SDC 10 - Statistical analysis

Continuous data is shown as median and corresponding range. In non-parametric distributed data Mann- Whitney U Test was used to detect significant differences between two groups and Kruskal- Wallis Test for more than two groups. Survival was estimated according to the method of Kaplan Meier and the Log Rank Test was used to detect significant survival differences between the corresponding groups. The association of the three groups with clinical characteristics (gender, diagnosis and bridge type) was assessed by the two-sided Chi Square Test. P values are always given as two-sided and were considered statistically significant below 0.05. All statistical analyses were performed using the PASW Statistics 18.0 package (Predictive Analytics Software, SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA).