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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


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

## Correlation between FFR and \% Stenosis

The optimal cutoff value for percent stenosis to predict functionally significant stenosis was 85\% (Sensitivity: 0.80, Specificity: 0.76)


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

## SB Stent Underexpansion After Crush

Final optimal angiographic result

| Variable | PV | SB | P |
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| Stent minimum CSA, $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | $6.5 \pm 1.7$ | $3.9 \pm 1.0$ | <0.0001 |
| Stent expansion, \% | $92.1 \pm 16.6$ | $\begin{gathered} 79.9 \pm \\ 12.3 \end{gathered}$ | 0.02 |
| Stent CSA<4 mm² | $\begin{gathered} 10 \% \\ (2 / 20) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 55 \% \\ (11 / 20) \end{gathered}$ | 0.007 |
| Stent CSA<5 mm² | $\begin{gathered} 20 \% \\ (4 / 20) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 90 \% \\ (18 / 20) \end{gathered}$ | <0.0001 |



SB distar stent


## Correlation Between IVUS and QCA

## Final MLD in Parent Vessel and Side Branch Following "Crush" Stenting

Main vessel


Side branch


## 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

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



Preprocedure

Final


6 Months Follow-Up

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## LM Registry - SCRIPPS Clinic, N=50

 42\% Restenosis rate, $85 \%$ focal

## AXXENT Trial Restenosis Location

## DEVAX stent



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DES
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All restenosis found in the ostium LCX were focal ( $<10 \mathrm{~mm}$ ), and occurred in lesions treated with the DEVAX stent plus additional DES in LAD and LCX

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

Courtesy of Mary Russel, MD, PhD

Example of Diameter Measurements


Average Taper


## Main Vessel

Tapers 0.56 mm over 6.00 mm distance
Side Branch
Tapers 0.53 mm over 1.75 mm distance
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## Coronary Casts: Understanding Ostial Geometry Oval and Asymmetric Rather than Round

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## Example: Side Branch of RCA

## Side view of ostium with SB removed



## Size of the ostium changes with the angle of bifurcation



## Overview of investigated stents



## During provisional stenting, stent cells are distorted by PTCA




Courtesy El-Jack et al

## Limitation of Current QCA software Different Results for Same Lesion

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


## Challenge in measuring Bifurcations

Innovative derivation of RVD in carina segment

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## Edge Segment Definitions



## Bifurcation Core Analysis



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



## 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

