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Reviewer A

Comment 1: I would be interesting to implement a figure on the major outcomes (mortality, stroke

etc.) of the various major trials in TAVR (e.g. PARTNER etc.).

Reply 1: We added a figure including major outcomes in the PARTNER and CoreValve trials

involving high- and intermediate-risk patients. We did not deem the trials involving low-risk

patients as relevant in the context of this manuscript, as this does not represent the patient

population considered for Valve-in-Valve procedures.

Changes in the text: Figure 4, Lines 453-455 (figure legend) and 121-122/130-132 (referenced

in text)

Comment 2: A specific section on bleeding complications should be implemented since all

antithrombotic drugs (antiplatelets and blood thinners) will definitively increase the risk of

postprocedural bleeding events (BARC and/or UDPB definition).

Reply 2: We want to thank the reviewer for this important comment. Antithrombotic therapy

always warrants to balance the prevention of thromboembolic events and bleeding. We added a

new section addressing the risk of postprocedural bleeding.

Changes in the text: Lines 231-257

Comment 3: It should be also acknowledged that even if a certain drug/medication or combination

might be recommended, usually no therapeutic drug monitoring is performed or necessary (e.g.

specific DOAC level measurement or P2Y12 inhibitor plasma concentrations). Having said that,

in non-responders of such therapies, still under-dosing or even non-responding effects might occur.

Reply 3: We acknowledged this important issue in the new section regarding anticoagulation and

bleeding complication.

Changes in text: Lines 253-255

Comment 4: Moreover, personally I would like to have a specific comment on small bioprostheses.

Such small valves should usually not have been implanted during index surgery and usually, such

valves exhibit high gradients due to prosthesis-patient-mismatch (EOA <0.65cm2/m2) from the

beginning. Therefore, in such cases the better option would be conventional redo surgery or during

index surgery combined aortic root enlargement.

Reply 4: We completely agree that patients with small annuli warrant careful consideration and

addressed this topic accordingly.

Changes in the text: Lines 69-73

Reviewer B

Comment 1: Ref 10 and Ref 22 are repeated. Ref 3 and Ref 56 are repeated. Please remove duplicated

references.

Reply 1: Duplicated references have been removed.

Comment 2: The reference number cited in Figure 5 is inconsistent with the corresponding reference.

Reply 2: We updated the reference number cited in Figure 5

Comment 3: Table 1: Please add a header for the first column.

Reply 3: A table header was added.