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Should we use different arch devices for dissections and aneurysms?

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Arch devices

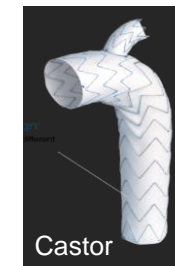
Zone 0: Branched



Zone 1-2: Fenestrated



Zone 2: LSA Branch



Endograft selection

Branched versus fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair in the aortic arch: A multicenter comparison

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ABSTRACT

Objective: For thoracic endovascular aortic repair of the arch, branched and fenestrated endografts are available with different limitations regarding anatomy and extent of the pathology. Comparisons are lacking in the literature. The aim of this study was to compare the results of 2 currently commercially available devices for branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair and fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair.

Methods: In a retrospective, multicenter cohort study, a consecutive patient series treated with branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair or fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair for aortic arch pathologies was assessed. Baseline characteristics, procedural fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair, and outcome were analyzed. Furthermore, the potential anatomic feasibility of the respective alternate device was assessed on the preoperative computed tomography scans.

Results: The branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair and fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair cohorts consisted of 20 and 34 patients, respectively, with similar comorbidities; indication was aneurysm in 65% and 79%, penetrating aortic ulcer in 20% and 9%, and dissection in the remaining procedures, respectively. Technical success was achieved in all but 1 patient. Perioperative mortality and major stroke rate were both 10% in branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair and 0% and 3% in fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair, respectively. During follow-up of 31 and 40 months, 1 branch occlusion occurred in the branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair cohort, and 2 late endoleaks occurred in the fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair group. One aortic death occurred. Although 35% of patients undergoing branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair were anatomically suitable for fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair, 91% of those undergoing fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair were suitable for branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair.

Conclusions: Both branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair and fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair show excellent technical success and acceptable complication rates, whereas branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair tends toward higher morbidity, especially stroke rates. By offering fenestrated thoracic endovascular aortic repair along with branched thoracic endovascular aortic repair, aortic centers could potentially lower complication rates and simultaneously still treat a wide range of anatomies. (*J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 2022; ■:1-11)



Branched TEVAR

- 10% Mortality
- 10% Major Stroke

Crossover to less invasive fTEVAR treatment in 35% possible



Fenestrated TEVAR

- 0% Mortality
- 3% Major Stroke

NAJUTA Stent Graft (Kawasumi)



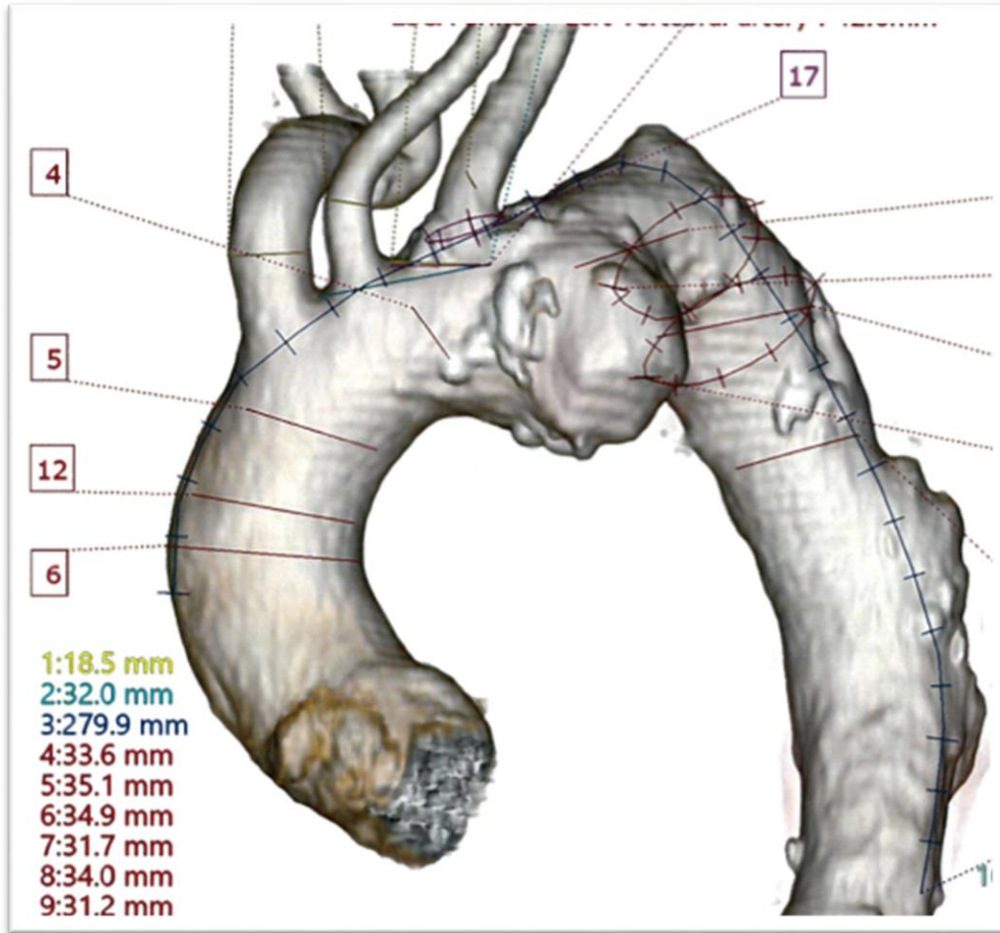
SEMI-CUSTOM FENESTRATED ENDOGRAFT:

combining the skeleton pattern, the different graft diameters and the number, dimension and orientation of the fenestrations, there are **1,590** configurations available.

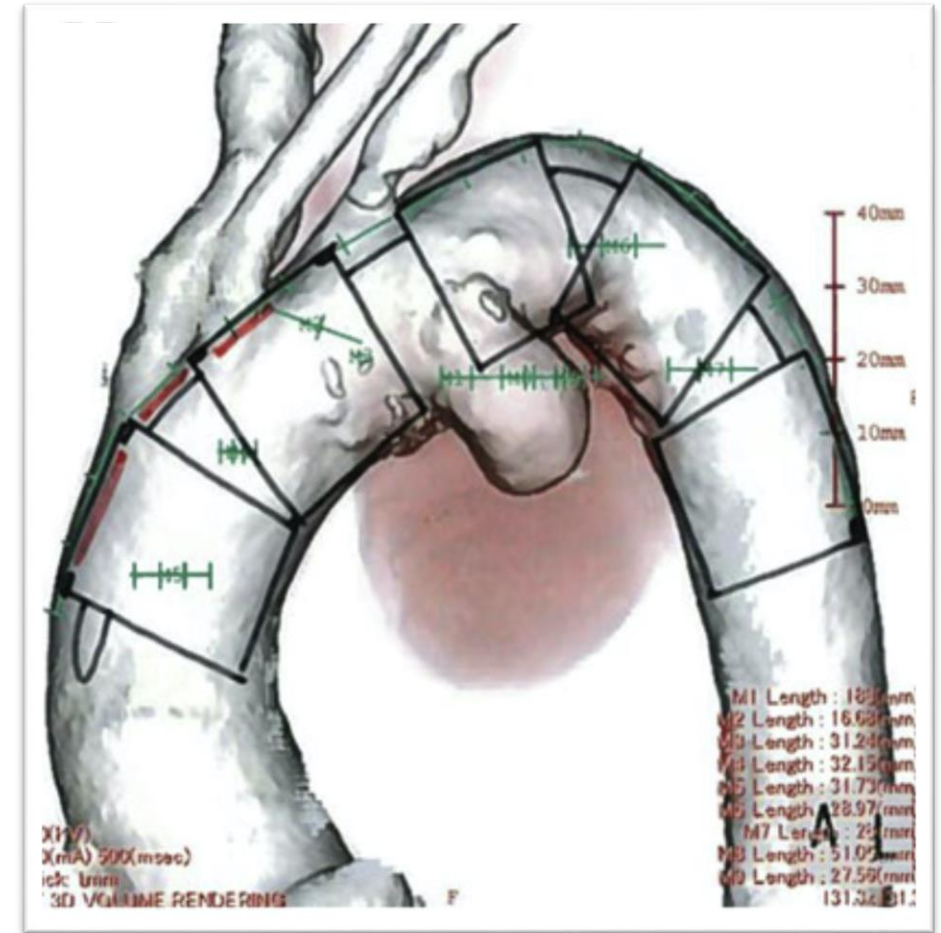
Graft Outer Diameter	24,26 mm	28,30,32 mm 32-28	34,36 mm 34-30,36-32	38,40,42 mm 38-34,40-36,42-38 42-36,40-34,38-32
CS1				
SS2				
SL2				
CS2				
CL2				
Graft Outer Diameter	28,30,32 mm 32-28		34,36 mm 34-30,36-32	38,40,42 mm 38-34,40-36,42-38 42-36,40-34,38-32
CS3				
CL3				



NAJUTA Stent Graft (Kawasumi)



Aneurysm of distal arch



Aneurysms of the lesser curve

NAJUTA Stent Graft (Kawasumi)



- Low radial force
- Fabric sutured only at the proximal and distal edge



Expands like the sail of a boat

NAJUTA Stent Graft (Kawasumi)

CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDIES

Preliminary results and outcomes of the study

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ABSTRACT

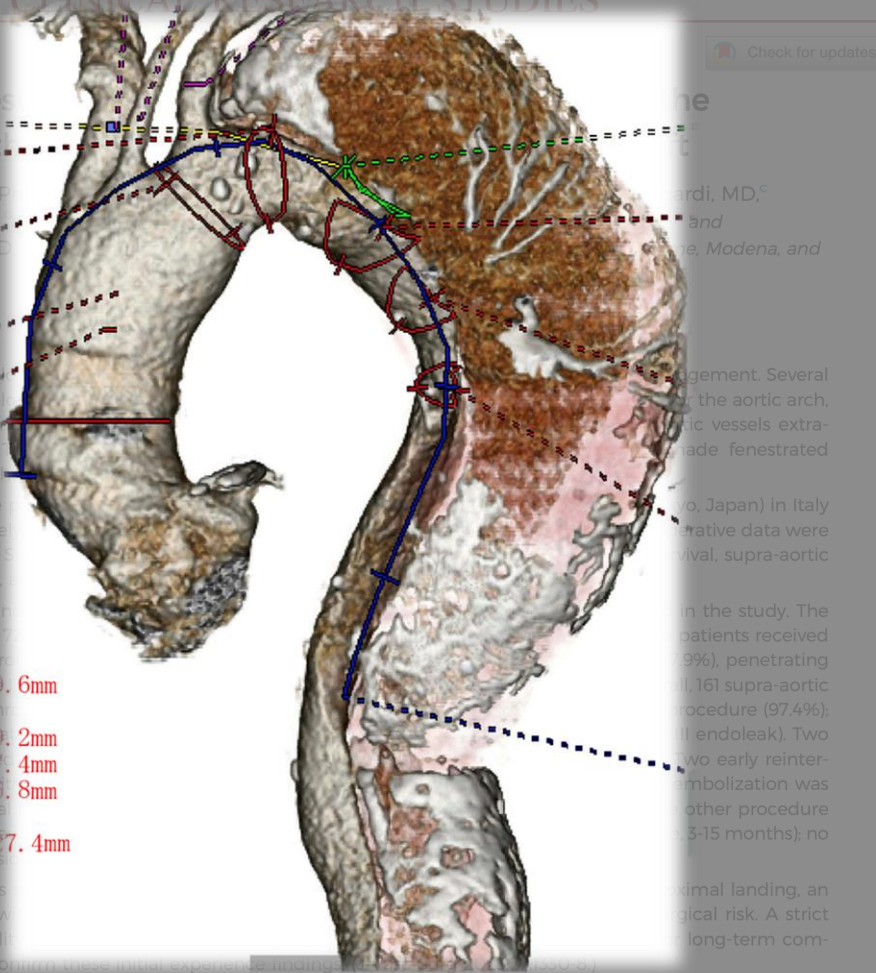
Background: Arch pathologies are challenging to treat. Several companies recently developed fenestrated endografts aiming to overcome some of the limitations of conventional anatomic debranching. The NAJUTA fenestrated endograft approved for the treatment of chronic type B aortic dissection.

Methods: All consecutive patients with chronic type B aortic dissection were enrolled prospectively in the NAJUTA study. The study was analyzed retrospectively. Primary endpoints were in-stent vessel patency, endoleak, and retrograde dissection.

Results: Between 2018 and 2021, 12 patients were treated for atherosclerosis, aortic ulcer (9.2%), or type B aortic dissection. The mean patient age was 67 years. The NAJUTA fenestrated endograft was implanted in 12 patients (100%). The proximal landing zone was 6mm, the distal landing zone was 2mm, and the fenestrations were 4mm and 8mm. Two distal migrations occurred, which were treated with fenestrated endografts. Two early reinterventions were needed with fenestrated endografts because distal migration occurred. The reintervention consisted of a femoral supra-aortic vessel occlusion and fenestrated endograft. The mean follow-up was 7.4 months.

Conclusions: Early results of the NAJUTA fenestrated endograft show promising results. Long-term follow-up with high-quality data is needed to confirm these initial findings.

Keywords: Aortic arch repair; Fenestrated endograft; Custom made; Endovascular repair; Multicenter study; Minimally invasive aortic repair



Chronic Type B dissection (n 12)

Intraoperative And Follow-up (8-17 months) data	Count (n)	Percentage
Technical success	11	91,6 %
Surgical time (min)	116 (40 – 330)	
Contrast medium (mL)	210 (100 – 450)	
Retrograde dissection	0	0 %
SINE	0	0 %
Stroke	0	0 %
SCI	0	0 %
Stent fracture	0	0 %
Endoleak (type IB)	1	8,4 %

NAJUTA Stent Graft (Kawasumi)



Applicability of endovascular branched and fenestrated aortic arch repair devices to treat residual type A dissection after ascending replacement

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ABSTRACT

Objective: Endovascular repair of post-type A aortic dissection (PTAD) after open ascending replacement has recently been shown as safe and feasible, but with limited anatomic applicability because only one stent graft was evaluated. We assessed anatomic and clinical applicability of six commercially available branched/fenestrated stent grafts for endovascular repair of PTAD.

Methods: On postoperative CT scans of 101 patients, we measured the aortic diameter at the sinutubular junction, supra-aortic vessels, and descending aorta, as well as the distances between these landmarks along the outer curvature of the arch and the diameters of the supra-aortic vessel. Anatomic applicability was evaluated according to the instructions for use, clinical applicability with regard to supra-aortic and iliac arteries. Assessed devices were the Cook aortic double branch, Terumo double branch, Najuta fenestrated, Endospan Nexus, Medtronic Mona LSA, and Gore TAG thoracic branch.

Results: Single devices were anatomically and clinically applicable between 19 of 101 (Mona LSA) and 83 of 101 (Najuta) cases. Reasons for rejection varied considerably across devices. With all devices available, anatomic applicability was 97 of 101 and clinical applicability 95 of 101. Combinations of a fenestrated and a branched device showed the most favorable clinical applicability for a pair of two devices, ranging from 86 of 101 to 94 of 101.

Conclusions: Anatomic and clinical applicability of endovascular devices for the repair of PTAD is high for fenestrated and branched devices, and very high for the combination of fenestrated and branched devices. Manufacturers should amend specific device requirements for PTAD. Surgeons should emphasize the need for a sufficiently long and straight graft as a potential landing zone. (J Vasc Surg 2022;76:1440-8.)

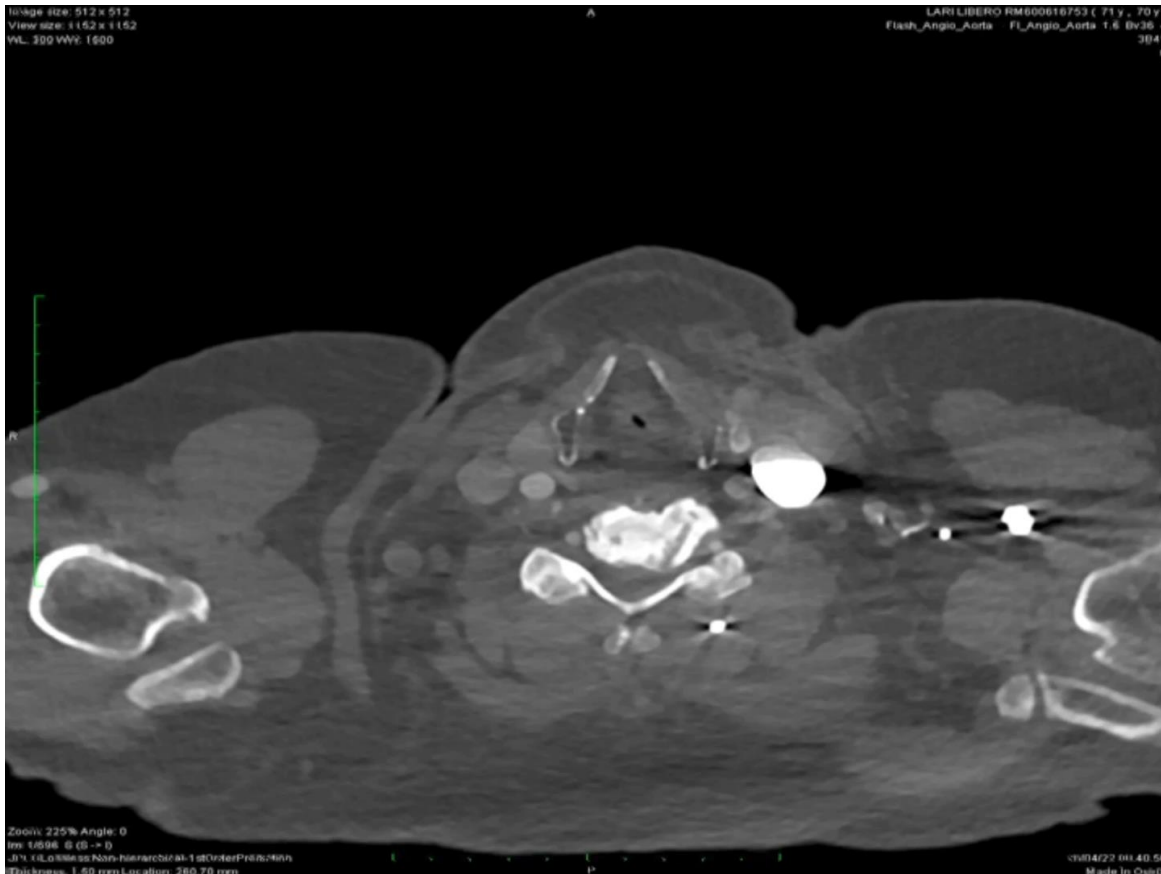
Keywords: Endovascular aortic repair; Aortic arch; Aortic dissection; Branched stent graft; Fenestrated stent graft

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Device	Anatomic applicability
Cook Branch Arch device	78.2%
Relay Branched	52.4%
Najuta	82.1%
Nexus	38.6%
Mona LSA	18.8%
Gore TBE	77.2%

NAJUTA case: 61 mm residual NON A – NON B dissection

- 67 Y, M
- Previous replacement of the ascending aorta for Type A dissection
- Hypertension, dislipidemia, ischemic cardiopathy



NAJUTA case: 61 mm residual NON A – NON B dissection

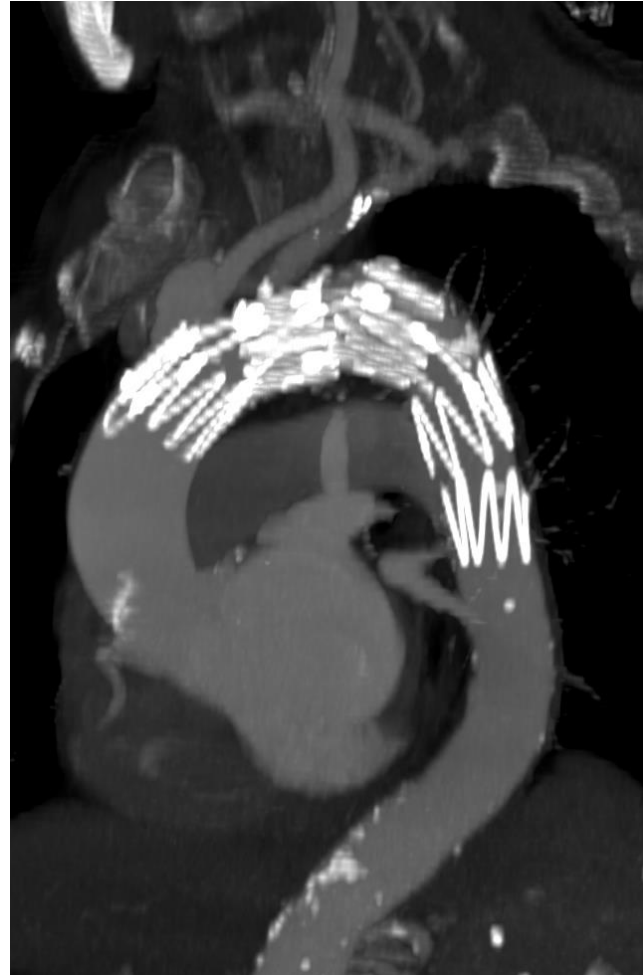
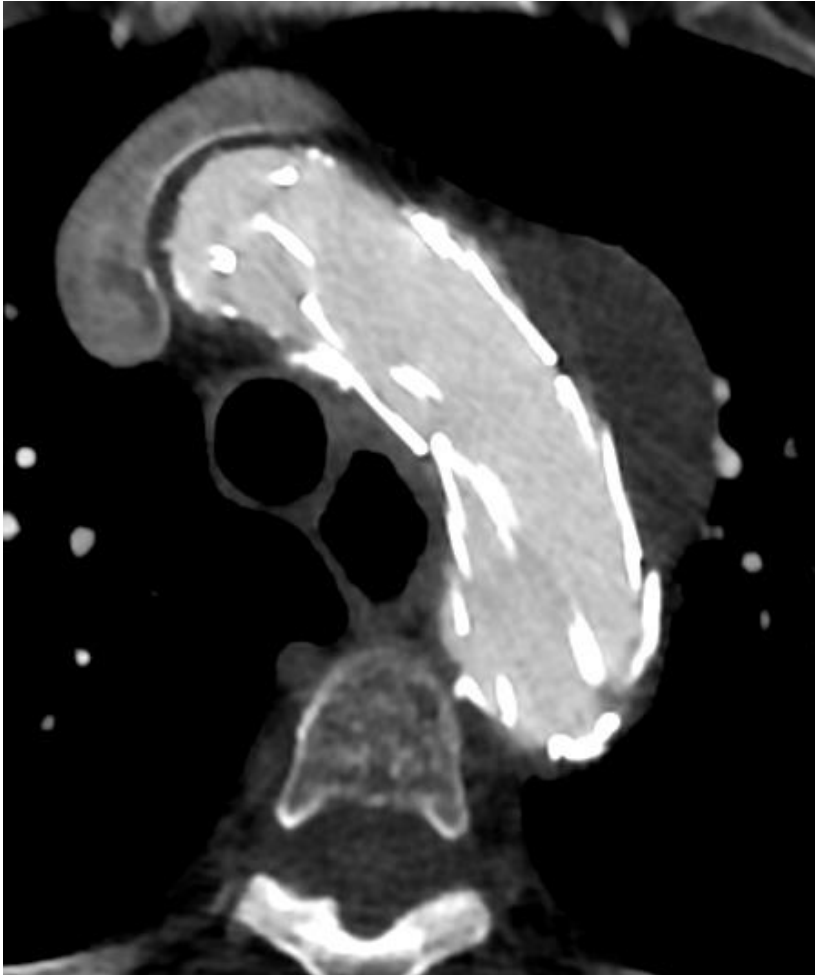


LCCA-LSA bypass



NAJUTA case: 61 mm residual NON A – NON B dissection

30-day CTA



CASTOR (Microport)



Semi-custom unibody single-branch endograft for the LSA

Mainbody Proximal Diameter	26 / 28 / 30 / 32 / 34 / 36 / 38 / 40 / 42 / 44
Mainbody Distal Diameter	20 / 22 / 24 / 26 / 28 / 30 / 32 / 34 / 36 / 38 / 40 / 42 / 44
Branch Distal Diameter	6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14
Outer Sheath Profile (Fr)	24
Mainbody Length	60 / 65 / 70 / 75 / 80 / 90 / 100 / 110 / 120 / 130 / 140 / 150 / 160 / 170 / 180 / 190 / 200 / 210
Branch Length	25 / 30 / 35 / 40 / 45
Length from Branch to Mainbody Proximal End	5 / 10 / 15 / 20 / 25 / 30

CASTOR (Microport)



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- **68%** CASTOR FEASIBILITY in prev. TEVAR in LZ2
- **75%** of the pts could be treated with **21** graft configurations
 - graft configurations may be reduced to **12** applying less restrictive criteria

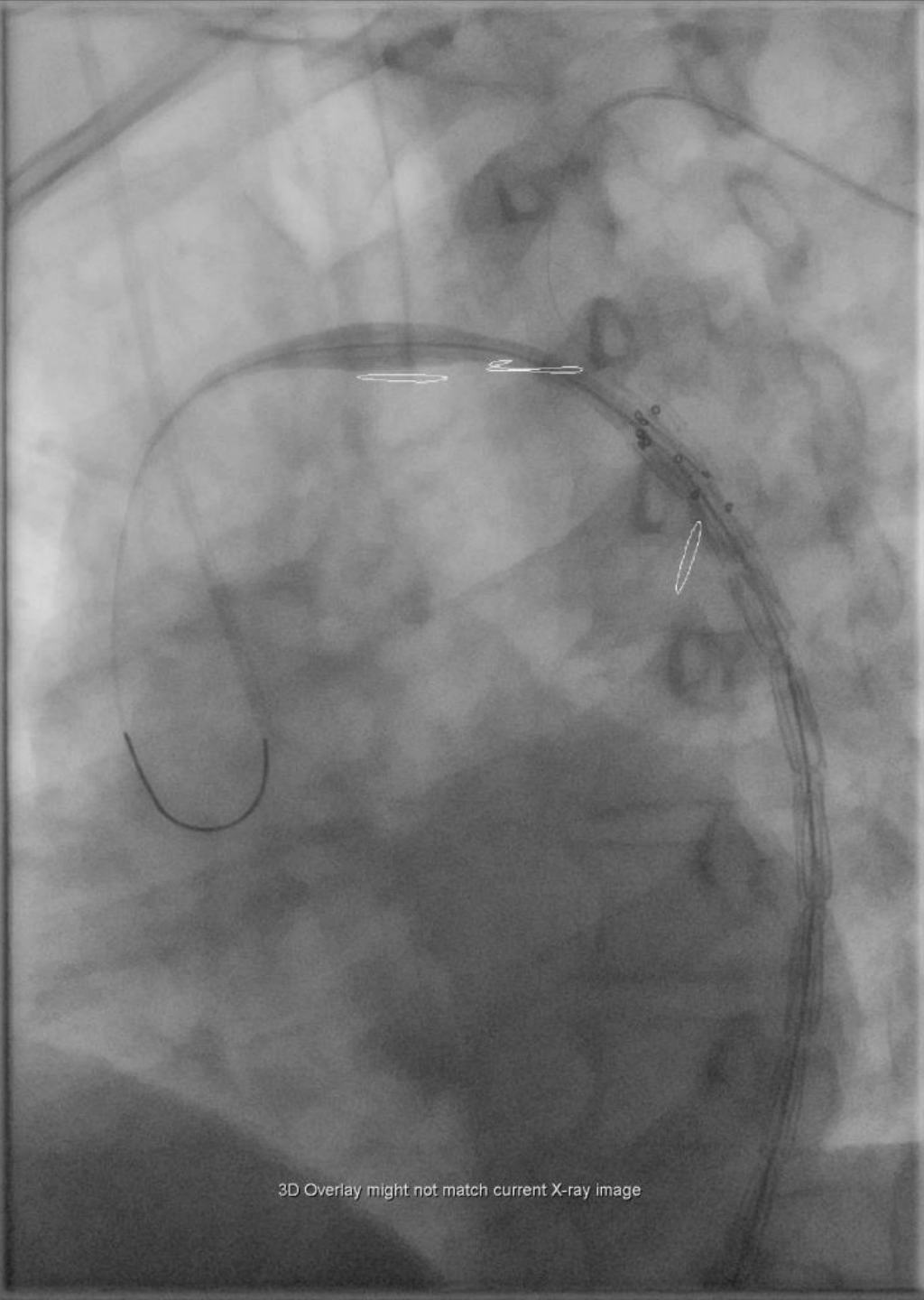
Aim of the study: **suitability of CASTOR** endograft among patients treated with TEVAR in landing zone 2 (LZ2).

CASTOR case: Acute TBAD



- 63 years old obese male
- **TBAD** (DeBakey IIIB) with refractory hypertension and recurrent chest pain

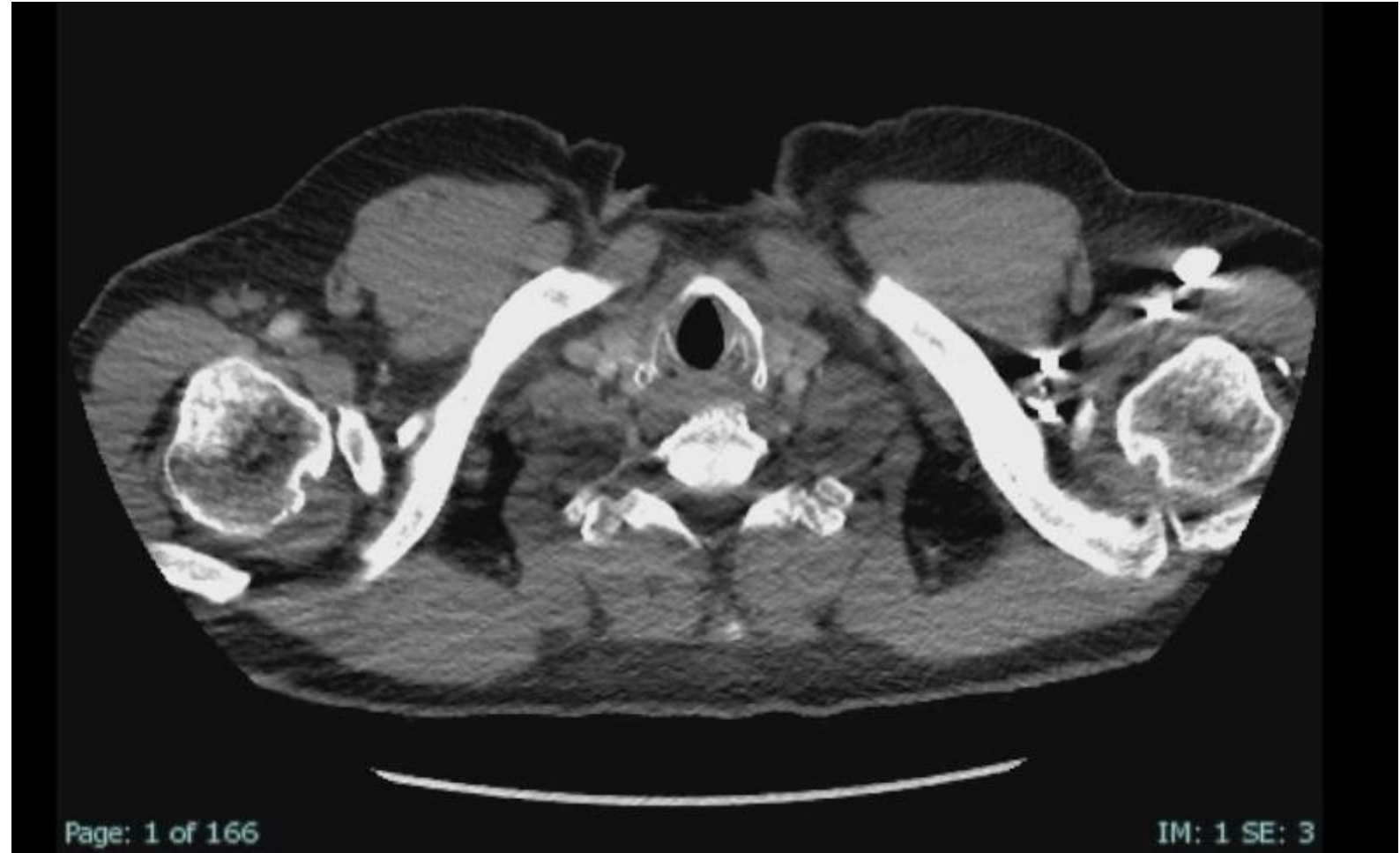




3D Overlay might not match current X-ray image



Post-op. CT



GORE TBE (W. L. Gore & Associates)



Original Article

TITLE

Anatomical Suitability of The Standard Subclavian Branched Endograft in Previous Zone 2 Thoracic Endovascular Aortic Repair

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UNDER REVIEW

Aim of the study: **suitability of GORE TBE** endograft among patients treated with TEVAR in landing zone 2 (LZ2).



- **76%** GORE TBE FEASIBILITY in prev. TEVAR in LZ2 (8-mm portal configuration)
 - **84%** GORE TBE FEASIBILITY excluding LSA restrictions
- **87%** of the pts could be treated with **5** graft configurations

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CONCLUSIONS



- EG selection is crucial in order to balance effectiveness of the treatment with the risk of complications
- There are EG that seem more suitable for treatment of dissections
- Fenestrated EG seem mostly appropriated for sub-acute/chronic non-A non-B dissections
- Single LSA branch EG could become the best choice for TBAD also in the acute/sub-acute phase