Is Conservative Treatment Justified in Marfan Syndrome Patients with Non-Complicated Acute Type B Aortic Dissection?

Insights from the International Registry of Acute Aortic Dissection

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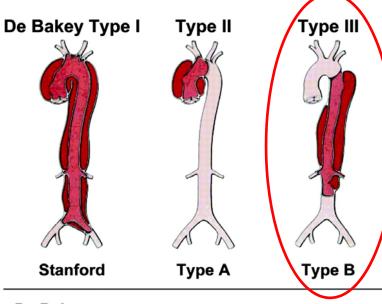


Conflict of Interests

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Background



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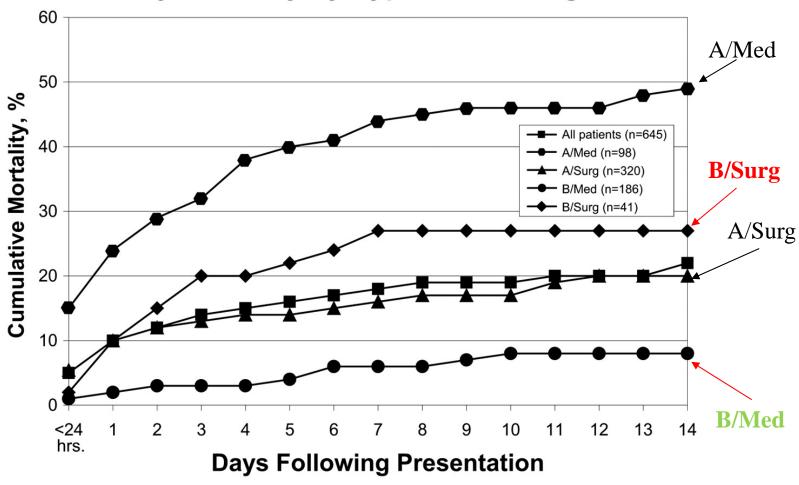
- Type I Originates in the ascending aorta, propagates at least to the aortic arch and often beyond it distally.
- Type II Originates in and as confined to the ascending aorta.
- Type III Originates in the descending aorta and extends distally down the aorta or, rarely retrograde into the aortic arch and ascending aorta.

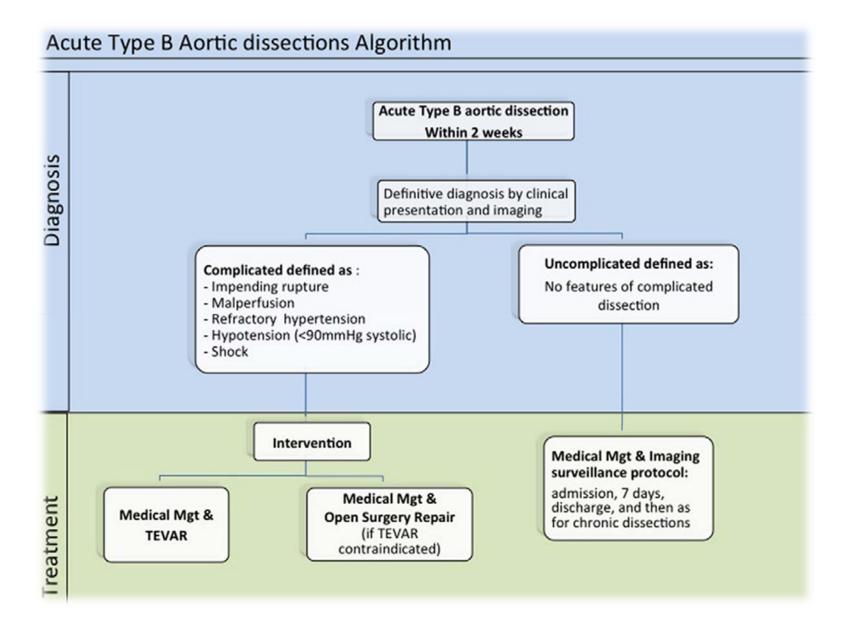
Stanford

- **Type A** All dissections involving the ascending aorta, regardless of the site of origin.
- Type B All dissections not involving the ascending aorta.



14 Day Mortality by Type and Management





Marfan & AAD

- Aortopathy
- Type B: 20-25%
- Limited information
- Single institution
- Marfan patients ~ 5%



Aim

 To analyze the in-hospital and long-term implications of conservative management in non-complicated Type B acute aortic dissection patients with Marfan Syndrome



IRAD Sites

St. Michael's **Brigham & Massachusetts Dartmouth-Hitchcock Tromsø University of** Hospital, Toronto **General Hospital Women's Hospital Medical Center** University **Rostock Minneapolis Medical School Heart Institute Graz**, Austria **University of Massachusetts University of Vienna Mayo Clinic University of** Robert Bosch **Calgary** Krankenhaus, **Stuttgart University of Michigan University of University of Tokyo** Colorado Washington University, Hôpital St. Louis **Bichat, Paris University of** San Donato, **Pennsylvania** Milan **University of Pittsburgh Univ. Hospital Duke University Hospital** Hospital San Giovanni Hadassah S. Orsola, **University of** University Vall d'Hebron, "12 de Octubre". e Ruggi, Univ. Hospital, Bologna Virginia **Barcelona** Salerno **Jerusalem**

Madrid

Methods

- Marfan
- Stanford Type B AAD
- Complicated
 - ✓ Persistent pain / Uncontrolled hypertension
 - ✓ End organ malperfusion / progression
 - √ Bleeding / impending rupture



Results

Non-complicated Type B patients enrolled in IRAD

Conservative management for at least 36 hours post-diagnosis

Marfan Syndrome N=19 (3.1%) No Marfan Syndrome N=660 (96.9%)

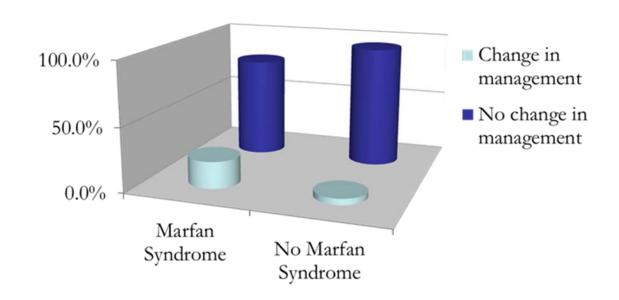
Demographics

	Marfan Syndrome	No Marfan Syndrome	p- value
Age (mean±SD)	40.9 ± 9.4	64.8 ± 13.5	< 0.001
Gender- male	8 (42.1%)	370 (61.7%)	0.085
Race – white	16 (88.9%)	476 (82.8%)	0.751
History hypertension	4 (22.2%)	479 (80.0%)	< 0.001
History diabetes	0 (0.0%)	40 (6.8%)	0.623
History atherosclerosis	2 (11.8%)	186 (31.3%)	0.085
Known aortic aneurysm	11 (61.1%)	111 (18.7%)	< 0.001
Prior aortic dissection	11 (64.7%)	38 (6.4%)	< 0.001
History aortic valve disease	8 (42.1%)	35 (5.9%)	< 0.001
Family history aortic disease	7 (70.0%)	21 (10.8%)	< 0.001

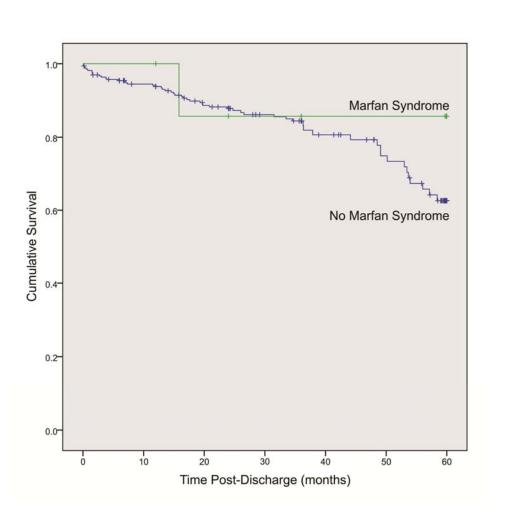
In Hospital Outcome

	Marfan Syndrome	No Marfan Syndrome	p- value
CVA	0 (0.0%)	7 (1.3%)	1.000
Coma	0 (0.0%)	7 (1.3%)	1.000
Spinal Cord Ischemia	0 (0.0%)	4 (0.8%)	1.000
Myocardial Ischemia	0 (0.0%)	14 (2.5%)	1.000
Myocardial Infarction	0 (0.0%)	10 (1.8%)	1.000
Mesenteric Ischemia/Infarction	0 (0.0%)	3 (0.5%)	1.000
Acute Renal Failure	1 (5.3%)	4 (0.7%)	0.156
Extension of Dissection	4 (21.1%)	26 (4.7%)	0.014
Hypotension	0 (0.0%)	21 (3.8%)	1.000
Cardiac Tamponade	1 (5.3%)	2 (0.4%)	0.097
Limb Ischemia	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.2%)	1.000
Mortality	0 (0.0%)	25 (4.2%)	1.000

Change in Management



Long Term Survival



Conclusions

- Our study shows conservative management of non-complicated Type B aortic dissection is safe in Marfan Syndrome patients
- Heighted clinical awareness of the increased possibility of extended dissection is necessary in patients with Marfan Syndrome



Limitations

- Retrospective
- Small sample
- Variable treatment

