

# QUOI DE NEUF DANS LES ABORDS VASCULAIRES?

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Original research article

Cephalic arch stenosis in the arteriovenous fistula: A retrospective analysis of predisposing factors

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Single center retrospective case control

- Simple univariate analysis
- Categorical varaible compared using Fisher's exact test
- Continous variable using a two sample *t*-test
- Log-Rank test
- HR estiomated by Cox proportional hazards analysis



#### Figure I. Patient recruitment.

Flow chart demonstrating total number of patients identified as 342. Of the 253 radiocephalic AVFs, 102 were excluded, with a remaining 151 eligible radiocephalic AVFs. Of 89 identified brachiocephalic AVFs in the database, 53 were excluded, with a remaining 36 eligible for retrospective analysis.

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	No CAS $(n = 14)$	CAS (n=22)	Þ
Age	59	64	
Age of fistula (mean)	6 years 52 days	4 years 317 days	0.27
Gender (male)	43%	64%	0.31
Hypertension (%)	93%	82%	0.63
Diabetes (%)	57%	45%	0.73
Smoking history (%)	42%	52%	0.72
Thrombus in fistula (%)	7%	59%	0.002
VTE elsewhere (%)	7%	18%	0.63
Malignancy (%)	21%	41%	0.29
Permacath history (%)	46%	55%	0.73
Mean width of AVF (mm)	4.8	4.5	0.70

Table I. Baseline characteristics of brachiocephalic AVF with and without CAS.

- Gender
- HTA
- Diabetes
- Malignancy
- Smoking status
- Prior permacath
- Age at time of creation
- Identification of thrombus in the access circuit
- Nb of intervention to improve patency of AVF
- Mean width of anastomosis
- Flow rate of AVF

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- Flow in brachio-cephalic AVF with CAS > flow in brachio-cephalic AVF without CAS
- No difference in radio-cephalic AVF group

Analysis of predominant outflow at the antecubital fossa: 55% of RC-AVF with CAS (5/9) compared with 26% (38/145) of their non–CAS counterparts



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### Time to event for CAS development comparing radiocephalic and brachio-cephelic AVF

Brachio-cephalic AVF more likely to develop CAS compared with radiocephalic AVF



Kaplan Meier Survival Estimates

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### SMALL DATA SET

- Reducing the chance to find smaller magnitude association with CAS in base line characteristics
- Cases selected from a vascular interventional data base (dysfunctional AVFs) > overestimation of CAS prevalence
- Interobservator and interfistula variations in flow rate measurement (US velocity dilution technique)

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Brachiocephalic AVF with higher access flow rates are more likely to develop CAS and earlier than radiocephalic AVF, and in a dose dependent fashion.

AVF flow rate is a major factor in CAS development within brachiocephalic AVF and has potential utility in surveillance thresholds for prophylactic blood flow reduction procedures.

AVFs with CAS likely have higher patient morbidity and healthcare expenditure, with a greater number of interventional procedures per access-year

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Prospective, randomized, multicenter clinical study comparing a self-expanding covered stent to percutaneous transluminal angioplasty for treatment of upper extremity hemodialysis arteriovenous fistula stenosis

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#### AveNEW = multicentric prospective randomized study

24 centers – 280 patients

- 142 covered stent
- 138 balloon angioplasty

Table 3 | Baseline patient demographics, risk factors, and medical history

Patient demographics <sup>a</sup>	Covered stent	ΡΤΑ	Total	Pb
Patients treated	142	138	280	
US <sup>c</sup>	131	131	262	
Outside the US <sup>d</sup>	11	7	18	
Age, yr	63 ± 13.2	62 ± 11.6	63 ± 12.4	0.7
Gender				0.76
Male	62.7 (89)	60.9 (84)	61.8 (173)	
Female	37.3 (53)	39.1 (54)	38.2 (107)	
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	$\textbf{30.8} \pm \textbf{6.30}$	$28.9 \pm 5.79$	$29.8\pm6.12$	0.01
Ethnicity				0.38
Hispanic or Latino	33.8 (48)	39.1 (54)	36.4 (102)	
Non–Hispanic or	65.5 (93)	60.9 (84)	63.2 (177)	
Latino			. ,	
Not reported	0.7 (1)	0	0.4 (1)	
Race				0.08
White	70.4 (100)	66.7 (92)	68.6 (192)	
Black	25.4 (36)	26.1 (36)	25.7 (72)	
Asian	0	4.3 (6)	2.1 (6)	
Pacific Island	1.4 (2)	0	0.7 (2)	
Medical history				
Hypertension	97.9 (139)	96.4 (133)	97.1 (272)	0.45
Diabetes (type 2)	71.1 (101)	68.1 (94)	69.6 (195)	0.78
Dyslipidemia	66.9 (95)	61.6 (85)	64.3 (180)	0.35
Cigarette smoking	43.7 (62)	44.9 (62)	44.3 (124)	0.83
Current	5.6 (8)	10.9 (15)	8.2 (23)	
Former	38.0 (54)	34.1 (47)	36.1 (101)	
Coronary artery disease	32.4 (46)	37.7 (52)	35.0 (98)	0.35
Congestive heart failure	24.6 (35)	29.0 (40)	26.8 (75)	0.41
Peripheral arterial/vascular disease	r 16.9 (24)	21.0 (29)	18.9 (53)	0.38
Myocardial infarction	15.5 (22)	13.0 (18)	14.3 (40)	0.56
Cancer	12.0 (17)	10.9 (15)	11.4 (32)	0.77
Atrial fibrillation	10.6 (15)	11.6 (16)	11.1 (31)	0.78
Valvular heart disease	4.2 (6)	2.9 (4)	3.6 (10)	0.55
Deep vein thrombosis	3.5 (5)	2.9 (4)	3.2 (9)	0.77
Transient ischemic attack	1.4 (2)	5.1 (7)	3.2 (9)	0.08
Aortic disease	1.4 (2)	2.9 (4)	2.1 (6)	0.39

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#### Angiographic inclusion criteria

- Angiographic evidence of a stenosis ≥50% in the venous outflow of an arteriovenous access circuit with clinical or hemodynamic evidence of AVF dysfunction
- The target lesion was ≤9 cm in length. (Note: Multiple stenoses could be treated within the target lesion)
- Reference vessel diameter of the adjacent nonstenotic vein was 5–9 mm
- Additional stenotic lesions (≥50%) in the access circuit that were >3 cm from the edge of the target lesion and were successfully treated with PTA (≤30% residual stenosis) prior to treating the target lesion

#### **PRIMARY OUTCOME**

- 30-days safety, powered non inferiority
- 6 and 12-month target lesion primary patency (TLPP)
- 6-month access circuit primary patency (ACPP)

#### SECONDARY OUTCOME

- 24-month TLPP
- 24-month ACPP

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- Safety was significantly non-inferior
- TLPP at 6- and 12-month superior for the covered stent group compared to PTA alone
  - 6 months: 78.7% versus 55.8%
  - 12 months: 47.9% versus 21.2%.

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Prespecified subgroup analyses to assess the impact of baseline demographics and geographic location on TLPP at 6 months.



6-mo TLPP by demographic and baseline characteristics (m-ITT population)

			Sample size	Hazard ratio [95% CI]	
	Overall	<b>⊢</b> ⊷⊣	141/126	0.32 [0.21, 0.50]	
	de novo lesion: yes	<b>—</b> •—1	34/35	0.51 [0.19, 0.39]	
	de novo lesion: no	⊢•→	107/91	0.27 [0.17, 0.45]	
	Lesion length ≤40 mm	⊢•	114/104	0.35 [0.22, 0.57]	
	Lesion length >40 mm	<b>⊢_</b> •i	27/22	0.21 [0.07, 0.65]	
	Basilic vein outflow	<b>→</b>	12/15	0.20 [0.04, 0.96]	
sdr	Basilic vein swing point	<b>⊢</b>	16/15	0.31 [0.06, 1.53]	
ogro	Cephalic vein arch	<b>⊢</b> •−1	78/66	0.31 [0.18, 0.54]	
Sut	Cephalic vein outflow	<b>⊢</b> •−−1	25/20	0.45 [0.13, 1.60]	
	All other lesion locations		10/10	0.37 [0.07, 1.90]	
Fist	ula configuration: brachiocephalic	<b>⊢</b> •−-i	84/72	0.35 [0.20, 0.61]	
Fi	istula configuration: radiocephalic	<b>⊢−−−−−</b> −−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−	12/6	0.12 [0.01, 1.14]	
	Transposed brachiobasilic	<b>⊢</b> −−−	27/35	0.26 [0.09, 0.77]	
	All other fistula configuration	<b>⊢</b> −−−1	18/13	0.39 [0.13, 1.19]	
		Favours Covera™	Favours PTA		
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#### 6-mo TLPP by lesion characteristics (m-ITT population)

# All subgroup showed a benefit of covered stent compared to PTA

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Although numerical differences in ACPP favored the covered-stent group over the PTA group, these differences were not statistically significant at 6, 12, or 24 months

#### NOT SURPRISING Circuit patency is multifactorial

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At 24 months to compare with PTA

- 28.4% better TLPP
- fewer target lesion reinterventions (1.6 ± 1.6 versus 2.8 ± 2.0)
- a longer mean time between target-lesion reinterventions (380.4 ± 249.5 versus 217.6 ± 158.4 days).

Multicenter, prospective, randomized study of a covered stent used to treat AVF stenosis demonstrated noninferior safety with better TLPP and fewer target-lesion reinterventions than PTA alone through 24 months

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#### LIMITATIONS

- Investigators, staff, and patients were blinded through the point of pre-dilation, but not to the treatment allocation.
- Inherent treatment bias after randomization, as sizing of PTA balloons and covered stents
- Selected population (eligibility criteria) not be generalizable to patient treated in daily pratice
- Patient attrition due to all cause mortality : 19% of patients in the covered-stent group died, and 23.2% in the PTA group died through 24 months.
- 29% of our patients were not followed to study completion,

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CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

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Comparison of Clinical Performance Between Two Types of Symmetric-Tip Hemodialysis Catheters: A Single-Centre, Randomized Trial

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#### Monocentric prospective randomized study

Comparaison of the clinical performance of 2 type of dialysis catheter with symetric-tip Glidepath and VectorFlow

Demographic characteristics compared using a Mann– Whitney U test for continuous outcomes, or a Chisquared test for categorical outcomes.

Characteristic	Vectorflow $(n = 50)$	Glidepath ( $n = 48$ )	P Value
Age (y)			
Mean	66	69	0.87
Interquartile range	19–94	37–90	
Sex (M/F)			
F	21/50 (42%)	20/48 (42%)	0.97
М	29/50 (58%)	28/48 (58%)	
Body mass index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )			
Mean	25	25	0.64
Interquartile range	15–39	16-40	
Cardiac function (Ejection	fraction of the LV (%))		
Mean	51 (n = 45)	54 (n = 45)	0.17
CCI			
Mean	6.5	7.0	0.48
Site of placement			
Left	5/50 (10%)	7/48 (15%)	0.49
Right	45/50 (90%)	41/48 (85%)	

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#### **Primary outcome = catheter patency at 1 year**

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#### **Catheter failure**

- Removal of KT < infection</li>
- Low blood flow < thrombosis or fibrin sheath

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### Secondary outcome

Outcome	Vectorflow	Glidepath	P value
Qb (ml/min)			
3 months	299 (290-308)	303 (293-313)	0.58
l year	309 (298-320)	313 (300-325)	0.64
All time points	302 (295-309)	304 (296-312)	0.74
Kt/V			
3 months	1.7 (1.5–1.8)	1.7 (1.5–1.8)	0.79
l year	1.6 (1.5–1.8)	1.6 (1.5–1.8)	0.90
All time points	1.6 (1.5–1.7)	1.6 (1.5–1.7)	0.98
URR (%)			
3 months	74 (72–77)	75 (73–78)	0.59
l year	76 (73–79)	73 (70–75)	0.26
All time points	75 (72–77)	74 (72–77)	0.86

- Qb blood flow rate
- Kt/V fractional urea clearance
- URR urea reduction ratio

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- Safe percutaneous catheter
- Insertion and clinically good performance of both types
- No better performance of one versus the other catheter

LIMITATIONS.

- Study population limited to 98 patients.
- Follow-up of the patients not completely uniform (missing results of seven patients).

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COMMENTARY

Comparison of Clinical Performance Between Two Types of Symmetric-Tip Haemodialysis Catheters: A Single-Centre, Randomized Trial

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It's missing one more categorical conclusion about which is the catheter of their choice and why.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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**Re:** Comparison of Clinical Performance Between Two Types of Symmetric-Tip Hemodialysis Catheters: A Single-Centre, Randomized Trial

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The results may be difficult to generalize to a broader population of hemodialysis patients.