**KONNO-RASTAN PROCEDURE COMBINED WITH MANOUGUIAN ROOT ENLARGEMENT FOR SMALL AORTIC ROOT**

**Case Report**

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**ABSTRACT**

Aortic stenosis is a rarely seen condition in pediatric population. Valve replacement is another treatment option for patients who do not benefit from medical or interventional procedures. In this report, we described the surgical treatment we performed on a 17-year-old patient who developed patient-prosthesis mismatch (PPM) due to aortic valve replacement (AVR) history.

**Keywords:**Konno-Rastan Procedure, Manouguian Technique, Root enlargement

**INTRODUCTION**

Aortic stenosis is a rarely seen condition in pediatric population. The known incidince is 3.8/10.000 in live births(1).Balloon angioplasty is one treatment method in neonatal period for aortic stenosis (2). Valve replacement another treatment option for patients who do not benefit from medical and interventional procedures (3). Valve replacement options include Ross technique, Konno technique and biological or mechanical valve replacement. As the patients grow older, patient prosthesis mismatch still appears as an important factor who underwent valve replacement surgery (4).

In this report, we described the surgical treatment we performed on a 17-year-old patient who developed patient-prosthesis mismatch due to aortic valve replacement history.

**CASE**

17-year-old male patient who underwent aortic valve surgery used by Manouguian technique due to diagnosis of aortic stenosis 10 years ago was admitted to our clinic with complaints of increased chest pain and shortness of breath after exercise.

There was no family history. All blood parameters were normal. Cardiothoracic index was increased in his chest x-ray. The patient had increased bodyweight (BMI: 27.19 kg/m2). Echocardiography shown intact bioprosthesis valve with low effective orifice area (Indexed EoA:0.70), ventricular hypertrophy and ejection fraction measured 55%.

After the patient and his family were informed about the operation and the necessary operation consent was obtained, aortic valve replacement surgery was planned.

***Surgıcal Tehcnıque***

Sternotomy incision was made along the old sternotomy incision line. Adhesions were removed. The pericardium was opened and suspended. Aortic cannulation and two stage venous cannulation were performed systemic heparinization. Cardiopulmonary bypass was initiated under normothermia (23 °C). A vent catheter was inserted into the left atrium from the right upper pulmonary vein. Myocardial protection was provided with direct cold blood cardioplegia after aortic clamp and aortotomy. The old aortic valve was excised. The pericardial band used for the old Manougian procedure was found to be calcified and resected. Right ventricle outflow tract (RVOT) was opened and an incision was made extending to the interventricular septum. Conno-Rastan procedure performed using by Dacron patch. The Manougian posterior expansion performed using by Dacron patch (Figure 1). No:27 St. Jude mechanical valve was placed with the help of Teflon reinforced 2/0 ti-cron sutures (Figure 2). A autologous pericardial patch that held gluteraldehyde was applied from over the coronary arteries. The aortotomy was closed using by a dacron patch. RVOT constructed using by dacron graft piece (Figüre 3). The cross clamp was removed. Separation from CPB was obtained at appropriate hemodynamics and temperature. Bleeding control and decanulation were performed. The drainage tube was placed in the right pleura and mediastinum. Temporary pacing wires were placed. The sternum was closed in the anatomical plan. The patient was taken to the intensive care unit in stable conditions. There were no complications.

**DISCUSSION**

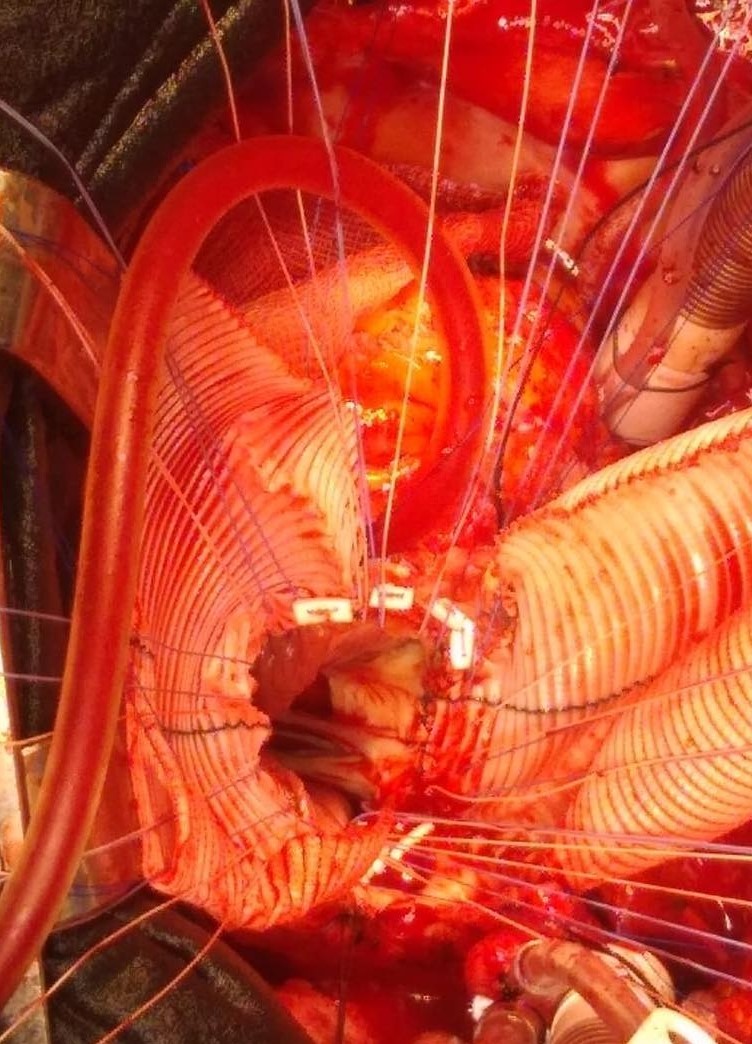
Aortic stenosis causes can vary from congenital bicuspid aortic valve, calcification to rheumatic fever (5). When aortic stenosis that starts asymptomatically is not treated has a classical tria with dyspnea, syncope and angina. Heart failure and rhythm disturbances may be added to these symptoms in later stages (6). PPM should always be avoided as it has been associated with perioperative mortality, reduced long-term survival, consistent symptoms, and slow regression of LV mass. Meta-analysis has reported that severe PPM is associated with reduced long-term survival (7) Patient-prosthesis incompatibility (PPM) is one of the problems affecting patient quality of life after aortic valve replacement surgery and this situation may be more prominent especially in child population as their growth continues (8). It has been shown that aortic root augmentation operations can be performed to correct PPM, and the incidence of PPM is reduced by root expansion surgeries. Konno-Rastan and Manouguian procedures are the most preferred root augmentation operations for patients. In operations performed Konno and Manouguian, it is possible to implant larger aortic valves to patients have growth potential (9). The Ross procedure is another technique used for therapeutic purposes in aortic valve pathologies, and by its nature, the patient's pulmonary autograft is used to replace the aortic valve (10). Because of our patient had bicuspid pulmonary valve he was not found suitable for Ross procedure ten years ago. No:17 mechanical valve was suitable for the patient. But since the child grew up in time, this mechanical valve remained small as expected. What needs to be done in the meantime is to replace the valve.

**CONCLUSION**

A cardiac surgeon should be well skilled with the root enlargement procedures which may be helpful at the time of AVR for young obese man and women with small aortic root. Combined aortic root enlargement techniques should be considered in the presence of bodily growth potential.

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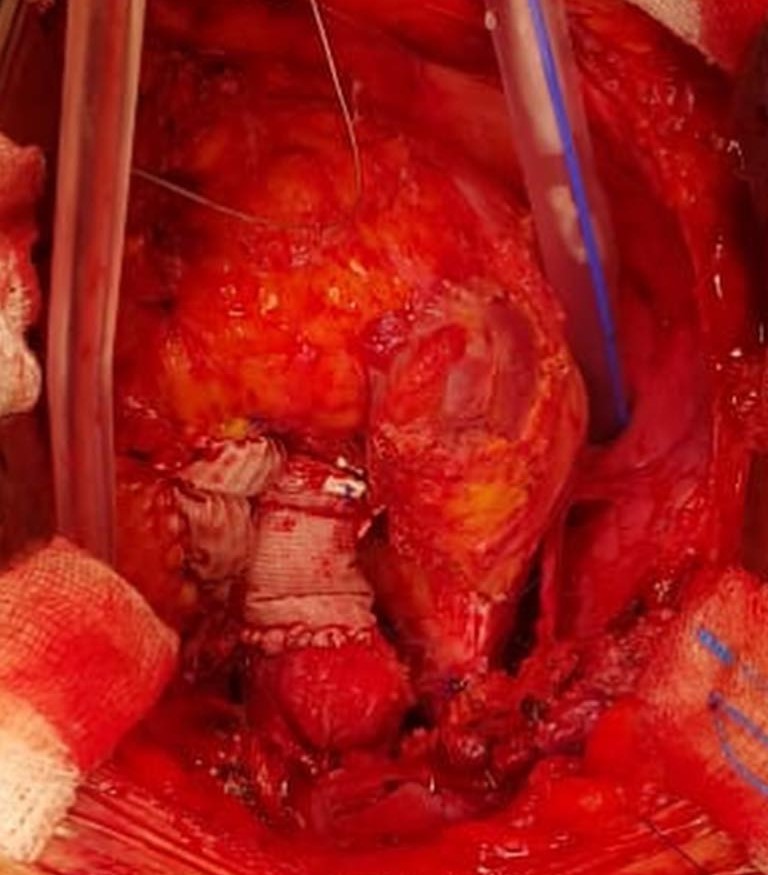
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**Figure 1:** The Manougian posterior expansion was performed using by Dacron patch.



**Figure 2:** No:27 St. Jude mechanical valve was placed with the help of Teflon reinforced 2/0 ti-cron sutures.



**Figure 3:** Dacron graft pieces used for expansion of RVOT and Aort.