

# Expert Thoughts on Drug-Eluting Resorbable Scaffolds for Peripheral Interventions: Dreaming or still caution?

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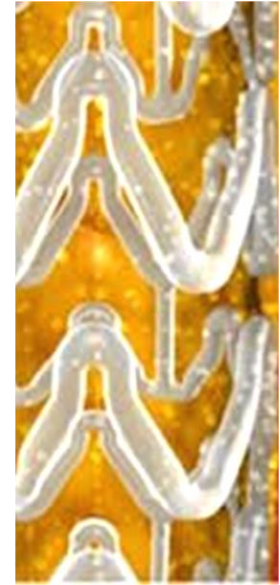
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# Challenges for Bioresorbable Technology: Material Selection and Degradation Properties

- Material selection
  - Absorbable metals, eg, Mg-based alloys
  - Polymer-based materials susceptible to hydrolytic breakdown
- Mechanical properties and stent design
  - Radial strength and deliverability
  - Provide scaffolding for sufficient duration to allow healing
- Degradation rates and biocompatibility/safety:
  - Must disappear in a time-frame that provides patient benefit without overloading the system with inflammatory by-products as it degrades



It's What's Next

Bioabsorbable  
Stents

# Why Bioabsorbable Stents?

- Advantages

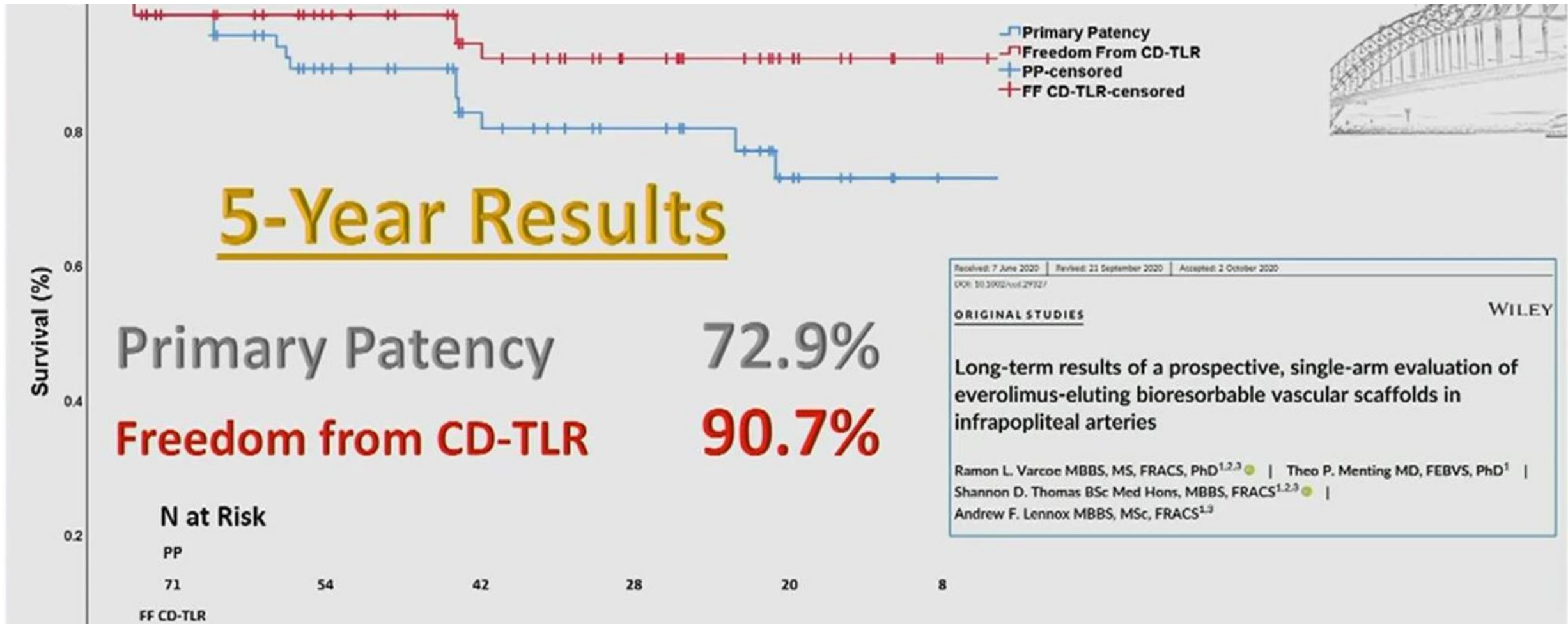
- No permanent device left behind, no need for stent scaffold later
- Decrease flow-limiting dissection
- May allow treatment of areas not suitable for a permanent stent
- No long-term dual antiplatelet regimen needed
- Maintain vasomotion of vessel: especially SFA



- Disadvantages

- Inflammation
- Embolization of material
- Unknown time of scaffolding support need

# 5 Year Results (48 patients) ABSORB BTK Trial: VIVA 2019

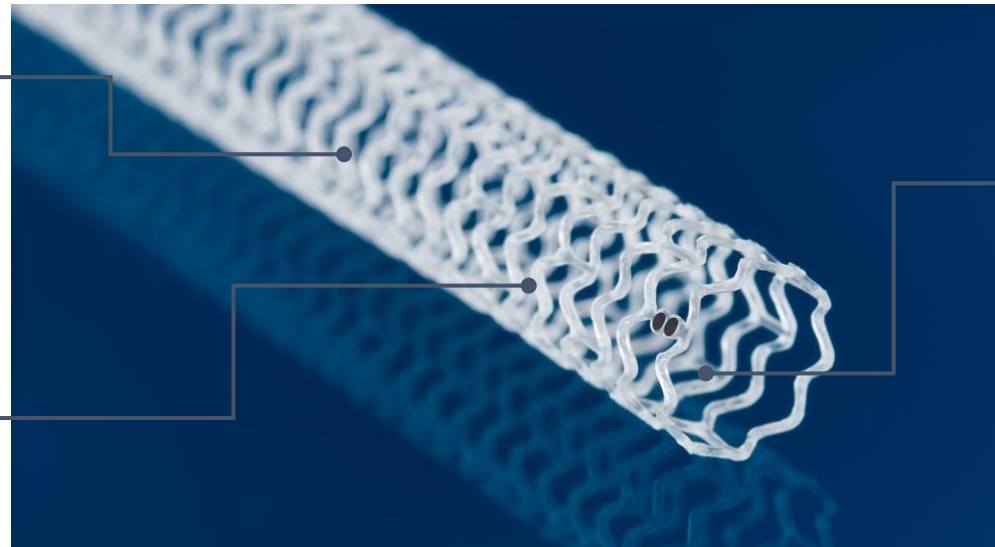


# Investigational Device

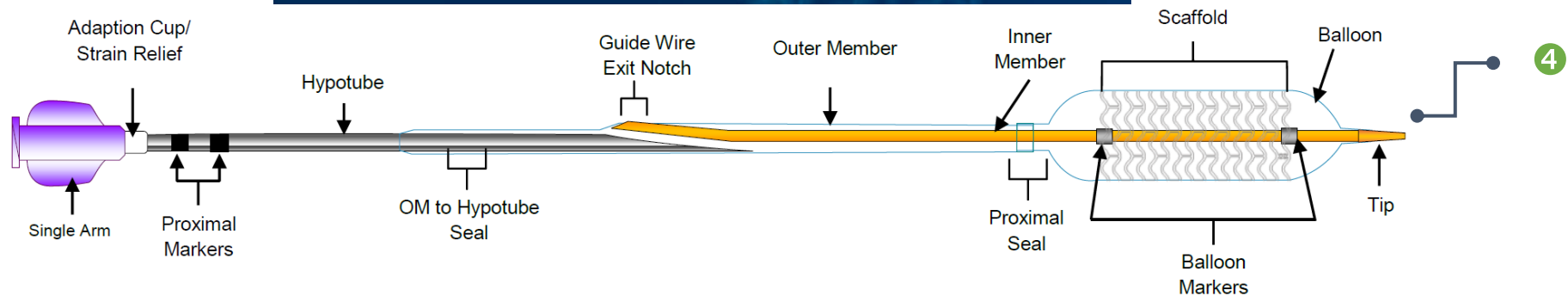
## Design and Components

### Esprit™ BTK Drug-eluting Resorbable Scaffold (DRS)

- 1 Bioresorbable scaffold backbone comprised of 100% poly(L-lactide) (PLLA) and strut thickness of 99  $\mu\text{m}$ \*\*
- 2 Coating comprised of the active pharmaceutical ingredient everolimus and bioresorbable poly (D,L-lactide) (PDLLA)



- 3 Four platinum markers of the same mass, two each embedded at the proximal and distal ends of the scaffold for radiopacity†



\*The Esprit BTK DRS System is an investigational product not approved by the FDA

\*\*  $\leq 3.0$  mm size; 3.5-3.75 mm sizes have 120  $\mu\text{m}$  strut thickness.

†Platinum markers at proximal and distal ends remain for angiographic visualization

# LIFE-BTK Randomized Multicenter Trial\*

Evaluate the safety and efficacy of the Esprit BTK DRS System, compared to PTA<sup>†</sup>, for the treatment of infrapopliteal artery disease in patients with CLTI.



Prospective, randomized, multicenter,  
US and OUS single-blind trial

**261 patients randomized**  
**2:1 Esprit BTK vs. PTA**

- **Primary Safety Endpoint @ 6 Months**
- **Primary Efficacy Endpoint @ 1 Year**
- **Powered Secondary Endpoints @ 1 Year**

DATA  
EVALUATED AT  
12 MONTHS



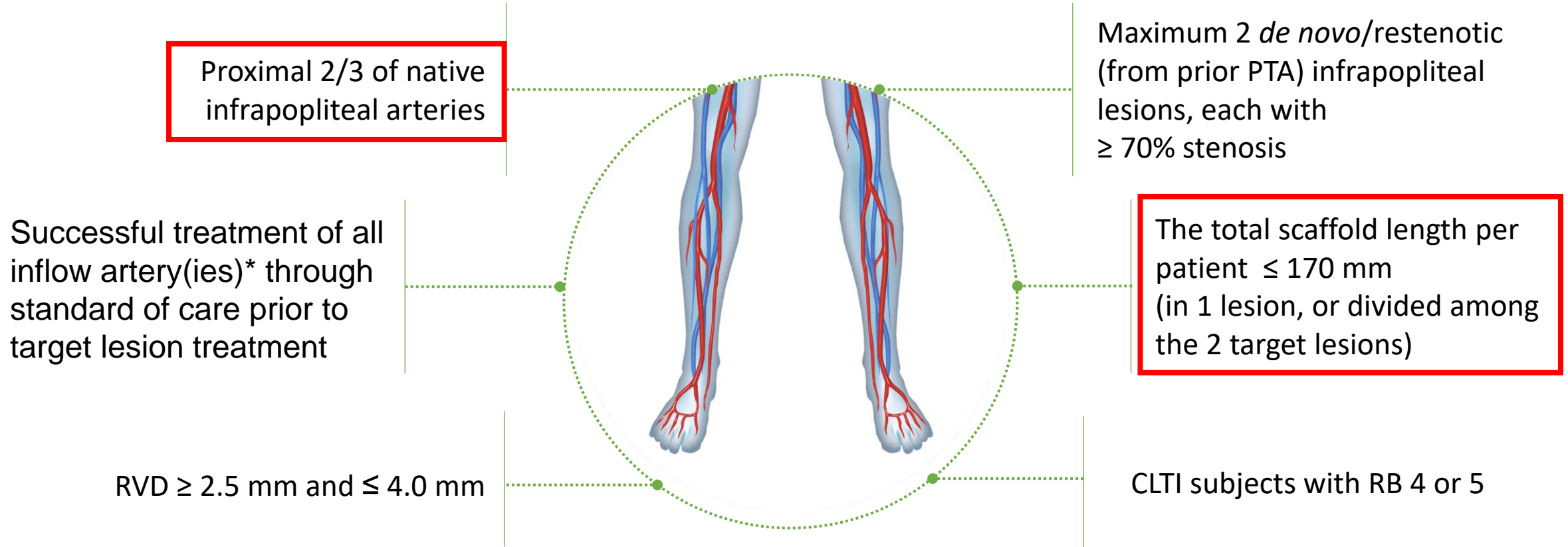
\*ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT04227899

\*\* Follow up focused on index wound assessment

† defined as Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty

# Inclusion Criteria

Study Population LIFE-BTK

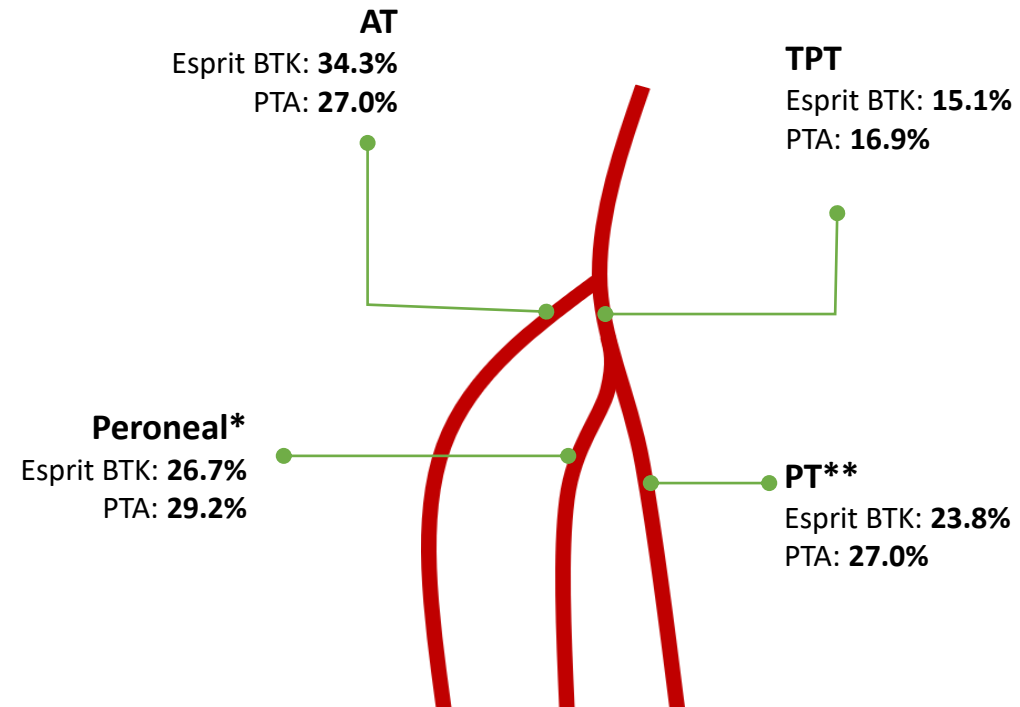


\*Successful treatment is according to physician's assessment of inflow artery(ies) that are  $\geq 50\%$  stenosed

\*\* Tandem lesions are allowed if they are  $< 3$  cm apart and the total scaffold length used to cover the entire diseased segment is  $\leq 170$  mm. Each tandem lesion is considered one lesion.

# Target Lesion Baseline Characteristics

	Esprit BTK	PTA
<b>Lesion length (mm)</b>	43.78 ± 31.84 (172)	44.75 ± 29.07 (89)
<b>RVD pre-intervention (mm)</b>	2.94 ± 0.77 (147)	2.82 ± 0.74 (80)
<b>Site-Reported Calcification</b>		
None/Mild	69.3% (124/179)	69.6% (64/92)
Moderate	27.4% (49/179)	28.3% (26/92)
Severe	3.4% (6/179)	2.2% (2/92)
<b>TASC II classification</b>		
A	48.3% (83/172)	52.8% (47/89)
B	35.5% (61/172)	25.8% (23/89)
C	16.3% (28/172)	21.3% (19/89)
D	0.0% (0/172)	0.0% (0/89)
<b>% DS pre-intervention</b>	72.6 ± 18.9 (172)	73.7 ± 21.0 (89)



**Number of Target Lesions Per Subject**  
 Esprit BTK = 1.0 (1,2)  
 PTA = 1.0 (1,2)

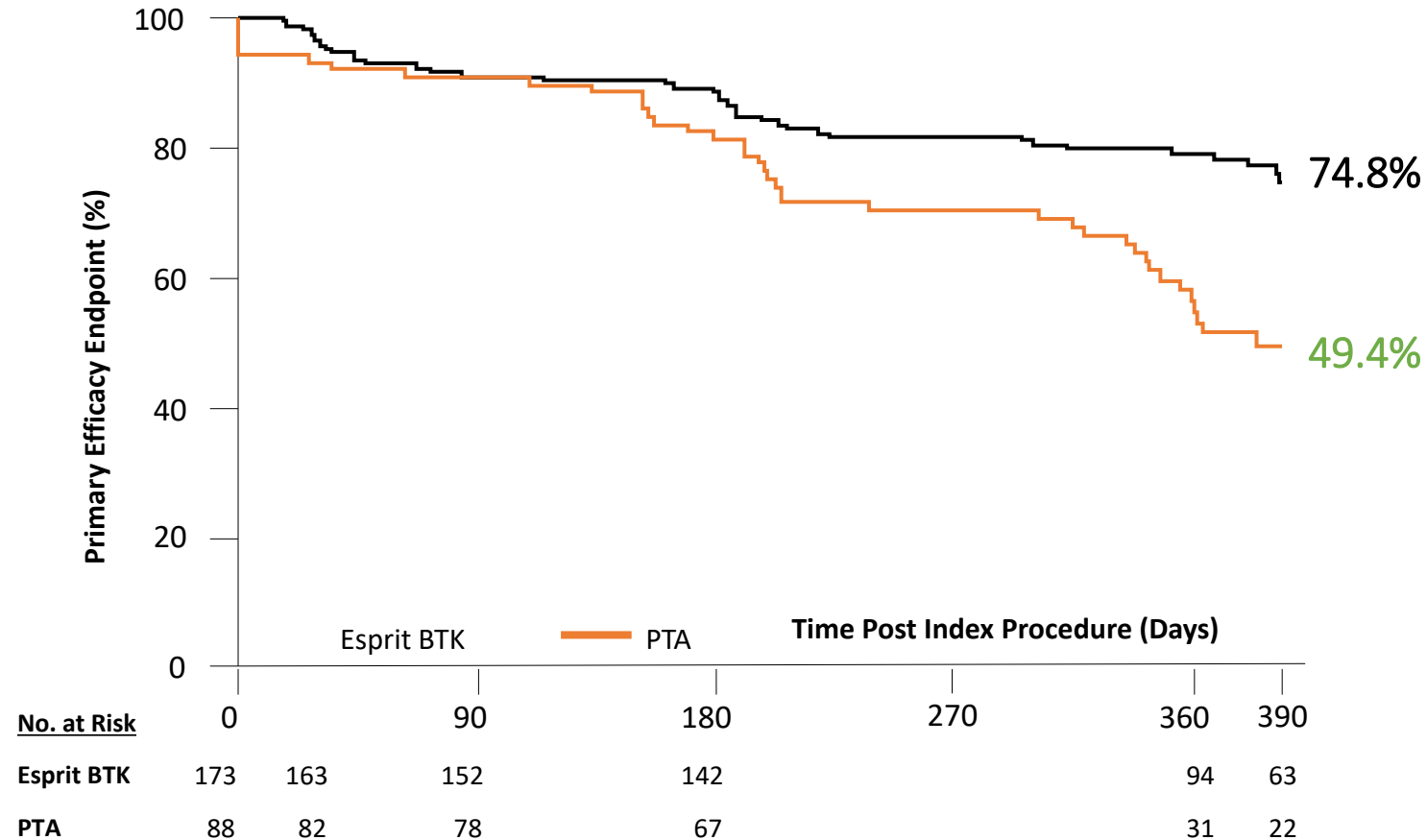
\* Includes Peroneal and TPT-Peroneal segments  
 \*\* Includes PT and TPT-PT segment



# Primary Efficacy Endpoint

Composite of Limb Salvage and Primary Patency at 1 Year (393 Days) – ITT Population

Esprit BTK	PTA	Difference [One-Sided Lower 97.51% CL] <sup>2</sup>	P-Value <sup>3</sup>
74.5% (111/149)	43.7% (31/71)	30.8% (17.0%)	<0.0001

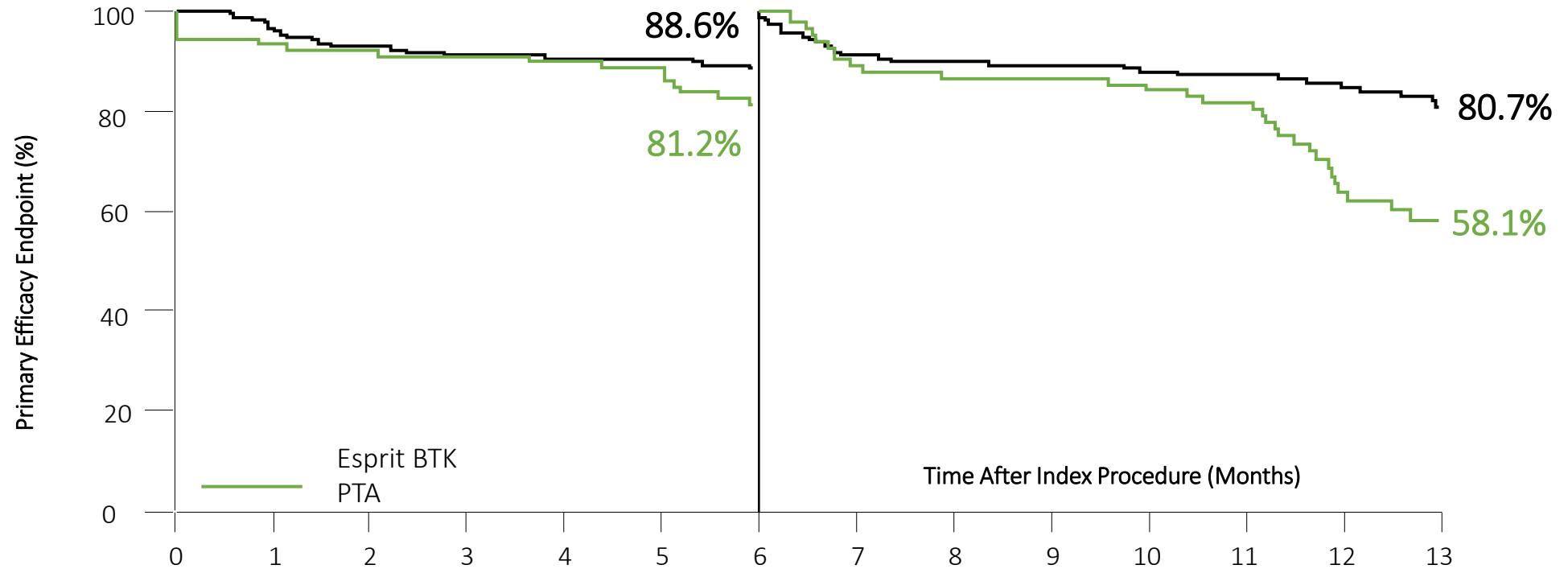


<sup>1</sup> Primary Efficacy Endpoint: Composite of limb salvage and primary patency at 1 year, which includes freedom from: above ankle amputation in index limb, 100% total occlusion of target vessel, binary restenosis of target lesion, and clinically-driven target lesion revascularization (CD-TLR).

<sup>2</sup> By Newcombe score method.

<sup>3</sup> From One-sided Chi-square test, to be compared at one-sided significance level of 0.0249.

# Landmark Primary Efficacy Endpoint



## No. at Risk

Esprit BTK

173

142 157

100 68

PTA

88

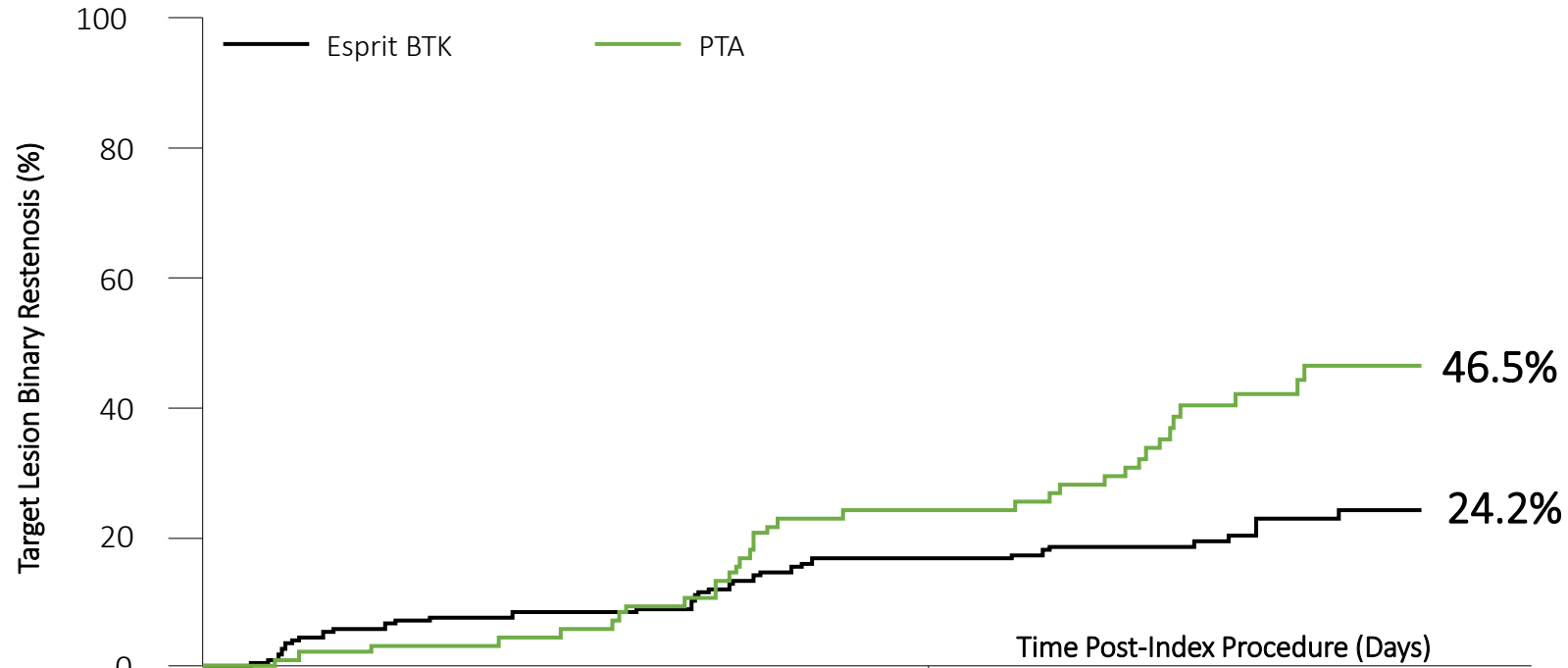
67 82

37 26

# First Powered Secondary Endpoint

*Binary Restenosis of the Target Lesion at 1 Year – ITT Population*

Esprit BTK	PTA	Difference [One-Sided Upper 97.5% CL] <sup>1</sup>	P-Value <sup>2</sup>
23.5% (35/149)	49.3% (35/71)	-25.8% (-12.3%)	<0.0001



<u>No. at Risk</u>	0	90	180	270	360	450
<b>Esprit BTK</b>	173	164	153	145	95	72
<b>PTA</b>	88	87	82	73	37	18

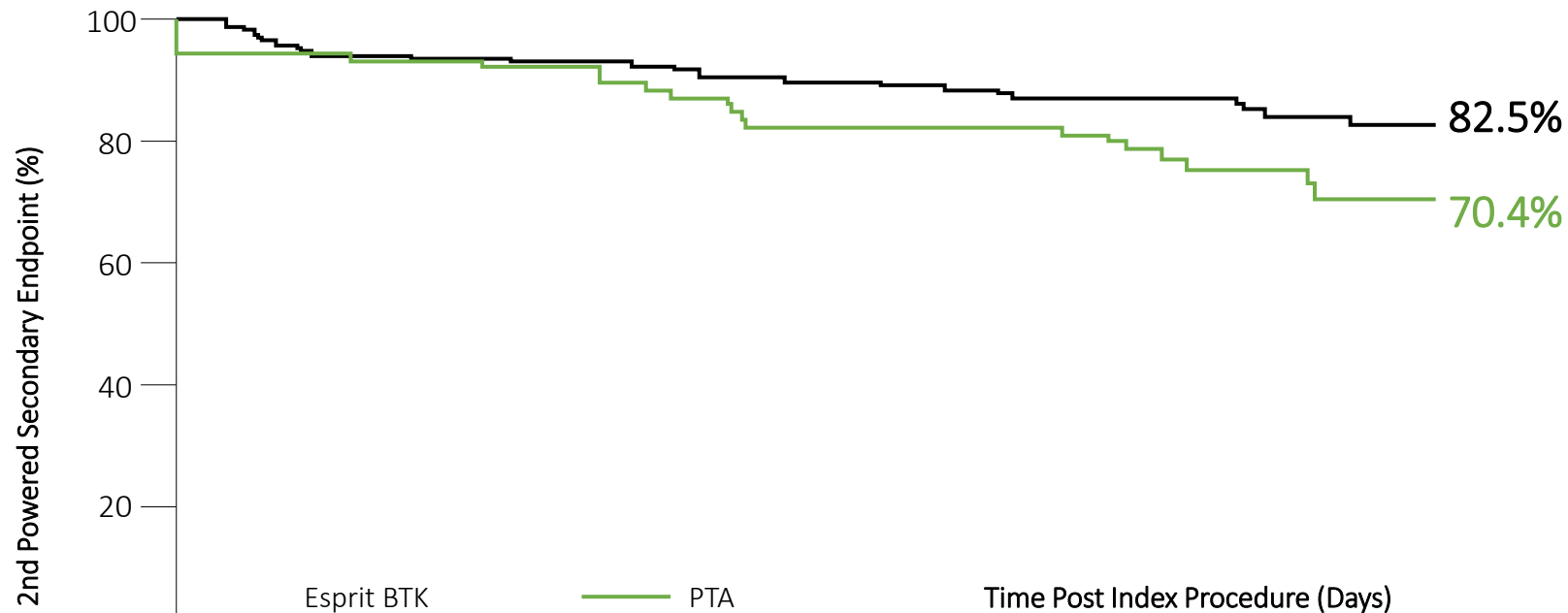
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<sup>2</sup> From One-sided Chi-square test, to be compared at one-sided significance level of 0.025.

# Second Powered Secondary Endpoint

*Freedom from Above Ankle Amputation in Index Limb, 100% Total Occlusion of Target Vessel, and CD-TLR at 1 Year – ITT Population*

Esprit BTK	PTA	Difference [One-Sided Lower 97.5% CL] <sup>1</sup>	P-Value <sup>2</sup>
83.2% (124/149)	69.0% (49/71)	14.2% (2.5%)	0.0081



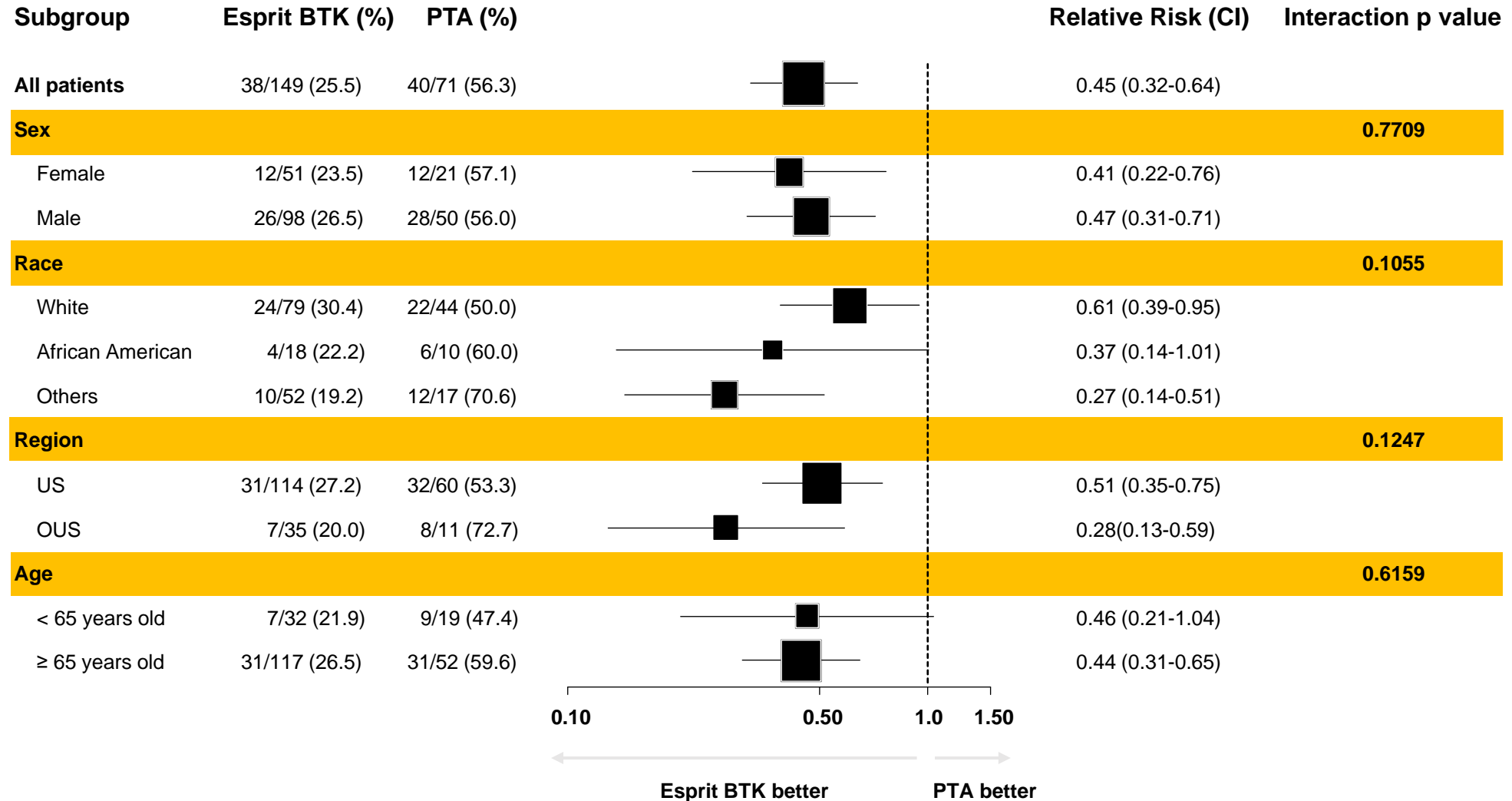
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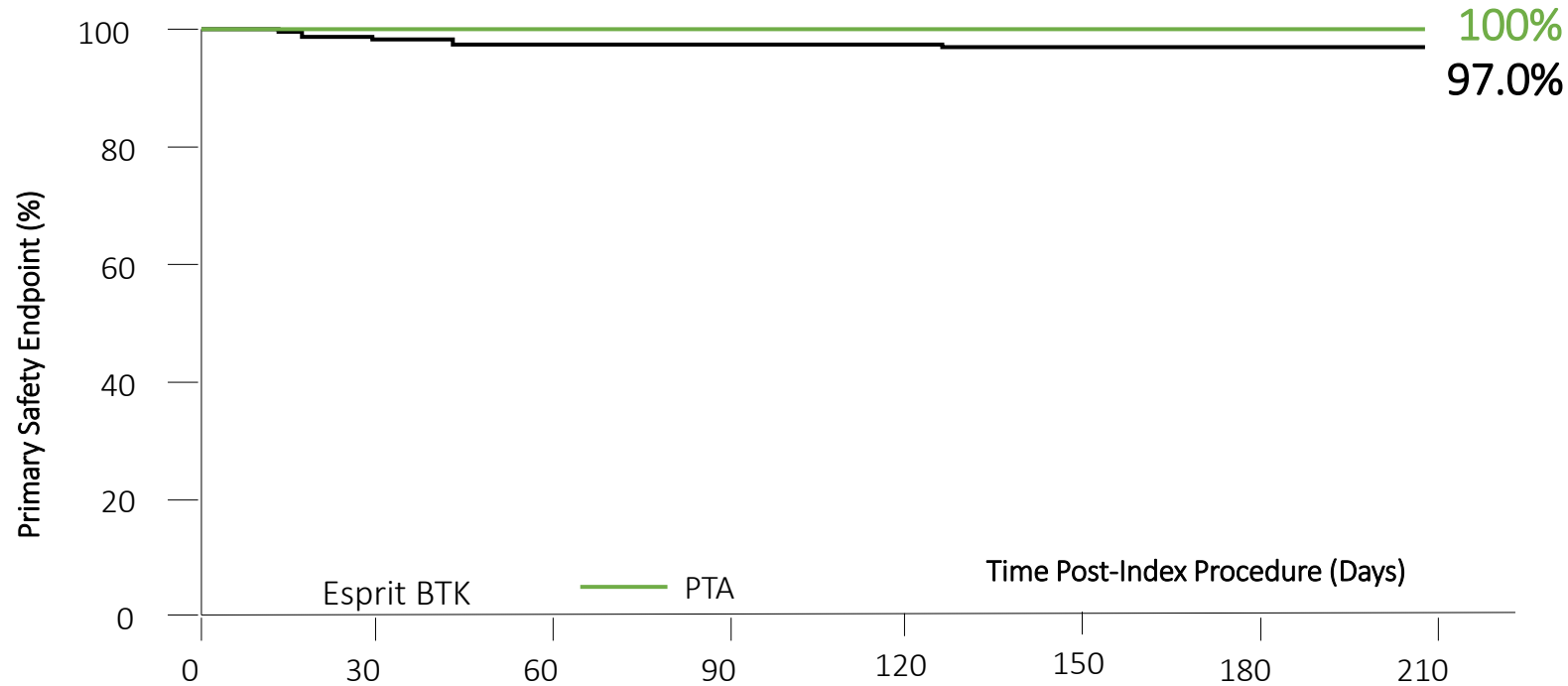
# Subgroup Analyses of Composite Primary Efficacy Endpoint at 1 Year



# Primary Safety Endpoint

*Freedom from Major Adverse Limb Event + Peri-Operative Death – AT\* Population*

Esprit BTK	PTA	Difference [One-Sided Lower 97.5% CL] <sup>1</sup>	P-Value <sup>2</sup>
96.9% (155/160)	100.0% (85/85)	-3.1% (-7.1%)	0.0019



**No. at Risk**

<b>Esprit BTK</b>	170	166	162	162	153	152
<b>PTA</b>	90	90	89	87	84	84

\* AT defined as As-Treated

<sup>1</sup> By Newcombe score method.

<sup>2</sup> Farrington-Manning non-inferiority (NI) test, with NI margin of  $\delta$  set at -10%, to be compared at one-sided significance level of 0.025.

Note: The safety endpoint denominators of the rates exclude subjects who terminated from the study prior to the lower limit (152 days) of the 6-month primary safety endpoint follow-up window without any components of the primary endpoint.

# REVA Medical: MOTIV BTK Technology

## Bioresorbable **Peripheral Vascular** Scaffold

- **CE Mark** Approved in Europe
  - Excellent 24-month EU Clinical Trial outcomes
- FDA Break-Through Technology Designation
- Made from REVA's proprietary polymer, **Tyrocore**
  - **X-ray visible** for treatment accuracy – No guessing at placement
  - **High Strength** to maintain artery patency during vessel healing
  - **Sustained Sirolimus drug delivery** to maintain long-term vessel patency
  - **Bioresorbable** removes concerns associated with a permanent implant
- **Actively Enrolling US IDE Clinical Trial**



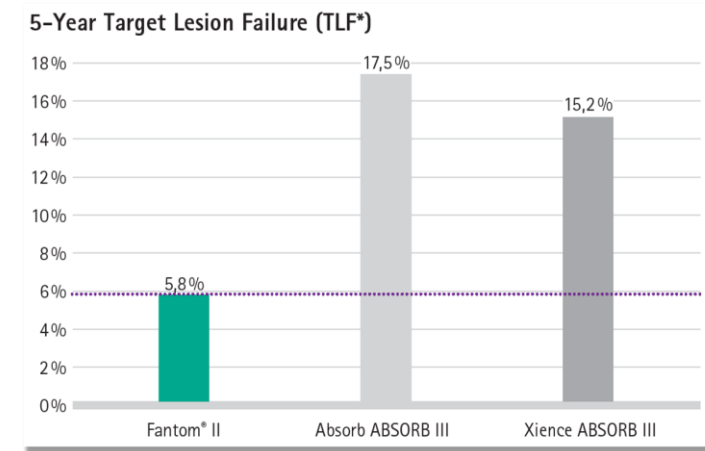
Only BRS CE mark Approved for  
Below-the-Knee Revascularization

# REVA's MOTIV BTK Technology

## Bioresorbable Peripheral Vascular Scaffold

- Demonstrated Safety & Effectiveness
  - Tyrocore based scaffolds implanted in over 500 coronary patients with excellent clinical outcomes through 5 years
  - European Peripheral vascular pilot BTK trial
    - Technical Implant Success 99% in all 58 patients
    - 12 Month Patency 88%, 24 Month Patency 82%

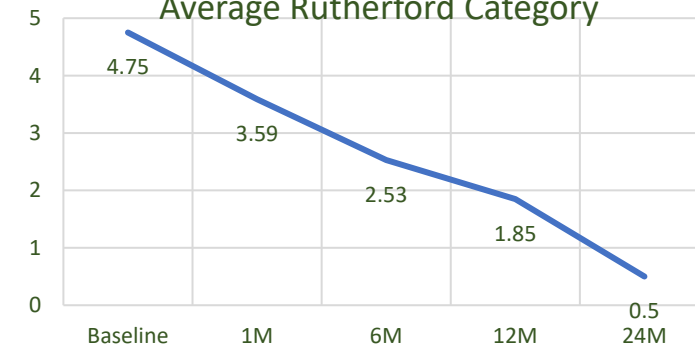
FANTOM II Coronary Trial



### •Next Steps/Current Status

- Global Randomized Clinical Trial for US FDA commercial approval
- 292 Patients randomized against balloon angioplasty at up to 45 clinical centers
- Enrollment has been initiated with rapid expansion in-process

European Peripheral Vascular Trial  
Average Rutherford Category

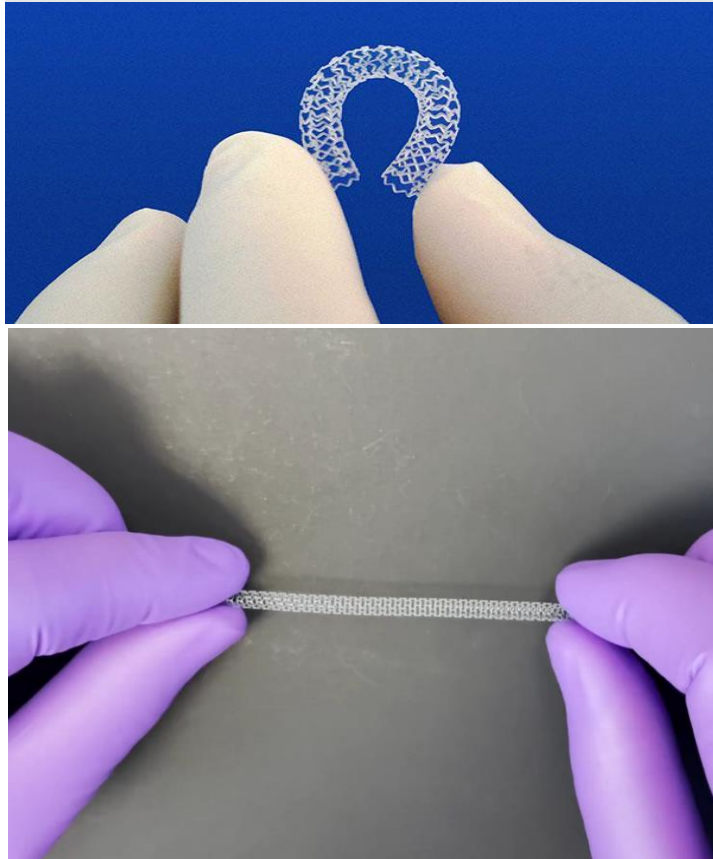




# R3 Vascular Program Overview: MAGNITUDE

## Bioresorbable Drug-eluting Scaffold and Delivery System

Innovative Scaffold Strength and Flexibility



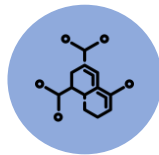
### PLLA Resorbable Scaffold

- 98 um strut thickness
- Balloon expandable
- High radial force
- Resorbs in a benign controlled manner



### PDLLA Resorbable Coating

- Provides sustained drug elution to maximize long term patency
- Controlled drug release

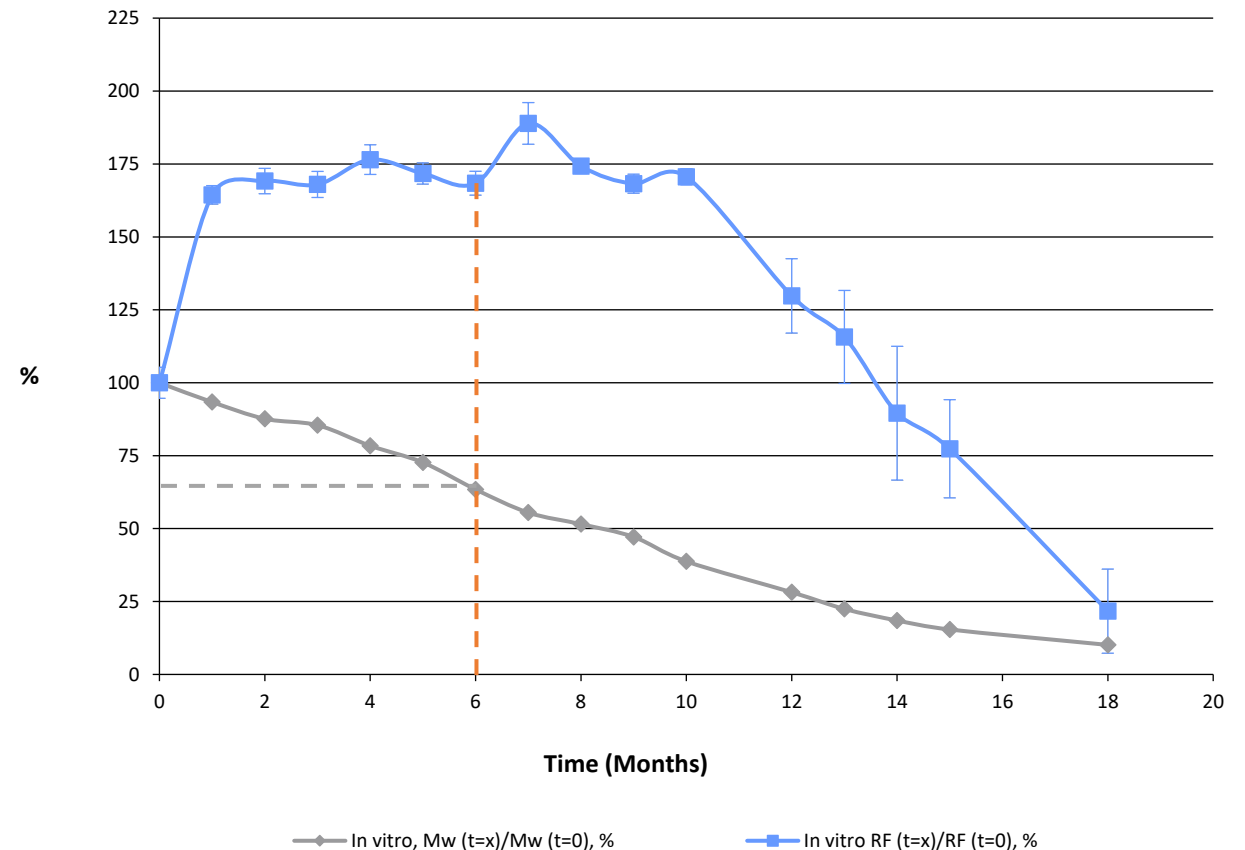


### Sirolimus

- Anti-proliferative agent with known safety profile
- Minimizes neointimal growth

# Resorption Profile of MAGNITUDE Scaffold

1. Gradual rate of resorption
2. Polymer is converted into lactic acid
3. Metabolized and converted into carbon dioxide and water
4. A 95% reduction in molecular weight at 18 months
5. Complete resorption expected by 3.5 years



# RESOLV I Study overview

01

## Study Design

Prospective,  
Single arm,  
Multi-center,  
First-in-human

02

## Enrollment

Up to 50  
patients in  
Austria,  
Canada, and  
Italy

03

## Patient Type

- Symptomatic
- Infrapop de novo or restenotic lesions
- Rutherford 3-5
- RVD 2.5-3.75
- 51mm max lesion length

04

## Follow-up

1, 3, 6, 12  
months  
Long term FU:  
2-5 yrs

05

## Primary Safety Endpoint

Freedom from  
MALE at 6mo +  
POD

06

## Primary Efficacy Endpoint

Angiographic  
primary patency  
+ freedom from  
TLR at 6 months

- Major Adverse Limb Event = above ankle amputation in the index limb or major reintervention at 6 months
- Peri-Operative Death = mortality at 30 days

# Upcoming IDE Trial: ELITE-BTK

## Study Design

- Prospective
- Multi-center
- Randomized 1:1 to PTA

## Study Population

- Symptomatic CLTI
- Infrapop de novo or restenotic lesions
- Rutherford 4-5

## Follow-up

1, 3, 6, 12 months  
Long term FU:  
2-5 yrs

## Primary Safety Endpoint

Freedom from MALE at 6mo + POD

## Primary Efficacy Endpoint

Angiographic primary patency + freedom from TLR at 6 months

# Summary

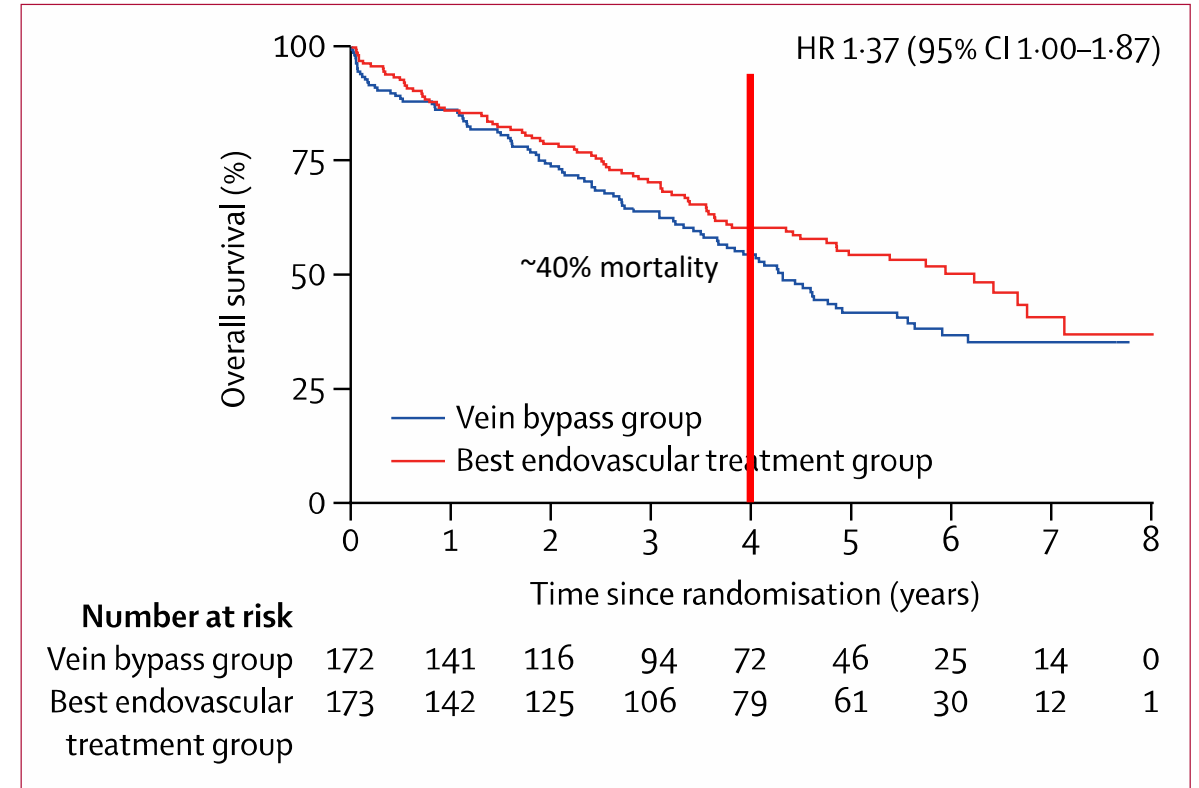
- Finally! An effective, dedicated FDA and CE mark approved device category.
- With 2 more platforms currently in clinical trials, more data and greater options are likely to be forthcoming

# But there are other considerations...

- The LIFE-BTK BRS trial lesion length was limited in complexity
  - 40 mm-50 mm
  - Proximal 2/3's of the tibials
  - 80% “simple” lesions by TASC classifications
- How will the scaffold perform in:
  - Longer lesions?
  - More complex lesions?
  - Calcified lesions?
- Cost of BRS device?
  - Coronary DES ~80 Euros
    - Is this a reasonable alternative to treat proximal “short” disease, especially if calcified?

# Other considerations...

- BASIL-2 mortality at 4 years:
  - ~40%
- BASIL-3 mortality at 4 years:
  - ~40%
- BEST-CLI mortality at 4 years
  - ~35%



BASIL 2 survival

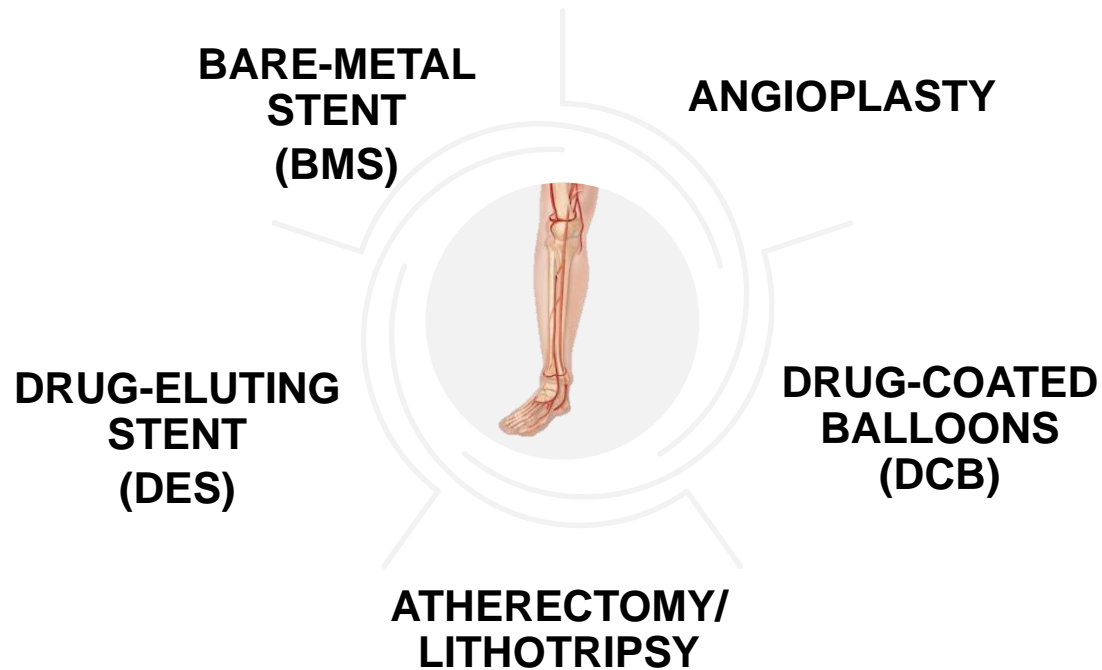
# Other considerations...

- Given the acknowledged high mortality rates in the CLTI population, is a resorbable platform a universal solution, or should we be considering a complimentary approach?
- If so, it appears that there is a need to develop a clinical (WiFi ++?) predicative score for mortality in these CLTI patients to better customize---and justify---the device and procedural approaches and associated costs in their care



# Multiple options for BTK intervention

## Current Treatment Options for Tibial Circulation\*



## To Effectively Treat BTK Disease

	DRUG (INHIBIT NIH)**	SCAFFOLD (RESIST RECOIL)	LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND
ANGIOPLASTY	✗	✗	✓
ATHERECTOMY/ LITHOTRIPSY	✗	✗	✓
DCB	✓	✗	✓
BMS	✗	✓	✗
DES	✓	✓	✗
UNMET NEED	✓	✓	✓

\*Adapted from Varcoe, R., LINC 2020.

\*\*NIH = Neointimal Hyperplasia.