FFR Guided Intervention in a Patient with Coronary Artery Ectasia

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Coronary Artery Ectasia with Significant Lesion

1. Significant Lesion?
   ; Is this really responsible to myocardial ischemia?

2. Onsite Invasive Lesion Assessment
   1) IVUS
   2) FFR
Management Option of CAE?

1. Medical Therapy; esp. when combined with significant coronary spasm.

2. Surgery

3. PCI
   1) Simple POBA
   2) ‘Parallel Stenting’
   3) Large Peripheral Stenting
   4) Others; Atheroablation...
KUMC Guro Experience

1. ‘Parallel Stenting’ using two DESs (Sirolimus-eluting stent; Cypher)

2. POBA only by using Large ‘Coronary Balloon’

3. Simple Stenting by Large ‘Peripheral Stent’

** Functional Lesion Assessment by FFR/IVUS
Six-month Follow Up of ‘Parallel Stenting’ using Two Sirolimus-Eluting Stents in an Ectatic Coronary Artery Stenosis

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Backgrounds

1. Sirolimus-eluting stent (SES; Cypher™, Cordis) has proved effective in reducing restenosis in a variety of coronary lesions.

2. However, one of practical limitation in using SES is limited available stent diameter for a particular subset of lesions which have larger reference vessel diameter than ordinary native coronary artery disease such as degenerated saphenous vein graft or ectatic coronary artery disease.
Case History

1. Pt’s ID; YS Yoo, 57/M
2. C.C: presented with typical sustained chest pain
3. Prior intervention / Medical history
   ; AMI (Inferior Wall) in 1992- POBA in mid RCA
4. Risk factors
   ; Smoking (+), DM(+), Hypertension (-)
Intended strategy

1. We report a challenging case of `parallel stenting` using two Cypher stents in an ectatic coronary artery disease.

2. Patient was clinically and angiographically followed up to 6 months.
Pre- PCI CAG
Pre- PCI IVUS
Baseline Coronary Angiogram and IVUS Findings
(A; distal reference=6.8 mm B; lesion, minimal luminal diameter=2.2 mm)
Parallel Stenting
Parallel stenting

1. After two wires positioned in proximal LAD lesion, predilation with 4.0 X 20 mm balloon was done (14 atm for 20 seconds).

2. Two SESs (3.5 X 18 mm) were simultaneously deployed without immediate complications (Upper & Lower SES; 22 atm each for 10 seconds, A- during parallel stenting, B- post stenting two parallel visible metal stents).

3. The stents were post-dilated using two 4.0 X 20 mm balloons by ‘parallel ballooning’ technique (14 atm for 20 seconds).
Post- PCI CAG
Post- PCI IVUS
Final Angiograms and IVUS Findings (A- at upper SES, B- at lower SES)
CAG at 1- Month
Ach Provocation Test at 1-month
CAG at 6- Month

* Abnormal opacity (Neomembrane) in new metallic carina of two parallel stents
Summary

1. A 57 year old male with unstable angina was admitted to the emergency room with severe chest pain.
2. Coronary Angiogram and IVUS finding showed a severe discrete eccentric stenosis with unstable plaques at proximal LAD.
3. Simultaneous ‘Parallel Stenting’ using two SESs (3.5X18 mm) was done without underexpansion or malapposition.
4. At 1- month Coronary Angiogram
   ; patent and clean previously implanted two parallel stents but Ach- induced spasm was noted.
5. At 6- month Coronary Angiogram
   ; abnormal radioopacity was observed at the new carina of two parallel stents, suspicious of thin, organized thrombi.
   → IVUS was not done due to risk of stent thrombosis and patient's poor cooperation
   → Seemed not to be associated with clinical events.
Message

1. ‘Parallel stenting’ for an ectatic coronary artery lesion appears to be clinically safe and feasible technique.

2. Coronary provocation test should be considered when a patient complaints chest pain after DES implantation.

3. Six-month CAG follow up showed abnormal opacity at the new carina of parallel stents (Neomembrane similar to LM bifurcation kissing stenting), appears to be safe but needs long-term follow up.
Parallel stenting using two sirolimus-eluting stents in an ectatic coronary artery stenosis

With the introduction of the drug-eluting stent (DES), re-stenosis rates have been reduced. In saphenous vein graft or ectatic coronary artery disease due to large vessel diameter their use is precluded. We report a challenging case of implantation of two sirolimus-eluting stents (SES; Cypher; Cordis) parallel to each other in an ectatic vessel.

A coronary angiogram (CAG) and intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) examination carried out on a 57-year-old man with unstable angina showed severe eccentric stenosis in the ectatic proximal left anterior descending artery (panel A). The lesion was predilated by a “parallel ballooning” technique. Two 3.5 × 18 mm SES were simultaneously deployed (upper and lower SES; 22 atim each; panel B). Final angiography and IVUS showed two widely patent stents without underexpansion or malposition (panel D). At 1 month, the patient presented with recurrent angina, and subsequent CAG showed patent parallel stents, but the acetylcholine provocation test showed significant diffuse vasospasm distal to the ectatic portion with typical chest pain (panel E); a 100 μg intracoronary nitroglycerine injection reversed the vasospasm and the chest pain. The 6 month routine CAG showed a peculiar membrane in the new stent carina, which is a similar observation to that after the kissing stenting in the left main bifurcation lesion (panel F). This membrane does not seem to be related to clinical events.

In lesions which have a large reference diameter one can consider parallel stenting using DESs as a new intervention strategy. It also depicts the association of vasospastic angina with coronary ectasia.

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Coronary angiogram showing severe eccentric stenosis in the proximal left anterior descending artery at baseline (panel A), during parallel stenting (panel B). Fluoroscopic visualization of two implanted parallel SESs (panel C). Post-stenting angiogram with intravascular ultrasound delineation of superior and inferior stents (panel D). One month follow-up angiogram showing diffuse severe vasospasm with acetylcholine injection (panel E). Six month follow-up angiogram showing the new membrane between the two stents (arrow; panel F).
Revascularization of an Ectatic Coronary Artery Stenosis by Plain Old Balloon Angioplasty

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Case History

1. Pt’s ID; HD Jang, 57/M
2. C.C: presented with typical sustained chest pain
3. Prior intervention / Medical history
   ;AVR op (2006.4 CE 21mm), s/p CABG (2006.10.19), AAA
4. Risk factors
   ; Smoking (+), DM(+, insulin), Hypertension (-)
Baseline Coronary Angiogram
POBA 1

Avita 3.0 X 14 mm
Final Index Angiogram
Follow Up Angiography at 6 Month
Successful Revascularization using Peripheral Stent in a Patient with Coronary Artery Ectasia

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Case History

1. Pt’s ID; HH Shin, 49/M
2. C.C: presented with typical effort-induced chest pain
3. Risk factors
   ; Smoking (+, 10 yrs), DM(-), Hypertension (-), Hyperlipidemia (-), Obesity (+)
4. Lab Findings
   1) ECG; ST depression in II, III
   2) Echo; Normal LV function, No RWMA
Baseline Coronary Angiogram
Pre PCI IVUS Finding

Lesion

Proximal

Distal
Pre- Intervention

Prox Ref = 6.7 mm

MLD 2.5 mm AS; 82%

Distal Ref = 6.8 mm
Predilation

Amilia 5.0 X 20 mm
Peripheral Stenting

Genesis 6.0 X 24 mm (Cordis)
Post- stenting IVUS Finding

Proximal of the stent

Distal of the stent
Post-Intervention; before Adjuvant Balloon Postdilation
Adjuvant Balloon Postdilation

Amiia 7.0 X 20mm

Final Image
Final IVUS Finding

Proximal of the stent

Distal of the stent
Post PCI FFR Measurement
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Conclusion

1. Importance of Pre & Post- intervention work up including IVUS and FFR in patient with coronary artery ectasia.

2. Current treatment strategy; depends on the physician’s discretion, case by case...

3. Best mechanical revascularization strategy should be clarified with larger study populations.
Thank You for Your Attention!!

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