



**Darf die linke Arterie subclavia überstentet werden? - PRO**

**Si può coprire l'arteria succavia sinistra? - A favore**



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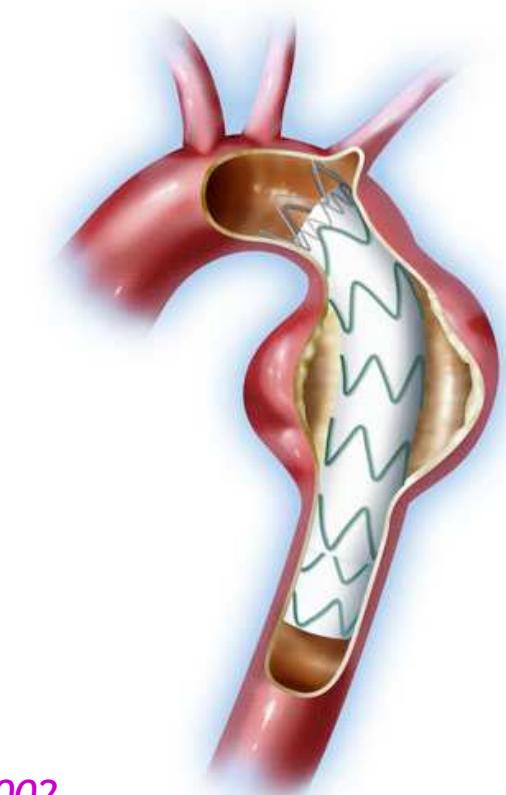
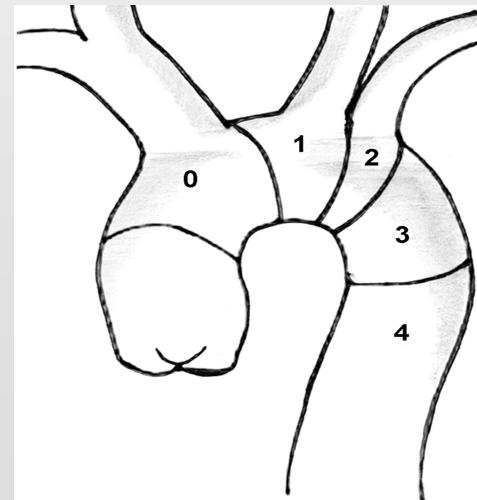
Le mie conoscenze della lingua italiana bastano appena per ordinare in caffè o un bicchiere di vino, ma non per fare la seguente relazione.



## Background

### Endovascular Repair (Stentgraft) in Thoracic Aortic Disease (TEVAR)

- requires **adequate landing zones**
- proximal and distal
- = 15 mm (in elective cases)



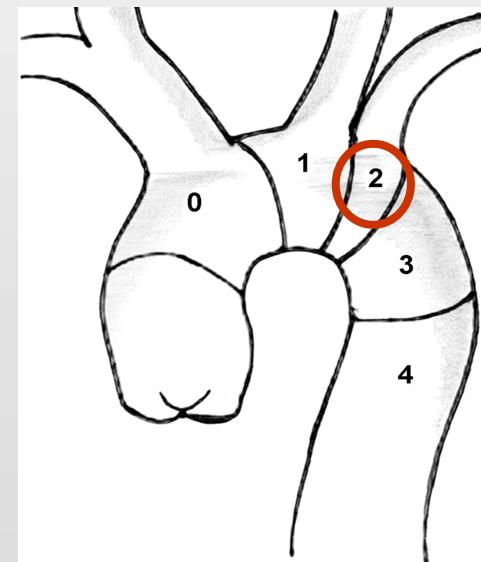
*Mitchell, Ishimaru et al. 2002*



## Background

### Classification of landing zones (TEVAR) - Ishimaru

- zone 0 - Truncus brachiocephalicus
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  - zone 2 - **A. subclavia sinistra ? ???**
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  - zone 4
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- debranching-operation
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- NO debranching-operation



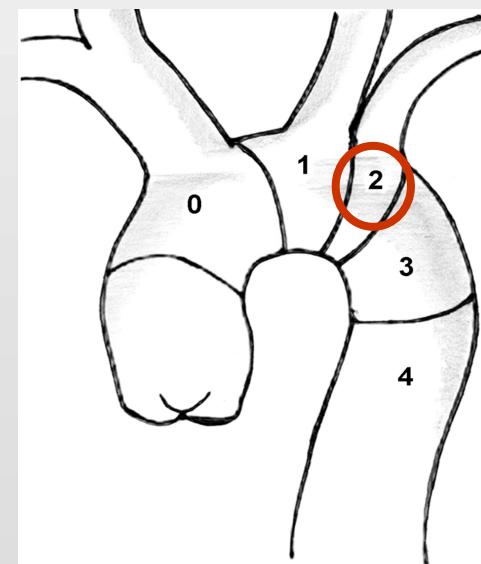
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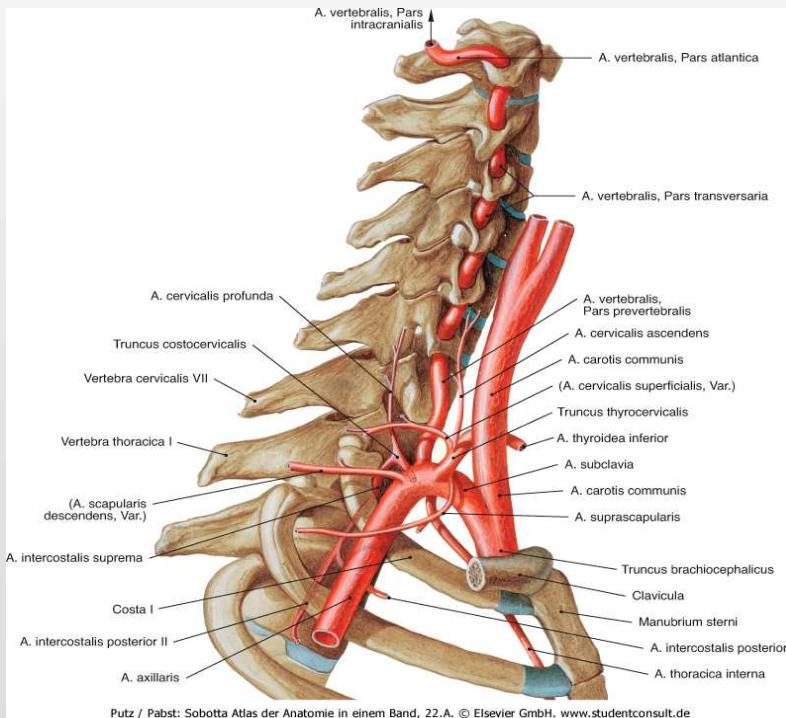


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## Background

### Potential risks of LSA coverage (during TEVAR)



### Critical Arteries

? LSA

-> shoulder girdle/upper extremity

? vertebral artery

-> brain (posterior circulation) and spinal cord

? ascending cervical artery

-> spinal cord

? deep cervical artery

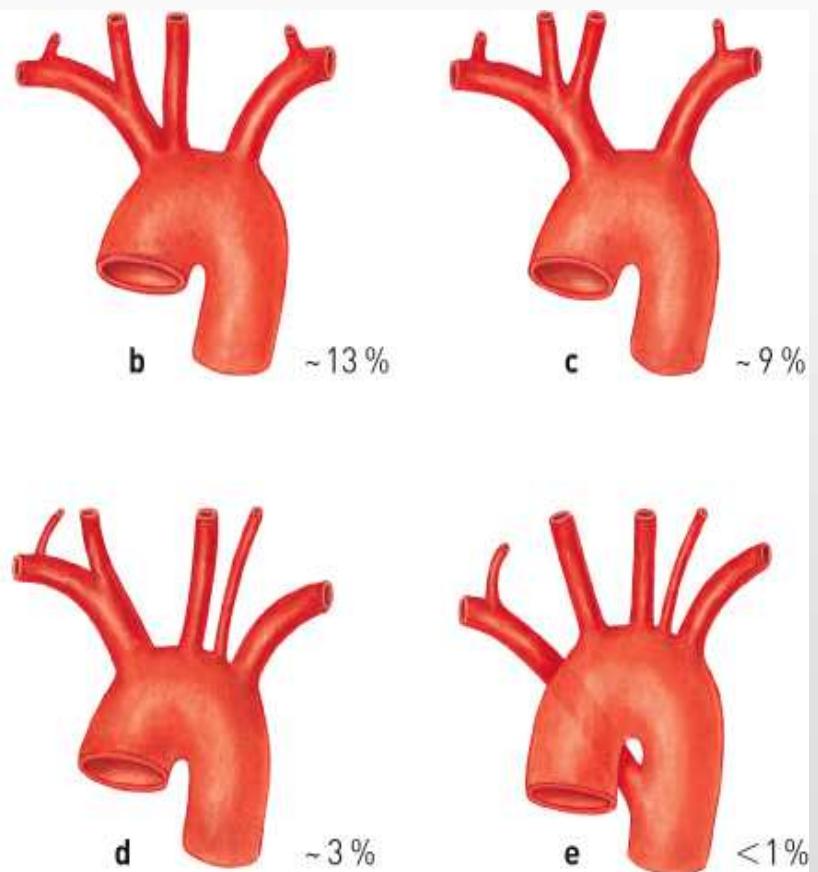
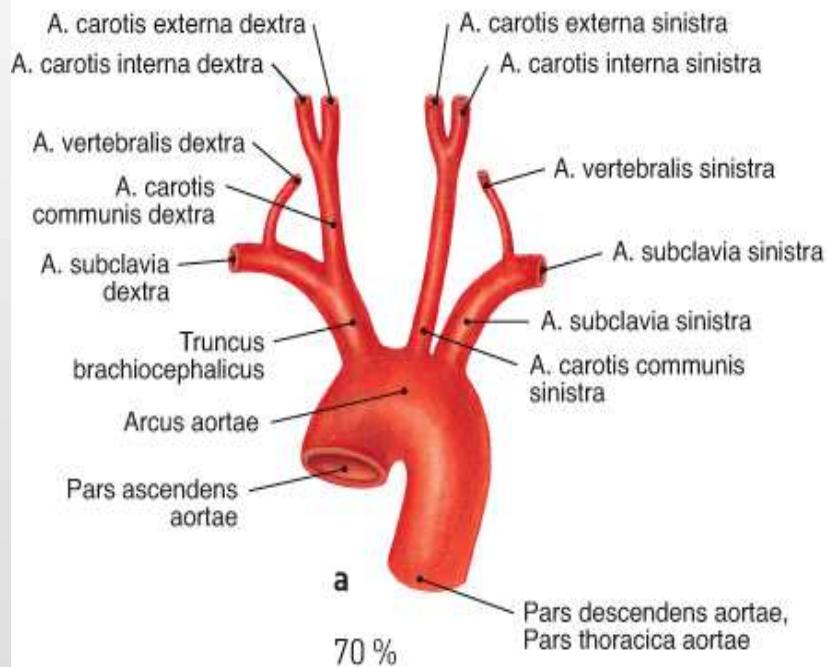
-> spinal cord

? internal mammary

-> potential donor for CABG



## Background



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## Background

### Potential risks of LSA coverage (during TEVAR)

- ? posterior circulation stroke
- ? spinal cord ischemia
- ? subclavian steal syndrome
- ? upper limb ischemia
- ? ENDOLEAK Type II
- ? (coronary ischemia)



## LSA - Revascularisation - Strategien

- „prophylactic“ LSA revascularization of ALL patients undergoing LSA coverage prior to TEVAR  
to prevent ischemic complications

versus

- selective LSA revascularization
  - primary      - in pts considered high - risk for ischemic complications  
(prior to TEVAR)
  - secondary    - in pts with ischemic complications  
(after TEVAR)



## Primary selective LSA - Revascularisation

- hypoplastic right / dominant left vertebral artery
- distal occlusion of right vertebral artery (incomplete Circle of Willis)
- aortic arch anomalies (A. lusoria; common origin of LCCA+LSA)
- left internal mammary artery (LIMA) - graft for CABG
- functioning dialysis fistula in the left arm
- prior concomitant infrarenal aortic replacement
- left- handed worker (e.g. pianist)

*Kotelis et al., JVS 2009*



## Background

### Potential risks of LSA coverage (during TEVAR)

|                                |                       |     |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| ? posterior circulation stroke | <i>baseline risk:</i> | 2 % |
| ? spinal cord ischemia         |                       | 4 % |
| ? subclavian steal syndrome    |                       | ??  |
| ? upper limb ischemia          |                       | 6 % |
| ? ENDOLEAK Type II             |                       | ??  |

Rizvi et al., JVS 2009



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anterior circulation stroke 5 %

Rizvi et al., JVS 2009



## Questions to be raised

-> do data support prophylactic LSA revascularization prior to LSA coverage ??

no prospective trials

systematic reviews

metaanalyses

guidelines



## Literature

### Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

#### The effect of left subclavian artery coverage on morbidity and mortality in patients undergoing endovascular thoracic aortic interventions: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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and Victor M. Montori, MD, MSc,<sup>a,c</sup> Rochester, Minn, Minneapolis, Minn, and Philadelphia.<sup>f</sup>

**Objectives:** Thoracic endografts (stent grafts) have emerged as a less invasive alternative to open thoracic aortic surgery for the treatment of thoracic aortic lesions. The intentional coverage of the left subclavian artery (LSA) has been associated with several complications including stroke, spinal cord ischemia, and death. The objective of this study was to synthesize the available evidence regarding the complications of LSA coverage.

**Methods:** We searched electronic databases from January 1990 through February 2008 for observational studies that included patients who underwent endovascular thoracic aortic interventions with or without LSA coverage. Eligible studies had a primary outcome of LSA coverage or had primary revascularization prior to LSA coverage and extracted descriptive, methodological and outcome data. We used random effects models to calculate the odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence intervals (CI) to describe associations between LSA coverage and complications; the  $I^2$  statistic described the proportion of inconsistency due to chance.

We identified 1,000 observational studies. LSA coverage was associated with significant increase in the risk of arm ischemia (OR 1.74; CI, 1.14-2.34;  $I^2 = 0\%$ ; 11 studies) and vertebral ischemia (OR 10.8; CI, 3.17-36.7;  $I^2 = 0\%$ ; 19 studies); and nonsignificant increase in the risk of spinal cord ischemia (OR 2.69; CI, 0.75-9.68;  $I^2 = 40\%$ ; eight studies) and anterior circulation stroke (OR 2.58; CI, 0.82-8.09;  $I^2 = 64\%$ ; 13 studies). There were no significant associations between LSA coverage and death, myocardial infarction, or transient ischemic attacks. The incidence of phrenic nerve injury as a complication of primary revascularization was 4.40% (CI, 1.60%-12.20%). Data on perioperative infection were sparse and rarely reported.

**Conclusions:** Very low quality evidence suggests that LSA coverage increases the risk of arm ischemia, vertebral ischemia, and possibly spinal cord ischemia and anterior circulation stroke. (J Vasc Surg 2009;50:1159-69.)

Very low quality evidence...

Rizvi et al., JVS 2009



# Literature

## Practice Guidelines

### SVS PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Society for Vascular Surgery Practice Guidelines: Management of the left subclavian artery with thoracic endovascular

Jon S. Matsumura, MD,<sup>a</sup> W. Anthony

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For elective TEVAR -> routine pre-OP LSA revascularization  
despite very low quality evidence (Grade 2C)

In emergency TEVAR -> individualized - expectantly on the basis  
of anatomy, urgency and availability of surgical expertise (Grade 2C)

(J Vasc Surg 2009;50:1155-8.)

Matsumura et al., JVS 2009



## Literature

### Practice Guidelines

#### SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY® DOCUMENTS

Endovascular repair of traumatic thoracic aortic injury: Clinical practice guidelines of the Society for Vascular Surgery

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Near unanimity of opinion for selective LSA revascularization  
depending on the status of the vertebral anatomy

Minority opinion favoring routine LSA revascularization  
Preservation of antegrade perfusion on the side of the dominant  
vertebral artery !!

.. systemic  
... was also surveyed on  
... the majority opinions of the  
... of minimal aortic defects, selective (vs  
... that spinal drainage is not routinely required in these

Lee et al., JVS 2011



# Literature

## Practice Guidelines

### ACCF/AHA Guideline

#### 2010 ACCF/AHA/AATS/ACR/<sup>†††</sup> Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Patients With Suspected or Documented Peripheral Artery Disease

A Report of the  
Task Force on Clinical  
Cardiovascular

For intentional LSA coverage, it is recommended that the patency of the contralateral right subclavian and vertebral arteries be determined preoperatively by CT, MR, or invasive angiography.

Additionally, verification that vertebral arteries communicate at basilar artery by either transcranial Doppler or angiography is recommended.

If these steps are taken to ensure that the contralateral posterior circulation is intact, the need to perform LSA revascularization postoperatively for arm claudication or vertebral basilar insufficiency is infrequent.

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Hiratzka et al., Circulation 2010



## Questions to be raised

-> what are the potential risks of LSA revascularization ??



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... We found 51 eligible observational studies. LSA coverage was associated with significant increase in the risk of arm ischemia (OR 47.7; CI, 9.9-229.3;  $I^2 = 72\%$ , 19 studies) and vertebrobasilar ischemia (OR 10.8; CI, 3.17-36.7;  $I^2 = 0\%$ ; eight studies); and nonsignificant increase in the risk of spinal cord ischemia (OR 2.69; CI, 0.75-9.68;  $I^2 = 40\%$ ; eight studies) and anterior circulation stroke (OR 2.58; CI, 0.82-8.09;  $I^2 = 64\%$ , 13 studies). There were no significant associations between LSA coverage and death, myocardial infarction, or transient ischemic attacks. The incidence of phrenic nerve injury as a complication of primary revascularization was 4.40% (CI, 1.60%-12.20%). Data on perioperative infection were sparse and rarely reported.

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**The incidence of phrenic nerve injury as a complication of LSA-revascularization was 4.4% (CI: 1.6%-12.2%)**

Rizvi et al., JVS 2009



## Questions to be raised

### Potential risk of LSA revascularization

|                            | Bypass grafting n/N (%) | Transposition n/N (%) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 30 days mortality          | 6/507 (1.2)             | 6/511 (1.2)           |
| Mortality during follow-up | 59/409 (14.4)           | 64/415 (15.4)         |
| Nerve injury               | 46/500 (9.2)            | 51/452 (11.2)         |
| Stroke                     | 33/500 (6.6)            | 20/452 (4.4)          |
| Lymphatic leak             | 10/472 (2.1)            | 11/452 (2.4)          |
| Postoperative thrombosis*  | 16/460 (3.5)            | 4/452 (0.9)           |
| Graft infection            | 5/428 (1.2)             | 0                     |
| Hematoma                   | 3/381 (0.8)             | 4/452 (0.9)           |

*Cina et al., JVS 2002*



## **How would Prof. A. Greiner argue??**

New data?

Own series?

Excellence of LSA revascularization?



## Literature

# Vascular distribution of stroke and its relationship to perioperative mortality and neurologic outcome after thoracic endovascular aortic repair

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**Objective:** This study assessed the vascular distribution of stroke after thoracic endovascular aortic repair (TEVAR) and its relationship to perioperative death and neurologic outcome.

**Methods:** A retrospective review was performed for patients undergoing TEVAR between 2001 and 2010. Aortic arch hybrid and abdominal debranching cases were excluded. Demographics, operative variables, and neurologic complications were examined. Stroke was defined as any new focal or global neurologic deficit lasting >24 hours with radiographic confirmation of acute intracranial pathology.

**Results:** Perioperative stroke occurred in 20 of 530 patients (3.8%) undergoing TEVAR. The cohort was 55% male and a mean age of  $75.2 \pm 8.9$  years (range, 57-90 years). Among patients with perioperative strokes, the indication for surgery was degenerative aneurysm in 14 (mean diameter, 6.8 cm), acute type B dissection in four, penetrating atherosclerotic aneurysm in one, and aortic transection in one. Cases were performed urgently or as an emergency in 60%. The proximal landing zone was zone 2 in 11 or zone 3 in nine. All strokes were embolic. The vascular distribution of stroke involved the anterior cerebral (AC) circulation in eight (zone 2, n = 5) and the posterior cerebral (PC) circulation in 12 (zone 2, n = 6). Laterality of cerebral infarction included five right-sided, eight left-sided, and seven bilateral strokes. Nine strokes were diagnosed <24 hours after operation. There was no difference in baseline demographics, aortic pathology, acuity, zone coverage, preoperative left subclavian artery revascularization, number of stents, or estimated blood loss between stroke groups based on vascular distribution. Independent risk factors for any perioperative stroke were chronic renal insufficiency (odds ratios [OR], 4.65; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.22-17.7; P = .02) and history of prior stroke (OR, 4.92; 95% CI, 1.69-14.4; P = .004); the risk factor for AC stroke was prior stroke (OR, 7.67; 95% CI, 1.25-46.9; P = .03) and the risk factors for PC stroke were age (OR, 1.11; 95% CI, 1.00-1.23; P = .04), prior stroke (OR, 7.53; 95% CI, 1.78-31.8; P = .006), zone 2 coverage (OR, 6.11; 95% CI, 1.15-32.3; P = .03), and penetrating atherosclerotic ulcer (OR, 32.7; 95% CI, 1.33-807.2; P = .03). Overall in-hospital mortality was 20% (n = 4), with those sustaining PC strokes observed to trend toward increased mortality (33% vs 0%; P = .12). Patients with AC strokes were more likely than those with PC strokes to achieve complete recovery of neurologic deficits before discharge (75% vs 17%; P = .02).

**Conclusions:** Perioperative stroke after TEVAR is primarily an embolic event. Although infrequent, stroke was associated with significant morbidity and death, particularly among those with strokes involving the PC circulation. (J Vasc Surg 2012;56:1510-7.)

Ullery et al., JVS 2012



## Literature

**Perioperative stroke** occurred in 20 of 530 patients (3.8%) undergoing TEVAR

**anterior stroke:** n = 8

**posterior stroke:** n = 12

n = 11 proximal landing zone 2

n = 9 proximal landing zone 3

7 of 20 stroke patients underwent a **left carotid-to-subclavian bypass**  
**(prior to TEVAR)**

**anterior stroke:** n = 4

**posterior stroke:** n = 3

*Ullery et al., JVS 2012*



## Literature

**Table IV.** Multivariate analysis of independent predictors of perioperative stroke

| <i>Variable</i>              | <i>OR (95% CI)</i> | P    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Any stroke                   |                    |      |
| Prior stroke                 | 4.92 (1.69-14.4)   | .004 |
| CRI <sup>a</sup>             | 4.65 (1.22-17.7)   | .02  |
| Anterior circulation stroke  |                    |      |
| Prior stroke                 | 7.67 (1.25-46.9)   | .03  |
| Posterior circulation stroke |                    |      |
| Prior stroke                 | 7.53 (1.78-31.8)   | .006 |
| Age                          | 1.11 (1.00-1.23)   | .04  |
| Zone 2 coverage <sup>b</sup> | 6.11 (1.15-32.3)   | .03  |
| PAU                          | 32.7 (1.33-807.2)  | .03  |

*CI*, Confidence interval; *CRI*, chronic renal insufficiency; *OR*, odds ratio; *PAU*, penetrating atherosclerotic ulcer.

<sup>a</sup>Creatinine  $\geq 1.5$  mg/dL.

<sup>b</sup>Endovascular coverage from the left common carotid artery to the left subclavian artery.

*Ullery et al., JVS 2012*



## Literature

# Left subclavian artery coverage during thoracic endovascular aortic aneurysm repair does not mandate revascularization

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**Objective:** This study assessed the risk of left subclavian artery (LSA) coverage and the role of revascularization in a large population of patients undergoing thoracic endovascular aortic aneurysm repair.

**Methods:** A retrospective multicenter review of 1189 patient records from 2000 to 2010 was performed. Major adverse events evaluated included cerebrovascular accident (CVA) and spinal cord ischemia (SCI). Subgroup analysis was performed for noncovered LSA (group A), covered LSA (group B), and covered/revascularized LSA (group C).

**Results:** Of 1189 patients, 394 had LSA coverage (33.1%), and 180 of these patients (46%) underwent LSA revascularization. In all patients, emergency operations (9.5% vs 4.3%;  $P = .001$ ), renal failure (12.7% vs 5.3%;  $P = .001$ ), hypertension (7% vs 2.3%;  $P = .01$ ), and number of stents placed (1 = 3.7%, 2 = 7.4%,  $\geq 3 = 10\%$ ;  $P = .005$ ) were predictors of SCI. History of cerebrovascular disease (9.6% vs 3.5%;  $P = .002$ ), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (9.5% vs 5.4%;  $P = .01$ ), coronary artery disease (8.5% vs 5.3%;  $P = .03$ ), smoking (8.9% vs 4.2%) and female gender (5.3% men vs 8.2% women;  $P = .05$ ) were predictors of CVA. Subgroup analysis showed no significant difference between groups B and C (SCI, 6.3% vs 6.1%; CVA, 6.7% vs 6.1%). LSA revascularization was not protective for SCI (7.5% vs 4.1%;  $P = .3$ ) or CVA (6.1% vs 6.4%;  $P = .9$ ). Women who underwent revascularization had an increased incidence of CVA event compared with all other subgroups (group A: 5.6% men, 8.4% women,  $P = .16$ ; group B: 6.6% men, 5.3% women,  $P = .9$ ; group C: 2.8% men, 11.9% women,  $P = .03$ ).

**Conclusions:** LSA coverage does not appear to result in an increased incidence of SCI or CVA event when a strategy of selective revascularization is adopted. Selective LSA revascularization results in similar outcomes among the three cohorts studied. Revascularization in women carries an increased risk of a CVA event and should be reserved for select cases. (J Vasc Surg 2013;57:116-24.)

Maldonado et al., JVS 2013



## Literature

### Aim:

to better define the role and outcome of selective LSA revascularization in patients who require coverage

### Methods:

- ? retrospective review of prospectively collected data
- ? consecutive patients undergoing TEVAR
- ? six high-volume centers > 150 TEVAR experience
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*Maldonado et al., JVS 2013*



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- ? six high-volume centers (> 150 TEVAR experience each)
- ? n = 1189 patients
- ? decision for LSA revascularization: physician dependent
- ? no routine or mandatory LSA revascularization in any center

*Maldonado et al., JVS 2013*



## Literature

### Methods:

primary endpoints at 30 days:

- ? Stroke
- ? Spinal Cord Ischemia
- ? Death

subgroup analysis for:

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| ? non-covered LSA                       | (group A) |
| ? covered LSA without revascularization | (group B) |
| ? covered and revascularized LSA        | (group C) |

*Maldonado et al., JVS 2013*



## Literature

### Results:

- ? non-covered LSA (group A) n = 795
  - ? covered LSA without revascularization (group B) n = 214
  - ? covered and revascularized LSA (group C) n = 180
- total n = 1189

| Event                | No. (%)         |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Paraplegia           | 74/1189 (6.2)   |
| Stroke               | 77/1189 (6.5)   |
| Mortality at 30 days | 147/1189 (12.4) |

*Maldonado et al., JVS 2013*



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| <i>Group</i> | <i>SCI<br/>No. (%)</i>     | <i>CVA<br/>No. (%)</i> | <i>Death<br/>No. (%)</i> |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Group A      | 50/791 (6.3)               | 53/791 (6.7)           | 108/789 (13.7)           |
| Group B      | 16/212 (7.5)               | 13/212 (6.1)           | 24/212 (11.3)            |
| Group C      | 7/172 (4.1)<br><i>P</i> .2 | 11/173 (6.4)<br>.9     | 13/173 (7.5)<br>.5       |

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## Literature

### Results: Stroke

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| Variable   | Group B     | P    | Group C      | P   |
|------------|-------------|------|--------------|-----|
| Urgency    |             |      |              |     |
| Emergency  | 9/123 (7.3) | .432 | 4/44 (9.1)   | .4  |
| Elective   | 4/86 (4.7)  |      | 7/128 (5.5)  |     |
| Indication |             |      |              |     |
| Aneurysm   | 5/109 (4.6) | .52  | 11/144 (7.6) | .5  |
| Dissection | 6/67 (9.0)  |      | 0/19 (0)     |     |
| Ulcer      | 0/10 (0)    |      | 0/5 (0)      |     |
| Trauma     | 1/23 (4.3)  |      | 0/5 (0)      |     |
| Gender     |             |      |              |     |
| Female     | 4/76 (5.3)  | .9   | 8/67 (11.9)  | .03 |
| Male       | 9/136 (6.6) |      | 3/106 (2.8)  |     |

<sup>a</sup>Only female gender differed between groups, with an increased risk of stroke in female patients undergoing left subclavian artery revascularization

Maldonado et al., JVS 2013



## Literature

### Results: Stroke

? multivariate analysis

| Variable                | OR (95% CI)          | P    |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------|
| Female gender           | 1.941 (1.013-3.720)  | .046 |
| CAD                     | 0.985 (0.514-1.888)  | .964 |
| COPD                    | 1.614 (0.0828-3.145) | .160 |
| Cerebrovascular disease | 2.423 (1.237-4.592)  | .01  |
| Smoking                 | 2.267 (1.119-4.592)  | .023 |

*CAD*, Coronary artery disease; *CI*, confidence interval; *COPD*, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; *CVA*, cerebrovascular accident; *OR*, odds ratio.

\*Only a history of cerebrovascular disease ( $P = .01$ ), smoking ( $P = .023$ ), and female gender ( $P = .046$ ) remained significant predictors of CVA.

Maldonado et al., JVS 2013



## Literature

### Results: Spinal Cord Ischemia

? multivariate analysis

| Variable                | OR (95% CI)        | P    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------|
| Elective status         | 0.38 (0.204-0.710) | .002 |
| Hypertension            | 2.63 (0.788-8.775) | .166 |
| Lumbar drain            | 2.33 (1.226-4.410) | .01  |
| Renal failure           | 2.54 (1.236-5.228) | .011 |
| No. of stents implanted | 1.35 (0.907-2.013) | .139 |

CI, Confidence interval; OR, odds ratio.

\*On multivariate analysis, only urgency of operation ( $P = .002$ ), renal failure ( $P = .011$ ), and intraoperative use of lumbar drain ( $P = .01$ ) remained significant predictors (Table IV, A).

Maldonado et al., JVS 2013



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

|                             | Patients<br>n (%) | Technical Success<br>(TEVAR) |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| TAA<br>arteriosclerotic     | <b>64</b> (46%)   | 98%                          | n=1 conversion<br>(persist. endoleak 1A) |
| TAI<br>(post-)traumatic     | <b>38</b> (28%)   | 100%                         |  |
| Aortic dissection<br>Type B | <b>36</b> (26%)   | 100%                         |  |
| <b>ALL</b>                  | <b>138</b> (100%) |                              |  |



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

### LSA - Revascularisation Strategy

**avoid full coverage of LSA if possible!**

**Imaging** of aortic arch and supraaortic arteries including cerebral circulation in order to assess potential collaterals, anomalies & AOD

- > **Sufficient collaterals** present
- > LSA coverage without prior revascularization („wait and see“)

**Revascularization prior to LSA coverage in high-risk patients only**



## Primary selective LSA - Revascularisation

- hypoplastic right / dominant left vertebral artery
- distal occlusion of right vertebral artery (incomplete Circle of Willis)
- aortic arch anomalies (A. lusoria; common origin of LCCA+LSA)
- left internal mammary artery (LIMA) - graft for CABG
- functioning dialysis fistula in the left arm
- prior concomitant infrarenal aortic replacement
- left- handed worker (e.g. pianist)

*Kotelis et al., JVS 2009*



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

### primary LSA revascularization (prior to TEVAR)

|                             | patients<br>n | primary<br>revascul | indication  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|
| TAA<br>arteriosclerotic     | 63            | 5                   | n=2 landing zone 0<br>n=2 dom. A. vertebr sin.<br>n=1 LIMA Bypass<br>n=1 St.p. AAA (OP) |
| TAI<br>(post-)traumatic     | 38            | 1                   | n=1 landing zone 1  |
| Aortic dissection<br>Type B | 36            | 3                   | n=1 landing zone 1<br>n=1 paraplegia<br>n=1 simultaneous AAA-OP                         |
| ALL                         | 137           | 9 (6.5%)            |   |



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

### primary LSA revascularization (prior to TEVAR)

|                             | patients<br>n | primary<br>revascul | neurologic<br>outcome  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| TAA<br>arteriosclerotic     | 63            | 5                   | -                      |
| TAI<br>(post-)traumatic     | 38            | 1                   | stroke (n=1)           |
| Aortic dissection<br>Type B | 36            | 3                   | paraplegia: persisting |
| ALL                         | 137           | 9 (6,5%)            |                        |



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

### LSA coverage - results I

|                             | patients<br>n | LSA Coverage | LSA - occlusion<br>(partial or complete) |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| TAA<br>arteriosclerotic     | 63            |              | 9 (+5) (14%)                             |
| TAI<br>(post-)traumatic     | 38            |              | 21 (+1) (55%)                            |
| Aortic dissection<br>Type B | 36            |              | 10 (+3) (28%)                            |
| ALL                         | 137           | 73 (53%)     | 40 (29%)                                 |



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

### LSA coverage - results I

|                             | patients<br>n | LSA - occlusion<br>(partial or complete) | neurologic<br>outcome                                |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| TAA<br>arteriosclerotic     | 63            | 9 (+5)                                   | stroke + paraplegia +<br>ischemia left hand<br>(n=1) |
| TAI<br>(post-)traumatic     | 38            | 21 (+1)                                  | o.B.   |
| Aortic dissection<br>Type B | 36            | 10 (+3)                                  | o.B.   |
| ALL                         | 137           | 40 (29%)                                 | 1  |



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

### secondary LSA revascularization (after TEVAR)

|                             | patients<br>n | LSA - occlusion<br>(partial or complete) |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| TAA<br>arteriosclerotic     | 63            | 9 (+5)                                   | stroke + paraplegia +<br>ischemia left hand<br>(n=1) |
| TAI<br>(post-)traumatic     | 38            | 21 (+1)                                  | LCCA + LSA coverage<br>(unintentional) (n=1)         |
| Aortic dissection<br>Type B | 36            | 10 (+3)                                  | -  |
| ALL                         | 137           | 40 (29%)                                 | 2  |



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

**neurologic complications (within 30 days after TEVAR)**

|                             | patients<br>n         | stroke | other                         |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| TAA<br>arteriosclerotic     | <b>6 / 63 (9.5%)</b>  | 4      | Paraplegie (n=2)<br>ICH (n=1) |
| TAI<br>(post-)traumatic     | <b>1 / 38 (2.6%)</b>  | 1      | 0                             |
| Aortic dissection<br>Type B | <b>0 / 36</b>         | 0      | 0                             |
| ALL                         | <b>7 / 137 (5.1%)</b> | 5      |                               |



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

### neurologic complications (within 30 days after TEVAR)

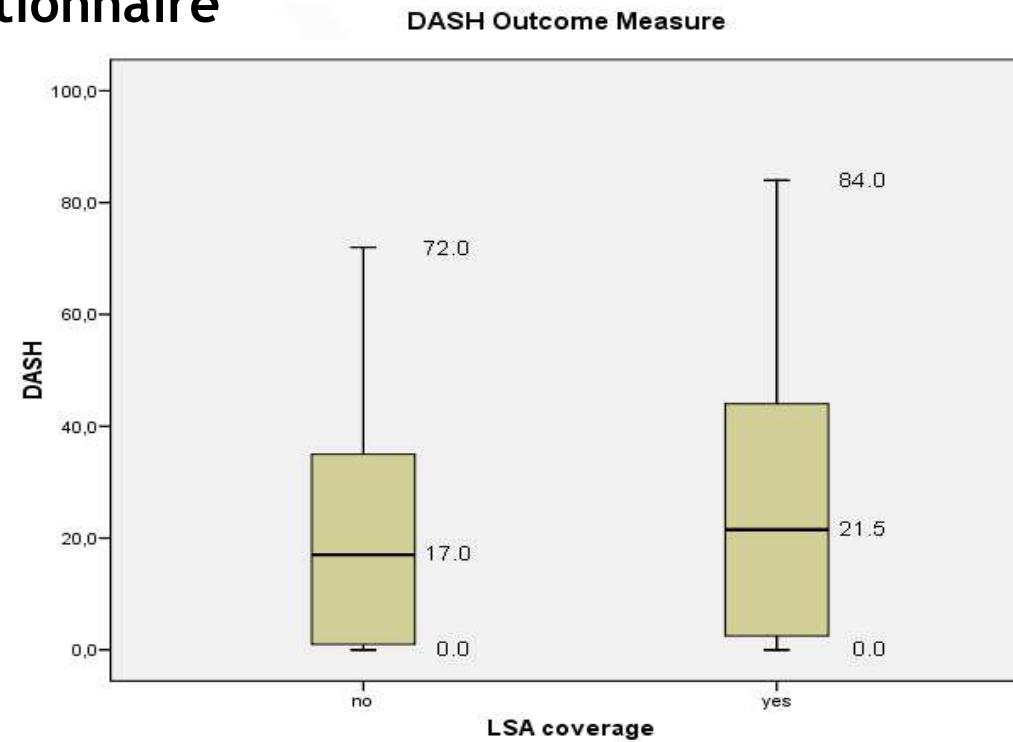
| Initials | Pathology                 | LSA revascularisation   | neurologic event                                    | region             | day   |
|----------|---------------------------|---|---|--------------------|-------|
| H.A.     | Traumat. TAA<br>(chronic) | yes (prior to TEVAR)<br><b>Hypoplastic RVA</b> , zone 1 landing                         | Stroke<br>Incomplete ligation of LVA                | posterior          | day 0 |
| H.H.     | TAA<br>St.p. AAA repair   | no<br><b>LSA patent</b>   | stroke  | posterior          | day 0 |
| H.W.     | Rupt.TAA                  | no<br><b>LSA patent</b>   | Stroke<br>(embolic)                                 | diffuse            | day 8 |
| L.F.     | TAA                       | no<br><b>LSA patent</b>   | stroke<br>(embolic)                                 | diffuse            | day 0 |
| M.H.     | TAA                       | no<br><b>LSA patent</b>   | ICH<br>choroid plexus papilloma                     | ventricular system | day 0 |
| M.O.     | TAA                       | yes (after TEVAR)<br><b>LSA coverage</b><br><b>carotids + vertebral arteries patent</b> | Transient paraplegia, LAI<br>Minor stroke (embolic) | MCA/SCI            | day 1 |
| V.R.     | TAA                       | no<br><b>LSA patent</b>   | Paraplegia  | SCI                | day 1 |



## TEVAR - Experience / Innsbruck

functional assessment of the left upper limb

### DASH Questionnaire





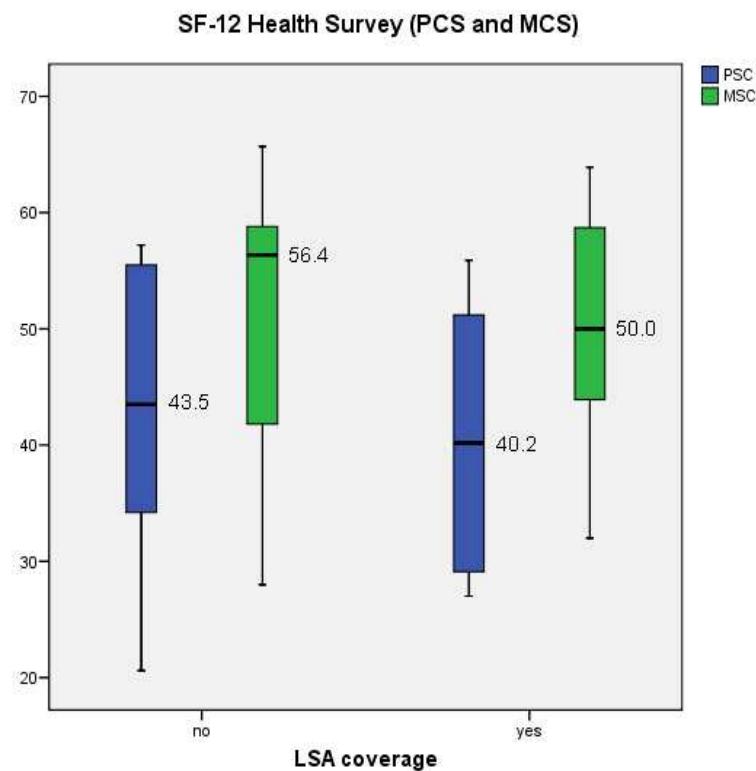
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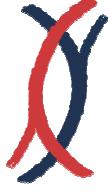
**quality of life in patient with / without LSA coverage**

**SF-12 Questionnaire  
(Short Form / SF-36)**

**PSC - physical component**

**MSC - mental component**





## Conclusions

**Intentional LSA coverage during TEVAR is well tolerated and may be managed expectantly - with a few exceptions**

**(Primary) LSA revascularization may itself lead to (neurologic) complications** (female > male)

**Imaging of supraaortic arteries is essential to select patients at risk**  
(those that should undergo primary LSA revascularization)

**The majority of neurologic events during TEVAR are caused by emboli**

**LSA coverage does not affect left arm function and quality of life**