

Supplementary data

Supplementary Table 1. Detailed patient characteristics.

	Without ¹ LVOT calcification (n=358)	With ² LVOT calcification (n=358)	p-value
MSCT baseline parameters regarding location of calcification in LVOT			
Calcium volume LVOT total, mm³	0 (0.0, 0.6)	49.1 (21.8, 97.1)	<0.001
Calcium volume LCC, mm³	0 (0.0, 0.0)	14.7 (1.6, 48.9)	<0.001
Calcium volume NCC, mm³	0 (0.0, 0.0)	10.6 (0, 41.3)	<0.001
Calcium volume RCC, mm³	0 (0.0, 0.0)	0 (0, 7.9)	<0.001
Maximum calcium volume under LCC	-	177 (49.4)	-
Maximum calcium volume under NCC	-	40 (11.1)	-
Maximum calcium volume under RCC	-	141 (39.4)	-
Okuno mild³	-	10 (11.6)	-
Okuno moderate⁴	-	54 (62.8)	-
Okuno severe⁵	-	22 (25.6)	-
Outcome and mortality			
Stroke timepoint, d	2.9±2.6	2.7±4.3	0.91
Stroke <48 hrs	5 (55.6)	14 (66.7)	0.87
Stroke >48 hrs	4 (44.4)	7 (33.3)	0.87
30-day mortality	10 (2.8)	22 (6.1)	0.05
1-year mortality	33 (9.2)	60 (16.8)	0.004
Mortality during whole follow-up	58 (16.2)	83 (23.2)	0.02
Follow-up period, yrs	1.03 (0.94, 1.13)	1.02 (0.91, 1.10)	-

¹ Without ≤10 mm³ LVOT calcium volume. ² With >10 mm³ LVOT calcium volume.

³ Okuno et al [11], mild: 1 nodule of calcification extending <5 mm in any dimension and covering <10% of the perimeter of the LVOT; ⁴ Okuno moderate: 2 nodules of calcification or 1 extending >5 mm in any direction or covering >10% of the perimeter of the LVOT; ⁵ Okuno severe: multiple nodules of calcification of single focus extending >10 mm in length or covering >20% of the perimeter of the LVOT.

Values are mean±SD, n (%) unless otherwise indicated or median (interquartile range).

LCC: left coronary cusp; MSCT: multislice computed tomography; NCC: non-coronary cusp; RCC: right coronary cusp

Supplementary Table 2. Categorisation of LVOT calcification: subgroup analyses of patients with LVOT calcium volume >10 mm³.

All-cause mortality and stroke			
	Patients alive and no stroke (n=320)	Patients dead or stroke (n=38)	p-value
Quantitative calcium scoring by MSCT			
Calcium volume LVOT total, mm³	47.9 (21.4, 96.6)	54.2 (33.4, 109.4)	0.30
Calcium volume LCC, mm³	14.0 (1.6, 47.6)	24.5 (3.0, 60.8)	0.39
Calcium volume NCC, mm³	9.7 (0, 39.6)	23.3 (0, 48.5)	0.33
Calcium volume RCC, mm³	0 (0, 8.3)	0 (0, 2.5)	0.33
	Patients alive and no stroke (n= 75)	Patients dead or stroke (n= 11)	p-value
Classification by Okuno et al¹			
Mild²	9 (12.0)	1 (9.1)	1.00
Moderate³	46 (61.3)	8 (72.7)	0.69
Severe⁴	20 (26.7)	2 (18.2)	0.82
Macroscopic aspects			
Coverage of perimeter of LVOT (%)	9.0 (6.5, 17.7)	12.1 (10.1, 16.1)	0.23
Number of nodules	1 (1.0, 2.0)	2.0 (1.0, 2.0)	0.21
Nodule length, mm	6.3 (3.8, 9.9)	3.1 (2.4, 8.8)	0.11
Intraluminal protrusion of nodule, mm	2.5 (1.9, 3.3)	2.5 (1.8, 3.1)	0.72
VARC-3 early safety⁵			
	Endpoint reached (n=245)	Endpoint not reached (n=110)	p-value
Quantitative calcium scoring by MSCT			
Calcium volume LVOT total, mm³	47.0 (20.9, 97.0)	54.0 (23.9, 97.9)	0.58
Calcium volume LCC, mm³	15.0 (1.9, 47.5)	13.0 (1.0, 52.8)	0.71
Calcium volume NCC, mm³	9.0 (0.0, 34.4)	16.1 (0, 49.1)	0.27
Calcium volume RCC, mm³	0 (0.0, 10.0)	0 (0, 2.4)	0.08
	Endpoint reached (n=60)	Endpoint not reached (n=24)	p-value
Classification by Okuno et al¹			

Mild²	6 (10.0)	3 (12.5)	1.00
Moderate³	36 (60.0)	17 (70.4)	0.50
Severe⁴	18 (30.0)	4 (16.7)	0.33
Macroscopic aspects			
Coverage of perimeter of LVOT, %	10.8 (6.7, 18.7)	10.6 (6.8, 14.3)	0.91
Number of nodules	1 (1.0, 2.0)	1 (1.0, 2.0)	0.44
Nodule length, mm	6.5 (4.0, 10.1)	5.3 (2.4, 9.1)	0.15
Intraluminal protrusion of nodule, mm	2.5 (2.0, 3.3)	2.8 (1.8, 3.6)	0.55

VARC-3 device success⁶

	Endpoint reached (n=251)	Endpoint not reached (n=92)	p-value
Quantitative calcium scoring by MSCT			
Calcium volume LVOT total, mm³	44.9 (20.3, 88.1)	67.4 (31.7, 117.1)	<0.01
Calcium volume LCC, mm³	14.5 (1.8, 47.4)	13.0 (1.2, 59.4)	0.77
Calcium volume NCC, mm³	5.7 (0, 32.5)	23.1 (1.1, 54.6)	<0.01
Calcium volume RCC, mm³	0 (0, 4.5)	0 (0, 10.0)	0.13
	Endpoint reached (n=61)	Endpoint not reached (n=18)	p-value

Classification by Okuno et al¹

Mild²	7 (11.5)	2 (11.1)	1.00
Moderate³	38 (62.3)	11 (61.1)	1.00
Severe⁴	16 (26.2)	5 (27.8)	1.00
Macroscopic aspects			
Coverage of perimeter of LVOT, %	10.3 (6.6, 17.6)	11.4 (7.3, 21.1)	0.45
Number of nodules	1.0 (1.0, 2.0)	1.0 (1.0, 2.0)	0.68
Nodule length, mm	6.3 (3.7, 10.4)	6.9 (2.5, 9.9)	0.67
Intraluminal protrusion of nodule, mm	2.5 (1.9, 3.3)	2.5 (1.9, 2.8)	0.58

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