

Repair of common atrio-ventricular valve in univentricular circulation using adjustable annular bridging technique



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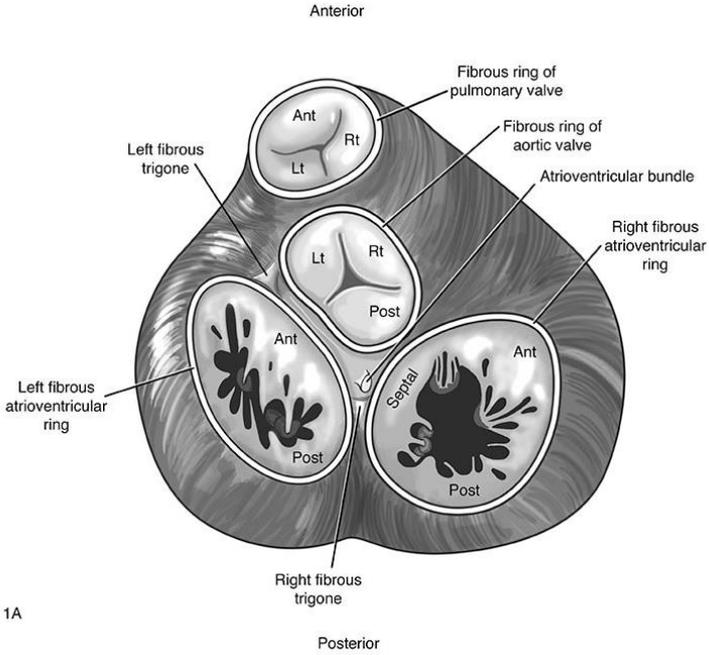


Fig. 1A



Determine the dividing line according to the fibrous skeleton

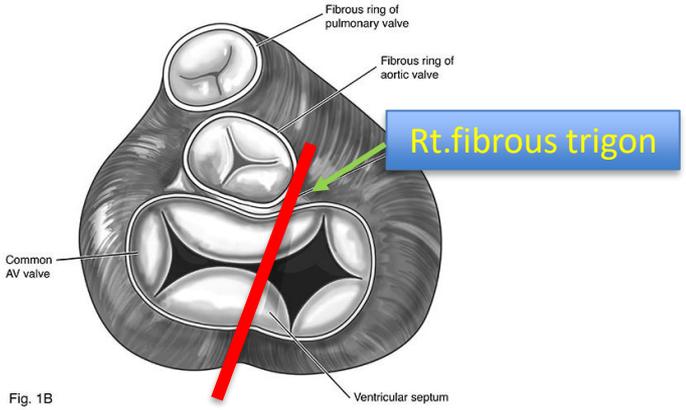


Fig. 1B

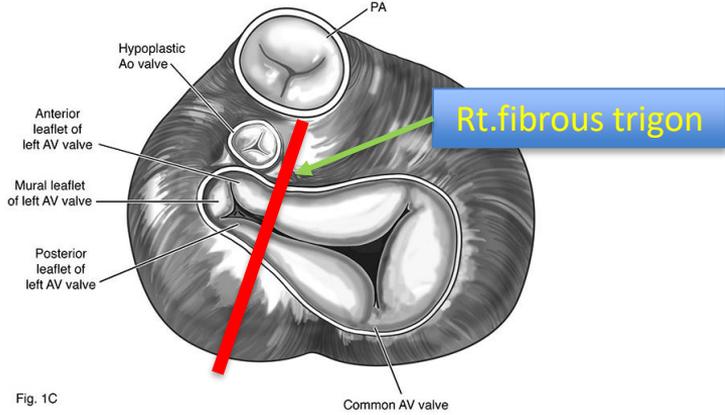


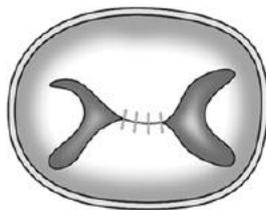
Fig. 1C

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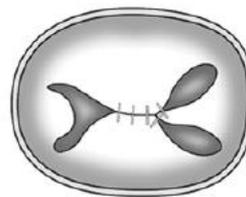
Atrioventricular Valve Repair for Patient With Heterotaxy Syndrome and a Functional Single Ventricle

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A variety of valve apposition techniques

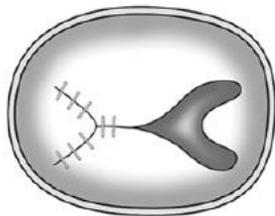


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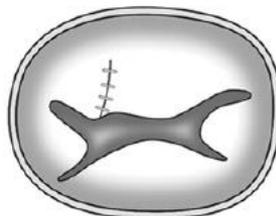


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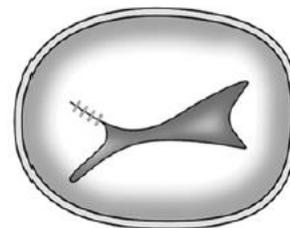
Edge-to-edge repair



Complete closure of
one component



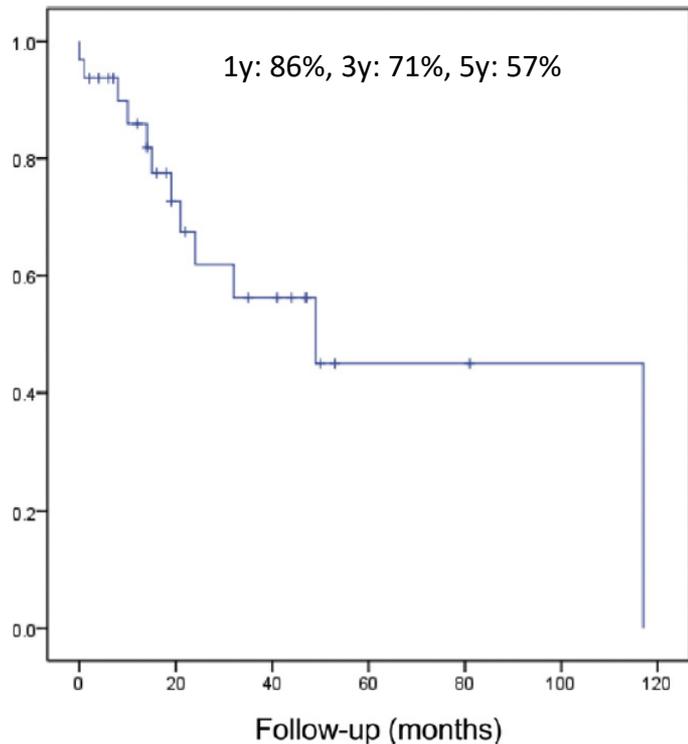
Closure of the cleft



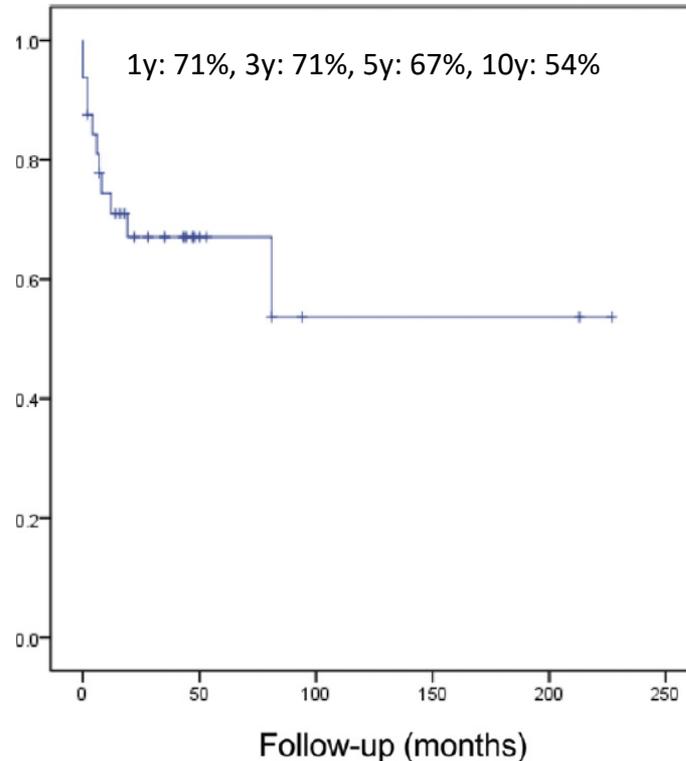
Closure of the commissure

Is the long-term results satisfactory?

Actuarial **moderate or sever AVV regurgitation** free rate
Determined by the Kaplan-Meier method

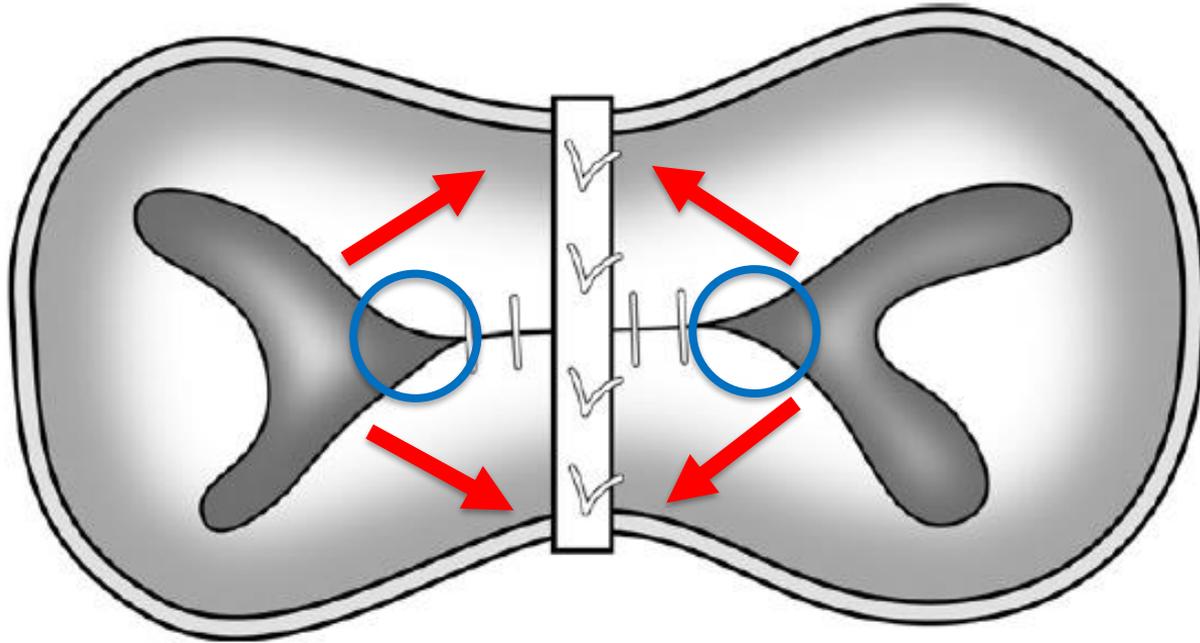


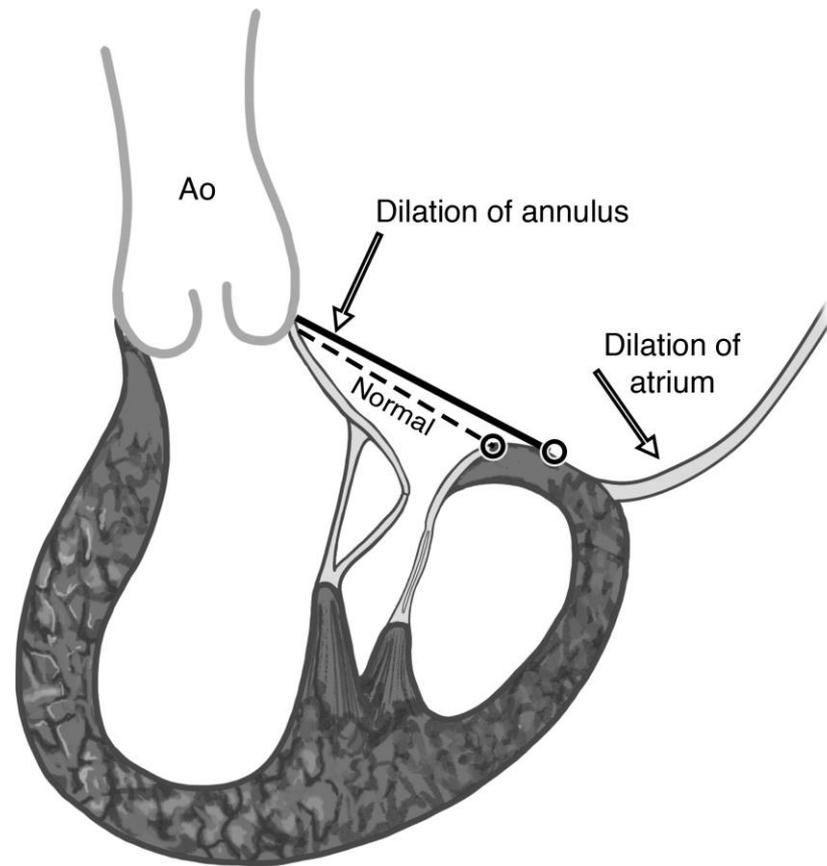
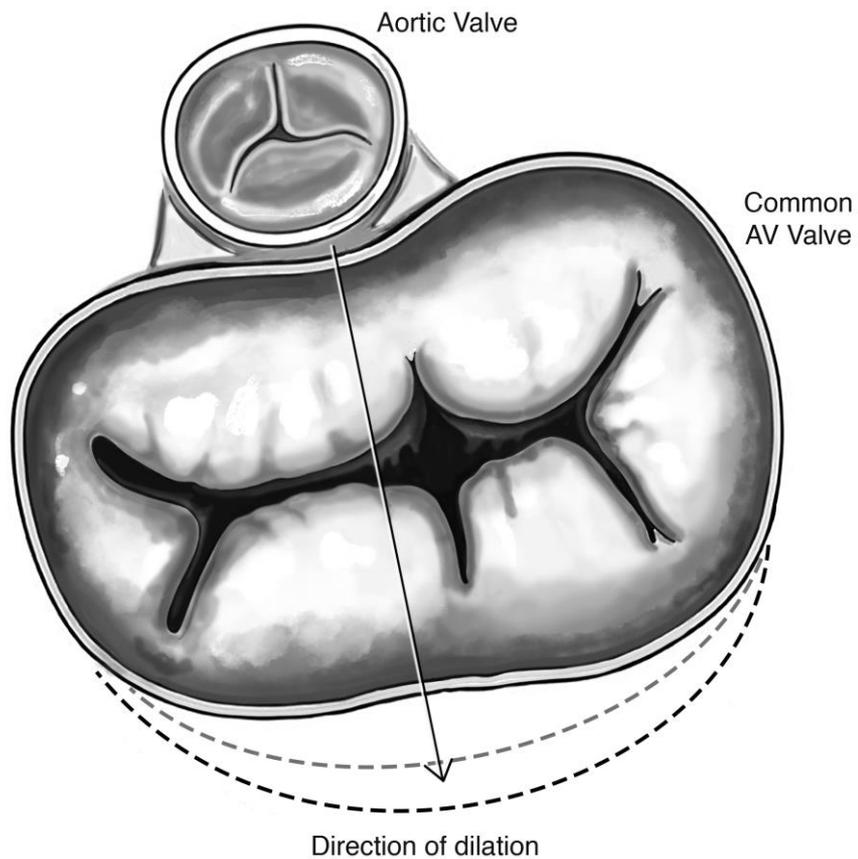
Actuarial **survival** by the Kaplan-Meier method



Bivalvation:

Increased regurgitation with growth and morphologic changes occurring over time





Purpose:

Common atrioventricular valve (CAVV) repair in functional single ventricle (FSV) remains technically challenging despite the various techniques reported previously. This study aimed to investigate the short-term outcomes of adjustable annular bridging technique in patients with FSV associated with CAVV regurgitation

Methods:

Retrospective chart review, single institute, 46 patients with single-ventricle associated with CAVV, who underwent AVV repair, from January 2010 to July 2023.

Group A. : With Adjustable annular bridging technique

Group C. : Without bridging technique

(Patients who previously had a valve repair other than adjustable annular bridging technique were also included in Group A.)

The definition of the regurgitation grade by echocardiogram: none=0, mild=1, moderate=2, severe=3.

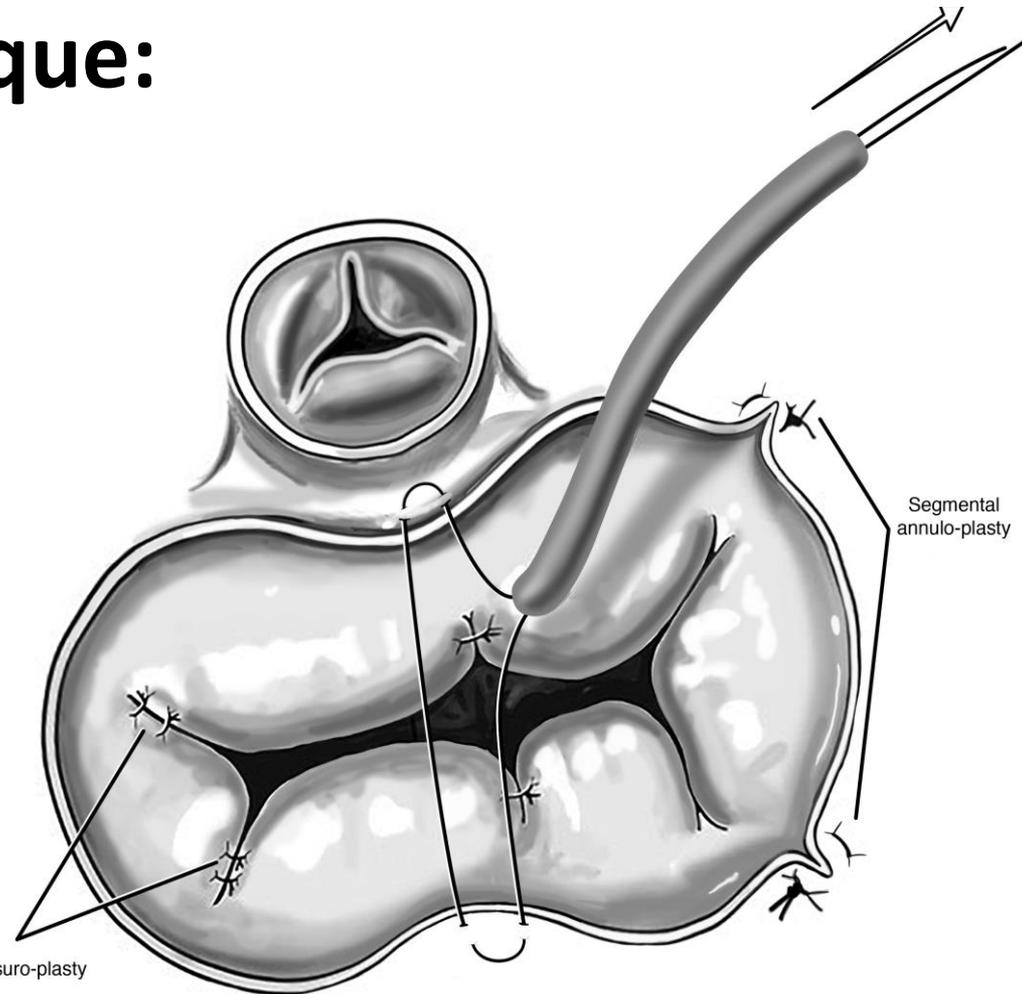
Characteristics at time of CAVV repair



| | Group A(N=17) | Group C(N=29) | P |
|---|----------------|---------------|------|
| Male | 7 | 18 | 0.17 |
| Age (months) | 48.1±68.9(2SD) | 27.0±47.3 | 0.22 |
| Body weight (kg) | 12.7±12.5 | 8.70±7.81 | 0.18 |
| BSA (m ²) | 0.440±0.291 | 0.400±0.247 | 0.2 |
| BNP (pg/ml) | 255±406 | 480±733 | 0.25 |
| preoperative EF (%) | 55.5±9.87 | 58.4±7.50 | 0.26 |
| PA index (mm ² /m ²) | 245±75.8 | 260±112 | 0.66 |
| preoperative PAP (mmHg) | 14.3±2.96 | 15.6±5.46 | 0.42 |
| Timing of valve repair | | | |
| before BDG | 4(24%) | 11(38%) | |
| BDG-before TCPC | 8(47%) | 13(44%) | |
| TCPC- | 5(29%) | 6(18%) | |
| Procedure | | | |
| edge-edge | 3 | 22 | |
| partial annuloplasty | 6 | 14 | |
| commissuroplasty | 5 | 9 | |
| cleft closure | 5 | 2 | |
| bridging | 17 | 0 | |
| Ventricular types | | | |
| UVH | 14 | 21 | |
| CAVC | 3 | 7 | |
| Associated lesions | | | |
| Heterotaxy | 12 | 24 | |
| bilateral SVC | 12 | 12 | |
| TAPVC | 7 | 11 | |
| pulmonary atresia | 3 | 9 | |

Surgical technique:

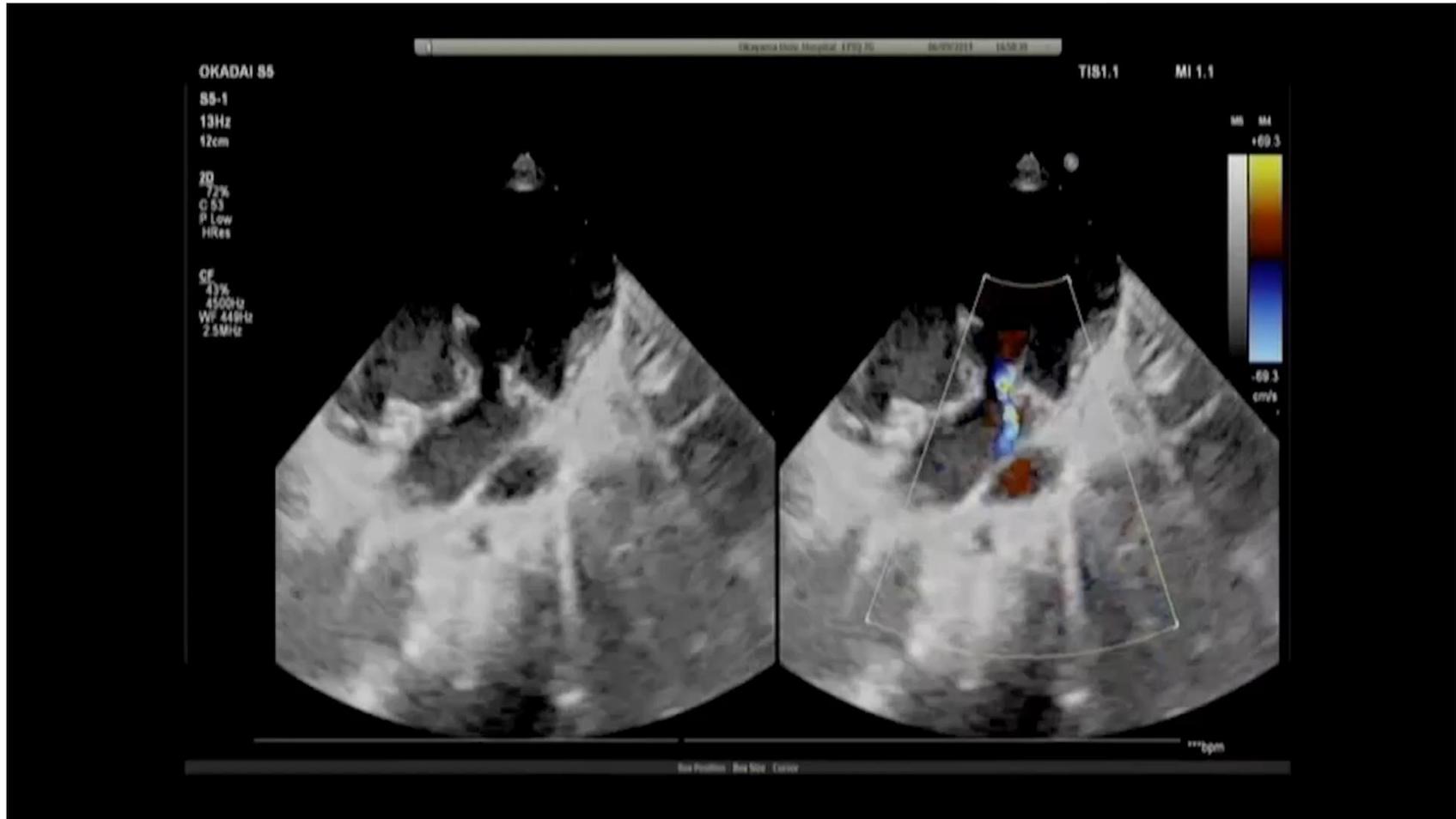
For adjustable annular bridging technique, an ePTFE vascular suture was applied to fix the length of the anteroposterior dimension against the valve annular dilatation. Using the tourniquet, the size of the valve orifice was adjusted by guidance of a regurgitation test.



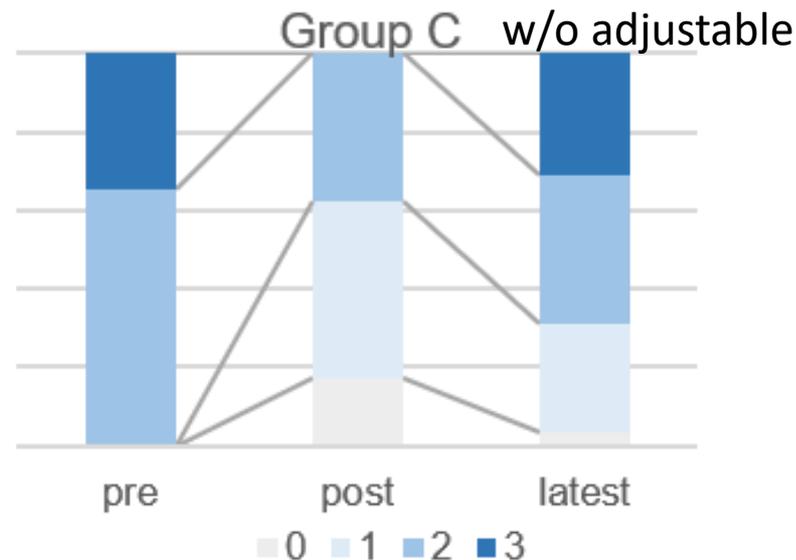
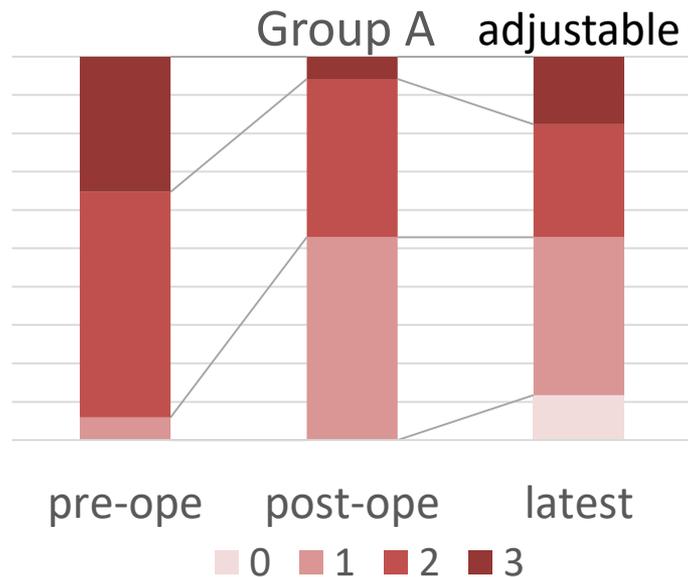
Commissuro-plasty

Segmental
annulo-plasty

Operative Video



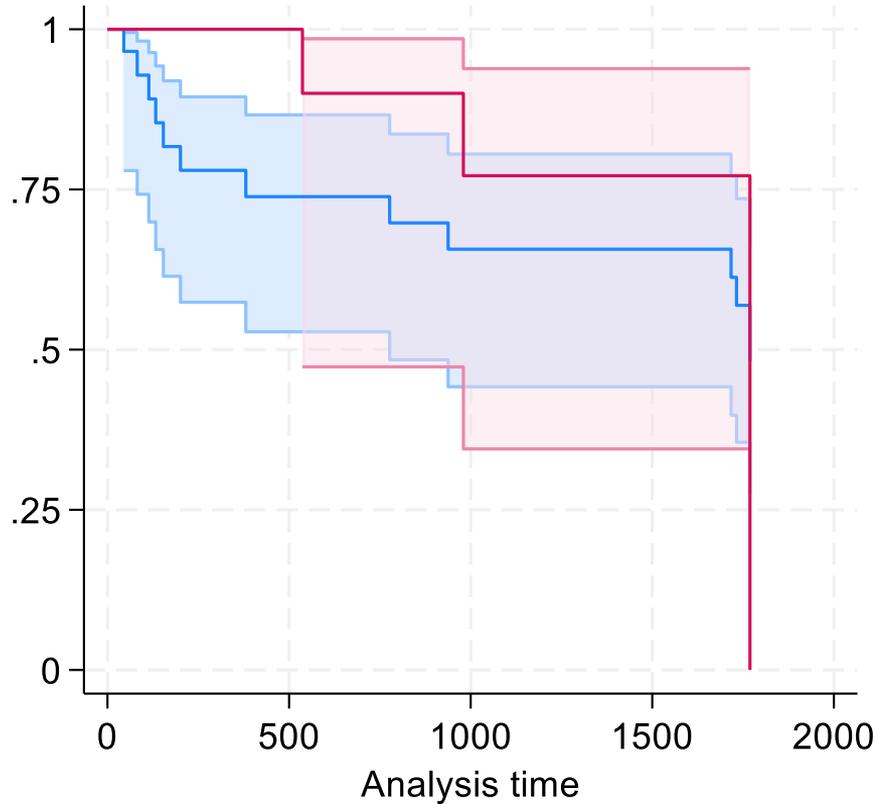
Results 1



The severity of CAVV regurgitation was unchanged in Group A (-0.05 ± 0.89) but progressed in Group C (0.75 ± 0.78) ($P=0.001$)

progress: the difference between regurgitation grade in the latest follow-up (or before re-intervention) echocardiography from immediately post-operative. (follow-up time; Group A (2.64 ± 1.33 years) vs Group C (9.24 ± 2.50 years), ($P < 0.001$))

Freedom from valve intervention



- In total, 22 valve re-interventions (19 CAVV plasty and 3 valve replacement) were performed in 16 out of 46 patients (34%).
- Re-intervention was more required in Group C compared to Group A (13 patients (44%) vs. 3 patients (17%).)

Number at risk

| | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|
| — Group C | 18 | 16 | 15 | 0 |
| — Group A | 11 | 6 | 3 | 0 |

— Group C w/o adjustable
— Group A adjustable

Discussion:

Valve regurgitation in Fontan candidates gradually worsens over time. Most of them are due to valve annular dilation, which is caused by an incomplete fibrous skeleton. This study suggested that adjustable annular bridging technique may prevent valve anulus enlargement and subsequent valve regurgitation deterioration in the long-term.

Conclusions:

Adjustable annular bridging technique vs. conventional repair resulted in favorable short-term outcomes by maintaining CAVV competence.

Thank you for your attention



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