

## Hot Debates in Arrhythmia Surgery :

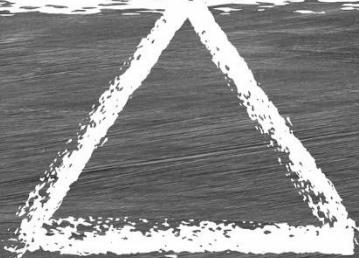
Case #1: AF combined with Giant Left Atrium (GLA) in young patients

**CON: I DO NOT maze operation  
and only LAA exclusion**

Cheong Lim, MD, PhD

Pros

Cons

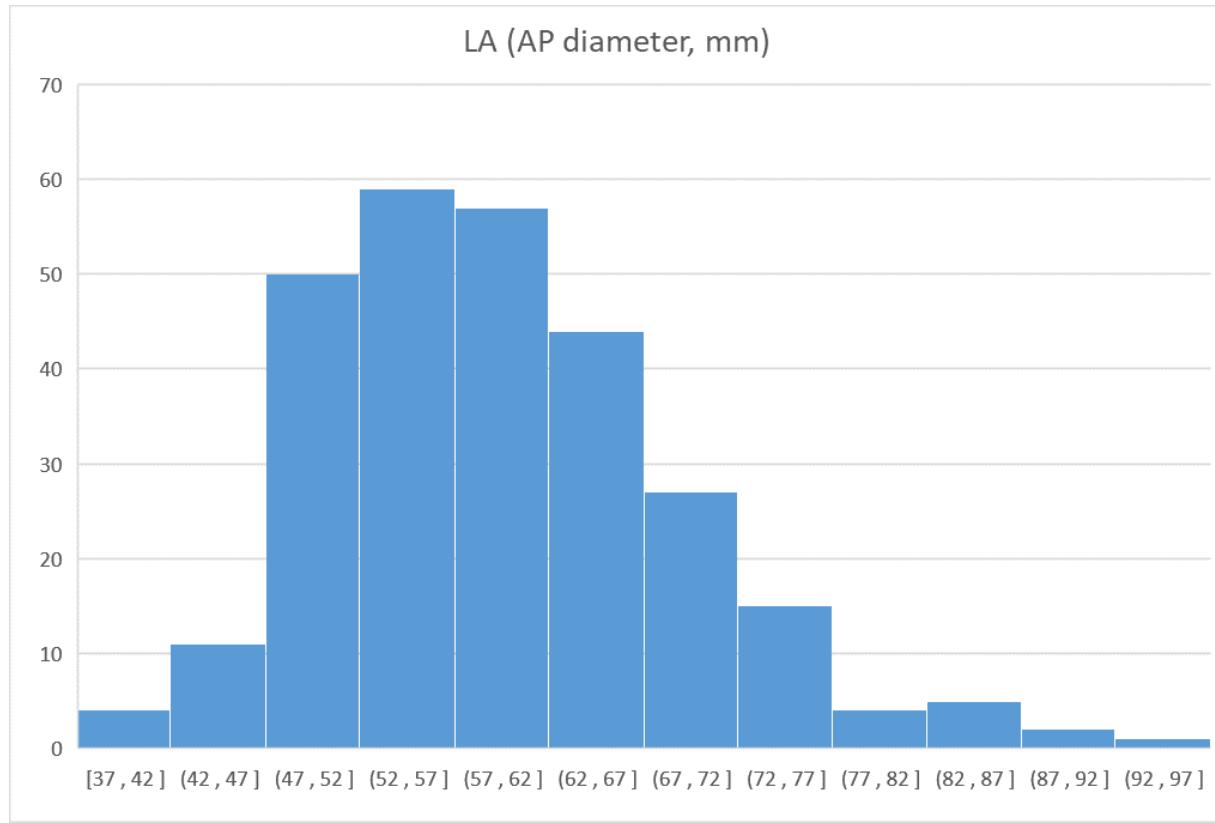


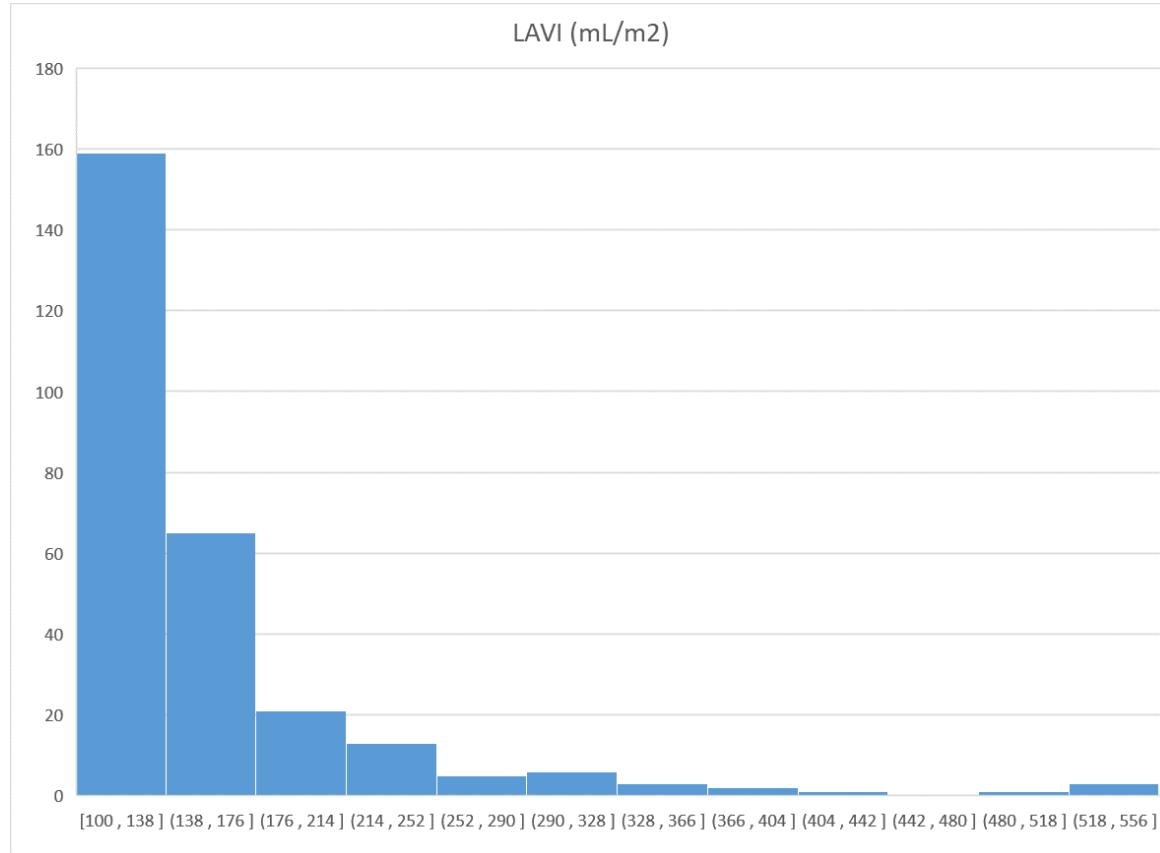
- F/53
- severe rheumatic MS, TR (mod.), Af
- LVEF 42%, h/o LAA thrombi, LA size 63 mm (LAVI 103)
- Op. ('23-4-27)
  - MVR (mech.), TAP, cryo-maze, LAAIO
- F/U
  - Echo('23-5-2) : well functioning MV, LVEF 62%, LA size 55 / 112
  - Echo('24-5-28) : well functioning MV, LVEF 64%, A wave (+), trivial TR  
=> LA size 45 / 73
- On Warfarin, fate of TR?

- M/56
- severe degenerative MR, TR (sev.), Af
- ADHF (LVEF 65%), LA size 85 mm (LAVI 367)
- Op. ('23-3-23)
  - MVR (mech.), TAP, LAAIO, LA/RA reduction plasty
- F/U
  - Echo ('23-4-3) : well functioning MV, LVEF 65%, LA size 56 / 146
  - Echo ('24-5-20) : well functioning MV, LVEF 68%, trivial TR  
=> LA size 54 / ???
- On Warfarin, fate of TR?

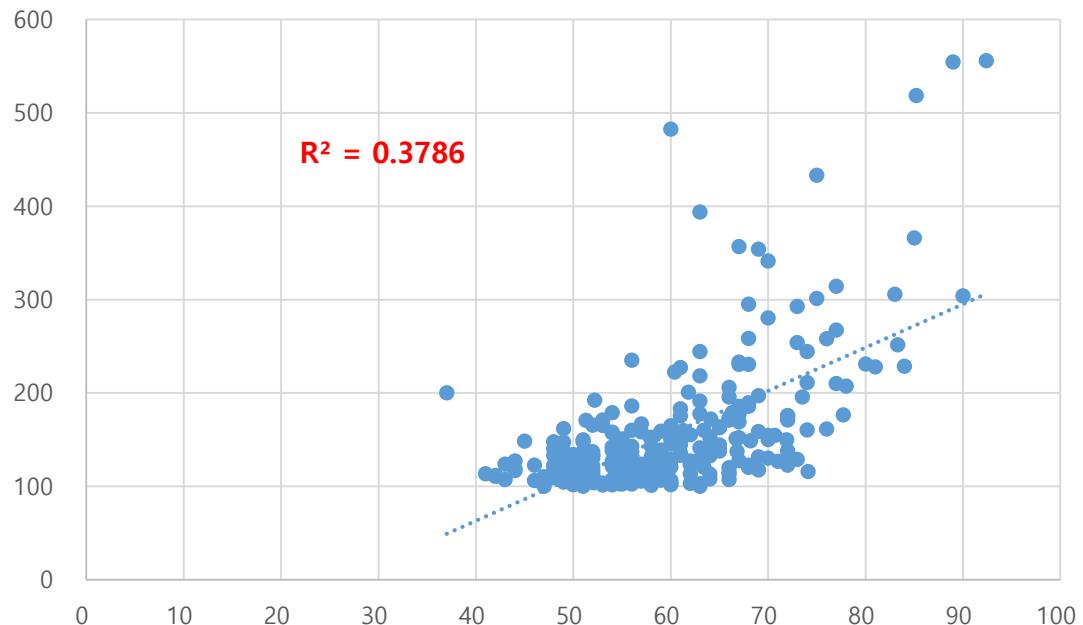
# LA Size : AP ? or LAVI?

- From June 2009 to Jan. 2024
- 283 patients who underwent valve surgery in SNUBH
- M : F = 110 : 173
- Age :  $64.5 \pm 12$  yrs (27 - 96)
- LA (AP) :  $59.9 \pm 9.4$  mm (37 – 92)
- LAVI :  $158.6 \pm 94.0$  mL/m<sup>2</sup> (100 – 1,196)





## LA-LAVI



SNUBH

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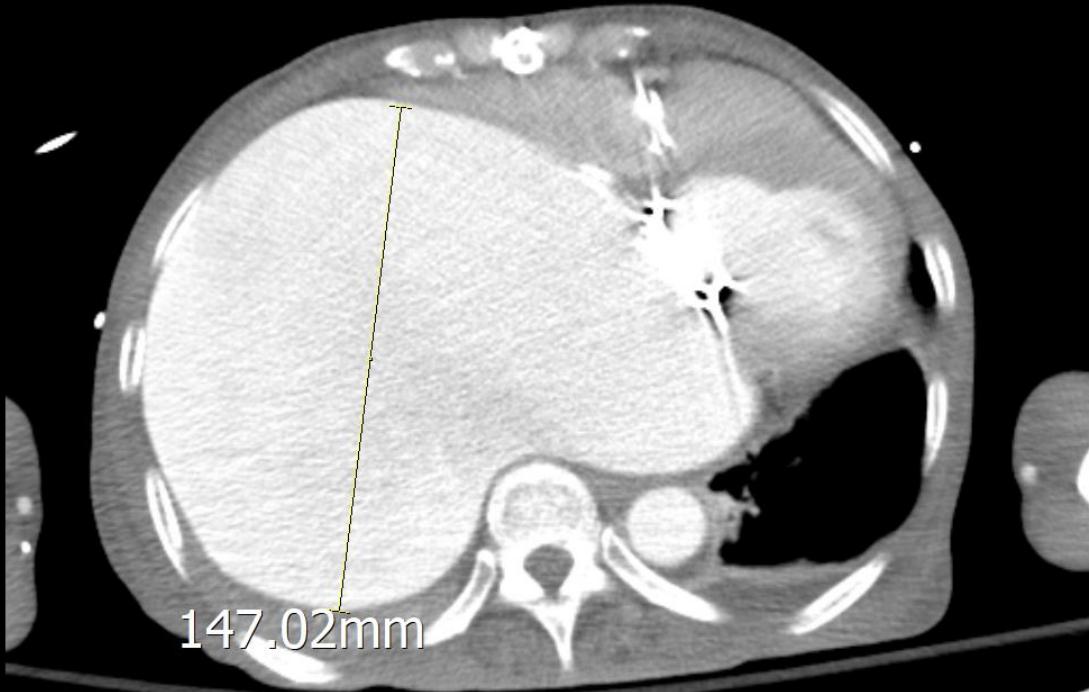
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# LA Size : Maze vs no-Maze

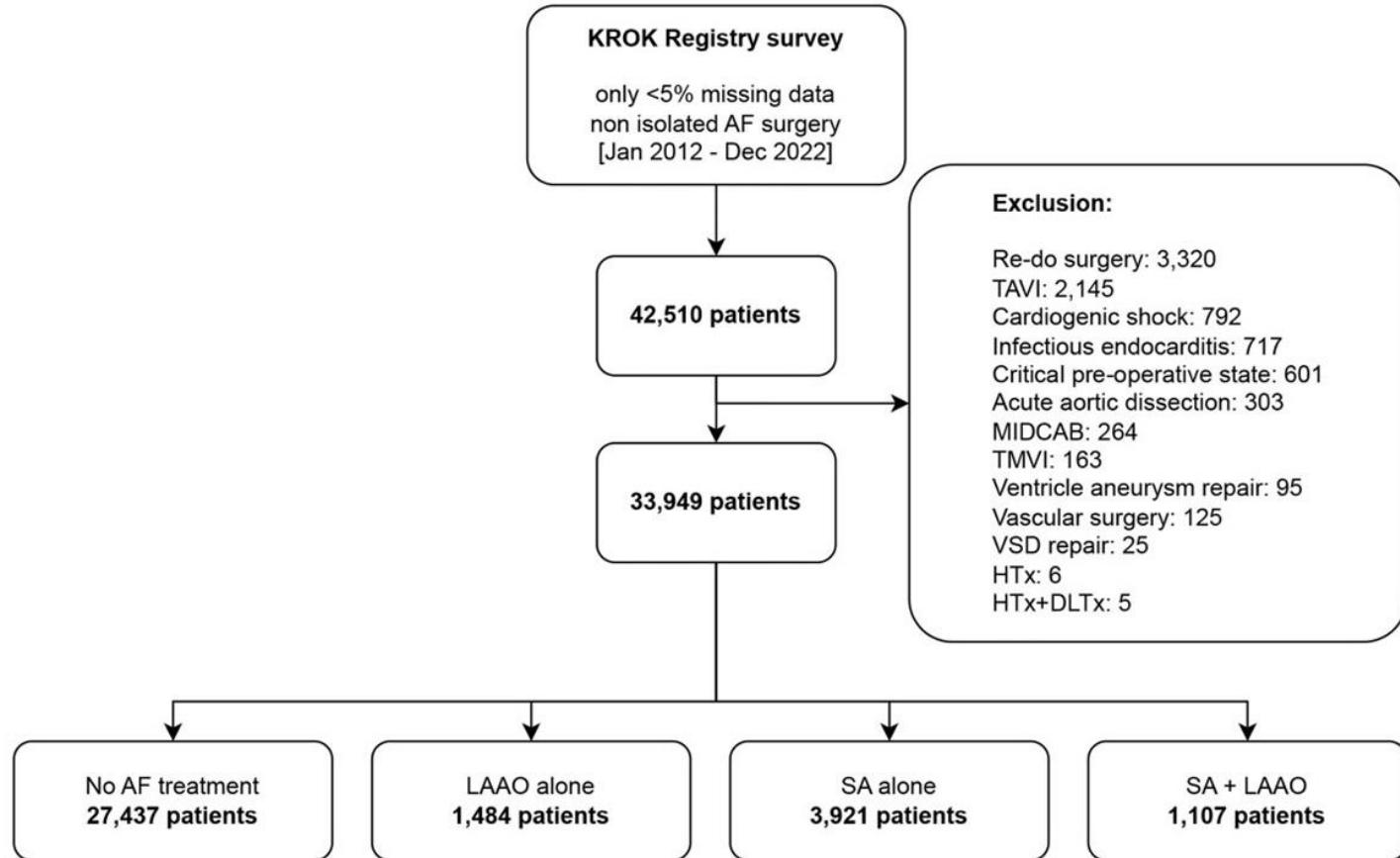
- Maze group (M:F 36:59,  $65 \pm 11$  yrs, 34-82)
  - LA (AP) :  $58.8 \pm 8.7$  mm (42-89)
  - LAVI :  $147.7 \pm 63.8$  mL/m<sup>2</sup> (100-**555**)
- No-Maze group (M:F 74:104,  $64.4 \pm 12.8$  yrs, 27-96)
  - LA (AP) :  $60.5 \pm 9.8$  mm (37-92)
  - LAVI :  $165.1 \pm 107.5$  mL/m<sup>2</sup> (100-**1,196**)

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# Surgical ablation, left atrial appendage occlusion or both? Nationwide registry analysis of cardiac surgery patients with underlying atrial fibrillation

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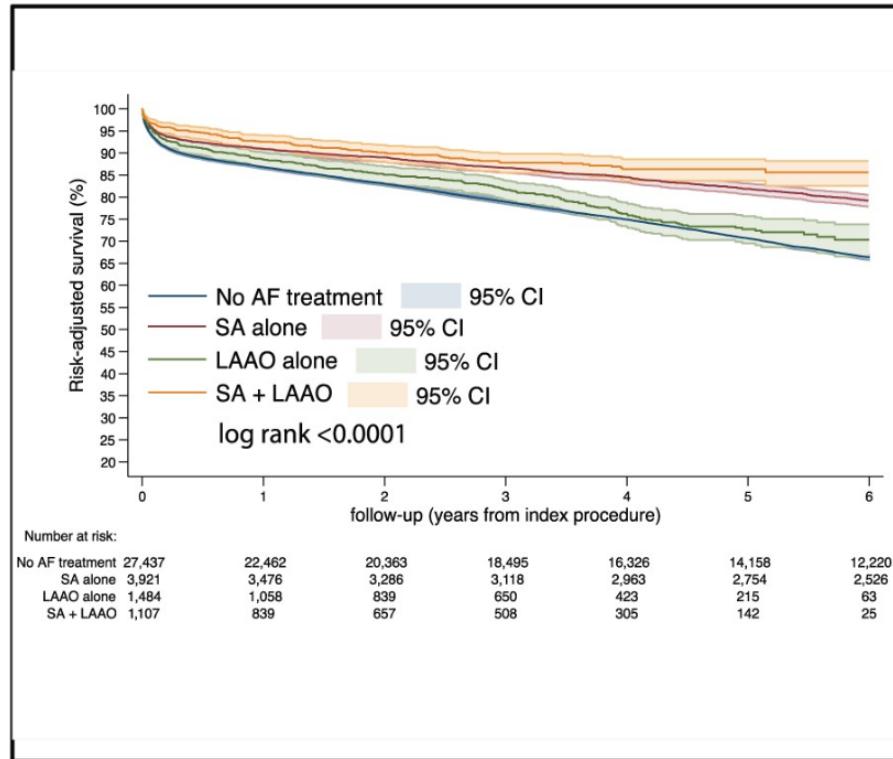


**Figure 1:** Patient flow. AF: atrial fibrillation; DLTx: double lung transplantation; HTx: heart transplantation; LAAO: left atrial appendage occlusion; MIDCAB: minimally invasive direct coronary artery bypass grafting; SA: surgical ablation; TAVI: transcatheter aortic valve implantation; TMVI: transcatheter mitral valve implantation; VSD: ventricular septal defect.

## Atrial fibrillation management during cardiac surgery

### Summary

In a large registry-based analysis, AF directed interventions (isolated SA, isolated LAAO, and combined SA+LAAO) surpassed no-treatment in 6-year survival. The strongest benefit was associated with combined treatment trailed by SA and LAAO. This study advocates SA+LAAO for preoperative AF in cardiac surgery.

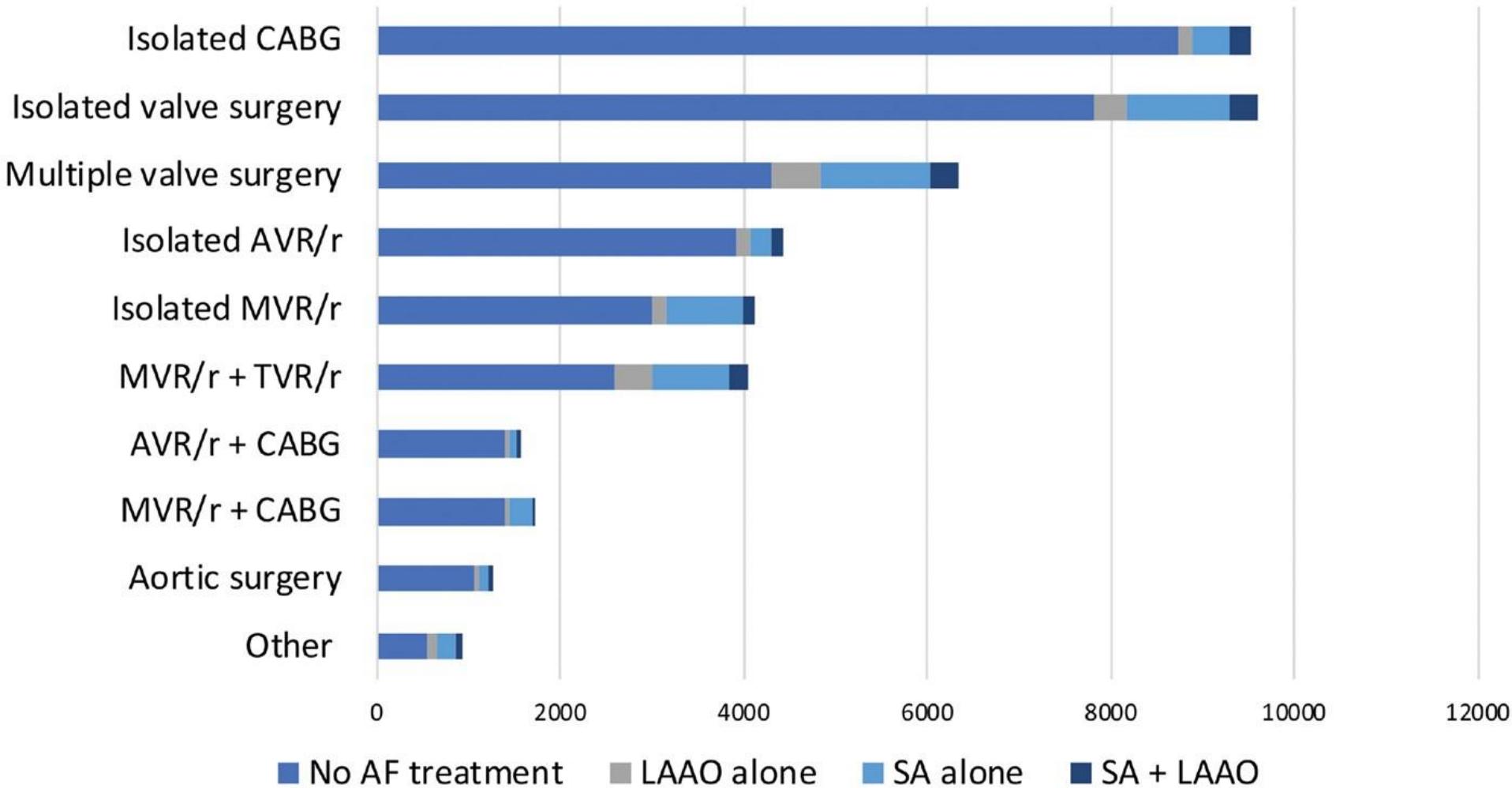


**Table 1:** Patients' unadjusted baseline characteristics

Variable	Total (33 949)	SA + LAAO (1107)	P-value	LAAO alone (1484)	P-value	SA alone (3921)	P-value	No-AF treatment (27 437)
Age years, median [IQR]	68 [12]	67 [10]	<0.001	70 [10]	<0.001	64 [12]	<0.001	69 [11]
Male gender, n (%)	20 633 (60.8)	742 (67)	<0.001	864 (58.2)	0.009	2129 (54.3)	<0.001	16 898 (61.6)
Diabetes, n (%)								
Untreated	248 (0.7)	13 (1.2)	0.002	13 (0.9)	<0.001	18 (0.5)	<0.001	204 (0.7)
Oral	7099 (20.9)	277 (25)		377 (25.4)		610 (15.6)		5835 (21.3)
Insulin	3653 (10.8)	100 (9)		129 (8.7)		302 (7.7)		3122 (11.4)
Smoking, n (%)								
Former smoker	14 246 (42)	521 (47.1)	<0.001	645 (43.5)	0.549	1549 (39.5)	<0.001	11 531 (42.1)
Smoker	3401 (10)	138 (12.5)		146 (9.8)		332 (8.5)		2 785 (10.2)
Hypertension, n (%)	27 583 (81.3)	905 (81.8)	0.533	1253 (84.4)	0.053	2795 (71.3)	<0.001	22 630 (82.5)
Hyperlipidaemia, n (%)	17 993 (53)	640 (57.8)	0.012	830 (55.9)	0.143	1713 (43.7)	<0.001	14 810 (54)
BMI, median [IQR]	28.1 [6]	28.4 [5.7]	0.015	27.9 [6.4]	1.000	28 [5.9]	0.743	28.1 [6]
BSA, median [IQR]	1.9 [0.3]	2 [0.3]	<0.001	1.9 [0.3]	1.000	1.9 [0.3]	1.000	1.9 [0.3]
Pulmonary hypertension, n (%)								
Moderate	3788 (11.2)	246 (22.2)	<0.001	422 (28.4)	<0.001	403 (10.3)	0.292	2717 (9.9)
Severe	1046 (3.1)	27 (2.4)		87 (5.9)		130 (3.3)		802 (2.9)
Renal impairment, n (%)								
Moderate	9990 (29.4)	497 (44.9)	<0.001	708 (47.7)	<0.001	836 (21.3)	<0.001	7949 (29)
Severe	3754 (11.1)	87 (7.9)		248 (16.7)		275 (7)		3144 (11.5)
Dialysis (regardless of CC)	223 (0.7)	7 (0.6)		13 (0.9)		11 (0.3)		192 (0.7)
Peripheral artery disease, n (%)	6211 (18.3)	140 (12.6)	<0.001	506 (34.1)	<0.001	306 (7.8)	<0.001	5259 (19.2)
Cerebrovascular disease, n (%)	3311 (9.8)	91 (8.2)	<0.001	294 (19.8)	<0.001	212 (5.4)	<0.001	2714 (9.9)
History of stroke	1191 (3.5)	20 (1.8)	<0.001	91 (6.1)	0.001	73 (1.9)	<0.001	1007 (3.7)
History of TIA	1085 (3.2)	38 (3.4)	0.664	126 (8.5)	<0.001	65 (1.7)	<0.001	856 (3.1)
Carotid intervention	281 (0.8)	8 (0.7)	0.866	14 (0.9)	0.664	25 (0.6)	0.186	234 (0.9)
Chronic lung disease, n (%)	3046 (9)	91 (8.2)	0.023	182 (12.3)	<0.001	261 (6.7)	<0.001	2512 (9.2)
Asthma	1506 (4.4)	65 (5.9)	0.023	89 (6)	0.005	137 (3.5)	<0.001	1215 (4.4)
LVEF, <sup>a</sup> median [IQR]	52 [15]	53 [15]	1.000	50 [16]	0.005	55 [17]	<0.001	50 [16]
CAD, n (%)	17 348 (51.1)	480 (43.4)	<0.001	543 (36.6)	<0.001	1301 (33.2)	<0.001	15 024 (54.8)
ACS	1686 (5)	30 (2.7)	<0.001	26 (1.8)	<0.001	68 (1.7)	<0.001	1565 (5.7)
LM	3822 (11.3)	91 (8.2)	<0.001	76 (5.1)	<0.001	186 (4.7)	<0.001	3469 (12.7)
MVD	12 022 (35.4)	334 (30.2)	<0.001	316 (21.3)	<0.001	765 (19.5)	<0.001	10 607 (38.7)
Previous MI, n (%)	8369 (24.7)	214 (19.3)	<0.001	267 (18)	<0.001	472 (12)	<0.001	7416 (27)
<90 days	4589 (13.5)	78 (7)	<0.001	71 (4.8)	<0.001	236 (6)	<0.001	4204 (15.3)
CCS, n (%)								
0	7936 (23.4)	361 (32.6)	<0.001	551 (37.1)	<0.001	1297 (33.1)	<0.001	5727 (20.9)
1	7572 (22.3)	230 (20.8)		283 (19.1)		1086 (27.7)		5973 (21.8)
2	10 575 (31.2)	323 (29.2)		456 (30.7)		1025 (26.1)		8771 (32)
3	6161 (18.2)	163 (14.7)		168 (11.3)		445 (11.3)		5385 (19.6)
4	1689 (5)	30 (2.7)		26 (1.8)		68 (1.7)		1565 (5.7)
NYHA, n (%)								
0	2043 (6)	63 (5.7)	<0.001	85 (5.7)	<0.001	254 (6.5)	<0.001	1641 (6)
I	3693 (10.9)	125 (11.3)		88 (5.9)		413 (10.5)		3067 (11.2)
II	13 721 (40.4)	485 (43.8)		580 (39.1)		1540 (39.3)		11 116 (40.5)
III	12 712 (37.5)	404 (36.5)		669 (45.1)		1557 (39.7)		10 082 (36.8)
IV	1764 (5.2)	30 (2.7)		62 (4.2)		157 (4)		1515 (5.5)

- Selection Bias : Age, etc.
- LA size : no information
- Uneven distribution
- Two many groups
- Median age > 60 yrs
- IPTW adjustment







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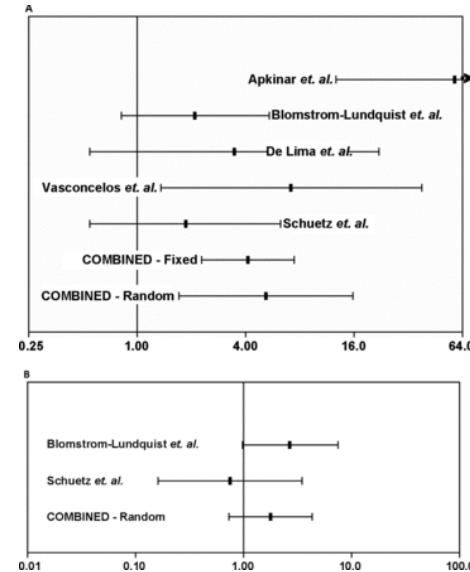


# RCT's : Maze vs Medical Mx.

## SYSTEMATIC REVIEW: Surgical Maze Procedure as a Treatment for Atrial Fibrillation: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

Melissa H. Kong, Renato D. Lopes, Jonathan P. Piccini, Vic Hasselblad, Tristram D. Bahnson, Sana M. Al-Khatib

- 9 RCT's
- Maze >>> Medical Mx.
- not direct comparison b/w maze vs LAAO



\* *Cardiovascular Therapeutics* 2010;28:311-26.

**Table 2** Baseline patient characteristics in randomized controlled trials

Study	Patients n	Mean age years	Males	Duration of AF months	LA diameter mm	LVEF%
Abreu Filho et al.						
Maze	42	55.4 ± 12.8	14	66.1 ± 57.4	61.1 ± 7.9	64.2 ± 8.8
Control	28	50.7 ± 9.7	12	43.8 ± 28.5	58.8 ± 4.7	66.6 ± 10.5
Akpinar et al.						
Maze	33	53 ± 10	13	19.87 ± 10.6	62.45 ± 10.5	55.19 ± 6.3
Control	34	50 ± 8	9	21.97 ± 13.9	66.66 ± 9.0	55.03 ± 8.1
Blomstrom-Lundqvist et al.						
Maze	36	69.5 ± 7.9	25	26 ± 33 (3–120) <sup>a</sup>	61 ± 11 (41–94)	53.6 ± 9.1 (29–67)
Control	35	65.6 ± 8.8	26	33 ± 54 (3–240)	58 ± 7 (43–75)	57 ± 12 (20–77)
de Lima et al.						
Maze	10	50.1 ± 15.3	3	14 (9–63) <sup>b</sup>	60 ± 16	0.643 ± 0.1
Control	10	50.1 ± 15.4	6	16.5 (13–24)	62 ± 12	0.64 ± 0.1
Doukas et al.						
Maze	49	67.2 ± 9	31	57 ± 55.1	58 ± 0.7	57 ± 6
Control	48	67 ± 8	24	46.7 ± 64.3	60 ± 1.1	58 ± 7
Jessurun et al.						
Maze	25	64 ± 12	14	NR	53 ± 9 (38.5–71.2)	45 ± 15 (25–66)
Control	10	64 ± 9	5	NR	56 ± 7 (49–68)	45 ± 6 (37–51)
Khargi et al.						
Maze	15	64.7	6	NR	NR	NR
Control	15	69.7	3	NR	NR	NR
Schuetz et al.						
Maze	24	64.57 ± 10.0	12	3.8 ± 2.84	54.9 ± 11	NR
Control	19	70.21 ± 7.9	14	9.21 ± 9.24	54.37 ± 17.1	NR
Vasconcelos et al.						
Maze	15	49.40 ± 10.1	4	23.80 ± 19.9	55.27 ± 5.02	68.33 ± 8.8
Control	14	50.79 ± 9.7	6	33.85 ± 28.5	55.86 ± 4.74	66.07 ± 10.6

# RCT's : MV Surgery w/wo Maze

Safety and efficacy of Cox-Maze procedure  
for atrial fibrillation during mitral valve surgery:  
a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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- 9 RCT's (663 patients)
- Maze : higher rate or SR
- no diff. in mortality, PPM, stroke, and thromboembolism

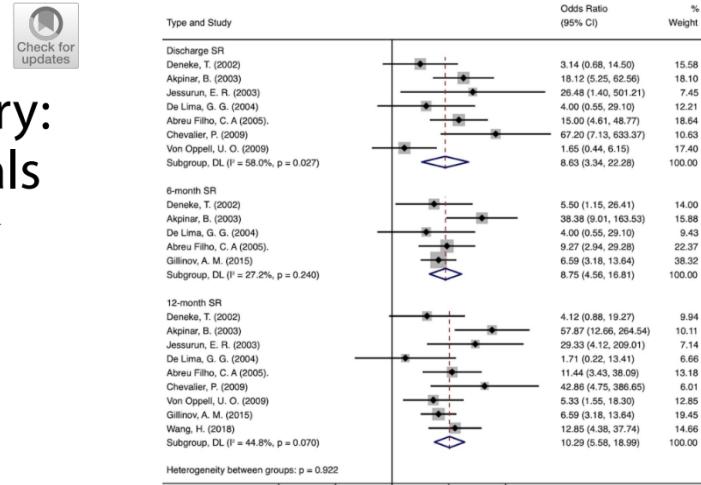
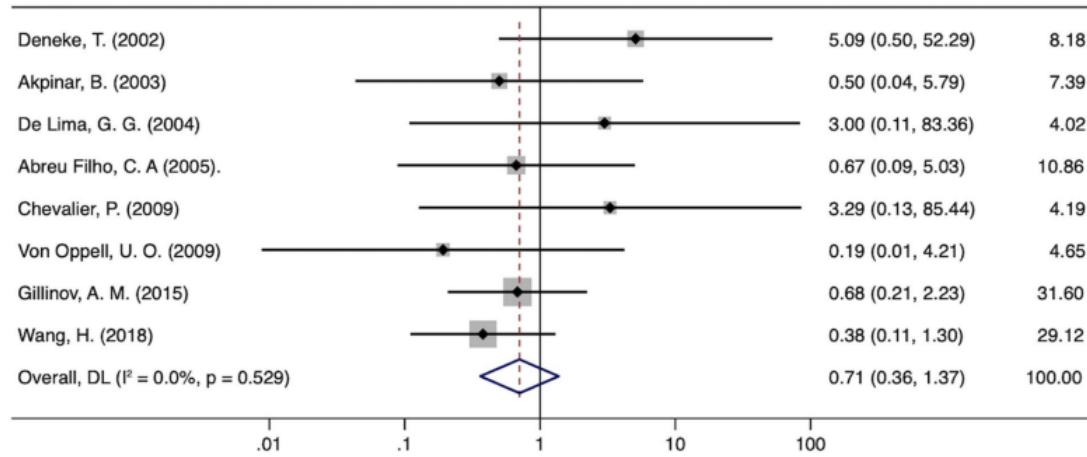


Fig. 6 Forest plot of the odds ratio (OR) of discharge, 6 months, 12 months and > 1 year SR in AF patients with surgical ablation (MV+SA) or without ablation (MV)

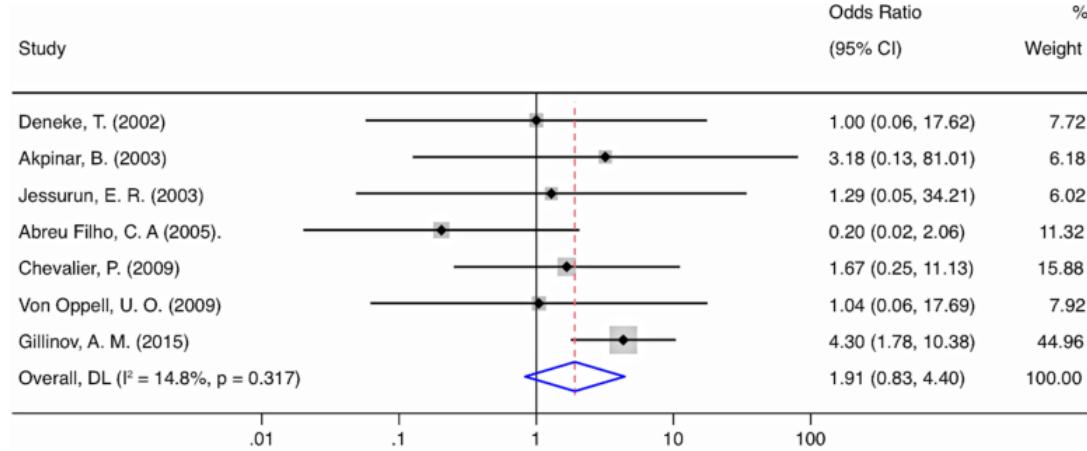
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## Mortality



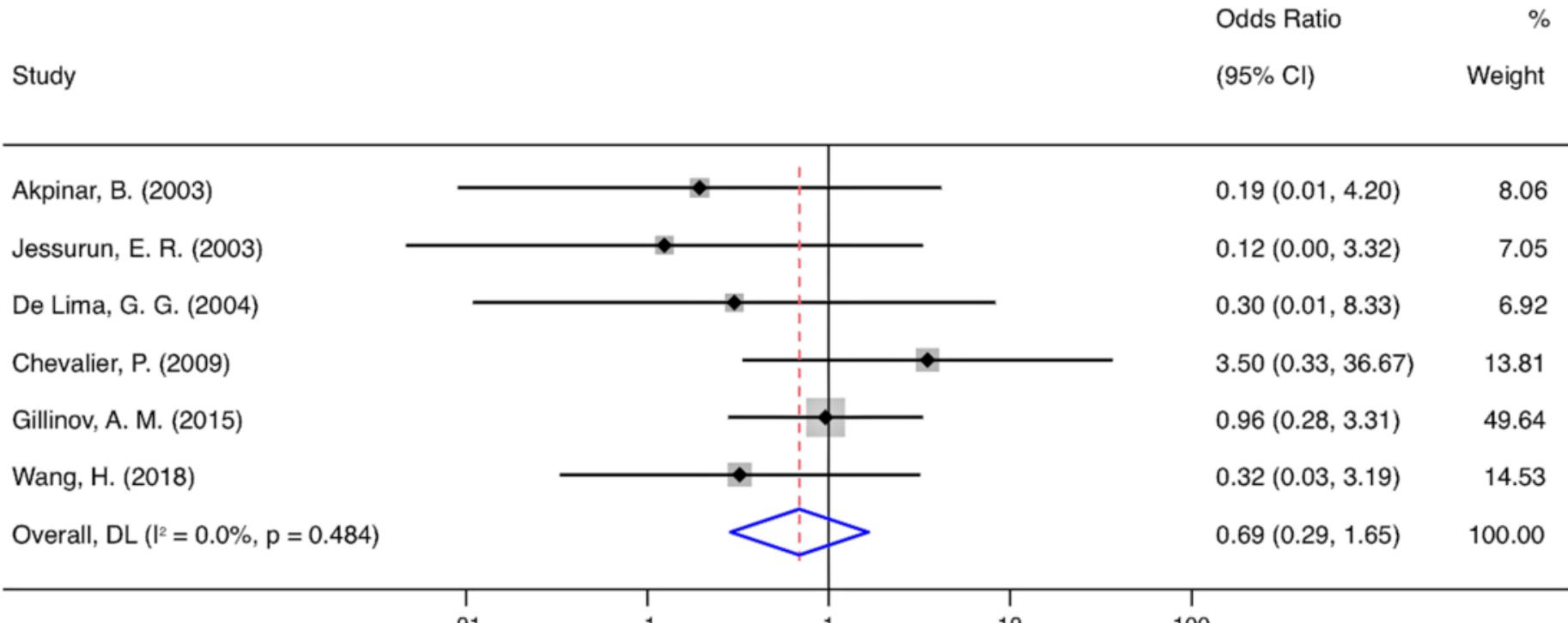
**Fig. 3** Forest plot of the odds ratio (OR) of all-cause mortality in AF patients with surgical ablation (SA + MV) or without ablation (MV)

## PPM



**Fig. 4** Forest plot of the odds ratio (OR) of permanent pacemaker implantation in AF patients with surgical ablation (MV + SA) or without ablation (MV)

## Stroke and Thromboembolism



**Fig. 5** Forest plot of the odds ratio (OR) of stroke and thromboembolic events in AF patients with surgical ablation (MV+SA) or without ablation (MV)

**Table 1** Summary of RCTs comparing MV+COX versus MV only surgical treatment in AF patients

First author	Year	Country	Study period	MVS + MAZE	MVS	Primary endpoint
Deneke, T	2002	Germany	1998–1999	15	15	SR
Akpınar, B	2003	Turkey	NR	33	34	AF free
Jessurun, E. R	2003	Netherlands	1996–1999	25	10	SR
de Lima, G. G	2004	Brazil	1999–2001	10	10	SR
Abreu Filho, C. A	2005	Brazil	2000–2002	15	14	AF free
Chevalier, P	2009	France	2002–2005	21	22	SR
von Oppell, U. O	2009	United Kingdom	2004–2006	24	25	SR
Gillinov, A. M	2015	USA	2010–2013	133	127	AF free
Wang, H	2018	China	2013–2015	65	65	Freedom from stroke or death



# Let's Debate!



# AF Combined with Giant Left Atrium (GLA) in Young Patients

- Age factor : Warfarin for mech. valve
- Size factor : higher risk of Af recurrence
- LAA occlusion only
  - pros : c/w LAA occluder (for stroke prevention)
  - cons : Af is the risk factor for TR

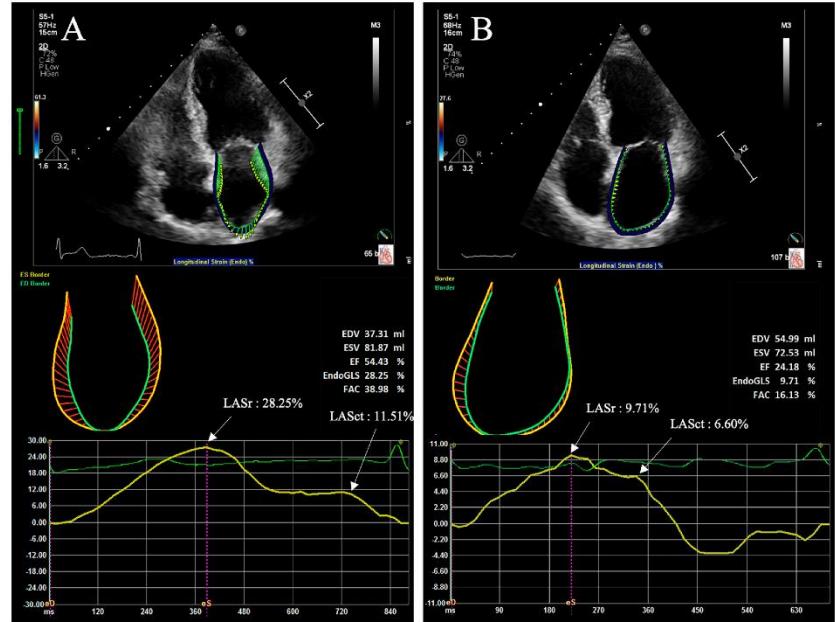
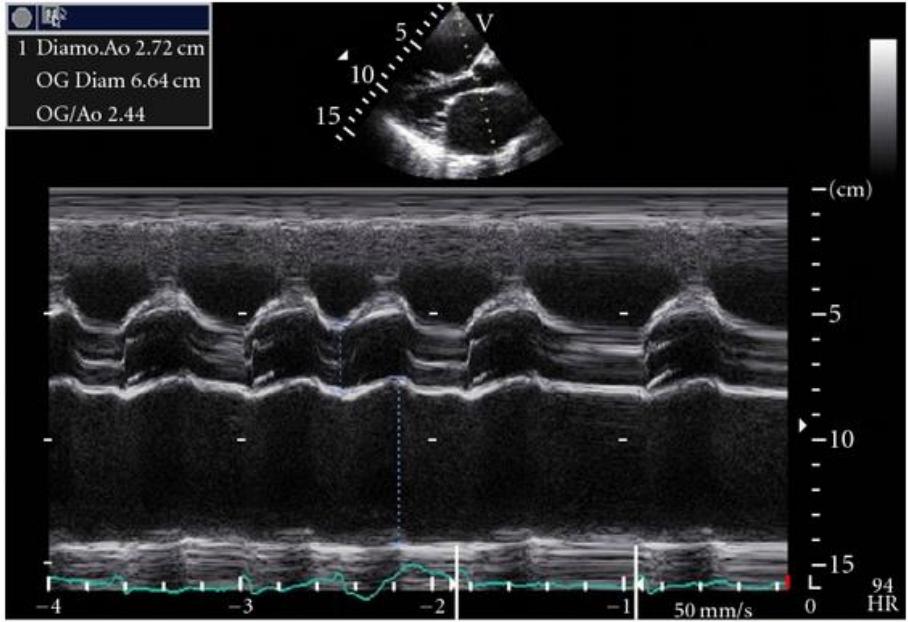


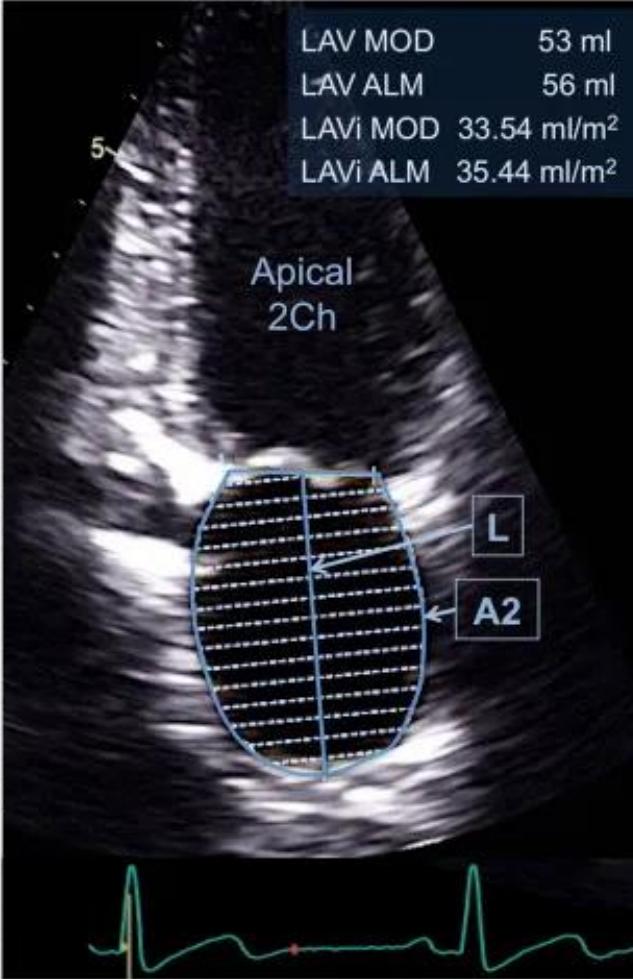
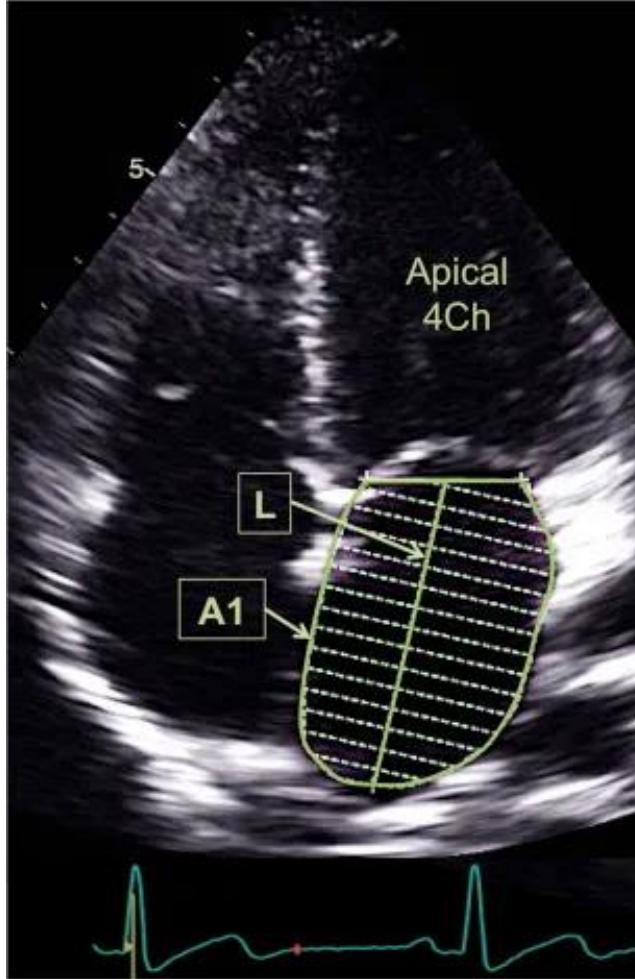


**From the ground zero...  
What is the definition of GLA?**



# LA Size Measurements





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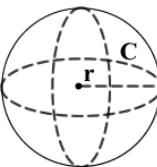
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**In Terms of Pi  $\pi$**

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$r$  = radius

$V$  = volume

$A$  = surface area

$C$  = circumference

$\pi$  = pi =  $3.1415926535898$

$\sqrt{}$  = square root

This online calculator will calculate the 3 unknown values of a sphere given any 1 known variable including radius  $r$ , surface area  $A$ , volume  $V$  and circumference  $C$ . It will also give the answers for volume, surface area and circumference in terms of PI  $\pi$ . A sphere is a set of points in three dimensional space that are located at an equal distance  $r$  (the radius) from a given point (the center point).

**Units:** Note that units are shown for convenience but do not affect the calculations. The units are in place to give an indication of the order of the results such as ft,  $\text{ft}^2$  or  $\text{ft}^3$ . For example, if you are starting with mm and you know  $r$  in mm your calculations will result with  $A$  in  $\text{mm}^2$ ,  $V$  in  $\text{mm}^3$  and  $C$  in mm.

### Sphere Formulas in terms of radius $r$ :

- Volume of a sphere:

$$\circ \quad V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

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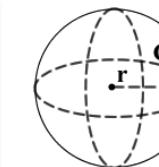
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**Answer:**

radius	$r = 3.25 \text{ cm}$
volume	$V = 143.793 \text{ cm}^3$
surface area	$A = 132.732 \text{ cm}^2$
circumference	$C = 20.4204 \text{ cm}$

**In Terms of Pi  $\pi$**

volume	$V = 45.7708 \pi \text{ cm}^3$
surface area	$A = 42.25 \pi \text{ cm}^2$
circumference	$C = 6.5 \pi \text{ cm}$



$r$  = radius

$V$  = volume

$A$  = surface area

$C$  = circumference

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### Sphere Formulas in terms of radius $r$ :

- Volume of a sphere:

$$\circ \quad V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

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# Young Age의 기준은?



\* WS : Werner Syndrome



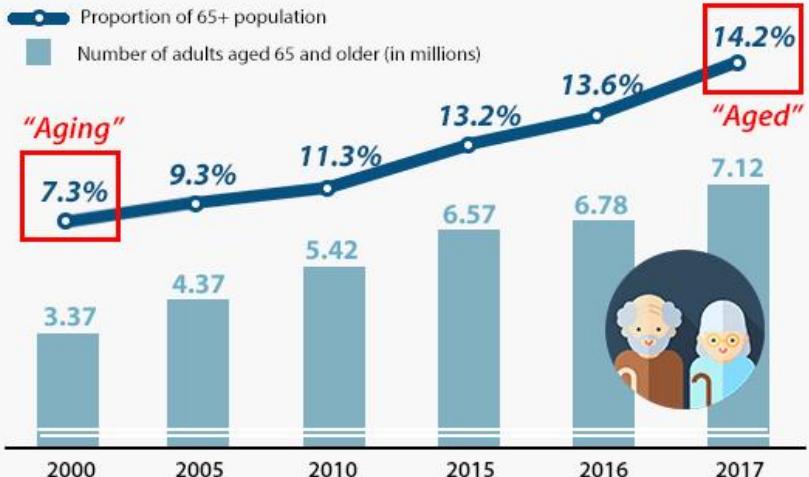
# Old Age의 기준은?

- WHO? : 60세
- Geriatrics : 65세
- 문화적 기준 : 50세? - 70세?
- 판막수술에서의 기준 : 60 - 70세?



# 노령인구의 변화

## Korea's elderly population is growing rapidly

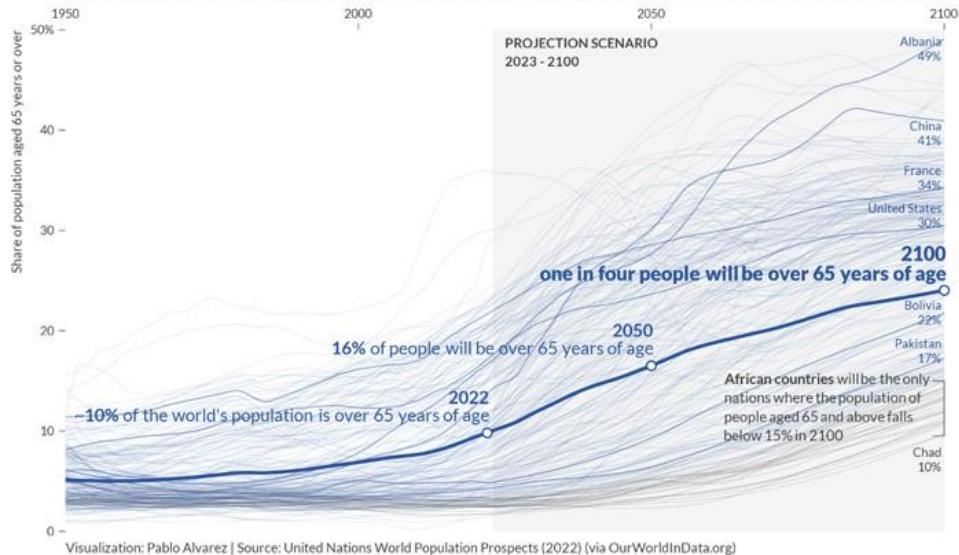


\*Source: Statistics Korea

Graphics by Song Ji-yoon

## The world's population is aging

The population of people aged 65 and above is rising in every country, and will continue to do so in the future



Visualization: Pablo Alvarez | Source: United Nations World Population Prospects (2022) (via OurWorldInData.org)



# Rheumatic MS의 호발연령은?

- 류마티열 : 5세-15세
- MS의 증상발현 : 20세-40세
- non-rheumatic MS/MR : 30-50세



# Valvular Af의 호발연령은?

- 류마티열 : 5세-15세
  - MS의 증상발현 : 20세-40세
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- Rheumatic MS에서 Af의 발생 : 30세-50세
  - Non-rheumatic의 경우는 > 60세



# Af은 왜 위험한가?

- Stroke : thrombo-embolism
- Heart failure : absence of atrial kick
- Heart rate : palpitation or syncope
- G/W, fatigue, dec. activities, QOL ↓



# Af의 일반적 치료

- Anticoagulation
  - Vit. K antagonist
  - NOAC (DOAC)
- Rate control vs rhythm control



# Af에서 와파린의 효과

- 혈전형성 방지
- 뇌졸증 예방 : 60-70% risk reduction...
  - SPAF (stroke prevention in Af) : 67%
- 문제점 : INR titration, 식이조절문제...



# Maze수술의 장점

- 높은 성공률 : rhythm control
- Stroke/CHF/TR prevention
- 약물의존도 감소 : 항응고제/항부정맥제



# Maze수술의 장점

- 높은 성공률 : rhythm control
  - failure rate가 높으면? : Af or PPM?
- Stroke/CHF/TR prevention : NSR 유지 時
- 약물의존도 감소 : 항응고제/항부정맥제



# Maze수술의 단점

- 침습적 절차 : 수술시간/회복기간 증가
- 비용/자원 소모
- 성공률의 저하 : Giant LA 등...
- 기타 합병증 : PPM 등



# LAAI/O의 효과성

- 뇌졸증 예방 효과
  - PROTECT AF (Watchman) : 와파린과 유사
  - PREVAIL : 와파린과 유사 또는 우월
- 문제점 : residual opening...



# MV 수술 후 Af이 남아 있을때

- Af is the strong risk factor for new TR!
  - 우심방압력의 증가 / 우심방 확장
  - 심장 리모델링 / 삼첨판륜 사이즈 증가
- TAP를 같이 하는 경우와 아닌경우가 다름



# Summary

- In the young Pt. with Af & rheumatic MS, who received mechanical MVR, I **usually do the maze** procedure, to prevent **stroke & TR recurrence**
- However, Pts with higher risk of Af recurrence (older, longer duration of Af, **giant LA**, etc.), I prefer not to do the maze (LAAIO or LAAEO only)



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