



# Comparative data analysis to a balloon expandable valve system – MORENA results

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# Potential conflicts of interest

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**I have the following potential conflicts of interest to report:**

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# Balloon-expandable vs. self-expanding THV

	Balloon-exp. THV	Self-expanding THV
Frame height/coronary access	++	+
Radial force	+++	++
<b>Level of valvular function</b>		
- Intrannular	+	+
- Supravalvular	-	++
<b>Deployment/Positioning</b>		
- One shot	+	
- Stepwise		+
Retrievability/Resheatability	-	(+)

# CHOICE Trial

- RCT
- Earlier generation devices
- balloon-expandable (SAPIEN XT) vs. self-expanding valve (CoreValve)

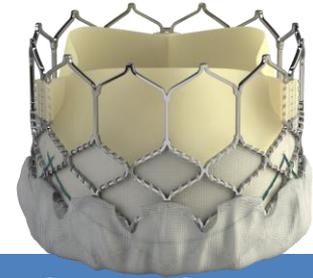
	Balloon-exp. (n= 121)	Self-expanding (n= 120)	p-value
EuroSCORE I	21.5 (12.9)	22.1 (14.7)	-
Device success	116 (95.9)	93 (77.5)	<0.001
New PPI	19 (17.3)	38 (37.6)	0.001
30-day mortality	5 (4.1)	6 (5.1)	0.77
Combined safety endpoint*	22 (18.2)	27 (23.1)	0.42

\* Defined as composite of all-cause mortality, major stroke, life-threatening or disabling bleeding, acute kidney injury stage 3, periprocedural myocardial infarction, major vascular complication, repeat procedure for valve-related dysfunction



# „Next Generation“ THV

## Registry data



### Symetis ACURATE neo

N=994

### Edwards SAPIEN 3

N=1661

EuroSCORE II

6.6%

5.3-8.7%

30-day mortality

1.3%

1.5%

Stroke

1.9%

2%

Life-threatening bleeding

1.5%

3%

Major vascular complications

3.8%

5.8%

New PPI

8.2%

11.2%

PVL II+

4%

3.7%

**NO COMPARATIVE DATA OF  
ACURATE NEO VS. SAPIEN 3 EXIST...**

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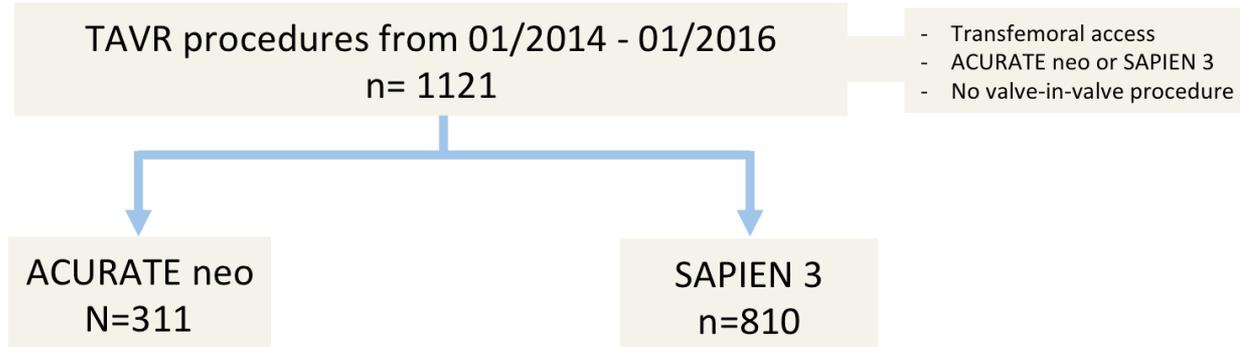
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# Study Flow



## Primary endpoints (VARC-2)

- Device success  
→ *Device oriented*
- Early safety composite endpoint (30d)  
→ *Patient oriented*

# Baseline Characteristics

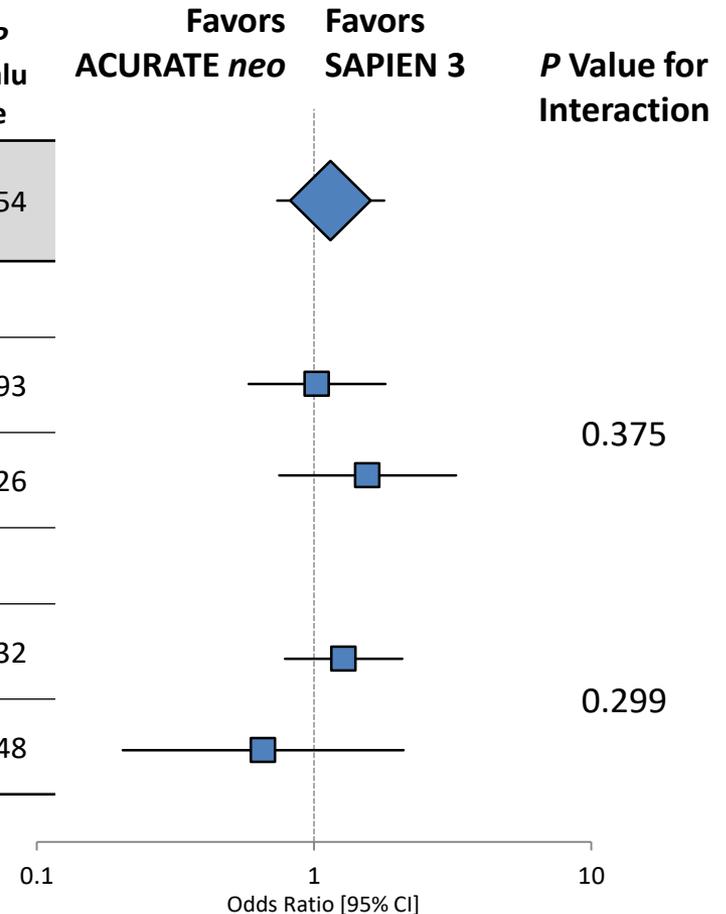
	ACURATE <sup>®</sup> neo <sup>®</sup> (n=311)	SAPIEN <sup>®</sup> (n=622)	p-value
<b>Clinical</b>			
Age (years)	81 <sup>±</sup> 6	81 <sup>±</sup> 7	0.982
Female (gender)	189 (61)	344 (55)	0.112
Body mass index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	27 <sup>±</sup> 5	27 <sup>±</sup> 5	0.660
Logistic EuroSCORE	18 <sup>±</sup> 10	18 <sup>±</sup> 12	0.999
NYHA III or IV	256 (82)	489 (79)	0.184
COPD	42 (14)	92 (15)	0.597
Diabetes mellitus	103 (33)	201 (32)	0.805
Glomerular filtration (ml/min)	59 <sup>±</sup> 27	57 <sup>±</sup> 25	0.205
On dialysis	7 (2)	12 (2)	0.743
Peripheral vascular disease	33 (11)	70 (11)	0.768
Previous stroke major/minor	43 (14)	78 (13)	0.581
Coronary artery disease	190 (61)	390 (63)	0.633
Previous myocardial infarction	31 (10)	63 (10)	0.939
Previous PCI	113 (36)	239 (38)	0.535
Previous CABG	33 (11)	54 (9)	0.339

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<b>Echocardiography</b>			
LV ejection fraction < 35%	18 (6)	34 (6)	0.840
Mean transaortic gradient	45 <sup>±</sup> 15	44 <sup>±</sup> 16	0.590
Mitral regurgitation III+IV	5 (2)	13 (2)	0.614
Pulmonary hypertension*	24 (8)	60 (10)	0.332
<b>ECG</b>			
Atrial fibrillation	77 (25)	163 (26)	0.634
RBBB	26 (8)	51 (8)	0.933
LBbB	27 (9)	43 (7)	0.334
Previous pacemaker	28 (9)	62 (10)	0.638
<b>MSCT data</b>			
Aortic annular area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	4.4 <sup>±</sup> 0.6	4.5 <sup>±</sup> 0.8	0.003
Eccentricity index of aortic annulus	0.2	0.2	0.089
Severe aortic cuspal calcification	69 (22)	164 (26)	0.164
Bicuspid valve	10 (3)	21 (3)	0.897

# RESULTS

## Device Failure

Subgroup	ACURATE <i>neo</i>	SAPIEN 3	Odds Ratio [95% CI]	<i>P</i> Value
<b>Matched population</b>	11% (34/311)	10% (60/622)	1.15 [0.74-1.79]	0.54
<b>Aortic Cusp Calcification</b>				
Mild/moderate	8% (20/242)	8% (37/458)	1.03 [0.58-1.81]	0.93
Severe	20% (14/69)	14% (23/164)	1.56 [0.75-3.25]	0.26
<b>Aortic Annulus Eccentricity Index</b>				
≤0.25	12% (30/253)	10% (47/494)	1.28 [0.78-2.08]	0.32
>0.25	7% (4/58)	10% (13/128)	0.66 [0.20-2.10]	0.48



# Device Failure

	ACURATE <sup>®</sup> <i>neo</i> (n=311)	SAPIEN <sup>®</sup> 3 (n=622)	p-value
<b>Device failure</b>	<b>34 (11)</b>	<b>60 (10)</b>	<b>0.539</b>
Procedural mortality	3 (1)	2 (0.3)	0.340
Correct position	308 (99)	616 (99)	0.999
Intended performance*	280 (90)	564 (91)	0.753
Aortic regurgitation I+II	15 (5)	11 (2)	0.008
Elevated gradient (>20mmHg)	10 (3)	43 (7)	0.021
Multiple valves	7 (2)	7 (1)	0.251
Conversion	5 (2)	4 (1)	0.170

\*No prosthesis mismatch, mean aortic valve gradient <20 mmHg or peak velocity <3 m/s, without moderate or severe prosthetic valve aortic regurgitation of the first implanted prosthesis

# Procedural Data

	ACURATE <sup>®</sup> <i>neo</i> (n=311)	SAPIEN <sup>®</sup> 3 (n=622)	p-value
<b>Procedural Data</b>			
Conscious Sedation	147 (47)	286 (46)	0.710
Pre-dilatation	298 (96)	462 (74)	<0.001
Post-dilatation	131 (42)	148 (24)	<0.001
Procedural time (min)	55 ± 30	54 ± 24	0.540
Contrast (ml)	115 ± 54	104 ± 53	0.004
Fluoroscopy time (min)	10 [6-14]	11 [7-15]	0.032

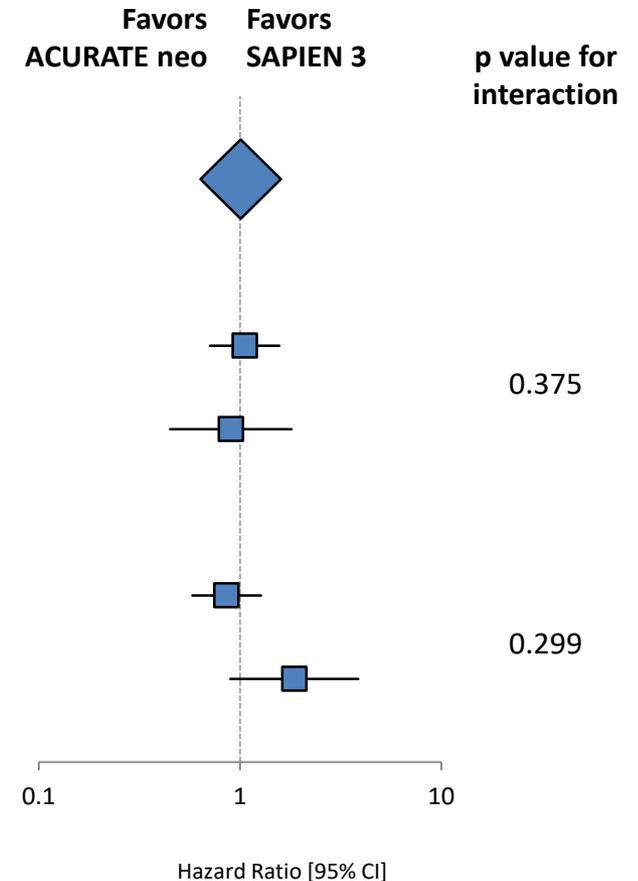
# In-hospital outcome

	ACURATE <sup>®</sup> <i>neo</i> <sup>®</sup> (n=311) <sup>‡</sup>	SAPIEN <sup>®</sup> 3 <sup>‡</sup> (n=622) <sup>‡</sup>	p-value <sup>‡</sup>
<b>In-hospital complications<sup>‡</sup></b>			
All stroke <sup>‡</sup>	6 (2) <sup>‡</sup>	15 (2) <sup>‡</sup>	0.640 <sup>‡</sup>
Disabling <sup>‡</sup>	5 (1.6) <sup>‡</sup>	10 (2.4) <sup>‡</sup>	0.999 <sup>‡</sup>
Non-disabling <sup>‡</sup>	1 (0.3) <sup>‡</sup>	5 (0.8) <sup>‡</sup>	0.357 <sup>‡</sup>
Major vascular complication <sup>‡</sup>	32 (10) <sup>‡</sup>	53 (9) <sup>‡</sup>	0.376 <sup>‡</sup>
Life-threatening bleeding <sup>‡</sup>	13 (4) <sup>‡</sup>	23 (4) <sup>‡</sup>	0.718 <sup>‡</sup>
Renal failure (AKIN 2/3, including dialysis) <sup>‡</sup>	10 (3) <sup>‡</sup>	17 (3) <sup>‡</sup>	0.679 <sup>‡</sup>
Coronary artery obstruction w/PCI <sup>‡</sup>	2 (1) <sup>‡</sup>	0 (0) <sup>‡</sup>	0.036 <sup>‡</sup>
Myocardial infarction <sup>‡</sup>	0 (0) <sup>‡</sup>	0 (0) <sup>‡</sup>	- <sup>‡</sup>
New pacemaker* <sup>‡</sup>	28 (10) <sup>‡</sup>	87 (16) <sup>‡</sup>	0.024 <sup>‡</sup>
Days in hospital <sup>‡</sup>	8 [6-11] <sup>‡</sup>	6 [5-10] <sup>‡</sup>	<0.001 <sup>‡</sup>
Days on Intensive Care Unit <sup>‡</sup>	1 [1-2] <sup>‡</sup>	1 [1-2] <sup>‡</sup>	0.336 <sup>‡</sup>
In-hospital mortality <sup>‡</sup>	5 (2) <sup>‡</sup>	7 (1) <sup>‡</sup>	0.545 <sup>‡</sup>

# Early Safety

## Composite Endpoint at 30 Days

Subgroup	ACURATE neo	SAPIEN 3	Hazard Ratio [95% CI]	P Value
<b>Matched population</b>	16% (49/311)	16% (97/622)	1.01 [0.72-1.43]	0.953
<b>Aortic Cusp Calcification</b>				
Mild/moderate	16% (38/242)	15% (68/458)	1.05 [0.71-1.57]	0.783
Severe	16% (11/69)	18% (29/164)	0.90 [0.45-1.81]	0.774
<b>Aortic Annulus Eccentricity Index</b>				
≤0.25	14% (36/253)	16% (81/494)	0.86 [0.58-1.27]	0.450
>0.25	22% (13/58)	13% (16/128)	1.86 [0.89-3.87]	0.095



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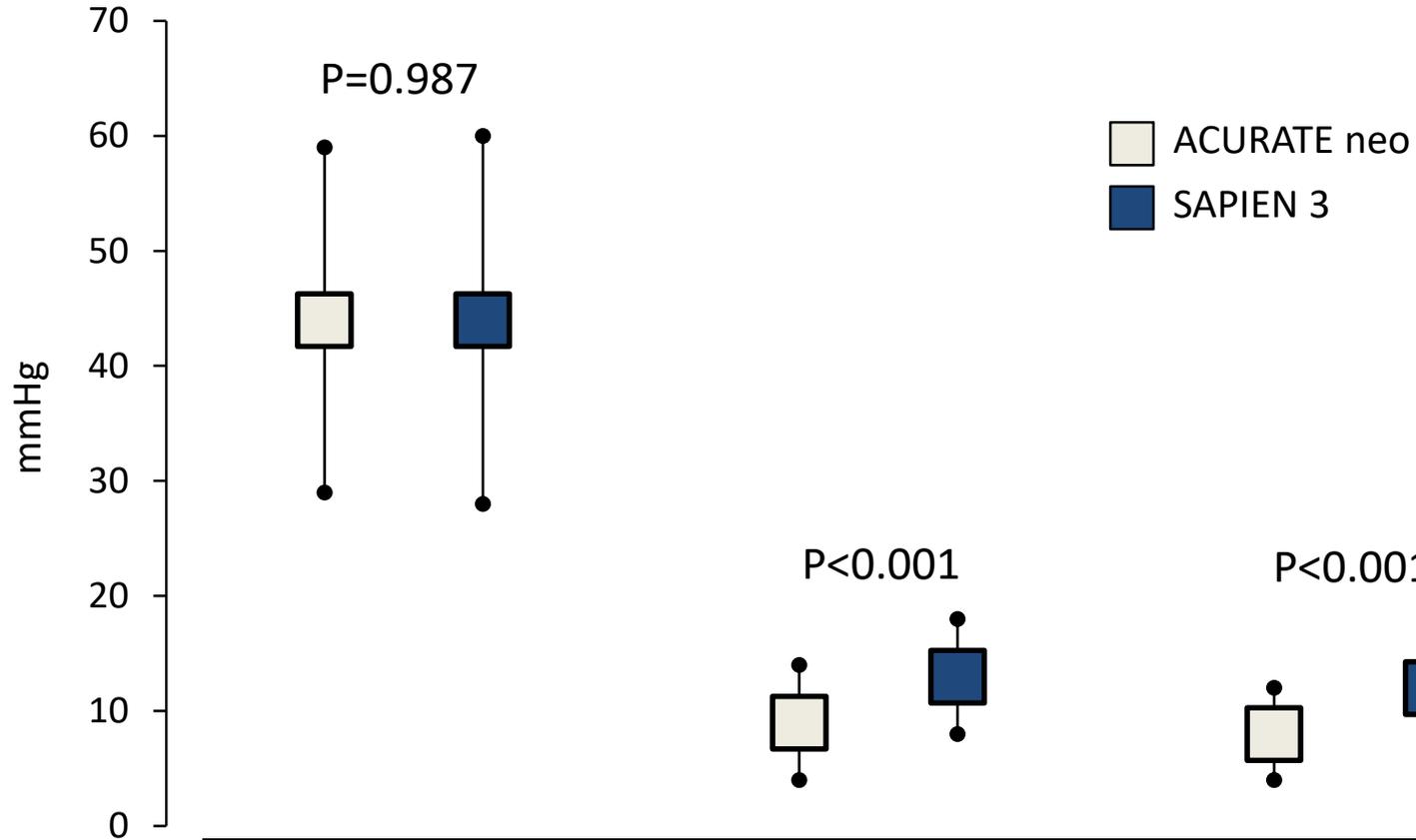
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<b>Early Safety Composite Endpoint 30 Days<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>49 (16)</b>	<b>97 (16)</b>	<b>0.941</b>
*** All-cause mortality 30 days	7 (2)	12 (2)	0.742
*** Stroke (disabling and non-disabling)	7 (2)	19 (3)	0.484
*** Coronary artery obstruction requiring intervention	2 (1)	0 (0)	0.046
*** Major vascular complication	32 (10)	53 (9)	0.710
*** Life-threatening bleeding	13 (4)	27 (4)	0.910
*** Acute kidney injury (RIFLE 2/3, including dialysis)	10 (3)	17 (3)	0.669
*** Valve-related dysfunction with BAV, TAVI or SAVR	1 (0.3)	0 (0)	0.159
<b>New permanent pacemaker implantation<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>29 (10.2)</b>	<b>92 (16.4)</b>	<b>0.018</b>

\* Follow-up at 30 days was available for: ACURATE neo: 310/311 (99.7%); SAPIEN 3 matched population: 614/622 (98.7%)

+ excluding patients with pacemaker at baseline

<sup>#</sup> Multiple events possible; counting only first event

# Mean transvalvular gradients – baseline, discharge and 30 days



**Baseline**

**Discharge**

**30 days**

SAPIEN 3

44±16 mmHg

13±5 mmHg

12±5 mmHg

ACURATE neo

44±15 mmHg

9±5 mmHg

8±4 mmHg

# Limitations and Strengths

- **Limitations**

- Observational study
- No center-independent event adjudication
- No core-lab analysis for PVL

- **Strengths**

- 1000+ patients from three high-volume TAVI centers
- propensity-matching to account for selection bias

## ACURATE neo compared to SAPIEN 3

Device failure		11% vs. 10%
Early safety composite endpoint at 30 days		16% vs. 16%
Paravalvular leakage (II+)		5% vs. 2%
Elevated gradients ( $PG_{\text{mean}} > 20$ mmHg)		3% vs. 7%
New permanent pacemaker		10% vs. 16%

➔ Prospective randomized comparison is warranted (SCOPE-I trial)

# Thank you very much for your attention!

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