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Angiographic Assessment of Bifurcation Lesions

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Diagnostic Considerations Ostial SB Lesion Severity at Baseline







Diagnostic Considerations Ostial SB Lesion Severity after SB Jailing





Angiography vs FFR: To treat or Not Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR <0.75 = ischemia)

- SB FFR measured in 94 pts after side branch jailing
- FFR reflects both degree of stenosis and myocardial territory



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Physiologic Assessment of Jailed Side Branch Lesions Using Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR)



Correlation between FFR and % Stenosis

Conclusions: QCA is unreliable in the "functional" assessment of stenosis severity in jailed SBs. Conversely, FFR measurements demonstrate that most of stenotic SBs do not have functional significance

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SB Stent Underexpansion After Crush

Final optimal angiographic result

				SB stent ostium
Variable	PV	SB	Р	and the second s
Stent minimum CSA, mm ²	6.5 ±1 .7	3.9 ± 1.0	<0.0001	SB distal stent
Stent expansion, %	92.1 ± 1 6.6	79.9 ± 12.3	0.02	
Stent CSA<4 mm ²	10% (2/20)	55% (11/20)	0.007	MARS D
Stent CSA<5 mm ²	20% (4/20)	90% (18/20)	<0.0001	Alla Sall
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Correlation Between IVUS and QCA Final MLD in Parent Vessel and Side Branch Following "Crush" Stenting







Incomplete "Crush" Apposition



Complete crush (apposition) of the SB stent – arrows indicate the 3 layers of stent struts Incomplete crushing – incomplete apposition of the SB or PV stent struts against the MV wall proximal to the carina, found in >60% of non-LM lesions



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MV= main vessel; SB= side branch



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After Bifurcation PCI...A preponderance of Restenosis occurs in the SB Ostium





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Understanding Ostial geometry: Transition Zone Taper Greater by 3-fold

Courtesy of Mary Russel, MD, PhD





Coronary Casts: Understanding Ostial Geometry Oval and Asymmetric Rather than Round

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Example: Side Branch of RCA

Front view of ostium with SB removed



Sketches of ostium



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Size of the ostium changes with the angle of bifurcation





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Overview of investigated stents Cell Equivalent circumference diameter [mm] [mm] Endeavor (Medtronic) 9.5 3.0 200um **PRO-Kinetic** (Biotronik) 19.8 6.3 200µm Promus 10.8 3.4 (Boston Scientific) 200µm 12.6 4.0 Taxus Liberté (Boston Scientific) 12.6 4.0 200um COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY 50 MEDICAL CENTER Courtesy P Mortier et al NewYork-Presbyterian The University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

During provisional stenting, stent cells are distorted by PTCA





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Limitation of Current QCA software Different Results for Same Lesion

Artificial "interpolation" of RVD across carina Carinal segment reported 3 times with differing results



3.13 mm

Diameter stenosis

35.45 %

Obstruction length

14.36 mm

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2,92 mm

Diameter stenosis

41.15 %

Obstruction length

3.98 mm



3.70 mm

Diameter stenosis

53.74 %

Obstruction length

7.35 mm



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Edge Segment Definitions

	Length	Position MLD	MLD	Ref D	% DS	Distance	Max D	Mean D
						MLD-stent		
Segment 1	5.00	0.523	3.843	3.728	-3.07	0.174	3.845	3.844
Segment 2	18.50	6.099	3.407	3.709	8.14		3.854	3.604
Segment 3	6.53	25.724	2.560	2.462	-3.96		3.231	2.975
Segment 4	5.00	27.485	2.229	2.443	8.76	1.761	2.560	2.380
Segment 5	10.63	19.253	1.786	2.368	24.57		5.400	2.160
Segment 6	5.00	30.012	1.685	1.944	13.31	1.056	2.035	1.815
Segment 7	5.00	24.198	2.876	2.478	-16.04		3.231	3.049
Segment 8	5.00	19.253	1.786	2.368	24.57		5.400	2.158
Segment 9	19.20	6.099	3.407	3.709	8.14		3.854	3.613
Segment 10	11.53	27.485	2.229	2.443	8.76		3.231	2.717
Segment 11	15.63	19.253	1.786	2.368	24.57		5.400	2.050







Bifurcation Core Analysis



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Bifurcation Core Triangle as a Measure for Carina Shift, Ostial Scaffolding, and Ostial Preservation







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Conclusions

- Angiography has many limitations in assessing bifurcation lesions
- Novel QCA software is designed to accurately derive reference measures and minimal luminal diameters
- Given the asymmetry at the MV and SB transition zone, traditional QCA miss dimensions relevant to the ostial intersection
- Bifurcation Core area and angle measures provide ostial SB geometry changes from baseline to final treatment
- This new QCA analysis should provide critical information to guide intervention procedures and new device development





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