



# Distal Left Main Lesion: How I Usually Do My PCI

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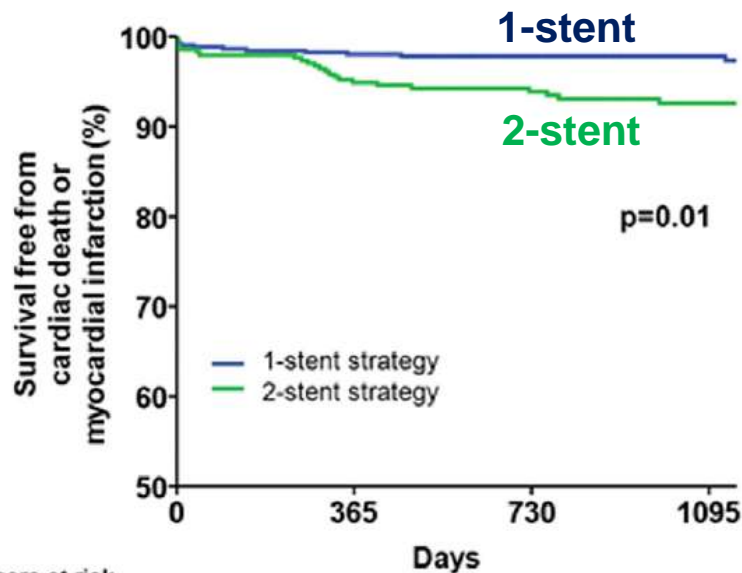
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# 1-stent vs. 2-stent in LM bifurcation

## COBIS II Registry (N=2,897)

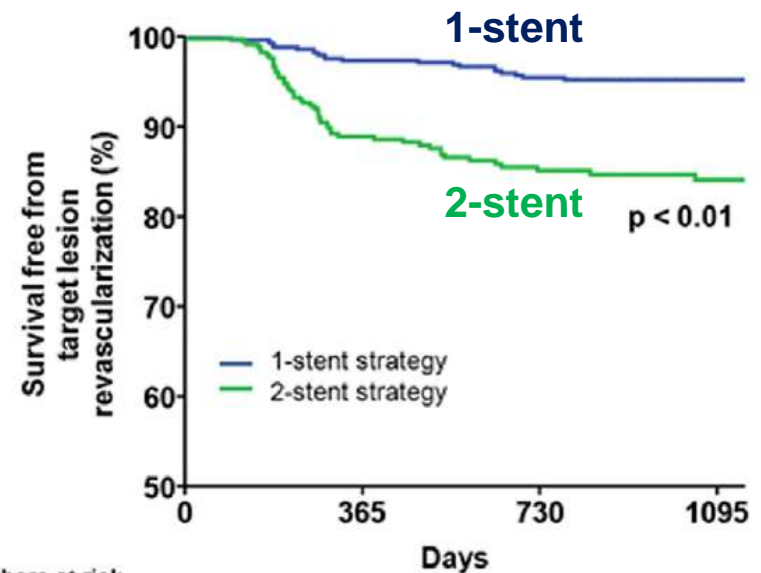
\* N=853, left main bifurcation lesions treated with DES

### Cardiac death or MI



Numbers at risk	0	365	730	1095
1-stent strategy	509	466	390	228
2-stent strategy	344	302	253	153

### Target Lesion Revasc

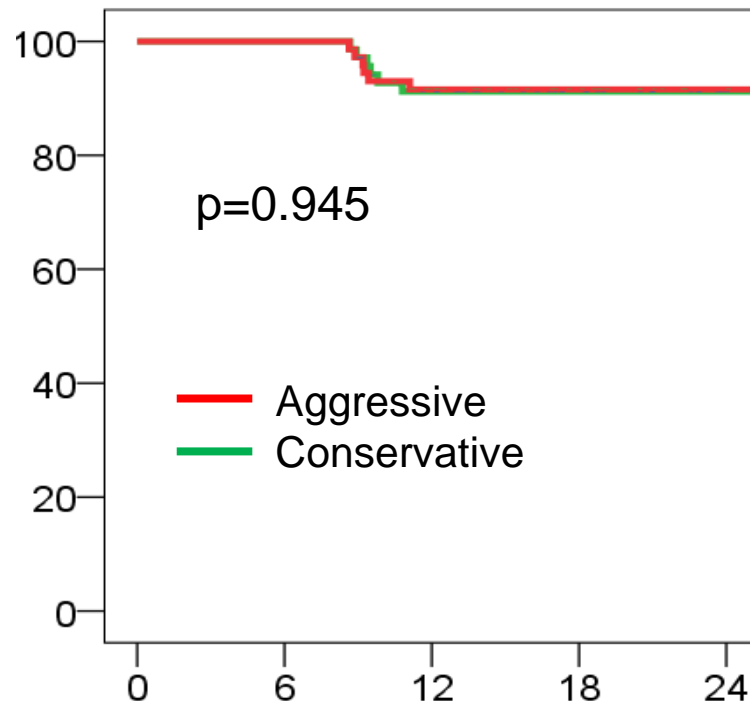


Numbers at risk	0	365	730	1095
1-stent strategy	509	457	376	218
2-stent strategy	344	277	220	132

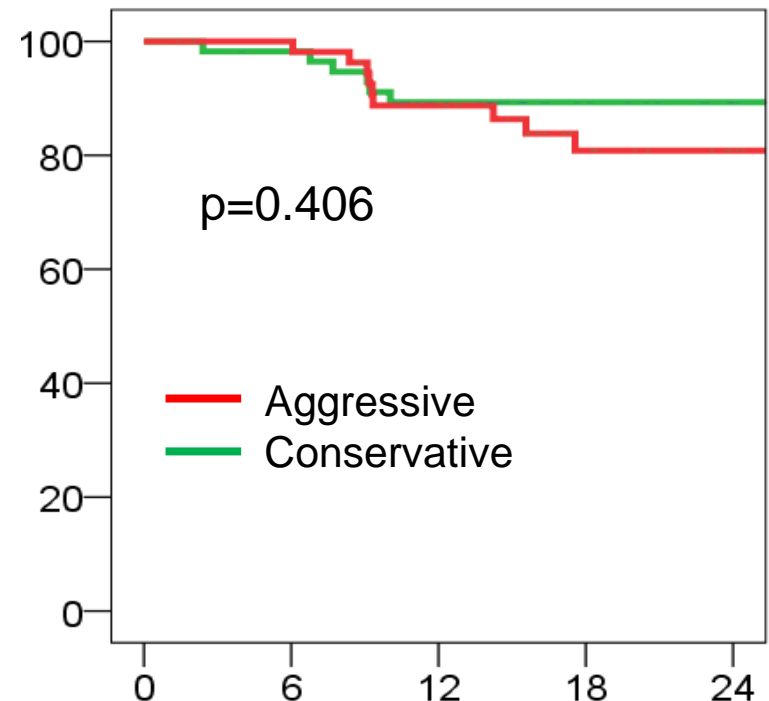
# Conservative provisional vs. Aggressive provisional strategy: SMART-STRATEGY trial

Conservative group: SB ballooning 24%, stenting 7%  
Aggressive group: SB ballooning 70%, stenting 30%

**TVF-free Survival  
Non-LM bifurcation (N=144)**

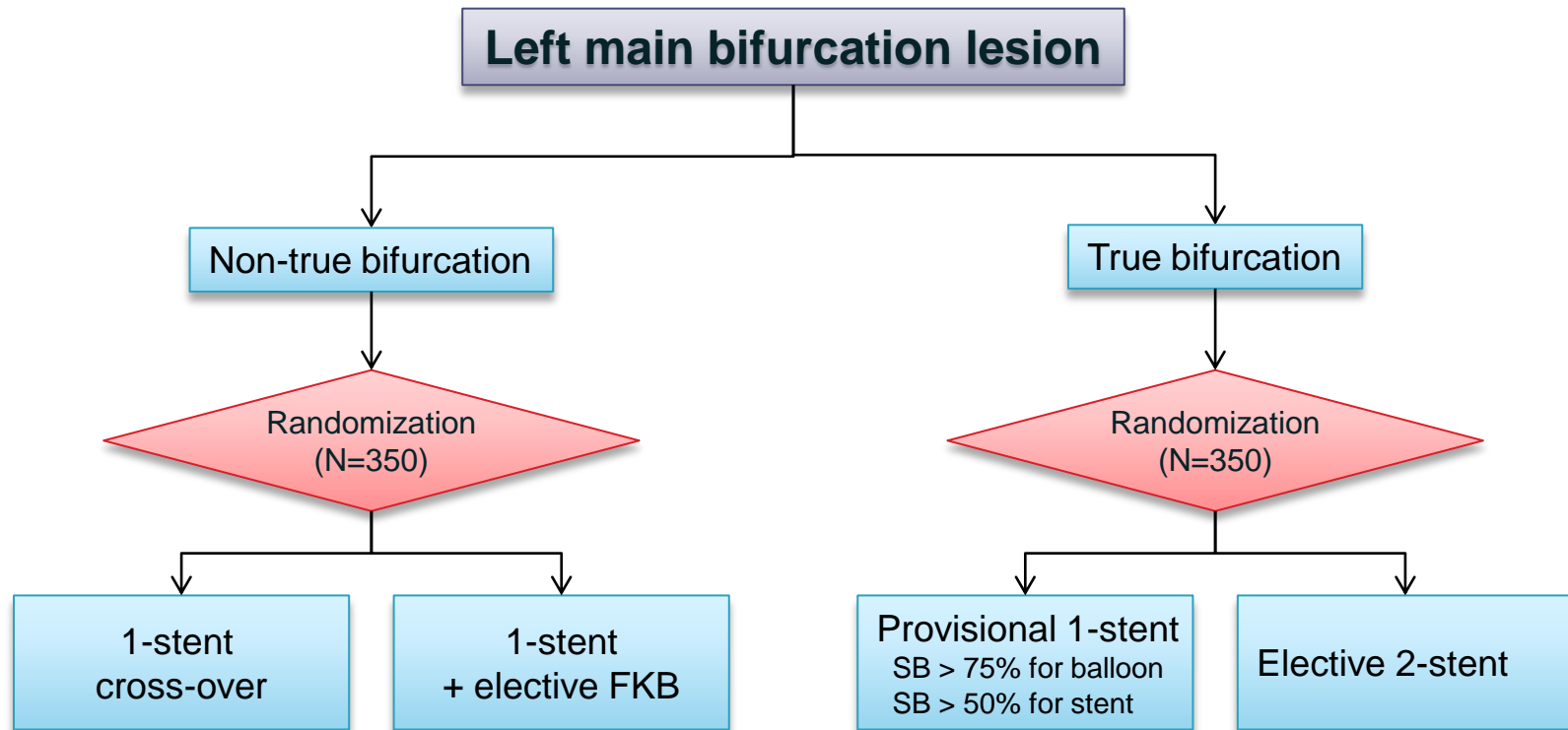


**TVF-free Survival  
LM Bifurcation (N=114)**



# SMART-STRATEGY II Trial

Multi-center, open-label, randomized controlled trial



Primary endpoint: 12-month target lesion failure, defined as a composite of cardiac death, MI, or ischemia-driven TLR

# My strategies

- ▶ Access: Transradial approach
- ▶ Guiding catheter
  - 6F for non-true bifurcation, 7F for true bifurcation
  - XB (EBU) for LCA, Judkins for RCA
- ▶ IVUS guidance in all cases
- ▶ Jailed wire technique
- ▶ Try to avoid LCX predilatation
- ▶ Conservative for ballooning and stenting LCX
- ▶ Proximal optimization technique (POT)

# Jailed wire protect side branch?

- COBIS II registry (N=2,227)
- SB occlusion after MV stenting (TIMI flow <3): **N=187, 8.4%**

Variables	OR [95% CI]	p Value
SB ostial DS $\geq 50\%$	2.34 [1.59-3.43]	<0.001
SB lesion length (by 1 mm)	-1.06	<0.001
Acute coronary syndrome	1.53 [1.06-2.19]	0.02
Proximal MV disease (DS $\geq 50\%$ )	2.34 [1.57-3.50]	0.03
Left main lesions (vs. non-left main lesions)	0.34 [0.16-0.72]	0.005

SB ostial disease

MV plaque burden

\* DS = diameter stenosis, SB = side branch, MV = main vessel

**Important non-predictors: jailed wire technique, SB predilation, IVUS guidance**

# Jailed wire can help recovery

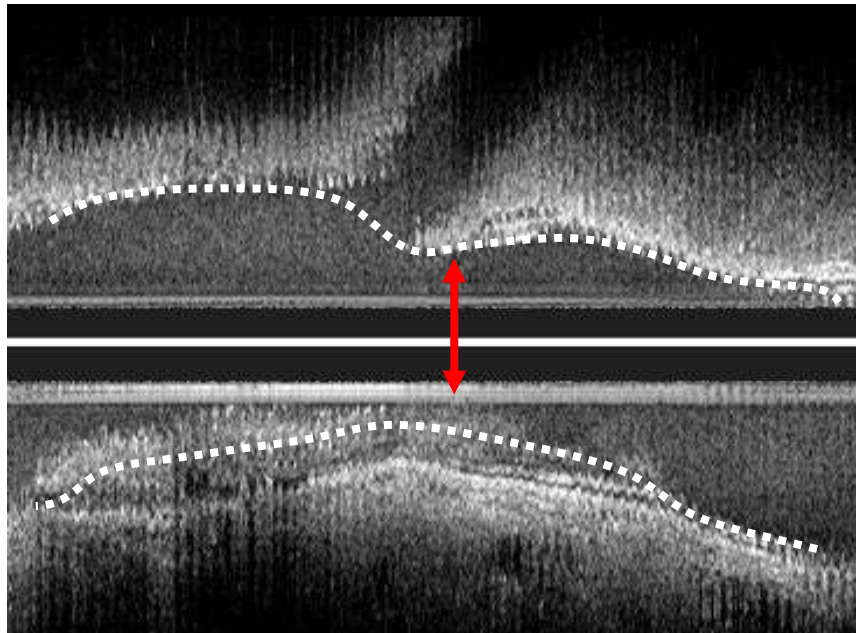
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	SB recovery (n=129)	No SB recovery (n=58)	p Value
<b>Bifurcation location</b>			0.65
Left main bifurcation	9 (7.0)	5 (8.6)	
LAD/diagonal			
LCX/OM			
RCA bifurcation			
<b>True bifurcation</b>	94 (72.9)	45 (77.6)	0.49
<b>Jailed wire in the SB</b>	<b>92 (71.3)</b>	<b>31 (53.4)</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>SB predilation before MV stenting</b>	45 (34.9)	16 (27.6)	0.33
<b>Guidance of intravascular ultrasound</b>	39 (30.2)	13 (22.4)	0.27
<b>MV stent diameter (mm)</b>	3.0 (3.0-3.5)	3.0 (2.9-3.5)	0.62
<b>MV stent length (mm)</b>	24.0 (20.0-30.0)	24.0 (20.0-32.0)	0.91
<b>MV stent maximal pressure (atm)</b>	12.0 (10.0-15.5)	12.0 (10.0-14.0)	0.57
<b>MV stent to artery ratio</b>	1.2 (1.1-1.3)	1.2 (1.1-1.4)	0.25

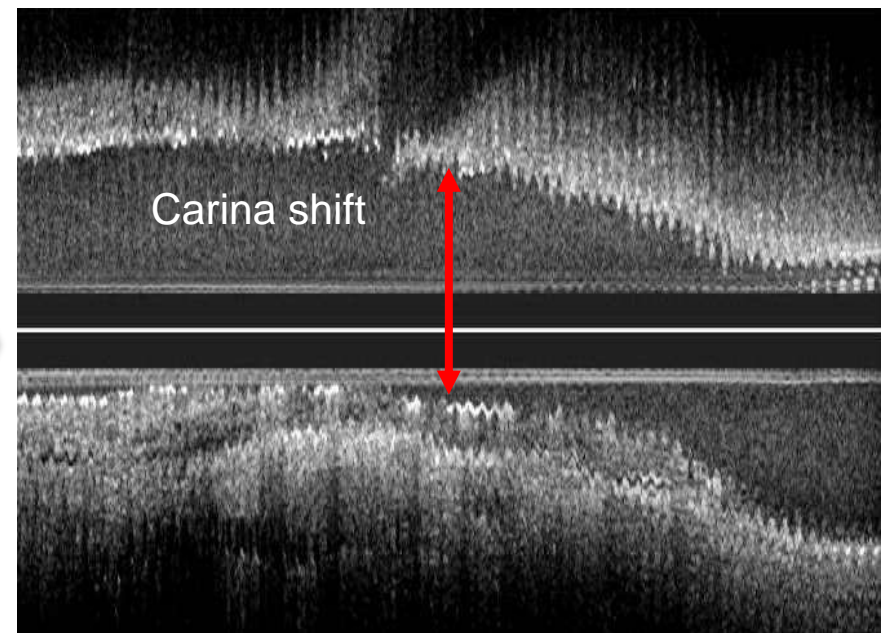
SB recovery after SB occlusion  
Jailed wire group: 75%  
No jailed wire group: 58%

# Technical factor for SB compromise

Before stenting



After stenting

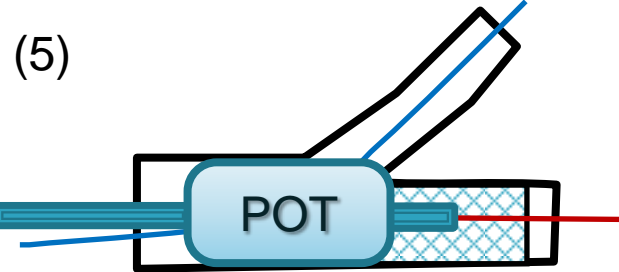
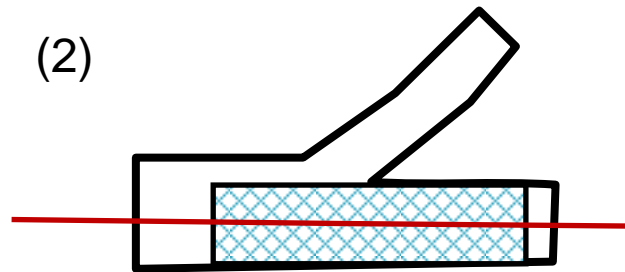
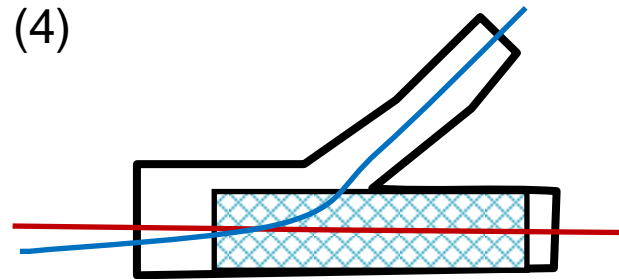
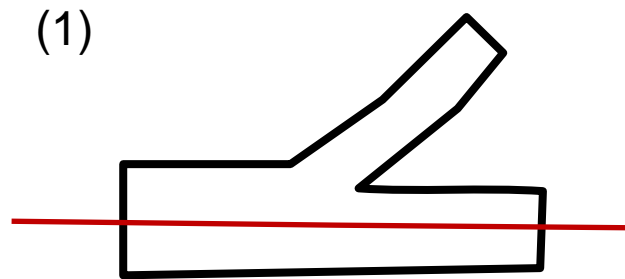


Stent over-expansion in the main branch increases the risk of SB occlusion, which can be reduced by IVUS-guided stent size selection.

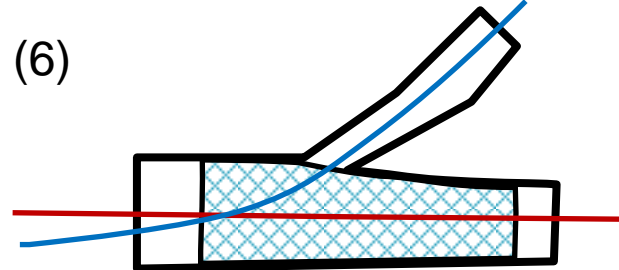
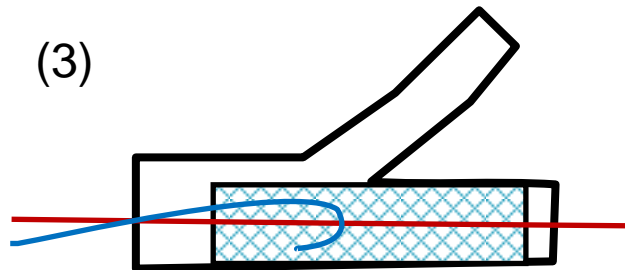


# My strategy to reduce SB compromise

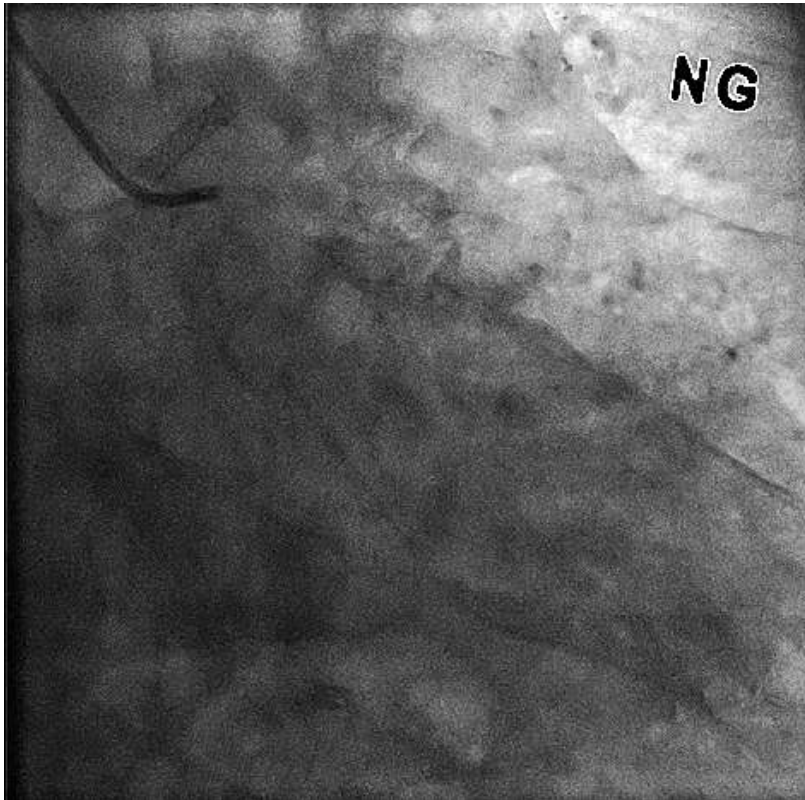
- \* IVUS for all cases, focused on the vessel size
- \* Provisional approach in all cases, trying to avoid 2-stent technique



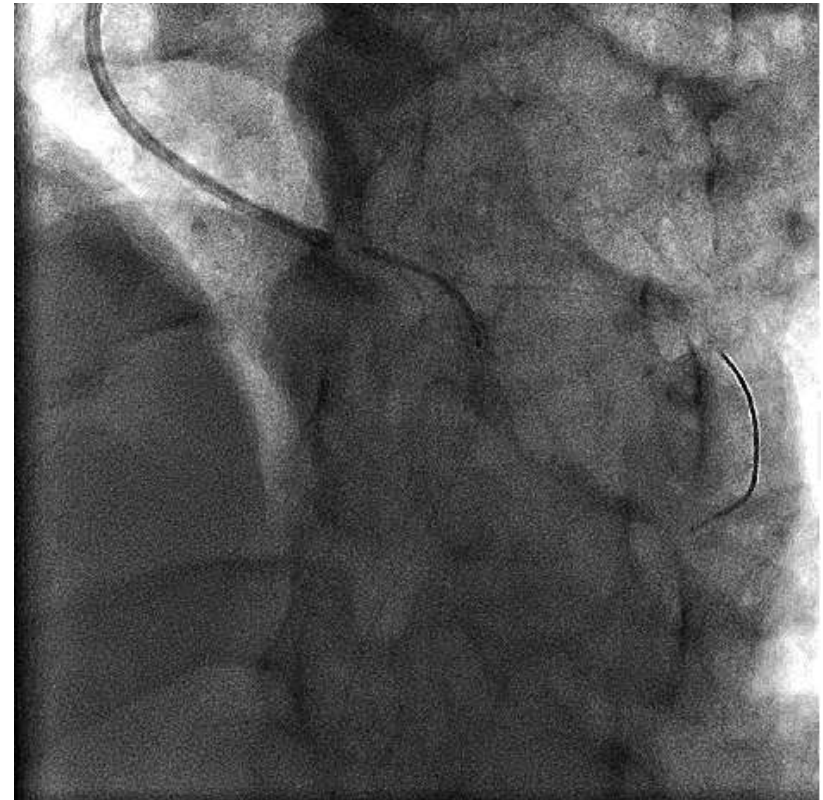
POT  
= Proximal  
optimization  
technique



# Case 1. Left main bifurcation

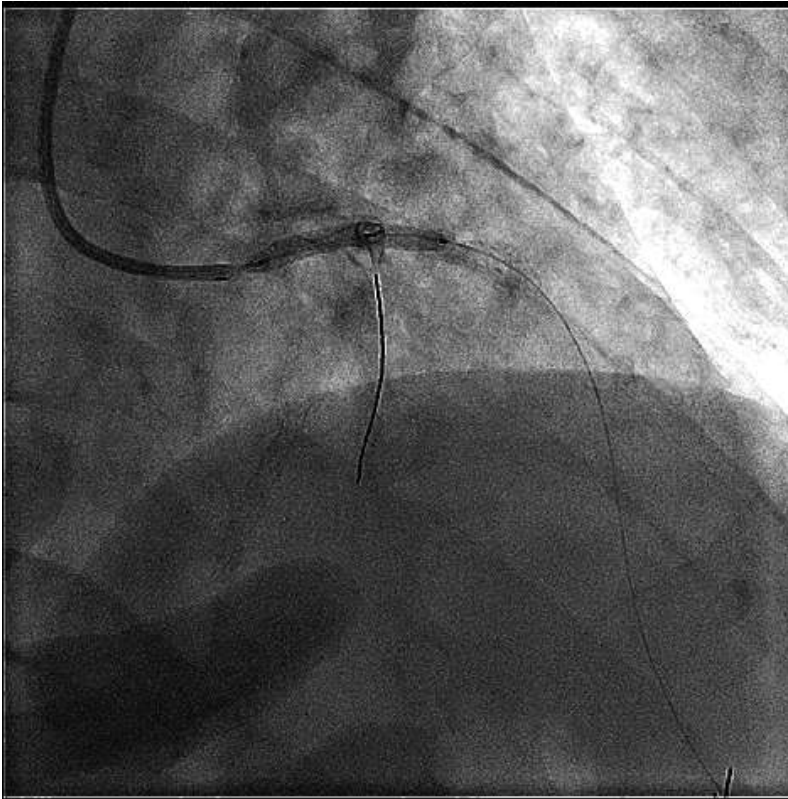


Medina 1,1,0 lesion

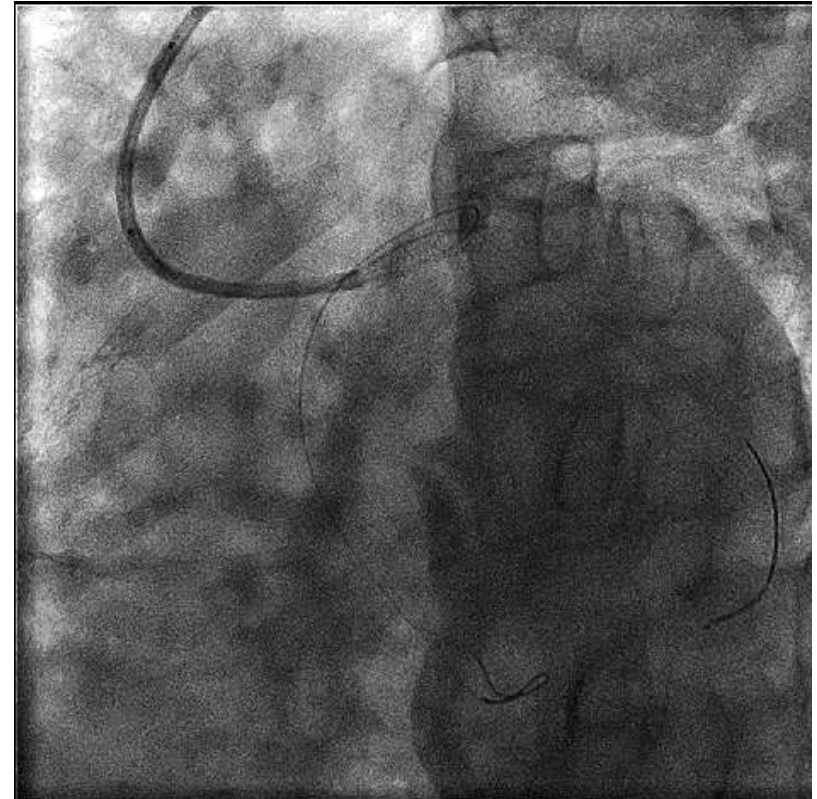


Shallow LAO view is helpful  
for LM os stent coverage

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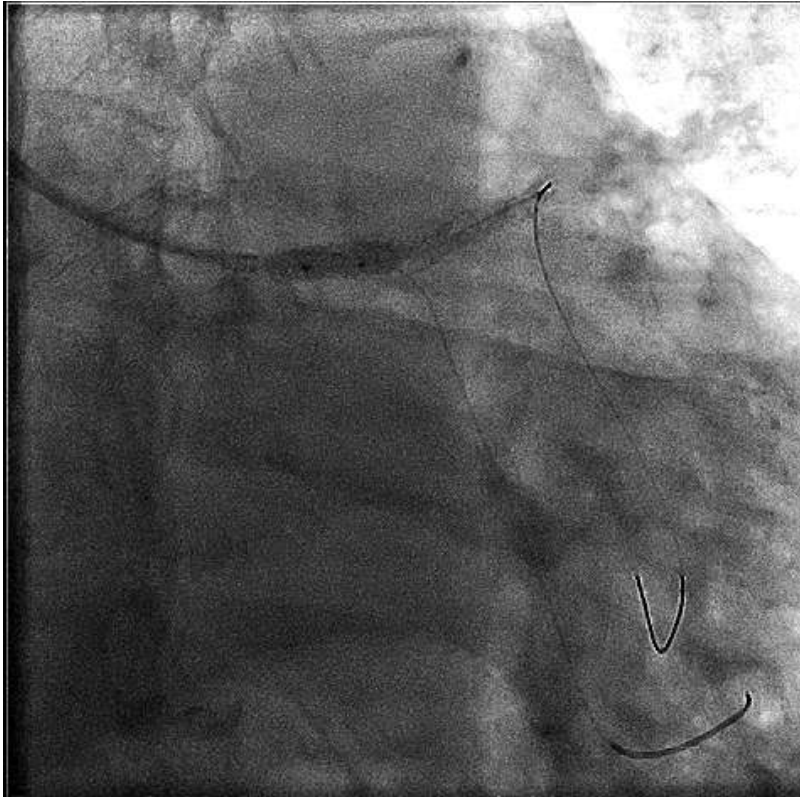


3.5x24 mm DES, 20 atm

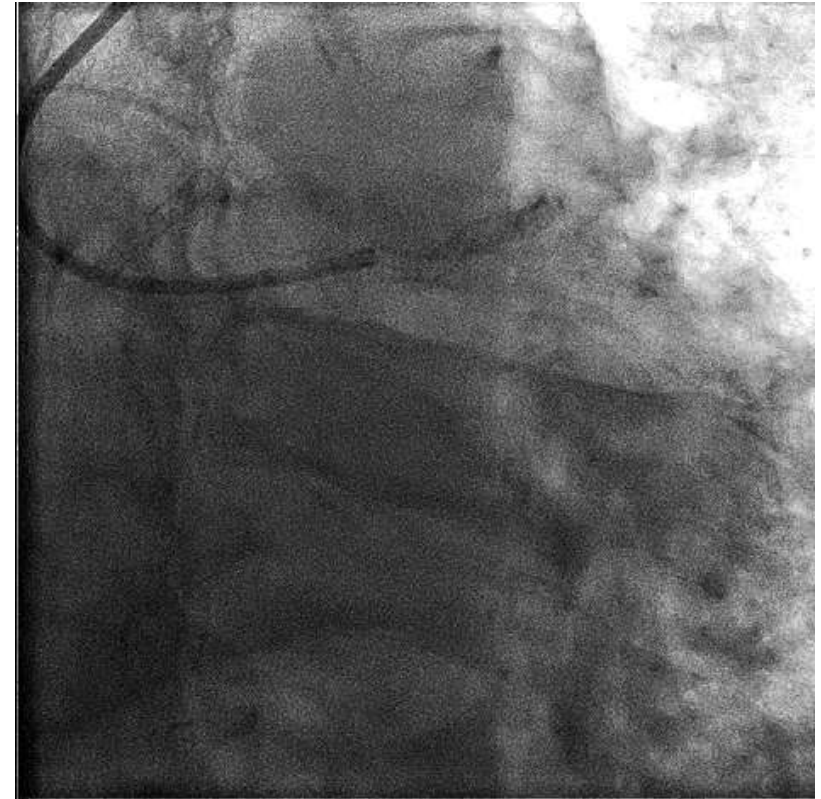


Looking at LCX os  
Ballooning if DS > 50~70%  
Stenting if DS > 30~50%

# Case 1. Left main bifurcation



POT with 5.0x8 mm balloon, 18 atm



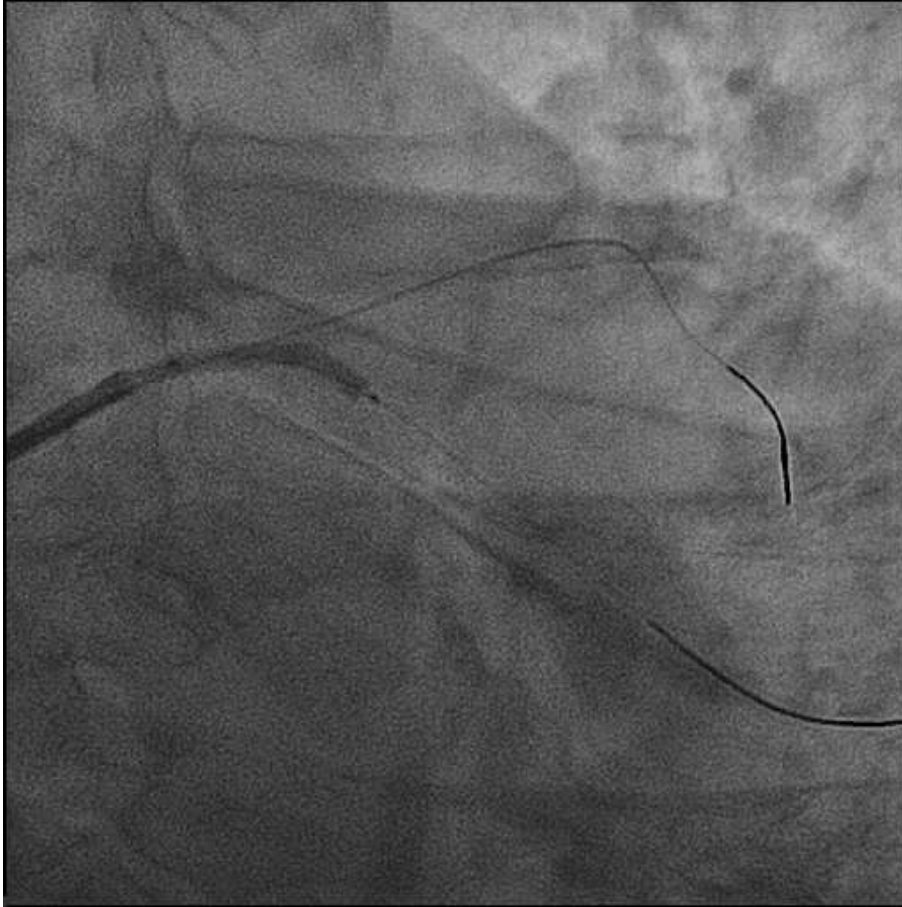
Final angiogram

# Case 2. Left main bifurcation lesion

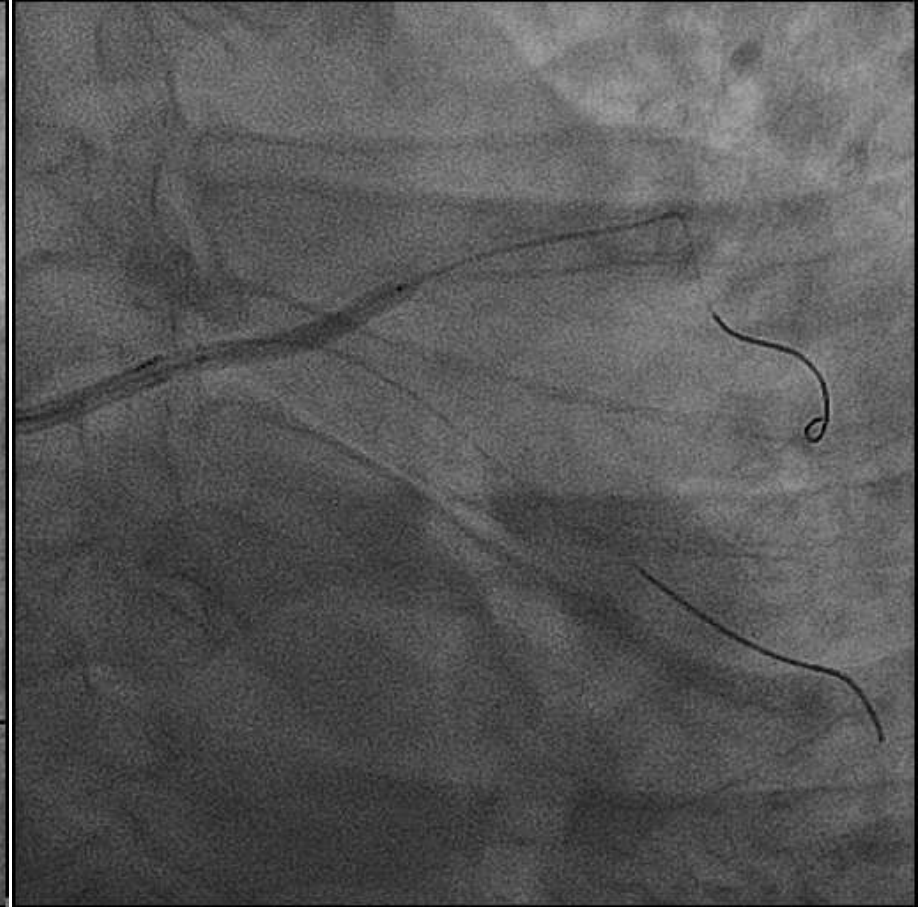


Which two stent technique?

# Case 2. Left main bifurcation lesion

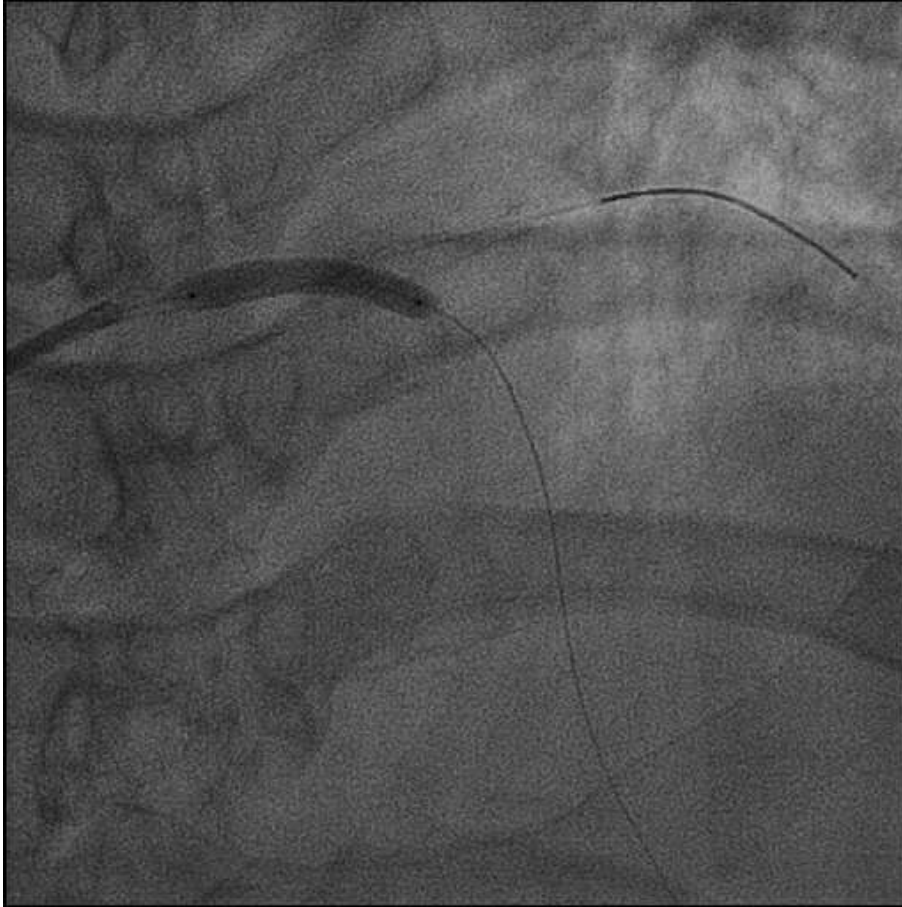


2.5x20mm balloon (12atm)

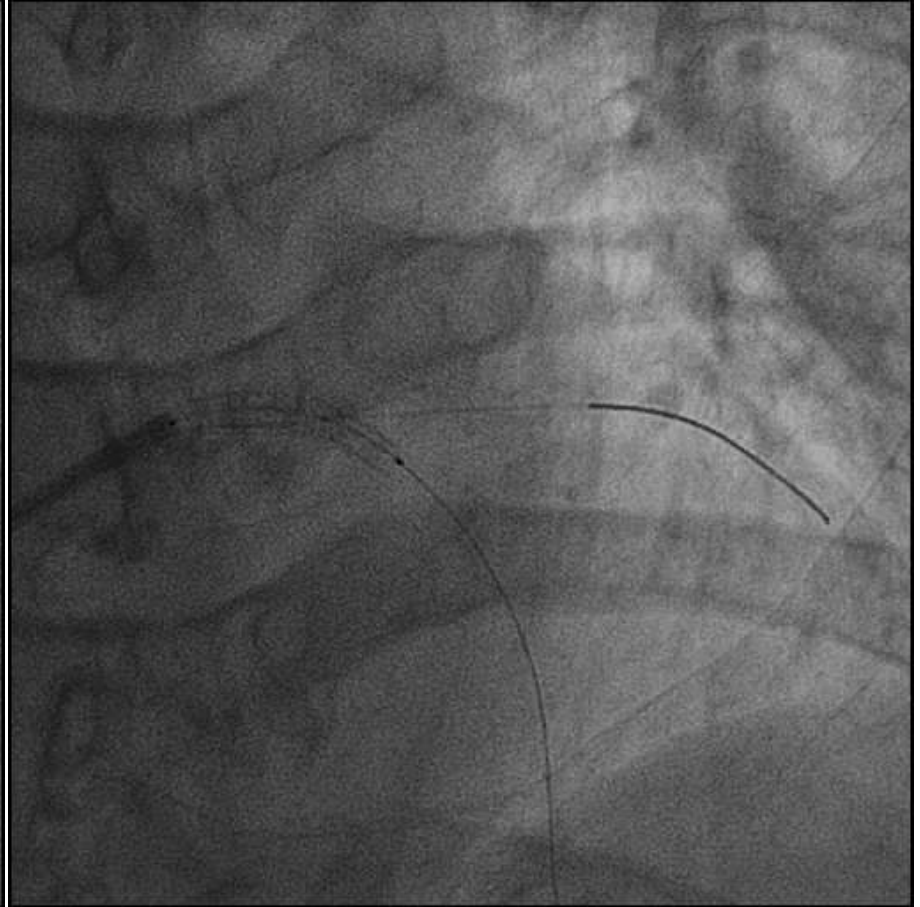


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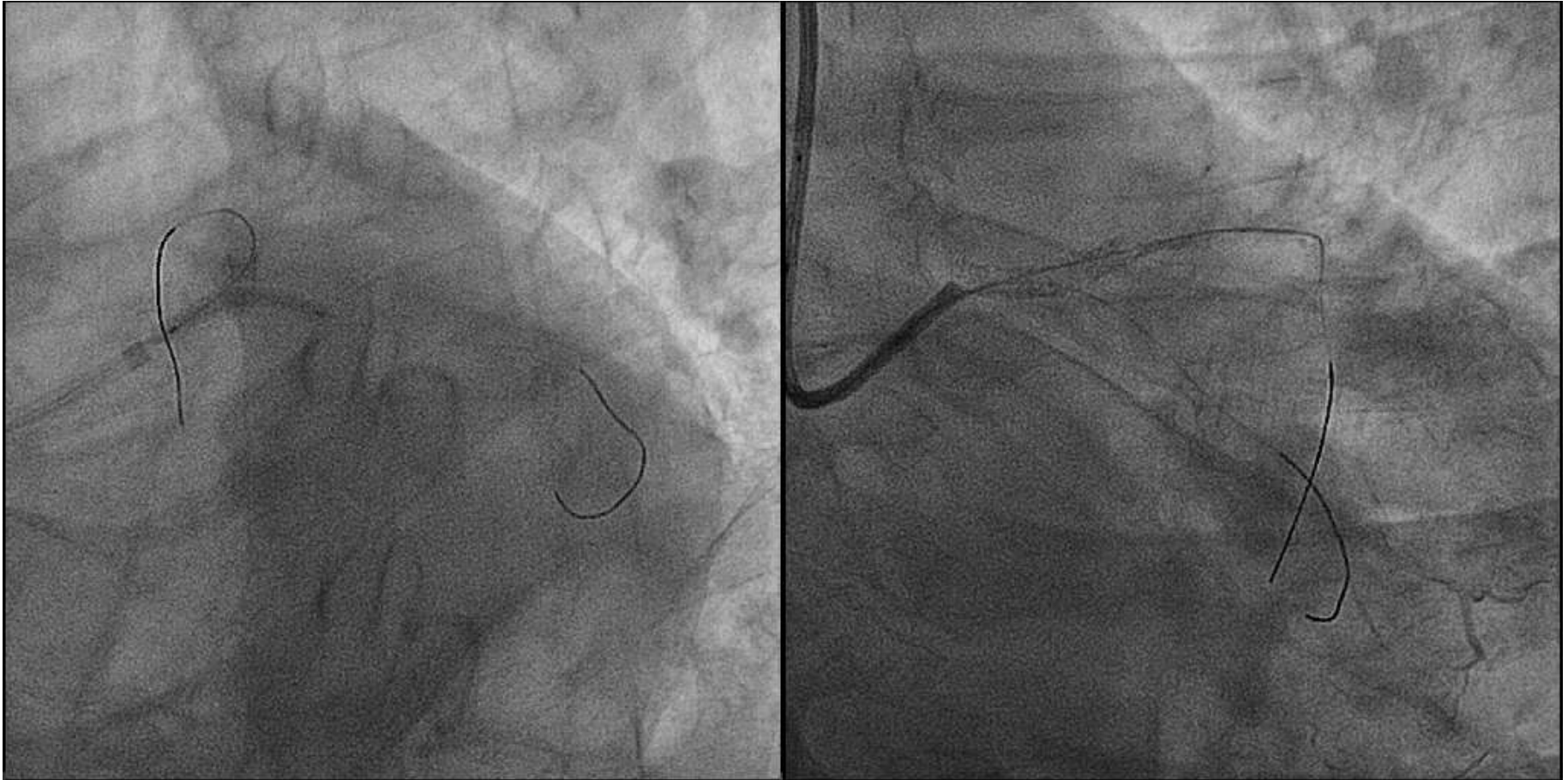


4.0x24mm Promus element stent (12atm)



LCX compromised.  
Mechanism?

## Case 2. Left main bifurcation lesion



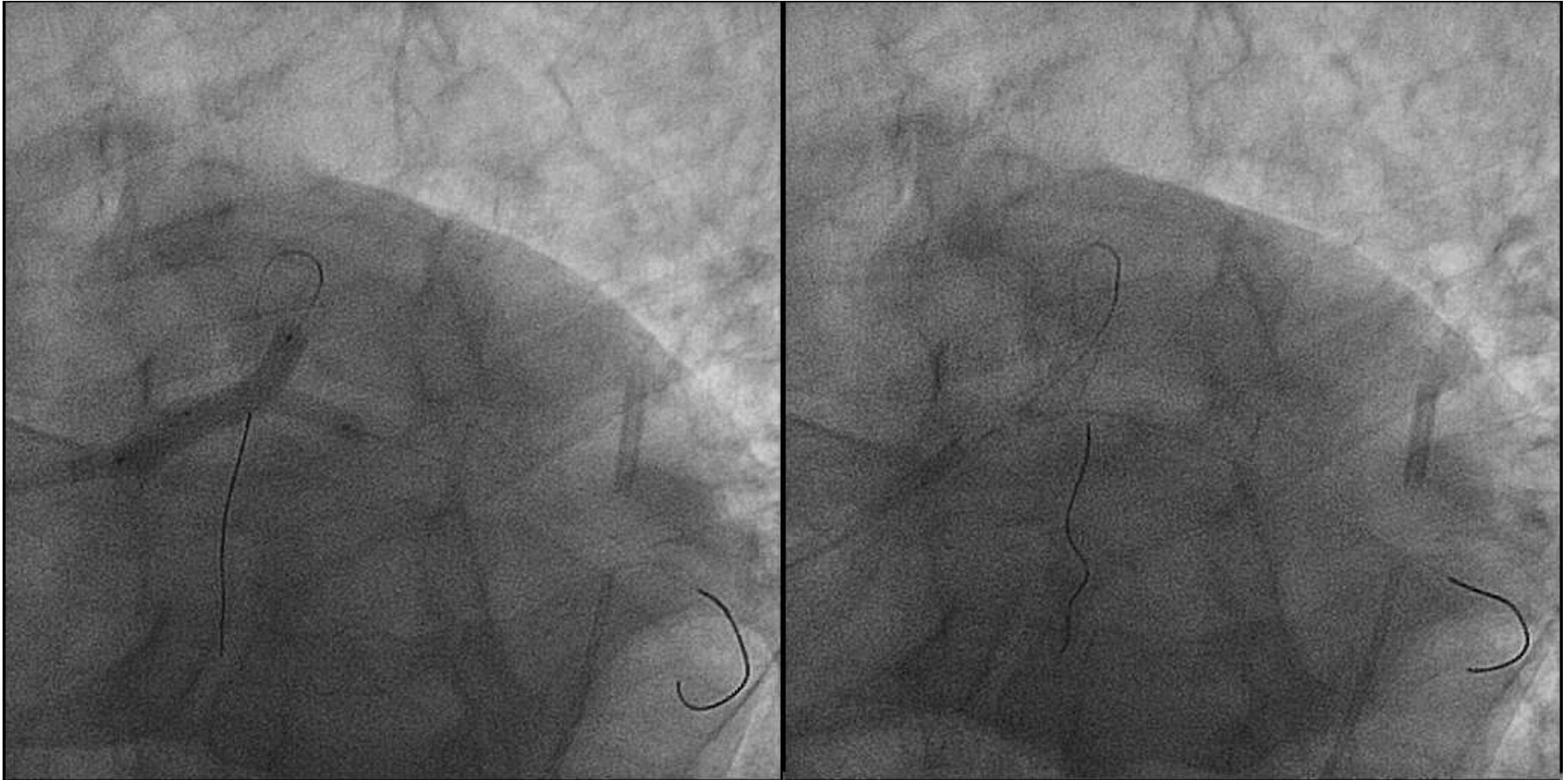
2.5x20mm balloon(max.=12atm)

After ballooning

Even after LCX ballooning, the slow flow persisted.  
Meanwhile, BP was dropped down to 60/30 mmHg



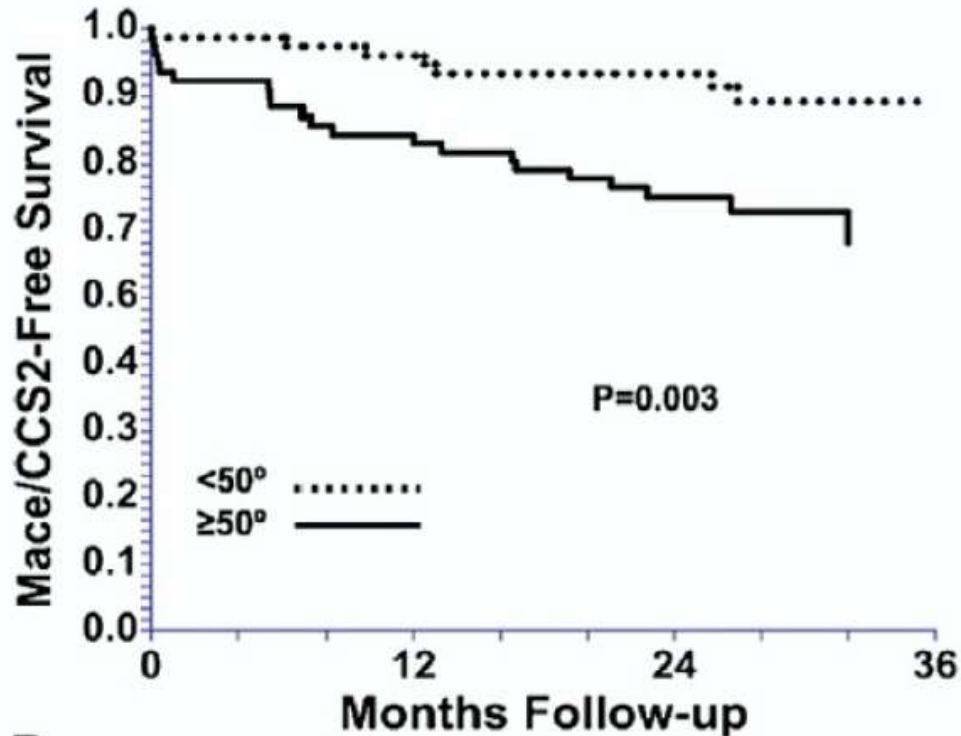
## Case 2. Left main bifurcation lesion



IABP was inserted. Then kissing ballooning with 4.0x24mm stent balloon(10atm) at LM-LAD & 3.0x20mm balloon (12atm) for LM-LCX

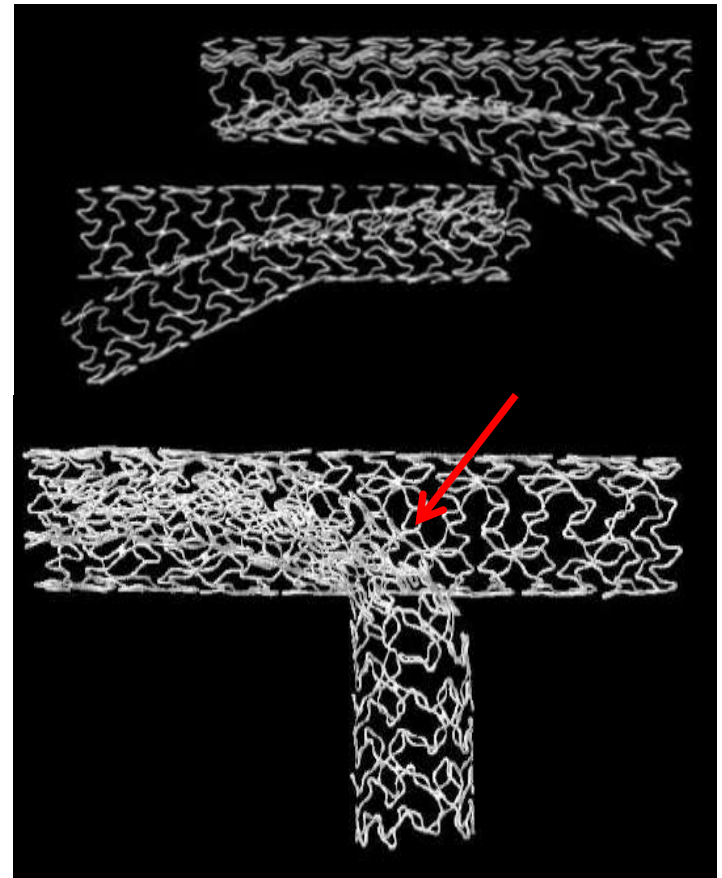
# Crush, culottes, kissing stenting is angle-dependent

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Culotte or crush



# T-stenting and Small Protrusion

- ▶ Advantage
  - Provisional
  - FKB guaranteed
  - Angle independent MACE
- ▶ Disadvantage
  - SB stent protrusion

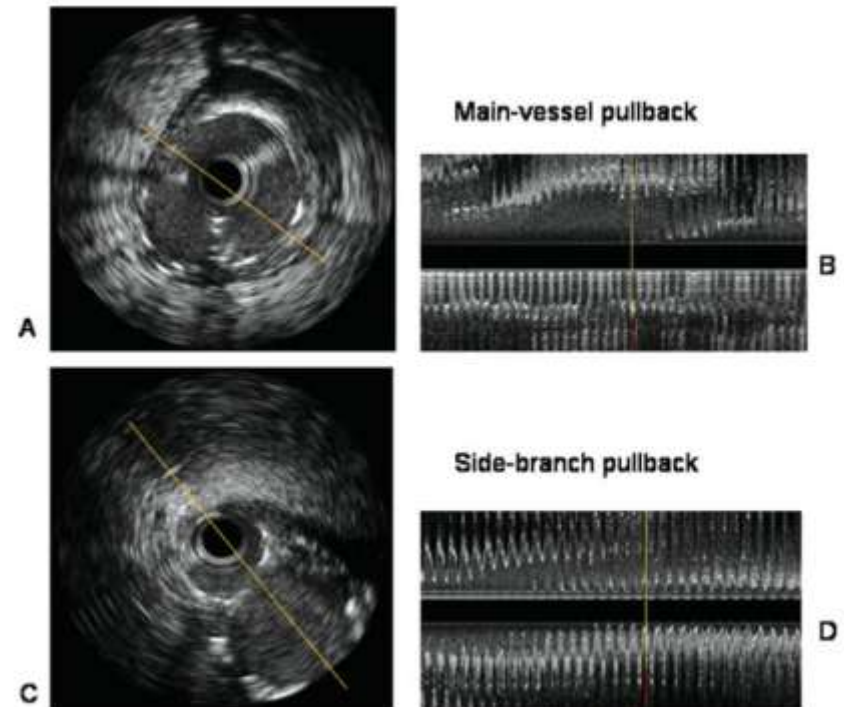
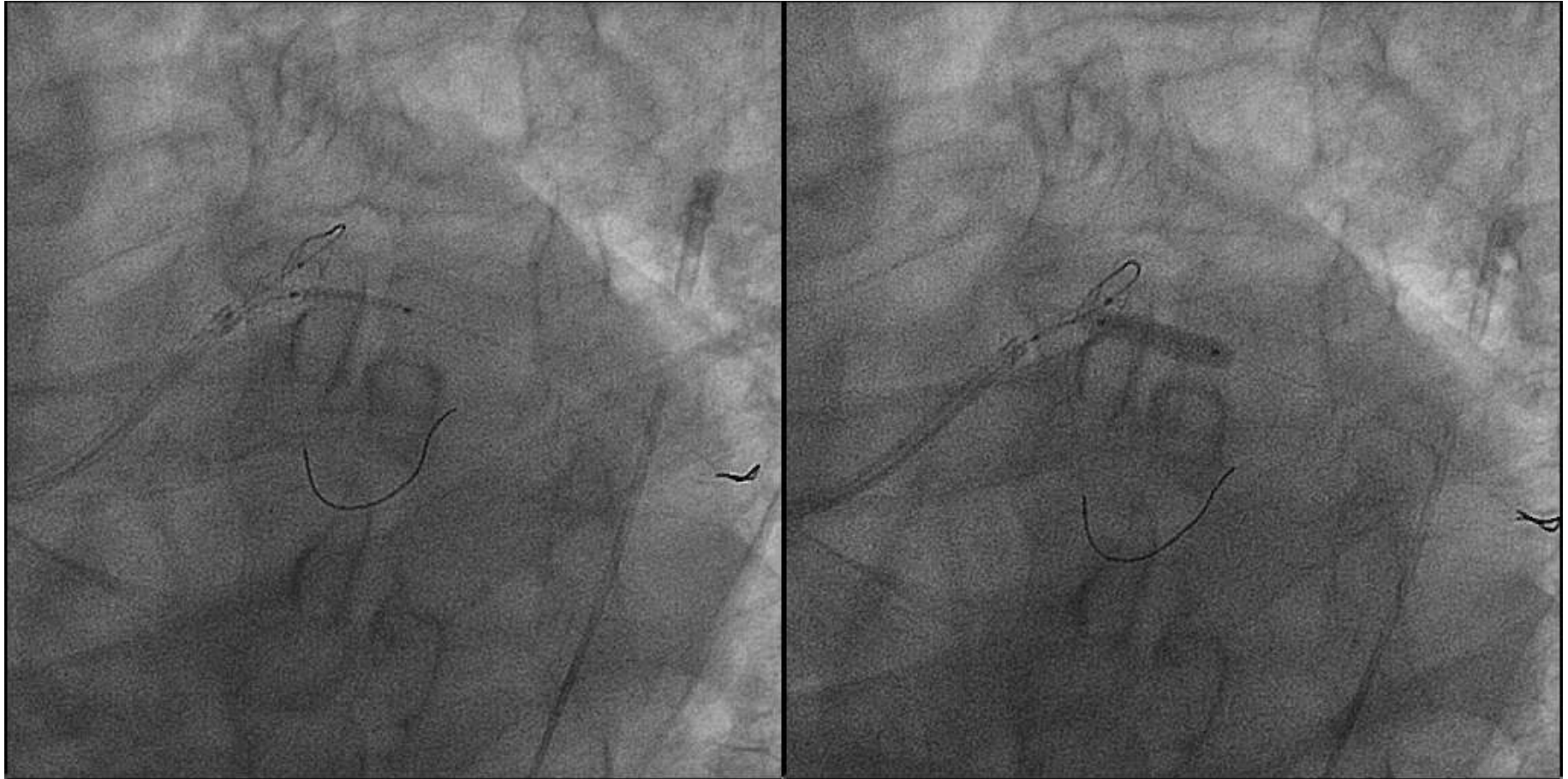


Fig. 4. Postintervention intravascular ultrasound study in a case of TAP-stenting: (A,B) Intravascular ultrasound image of the main branch showing the neocarina, about 3 mm in length. (C,D) Intravascular ultrasound image of the side-branch showing the other side of the neocarina. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at [www.interscience.wiley.com](http://www.interscience.wiley.com).]

## Case 2. Left main bifurcation lesion



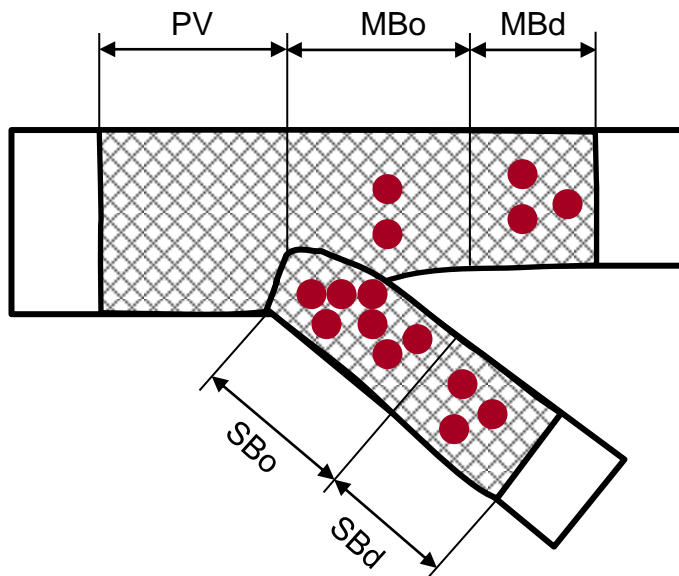
3.5x12mm Promus element stent  
Positioning for TAP technique

Dilatation with 12 atm, followed by  
**Pull-back and dilatation with 16 atm**

# Stent Expansion in Side Branch

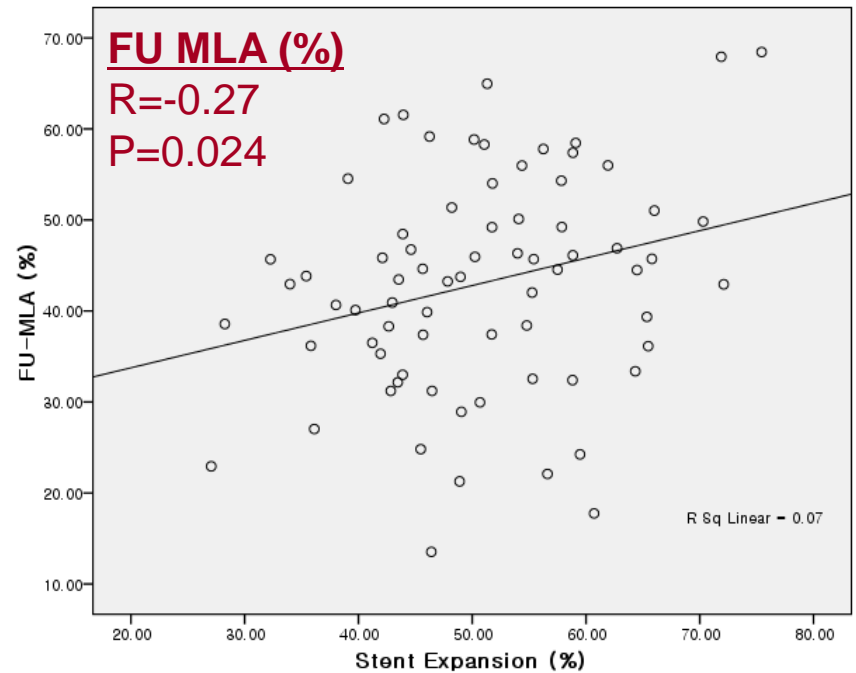
IVUS FU study in Two stent TAP Technique (N=73)

## Restenosis Location



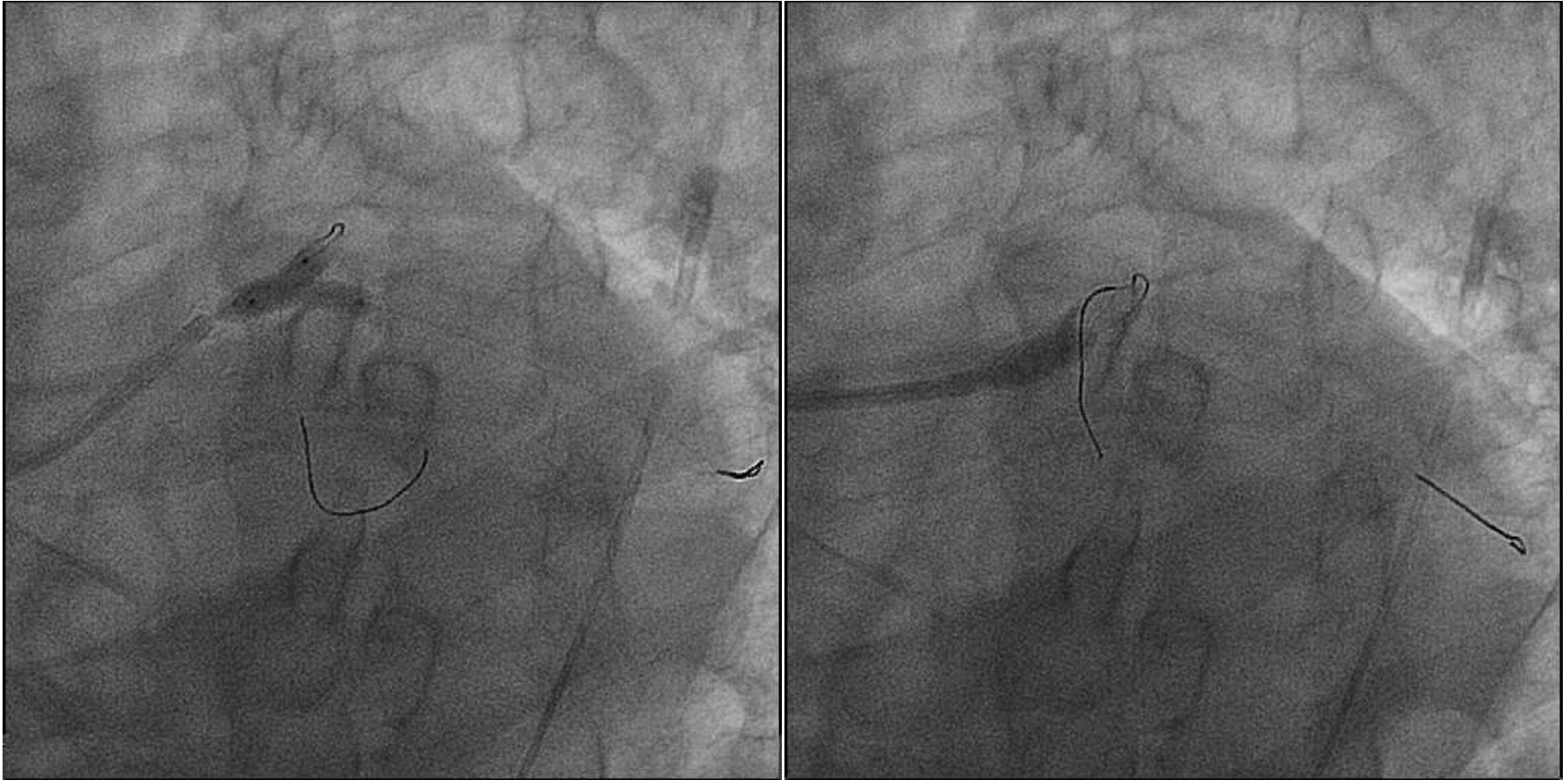
SB ostium is the most frequent location of restenosis

## Impact of Stent expansion



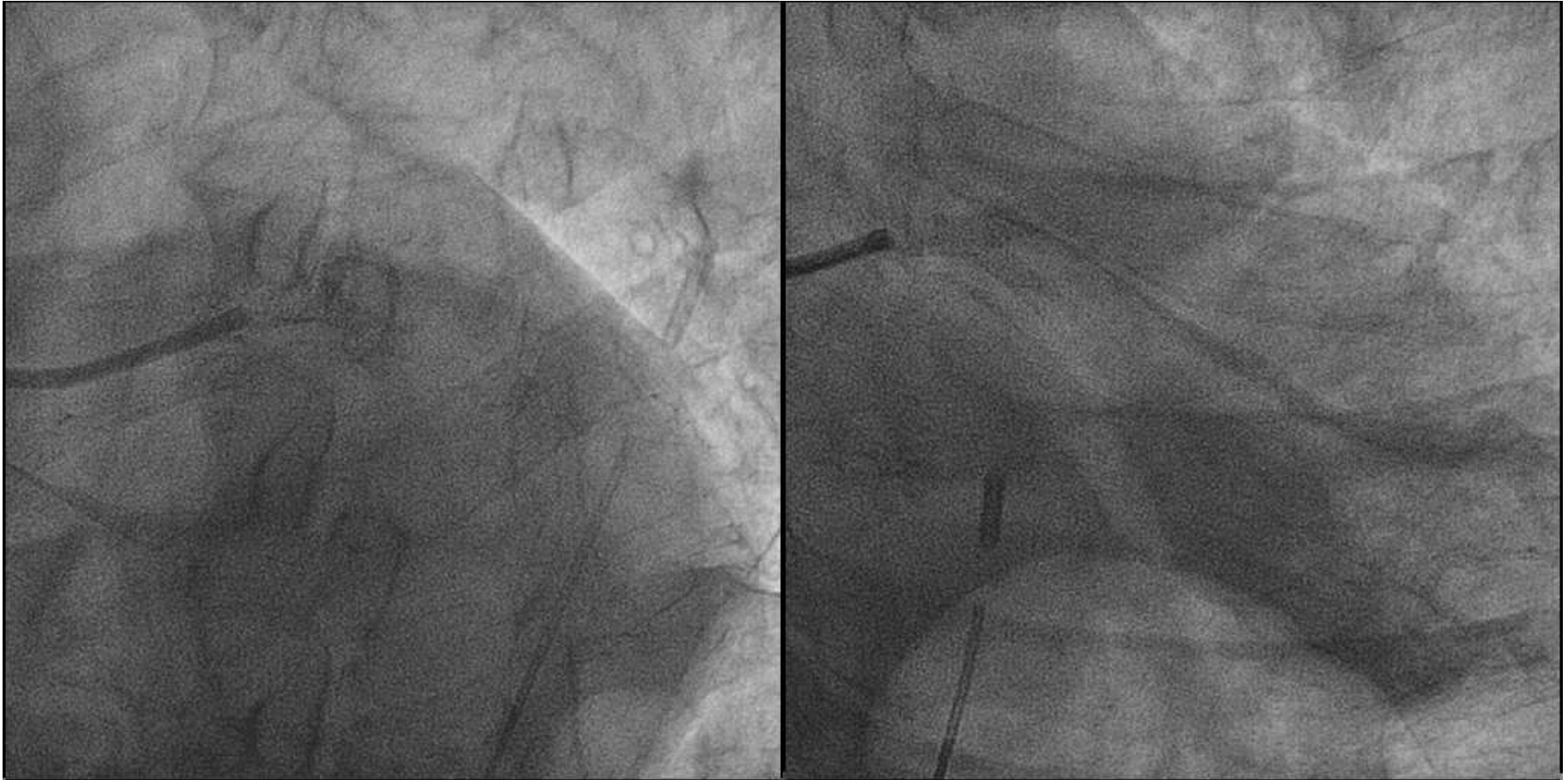
Higher stent expansion reduces restenosis

## Case 2. Left main bifurcation lesion



Kissing ballooning with 4.0x15mm stent balloon (10atm) at LM-LAD & 3.5x12mm stent balloon(max.=10atm) at LM-LCX.  
Proximal optimization with 5.0x8mm balloon (10atm) at LM

## Case 2. Left main bifurcation lesion



IABP removed the day after the procedure.  
Discharged 3 days after the procedure.



Thank you for your attention

