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Population Patients with severe aortic stenosis that needs to be treated. Baseline

patient characteristics can be found in table 1.

Intervention and Intervention of interest is a transcatheter aortic valve implantation **Comparison** (TAVI) under local anesthesia (LAS) with optional mild to

moderate sedation compared with general anesthesia (GA).

Outcome Outcome parameters to be studied are 30-day mortality, length of

hospital stay and pneumonia as primary outcome parameters as well as in-hospital mortality, conversion from LAS to GA, conversion to open heart surgery, major vascular complications, minor vascular complications, major and life-threatening bleeding, minor bleeding, intraprocedural catecholamine treatment, postprocedural

catecholamine treatment, red blood cell transfusion, length of ICU

stay, new pacemaker implantation, moderate/severe aortic

regurgitation, acute kidney injury, myocardial infarction, sepsis as

further outcome parameters.

Question at issue Does the use of local anesthesia with optional mild to moderate

sedation in TAVI have a favorable effect on complications and outcome in patients with severe aortic stenosis compared with TAVI

under general anesthesia?

Study design Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and observational studies, both

prospective and retrospective.