

The use of adjunctive Aortic Arch Debranching and Spinal Drainage in Thoracic Endovascular Aortic Repair is associated with low morbidity and complication: Experience in The Oxford Regional Vascular Unit.

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# Background

TEVAR has become a standard treatment for the Aortic Arch and descending Aorta due to less invasive approach compared to Open Repair.

TEVAR is still associated with major complications

- Spinal Cord Ischemia (SCI) paraplegia (3 to 5%)
  - Stroke (3.8 to 6.3%)

#### Left Upper exteremity ischemia (rare, variable symptoms)

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## Background

Risk factors for Spinal Cord Injury and cerebrovascular events during TEVAR:

Coverage of the left subclavian artery (LSA)

Coverage of long segments of the thoracic aorta (>30 cm)

Prior downstream aortic repair

Compromising important intercostal (T8–L1), vertebral, pelvic and internal iliac artery collaterals.

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# Background

Adjunctive procedures to lower risk of SCI and other cerebrovascular complications:

Reconstruction of left subclavian artery (LSA)

Cerebro-spinal fluid (CSF) drainage

Maintenance of systemic blood pressure

Staged reconstruction whenever possible

Monitoring of SCI using motor or sensory-evoked potential

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### Aim of the study

To evaluate the outcome of adjunctive procedures

(LSA reconstruction +/- CSF drain and monitoring) in patient

undergoing TEVAR in the Oxford Regional Vascular Unit



## Methods

Retrospective review of prospective database from January 2010 to December 2014

Elective or urgent TEVAR for aneurysm disease or dissection of thoracic aorta

Adjuntive procedures:

- CSF monitoring/drainage
- LSA revascularization +/- debranching of supra-aortic trunk



#### January 2010 - December 2014: 27 patients

	N (%)
Male	18 (66.6)
Age	72.9 ± 9.2
Thoracic Aorta Dissection	9 (33.3)
Thoracic Aorta Aneurysm	17 (62.9)
Previous aortic surgery (downstreem)	5
Acute presentation	21 (77,7)
Emergency operation	13
Ruptured at presentation	6



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Zone 1	1 (4%)
Zone 2	9 (33%)
Zone 3	17 (43%)



#### Number of stent-grafts used

1 stent-graft	10
2 stent-grafts	8
3 stent-grafts	7
4 stent-grafts	2

#### Length of Thoracic aorta covered

25.6 ± 12.3 cm



#### Adjunctive procedures 13 patients (48,1%)

	N (%)
Cerebro-Spinal Fluid (CSF) drain	6
CSF drain + LSB CSF drain + LSB + LCCA Chimney	2 2
Debranching supra-aortic trunk	8
Simultaneous with TEVAR	5



### Asymptomatic: 6 pts

	N (%)
No adjunctive procedures	4
Left subclavian artery BP (LSB)	2
Simultaneous with TEVAR	1



#### Symptomatic: 15 pts

	N (%)
No adjunctive procedures	8
Left subclavian artery BP (LSB)	6
Simultaneous with TEVAR LSB + LCCA chimney LSB + CSF drain	4 2 1
CSF drain (alone)	1





#### Ruptured: 6 pts

	N (%)
No adjunctive procedures	2
LSB + CSF drain	1
CSF drain (alone)	4



### Postoperative Complications (30-days)

	Adjunctive procedures (n=11)	No Adjunctive procedures (n=16)
Spinal Cord Ischemia	0	1
Stroke (minor)	1	0



## Conclusions

 Perioperative adjunctive procedures in TEVAR is associated with low complications rates

• SCI and cerebrovasculqr events are not neglectable

 The use of adjunctive procedure should be included in each protocol in Vascular Unitsnits performing TEVAR



## Thank you!