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Prevalence, Treatment Eligibility and Postoperative Survival for Europeans with Aortic Stenosis

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Background/Introduction

Aortic Stenosis (AS) is the most frequent valvular pathology in the developed world. Whilst much is known about its pathogenesis and treatment, a paucity of data exists on the prevalence and number of patients eligible for valve replacement.

Aims/Objectives

To quantify prevalence, treatment eligibility and post-operative survival in patients with AS.

Method

A systematic search was conducted across PubMed and EMBASE for studies evaluating prevalence, severity, decision-making and survival in AS patients. Studies were selected using a priori defined criteria reviewed by two independent investigators. Prevalence rates [95%CI] were calculated and pooled using fixed and random-effects models (statistical heterogeneity evaluated via X^2 and I^2). Subsequently, Monte Carlo methods with beta distributions and 2012 population data were utilised to assess eligibility per treatment option (using ESC indications).

Results

Fifty-four studies were included encompassing 52,951 patients across 5 domains: prevalence, severity, symptom status, treatment and outcome. Pooled prevalence in the general population aged 55-74yrs and >75yrs was 2.9% [1.5-4.3%] and 13.6% [8.3-18.9%], respectively. Of these, 21.6% [19.1-24.2%] had severe AS with 71.1% [62.7-79.4%] symptomatic. SAVR was performed in 57.1% [47.7-66.6%] of symptomatic patients and 28.2% [16.6-39.7%] of asymptomatic patients. In non-operated asymptomatic patients, 44.7% [36.7-53.0%] progressed to

SAVR within 2yrs. Regardless of symptoms, SAVR was associated with a 3-fold increase in survival within 2yrs (OR: 3.6 and 3.9). In high-risk/inoperable severe symptomatic patients aged ≤ 75 yrs, 39.9% [31.4-48.4%] received TAVR. On Monte Carlo simulation, there are 9,187,586 [6,988,043-11,629,367] Europeans aged ≤ 55 yrs with AS. Of these, 1,984,666 [1,494,584-2,550,594] have severe AS with 1,178,766 [878,802-1,528,812] eligible for SAVR and 234,934 [149,699-340,960] eligible for TAVR.

Discussion/Conclusion

Within current ESC guidelines, approximately 1.2 million Europeans aged ≤ 55 yrs are candidates for SAVR with an additional 230,000 patients aged ≤ 75 yrs eligible for TAVR.

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