# Re-do Aortic Root Replacement Has Comparable Morbidity and Mortality to New Aortic Root Replacement with Previous Sternotomy

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#### Introduction

- Aortic root replacement is commonly performed to address root pathology
- Prosthetic roots have potential to degenerate or be afflicted with other pathology
- Re-do root replacements pose a technical challenge
- Prior studies have compared re-do root replacement groups with native chest patients, found comparable mortality, but longer operative times and more short-term morbidity
- Re-do root replacement patients have not been compared to other patients with a non-native chest



#### Aim

To compare characteristics and outcomes in patients undergoing repeat aortic root replacement with other patients who have a nonnative chest



#### <u>Methods</u>

- A retrospective review of institutional aortic database from 2009-2023 for patients undergoing root replacement with non-native chest
- Patients separated into two cohorts based on prior aortic root history
  - Prior root replacement (True Root Replacement, TRR)
  - Non-native chest without prior root replacement (No Prior Root, NPR)
- Pre-operative, operative and post-operative characteristics compared between two cohorts



#### Results

- In total, 94 patients identified
  - 18 with a prior history of root replacement
  - 76 with history of sternotomy, no prior root replacement history
- Higher incidence of connective tissue disease in TRR group, otherwise no difference in baseline comorbidities

		No Previous Root	
	True Re-do Root (n=18)	(N=76)	P-value
Age	59.9 (45.8 – 65.8)	59.3 (51.9 – 66.4)	0.478
Sex (male)	13 (72.2%)	61 (80.2%)	0.524
Comorbidities			
Hyperlipidemia	2 (11.1%)	23 (30.3%)	0.140
Hypertension	12 (66.7%)	56 (73.7%)	0.566
Diabetes	1 (6.2%)	5 (6.6%)	0.999
Smoking	2 (11.1%)	12 (28.9%)	0.729
CKD	2 (11.1%)	9 (11.8%)	0.999
CAD	2 (11.1%)	12 (15.8%)	0.999
Prior Stroke	2 (11.1%)	13 (17.1%)	0.728
Connective Tissue Disease	4 (22.2%)	3 (3.9%)	0.024
BMI	$26.7\pm4.5$	$\textbf{27.8} \pm \textbf{5.2}$	0.665



#### Results

- No difference in other aortic or cardiac surgical history
- Majority of TRR patients had prior non-valve sparing root

		No Previous Root	
	True Re-do Root (n=18)	(N=76)	P-value
Aortic/Cardiac Surgical History			
Valve Sparing Root (TRR) or Aortic Valve			
Resuspension (NPR)	7 (39.9%)	14 (18.4%)	0.111
Non-Valve Sparing Root (TRR) or Aortic Valve			
Replacement (NPR)	11 (61.1%)	34 (44.7%)	0.295
Ascending Replacement	5 (27.8%)	26 (34.2%)	0.783
Hemiarch Replacement	3 (16.7%)	9 (11.8%)	0.694
Total Arch Replacement	2 (11.1%)	7 (9.2%)	0.681
Mitral Valve Intervention	2 (11.1%)	1 (1.3%)	0.093
CABG	1 (5.6%)	5 (6.6%)	0.999
Coarctation Repair	0	3 (3.9%)	0.999



#### **Results: Operative**

No differences seen in operative characteristics or adjunctive aortic procedures performed



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Urgency			
Elective	8 (44.4%)	46 (60.5%)	0 290
Urgent/Emergent	10 (55.6%)	30 (39.5%)	0.250
CBP time (min)	201 (148 - 244)	205 (168 - 260)	0.535
XC time (min)	114 (95 - 155)	139 (108 - 161)	0.099
Circulatory Arrest (min)	16 (11 - 23)	14 (11 - 22)	0.755
Bladder Nadir Temp (deg C)	27.2 (23.6 - 29.9)	26.4 (24.9 - 27.7)	0.364
Procedures			
Valve-sparing	1 (5.6%)	10 (13.2%)	0 6 9 4
Non-valve sparing	17 (94.4%)	66 (86.8%)	0.084
Hemiarch	8 (44.4%)	33 (43.4%)	0.999
Total arch	8 (44.4%)	24 (31.5%)	0.407
Elephant trunk	4 (22.2%)	20 (26.3%)	0.999
Perioperative Blood Products	5		
RBCs	4 (2 - 8)	3 (1 - 7)	0.445
FFP	6 (3 - 8)	6 (4 - 10)	0.417
Platelets	3 (2 - 3)	3 (2 - 4)	0.564



#### **Results: Post-Operative Outcomes**

- Increased hospital length of stay, but not ICU length of stay in TRR cohort
- Trend towards increased pacer implementation rate in TRR, but non-significant

Variable	TRR (N=18)	NPR (N=76)	p-value
Hospital Stay (days)	19 (9-29)	10 (8 - 17)	0.028
ICU Stay (days)	6 (3 - 10)	4 (3 - 7)	0.439
Prolonged Ventilation	3 (16.7%)	7 (9.2%)	0.397
Infection	3 (16.7%)	9 (11.8%)	0.694
New MCS	0	10 (13.2%)	0.200
Stroke	2 (11.1%)	6 (7.9%)	0.647
Arrhythmia requiring PPM	3 (16.7%)	4 (5.3%)	0.126
Post OP open chest	3 (16.7%)	20 (26.3%)	0.546
Unplanned Takeback	1 (5.6%)	3 (3.9%)	0.579
Post Mortality	2 (11.1%)	7 (9.2%)	0.681

All data reported as median with corresponding IQR or  $\underline{N}(\%)$ . (MCS= Mechanical Circulatory Support, PPM=Pacemaker)



#### **Conclusions**

- Re-do root replacement is feasible, has comparable outcomes to other patients with a non-native chest
  - Patients requiring repeat root replacement more prone to have connective tissue disease
  - Increased hospital length of stay, otherwise no difference in perioperative morbidity and mortality
- Findings may help guide decision-making of index operation if questioning root intervention

## Questions???