

ROBOT-ASSISTED HIATAL HERNIA REPAIR WITH TRANSORAL INCISIONLESS FUNDOPLICATION (TIF)

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BACKGROUND



Demonstrated that combined laparoscopic HH repair and TIF (cTIF) is **safe and effective** at reducing reflux symptoms in a large spectrum of GERD patients.

Reference: Novel Interdisciplinary Approach to GERD: Concomitant Laparoscopic Hiatal Hernia Repair with Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication

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BENEFITS OF ROBOTIC OVER LAPAROSCOPIC HH REPAIR



Technical advantages over laparoscopic hiatal hernia repair with similar clinical outcomes

- Shorter length of stay (2.2 days vs 3.3 lap)
- Lower recurrence rates (13.2% vs 32.8% lap)



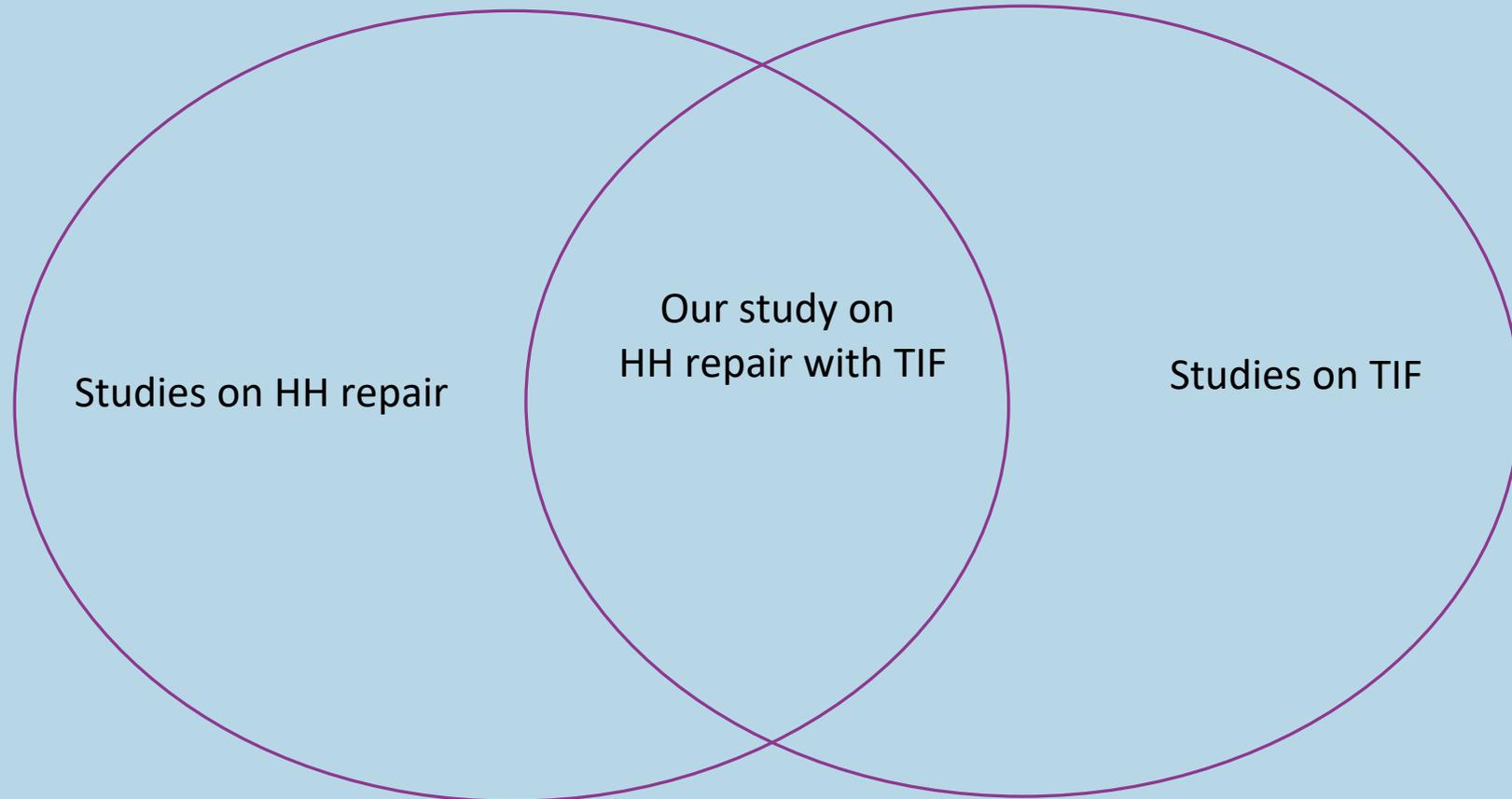
Associated with **improved outcomes** compared to laparoscopic hiatal hernia repair

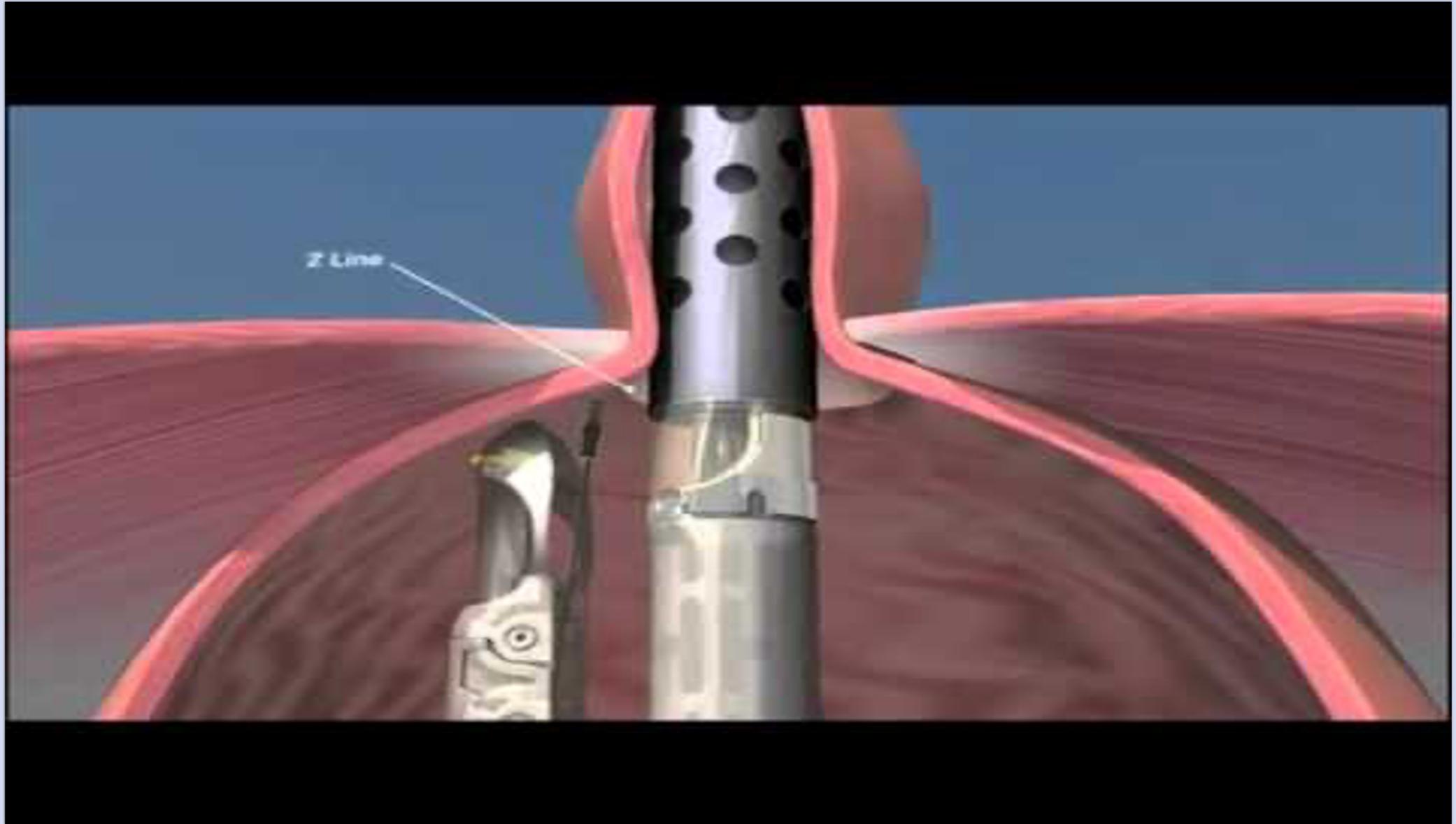
- Shorter length of stay (1.3 vs 1.8 lap)
- Lower complication rates (6.3% vs 19.2% lap)

WHY OUR STUDY MATTERS



No prior study has reported a series of patients who have undergone robotic HH repair with TIF.





METHODS

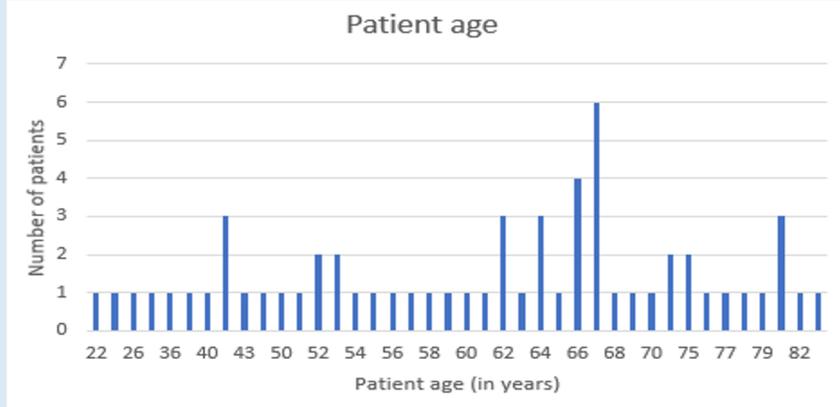
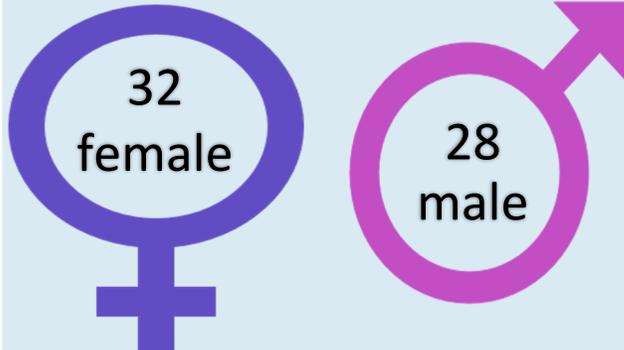
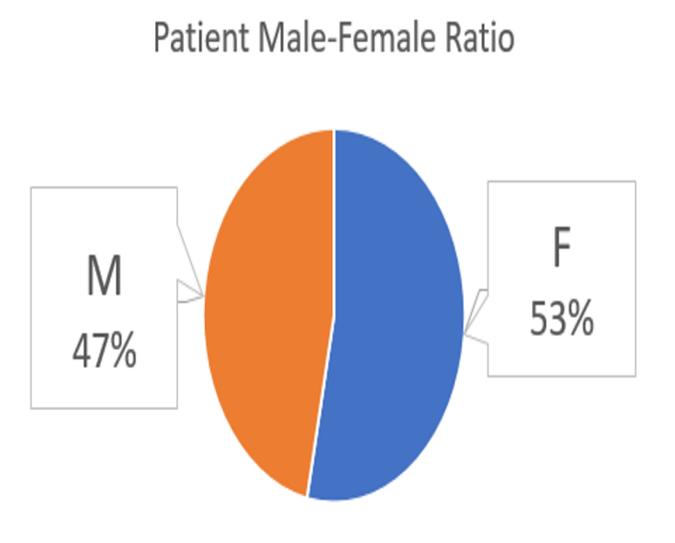
60 patients underwent cTIF.



Retrospective analysis of a series of 60 consecutive patients who underwent robot-assisted cTIF from 4/2019 to 4/2021

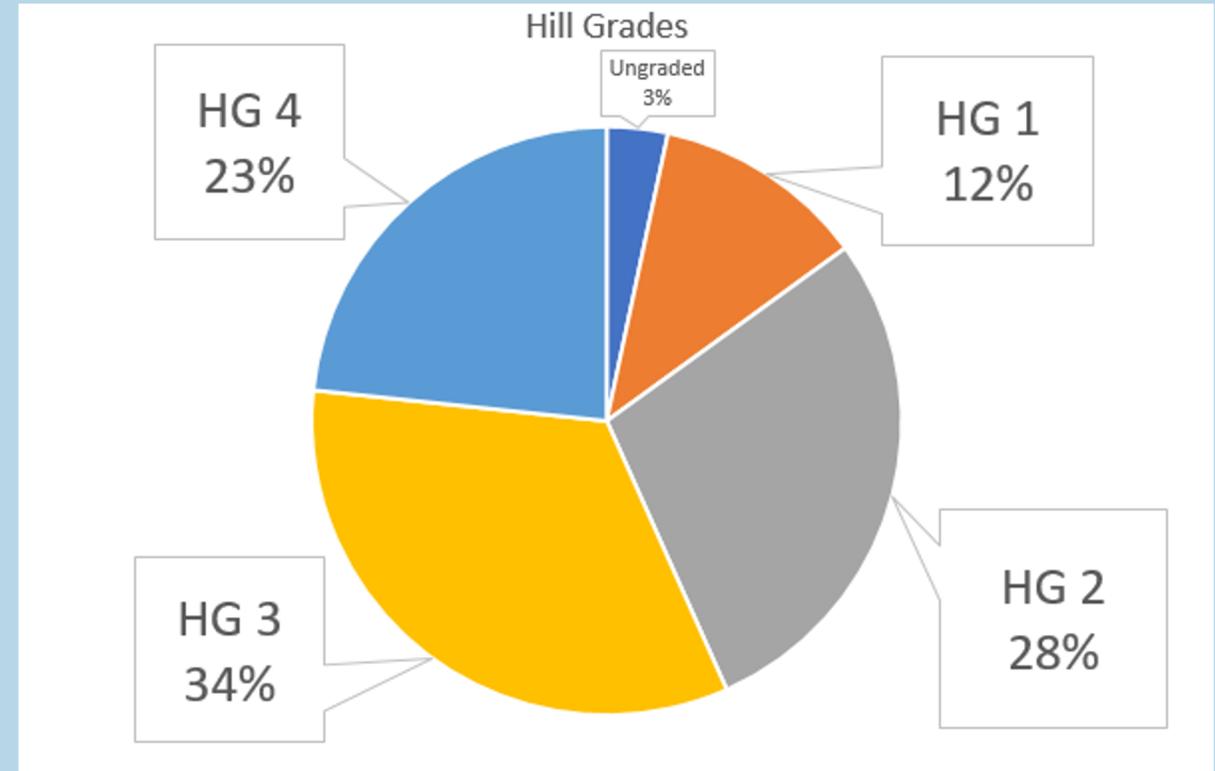
Mean age:
59.9

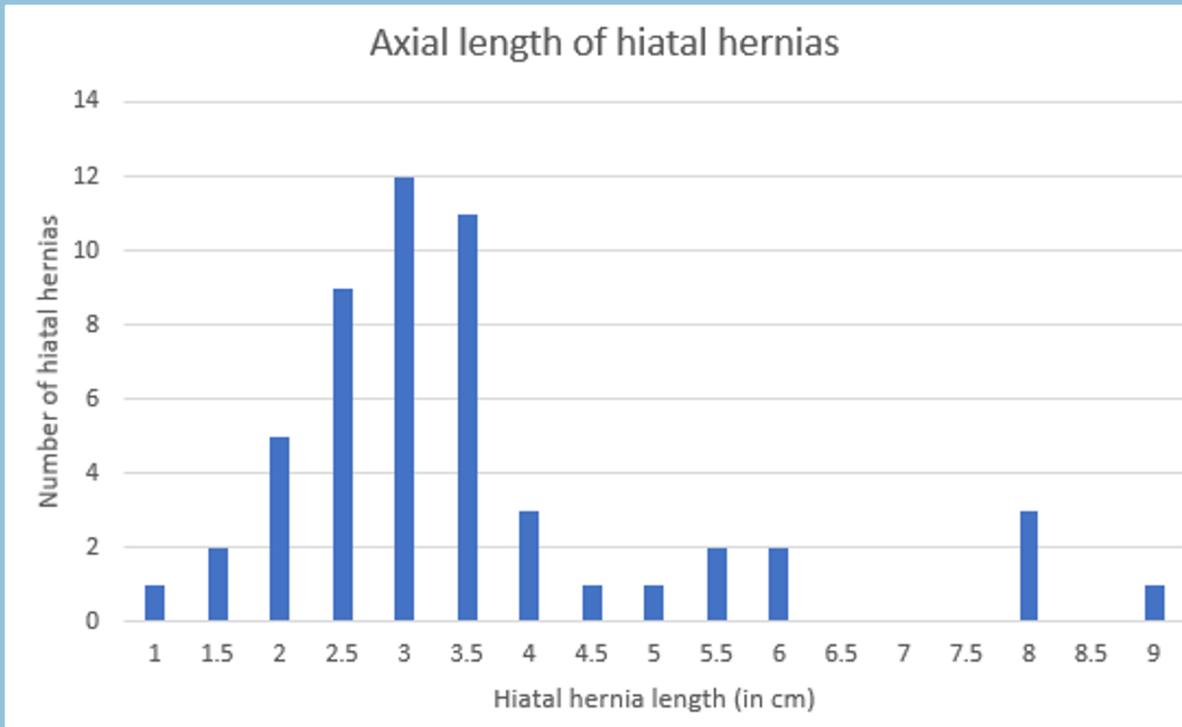
Range:
22-83



> 50%

of patients had pre-cTIF Hill Grades greater than II





HH axial length
 mean: 3.6 cm (range 1-9)

Intraoperatively, 11 patients had HHs with transverse diameters ≥ 5 cm

HH transverse diameter
 mean: 3.5 cm
 (range: 1.5-7)

Mean surgical time for:



robot-assisted HH repair

131 minutes



TIF

84 minutes

TIF Procedural success

100%

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Pre and post-treatment GERD symptoms and anti-acid medication usage were assessed.

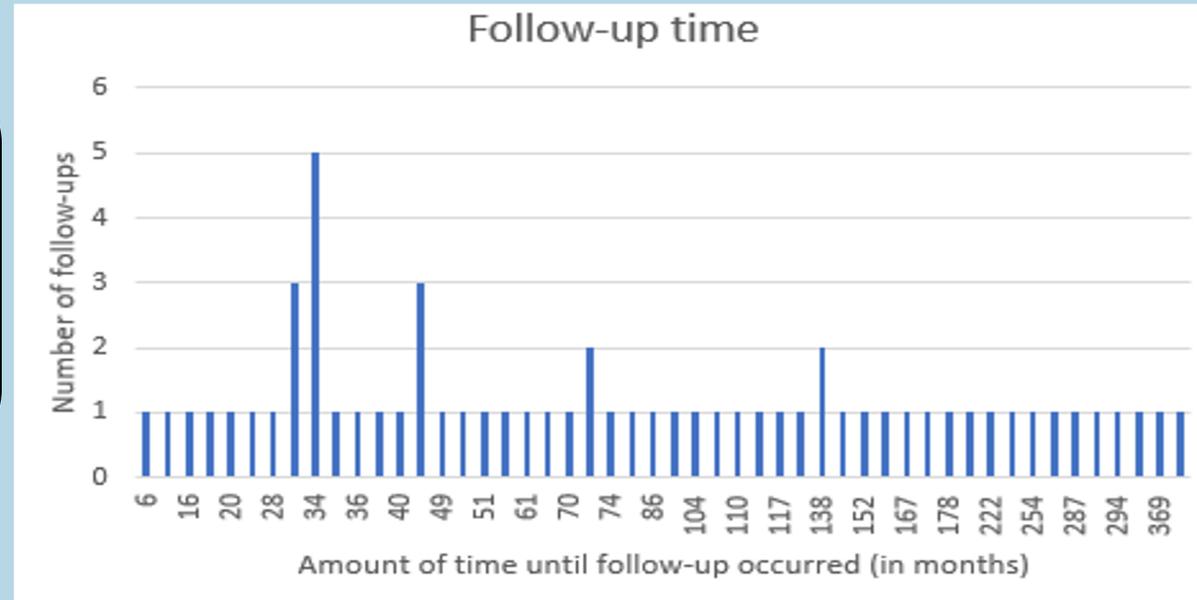
Follow-up within: **12 months**

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patients lost
to follow up

Mean follow-up interval:

3.5 months



RESULTS



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Patients on anti-acid meds before cTIF
experienced symptom relief and **decreased or
discontinued** using their meds

92%

RESULTS

Robot-assisted cTIF effectively reduces GERD symptoms, even in patients with larger HHs.



Follow-up endoscopy on 18 patients revealed an intact TIF valve.

Zero patients required a preceding esophageal lengthening procedure

Patients tolerated the procedure well with no reported complications.

CONCLUSION

Future studies should examine the long-term outcome of robotic-assisted cTIF vs laparoscopic cTIF.

THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS

