

Cognitive Outcomes After Cardiovascular Procedures in Older Adults: A Systematic Review

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Appendix A

Study Protocol

Evidence-based Practice Center Systematic Review Protocol

Project Title: Impact of Neurological Events upon Cognitive Function following Cardiovascular Procedures: a Systematic Review

I. Background and Objectives for the Systematic Review

Among possible adverse outcomes following cardiovascular (CV) procedures in older adults, including heart attacks (MI), blood clots (DVT/PE), infectious complications, strokes, and delirium, there also has long been a concern regarding possible nontransient adverse cognitive outcomes. Although investigators sought to establish a consensus for cognitive assessment methods following coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG),¹ most early reports are now believed to have overestimated the incidence of adverse cognitive outcomes attributable to these procedures.² Though results were based on formal neuropsychological testing, i.e. the standardized administration and qualified interpretation of selected cognitive tests, these studies often did not account for pre-procedure cognitive impairments, transient post-procedure impairments, post-procedure impairments attributable to underlying disease, limitations in cognitive test precision, and the practice effects of repeat cognitive testing.

To address the limitations of these older studies, more recent studies have incorporated pre-procedure cognitive assessments, non-procedure control groups, and limitations on the timing of post-procedure cognitive assessments. A recent systematic review limited to studies reporting results for pre- and post-procedure neuropsychological tests that were recommended in a 1995 consensus paper¹ found that psychomotor speed may be impaired compared to baseline very early after CABG (<2 weeks), but is, along with memory and executive functioning, improved compared to baseline by 3 months and remains so 6-12 months after the procedure.^{3,4} This review was limited, however, in that it did not evaluate other neuropsychological domains, longer term neuropsychological test results, or whether neuropsychological test abnormalities were associated with symptoms or functional impairment. This is an important consideration since patients are likely to be more concerned about procedure-related cognitive risks that are not just measurable on neuropsychological testing, but also are associated with symptoms they recognize and even moreso that adversely impact their social, occupational or other daily functioning.

Several patient characteristics have been associated with adverse cognitive outcomes after CABG, including advanced age, fewer years of education, limited social support, cerebrovascular or peripheral vascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, and depression.^{2, 5-8} However, we are unaware of any systematic reviews that have examined these associations. With regard to the possible impact of procedure-related factors on post-CABG cognitive outcomes, multiple reviews suggest no increased cognitive risk with on-pump versus off-pump CABG.^{3,9} However, less is known about the impact of other procedure-related factors on cognitive outcomes, including from procedural or peri-procedural stroke or TIA.

In a recent systematic review¹⁰ of 47 studies of carotid revascularization (carotid endarterectomy [CEA] and/or carotid artery stenting [CAS]), about half reported improvement in at least one cognitive measure after the procedure, and about half reported some decline or no change. Authors suggested that the variable findings could be explained by the small sample size of many studies (about one-fourth had fewer than 25 participants with CEA or CAS), variable follow-up times (including about one-fourth with follow-up of <1 month), and different neurocognitive tests administered. In addition, about one-third of included studies did not compare cognitive changes to those in a control group that did not undergo CEA or CAS, another potential source of bias. Clarifying the true association between CEA and CAS and post-procedure cognitive outcomes will require a more selective consideration of available studies, distinguishing between those most and least likely to provide biased results. This will be a first step before the impact of procedure-related factors and patient characteristics on post-CEA and post-CAS cognitive outcomes can be evaluated.

Data on cognitive outcomes after other CV procedures, including open and transcatheter cardiac valve replacement/repair and atrial fibrillation ablation appear more limited. We are unaware of any review addressing the degree to which these procedures cause adverse cognitive outcomes, including their clinical severity, duration, and pattern of neurocognitive domain impairment.

Though recent American College of Surgery/American Geriatrics Society Guidelines recommend pre-operative cognitive screening of all patients aged >65 years, including a history and a formal cognitive assessment, such as with the brief, mini-Cog screening measure,¹¹ the extent to which this occurs in current practice is unknown. Current uncertainties regarding the course, severity, and pattern of cognitive outcomes attributable to CABG, CEA, CAS, cardiac valve replacement/repair, and atrial fibrillation ablation limit pre-procedure discussions between clinicians and patients regarding what cognitive risks may be associated with these procedures. Enhanced understanding of these issues has the potential to inform these discussions and potentially lead to safer and more targeted use of these procedures. The proposed systematic review will comprehensively characterize the cognitive outcomes associated with these CV procedures, and the extent to which these associations are modified by procedure and patient characteristics.

Our findings should provide information about the characteristics and predictors of any cognitive outcomes associated with these CV procedures. Further, they should define the limitations of existing evidence and the parameters of any future RCTs or other research studies that are needed to address remaining evidence gaps.

II. The Key Questions

1. **In older adults who undergo selected cardiovascular procedures, what are the associated post-procedure cognitive outcomes?** (e.g. clinical severity; timing/duration; pattern of cognitive domain impairment)
2. **In older adults who undergo selected cardiovascular procedures, are associated risks for post-procedure adverse cognitive outcomes affected by procedural and peri-procedural stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA) and other procedure characteristics?** (e.g. alternative procedures for same indication, such as surgical vs. catheter-based/stenting; anesthesia type; adjunctive neuroprotective treatments)
3. **In older adults who undergo selected cardiovascular procedures, are associated risks for post-procedure adverse cognitive outcomes affected by patient characteristics?** (e.g. age; baseline cognitive function; past stroke or TIA, baseline cardiovascular disease [CVD] severity; hypertension; diabetes; depression)
 - **Population(s):**
 - For all 3 key questions:
 1. Older adults undergoing selected CV procedures. There will be no limitations on the basis of cardiac or cerebrovascular disease severity, comorbidities or patient demographics other than age.
 2. We do not anticipate that participant inclusion/exclusion criteria for any eligible studies will exactly match Medicare eligibility. To maximize our report findings to the majority of Medicare enrollees, those aged 65 years or older, as a first step we will include studies that are entirely comprised of individuals aged 65 years or older or that report subgroup data from at least 10 patients in this age stratum. However, we anticipate that these criteria alone would exclude data from many study participants in this older age range who enrolled in studies that also include some younger participants and didn't report stratified data by age. Therefore, we also will include studies that reported that at least half of participants were 65 years or older, or that reported either a mean or median age of 65 years or older. We do not plan to search for studies that enrolled participants with ESRD or Medicare qualifying disabilities.
 - For key question 3 only:

1. To evaluate whether impact of CV procedures on cognitive outcomes differs according to patient characteristics, we will evaluate results for subgroups defined by selected participant characteristics that may increase risk of adverse cognitive outcomes. Identification of patient characteristics associated with adverse post-procedure cognitive outcomes may help predict individual patient risks. Identifying the subset of these predictors that are potentially modifiable may identify targets for future interventions to reduce these risks. Potential patient characteristics to be evaluated may include: age; baseline cognitive function; past stroke or TIA, baseline CVD severity; hypertension; diabetes; and depression.
- **Interventions (Procedures):**
 - We will evaluate each of the 3 key questions separately for each of the following CV procedures:
 1. Coronary artery revascularization (e.g. coronary artery bypass grafting [CABG], percutaneous coronary intervention [PCI])*
 2. Carotid artery revascularization (e.g. carotid endarterectomy [CEA], carotid artery stenting [CAS])*
 3. Cardiac valve replacement/repair (e.g. surgical or transcatheter, aortic or mitral)
 4. Atrial fibrillation ablation (e.g. surgical, catheter)

*Also including combined coronary and carotid artery revascularizations
 - For key question 2 only:
 1. To evaluate whether impact of CV procedures on cognitive outcomes differs according to procedure characteristics, we will compare whether results differ as a function of whether patients had a procedural or peri-procedural stroke or TIA; between different procedures used for the same clinical indication, such as surgical vs. catheter-based/stenting; and as a function of procedure time, anesthesia time or type, or use of adjunctive neuroprotective treatment..
 - **Comparators:**
 - For randomized controlled trials of CV procedures, comparison subjects may include those assigned to placebo, usual care, or active control (e.g. nonprocedure medical management, or an alternative CV procedure, including possible percutaneous procedures).
 - For observational studies, in an effort to limit potential selection bias, we will only include studies that compare the procedure group to an appropriate control group. This control group may be a matched comparison group of patients who did not undergo the specific CV procedure within the past year or another group in which analyses accounted for differences in underlying CVD severity and other factors between patients who did and did not undergo CV procedures (e.g. age, CVD risk factors, other comorbidities, baseline cognitive function, past stroke or TIA).
 - Historical controls will not be considered eligible because of our concern that CVD treatment, including surgical and catheter-based techniques and adjunctive therapy may have changed over time. Even the types of patients who undergo these procedures may have changed over time. All these changes may affect the risk of post-procedure cognitive impairment. Therefore, it would not be possible from studies that use historical controls to accurately assess whether changes in post-procedure cognitive outcomes are due to the procedures or to historical trends in health care and/or populations enrolled. This could result in biased findings.
 - **Outcome measures for all questions:**
 - **Primary outcomes**

Our two primary outcomes both involve new onset, post-procedure symptomatic changes in cognition. In both cases, these adverse cognitive symptoms, such as poor short-term memory or language abilities, may be recognized by the patient, informant, or both. However, because self-report of cognitive symptoms is not always accurate or reliable, at least in part due to the high prevalence of impaired insight among patients with cognitive impairment, we also will require that studies confirmed these symptoms with neuropsychological testing.

Neuropsychologically confirmed cognitive symptoms may or may not be severe enough to be associated with functional impairment (e.g. occupational, social, activities of daily living). Post CV-procedure functional impairments unrelated to cognition (e.g. attributable to impaired CV function, strength, and/or coordination) will be considered out of scope for this review.

1. **Confirmed symptomatic cognitive impairment associated with functional impairment.** Patients with impairment in memory plus at least one other cognitive domain, who have associated functional impairment, meet DSM-IV criteria for dementia.¹² Patients with impaired function, but with a different pattern of neuropsychological impairment (e.g. only one impaired cognitive domain, only nonmemory domain(s) impaired) may be considered for alternative diagnoses (e.g. possible dementia).
2. **Confirmed symptomatic cognitive impairment not associated with functional impairment.** Patients with impairment limited to one or two cognitive domains, who have no associated functional impairment meet Peterson criteria for mild cognitive impairment (MCI). Patients with intact function, but with a different pattern of neuropsychological impairment (e.g. impairment in three or more cognitive domains) may be considered for alternative diagnoses (e.g. cognitive impairment no dementia [CIND], cognitive impairment etiology unknown).

Within these two primary outcome categories, we also will record if studies report specific etiologies and/or apply specific diagnostic labels for cognitive impairment outcomes (e.g. dementia, vascular dementia, cognitive impairment not dementia secondary to cerebrovascular disease, MCI). However, if studies report these etiologies/diagnostic labels without indicating how they were confirmed by neuropsychological testing (e.g. study reported ICD-9 administrative codes only), we will report diagnostic information derived from these studies separately.

- **Secondary outcomes**

Our secondary outcome will be **clinically meaningful magnitude of change in neuropsychological test performance**. This will be defined as weighted mean differences (between group differences in change from baseline to follow-up) of at least small effect size in one or more neuropsychological tests, independent of whether these test results were correlated with clinical symptoms or functional impairment. These neuropsychological tests are performance-based and include both brief, global cognitive screening measures (e.g. mini-mental status exam [MMSE], mini-Cog, MOCA) and more narrow measures that evaluate one or more specific cognitive domains (i.e. attention, memory, language, executive, visual-spatial functioning, and psychomotor speed).

- **Intermediate outcomes**

Measures of continuous change in neuropsychological test performance are of uncertain clinical importance and will not be considered outcomes for the purpose of this report. Procedural and peri-procedural stroke and TIA also will not be considered outcomes in themselves for the purpose of this report. Instead, they will be considered as possible mediators in the causal pathway between CV procedures and the primary and secondary cognitive outcomes listed above.

- **Timing:**

- **Pre-procedure**

1. All eligible cohort studies must have performed neuropsychological

testing prior to the CV procedure. Randomized controlled trials may be eligible without pre-procedure neuropsychological testing.

- **Post-procedure**

1. All eligible studies must have performed cognitive evaluations at least 3 months after the CV procedure in an effort to eliminate transient effects on cognition from factors other than the procedure, including pain, anesthesia, medications, sleep deprivation, and hospital-related illness. In addition, results from testing performed this soon after pre-procedure testing may be influenced by practice effects.
2. We will extract and separately report cognitive outcomes measured 3 to 12 months after the CV procedure (intermediate-term), and those measured >1 year after the procedure (long-term). For each study, data for a given outcome will only be extracted for the latest available time point within each of these two time periods. We suspect that in most cases changes reported as present between 3 to 12 months post-procedure were present earlier but persisted, sometimes after resolution of superimposed, transient, nonprocedure-related factors. We will evaluate cognitive outcomes reported >1 year after the CV procedure to look at duration of cognitive changes that were reported 3 to 12 months after the procedure, progression of these earlier changes, and to identify cognitive outcomes that first became evident >1 year after the procedure. Use of RCTs or observational studies with well-matched control groups will be essential for distinguishing the extent to which cognitive changes first reported >1 year after the procedure and progression of earlier cognitive changes were caused by the CV procedure and the extent to which they were attributable to progression of an unrelated underlying disease.

- **Settings:**

- Studies will be eligible regardless of whether the CV procedure took place in the inpatient or outpatient setting. However, because of the high rate of delirium reported in older hospitalized patients,¹³ studies in which post-procedure cognitive assessments are available only from within the inpatient setting will be excluded. This restriction is intended to limit the impact of factors other than the CV procedure on reported cognitive outcomes (e.g. pain, anesthesia, medications, sleep deprivation, and hospital-related illness unrelated to the procedure). Studies may be limited to those conducted in Western settings (or stratified on this factor) to increase the applicability of findings to U.S. practices and outcomes.

III. Analytic Framework

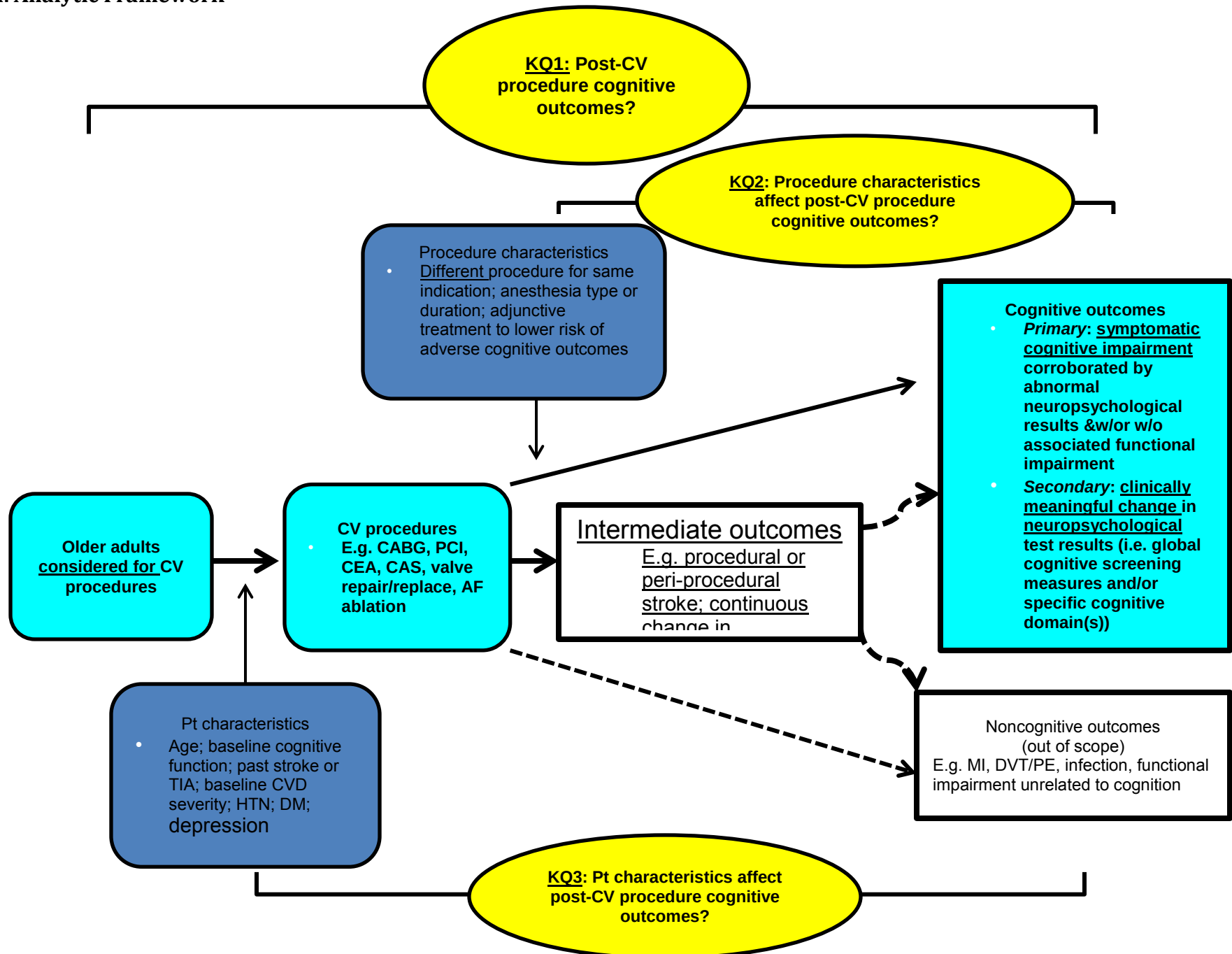


Figure 1.

AF = atrial fibrillation; CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting; CAS = carotid artery stenting; CEA = carotid endarterectomy; CV = cardiovascular; CVD = cardiovascular disease; DM = diabetes mellitus; DVT = deep venous thrombosis; HTN = hypertension; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention; PE = pulmonary embolism; TIA = transient ischemic attack

IV. Methods

A. Criteria for Inclusion of Studies in the Review

- Study design: Randomized controlled trial (RCT), nonrandomized comparative trial, prospective observational cohort study, or systematic review that reports separable results for these study types only.
- Population:
 1. Participants must have been older adults. As discussed above, we will include studies whose participants are all aged ≥ 65 years, have a mean or median age ≥ 65 years, or that report subgroup data from ≥ 10 patients aged ≥ 65 years.
 2. Participants in at least one intervention or observation arm underwent one of the CV procedures of interest
 - a. Coronary artery revascularization (e.g. coronary artery bypass grafting [CABG], percutaneous coronary intervention [PCI])*
 - b. Carotid artery revascularization (e.g. carotid endarterectomy [CEA], carotid artery stenting [CAS])*
 - c. Cardiac valve replacement/repair (e.g. surgical or transcatheter, aortic or mitral)
 - d. Atrial fibrillation ablation (e.g. surgical, catheter)

*Also including combined coronary and carotid artery revascularizations
- Minimum sample size of ≥ 10 participants in each treatment arm for RCTs and ≥ 50 participants in each arm for nonrandomized comparative studies and prospective cohort studies.
- Publication date range: To limit the review to evaluating cognitive outcomes after CV procedures that reasonably reflect current clinical practice, all studies must have been published since 1990.
- As stated earlier, nonrandomized comparative studies and prospective cohort studies must have performed pre-procedure neuropsychological assessments, including possibly brief global cognitive screening measures. RCTs may be included whether or not they performed pre-procedure neuropsychological assessments.
- As stated earlier, all eligible studies must have reported at least one primary or secondary cognitive outcome at least 3 months after the procedure that was measured outside of the acute inpatient setting.
- As stated earlier, all studies must have included a nonhistorical control group that did not undergo the CV procedure of interest or that underwent a modified version of the procedure
- All studies must have been published in English language

- ### B. Searching for the Evidence: Literature Search Strategies for Identification of Relevant Studies to Answer the Key Questions
- We will identify evidence for this review by searching relevant bibliographic databases. Bibliographic database searching will utilize MEDLINE, the Cochrane Central register of controlled trials (CENTRAL), and Scopus to identify RCTs published 1990 to the present. See **Figure 2** for full MEDLINE search strategy. An MLIS research librarian experienced in systematic review search methodology and not involved in the project has peer reviewed and helped refine our bibliographic literature search strategy. Bibliographic database searches will be supplemented with hand searching of reference lists of included studies, and previous systematic reviews. The literature search will be updated while the draft report is under public/peer review.

Additionally, we will search ClinicalTrials.gov to identify relevant registered and completed trials. These sources will be used to identify trials not previously identified. Published and registered trials will be compared to assess potential outcomes reporting bias. Trials registered but not published will be evaluated qualitatively to comment on the potential publication bias relevant to this topic.

Screening of studies identified in our initial and updated literature searches, and of any studies identified during public and peer review will occur in two stages. First, search results will be preliminarily triaged. Titles and abstracts will be reviewed by two independent investigators and marked 'include,' 'exclude,' or 'full text needed' if a determination cannot be made based upon available information. Differences in triage decisions between the two investigators will be resolved by consensus discussion, involving the lead investigator as necessary. Full text will be obtained for articles identified as potential includes during initial triage. These studies will be distributed among investigators for secondary screening and data extraction. Full text will be evaluated by two investigators to ensure that the study meets inclusion criteria. We will document the inclusion and exclusion status and reason for exclusion in the project library of citations.

Figure 2. Draft MEDLINE Literature Search Strategy

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to January Week 3 2013>

Search Strategy:

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- 1 comprehension/ (6633)
 - 2 cognition disorders/ (44130)
 - 3 auditory perceptual disorders/ (909)
 - 4 memory/ (49313)
 - 5 memory, episodic/ (472)
 - 6 memory, long-term/ (371)
 - 7 memory, short-term/ (13113)
 - 8 mental recall/ (25327)
 - 9 retention, psychology/ (7518)
 - 10 memory disorders/ (13433)
 - 11 exp Neuropsychological Tests/ (61191)
 - 12 exp Executive Function/ (3065)
 - 13 exp Psychometrics/ (49676)
 - 14 exp Psychomotor Disorders/ (10067)
 - 15 exp Psychomotor Performance/ (78939)
 - 16 Dementia/ or Alzheimer disease/ or aphasia, primary progressive/ or dementia, vascular/ or frontotemporal lobar degeneration/ or lewy body disease/ (90697)
 - 17 pick disease of the brain/ (351)
 - 18 mild cognitive impairment/ (762)
 - 19 central nervous system dysfunction.mp. (498)
 - 20 neuropsychological impairment.mp. (860)
 - 21 (Cognitive decline or cognitive dysfunction or cognitive tests or cognitive assessment or cognitive function or cognitive evaluation or cognitive performance or cognitive change or cognitive problem or cognitive outcome or cognitive sequelae).mp. (33149)
 - 22 (Neuropsychologic* decline or neuropsychologic* dysfunction or neuropsychologic* tests or neuropsychologic* assessment or neuropsychologic* function or neuropsychologic* evaluation or neuropsychologic* performance or neuropsychologic* change or neuropsychologic* problem or neuropsychologic* outcome or neuropsychologic* sequelae).mp. (62490)
 - 23 or/1-22 (364408)

 - 24 Randomized controlled trials as topic/ (82496)
 - 25 Randomized controlled trial/ (337448)
 - 26 Random allocation/ (75972)

27 Double blind method/ (117175)
 28 Single blind method/ (16885)
 29 Clinical trial/ (472549)
 30 Clinical trial, phase i.pt. (12507)
 31 Clinical trial, phase ii.pt. (20105)
 32 Clinical trial, phase iii.pt. (7375)
 33 Clinical trial, phase iv.pt. (759)
 34 Controlled clinical trial.pt. (84963)
 35 Randomized controlled trial.pt. (337448)
 36 Multicenter study.pt. (149119)
 37 Clinical trial.pt. (472549)
 38 exp clinical trials as topic/ (259816)
 39 (clinical adj trial\$).tw. (174974)
 40 ((singl\$ or doubl\$ or treb\$ or trip\$) adj (blind\$3 or mask\$3)).tw. (114747)
 41 Randomly allocated.tw. (14024)
 42 (allocated adj2 random\$).tw. (16356)
 43 or/24-42 (1021274)

 44 Epidemiologic studies/ (5512)
 45 exp cohort studies/ (1215732)
 46 (cohort adj (study or studies)).tw. (64056)
 47 Cohort analy\$.tw. (2848)
 48 (follow up adj (study or studies)).tw. (33441)
 49 (Observational adj (study or studies)).tw. (32538)
 50 Longitudinal.tw. (112860)
 51 or/44-50 (1316456)

 52 Meta analysis/ (36638)
 53 Meta analys\$.tw. (41461)
 54 literature review.mp. (35019)
 55 (systematic adj (review or overview)).tw. (30248)
 56 or/52-55 (106130)

 57 43 or 51 or 56 (2182597)

 58 Case report.tw. (170277)
 59 letter/ (758034)
 60 historical article/ (288506)
 61 addresses/ (4019)
 62 autobiography/ (2675)
 63 Bibliography/ (14862)
 64 Biography/ (156977)
 65 Comment/ (484716)
 66 Editorial/ (307072)
 67 News/ (142112)
 68 or/58-67 (1755076)

 69 57 not 68 (2085235)

 70 limit 69 to humans (1980119)
 71 limit 70 to yr="1990 -Current" (1694926)
 72 limit 71 to english language (1521263)
 73 limit 72 to ("all infant (birth to 23 months)" or "all child (0 to 18 years)" or "newborn infant (birth to 1 month)" or "infant (1 to 23 months)" or "preschool child (2 to 5 years)" or "child (6 to 12 years)" or "adolescent (13 to 18 years)") (423582)
 74 72 not 73 (1097681)

75 exp Myocardial Revascularization/ (75825)
 76 exp percutaneous coronary intervention/ (32327)
 77 Heart bypass, right/ (576)
 78 Coronary revascularization.mp. (4172)
 79 (coronary artery bypass graft or CABG).mp. (14519)
 80 (percutaneous coronary intervention or PCI).mp. (15273)
 81 coronary stent*.mp. (4595)
 82 coronary angioplas*.mp. (11666)
 83 or/75-82 (89913)

 84 74 and 83 (28370)

 85 exp Endarterectomy, Carotid/ (6306)
 86 (carotid endarterectomy or CEA).mp. (20384)
 87 (carotid artery stenting or CAS).mp. (54374)
 88 carotid surg*.mp. (1111)
 89 or/85-88 (76271)

 90 74 and 89 (6030)

 91 Heart valve prosthesis/ (26828)
 92 exp Heart Valve Prosthesis Implantation/ (11217)
 93 Cardiac valve annuloplasty/ (137)
 94 (aortic valve replacement or AVR).mp. (8953)
 95 (mitral valve replacement or MVR).mp. (5610)
 96 (aortic valve repair or mitral valve repair).mp. (2378)
 97 (aortic valve surg* or mitral valve surg*).mp. (2156)
 98 or/91-97 (41284)

 99 74 and 98 (5753)

 100 exp Catheter Ablation/ (18600)
 101 exp Ablation Techniques/ (82421)
 102 100 or 101 (82421)

 103 exp Atrial Fibrillation/ (30442)
 104 atrial fibrillation ablation.mp. (446)
 105 103 or 104 (30482)

 106 102 and 105 (5004)

 107 74 and 106 (1659)

 108 23 and 84 (396)

 109 23 and 90 (112)

 110 23 and 99 (40)

 111 23 and 107 (4)

 112 or/108-111 (527)

C. Data Abstraction and Data Management

Two investigators will act as primary and secondary abstractor/evaluators, respectively, for their assigned studies. Data fields to be extracted will be determined for each key question/subquestion. Data elements likely will include author; year of publication; CV procedure intervention and control regimens; anesthesia type and duration; description of adjunctive treatments intended to lower risk of adverse cognitive outcomes; sample size; subject inclusion and exclusion criteria; participant baseline age, prevalence of hypertension, diabetes, stroke/cerebrovascular disease, and depression; type(s) of pre-procedure neuropsychological assessment (e.g. specific brief global cognitive screening measures and specific cognitive domains tested); N, mean and SD for each reported pre-procedure neuropsychological test; incidence of procedural and peri-procedural stroke and/or TIA; timing and definition of clinical post-procedure cognitive outcomes; event rates for clinical post-procedure cognitive outcomes (n/N reporting these outcomes, clearly designating drop-outs); and timing, type, n/N reporting, mean and SD for each post-procedure neuropsychological test.

Authors of studies otherwise meeting eligibility criteria, but not reporting mean and SD for pre- and post-procedure neuropsychological testing will be contacted seeking this additional information. When these results are not directly reported by the study, but can be calculated from available data, we will perform these calculations. The primary abstractor/evaluator will extract relevant data from studies meeting inclusion criteria onto pre-tested extraction forms/evidence tables. These extraction forms/evidence tables will be reviewed and verified for accuracy by the secondary abstractor/evaluator. Differences in abstraction between the two investigators will be resolved by consensus discussion, involving the lead investigator as necessary. As discussed above, timing of post-procedure cognitive assessments will be categorized into those measured at 3 to 12 months (intermediate-term) and those measured >1 year after the procedure (long-term). For each study, we will record all timepoints at which post-procedure cognitive assessments were performed, but will report results for only the latest assessment of each cognitive outcome within each of these two time period.

D. Assessment of Methodological Risk of Bias of Individual Studies

We will evaluate the risk of bias in individual studies according to recommendations from the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions.¹⁴ Following categorization of studies according to their design as either interventional (RCTs, nonrandomized controlled clinical trials) or prospective observational cohort studies, a primary and secondary abstractor/evaluator will independently review study risk of bias for up to two outcomes per study, with one collective rating for clinical outcomes (for confirmed symptomatic cognitive impairment with and without associated functional impairment considered together) and one collective rating for neuropsychological test outcomes.

For interventional studies, we will evaluate risk of bias using criteria from the Cochrane Risk of Bias tool:¹⁵ (1) random allocation of the subjects to the treatment groups; (2) adequacy of allocation concealment, based on the approach by Schulz and Grimes;¹⁶ (3) masking of the outcome assessment (participant, investigator, and/or outcome assessor); (4) use of intention-to-treat principles (i.e. inclusion of all randomized participants in outcomes analyses); and (5) selective reporting of prespecified outcomes. Generally, we will assume a low risk of bias when individual interventional studies meet all quality criteria, a moderate risk of bias if at least one of the quality criteria is not met, and a high risk of bias if multiple quality criteria are not met.¹⁷ We will conclude an unknown risk of bias for the interventional studies with poorly reported quality criteria.

For prospective observational cohort studies, we will assess risk of bias using criteria suggested in the AHRQ Methods Guide:¹⁷ (1) selection bias (use of appropriately comparable control group, design/analysis accounted for important confounding and modifying variables); (2) masking of the outcome assessment (outcome assessor); (3) use of intention-to-treat principles (i.e. inclusion of all comparison group participants in outcomes analyses); (4) attrition bias (if overall or differential dropout/loss to follow-up or exclusions a concern,

missing data appropriately handled); and (5) selective reporting of prespecified outcomes. Generally, we will assume a low risk of bias when individual prospective observational cohort studies meet all quality criteria, a moderate risk of bias if at least one of the quality criteria is not met, and a high risk of bias if multiple quality criteria are not met.¹⁷ We will conclude an unknown risk of bias for the prospective observational studies with poorly reported quality criteria.

Differences in risk of bias assessments between the two investigators will be resolved by consensus discussion, involving the lead investigator as necessary.

E. Data Synthesis

When the patient populations, CV procedures, study designs, and outcomes are clinically comparable, we will perform a quantitative meta-analysis of results for confirmed symptomatic cognitive impairment with associated functional impairment, confirmed symptomatic cognitive impairment without associated functional impairment, and possibly for the outcomes of dementia, MCI, vascular dementia, and for cognitive impairment not dementia secondary to cerebrovascular disease. Under similar conditions, we also will perform a quantitative meta-analysis of results for each brief global cognitive screening test and for up to one neuropsychological test within each cognitive domain. We will analyze data using Review Manager (RevMan) version 5.1 software.¹⁸ We will use random effects models to generate pooled estimates of relative risks and 95% confidence intervals for the incidence of the primary outcomes, and weighted mean differences (between group differences in change from baseline to follow-up) and corresponding effect sizes and 95% confidence intervals for the neuropsychological test outcomes. We will summarize statistical heterogeneity by using the I^2 statistic (50 percent indicates moderate heterogeneity and 75 percent or greater indicates high heterogeneity).¹⁴

To investigate the possible effect of procedure-related factors on the association between CV procedures and adverse cognitive outcomes, we will consider the following subgroup analyses: incidence of procedural or peri-procedural stroke or TIA; different procedures for the same clinical indication, such as surgical vs. catheter-based/stenting; anesthesia type and duration; procedure duration; and use of adjunctive neuroprotective treatments.

To investigate the possible effect of patient characteristics on the association between CV procedures and adverse cognitive outcomes, we will consider the following subgroup analyses: age; baseline cognitive function; past stroke or TIA, baseline cardiovascular disease [CVD] severity; hypertension; diabetes; and depression.

We will consider random-effects inverse weighted meta-regression on drop-out rate, and, when subgroup analyses are not possible, on the patient characteristics listed above.

Within each CV procedure category, results will first be organized by study design (RCT, nonrandomized comparative studies, prospective observational cohort). Within each type of study design, results will be organized by cognitive outcome, with the primary outcomes reported first, followed by the neuropsychological test results organized by brief global cognitive screening tests and specific cognitive domains (attention, memory, language, executive, visual-spatial functioning, psychomotor speed). Results for each cognitive outcome then will be organized into intermediate- (3 to 12 months) and long-term (>1 year) post-procedure assessments and summarized qualitatively.

Next, results for the primary outcomes will be summarized using weighted risk differences and 95% confidence intervals. These results will be derived by comparing the group-specific incidence of participants reaching these endpoints from among all those in each comparison group. Results for clinical diagnoses not supported by documented neuropsychological test results will not be pooled with studies reporting these outcomes supported by neuropsychological test results or with each other.

Results for the different neuropsychological test results will be summarized by type using weighted mean differences and corresponding standard effect sizes and 95% confidence intervals. These results will be derived by comparing the difference between the intervention and comparison groups in pre- versus post-procedure mean (+/-SD) scores.

Risk of bias ratings may be utilized to conduct sensitivity analysis of results, such as by including and excluding studies with an overall poor rating to assess the influence of poor studies on results of the systematic review.

- F. Grading the Strength of Evidence (SOE) for Individual Outcomes** The overall SOE for the studies included in this review will be evaluated using methods developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Effective Health Care Program¹⁹ and currently being updated.

Within each CV procedure comparison examined, we will evaluate SOE separately for RCTs, nonrandomized comparative studies, and prospective observational cohort studies. For each of these study types with eligible data, SOE will be evaluated separately for the following clinical outcomes: confirmed symptomatic cognitive impairment with associated functional impairment, confirmed symptomatic cognitive impairment without associated functional impairment, and for each brief global cognitive screening test and each of the following cognitive domains (attention, memory, language, executive, visual-spatial functioning, and psychomotor speed). We then will consider the results from the different study designs together and report a single SOE for each of these cognitive outcomes for each examined CV procedure. SOE ratings will be performed independently by two senior reviewers, with differences between the two investigators resolved by consensus discussion, involving the lead investigator as necessary.

In each case, strength of the evidence will be evaluated based on the following domains: (1) study limitations (risk of bias or internal validity); (2) directness; (3) consistency; (4) precision; and, when appropriate, (5) reporting bias. Study limitations will be rated as low, medium or high based on the study design and risk of bias of individual studies. Directness will be rated as direct or indirect based on whether evidence provides a single, direct link between intervention and outcomes. Consistency will be rated as consistent, inconsistent, or unknown (e.g. single study) based on the degree to which included studies appear to have the same direction or magnitude of effect. Precision will be rated as precise, imprecise, or unknown based on the degree of uncertainty surrounding the effect estimate that is attributable to insufficient sample size and/or the number of outcome events. An imprecise estimate would be one in which the effect estimate is wide enough to include clinically distinct conclusions. We will consider rating reporting bias only for RCT evidence and only when the potential SOE for a comparison otherwise is moderate or high. Reporting bias will be rated as suspected or undetected based on detection of publication, outcome and selective analysis reporting bias. Other factors that may be considered in assessing SOE include dose-response relationship, the presence of confounders, and strength of association.

Based on these factors, the overall evidence will be rated qualitatively as:

- i. **High:** We are very confident that the estimate of effect lies close to the true effect for this outcome. The body of evidence has few or no deficiencies. We believe that the findings are stable.
- ii. **Moderate:** We are moderately confident that the estimate of effect lies close to the true effect for this outcome. The body of evidence has some deficiencies. We believe that the findings are likely to be stable, but some doubt remains.
- iii. **Low:** We have limited confidence that the estimate of effect lies close to the true effect for this outcome. The body of evidence has major or numerous deficiencies (or both). We believe that additional evidence is needed before concluding either that the findings are stable or that the estimate of effect is close to the true effect.

- iv. **Insufficient:** We have no evidence, we are unable to estimate an effect, or we have no confidence in the estimate of effect for this outcome. No evidence is available or the body of evidence has unacceptable deficiencies, precluding judgment.

An overall rating of high strength of evidence would imply that the included studies were RCTs with a low risk of bias, with consistent, direct, and precise domains.

G. Assessing Applicability While some conditions that affect applicability of studies to clinical practice are used as exclusion criteria in study selection (i.e., cognitive assessment not done long enough after the CV procedure), others may only be identified through detailed review of the studies. Specific study characteristics that may affect applicability will be noted on evidence tables by study abstractors/evaluators. These characteristics may include, but are not limited to, non-U.S. settings, narrow eligibility criteria, participant age or other comorbid characteristics, and cognitive assessments not typically used in current practice.²⁰

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VI. Definition of Terms

AVR	aortic valve replacement
CABG	coronary artery bypass grafting
CAS	coronary artery stenting
CEA	carotid endarterectomy
CV	cardiovascular
CVD	cardiovascular disease
FDA	U.S. Food & Drug Administration
MCI	mild cognitive impairment
MVR	mitral valve replacement
PCI	percutaneous coronary intervention
PFO	patent foramen ovale
RCT	randomized controlled trial
RFTO	request for task order
SOE	strength of evidence
TAVR	transcatheter aortic valve replacement
TIA	transient ischemic attack

VII. Summary of Protocol Amendments

In the event of protocol amendments, the date of each amendment will be accompanied by a description of the change and the rationale.

VIII. Review of Key Questions

Key questions were reviewed and refined as needed by the EPC with input from AHRQ staff and the topic nominator to assure that the questions were specific and explicit about what information is being reviewed. This project will not involve Key Informants or a Technical Expert Panel (TEP), and the key questions will not be posted for public comment.

IX. Key Informants

This project will not involve Key Informants.

X. Technical Experts

This project will not involve a Technical Expert Panel.

XI. Peer Reviewers

Peer reviewers will be invited to provide written comments on the draft report based on their clinical, content, or methodologic expertise. Peer review comments on the preliminary draft of the report are considered by the EPC in preparation of the final draft of the report. Peer reviewers do not participate in writing or editing of the final report or other products. The synthesis of the scientific literature presented in the final report does not necessarily represent the views of individual peer reviewers. The dispositions of the peer review comments will be documented and will be published three months after the publication of the Evidence report.

Individuals under consideration to serve as peer reviewers will be required to disclose any financial conflicts of interest greater than \$10,000 and any other relevant business or professional conflicts of interest. Individuals will not be eligible to serve as a peer reviewer if they have any financial conflict of interest greater than \$10,000. However, individuals who disclose potential business or professional conflicts of interest still may submit comments on draft reports through the separate public comment mechanism.

XII. EPC Team Disclosures

EPC core team members must disclose any financial conflicts of interest greater than \$1,000 and any other relevant business or professional conflicts of interest. Related financial conflicts of interest which cumulatively total greater than \$1,000 will usually disqualify EPC core team investigators.

XIII. Role of the Funder

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Appendix C

Search Strategy

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Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) <1946 to January Week 3 2013>

Search Strategy:

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- 1 comprehension/ (6633)
 - 2 cognition disorders/ (44130)
 - 3 auditory perceptual disorders/ (909)
 - 4 memory/ (49313)
 - 5 memory, episodic/ (472)
 - 6 memory, long-term/ (371)
 - 7 memory, short-term/ (13113)
 - 8 mental recall/ (25327)
 - 9 retention, psychology/ (7518)
 - 10 memory disorders/ (13433)
 - 11 exp Neuropsychological Tests/ (61191)
 - 12 exp Executive Function/ (3065)
 - 13 exp Psychometrics/ (49676)
 - 14 exp Psychomotor Disorders/ (10067)
 - 15 exp Psychomotor Performance/ (78939)
 - 16 Dementia/ or Alzheimer disease/ or aphasia, primary progressive/ or dementia, vascular/ or frontotemporal lobar degeneration/ or lewy body disease/ (90697)
 - 17 pick disease of the brain/ (351)
 - 18 mild cognitive impairment/ (762)
 - 19 central nervous system dysfunction.mp. (498)
 - 20 neuropsychological impairment.mp. (860)
 - 21 (Cognitive decline or cognitive dysfunction or cognitive tests or cognitive assessment or cognitive function or cognitive evaluation or cognitive performance or cognitive change or cognitive problem or cognitive outcome or cognitive sequelae).mp. (33149)
 - 22 (Neuropsychologic* decline or neuropsychologic* dysfunction or neuropsychologic* tests or neuropsychologic* assessment or neuropsychologic* function or neuropsychologic* evaluation or neuropsychologic* performance or neuropsychologic* change or neuropsychologic* problem or neuropsychologic* outcome or neuropsychologic* sequelae).mp. (62490)
 - 23 or/1-22 (364408)

 - 24 Randomized controlled trials as topic/ (82496)
 - 25 Randomized controlled trial/ (337448)
 - 26 Random allocation/ (75972)
 - 27 Double blind method/ (117175)
 - 28 Single blind method/ (16885)
 - 29 Clinical trial/ (472549)
 - 30 Clinical trial, phase i.pt. (12507)
 - 31 Clinical trial, phase ii.pt. (20105)
 - 32 Clinical trial, phase iii.pt. (7375)
 - 33 Clinical trial, phase iv.pt. (759)
 - 34 Controlled clinical trial.pt. (84963)
 - 35 Randomized controlled trial.pt. (337448)
 - 36 Multicenter study.pt. (149119)
 - 37 Clinical trial.pt. (472549)
 - 38 exp clinical trials as topic/ (259816)
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 - 41 Randomly allocated.tw. (14024)
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 - 43 or/24-42 (1021274)

 - 44 Epidemiologic studies/ (5512)
 - 45 exp cohort studies/ (1215732)
 - 46 (cohort adj (study or studies)).tw. (64056)
 - 47 Cohort analy\$.tw. (2848)
 - 48 (follow up adj (study or studies)).tw. (33441)
 - 49 (Observational adj (study or studies)).tw. (32538)

50 Longitudinal.tw. (112860)
 51 or/44-50 (1316456)

 52 Meta analysis/ (36638)
 53 Meta analys\$.tw. (41461)
 54 literature review.mp. (35019)
 55 (systematic adj (review or overview)).tw. (30248)
 56 or/52-55 (106130)

 57 43 or 51 or 56 (2182597)

 58 Case report.tw. (170277)
 59 letter/ (758034)
 60 historical article/ (288506)
 61 addresses/ (4019)
 62 autobiography/ (2675)
 63 Bibliography/ (14862)
 64 Biography/ (156977)
 65 Comment/ (484716)
 66 Editorial/ (307072)
 67 News/ (142112)
 68 or/58-67 (1755076)

 69 57 not 68 (2085235)

 70 limit 69 to humans (1980119)
 71 limit 70 to yr="1990 -Current" (1694926)
 72 limit 71 to english language (1521263)
 73 limit 72 to ("all infant (birth to 23 months)" or "all child (0 to 18 years)" or "newborn infant (birth to 1 month)" or "infant (1 to 23 months)" or "preschool child (2 to 5 years)" or "child (6 to 12 years)" or "adolescent (13 to 18 years)") (423582)
 74 72 not 73 (1097681)

 75 exp Myocardial Revascularization/ (75825)
 76 exp percutaneous coronary intervention/ (32327)
 77 Heart bypass, right/ (576)
 78 Coronary revascularization.mp. (4172)
 79 (coronary artery bypass graft or CABG).mp. (14519)
 80 (percutaneous coronary intervention or PCI).mp. (15273)
 81 coronary stent*.mp. (4595)
 82 coronary angioplas*.mp. (11666)
 83 or/75-82 (89913)

 84 74 and 83 (28370)

 85 exp Endarterectomy, Carotid/ (6306)
 86 (carotid endarterectomy or CEA).mp. (20384)
 87 (carotid artery stenting or CAS).mp. (54374)
 88 carotid surg*.mp. (1111)
 89 or/85-88 (76271)

 90 74 and 89 (6030)

 91 Heart valve prosthesis/ (26828)
 92 exp Heart Valve Prosthesis Implantation/ (11217)
 93 Cardiac valve annuloplasty/ (137)
 94 (aortic valve replacement or AVR).mp. (8953)
 95 (mitral valve replacement or MVR).mp. (5610)
 96 (aortic valve repair or mitral valve repair).mp. (2378)
 97 (aortic valve surg* or mitral valve surg*).mp. (2156)
 98 or/91-97 (41284)

99 74 and 98 (5753)

100 exp Catheter Ablation/ (18600)
101 exp Ablation Techniques/ (82421)
102 100 or 101 (82421)

103 exp Atrial Fibrillation/ (30442)
104 atrial fibrillation ablation.mp. (446)
105 103 or 104 (30482)

106 102 and 105 (5004)

107 74 and 106 (1659)

108 23 and 84 (396)

109 23 and 90 (112)

110 23 and 99 (40)

111 23 and 107 (4)

112 or/108-111 (527)

Appendix D

Neuropsychological Test Descriptions

Most Commonly Reported Testing Procedures by Cognitive Domain
Count of Studies by
Domain or Test

Total Studies Reviewed, N=21

	N	%
Attention	18	85.7
Trail Making Test A *	16	76.2
Digit Span Forward	11	52.4
Language	12	57.1
Verbal Fluency Tests	10	47.6
Other Language Tests (includes BNT)	6	28.6
Boston Naming Test	4	19.1
Memory	18	85.7
Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test *	9	42.9
Verbal List Learning Tests (includes RVLT)	15	71.4
Non-Verbal Memory Tests	5	23.8
Visuospatial	7	33.3
Spatial Span / Corsi Blocks	3	14.3
Other Visuospatial tests	4	19.1
Executive	20	95.2
Trail Making Test B *	18	85.7
Digit Symbol / Symbol Digit Modalities	11	52.4
Digit Span Backwards	10	47.6
Psychomotor	14	66.7
Grooved Pegboard *	10	47.6
Finger Tapping	4	19.1
Complex Reaction Time Tests	4	19.1
Intellectual Ability	8	38.1
FSIQ or IQ Estimate	5	23.8
National Adult Reading Tests	3	14.3
Screening Tests	8	38.1
Mini Mental State Exam	6	28.6
Montreal Cognitive Assessment	3	14.3

* Tests recommended by the 1995 Consensus Statement

Note. Although many testing procedures evaluate multiple cognitive abilities, for simplicity in reporting, all have been assigned to one primary domain. The reader is referred to Appendix J for detailed reporting of test results by cognitive domain in which tests are replicated across all relevant cognitive domains.

Brief Descriptions of the Most Commonly Used Measures/Testing Procedures

*The tests recommended by the 2005 consensus statement publication include the following:

Trail Making Test*

The Trail Making Test (TMT) is in the public domain and substantial normative data exists for clinical interpretation. In Trail A, subjects are asked to draw lines connecting circled numbers on a page in sequence as quickly as they can. In Trail B, one alternates between numbers and letters. In each condition, the primary score is the time to complete the task, and it is common to also track errors during performance. Trail A measures visual attention and processing speed. Trail B taps executive abilities including set shifting and mental flexibility. The TMT was included in the 2005 consensus statement recommendation, and was the most

commonly reported test in the studies reviewed (76% Trial A, 86% Trail B). Appropriately, most studies reported separate scores (time for completion) for Trail A and B or a difference score between the two conditions.

Digit Span

The Digit Span test is a subtest of both the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS) and the Wechsler Memory Scales (WMS). Subjects are read a sequence of numbers and asked to repeat the same sequence back to the examiner in order (forward span) or in reverse order (backward span). Forward span captures attention efficiency and capacity. Backward span is an executive task particularly dependent on working memory. The Digit Span subtest can be scored as one summary value (this is the score which is age-normed and contributes to summary scores in the Wechsler tests), or separately for forwards and backwards performance. Forwards and backwards performance can be reported either as subscores (the number of correct items of each type) or as span scores (the maximum number of digits correctly produced forwards or backwards by the subjects). Approximately half (forwards 52%, backwards 48%) of the studies reviewed reported Digit Span scores. There was relatively common use of the summary score, as opposed to reporting forward and backward span separately. Although this is how the subtest is totaled and age-normed for use in the Wechsler tests, it provides less information than evaluating separate forwards and backwards scores (age-based means and standard deviations are provided for individual forward and backward spans). When separate scores were provided for forwards and backwards, it was rarely stated whether these were Wechsler subscores scores (representing multiple items at each span level) or maximum span scores. Clear reporting not only of separate forwards and backwards scores, but also of the specific metric (subscore or maximal span) is essential to characterizing subject performance (demographic-based norming) and evaluating whether data can be pooled across multiple studies.

Digit Symbol / Symbol Digit Modalities

Digit Symbol (from the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale) and Symbol Digit Modalities are similar symbol substitution tasks in which subjects are presented with rows of numbers (or symbols for Symbol Digit Modalities) and asked to substitute the corresponding symbol (or number) from a key provided above. The task is timed and subjects are asked to complete the task as quickly as possible. The primary score consists of the number of items completed in a specified amount of time (varies by version) and is influenced by psychomotor ability, sustained attention, processing speed and to a lesser degree working memory. Secondary metrics can be calculated to evaluate incidental learning during the testing procedure, and a copy/motor version of the task is available to evaluate the relative contribution of motor versus cognitive aspects of task performance. Approximately half of the studies reviewed report using either the Digit Symbol or Symbol Digit Modalities test (52%). Because there are multiple versions of this general test format, it is important to specify the specific version of the test used in order to characterizing subject performance (demographic-based norming) and evaluate whether data can be pooled across multiple studies. In many cases, not enough information was reported in the publication to determine the exact version of the test administered (e.g. WAIS-R vs. WAIS-III).

Verbal Fluency Tests

Verbal fluency tests are measures of spontaneous verbal production. The two most common types are 1) phonemic fluency (letter fluency), in which one is asked to produce words beginning

with a specified letter or sound (often “F”, “A” and “S” or “C”, “F” and “L”), and 2) semantic fluency (category fluency), in which one is asked to produced words that belong to a specified category (often “animals” or “fruits and vegetables”). Subjects are asked to provide as many examples of the rule (letter or category) as they can in one minute. The primary score is the number responses produced minus errors (e.g., repeats or invalid responses such as proper nouns or out of letter/category). Phonemic fluency tests are most often scored summing the total words produced over three letters (one minute for each). Verbal fluency tests evaluate expressive language ability, executive function, and are influenced by processing speed and potentially memory (semantic). Verbal fluency tests were the most common language tests reported (48%), with phonemic (letter) fluency reported more frequently than semantic fluency. This may in part be due to phonemic fluency being the more difficult of the two tasks and having a somewhat stronger association with executive function. The studies reviewed varied in the specificity with which they reported verbal fluency testing procedures and it was often unclear whether phonemic or semantic testing was administered, and what specific letters or categories were used. Without this information, mean subject scores cannot be compared to relevant normative data to evaluate performance, and data across studies cannot be aggregated for analysis.

Boston Naming Test

The Boston Naming test is a test of confrontation naming in which subjects are asked to name objects presented visually as two dimensional line drawings in a booklet. If the subject fails to produce the correct name within 20 seconds, phonemic and/or semantic cues can be provided depending on whether the subject is able to correctly perceive the image. The primary score is the number of correctly identified objects within the initial 20 second presentation. Although the test evaluates language, not surprisingly, it is influenced by visuospatial deficits. The Boston Naming Test was the second most popular language test reported, used by 19% of studies. There are different forms of the test, primarily varying by the number of items presented. When reported, mean scores often appeared out of range for the most common 60-item version of the test, but no further specification was provided about the version administered. Again, this information is essential for evaluating performance and aggregating data across studies.

Tests of List Learning

Many studies reported verbal memory tests of list learning, in which subjects are read a list of words and asked to recall the list both immediately in learning trials and later for delayed recall trials, and often as a recognition task with the list embedded in distractor words. These tests evaluate verbal memory, both short and long term storage, as well as often the ability to benefit from learning strategies and cueing on recall (encoding versus storage). Seventy-one percent of the studies reviewed reported some type of verbal list learning task. The most commonly reported test of this type (43%) was the Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test (RAVLT) which had been recommended in Murkin et al.’s 1995 consensus statement publication. There are often many different scores produced by these tests. Although most studies reported enough information to determine both the specific test (e.g. RAVLT, CVLT, CERAD) and score (e.g. sum of trials, free delayed recall, recognition hits), some failed to report this information. Additionally, there were cases in which a total summary score was calculated that is not commonly reported. Although this practice does not necessarily detract from the

individual study findings, it does make it more difficult to compare findings across studies and evaluate subject performance relevant to published normative data.

Grooved Pegboard

Many of the studies reviewed employed pegboard tests to evaluate their subjects' psychomotor ability. The most commonly reported (48%) was the Grooved Pegboard which had been recommended in Murkin et al.'s 1995 Consensus Statement publication. Grooved Pegboard tests manipulative dexterity, evaluating the coordination of fine motor movements on both sides of the body. Subjects are asked to place grooved pegs (like simple keys) into holes with matching slots such that the pegs must be rotated before they can be inserted. Multiple trials are administered separately for each the dominant and non-dominant hand, and the primary score is the time to complete 25 pegs. It is common to also record the number of times a subject drops a peg. The test requires visual and motor coordination, and is good for evaluating lateralized deficits such as those that may accompany stroke. Although Grooved Pegboard was very commonly reported, and most studies correctly presented dominant and non-dominant (or right vs. left) scores separately, many of the scores reported were substantially out of range of the published normative data for the study's reported subject demographics. Complete reporting of the specific testing procedures and scoring will help to make these results both more clinically meaningful and comparable across studies.

Appendix E

Patient Characteristics

Appendix E. Table 1. Summary of study baseline characteristics for all studies

Characteristic	Mean (range) <i>Unless otherwise note</i>	Number of trials reporting
Total number of patients evaluated	7802 (46 to 4752)	21
Total number of patients evaluated from RCTs, %	91 (n=7076; 46 to 4752)	17
Total number of patients evaluated from observational studies, %	9 (n=726; 64 to 326)	4
Study withdrawals (RCTs), % of patients	17 (5 to 41)	14
Age of subjects, years	68 (65 to 76)	21
Gender, male, % of patients	80 (41 to 93)	20
Race/ethnicity, white, % of patients	92 (92 to 93)	2
Education, high school, vocational school, or less, % of patients	60 (39 to 87)	4*
Education, post-secondary, % of patients	40 (13 to 61)	4*
Education, years	11 (7 to 14)	6
History of diabetes, % of patients	39 (0** to 47)	20
History of myocardial infarction, % of patients	36 (9 to 73)	13
History of stroke, % of patients	6 (0** to 8)	10†
History of depression, % of patients	0**	2
Studies conducted in United States/Canada, % of patients	17 (n=1350)	6
Studies conducted in Europe, % of patients	14 (n=1085)	11
Studies conducted in Australasia, % of patients	8 (n=615)	3
Multinational (North America and Europe), % of patients	61 (n=4752)	1
CABG studies, % of patients	93 (n=7265)	16
CEA/CAS studies, % of patients	5 (n=413)	3
AVR studies, % of patients	3 (n= 233)	3††

NR = not reported; RCT = randomized controlled trial; CABG = Coronary artery bypass grafting; CEA = Carotid endarterectomy; CAS = Carotid artery stenting; AVR = Aortic valve replacement.

* In addition, one trial (Gold 1995) also reported that ≥90% of enrollees had at least a high school education.

** Indicates this was an exclusion criterion for study entry

† In addition, one CEA trial (Altinbas 2011) reported 46% of enrollees had a recent ischemic stroke based in imaging.

†† Percent and number of studies do not add up to 100% and 21, respectively. One study (Andrew 2001) has a CABG arm as control.

Appendix E. Table 2. Summary of study baseline characteristics for CABG studies

Characteristic	Mean (range) <i>Unless otherwise note</i>	Number of trials reporting
Total number of patients evaluated	7265 (60 to 4752)	16
Total number of patients evaluated from RCTs, %	94 (n=6830; 60 to 4752)	14
Total number of patients evaluated from observational studies, %	6 (n=435; 109 to 326)	2
Study withdrawals (RCTs), % of patients	18 (5 to 41)	12
Age of subjects, years	68 (65 to 76)	16
Gender, male, % of patients	81 (60 to 93)	16
Race/ethnicity, white, % of patients	92 (92 to 93)	2
Education, high school, vocational school, or less, % of patients	60 (39 to 87)	4*
Education, post-high school, % of patients	40 (13 to 61)	4*
Education, years	12 (8 to 14)	5
History of diabetes, % of patients	40 (0* to 47)	15
History of myocardial infarction, % of patients	36 (9 to 73)	12
History of stroke, % of patients	6 (0** to 8)	10
History of depression, % of patients	0**	2
Studies conducted in United States/Canada, % of patients	19 (n=1350)	6
Studies conducted in Europe, % of patients	8 (n=548)	6
Studies conducted in Australasia, % of patients	8 (n=615)	3
Multinational (North America and Europe), % of patients	65 (n=4752)	1

NR = not reported; RCT = randomized controlled trial. CABG = Coronary artery bypass grafting.

* In addition, one trial (Gold 1995) also reported that ≥90% of enrollees had at least a high school education.

** Indicates this was an exclusion criterion for study entry

Appendix E. Table 3. Summary of study baseline characteristics for AVR studies

Characteristic	Mean (range) <i>Unless otherwise note</i>	Number of trials reporting
Total number of patients evaluated	233 (60 to 109)	3
Total number of patients evaluated from RCTs	60	1
Total number of patients evaluated from observational studies	173 (64 to 109)	2
Study withdrawals (RCTs), % of patients	NR	-
Age of subjects, years	68 (66 to 74)	3
Gender, male, % of patients	66 (41 to 80)	2
Race/ethnicity, white, % of patients	NR	-
Education, high school, vocational school, or less, % of patients	NR	-
Education, post-high school, % of patients	NR	-
Education, years	10.2	1
History of diabetes, % of patients	22 (17 to 33)	3
History of myocardial infarction, % of patients	NR	-
History of stroke, % of patients	0*	1
History of depression, % of patients	NR	-
Studies conducted in United States/Canada, % of patients	0	
Studies conducted in Europe, % of patients	53 (n=124)	2
Studies conducted in Australasia, % of patients	47 (n=109)	1

NR = not reported; RCT = randomized controlled trial; AVR = Aortic valve replacement.

* Indicates this was an exclusion criterion for study entry

Appendix E. Table 4. Summary of study baseline characteristics for CAS / CEA studies

Characteristic	Mean (range) <i>Unless otherwise note</i>	Number of trials reporting
Total number of patients evaluated	413 (46 to 227)	3
Total number of patients evaluated from RCTs	186 (46 to 140)	2
Total number of patients evaluated from observational studies	227	1
Study withdrawals (RCTs), % of patients	15 (13 to 15)	2
Age of subjects, years	72 (68 to 74)	3
Gender, male, % of patients	72 (71 to 74)	3
Race/ethnicity, white, % of patients	NR	-
Education, high school, vocational school, or less, % of patients	NR	-
Education, post-high school, % of patients	NR	-
Education, years	7.2	1*
History of diabetes, % of patients	28 (7 to 36)	3
History of myocardial infarction, % of patients	16	1
History of stroke, % of patients	46**	1
History of depression, % of patients	NR	-
Studies conducted in United States/Canada, % of patients	0	
Studies conducted in Europe, % of patients	100 (n=413)	3
Studies conducted in Australasia, % of patients	0	

NR = not reported; RCT = randomized controlled trial; CEA = Carotid endarterectomy; CAS = Carotid artery stenting; AVR = Aortic valve replacement.

* Another study (Altinbas) also reported education with undefined units.

** Recent ischemic stroke based in imaging.

Appendix F

Risk of Bias

Appendix F. Table 1. Assessment of individual study quality for Randomized controlled trials/Controlled clinical trials based on risk of bias (low-risk, high-risk, or unclear)

Study year	Random sequence generation	Allocation concealment	Masking	Attrition bias accounted for	Intention-to-treat analysis	Selective outcomes reporting	Overall risk of bias*
CABG Studies							
Lamy, 2013 ¹	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	High-risk	Low-risk	Moderate
Jensen, 2008 ²	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Moderate
Vedin, 2006 ³	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Unclear
Lund, 2005 ⁴	Unclear	Unclear	Low-risk	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Moderate
Lee, 2003 ⁵	Unclear	Unclear	Low-risk	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Unclear
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	Unclear	High-risk**	Low-risk	Moderate
Nathan, 2001 ⁷ /2007 ⁸	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Moderate
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹	Low-risk	Unclear	Low-risk	Unclear	High-risk*	Low-risk	Unclear
Anastasiadis, 2011 ¹⁰	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Moderate
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Unclear
Silbert, 2006 ¹²	Low-risk	Unclear	Low-risk	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Moderate
Alex, 2005 ¹³	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	Unclear	Unclear	Low-risk	Unclear
Kadoi, 2003 ¹⁴	Unclear	Unclear	Low-risk	Unclear	High-risk**	Low-risk	Unclear
Gold, 1995 ¹⁵	Low-risk	Unclear	Low-risk	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Moderate
CAS/CEA Studies							
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶	Low-risk	Low-risk	Unclear	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Moderate
Crawley, 2000 ¹⁷	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	High-risk**	Low-risk	Moderate
AVR Studies							
Fakin, 2012 ¹⁸	Low-risk	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Low-risk	Unclear

CABG = Coronary artery bypass grafting; CAS = carotid artery stenting; CEA = Carotid endarectomy; AVR=aortic valve replacement

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* Low risk of bias when individual interventional studies meet all quality criteria, a moderate risk of bias if at least one of the quality criteria is not met, high risk of bias if multiple quality criteria are not met, and unclear risk of bias if sequence generation, allocation concealment, and blinding methods were not reported. ** Completers only

Appendix F. Table 2. Assessment of individual study quality for observational studies based on risk of bias (low-risk, high-risk, or unclear)

Study year	Baseline groups similar in prognostic indicators	Attrition bias accounted for	Masking	Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting	Overall risk of bias*
McKhann, 2009¹⁹/ Selnes, 2009²⁰	High-risk	High-risk	Unclear	Low-risk	High
Andrew, 2001²¹	Low-risk	Low-risk	Unclear	Low-risk	Moderate
Baracchini, 2012²²	High-risk	High-risk	Low-risk	Low-risk	High
Knipp, 2013²³	High-risk	High-risk	Unclear	Low-risk	High

* Low risk of bias when individual prospective observational cohort studies meet all quality criteria, a moderate risk of bias if at least one of the quality criteria is not met, and a high risk of bias if multiple quality criteria are not met

Appendix G

Evidence Tables

Appendix G. Table 1. Evidence table: Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Studies

Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
Lamy, 2013¹ The CABG Off or On Pump Revascular- ization Study (CORONARY) Location: Multinational (19 countries) Funding Source: Government Study design: RCT	Inclusion Criteria: patients who required isolated CABG with median sternotomy and had one or more of the following risk factors: age of ≥70 years; the presence of peripheral arterial disease, cerebrovascular disease or carotid stenosis ≥70%; or renal insufficiency. Patients 60 to 69 years of age were eligible if they had at least one of the following risk factors: presence of diabetes (requiring an oral hypoglycemic agent, insulin, or both), urgent revascular- ization (after an acute coronary syndrome), left ventricular ejection fraction of ≤35%, or a recent history of smoking (<1 year before randomization). Exclusion Criteria: planned valve surgery, any contra- indication to off-pump CABG or on-pump CABG, a decision by a surgeon that one of the two techniques was not feasible for that patient, a life expectancy of <2 years, emergency or repeat CABG surgery.	N=4752 [Age (yr): 68 Gender (Male %): 81 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (%): NR Weight: BMI: 27 Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 47 History of HTN (%): 76 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): 6 History of MI (%): 34 History of Stroke (%): 7 History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): 8 Current smoker (%): NR, never smoked 46% Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	CV procedure: CABG performed off-pump (n=2375; 721 and 989 completed Trails Making B and Digit Symbol Substitution Test, respectively) Control: CABG performed on- pump (n=2377; 711 and 986 completed Trails Making B and Digit Symbol Substitution Test, respectively)) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: NR Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: NR Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 3 months, 12 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 9 (421/4752) did not undergo their assigned treatment (21%; 87/421) or converted to the other treatment (79%; 334/421) within 30 days of randomization	Random sequence generation: low Allocation Concealment: low, 24-hour automated voice-activated telephone randomization service Masking outcomes assessment: low, Primary outcomes reviewed by an adjudication committee whose members were unaware of study- group assignments. Attrition bias accounted for: low, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are described and are similar between groups Intention to Treat Analysis: neurocognitive assessments were originally intended to be mandatory for all participants but were made optional early in the course of the trial to improve recruitment. The decision about a patient's participation in these assessments was made on an individual basis; centers could select for these assessments patients who might be more likely to return to the hospital during the follow-up period to complete the tests. The decision to participate was made before randomization, to avoid biases. Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported

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Jensen, 2006;²⁴ 2008² Location: Denmark Funding Source: Non-industry (Danish Heart Foundation, Copenhagen Hospital Corporation's Research Council, Lundbeck Foundation) Study design: (RCT, follow-up to Jensen 2006). The study is a substudy of the Best Bypass Surgery (BBS) randomized trial	Inclusion Criteria: known ischemic 3-vessel heart disease affecting 1 of the marginal coronary arteries; scheduled for elective or subacute CABG at, Copenhagen University Hospital; 55 yrs of age or older; EuroSCORE (European system for cardiac operative risk evaluation) ≥ 5 Exclusion Criteria: previous heart surgery; ejection fraction < 30%; unstable pre-procedure condition; unable to give informed consent; MMSE score < 24; current severe psychiatric disease (depression, psychosis, or alcoholism [patients currently using antipsychotic or anti- depressant drugs or imbibing more than 5 drinks/units of alcohol per day within the last 3 months]); neuro- psychological testing within the last year; severe visual or auditory disorder.	N=120 Age (yr): 76 Gender (Male %): 60 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (%): high school: 39 vocational: 53 university: 8 Weight: NR BMI: 27 Systolic BP (mm Hg): 146 Diastolic BP (mm Hg): 74 Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 18 History of HTN (%): 61 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): 73 History of Stroke (%): NR History of TIA (%): NR Previous neurological conditions, including stroke or TIA (%): 23 History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): 18 Alcohol intake: NR (≤ 5 /day to be included) Depression (%): 0 (excluded) Anxiety (%): NR	CV procedure: CABG performed on the beating heart with stabilization of the target coronary arteries (off-pump) (n=61 randomized, 47 included in 12 month follow-up) Control: CABG using cardio- pulmonary bypass with normothermia, aortic cross- clamping, and cold blood cardioplegic arrest (on-pump); patients with pronounced aortic calcifications were converted to off-pump surgery, according to BBS trial protocol (n=59 randomized, 43 included in 12 month follow-up) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: NR Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: NR Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 3 months, 12 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 12.5 (15/120) at 3 months, 25 (30/120) at 12 months	Random sequence generation: low, centrally randomized by an external touchtone telephone voice-response system Allocation Concealment: unclear, NR Masking outcomes assessment: low, outcome assessors and data analysts were blinded to treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: low, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are described and are similar between groups Intention to Treat Analysis: high, completers-only analysis Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: unclear, results of individual neurocognitive tests are not reported, but all prespecified results for neurocognitive dysfunction are reported
Vedin, 2006³ Location: Sweden Funding Source: Non-industry and industry	Inclusion Criteria: admitted for elective CABG Exclusion Criteria: age under 50 or over 80 yrs, ejection fraction <30%, serum creatinine >150 $\mu\text{mol/L}$, tight (>70%) main	N=74 (4 patients either withdrew from the study before surgery or were excluded due to change of surgeons) Age (yr): 65 Gender (Male %): 80 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (%): Completed university: 13	CV procedure: CABG performed off-pump (n=33) Control: CABG performed on- pump (n=37) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration:	Random sequence generation: unclear, randomization method NR Allocation Concealment: unclear, NR Masking outcomes assessment: unclear, NR

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(Swedish Heart and Lung Foundation, The Swedish Research Council, The Vårdal Foundation, Karolinska Institutet, Karolinska University Hospital, and TERUMO EUROPE N.V Study design: RCT	stem stenosis, redo operation, diffuse distal coronary artery disease, unstable angina	Completed high school: 40 Completed junior high: 47 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): 70 History of DM (%): 19 History of HTN (%): 49 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): 34 History of Stroke (%): NR History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): NR Current or former smoker (%): 63 Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	anesthesia induced with fentanyl, midazolam and propofol and muscular relaxation achieved with pancuronium or atracurium/ bypass time 67 min (on-pump only); operative time 173 min Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: 500 mg acetylsalicylic acid rectally on the evening of the operation and then 160 mg orally from the first post- operative day Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 1 week, 1 month, 6 months Study withdrawals (%): 5 (4/74) at 6 months	Attrition bias accounted for: unclear, numbers lost to follow-up appear similar between groups, but reasons for attrition are not reported by group Intention to Treat Analysis: unclear, ITT analysis with regard to crossovers, but completers-only analysis with regard to those lost to follow-up Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported
Lund, 2005⁴ Location: Norway Funding Source: Non-industry (Norwegian Council on Cardiovascular Diseases) Study design: RCT	Inclusion Criteria: between 40 and 80 yrs of age with stable angina pectoris and moderate or good left ventricular function Exclusion Criteria: ejection fraction of < 0.30 or renal failure (serum creatinine concentration >200 µmol/L [sic; probably should be µmol/L])	N=120 Age (yr): 65 Gender (Male %): 78 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (yrs): 10.4 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): NR History of HTN (%): 43 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): 45 History of Stroke or TIA (%): 8	CV procedure: CABG performed off-pump without cooling, cardiopulmonary bypass, or aortic cannulation (n=60) Control: CABG performed on- pump with moderate general hypothermia (28° to 32°C) using topical ice slush (n=60) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: balanced anesthesia using opiates and barbiturates together with inhalation anesthesia. Propofol was given at the end of the	Random sequence generation: unclear, randomization method NR Allocation Concealment: unclear, NR Masking outcomes assessment: low, outcome assessors (neuro- psychologist and neuroradiologist) were blinded to treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: unclear, numbers lost to follow-up appear similar between groups, but reasons for attrition are not reported by group Intention to Treat Analysis: no, completers-only analysis

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		History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	operation to allow early extubation/bypass time NR, operative time 176.6 min (off pump 192 min vs. on-pump 162 [p=0.001] Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: NR Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 3 months, 12 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 12 (14/120) at 3 months and 12 months	Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported
Lee, 2003⁹ Location: US Funding Source: Non-industry (Hawaii Community Foundation Black Fund) Study design: RCT	Inclusion Criteria: under- going first-time elective operation; no significant renal dysfunction (creatinine ≤2.0 mg/dL); able to undergo either procedure safely in the opinion of the surgeon Exclusion Criteria: NR	N=60 Age (yr): 66 Gender (Male %): 77 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education: 12 yrs Weight: 168 lbs BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): 50 History of DM (%): 29 History of HTN (%): 79 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): 9 History of Stroke (%): 5 History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	CV procedure: CABG performed off-pump (n=30) Control: CABG performed on- pump using standard technique (n=30) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: Anesthesia was provided in a consistent manner for both CABG and OPCAB patients/ bypass time NR; operative time: 4.1 hours Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: Aspirin or Plavix ≤7 days prior to procedure Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 0.5 months, 12 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 12	Random sequence generation: unclear, randomization method NR Allocation Concealment: unclear, sealed envelopes Masking outcomes assessment: low, outcome assessors were blinded to treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: unclear, numbers lost to follow-up appear similar between groups, but reasons for attrition are not reported by group Intention to Treat Analysis: no, completers-only analysis Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported

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McKhann, 2009;¹⁹ Selnes, 2007;²⁵ Selnes, 2005²⁶ Location: US Funding Source: Non-industry (National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions GCRC, Dana Foundation) Study design: Prospective observational cohort study	Inclusion Criteria: native English speakers, not mechanically ventilated, able to sit upright, able to give informed consent Exclusion Criteria: NR	From Selnes 2007: N=326 <i>Percents for groups reported for the variables considered unbalanced; Off-CABG=OffC; On-CABG=OnC; Nonsurgical cardiac controls=NSC</i> Age (yr): 65 Gender (Male %): 75 Race/Ethnicity (%): 92 Caucasian Education (yrs): 14 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): 134 Diastolic BP (mm Hg): 75 Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 29 (<i>OffC 37 vs. OnC 30 vs. NSC 22</i>) History of HTN (%): 61 (<i>OffC 68 vs. OnC 64 vs. NSC 52</i>) History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): 50 History of Stroke (%): 4 History of TIA (%): 4 History of PAD (%): 15 (<i>OffC 25 vs. OnC 16 vs. NSC 6</i>) Current smoker (%): 10 (<i>OffC 16 vs. OnC 11 vs. NSC 4</i>) Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	(7/60) at 12 months From Selnes 2007: CV procedure: CABG performed off-pump (n=75). Control: CABG performed on-pump (n=152) Control: Patients diagnosed with coronary artery disease by cardiac catheterization under medical management (nonsurgical cardiac controls) (n=99) Procedure characteristics Anesthesia type/duration: All CABG patients were intubated and received general anesthesia using low-to-intermediate dose narcotics, inhalation agents, and paralytics. Bypass time NR; length of general anesthesia 284 min (off-pump) 271 min vs. on-pump 291 min [p=0.03]) Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: NR Cognitive assessment follow-up time points: 3, 12, 36, and 72 months Study withdrawals, ie, did not complete cognitive testing, % (n/N): • From McKhann 2009: 58/312 (18.6) at 3 months, 54/312 (17.3) at 1 year,	Baseline groups similar in important prognostic indicators: high, groups had important differences in medical histories Attrition bias accounted for: high, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are described, but differ between groups Masking outcomes assessment: unclear, NR Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported

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			150/312 (48.1) at 3 years, 115/312 (36.9) at 6 years • From Selnes 2007: 60/326 (18.4) at 3 months, 56/326 (17.2) at 1 year, 152/326 (46.6) at 3 years	
Boodhwani, 2007⁶ Location: Canada Funding Source: Non-industry (Canadian Institutes for Health Research) Study design: RCT Note: some details from another report from same trial, PMID 15115982	Inclusion Criteria: age 60 yrs or older; scheduled for non-urgent coronary artery surgery Exclusion Criteria: known neurologic deficits (previous stroke, history of Parkinson disease, Canadian Neurological Scale score <11.5, or abnormal Modified MMSE scores), serum creatinine greater than twice the normal level, or undergoing repeat cardiac surgery	N=267 Age (yr): 69 Gender (Male %): 88 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (%): Less than Grade 9: 13 Grades 9-12: 45 Postsecondary: 43 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 35 History of HTN (%): NR History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): NR History of Stroke (%): 0 (excluded) History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): 15 Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	CV procedure: CABG with intraoperative nasopharyngeal temperature of 34°C (hypothermic) (n=133) Control: CABG with intraoperative nasopharyngeal temperature 37°C (normothermic) (n=134) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: Anesthesia was induced with midazolam and sufentanil and maintained with isoflurane, as well as with sufentanil and midazolam or propofol infusions/ bypass time 75 min Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: NR Cognitive assessment follow-up time points: pre-discharge, 3 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 12 (31/267) at 3 months	Random sequence generation: low, computer-generated randomization list Allocation Concealment: low, treatment assignment was concealed in opaque, sealed envelopes Masking outcomes assessment: low, participants and outcome assessors were unaware of treatment assignment, care providers were aware of treatment assignment Attrition bias accounted for: unclear, numbers lost to follow-up appear similar between groups, but reasons for attrition are not reported Intention to Treat Analysis: high completers-only analysis Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported
Nathan, 2001;⁷ 2007⁸ Location: Canada Funding Source:	Inclusion Criteria: age older than 60 yrs, accepted for CABG Exclusion Criteria: history of neurological deficits, non-	N=223 [131 at 5 yrs] Age (yr): 68 Gender (Male %): 85 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (%): Grade 8 or less: 33	CV procedure: CABG with rewarming to 34°C (hypothermic) (n=111) Control: CABG with rewarming to 37°C	Random sequence generation: low, computer-generated randomization Allocation Concealment: low, sealed opaque envelope

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Non-industry (Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario) Study design: RCT	English-speaking, impediment to completing neuropsychological testing	Grade 9-12: 32 College/university: 35 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 24 History of HTN (%): NR History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): NR History of Stroke (%): NR History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	(normothermic) (n=112) Procedure characteristics Anesthesia type/duration: general anesthesia with cardiopulmonary bypass /bypass time 85 min Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: arterial line filter Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 3 months, 5 yrs Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 29 (64/223) at 3 months; 41 (92/223) at 5 yrs	Masking outcomes assessment: low, those assessing outcomes and the patient were unaware of the treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: low, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are described and are similar between groups Intention to Treat Analysis: no, 5- year results used a completers-only analysis (7 day and 3-month analysis was ITT using last- observation-carried-forward for missing data) Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: moderate, no neurocognitive outcomes reported for 3 months interval, all prespecified outcomes were reported for 5-yr interval
Djaiani, 2012⁹ Location: Canada Funding Source: Non-industry (Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario) Study design: RCT Note: some	Inclusion Criteria: older than 60 yrs, scheduled for elective CABG surgery. Exclusion Criteria: surgical procedure in addition to CABG; redo CABG surgery; emergent surgery; severe kidney or liver disease (creatinine>133 [sic; probably should be 1.33] mg/ dL or bilirubin>2 mg/ dL); symptomatic cerebro- vascular disease; history of stroke, transient ischemic	N=226 randomized, 170 completed 12- month follow-up (only completers reported) Age (yr): 67 Gender (Male %): 90 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education: NR Weight: 83.2 kg BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 40	CV procedure: CABG with cell saver (n=84) Control: CABG with cardiotomy suction (n=86) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: Anesthetic technique was standardized to include fentanyl, midazolam, pancuronium, and isoflurane. All patients received tranexamic acid 50 mg/kg intravenously after induction of	Random sequence generation: low, computer-generated randomization code Allocation Concealment: unclear, NR Masking outcomes assessment: low, outcome assessors were blinded to treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: unclear, numbers lost to follow-up appear similar between groups, but reasons for attrition are not reported

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details from another report from same trial, PMID 17923575	attack, or atrial fibrillation; unable to complete the preoperative assessment; not able to speak English	History of HTN (%): 78 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): 39 History of Stroke (%): 0 (excluded) History of TIA (%): 0 (excluded) History of PAD (%): 6 Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	anesthesia /bypass time 91 min Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: arterial line filter Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 6 weeks, 12 months. Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 25 (56/226) at 12 months	Intention to Treat Analysis: no, completers-only analysis Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported
Anastasiadis, 2011¹⁰ Location: Greece Funding Source: NR Study design: RCT	Inclusion Criteria: undergoing elective CABG surgery Exclusion Criteria: previous psychiatric illness (e.g. depression, schizophrenia), inability to undergo a proper neuropsychological assessment (due to language difficulties or poor educational status), history of stroke or >60% carotid artery stenosis as assessed by duplex ultrasonography pre-procedurally	N=64 Age (yr): 65 Gender (Male %): 93 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education, yrs: 7.9 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 23 History of HTN (%): 57 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%), within 30 days: 15 History of Stroke (%): NR History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): 17 Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): 0 (excluded) Anxiety (%): NR	CV procedure: CABG with minimal extracorporeal circulation (MECC), a closed CPB circuit containing a RotaFlow centrifugal pump and a Quadrox D diffusion membrane oxygenator (n=32) Control: CABG with conventional extracorporeal circulation (CECC), a standard open CPB circuit (n=32) Procedure characteristics Anesthesia type/duration: All patients received a standardized anesthetic protocol. General anesthesia was induced with 1-3 mg midazolam, 5-10 mg/kg fentanyl and 2-3 mg/kg propofol/bypass time 119.6 min Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: NR Cognitive assessment follow-	Random sequence generation: low, computer generated random allocation Allocation Concealment: unclear, NR Masking outcomes assessment: low, outcome assessors were blinded to treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: low, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are described and are similar between groups Intention to Treat Analysis: no, completers-only analysis Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported

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			up time point: 3 months	
			Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 6 (4/64) at 3 months	
Flesch, 2009¹¹	Inclusion Criteria: undergoing elective CABG; age 65 to 85 yrs; essential arterial hypertension	N=106 randomized, 87 completed 8- day follow-up (only completers reported) Age (yr): 71 Gender (Male %): 80 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education: NR Weight: NR BMI (mean ± SD): 27.4 Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): 83 History of DM (%): 35 History of HTN (%): 100 Untreated hypertension: 2.3 Previous antihypertensive therapy: 98	CV procedure: CABG with candesartan 8 mg/day for 6-11 days prior to surgery (n=53 randomized, 43 completed 8- day follow-up) Control: CABG with placebo for 6-11 days prior to surgery (n=53 randomized, 44 completed 8-day follow-up) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: ethmidate, sufentanyl and rocuronium IV for induction, isoflurane for maintenance; bypass time, 86.2 min	Random sequence generation: Unclear: NR Allocation Concealment: Unclear: NR Masking outcomes assessment: unclear, NR Attrition bias accounted for: low, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are described and are similar between groups Intention to Treat Analysis: no, trial describes itself as intent-to-treat analysis, but it is actually a completers-only analysis Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported
Location: Germany		History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): 32 History of Stroke (%): 1 History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): 6 Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR	Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: arterial line filter	
Funding Source: Industry (Takeda Pharma GmbH, Aachen, Germany)	Exclusion Criteria: neurological disorder or dementia (<8 points in the DemTect dementia screening test at baseline); creatinine level >2.0 mg/dL; acute myocardial infarction, stroke, or transient ischemic attack in the previous 3 months; required chronic treatment with an angiotensin-converting- enzyme inhibitor and/or angiotensin1 receptor antagonist; objection to study participation by admitting cardiologist; serum potassium level outside normal range; hemo- dynamically relevant stenosis of the aortic valve; relevant stenosis of the carotid artery; systolic blood pressure <110 mm Hg or episodes of hypotension; severe or uncontrolled hypertension (systolic BP ≥ 200 mmHg or diastolic BP ≥ 105 mmHg); known hyper- sensitivity to angiotensin1 receptor antagonists;		Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 8 days, approximately 90 days	
Study design: RCT			Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 18 (19/106) at 90 days	

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Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
	interventional treatment for renal artery stenosis within the last year; any relevant liver diseases; history of cancer in the last 5 yrs; life threatening diseases; any drug addiction and/or extensive use of alcohol; previous psychiatric illness; participation in another clinical investigation within 30 days prior to study enrollment			
Silbert, 2006¹² Location: Australia Funding Source: Non-industry (National Health and Medical Research Council, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia; National [Australian] Health and Medical Research Council) Study design: RCT	Inclusion Criteria: age 55 yrs or older, scheduled to undergo elective first-time CABG surgery, no previous neurologic deficit, and able to undergo neuropsychological testing Exclusion Criteria: not suitable for low-dose anesthesia and early extubation (e.g., ejection fraction < 30%, major systemic illness contraindicating early extubation); anticipated difficult neuropsychological assessment (e.g., English not the prime language, psychiatric illness)	N=350 randomized, 326 analyzed Age (yr): 68 Gender (Male %): 77 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education: NR Weight (kg): 82.2 BMI: 28.3 Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): 76 History of DM (%): 27 History of HTN (%): 71 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): 47 History of Stroke (%): NR History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): 12 Current smoker (%): NR History of smoking (%): 74 Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	CV procedure: CABG performed on-pump with low dose fentanyl 10 mcg/kg for induction; 2 mcg/kg boluses for maintenance as needed (n=180 randomized and 168 retained, 161 completed 3 month tests, 159 completed 6 month tests) Control: CABG performed on-pump with high dose fentanyl 50 mcg/kg for induction (n=170 randomized and 158 retained, 142 completed 3 month tests, 141 completed 6 months tests) Procedure characteristics Anesthesia type/duration: rocuronium or vecuronium for induction with propofol for maintenance/ bypass time 100.8 min Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: arterial line filter	Random sequence generation: low, random number tables stratified by institution and by on-pump vs. off-pump Allocation Concealment: unclear, "randomization was not revealed to the anesthesiologist until after the placement of invasive monitoring lines" Masking outcomes assessment: low, outcome assessors were blinded to treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: low, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are described and are similar between groups Intention to Treat Analysis: no, completers-only analysis Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported

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Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
			Cognitive assessment follow-up time points: 1 week, 3 months, 12 months	
			Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 13.4 (47/350) at 3 months, 14.3 (50/350) at 12 months	
Alex, 2005¹³ Location: United Kingdom Funding Source: NR Study design: RCT	Inclusion Criteria: patients scheduled to undergo on-pump coronary revascularization Exclusion Criteria: emergency operation, age older than 80 yrs, previous cerebrovascular disease, poor English language skills, learning difficulty, visual or hearing impairment, claustrophobia, history of pneumothorax, middle ear disease, and immunosuppressive or steroid therapy	N= 64 Age (yr): 66 Gender (Male %): 86 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education: NR Weight: NR BMI: 27.0 Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 14 History of HTN (%): 65 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): 21 History of Stroke (%): NR History of TIA (%): 0 (excluded) History of PAD (%): 6.2 Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	CV procedure: CABG with hyperbaric oxygen, 2.4 atmospheres absolute at 24, 12, and 4 hours before CABG (n=33) Control description: CABG with atmospheric air 1.5 atmospheres absolute at 24, 12, and 4 hours before CABG (n=31) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: Anesthetic, bypass, and operative techniques were standardized in all patients/ bypass time 51 min Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: arterial line filter Cognitive assessment follow-up time point: 4 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): Unclear	Random sequence generation: low, computer-generated randomization Allocation Concealment: unclear, NR Masking outcomes assessment: low, outcome assessors were blinded to treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: unclear, loss to follow-up NR Intention to Treat Analysis: unclear, loss to follow-up NR Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported
Kadoi, 2003¹⁴ Location: Japan Funding Source: Non-industry	Inclusion Criteria: scheduled for elective CABG Exclusion Criteria: history of cerebrovascular disease, diabetes, psychiatric illness,	N=180 randomized, 152 completed 6-month tests) Age (yr): 65 Gender (Male %): 76 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education: NR	CV procedure: CABG with propofol infusion 4 to 6 mg per kg per hour for maintenance (n=90 randomized, 77 completed 6-month tests)	Random sequence generation: unclear, randomization method NR Allocation Concealment: unclear, NR

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Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
(Japanese Ministry of Science and Education) Study design: RCT	renal disease (creatinine concentration >2.0 mg/dL), or active liver disease (glutamine oxaloacetate transaminase or glutamine pyruvate transaminase > 40 U/dL); moderate or severe atherosclerotic lesions in the ascending aorta or carotid artery stenosis confirmed by pre-procedure ultrasonography and magnetic resonance imaging	Weight (kg): 62.5 BMI: 23.4 Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 0 (excluded) History of HTN (%): 65 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): NR History of Stroke (%): 0 (excluded) History of TIA (%): 0 (excluded) History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): 36 Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	Control: CABG with fentanyl infusion 40 to 70 mcg/kg [time NR] for maintenance (n=90 randomized, 75 completed 6- month tests) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: midazolam, fentanyl, and vecuronium for induction; vecuronium intermittently during maintenance/bypass time 130.5 min Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: arterial line filter Cognitive assessment follow- up time point: 6 months Study withdrawals at 6 months, % (n/N): 16 (28/180) at 6 months	Masking outcomes assessment: low, outcome assessors were blinded to treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: unclear, numbers lost to follow-up appear similar between groups, but reasons for attrition are not reported by group Intention to Treat Analysis: no, completers- only analysis for 6- month cognitive outcomes Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported
Gold, 1995¹⁵ Location: U.S. Funding Source: Non-industry (National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute) Study design: RCT	Inclusion Criteria: patients undergoing primary, nonemergency coronary bypass for left main or multivessel disease Exclusion Criteria: Inability to complete the neuropsychologic tests (blindness, deafness, language difficulties); participation in other studies; inability to return for follow- up	N=248 Age (yr): 66 Gender (Male %): 80 Race/Ethnicity (%): 93 Caucasian Education: 90% high school or higher Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 21 History of HTN (%): 50 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): 8 History of MI (%): 43	CV procedure: CABG with MAP during CBP maintained between 80 and 100 mm Hg (High MAP) (n=124) Control: CABG with MAP during CPB maintained between 50 and 60 mm Hg (low MAP) (n=124) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: induction with thiopental and fentanyl; paralysis with pancuronium; maintenance with fentanyl, midazolam, or isoflurane/ bypass time 87 min	Random sequence generation: low, table of random numbers Allocation Concealment: unclear, NR Masking outcomes assessment: low, outcome assessors (cardiologist and neurologist) were blinded to the treatment group Attrition bias accounted for: low, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are described and are similar between groups Intention to Treat Analysis: unclear,

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Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
		History of Stroke (%): 6 History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): 6 Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: NR Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 7 days, 6 months. Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 9 (23/248) at 6 months	Trial describes itself as intent-to- treat analysis, but 6 month cognitive outcomes are actually a completers- only analysis; also reports pragmatic (ie, treatment-received) analysis for clinical outcomes Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes are reported
Andrew, 2001²¹ Location: Australia Funding Source: Non-industry (National Heart Foundation of Australia, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons) Study design: Prospective observational cohort study	Inclusion Criteria: elective cardiac surgery by either of 2 surgeons, operated on between January 1996 and November 1998, first language English Exclusion Criteria: previous cardiac surgery, history of a completed stroke	N=109 Age (yr): 66 Gender (Male %): 80 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (y): 10.2 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 18 History of HTN (%): 47 History of CAD (%): 100 (presumed) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): NR History of Stroke (%): 0 (excluded) History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	CV Procedure: CABG with multiple (≥3) grafts (extracardiac) (n= 59) Control: Isolated valve surgery or combined valve and coronary artery surgery (intracardiac) (n=50) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: All patients received a standard moderate fentanyl-based anesthetic technique/bypass time 59.9 min Adjunctive neuroprotective treatments: NR Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 7 days, 6 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 32 (35/109) at 6 months	Baseline groups similar in important prognostic indicators: low, groups are similar Attrition bias accounted for: low, patients unavailable for 6-month assessment did not significantly differ from the patients with complete data on demographic variables or the incidence of neuropsychologic deficits at 7-day assessment Masking outcomes assessment: unclear, NR Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported

BMI = body mass index; BP = blood pressure; C=Celsius; CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting; CAD = coronary artery disease; CECC= conventional extracorporeal circulation; CHF = congestive heart failure; CPB: cardiopulmonary bypass; CV = cardiovascular; dL=deciliter; DM = diabetes mellitus; HTN = hypertension; kg=killigrams; LDL = low density lipoprotein; MAP=mean arterial pressure; mcg/kg=micrograms per kilogram; mg=milligrams; MI = myocardial infarction; min=minutes; mm Hg: millimeters of mercury; MMSE=Mini Mental State Examination; μmol/L= micromoles per liter; n and N=number; NR = not reported; PAD = peripheral arterial disease; PMID=PubMed identifier; RCT = randomized controlled trial; TIA = transient ischemic attack; U=units; yr=year

Appendix G. Table 2. Evidence table: Aortic Valve Replacement Studies

Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
Knipp, 2013²³ Location: Germany Funding Source: NR Study design: Prospective observational cohort study	Inclusion Criteria: Transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TA-TAVI): patients with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis deemed inoperable due to excessive high risk as estimated by the logistic European System for Cardiac Operative Risk Evaluation (EuroSCORE) Exclusion Criteria: AVR: prior stroke or high-grade carotid stenosis, psychiatric or neurological illness requiring treatment, uncontrolled HTN, metabolic disease, alcoholism, non- fluency in the German language and acute endocarditis, patients who needed combined heart surgery (multiple valve disease, CAD, patent foramen ovale etc.) or heart and vascular surgery (ascending aortic aneurysm and carotid revascular- ization), criteria were contraindication to MRI scanning (e.g. pacemaker, claustrophobia) or emergencies.	N=64 Age (yr): TA-TAVI 82, AVR 68; p<0.001 Gender (Male %): TA-TAVI 26, AVR 51; p=0.04 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (>8 y): TA-TAVI 15, AVR 32; p=0.07 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%):TA-TAVI 74, AVR 59; p=0.17 History of DM (%):TA-TAVI 30, AVR 8; p=0.03 History of HTN (%):TA-TAVI 100, AVR 76; p=0.01 History of CAD (%):TA-TAVI 56, AVR 0; p<0.001 History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): NR History of Stroke (%):TA-TAVI 22 "previous cerebral ischemic event," AVR 0 (excluded) History of TIA (%): see above History of PVD (%):TA-TAVI 30, AVR 3; p=0.01 Smoking (%):TA-TAVI 30, AVR 51; p<0.05 Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	AVR (n=37) TA-TAVI (n=27) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: NR Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: Catheters and balloons were carefully deaired and guidewires thoroughly cleaned before use to minimize the risk of embolization. An aortic embolization protection filter was not used. Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 3 months Study withdrawals: TA-TAVI: 33% (9/27) patients were not available for cognitive testing at followup versus 8% (3/37) for the AVR group. Mortality: TA-TAVI 25.9% (n=7) at 3 months versus 0% for AVR group.	Baseline groups similar in important prognostic indicators: high, groups had important differences in demographics and medical histories Attrition bias accounted for: high, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are described, but differ between groups Masking outcomes assessment: unclear, NR Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported
Fakin, 2012¹⁸ Location: Austria, Switzerland Funding Source:	Inclusion Criteria: consecutive patients scheduled for elective biological AVR Exclusion Criteria: A history	N=60 Age (yr): 67 Gender (Male %): NR Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education: NR Weight: NR	CV procedure: elective isolated biological AVR under hypothermia (32 °C) (n=30) Control: elective isolated biological AVR under	Random sequence generation: low, computer randomization Allocation Concealment: unclear, NR

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Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
NR Study design: RCT	of prior stroke with residual deficit, uncontrolled hypertension, carotid artery stenosis of 75% or greater, psychiatric illness requiring treatment, alcoholism; renal disease (creatinine more than 2.0 mg/dL [177 µmol/L]); or active liver disease	BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 33 History of HTN (%): NR History of CAD (%): NR History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): NR History of Stroke (%): NR History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	normothermia (37 °C) (n=30) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: general anesthesia with midazolam, etomidate, fentanyl and pancuronium and cardiopulmonary bypass/ bypass time 77 min Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: NR Follow-up period: 4 months (mean) Cognitive assessment follow-up time point: 4 months Study withdrawals % (n/N): NR	Masking outcomes assessment: unclear, NR Attrition bias accounted for: unclear: NR Intention to Treat Analysis: unclear, NR Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, the one prespecified outcome was reported]
Andrew, 2001²¹ Location: Australia Funding Source: Non-industry (National Heart Foundation of Australia, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons) Study design: Prospective observational cohort study	Inclusion Criteria: elective cardiac surgery by either of 2 surgeons, operated on between January 1996 and November 1998, first language English Exclusion Criteria: Previous cardiac surgery, history of a completed stroke	N=109 <i>Percents for groups reported for the variables considered unbalanced; Intracardiac=Int; Extracardiac=Ext</i> Age (yr):65.5 Gender (Male %) : 79.8 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (y): 10.2 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): NR History of DM (%): 17.6 (<i>Int 10 vs Ext 24</i>) History of HTN (%): 46.5 (<i>Int 40 vs Ext</i>	CV Procedure: Isolated valve surgery or combined valve surgery with CABG (intracardiac) (n= 50) Control: CABG with multiple (≥3) grafts (extracardiac) (n=59) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: All patients received a standard moderate fentanyl-based anesthetic technique/bypass time 59.9 min Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: NR	Baseline groups similar in important prognostic indicators: low, groups similar Attrition bias accounted for: low, patients unavailable for 6-month assessment did not significantly differ from the patients with complete data on demographic variables or the incidence of neuropsychologic deficits at 7-day assessment Masking outcomes assessment: unclear, NR Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, prespecified outcomes were

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Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
		52) History of CAD (%): NR History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): NR History of Stroke (%): 0 (excluded) History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): NR Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	Follow-up period: 6 months Cognitive assessment follow- up time points: 6 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 32 (35/109) at 6 months	reported

AVR=aortic valve replacement; BMI = body mass index; BP = blood pressure; CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting; CAD = coronary artery disease; CHF = congestive heart failure; CV = cardiovascular; DM = diabetes mellitus; HTN = hypertension; LDL = low density lipoprotein; mg/dL=milligrams per deciliter; MI = myocardial infarction; min=minutes; µmol/L= micromoles per liter; n and N=number; NR = not reported; PAD = peripheral arterial disease; RCT = randomized controlled trial; TIA = transient ischemic attack; yr=year

Appendix G. Table 3. Evidence table: Carotid Artery Stenting and Endarterectomy

Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
Altinbas, 2011¹⁶ Location: the Netherlands Funding Source: Non-Industry and industry (Netherlands Heart Foundation; Medical Research Council; the Stroke Association; Sanofi-Synthelabo; the European Union; the Swiss National Science Foundation; University of Basel; Reta Lila Weston Trust for Medical Research) Study design: RCT Note: some details from interim report, PMID 20189239	Inclusion Criteria: recent (within 12 months) symptomatic ICA stenosis of > 50% requiring treatment; older than 40 years Exclusion Criteria: major stroke without useful recovery of function, previous carotid endarterectomy or stenting in the randomized artery, contraindications for either treatment, or planned coronary artery bypass grafting or other major surgery	N=140 Age (yr): 69 Gender (Male %): 72 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (median): 5.5 [units NR] Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): 168 Diastolic BP (mm Hg): 86.5 Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): 70 History of DM (%): 21 History of HTN (%): 70 History of CAD (%): NR History of CHF (%): 3 History of MI (%): 16 History of Stroke (%): NR Recent ischemic stroke (%): 46 History of TIA (%): NR Recent TIA (%): 49 History of PAD (%): 16 Current smoker (%): 32 Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	CV procedure: CAS; stents at physician's discretion and used in 90% (n=71 at baseline; n=61 at 6 month follow-up) Control: CEA using standard or eversion technique (n=69 at baseline; n =58 at 6 month follow-up) Local or general anesthesia, shunts, and patches at surgeon's discretion <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: general or local/ duration NR Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: aspirin and clopidogrel for stenting; neuroprotective device recommended and used in 72% of CEA procedures Follow-up period: 6 months Cognitive assessment follow-up time point: 6 months Study withdrawals, ie, no follow-up neuropsychiatric exam analyzed, % (n/N): 15 (21/140) at 6 months	Random sequence generation: low, computer randomization Allocation Concealment: low, by telephone or fax Masking outcomes assessment: high, outcome assessors were not masked to treatment assignment Attrition bias accounted for: low, numbers lost to follow-up appear similar between groups; patients who did not have 6 month neuropsychiatric exam were 6.2 yrs older but did not differ with regard to other demographic, clinical, or baseline cognitive characteristics; reasons for attrition are not reported by group Intention to Treat: no, analyzed by treatment received; completers-only analysis Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported
Baracchini, 2012²²	Inclusion Criteria, CEA intervention group: age 65	N=227 at baseline, 213 at 12 weeks (only completers reported)	CV procedure: Eversion CEA (n=145)	Baseline groups similar in important prognostic indicators: high, intervention group had non-

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Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
Location: Italy Funding Source: NR Study design: Prospective observational cohort study	yrs or older; undergoing elective CEA under general anesthesia for symptomatic or asymptomatic severe ($\geq 60\%$ lumen reduction) carotid disease; history of TIA or minor stroke or asymptomatic Exclusion Criteria, CEA intervention group: dementia by DSM IV criteria and MMSE score < 24; major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, or mental retardation according to DSM IV criteria; contralateral severe ICA stenosis or ICA occlusion; history of major stroke Inclusion Criteria, laparoscopic controls: undergoing laparoscopic cholecystectomy for gallbladder disease under general anesthesia during same time period, matched to intervention group by age and sex Exclusion Criteria, laparoscopic controls: history or clinical signs of neurologic or psychiatric disease, any evidence of cerebrovascular atherosclerosis ($> 60\%$	<i>Percents for groups reported for the variables considered unbalanced;</i> <i>Sx=symptomatic; Asx=asymptomatic;</i> <i>Chol=cholecystectomy</i> Age (yr): 74 Gender (Male %): 71 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education (yr): 7.2 Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): 44 History of DM (%): 36 (Sx 33.3 vs Asx 34.3 vs Chol 41.2) History of HTN (%): 58 (Sx 60 vs Asx 58.6 vs Chol 54.4) History of CAD (%): 39 (Sx 42.6 vs Asx 38.6 vs Chol 33.8) History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): NR History of Stroke (%): NR History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): NR Current smoker (%): 66.7 (Sx 69.3 vs Asx 70.0 vs Chol 60.3) Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	Control: laparoscopic cholecystectomy under (n=68) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: CEA: general anesthesia with EEG monitoring / 46 min; cholecystectomy: general anesthesia / duration NR Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: NR Follow-up period: mean: 3 months (94 days) and 12 months (14.2 months) Cognitive assessment follow-up time points: 3 and 12 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 6 (14/227) at 12 months	significantly worse prognostic factors in hypertension, smoking, cardiac disease, but non-significantly better prognostic factor in diabetes mellitus; analysis did not adjust for differences in prognostic factors Attrition bias accounted for: high, numbers and reasons for loss to follow-up are not described by groups Masking outcomes assessment: moderate, outcome assessor was masked to whether patients were asx or sx and to previous test results; whether outcome assessor was masked to cholecystectomy or CEA group NR Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported

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Study/Location/ Funding Source/Study design	Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria	Patient Characteristics (expressed in means unless otherwise noted)	Intervention/Duration	Risk of bias assessment (Low, moderate, high, unclear)
stenosis) by TCDS				
Crawley, 2000¹⁷ Location: United Kingdom Funding Source: Non-Industry (UK [North Thames] National Health Service [NHS] Research and Development grant; NHS Management Executive grant; British Heart Foundation; Wellcome Trust; Neurosciences Research Foundation) Study design: RCT (96% of subjects were a subgroup of RCT) Note: some details from earlier, full report of CAVATAS trial PMID 11403808	Inclusion Criteria: severe (>70%) symptomatic carotid stenosis suitable for either carotid endarterectomy or endovascular treatment Exclusion Criteria: patient refusal or inability to obtain a TCD signal; disabling stroke, recent myocardial infarction, poorly controlled hypertension or diabetes mellitus, renal disease, respiratory failure, inaccessible carotid stenosis, or severe cervical spondylosis	N= 46 Age (yr): 68 Gender (Male %): 74 Race/Ethnicity (%): NR Education: NR Weight: NR BMI: NR Systolic BP (mm Hg): NR Diastolic BP (mm Hg): NR Total cholesterol (mg/dL): NR LDL cholesterol (mg/dL): NR Dyslipidemia (%): 59 History of DM (%): 7 History of HTN (%): 57 History of CAD (%): 37 History of CHF (%): NR History of MI (%): NR History of Stroke (%): NR History of TIA (%): NR History of PAD (%): 20 Current smoker (%): 26 Alcohol intake: NR Depression (%): NR Anxiety (%): NR	CV procedure: carotid PTA using access through femoral artery; balloon angioplasty with TCD monitoring; 1 patient also had stenting (n=20) Control: CEA under general anesthesia with TCD monitoring (n=26) <u>Procedure characteristics</u> Anesthesia type/duration: CEA under general anesthesia; carotid PTA NR/ duration NR Adjunctive <u>neuroprotective</u> treatments: For CEA: flow directed into the external carotid on restitution of flow (to minimize passage of debris into the cerebral circulation) Follow-up period: 6 weeks, 6 months Cognitive assessment follow-up time points: 6 weeks, 6 months Study withdrawals, % (n/N): 2 (1/46) at 6 weeks, 13 (6/46) at 6 months	Random sequence generation: low, computer randomization Allocation Concealment: low, by telephone call or fax to the randomization center Masking outcomes assessment: moderate, outcome assessor was masked to procedure Attrition bias accounted for: unclear, numbers lost to follow-up appear similar between groups, but reasons for attrition are not reported by group Intention to Treat Analysis: no, completers-only analysis Reporting bias from selective outcomes reporting: low, all prespecified outcomes were reported

Appendix H

Cognitive Outcomes Tables:
Clinically Diagnosed Cognitive Impairment

Appendix H. Table 1. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Clinically Diagnosed Cognitive Impairment - CABG

Study	Confirmed symptomatic CI* associated with functional impairment (n/N) %				Confirmed symptomatic CI* <u>not</u> associated with functional impairment, clinically diagnosed (n/N) %			
	Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up		Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Lamy, 2013 ¹ Off-pump CABG (n=2375) vs. On-pump CABG (n=2377)/	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Jensen, 2006; ²⁴ 2008 ² Off-pump CABG (n=61) vs. On-pump CABG (n=59)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Vedin, 2006 ³ Off-pump CABG (n=33) vs. On-pump CABG (n=37)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lund, 2005 ⁴ Off-pump CABG (n=60) vs. On-pump CABG (n=60)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lee, 2003 ⁵ Off-pump CABG (n=30) vs. On-pump (n=30)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ Off-pump CABG (n=75) vs. On-pump CABG (n=152)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ Off-pump CABG (n=75) vs. Non-surgical control (n=99)/	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ On-pump CABG (n=152) vs. Non-surgical control	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Appendix H. Table 1. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Clinically Diagnosed Cognitive Impairment - CABG

(n=99)								
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ Normothermic (n=134) vs. Hypothermic (n=133)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Nathan, 2001; ⁷ 2007 ⁸ Normothermic (n=112) vs. Hypothermic (n=111)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹ Cell-saver (n=84) vs. Control (n=86)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Anastasiadis 2011; ¹⁰ MECC (n=32) vs. CECC (n=32)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ CABG with candesartan (n=53) vs. CABG with placebo (n=53)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Silbert, 2006 ¹² CABG with low dose fentanyl (n=180) vs. CABG with high dose fentanyl (n=170)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Alex, 2005 ¹³ Atmospheric air (n=31) vs. Hyperbaric oxygen (n=33)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ CABG with propofol (n=90) vs CABG with fentanyl (n=90)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Gold, 1995 ¹⁵ Low MAP (n=124) vs. High MAP (n=124)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Extracardiac (n=59) vs. Intracardiac (n=50)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

CI = cognitive impairment; NR = not reported; MECC = minimal extracorporeal circulation; CECC = conventional extracorporeal circulation

Appendix H. Table 2. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Clinically Diagnosed Cognitive Impairment - AVR

Study	Confirmed symptomatic CI associated with functional impairment (n/N) %				Confirmed symptomatic CI <u>not</u> associated with functional impairment, clinically diagnosed (n/N) %			
	Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up		Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Knipp, 2013 ²³ AVR (n=37) vs. TA-TAVI (n=27)								
Fakin, 2011 ¹⁸ Hypothermic AVR (n=30) vs. Normothermic (n=30)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Intracardiac (n=50) vs. Extracardiac (n=59)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

CI = cognitive impairment; NR = not reported; TA-TAVI = transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation

Appendix H. Table 3. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Clinically Diagnosed Cognitive Impairment – CAS and CEA

Study	Confirmed symptomatic CI associated with functional impairment (n/N) %				Confirmed symptomatic CI <u>not</u> associated with functional impairment, clinically diagnosed (n/N) %			
	Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up		Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶ CAS (n=71) vs. CEA (n=69)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Baracchini, 2012 ²² CEA (n=145) vs. Laparoscopic cholecystectomy Control (n=68)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crawley, 2000 ¹⁷ Carotid PTA (n=20) vs. CEA (n=26)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

CI = cognitive impairment; NIHSS= National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale; NR = not reported; PTA=percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; RCT=randomized controlled trial

Appendix I

**Cognitive Outcomes Tables:
Incident Cognitive Impairment Defined by Composite of
Neuropsychological Tests**

Appendix I. Table 1. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Incident Cognitive Impairment Defined by Composite of Neuropsychological Tests - CABG

Study/ Design	Neuropsychological composite cognitive impairment (CI) n/N (%)					
	Pre-Procedure cognitive status		Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Lamy, 2013 ¹ Off-pump CABG (n=2375) vs. On-pump CABG (n=2377)/ RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Jensen, 2006; ²⁴ 2008 ² Off-pump CABG (n=61) vs. On-pump CABG (n=59)/ RCT	All subjects had MMSE >24 (score ≥25 points out of 30 indicates a normal cognition)	All subjects had MMSE >24	<u>3 months</u> Definition 1 4/54 (7.4) RR 0.76 [0.21 to 2.66]; P=0.66 Definition 2 11/54 (20.4) RR 0.87 [0.42 to 1.78]; P=0.70 Definition 3 14/54 (26.0) RR 1.20 [0.60 to 2.40]; P=0.60 <u>12 months</u> Definition 1 9/47 (19.1) RR 2.06 [0.68 to 6.20]; P=0.20 Definition 2 6/47 (12.8) RR 1.10 [0.36 to 3.34]; P=0.87 Definition 3 14/47 (29.8) RR 1.07 [0.56 to 2.05]; P=0.84	<u>3 months</u> Definition 1 5/51 (9.8) Definition 2 12/51 (23.5) Definition 3 11/51 (21.6) <u>12 months</u> Definition 1 4/43 (9.3) Definition 2 5/43 (11.6) Definition 3 12/43 (27.9)	NR	NR
Vedin, 2006 ³ Off-pump CABG (n=33) vs. On-pump CABG (n=37) / RCT	NR	NR	<u>6 months</u> 5/33 (15) RR 0.80 [0.28 to 2.28]; P=0.68	<u>6 months</u> 7/37 (19)	NR	NR
Lund, 2005 ⁴ Off-pump CABG	NR	NR	<u>3 months</u> 11/54 (20.4)	<u>3 months</u> 12/52 (23.1)	NR	NR

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Study/ Design	Neuropsychological composite cognitive impairment (CI) n/N (%)					
	Pre-Procedure cognitive status		Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
(n=60) vs. On-pump CABG (n=60) / RCT			RR 0.88 [0.43 to 1.82]; P=0.74 <u>12 months</u> 13/54 (24.1) 1.04 [0.53 to 2.07]; P=0.90	<u>12 months</u> 12/52 (23.1)		
Lee, 2003 ⁵ Off-pump CABG (n=30) vs. On-pump (n=30) / RCT	NR	NR	<u>12 months</u> 5/27 (18.5) RR 1.25 [0.38 to 4.16]; P=0.72	<u>12 months</u> 4/27 (14.8)	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009; ²⁰ McKhann, 2005 ²⁸ Off-pump CABG (n=75) vs. On-pump CABG (n=152) / Prosp.	Mean MMSE = 27.7; 4.2% had a MMSE score <24	Mean MMSE = 27.6; 4.6% had a MMSE score <24	NR	NR	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009; ²⁰ McKhann, 2005 ²⁸ Off-pump CABG (n=75) vs. Non-surgical control (n=99) / Prosp.	Mean MMSE = 27.7; 4.2% had a MMSE score <24	Mean MMSE = 27.9; 6.1% had a MMSE score <24	NR	NR	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009; ²⁰ McKhann, 2005 ²⁸ On-pump CABG (n=152) vs. Non-surgical control (n=99) / Prosp.	Mean MMSE = 27.6; 4.6% had a MMSE score <24	Mean MMSE = 27.9; 6.1% had a MMSE score <24	NR	NR	NR	NR
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ Normothermic (n=134) versus Hypothermic (n=133) / RCT	NR	NR	<u>3 months</u> n/N, NR (4)	<u>3 months</u> n/N, NR (8)	NR	NR
Nathan, 2001; ⁷ 2007 ⁸ Normothermic (n=112) versus Hypothermic	NR	NR	NR	NR	<u>5 years</u> 27/65 (42) RR 0.95 [0.64 to 1.41]; P=0.78	<u>5 years</u> 29/66 (44)

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Study/ Design	Neuropsychological composite cognitive impairment (CI) n/N (%)					
	Pre-Procedure cognitive status		Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
(n=111)/ RCT						
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹ Cell-saver (n=84) vs. Control (n=86)/ RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR	1 year 16/84 (19.0) RR 1.09 [0.58 to 2.06]; P=0.79	1 year 15/86 (17.4)
Anastasiadis, 2011 ¹⁰ MECC (n=32) vs. CECC (n=32) / RCT	NR	NR	3 months 6/29 (21) RR 0.34 [0.16 to 0.73]; P=0.005	3 months 19/31 (61)	NR	NR
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ CABG with candesartan (n=53) vs. CABG with placebo (n=53)/ RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Silbert, 2006 ¹² CABG with low dose fentanyl (n=180) vs. CABG with high dose fentanyl (n=170) / RCT	NR	NR	12 months† 20% rule: 42/159 (26) RR 1.10 [0.74 to 1.62]; P=0.65 1 SD rule: 24/159 (15) RR 1.18 [0.67 to 2.09]; P=0.56	12 months† 20% rule: 34/141 (24) 1 SD rule: 18/141 (13)	NR	NR
Alex, 2005 ¹³ Atmospheric air (n=31) vs. Hyperbaric oxygen (n=33)/ RCT	NR	NR	4 months 9/33 (27.3) RR 0.53 [0.27 to 1.02]; P=0.06	4 months 16/31 (51.6)	NR	NR
Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ CABG with propofol (n=90) vs. CABG with fentanyl (n=90)/ RCT	NR	NR	6 months: 5/77 (6) RR 0.97 [0.29 to 3.23]; P=0.97	6 months: 5/75 (7)	NR	NR
Gold, 1995 ¹⁵			6 months	6 months		

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Study/ Design	Neuropsychological composite cognitive impairment (CI) n/N (%)					
	Pre-Procedure cognitive status		Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Low MAP (n=124) vs. High MAP (n=124)/ RCT	NR	NR	n/N, NR (11)	n/N, NR (12)	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Extracardiac (n=59) vs. Intra-cardiac (n=50)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

CI = cognitive impairment; MMSE = Mini-mental state examination; NR = not reported; RR = risk ratio [95% confidence intervals]

* Decision to participate in neurocognitive testing was optional but decided prior to randomization to avoid biases.

Neuropsychological composite cognitive impairment outcomes definitions:

Jensen 2006: There were 3 definitions

- 1) occurrence of at least 2 of 7 possible deficits in A) Visual Verbal Learning; B) Concept Shifting Task; C) Stroop Color Word Interference; and D) Letter-Digit Coding. The 7 possible deficits were 2 possible deficits in A, B, and C and 1 possible deficit in D. For the 2 error scores, a deficit was defined as ≥ 4 additional errors postoperatively compared with Pre-Procedure out of 16 possible in B and ≥ 5 additional errors postoperatively compared with Pre-Procedure out of 40 possible in C.
- 2) 20% decline in cognitive scores compared with baseline.
- 3) International Study of Post-Operative Cognitive Dysfunction definition, in which changes in the performance of 7 parameters from the result of the 4 tests were calculated. For each individual test outcome, the average learning effect was subtracted from these changes, and a z score was obtained after division by the SD from an age-matched healthy control group. When 2 of 7 z scores in individual tests or the combined z score were 1.96 or more, patients were defined as having cognitive dysfunction.

Vedin 2006: 20% decline in 20% (or two) of the cognitive tests (Digit Span, Block Span, Trail-Making Test A—D, Digit-symbol, COWAT-FAS, Claeson-Dahl Verbal Learning Test & Claeson-Dahl Verbal Retention Test) according to 'Statement of Consensus on Assessment of Neurobehavioral Outcomes after Cardiac Surgery.'

Lund 2005: >20% decrease on at least two tests (Grooved Pegboard Test, Digit Symbol [WAIS-R], Trail Making Test, Digit Span [WAIS-R], Stroop Color-Word Interference Test, Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test, L and R, Similarities [WAIS-R], Controlled Oral Association Test [COWAT]), and Block Design [WAIS-R] at the 3- or the 12-month control compared with the Pre-Procedure assessment were defined as cognitively impaired.

Lee 2003: 20% decline in 20% (or two) of the cognitive tests (Vocabulary subtest Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS III), Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test, Benton Visual Retention Test, Trail Making Test, Parts A and B, Grooved Pegboard Test, Finger Tapping Test, Digit Symbol subtest of the WAIS III), using the recommended core neuropsychological battery according to the 1994 Conference on CNS Dysfunction.

Boodhwani, 2007 Deficit was prospectively defined as a 1 standard deviation decrease in individual scores from baseline in 1 or more domains. RAVLT, Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test; WMS, Wechsler Memory Scale; SDMT, Symbol Digit Modalities Test.

Nathan 2001, 2007 A patient was classified as having a cognitive deficit if a decrease of ≥ 0.50 SD was realized in 1 or more domains.

Djaiani, 2012 Patients with a negative score of ≤ -1 were considered to have POCD

Anastasiadis 2011: Cognitive decline defined as a decline of 1 SD or more (based on normative data relative to Pre-Procedure performance) in one or more of the neurocognitive tests.

Silbert 2006: Two or more abnormal test results based on 1) "20% rule": decrease of 20% for each individual from baseline (per Rasmussen et al Newman et al) or on 2) "1 SD rule": a decrease of an individual's score of at least 1 standard deviation of the baseline mean for all patients for the relevant test (per Keizer et al and Lewis et al)

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Alex, 2005 A postoperative deterioration of greater than 1 SD from the Pre-Procedure score in 2 or more tests (28% of the tests) was considered significant neuropsychometric impairment. (Tests included: the adult memory and information-processing table A, digit span forward, and digit span backward, in addition to the 4 recommended core tests [trail making A, trail making B, grooved peg board, and the Rey auditory verbal learning test].)

Kadoi 2003: "Significant impairment" was defined as a decline from Pre-Procedure testing of more than one standard deviation on more than 20% of test measures (at least two of six tests: Mini-Mental Test, Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test, (3) Trail-Making Test (part A), Trail-Making Test (part B), digit span forward, or grooved pegboard).

Gold, 1995 Deterioration on three or more cognitive tests was defined as a cognitive complication.

† Silbert also reported composite outcomes at 3 months

Appendix I. Table 2. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Incident Cognitive Impairment Defined by Composite of Neuropsychological Tests - AVR

Study	Neuropsychological composite cognitive impairment (CI) (n/N) %					
	Pre-Procedure Cognitive Status		Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Knipp, 2013 ²³ AVR (n=37) vs. TA-TAVI (n=27)	NR	NR	<u>3 months</u> 2/34 (6) P=0.04	<u>3 months</u> 5/18 (28)	NR	NR
Fakin, 2012 ¹⁸ Hypothermic AVR (n=30) vs. Normothermic (n=30)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Intracardiac (n=50) vs. Extracardiac (n=59)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

CI = cognitive impairment; NR = not reported; TA-TAVI = transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation

Neuropsychological composite cognitive impairment outcomes definitions:

1. Knipp 2013 – a cognitive composite test score (defined as difference between the number of tests with improvement and decline) of ≤ -2 in TA-TAVI patients and ≤ -3 in AVR patients denoted a clinically significant cognitive decline in the individual patient.
2. Fakin, 2011 – reported correlation between neurocognitive brain function measured by P300 auditory evoked potentials between pre-procedure and 4 months (repeated measures analysis of variance)

Appendix I. Table 3. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Incident Cognitive Impairment Defined by Composite of Neuropsychological Tests – CAS and CEA

Study	Neuropsychological composite cognitive impairment (CI) (n/N) %			
	Intermediate-term (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term (>12 months) follow-up	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶ CAS (n=71) vs CEA (n=69) RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR
Baracchini, 2012 ²² CEA (n=145) vs. Laparoscopic cholecystectomy Control (n=68) Prospective observational cohort study	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crawley, 2000 ¹⁷ CEA (n=26) vs carotid PTA (n=20) RCT	<u>6 months</u> 4/22 (18) RR 0.47 [0.16 to 1.35]; P=0.16	<u>6 months</u> 7/18 (38)	NR	NR

CI = cognitive impairment; NR = not reported; PTA: percutaneous transluminal angiography; RR = risk ratio [95% confidence intervals]

Neuropsychological composite cognitive impairment outcomes definitions:

Crawley 2000: A drop in the postoperative score by ≥ 1 SD from the pre-procedure score.

Appendix J

**Cognitive Outcomes Tables:
Individual Neuropsychological Tests/Cognitive Domains**

Appendix J. Table 1. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Individual Neuropsychological Tests/Cognitive Domains - CABG
Attention Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Lamy, 2013 ¹ Off-pump CABG (n=2375) vs. On- pump CABG (n=2377)/ RCT	Digit Symbol Substitution Test (WAIS)	33.0 (17.8);n=989*	31.9 (18.0); n=986*	<u>30 days, change</u> <u>1.8 (11.4);</u> <u>n=694*</u>	<u>30 days, change</u> <u>1.3 (10.8);</u> <u>n=685*</u>	<u>1 year, change</u> <u>1.8 (13.2);</u> <u>n=522*</u>	<u>1 year, change</u> <u>1.3 (12.3);</u> <u>n=528*</u>
Jensen, 2006; ²⁴ 2008 ² CABG (Off) (n=61) vs. CABG (on) (n=59)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Vedin, 2006 ³ CABG (off) (n=33) vs. CABG (on) (n=37)/ RCT	Trail Making A (s)	34 (30-38);* n=33	37 (31-42);* n=37	<u>6 mos., all</u> 32 (29-35);* n=30	<u>6 mos., all</u> 34 (32-37);* n=32	NR	NR
	Digit Span (WAIS-R), forward	7.4 (6.8-8.0);* n=33	7.1 (6.3-7.8);* n=37	7.2 (6.8-7.6);* n=30	7.2 (6.5-7.8);* n=32	NR	NR
Lund, 2005 ⁴ CABG (off) (n=60) vs. CABG (on) (n=60)/ RCT	Digit Span (WAIS-R)	9.8 (1.4) n=60	10.4 (2.0) n=60	<u>12 mos. †</u> 9.9 (1.6) n=54	<u>12 mos. †</u> 10.8 (3.5) n=52	NR	NR
Lee, 2003 ⁵ CABG (off) (n=30) vs. CABG (on) (n=30)/ RCT	Trail Making A (s)	47.4 (22.2); n=30	43.7 (32.6); n=30	<u>12 mos.</u> 45.7 (15.2); n=27	<u>12 mos.</u> 43.4 (34.4); n=26	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. CABG (On) (n=152)/ Prospective	Trail Making A (s)	48.0 (23.0); n=69	47.1 (24.2); n=151	<u>12 mos., all **</u> 43.4 (17.5); n=55	<u>12 mos., all **</u> 40.8 (16.8); n=123	<u>72 mos., all</u> 42.6 (15.9); n=43	<u>72 mos., all</u> 47.7 (29.5); n=95
	MMSE- attention	4.2 (1.1); n=72	4.0 (1.3); n=152	4.0 (1.0); n=55	4.0 (1.0); n=124	4.3 (1.0); n=43	4.0 (1.3); n=96
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. Non-surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	Trail Making A (s)	48.0 (23.0); n=69	43.1 (14.4); n=99	<u>12 mos., all **</u> 43.4 (17.5); n=55	<u>12 mos., all **</u> 41.0 (15.6); n=91	<u>72 mos., all</u> 42.6 (15.9); n=43	<u>72 mos., all</u> 46.4 (31.6); n=67
	MMSE- attention	4.2 (1.1); n=72	4.2 (1.2); n=99	4.0 (1.0); n=55	5.0 (1.0); n=91	4.3 (1.0); n=43	4.3 (1.2); n=67
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (On) (n=152) vs. Non- surgical control	Trail Making A (s)	47.1 (24.2); n=151	43.1 (14.4); n=99	<u>12 mos., all **</u> 40.8 (16.8); n=123	<u>12 mos., all **</u> 41.0 (15.6); n=91	<u>72 mos., all</u> 47.7 (29.5); n=95	<u>72 mos., all</u> 46.4 (31.6); n=67

Appendix J. Table 1. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Individual Neuropsychological Tests/Cognitive Domains - CABG

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design (n=99)/ Prospective	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
	MMSE- attention	4.0 (1.3); n=152	4.2 (1.2); n=99	4.0 (1.0); n=124	5.0 (1.0); n=91	4.0 (1.3); n=96	4.3 (1.2); n=67
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ Hypothermic (n=133) vs. Normothermic (n=134) / RCT	Digit span backward (Digback)	score 6.1 (2.1)	score 6.3 (2.1)	<u>3 months, all</u> <u>change</u> 0.5 (1.9) n=119	<u>3 months, all</u> <u>change</u> -0.3 (1.7) n=117	NR	NR
	Digit span forward (Digfor)	9.7 (2.2)	9.6 (2.0))	<u>change</u> 0.3 (1.7) n=119	<u>change</u> 0.3 (1.8) n=117	NR	NR
	Wechsler memory Scale (WMS) Mental Control	24.2 (5.5)	24.7 (5.2)	<u>change</u> 1.5 (3.3) n=119	<u>change</u> 0.7 (4.0) n=117	NR	NR
	Trail Making A	41.9 (14.8)	40.2 (12.3)	-4.0 (12.3) n=119	-1.4 (11.9) n=117	NR	NR
Nathan, 2001; ⁷ 2007 ⁸ Normothermic (n=112) vs. Hypothermic (n=111)/ RCT	Digital Span Forward	7.2 (2.5) all 5-yr completers: 7.3 (2.5)	8.0 (2.2) all 5-yr completers: 8.2 (2.3)	NR	NR	5 years, all Change -0.6 (1.5) n=65	5 years, all Change -0.3 (2.0) n=66
	Digital Span Backward	5.9 (2.4) all 5-yr completers: 6.2 (2.4)	6.7 (2.5) all 5-yr completers: 6.8 (2.7)	NR	NR	Change -0.1 (1.9) n=65	Change -0.1 (2.2) n=66
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹ Cell-saver (n=84) vs. suction control (n=86)/ RCT	Digital Span Forward	10.13 (2.42)	10.20 (2.04)	1 year, all 10.9 (2.39) n=83	1 year, all 10.46 (1.81) n=82	NR	NR
	Choice Reaction Time / simple Reaction Time	414.18 (107.54)	446.44 (120.17)	408.42 (110.95) n=84	423.96 (122.93) n=86	NR	NR
Anastasiadis 2011; ¹⁰ MECC (n=32) vs. CECC (n=32) / RCT	Digit Span, forward	6.5 (1.5); n=32	6.7 (2.1); n=32	<u>3 mos., all</u> 6.9 (1.8); n=29	<u>3 mos., all</u> 6.3 (1.5); n=31	NR	NR
	Digit Symbol Modalities Test	36.7 (15.9); n=32	29.7 (17.2); n=32	43.2 (17.1); n=29	24.2 (17.7); n=31	NR	NR
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ CABG with candesartan (n=53) vs. CABG with placebo (n=53) / RCT	Trail Making A (s)	43.19 (10.93)	42.59 (10.71)	<u>3 months, all</u> 44.09 (14.54); n=43	<u>3 months, all</u> 47.21 (10.10); n=44	NR	NR
	WAIS digit span forwards	48.84 (10.12)	50.02 (10.98)	47.91 (9.22); n=43	50.79 (10.72) n=44	NR	NR
	Zimmermann and Fimm Change of reaction, median reaction time	37.95 (10.66)	38.25(12.69)	44.10 (12.47); n=43	43.90 (14.16); n=44	NR	NR
	Zimmermann and Fimm Change of reaction, SD of	42.26 (13.99)	45.77 (17.82)	53.13 (18.90); n=43	53.55 (19.72); n=44	NR	NR

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
	reaction time						
	Zimmermann and Fimm Divided attention t, median reaction time	47.73 (10.59)	43.44 (10.94)	46.74 (10.89); n=43	46.07 (8.82); n=44	NR	NR
	Zimmermann and Fimm Divided attention, SD of reaction time	47.73 (9.43)	45.30 (9.20)	50.32 (7.38); n=43	52.04 (7.43); n=44	NR	NR
	Digit–Symbol Substitution Test	34.8 (9.7)	33.7 (10.3)	38.9 (10.9); n=159	37.1 (10.9); n=141	NR	NR
	Trail Making A (s)	55.0 (25.7)	54.6 (23.6)	48.0 (18.1); n=159	50.8 (22.6); n=141	NR	NR
Alex, 2005 ¹³ Atmospheric air (n=31) vs. hyperbaric oxygen (n=33)/ RCT	Trail making A (s)	43 (16.3)	41.7 (14.9)	<u>4 months, all</u> 41.4 (15.5) n=33	<u>4 months, all</u> 40.6 (15.7) n=31	NR	NR
	Digit Span Forward	8.9 (2.3)	9.9 (2.7)	9.2 (2.5) N=33	9.5 (2.6) n=31	NR	NR
Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ CABG with propofol (n=90) vs. CABG with fentanyl (n=90)/ RCT	Trail Making A	42.5 (6.6)	43.2 (5.6)	<u>6 months</u> 44.1 (5.7) n=77	<u>6 months</u> 45.4 (6.9) n=75	NR	NR
	Digit span forward	7.6 (2.0)	7.5 (2.2)	8.0 (2.2)	7.7 (2.4)	NR	NR
Gold, 1995 ^{#15} Low MAP (n=124) versus High MAP (n=124) / RCT	Trail Making A	43.7 (22.3)	45.2 (24.7)	<u>6 months, all</u> <u>change</u> -2.7 (15.4) n=113	<u>6 months, all</u> <u>change</u> -4.0 (20.3) n=112	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Extracardiac (n=59) vs. Intracardiac (n=50)/ RCT	Trail Making A	40.8 (15.7)	44.5 (17.3)	6 months 25.0% with deficit n=44	6 months 33.3% with deficit n=30	NR	NR

* Decision to participate in neurocognitive testing was optional but decided prior to randomization to avoid biases.

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Executive Function Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Lamy, 2013 ¹ Off-pump CABG (n=2375) vs. On- pump CABG (n=2377)/ RCT	Trail Making B (s)	<u>158.0 (88.1);</u> <u>n=721*</u>	<u>163.7 (89.5);</u> <u>n=711*</u>	<u>30 days, change</u> <u>-10.9 (58.1);</u> <u>n=470*</u>	<u>30 days, change</u> <u>-4.7 (71.2);</u> <u>n=487*</u>	<u>1 year, change</u> <u>-6.8 (64.0);</u> <u>n=353*</u>	<u>1 year, change</u> <u>-3.2 (70.2);</u> <u>n=340*</u>
Jensen, 2006 ²⁴ 2008 ² CABG (Off) (n=61) vs. CABG (on) (n=59)/ RCT	Stroop Color-Word Test, time, part 3 (s)	64.8 (18.7); n=61	72.1 (27.7); n=59	<u>12 mos., all</u> 65.2 (20.6); n=47	<u>12 mos., all</u> 66.7 (21.2); n=43	NR	NR
	Stroop Color-Word Test, number of errors, part 3	2.6 (3.2); n=61	3.0 (4.2); n=59	2.4 (3.7); n=47	1.7 (2.6); n=43	NR	NR
	Concept Shifting Test, part C (s)	61.7(24.9); n=61	63.6 (23.4); n=59	66.7 (27.0); n=47	64.4 (25.1); n=43	NR	NR
	Concept Shifting Test, number of errors, part C	1.8 (2.7); n=61	0.9 (1.7); n=59	2.2 (2.5); n=47	1.8 (2.5); n=43	NR	NR
Vedin, 2006 ³ CABG (off) (n=33) vs. CABG (on) (n=37)/ RCT	Trail Making B (s)	82 (72-92)* n=33	104 (86-122)* n=37	<u>6 mos., all</u> 84 (80-87)* n=30	<u>6 mos., all</u> 83 (74-92)* n=32	NR	NR
	Digit Span (WAIS-R), backward	6.2 (5.6-6.7)* n=33	5.6 (5.1-6.2)* n=37	6.7 (6.2-7.3)* n=30	6.2 (5.8-6.5)* n=32	NR	NR
Lund, 2005 ⁴ CABG (off) (n=60) vs. CABG (on) (n=60)/ RCT	Stroop Color-Word Interference Test (s)	73.2 (31.7); n=60	75.4 (43.5); n=60	<u>12 mos. †</u> 69.9 (31.1); n=54	<u>12 mos. †</u> 69.5 (26.5); n=52	NR	NR
	Trail Making, Part B – Part A (s)	68.3 (30.9); n=60	65.3 (41.9); n=60	63.2 (37.5); n=54	60.4 (37.4); n=52	NR	NR
	Similarities (WAIS-R), raw score	18.2 (4.4); n=60	18.7 (3.9); n=60	19.7 (4.5); n=54	20.5 (3.8); n=52	NR	NR
Lee, 2003 ⁵ CABG (off) (n=30) vs. CABG (on) (n=30)/ RCT	Trail Making B (s)	126.0 (86.7); n=30	114.9 (87.6); n=30	<u>12 mos.</u> 117.3 (63.4); n=27	<u>12 mos.</u> 104.4 (92.1); n=26	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. CABG (on) (n=152)/ Prospective	Trail Making B (s)	96.9 (34.7) n=68	105.2 (59.0); n=147	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 97.2 (48.4) n=55	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 95.4 (48.2) n=122	<u>72 mos., all</u> 101.1 (47.1) n=43	<u>72 mos., all</u> 105.0 (50.1); n=91
	Rey Complex Figure, copy	32.6 (4.0); n=71	32.5 (4.7); n=152	33.4 (3.4); n=55	33.1 (3.6); n=124	32.5 (3.9); n=43	31.4 (5.2); n=94
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75)	Trail Making B (s)	96.9 (34.7) n=68	95.4 (40.0) n=99	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 97.2 (48.4) n=55	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 92.0 (41.5) n=91	<u>72 mos., all</u> 101.1 (47.1) n=43	<u>72 mos., all</u> 100.4 (50.6) n=66

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
vs. Non-surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	Rey Complex Figure, copy	32.6 (4.0); n=71	33.0 (3.2); n=99	33.4 (3.4); n=55	33.0 (3.4); n=91	32.5 (3.9); n=43	32.4 (3.4); n=65
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (On) (n=152) vs. Non- surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	Trail Making B (s)	105.2 (59.0); n=147	95.4 (40.0) n=99	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 95.4 (48.2) n=122	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 92.0 (41.5) n=91	<u>72 mos., all</u> 105.0 (50.1); n=91	<u>72 mos., all</u> 100.4 (50.6) n=66
	Rey Complex Figure, copy	32.5 (4.7); n=152	33.0 (3.2); n=99	33.1 (3.6); n=124	33.0 (3.4); n=91	31.4 (5.2); n=94	32.4 (3.4); n=65
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ Hypothermic (n=133) vs. Normothermic (n=134) / RCT	Letter fluency	31.7 (12.1)	32.2 (12.4)	<u>3 months, all</u> <u>change</u> 2.6 (7.2) n=119	<u>3 months, all</u> <u>change</u> 1.0 (8.1) n=117	NR	NR
	Trail Making B (s)	105.6 (45.0)	103.3 (43.3)	-11.7 (29.0) n=119	-7.8 (35.5) n=117	NR	NR
	Digit span backward (Digback)	6.1 (2.1)	6.3 (2.1)	0.5 (1.9) n=119	-0.3 (1.7) n=117	NR	NR
Nathan, 2001; ⁷ 2007 ⁸ Normothermic (n=112) vs. Hypothermic (n=111)/ RCT	Trail Making B (s)	109 (47.7) all 5-yr completers: 104.3 (46.7)	106 (50.3) all 5-yr completers: 103.7 (9.2)	NR	NR	5 years change 24.2 (47.8) n=65	5 years change 14.1 (43.6) n=66
	Digital Span Backward	5.9 (2.4) all 5-yr completers: 6.2 (2.4)	6.7 (2.5) all 5-yr completers: 6.8 (2.7)	NR	NR	Change -0.1 (1.9) n=65	Change -0.1 (2.2) n=66
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹ Cell-saver (n=84) vs. Suction control (n=86)/ RCT	Digital Span Backward	6.30 (2.25)	6.39 (2.46)	<u>1 year, all</u> 6.70 (2.54) N=84	<u>1 year, all</u> 6.24 (2.08) N=85	NR	NR
	Trails B-A (s)	53.31 (34.60)	54.26 (35.21)	50.2 (33.2) n=83	49.96 (31.8)n=83	NR	NR
Anastasiadis, 2011 ¹⁰ MECC (n=32) vs. CECC (n=32) / RCT	Stroop Color-Word	34 (13); n=32	29 (9.3); n=32	<u>3 mos., all</u> 39.5 (14); n=29	<u>3 mos., all</u> 28.4 (10.5); n=31	NR	NR
	Digit Symbol Modalities Test	36.7 (15.9); n=32	29.7 (17.2); n=32	43.2 (17.1); n=29	24.2 (17.7); n=31	NR	NR
	Digit Span (WAIS-R), backward	4.3 (1.6); n=32	4.1 (1.5); n=32	4.7 (1.4); n=29	3.5 (1.1); n=31	NR	NR
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ CABG with candesartan (n=53) vs. CABG with placebo (n=53) /	Trail making test B (s)	40.53 (10.09)	40.66 (10.92)	<u>3 months, all</u> 44.81 (11.34); n=43	<u>3 months, all</u> 45.45 (12.84); n=44	NR	NR
	Digit span, backward	47.00 (10.00)	47.80 (10.40)	46.69 (8.51); n=43	47.11(10.00); n=44	NR	NR
	Horn's performance test, subtest III	52.84 (7.29)	50.77 (8.39)	56.38 (8.85); n=43	54.48 (8.47); n=44	NR	NR

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design RCT	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
	Zimmermann and Fimm Divided attention t, median reaction time	47.73 (10.59)	43.44 (10.94)	46.74 (10.89); n=43	46.07 (8.82); n=44	NR	NR
	Zimmermann and Fimm Divided attention, SD of reaction time	47.73 (9.43)	45.30 (9.20)	50.32 (7.38); n=43	52.04 (7.43); n=44	NR	NR
	Controlled Oral Word Association Test	33.1 (12.3)	31.4 (11.3)	35.3 (12.0); n=159	33.4 (12.9); n=141	NR	NR
Silbert, 2006 ¹² CABG with low dose fentanyl (n=180) vs. CABG with high dose fentanyl (n=170) / RCT	Trail Making Test (B)	125.7 (62.5)	127.5 (62.4)	<u>12 months, all</u> 110.5 (58.1); n=158	<u>12 months, all</u> 117.1 (58.9); n=141	NR	NR
	Digit-Symbol Substitution Test	34.8 (9.7)	33.7 (10.3)	38.9 (10.9); n=159	37.1 (10.9); n=141	NR	NR
	Controlled Oral Word Association Test	33.1 (12.3)	31.4 (11.3)	35.3 (12.0); n=159	33.4 (12.9); n=141	NR	NR
Alex, 2005 ¹³ Atmospheric air (n=31) vs. Hyperbaric oxygen (n=33)/ RCT	Trail making B (s)	127.1 (52.6)	101 (43.5)	<u>4 months, all</u> 108.7 (45.5) n=33	<u>4 months, all</u> 107 (54.7) n=31	NR	NR
	Digit Span Backward	5.9 (2.1)	6.8 (2.5)	6.1 (2.1) n=33	6.3 (2.2) n=31	NR	NR
Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ CABG with propofol (n=90) vs. CABG with fentanyl (n=90) / RCT	Trail Making Test B (s)	154.2 (51.1)	156.3 (50.3)	<u>6 months</u> 164.0 (63.4); n=77	<u>6 months</u> 176.0 (57.0); n=75	NR	NR
Gold, 1995 ¹⁵ Low MAP (n=124) vs. High MAP (n=124)/ RCT	Controlled Oral Word Assoc.	37.5 (13.1)	37.6 (13.4)	<u>change</u> 0.0 (8.3); n=113	<u>change</u> 0.6 (6.1); n=112	NR	NR
	Trail Making B (s)	104.6 (60.8)	102.6 (49.3)	<u>change</u> -3.6 (46.9) n=113	<u>change</u> -13.9 (39.3) n=112	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Extracardiac (n=59) vs. Intracardiac (n=50)/ Prospective	Controlled Oral Word Association	33.5 (11.5)	34.2 (12.1)	6 months, all % with deficit 4.5; n=44	6 months, all % with deficit 0; n=30	NR	NR
	Trail making B (s)	117.0 (60.6)	129.7 (68.6)	% with deficit 18.2; n=44	% with deficit 20; n=30	NR	NR

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
	Digital Symbol subtest, WAIS-R	36.2 (10.2)	36.0 (12.5)	% with deficit 6.8; n=44	% with deficit 26.7; n=30	NR	NR

* Decision to participate in neurocognitive testing was optional but decided prior to randomization to avoid biases.

Language Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Lamy, 2013 ¹ Off-pump CABG (n=2375) vs. On- pump CABG (n=2377)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Jensen, 2006; ²⁴ 2008 ² CABG (Off) (n=61) vs. CABG (on) (n=59)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Vedin, 2006 ³ CABG (off) (n=33) vs. CABG (on) (n=37)/ RCT	COWAT, Number of F, A, and S words for 1 min each	30 (26-33)* n=33	25 (22-27)* n=37	<u>6 mos.</u> 30 (28-32)* n=30	<u>6 mos.</u> 29 (27-31)* n=32	NR	NR
Lund, 2005 ⁴ CABG (off) (n=60) vs. CABG (on) (n=60)/ RCT	COWAT, # F, A, and S words for 1 min each	34.0 (11.3); n=60	36.4 (11.2); n=60	<u>12 mos.</u> † 36.0 (13.3); n=54	<u>12 mos.</u> † 38.6 (12.0); n=52	NR	NR
Lee, 2003 ⁵ CABG (off) (n=30) vs. CABG (on) (n=30)/ RCT	Vocabulary, WAIS-III	32.0 (13.8); n=30	38.0 (14.5); n=30	29.7 (13.4); n=27	39.9 (14.2); n=26	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (off) (n=75) vs. CABG (on) (n=152)/ Prospective	Boston Naming Test	26.0 (3.7) n=71	26.2 (3.7) n=152	<u>12 mos.</u> ** 26.5 (3.7) n=55	<u>12 mos.</u> ** 27.1 (2.9) n=124	<u>72 mos.</u> 26.3 (3.7) n=43	<u>72 mos.</u> 25.9 (4.0) n=95
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. Non-surgical	Boston Naming Test	26.0 (3.7) n=71	26.1 (3.6) n=99	<u>12 mos.</u> ** 26.5 (3.7)	<u>12 mos.</u> ** 26.7 (3.3)	<u>72 mos.</u> 26.3 (3.7)	<u>72 mos.</u> 26.5 (3.0)

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
control (n=99)/ Prospective				n=55	n=91	n=43	n=67
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (on) (n=152) vs. Non- surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	Boston Naming Test	26.2 (3.7) n=152	26.1 (3.6) n=99	<u>12 mos. **</u> 27.1 (2.9) n=124	<u>12 mos. **</u> 26.7 (3.3) n=91	<u>72 mos.</u> 25.9 (4.0) n=95	<u>72 mos.</u> 26.5 (3.0) n=67
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ Hypothermic (n=133) vs. Normothermic (n=134) / RCT	Letter fluency	31.7 (12.1)	32.2 (12.4)	<u>3 months</u> <u>change</u> 2.6 (7.2); n=119	<u>3 months</u> <u>change</u> 1.0 (8.1); n=117	NR	NR
	Category fluency (animal)	18.4 (4.7)	18.5 (4.9)	<u>change</u> 0.0 (3.9) n=119	<u>change</u> -0.0 (4.2) n=117	NR	NR
Nathan, 2001; ⁷ 2007 ⁸ Normothermic (n=112) vs. Hypothermic (n=111) / RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹ Cell-saver (n=84) vs. Control (n=86)/ RCT	Verbal fluency	36.41 (12.57)	34.77 (10.61)	<u>1 year, all</u> 38.08 (12.23); n=85	<u>1 year, all</u> 37.02 (11.15); n=83	NR	NR
Anastasiadis, 2011 ¹⁰ MECC (n=32) vs. CECC (n=32) / RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ CABG with candesartan (n=53) vs. CABG with placebo (n=53) / RCT	Horn's performance test, subtest VI	61.67 (9.62)	57.82 (12.77)	<u>3 months</u> 61.09 (10.76); n=43	<u>3 months</u> 58.48 (12.94); n=44	NR	NR
	Controlled Oral Word Association Test	33.1 (12.3)	31.4 (11.3)	35.3 (12.0); n=159	33.4 (12.9); n=141	NR	NR
	Semantic Fluency Test	17.7 (4.6)	17.1 (4.7)	17.4 (4.8); n=159	17.5 (5.1); n=141	NR	NR
Silbert, 2006 ¹² CABG with low dose fentanyl	Controlled Oral Word Association Test	33.1 (12.3)	31.4 (11.3)	<u>12 months, all</u> 35.3 (12.0); n=159	<u>12 months, all</u> 33.4 (12.9); n=141	NR	NR

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design (n=180) vs. CABG with high dose fentanyl (n=170)/ RCT	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
	Semantic Fluency Test	17.7 (4.6)	17.1 (4.7)	17.4 (4.8); n=159	17.5 (5.1); n=140	NR	NR
Alex, 2005 ¹³ Atmospheric air (n=31) vs. Hyperbaric oxygen (n=33)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ CABG with propofol (n=90) vs. CABG with fentanyl (n=90) / RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Gold, 1995 ^{15,4} Low MAP (n=124) vs. High MAP (n=124)/ RCT	Boston Naming Test	24.6 (4.4)	24.6 (4.6)	<u>6 months, all change</u> 0.4 (2.0); n=113	<u>6 months, all change</u> 0.8 (2.3); n=112	NR	NR
	Controlled Oral Word Assoc.	37.5 (13.1)	37.6 (13.4)	<u>change</u> 0.0 (8.3); n=113	<u>change</u> 0.6 (6.1); n=112	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Extracardiac (n=59) vs. Intracardiac (n=50)/ OBS	Boston Naming Test	54.0 (5.0)	54.7 (3.6)	6 months % with deficit 2.3; n=44	6 months % with deficit 6.7; N=30	NR	NR

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Memory Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Lamy, 2013 ¹ Off-pump CABG (n=2375) vs. On- pump CABG (n=2377)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Jensen, 2006; ²⁴ 2008 ² CABG (Off) (n=61) vs. CABG (on) (n=59)/ RCT	Visual Verbal learning, cumulated recall, # words	21.9 (4.8); n=61	21.8 (5.6); n=59	<u>12 mos., all</u> 23.8 (4.7); n=47	<u>12 mos., all</u> 22.8 (4.5); n=43	NR	NR
	Visual Verbal learning, delayed recall, # words	6.7 (2.7); n=61	6.7 (2.7); n=59	7.8 (2.7); n=47	7.4 (2.5); n=43	NR	NR
Vedin, 2006 ³ CABG (off) (n=33) vs. CABG (on) (n=37)/ RCT	Claeson-Dahl, verbal learning	151 (129-172)* n=33	174 (150-198)* n=37	<u>6 mos., all</u> 148 (132-165)* n=30	<u>6 mos., all</u> 152 (132-172)* n=32	NR	NR
	Claeson-Dahl, verbal retention	63 (55-71)* n=33	66 (59-73)* n=37	66 (61-72)* n=30	61 (55-67)* n=32	NR	NR
	Digit Symbol (WAIS- R), free recall	7.4 (6.8-7.9);* n=33	7.1 (6.6-7.6);* n=37	7.7 (7.3-8.0);* n=30	7.6 (7.3-7.9);* n=32	NR	NR
	Digit Symbol A (WAIS- R)	5.6 (4.8-6.4);* n=33	5.0 (4.1-5.8)* n=37	5.7 (5.2-6.2);* n=30	6.0 (5.4-6.5);* n=32	NR	NR
Lund, 2005 ⁴ CABG (off) (n=60) vs. CABG (on) (n=60)/ RCT	RAVLT -L, # words	33.6 (8.9); n=60	35.7 (7.9); n=60	<u>12 mos., all†</u> 37.4 (10.7); n=54	<u>12 mos., all†</u> 41.8 (7.9); n=52	NR	NR
	RAVLT -R, delayed recall, # words	6.0 (2.7); n=60	6.4 (2.6); n=60	7.2 (2.9); n=54	7.9 (2.6); n=52	NR	NR
Lee, 2003 ⁵ CABG (off) (n=30) vs. CABG (on) (n=30)/ RCT CABG (n=30)/ RCT	RAVLT, total	36.1 (13.1); n=30	39.2 (16.1); n=30	<u>12 mos., all</u> 42.9 (12.0); n=27	<u>12 mos., all</u> 43.7 (14.8); n=26	NR	NR
	RAVLT, recognition	11.7 (3.2); n=30	13.2 (1.9); n=30	13.6 (1.8); n=27	13.7 (1.5); n=26	NR	NR
	Benton Visual Retention, correct	5.5 (1.9); n=30	6.6 (2.5); n=30	5.5 (1.9); n=27	6.5 (1.9); n=26	NR	NR
	Benton Visual Retention, error	7.5 (3.3); n=30	5.5 (4.6); n=30	7.7 (3.8); n=27	5.7 (4.7); n=26	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. CABG (On) (n=152)/ Prospective	RAVLT, total	38.5 (9.2); n=72	39.1 (8.8); n=152	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 42.3 (10.3); n=55	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 44.6(10.6);n=124	<u>72 mos., all</u> 40.0 (11.2); n=43	<u>72 mos., all</u> 39.4 (10.4); n=96
	RAVLT, retention	69.8 (25.2); n=71	70.3(25.5);n=152	83.5 (26.1); n=55	79.6(23.7);n=124	84.5 (27.6); n=43	70.0 (26.1); n=96
	RAVLT, recognition	9.5 (4.1); n=72	9.6 (3.7); n=151	10.4 (3.2); n=55	10.7 (3.5); n=124	10.4 (3.7); n=43	9.1 (4.4); n=95
	Rey Complex Figure, delayed recall	15.4 (7.9); n=71	16.6 (7.0); n=152	20.3 (7.5); n=55	19.5 (7.4); n=123	17.7 (7.7); n=43	16.1 (7.7); n=94

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		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. Non-surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	Rey Complex Figure, retention	45.6 (21.8); n=71	50.2(19.1);n=152	60.0 (20.2); n=55	58.0(20.2);n=123	53.0 (21.0); n=43	50.4(21.5);n=94
	RAVLT, total	38.5 (9.2); n=72	41.2 (8.8); n=99	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 42.3 (10.3); n=55	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 45.5 (10.4); n=91	<u>72 mos., all</u> 40.0 (11.2); n=43	<u>72 mos., all</u> 42.9 (11.6); n=67
	RAVLT, retention	69.8 (25.2); n=71	76.6 (23.1); n=99	83.5 (26.1); n=55	80.3 (23.6); n=91	84.5 (27.6); n=43	77.8 (28.1); n=67
	RAVLT, recognition	9.5 (4.1); n=72	10.1 (3.7); n=99	10.4 (3.2); n=55	10.7 (3.9); n=91	10.4 (3.7); n=43	9.5 (5.8); n=67
	Rey Complex Figure, delayed recall	15.4 (7.9); n=71	16.4 (6.8); n=99	20.3 (7.5); n=55	18.4 (7.6); n=91	17.7 (7.7); n=43	16.7 (8.0); n=65
	Rey Complex Figure, retention	45.6 (21.8); n=71	48.8 (18.1); n=99	60.0 (20.2); n=55	54.7 (20.4); n=91	53.0 (21.0); n=43	51.2 (22.6); n=65
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (On) (n=152) vs. Non- surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	RAVLT, total	39.1 (8.8); n=152	41.2 (8.8); n=99	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 44.6(10.6);n=124	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 45.5 (10.4); n=91	<u>72 mos., all</u> 39.4 (10.4); n=96	<u>72 mos., all</u> 42.9 (11.6); n=67
	RAVLT, retention	70.3(25.5);n=152	76.6 (23.1); n=99	79.6(23.7);n=124	80.3 (23.6); n=91	70.0 (26.1); n=96	77.8 (28.1); n=67
	RAVLT, recognition	9.6 (3.7); n=151	10.1 (3.7); n=99	10.7 (3.5); n=124	10.7 (3.9); n=91	9.1 (4.4); n=95	9.5 (5.8); n=67
	Rey Complex Figure, delayed recall	16.6 (7.0); n=152	16.4 (6.8); n=99	19.5 (7.4); n=123	18.4 (7.6); n=91	16.1 (7.7); n=94	16.7 (8.0); n=65
	Rey Complex Figure, retention	50.2(19.1);n=152	48.8 (18.1); n=99	58.0(20.2);n=123	54.7 (20.4); n=91	50.4(21.5);n=94	51.2 (22.6); n=65
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ Hypothermic (n=133) vs. Normothermic (n=134) / RCT	RAVLT: Total (T1-T5)	score 37.8 (9.2)	score 38.4 (9.6)	<u>3 months, all</u> change 0.3 (7.1) n=119	<u>3 months, all</u> change -1.0 (7.6) n=117	NR	NR
	Trial 6	score 7.2 (2.9)	score 7.2 (3.2)	change -0.1 (2.4) n=119	change -0.4 (2.6) n=117	NR	NR
	Trial 7 (delayed recall)	score 6.9 (3.1)	score 6.9 (3.2)	change -0.4 (2.5) n=119	change -0.5 (2.4) n=117	NR	NR
	Retention	score -2.5 (2.0)	score -2.6 (2.0)	change -0.5 (2.4) n=119	change -0.3 (2.7) n=117	NR	NR
	Recognition	score 12.6 (2.1)	score 12.7 (2.5)	change -0.2 (1.9) n=119	change -0.4 (2.2) n=117	NR	NR
Nathan, 2001; ⁷ 2007 ⁸ Normothermic (n=112) vs. Hypothermic (n=111)/ RCT	Buschke – free recall	41.1 (8.6), all 5-yr completers: 41.1 (8.8)	40.2 (8.8), all 5- yr completers: 41.1 (8.8)	NR	NR	5 years, all Change 0.7 (8.7) n=65	5 years, all Change 1.2 (8.5) n=66
	Buschke consistent long-term retrieval	18.4 (12), all 5-yr completers: 20.1 (2.6)	20.4 (12.7), all 5- yr completers: 20.5 (12.2)	NR	NR	Change 1.3 (12.2); n=65	Change 1.8 (12.7); n=66
	Buschke long-term retrieval	26.1 (13)), all 5-yr completers: 26.3 (12.7)	24.7 (12.5), all 5-yr completers: 26.3 (12.9)	NR	NR	Change 2.2 (3.3); n=65	Change 2.5 (13.4); n=66

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		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
	Buschke – long-term storage	29.0 (13.0), all 5-yr completers: 29.7 (12.7)	27.5 (13.0), all 5-yr completers: 28.8 (13.0)	NR	NR	Change 1.9 (4.1) n=65	Change 2.6 (14.3); n=66
	Buschke – delayed recall	6.0 (2.8), all 5-yr completers: 6.5 (2.7)	6.1 (2.8), all 5-yr completers: 6.4 (2.8)	NR	NR	Change -0.4 (2.3); n=65	Change -0.5 (2.2); n=66
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹ Cell-saver (n=84) vs. Control (n=86) / RCT	RAVLT	7.04 (2.88)	7.69 (2.90)	<u>1 year, all</u> 7.24 (3.39); n=84	<u>1 year, all</u> 7.36 (3.05); n=84	NR	NR
Anastasiadis, 2011 ¹⁰ MECC (n=32) vs. CECC (n=32) / RCT	Fuld Object Memory Evaluation, short-term storage	43.3 (4.1); n=32	41.5 (5.2); n=32	<u>3 mos., all</u> 45.7 (3.8); n=29	<u>3 mos., all</u> 39.5 (6.4); n=31	NR	NR
	Fuld Object Memory Evaluation, long-term retrieval	7.8 (1.3); n=32	7.5 (1.4); n=32	8.4 (1.3); n=29	6.5 (1.2); n=31	NR	NR
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ CABG with candesartan (n=53) vs. CABG with placebo (n=53) / RCT	Wechsler memory scale, Immediate recall: memo test	6.19 (1.16)	5.55 (1.42)	6.46 (1.2); n=43	6.66 (1.3); n=44	NR	NR
	Wechsler memory scale, Delayed recall: memo test	4.60 (2.19)	3.64 (2.39)	5.63 (2.43); n=43	5.10 (2.43); n=44	NR	NR
Silbert, 2006 ¹² CABG with low dose fentanyl (n=180) vs. CABG with high dose fentanyl (n=170) / RCT	Consortium to Establish a Registry for Alzheimer's Disease Auditory Verbal Learning Test	16.5 (3.7)	16.1 (4.1)	<u>12 months</u> 17.9 (3.7); n=159	<u>12 months</u> 17.2 (3.7); n=141	NR	NR
Alex, 2005 ¹³ Atmospheric air (n=31) vs. Hyperbaric oxygen (n=33) / RCT	Adult memory and information processing, Table A	52.9 (15.8)	59 (14.6)	<u>4 months, all</u> 55.5 (13.7); n=31	<u>4 months, all</u> 61.1 (15.1); n=33	NR	NR
	RAVLT	41.2 (9.6)	37.8 (11.5)	40.6 (10.4); n=31	39.4 (11); n=33	NR	NR
Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ CABG with propofol (n=90) vs. CABG with fentanyl (n=90) / RCT	RAVLT, Immediate recall	40.6 (6.6)	42.7 (5.6)	<u>6 months, all</u> 43.1 (7.7); n=77	<u>6 months, all</u> 45.1 (11.7); n=75	NR	NR
	RAVLT, Delayed recall	22.4 (3.9)	23.1 (3.5)	25.2 (5.4); n=77	25.6 (7.7); n=75	NR	NR
Gold, 1995 ¹⁵				<u>6 months, all</u>	<u>6 months, all</u>		

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		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Low MAP (n=124) vs. High MAP (n=124)/ RCT	Benton Visual Recall correct	4.9 (2.4)	5.3 (2.1)	<u>change</u> 0.8 (1.9); n=112	<u>change</u> 0.5 (1.9); n=113	NR	NR
	Benton Recognition	7.6 (1.8)	7.8 (1.7)	<u>change</u> 0.1 (2.0); n=112	<u>change</u> 0.1 (2.2); n=113	NR	NR
	Mattis-Kovner Verbal Recall	10.5 (3.4)	10.6 (3.5)	<u>change</u> 1.3 (3.6); n=112	<u>change</u> 1.1 (3.4); n=113	NR	NR
	Mattis-Kovner Recognition	2.7 (0.7)	2.7 (0.8)	<u>change</u> 0.11 (0.72); n=112	<u>change</u> 0.08 (0.79); n=113	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Extracardiac (n=59) vs. Intracardiac (n=50)/ OBS	CA Verbal Learning Test - Total	43.0 (11.5)	40.2 (10.6)	<u>6 months, all</u> % with deficit, all 4.5 n=44	<u>6 months, all</u> % with deficit, all 6.7 n=30	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test – Short Free	8.3 (3.3)	7.6 (3.3)	9.1 n=44	20 n=30	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test - Short Cued	9.6 (2.9)	8.9 (2.8)	4.5 n=44	6.7 n=30	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test – Long Free	9.1 (3.4)	8.6 (3.1)	9.1 n=44	13.3 n=30	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test – Long Cued	9.5 (3.3)	9.1 (3.0)	0 n=44	3.3 n=30	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test – Disc.	90.2 (7.5)	90.1 (8.0)	7.0 n=44	13.3 n=30	NR	NR

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		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Lamy, 2013 ¹ Off-pump CABG (n=2375) vs. On- pump CABG (n=2377)/ RCT	Trail Making B (s)	<u>158.0 (88.1);</u> <u>n=721*</u>	<u>163.7 (89.5);</u> <u>n=711*</u>	<u>30 days, change</u> <u>-10.9 (58.1);</u> <u>n=470*</u>	<u>30 days, change</u> <u>-4.7 (71.2);</u> <u>n=487*</u>	<u>1 year, change</u> <u>-6.8 (64.0);</u> <u>n=353*</u>	<u>1 year, change</u> <u>-3.2 (70.2);</u> <u>n=340*</u>
Jensen, 2006; ²⁴ 2008 ² CABG (Off) (n=61) vs. CABG (on) (n=59)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Vedin, 2006 ³ CABG (off) (n=33) vs. CABG (on) (n=37)/ RCT	Digit Symbol, 90 seconds (WAIS-R) (s)	40 (37-44-range) n=33	36 (33-40); n=37	<u>6 mos., all</u> 42 (41-44); n=30	<u>6 mos., all</u> 39 (36-41); n=32	NR	NR
	Trail Making A (s)	34 (30-38)	37 (31-42)	32 (29-35); n=30	34 (32-37); n=32	NR	NR
	Trail Making B (s)	82 (72-92)	104 (86-122)	84 (80-87); n=30	83 (74-92); n=32	NR	NR
Lund, 2005 ⁴ CABG (off) (n=60) vs. CABG (on) (n=60)/ RCT	Grooved Pegboard (s)	84.5 (19.3); n=60	81.3 (16.9); n=60	<u>12 mos., all†</u> 78.8 (16.8); n=54	<u>12 mos., all†</u> 78.8 (16.1); n=52	NR	NR
	Trail Making, Part B – Part A (s)	68.3 (30.9); n=60	65.3 (41.9); n=60	63.2 (37.5); n=54	60.4 (37.4); n=52	NR	NR
	Digit Symbol (WAIS-R) (s)	36.6 (8.9); n=60	36.4 (9.6); n=60	38.5 (10.2); n=54	39.1 (10.1); n=52	NR	NR
Lee, 2003 ⁵ CABG (off) (n=30) vs. CABG (on) (n=30)/ RCT	Grooved Pegboard. Dominant (s)	97.8 (30.7); n=30	96.8 (46.9); n=30	<u>12 mos., all</u> 91.5 (26.0); n=27	<u>12 mos., all</u> 91.5 (26.0); n=26	NR	NR
	Grooved Pegboard. Non-dominant (s)	100.9 (124.5); n=30	97.2 (37.2); n=30	97.6 (32.2); n=27	89.6 (29.6); n=26	NR	NR
	Finger Tapping, dominant (number of taps)	37.1 (10.5); n=30	41.4 (10.0); n=30	39.4 (9.1); n=27	39.1 (10.0); n=26	NR	NR
	Digit Symbol (WAIS- III) (s)	45.3 (17.0); n=30	52.5 (17.0); n=30	43.7 (14.5); n=27	53.8 (22.1); n=26	NR	NR
	Trail Making A (s)	47.4 (22.2); n=30	43.7 (32.6); n=30	45.7 (15.2); n=27	43.4 (34.4); n=26	NR	NR
	Trail Making B (s)	126.0 (86.7); n=30	114.9 (87.6); n=30	117.3 (63.4); n=27	104.4 (92.1); n=26	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. CABG (on) (n=152)/ Prospective	Grooved Pegboard. Dominant (s)	99.6 (30.9) n=67	107.5 (53.7); n=152	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 94.2 (32.1) n=54	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 95.6 (29.9) n=122	<u>72 mos., all</u> 96.0 (34.4) n=43	<u>72 mos., all</u> 105.5 (36.0); n=93
	Grooved Pegboard. Non-dominant (s)	107.0 (34.4) n=68	119.1 (65.3); n=149	98.1 (30.3); n=54	103.4 (30.6); n=123	99.0 (30.4) n=43	116.3 (41.3); n=94

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		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
	Trail Making A (s)	48.0 (23.0) n=69	47.1 (24.2); n=151	43.4 (17.5); n=55	40.8 (16.8); n=123	42.6 (15.9) n=43	47.7 (29.5); n=95
	Trail Making B (s)	96.9 (34.7); n=68	105.2 (59.0); n=147	97.2 (48.4); n=55	95.4 (48.2); n=122	101.1 (47.1); n=43	105.0 (50.1); n=91
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. Non-surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	Grooved Pegboard. Dominant (s)	99.6 (30.9); n=67	97.9 (29.7); n=99	12 mos., all** 94.2 (32.1); n=54	12 mos., all** 90.8 (24.6); n=91	72 mos., all 96.0 (34.4); n=43	72 mos., all 103.3 (42.0)n=67
	Grooved Pegboard. Non-dominant (s)	107.0 (34.4) n=68	107.4 (38.4) n=98	98.1 (30.3) n=54	102.5 (35.6); n=89	99.0 (30.4) n=43	111.6 (42.9) n=66
	Trail Making A (s)	48.0 (23.0); n=69	43.1 (14.4); n=99	43.4 (17.5); n=55	41.0 (15.6); n=91	42.6 (15.9); n=43	46.4 (31.6); n=66
	Trail Making B (s)	96.9 (34.7); n=68	95.4 (40.0); n=99	97.2 (48.4); n=55	92.0 (41.5); n=91	101.1 (47.1)n=43	100.4 (50.6)n=66
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (On) (n=152) vs. Non- surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	Grooved Pegboard. Dominant (s)	107.5 (53.7); n=152	97.9 (29.7) n=99	12 mos., all** 95.6 (29.9) n=122	12 mos., all** 90.8 (24.6); n=91	72 mos., all 105.5 (36.0); n=93	72 mos., all 103.3 (42.0) n=67
	Grooved Pegboard. Non-dominant (s)	119.1 (65.3); n=149	107.4 (38.4) n=98	103.4 (30.6) n=123	102.5 (35.6); n=89	116.3 (41.3); n=94	111.6 (42.9) n=67
	Trail Making A (s)	47.1 (24.2); n=151	43.1 (14.4) n=99	40.8 (16.8); n=123	41.0 (15.6); n=91	47.7 (29.5); n=95	46.4 (31.6) n=66
	Trail Making B (s)	105.2 (59.0); n=147	95.4 (40.0) n=99	95.4 (48.2) n=122	92.0 (41.5) n=91	105.0 (50.1); n=91	100.4 (50.6) n=66
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ Hypothermic (n=133) vs. Normothermic (n=134) / RCT	Trail Making A (s)	41.9 (14.8)	40.2 (12.3)	3 months, all -4.0 (12.3) n=119	3 months, all -1.4 (11.9) n=117	NR	NR
	Trail making B (s)	105.6 (45.0)	103.3 (43.3)	-11.7 (29.0) n=119	-7.8 (35.5) n=117	NR	NR
	Grooved pegboard, dominant (s)	90.1 (20.5)	91.1 (24.4)	-4.0 (13.4) n=119	-2.0 (14.8) n=117	NR	NR
	Grooved pegboard, nondominant (s)	99.2 (26.6)	100.1 (28.3)	-4.3 (18.2) n=119	-3.5 (13.7) n=117	NR	NR
	Symbol Digit Modalities Test	42.9 (9.4)	43.1 (9.7)	2.1 (5.3) n=119	1.8 (6.7) n=117	NR	NR
	Finger tapping (dominant)	46.9 (7.9)	46.8 (8.1)	1.3 (4.9) n=119	1.6 (5.8) n=117	NR	NR
	Finger tapping (nondominant)	43.9 (7.4)	43.6 (7.3)	0.6 (3.7) n=119	1.2 (5.3) n=117	NR	NR
Nathan, 2001; ⁷ 2007 ⁸ Normothermic (n=112] vs. Hypothermic (n=111)/ RCT	Trail making A (s)	39.8 (12.3), all 5-yr completers: 38.7 (11.5)	39.4 (12.0), all 5-yr completers: 39.9 (11.6)	NR	NR	5-years, all Change 6.5 (19.0); n=65	5-years, all Change 2.9 (1.8); n=66
	Grooved pegboard (s)	89.0 (19.5), all 5- yr completers: 88.2 (17.0)	87.5 (19.6), all 5-yr completers: 87.5 (20.7)	NR	NR	Change 14.7 (30.7); n=65	Change 13.7 (21.6); n=66
	Symbol Digit	42.1 (11.0), all 5-yr completers:	43.1 (10.1), all 5-yr completers:	NR	NR	Change -3.4 (6.8); n=65	Change -2.9 (5.8); n=66

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
	Modalities Test	42.8 ± 11.1	43.8 ± 10.6				
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹ Cell-saver (n=84) vs. Control (n=86) / RCT	Grooved Pegboard (s)	89.97 (18.68)	91.32 (21.85)	<u>1 year, all</u> 89.1 (18.8) n=84	<u>1 year, all</u> 86.1 (23.4) n=83	NR	NR
Anastasiadis, 2011 ¹⁰ MECC vs. CECC / RCT	Digit Symbol Modalities Test	36.7 (15.9); n=32	29.7 (17.2); n=32	3 mos. 43.2 (17.1); n=29	3 mos. 24.2 (17.7); n=31	NR	NR
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ CABG with candesartan (n=53) vs control: CABG with placebo (n=53) / RCT	Trail making A (s)	43.2 (10.9)	42.6 (10.7)	<u>3 months, all</u> 44.1 (14.5) n=43	<u>3 months, all</u> 47.2 (10.1) n=44	NR	NR
	Trail making B (s)	40.53 (10.1)	40.7 (10.9)	44.8 (11.3); n=43	45.5 (12.8); n=44	NR	NR
	Zimmermann and Fimm Change of reaction, median reaction time	37.95 (10.66)	38.25 (12.69)	44.10 (12.47); n=43	43.90 (14.16); n=44	NR	NR
	Zimmermann and Fimm Change of reaction, SD of reaction time	42.26 (13.99)	45.77 (17.82)	53.13 (18.90); n=43	53.55 (19.72); n=44	NR	NR
Silbert, 2006 ¹² CABG with low dose fentanyl (n=180) vs. CABG with high dose fentanyl (n=170) / RCT	Trail Making A (s)	55.0 (25.7)	54.6 (23.6)	<u>12 months, all</u> 48.0 (18.1); n=159	<u>12 months, all</u> 50.8 (22.6); n=140	NR	NR
	Trail Making B (s)	125.7 (62.5)	127.5 (62.4)	110.5 (58.1); n=158	117.1 (58.9); n=141	NR	NR
	Grooved Pegboard Test, dominant (s)	99.7 (30.6)	102.1 (34.5)	90.6 (30.7); n=155	91.6 (28.0); n=138	NR	NR
	Grooved Pegboard Test, nondominant (s)	110.2 (39.2)	108.5 (37.8)	100.1 (34.3); n=155	98.6 (22.3); n=136	NR	NR
Alex, 2005 ¹³ Atmospheric air (n=31) vs. Hyperbaric oxygen (n=33) / RCT	Trail making A (s)	41.7 (14.9)	43 (16.3)	<u>4 months, all</u> 40.6 (15.7) n=31	<u>4 months, all</u> 41.4 (15.5) n=33	NR	NR
	Trail making B (s)	101 (43.5)	127.1 (52.6)	107 (54.7) n=31	108.7 (45.5) n=33	NR	NR
	Grooved Pegboard, dominant (s)	19.1 (2.2)	19.7 (2.8)	19.1 (2.6) n=31	19.1 (2.5) n=33	NR	NR
	Grooved Pegboard, nondominant (s)	21 (2.3)	21.1 (3)	20.4 (2.6) n=31	20.9 (3.7) n=33	NR	NR
Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ CABG with propofol (n=90) vs. CABG with fentanyl (n=90) / RCT	Trail Making A (s)	42.5 (6.6)	43.2 (5.6)	<u>6 months, all</u> 44.1 (5.7); n=77	<u>6 months, all</u> 45.4 (6.9); n=75	NR	NR
	Trail Making B (s)	154.2 (51.1)	156.3 (50.3)	164.0 (63.4); n=77	176.0 (57.0); n=75	NR	NR
	Grooved pegboard (s)	21.9 (3.0)	22.0 (3.5)	23.2 (4.0); n=77	23.2 (4.3); n=75	NR	NR

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Gold, 1995 ¹⁵ Low MAP (n=124) vs. High MAP (n=124)/ RCT	Trail Making A (s)	43.7 (22.3)	45.2 (24.7)	<u>6 months, all change</u> -2.7 (15.4) n=113	<u>6 months, all change</u> -4.0 (20.3) n=112	NR	NR
	Trail Making B (s)	104.6 (60.8)	102.6 (49.3)	<u>change</u> -3.6 (46.9) n=113	<u>change</u> -13.9 (39.3) n=112	NR	NR
	Digit Symbol	41.4 (10.7)	40.9 (13.7)	<u>change</u> 3.7 (6.7) n=112	<u>change</u> 2.5 (5.9) n=113	NR	NR
	Digit Span	14.2 (4.0)	14.8 (3.9)	<u>change</u> 0.4 (2.9) n=112	<u>change</u> 0.0 (3.1) n=113	NR	NR
	Finger Tapping (dominant)	46.2 (10.1)	46.6 (10.3)	<u>change</u> 0.9 (7.0) n=112	<u>change</u> -1.4 (9.3) n=113	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Extracardiac (n=59) vs. Intracardiac (n=50)/ OBS	Purdue Pegboard (Right)	11.1 (2.2)	11.4 (2.3)	6 months, all % with deficit, all 2.3; n=44	6 months, all % with deficit, all 0; n=30	NR	NR
	Purdue Pegboard (Left)	10.8 (2.1)	10.8 (2.1)	7.0; n=44	0; n=30	NR	NR
	Purdue Pegboard (Right/Left)	9.0 (1.9)	8.5 (2.0)	4.7; n=44	3.3; n=30	NR	NR

* Decision to participate in neurocognitive testing was optional but decided prior to randomization to avoid biases.

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Visuospatial Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Lamy, 2013 ¹ Off-pump CABG (n=2375) vs. On- pump CABG (n=2377)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Jensen, 2006, ²⁴ 2008 ² CABG (Off) (n=61) vs. CABG (on) (n=59)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Vedin, 2006 ³ CABG (off) (n=33) vs. CABG (on) (n=37)/ RCT	Block Span (WAIS-R), forward	7.2 (6.6-7.8)* n=33	6.9 (6.3-7.6)* n=37	<u>6 mos., all</u> 7.1 (6.6-7.7)* n=30	<u>6 mos.</u> 6.4 (5.9-7.0)* n=32	NR	NR
	Block Span (WAIS-R), backward	6.6 (6.1-7.1)* n=33	5.9 (5.2-6.5)* n=37	6.2 (5.6-6.7)* n=30	5.9 (5.5-6.3)* n=32	NR	NR
Lund, 2005 ⁴ CABG (off) (n=60) vs. CABG (on) (n=60)/ RCT	Block Design (WAIS- R)	26.4 (8.5) n=60	26.7 (9.2) n=60	<u>12 mos. †</u> 27.4 (9.7) n=54	<u>12 mos. †</u> 27.8 (9.6) n=52	NR	NR
Lee, 2003 ⁵ CABG (off) (n=30) vs. CABG (on) (n=30)/ RCT	Benton Visual Retention, correct	5.5 (1.9); n=30	6.6 (2.5); n=30	<u>12 mos., all</u> 5.5 (1.9); n=27	<u>12 mos., all</u> 6.5 (1.9); n=26	NR	NR
	Benton Visual Retention, error	7.5 (3.3); n=30	5.5 (4.6); n=30	7.7 (3.8); n=27	5.7 (4.7); n=26	NR	NR
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. CABG (On) (n=152)/ Prospective	Rey Complex Figure, copy	32.6 (4.0); n=71	32.5 (4.7); n=152	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 33.4 (3.4); n=55	33.1 (3.6); n=124	<u>72 mos., all</u> 32.5 (3.9); n=43	31.4 (5.2); n=94
	Rey Complex Figure, delayed recall	15.4 (7.9); n=71	16.6 (7.0); n=152	20.3 (7.5); n=55	19.5 (7.4); n=123	17.7 (7.7); n=43	16.1 (7.7); n=94
	Rey Complex Figure, retention	45.6 (21.8); n=71	50.2(19.1);n=152	60.0 (20.2); n=55	58.0(20.2);n=123	53.0 (21.0); n=43	50.4(21.5);n=94
	Block design (WAIS- R)	22.9 (9.2); n=69	23.2(10.0);n=150	26.0 (9.6); n=54	26.2(10.2);n=123	25.0 (10.3); n=43	23.3 (10.2);n=93
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (Off) (n=75) vs. Non-surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	Rey Complex Figure, copy	32.6 (4.0); n=71	33.0 (3.2); n=99	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 33.4 (3.4); n=55	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 33.0 (3.4); n=91	<u>72 mos., all</u> 32.5 (3.9); n=43	<u>72 mos., all</u> 32.4 (3.4); n=65
	Rey Complex Figure, delayed recall	15.4 (7.9); n=71	16.4 (6.8); n=99	20.3 (7.5); n=55	18.4 (7.6); n=91	17.7 (7.7); n=43	16.7 (8.0); n=65
	Rey Complex Figure, retention	45.6 (21.8); n=71	48.8 (18.1); n=99	60.0 (20.2); n=55	54.7 (20.4); n=91	53.0 (21.0); n=43	51.2 (22.6); n=65
	Block design (WAIS- R)	22.9 (9.2); n=69	23.2 (9.5); n=99	26.0 (9.6); n=54	24.2 (9.6); n=91	25.0 (10.3); n=43	23.3 (9.8); n=66

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
	R)						
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ CABG (On) (n=152) vs. Non- surgical control (n=99)/ Prospective	Rey Complex Figure, copy	32.5 (4.7); n=152	33.0 (3.2); n=99	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 33.1 (3.6); n=124	<u>12 mos., all**</u> 33.0 (3.4); n=91	<u>72 mos., all</u> 31.4 (5.2); n=94	<u>72 mos., all</u> 32.4 (3.4); n=65
	Rey Complex Figure, delayed recall	16.6 (7.0); n=152	16.4 (6.8); n=99	19.5 (7.4); n=123	18.4 (7.6); n=91	16.1 (7.7); n=94	16.7 (8.0); n=65
	Rey Complex Figure, retention	50.2(19.1);n=152	48.8 (18.1); n=99	58.0(20.2);n=123	54.7 (20.4); n=91	50.4(21.5);n=94	51.2 (22.6); n=65
	Block design (WAIS- R)	23.2(10.0);n=150	23.2 (9.5); n=99	26.2(10.2);n=123	24.2 (9.6); n=91	23.3 (10.2);n=93	23.3 (9.8); n=66
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ (hypothermic [n=133 versus normothermic [n=134])) RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Nathan, 2001; ⁷ 2007 ⁸ (normothermic [n=112] versus hypothermic [n=111]) RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹ (cell-saver [n=84] versus control [n=86]) RCT	Spatial Span Backward	7.02 (1.62)	7.02 (1.49)	6.89 (1.85) N=84	6.87 (1.46) N=86	NR	NR
	Spatial Span Forward	7.25 (1.75)	7.27 (1.31)	7.29 (1.66); n=84	7.08 (1.37); n=86	NR	NR
Anastasiadis 2011 ¹⁰ MECC (n=32) vs. CECC (n=32) / RCT	Judgment of Line Orientation	6.5 (2.8); n=32	5.3 (2.8); n=32	<u>3 mos., all</u> 7.24 (2.3); n=29	<u>3 mos., all</u> 4.9 (2.4); n=31	NR	NR
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ CABG with candesartan (n=53) vs. CABG with placebo (n=53)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Silbert, 2006 ¹² CABG with low dose fentanyl (n=180) vs. CABG with high dose fentanyl (n=170) / RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Alex, 2005 ¹³ Atmospheric air (n=31) vs. Hyperbaric oxygen (n=33) RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ CABG with propofol (n=90) vs. CABG with fentanyl (n=90) / RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Gold, 1995 ^{15#} Low MAP (n=124) vs. High MAP (n=124) / RCT	Benton Visual Recall correct	4.9 (2.4)	5.3 (2.1)	<u>6 months change</u> 0.8 (1.9) n=112	<u>6 months change</u> 0.5 (1.9) n=113	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Extracardiac (n=59) vs. Intracardiac (n=50) / OBS	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

CECC= conventional extracorporeal circulation; COWAT = Controlled Oral Word Association Test; MECC=minimal extracorporeal circulation; Off = off-pump; On = on-pump; NR = not reported; s = seconds; MMSE = Mini-mental state examination; mos=months; NR = not reported; s = seconds; RAVLT = Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test; WAIS = Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale

* Vedin: presented as 95% confidence intervals

† Lund also reported data for 3 months

§ Nathan 2001, 2007 – reported pre-procedure raw score and postoperative change.

¶ Silbert 2006 also reported data for 3 months

** Selnes 2009 (McKhann 2005) also reported data for 3 months

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Attention Domain

Study	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Knipp, 2013 ²³ AVR (n=37) Transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation (n=27)*/ OBS	Trail Making A (s)	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores</i> -0.197 (0.999)	NR	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores</i> -0.292 (1.031)	NR	NR	NR
	Digit span forward	-0.003 (1.000)	NR	0.367 (0.932)	<i>z-score difference from baseline (from graph)</i> ~ -0.25		
Fakin, 2012 ¹⁸ Hypothermic AVR (n=30) vs. Normothermic (n=30)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Intracardiac (n=50) vs. Extracardiac (n=59)/ OBS	Trail Making A (s)	44.5 (17.3)	40.8 (15.7)	6 months % with deficit 33.3 n=30	6 months % with deficit 25.0 n=44	NR	NR

NR = not reported** Mini-Mental State Exam also reported. ""In the MMSE and digit span backward test, a non-significant decline at discharge (z-score difference, -0.72 ± 1.42 and -0.20 ± 1.15, respectively) was followed by a significant increase by 3 months (z-score difference 0.95 ± 1.20 and 0.98 ± 1.45, respectively, P <0.05)."

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Executive Function Domain

Study	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Knipp, 2013 ²³ AVR (n=37) Transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation (n=27)/ OBS	Trail Making B (s)	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores</i> -0.232 (0.999)	NR	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores</i> -0.342 (0.757)	NR	NR	NR
	Digit span backward	0.003 (1.001)	NR	0.015 (0.888)	<i>z-score difference from baseline (from graph) ~ 0.67</i>		
Fakin, 2012 ¹⁸ Hypothermic AVR (n=30) vs. Normothermic (n=30) / RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Intracardiac (n=50) vs. Extracardiac (n=59)/ OBS	Controlled Oral Word Association	34.2 (12.1)	33.5 (11.5)	6 months, all % with deficit, 0; n=30	6 months, all % with deficit 4.5; n=44	NR	NR
	Trail making B (s)	129.7 (68.6)	117.0 (60.6)	% with deficit 20; n=30	% with deficit 18.2; n=44	NR	NR
	Digital Symbol	36.0 (12.5)	36.2 (10.2)	% with deficit 26.7; n=30	% with deficit 6.8; n=44	NR	NR

NR = not reported

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Language Domain

Study	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Knipp, 2013 ²³ AVR (n=37) Transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation (n=27)/ OBS	Verbal fluency	NR	NR	NR	<i>z-score difference from baseline (from graph) ~ -0.25</i>	NR	NR
Fakin, 2012 ¹⁸ Hypothermic AVR (n=30) vs. Normothermic (n=30)/ RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Intracardiac (n=50) vs. Extracardiac (n=59)/ OBS	Controlled Oral Word Association	34.2 (12.1)	33.5 (11.5)	6 months, all % with deficit, all 0 n=30	6 months, all % with deficit, all 4.5 n=44	NR	NR
	Boston Naming Test	54.7 (3.6)	54.0 (5.0)	6 months % with deficit 6.7 n=30	6 months % with deficit 2.3 n=44	NR	NR

NR = not reported

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Memory Domain

Study	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Knipp, 2013 ²³ AVR (n=37) Transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation (n=27)/ OBS	Verbal Learning Test - immediate recall	-0.004 (0.998)	NR	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores 0.005 (0.839)</i>	<i>z-score difference from baseline (from graph) ~0.4</i>	NR	NR
	Verbal Learning Test - delayed recognition	0.211 (0.998)	NR	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores 0.469 (1.002)</i>	<i>z-score difference from baseline (from graph) ~0.15</i>	NR	NR
Fakin, 2012 ¹⁸ Hypothermic AVR (n=30) vs. Normothermic (n=30) / RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Intracardiac (n=50) vs. Extracardiac (n=59)/ OBS	CA Verbal Learning Test - Total	40.2 (10.6)	43.0 (11.5)	6 months, all % with deficit 6.7; n=30	6 months, all % with deficit 4.5; n=44	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test – Short Free	7.6 (3.3)	8.3 (3.3)	% with deficit 20; n=30	% with deficit 9.1; n=44	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test - Short Cued	8.9 (2.8)	9.6 (2.9)	% with deficit 6.7; n=30	% with deficit 4.5; n=44	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test – Long Free	8.6 (3.1)	9.1 (3.4)	% with deficit 13.3; n=30	% with deficit 9.1; n=44	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test – Long Cued	9.1 (3.0)	9.5 (3.3)	% with deficit 3.3; n=30	% with deficit 0; n=44	NR	NR
	CA Verbal Learning Test – Disc.	90.1 (8.0)	90.2 (7.5)	% with deficit 13.3; n=30	% with deficit 7.0; n=44	NR	NR

NR = not reported

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Psychomotor Domain

Study	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Knipp, 2013 ²³ AVR (n=37) Transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation (n=27)/ OBS	Trail Making A (s)	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores -0.197 (0.999)</i>	NR	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores -0.292 (1.031)</i>	NR	NR	NR
	Trail Making B (s)	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores -0.232 (0.999)</i>	NR	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores -0.342 (0.757)</i>	NR	NR	NR
Fakin, 2012 ¹⁸ Hypothermic AVR (n=30) vs. Normothermic (n=30) /RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Intracardiac (n=50) vs. Extracardiac (n=59)/ OBS	Trail Making A (s)	44.5 (17.3)	40.8 (15.7)	6 months % with deficit 33.3; n=30	6 months % with deficit 25.0; n=44		
	Trail making B (s)	129.7 (68.6)	117.0 (60.6)	6 months % with deficit 20; n=30	6 months % with deficit 18.2; n=44	NR	NR
	Pegboard (Right)	11.4 (2.3)	11.1 (2.2)	6 months % with deficit 0; n=30	6 months % with deficit 2.3; n=44	NR	NR
	Pegboard (Left)	score 10.8 (2.1)	score 10.8 (2.1)	6 months % with deficit 0; n=30	6 months % with deficit 7.0; n=44	NR	NR
	Pegboard (Right/Left)	score 8.5 (2.0)	score 9.0 (1.9)	6 months % with deficit 3.3; n=30	6 months % with deficit 4.7; n=44	NR	NR

NR = not reported

Appendix J. Table 2. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Individual Neuropsychological Tests/Cognitive Domains - AVR
Visual/Spatial Domain

Study	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Knip, 2013 ²³ AVR (n=37) Transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation (n=27)/ OBS	Corsi block tapping forward	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores</i> 0.003 (0.999)	NR	<i>z scores (mean ± SD) transformed from raw scores</i> 0.073 (1.122)	NR	NR	NR
	Corsi block tapping backward	0.002 (1.002)	NR	0.164 (1.023)	NR	NR	NR
	Horn test No. 9	-0.001 (0.999)	NR	0.324 (1.055)	NR	NR	NR
Fakin, 2012 ¹⁸ Hypothermic AVR (n=30) vs. Normothermic (n=30)/RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Intracardiac (n=50) vs. Extracardiac (n=59)/ OBS	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

NR = not reported

Appendix J. Table 3. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Individual Neuropsychological Tests/Cognitive Domains – CAS and CEA
Attention Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶ CAS (n=71) vs. CEA (n=69) / RCT	WAIS-III Digit Span Forward, z-score	0.91 (1.26)	0.50 (0.69)	6 months, all change: -0.09 (1.05); n=61	6 months, all change: -0.13 (1.60); n=58	NR	NR
	Star cancellation of the behavioral inattention task, z-score	1.18 (1.79)	0.44 (3.56)	change: -1.75 (1.70); n=61	change: -0.61 (3.57); n=58	NR	NR
Baracchini 2012 CEA (n=145) vs. Laparoscopic cholecystectomy control (n=68) / OBS	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crawley 2000 Carotid PTA (n=20) vs. CEA (n=26) / RCT	Trail-Making Test A (s)	47.0 (17.0)	68.8 (57.4)	6 months, all 46.3 (19.5); n=18 change: 0.05;	6 months, all 88.3 (119.4); n=22 change: 0.03	NR	NR
	Letter Cancellation Test, (s)	106.7 (25.1)	121.74 (31.7)	108.8 (23.8); n=18 change: -0.08	118.7 (29.6); n=22 change: 0.15	NR	NR
	Symbol Digit Test (s)	231.8 (66.2)	261.0 (110.2)	220.4 (65.8); n=18 change: 0.05	245.4 (107.7); n=22 change: 0.15	NR	NR
	Two-Choice Reaction Time (ms)	715.6 (241.7)	694.8 (234.9)	715.6 (232.0); n=18 change: 0.19	704.6 (205.0); n=22 change: -0.08	NR	NR
	Displaced Reaction Time (s)	1.5 (0.8)	1.6 (0.7)	1.5 (0.9); n=18 change: -0.03	1.6 (0.9); n=22 change: 0.16	NR	NR

Appendix J. Table 3. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Individual Neuropsychological Tests/Cognitive Domains – CAS and CEA
Executive Function Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Preoperative, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶ CAS (n=71) vs. CEA (n=69)/ RCT	Raven advanced progressive matrices; WAIS similarities, z- score	-0.26 (0.75)	-0.49 (0.90)	<u>6 months, all</u> change: -0.17 (0.48); n=61	<u>6 months, all</u> change: 0.04 (0.45); n=58	NR	NR
	Brixton anticipation task and Letter fluency, z- score	-0.41 (0.59)	-0.61 (0.69)	change: 0.13 (0.36); n=61	change: 0.17 (0.48); n=58	NR	NR
	WAIS-III digit span backward, Rey auditory verbal learning test and Semantic fluency, z- score	0.11 (1.08)	-0.34 (1.02)	change: -0.16 (0.76); n=61	change: -0.09 (1.00); n=58	NR	NR
	Benton judgment of line orientation, Facial recognition task, and Rey-Osterrieth complex figure-copy, z-score	-0.35 (0.90)	-0.47 (0.98)	change: -0.14 (0.54)	change: -0.17 (0.73); n=58	NR	NR
Baracchini, 2012 ²² CEA (n=145:) vs. laparoscopic cholecystectomy control (n=68) / OBS	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crawley, 2000 ¹⁷ Carotid PTA (n=20) vs. CEA (n=26) / RCT	Trail-Making Test B (s)	129.5 (76.8)	144.04 (49.2)	<u>6 months, all</u> 152.9 (113.7); n=18 change: -16	<u>6 months, all</u> 147.0 (70.6); n=22 change: 0.17	NR	NR
	Symbol Digit Test (s)	231.8 (66.2)	261.0 (110.2)	220.4 (65.8); n=18 change: 0.05	245.4 (107.7); n=22 change: 0.15	NR	NR

Appendix J. Table 3. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Individual Neuropsychological Tests/Cognitive Domains – CAS and CEA
Language Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶ CAS (n=71) vs. CEA (n=69) / RCT	Token test and Boston naming test, z-score	-0.39 (0.83)	-0.61 (1.20)	6 months, all change: -0.25 (0.68); n=61	6 months, all change: -0.18 (0.70); n=58	NR	NR
	Brixton anticipation task and Letter fluency, z- score	-0.41 (0.59)	-0.61 (0.69)	change: 0.13 (0.36); n=61	change: 0.17 (0.48); n=58	NR	NR
	WAIS-III digit span backward and Rey auditory verbal learning test; semantic fluency, z- score	0.11 (1.08)	-0.34 (1.02)	change: -0.16 (0.76); n=61	change: -0.09 (1.00); n=58	NR	NR
Baracchini, 2012 ²² CEA (n=145: 75 asx + 70 sx)) vs. laparoscopic cholecystectomy control (n=68) Prospective observational cohort study	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crawley, 2000 ¹⁷ Carotid PTA (n=20) vs. CEA (n=26) / RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Appendix J. Table 3. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Individual Neuropsychological Tests/Cognitive Domains – CAS and CEA
Memory Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶ CAS (n=71) vs. CEA (n=69) RCT	WAIS-III digit span backward, Rey auditory verbal learning test and Semantic fluency, z-score	0.11 (1.08)	-0.34 (1.02)	<u>6 months, all</u> change: -0.16 (0.76); n=61	<u>6 months, all</u> change: -0.09 (1.00); n=58	NR	NR
	Rey-Osterrieth complex figure-delay, z-score	-0.15 (1.08)	-0.23 (0.85)	change: 0.24 (0.72); n=61	change: 0.24 (0.66); n=58	NR	NR
	Benton judgment of line orientation, Facial recognition task and Rey-Osterrieth complex figure-copy, z-score	-0.35 (0.90)	-0.47 (0.98)	change: -0.14 (0.54); n=61	change: -0.17 (0.73); n=58	NR	NR
Baracchini, 2012 ²² CEA (n=145: 75 asx + 70 sx)) vs. laparoscopic cholecystectomy control (n=68) Prospective observational cohort study	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crawley, 2000 ¹⁷ Carotid PTA (n=20) vs. CEA (n=26) RCT	Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test (sum of # of correct trials)	53.2 (12.3)	53.9 (12.8)	<u>6 months, all</u> 53.9 (16.8); n=18 change: 0.04	<u>6 months, all</u> 55.8 (14.9); n=22 change: 0.08	NR	NR
	Nonverbal Memory Test (number correct)	16.6 (1.7)	16.7 (2.0)	16.6 (1.8); n=18 change: -0.01	16.9 (1.8); n=22 change: 0.16	NR	NR

Appendix J. Table 3. Cognitive Outcomes Tables: Individual Neuropsychological Tests/Cognitive Domains – CAS and CEA
Psychomotor Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶ CAS (n=71) vs. CEA (n=69) RCT	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Baracchini, 2012 ²² CEA (n=145: 75 asx + 70 sx) vs. laparoscopic cholecystectomy control (n=68) Prospective observational cohort study	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crawley, 2000 ¹⁷ Carotid PTA (n=20) vs. CEA (n=26) RCT	Trail-Making Test A (s)	47.0 (17.0)	68.8 (57.4)	<u>6 months, all</u> 46.3 (19.5); n=18 change: 0.05	<u>6 months, all</u> 88.3 (119.4); n=22 change: 0.03	NR	NR
	Trail-Making Test B (s)	129.5 (76.8)	144.04 (49.2)	152.9 (113.7); n=18 change: -16	147.0 (70.6); n=22 change: 0.17	NR	NR
	Symbol Digit Test (s)	231.8 (66.2)	261.0 (110.2)	220.4 (65.8); n=18 change: 0.05	245.4 (107.7); n=22 change: 0.15	NR	NR
	Grooved Pegboard Dominant (s)	89.3 (21.8)	106.6 (33.6)	103.8 (34.3); n=18 change: -0.06	raw: 108.8 (39.6); n=22 change: 0.45	NR	NR
	Grooved Pegboard Nondominant, (s)	109.4 (32.2)	113.3 (26.3)	120.4 (47.8); n=18 change: 0.07	: 126.5 (65.7); n=22 change: 0.25	NR	NR
	Finger Tapping (number of taps)	56.7 (15.2)	50.05 (12.28)	55.8 (18.7); n=18 change: 0.20	50.8 (13.72); n=22 change: 0.12	NR	NR

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Visual/Spatial Domain

Study/ Intervention vs. control / Design	Specific cognitive test	Pre-Procedure, mean (SD)		Intermediate-term, mean (SD) (3-12 months) follow-up		Long-term, mean (SD) (>12 months) follow-up	
		Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶ CAS (n=71) vs. CEA (n=69) / RCT	Rey-Osterrieth complex figure-delay, z-score	-0.15 (1.08)	-0.23 (0.85)	<u>6 months</u> , all change: 0.24 (0.72); n=61	<u>6 months</u> , allchange: 0.24 (0.66); n=58	NR	NR
	Benton judgment of line orientation, facial recognition task, Rey- Osterrieth complex figure-copy, z-score	-0.35 (0.90)	-0.47 (0.98)	change: -0.14 (0.54); n=61	change: -0.17 (0.73); n=58	NR	NR
	Star cancellation of the behavioral inattention task, z-score	1.18 (1.79)	0.44 (3.56)	change: -1.75 (1.70); n=61	change: -0.61 (3.57); n=58	NR	NR
Baracchini, 2012 ²² CEA (n=145: 75 asx + 70 sx) vs. laparoscopic cholecystectomy control (n=68) Prospective observational cohort study	No tests reported	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crawley, 2000 ¹⁷ Carotid PTA (n=20) vs. CEA (n=26) / RCT	Letter Cancellation Test (s)	106.7 (25.1)	121.74 (31.7)	<u>6 months</u> 108.8 (23.8); n=18 change: -0.08	<u>6 months</u> 118.7 (29.6); n=22 change: 0.15	NR	NR

CEA=carotid endarterectomy; ms = milliseconds; NR = not reported; PTA = percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; s = seconds; sr=square root

Appendix K

Stroke/TIA Outcomes Tables

Appendix K. Table 1. Stroke / TIA Outcomes - CABG

Study/Design	Stroke n/N (%)		TIA n/N (%)	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Lamy, 2013 ¹ RCT	Off-pump CABG 36/2375 (1.5); 1 year	CABG 40/2377 (1.7); 1 year	Off-pump CABG NR	CABG NR
Jensen, 2006, ²⁴ 2008 ² RCT	Off-pump CABG 1/61 (1.6); 3 mos.	CABG 1/59 (1.7); 3 mos.	Off-pump CABG NR	CABG NR
Vedin, 2006 ³ RCT	Off-pump CABG 0/33	CABG 0/37	Off-pump CABG 0/33	CABG 0/37
Lund, 2005 ⁴ RCT	Off-pump CABG NR	CABG NR	Off-pump CABG NR	CABG NR
Lee, 2003 ⁵ RCT	Off-pump CABG 0/30	CABG 1/30 (3.3) <i>Detected by scan</i>	Off-pump CABG NR	CABG NR
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR
McKhann, 2005; ²⁸ Selnes 2009 ²⁰ Prospective	Off-pump CABG NR at 3 and 12 mos.; 4% at 72 mos.	Non-surgical control NR at 3 and 12 mos.; 3% at 72 mos.	Off-pump CABG NR at 3 and 12 mos. 3% at 72 mos.	Non-surgical control NR at 3 and 12 mos. 4% at 72 mos.
Nathan, 2001; ⁷ 2007 ⁸ RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR
Djaiani, 2012 ⁹ RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR
Anastasiadis, 2011 ¹⁰ RCT	MECC 0/32	CECC 0/32	MECC 0/32	CECC 0/32
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ RCT	Candesartan 2/43 (4.7%)	Placebo 5/44 (11.4%)	NR	NR
Silbet, 2006 ¹² RCT	2 post-procedure strokes (NR by group)		NR	NR
Alex, 2005 ¹³ RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR
Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ RCT	Propofol 3/90 (3.3%)	Fentanyl (3/90) (3.3%)	NR	NR
Gold, 1995 ¹⁵ RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹ Prospective	NR	NR	NR	NR

CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting; NR = not reported; TIA = transient ischemic attack; MECC = minimal extracorporeal circulation;
CECC = conventional extracorporeal circulation

Appendix K. Table 2. Stroke/TIA Outcomes Tables - AVR

	Stroke		TIA	
Study	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Knipp, 2013 ²³	AVR 1/37 (2.7)	TA-TAVI 1 (fatal) /27 (3.7)	NR	NR
Fakin, 2012 ¹⁸	0 (0)	0 (0)	NR	NR
Andrew, 2001 ²¹	NR	NR	NR	NR

CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting; NR = not reported; TIA = transient ischemic attack; TA-TAVI = transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation

Appendix K. Table 3. Stroke/TIA Outcomes Tables – CAS and CEA

Study	Stroke		TIA	
	Intervention	Control	Intervention	Control
Altinbas, 2011 ¹⁶ CAS (n=71) vs CEA (n=69) RCT	6 months: There were no significant differences between CAS and CEA in the 6-month stroke rate (data were not shown).		NR	NR
Baracchini, 2012 ²² Prospective observational cohort study	30 days: Symptomatic 0/75 (0)	30 days: Asymptomatic 0/70 (0)	30 days: Symptomatic 3/75 (4%)	At 30 days: Asymptomatic 0/70 (0)
Crawley, 2000 ¹⁷ Carotid PTA (n=20) vs CEA (n=26) RCT	NR	NR	NR	NR

asx=asymptomatic; CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting; NR = not reported; RCT=randomized controlled trial; TIA = transient ischemic attack
asx=asymptomatic; CABG = coronary artery bypass grafting; NR = not reported; RCT=randomized controlled trial; TIA = transient ischemic attack;

Appendix L

Strength of Evidence

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
Off-pump CABG vs. On-pump CABG	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 5 (5126) OBS: 1 (326)	RCT: Medium OBS: High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 4 (374)	Medium	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	RCT: Low; No statistically significant differences OBS: Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Attention	RCT: 3 (250) OBS: 1 (326)	RCT: MediumOBS: High	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	RCT: Low; No statistically significant differences OBS: Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Memory	RCT: 4 (374) OBS: 1 (326)	RCT: Medium OBS: High	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	RCT: Low; No statistically significant differences OBS: Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Language	RCT: 3 (250) OBS: 1 (326)	RCT: MediumOBS: High	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	RCT: Low; No statistically significant differences OBS: Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Executive	RCT: 5 (1420) OBS: 1 (326)	RCT: Medium OBS: High	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	RCT: Low; No statistically significant differences OBS: Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, VSF	RCT: 2 (190) OBS: 1 (326)	RCT: MediumOBS: High	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	RCT: Low; No statistically significant differences OBS: Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 2 (180) OBS: 1 (326)	RCT: Medium OBS: High	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	RCT: Low; No statistically significant differences OBS: Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (1273) OBS: 1 (326)	RCT: Medium OBS: High	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	RCT: Low; No statistically significant differences OBS: Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
On-pump CABG vs. Non-surgical control	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	OBS: 1 (251)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	OBS: 1 (251)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Attention	OBS: 1 (251)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Memory	OBS: 1 (251)	High	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Language	OBS: 1 (251)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Executive	OBS: 1 (251)	High	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, VSF	OBS: 1 (251)	High	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	OBS: 1 (251)	High	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	OBS: 1 (251)	High	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
Off-pump CABG vs. Non-surgical control	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	OBS: 1 (174)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	OBS: 1 (174)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Attention	OBS: 1 (174)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Memory	OBS: 1 (174)	High	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Language	OBS: 1 (174)	High	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
	NP tests, Executive	OBS: 1 (174)	High	Unknown	Precise	Direct	unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, VSF	OBS: 1 (174)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	OBS: 1 (174)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	OBS: 1 (174)	High	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
On-pump CABG vs. CABG with Minimal Extracorporeal Bypass (MECC)¹⁰	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; Reduced risk (21 vs. 61%; RR=0.34 [CI, 0.16 to 0.73])
	NP tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; MECC group scored statistically significantly better on WAIS digit symbol ES=1.08 [CI, 0.53 to 1.62]
	NP tests, Memory	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; MECC group scored statistically significantly better on Fuld object memory evaluation.
	NP tests, Language	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low, minimal extracorporeal bypass group scored statistically significantly better on Stroop Color/Word ES=0.89 [CI, 0.36 to 1.42] WAIS digit span backward ES=0.94 [CI, 0.41 to 1.48]; WAIS digit symbol ES=1.08 [CI, 0.53 to 1.62]
	NP tests, VSF	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low, minimal extracorporeal bypass group scored statistically significantly better on

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
							Judgment of Line Orientation ES=0.98 [CI, 0.44 to 1.52]
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low, minimal extracorporeal bypass group scored statistically significantly better on WAIS digit span backward ES=0.94 [CI, 0.41 to 1.48]; WAIS digit symbol ES=1.08 [CI, 0.53 to 1.62]
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
Hypothermic vs. Normothermic ^{4, 6, 7}	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 3 (610)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 3 (610)	Medium	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Attention	RCT: 3 (610)	Medium	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Memory	RCT: 2 (387)	Medium	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Language	RCT: 2 (387)	Medium	Consistent	Precise	Direct	Moderate; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Executive	RCT: 3 (610)	Medium	Consistent	Precise	Direct	Moderate; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, VSF	RCT: 1 (120)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 3 (610)	Medium	Consistent	Precise	Direct	Moderate; No statistically significant differences
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen		-	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
Anesthetic Regimen, High- vs. Low-dose Fentanyl ^{12,}	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (350)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 1 (350)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
	NP tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (350))	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Memory	RCT: 1 (350)	Medium	Unknown	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Language	RCT: 1 (350)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (350)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, VSF	-	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 1 (350)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (350)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
Anesthetic Regimen, Propofol vs. Fentanyl²⁷	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (180)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 1 (180)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (180))	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Memory	RCT: 1 (180)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Language	-	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (180))	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, VSF	-	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 1 (180)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (180)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
Miscellaneous Procedure Methods, Atmospheric Oxygen vs. Hyperbaric Oxygen¹³	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Memory	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Language	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, VSF	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (64)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
Miscellaneous Procedure Methods, Cell Saver vs. Cardiotomy Suction⁹	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (226)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 1 (226)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (226)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Memory	RCT: 1 (226)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Language	RCT: 1 (226)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (226)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, VSF	RCT: 1 (226)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 1 (226)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (226)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
Miscellaneous Procedure Methods, High Arterial Blood Pressure vs. Low Arterial Blood Pressure¹⁵	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (248)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 1 (248)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (248)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Memory	RCT: 1 (248)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Language	RCT: 1 (248)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	NP tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (248)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, VSF	RCT: 1 (248)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 1 (248)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (248)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
Miscellaneous Procedure Methods, Candesartan (preoperative) vs. Placebo (preoperative)¹¹	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (106)	Unclear	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 1 (106)	Unclear	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (106)	Unclear	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Memory	RCT: 1 (106)	Unclear	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Language	RCT: 1 (106)	Unclear	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (106)	Unclear	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, VSF	RCT: 1 (106)	Unclear	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
							outcome
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 1 (106)	Unclear	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (106)	Unclear	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
CABG vs. Aortic or Mitral Valve Surgery Alone or in Combination with CABG²¹	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	OBS: 1 (109)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	OBS: 1 (109)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Attention	OBS: 1 (109)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Memory	OBS: 1 (109)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Language	OBS: 1 (109)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, Executive	OBS: 1 (109)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	NP tests, VSF	OBS: 1 (109)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	NP tests, Psychomotor speed	OBS: 1 (109)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	OBS: 1 (109)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome

Appendix L. Table 2. Strength of Evidence - AVR

Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
AVR under hypothermia vs. AVR under normothermia¹⁸	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (60)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 1 (60)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (60)	Medium	Unknown	Unclear**	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, Memory	-	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Language	-	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (60)	Medium	Unknown	Unclear**	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, VSF	-	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Psychomotor speed		Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (60)	Medium	Unknown	Unclear**	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
AVR vs. Transapical transcatheter aortic valve implantation	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	OBS: 1 (64)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	OBS: 1 (64)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, Attention			-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Memory			-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Language			-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological						Insufficient;

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
	tests, Executive			-	-	-	No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, VSF			-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Psychomotor speed			-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen			-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome

CAS = Carotid artery stenting; CEA = Carotid endarterectomy; CI = cognitive impairment; OBS = prospective observational cohort study; RCT = randomized controlled trial; VSF = visual-spatial functioning

*Strength of the evidence was evaluated based on the following domains: (1) study limitations (risk of bias or internal validity); (2) directness; (3) consistency; (4) precision; and, when appropriate, (5) reporting bias. Study limitations will be rated as low, medium or high based on the study design and risk of bias of individual studies.

**Though the Fakin study reports that they collected Trails A, Trails B and MMSE at baseline and follow-up, the study reported insufficient detail on these results quantify within or between-group changes in these outcomes. Precision could not be determined.

Appendix L. Table 3. Strength of Evidence for CAS / CEA studies

Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
CEA vs. CAS¹⁶	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (177)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"	RCT: 1 (177)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (177)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, Memory	RCT: 1 (177)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	Neuropsychological tests, Language	RCT: 1 (177)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	Neuropsychological tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (177)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	Neuropsychological tests, VSF	RCT: 1 (177)	Medium	Unknown	Precise	Direct	Low; No statistically significant differences
	Neuropsychological tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 1 (177)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (177)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
CEA vs. Angioplasty¹⁷	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	RCT: 1 (46)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"		Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, Attention	RCT: 1 (46)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, Memory	RCT: 1 (46)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
	Neuropsychological tests, Language	RCT: 1 (46)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Executive	RCT: 1 (46)	Medium	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, VSF	RCT: 1 (46)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Psychomotor speed	RCT: 1 (46)	Medium	Consistent	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	RCT: 1 (46)	Medium	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
CEA vs. laparoscopic cholecystectomy control²²	Clinical Outcomes (Dementia, CI)	OBS: 1 (227)	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Composite NP test "impairment"		High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Attention	-	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Memory	-	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Language	-	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Executive	-	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, VSF	-	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome
	Neuropsychological tests, Psychomotor	-	High	-	-	-	Insufficient; No evidence for this outcome

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Comparison	Outcome	Study design: No. studies (N)	Study Limitations	Consistency	Precision	Directness	SOE Grade*: Finding
	speed						
	Neuropsychological tests, global cognitive screen	OBS: 1 (227)	High	Unknown	Imprecise	Direct	Insufficient; Evidence has unacceptable deficiencies

*Strength of the evidence was evaluated based on the following domains: (1) study limitations (risk of bias or internal validity); (2) directness; (3) consistency; (4) precision; and, when appropriate, (5) reporting bias. Study limitations will be rated as low, medium or high based on the study design and risk of bias of individual studies.

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Appendix M

Mean Change from Baseline Tables

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Table 1. Mean change from baseline for Trail Making A (time in seconds), CABG studies. Lower scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Vedin 2006³ /							
Randomized trial	6	CABG, off-pump	34 (11.5); n=33	32.0 (8.2); n=30	-2.0 [-6.9 to 2.9]	0.20 [-0.30 to 0.69]	0.09 [-0.41 to 0.59]
	6	CABG, on-pump	37 (16.7); n=37	34.0 (7.1); n=32	-3.0 [-8.9 to 2.9]	0.23 [-0.25 to 0.70]	
Lee 2003⁵ /							
Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	47.4 (22.2); n=30	45.7 (15.2); n=27	-1.7 [-11.5 to 8.1]	0.09 [-0.43 to 0.61]	-0.05 [-0.59 to 0.49]
	12	CABG, on-pump	43.7 (32.6); n=30	43.4 (34.4); n=26	-0.3 [-17.9 to 17.3]	0.01 [-0.52 to 0.53]	
Selnes 2009²⁰ /							
Prospective observational	12	CABG, off-pump	48.0 (23.0); n=69	43.4 (17.5); n=55	-4.6 [-11.7 to 2.5]	0.22 [-0.14, 0.58]	Off vs. On 0.08 [-0.24 to 0.40]
	12	CABG, on-pump	47.1 (24.2); n=151	40.8 (16.8); n=123	-6.3 [-11.2 to -1.4]	0.30 [0.06 to 0.54]	Off vs. NSC -0.15 [-0.48 to 0.19]
	12	Non-surgical control	43.1 (14.4); n=99	41.0 (15.6); n=91	-2.1 [-6.4 to 2.2]	0.14 [-0.15 to 0.42]	On vs. NSC -0.23 [-0.50 to 0.05]
	72	CABG, off-pump	48.0 (23.0); n=69	42.6 (15.9); n=43	-5.4 [-12.6 to 1.8]	0.26 [-0.12 to 0.64]	Off vs. On -0.24 [-0.60 to 0.13]
	72	CABG, on-pump	47.1 (24.2); n=151	47.7 (29.5); n=95	0.6 [-6.5 to 7.7]	-0.02 [-0.28 to 0.23]	Off vs. NSC -0.37 [-0.76 to 0.02]
	72	Non-surgical control	43.1 (14.4); n=99	46.4 (31.6); n=67	3.3 [-4.8 to 11.4]	-0.14 [-0.45 to 0.17]	On vs. NSC -0.10 [-0.41 to 0.21]
Nathan, 2001⁷ /							
Randomized trial	60	CABG, hypothermic	38.7 (11.5); n=65	NR	6.5 (19.0); n=65	NA	0.27 [-0.08 to 0.61]
	60	CABG, normothermic	39.9 (11.6); n=66	NR	2.9 (1.8); n=66	NA	
Boodhwani 2007⁶ /							
Randomized trial	3	CABG, hypothermic	41.9 (14.8); n=133	NR	-4.0 (12.3); n=119	NA	-0.21 [-0.47 to 0.04]
	3	CABG, normothermic	40.2 (12.3); n=134	NR	-1.4 (11.9); n=117	NA	
Alex 2005¹³ /							
Randomized trial	4	CABG, atmos. air	41.7 (14.9); n=31	40.6 (15.7); n=31	-1.1 [-8.7 to 6.5]	0.07 [-0.43 to 0.57]	0.03 [-0.46 to 0.52]
	4	CABG, oxygen	43.0 (16.3); n=33	41.4 (15.5); n=33	-1.6 [-9.3 to 6.1]	0.10 [-0.38 to 0.58]	
Flesch 2009¹¹ /							
Randomized trial	3	CABG, cardesartan	43.2 (10.9); n=53	44.1 (14.5); n=43	0.9 [-4.3 to 6.1]	-0.07 [-0.47 to 0.33]	-0.33 [-0.75 to 0.10]
	3	CABG, placebo	42.6 (10.7); n=53	47.2 (10.1); n=44	4.6 [0.5 to 8.8]	-0.44 [-0.84 to -0.03]	
Gold 1995¹⁵ /							
	6	CABG, low MAP	43.7 (22.3); n=124	NR	-2.7 (15.4); n=113	NA	0.07 [-0.19 to 0.33]

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Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Randomized trial	6	CABG, high MAP	45.2 (24.7); n=124	NR	-4.0 (20.3); n=112	NA	
Kadoi 2003¹⁴ /	6	CABG, propofol	42.5 (6.6); n=77	44.1 (5.7); n=77	1.6 [-0.4 to 3.6]	-0.26 [-0.58 to 0.06]	-0.10 [-0.41 to 0.22]
Randomized trial	6	CABG, fentanyl	43.2 (5.6); n=75	45.4 (6.9); n=75	2.2 [0.2 to 4.2]	-0.35 [-0.67 to -0.03]	
Silbert 2006¹² /	12	CABG, low-dose fentanyl	55.0 (25.7); n=168	48.0 (18.1); n=159	-7 [-11.8 to -2.2]	0.31 [0.09 to 0.53]	-0.14 [-0.37 to 0.08]
Randomized trial	12	CABG, high-dose fentanyl	54.6 (23.6); n=158	50.8 (22.6); n=140	-3.8 [-9.1 to 1.5]	0.16 [-0.06 to 0.39]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PO = prospective observational study; RCT = randomized controlled trial; MAP = mean arterial pressure (during bypass); NSC = non-surgical control

Table 2. Mean change from baseline for Trail Making A (time in seconds), Carotid artery stenting (CAS) studies. Lower scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Crawley 2000¹⁷ /	6	Carotid PTA	47.0 (17.0); n=20	46.3 (19.5); n=18	-0.7 [-12.4 to 11.0]	0.04 [-0.60 to 0.67]	-0.28 [-0.91 to 0.35]
Randomized trial	6	CEA	68.8 (57.4); n=26	88.3 (119.4); n=22	19.5 [-35.1 to 74.1]	-0.21 [-0.78 to 0.36]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PTA = Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; SD = standard deviation;

Table 3. Mean change from baseline for Trail Making A (time in seconds), Carotid endarterectomy (CEA) studies. Lower scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Crawley 2000¹⁷ /	6	CEA	68.8 (57.4); n=26	88.3 (119.4); n=22	19.5 [-35.1 to 74.1]	-0.21 [-0.78 to 0.36]	0.28 [-0.35 to 0.91]
Randomized trial	6	Carotid PTA	47.0 (17.0); n=20	46.3 (19.5); n=18	-0.7 [-12.4 to 11.0]	0.04 [-0.60 to 0.67]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PTA = Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; SD = standard deviation

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Table 4. Mean change from baseline for Verbal Fluency, CABG studies. *Higher scores indicate a better result.*

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Vedin, 2006³ / COWAT Randomized trial	6	CABG, off-pump	30 (10.1); n=33	30 (5.8); n=30	0.0 [-4.0 to 4.0]	0.00 [-0.49 to 0.49]	-0.56 [-1.06 to -0.05]
	6	CABG, on-pump	25 (7.6); n=37	29 (5.7); n=32	4 [0.9 to 7.2]	-0.58 [-1.07 to -0.10]	
Lund, 2005⁴ / COWAT Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	34.0 (11.3); n=60	36.0 (13.3); n=54	2.0 [-2.6 to 6.6]	-0.16 [-0.53 to 0.21]	-0.02 [-0.40 to 0.36]
	12	CABG, off-pump	36.4 (11.2); n=60	38.6 (12.0); n=52	2.2 [-2.1 to 6.5]	-0.19 [-0.56 to 0.18]	
Djaiani, 2012⁹ / Randomized trial	12	CABG with cell-saver	36.4 (12.6); n=85	38.1 (12.2); n=85	1.7 [-2.0 to 5.4]	-0.14 [-0.44 to 0.16]	-0.04 [-0.34 to 0.26]
	12	CABG with suction	34.8 (10.6); n=83	37.0 (11.2); n=83	2.2 [-1.1 to 5.5]	-0.20 [-0.51 to 0.10]	
Boodhwani, 2007⁶ / Randomized trial	3	CABG, hypothermic	31.7 (12.1); n=133	NR	2.6 (7.2); n=119	NA	0.21 [-0.05 to 0.46]
	3	CABG, normothermic	32.2 (12.4); n=134	NR	1.0 (8.1); n=117	NA	
Flesch, 2009¹¹ / Randomized trial	3	CABG, cardesartan	61.7 (9.6); n=53	61.9 (10.8); n=43	-0.20 [-4.34 to 3.94]	-0.02 [-0.42 to 0.38]	0.04 [-0.38 to 0.46]
	3	CABG, placebo	57.8 (12.8); n=53	58.5 (12.9); n=44	-0.70 [-5.84 to 4.44]	-0.05 [-0.45 to 0.35]	
Gold, 1995¹⁵ / COWAT Randomized trial	6	CABG, low MAP	37.5 (13.1) ; n=124	NR	0.0 (8.3) n=113	NA	-0.08 [-0.34 to 0.18]
	6	CABG, high MAP	37.6 (13.4); n=124	NR	0.6 (6.1) n=112	NA	
Silbert, 2006¹² / COWAT Randomized trial	12	CABG, low-dose fentanyl	33.1 (12.3); n=168	35.3 (12.0); n=159	2.2 [-0.4 to 4.8]	-0.18 [-0.40 to 0.04]	0.02 [-0.21 to 0.24]
	12	CABG, high-dose fentanyl	31.4 (11.3); n=158	33.4 (12.9); n=141	2.0 [-0.8 to 4.8]	-0.17 [-0.39 to 0.06]	

CI = confidence intervals; COWAT = Controlled Oral Word Association Test; ES = effect size; NSC = non-surgical control; SD = standard deviation

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Table 5. Mean change from baseline for Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test (number of words), CABG studies. *Higher scores indicate a better result.*

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Lund 2005⁴ / Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	33.6 (8.9); n=60	37.4 (10.7); n=54	3.8 [0.16 to 7.4]	-0.39 [-0.76 to -0.01]	-0.26 [-0.63 to 0.11]
	12	CABG, off-pump	35.7 (7.9); n=60	41.8 (7.9); n=52	6.1 [9.0 to 3.2]	-0.77 [-1.15 to -0.38]	
Lee 2003⁵ / Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	36.1 (13.1); n=30	42.9 (12.0); n=27	6.8 [0.28 to 13.3]	-0.53 [-1.06 to -0.00]	0.17 [-0.35 to 0.69]
	12	CABG, on-pump	39.2 (16.1); n=30	43.7 (14.8); n=26	4.5 [-3.6 to 12.6]	-0.29 [-0.81 to 0.24]	
Selnes 2009²⁰ / Prospective observational	12	CABG, off-pump	38.5 (9.2); n=72	42.3 (10.3); n=55	3.8 [0.4 to 7.3]	-0.39 [-0.74 to -0.04]	Off vs. On -0.17 [-0.49 to 0.14]
	12	CABG, on-pump	39.1 (8.8); n=152	44.6 (10.6); n=124	5.5 [3.2 to 7.8]	-0.57 [-0.81 to -0.33]	Off vs. NSC -0.05 [-0.39 to 0.28]
	12	Non-surgical control	41.2 (8.8); n=99	45.5 (10.4); n=91	4.3 [1.6 to 7.1]	-0.45 [-0.73 to -0.16]	On vs. NSC 0.12 [-0.15 to 0.40]
	72	CABG, off-pump	38.5 (9.2); n=72	40.0 (11.2); n=43	1.5 [-2.5 to 5.5]	-0.15 [-0.53 to 0.23]	Off vs. On 0.12 [-0.24 to 0.48]
	72	CABG, on-pump	39.1 (8.8); n=152	39.4 (10.4); n=96	0.3 [-2.2 to 2.8]	-0.03 [-0.29 to 0.22]	Off vs. NSC -0.02 [-0.40 to 0.36]
	72	Non-surgical control	41.2 (8.8); n=99	42.9 (11.6); n=67	1.7 [-1.6 to 5.0]	-0.17 [-0.48 to 0.14]	On vs. NSC -0.15 [-0.46 to 0.17]
Djaiani 2012⁹ / Randomized trial	12	CABG with cell-saver	7.0 (2.9); n=84	7.2 (3.4); n=84	0.2 [-0.8 to 1.2]	-0.06 [-0.37 to 0.24]	0.16 [-0.15 to 0.46]
	12	CABG with suction	7.7 (2.9); n=84	7.4 (3.1); n=84	-0.3 [-1.2 to 0.6]	0.10 [-0.20 to 0.40]	
Boodhwani 2007⁶ / Randomized trial	3	CABG, hypothermic	37.8 (9.2); n=133	NR	0.3 (7.1); n=119	NA	0.18 [-0.08 to 0.43]
	3	CABG, normothermic	38.4 (9.6); n=134	NR	-1.0 (7.6) n=117	NA	
Alex 2005¹³ / Randomized trial	4	CABG, atmos. air	41.2 (9.6); n=31	40.6 (10.4); n=31	-0.6 [-5.6 to 4.4]	0.06 [-0.44 to 0.56]	-0.21 [-0.70 to 0.28]
	4	CABG, oxygen	37.8 (11.5); n=33	39.4 (11); n=33	1.6 [-7.0 to 3.8]	-0.14 [-0.62 to 0.34]	
Kadoi 2003²⁷ / Randomized trial	6	CABG, propofol	Immediate recall 40.6 (6.6); n=77	Immediate recall 43.1 (7.7); n=77	2.5 [0.2 to 4.8]	-0.35 [-0.67 to -0.03]	0.01 [-0.31 to 0.33]
	6	CABG, fentanyl	Immediate recall 42.7 (5.6); n=75	Immediate recall 45.1 (11.7); n=75	2.4 [-0.5 to 5.3]	-0.26 [-0.58 to 0.06]	
		CABG, delayed recall	delayed recall	delayed recall		-0.59 [-0.91 to -0.27]	

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
	6	propofol CABG, delayed recall	22.4 (3.9); n=77	25.2 (5.4); n=77	2.8 [1.3 to 4.3]		0.06 [-0.26 to 0.37]
	6	fentanyl	23.1 (3.5); n=75	25.6 (7.7); n=75	2.5 [0.6 to 4.4]	-0.42 [-0.74 to -0.09]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PO = prospective observational study; RCT = randomized controlled trial; MAP = mean arterial pressure (during bypass); NSC = non-surgical control

Table 6. Mean change from baseline for Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test (number of words), Carotid artery stenting (CAS) studies. Higher scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Crawley 2000¹⁷ /							
Randomized trial	6	Carotid PTA	53.2 (12.3); n=20	53.9 (16.8); n=18	0.7 [-8.8 to 10.2]	-0.05 [-0.68 to 0.59]	-0.08 [-0.71 to 0.54]
	6	CEA	53.9 (12.8); n=26	55.8 (14.9); n=22	1.9 [-6.0 to 9.8]	-0.14 [-0.70 to 0.43]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PTA = Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; SD = standard deviation

Table 7. Mean change from baseline for Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test (number of words), Carotid endarterectomy (CEA) studies. Higher scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Crawley 2000¹⁷ /							
Randomized trial	6	CEA	53.9 (12.8); n=26	55.8 (14.9); n=22	1.9 [-6.0 to 9.8]	-0.14 [-0.70 to 0.43]	0.08 [-0.54 to 0.71]
	6	Carotid PTA	53.2 (12.3); n=20	53.9 (16.8); n=18	0.7 [-8.8 to 10.2]	-0.05 [-0.68 to 0.59]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PTA = Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; SD = standard deviation

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Table 8. Mean change from baseline for Trail Making B (time in seconds), CABG studies. Lower scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Lamy, 2013 ¹ /	12	CABG, off-pump	158.0 (88.1); n=721	NR	-6.8 (64.0); n=353	NA	-0.05 [-0.20 to 0.10]
Randomized trial	12	CABG, on-pump	163.7 (89.5); n=711	NR	-3.2 (70.2); n=340	NA	
Jensen 2008 ² /	12	CABG, off-pump	61.7 (24.9); n=61	66.7 (27.0); n=47	-5.00 [-14.93 to 4.93]	-0.19 [-0.57 to 0.19]	-0.17 [-0.58 to 0.25]
Randomized trial	12	CABG, on-pump	63.6 (23.4); n=59	64.4 (25.1); n=43	-0.80 [-10.39, 8.79]	-0.03 [-0.43 to 0.36]	
Vedin, 2006 ³ /	6	CABG, off-pump	82 (28.7); n=33	84 (9.6); n=30	2.0 [-8.4 to 12.4]	-0.09 [-0.59 to 0.40]	0.70 [0.19 to 1.22]
Randomized trial	6	CABG, on-pump	104 (54.7); n=37	83 (25.5); n=32	-21 [-40.7 to -1.3]	0.48 [-0.00 to 0.96]	
Lee, 2003 ⁵ /	12	CABG, off-pump	126.0 (86.7); n=30	117.3 (63.4); n=27	-8.7 [-47.9 to 30.5]	0.11 [-0.41 to 0.63]	0.02 [-0.52 to 0.56]
Randomized trial	12	CABG, on-pump	114.9 (87.6); n=30	104.4 (92.1); n=26	-10.5 [-57.8 to 36.8]	0.12 [-0.41 to 0.64]	
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ /	12	CABG, off-pump	96.9 (34.7); n=68	97.2 (48.4); n=55	0.3 [-14.9 to 15.5]	-0.01 [-0.36 to 0.35]	Off vs. On 0.20 [-0.12 to 0.52]
Prospective observational	12	CABG, on-pump	105.2 (59.0); n=147	95.4 (48.2); n=122	-9.8 [-22.6 to 3.0]	0.18 [-0.06 to 0.42]	Off vs. NSC 0.09 [-0.24 to 0.43]
	12	Non-surgical control	95.4 (40.0); n=99	92.0 (41.5); n=91	-3.4 [-15.0 to 8.2]	0.08 [-0.20 to 0.37]	On vs. NSC -0.13 [-0.40 to 0.14]
	72	CABG, off-pump	96.9 (34.7); n=68	101.4 (47.1); n=43	4.5 [-11.8 to 20.8]	-0.11 [-0.49, 0.27]	Off vs. On 0.09 [-0.27 to 0.45]
	72	CABG, on-pump	105.2 (59.0); n=147	105.0 (50.1); n=91	-0.2 [-14.2 to 13.8]	0.00 [-0.26 to 0.27]	Off vs. NSC -0.01 [-0.40 to 0.37]
	72	Non-surgical control	95.4 (40.0); n=99	100.4 (50.6); n=66	5.0 [-9.5 to 19.5]	-0.11 [-0.42 to 0.20]	On vs. NSC -0.10 [-0.42 to 0.21]
Nathan, 2001 ⁷ /	60	CABG, hypothermic	104.3 (46.7); n=65	NR	24.2 (47.8); n=65	NA	0.22 [-0.12 to 0.56]
Randomized trial	60	CABG, normothermic	103.7 (9.2); n=66	NR	14.1 (43.6); n=66	NA	
Boodhwani, 2007 ⁶ /	3	CABG, hypothermic	105.6 (45.0); n=133	NR	-11.7 (29.0); n=119	NA	-0.12 [-0.38 to 0.14]
Randomized trial	3	CABG, normothermic	103.3 (43.3); n=134	NR	-7.8 (35.5); n=117	NA	
Alex, 2005 ¹³ /	4	CABG, atmos. air	101 (43.5); n=31	107 (54.7); n=31	6.0 [-18.6 to 30.6]	-0.12 [-0.62 to 0.38]	0.50 [0.00 to 1.00]
Randomized trial		CABG,					

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Flesch, 2009 ¹¹ / Randomized trial	4	oxygen	127.1 (52.6); n=33	108.7 (45.5); n=33	-18.4 [-42.1 to 5.3]	0.37 [-0.12 to 0.86]	
	3	CABG, cardesartan	40.5 (10.1); n=53	44.8 (11.3); n=43	4.3 [-0.04 to 8.6]	-0.40 [-0.81 to 0.01]	-0.05 [-0.47 to 0.37]
	3	CABG, placebo	40.7 (10.9); n=53	45.5 (12.8); n=44	4.8 [0.01 to 9.6]	-0.40 [-0.81 to 0.00]	
Gold, 1995 ¹⁵ / Randomized trial	6	CABG, low MAP	104.6 (60.8); n=124	NR	-3.6 (46.9); n=113	NA	0.24 [-0.03 to 0.50]
	6	CABG, high MAP	102.6 (49.3); n=124	NR	-13.9 (39.3); n=112	NA	
	6	CABG, propofol	154.2 (51.1); n=77	164.0 (63.4); n=77	9.8 [-8.4 to 28.0]	-0.17 [-0.49 to 0.15]	-0.18 [-0.49 to 0.14]
Kadoi, 2003 ²⁷ / Randomized trial	6	CABG, fentanyl	156.3 (50.3); n=75	176.0 (57.0); n=75	19.7 [2.5 to 36.9]	-0.36 [-0.69 to -0.04]	
	12	CABG, low-dose fentanyl	125.7 (62.5); n=168	110.5 (58.1); n=158	-15.2 [-28.3 to -2.1]	0.25 [0.03 to 0.47]	-0.08 [-0.31 to 0.15]
	12	CABG, high-dose fentanyl	127.5 (62.4); n=158	117.1 (58.9); n=141	-10.4 [-24.2 to 3.4]	0.17 [-0.06 to 0.40]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; MAP = mean arterial pressure (during bypass); NSC = non-surgical control; SD = standard deviation

Table 9. Mean change from baseline for Trail Making B (time in seconds), Carotid artery stenting (CAS) studies. Lower scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Crawley 2000 ¹⁷ / Randomized trial	6	Carotid PTA	129.5 (76.8); n=20	152.9 (113.7); n=18	23.4 [-39.0 to 85.8]	-0.24 [-0.88 to 0.40]	0.26 [-0.37 to 0.88]
	6	CEA	144.0 (49.2); n=26	147.0 (70.6); n=22	3.0 [-32.0 to 38.0]	-0.05 [-0.62 to 0.52]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PTA = Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; SD = standard deviation

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Table 10. Mean change from baseline for Trail Making B (time in seconds), Carotid endarterectomy (CEA) studies. Lower scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Crawley 2000¹⁷ /	6	CEA	144.0 (49.2); n=26	147.0 (70.6); n=22	3.0 [-32.0 to 38.0]	-0.05 [-0.62 to 0.52]	-0.26 [-0.88 to 0.37]
Randomized trial	6	Carotid PTA	129.5 (76.8); n=20	152.9 (113.7); n=18	23.4 [-39.0 to 85.8]	-0.24 [-0.88, 0.40]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PTA = Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; SD = standard deviation;

Table 11. Mean change from baseline for Grooved Pegboard Test (seconds), CABG studies. Lower scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Lund, 2005⁴ /	12	CABG, off-pump	84.5 (19.3); n=60	78.8 (16.8); n=54	-5.7 [-12.3 to 0.9]	0.31 [-0.06 to 0.68]	-0.19 [-0.57 to 0.19]
Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	81.3 (16.9); n=60	78.8 (16.1); n=52	-2.5 [-8.6 to 3.6]	0.15 [-0.22, 0.52]	
Lee 2003⁵ /	12	CABG, off-pump	Dominant 97.8 (30.7); n=30	Dominant 91.5 (26.0); n=27	-6.3 [-21.0 to 8.4]	0.22 [-0.30 to 0.74]	-0.03 [-0.57 to 0.51]
Randomized trial	12	CABG, on-pump	Dominant 96.8 (46.9); n=30	Dominant 91.5 (26.0); n=26	-5.3 [-24.8 to 14.2]	0.14 [-0.39 to 0.66]	
	12	CABG, off-pump	Non-dominant 100.9 (124.5); n=30	Non-dominant 97.6 (32.2); n=27	-3.3 [-49.5 to 42.3]	0.03 [-0.49 to 0.55]	-0.19 [-0.57 to 0.19]
	12	CABG, on-pump	Non-dominant 97.2 (37.2); n=30	Non-dominant 89.6 (29.6); n=26	-7.6 [-25.1 to 9.9]	0.22 [-0.31 to 0.75]	
Selnes 2009²⁰ /	12	CABG, off-pump	Dominant 99.6 (30.9); n=67	Dominant 94.2 (32.1); n=54	-5.4 [-16.7 to 5.9]	0.17 [-0.19 to 0.53]	Off vs. On 0.16 [-0.16 to 0.48]
Prospective observational	12	CABG, on-pump	Dominant 107.5 (53.7); n=152	Dominant 95.6 (29.9); n=122	-11.9 [-1.9 to -22.0]	0.27 [0.03 to 0.50]	Off vs. NSC 0.06 [-0.28 to 0.40]
	12	Non-surgical control	Dominant 97.9 (29.7); n=99	Dominant 90.8 (24.6); n=91	-7.1 [-14.8 to 0.6]	0.26 [-0.03 to 0.54]	On vs. NSC -0.13 [-0.40 to 0.14]
	12	CABG, off-pump	Non-dominant 107.0 (34.4); n=68	Non-dominant 98.1 (30.3); n=54	-8.9 [-20.4 to 2.6]	0.27 [-0.09 to 0.63]	Off vs. On 0.17 [-0.16 to 0.49]
	12	CABG, on-pump	Non-dominant 119.1 (65.3); n=149	Non-dominant 103.4 (30.6); n=123	-15.7 [-27.5 to -3.9]	0.30 [0.06 to 0.54]	Off vs. NSC -0.11 [-0.45 to 0.23]
	12	Non-surgical control	Non-dominant 107.4 (38.4); n=98	Non-dominant 102.5 (35.6); n=89	-4.9 [-15.5 to 5.7]	0.13 [-0.16 to 0.42]	On vs. NSC -0.26 [-0.54 to 0.01]
		CABG, Dominant		Dominant	-3.6 [-16.3 to 9.1]	0.11 [-0.27 to 0.49]	Off vs. On

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Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
	72	off-pump CABG,	99.6 (30.9); n=67 Dominant	96.0 (34.4); n=43 Dominant			-0.04 [-0.40 to 0.32] Off vs. NSC
	72	on-pump CABG,	107.5 (53.7); n=152 Dominant	105.5 (36.0); n=93 Dominant	-2.0 [-13.2 to 9.2]	0.04 [-0.22 to 0.30]	-0.25 [-0.64 to 0.13] On vs. NSC
	72	Non-surgical control	97.9 (29.7); n=99	103.3 (42.0); n=67	5.4 [-6.2 to 17.0]	-0.15 [-0.46 to 0.16]	-0.18 [-0.49 to 0.13] Off vs. On
	72	CABG, off-pump	107.0 (34.4); n=68 Non-dominant	99.0 (30.4); n=43 Non-dominant	-8.0 [-20.2 to 4.2]	0.24 [-0.14 to 0.62]	-0.11 [-0.47 to 0.25] Off vs. NSC
	72	CABG, on-pump	119.1 (65.3); n=149 Non-dominant	116.3 (41.3); n=94 Non-dominant	-2.8 [-16.2 to 10.6]	0.05 [-0.21 to 0.31]	-0.32 [-0.71 to 0.06] On vs. NSC
	72	Non-surgical control	107.4 (38.4); n=98	111.6 (42.9); n=66	4.2 [-8.6 to 17.0]	-0.10 [-0.42 to 0.21]	-0.15 [-0.46 to 0.17]
	72						
Djaiani 2012⁹ /		CABG with cell-saver					
Randomized trial	12	CABG	90.0 (18.7); n=84	89.1 (18.8); n=84	-0.9 [-6.6 to 4.8]	0.05 [-0.25 to 0.35]	0.20 [-0.10 to 0.51]
	12	with suction	91.3 (21.9); n=83	86.1 (23.4); n=83	-5.2 [-12.1 to 1.7]	0.23 [-0.08 to 0.53]	
Boodhwani 2007⁶ /		CABG,	Dominant	Dominant			
Randomized trial	3	hypothermic CABG,	90.1 (20.5); n=133 Dominant	NR Dominant	-4.0 (13.4); n=119	NA	-0.14 [-0.40 to 0.11]
	3	normothermic CABG,	91.1 (24.4); n=134 Non-dominant	NR Non-dominant	-2.0 (14.8); n=117	NA	
	3	hypothermic CABG,	99.2 (26.6); n=133 Non-dominant	NR Non-dominant	-4.3 (18.2); n=119	NA	-0.05 [-0.30 to 0.21]
	3	normothermic CABG,	100.1 (28.3); n=134 NR	NR	-3.5 (13.7); n=117	NA	
Nathan 2001⁷ /		CABG,					
Randomized trial	60	hypothermic CABG,	88.2 (17.0); n=65	NR	14.7 (30.7); n=65	NA	0.04 [-0.31 to 0.38]
	60	normothermic CABG,	87.5 (20.7); n=66	NR	13.7 (21.6); n=66	NA	
Alex 2005 /		CABG,	Dominant	Dominant			
Randomized trial	4	atmos. air CABG,	19.1 (2.2); n=31 Dominant	19.1 (2.6); n=31 Dominant	0.0 [-1.2 to 1.2]	0.00 [-0.50 to 0.50]	0.24 [-0.26 to 0.73]
	4	oxygen CABG,	19.7 (2.8); n=33 Non-dominant	19.1 (2.5); n=33 Non-dominant	-0.6 [-1.9 to 0.7]	0.22 [-0.26 to 0.71]	
	4	atmos. air CABG,	21.0 (2.3); n=31 Non-dominant	20.4 (2.6); n=31 Non-dominant	-0.6 [-1.8 to 0.6]	0.24 [-0.26 to 0.74]	-0.17 [-0.67 to 0.32]
	4	oxygen CABG,	21.0 (3.0); n=33	20.9 (3.7); n=33	-0.1 [-1.7 to 1.5]	0.03 [-0.45 to 0.51]	
Kadoi 2003²⁷ /		CABG,					
Randomized trial	6	propofol CABG,	21.9 (3.0); n=77	23.2 (4.0); n=77	1.3 [0.2 to 2.4]	-0.37 [-0.68 to -0.05]	0.03 [-0.29 to 0.34]
	6	fentanyl CABG,	22.0 (3.5); n=75	23.2 (4.3); n=75	1.2 [-0.1 to 2.5]	-0.30 [-0.63 to 0.02]	
Silbert 2006¹² /		CABG,	Dominant	Dominant			
					-9.1 [-15.8 to -2.4]	0.30 [0.08 to 0.52]	0.05 [-0.18 to 0.27]

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Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Randomized trial	12	low-dose fentanyl CABG,	99.7 (30.6); n=165	90.6 (30.7); n=155			
	12	high-dose fentanyl CABG,	Dominant 102.1 (34.5); n=155	Dominant 91.6 (28.0); n=138	-10.5 [-17.7 to -3.3]	0.33 [0.10 to 0.56]	
	12	low-dose fentanyl CABG,	Non-dominant 110.2 (39.2); n=166	Non-dominant 100.1 (34.3); n=155	-10.1 [-18.1 to -2.1]	0.27 [0.05 to 0.49]	-0.01 [-0.24 to 0.22]
	12	high-dose fentanyl CABG,	Non-dominant 108.5 (37.8); n=152	Non-dominant 98.6 (22.3); n=136	-9.9 [-17.0 to -2.8]	0.31 [0.08 to 0.55]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; NSC = non-surgical control; SD = standard deviation

Table 12. Mean change from baseline for Grooved Pegboard Test (seconds), Carotid artery stenting (CAS) studies. Lower scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Randomized trial	6	Carotid PTA	Dominant 89.3 (21.8); n=20	Dominant 103.8 (34.3); n=18	14.5 [-4.0 to 33.0]	-0.50 [-1.15 to 0.15]	0.37 [-0.26 to 1.00]
	6	CEA	Dominant 106.6 (33.6); n=26	Dominant 108.8 (39.6); n=22	2.2 [-18.8 to 23.2]	-0.06 [-0.63 to 0.51]	
	6	Carotid PTA	Non-dominant 109.4 (32.2); n=20	Non-dominant 120.4 (47.8); n=18	11.0 [-15.2 to 37.2]	-0.27 [-0.91 to 0.37]	-0.05 [-0.67 to 0.58]
	6	CEA	Non-dominant 113.3 (26.3); n=26	Non-dominant 126.5 (65.7); n=22	13.2 [-16.1 to 42.5]	-0.27 [-0.84 to 0.30]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PTA = Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; SD = standard deviation

Table 13. Mean change from baseline for Grooved Pegboard Test (seconds), Carotid endarterectomy (CEA) studies. Lower scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Randomized trial	6	CEA	Dominant 106.6 (33.6); n=26	Dominant 108.8 (39.6); n=22	2.2 [-18.8 to 23.2]	-0.06 [-0.63 to 0.51]	-0.37 [-1.00 to 0.26]
			Dominant	Dominant	14.5 [-4.0 to 33.0]	-0.50 [-1.15 to 0.15]	

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
	6	Carotid PTA	89.3 (21.8); n=20	103.8 (34.3); n=18			
	6	CEA	Non-dominant 113.3 (26.3); n=26	Non-dominant 126.5 (65.7); n=22	13.2 [-16.1 to 42.5]	-0.27 [-0.84 to 0.30]	0.05 [-0.58 to 0.67]
	6	Carotid PTA	Non-dominant 109.4 (32.2); n=20	Non-dominant 120.4 (47.8); n=18	11.0 [-15.2 to 37.2]	-0.27 [-0.91 to 0.37]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PTA = Percutaneous transluminal angioplasty; SD = standard deviation

Table 14. Mean change from baseline for Digit Span Test, CABG studies. *Higher scores indicate a better result.*

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Vedin, 2006³ /			forward	forward	forward	forward	forward
Randomized trial	6	CABG, off-pump	7.4 (1.7); n=33	7.2 (1.1); n=30	0.20 [-0.50 to 0.90]	0.14 [-0.36 to 0.63]	0.17 [-0.33 to 0.67]
	6	CABG, on-pump	forward 7.1 (2.3); n=37	forward 7.2 (1.8); n=32	forward -0.10 [-1.07 to 0.87]	forward -0.05 [-0.52 to 0.43]	
	6	CABG, off-pump	backward 6.2 (1.6); n=33	backward 6.7 (1.5); n=30	backward -0.50 [-1.27 to 0.27]	backward -0.32 [-0.82 to 0.18]	backward 0.07 [-0.43 to 0.57]
	6	CABG, on-pump	backward 5.6 (1.7); n=37	backward 6.2 (1.0); n=32	backward -0.60 [-1.25 to 0.05]	backward -0.42 [-0.90 to 0.06]	
Lund, 2005⁴ /							
Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	9.8 (1.4); n=54	9.9 (1.6); n=54	-0.10 [-0.67 to 0.47]	-0.07 [-0.44 to 0.31]	0.13 [-0.25 to 0.51]
	12	CABG, on-pump	10.4 (2.0); n=52	10.8 (3.5); n=52	-0.40 [-1.50 to 0.70]	-0.14 [-0.52 to 0.25]	
Anastasiadis 2011¹⁰ /			forward	forward	forward	forward	forward
Randomized trial	3	CABG with MECC	6.5 (1.5); n=29	6.9 (1.8); n=29	-0.40 [-1.25 to 0.45]	-0.24 [-0.75 to 0.28]	-0.46 [-0.98 to 0.05]
	3	CABG with CECC	forward 6.7 (2.1); n=31	forward 6.3 (1.5); n=31	forward 0.40 [-0.51 to 1.31]	forward 0.22 [-0.28 to 0.72]	
	3	CABG with MECC	backward 4.3 (1.6); n=29	backward 4.7 (1.4); n=29	backward -0.40 [-1.17 to 0.37]	backward -0.26 [-0.78 to 0.25]	backward -0.76 [-1.28 to -0.23]
	3	CABG with CECC	backward 4.1 (1.5); n=31	backward 3.5 (1.0); n=31	backward 0.60 [-0.03 to 1.23]	backward 0.46 [-0.04 to 0.97]	
Djaiani 2012⁹ /			forward	forward	forward	forward	forward
Randomized trial	12	CABG with cell-saver	10.1 (2.4); n=83	10.1 (1.4); n=83	0.00 [-0.60 to 0.60]	0.00 [-0.30 to 0.30]	0.15 [-0.15 to 0.46]
	12	CABG with suction	forward 10.2 (2.0); n=82	forward 10.5 (1.8); n=82	forward -0.30 [-0.88 to 0.28]	forward -0.16 [-0.46 to 0.15]	
	12	CABG with cell-saver	backward 6.3 (2.3); n=84	backward 6.7 (2.5); n=84	backward -0.40 [-1.13 to 0.33]	backward -0.17 [-0.47 to 0.14]	backward -0.25 [-0.56 to 0.05]
		CABG	backward	backward	backward	backward	

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Boodhwani, 2007⁶ / Randomized trial	12	with suction	6.4 (2.5); n=85	6.2 (2.1); n=85	0.20 [-0.49 to 0.89]	0.09 [-0.21 to 0.39]	
		CABG, forward			forward		forward
	3	hypothermic CABG,	9.7 (2.2); n=133	NR	0.3 (1.7); n=119	NA	0.00 [-0.26 to 0.26]
		forward			forward		
	3	normothermic CABG,	9.6 (2.0); n=134	NR	0.3 (1.7); n=117	NA	
Nathan 2001⁷ / Randomized trial		backward			backward	backward	backward
	3	hypothermic CABG,	6.1 (2.1); n=133	NR	0.5 (1.9); n=119		1.93 [1.62 to 2.24]
		backward			backward	backward	
	3	normothermic CABG,	6.3 (2.1); n=134	NR	-0.3 (1.7); n=117		
		forward			forward		forward
Alex, 2005¹³ / Randomized trial	60	hypothermic CABG,	7.3 (2.5); n=65	NR	-0.3 (2.0); n=65	NA	0.17 [-0.17 to 0.51]
		forward			forward		
	60	normothermic CABG,	8.2 (2.3); n=66	NR	-0.6 (1.5); n=66	NA	
		backward			backward		backward
	60	hypothermic CABG,	6.2 (2.4); n=65	NR	-0.1 (1.9); n=65	NA	0.00 [-0.34 to 0.34]
Flesch, 2009¹¹ / Randomized trial		backward			backward	backward	backward
	4	atmos. air CABG,	9.9 (2.7); n=31	9.5 (2.6); n=31	0.40 [-0.92 to 1.72]	0.15 [-0.35 to 0.65]	0.28 [-0.22 to 0.77]
		forward			forward	forward	
	4	oxygen CABG,	8.9 (2.3); n=33	9.2 (2.5); n=33	-0.30 [-1.46 to 0.86]	-0.12 [-0.61 to 0.36]	
		backward			backward	backward	backward
Gold, 1995¹⁵ / Randomized trial		backward			backward	backward	backward
	4	atmos. air CABG,	6.8 (2.5); n=31	6.3 (2.2); n=31	0.50 [-0.67 to 1.67]	0.21 [-0.29 to 0.71]	0.31 [-0.18 to 0.81]
		backward			backward	backward	
	4	oxygen CABG,	5.9 (2.1); n=33	6.1 (2.1); n=33	-0.20 [-1.21 to 0.81]	-0.09 [-0.58 to 0.39]	
		forward			forward	forward	forward
Kadoi, 2003²⁷ / Randomized trial		forward			forward	forward	forward
	3	cardesartan CABG,	48.8 (10.1); n=53	47.9 (9.2); n=43	0.90 [-2.97 to 4.77]	0.09 [-0.31 to 0.49]	0.17 [-0.25 to 0.59]
		forward			forward	forward	
	3	placebo CABG,	50.0 (11.0); n=53	50.8 (10.7); n=44	-0.80 [-5.13 to 3.53]	-0.07 [-0.47 to 0.33]	
		backward			backward	backward	backward
Gold, 1995¹⁵ / Randomized trial		backward			backward	backward	backward
	3	cardesartan CABG,	47.0 (10.0); n=53	46.7 (8.5); n=43	0.30 [-3.40 to 4.00]	0.03 [-0.37 to 0.43]	-0.04 [-0.46 to 0.38]
		backward			backward	backward	
	3	placebo CABG,	47.8 (10.4); n=53	47.1 (10.0); n=44	0.70 [-3.37 to 4.77]	0.07 [-0.33 to 0.47]	
		forward			forward	forward	forward
Gold, 1995¹⁵ / Randomized trial		forward			forward	forward	forward
	6	low MAP CABG,	14.8 (3.9); n=124	NR	0.0 (3.1); n=113	NA	-0.13 [-0.39 to 0.13]
		high MAP					
	6	high MAP CABG,	14.2 (4.0); n=124	NR	0.4 (2.9); n=112	NA	
		forward			forward	forward	forward
Kadoi, 2003²⁷ / Randomized trial		forward			forward	forward	forward
	6	propofol CABG,	7.6 (2.0); n=77	8.0 (2.2); n=77	-0.40 [-1.06 to 0.26]	-0.19 [-0.51 to 0.13]	-0.09 [-0.41 to 0.23]
		forward			forward	forward	
	6	fentanyl CABG,	7.5 (2.2); n=75	7.7 (2.4); n=75	-0.20 [-0.94 to 0.54]	-0.09 [-0.41 to 0.23]	
		forward			forward	forward	forward

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PO = prospective observational study; RCT = randomized controlled trial; MAP = mean arterial pressure (during bypass); NSC = non-surgical control

Table 15. Mean change from baseline for Digit Symbol Test, CABG studies. *Higher scores indicate a better result.*

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Lamy, 2013¹ /							
Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	33.0 (17.8); n=989	NR	1.8 (13.2); n=522	NA	0.04 [-0.08 to 0.16]
	12	CABG, on-pump	31.9 (18.0); n=986	NR	1.3 (12.3); n=528	NA	
Jensen 2008² /							
Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	21.4 (6.4); n=61	22.3 (6.4); n=47	-0.90 [-3.33 to 1.53]	-0.14 [-0.52 to 0.24]	0.02 [-0.40 to 0.43]
	12	CABG, on-pump	20.5 (5.6); n=59	21.5 (6.1); n=43	-1.00 [-3.32 to 1.32]	-0.17 [-0.56 to 0.22]	
Vedin, 2006³ /							
Randomized trial	6	CABG, off-pump	Symbol A 5.6 (2.3); n=33	Symbol A 5.7 (1.4); n=30	Symbol A -0.10 [-1.03 to 0.83]	Symbol A -0.05 [-0.55 to 0.44]	Symbol A 0.47 [-0.04 to 0.97]
	6	CABG, on-pump	Symbol A 5.0 (2.6); n=37	Symbol A 6.0 (1.6); n=32	Symbol A -1.00 [-2.00 to 0.00]	Symbol A -0.45 [-0.93 to 0.03]	
	6	CABG, Free recall	Free recall 7.4 (1.6); n=33	Free recall 7.7 (0.9); n=30	Free recall -0.30 [-0.93 to 0.33]	Free recall -0.23 [-0.72 to 0.27]	Free recall 0.16 [-0.34 to 0.66]
	6	CABG, Free recall	Free recall 7.1 (1.5); n=37	Free recall 7.6 (0.9); n=32	Free recall -0.50 [-1.08 to 0.08]	Free recall -0.39 [-0.87 to 0.09]	
	6	CABG, 90 seconds	90 seconds 40 (9.9); n=33	90 seconds 42 (4.1); n=30	90 seconds -2.00 [-5.68 to 1.68]	90 seconds -0.26 [-0.75 to 0.24]	90 seconds 0.12 [-0.38 to 0.62]
	6	CABG, 90 seconds	90 seconds 36 (10.6); n=37	90 seconds 39 (7.1); n=32	90 seconds -3.00 [-7.21 to 1.21]	90 seconds -0.32 [-0.80 to 0.15]	
Lund 2005⁴ /							
Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	36.6 (8.9); n=60	38.5 (10.2); n=54	-1.90 [-5.43 to 1.63]	-0.20 [-0.57 to 0.17]	0.08 [-0.30 to 0.46]
	12	CABG, on-pump	36.4 (9.6); n=60	39.1 (10.1); n=52	-2.70 [-6.33 to 0.93]	-0.27 [-0.64 to 0.10]	
Lee 2003⁵ /							
Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	45.3 (17.0); n=30	43.7 (14.5); n=27	1.60 [-6.58 to 9.78]	0.10 [-0.42 to 0.62]	0.16 [-0.38 to 0.70]
	12	CABG, on-pump	52.5 (17.0); n=30	53.8 (22.1); n=26	-1.30 [-11.62 to 9.02]	-0.07 [-0.59 to 0.45]	
Boodhwani 2007⁶ /							
Randomized trial	3	CABG, hypothermic	42.9 (9.4); n=133	NR	2.1 (5.3); n=119	NA	0.05 [-0.21 to 0.30]
	3	CABG, normothermic	43.1 (9.7); n=134	NR	1.8 (6.7); n=117	NA	
Anastasiadis 2011¹⁰ /							
	3	CABG with MECC	36.7 (15.9); n=29	43.2 (17.1); n=29	-6.50 [-15.00 to 2.00]	-0.39 [-0.91 to 0.13]	-0.71 [-1.23 to -0.19]

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Randomized trial	3	CABG with CECC	29.7 (17.2); n=31	24.2 (17.7); n=31	5.50 [-3.19 to 14.19]	0.31 [-0.19 to 0.81]	
Gold, 1995¹⁵ /	6	CABG, low MAP	40.9 (13.7); n=124	NR	2.5 (5.9); n=113	NA	-0.19 [-0.45 to 0.07]
Randomized trial	6	CABG, high MAP	41.4 (10.7); n=124	NR	3.7 (6.7); n=112	NA	
Silbert, 2006¹² /	12	CABG, low-dose fentanyl	34.8 (9.7); n=168	38.9 (10.9); n=159	-4.10 [-6.34 to -1.86]	-0.40 [-0.62 to -0.18]	-0.07 [-0.29 to 0.16]
Randomized trial	12	CABG, high-dose fentanyl	33.7 (10.3); n=158	37.1 (10.9); n=141	-3.40 [-5.81 to -0.99]	-0.32 [-0.55 to -0.09]	

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; PO = prospective observational study; RCT = randomized controlled trial; MAP = mean arterial pressure (during bypass); NSC = non-surgical control

Table 16. Mean change from baseline for Block Design (raw score), CABG studies. Higher scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Lund 2005⁴ /	12	CABG, off-pump	26.4 (8.5); n=60	27.4 (9.7); n=54	-1.00 [-4.36 to 2.36]	-0.11 [-0.48 to 0.26]	0.01 [-0.37 to 0.39]
Randomized trial	12	CABG, on-pump	26.7 (9.2); n=60	27.8 (9.6); n=52	-1.10 [-4.60 to 2.40]	-0.12 [-0.49 to 0.26]	
Selnes, 2009²⁰ /	12	CABG, off-pump	22.9 (9.2); n=69	26.0 (9.6); n=54	-3.10 [-6.46 to 0.26]	-0.33 [-0.69 to 0.03]	Off vs. On -0.01 [-0.33 to 0.31]
Prospective observational	12	CABG, on-pump	23.2 (10.0); n=150	26.2 (10.2); n=123	-3.00 [-5.41 to -0.59]	-0.30 [-0.54 to -0.06]	Off vs. NSC -0.22 [-0.56 to 0.12]
	12	Non-surgical control	23.2 (9.5); n=99	24.2 (9.6); n=91	-1.00 [-3.72 to 1.72]	-0.10 [-0.39 to 0.18]	On vs. NSC -0.20 [-0.48 to 0.07]
	72	CABG, off-pump	22.9 (9.2); n=69	25.0 (10.3); n=43	-2.10 [-5.87 to 1.67]	-0.22 [-0.60 to 0.17]	Off vs. On -0.20 [-0.56 to 0.16]
	72	CABG, on-pump	23.2 (10.0); n=150	23.3 (10.2); n=93	-0.10 [-2.72 to 2.52]	-0.01 [-0.27 to 0.25]	Off vs. NSC -0.21 [-0.59 to 0.18]
	72	Non-surgical control	23.2 (9.5); n=99	23.3 (9.8); n=66	-0.10 [-3.12 to 2.92]	-0.01 [-0.32 to 0.30]	On vs. NSC 0.00 [-0.32 to 0.32]

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Table 17. Mean change from baseline for Boston Naming Test or Vocabulary WAIS III, CABG studies. *Higher scores indicate a better result.*

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Lee 2003 ⁵ / (Vocabulary WAIS III)	12	CABG, off-pump	32.0 (13.8); n=30	29.7 (13.4); n=27	2.30 [-4.77 to 9.37]	0.17 [-0.35 to 0.69]	0.30 [-0.24 to 0.85]
	12	CABG, on-pump	38.0 (14.5); n=30	39.9 (14.2); n=26	-1.90 [-9.43 to 5.63]	-0.13 [-0.66 to 0.40]	
Selnes, 2009 ²⁰ / (Boston Naming Test)	12	CABG, off-pump	26.0 (3.7); n=71	26.5 (3.7); n=55	-0.50 [-1.80 to 0.80]	-0.13 [-0.49 to 0.22]	Off vs. On 0.12 [-0.20 to 0.44]
	12	CABG, on-pump	26.2 (3.7); n=152	27.1 (2.9); n=124	-0.90 [-1.68 to -0.12]	-0.27 [-0.50 to -0.03]	Off vs. NSC 0.03 [-0.31 to 0.36]
	Prospective observational	Non-surgical control	26.1 (3.6); n=99	26.7 (3.3); n=91	-0.60 [-1.58 to 0.38]	-0.17 [-0.46 to 0.11]	On vs. NSC -0.09 [-0.36 to 0.18]
		CABG, off-pump	26.0 (3.7); n=71	26.3 (3.7); n=43	-0.30 [-1.70 to 1.10]	-0.08 [-0.46 to 0.30]	Off vs. On -0.16 [-0.52 to 0.21]
		CABG, on-pump	26.2 (3.7); n=152	25.9 (4.0); n=95	0.30 [-0.70 to 1.30]	0.08 [-0.18 to 0.33]	Off vs. NSC 0.03 [-0.35 to 0.41]
		Non-surgical control	26.1 (3.6); n=99	26.5 (3.0); n=67	-0.40 [-1.41 to 0.61]	-0.12 [-0.43 to 0.19]	On vs. NSC 0.19 [-0.12 to 0.51]
	72						
Gold 1995 ¹⁵ / (Boston Naming Test)	6	CABG, low MAP	24.6 (4.4); n=124	NR	0.4 (2.0); n=113	NA	-0.19 [-0.45 to 0.08]
	6	CABG, high MAP	24.6 (4.6); n=124	NR	0.8 (2.3); n=112	NA	
Randomized trial							

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; MAP = mean arterial pressure (during bypass); NSC = non-surgical control; WAIS = Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale

Table 18. Mean change from baseline for Mini Mental State Exam, CABG studies. *Higher scores indicate a better result.*

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Kadoi 2003 ²⁷ /	6	CABG, propofol	46.4 (5.6); n=77	45.0 (5.9); n=77	-1.40 [-3.22 to 0.42]	0.24 [-0.07 to 0.56]	-0.03 [-0.35 to 0.28]
	6	CABG, fentanyl	47.7 (5.7); n=75	45.0 (6.4); n=75	-2.70 [-4.64 to -0.76]	0.44 [0.12 to 0.77]	
Selnes 2009 ²⁰ /	72	CABG, off-pump	27.7 (2.0); n=75	28.5 (1.8); n=43	-0.40 (1.6); n=43	-	Off vs. On -0.13 [-0.51 to 0.26]
		CABG,				-	Off vs. NSC

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Prospective observational	72	on-pump	27.6 (2.4); n=152	27.4 (2.5); n=96	-0.22 (2.0); n=96		-0.09 [-0.45 to 0.26]
	72	Non-surgical control	27.9 (2.0); n=99	28.0 (2.3); n=67	-0.12 (2.5); n=67	-	On vs. NSC -0.04 [-0.36 to 0.27]

CI = confidence intervals; COWAT = Controlled Oral Word Association Test; ES = effect size; NSC = non-surgical control; SD = standard deviation

Table 19. Mean change from baseline for Montreal Cognitive Assessment, CABG studies. Higher scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Lamy 2013 ¹ / Randomized trial	12	CABG, off-pump	23.2 (4.4); n=1053	NR	0.4 (4.0); n=645	NA	0.02 [-0.08 to 0.13]
	12	CABG, on-pump	23.2 (4.3); n=1028	NR	0.3 (4.0); n=628	NA	
Nathan 2001 ⁷ / Randomized trial	3	CABG, hypothermic	NR	NR	NR	NA	No focal deficits were discovered in either group at any examination.
	3	CABG, normothermic	NR	NR	NR	NA	

CI = confidence intervals; COWAT = Controlled Oral Word Association Test; ES = effect size; NSC = non-surgical control; SD = standard deviation

Table 20. Mean change from baseline for Mini Mental State Exam, CEA studies. Higher scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Baracchini 2012 ²² / Prospective observational	3	CEA Group A, symptomatic	27.4 (0.9); n=75	27.8 (0.9); n=75	0.40 [0.11 to 0.69]	-0.44 [-0.77 to -0.12]	Group A vs. Lap. 0.39 [0.06 to 0.72]
	3	CEA Group B, asymptomatic	27.8 (1.0); n=70	28.0 (1.1); n=70	0.20 [-0.15 to 0.55]	-0.19 [-0.52 to 0.14]	Group B vs. Lap. 0.22 [-0.12 to 0.55]
	3	Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy	28.2 (1.5); n=68	28.1 (1.7); n=68	-0.10 [-0.64 to 0.44]	0.06 [-0.27 to 0.40]	Group A vs. B 0.20 [-0.13 to 0.53]
	12	CEA Group A, symptomatic	27.4 (0.9); n=75	27.7 (0.8); n=75	0.30 [0.03 to 0.57]	-0.35 [-0.67 to -0.03]	Group A vs. Lap. 0.26 [-0.07 to 0.59]
	12	CEA Group B, asymptomatic	27.8 (1.0); n=70	28.0 (1.1); n=70	0.20 [-0.15 to 0.55]	-0.19 [-0.52 to 0.14]	Group B vs. Lap. 0.16 [-0.17 to 0.50]

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
	12	Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy	28.2 (1.5); n=68	28.2 (1.2); n=68	0.00 [-0.46 to 0.46]	0.00 [-0.34 to 0.34]	Group A vs. B 0.10 [-0.22 to 0.43]

CI = confidence intervals; COWAT = Controlled Oral Word Association Test; ES = effect size; NSC = non-surgical control; SD = standard deviation

Table 21. Mean change from baseline for the Montreal Cognitive Assessment, CEA studies. Higher scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Baracchini 2012²²	3	CEA Group A, symptomatic	26.0 (2.0); n=75	26.9 (1.7); n=75	0.90 [0.31 to 1.49]	-0.48 [-0.81 to -0.16]	Group A vs. Lap. 0.52 [0.19 to 0.85]
Prospective observational	3	CEA Group B, asymptomatic	26.8 (1.7); n=70	27.1 (1.3); n=70	0.30 [-0.20 to 0.80]	-0.20 [-0.53 to 0.13]	Group B vs. Lap. 0.20 [-0.14 to 0.53]
	3	Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy	27.1 (1.4); n=68	27.1 (1.7); n=68	0.00 [-0.52 to 0.52]	0.00 [-0.34 to 0.34]	Group A vs. B 0.35 [0.02 to 0.68]
	12	CEA Group A, symptomatic	26.0 (2.0); n=75	27.0 (1.1); n=75	1.00 [0.48 to 1.52]	-0.62 [-0.94 to -0.29]	Group A vs. Lap. 0.58 [0.24 to 0.91]
	12	CEA Group B, asymptomatic	26.8 (1.7); n=70	27.2 (1.8); n=70	0.40 [-0.18 to 0.98]	-0.23 [-0.56 to 0.11]	Group B vs. Lap. 0.19 [-0.15 to 0.52]
	12	Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy	27.1 (1.4); n=68	27.2 (1.5); n=68	0.10 [-0.39 to 0.59]	-0.07 [-0.40 to 0.27]	Group A vs. B 0.36 [0.03 to 0.69]

CI = confidence intervals; COWAT = Controlled Oral Word Association Test; ES = effect size; NSC = non-surgical control; SD = standard deviation

Table 22. Mean change from baseline for Mini Mental State Exam, AVR studies. Higher scores indicate a better result.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups
Fakin 2011¹⁸							
Randomized trial	4	AVR, hypothermic	NR, "normal"	NR	NR		"Both patient groups scored normal throughout the whole study period (ranging from 29 to 30 points). This indicated that all patients were without an overt clinically relevant cognitive impairment at all points of
	4	AVR, normothermic	NR, "normal"	NR	NR		

Appendix M. Mean change from baseline tables

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Intervention	Score at Baseline (SD); n	Score at Followup (SD); n	Mean change from baseline (SD); n or [95%CI]	ES [95%CI] within groups	ES [95%CI] between groups measurement."
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CI = confidence intervals; COWAT = Controlled Oral Word Association Test; ES = effect size; NSC = non-surgical control; SD = standard deviation

* "Both patient groups scored normal throughout the whole study period (ranging from 29 to 30 points). This indicated that all patients were without an overt clinically relevant cognitive impairment at all points of measurement."

Table 23. Mean change from baseline for domains from Altinbas 2011: CAS versus CEA.

Study / Design	Follow-up (mos)	Domain	Mean change from baseline z score (SD); n CAS	Mean change from baseline z score (SD); n CEA	Mean difference [95%CI] between groups
Altinbas, 2011¹⁶					
Randomized trial	6	Attention	-0.09 (1.05); n=59	-0.13 (1.60); n=57	0.04 [-0.46 to 0.53]
	6	Executive	0.13 (0.36); n=55	0.17 (0.48); n=45	-0.05 [-0.21 to 0.12]
	6	Language	-0.25 (0.68); n=59	-0.18 (0.70); n=58	-0.07 [-0.32 to 0.18]
	6	Verbal memory	-0.16 (0.76); n=59	-0.09 (1.00); n=56	-0.07 [-0.39 to 0.26]
	6	Visual memory	0.24 (0.72); n=53	0.24 (0.66); n=52	0.00 [-0.27 to 0.26]
	6	Visual perception	-0.14 (0.54); n=54	-0.17 (0.73); n=50	0.04 [-0.21 to 0.28]

CI = confidence intervals; ES = effect size; SD = standard deviation;

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