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Underweight is associated with unfavourable short- and long-term outcomes after MitraClip therapy: a body mass index derived subgroup analysis of the German Transcatheter Mitral Valve Interventions (

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Background: Underweight and obesity represent classical risk factors for patients undergoing cardiac surgery or interventional treatment. The multicentre German Transcatheter Mitral Valve Interventions (TRAMI) registry comprises a large and prospectively enrolled real-world cohort of patients treated by MitraClip implantation.

Aims: The current analysis examines the impact of underweight, overweight and obesity on intra-hospital, short and long-term outcomes in patients treated by MitraClip therapy.

Methods and results: From 08/2010 until 07/2013, 799 patients (age 75.3±8.6 years, male gender 60.7%, median logistic EuroSCORE 20% [12; 31], functional mitral regurgitation (MR): 69.3%) were prospectively enrolled into the multicentre, industry-independent German Transcatheter Mitral Valve Interventions registry. Patients were stratified according to body mass index (BMI) into four groups: BMI <20 kg/m² (underweight, n=49), BMI 20.0 to <25.0 kg/m² (normal weight, n=293), BMI 25.0 to <30.0 kg/m² (overweight, n=296) and BMI≥30 kg/m² (obese, n=132). Procedure and radiation time were comparable among all groups. Significant increased

rates of procedural failure (12.2% vs. 2.1 [normal weight], p < 0.001), transfusion/bleeding (20.8% vs. normal weight: 5.6%, obesity: 7.0%, p < 0.01), sepsis or multiorgan failure and low cardiac output failure were found for underweight patients only. Kaplan-Meier survival curves demonstrated inferior survival for underweight patients, but comparable outcomes for all other patients (global log rank test, p < 0.01). Multivariable Cox-regression analysis (adjusted for age, gender, creatinine \geq 1.5mg/dl, diabetes, left ventricular ejection fraction < 30% and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) confirmed underweight (as compared to normal weight) as an independent risk factor of death (hazard ratio [HR]: 1.58, 95%-confidence interval (CI): 1.01–2.46, p=0.044) and overweight as protective against death (HR: 0.71; 95%-CI: 0.55–0.93; p=0.011).

Conclusion: Underweight patients are exposed to increased rates of procedural failure, bleeding and low cardiac output as well as increased shortand long-term mortality rates when undergoing MitraClip implantation and should therefore be carefully discussed within the heart team.