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**AnchorMan vs Watchman for LAA closure**

In the SAFE-PROTECT trial, **Binhao Wang, Huimin Chu and colleagues** randomised patients with atrial fibrillation at high risk of ischaemic stroke to left atrial appendage (LAA) closure with either the AnchorMan or Watchman 2.5 device. The 12-month clinical outcomes demonstrate the AnchorMan's non-inferior clinical success and LAA closure rates. **Philippe Garot and Jens Erik Nielsen-Kudsk** help interpret these results in an accompanying editorial.

This article is featured in this issue's Editor's Choice podcast.

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**TAVI with intra-annular or supra-annular SEVs**

In the HERA-TAVI registry, **Matteo Casenghi, Emanuele Barbato and colleagues** compare intra- vs supra-annular self-expanding valves (SEVs) in patients undergoing transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI). Despite similar 1-year clinical and haemodynamic outcomes, the differences in procedure-related endpoints suggest the importance of individualised device selection. This article is accompanied by an editorial from **Daniel J. Blackman and Annette Maznyczka**.

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**PPM after TAVI in PORTICO IDE**

Using data from PORTICO IDE, **Gregory P. Fontana, Raj Makkar and colleagues** analyse the 30-day haemodynamic outcomes and rates of prosthesis-patient mismatch (PPM) across three transcatheter aortic valve platforms implanted in patients with aortic stenosis and small or large aortic annuli. The intra-annular Portico SEV was compared against the supra-annular Evolut SEV and the balloon-expandable intra-annular SAPIEN 3, with the former two valves yielding similar haemodynamic and PPM results, regardless of the annular diameter.

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**Also in this issue**

**Manveer Singh, Philippe Garot and colleagues** present recent insights from three studies investigating the Valve Academic Research Consortium (VARC) high bleeding risk (HBR) criteria for patients undergoing TAVI. **Nahyr Sofia Lugo-Fagundo, Abdallah El Sabbagh and colleagues** examine the feasibility and safety of percutaneous mechanical aspiration in left-sided infective endocarditis.

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