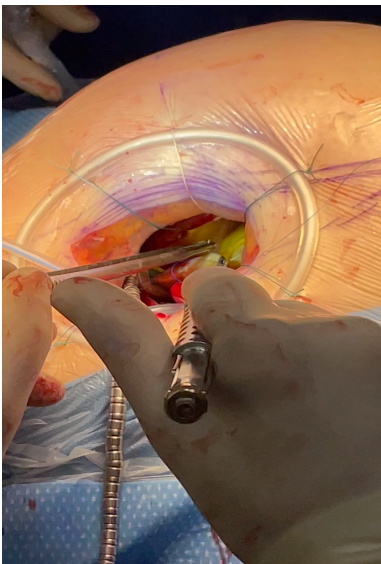
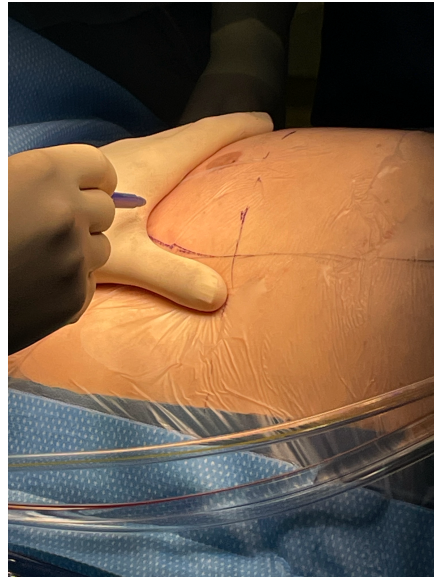


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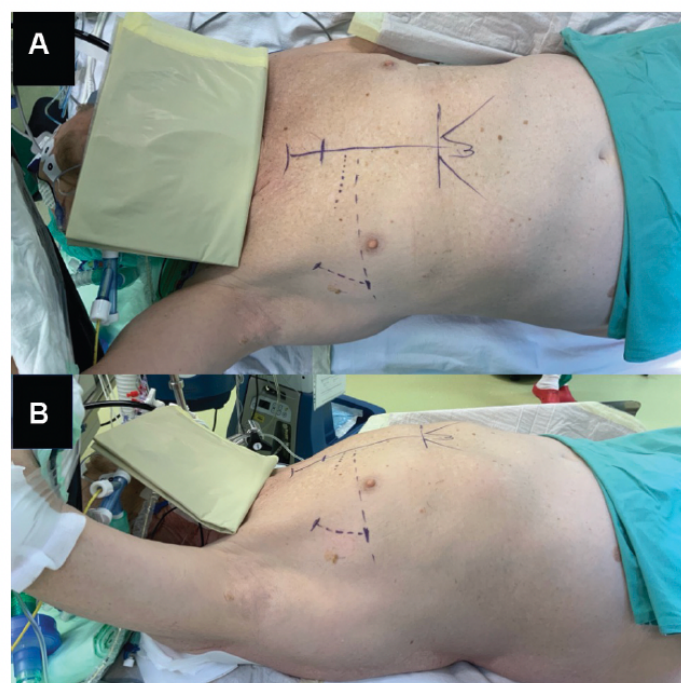
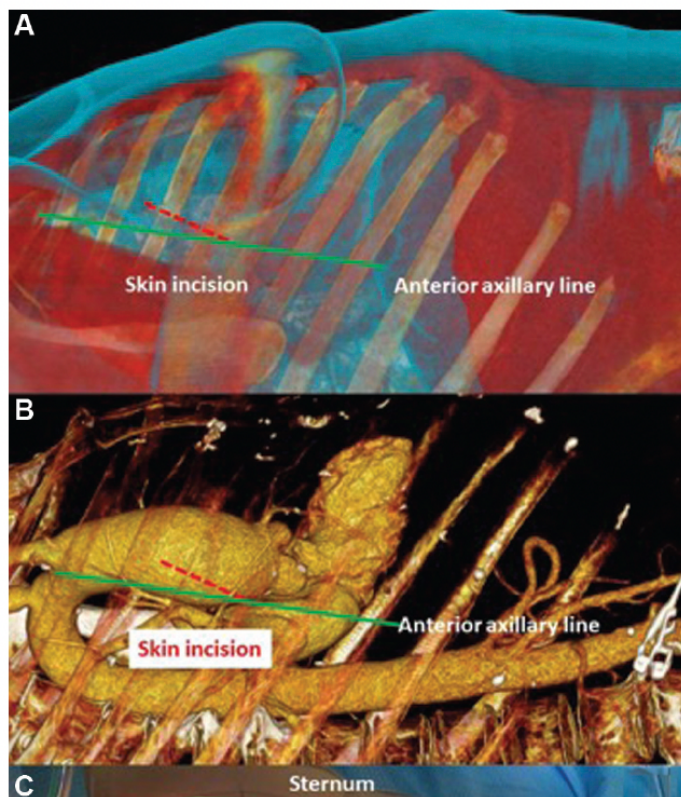





Fig. 2 Markups and anatomical landmarks in (A) frontal and (B) side views for the access in a male patient; skin incision is marked in the right anterior axillary line.

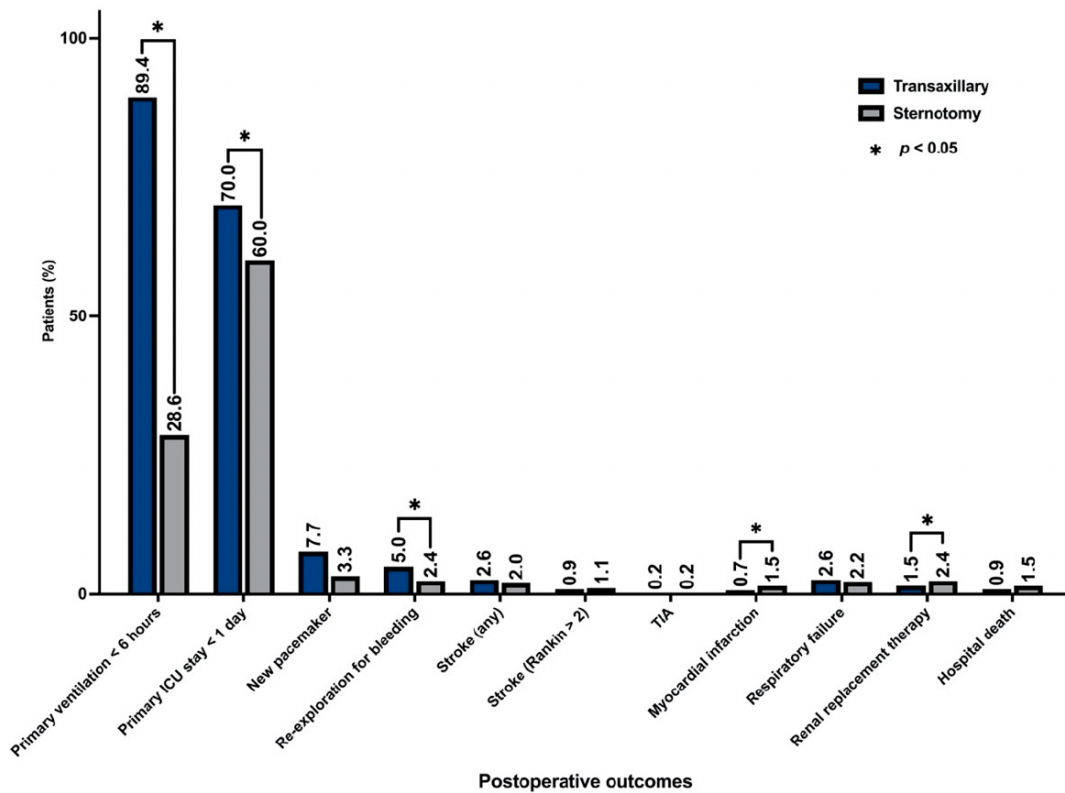
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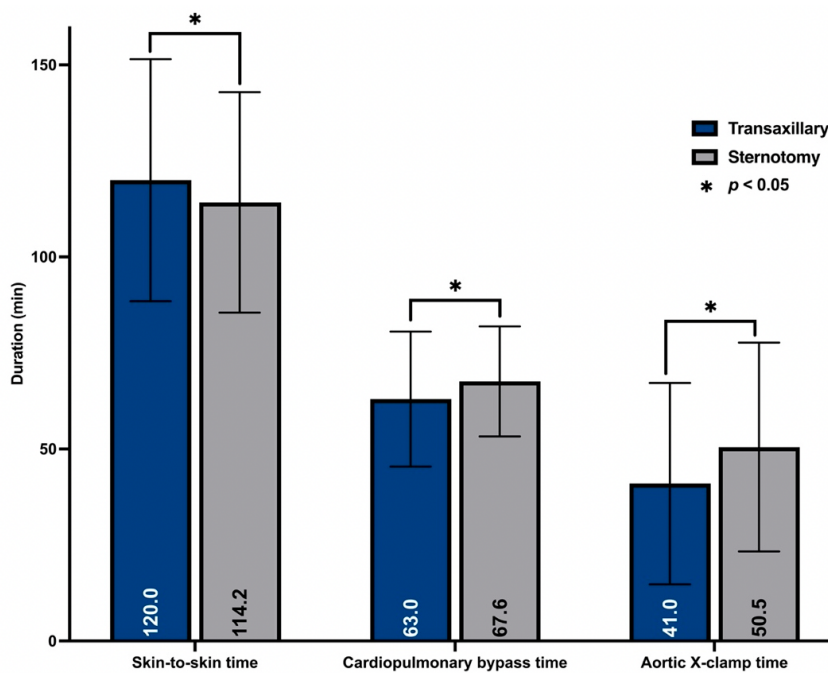
Safety and Efficacy of the Transaxillary Access for Minimally Invasive Aortic Valve Surgery

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Abstract

Objective: This study aimed to compare the outcomes of minimally invasive aortic valve replacement (MICS-AVR) versus transfemoral transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TF-TAVR) in Asian patients.

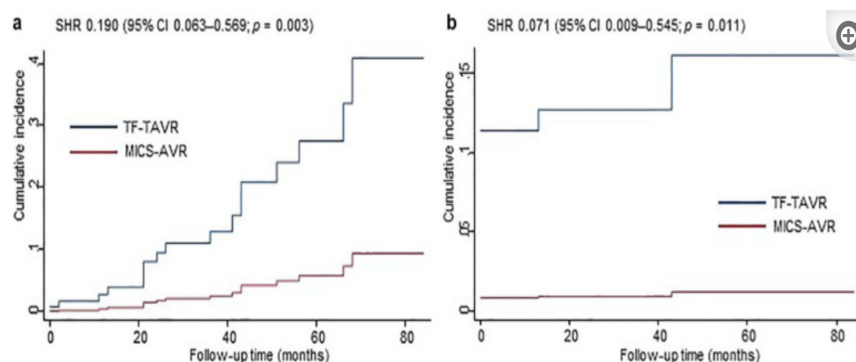
Methods: We conducted a retrospective, observational, single-center study in Japan, including cases of MICS-AVR ($n = 202$) and TF-TAVR ($n = 248$) between 2014 and 2021. In a total of 450 cases, propensity score matching was performed at a ratio of 1:1, resulting in 96 pairs. Furthermore, we performed competing-risk regression and mediation analyses to determine the treatment effect on outcomes of interests, considering death as a competing risk, and to evaluate the mediation effect of paravalvular leak (PVL) severity.

Results: There were similar incidences of all-cause death, cardiac death, stroke and cerebral hemorrhage, and aortic valve reintervention between the 2 groups. However, the TF-TAVR cohort had a longer hospital length of stay and higher rates of significant PVL compared with the MICS-AVR cohort. Multivariable-adjusted Cox regression analyses revealed that heart failure hospitalization (hazard ratio [HR] = 0.129, 95% confidence interval [CI]: 0.038 to 0.445, $p = 0.001$) and permanent pacemaker implantation (HR = 0.050, 95% CI: 0.006 to 0.409, $p = 0.005$) favored MICS-AVR. Competing-risk regression analyses confirmed similar findings. All outcomes were unrelated to PVL severity.

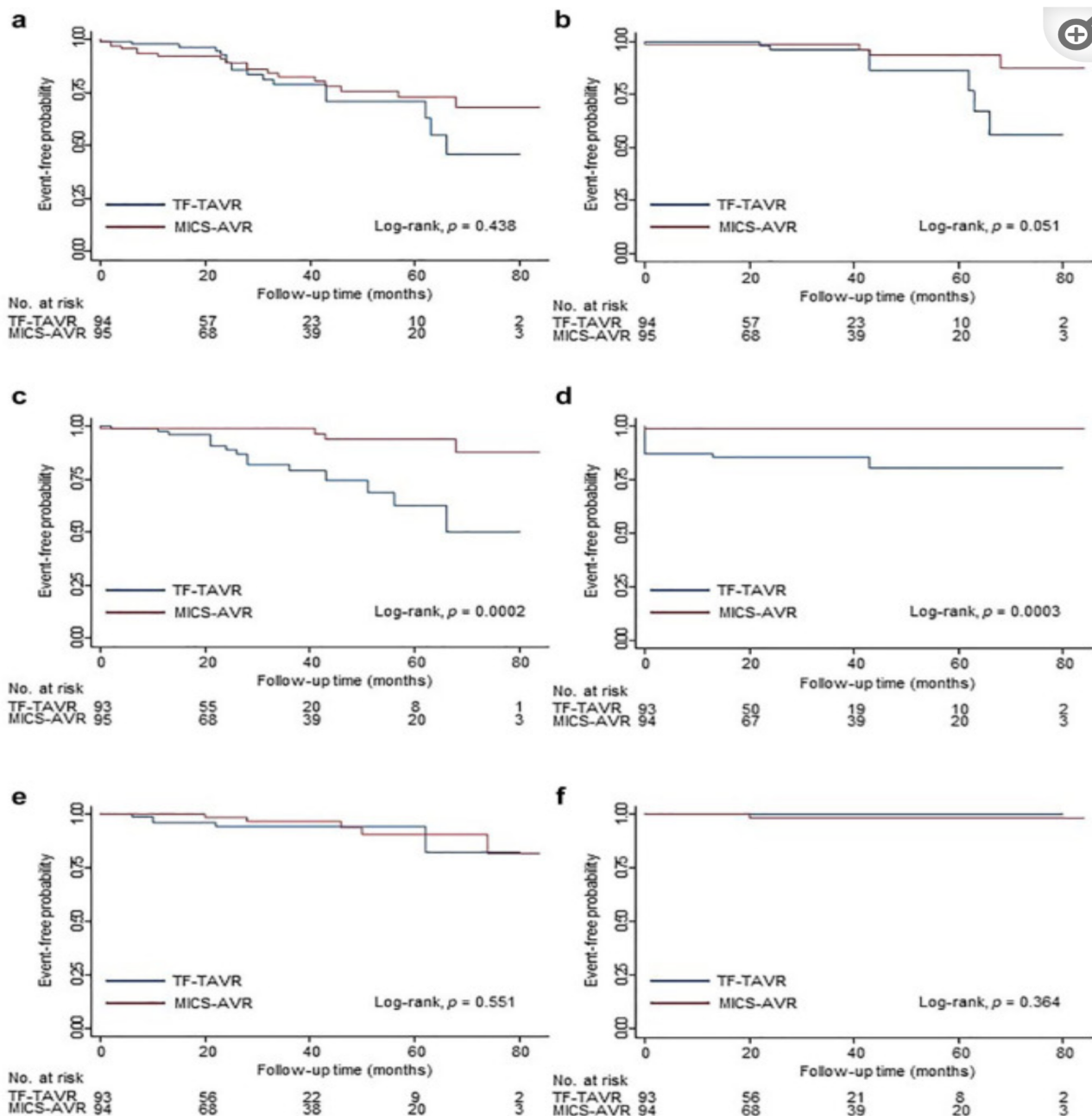
Conclusions: To our knowledge, this is the first comparative study of clinical outcomes in Asian patients undergoing MICS-AVR versus TF-TAVR, revealing that MICS-AVR could be a feasible and efficient alternative to TF-TAVR. Future larger-scale randomized controlled trials are needed to validate the present results.

Keywords: Japan; heart failure hospitalization; minimally invasive aortic valve replacement; permanent pacemaker implantation; transfemoral transcatheter aortic valve replacement.

Fig. 2.



Competing-risk regression of (a) heart failure hospitalization and (b) PPM implantation after treatment. Patients undergoing TF-TAVR were more likely to develop heart failure hospitalization and require postprocedural PPM implantation. CI, confidence interval; MICS-AVR, minimally invasive aortic valve replacement; SHR, subdistribution hazard ratio; PPM, permanent pacemaker; TF-TAVR, transfemoral transcatheter aortic valve replacement.



Kaplan-Meier survival curves for clinical outcomes in propensity score-matched patients treated with MICS-AVR versus TF-TAVR. (a) All-cause death, (b) cardiac death, (c) heart failure hospitalization, (d) PPM implantation after treatment, (e) stroke or cerebral hemorrhage, and (f) aortic valve reintervention. The p values were calculated using Cox proportional hazards models. The numbers of participants at risk are below the horizontal axis. MICS-AVR, minimally invasive aortic valve replacement; PPM, permanent pacemaker; TF-TAVR, transfemoral transcatheter aortic valve replacement.

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