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Highlights from the podium

Key Outcomes Overview

5-year Results for WATER II:

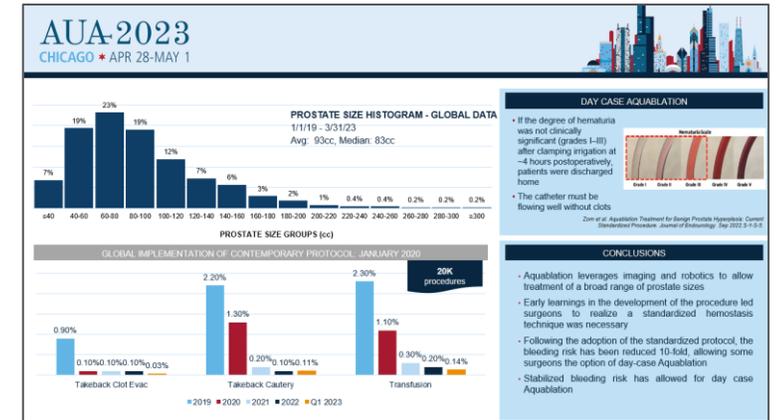
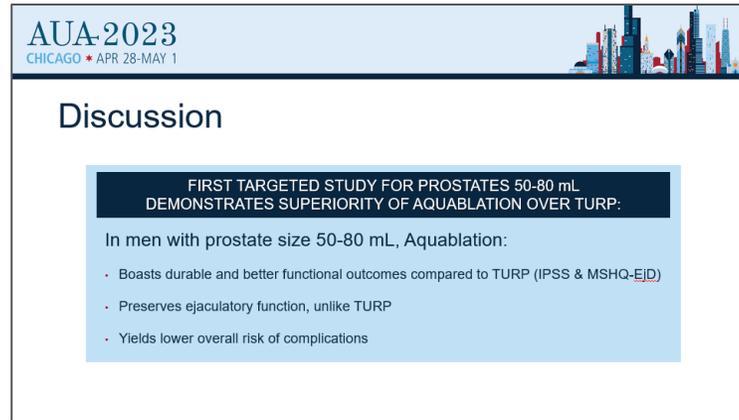
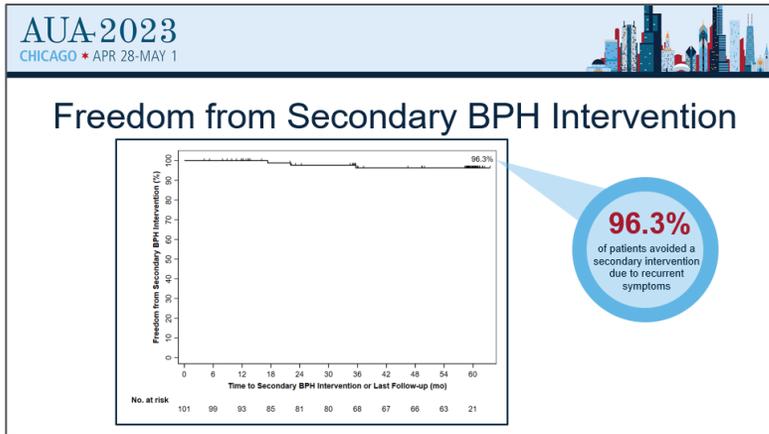
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WATER 50-80mL subset analysis:

Aquablation has better **long-term efficacy and safety outcomes than TURP** for the management of LUTS due to BPH in men with prostates 50-80 mL

Post-op bleeding risk reduction:

In analyzing 20k+ Aquablation procedures with standardized hemostasis protocol, **bleeding risk was reduced 10-fold**, allowing for day case Aquablation



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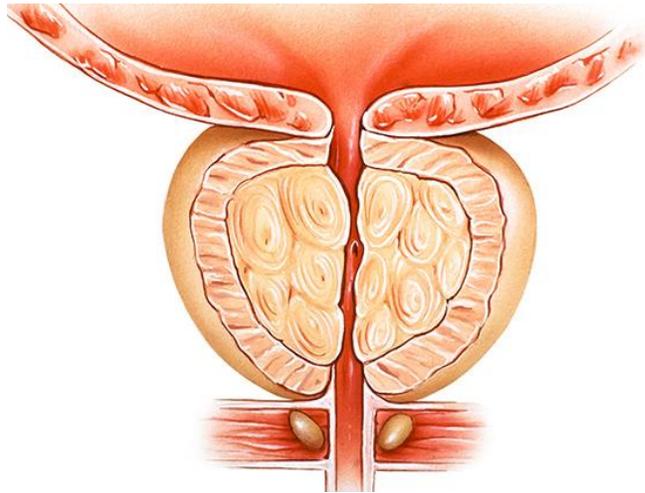
Aquablation Therapy vs Transurethral
Resection of the Prostate: 5-Year
Outcomes of the WATER Randomized
Clinical Trial for Medium-Sized Prostates

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Background



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- High quality evidence of **safety** and **efficacy** for robotic waterjet ablation therapy (Aquablation®) in management of BPH-associated LUTS
- Recommended in North American guidelines since 2019
 - 30-80 mL prostates (AUA 2019)
 - < 150 mL prostates (CUA 2022)
- Lack of long-term data (> 3 years) targeted for 50-80 mL prostates subgroup



Objective

WATER STUDY SUBGROUP ANALYSIS:

To compare the 5-year **safety** and **efficacy** of Aquablation vs. gold standard (TURP) for 50–80 mL prostates



Methodology:

WATER STUDY DESIGN

- International, multi-center, double-blinded prospective randomized control trial
- Subset analysis of 96 men ages 45-80, moderate-to-severe LUTS with prostates 50–80 mL
 - Randomized 2:1 to either Aquablation or TURP
 - Follow up at 1, 3, 6, 12 months and then annually until 5-years

PRIMARY SAFETY ENDPOINT

- Clavien-Dindo postoperative complications at 6 months
 - Grade 1 persistent (CD1P)
 - Grade 2 (CD2) or higher

PRIMARY EFFICACY ENDPOINT

- Reduction of IPSS across 5-years

SECONDARY EFFICACY ENDPOINTS

- Δ IPSS-QoL (quality of life)
- Δ MSHQ-EjD (ejaculatory dysfunction)
- Δ IIEF-5 (erectile function)
- Δ Qmax (peak flow rate)
- Δ PVR (post-void residual)
- Δ PSA
- Δ Prostate size



Similar Baseline Characteristics

PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

	Aquablation n = 62	TURP n = 34	P-Value
Age (years) Mean ±SD	67.9 ± 6.8	66.4 ± 7.2	0.2893
Body Mass Index Mean ±SD	28.5 ± 3.9	28.2 ± 4.5	0.7181
Prostate Size (mL) Mean ±SD	66.4 ± 9.2	61.7 ± 8.8	0.0181*
Obstructive Median Lobe	67.7%	70.6%	0.8216
PSA (ng/mL) Mean ±SD	4.5 ± 3.1	3.9 ± 2.5	0.3709

BASELINE QUESTIONNAIRE SCORES

	Aquablation n = 62	TURP n = 34	P-Value
IPSS Score Mean ±SD	23.3 ± 6.0	20.9 ± 6.2	0.0667
IPSS QoL Mean ±SD	4.8 ± 1.0	4.8 ± 0.9	0.8330
Sexually Active (MSHQ-EjD)	80.6%	85.3%	0.7807
MSHQ-EjD Mean ±SD	8.2 ± 3.8	8.1 ± 4.0	0.9102
IIEF-5 Mean ±SD	16.1 ± 7.0	13.3 ± 9.1	0.1325

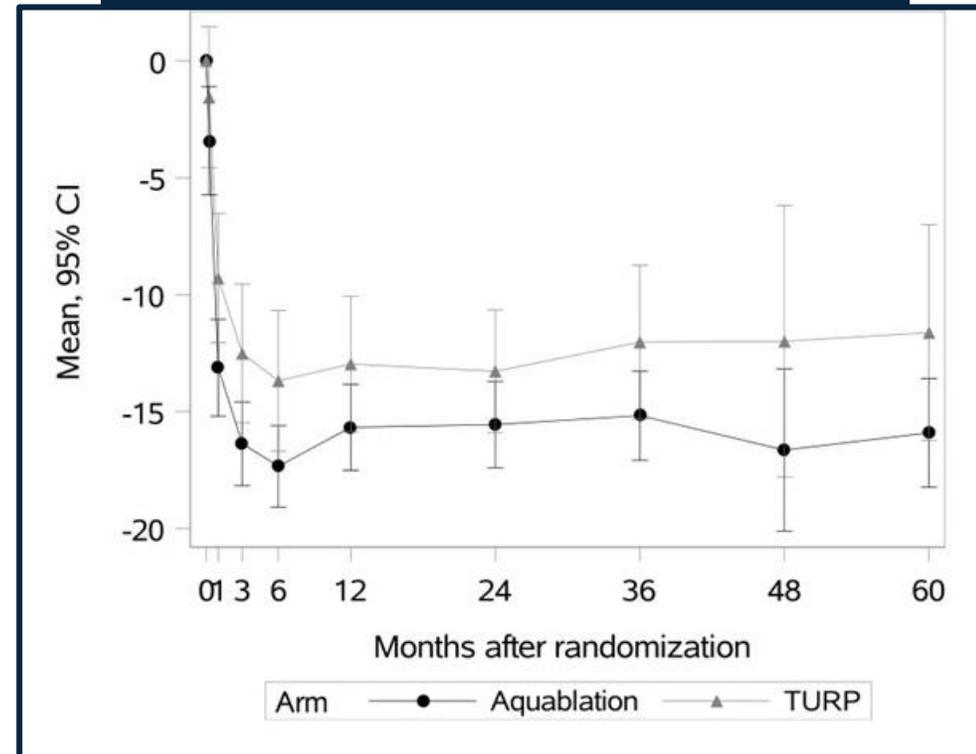


Results: IPSS Score Reduction

	Aquablation n = 62	TURP n = 34	P-Value
1-Month Postop	-13.1	-9.3	0.0284
Across 5-Years	-14.1	-10.8	0.0201*

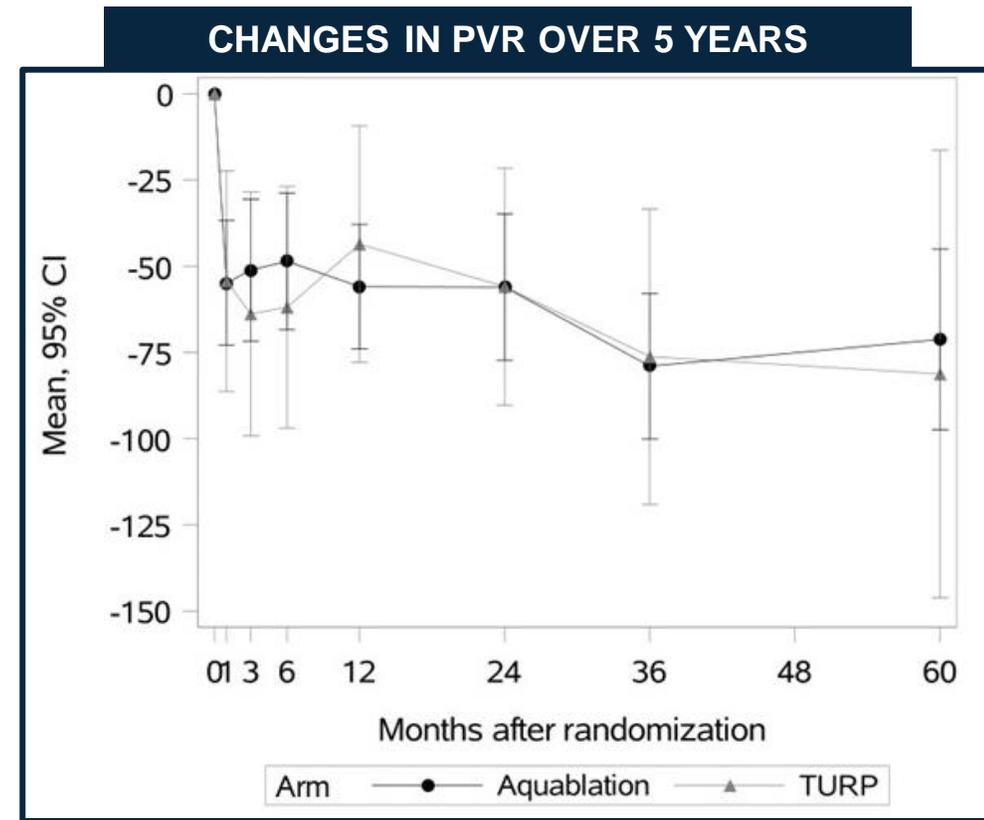
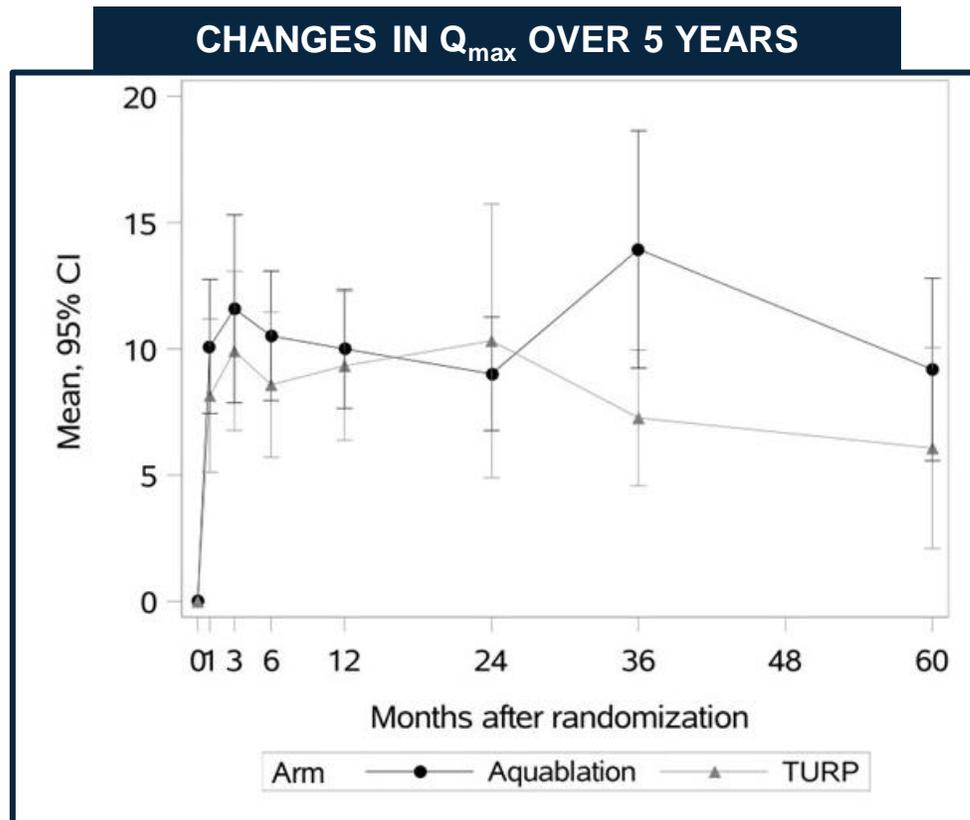
*Repeated measures ANOVA

CHANGES IN IPSS SCORE OVER 5 YEARS





Results: Q_{max} and PVR

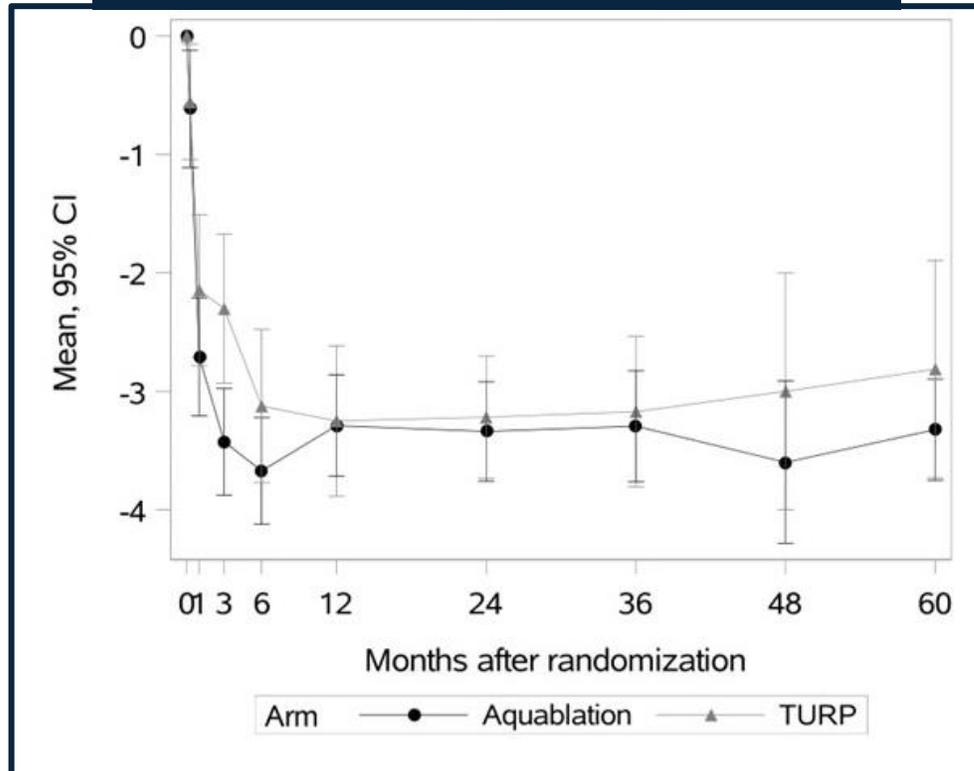


• No statistically significant difference, $p > 0.05$



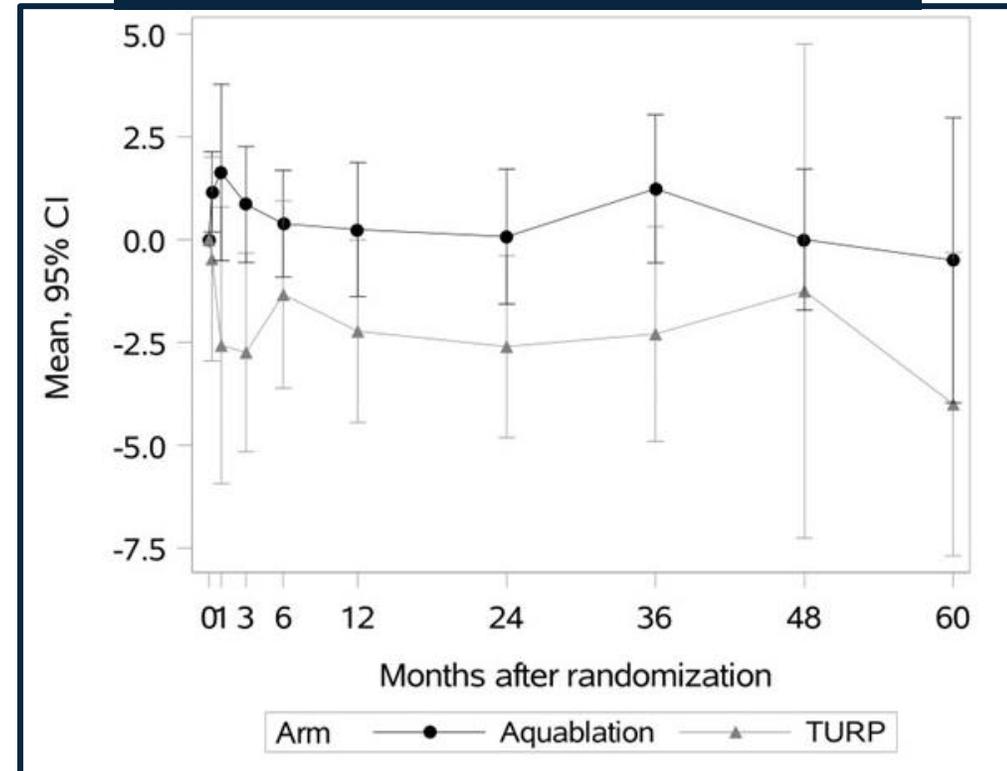
Results: IPSS-QoL and MSHQ-EjD

CHANGES IN IPSS-QOL OVER 5 YEARS



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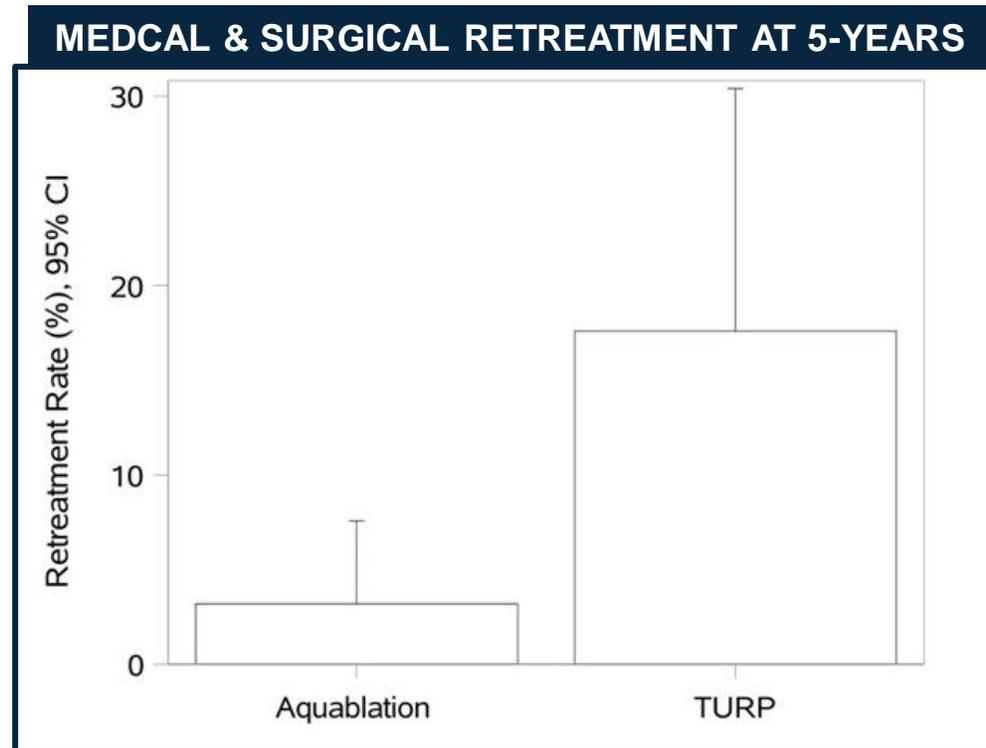
CHANGES IN MSHQ-EJD OVER 5 YEARS



- Across 5-years: 0.6 (Aquablation) vs -2.1 (TURP), $p = 0.01$



Results: Retreatment Rate



- Risk difference= -14.4%; 95% CI [-2.29, -30.4], $p=0.015$



Results: 6-Month Complications

	Aquablation n = 62	TURP n = 34	Risk Difference (95% CO)	P-value
CD1P events and CD2 or higher events	21.0%	44.1%	-23.1% [-29.9,-15.5]	0.018

- Significantly lower risk of CD1P and CD2 or higher events with Aquablation
- Among recorded complications:
 - Ejaculatory dysfunction: -21.0% risk difference in the Aquablation arm (95% CI: -32.5 to -10.7%)
 - Erectile dysfunction: 0 events
 - Bleeding rates: No significant difference



Discussion

FIRST TARGETED STUDY FOR PROSTATES 50-80 mL DEMONSTRATES SUPERIORITY OF AQUABLATION OVER TURP:

In men with prostate size 50-80 mL, Aquablation:

- Boasts durable and better functional outcomes compared to TURP (IPSS & MSHQ-EjD)
- Preserves ejaculatory function, unlike TURP
- Yields lower overall risk of complications



Discussion

STUDY MERITS

- International and multicentric data
- Study design (RCT)
- Large sample size to detect superiority in efficacy
- Long-term outcomes

LIMITATIONS

- Blinding up to three years
- Follow up at years 4 and 5 related to COVID-19



Conclusions

- Aquablation has better long-term efficacy and safety outcomes than TURP for the management of LUTS due to BPH in men with prostates 50-80 mL
- Our study further supports adoption of Aquablation over TURP for a subset of men having 50-80 mL prostates and interested in preserving ejaculatory function

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Aquablation for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia in Large Prostates (80-150mL): FINAL 5-Year Results

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Introduction & Objective

FINAL 5-YEAR DATA FROM THE WATER II CLINICAL TRIAL:

Aquablation therapy in large prostates (80-150mL)
for lower urinary tract symptoms due to BPH



Methods: Study Design

OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prospective, multi-center, international trial• 101 men with moderate-to severe BPH symptoms and prostates 80–150mL
PRIMARY SAFETY ENDPOINT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Occurrence or persistence CD Grade 1, Grade 2 or higher at 3 months• Measured against an objective performance criteria (OPC) with 80% power
PRIMARY EFFICACY ENDPOINT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduction in IPSS score at 3 months• Measured against an objective performance criteria (OPC) with 99% power



Baseline Demographics

BASELINE DEMOGRAPHICS	AQUABLATION (N=101)		MEDICATION USAGE	AQUABLATION (N=101)	
	MEAN	SD		N	%
Age, years	67.5	6.6	Anticoagulant	4	4.0%
Prostate volume, mL	107.4	22.1	Antiplatelet (NSAID)	21	20.8%
Middle Lobe, %	83.2	-	Aspirin (≤ 100 mg)	18	17.8%
IPSS, points	23.2	6.3	Any of the Above	43	42.6%
Qmax, mL/sec	8.7	3.4	Alpha Blocker	41	40.6%
PVR, mL	131	125	5-ARI	4	4.0%
MSHQ-EjD, range 0-15	8.1	3.9	Alpha Blocker/5-ARI	29	28.7%
IIEF-5 (SHIM), range 0-25	15.1	7.4	Any of the Above	74	73.3%



Procedure & Safety Data

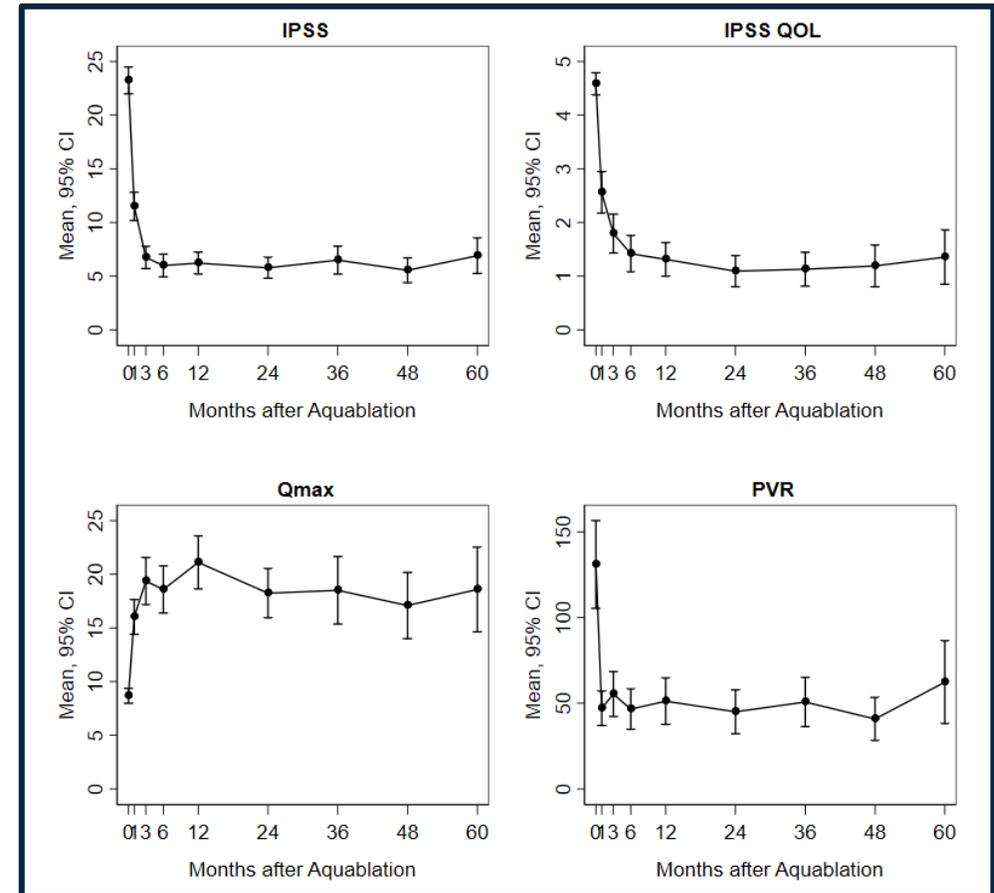
OPERATIVE DATA	
Mean volume, mL	107 (20)
TRUS insertion to final catheter, min	55 (19)
Mean resection time, min	8 (3)

IRREVERSIBLE COMPLICATIONS	
Stress Incontinence (pad-use)	0%
Urge Incontinence (pad-use, non-trans)	2%
Erectile Dysfunction	0%
Ejaculatory Dysfunction	15%



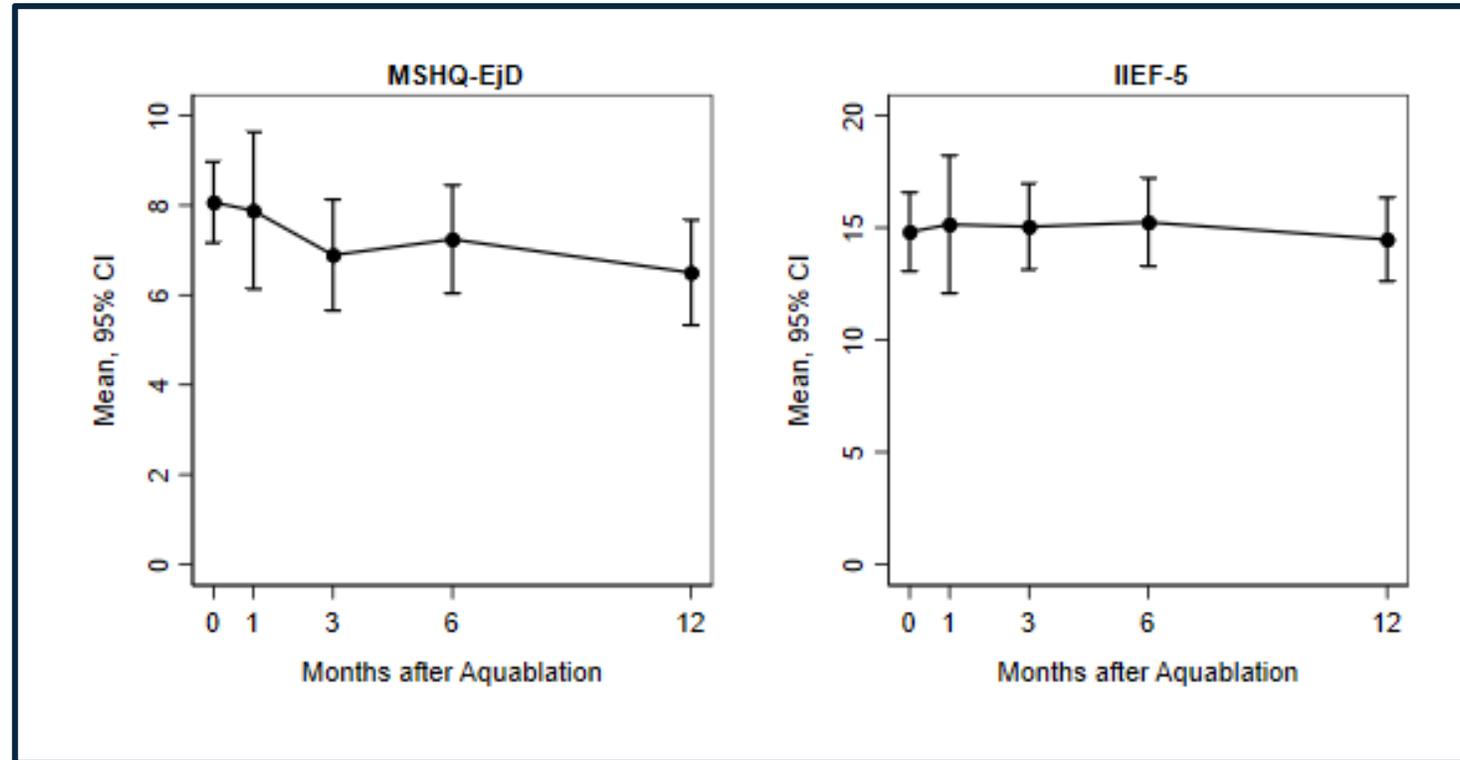
5-Year Efficacy Results

AQUABLATION 5Y Cohort	
IPSS improvement	15.9, $p < 0.0001$
IPSS baseline (SD)	22.6 (6.4)
IPSS at 60-months (SD)	6.8 (4.6)
Qmax improvement	9.2, $p < 0.0001$
Qmax baseline, mL/sec (SD)	8.6 (3.4)
Qmax 60-mo, mL/sec (SD)	17.1 (9.8)



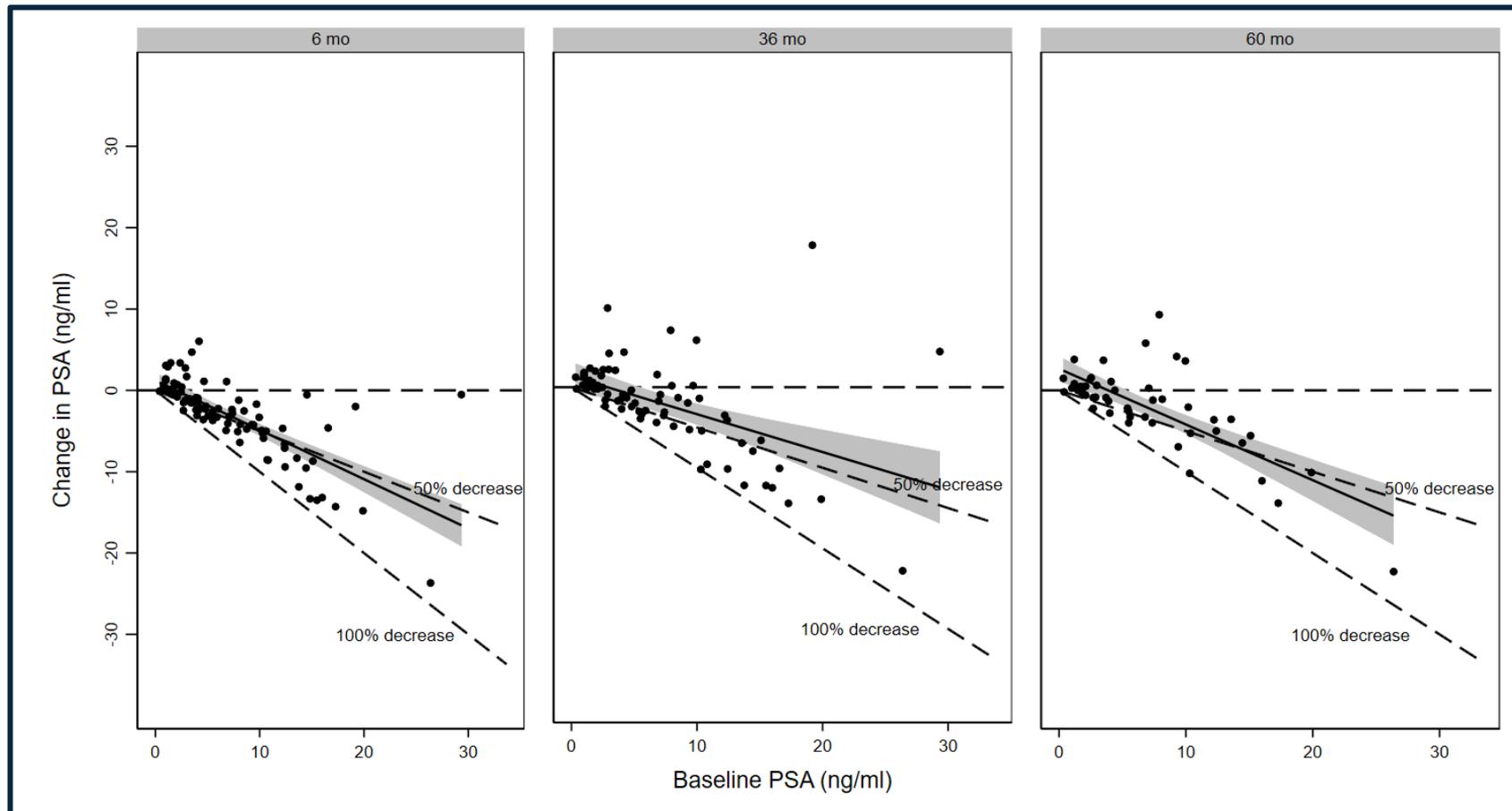


Sexual Function



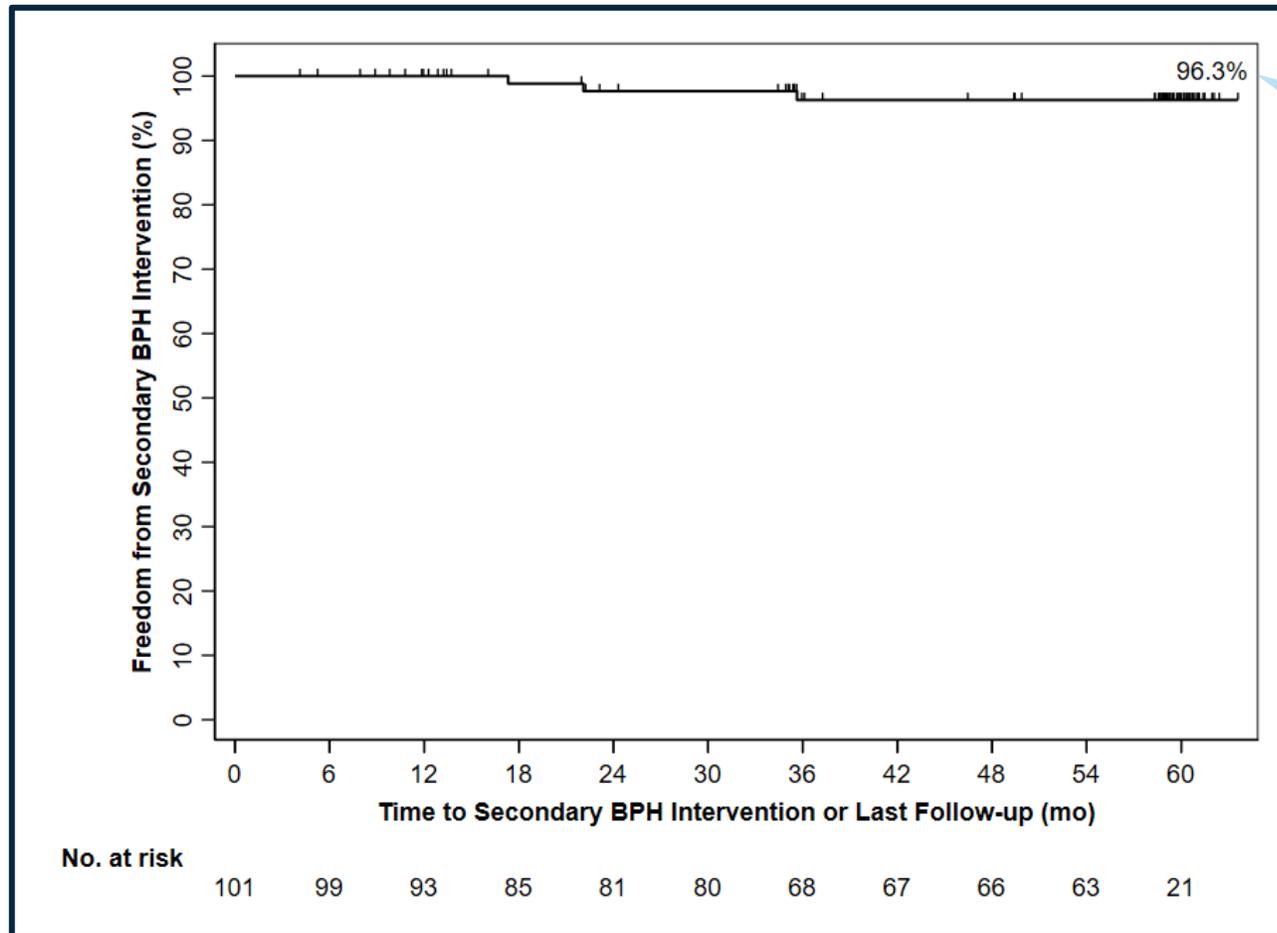


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Freedom from Secondary BPH Intervention



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Conclusions

- 2nd prospective, FDA study confirming Aquablation 5-year outcomes
- Efficacy summary:
 - IPSS, QoL, Qmax, and PVR demonstrated immediate and sustained large improvements
 - 96.3% of patients avoided a secondary intervention due to recurrent symptoms
- At 5-years of prospective follow-up, the Aquablation procedure was shown to be safe, effective, and durable in men with large prostates (80-150mL)



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5-year WATER II outcomes for large prostates (80-150mL)

- **Background**

- Prospective, multi-center, international trial
- 101 men with moderate-to severe BPH symptoms and prostates 80–150mL

- **Outcomes**

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Aquablation Postoperative Bleeding Risk Reduction

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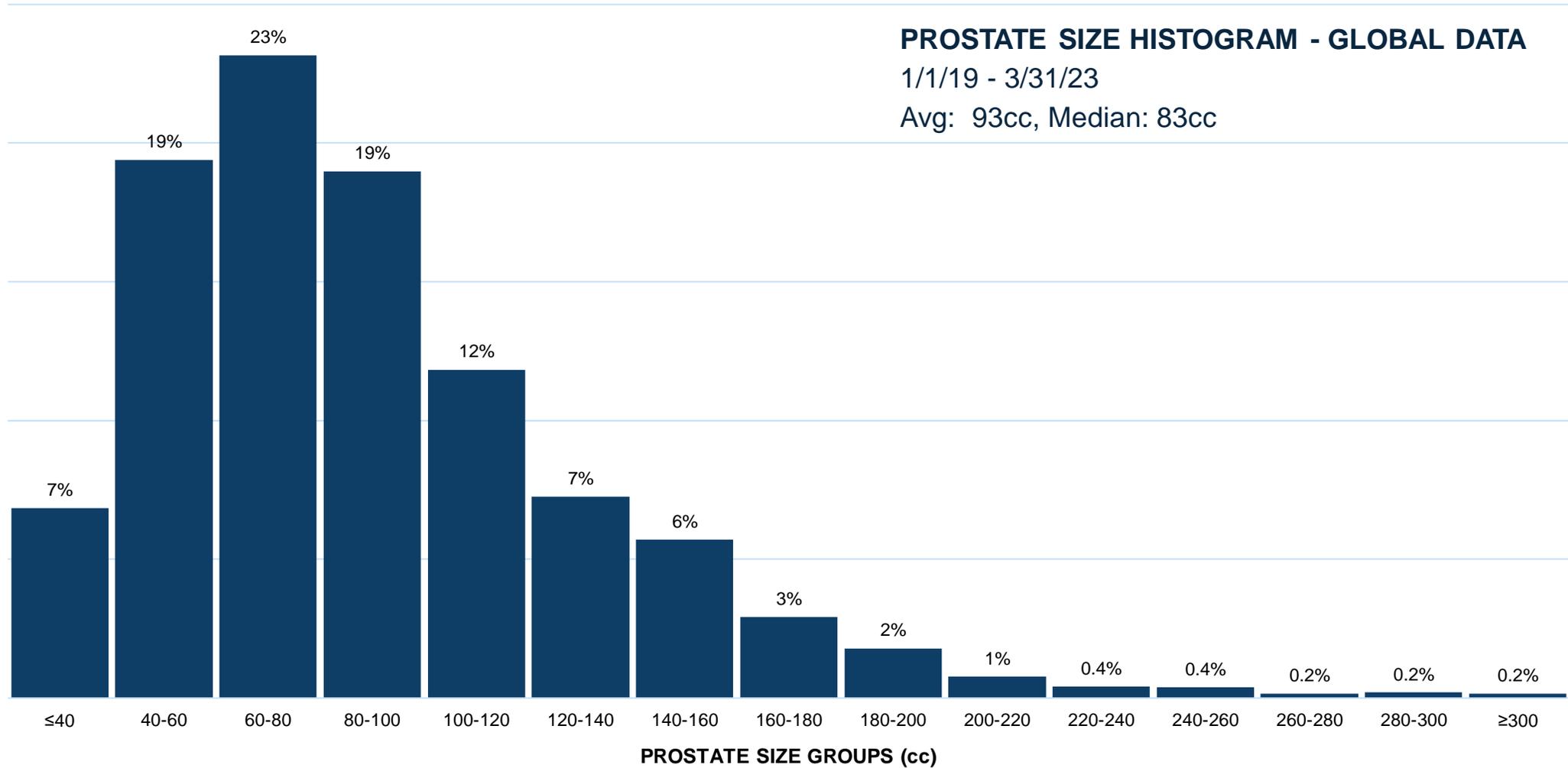
CONTEMPORARY HEMOSTASIS PROTOCOL RESULTS

- Aquablation was originally studied in two FDA clinical trials from 2015-2017 (WATER in prostates $\leq 80\text{mL}$, WATER II in prostates $\geq 80\text{mL}$)
- Aquablation was granted approval by FDA in December of 2017
- Since approval, commercial users have adopted a refined focal cautery approach for hemostasis



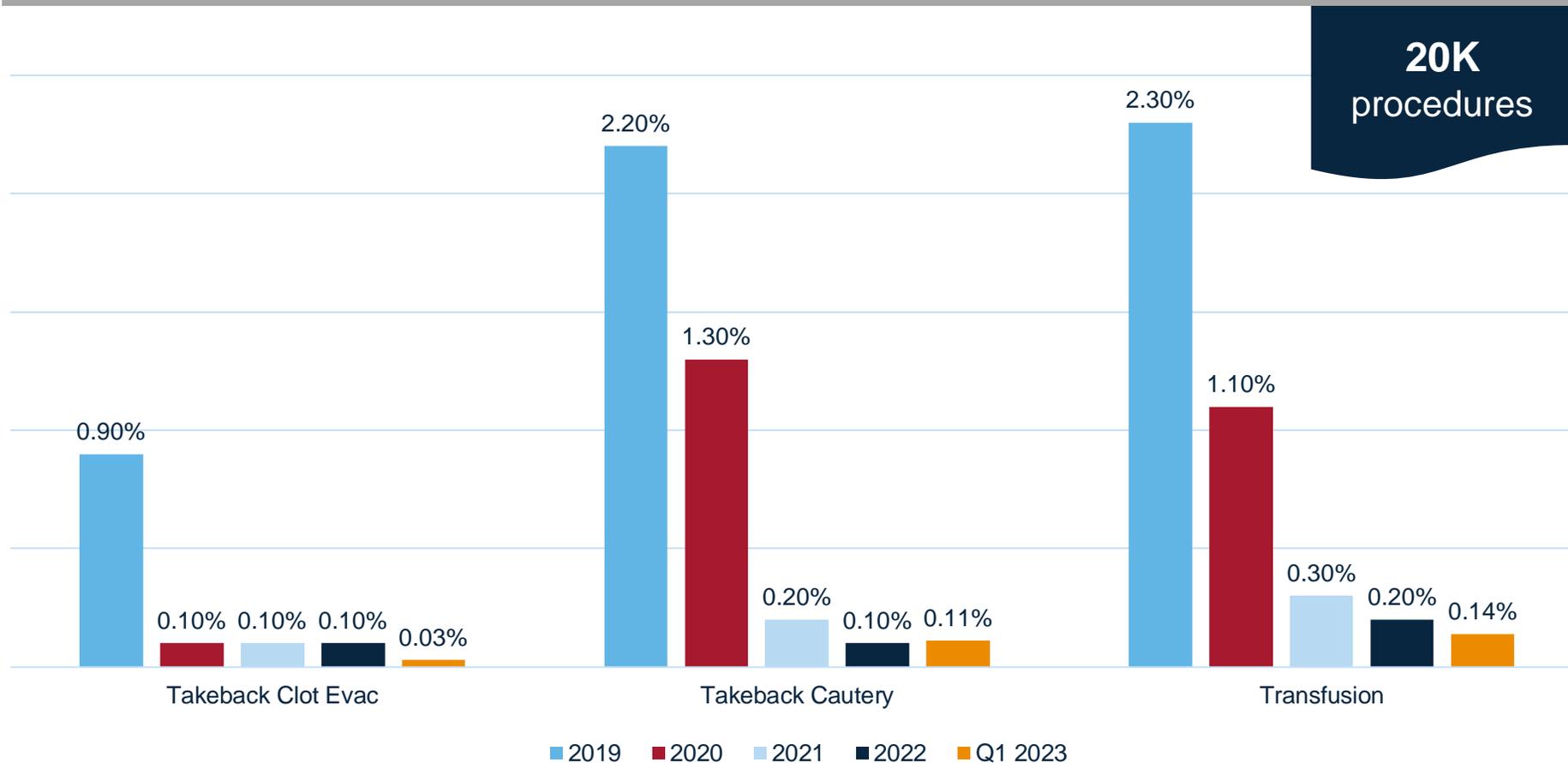
Methods: Study Design

OBJECTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consecutive, commercial patients undergoing Aquablation from Asia, Europe, and North America• Evaluation period last four years
PRIMARY OUTCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk of transfusion• Risk of takeback for fulguration• Risk of takeback for clot evacuation





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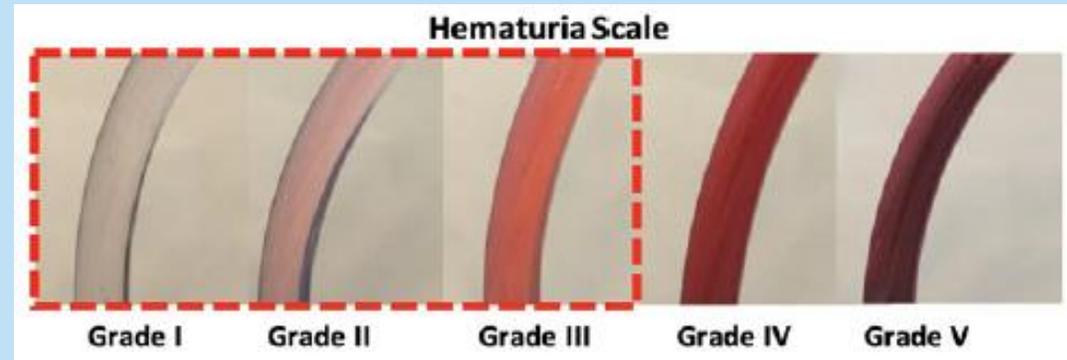




Discussion

DAY CASE AQUABLATION

- If the degree of hematuria was not clinically significant (grades I–III) after clamping irrigation at ~4 hours postoperatively, patients were discharged home
- The catheter must be flowing well without clots





Conclusions

- Aquablation leverages imaging and robotics to allow treatment of a broad range of prostate sizes
- Early learnings in the development of the procedure led surgeons to realize a standardized hemostasis technique was necessary
- Following the adoption of the standardized protocol, the bleeding risk has been reduced 10-fold, allowing some surgeons the option of day-case Aquablation
- Stabilized bleeding risk has allowed for day case Aquablation