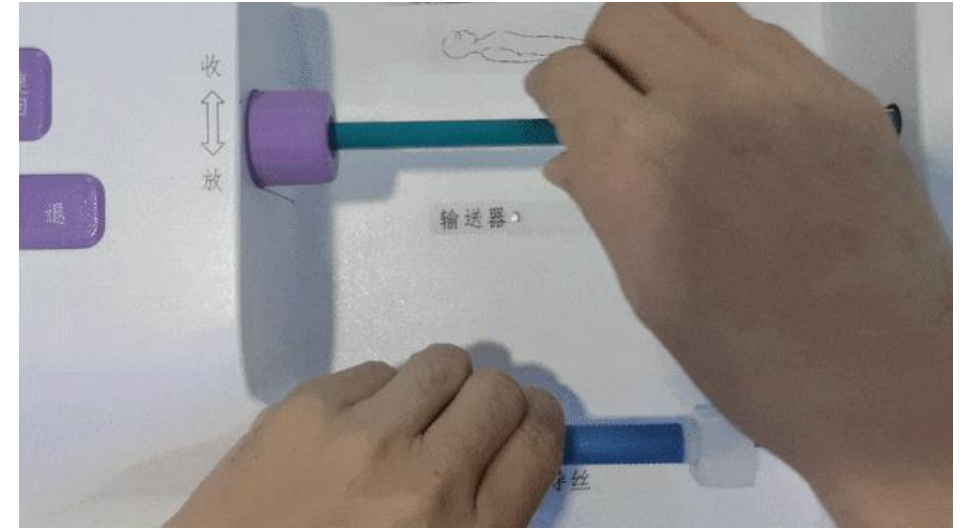
- Preparation
- Predilation with PEIJIA 18X40mm balloon
- PEIJIA TaurusElite® delivered via robotic system
- Robotic control performed after predilation



Robotic-assisted TAVR

Procedural Steps

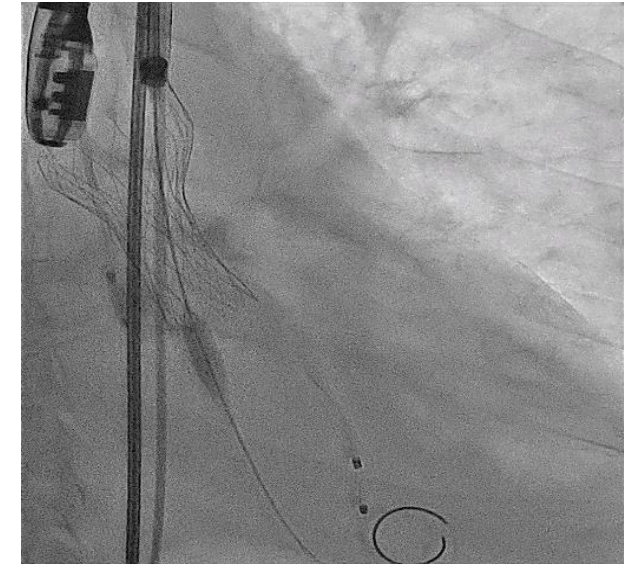
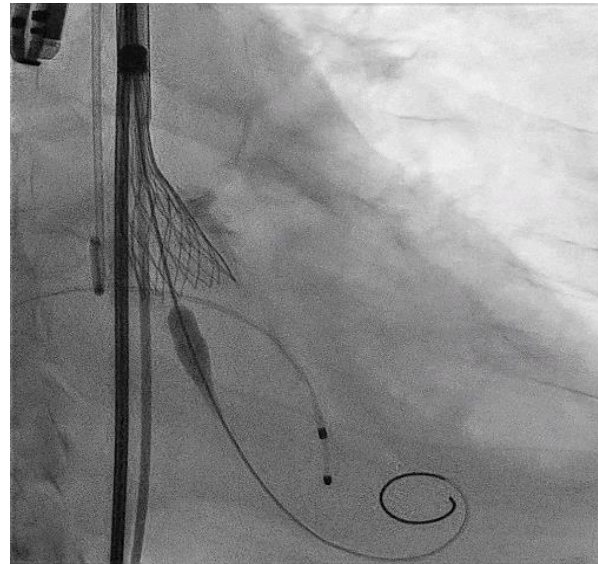
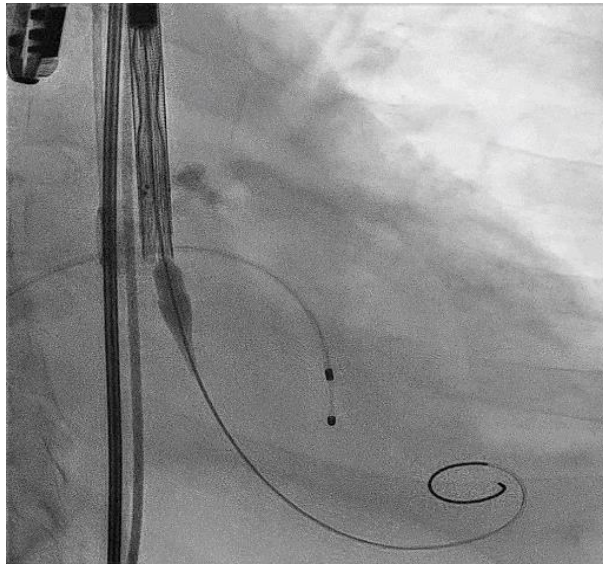
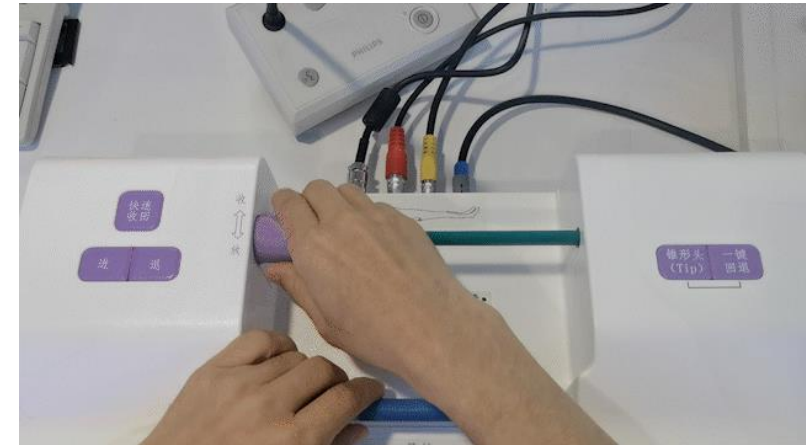
- The robotic arm advances the valve delivery system toward the aortic root.
- The delivery system passes through the arch.
- The valve is accurately positioned at virtual annulus plane of the aorta.



Robotic-assisted TAVR

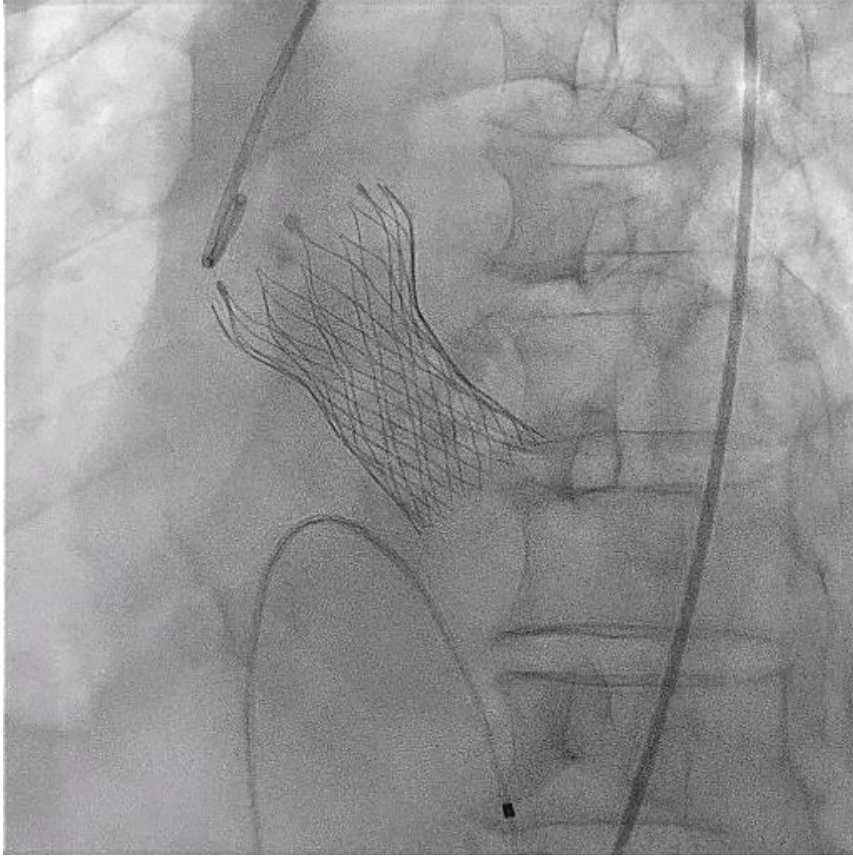
Procedural Steps

- Release of the aortic valve
- Retraction of delivery catheter system
- Coronary angiography
- Post-dilation



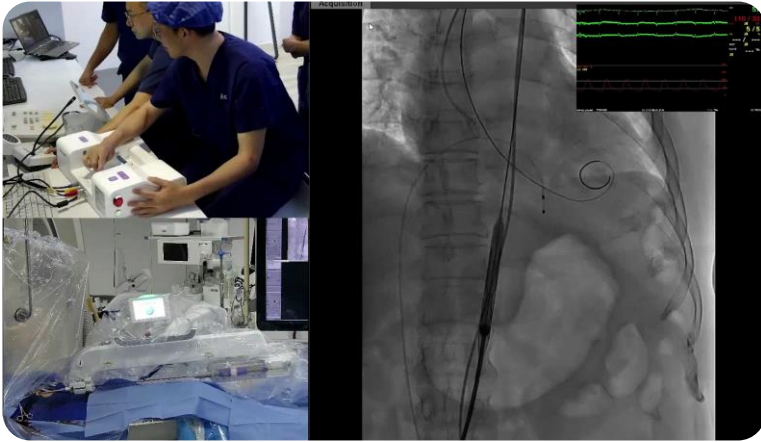
Robotic-assisted TAVR

Results

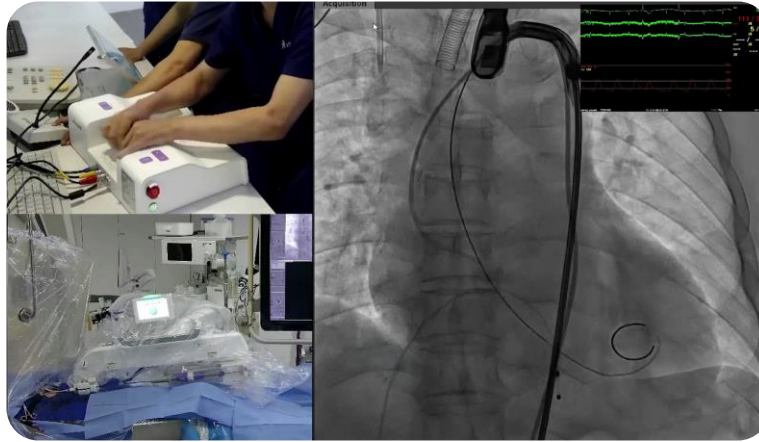


1. The world's first entirely robot-assisted TAVR case, performed on a severely calcified bicuspid aortic valve anatomy.
2. Remote, stable and precise robotic control throughout the procedure
3. Only one operator required in the catheterization lab - for real-time angiography and angle adjustments
4. High efficiency: 24 minutes from insertion to removal.
Procedure time can be further reduced with trained and proficient users.

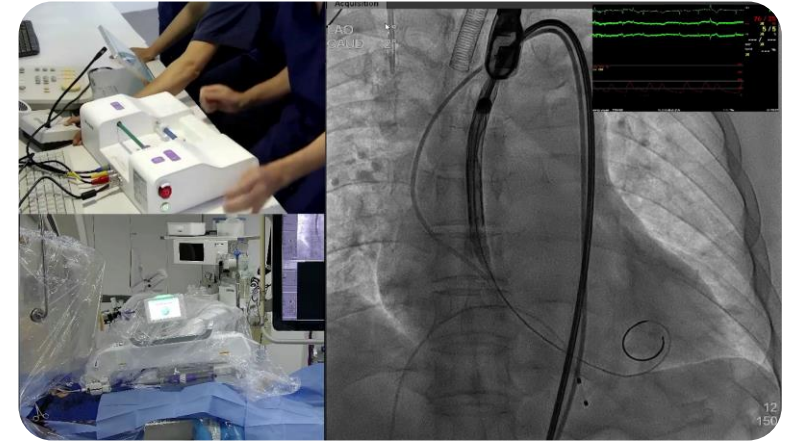
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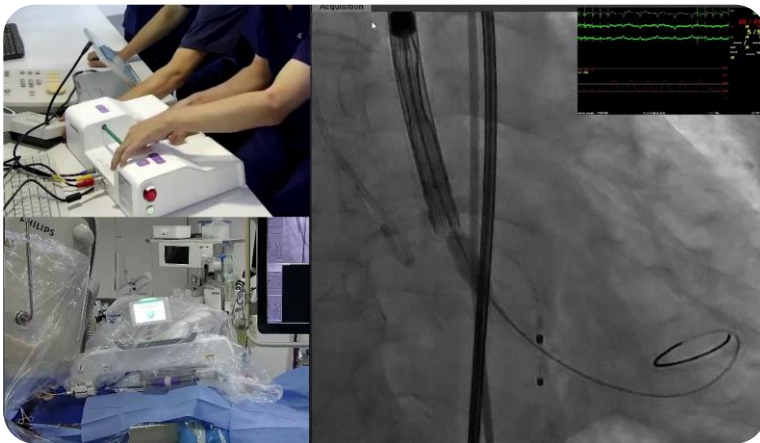
Descending Aorta Advancement



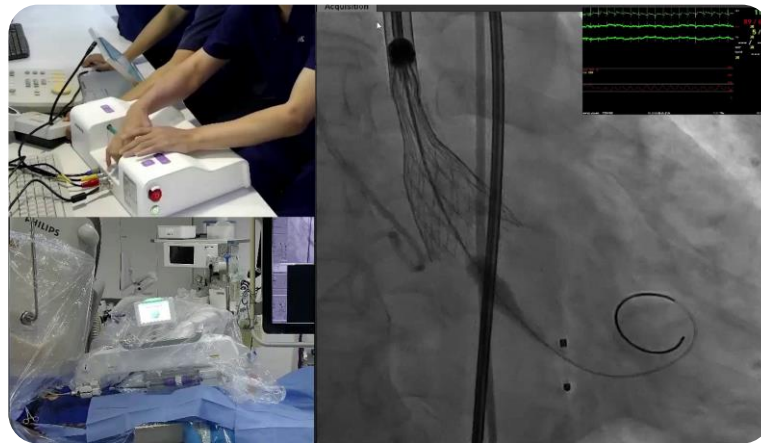
Arch Crossing



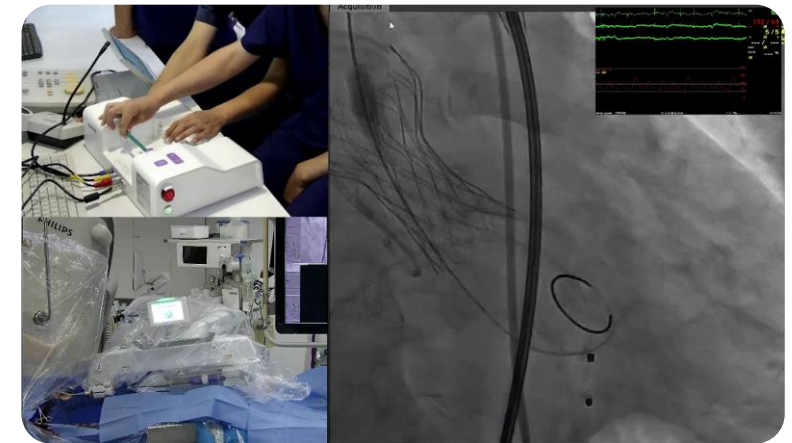
Valve Crossing



Valve Deployment



Valve Release



Delivery System Withdrawal

Robotic-assisted TAVR Feasibility Trial Overview

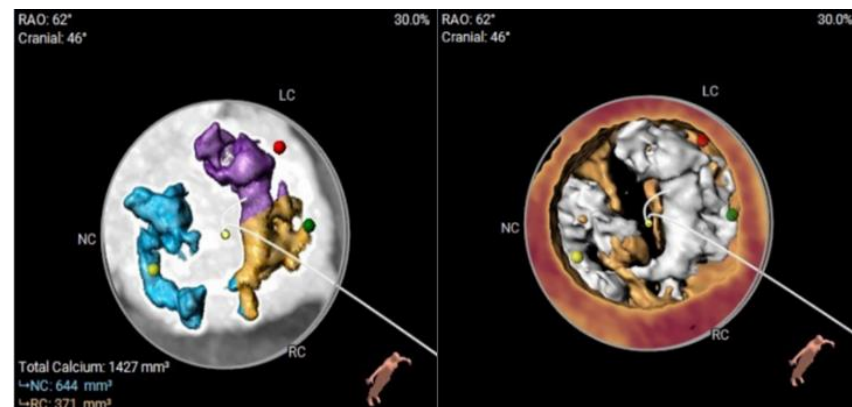
In this early feasibility trial, 5 robotic-assisted TAVR procedures were performed.

Success rate: 100%, no deaths, surgical interventions, or strokes reported

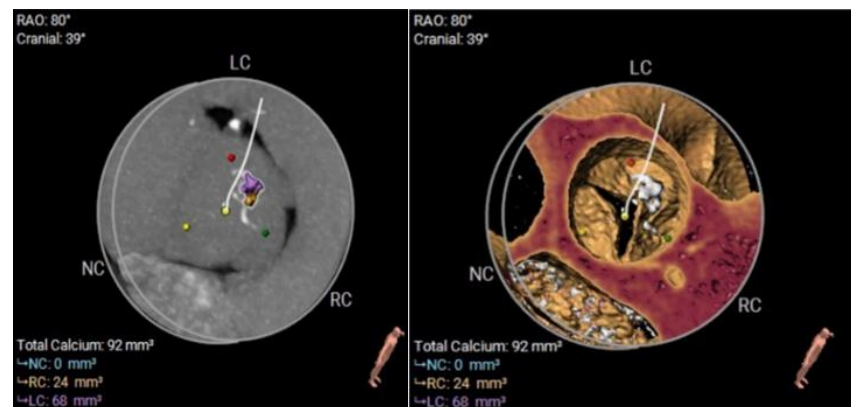
No.	Age	Gender	Diagnosis	Date of TAVR	THV type	Duration of procedure	Dose of radiation exposure*	Post-operative pressure gradient	PVL
Case1#	70	Male	AS + AR	2025/04/02	Taurus 26mm	24 min	0.15 mSv	3 mmHg	Mild
Case2#	70	Male	AS + AR	2025/04/29	Taurus 29mm	11 min	0.11 mSv	3 mmHg	No
Case3#	69	Female	AS + AR	2025/05/29	Taurus 23mm	13 min	0.22 mSv	1 mmHg	No
Case4#	69	Male	AS	2025/06/16	Taurus 29mm	14 min	0.43 mSv	1 mmHg	Mild
Case5#	84	Male	AS	2025/07/08	Taurus 26mm	14 min	0.047mSv	4 mmHg	Trivial

* The effective dose of radiation exposure for the primary operator during the procedure.

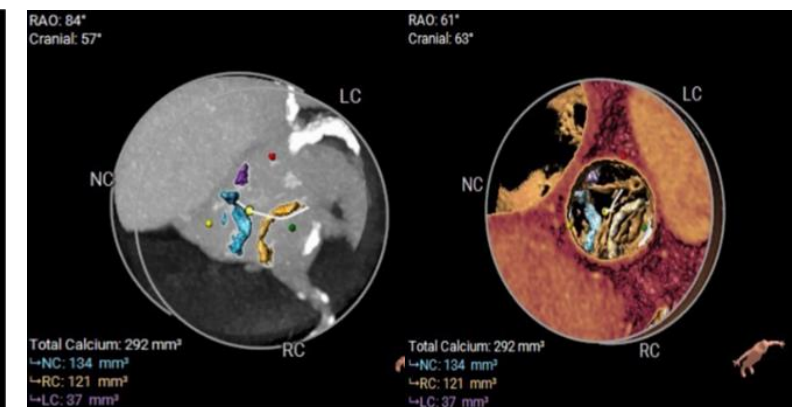
Anatomic characteristics of the five cases



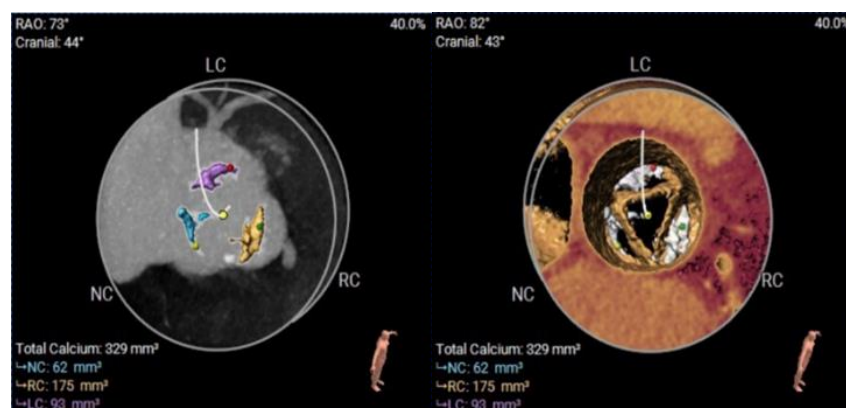
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Severe Calcified Type 0 BAV



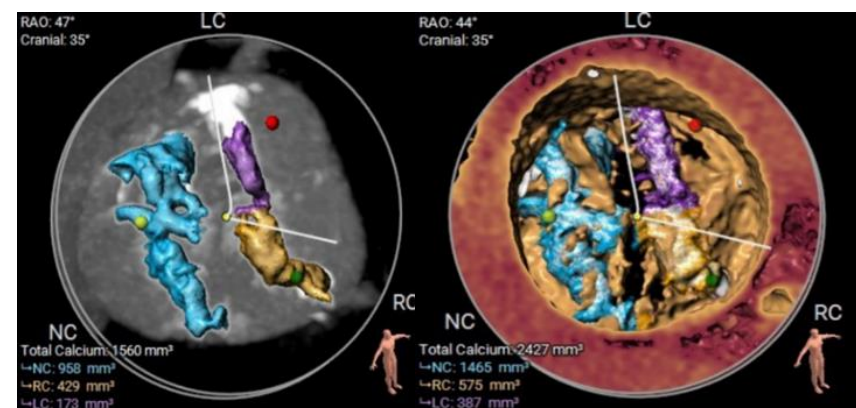
Case2#
Mild Calcified Type 1 BAV



Case3#
Mild Calcified TAV



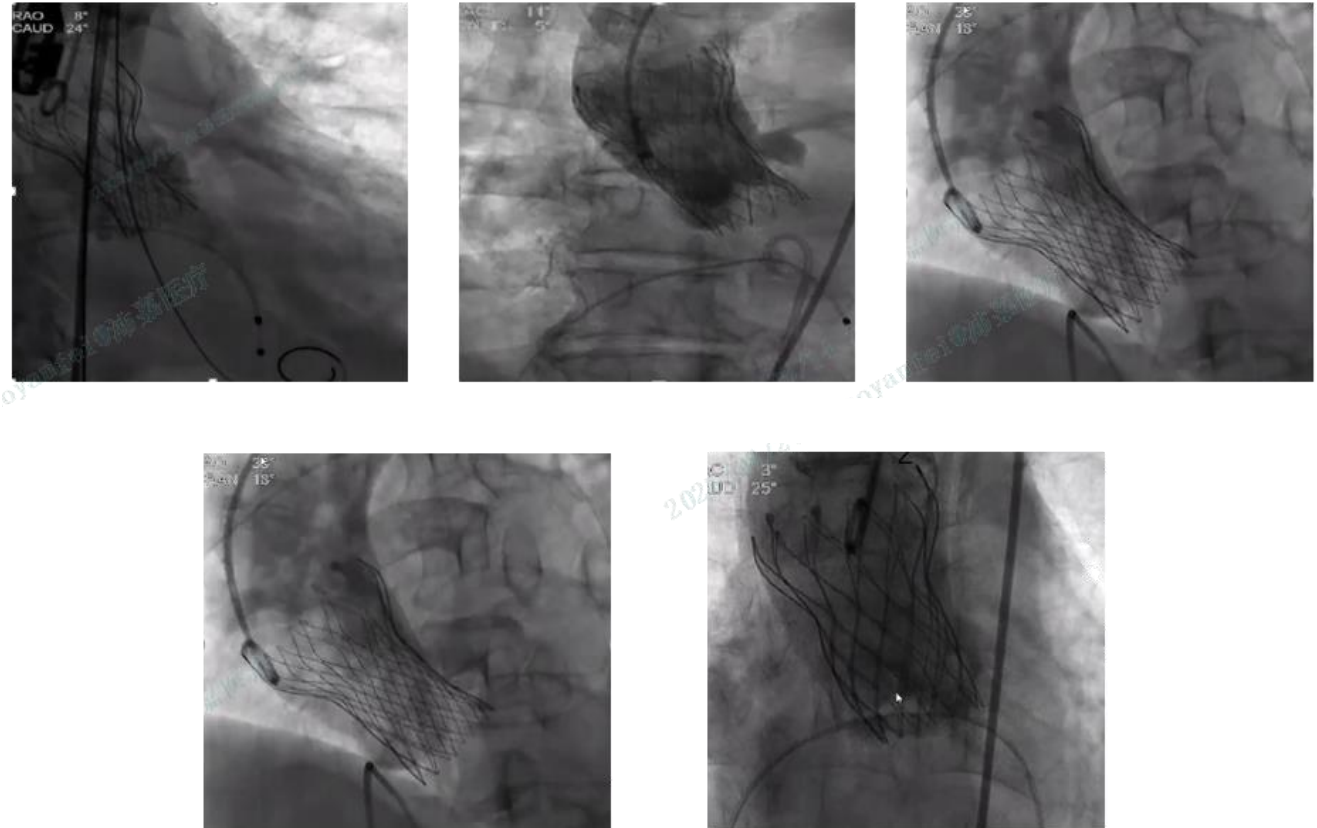
Case4#
Moderate Calcified TAV



Case5#
Severe Calcified Type 1 BAV

Procedural Outcomes

OUTCOME	TAVR (n=5)
Technical Success	5(100%)
Conversion to Manual or Surgical Manipulation, n (%)	0
Valve-in-Valve	0
Aortic Root Injury	0
Major Bleeding	0



* Definition derived from VARC-3.

Outcomes at 30-Day

OUTCOME	TAVR (n=5)
All Cause Mortality	0
MACCE	0
Major/Life Threatening Bleeding	0
Major Vascular Complication	0
NYHA class,n(%)	
I	2 (40)
II	3 (60)
III	0
IV	0

OUTCOME	TAVR (n=5)
LVEF (%)	62±9
AVA (cm ²)	1.53±0.27
Vmax (m/s)	2.43±0.67
Pmax (mmHg)	24.5±13.5
Pmean (mmHg)	12.5±6.5
Surgery/Intervention Related to the Device	0

Conclusion

- 1.The first-in-human entirely robot-assisted TAVR procedure yielded highly encouraging outcomes.
- 2.The robotic system's secure manipulation of the ultra-stiff guidewire demonstrated superior stability and precision compared to manual operation.
- 3.Simultaneous control of the TAVR delivery system and guidewire by a single operator enhanced procedural control, optimized clinical outcomes, and reduced heart team staffing requirements.
- 4.These findings provide a pivotal basis for the initiation of a subsequent randomized controlled trial (RCT).



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