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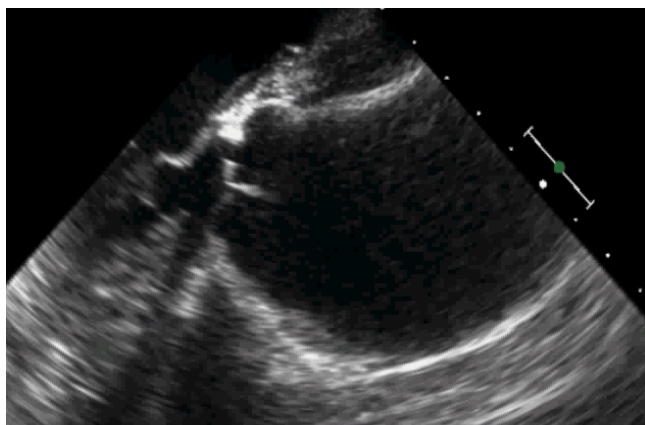
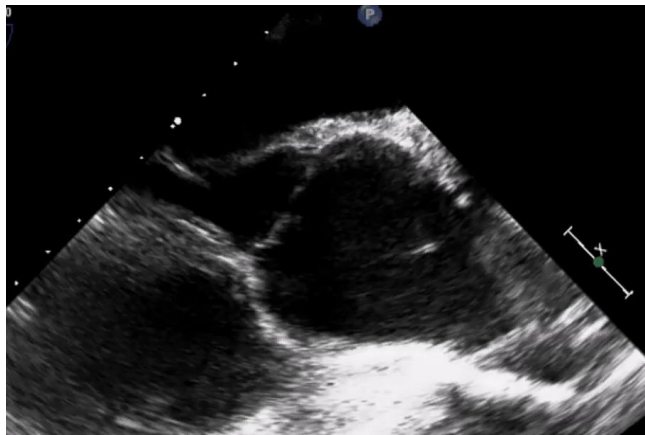
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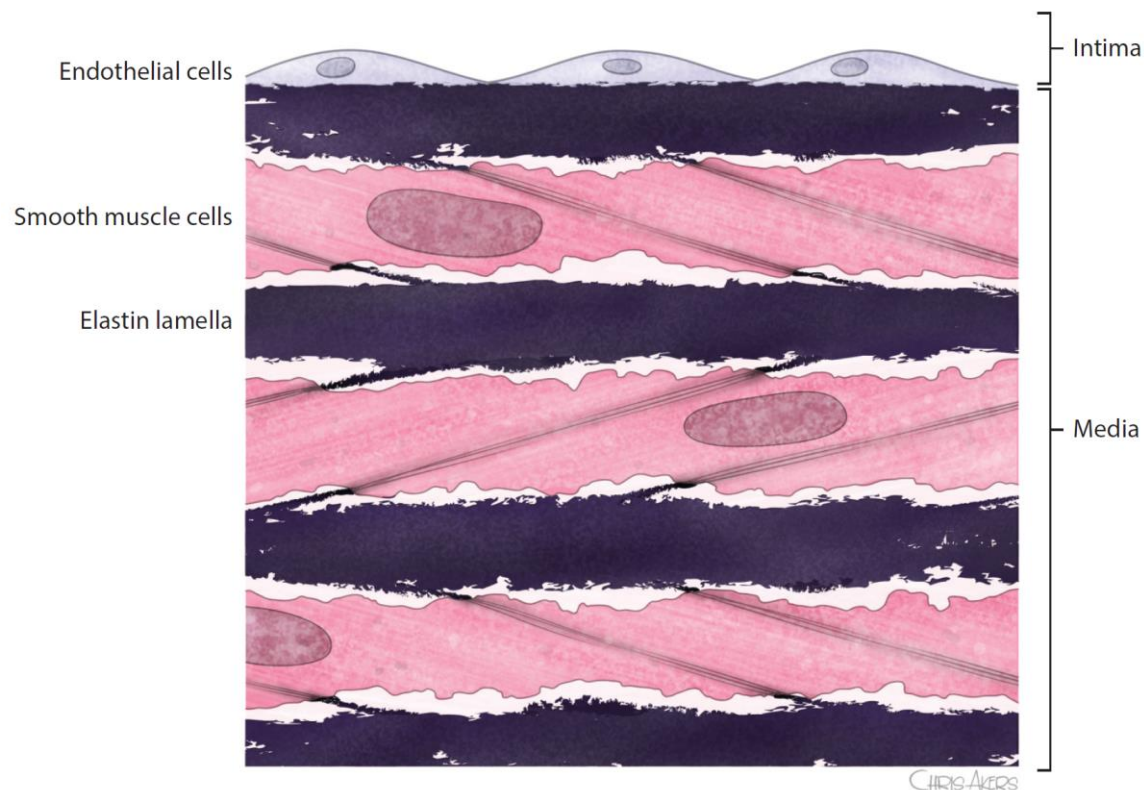
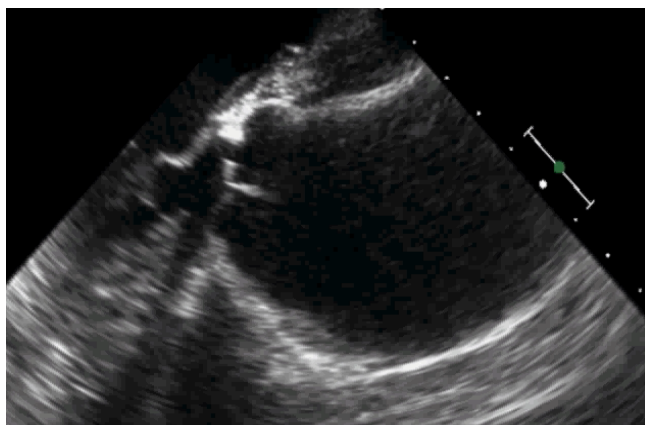
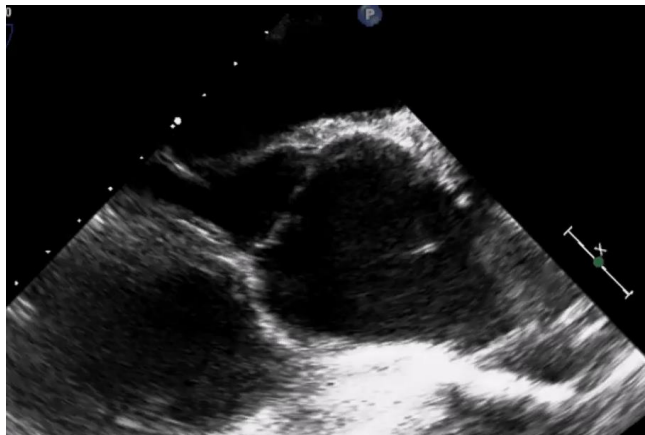
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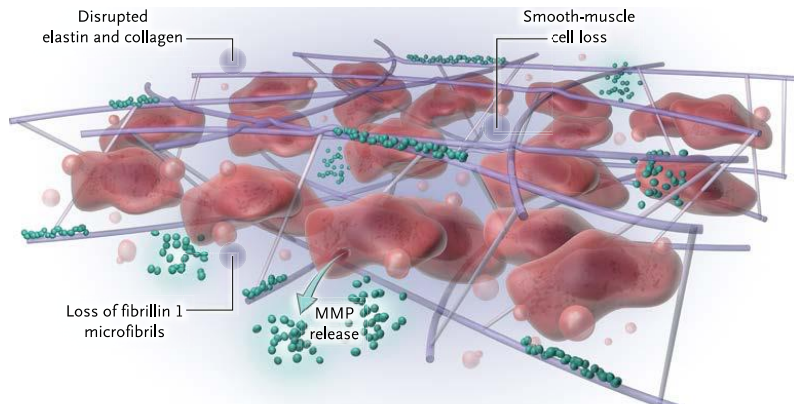




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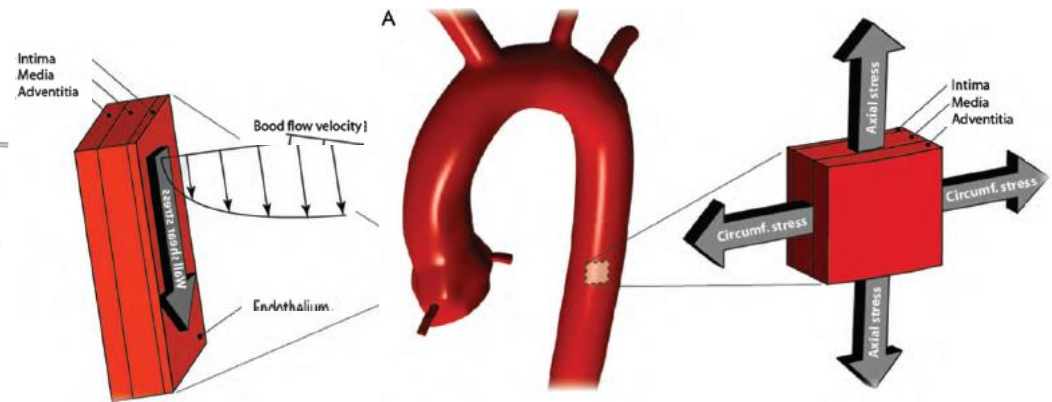
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« *media disease* »



Collagen disease:
Marfan,
Ehlers Danlos IV,
Loeyz –Dietz.....

Increase in wall stress



HYPERTENSION

Smoking

Age

Atheroma

History of cardiac surgery (15%)

....



TAAD: Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm and Dissection ?

Syndromic TAAD

“involvement of tissue and other organ than aorta

- Marfan
- Loeys-Dietz Syndrome
- Turner
- Ehlers Danlos IV
- Arterial tortuosity
- Aneurysm arthritis syndrome

Non syndromic TAAD

“only” aorta is involved

- Familial TAAD

- *Bicuspid aortic valve*

Up to 20% have a first degree relative with TAAD !

- *Sporadic form*



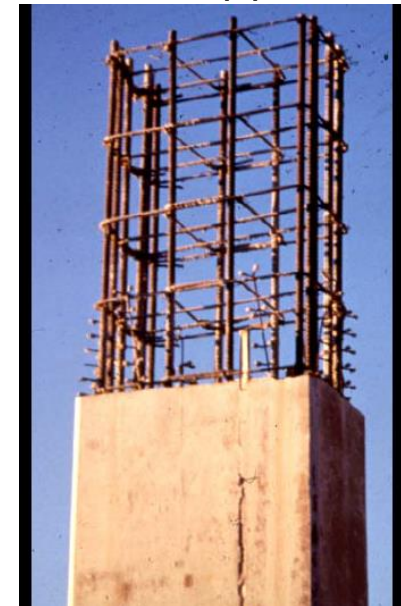
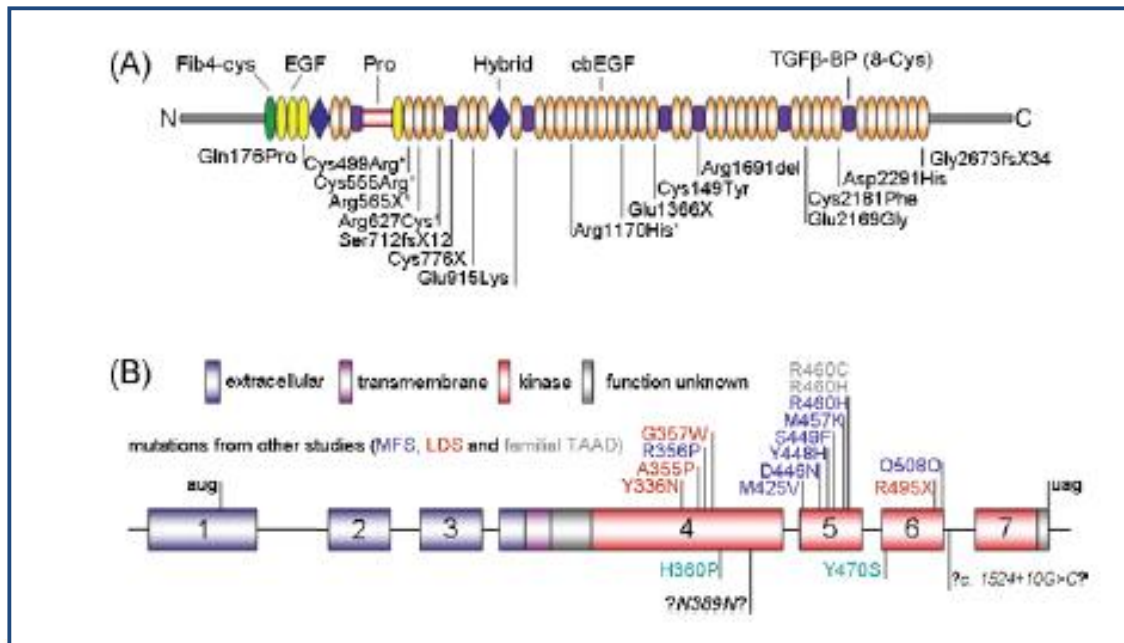
Marfan disease:

- Most frequent collagen disease (1/5000 people),
- Autosomic dominant , very variable expression! 25% neomutations !,

FBN1 (fibrillin) Chr 15



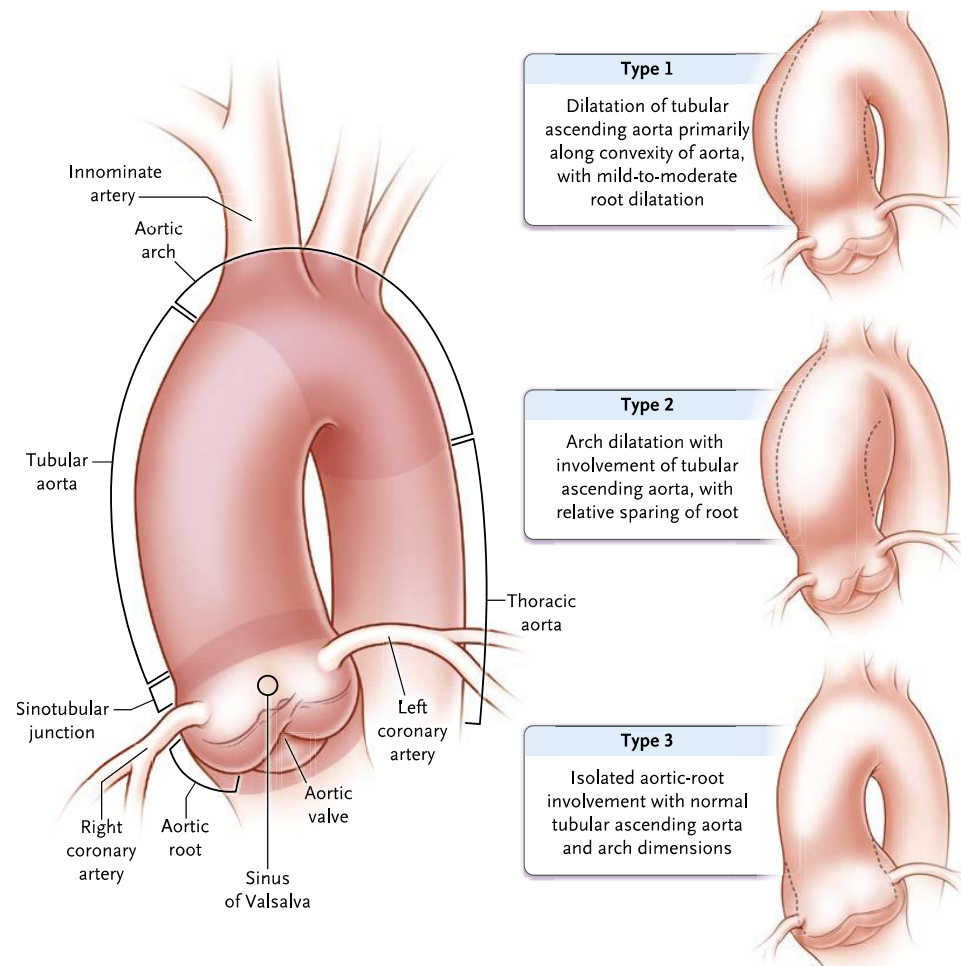
Elastic and support tissue





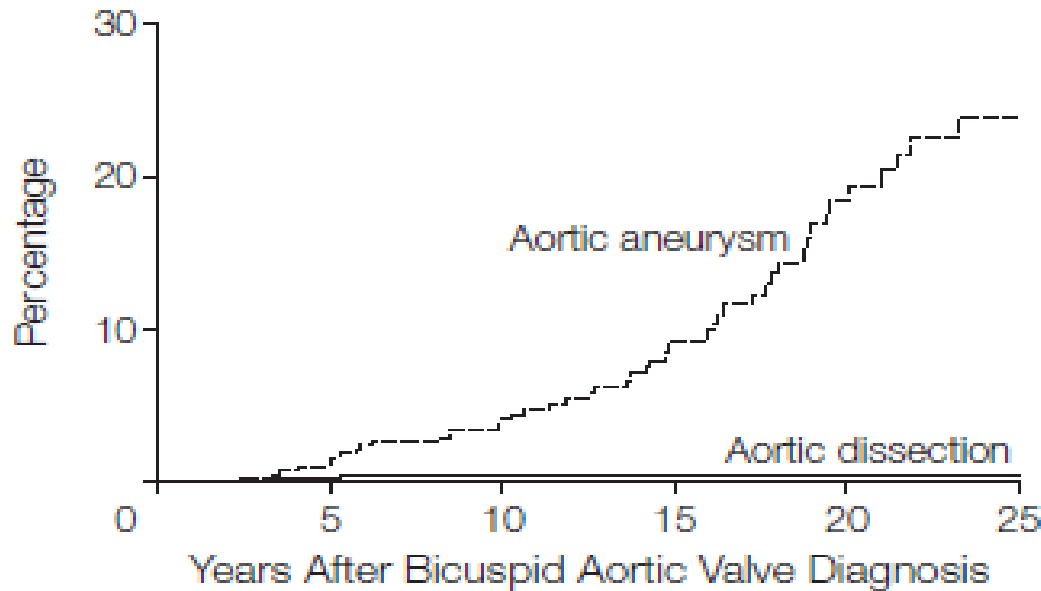
Bicuspid aortic valve:

- Aortic root dilatation in 20-84 % of BAV pts
- Start in young adult or teenagers and slowly continue
- 22 % of pts with aortic dissection < 40 years old have bicuspid aortic valve





BAV: Natural history or aortopathy:



At 25y: 26% will develop aneurysm

84.9/10 000 pts year BAV

1.04/10 000 pts year all population

RR:84 x !

No. at risk

Aortic aneurysm	384	352	309	186	88	39
Aortic dissection	416	387	348	209	110	53

Risk of aneurysm formation in pt without aneurysm at diagnosis



BAV a genetic disease ?:

- Prevalence rise up to 24% if one relative is affected
- Inheritance is found > 50% families mainly if associated lesion (coarctation....)
- *Syndromic Form:*

TABLE 1 Human Genetic Syndromes That Include Bicuspid Aortic Valve

Syndrome	Genetic Defect	Clinical Features	OMIM No.
Turner	Monosomy X	Short stature, infertility, coarctation	—
Loeys-Dietz	TGFBR1, TGFBR2 mutations	TAAD, craniosynostosis, bifid uvula, skeletal defects	609192, 608967 (type 1) 610168, 610380 (type 2)
DiGeorge	22q11.2 deletion	Truncus arteriosus, tetralogy of Fallot, craniofacial defects	188400 (DiGeorge) 192430 (VCF) 614201 (LDS type 4)
Andersen-Tawil	KCNJ2 mutations (60%)	Dysmorphic features, cardiac arrhythmias, periodic paralysis	170390 (LQTS 7)
Larsen	FLNB mutations	Craniofacial and skeletal defects	150250
Kabuki	KMT2D, KDM6A mutations (70%)	Mental retardation, hearing loss, coarctation	147920 (type 1) 300867 (type 2)

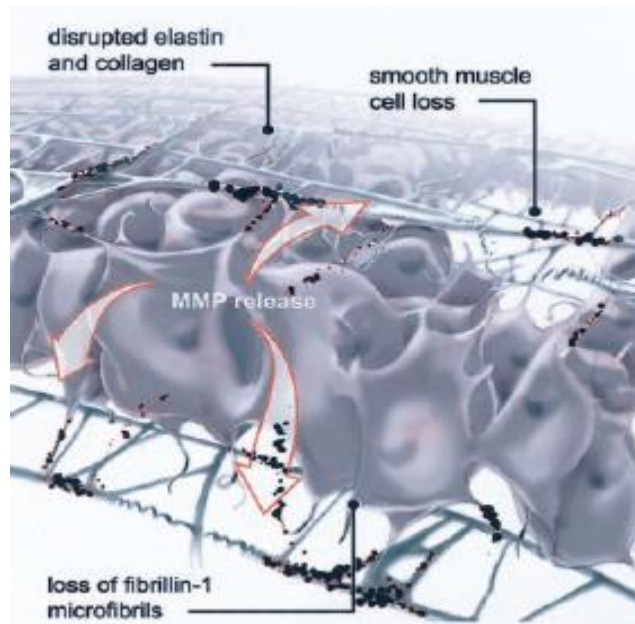
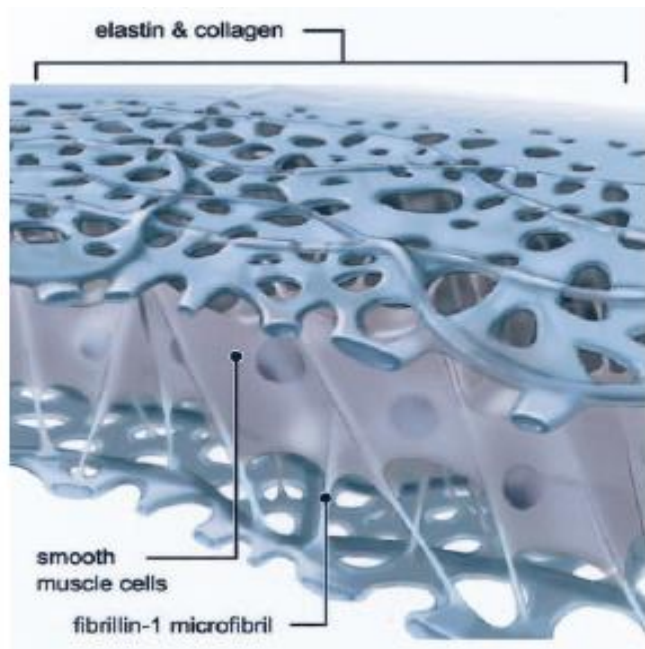
AAT = aortic aneurysm, familial thoracic; LDS = Loeys-Dietz syndrome; LQTS = long-QT syndrome; OMIM = Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man; TAAD = thoracic aortic aneurysms and dissections; VCF = velocardiofacial syndrome.

- *non syndromic form:* TAAD: 30%

Numerous gene associated: TGFBR2, TGFBR1, ACTA2, KCNJ2, **NOTCH1**



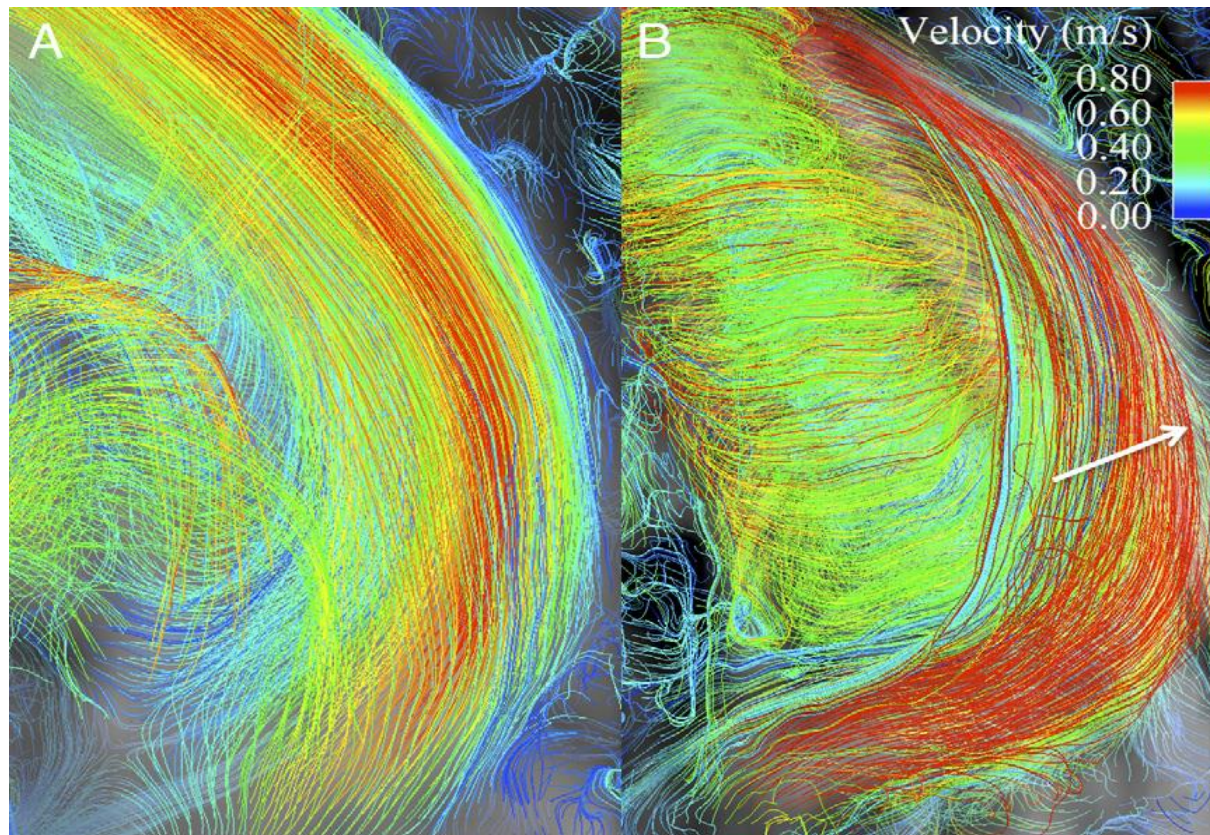
Aortic Root dilatation in BAV a structural problem ?:



- Loss smooth muscle
- Disarray elastic fibers



Aortic Root dilatation in BAV an hemodynamic problem ?

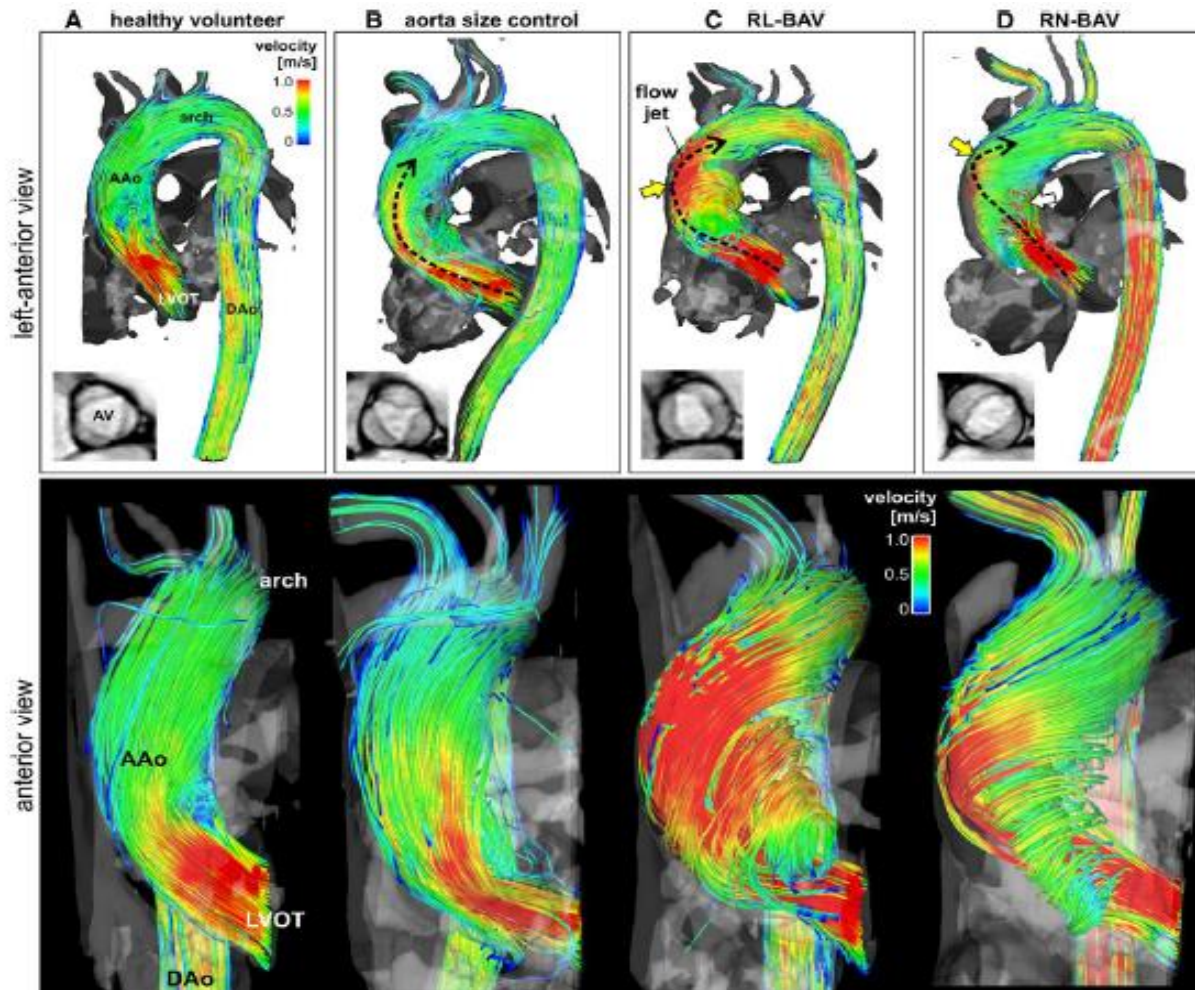


BAV nl root

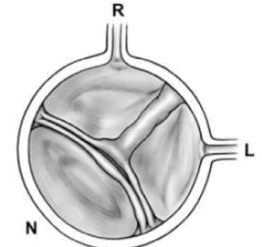
BAV with rapid dilatation



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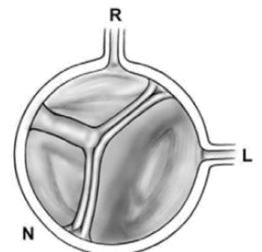


R-L fusion



$\pm 70\%$

R-N fusion



$\pm 30\%$

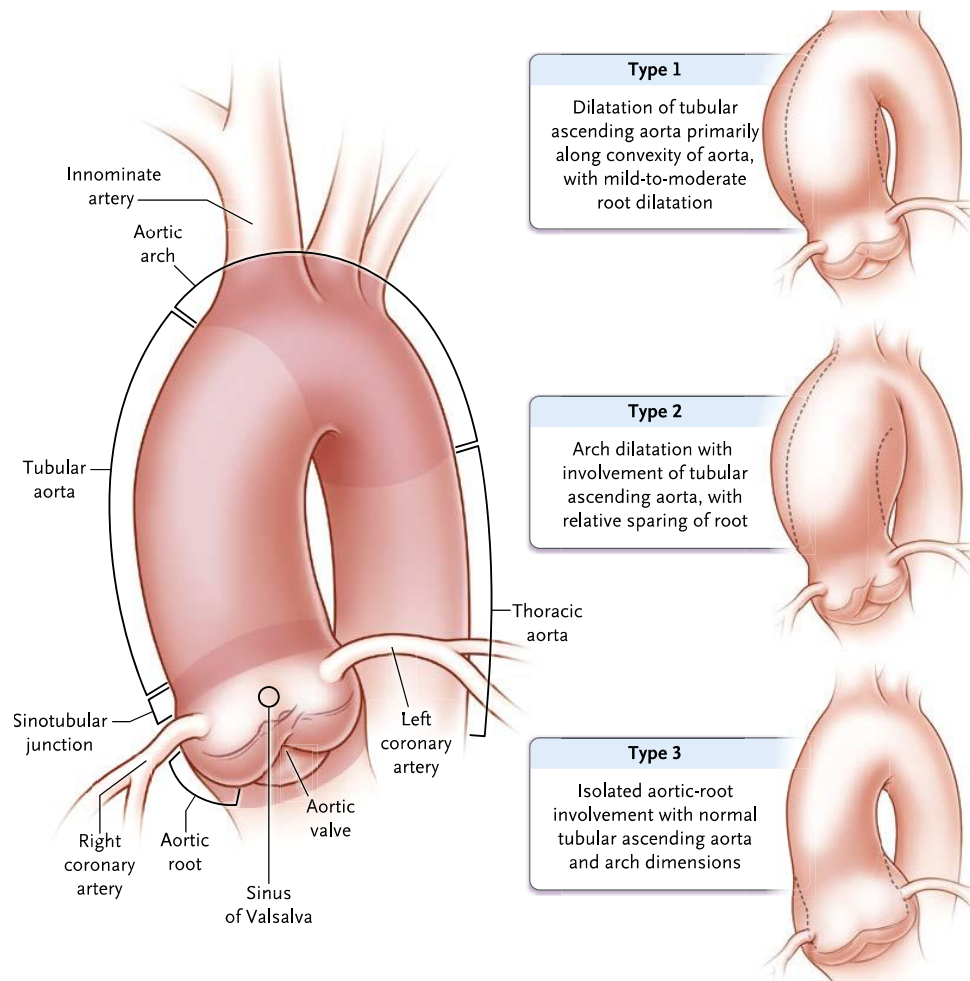


Pattern of aortic dilatation:

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Bicuspid Aortic Valve and Aortopathy: See the First, Then Look at the Second*

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Age > 50
RL fusion
AS

Type 1 RN
fusion

Male, < 40 y
True BAV
AR
Genetic



Aortic dilatation in BAV:

Genetic basis of BAV-TA

- Mutations in diverse genes such as *NOTCH1*, *GATA5*, *ACTA2* and *TGFBR2*.
- Linkage to Chr 15q25-26.
- Associations with common genetic polymorphism in *eNOS*, *ACE*, *MMP9* and *MMP2* genes.
- Alternative splicing fingerprints of the TGF- β pathways, including that of Fibronectin transcript.

Hemodynamic contributions in BAV-TA

All BAV are morphologically stenotic $\rightarrow$ abnormal biomechanics and flow alterations propagating eccentrically inside proximal aorta $\rightarrow$ uneven wall stress $\rightarrow$ eccentric aortic dilatation/aneurysm.

- Different BAV fusion pattern is associated with distinct aneurysm configuration and unique MMP/TIMP signature.
- Shear stress can modulate expression of genes regulating MMP production, ECM remodeling (via TGF- β pathway) and VSMC apoptosis (mediated by Bmf-Bcl2 binding).

Confers susceptibility



Acts as triggering and maintaining factor after birth

Genetic Predisposition

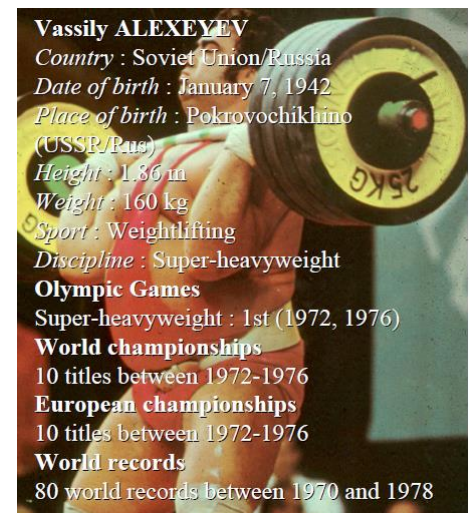
Altered Hemodynamic

Phenotype heterogeneity of BAV-TA



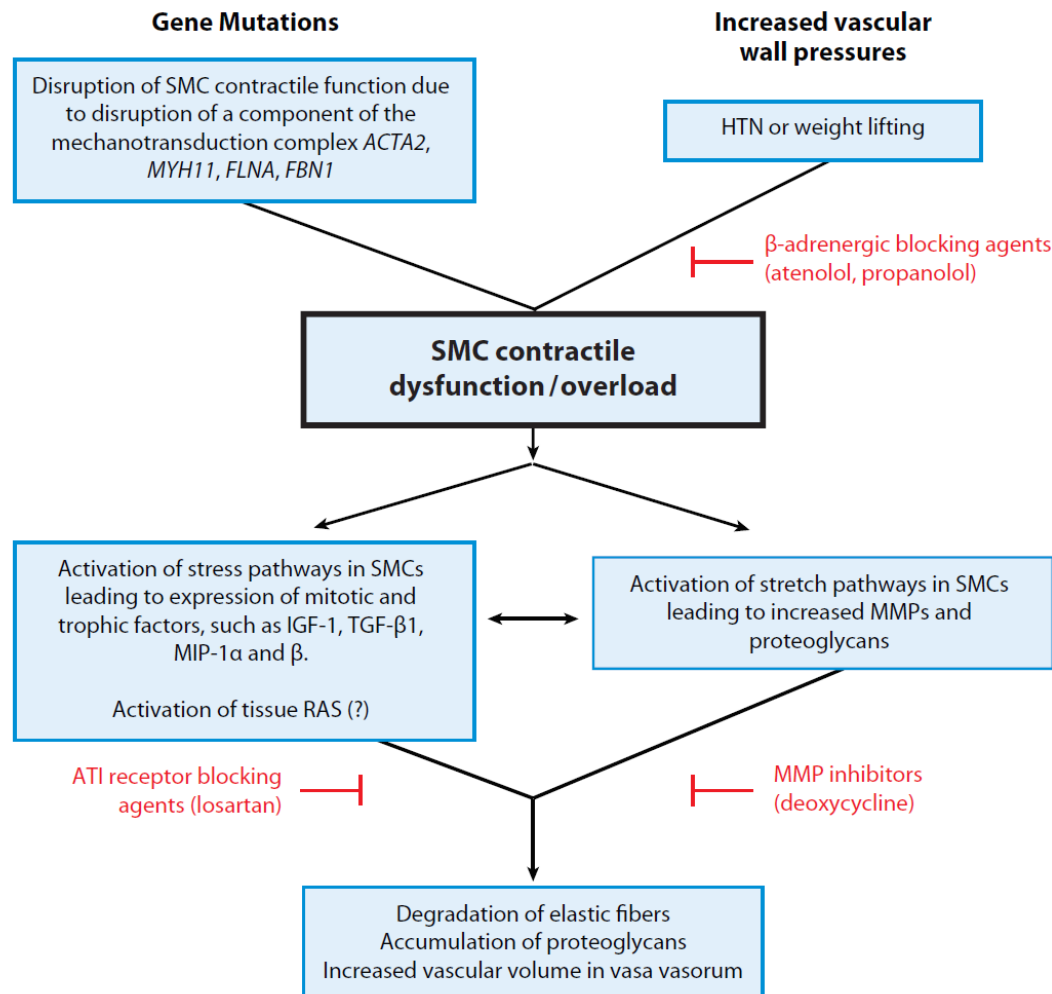
« Environnemental factors »:

- **Hypertension**: increased mechanical stresses on the vascular wall and mechanical strain is a mitogenic stimulus for smooth muscle cells (SMC), increasing the production of IGF-1 and TGF- β 1 and increasing stretch-induced pathways
- Smoking
- Intense isometric exercise (weightlifting)
- Age
- Atheroma
- ...



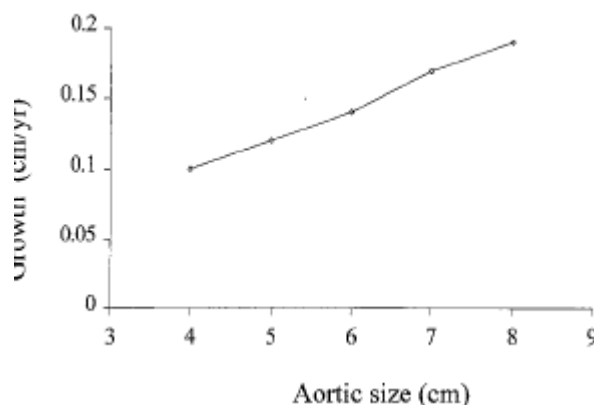


Mechanism of dilatation ?





What about progression ?

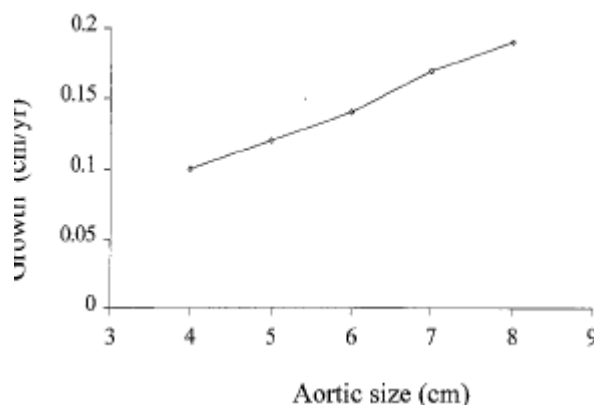


Patient category	Annual growth rate according to initial aneurysm size*					
	4.0 cm	5.0 cm	6.0 cm	7.0 cm	8.0 cm	5.2 cm (sample mean)
All (n = 79)	0.10 cm/yr (0.05-0.14)	0.12 cm/yr (0.06-0.18)	0.14 cm/yr (0.07-0.21)	0.17 cm/yr (0.09-0.25)	0.19 cm/yr (0.10-0.28)	0.12 cm/yr (0.06-0.18)
Dissection status						
Chronic dissection (n = 16)	0.28 cm/yr (0.10-0.47)	0.35 cm/yr (0.13-0.59)	0.42 cm/yr (0.15-0.70)	0.49 cm/yr (0.18-0.82)	0.56 cm/yr (0.20-0.94)	0.37 cm/yr (0.13-0.61)
No dissection (n = 63)	0.07 cm/yr (0.02-0.11)	0.08 cm/yr (0.03-0.14)	0.10 cm/yr (0.03-0.17)	0.12 cm/yr (0.04-0.20)	0.14 cm/yr (0.04-0.23)	0.09 cm/yr (0.03-0.15)
Location of aneurysm						
Ascending or arch (n = 54)	0.08 cm/yr (0.03-0.12)	0.10 cm/yr (0.04-0.15)	0.11 cm/yr (0.05-0.18)	0.13 cm/yr (0.06-0.21)	0.15 cm/yr (0.06-0.24)	0.10 cm/yr (0.04-0.16)
Descending or thoracic aorta (n = 25)	0.23 cm/yr (0.07-0.39)	0.28 cm/yr (0.08-0.49)	0.34 cm/yr (0.10-0.59)	0.40 cm/yr (0.12-0.69)	0.45 cm/yr (0.13-0.79)	0.29 cm/yr (0.09-0.51)

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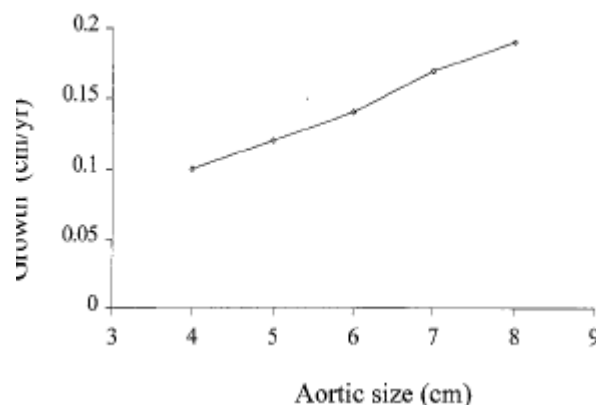


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Geibusch et al. (2014) ¹⁷	Volume measurements (ascending aorta)	Volume: 132.8 ± 39.4 mL/y	Volume: 0.95 ± 4.5 mL/y	Linear: (D2–D1/T)
Shang et al. (2013) ²¹	3D reconstruction + aneurysm outline tracing (maximally dilated segment)	47.8 ± 8.0	2.9 ± 2.4	NR
Davies et al. (2002) ⁵	NR (NR)	5.0 (3.5–11.0)	1.0	Exponential: multivariable regression
Bonser et al. (2000) ¹³	Calliper method (aortic outer diameter of maximally dilated segment)	NR	1.43 (–6.9 to –40.7)	Linear: (D2–D1/T)
Lobato et al. (1998) ²²	NR (AP and transverse diameter of maximally dilated segment)	Transverse: 44 AP: 41	Transverse: 3.4 AP: 2.8	Linear: (D2–D1/T)
Juvonen et al. (1997) ¹⁹	3D reconstruction + aneurysm outline tracing (maximally dilated segment)	4.9 (2.5–8.2)	2.7	NR
Cambria et al. (1995) ¹⁴	NR (maximal transverse diameter)	NR	2.0 (0–14)	NR
Dapunt et al. (1994) ¹⁵	3D reconstruction + aneurysm outline tracing (maximally dilated segment)	NR	Descending TAA: 3.2 (—) Volume change: 53 mL/y	Exponential: regression analysis
Masuda et al. (1992) ²⁰	AP and transverse diameter (largest chosen)	50 ± 9	1.3 ± 1.2	NR
Hirose et al. (1992) ¹⁸	Calliper method: (aortic outer diameter of maximally dilated segment)	Ascending: 50.5 ± 5.0 Arch: 48.5 ± 9.3 Descending: 44.8 ± 8.5	4.2 ± 4.5	Linear: (D2–D1/T)



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Reported mean growth rates for all TAAs ranged from 0.2 to 4.2 mm/year

Mean growth rates for ascending and aortic arch TAAs ranged from 0.2 to 2.8mm/year,

while those for descending and thoracoabdominal aneurysms ranged from 1.9 to 3.4 mm/year

Mixed population : Marfan and BAV greater growth rates



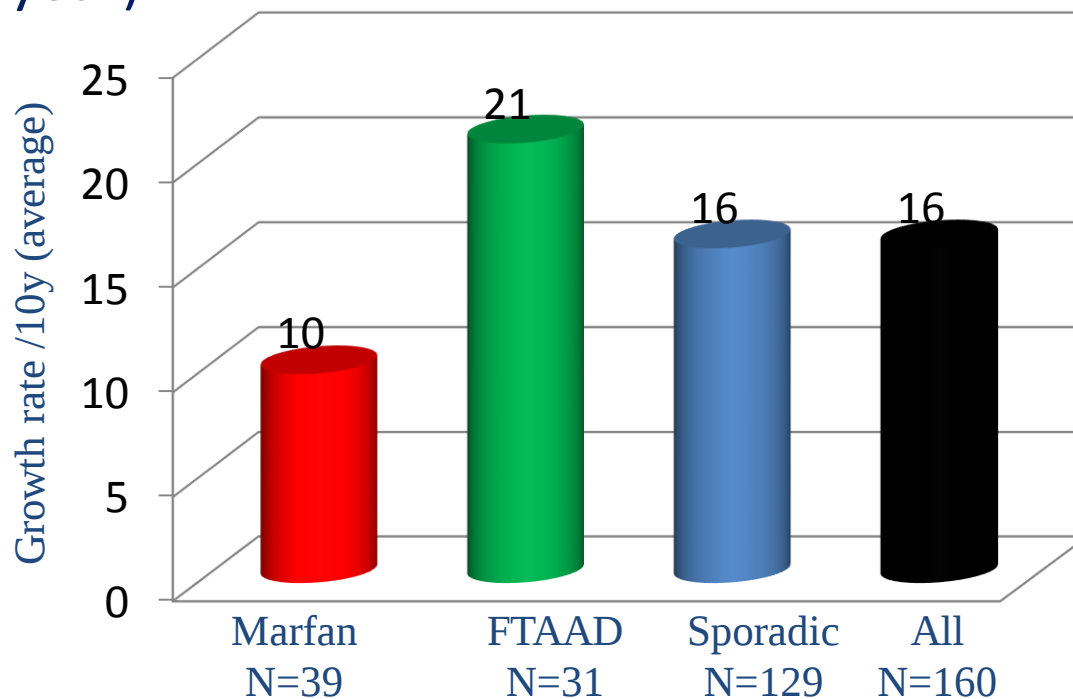
What about progression?

- Wide variation :
- Marfan disease : 0,1 to 0,4 cm/year (Loetz Diets: up to 1 cm/year)



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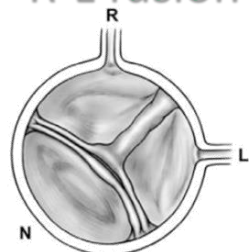
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Predictors of fast growth in BAV:

R-L fusion



± 70 %

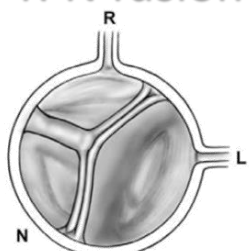
Table 4. Multivariate Predictors of Fast Growth of the Aortic Diameter

Predictor		OR	95% CI	p Value
Dependent variable: ascending tract growth rate >0.9 mm/year				
All patients	Root phenotype	14.0	3.2–62	<i>0.001</i>
RL type	Root phenotype	7.0	2.0–24	<i>0.002</i>
RN type	Aortic regurgitation (any degree)	20.0	1.3–76	<i>0.03</i>
Dependent variable: root growth rate >0.5 mm/year				
All patients	RN type	3.7	1.1–12	<i>0.03</i>
RL type	Small aortic root*	28.0	2.2–39	<i>0.011</i>
RN type	Fast progression of the ascending diameter	6.2	1.0–37	<i>0.04</i>

For each segment of the aorta (ascending and root), 3 separate logistic regression models were developed: 1 for the entire cohort and 1 for each of the 2 subgroups of BAV morphotype. In each model, among all the study variables (listed in Table 1), only those showing significant univariate association with the outcome variable (see Results) were entered as covariates. Italicized p values are statistically significant. *Small aortic root = diameter at the sinuses >2 SD smaller than the mean expected normal value (see Methods), irrespective of the diameter at the ascending tract (a feature possibly associated with either the normal or ascending phenotypes).

CI = confidence interval; OR = odds ratio; other abbreviations as in Table 1.

R-N fusion



± 30 %



Relative growth in aortopathy ?

Table 1 Baseline aortic diameters and yearly aortic dilatation rates in patients with BAV, DA, and MFS

	BAV N=353	DA N=51	MFS N=50	p Value
Age, year	48±15	71±11	35±11	<0.0001
Gender, male n (%)	254 (72%)	40 (78%)	36 (72%)	0.60
Systolic BP mm Hg (baseline)	124±17	124±16	128±19	0.59
Ejection fraction, %	59±8	55±11	63±9	<0.0001
AR ≥2, n (%)	123 (35%)	9 (18%)	1 (2%)	<0.0001
Aorta diameter at baseline				
Aortic annulus, mm	25.0±3	24.6±3	24.6±2	0.49
Sinuses of Valsalva, mm	37.1±6	41.5±6	41.8±6	<0.0001*†
Sinotubular junction, mm	31.5±5	37.5±5	33.3±5	<0.0001*‡
Ascending aorta, mm	37.9±6	44.5±4	32.4±5	<0.0001*‡
Dilatation rate, mm/year				
Aortic annulus	0.05±0.2§	0.005±0.2	0.04±0.7	0.51
Sinuses of Valsalva	0.21±0.4§	0.09±0.2§	0.49±0.5§	<0.0001*‡
Sino-tubular junction	0.18±0.5§	0.10±0.2§	0.10±1.2	0.50
Ascending aorta	0.42±0.6§	0.20±0.3§	0.12±1.0§	0.0005*†
Maximal dilatation rate	0.42±0.6	0.20±0.3	0.49±0.5	0.02*‡

*Indicates significant differences between BAV and DA.

†Indicates significant differences between BAV and MFS.

‡Indicates significant differences between MFS and DA.

§Indicates significant differences between baseline and follow-up diameters.

Larger baseline aortic diameters in DA patients reflect the inclusion criteria of 40 mm for these patients versus 37 mm for BAV and MFS.

AR, aortic regurgitation; BAV, bicuspid aortic valve; BP, blood pressure; DA, degenerative aortopathy; MFS, Marfan syndrome.



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Ascending aorta, mm	37.9±6	44.5±4	32.4±5	<0.0001*†‡
Dilatation rate, mm/year				
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Sino-tubular junction	0.18±0.5§	0.10±0.2§	0.10±1.2	0.50
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Maximal dilatation rate	0.42±0.6	0.20±0.3	0.49±0.5	0.02*‡

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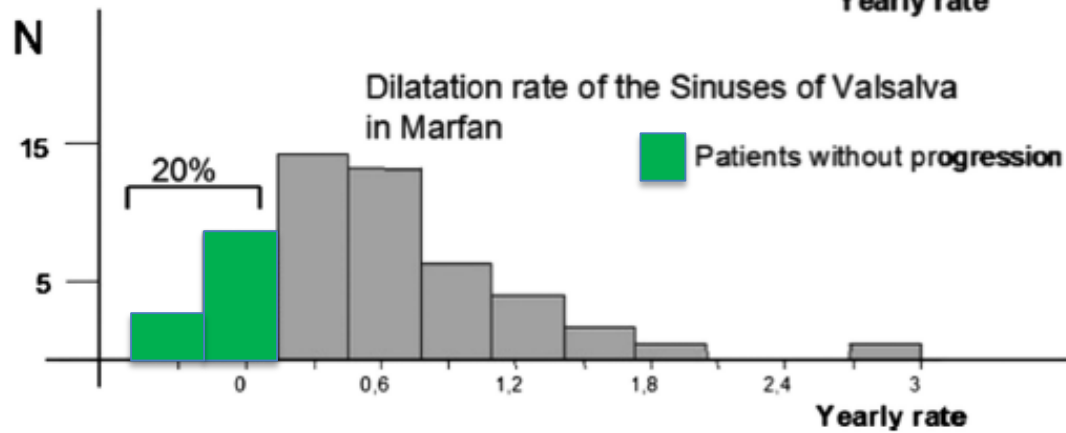
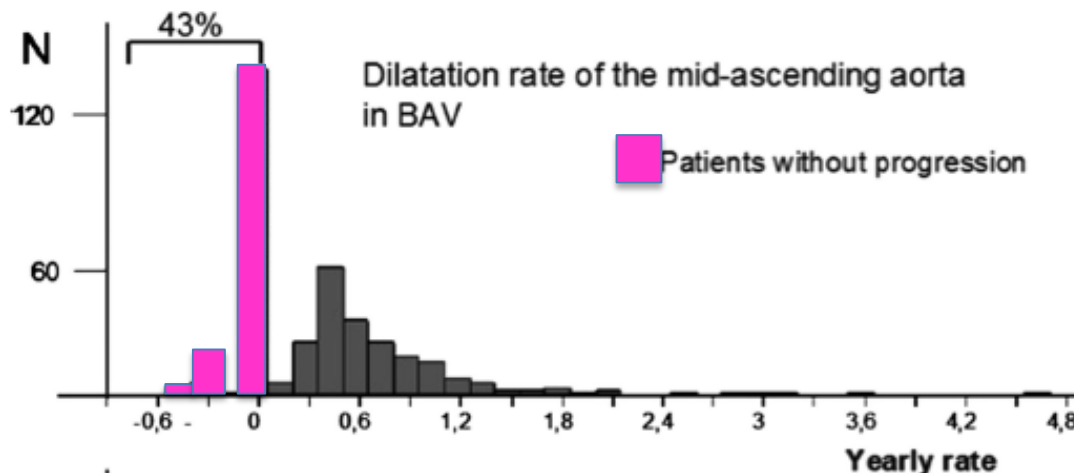
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Greater proportion of patient without change in Ao dimension in the BAV group !



Conclusion:

- We are improving our knowledge of mechanism leading to aortic dilatation.
- Beside genetic aspect there is obviously a role for « environmental » factors.
- Growth rate vary widely according to underlying pathology.
- Some patient with BAV will develop some form of aortic root dilatation. The challenge for the upcoming year will be to identify such patients.



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