

# Evaluación de la función protésica por imágenes



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# Tipos de bioprótesis valvulares aórticas

**Table 1** Types of prosthetic heart valves

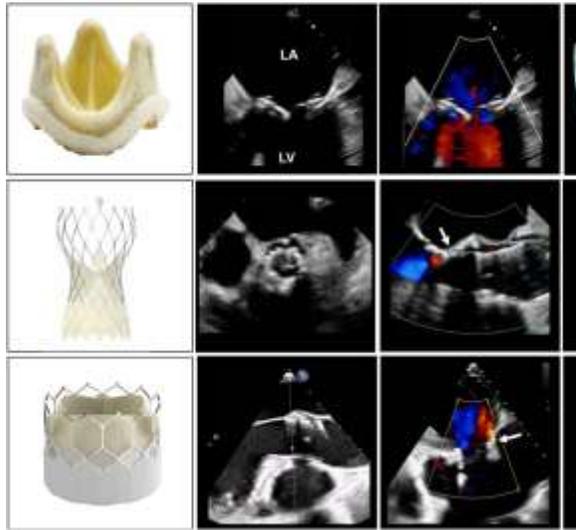
Biological
Stented
Porcine bioprosthesis
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Aortic homograft
Pulmonary autograft (Ross procedure)
Sutureless
Transcatheter
Mechanical
Bileaflet
Single tilting disk
Caged ball

**Table 2** Designs and models of biological replacement heart valve

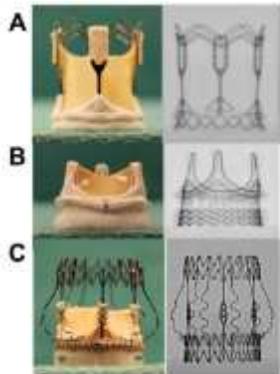
Stented porcine replacement valve	Stented pericardial replacement valve
• Hancock standard and Hancock II	• Carpentier-Edwards
• Medtronic Mosaic <sup>a</sup>	• Perimount
• Carpentier-Edwards standard and supra-annular	• Carpentier Edwards Magna
• St Jude Medical Biocor, Bioimplant, Epic	• Mitroflow Synergy
• AorTech Aspire	• St Jude Biocor pericardia
• Labcor	• St Jude Trifecta
• Carbomedics Synergy	• Labcor pericardial
Stentless valve Porcine	• Sorin Pericarbon MORE <sup>a</sup>
• St Jude Medical Toronto <sup>a</sup>	Stentless pericardial
• Medtronic Freestyle	• Sorin Pericarbon
• Cryolife-O'Brien <sup>a</sup>	• 3F-SAVR
• Cryolife-Ross Stentless porcine pulmonary	• Freedom Solo
• Edwards Prima Plus	Sutureless
• AorTech Aspire	• Perceval S (Sorin)
• St Jude Biocor	• Edwards Intuity (Edwards Lifesciences)
• Labcor	• 3F Enable (ATS Medical)
• St Jude Quattro stentless mitral	• Trilogy (Arbor Surgical Technologies)
• Shelhigh Skeletorized Super-Stentless aortic porcine and pulmonic	
• Medtronic-Venpro Contegra pulmonary valve conduit	

<sup>a</sup>Indicates withdrawn from market.

# Tipos de bioprótesis valvulares aórticas:



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Supplementary Figure 1. Designs of commonly used surgical aortic valves (SAV) and transcatheter aortic valve prostheses (TAVR).  
 A) Stented SAV (Edwards Lifesciences, Irvine, CA, USA).  
 B) Stentless SAV (Edwards Lifesciences, Irvine, CA, USA).  
 C) TAVR devices (Edwards Lifesciences, Irvine, CA, USA).

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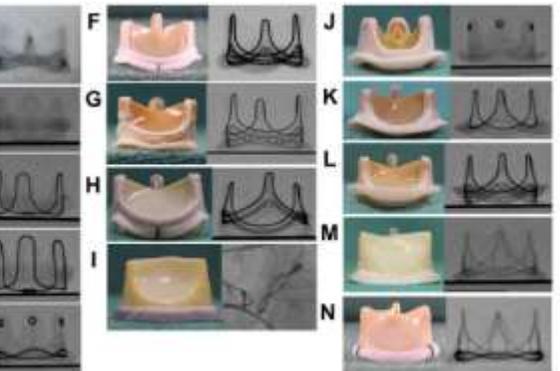


Figure 1. Images of commonly used surgical aortic valves (SAV) and respective echocardiographic views.

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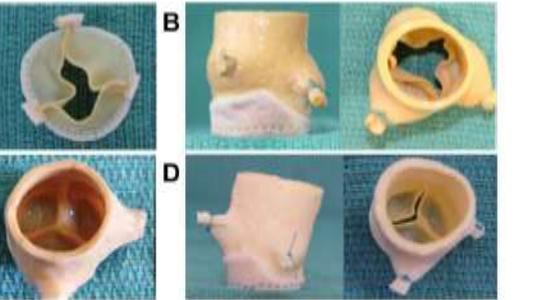


Figure 2. Images of commonly used stentless surgical aortic valves (SAV) and prostheses.

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# Valoración funcional de las bioprótesis

**Table 4** Essential parameters in the comprehensive evaluation of prosthetic valve function

	Parameters
Clinical information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of valve replacement</li> <li>• Type and size of the prosthetic valve</li> <li>• Height, weight, body surface area, and body mass index</li> <li>• Symptoms and related clinical findings</li> <li>• Blood pressure and heart rate</li> </ul>
Imaging of the valves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion of cusps, leaflets, or occluder</li> <li>• Presence of calcification or abnormal structures on the various components of the prosthesis</li> <li>• Valve sewing ring integrity and motion</li> </ul>
Doppler assessment of the valve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spectral Doppler envelope</li> <li>• Peak velocity and gradient</li> <li>• Mean pressure gradient</li> <li>• Doppler signal velocity time integral (VTI)</li> <li>• Doppler velocity index (DVI)</li> <li>• Pressure half time in mitral and tricuspid valve</li> <li>• Effective orifice area (EOA)</li> <li>• Presence, location, and severity of regurgitation</li> </ul>
Other imaging data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LV and RV size, function, and hypertrophy</li> <li>• LA and RA size</li> <li>• Co-existent valvular disease</li> <li>• Estimation of pulmonary artery pressure</li> </ul>
Previous post-operative studies, when available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparison of above parameters in suspected prosthetic valvular dysfunction</li> </ul>

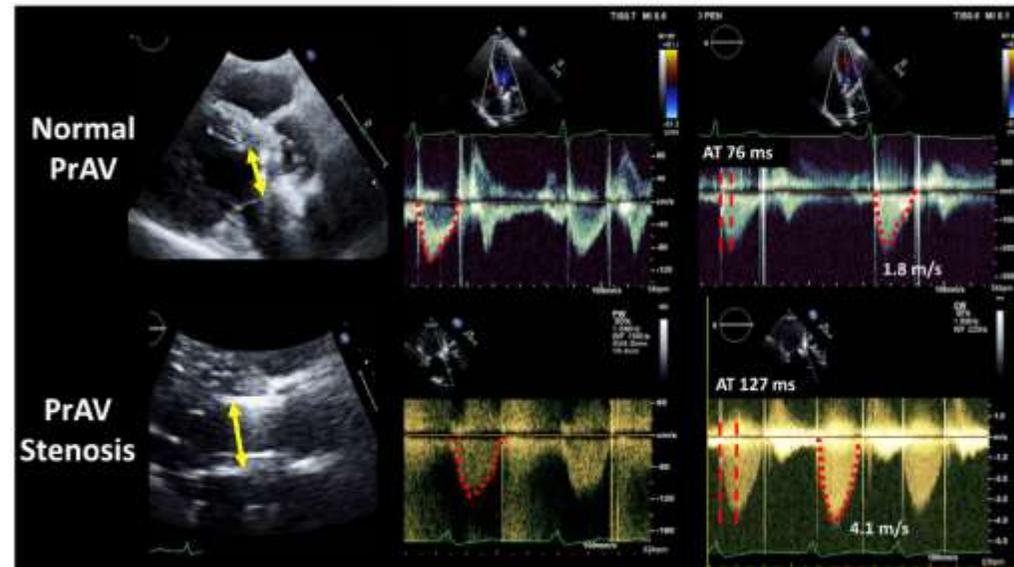
Patrizio Lancellotti. Recommendations for the imaging assessment of prosthetic heart valves: a report from the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging endorsed by the Chinese Society of Echocardiography, the Inter-American Society of Echocardiography, and the Brazilian Department of Cardiovascular Imaging. *European Heart Journal – Cardiovascular Imaging*. 2016 doi:10.1093/ehjci/jew025

**Table 4** Echocardiographic evaluation of prosthetic aortic valves

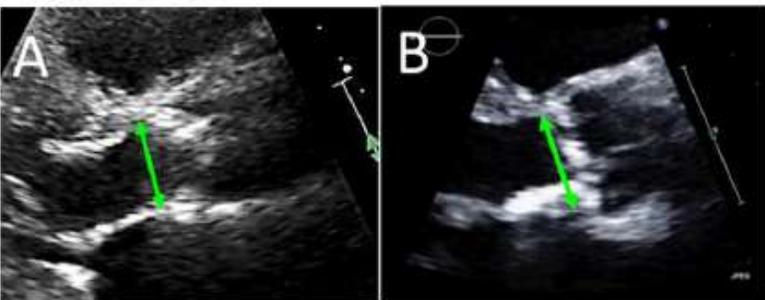
Parameter	
Doppler echocardiography of the aortic valve	Peak velocity/gradient
	Mean gradient
	Contour of the jet velocity; acceleration time
	DVI ( $DVI = VTI_{LVOT}/VTI_{PrAV}$ )
	EOA
	Presence, location, and severity of regurgitation
Pertinent cardiac chambers	LV size, function, and hypertrophy
Previous postoperative study(ies), when available	Comparison of above parameters is particularly helpful in suspected prosthetic valvular dysfunction

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$VTI_{PrAV}$ , VTI through the prosthetic aortic valve.



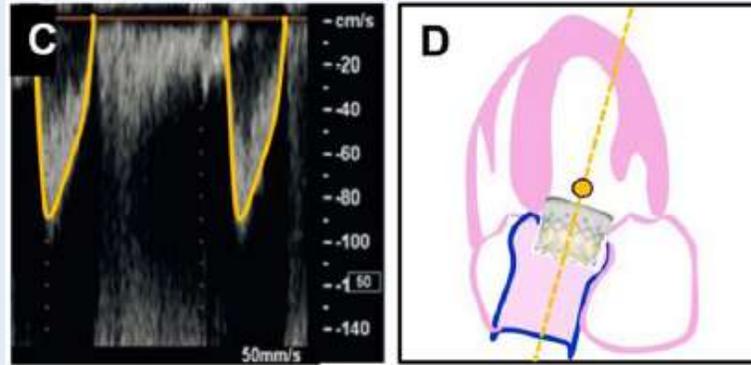
**TABLE 1 Recommendations for Doppler Echocardiographic Measurements and Calculations Required to Assess Bioprosthetic Valve Hemodynamic Function**

Echocardiographic Parameter	Measurement and Calculation	Caveats and Recommendations
Timing of TTE examinations	Aortic and mitral bioprostheses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prehospital discharge</li> <li>• Baseline: between 1 and 3 mo</li> <li>• 1 y</li> <li>• Annually beyond 1 y</li> </ul>	The assessment of the changes in structure and function of the bioprosthetic valves between the baseline and follow-up TTE is key to allow early detection of BVD. Such assessment requires a comprehensive baseline TTE between 1 and 3 mo postprocedure and routine annual TTE follow-up thereafter.
LVOT diameter by 2D echocardiography for calculation of left ventricular stroke volume: The LVOT diameter is measured from outer to outer edge of the stent or ring just below the sewing ring for surgical bioprostheses (A) or the stent for transcatheter bioprostheses (B and C).  The LVOT diameter is measured from inner to inner edge of native structures at or just below the level of the native aortic annulus (A). In the setting of ectopic calcification in the LVOT, annulus, or anterior mitral leaflet, the diameter measurement should ignore this calcium and measure to the base of the anterior mitral valve leaflet (B).	Aortic bioprostheses  Mitral bioprostheses (native aortic valve)  $\text{LVOT Area} = 0.785 \times (\text{LVOT diameter})^2$	Because the native aortic annulus and prosthetic aortic valve sewing ring remain relatively stable, to reduce interexamination variability in the measurement of AVA and MVA, it is recommended to use as standard whichever of the first FU visit or the baseline postprocedural echocardiogram gives the clearer LV outflow diameter.

LVOT flow velocity by pulsed wave Doppler for calculation of left ventricular stroke volume:

The LVOT velocity is measured by placing the pulsed-wave Doppler sample just apical (ie, proximal) to the ventricular aspect of the prosthesis sewing ring or stent (C and D) in systole.

Aortic bioprostheses



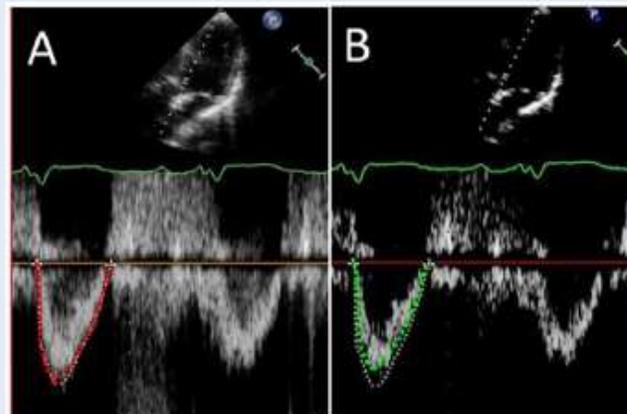
The pulsed wave sample volume should remain apical (or proximal) to the sewing ring or stent frame in systole. Thus, depending on LV function, the diastolic position of the sample volume may appear as much as 1-1.5 cm apical to the systolic position.

Unlike in the setting of a native aortic valve, a closure click is not typically seen because the sample volume remains apical to the bioprosthetic leaflets.

Pulsed wave Doppler of laminar flow just proximal to flow acceleration. The modal velocity should be traced to measure LVOT VTI and not the faint higher velocity profile.

(A) (red line) An incorrectly traced Doppler signal. Reducing the gain or increasing the reject will result in a modal velocity profile (green tracing, B).

Aortic and mitral bioprostheses

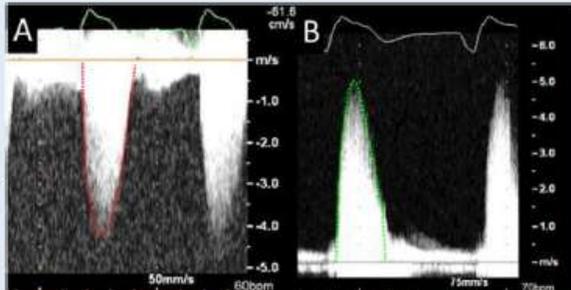
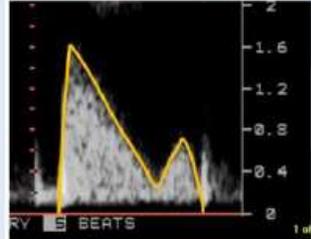


#### Calculation of Stroke volume

The stroke volume across the aortic valve is calculated by multiplying the LVOT area by the velocity-time integral of the LVOT flow measured by pulsed-wave Doppler.

$$\text{LVOT SV} = \text{LVOT Area} \times \text{LVOT VTI}$$

**TABLE 1 Continued**

Echocardiographic Parameter	Measurement and Calculation	Caveats and Recommendations
<p>Bioprosthetic valve flow velocity by continuous wave Doppler</p> <p>Continuous wave Doppler performed from any imaging window that obtains the highest velocity, with the densest, most uniform continuous wave spectral profile. Apical windows (A) may not yield a higher velocity than a nonapical window (B, right parasternal window). Peak velocity, mean gradient and aortic VTI are measured.</p> <p>From these measurements, effective AVA and DVI are calculated.</p>	<p>Aortic bioprostheses</p>  <p>Aortic Valve Area = <math>LVOT\ SV \div Aortic\ VTI</math></p> <p>Doppler Velocity Index = <math>LVOT\ VTI \div Aortic\ VTI</math></p>	<p>Aortic bioprostheses</p> <p>The probe position for acquisition of the peak velocity is most often dependent on patient-specific anatomy; thus, it will not often change unless the position of the prosthesis changes the direction of the main transaortic flow. To reduce interexamination variability in the measurement of AVA, DVI, and mean gradient, it is recommended to use the same window for continuous-wave Doppler interrogation of aortic bioprosthetic valve flow for all baseline and follow-up echocardiograms in a given patient.</p> <p>The aortic DVI decreases with hemodynamic deterioration of aortic bioprosthetic valves.</p>
<p>Continuous wave Doppler derived from the apical 4-chamber view. Peak velocity, mean gradient, and mitral VTI are measured.</p> <p>From these measurements, effective MVA and DVI are calculated.</p>	<p>Mitral bioprostheses</p>  <p>Mitral Valve Area = <math>LVOT\ SV \div Mitral\ VTI</math></p> <p>Doppler Velocity Index = <math>Mitral\ VTI \div LVOT\ VTI</math></p>	<p>Mitral bioprostheses</p> <p>The LVOT SV can be used as a substitute for mitral SV in the absence of <math>\geq</math> moderate AR or MR. However peak and mean gradient (as well as velocity time integral) may be affected both by the construct of the valve as well as by the assumptions of the modified Bernoulli equation and thus may reduce the accuracy of the continuity equation in this setting.</p> <p>The mitral DVI increases (vs decreases for aortic DVI) with hemodynamic deterioration of mitral bioprosthetic valves. Both stenosis and regurgitation of mitral bioprostheses result in increase in mitral DVI.</p>

## 2- ETT – Estenosis protésica significativa

**Table 5** Doppler parameters of prosthetic valves in the aortic valve position

	Normal	Possible stenosis	Suggests significant stenosis
Appropriate for all prosthetic aortic valves			
Jet velocity contour*	Triangular, early peaking	Triangular to intermediate	Rounded, symmetric
Acceleration time, msec*	<80	80-100	>100
Acceleration time/LV ejection time ratio	<0.32	0.32-0.37	>0.37
Peak velocity, m/sec <sup>†‡</sup>	<3	3-4	≥4
Specific AVR considerations			
SAVR			
Mean gradient, mm Hg <sup>†</sup>	<20	20-34	≥35
DVI <sup>§¶</sup>	>0.35	0.25-0.35	<0.25
EOA <sup>§</sup>	Reference EOA ± 1 SD	1 SD smaller than reference EOA	2 SDs smaller than reference EOA
TAVI (change from baseline)			
Mean gradient <sup>†</sup>	Change <10 mm Hg from baseline <sup>†</sup>	Increase of 10-19 mm Hg from baseline	Increase ≥20 mm Hg from baseline
DVI <sup>§¶</sup>	Change <0.1 or 20% from baseline <sup>  </sup>	Decrease 0.1-0.19 or 20%-39% from baseline <sup>  </sup>	Decrease ≥0.2 or ≥40% from baseline <sup>  </sup>
EOA <sup>§</sup>	Change <0.3 cm <sup>2</sup> or 25% from baseline <sup>  </sup>	Decrease of 0.3-0.59 cm <sup>2</sup> or 25%-49% from baseline <sup>  </sup>	Decrease ≥0.6 cm <sup>2</sup> or ≥50% from baseline <sup>  </sup>

AVR, Aortic valve replacement.

Significant stenosis should meet at least one flow-dependent (i.e., velocity and mean gradient) and one flow-independent (i.e., EOA or DVI) parameter.

\*This can be affected by LV function and heart rate.

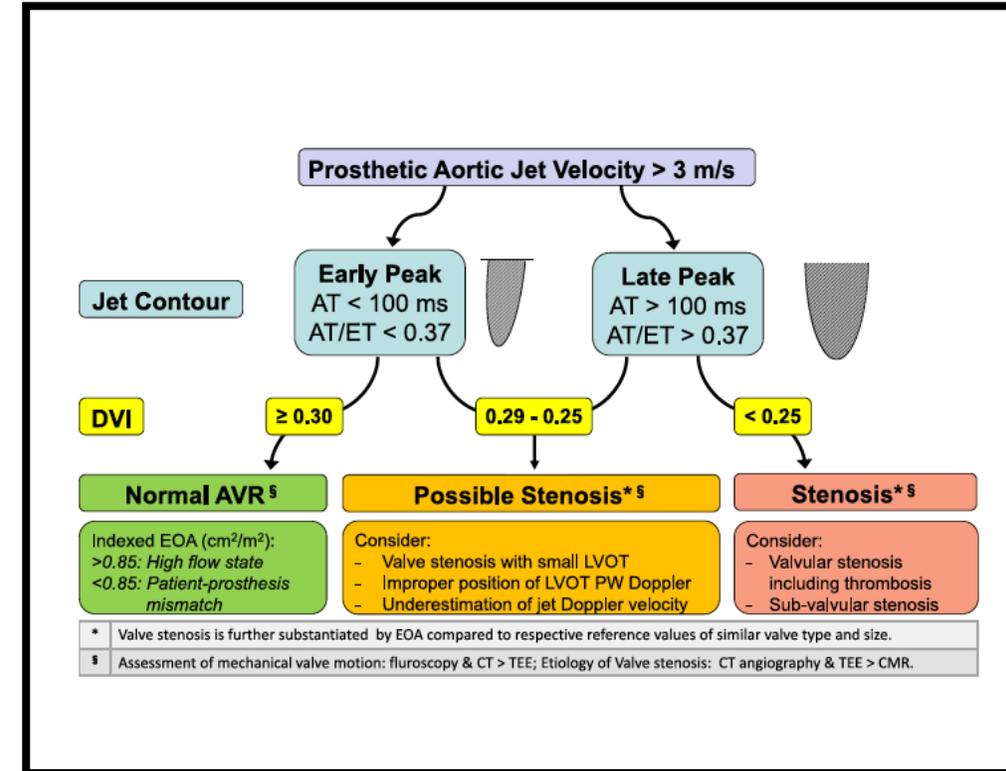
<sup>†</sup>Flow dependent.

<sup>‡</sup>Valid with normal stroke volume (50-90 mL) and flow rates (200-300 mL).

<sup>§</sup>Flow independent.

<sup>¶</sup>DVI calculated using VTI as in Table 4.

<sup>||</sup>Baseline defined as TTE performed under stable hemodynamic conditions.



# Valoración del area efectiva proyectado

**Table 7** Normal reference values of effective orifice areas for the prosthetic aortic valves

Prosthetic valve size (mm)	19	21	23	25	27	29
Stented bioprosthetic valves						
Mosaic	1.1 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.3	1.4 ± 0.3	1.7 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.4
Hancock II	–	1.2 ± 0.2	1.3 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.2
Carpentier-Edwards Perimount	1.1 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.4	1.5 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.4	2.1 ± 0.4	2.2 ± 0.4
Carpentier-Edwards Magna	1.3 ± 0.3	1.5 ± 0.3	1.8 ± 0.4	2.1 ± 0.5	–	–
Biocor (Epic)	1.0 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.5	1.4 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.7	–	–
Mitroflow	1.1 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.3	1.4 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.3	1.8 ± 0.3	–
Trifecta	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.4
Stentless bioprosthetic valves						
Medtronic Freestyle	1.2 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.3	2.0 ± 0.4	2.3 ± 0.5	–
St Jude Medical Toronto SPV	–	1.3 ± 0.3	1.5 ± 0.5	1.7 ± 0.8	2.1 ± 0.7	2.7 ± 1.0
Prima Edwards	–	1.3 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.3	1.9 ± 0.4	–	–
Mechanical valves						
Medtronic-Hall	1.2 ± 0.2	1.3 ± 0.2	–	–	–	–
St Jude Medical Standard	1.0 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.2	1.5 ± 0.5	2.1 ± 0.4	2.7 ± 0.6	3.2 ± 0.3
St Jude Medical Regent	1.6 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.7	2.2 ± 0.9	2.5 ± 0.9	3.6 ± 1.3	4.4 ± 0.6
MCRI On-X	1.5 ± 0.2	1.7 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.6	2.4 ± 0.8	3.2 ± 0.6	3.2 ± 0.6
Carbomedics Standard and Top Hat	1.0 ± 0.4	1.5 ± 0.3	1.7 ± 0.3	2.0 ± 0.4	2.5 ± 0.4	2.6 ± 0.4
ATS Medical <sup>†</sup>	1.1 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 0.4	1.8 ± 0.5	1.9 ± 0.3	2.3 ± 0.8	–

Effective orifice area is expressed as mean values available in the literature. Further studies are needed to validate these reference values.

<sup>†</sup>For the ATS medical valve, the label valve sizes are 18, 20, 22, 24, and 26 mm. High velocities are common in size 19 or 21 prostheses. Adapted with permission from Ref. 7.

# MPP vs Obstrucción

**Table 3. Echocardiographic findings to differentiate between structural and non-structural valve deterioration in the presence of high transprosthetic gradients.**

Normal function	PPM	Obstruction
Normal valve structure and motion	Normal valve structure and motion	Abnormal valve structure and motion
VPeak <3 m/s, MeanG <20 mmHg	VPeak >3 m/s, MeanG >20 mmHg	VPeak >3 m/s, MeanG >20 mmHg
EOA >1 cm <sup>2</sup> ; DVI ≥0.35	EOA >1 cm <sup>2</sup> ; DVI 0.25-0.34	EOA variable; DVI <0.25
EOA within normal range	EOA normal	EOA reduced
EOAi >0.85 cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	EOAi ≤0.85 cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	EOAi ≤0.85 cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>
Increase in MeanG <10 mmHg and decrease in EOA <0.3 cm <sup>2</sup> during follow-up	Increase in MeanG <10 mmHg and decrease in EOA <0.3 cm <sup>2</sup> during follow-up	Increase in MeanG ≥10 mmHg and decrease in EOA >0.3 cm <sup>2</sup> during follow-up

DVI: Doppler velocity index; EOA: effective orifice area; EOAi: indexed effective orifice area; MeanG: mean gradient; PPM: prosthesis-patient mismatch; Vpeak: peak velocity

# MPP - Obstrucción

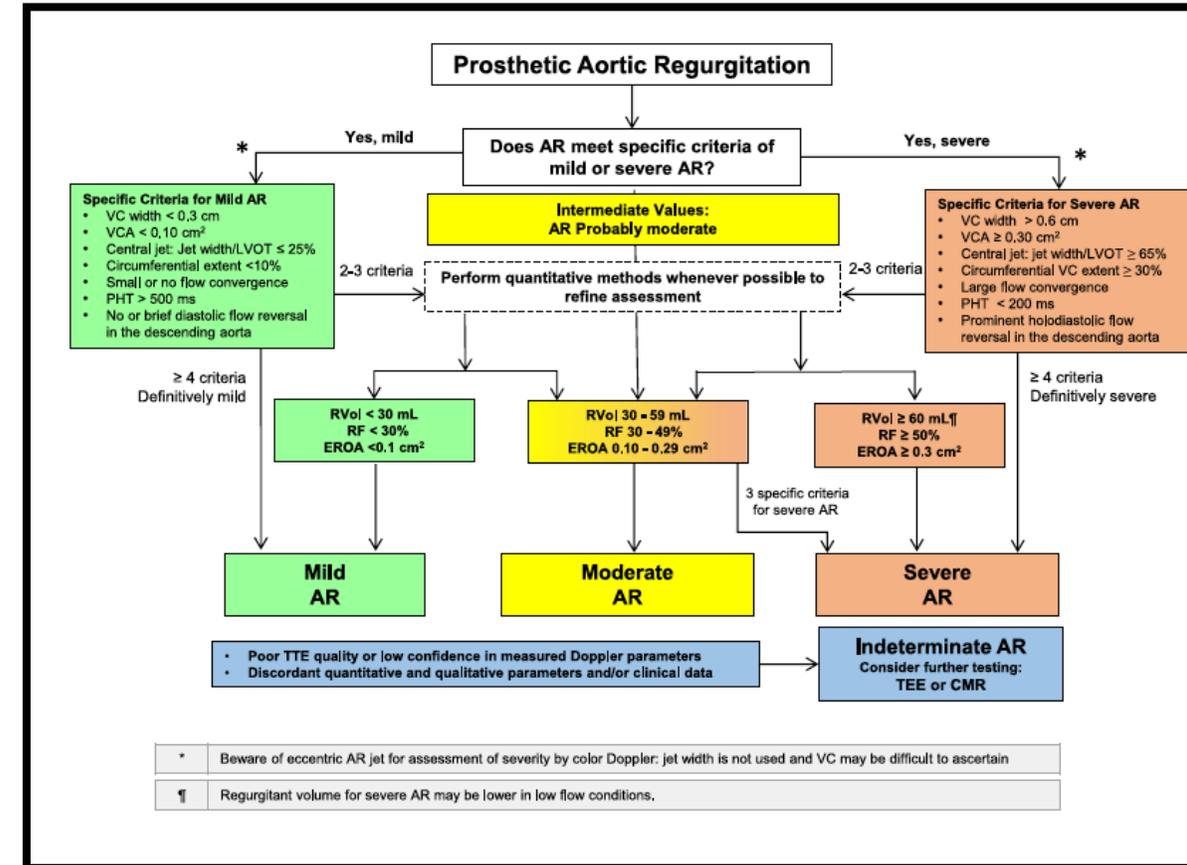
**Table 12** Imaging criteria or the identification and quantitation of prosthesis-patient mismatch

	Mild or not clinically significant	Moderate	Severe
Aortic prosthetic valves			
Indexed EOA (projected or measured)			
BMI < 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	>0.85	0.85–0.66	≤0.65
BMI ≥ 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	>0.70	0.70–0.56	≤0.55
Measured EOA vs. normal reference value <sup>a</sup>	Reference ± 1SD	Reference ± 1SD	Reference ± 1SD
Difference (reference EOA – measured EOA) (cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	<0.25	<0.25	<0.25
Valve structure and motion	Usually normal	Usually normal	Usually normal

## 2- ETT – Insuficiencia protésica significativa

**Table 8** Parameters for evaluation of the severity of prosthetic aortic valve regurgitation

Parameters	Mild	Moderate	Severe
<b>Valve structure and motion</b>			
Mechanical or bioprosthetic	Usually normal	Abnormal*	Abnormal*
<b>Structural parameters</b>			
LV size	Normal†	Normal or mildly dilated†	Dilated†
<b>Doppler parameters (qualitative or semiquantitative)</b>			
Jet width in central jets, % LVOT diameter, (CD) <sup>‡</sup>	Narrow ( $\leq 25\%$ )	Intermediate (26%-64%)	Large ( $\geq 65\%$ )
VC width, cm (CD)	<0.3	0.3-0.6	>0.6
VC area, cm <sup>2</sup> (2D/3D CD) <sup>§</sup>	<0.10	0.10-0.29	$\geq 0.30$
Circumferential extent of PVL, % (CD) <sup>¶</sup>	<10	10-29	$\geq 30$
Jet density (CW)	Incomplete or faint	Dense	Dense
Jet deceleration rate (PHT), msec (CW) <sup>¶</sup>	Slow (>500)	Variable (200-500)	Steep (<200)
Diastolic flow reversal in the descending aorta (PW)	Absent or brief early diastolic	Intermediate	Prominent, holodiastolic
<b>Doppler parameters (quantitative)</b>			
Regurgitant volume, mL/beat	<30	30-59	$\geq 60$
Regurgitant fraction, %	<30	30-50	$\geq 50$



# Algorithm

**FIGURE 1** Detection, Staging, and Categorization of Aortic Bioprosthetic Valve Dysfunction and Failure

**STEP 1: Red Flags of Aortic Bioprosthetic Valve Dysfunction (BVD)**

- Reduced or excessive leaflet mobility
- Leaflet thickening
- Color-flow Doppler systolic restriction
- Mean gradient  $\geq 20$  mm Hg ( $\geq 30$  mm Hg)\*
- Increase in mean gradient  $\geq 10$  mm Hg ( $\geq 20$  mm Hg)\* during follow-up
- EOA  $< 1.1$  cm<sup>2</sup> ( $< 0.8$  cm<sup>2</sup>)\*
- DVI  $< 0.35$  ( $< 0.25$ )\*
- AT/LVET  $> 0.32$  ( $> 0.37$ )\*
- New onset or worsening of intraprosthetic AR  $\geq$  mild
- New onset or worsening of symptoms

**Stage 1**  
Morphologic Valve Deterioration:  
Evidence of structural valve deterioration,  
nonstructural valve dysfunction (other  
than paravalvular regurgitation or  
prosthesis-patient mismatch), thrombosis,  
or endocarditis without significant  
hemodynamic changes.

**Stage 2**  
Stage 1 AND Moderate Hemodynamic Valve Deterioration:  
Increase in mean transvalvular gradient  $\geq 10$  mm Hg resulting in mean gradient  
 $\geq 20$  mm Hg with concomitant decrease in AVA  $\geq 0.3$  cm<sup>2</sup> or  $\geq 25\%$  and/or  
decrease in DVI  $\geq 0.1$  or  $\geq 20\%$  compared to echocardiographic assessment  
performed 1 to 3 months postprocedural,  
OR  
New occurrence or increase of  $\geq 1$  grade of intraprosthetic AR resulting in  
 $\geq$  moderate AR.

**Stage 3**  
Stage 1 AND Severe Hemodynamic Valve Deterioration:  
Increase in mean transvalvular gradient  $\geq 20$  mm Hg resulting in mean  
gradient  $\geq 30$  mm Hg with concomitant decrease in AVA  $\geq 0.6$  cm<sup>2</sup> or  $\geq 50\%$   
and/or decrease in DVI  $\geq 0.2$  or  $\geq 40\%$  compared to echocardiographic  
assessment performed 1 to 3 months postprocedural,  
OR  
New occurrence, or increase of  $\geq 2$  grades, of intraprosthetic AR resulting in  
 $\geq$  moderate-to-severe AR.

**STEP 4: Clinical Consequences of BVD**

**Bioprosthetic Valve Failure (BVF)**

- Criteria 1: Any BVD with clinically expressive criteria (new-onset or worsening symptoms, LV dilation/hypertrophy/dysfunction, or pulmonary hypertension) OR irreversible Stage 3 BVD with confirmatory imaging of leaflet/stent abnormalities and/or confirmatory invasive assessment of BVD†
- Criteria 2: Aortic valve reintervention or hemodynamic/symptomatic indication for reintervention
- Criteria 3: Valve-related death

**FIGURE 1** Detection, Staging, and Categorization of Aortic Bioprosthetic Valve Dysfunction and Failure

**STEP 1: Red Flags of Aortic Bioprosthetic Valve Dysfunction (BVD)**

**STEP 2: Determination of Etiology and Category of BVD by TTE, TEE, CT**

**Nonstructural BVD**  
Any abnormality, not intrinsic to the prosthetic valve, resulting in valve dysfunction

**Paravalvular Regurgitation**

**Prosthesis-Patient Mismatch**

**If BMI <30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

Severity	Indexed EOA (cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> )
Insignificant	>0.85
Moderate	0.85-0.66
Severe	≤0.65

**If BMI ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

Severity	Indexed EOA (cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> )
Insignificant	>0.70
Moderate	0.70-0.56
Severe	≤0.55

Other may include: obstruction by pannus, inappropriate positioning or sizing, embolization; dilatation of the aortic root after stentless bioprostheses or aortic valve sparing operations

**Structural BVD**  
Intrinsic permanent changes to the prosthetic valve, including:

- Wear and tear
- Leaflet disruption
- Flail leaflet
- Leaflet fibrosis and/or calcification
- Strut or stent fracture or deformation

**Thrombosis**  
Subclinical leaflet thrombosis: imaging findings of HALT/RLM with absent or mild hemodynamic changes and no symptoms/signs  
**Clinically significant valve thrombosis:**  
1) Clinical sequelae of thromboembolic event or worsening AS/AJ and BVD Stage 2-3 or confirmatory imaging (HALT/RLM)  
2) In the absence of clinical sequelae, both BVD Stage 3 and confirmatory imaging (HALT/RLM)

**Endocarditis**  
Meeting at least 1 of the following criteria:  
1) Fulfillment of the Duke endocarditis criteria  
2) Evidence of abscess, pus, or vegetation confirmed as secondary to infection by histological or microbiological studies during re-operation  
3) Evidence of abscess, pus, or vegetation confirmed on autopsy

Possible

prosthesis-patient mismatch, thrombosis, or endocarditis without significant hemodynamic changes.

performed 1 to 3 months postprocedure, OR  
New occurrence or increase of ≥1 grade of intraprosthetic AR resulting in a moderate AI.

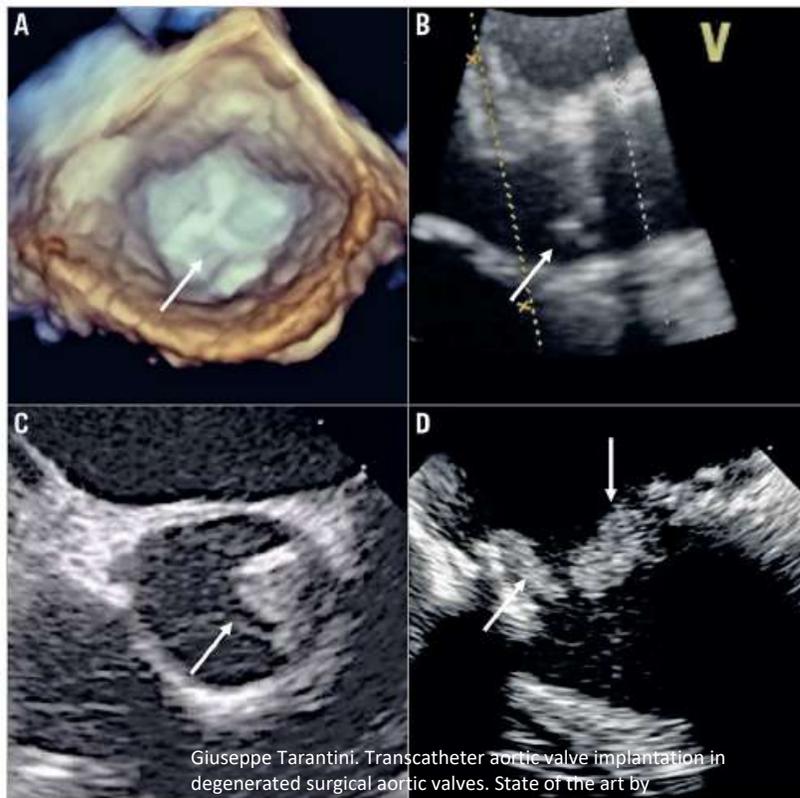
assessment performed 1 to 3 months postprocedure, OR  
New occurrence, or increase of ≥2 grades, of intraprosthetic AI resulting in a moderate-to-severe AI.

**STEP 4: Clinical Consequences of BVD**

**Bioprosthetic Valve Failure (BVF)**

Criteria 1: Any BVD with clinically expressive criteria (new-onset or worsening symptoms, LV dilation/hypertrophy/dysfunction, or pulmonary hypertension) OR irreversible Stage 3 BVD with confirmatory imaging of leaflet/stent abnormalities and/or confirmatory invasive assessment of BVD  
Criteria 2: Aortic valve reintervention or hemodynamic/symptomatic indication for reintervention  
Criteria 3: Valve-related death

# Tipo de disfunción valvular protésica



**TABLE 3** Multimodality Imaging of Morphological Abnormalities of Valve Leaflets or Stent for Determination of the Type of Bioprosthetic Valve Dysfunction

	Prosthesis-Patient Mismatch	Valve Thrombosis	Pannus	Valve Endocarditis	Structural Valve Deterioration
TTE/TEE	Normal valve leaflet morphology and mobility	Diffuse or focal hypo-echogenic leaflet thickening (>2 mm) of at least 1 leaflet Normal or reduced leaflet mobility Paucity (restriction) of color Doppler transvalvular flow	Dense fixed hyper-echogenic tissue involving periannular region or sewing ring Normal leaflet morphology Leaflet mobility may be normal or abnormal	Presence of vegetation(s) Valve leaflet thickening Possible torn/avulsed/perforated leaflets or reduced leaflet mobility Paravalvular complications: abscess, pseudo-aneurysm, fistula, dehiscence	Diffuse or focal hyper-echogenic leaflet thickening (>2 mm) of at least 1 leaflet Reduced mobility and/or torn/avulsed/perforated leaflets Paucity (restriction) of color Doppler transvalvular flow
Multidetector CT					
Noncontrast CT	No leaflet calcification	No leaflet calcification	No leaflet calcification	No leaflet calcification	Leaflet calcification
Contrast-enhanced CT	Normal leaflet morphology and mobility	Hypo-attenuated leaflet thickening (HALT)  Hypo-attenuation affecting leaflet motion (HAM) (possible)  Reduced leaflet motion (RLM) (possible)	Hypodense semicircular or circular structure along and beneath the valve ring/stent	Paravalvular complications: vegetations, abscess, pseudo-aneurysm, fistula, dehiscence	Calcific or noncalcific hyperdense leaflet thickening affecting leaflet motion   Reduced leaflet motion (RLM) (possible)
Nuclear imaging					
<sup>18</sup> F-NaF PET/CT	No <sup>18</sup> F-NaF uptake at the level of the bioprosthetic valve leaflets <sup>2</sup>	Increased <sup>18</sup> F-NaF uptake at the level of the bioprosthetic valve leaflets (possible) <sup>2</sup>	Unknown	Increased <sup>18</sup> F-NaF uptake at the level of the bioprosthetic valve leaflets (possible)	Increased <sup>18</sup> F-NaF uptake at the level of the bioprosthetic valve leaflets (possible) <sup>2</sup>
<sup>18</sup> F-FDG PET/CT	No increased <sup>18</sup> F-FDG uptake at the level of the valve or paravalvular region <sup>2</sup>	Unknown	Unknown	Increased <sup>18</sup> F-FDG uptake at the level of the bioprosthetic valve and paravalvular region	No increased <sup>18</sup> F-FDG uptake at the level of the bioprosthetic valve or paravalvular region <sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>For research use.

<sup>18</sup>F-FDG = 18F-fluorodeoxyglucose; CT = computed tomography; PET = positron emission tomography; TEE = transesophageal echocardiography; TTE = transthoracic echocardiography.

**FIGURE 1** Detection, Staging, and Categorization of Aortic Bioprosthetic Valve Dysfunction and Failure

**STEP 1: Red Flags of Aortic Bioprosthetic Valve Dysfunction (BVD)**

Reduced or excessive leaflet mobility  
Leaflet thickening  
Color-flow Doppler systolic restriction  
Mean gradient  $\geq 20$  mm Hg ( $\geq 30$  mm Hg)\*  
Increase in mean gradient  $> 10$  mm Hg ( $> 20$  mm Hg)† during follow-up

**STEP 3: Determination of BVD Progression Stage by TTE**

**Stage 1**  
Morphologic Valve Deterioration:  
Evidence of structural valve deterioration,  
nonstructural valve dysfunction (other  
than paravalvular regurgitation or  
prosthesis-patient mismatch), thrombosis,  
or endocarditis without significant  
hemodynamic changes.

**Stage 2**  
Stage 1 AND Moderate Hemodynamic Valve Deterioration:  
Increase in mean transvalvular gradient  $\geq 10$  mm Hg resulting in mean gradient  
 $\geq 20$  mm Hg† with concomitant decrease in AVA  $\geq 0.3$  cm<sup>2</sup> or  $\geq 25\%$  and/or  
decrease in DVI  $\geq 0.1$  or  $\geq 20\%$  compared to echocardiographic assessment  
performed 1 to 3 months postprocedure,  
OR  
New occurrence or increase of  $\geq 1$  grade of intraprosthetic AR resulting in  
 $\geq$  moderate AR.

**Stage 3**  
Stage 1 AND Severe Hemodynamic Valve Deterioration:  
Increase in mean transvalvular gradient  $\geq 20$  mm Hg resulting in mean  
gradient  $\geq 30$  mm Hg† with concomitant decrease in AVA  $\geq 0.6$  cm<sup>2</sup> or  $\geq 50\%$   
and/or decrease in DVI  $\geq 0.2$  or  $\geq 40\%$  compared to echocardiographic  
assessment performed 1 to 3 months postprocedure,  
OR  
New occurrence or increase of  $\geq 2$  grades of intraprosthetic AR resulting in  
 $\geq$  moderate-to-severe AR.

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## Mecanismo de disfunción de la bioprótesis aórtica y estadios:

- Deterioro valvular estructural
- Disfunción valvular no estructural
  - Regurgitación paravalvular
  - Mismatch prótesis-paciente
- Trombosis valvular
- Endocarditis

**Table 2. Proposed definition of structural valve deterioration (SVD) – European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI) endorsed by ESC and EACTS (2017).**

	Echocardiographic findings
Stage 0 (no SVD)	Normal valve morphology and function
Stage 1 (morphological SVD)	Intrinsic permanent structural changes to the prosthetic valve (leaflet integrity or structure abnormality, leaflet function abnormality, strut/frame abnormality)
Stage 2 (moderate haemodynamic SVD)	Mean transprosthetic gradient $\geq 20$ mmHg and $< 40$ mmHg  Mean transprosthetic gradient $\geq 10$ and $< 20$ mmHg change from baseline  Moderate intraprosthetic aortic regurgitation, new or worsening ( $> 1+/4$ ) from baseline
Stage 3 (severe haemodynamic SVD)	Mean transprosthetic gradient $\geq 40$ mmHg  Mean transprosthetic gradient $\geq 20$ mmHg change from baseline  Severe intraprosthetic aortic regurgitation, new or worsening ( $> 2+/4$ ) from baseline

# Desafíos y limitaciones ViV-TAVI

- Mala posición
- Mismatch prótesis-paciente – Gradientes residuales elevados
- Oclusión coronaria

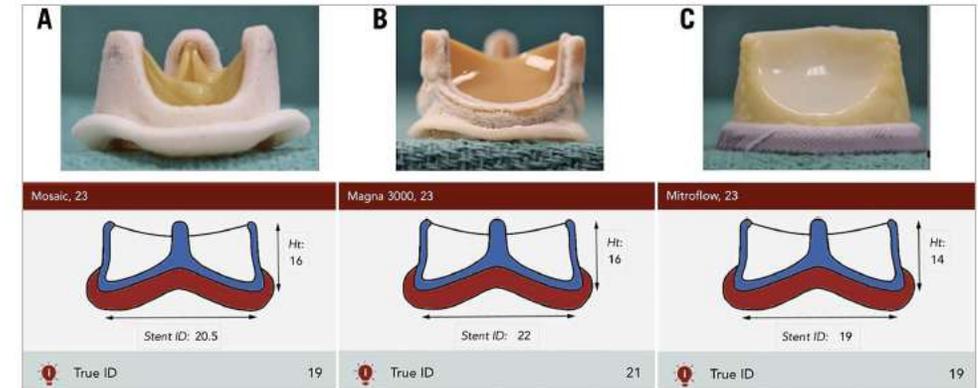
**Table 4. Characteristics to consider when evaluating a patient for redo surgical aortic valve replacement (SAVR) versus valve-in-valve (ViV) transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI).**

Characteristics	Redo SAVR favoured	TAV-in-SAV favoured
<b>Patient</b>		
Low/intermediate surgical risk	✓	
High/extreme surgical risk		✓
Age ≥80		✓
Young age (<75) where valve durability is important	✓	
Concomitant diseases needing surgical intervention	✓	
Significant paravalvular leak not amenable to percutaneous closure	✓	
Patient preference	✓	✓
<b>Surgical valve</b>		
Small size where severe PPM cannot be addressed	✓	
Large size without severe PPM		✓
Balloon valve fracture feasible and low risk		✓
Severe PPM when balloon valve fracture is not feasible or high risk	✓	
<b>Anatomic</b>		
High risk of coronary obstruction	✓	
High risk of THV malposition	✓	
High risk of aortic root injury	✓	
Favourable coronary anatomy		✓
Calcified aortic root or hostile chest		✓
PPM: prosthesis-patient mismatch; THV: transcatheter heart valve		

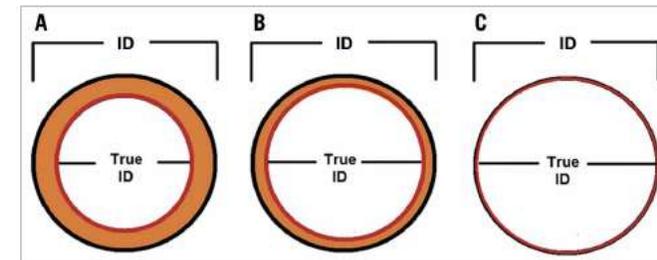
# 1- ¿Cómo predecir estenosis residual?

**Table 8. Correlates of residual stenosis after ViV TAVI.**

<b>Before valve-in-valve</b>	
Stenosis as the baseline mechanism of failure	
Preprocedural severe prosthesis-patient mismatch	
Stented surgical valve	
Small surgical valve (internal diameter $\leq 20$ mm)	
<b>During valve-in-valve</b>	
Intra-annular transcatheter heart valve	
Deep transcatheter heart valve position	
Lack of bioprosthetic valve ring fracture	
<b>After valve-in-valve</b>	
Leaflet thrombosis	
Prosthesis-patient mismatch	
Structural valve deterioration	



**Figure 2.** Examples of stented surgical aortic valves. A) 23 mm Mosaic<sup>®</sup> porcine valve (Medtronic). B) 23 mm Magna 3000 pericardial valve (Edwards Lifesciences). C) 23 mm Mitroflow externally mounted pericardial valve (LivaNova PLC), where the manufacturer labelled size, stent and true internal diameter are different.



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**Table 7 Doppler parameter criteria of aortic valve and mitral valve PPM**

	Normal	Moderate	Severe
Aortic EOA*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;0.85 cm<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> if BMI &lt; 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>&gt;0.70 cm<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> if BMI <math>\geq</math> 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.85-0.66 cm<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> if BMI &lt; 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>0.70-0.56 cm<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> if BMI <math>\geq</math> 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\leq</math>0.65 cm<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> if BMI &lt; 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li><math>\leq</math>0.55 cm<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> if BMI <math>\geq</math> 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>

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# TAC – ViV TAVI - Identificar la bioprótesis y medir el diámetro interno

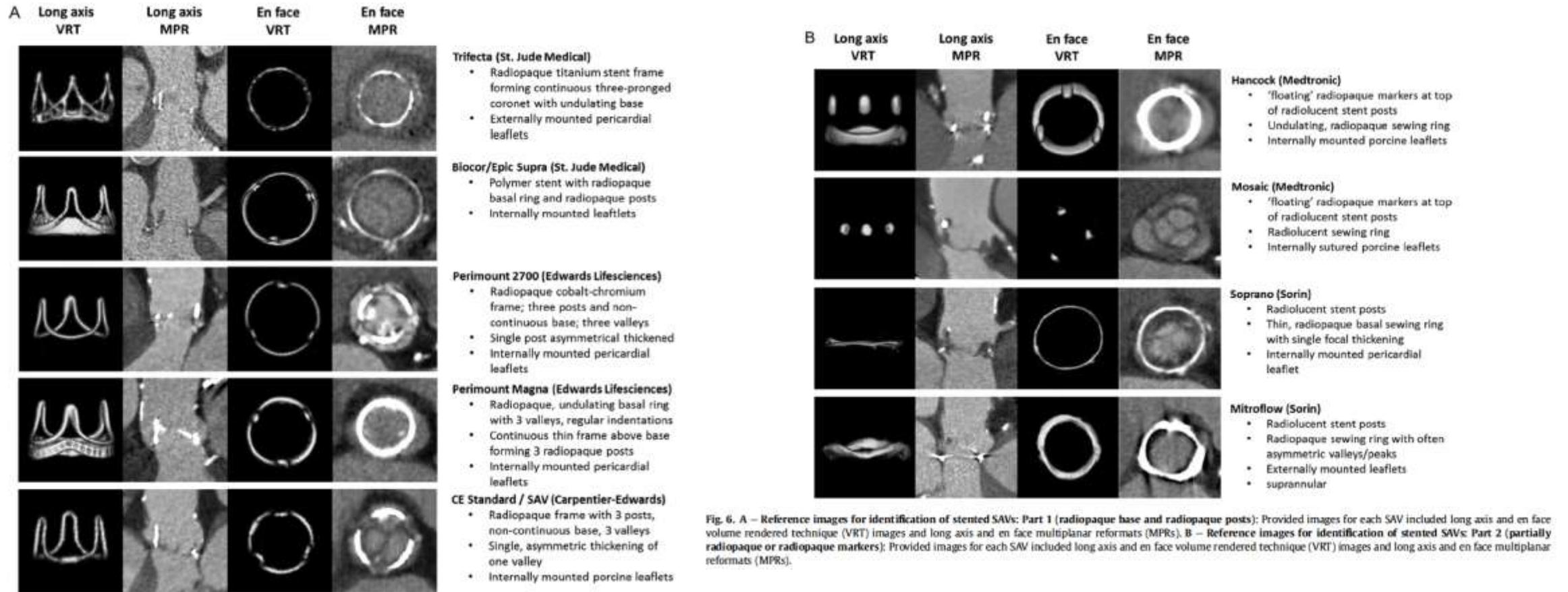


Fig. 6. A – Reference images for identification of stented SAVs: Part 1 (radiopaque base and radiopaque posts): Provided images for each SAV included long axis and en face volume rendered technique (VRT) images and long axis and en face multiplanar reformats (MPRs). B – Reference images for identification of stented SAVs: Part 2 (partially radiopaque or radiopaque markers): Provided images for each SAV included long axis and en face volume rendered technique (VRT) images and long axis and en face multiplanar reformats (MPRs).

# TAC – ViV TAVI – Riesgo de oclusión coronaria

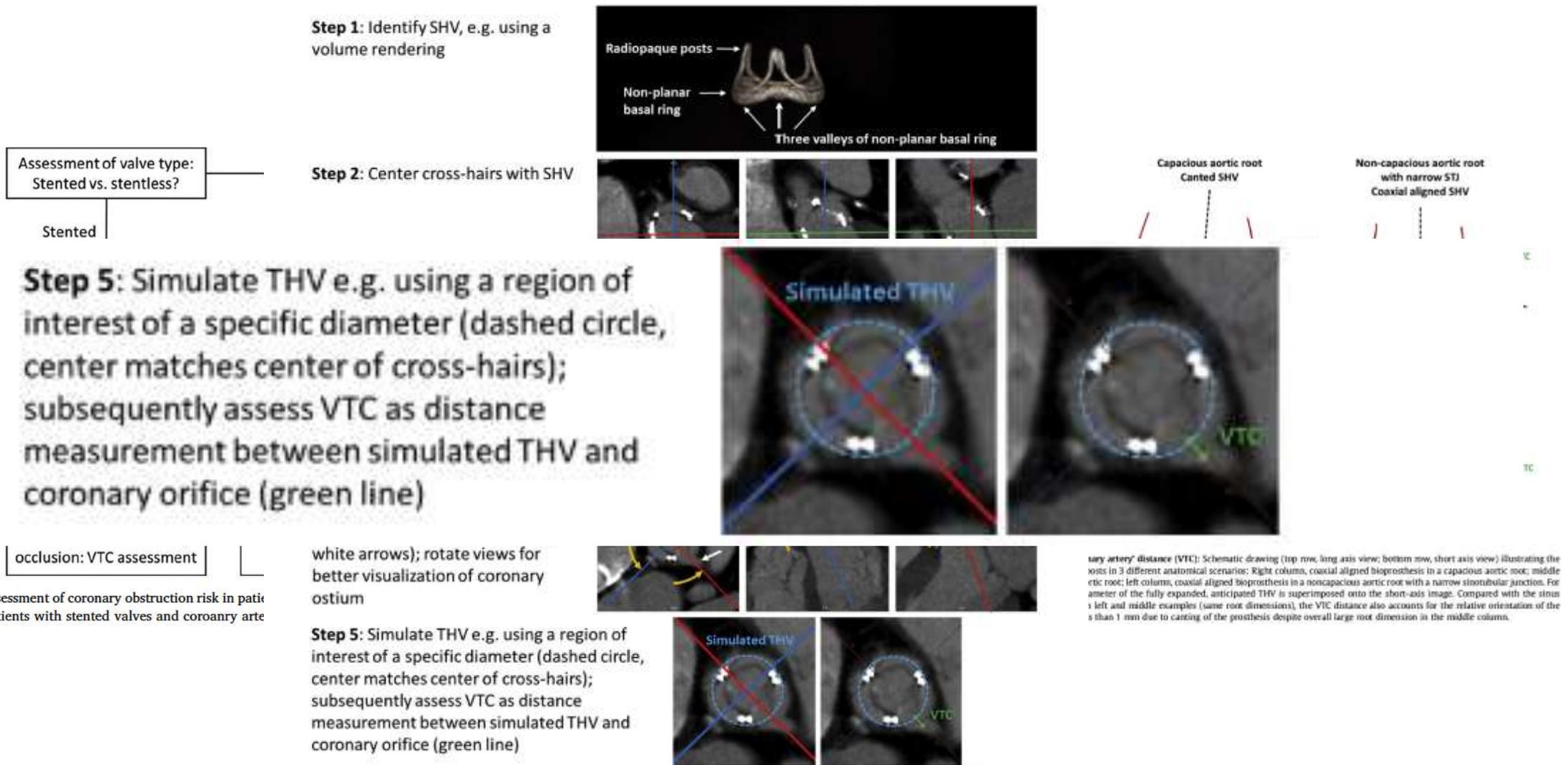
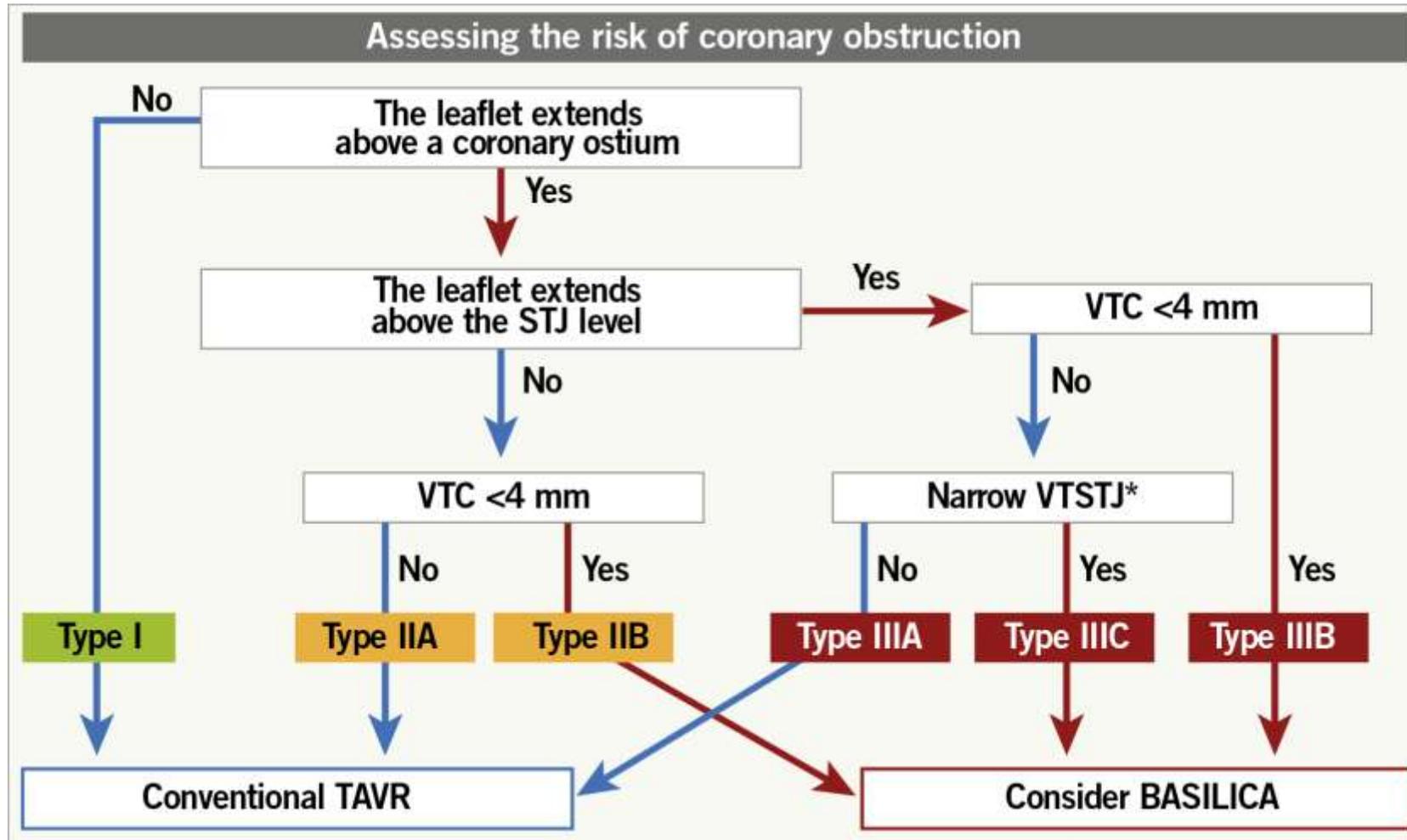


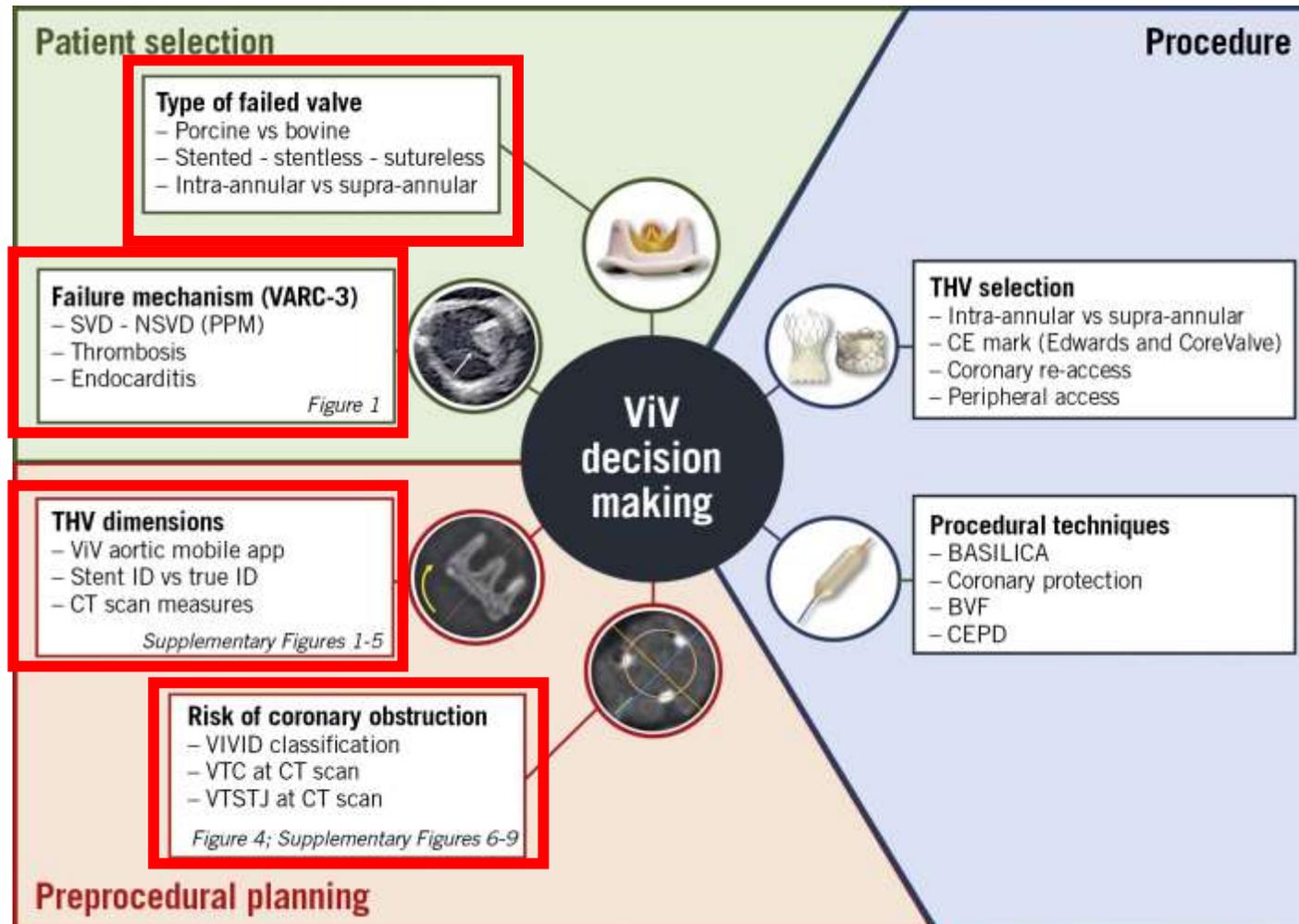
Fig. 10. Workflow for assessment of coronary obstruction risk in patients with stented valves and coronary artery

Fig. 2. Workflow for prediction of anatomical risk of coronary artery obstruction in ViV procedures depending on valve type and level of coronary artery orifices: For stented SHVs, VTC assessment is only required if the coronary artery orifices are located at or below the tip of the stent posts. For stentless SHVs a traditional coronary height/50V-width assessment is performed.

# Riesgo de oclusión coronaria



# Valoración por imágenes de la prótesis aórtica para ViV-TAVI



# Evaluación de la función protésica por imágenes

# Muchas gracias



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