Tranexamic acid is safe with regard to vein graft patency

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Thank you for alerting the EJCTS to this excellent paper [1, 2]. Your paper used MRI scanning to show that the patency of vein grafts between 5 and 30 days after coronary surgery was 87% (231/265) in the placebo group and 85% (253/297) in patients who received 100 mg/kg of tranexamic acid after induction of anaesthesia. We are also aware that you used this important information in the creation of the BART trial [3], a landmark paper in the assessment of drug therapy to minimise bleeding after cardiac surgery. Your paper is available full-text for free currently from the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery and I encourage readers to download it and read it in full including the optimal dosages of tranexamic acid for patients undergoing coronary surgery.

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