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# How to Assess Coronary Obstruction Risk on CT Prior to Aortic Valve-in-Valve Procedures

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# Coronary obstruction in Valve-in-Valve Procedures

## Background

### Original Investigation

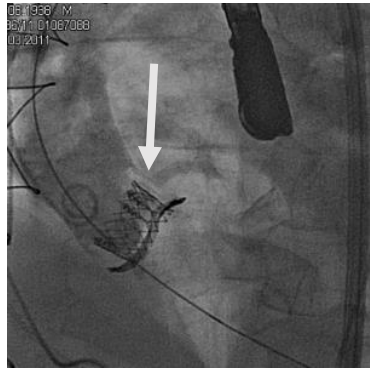
## Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation in Failed Bioprosthetic Surgical Valves

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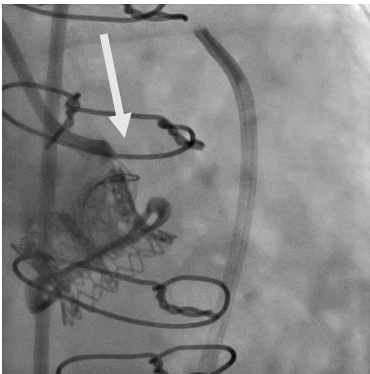
- 459 patients with failed surgical bioprostheses
- Coronary obstruction in 2% of ViV procedures (3.5% 2012)
- Predisposing valve types: internally stented Mitroflow, Trifecta, stentless



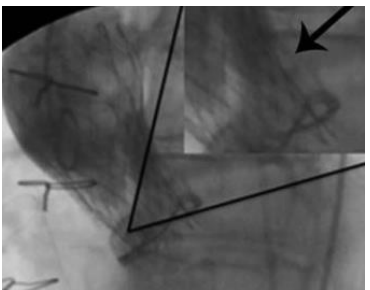
# Complications Remain- Ostial Coronary Obstruction



Center #30, case#3  
Mitroflow 25mm (ID 21mm)  
Tranapical Edwards-SAPIEN 23mm



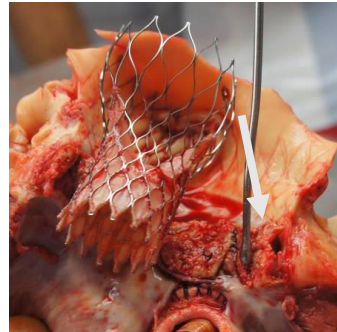
Center #37, case#9  
Mitroflow 21mm (ID 17.3mm)  
Tranapical Edwards-SAPIEN 23mm



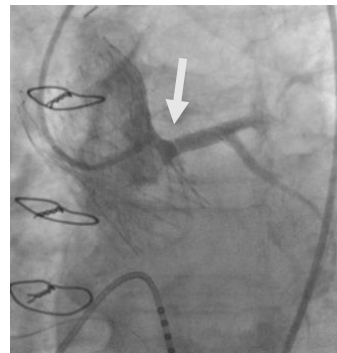
Center #34, case#6  
Mitroflow 21mm (ID 17.3mm)  
Tranfemoral CoreValve 26mm



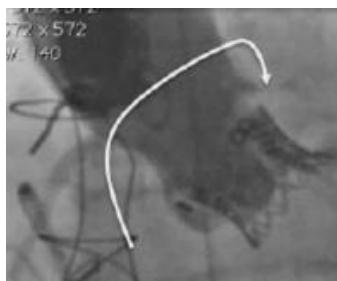
Center #29, case#7  
Sorin Freedom Stentless 21mm (ID 19mm)  
Balloon Valvuloplasty  
before attempted CoreValve implantation



Center #13, case#4  
Sorin Freedom Stentless 23mm (ID 21mm)  
Tranfemoral CoreValve 26mm



Center #27, case#3  
CryoLife O'Brien (stentless) 25mm (ID 23mm)  
Tranfemoral CoreValve 29mm



Center #11, case#11  
Mosaic 21mm (ID 18.5mm)  
Tranapical Edwards-SAPIEN 23mm

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## Valve design

Mitroflow #27 in an aortic root model



Valve-in-Valve with SAPIEN 29mm



# Coronary obstruction in Valve-in-Valve Procedures

## Potential risk factors

- Anatomic factors
  - Narrow sinotubular junction/low sinus height
  - Narrow sinuses of Valsalva
  - Previous root repair (eg. root graft and coronary reimplantation)
  - Low-lying coronary ostia
- Bioprosthetic valve factors
  - Supra-annular position vs. Intra-annular
  - High leaflet profile
  - Internal stent frame (eg. MitroFlow, Trifecta)
  - No stent frame (homograft, stentless valves)
  - Bulky leaflets
- Transcatheter valve factors
  - Extended sealing cuff
  - High implantation



# Assessment for Valve-in-Valve Procedures

## Anatomical issues and potential measurements

### Common native root anatomy measures:

- Coronary artery height
- Sinus of Valsalva with
- Sinus height

*versus*

### Distortion of Anatomy

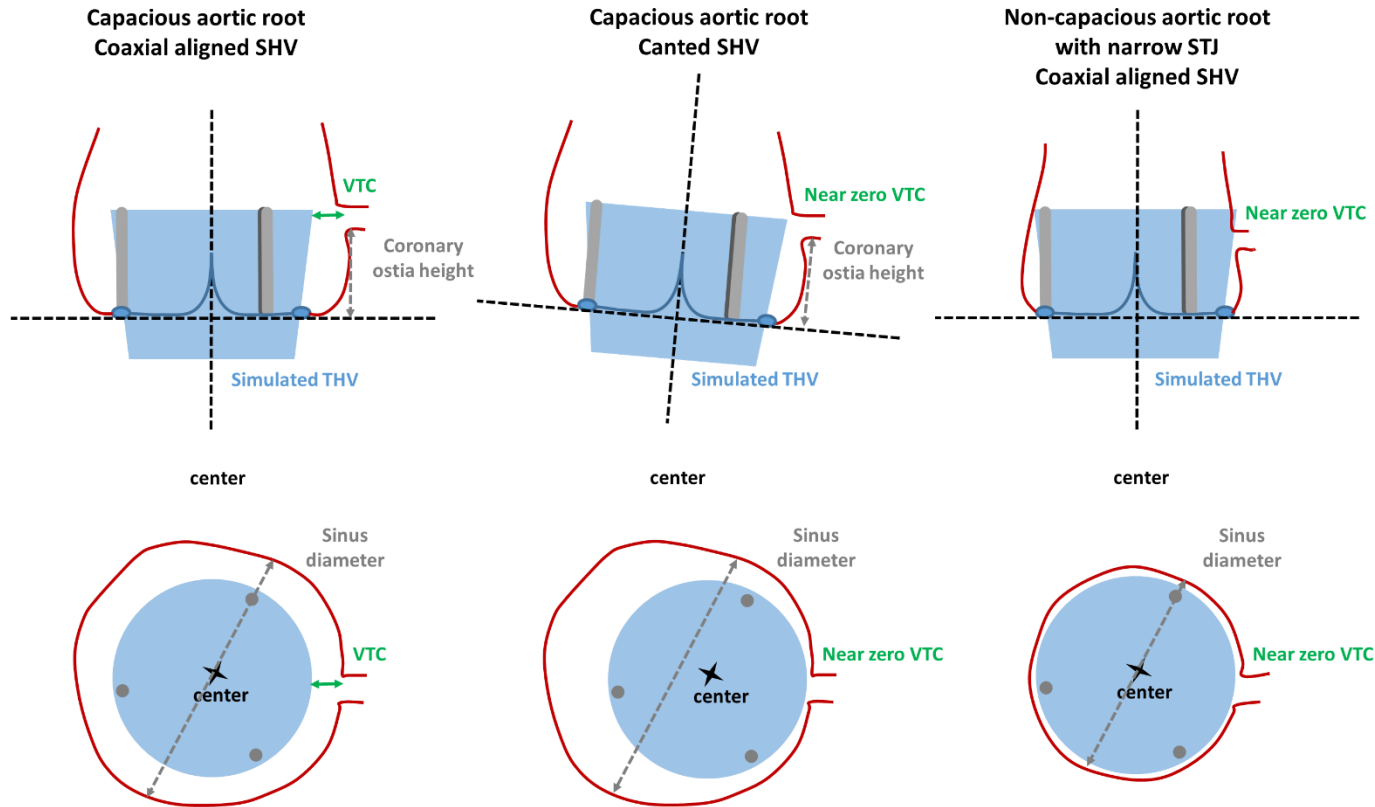
- Tilting of the surgical prosthesis
- Lower coronary height

**Prediction of the the  
proximity of the coronary  
ostia to the anticipated final  
position of the displaced  
bioprosthetic leaflets after  
THV implantation**

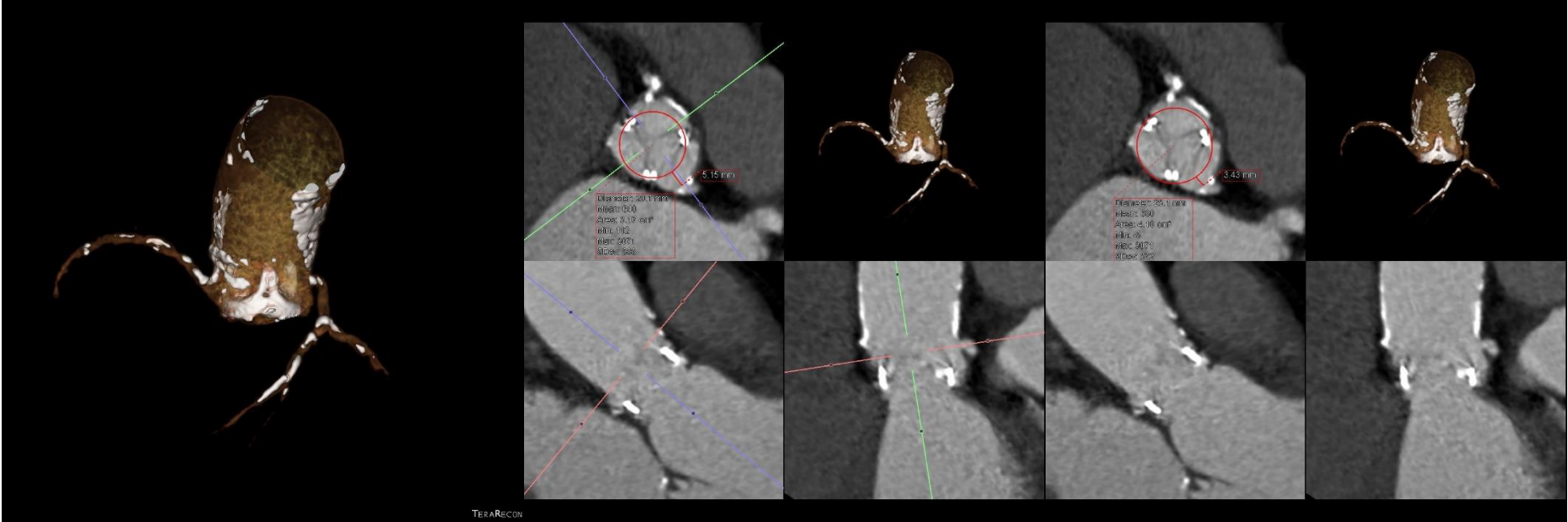


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## Virtual THV to Coronary (VTC) distance







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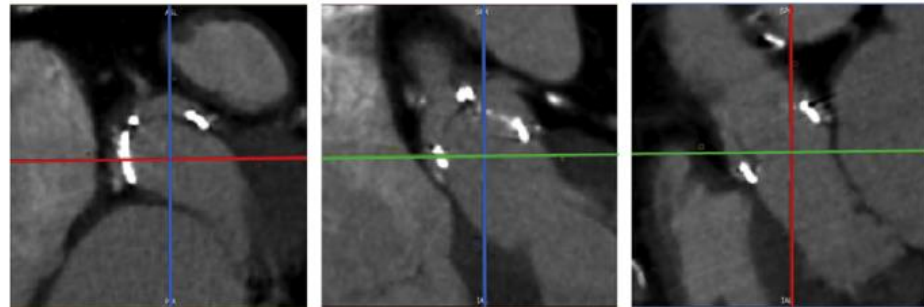
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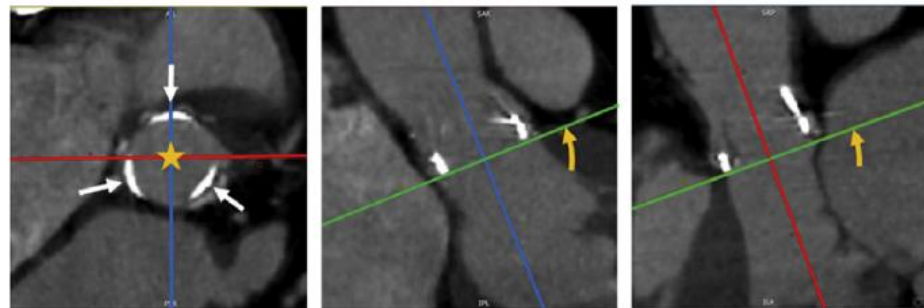
**Step 1:** Identify SHV, e.g. using a volume rendering



**Step 2:** Center cross-hairs with SHV



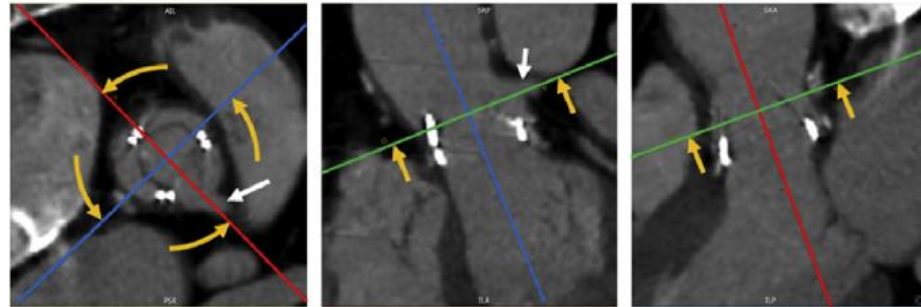
**Step 3:** Manipulate cross-hairs for double-oblique transverse plane to match basal ring (here three valleys, white arrows); center of cross-hairs centered within basal ring (asterisk)



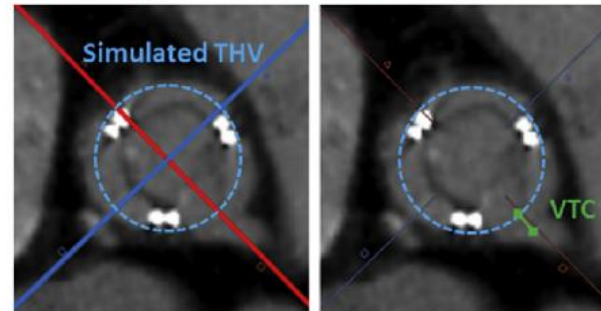
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**Step 4:** Move double-oblique transverse plane to level of coronary ostium (here left main, white arrows); rotate views for better visualization of coronary ostium



**Step 5:** Simulate THV e.g. using a region of interest of a specific diameter (dashed circle, center matches center of cross-hairs); subsequently assess VTC as distance measurement between simulated THV and coronary orifice (green line)



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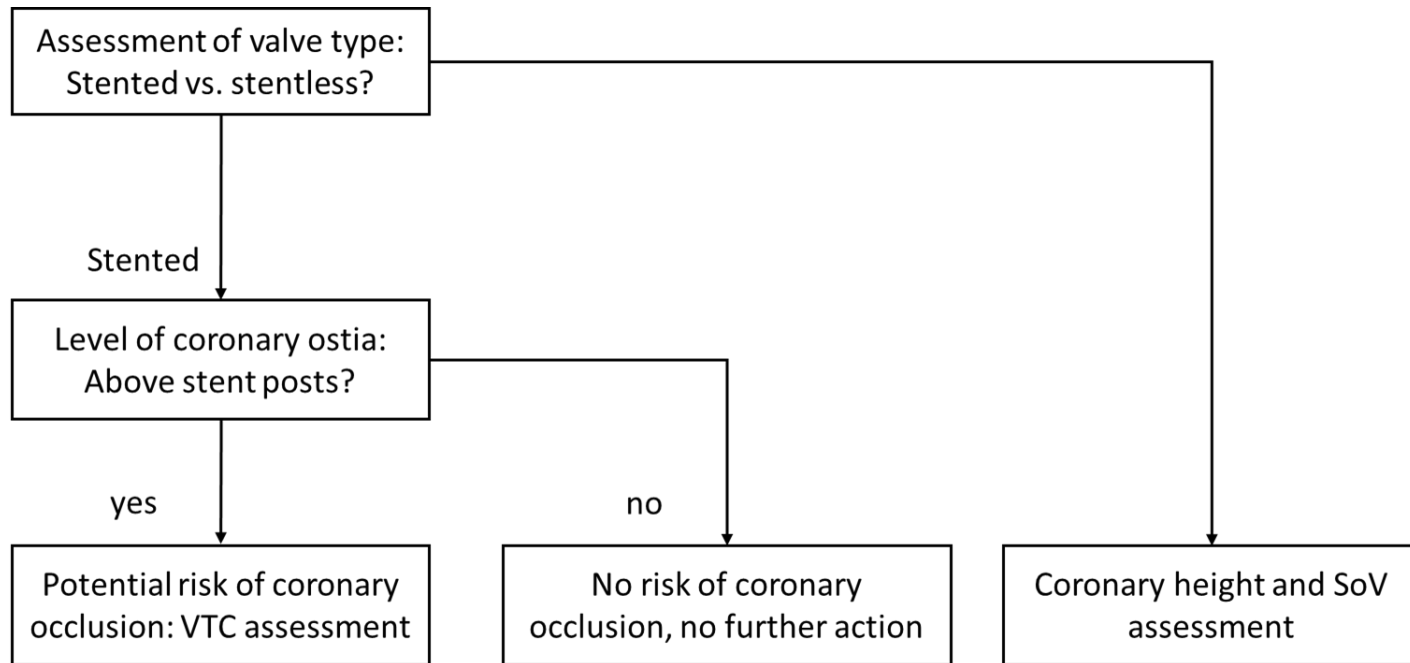
Advanced postprocessing

Pay attention to STJ above ostium as sealing may occur up there!



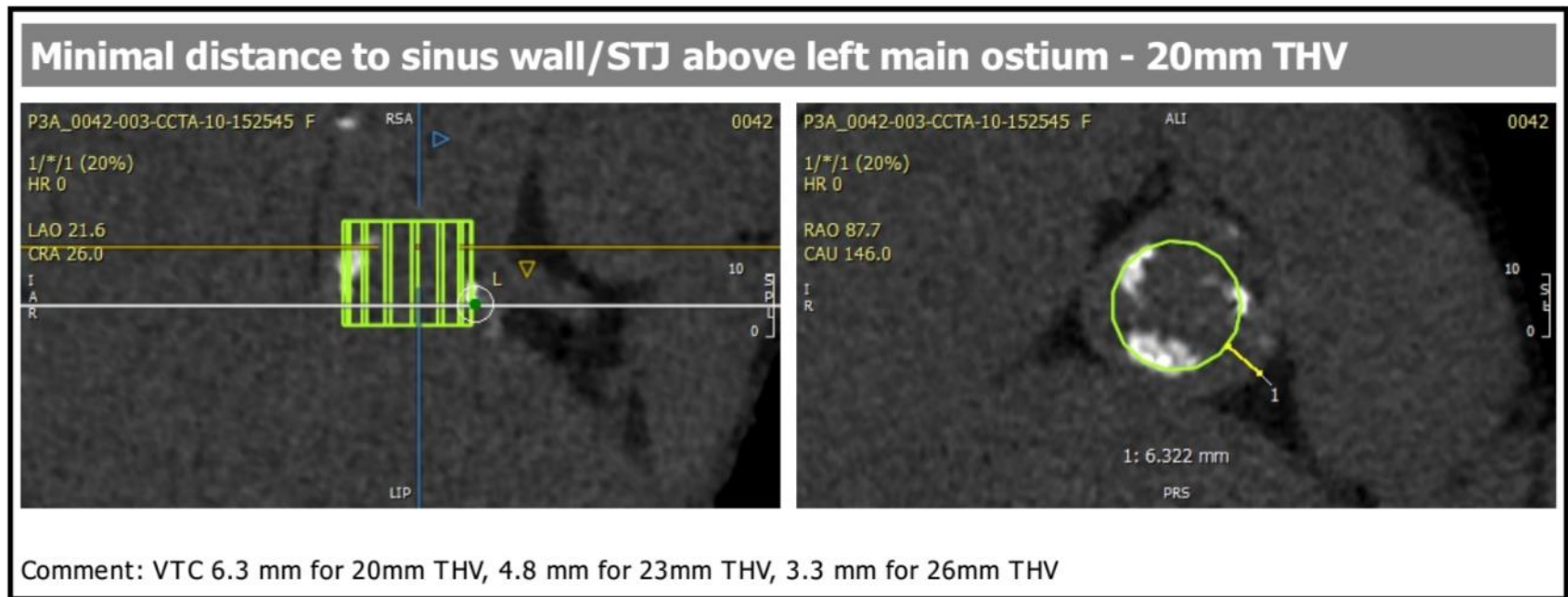
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## Workflow



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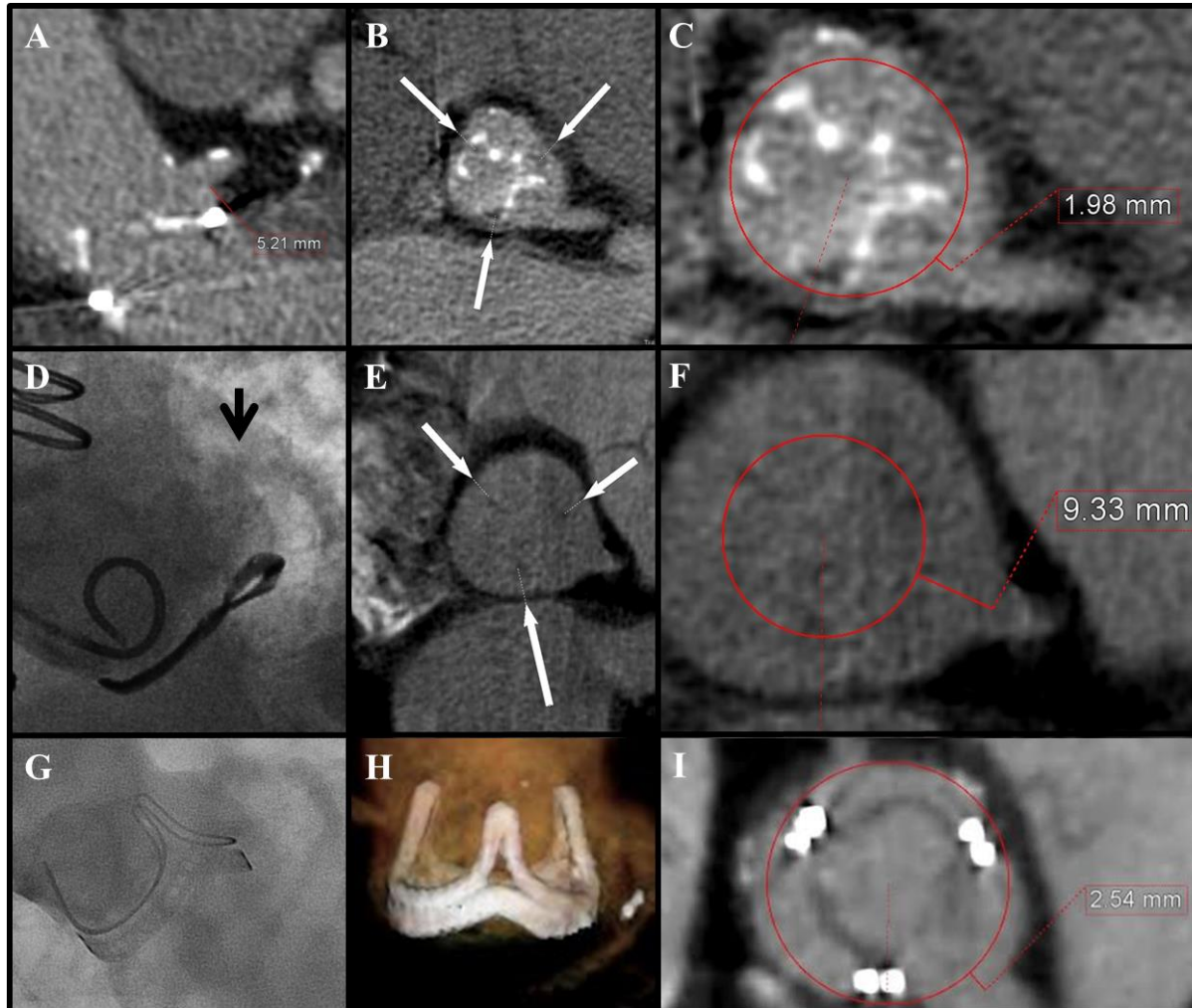
Non-contrast images are sufficient, but need to be gated!





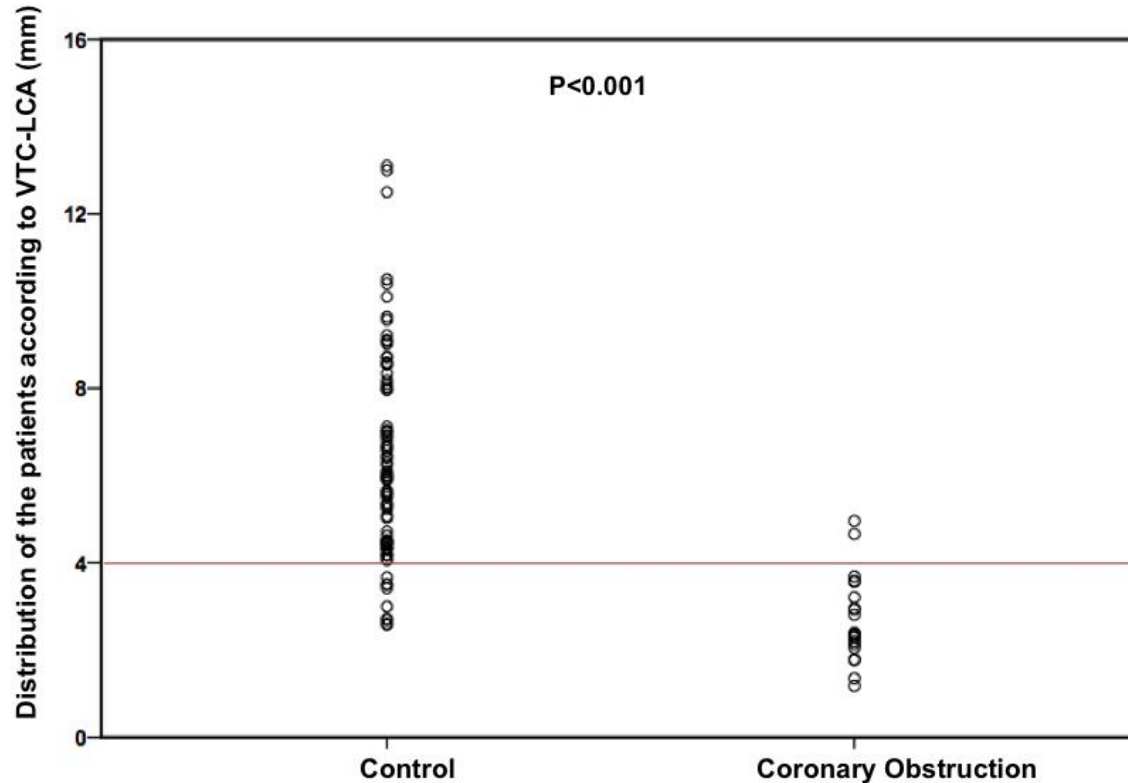
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## Example



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Magic number – 4mm?

