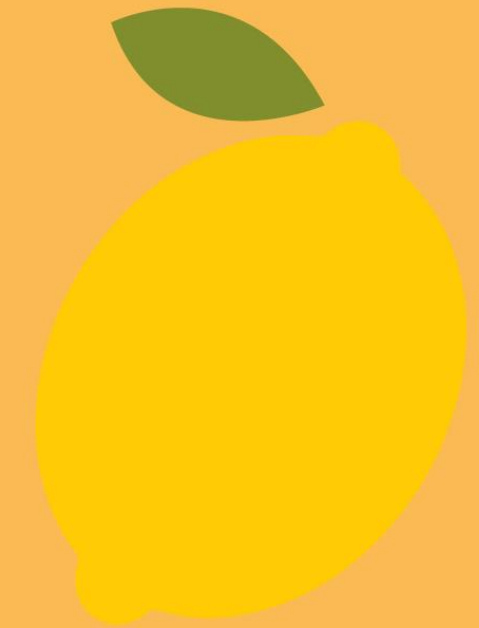
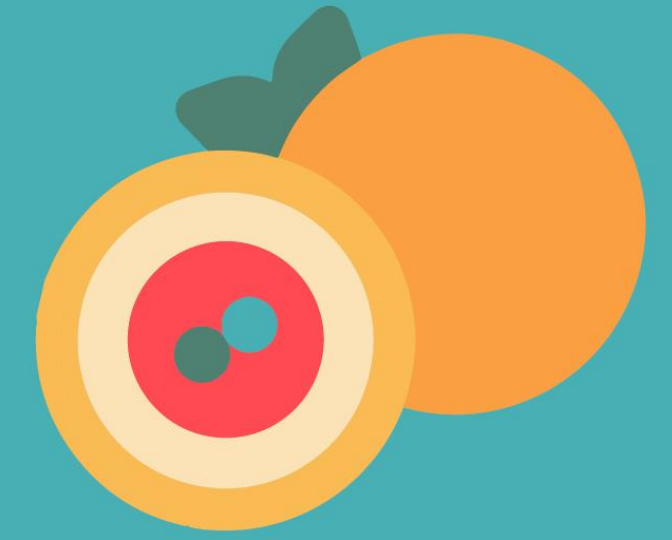
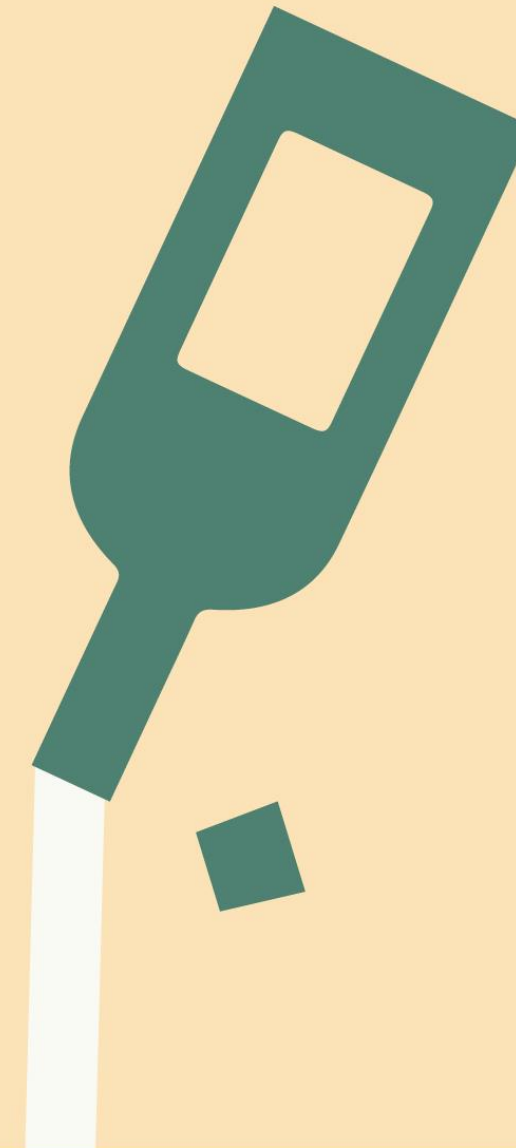




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All we shall know about **HALT / STL**

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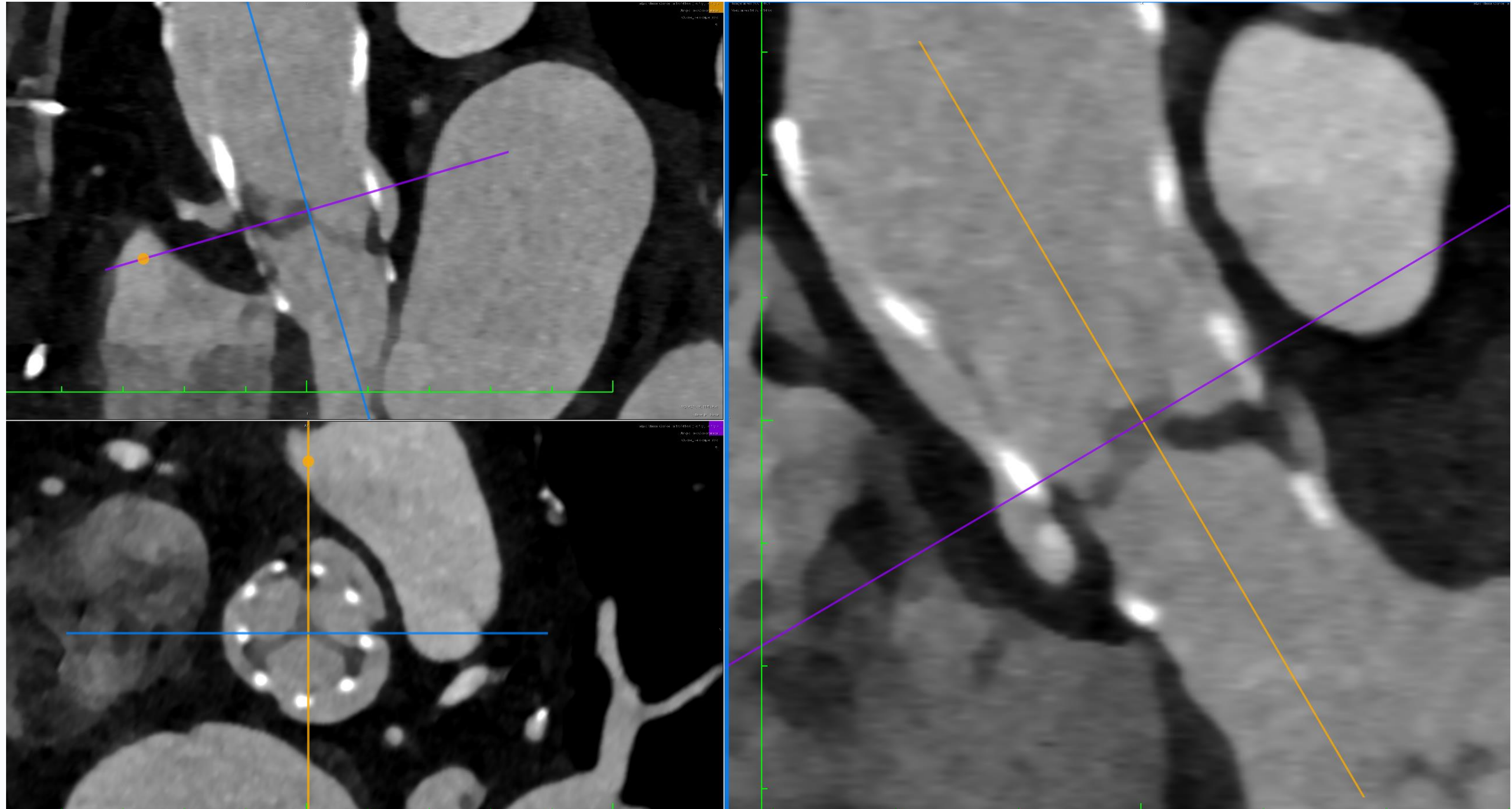


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HALT definition





WL/WW: Default WL & WW
CLUT: No CLUT
Opacity: Linear Table

Fine Coarse
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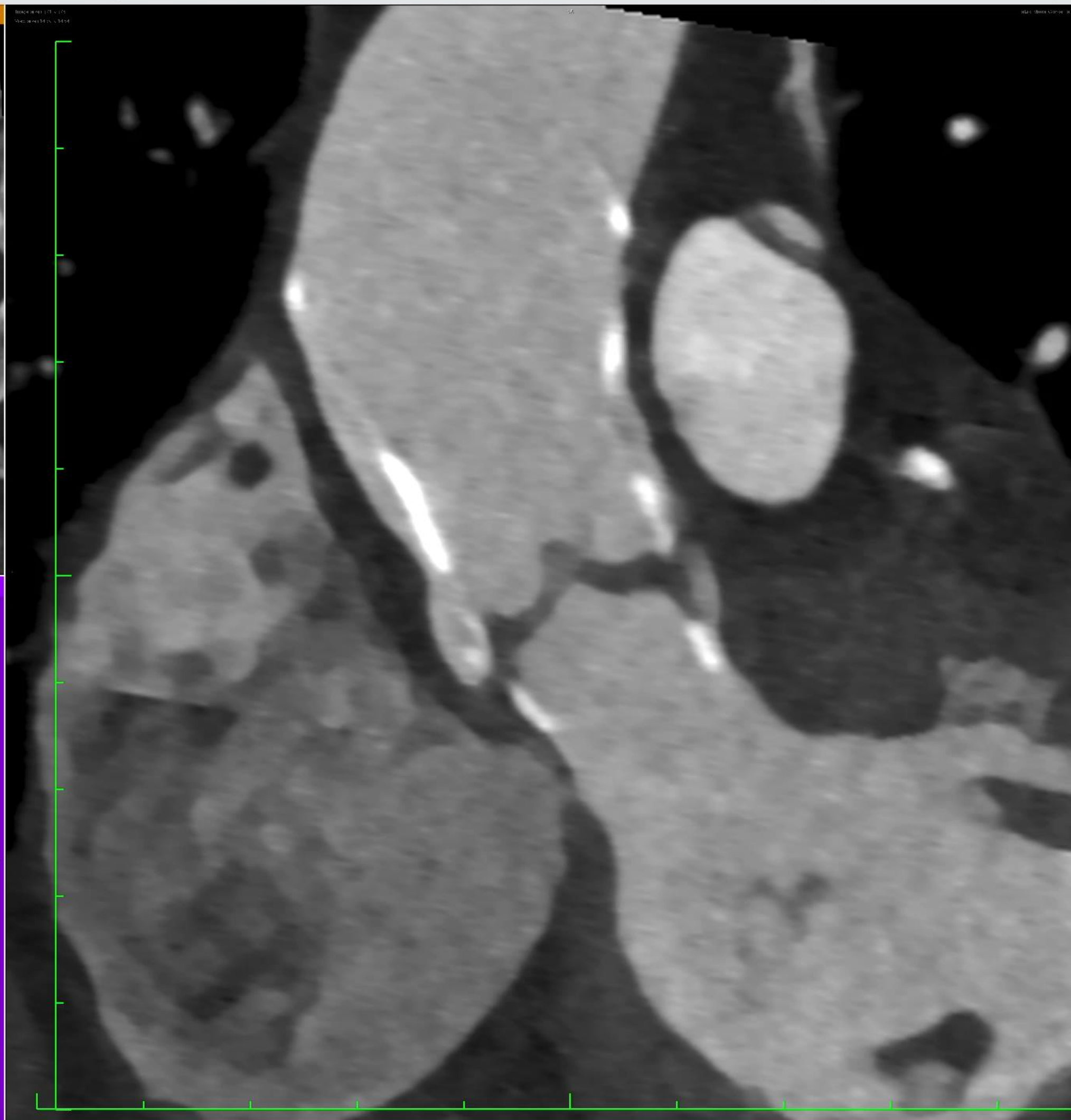
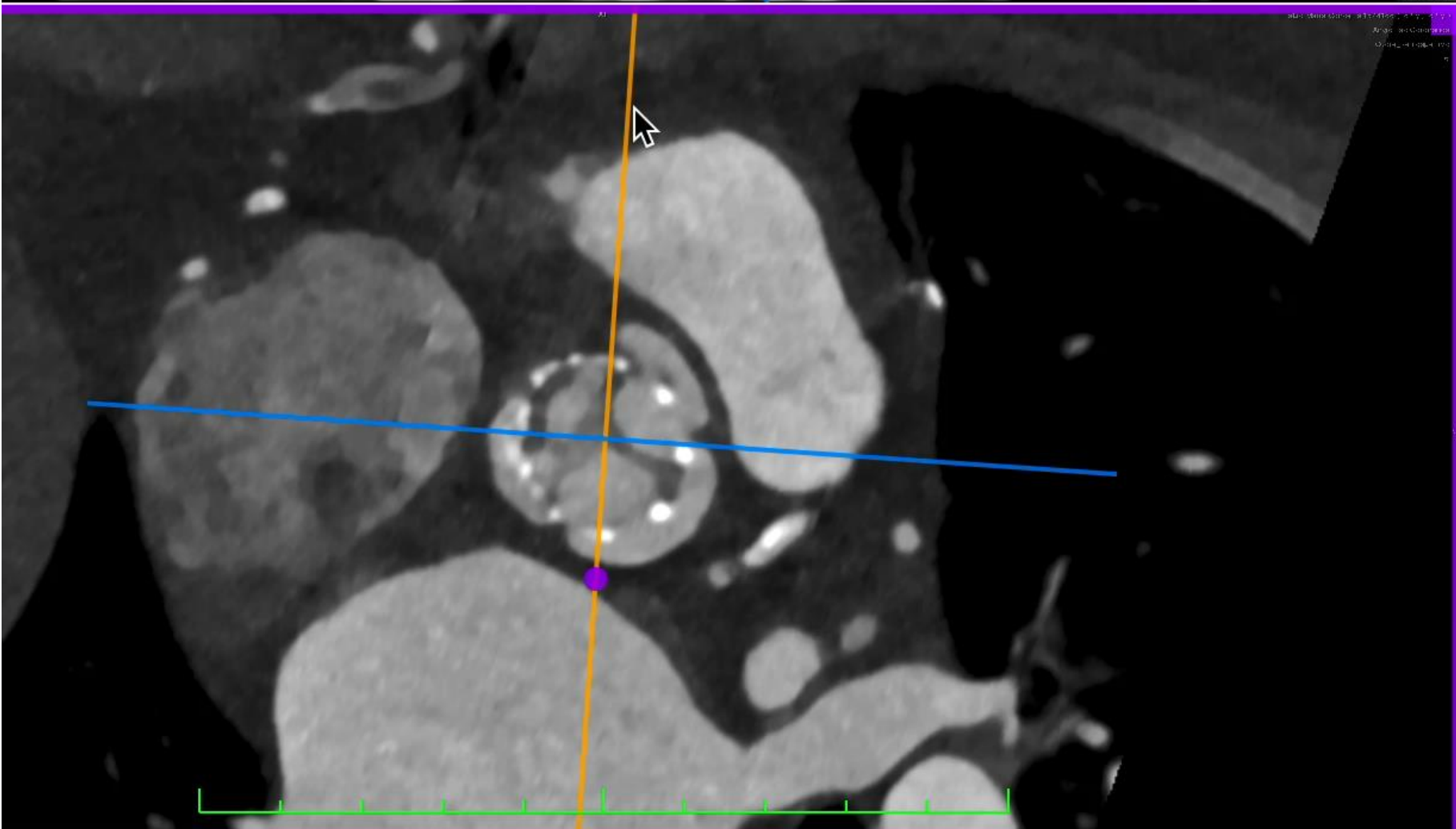
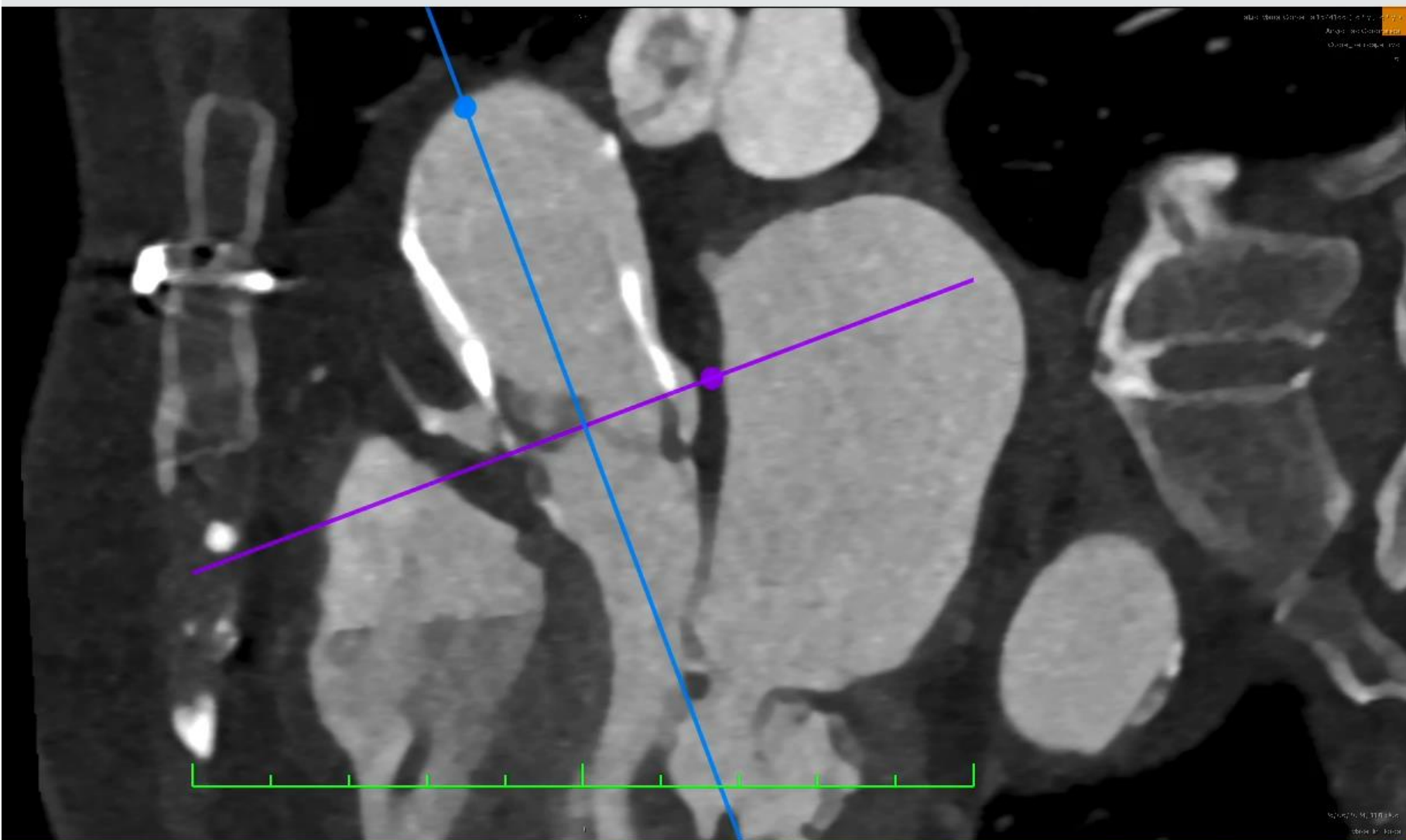
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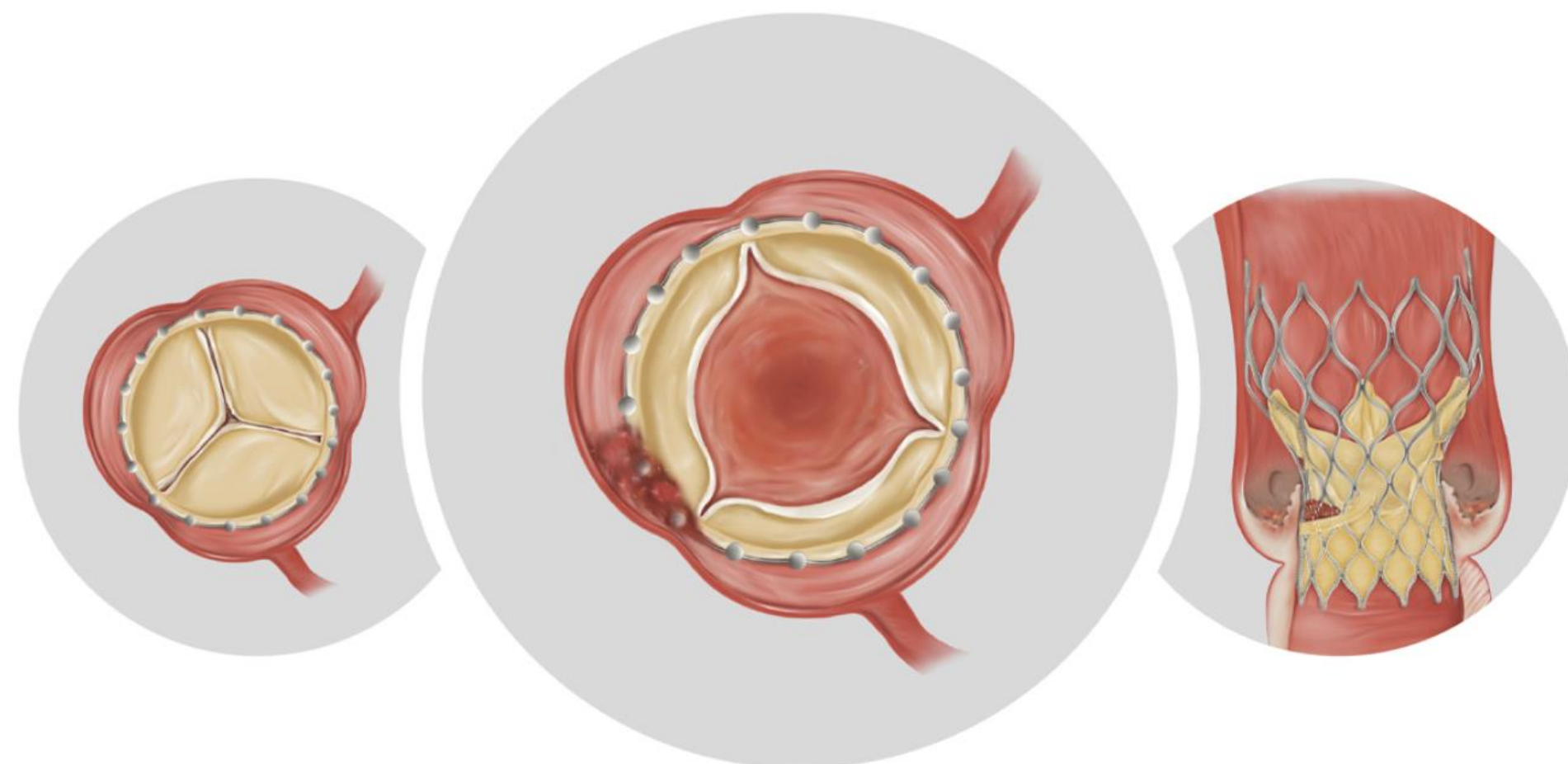
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EndoTAVI

An integrated and computational environment for the analysis of markers of endothelial dysfunction, multi-detector computed tomography transthoracic echocardiography and advanced functional imaging following aortic valve replacement with transcatheter technology (TAVR) and conventional surgery (SAVR)

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HALT is synonymous of structural valve diseases and represents its early stage.



HALT: mechanism - predictors

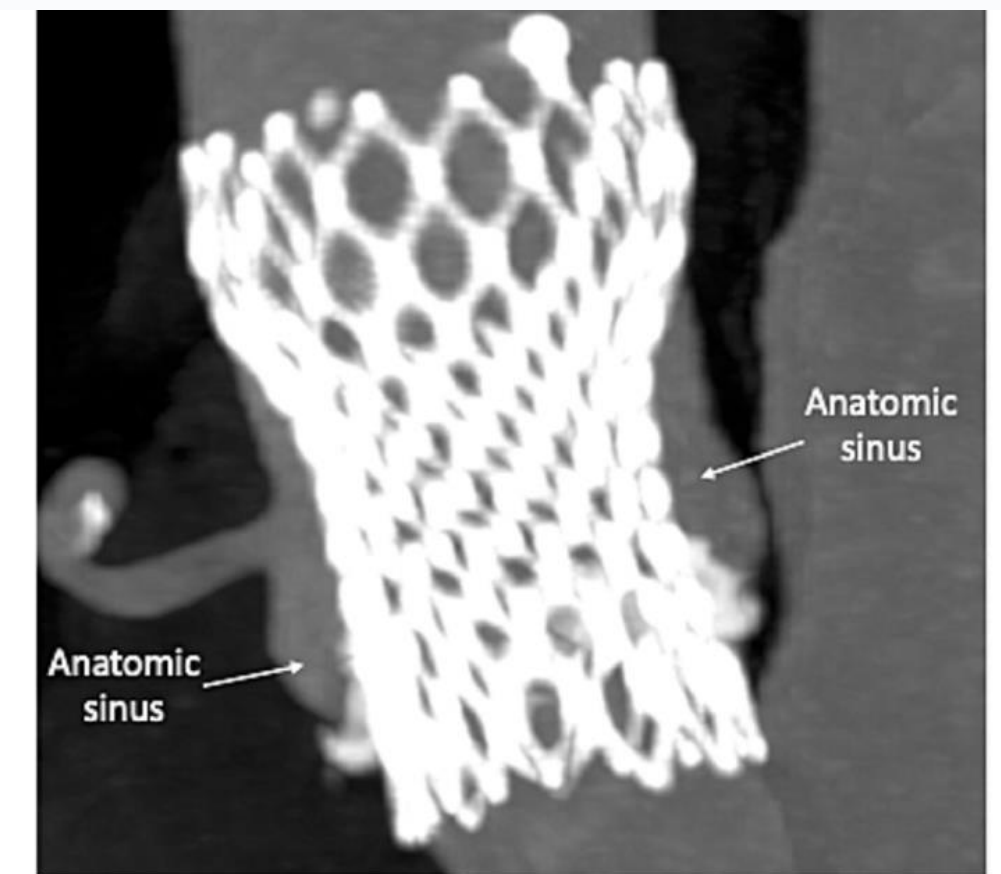
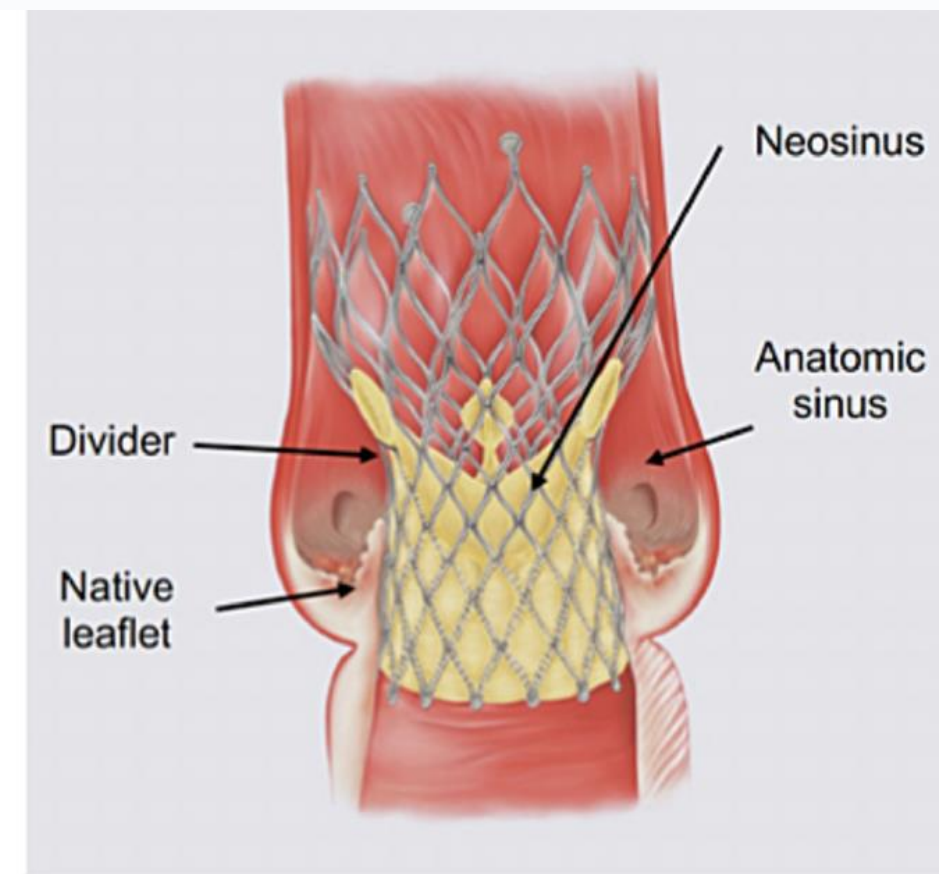
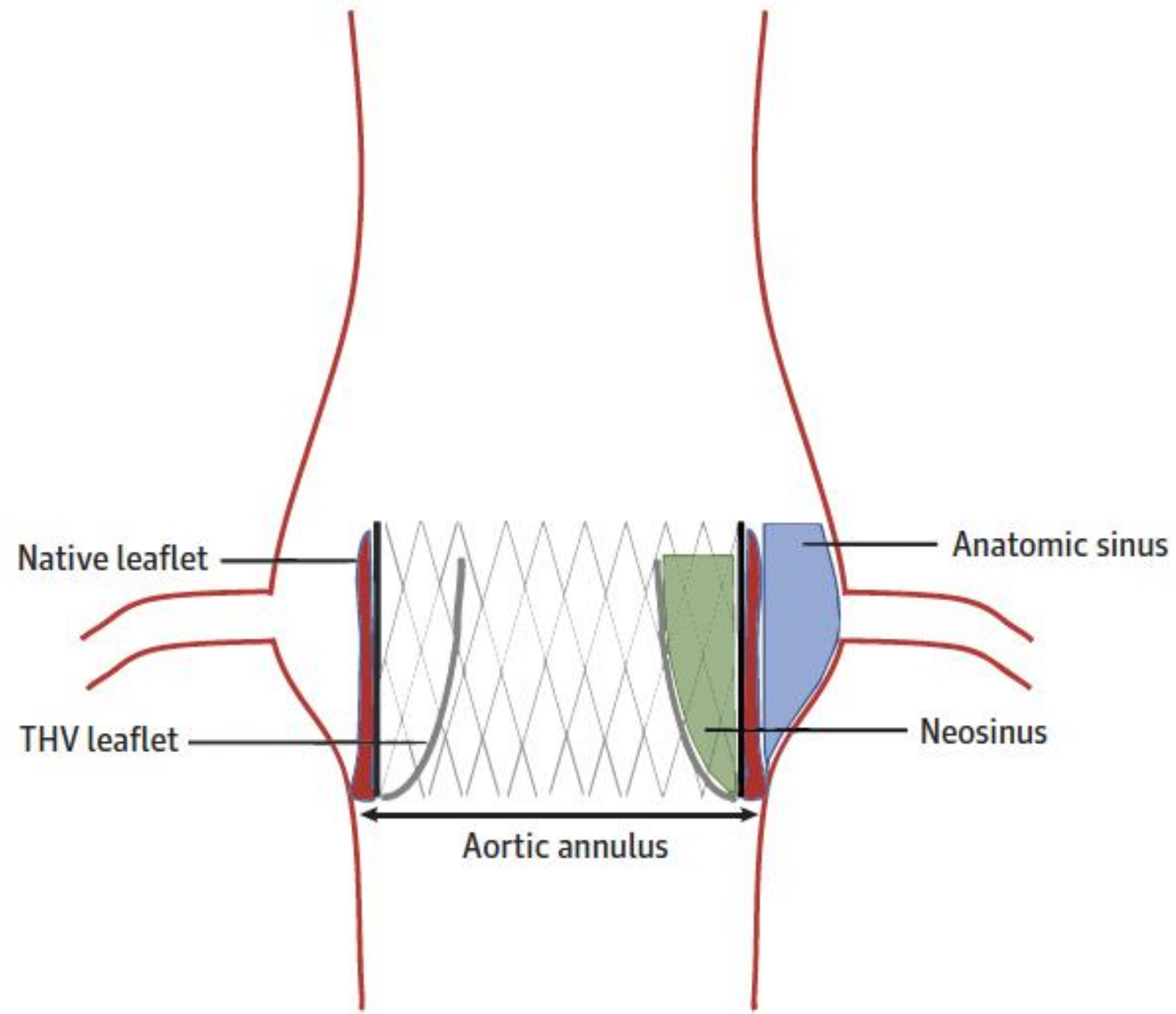


Fig. 1. A / B: The divider of the Evolut R (Medtronic, Minneapolis, MN) prosthesis creates a partitioning between the 'inner neosinus' and the 'anatomic or anatomical sinus'.

2.HALT relevance



The 60th Annual Meeting of
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Guidelines versus Practice: A Statewide Survival Analysis of SAVR versus TAVR in Patients Aged \leq 60 Years

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Conclusions

- In 2021, 47% of patients with aortic stenosis under the age of 60 underwent TAVR in California statewide registry
- Transcatheter aortic valve replacement was associated with 2.5-fold increased hazard of 5-year mortality in propensity-matched patients (96.7% vs 88.7%)

Transcatheter aortic valve must perform forever..!!!!

- Expansion of THV toward moderate aortic stenosis

EXPAND TAVR II Pivotal Trial


Moderate aortic stenosis
is not benign.

Recruiting 

Evolut™ EXPAND TAVR II Pivotal Trial

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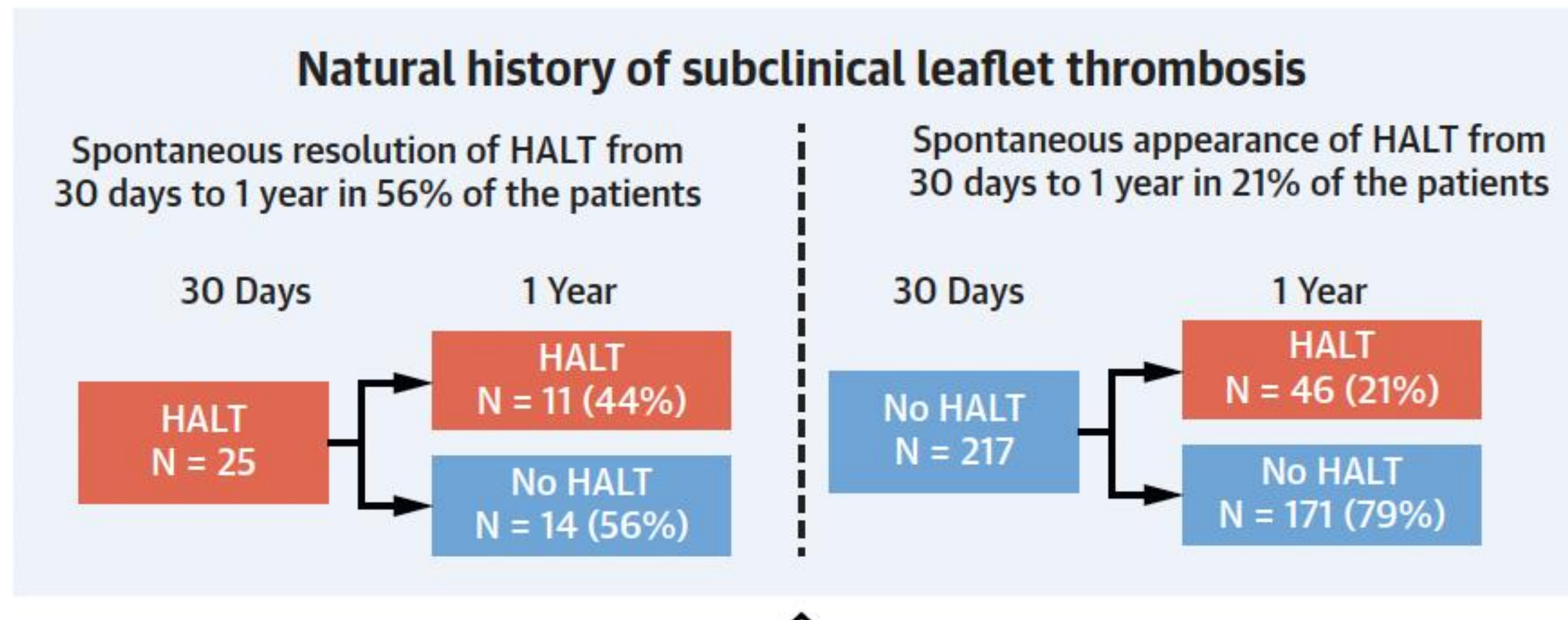
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- HALT/SLT if diagnosed in time (early) is a reversible – dynamic condition

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Subclinical Leaflet Thrombosis of Transcatheter and Surgical Bioprosthetic Aortic Valves



Low-risk Partner 3 MDCT subgroup analysis

Makkar, R.R. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2020;75(24):3003–15.

...blast from the past

Treatment of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Thrombosis

JACC Review Topic of the Week

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ABSTRACT

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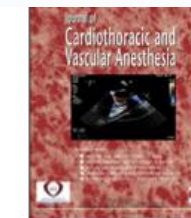
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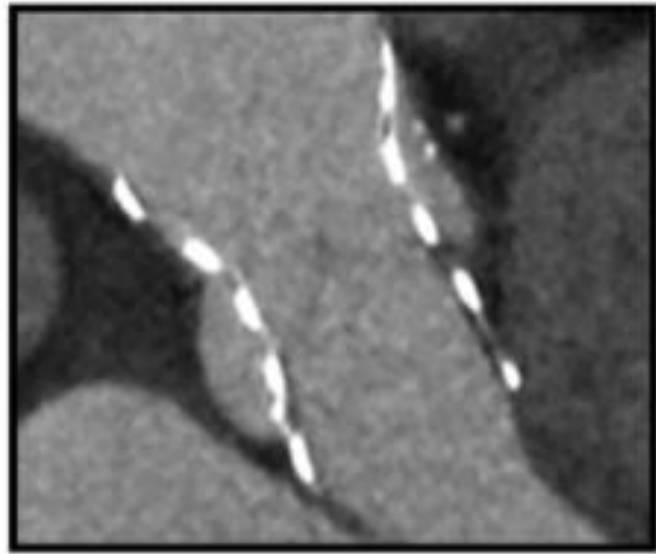
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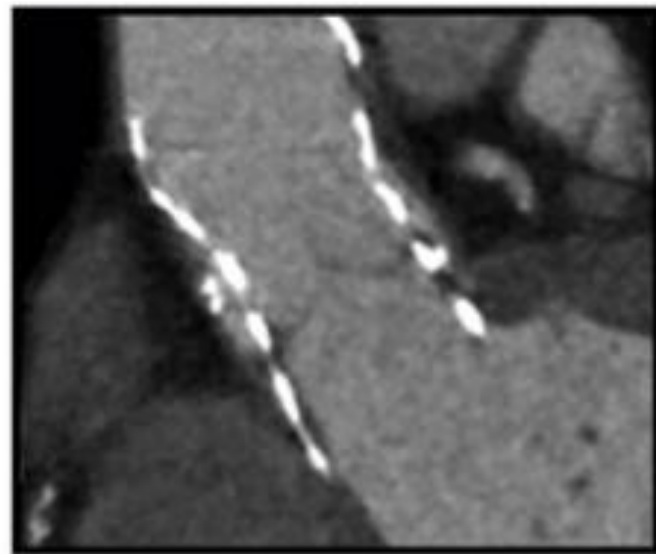


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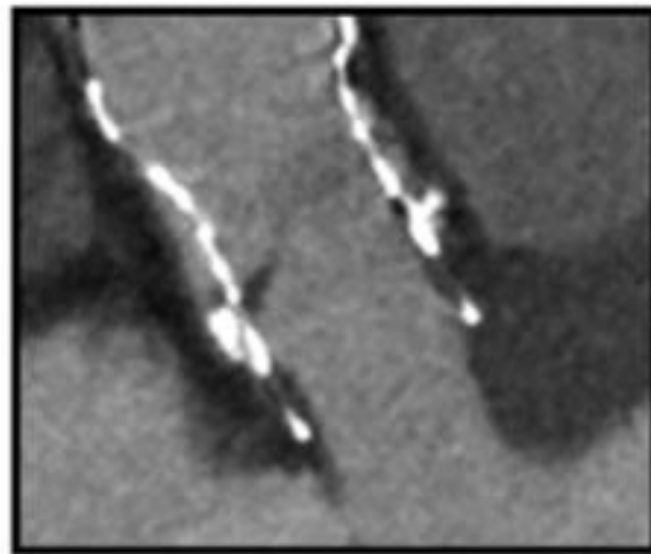
CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION The Frequency and Extent of Hypoattenuated Leaflet Thickening



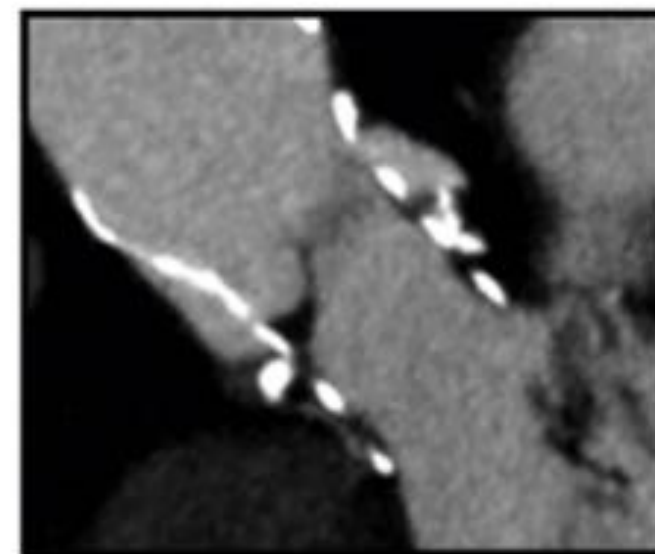
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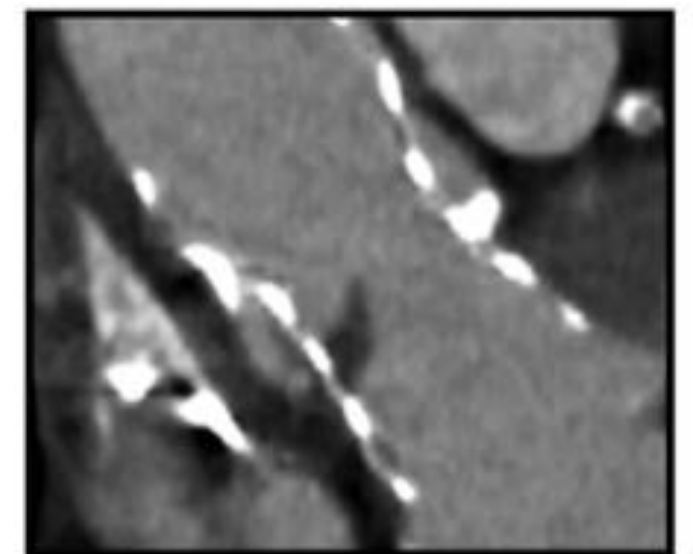
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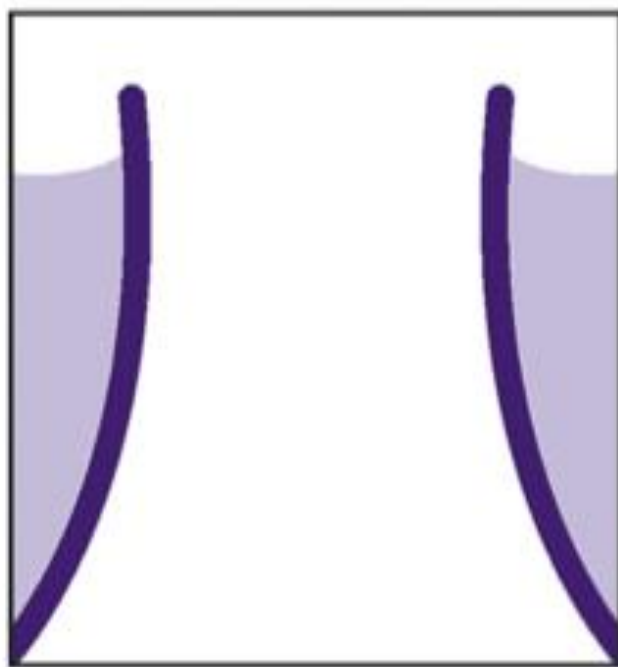
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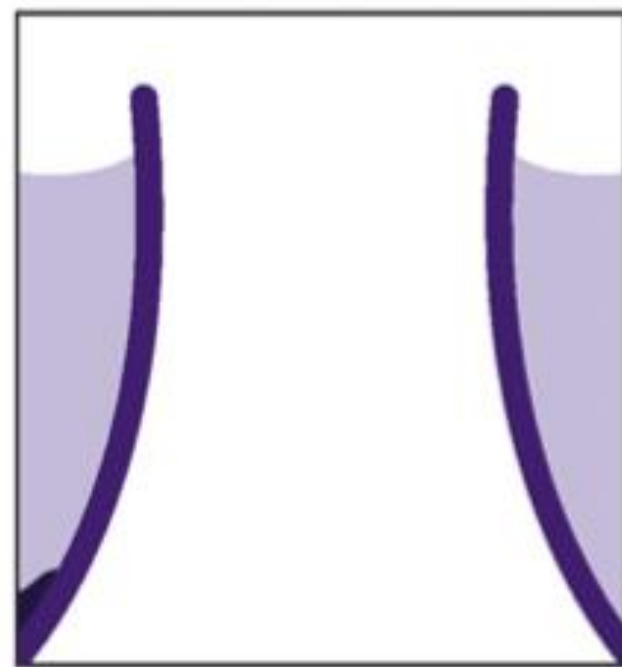
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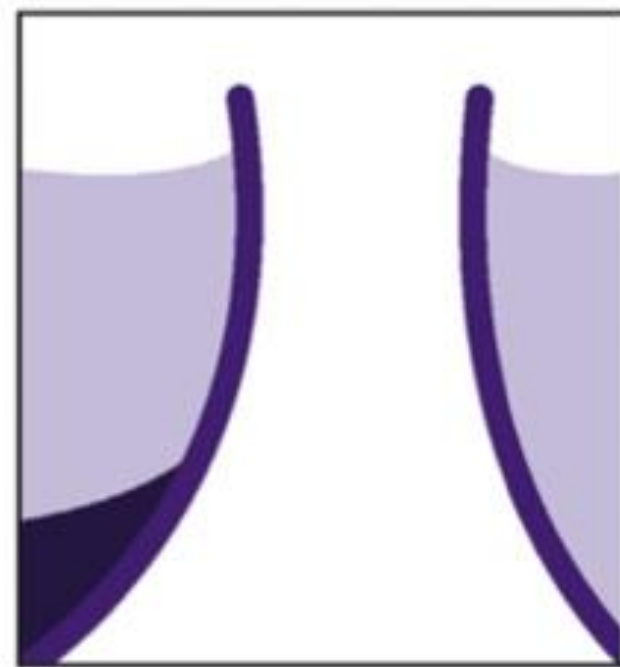
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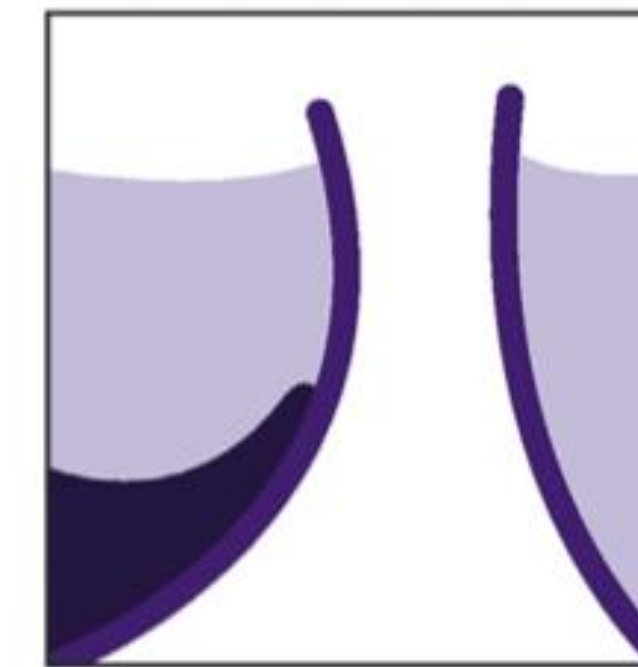
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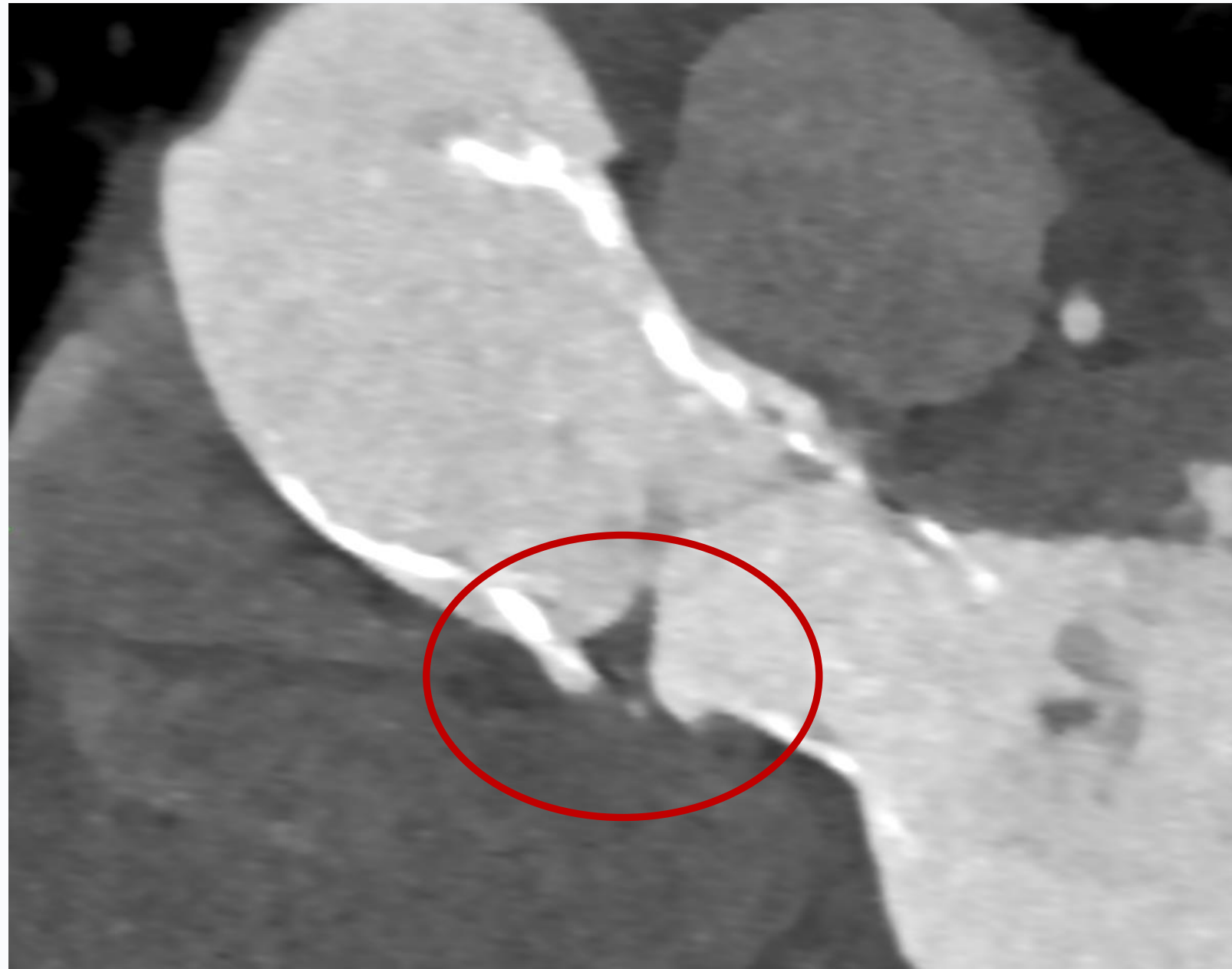


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Diastolic phase



Systolic phase



4.HALT advanced assessment

IMAGE FOCUS

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Three-dimensional analysis of subclinical leaflet thrombosis following transcatheter aortic valve replacement

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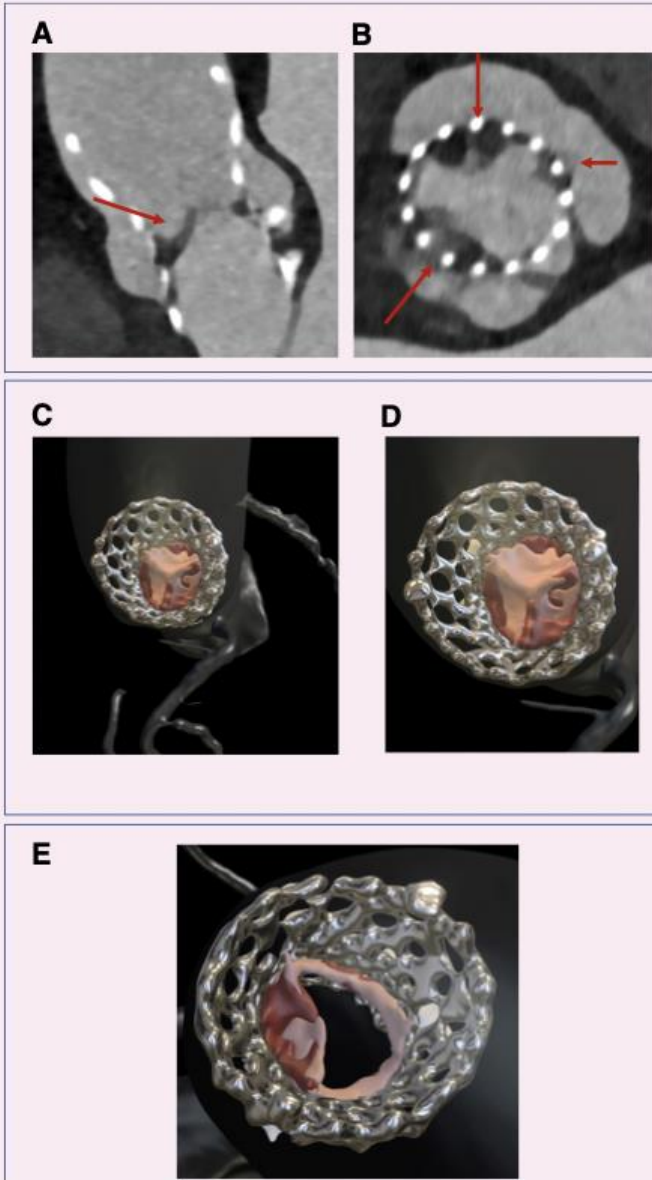
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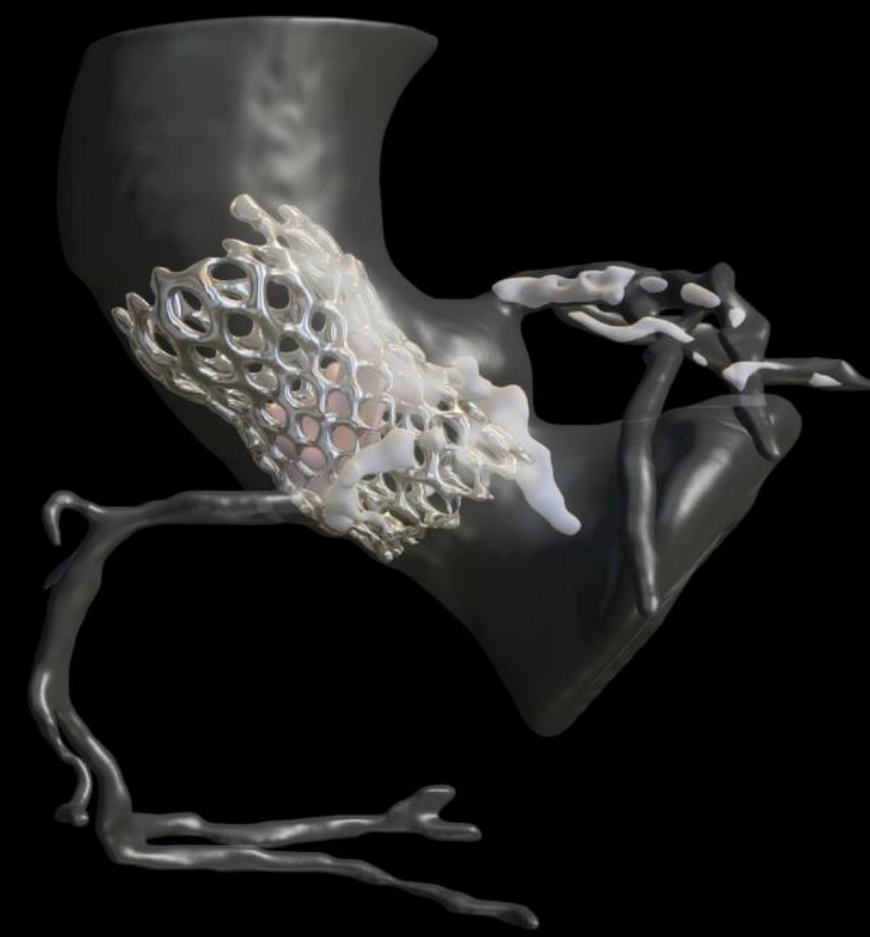
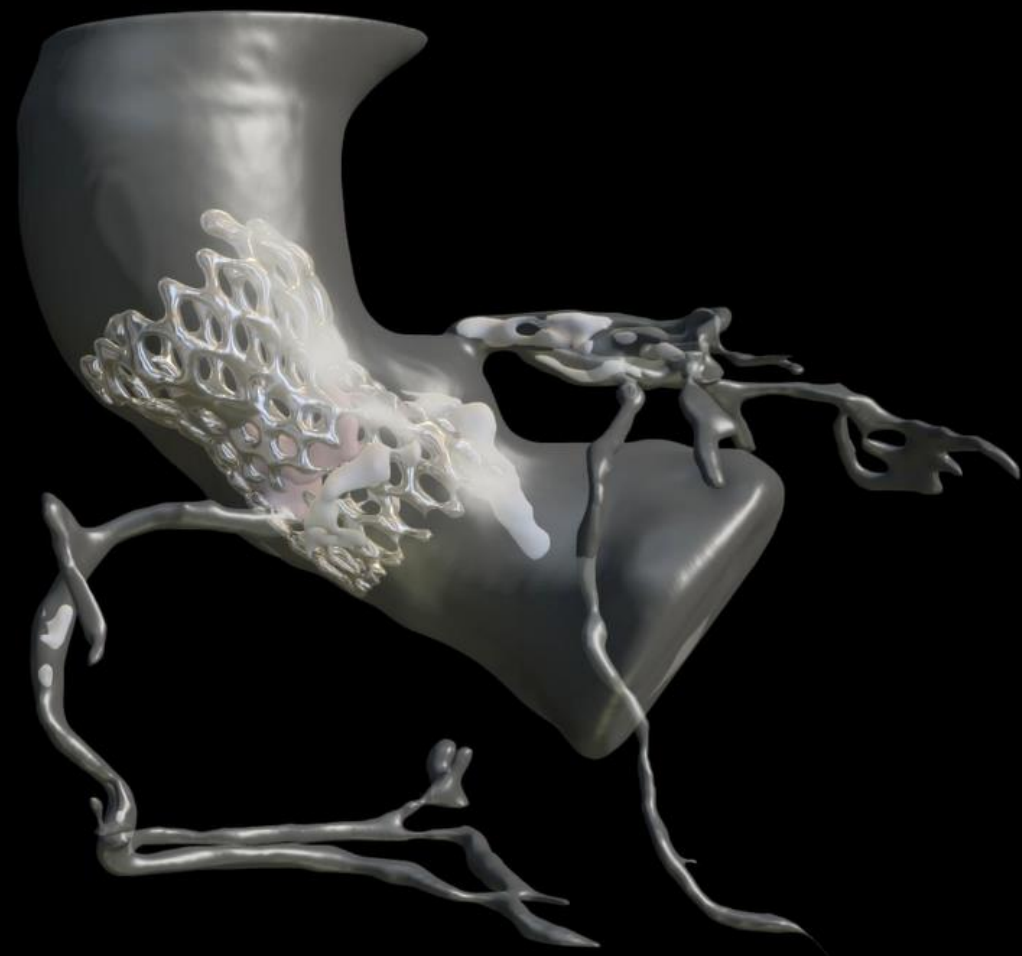
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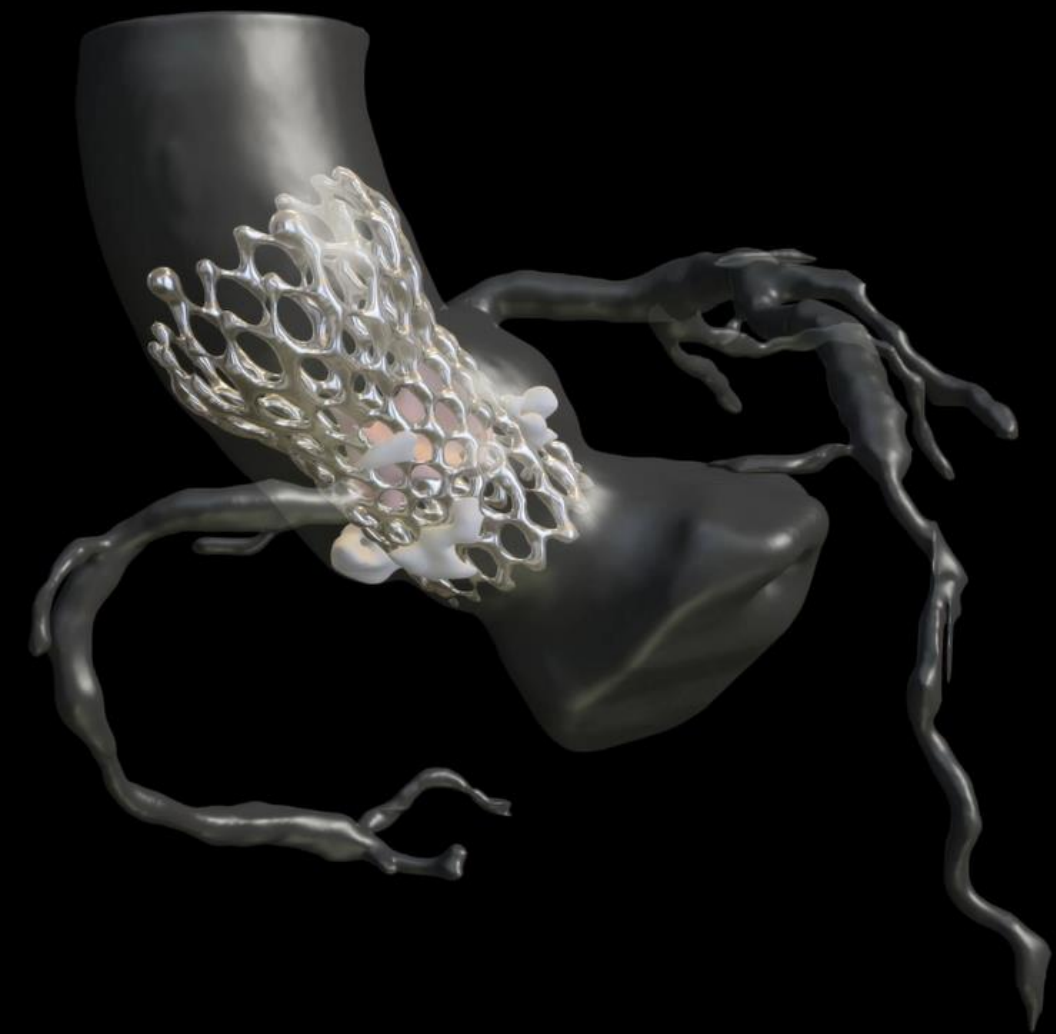
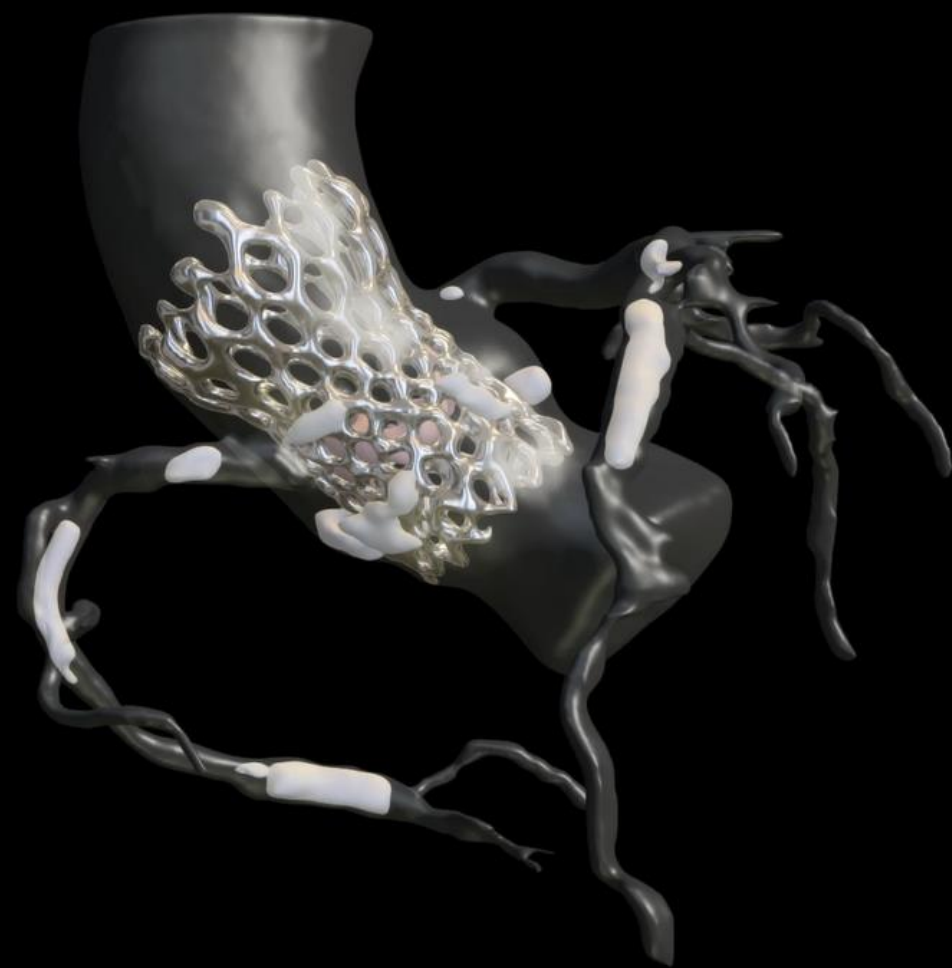
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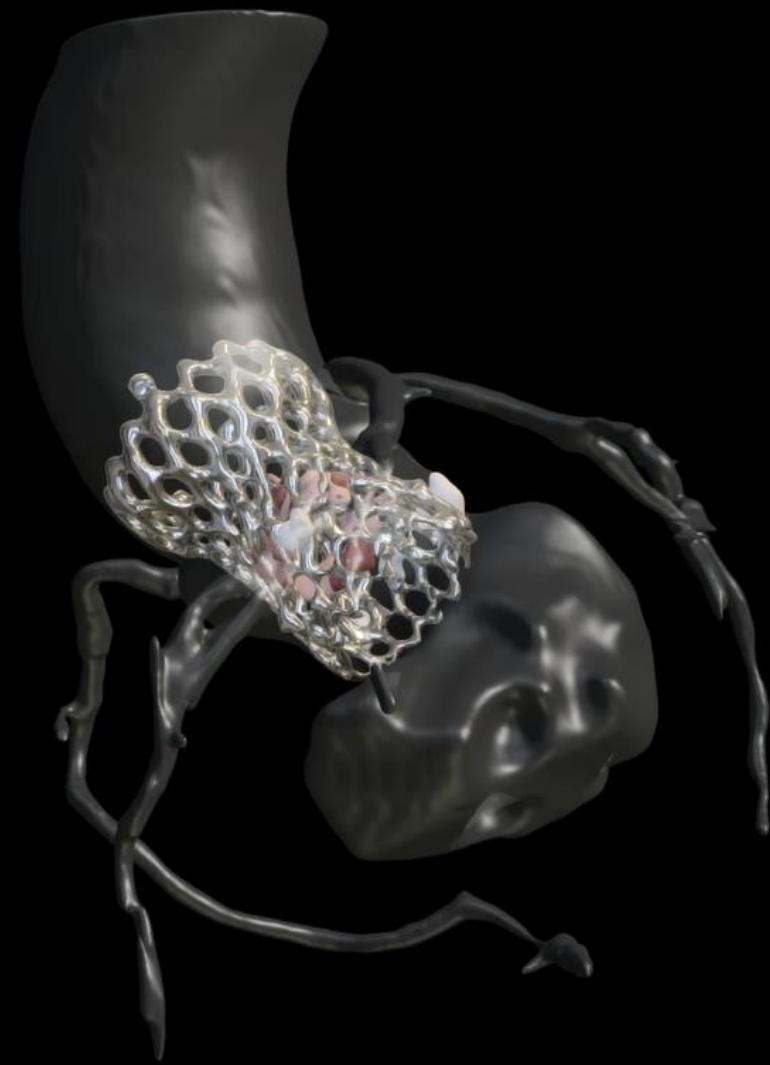
Patient 1 – mild SLT



Patient 2 – moderate SLT



Patient 3 – severe SLT



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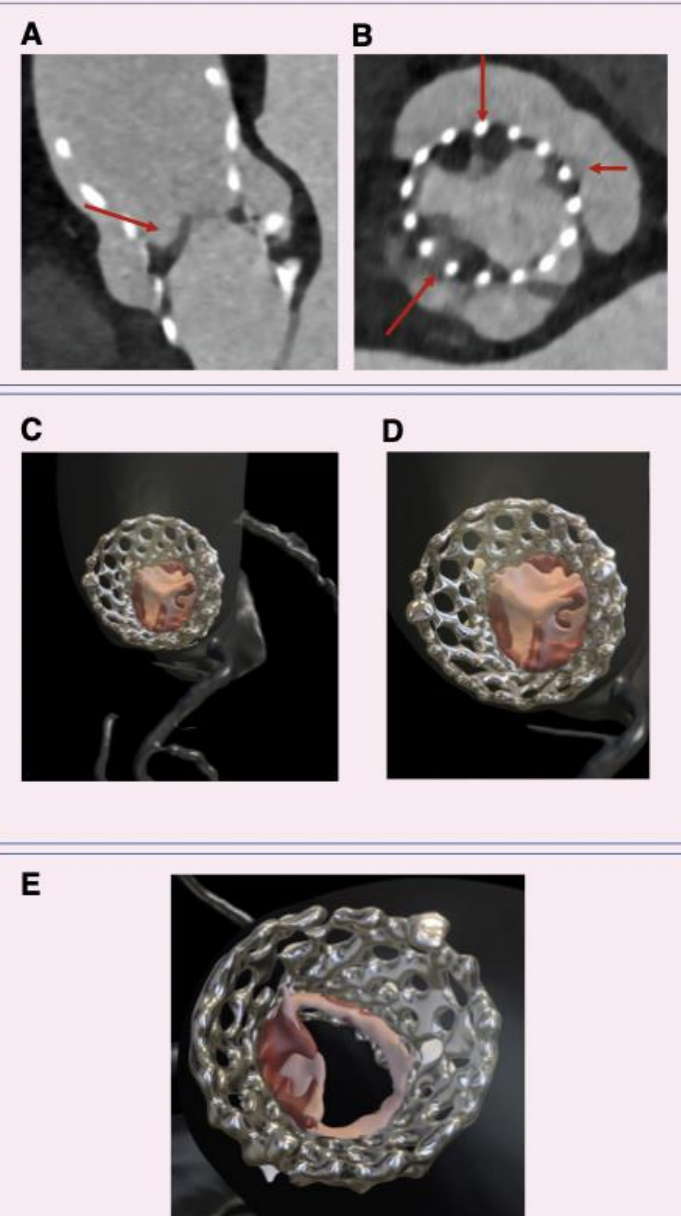
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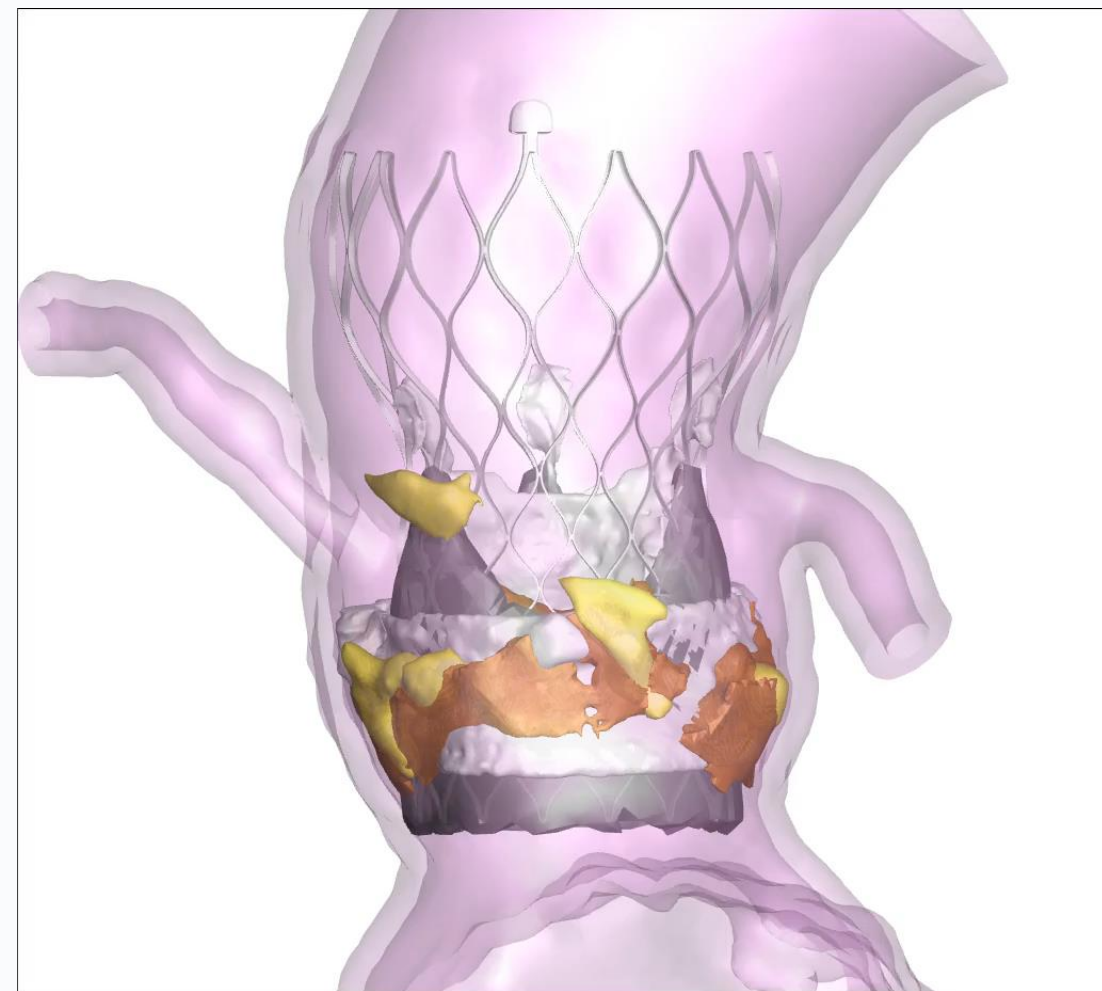
Advanced computational imaging analysis pre and post TAVR: host to prosthesis interaction and determinants of HALT/SLT

Native Sinus Thrombus

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Mild HALT	177	92	71
Moderate HALT	411	126	95
Severe HALT	468	446	356



Mild HALT



Moderate HALT



Severe HALT

4.HALT: valvular and perivalvular



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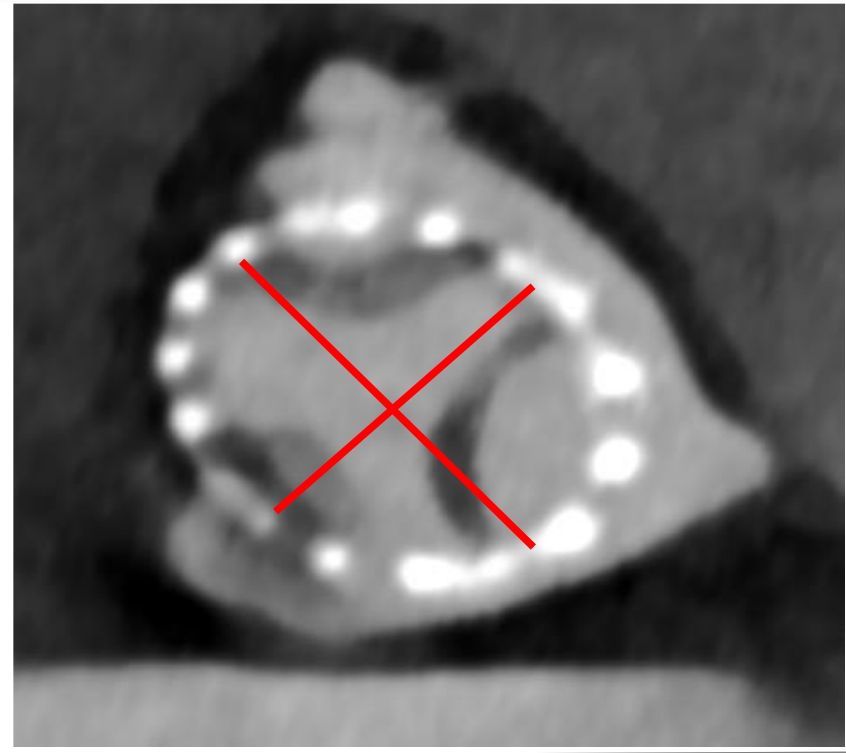
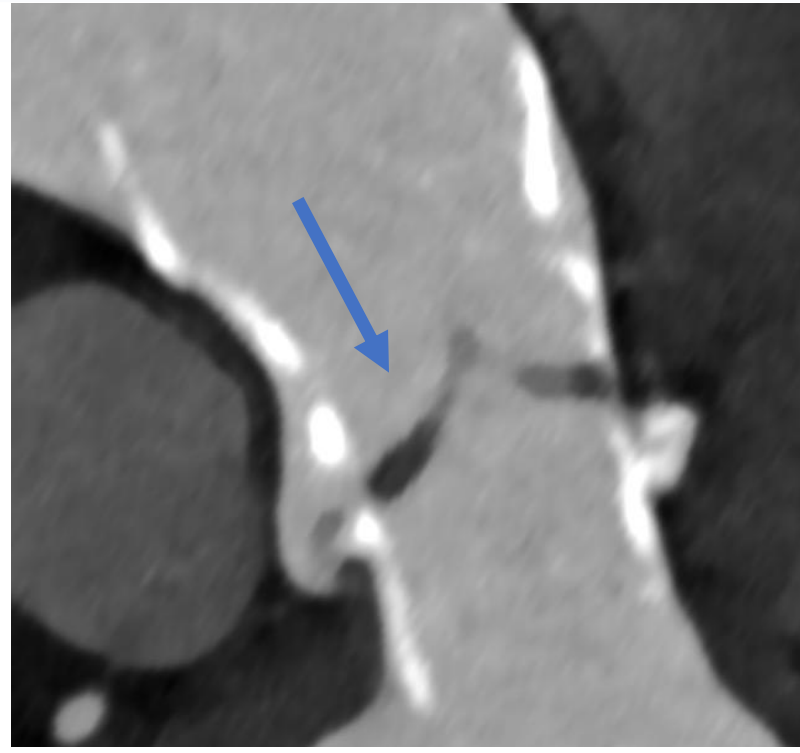
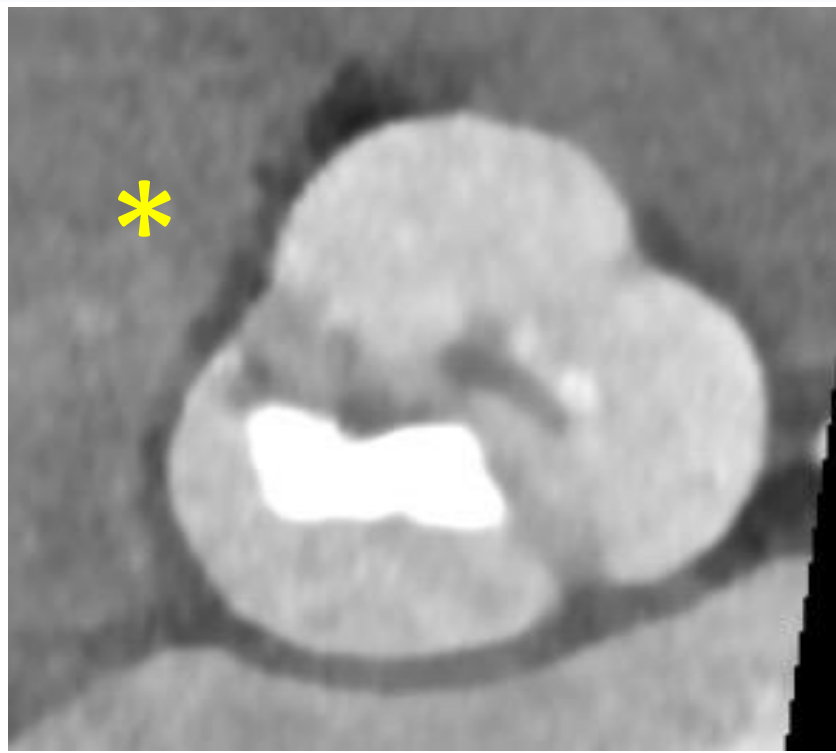
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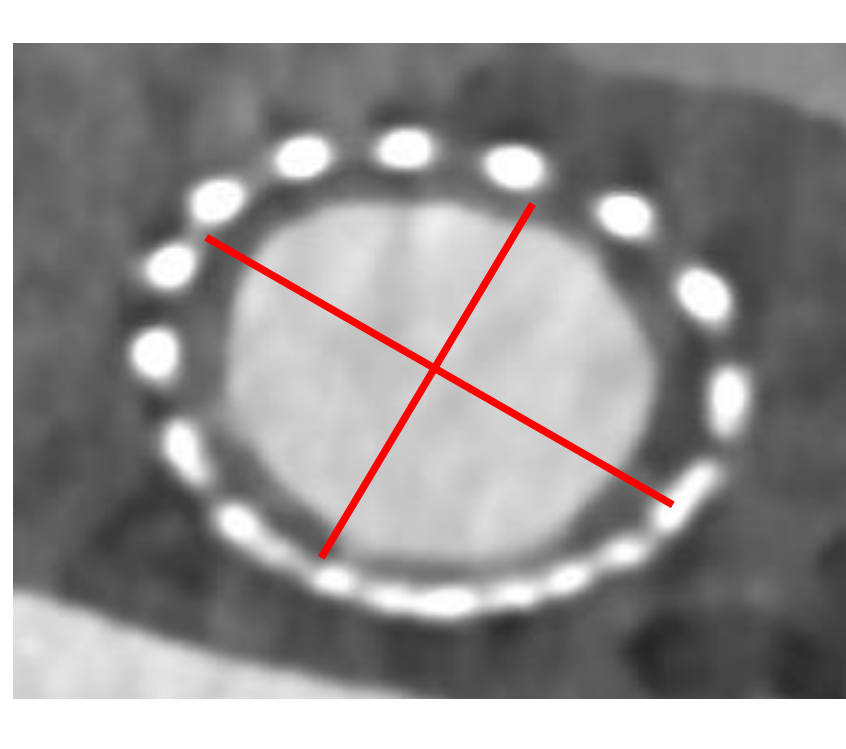
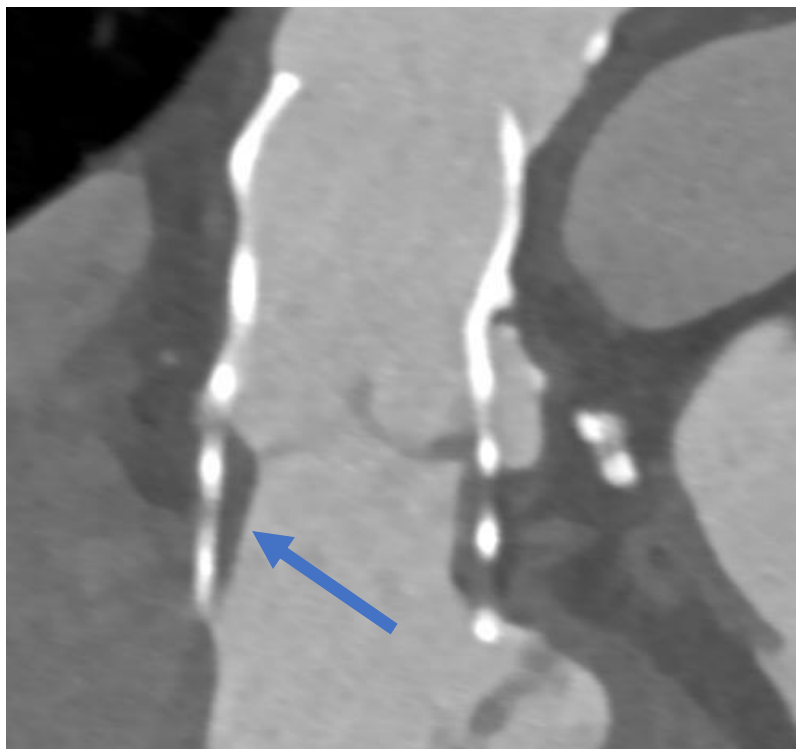
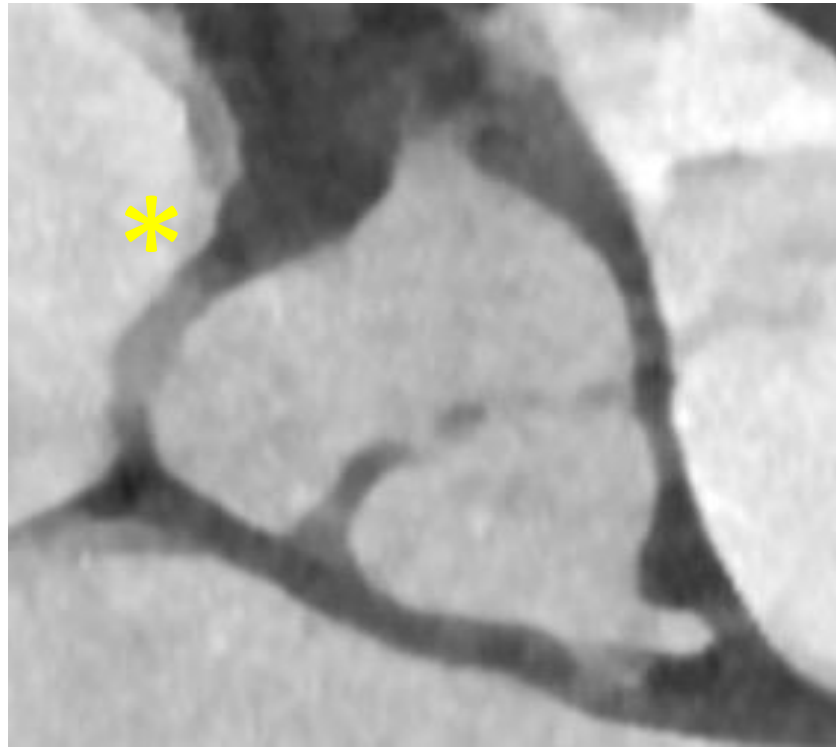
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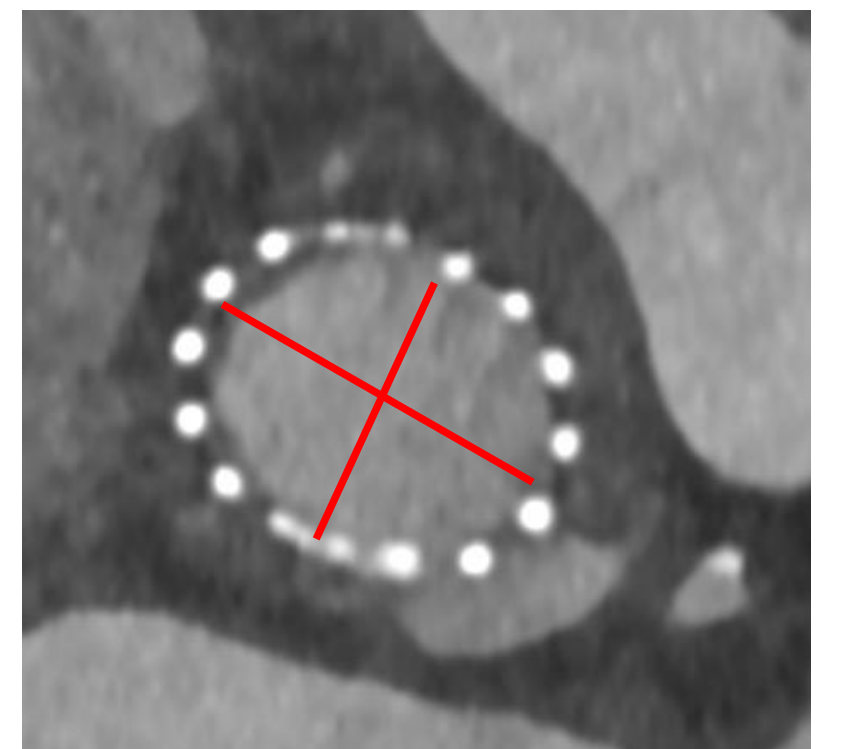
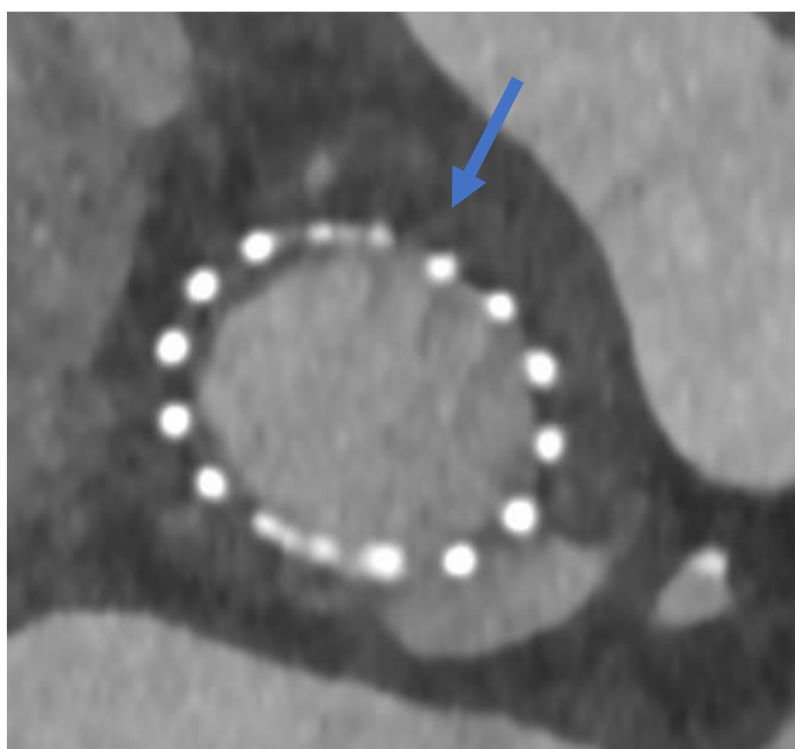
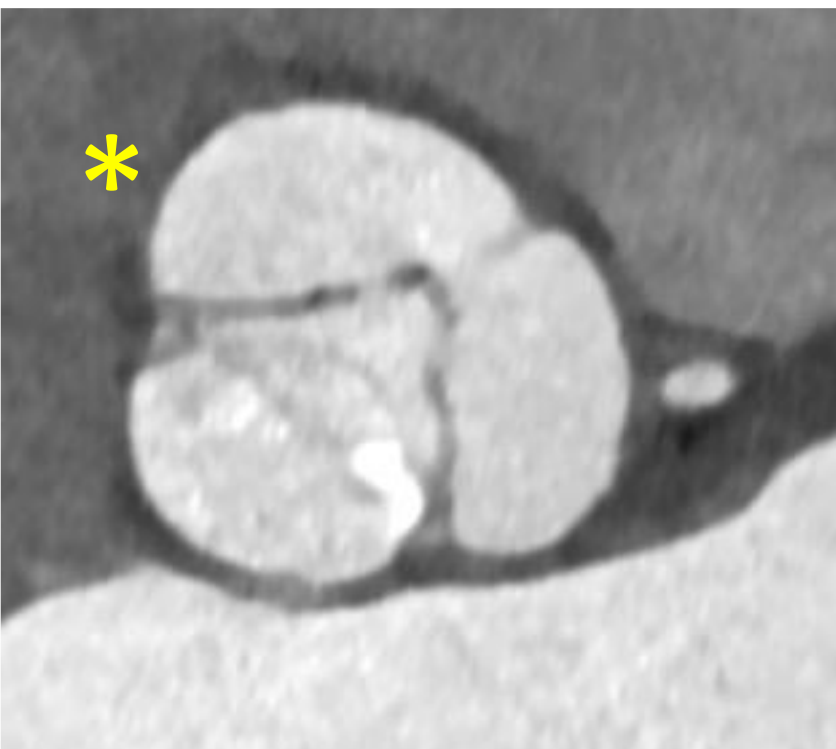
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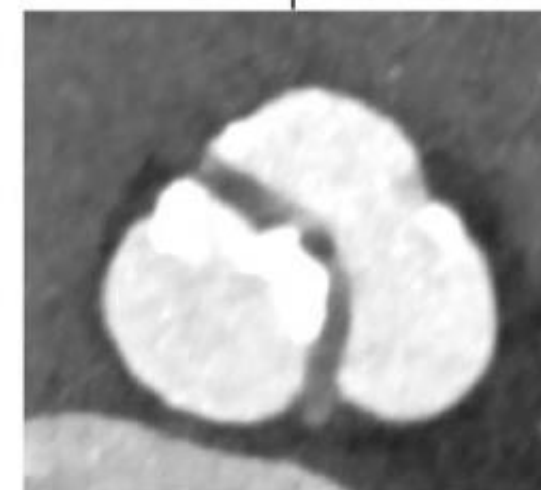
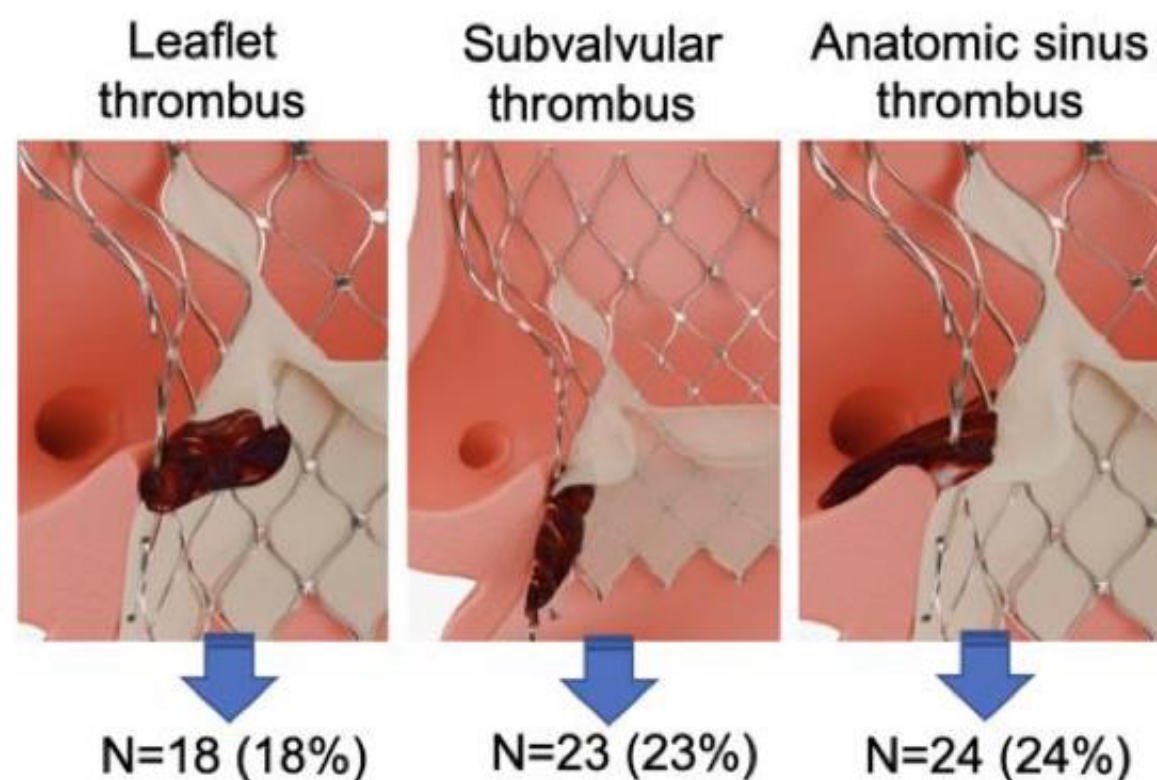
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Graphical abstract

Analysis of N=100 post implant Evolut R MDCT scans to evaluate hypoattenuated lesions at valvular and perivalvular level

six month follow up



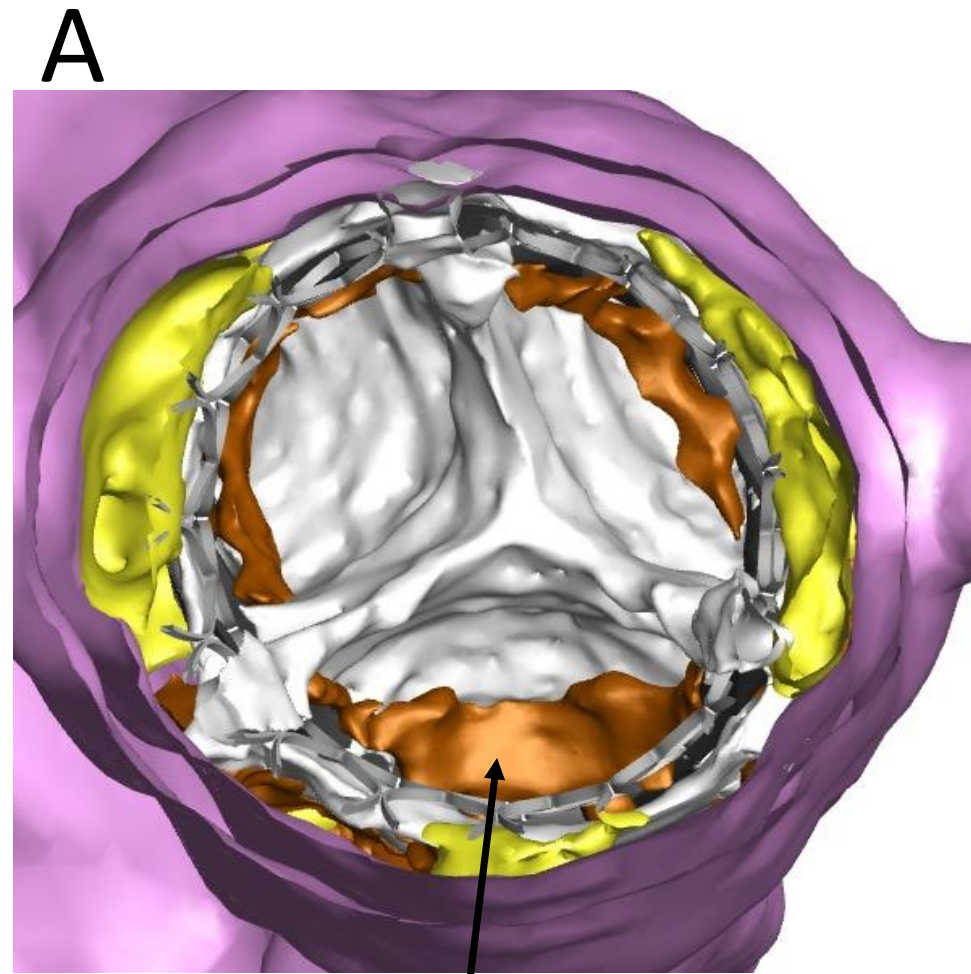
Bicuspid valve was the predictor with highest association with valvular and perivalvular thrombosis:
LASSO coefficient 0.35, 95%, CI 0.21-0.68

- Among the 100 patients with evaluable MDCT scans at six months, 44 (44%) had thrombus at any aortic valve complex
- There was no significant difference between the groups with and without thrombosis in terms of valvular mean gradient (6.97 ± 4.16 mmHg vs. 7.23 ± 3.14 mmHg, $p=0.73$);
- Incidence of neurological event and re-hospitalization for HF did not also differ between groups (log-rank $p=0.82$)

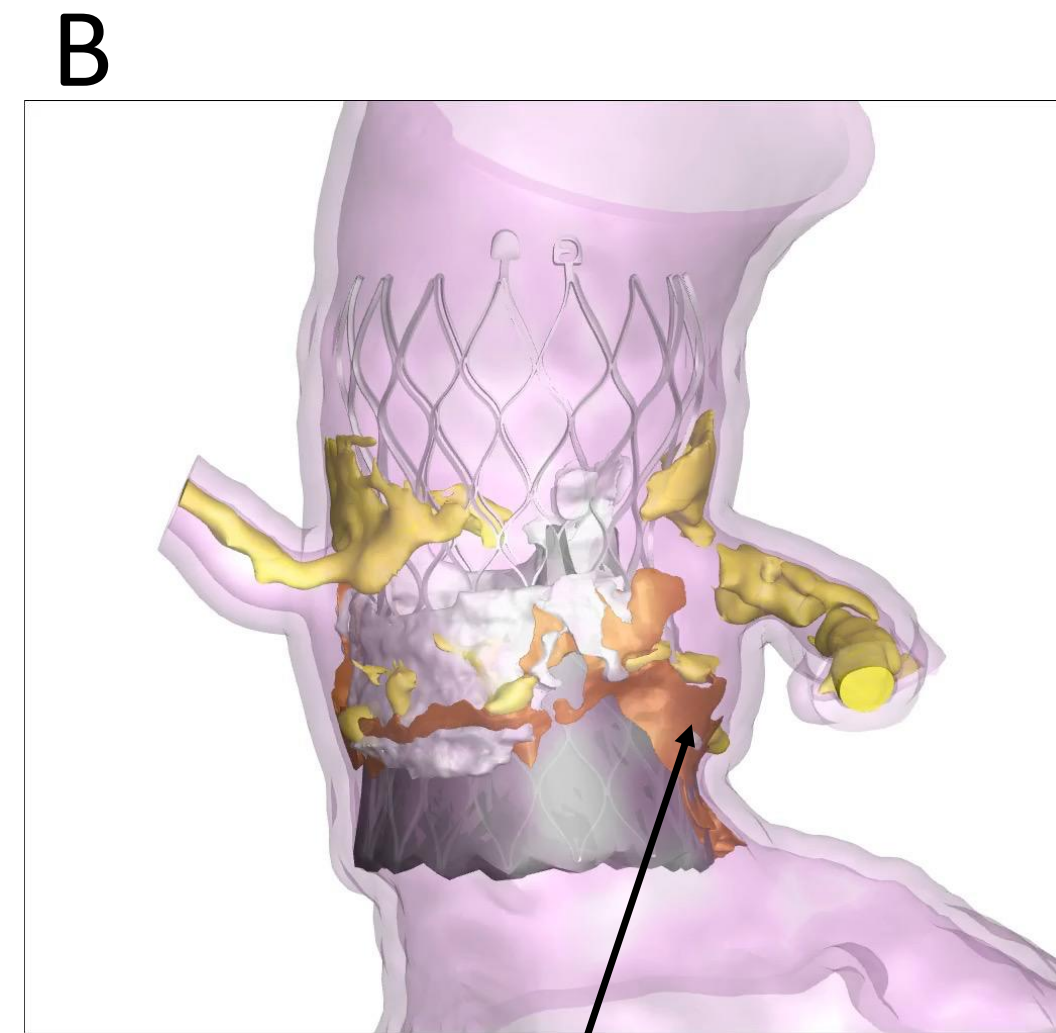
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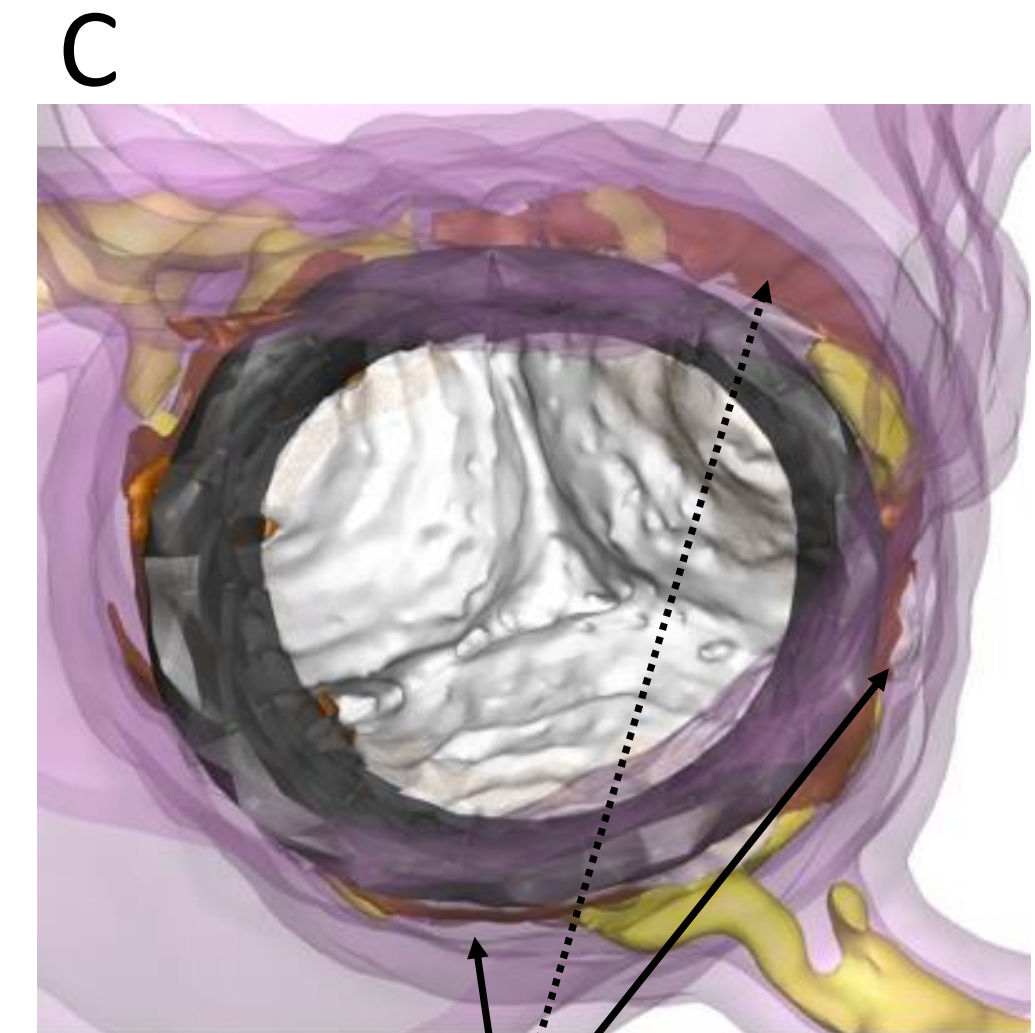
■ Calcium □ Evolut-R leaflets ■ Thrombus



Thrombus at the level of the *neo-sinus*



Thrombus at the level of the *anatomic sinus* with partial involvement of the sub valvular component



Thrombus at the level of the *sub valvular component*

HALT: Management

Box. Unanswered Questions

- Should patients be screened for leaflet thrombosis after transcatheter aortic valve replacement?
- Do specific patient groups at increased risk of leaflet thrombosis (eg, valve-in-valve transcatheter aortic valve replacement) benefit from up-front preventive anticoagulation to prevent leaflet thrombosis?
- What is the relationship between leaflet thrombosis and future structural valve degeneration?
- Does treatment of leaflet thrombosis with oral anticoagulation reduce the risk of structural valve degeneration, thromboembolism, or stroke?
- Is low-dose oral anticoagulation sufficient to prevent/treat leaflet thrombosis?
- How long should patients with leaflet thrombosis receive anticoagulation treatment?
- How does valve choice and implant technique influence the risk of leaflet thrombosis?



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6.HALT: flash messages - conclusion

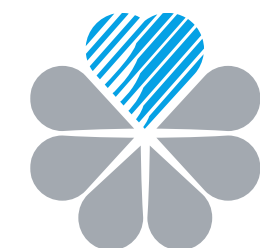
- I. MDCT is not indicated at follow-up, however CT scan is the only way to intercept at early stage HALT/SLT
- II. HALT/SLT at early stage perhaps can be reversed
- III. 2DTTE has no potential to identify HALT/SLT (if you see HALT/SLT with echo is too late then...)
- IV. The role of anticoagulants must be clarified (particularly low risk patient for bleeding)



All we shall know about **HALT / STL**

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