

# Left Main and bifurcation PCI

## Left Main PCI: Which 2 stent technique ?

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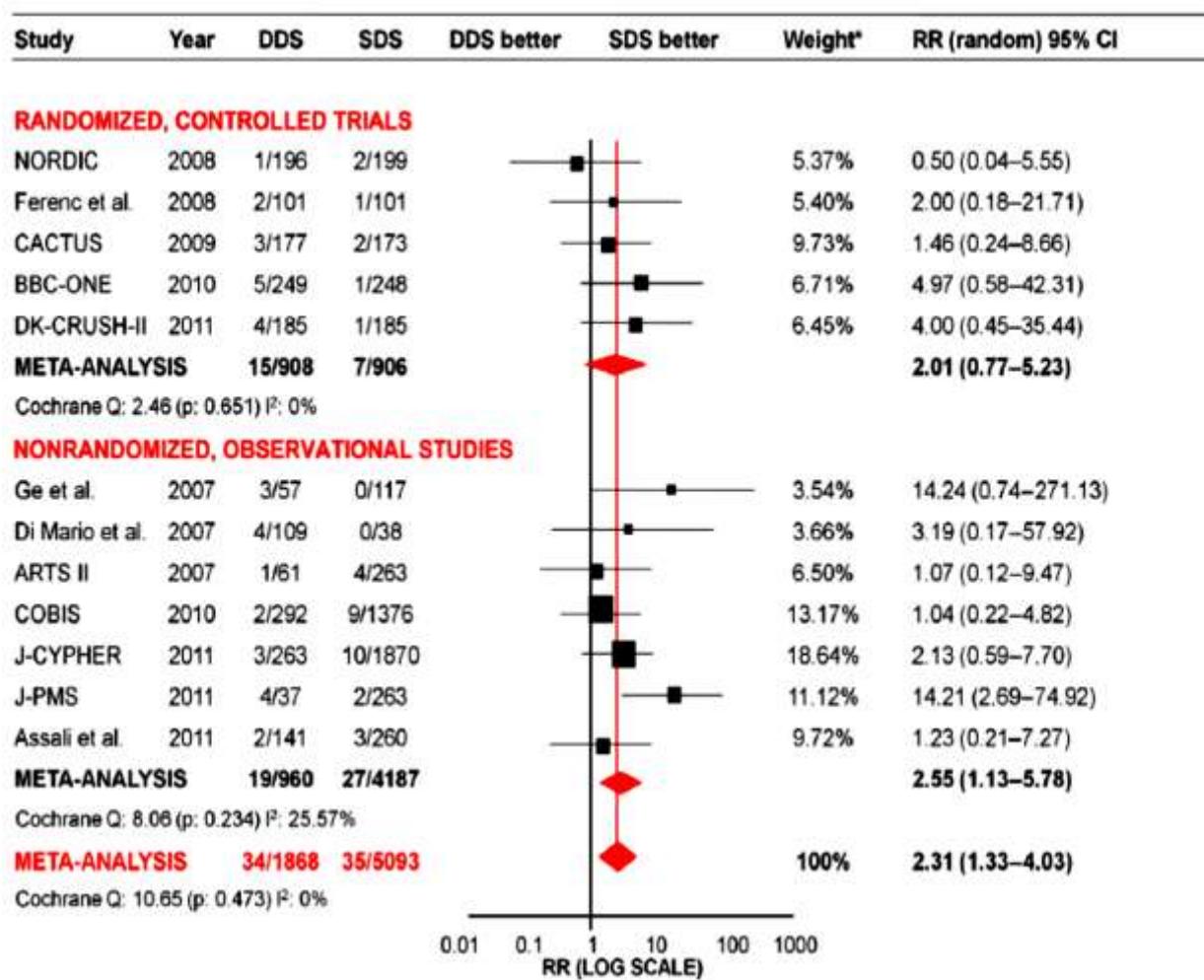
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**Why attempt to reduce the stent number in non-LM bifurcations ?**

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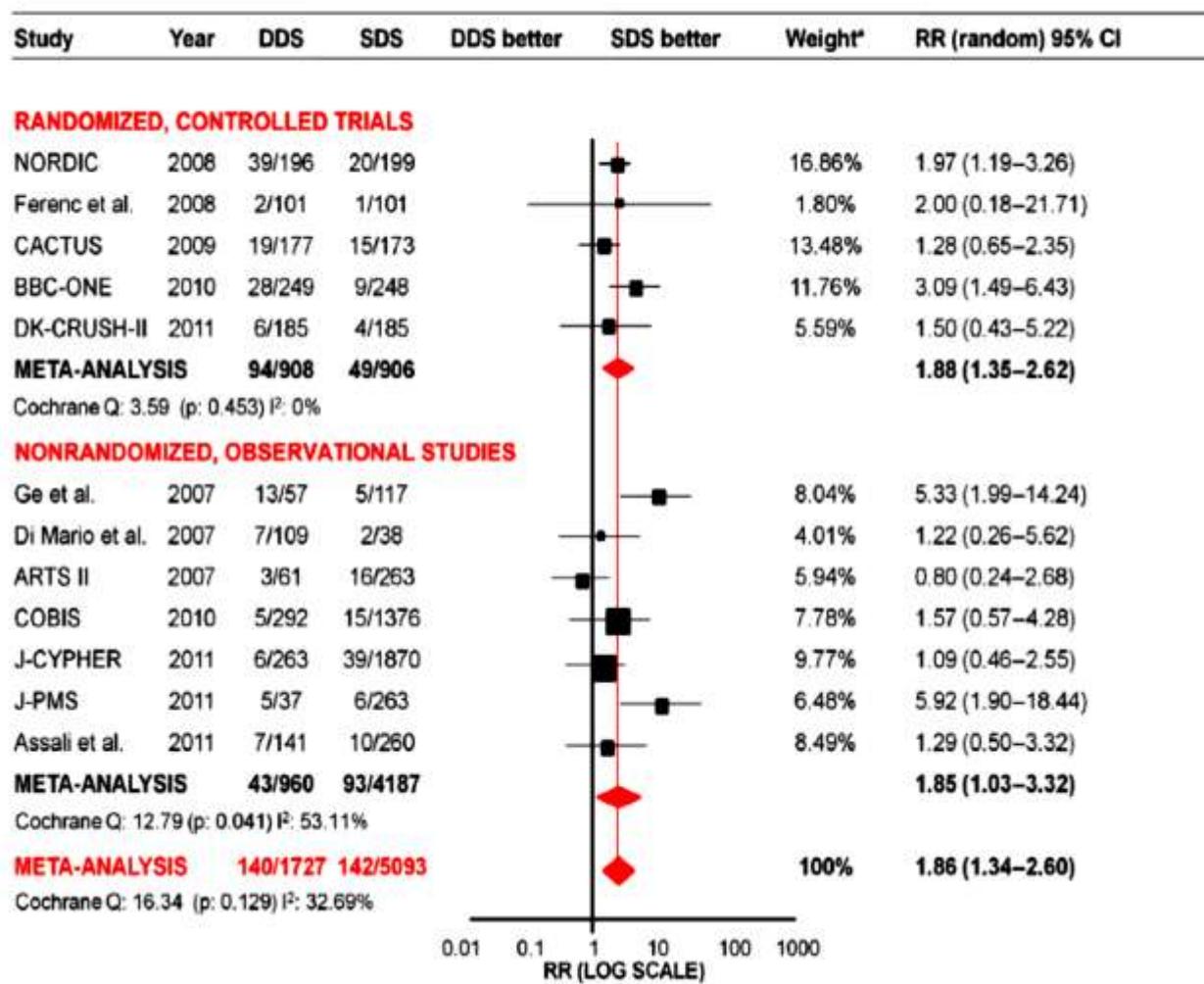
## DES Thrombosis



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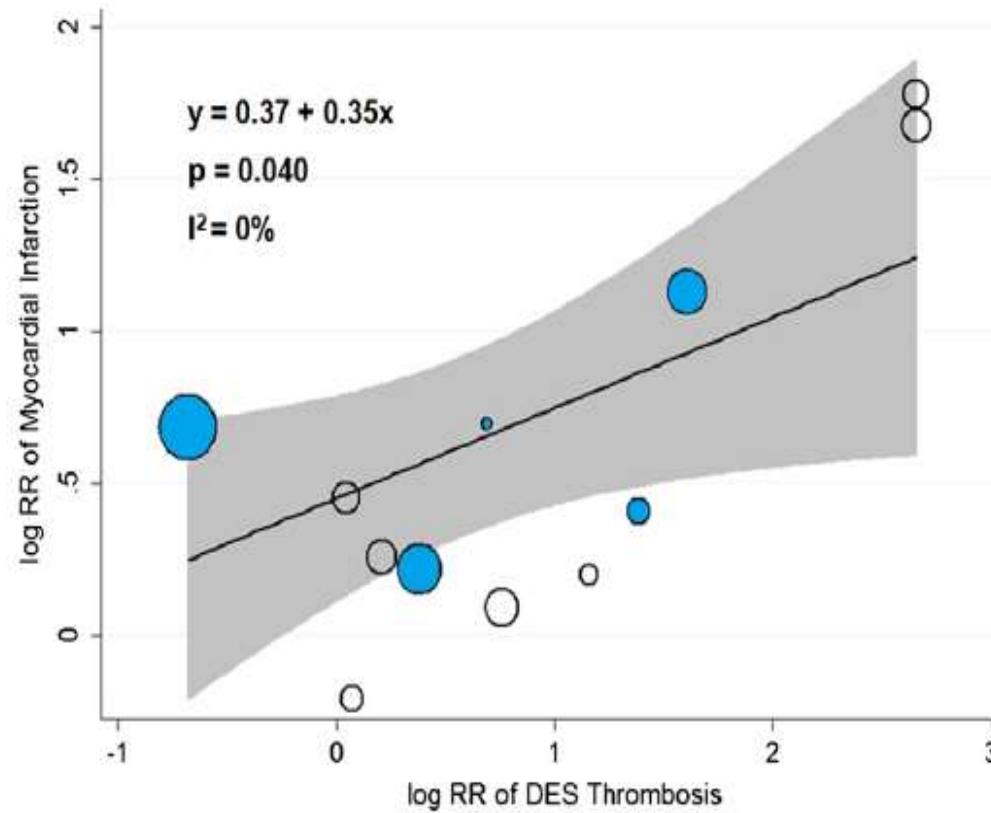
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## Myocardial Infarction



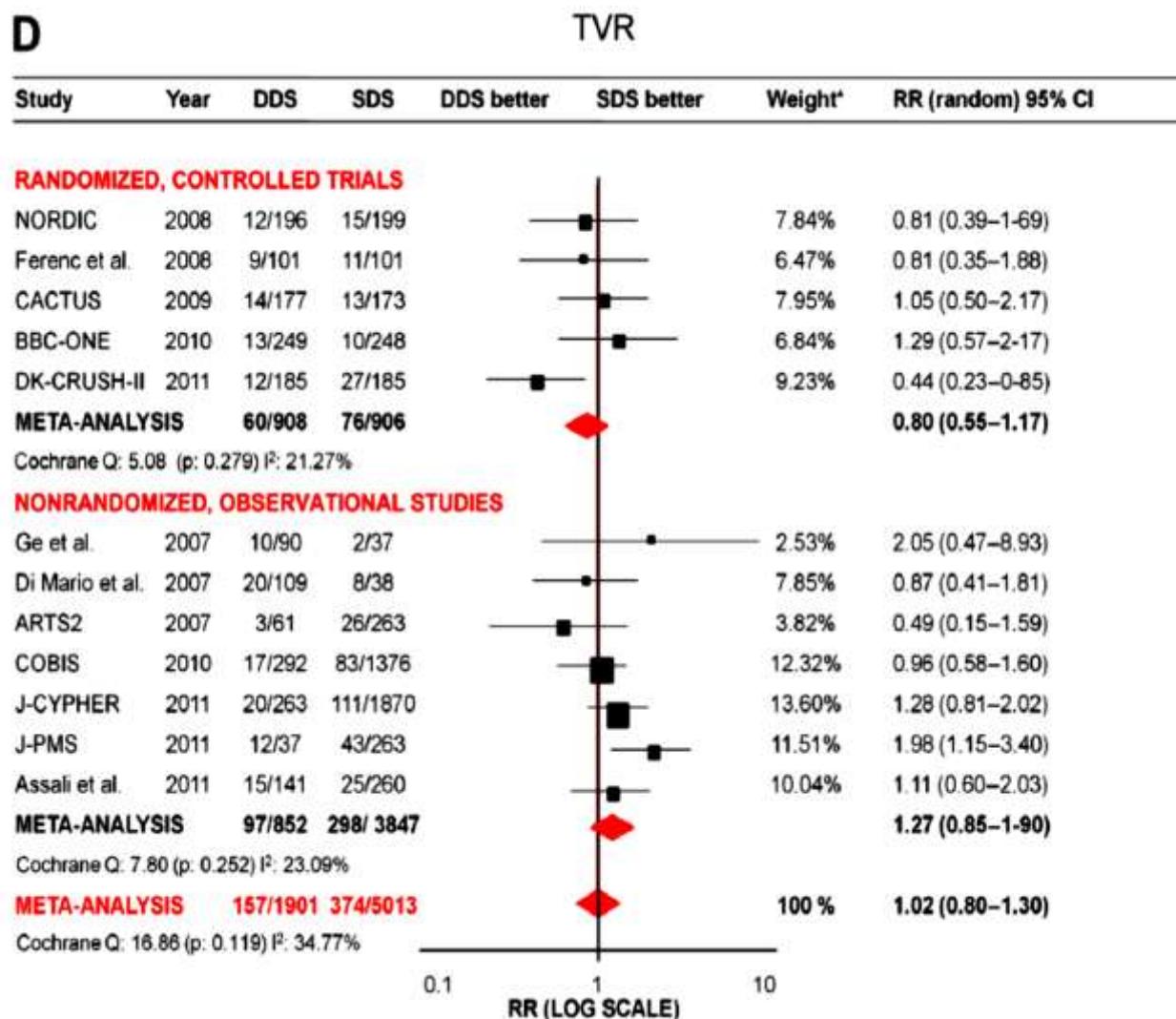
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Association Between Log-Transformed Risk of DES Thrombosis and Myocardial Infarction



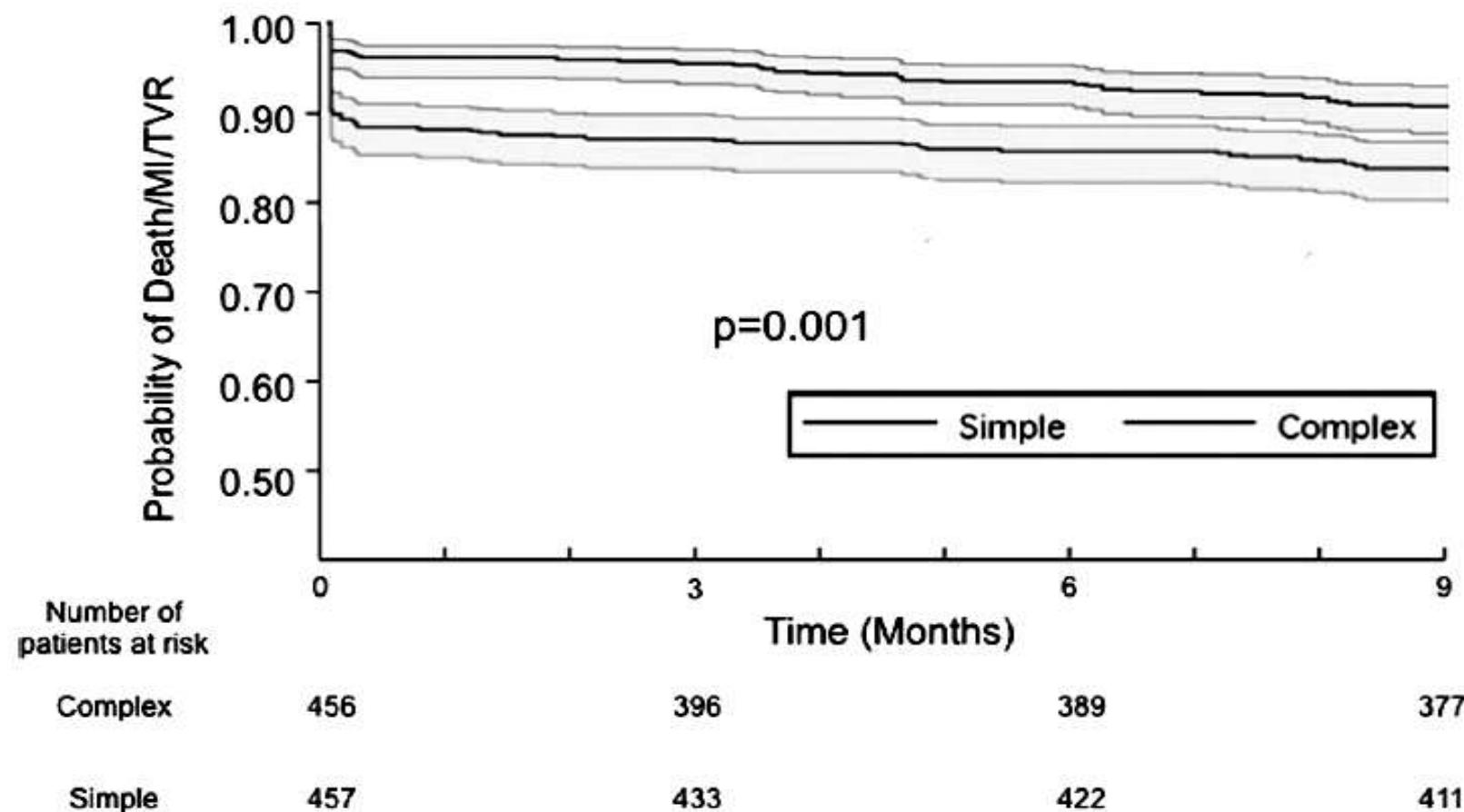
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# Simple or Complex Stenting for Bifurcation Coronary Lesions: A Patient-Level Pooled-Analysis of Nordic 1 and BBC

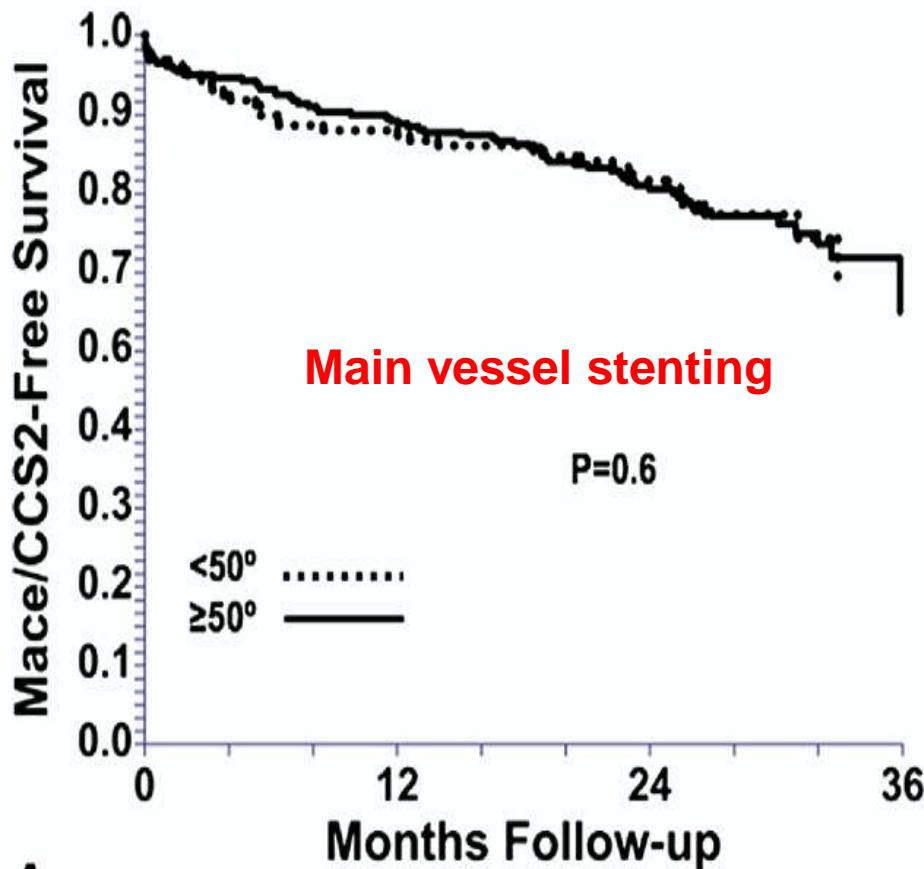
Kaplan-Meier freedom from the composite event



# Pathological Findings at Bifurcation Lesions: Impact of Flow Distribution on Atherosclerosis and Arterial Healing After Stent Implantation

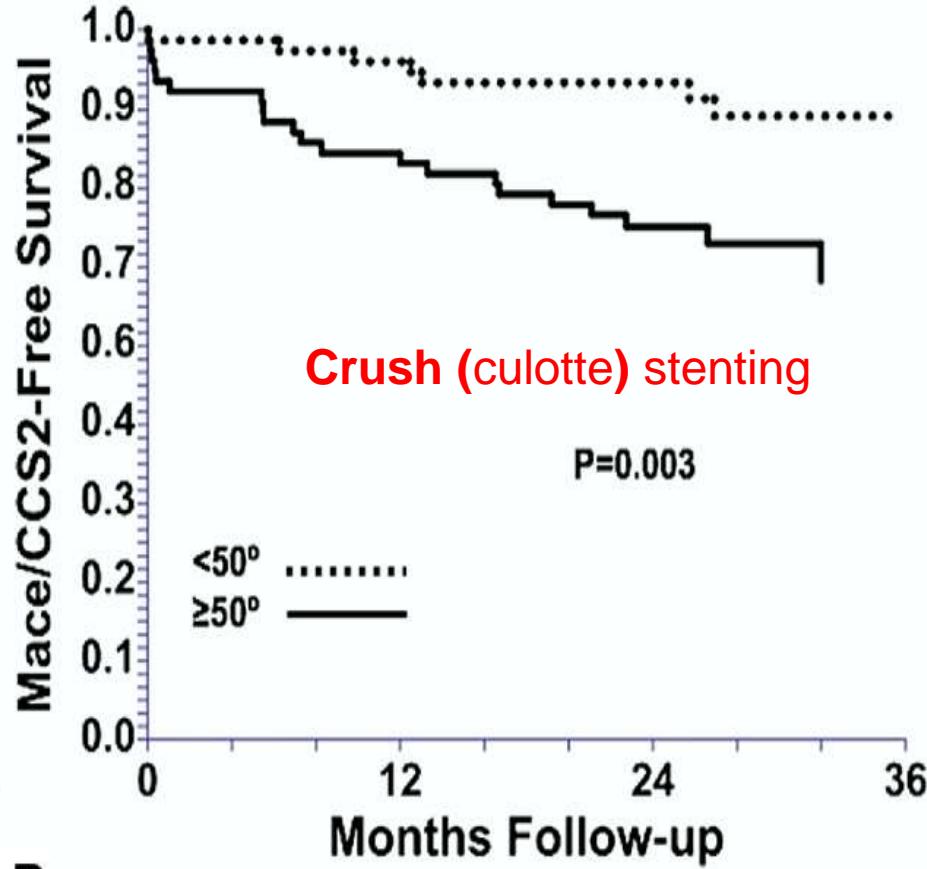
	DES (12 Lesions, 17 Stents)			BMS (14 Lesions, 18 Stents)			p Value for DES vs. BMS	
	Flow Divider	Lateral	p Value	Flow Divider	Lateral	p Value	Flow Divider	Lateral
Neointimal thickness (mm)	0.07 (0.03-0.15)	0.17 (0.09-0.23)	0.001	0.26 (0.16-0.73)	0.44 (0.17-0.67)	0.25	0.0002	0.004
Fibrin deposition (% struts)	60 (21-67)	17 (0-55)	0.01	8 (0-33)	3 (0-21)	0.21	0.008	0.19
Uncovered struts (% struts)	40 (16-76)	0 (0-15)	0.001	0 (0-21)	0 (0-0)	0.10	0.004	0.38

# Outcome After Bifurcation PCI: role of angle



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Kaplan-Meier curves for MACE or CCS class 2 angina-free survival / bifurcation angle



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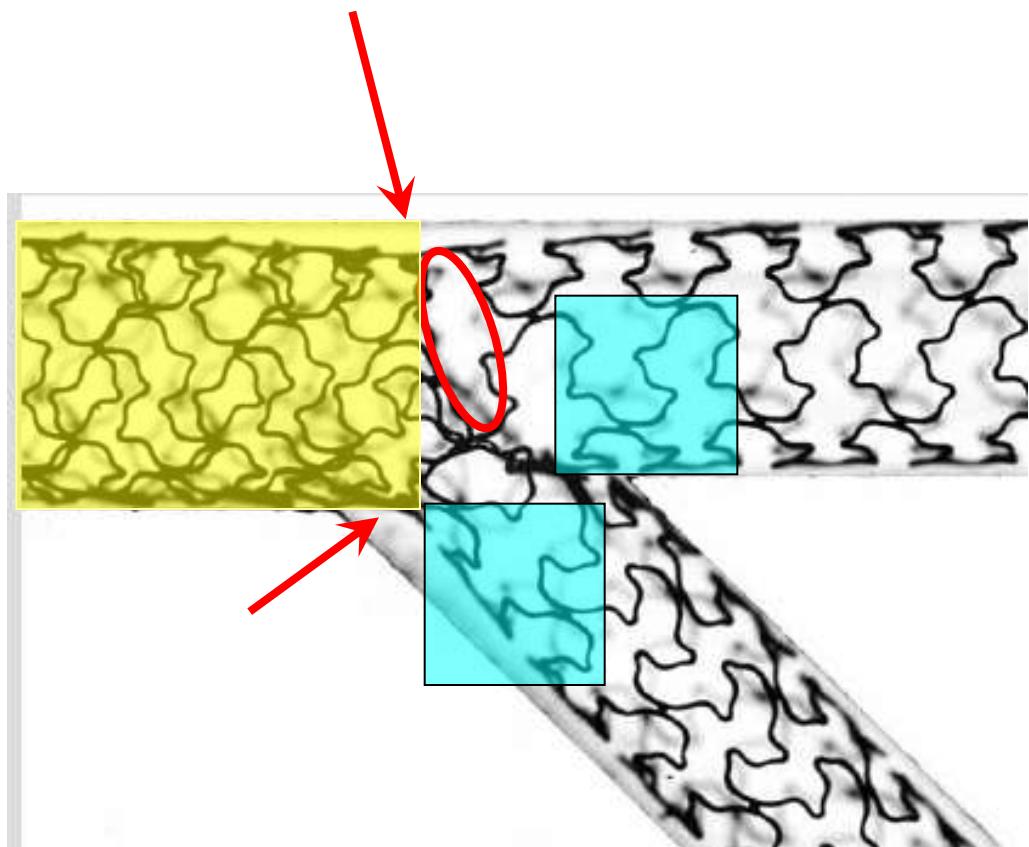
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# Culotte stenting : 12m dedicated QCA and clinical outcomes

## Predictors of binary restenosis

Variable	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Age increase by 10 years	2.38 (1.21–4.96)	0.01
Diabetes	3.43 (0.71–16.60)	0.13
Male sex	0.62 (0.15–2.53)	0.51
Medina classification	0.42 (0.13–1.32)	0.14
Restenotic lesion	0.52 (0.12–2.24)	0.38
Bifurcation angle increase by 10°	1.53 (1.04–2.23)	0.03
Calcified lesion	0.53 (0.12–2.24)	0.39
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Proximal main vessel		
Reference vessel diameter decrease by 1 mm	4.55 (0.17–123.36)	0.37
Baseline stenosis increase by 10%	0.91 (0.67–1.23)	0.54
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Distal main vessel		
Reference vessel diameter decrease by 1 mm	0.10 (0.00–3.17)	0.19
Baseline stenosis increase by 10%	1.47 (1.03–2.09)	0.03
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Side branch vessel		
Reference vessel diameter decrease by 1 mm	31.83 (1.71–592.77)	0.02
Baseline stenosis increase by 10%	0.97 (0.82–1.15)	0.75
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Kissing balloon post-dilatation	0.37 (0.13–1.10)	0.07

# Culotte Technique



*Stent not apposed*



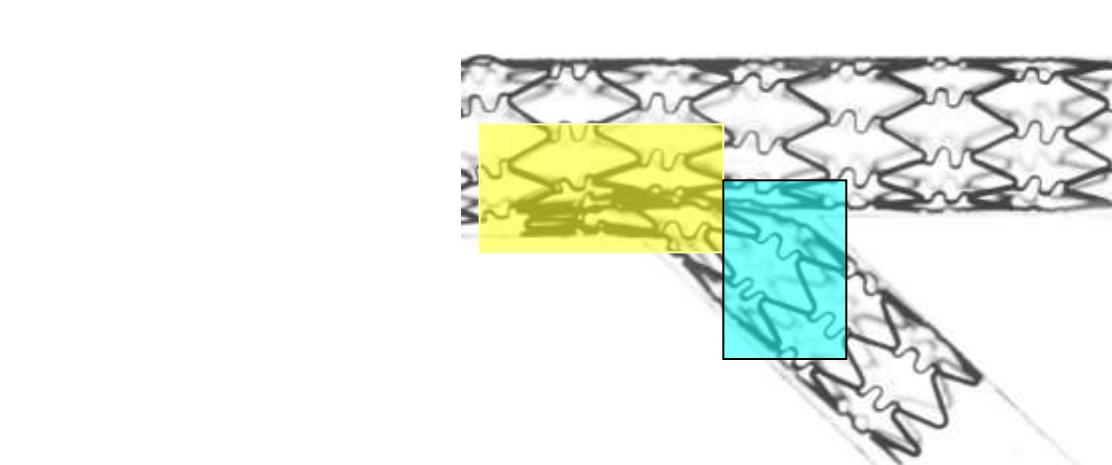
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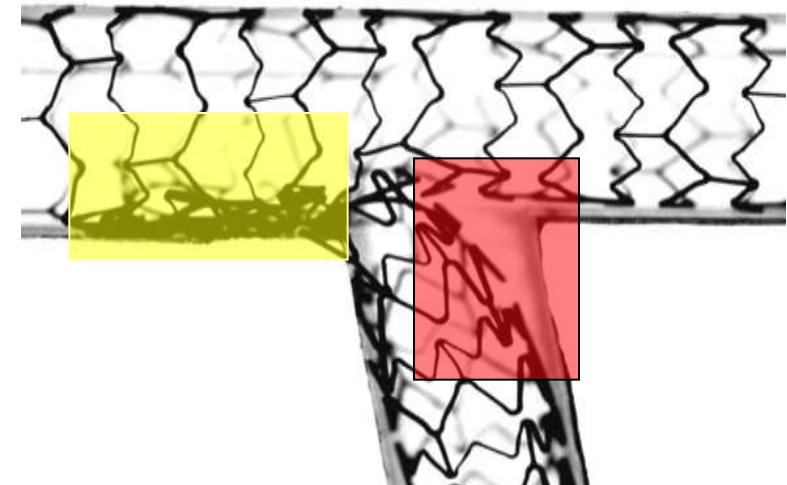
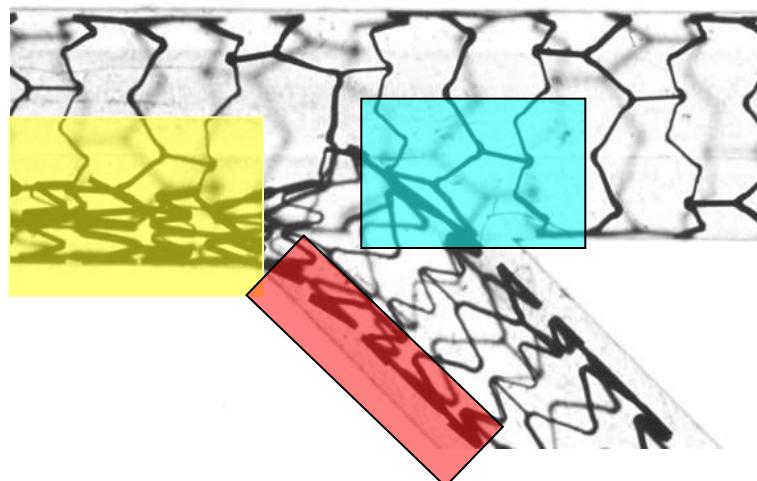
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# Crush Technique



*Stagnation area  
between the  
struts*

*Delayed endothel.  
Recirculation*



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## Nordic II

### Procedure data II

	Crush n = 210	Culotte n = 215	P Value
MV stented, %	99.5	99.1	ns
SB stented, %	98.6	97.7	ns
Final kissing balloon	84.3	91.6	0.02
Tx acc. to ran., %	96.7	96.7	ns
Tx successful, % (residual sten.<30% of MV+TIMI III flow in SB)	97.6	97.7	ns

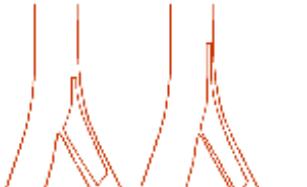
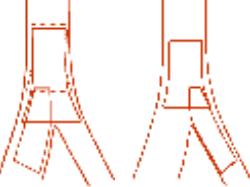
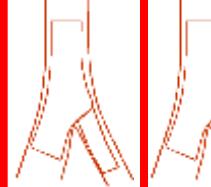
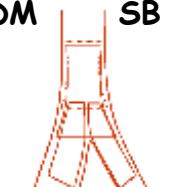
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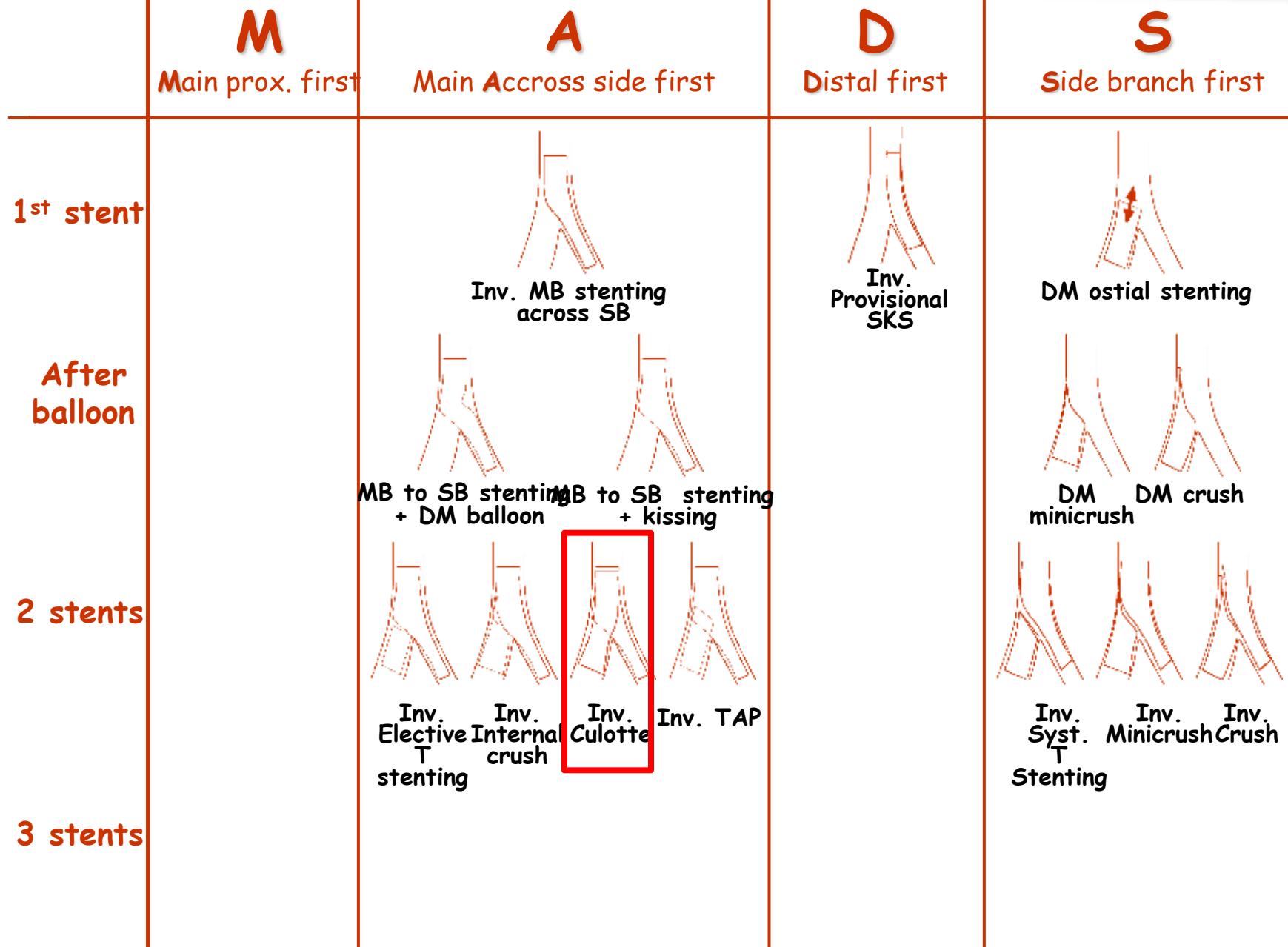
# Individual endpoints after 6 months

	Crush n = 210	Culotte n = 215	P Value
Non-cardiac death, %	0.0	0.5	ns
Cardiac death, %	1.0	0.0	ns
Myocard. infarc., %	0.5	0.9	ns
TVR, %	3.3	3.3	ns
Stent thrombosis, %	1.9	1.4	ns

## Is it the same for distal LM stenting ?

- Distal LM is a bifurcation like others
- But with larger diameter segments
- Easier to treat
- Frequently inadequate stents
- **Much more clinical consequences:**
  - acutely (complications)
  - mid to longterm: residual ischemia (symptoms), restenosis

	M Main prox. first	A Main Accross side first	D Double first	S Side branch first
1 <sup>st</sup> stent	 PM stenting	 MB stenting across SB	 DM Provisional stenting SKS	 SB ostial stenting
After balloon	 Skirt	 MB stenting + SB balloon	 MB stenting + kissing	 SB minicrush
2 stents	 Skir t + DM	 Elective T stenting	 Internal Culotte crush	 TAP
3 stents	 Extended V			 Trouser legs and seat



# **Comparison of DK crush versus culotte stenting for unprotected distal left main bifurcation lesions: A multicenter, randomized, prospective DKCRUSH-III study**

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## Exclusion criteria

- Pregnant
- Life expectancy <12 months
- Intolerance to the study drugs
- LVEF<30%
- eGFR<40ml/min
- LM RVD>5.0mm
- Difference in RVD between LAD and LCX >1.0mm
- Severe calcification needing rotational atherectomy
- LMb restenosis lesion

## Study endpoints

- Primary endpoint  
MACE (cardiac death, MI and TVR) at 1-year
- Secondary endpoint  
In-stent restenosis (ISR) at 8-month
- Safety endpoint  
Stent thrombosis (ST) at 1-year

**DKCRUSH-III**

## DKCRUSH-III study Flow Chart

Between Mar 24,2009 and Oct 22,2011  
863 pts (18 centers of 4 countries)  
with ULMCA dist-bifurcation lesions screened

326 pts  
clinically excluded

117 pts  
angiographically  
excluded

1 pt refused to PCI  
after randomization

**419 pts included  
DKCRUSH-III study**

**DK crush  
(n=210)**

**Culotte  
(n=209)**

Clinical FU  
(n=210, 100%)

Angiographic FU  
(n=176, 83.8%)

Clinical FU  
(n=209, 100%)

Angiographic FU  
(n=174, 83.3%)

# Lesion characteristics (1)

	DK crush (n=210)	Culotte (n=209)	p
3-vessel disease, n (%)	149(71.3)	145(69.5)	0.130
<b>Left main trunk, n (%)</b>			
Chronic total occlusion	1(0.4)	0	0.653
Ostial	31(15.2)	42(20.4)	0.197
Mid shaft	71(34.8)	60(28.7)	0.102
Whole trunk	45(21.8)	39(18.9)	0.159
Distal bifurcation			0.896
Medina 1,1,1	207(98.7)	198(94.8)	
Medina 0,1,1	3(1.3)	11(5.2)	

## Lesion characteristics (3)

	DK crush (n=210)	Culotte (n=209)	p
<b>Syntax score (points) 0~22, n (%)</b>	$30.67 \pm 12.89$ 69(32.9)	$31.51 \pm 15.60$ 54(25.8)	0.254 0.462
<b>NERS score (points) &lt;20, n (%)</b>	$26.03 \pm 10.70$ 55(26.2)	$26.12 \pm 10.55$ 47(22.5)	0.677 0.241

## Procedural characteristics (2)

	<b>DK crush (n=210)</b>	<b>Culotte (n=209)</b>	<b>p</b>
<b>Main vessel stent</b>			
Number, n	$1.38 \pm 0.45$	$1.39 \pm 0.49$	0.556
Diameter, mm	$3.40 \pm 0.34$	$3.34 \pm 0.40$	0.106
Length, mm	$33.48 \pm 14.01$	$35.74 \pm 15.99$	0.124
<b>Side branch Stent</b>			
Number, n	$1.20 \pm 0.39$	$1.14 \pm 0.35$	0.159
Diameter, mm	$3.04 \pm 0.41$	$3.03 \pm 0.41$	0.587
Length, mm	$25.90 \pm 13.83$	$26.72 \pm 11.86$	0.519
<b>Post-dilation, n (%)</b>			
Main vessel	205(97.6)	200(95.7)	0.693
Side branch	202(96.2)	200(95.7)	0.810
<b>FKBI, n (%)</b>	209(99.5)	208(99.5)	1.000

## Procedural characteristics (3)

	DK crush (n=210)	Culotte (n=209)	p
Angiographic success, n (%)	204(97.1)	208(99.5)	0.122
Procedural success, n (%)	203(96.7)	201(96.2)	0.800
Complete revascularization, n (%)	180(85.7)	171(82.0)	0.351
Procedural time, min.	56.88±33.11	54.87±32.09	0.529
Fluoroscopy time, min.	26.57±14.39	27.66±17.53	0.487
Contrast volume, ml	184.40±22.01	170.10±7.22	0.048
Non-left main lesions			
Stent number, n	1.41±0.73	1.26±0.53	0.410
Stent diameter, mm	2.89±0.42	2.99±0.46	0.468
Stent length, mm	36.86±27.33	32.33±15.34	0.468
Staged procedures, n (%)	82(39.0)	72(34.4)	0.711

## QCA of LM

**DKCRUSH-III**

	DK crush (n=176)	Culotte (n=174)	p
Days from indexed procedure (d)	223.0±15.3	211.9±14.1	0.109
<b>Left main trunk</b>			
Lesion length, mm	6.36±3.69	6.97±3.86	0.100
Minimal lumen diameter, mm			
Prior-stenting	1.47±0.43	1.49±0.42	0.719
Acute gain, mm	2.34±0.47	2.34±0.49	0.980
<b>Late loss, mm</b>	0.18±0.29	0.23±0.34	0.378
Diameter stenosis, %			
Prior-stenting	59.84±9.35	59.18±8.47	0.772
Follow-up	11.08±7.24	11.81±6.83	0.401
<b>Restenosis, n (%)</b>	0	0	NS

## QCA of distal main vessel (LAD)

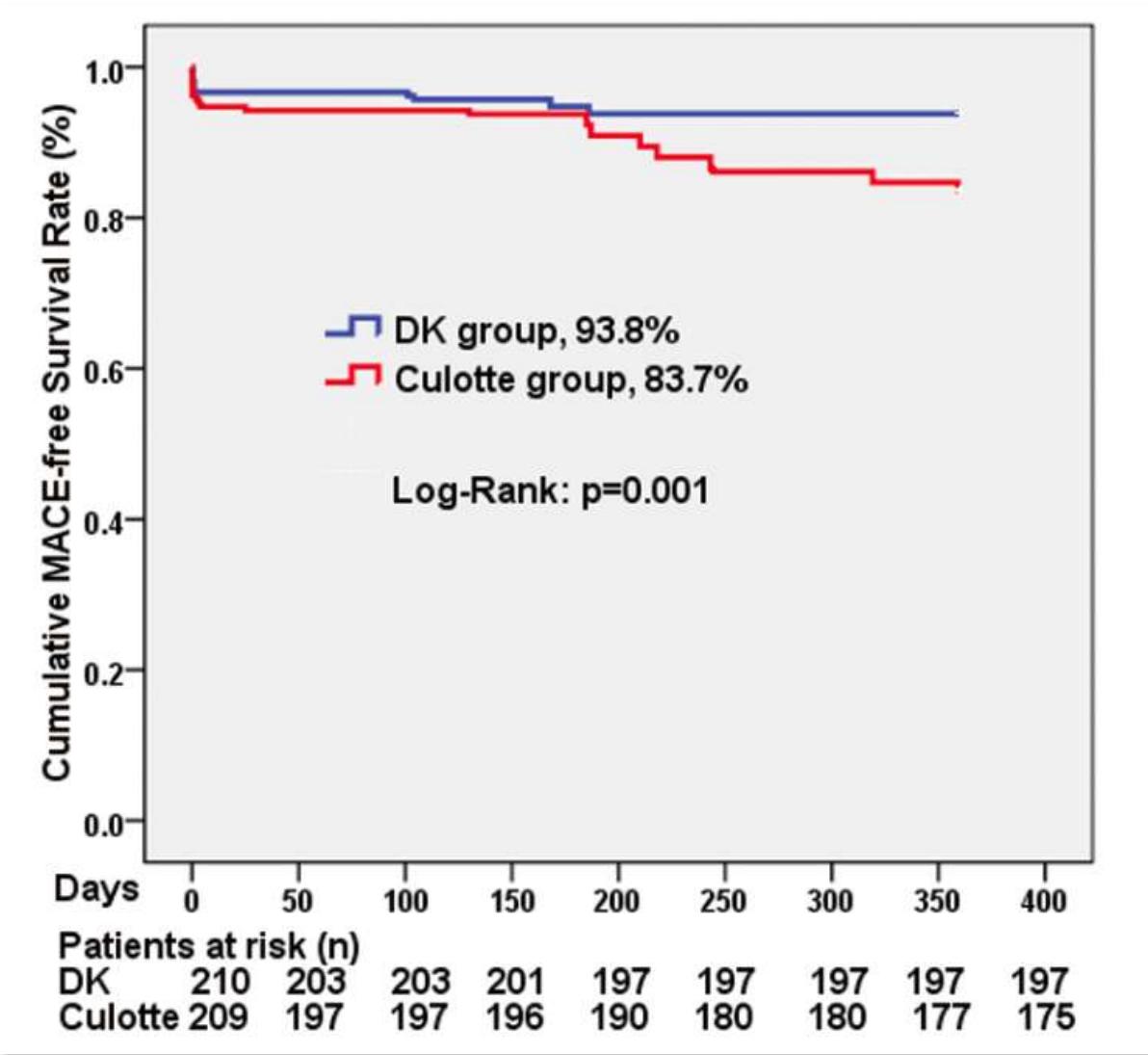
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Days from indexed procedure (d)	223.0±15.3	211.9±14.1	0.109
<b>Distal main vessel (LAD)*</b>			
Lesion length, mm	16.67±9.23	18.65±12.26	0.067
Minimal lumen diameter, mm			
Prior-stenting	1.09±0.42	1.07±0.44	0.984
Acute gain, mm	1.79±0.41	1.79±0.42	0.988
<b>Late loss, mm</b>		0.19±0.32	0.20±0.33
Diameter stenosis, %			
Prior-stenting	64.62±5.66	65.69±6.46	0.414
Follow-up	16.15±8.33	15.41±7.10	0.622
<b>Restenosis, n (%)</b>		2(1.14)	1(0.57)
			1.000

## QCA of side branch (LCX)

	DK crush (n=176)	Culotte (n=174)	<i>p</i>
<b>Side branch (LCX)*</b>			
Lesion length, mm	$16.48 \pm 11.09$	$16.97 \pm 13.01$	0.804
Minimal lumen diameter, mm			
Prior-stenting	$1.01 \pm 0.43$	$1.07 \pm 0.49$	0.597
Acute gain, mm	$1.58 \pm 0.43$	$1.58 \pm 0.49$	0.990
Late loss, mm			
<b>In-stent</b>	<b><math>0.20 \pm 0.30</math></b>	<b><math>0.39 \pm 0.36</math></b>	0.001
In-segment	$0.09 \pm 0.21$	$0.21 \pm 0.30$	0.048
Diameter stenosis, %			
Prior-stenting	$65.29 \pm 7.34$	$63.36 \pm 7.75$	0.640
Follow-up	$16.39 \pm 7.45$	$25.50 \pm 7.36$	0.001
<b>Restenosis, n (%)</b>			
In-segment	$4(2.27)$	$6(3.45)$	0.540
In-stent	$9(5.11)$	$19(10.92)$	0.034
Ostial	$9(5.11)$	$16(9.19)$	0.045

*DKCRUSH-III*

## MACE-free Survival Rate at 12-month



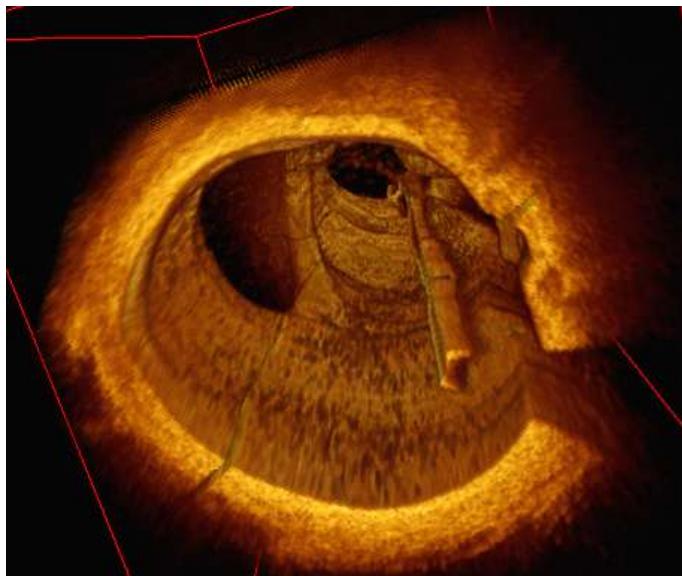
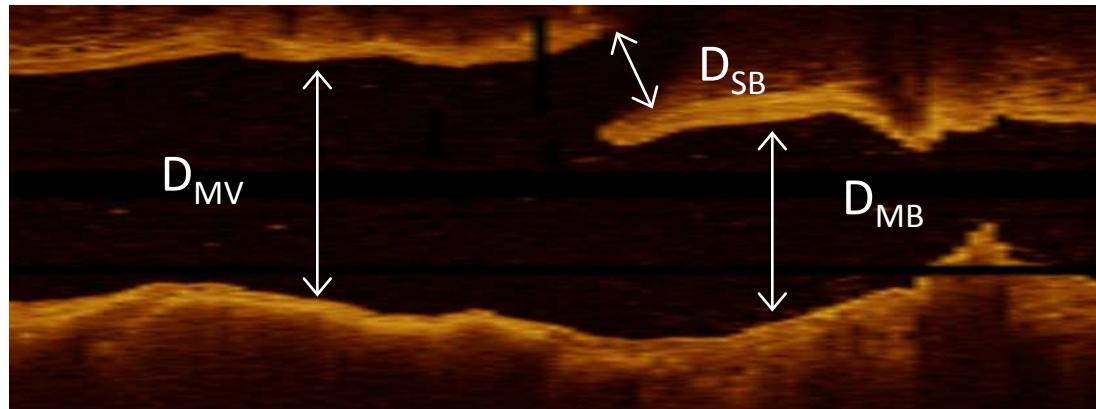
## 2 stent technique differences

2 stent techniques	DK-Crush	Inverted-Culotte	Provisional T (Culotte ?)	TAP (Culotte ?)
Approach	Radial	Radial	Radial	Femoral ?
Catheter size	6F	6F	6F	7F
% SB stenting	100%	100%	variable	variable
2 stent decision	Predictors	Predictors	Result	Result
SB stenting failure	None	None	Very low	Very low
MB stenting failure	Very low	Very low	None	None

<b>Definition of complex Bif</b>	Sen (%)	Spe (%)
<b>One Major+any two of Minor criteria</b>	>84 (78)	<b>≥79</b> <b>(71-72)</b>

Chen et al. JACC interv 2014, online

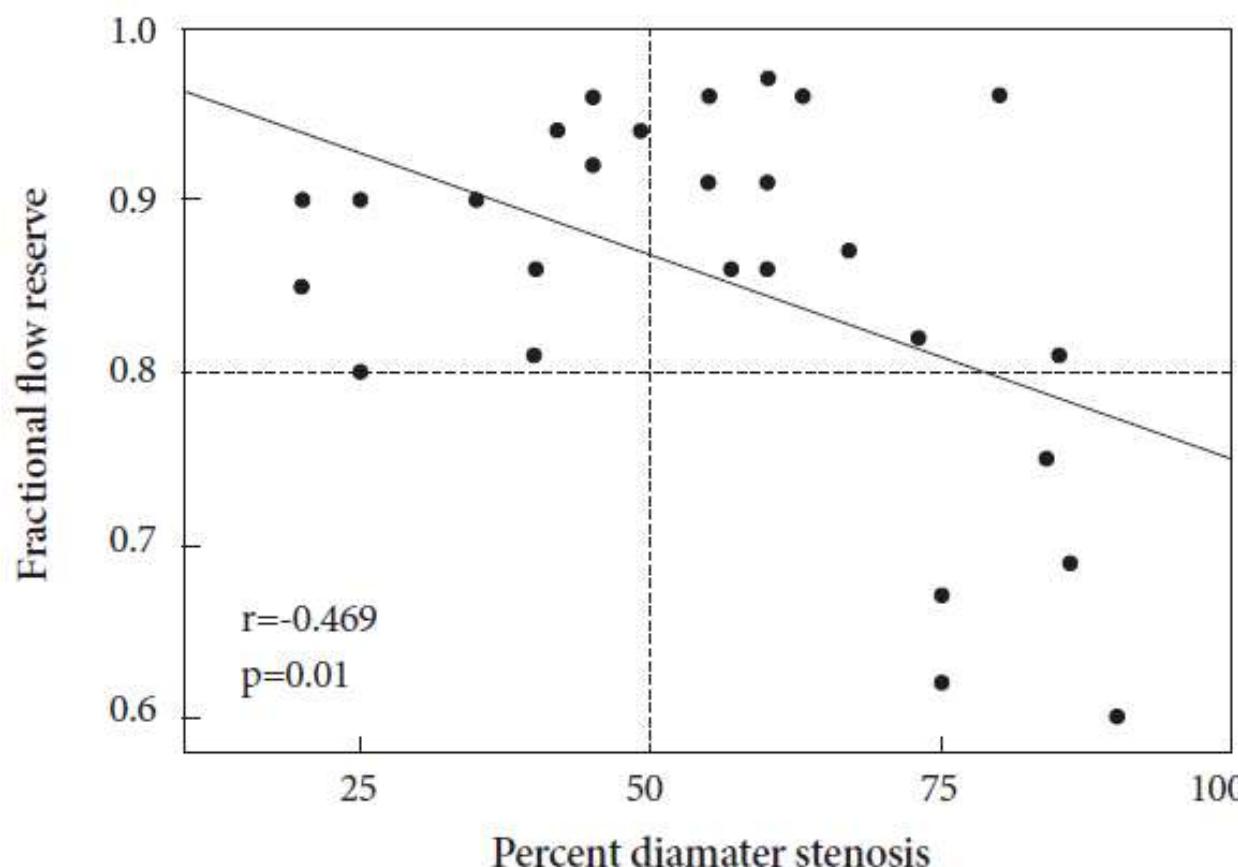
# Anatomy of Bifurcations



	Principle	Relation	Ratio $D_m/D_d$ for $D_{d1} \sim D_{d2}$
Murray's law	Minimum Work	$D_m^3 = D_{d1}^3 + D_{d2}^3$	1.26
HK: Huo-Kassab	Minimum Energy	$D_m^{7/3} = D_{d1}^{7/3} + D_{d2}^{7/3}$	1.35
Flow conservation	$Q_m = Q_{d1} + Q_{d2}$	$D_m^2 = D_{d1}^2 + D_{d2}^2$	1.4
Finet	Measurement	$D_m = 0.678 (D_{d1} + D_{d2})$	1.36

- The larger the SB, the larger the change in MV diameter throughout the bifurcation

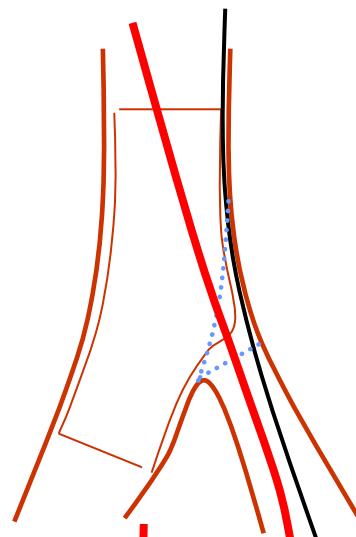
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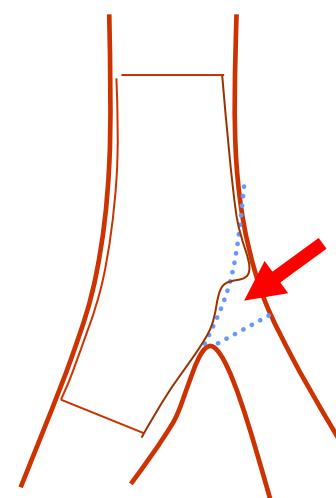
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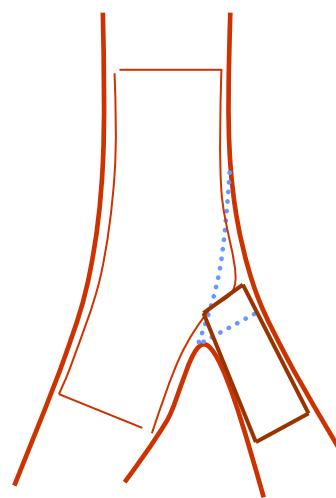
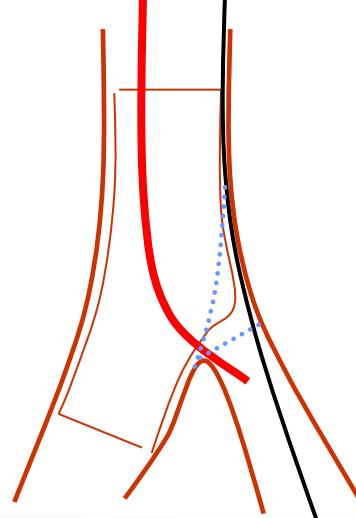
SB recrossing



Post kissing



→ TAP

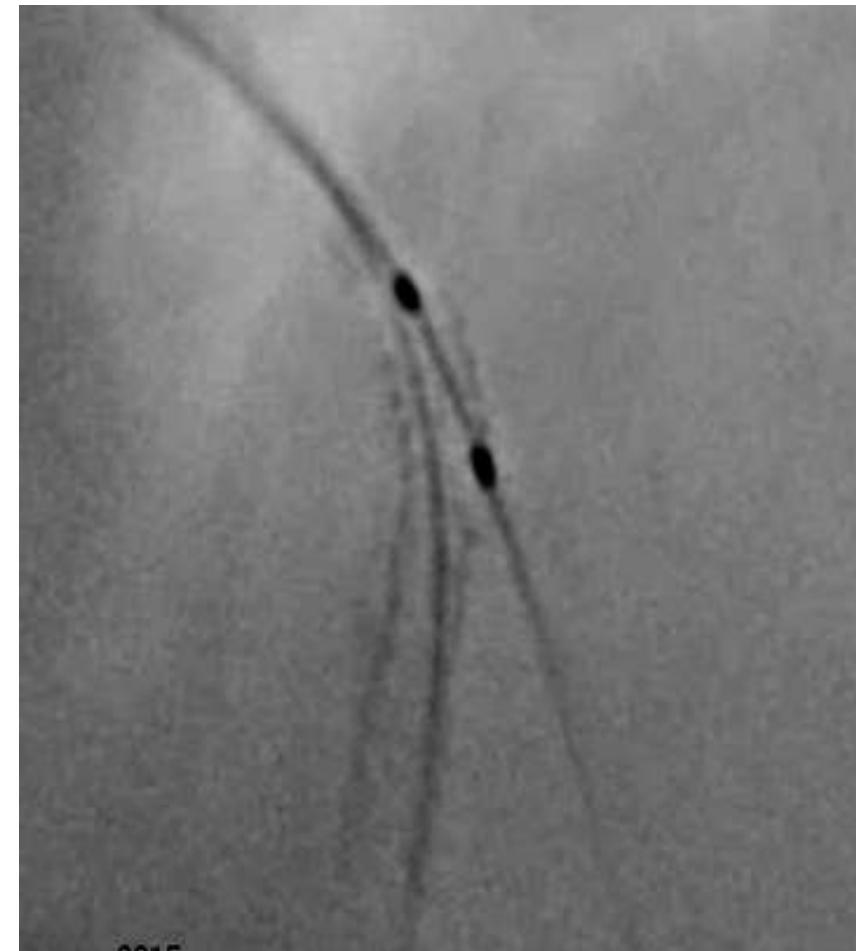


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# T or TAP ? (stent boost)

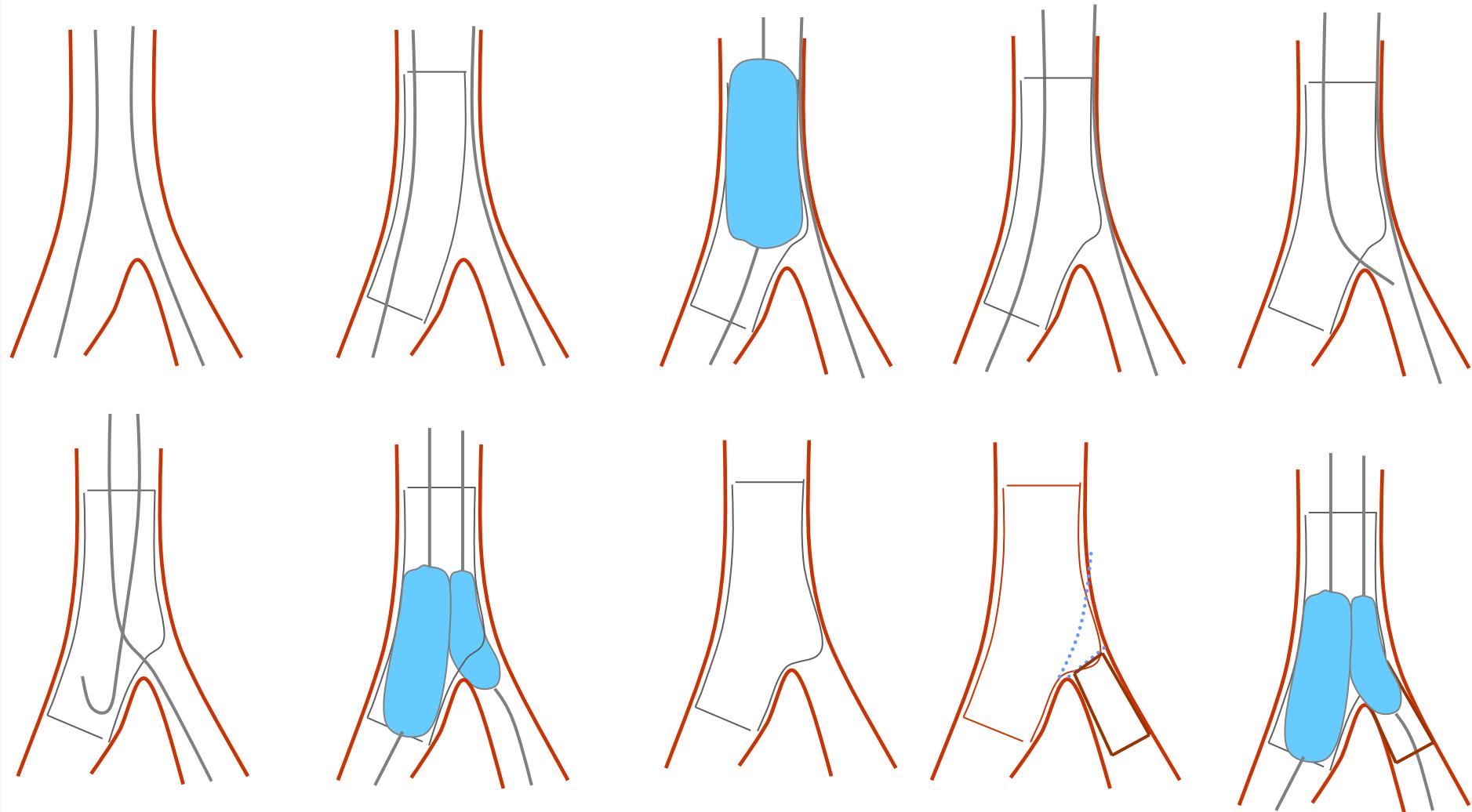


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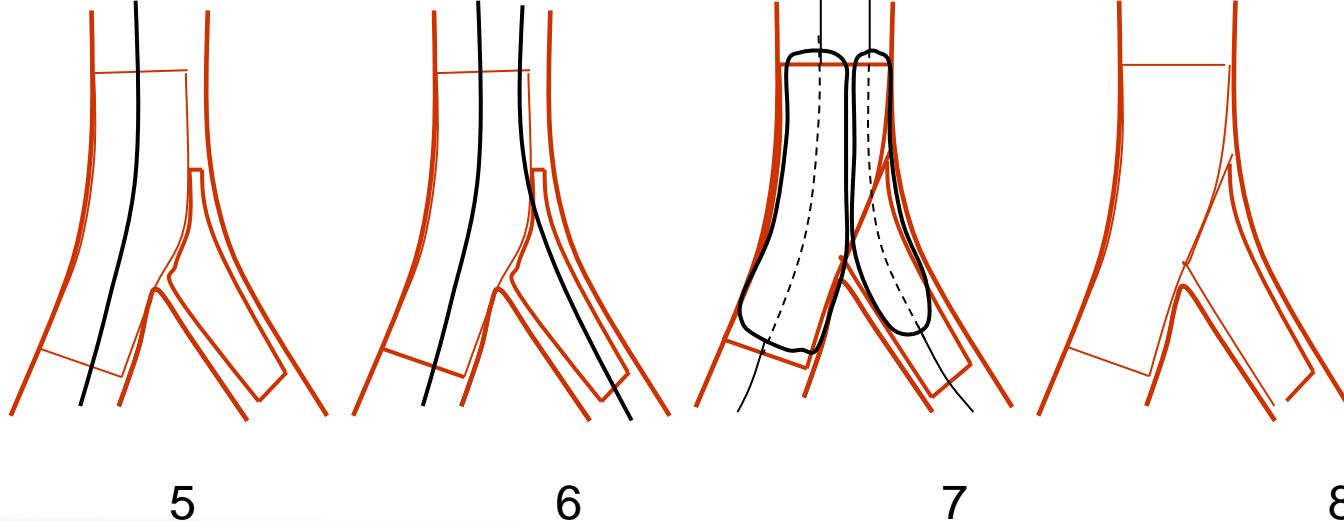
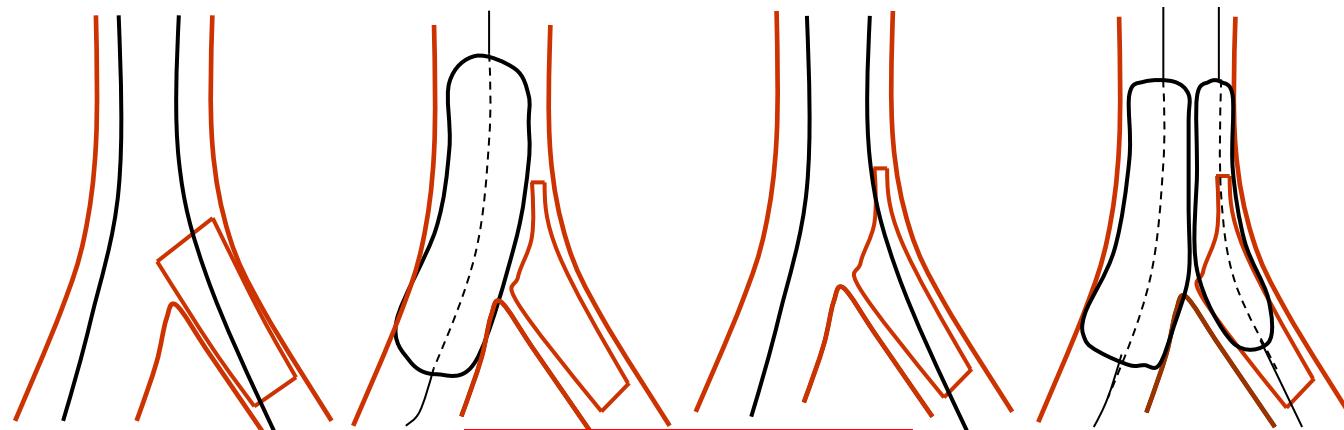


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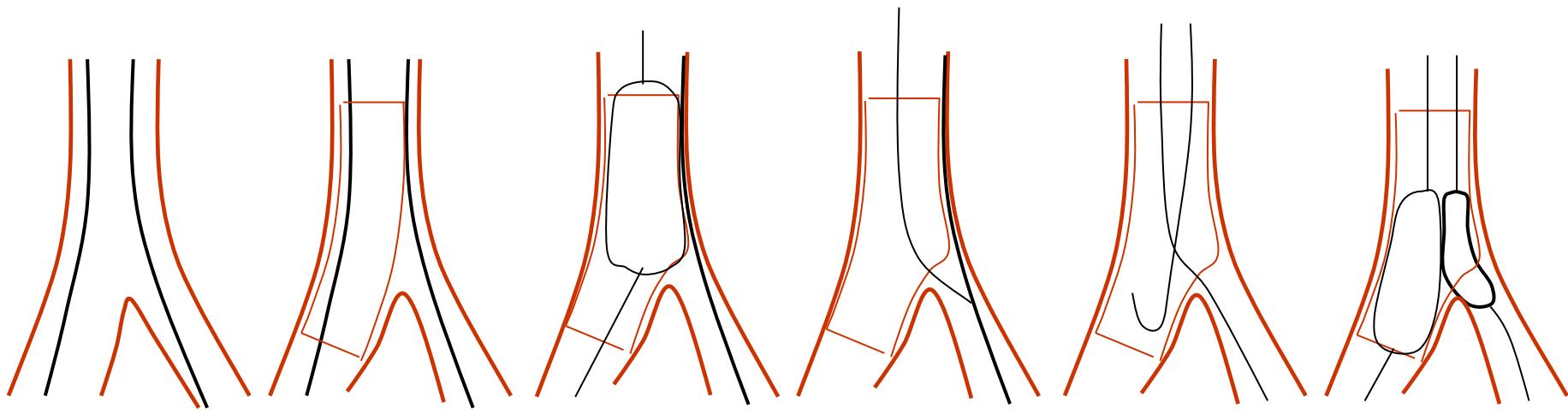
# Provisional Side Branch Stenting



## Mini DK Crush technique



## Inverted Culotte technique



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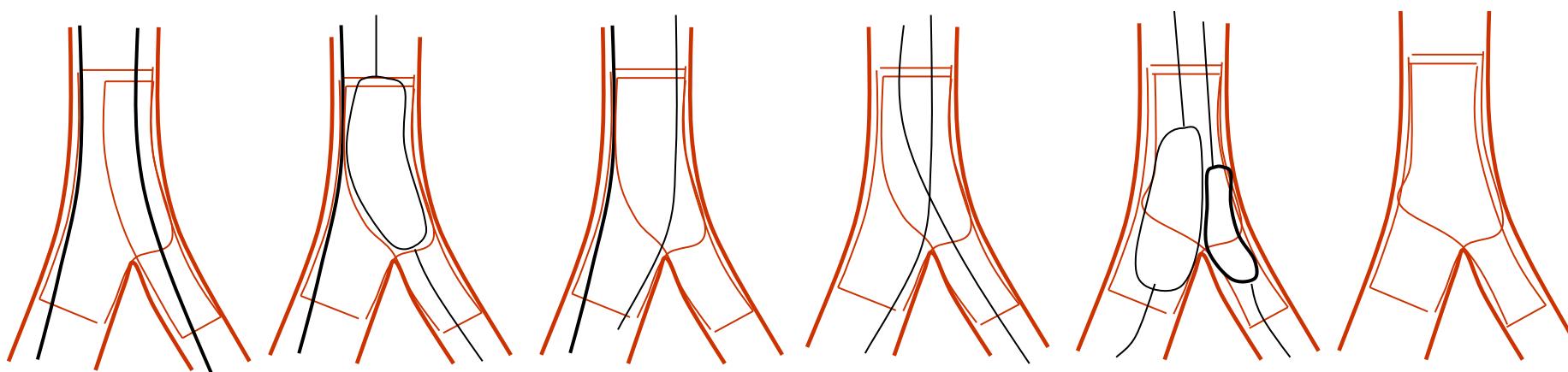
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# Conclusions

## Looking at distal LM as a population

- With **DK-Crush** (Culotte) stent 100% of LM with complex lesion (without = provisional): 30-40 % ?
- With **Provisional** with POT stent easily 30-40% of unacceptable results after kissing ?

**Will it make a difference ?**

- With **DK-Crush** we are mini-crushing, but in front of carena ...
- With **Provisional T**
  - we will limit the amount of metal at the carena, respect the anatomy of the bifurcation ...
  - other option: stent the SB bad results / prevent restenosis with DEB

# **EBC Main trial**

## **Provisional vs 2 stents in Distal LM**