

Clinical Utility of Intracoronary Imaging, Today and Tomorrow:
Grayscale, VH-IVUS and OCT Assessment of BVS



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Clinical Utility of Intracoronary Imaging: BVS – Experience from Clinical Trials



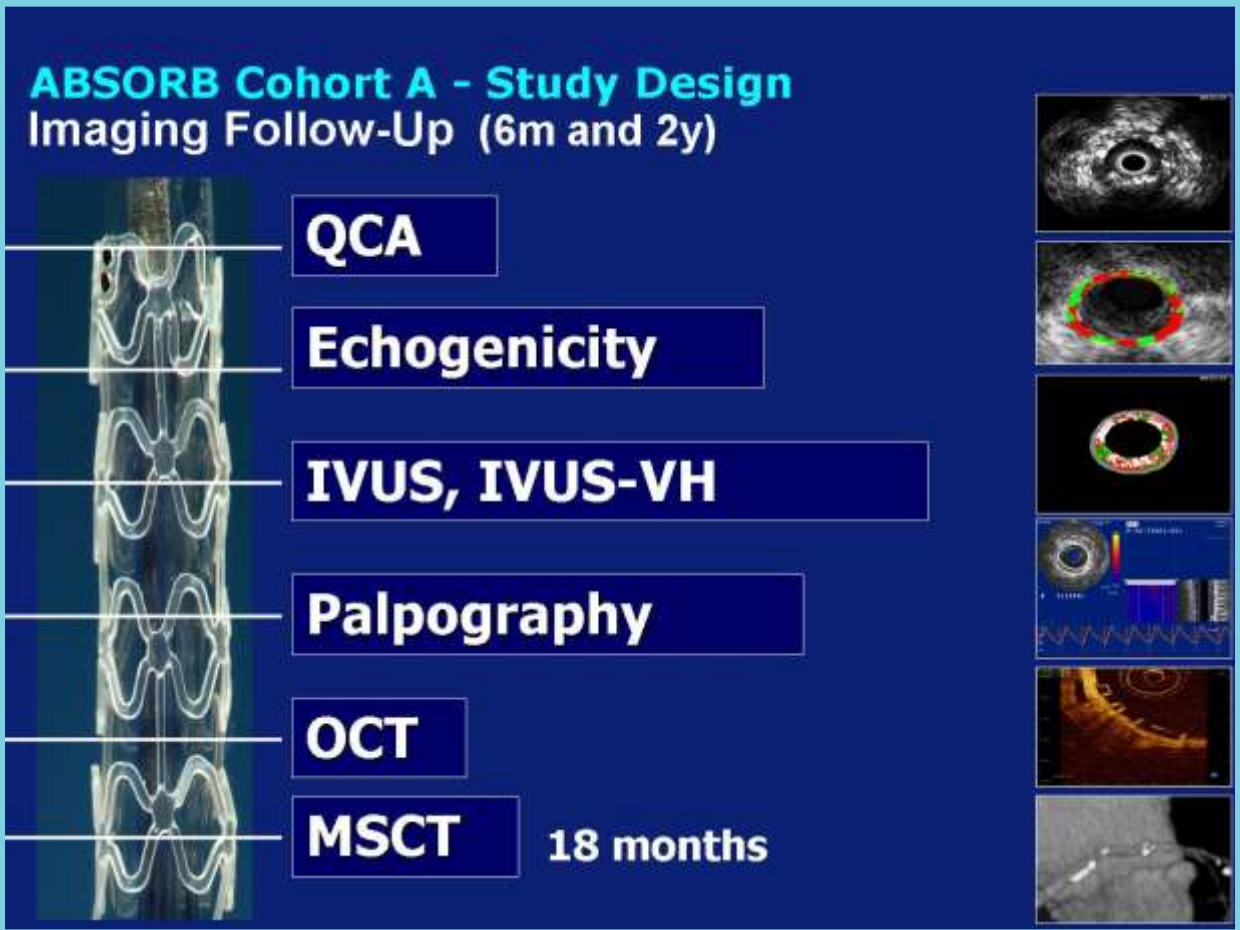
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First in Men, n=30
Single de-novo lesion

OCT:
Single center, n=16
Academic analysis
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COHORT B

First in Men, n=101

Single

C

EXTEND

Clinical trial, n=1000

Multiple de novo-lesions
Long lesions

OCT:
Multi-center, n=50

Corelab analysis
Cardialysis

ABSORB II

Clinical trial, n=500

Multiple de novo-lesions
Stable angina & ACS

RANDOMIZED 2:1
(BVS vs Xience)

B-SEARCH

Thoraxcenter Registry

All-comer
Real-world use

Simsek et al. Eurointerv 2013
Diletti et al. Eur Heart J 2014

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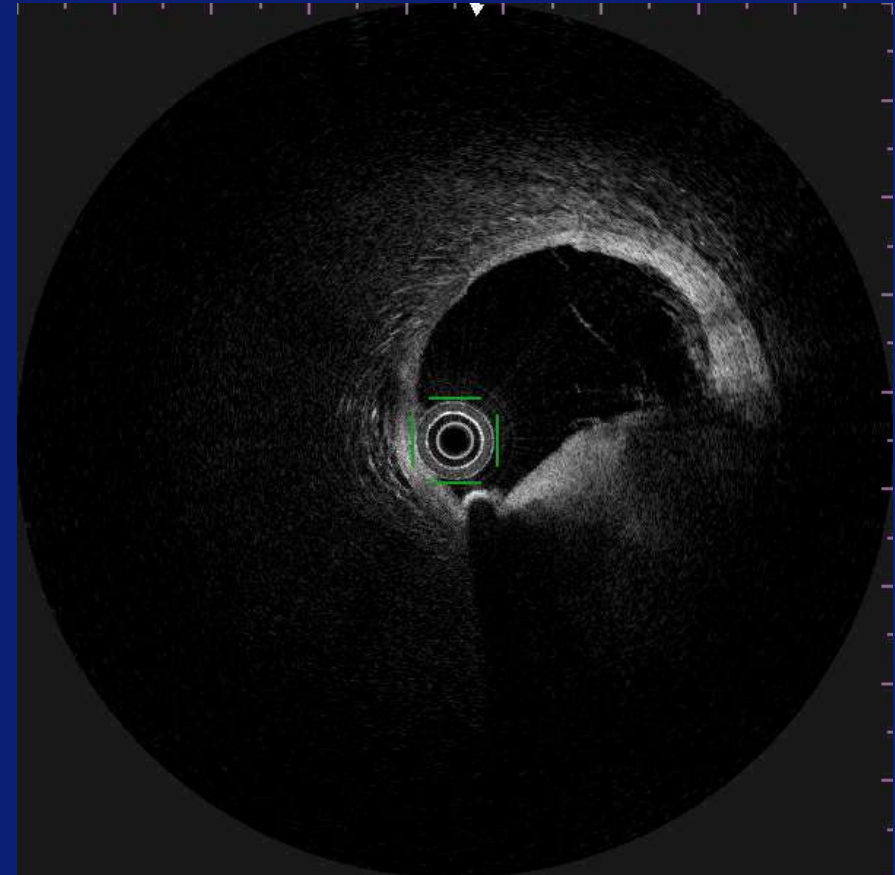
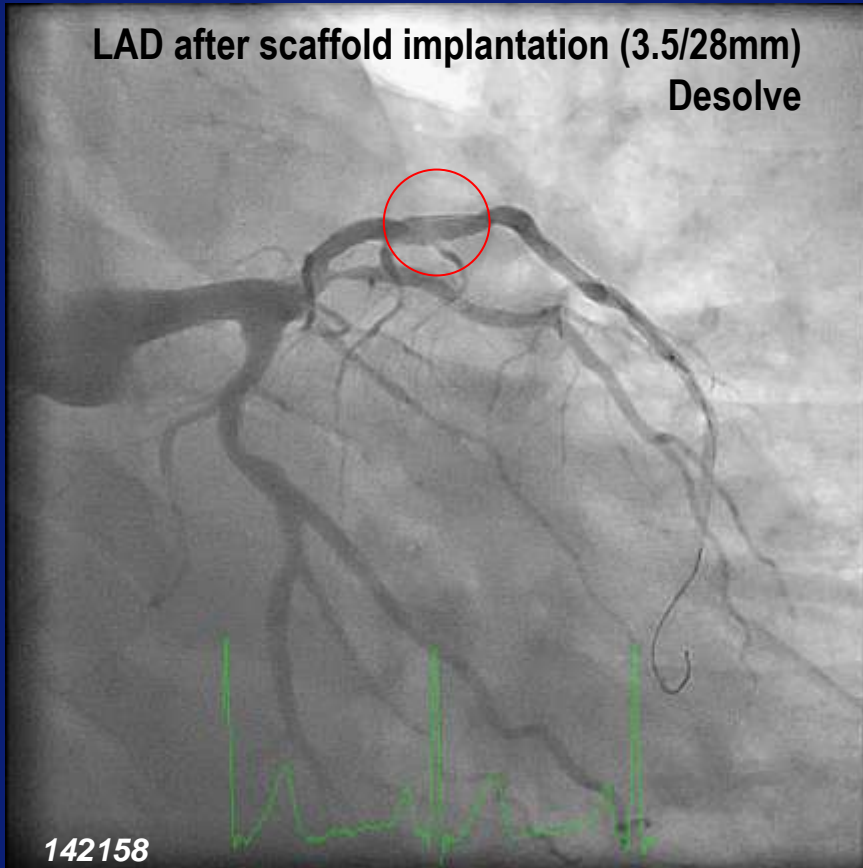
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OCT Terumo Fastview™

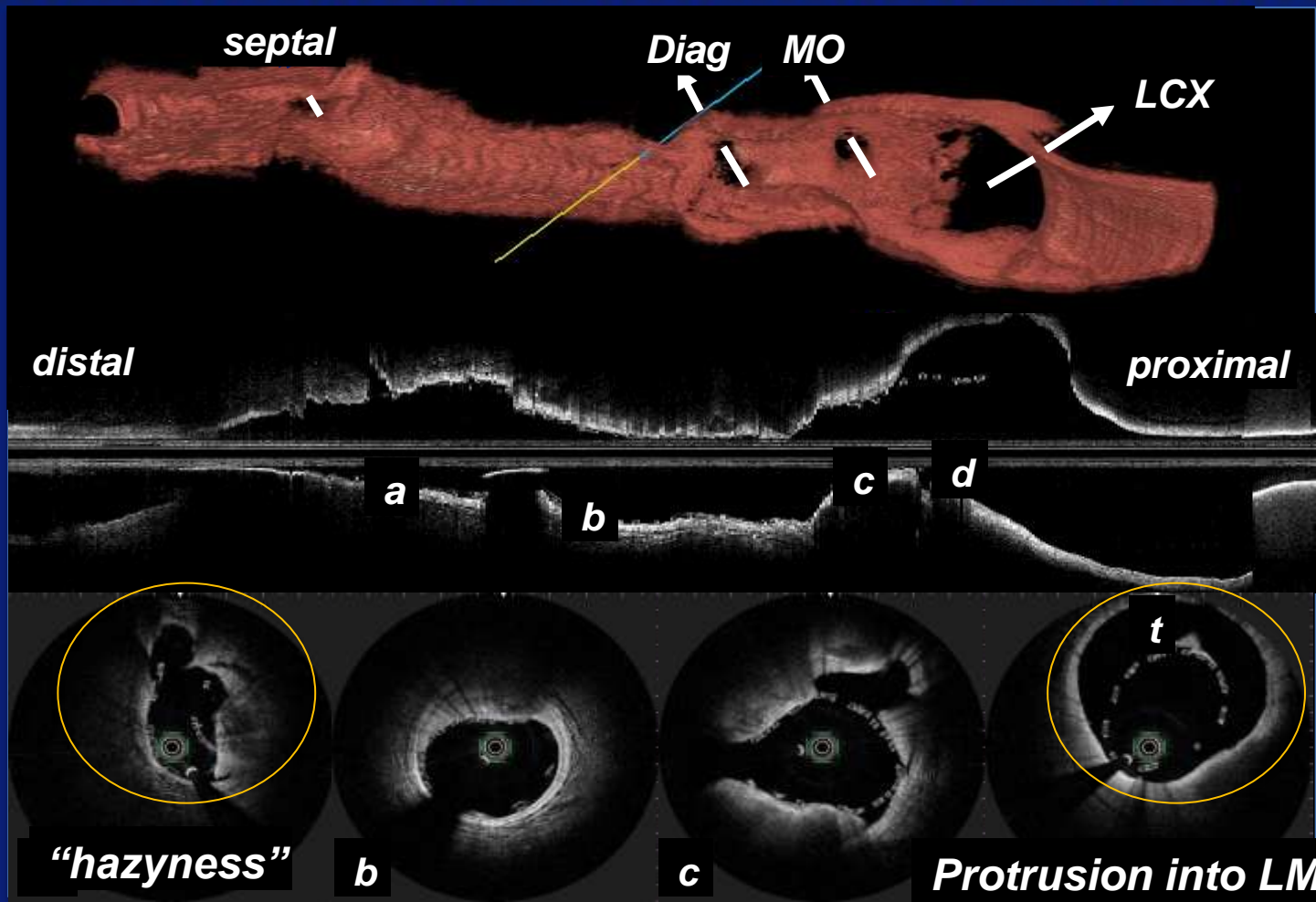
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Online
3D rendering
in the cathlab:
30 sec



OCT:
Terumo

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IVUS: Scaffold, lumen, plaque burden



IVUS-VH: Struts as artefacts (white color)

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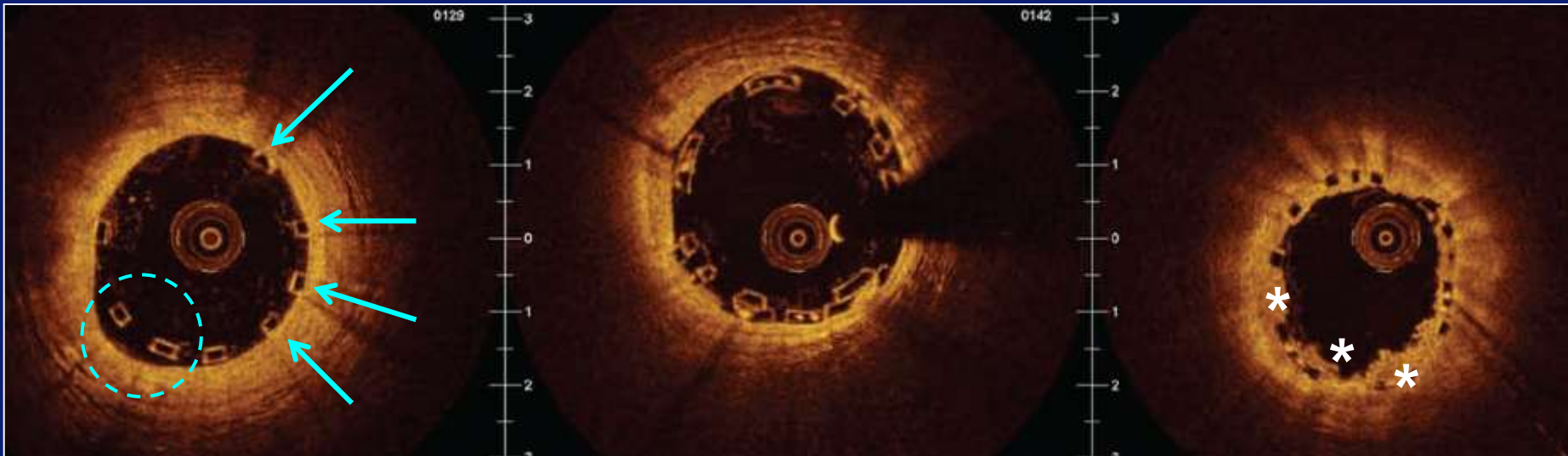
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coverage
changes over time**

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3. OCT is Superior to Visualize Struts & Apposition



***incomplete
strut
apposition***

***scaffold
strut
overlap***

***tissue
protrusion***

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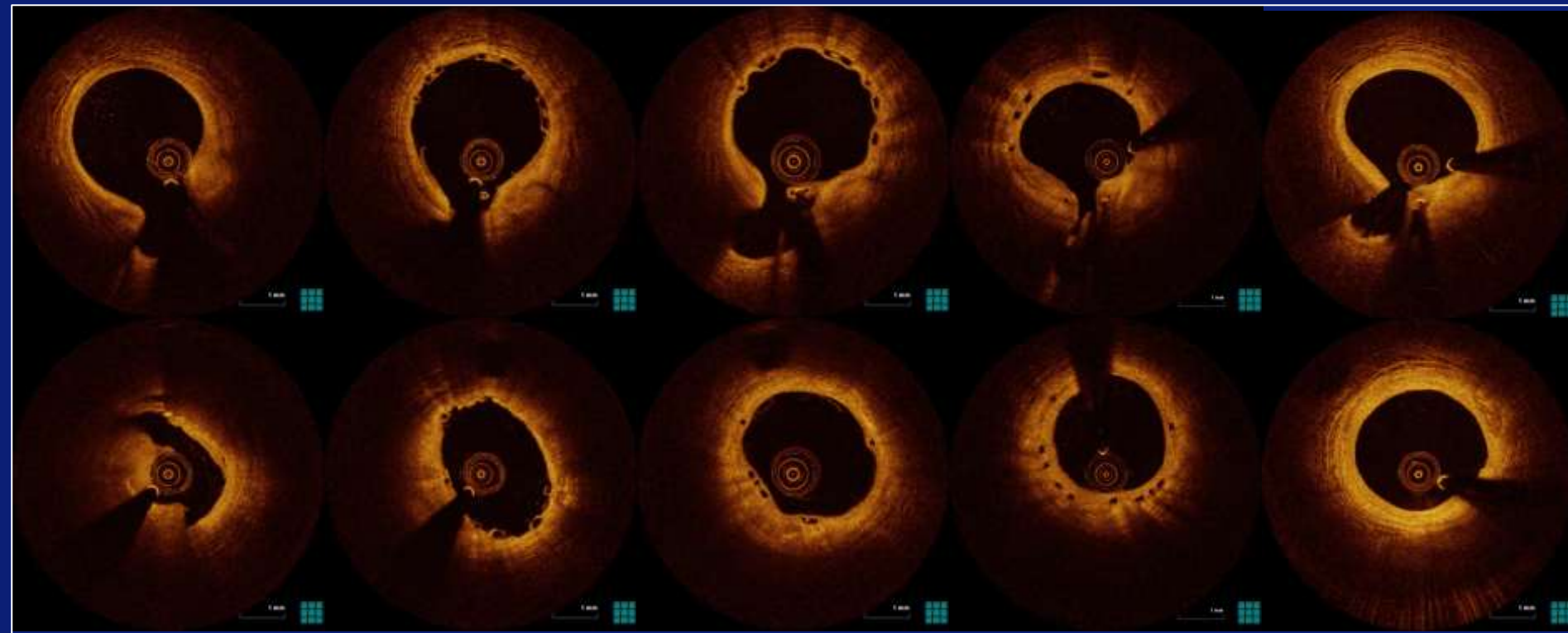
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5-year follow-up of BVS 1.1



Pre

Post

6 months

2 years

5 years

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OCT Assessment of the Long-Term Vascular Healing Response 5 Years After Everolimus-Eluting Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND Although recent observations suggest a favorable initial healing process of the everolimus-eluting bioresorbable vascular scaffold (BVS), little is known regarding long-term healing response.

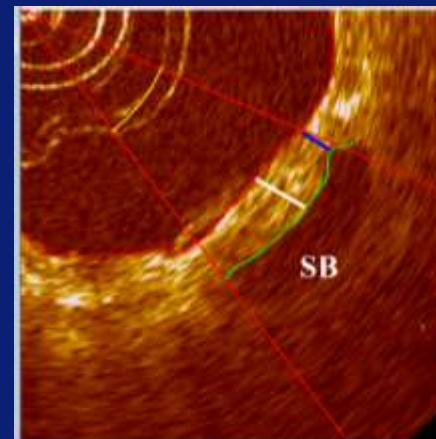
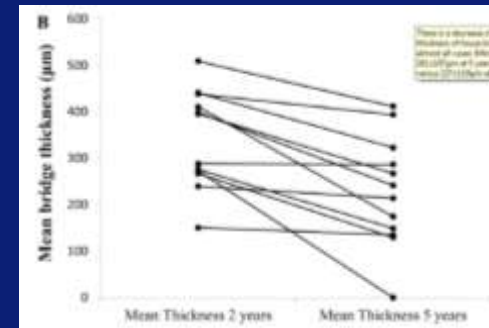
OBJECTIVE This study assessed the in vivo vascular healing response using optical coherence tomography (OCT) 5 years after elective first-in-man BVS implantation.

METHODS Of the 14 living patients enrolled in the Thoraxcenter Rotterdam cohort of the ABSORB A study, 8 patients underwent invasive follow-up, including OCT, 5 years after implantation. Advanced OCT image analysis included lumen morphometry, assessment of the subluminal signal-rich layer separating the lumen from other plaque components, visual and quantitative tissue characterization, and assessment of side branch stents "gates" at baseline.

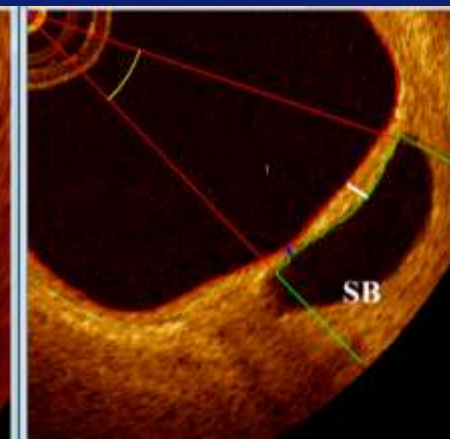
RESULTS In all patients, BVS struts were integrated in the vessel and were not discernible. BVS thickness and mean lumen area increased from 2 to 5 years, whereas lumen eccentricity decreased over time. In most patients, plaques were covered by a signal-rich, low-attenuating layer. Minimum cup thickness over lesions core was 105 ± 90 µm. One patient showed plaque progression and discontinuity of this layer. Side branch stents were preserved with tissue bridge weaving that had developed in the place of side branch struts, creating a neo-culcus.

CONCLUSIONS At long-term BVS follow-up, we observed a favorable tissue response, with late luminal enlargement, side branch patency, and development of a signal-rich, low-attenuating tissue layer that covered thrombotic plaque components. The small size of the study and the observation of a different tissue response in 1 patient warrant cautious interpretation of our results and confirmation in larger studies. (J Am Coll Cardiol. 2014;64:2243-56) © 2014 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.

*Fate of side branches?
All patent at 5y fup!*



2 years



5 years

BVS

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Guidance of
Implantation
Procedure

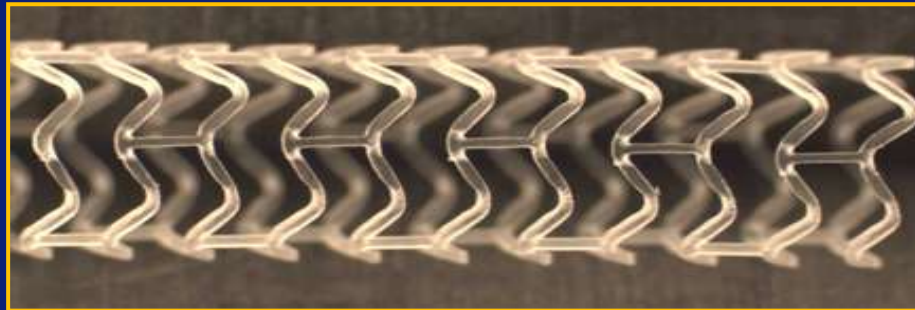
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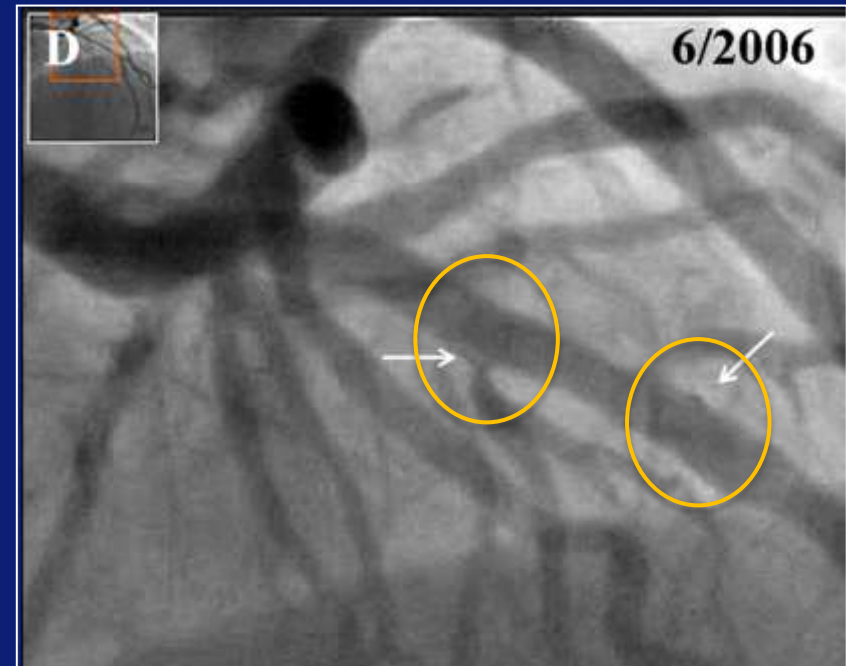


- Scaffolds are poorly visible on angiogram!

BVS Absorb



Tiny markers at the edges of the scaffold



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- Scaffolds are relatively bulky
- Lesion preparation is important!

Strut thickness 150 μm
Crossing profile 1.4-1.5mm



BVS Absorb

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- **Adequate BVS sizing is crucial**

Key issue with the ABSORB scaffold

Limited range of expansion

2.5 mm scaffold → up to 3.0mm

3.0 mm scaffold → up to 3.5mm

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Beyond that range, struts can break.

Therefore sizing pre-implantation is of paramount importance.

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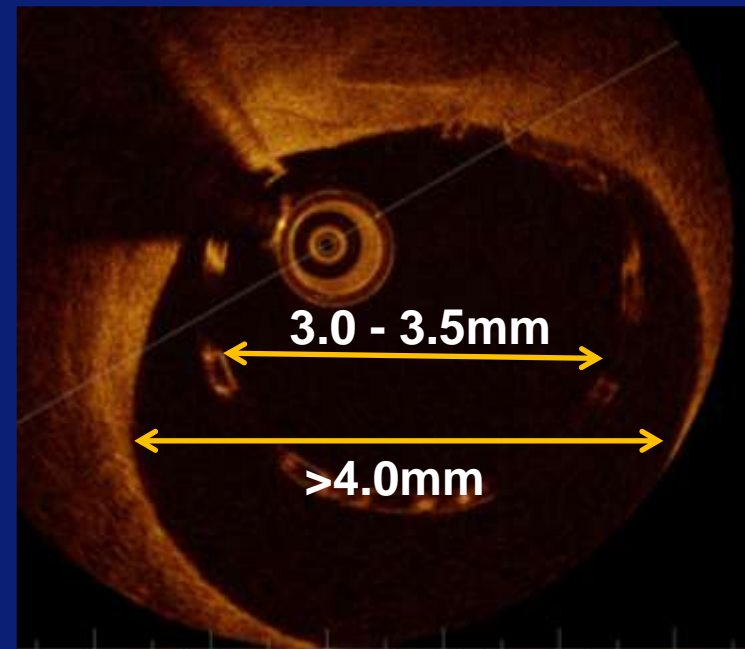
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Small malapposition

- Correctable by post dilatation
- Resolve at FUP

Large malapposition

- Uncorrectable (Persistent at FUP)
- Overexpansion by a large balloon
→ Acute disruption



Post procedural

Courtesy Y Onuma

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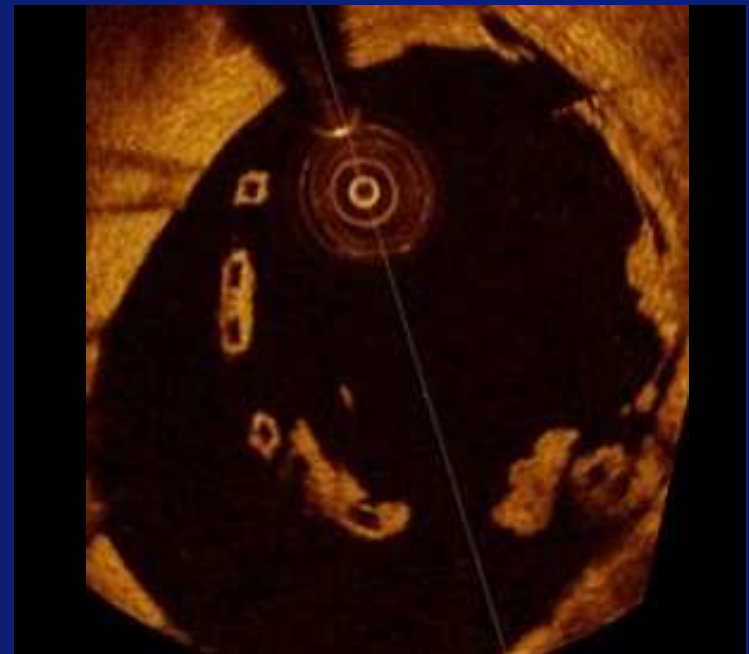
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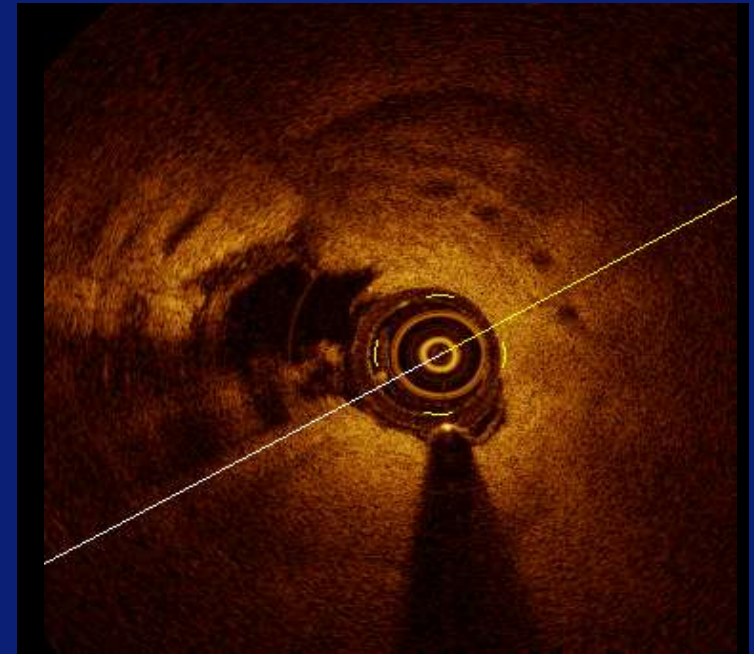
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18M Follow-up

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OCT to Guide BVS Implantation: Advantages

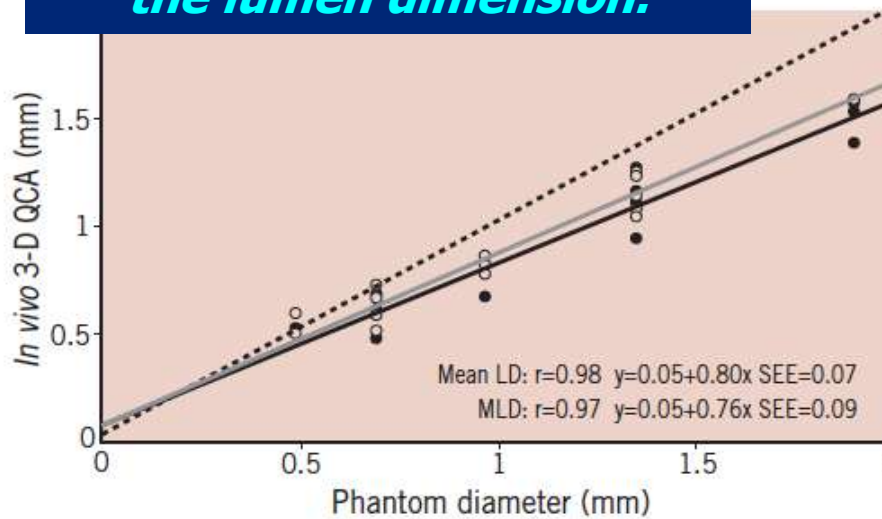
- **Angiography is inaccurate! Lumen diameter**

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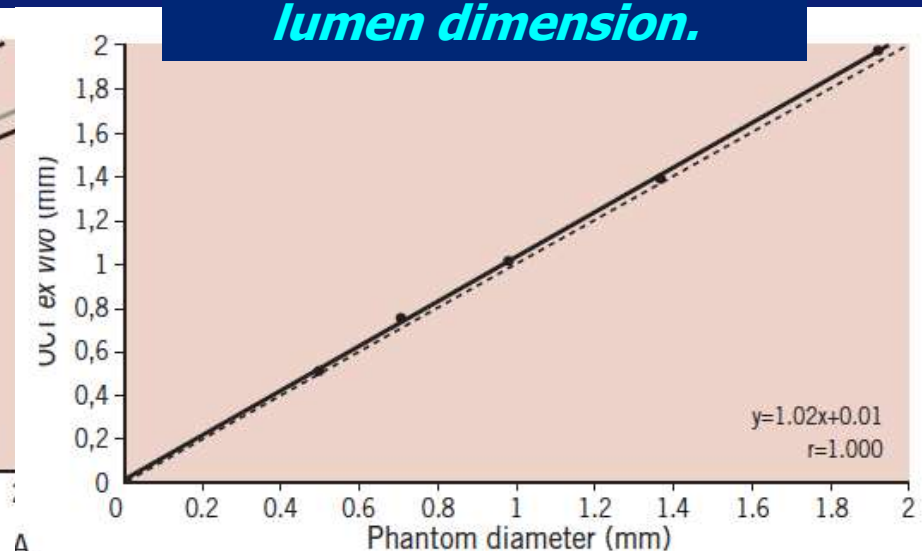
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QCA underestimates the lumen dimension.



OCT provides the correct lumen dimension.

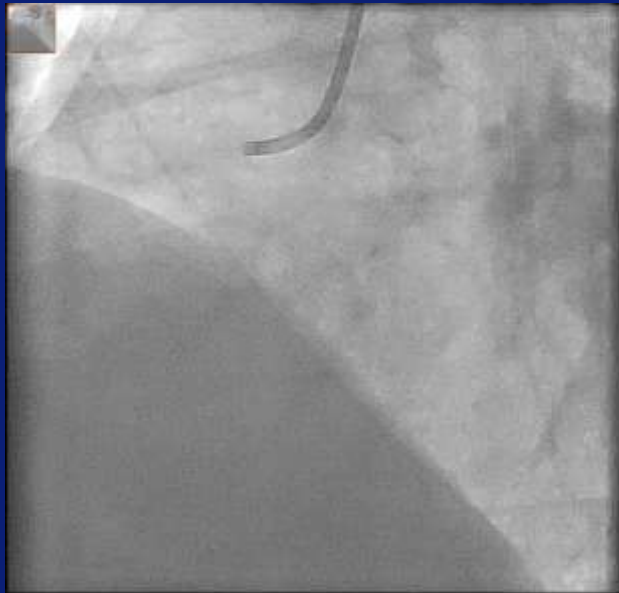


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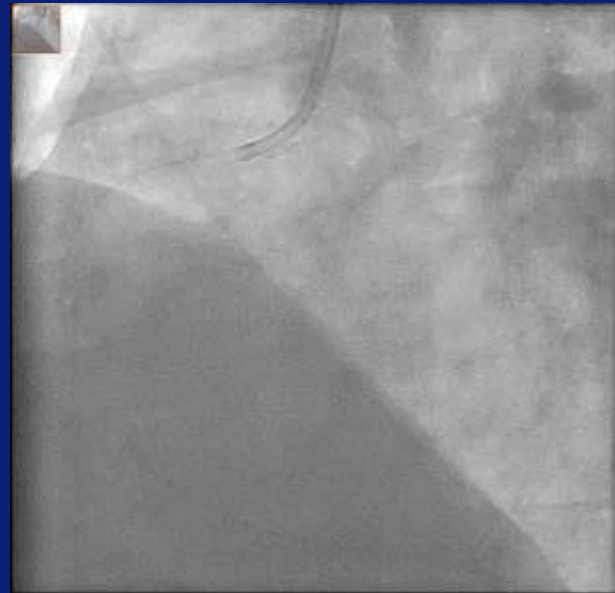
Accuracy

	QCA	IVUS	OCT
Dimension assessment	underestimation	overestimation	correct
Detection of malapposition	none	poor	optimal
Detection of fracture	none	none/poor	optimal
Option for co-registration	none	yes	yes
Regulatory labeling	no	yes	yes

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Pre



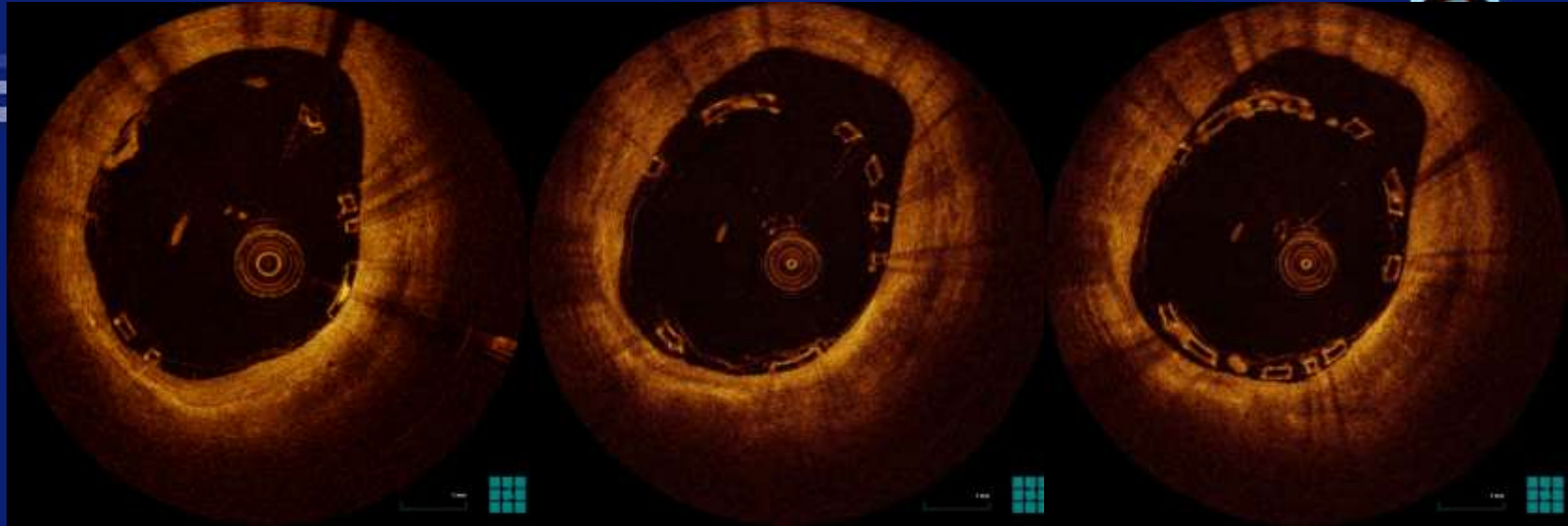
*After
thrombus aspiration*

Online QCA
MLD: 1.42mm
RVD: 4.02mm
DS: 65%
Dmax: 3.89mm



BVS 3.5/18mm

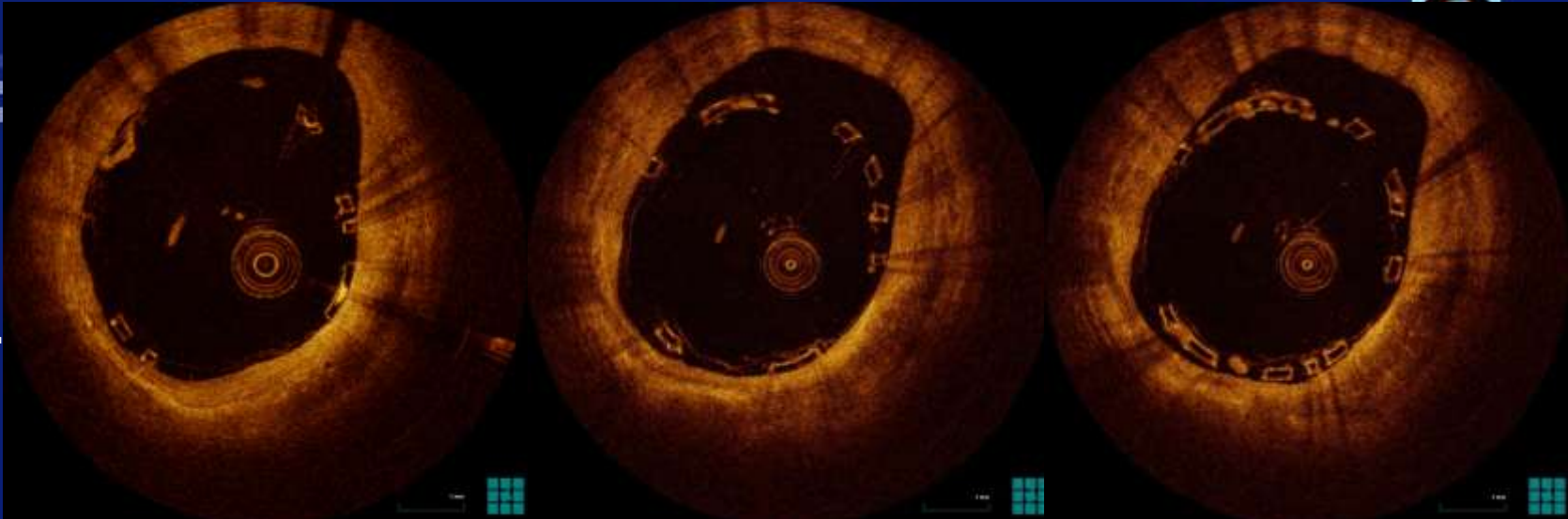
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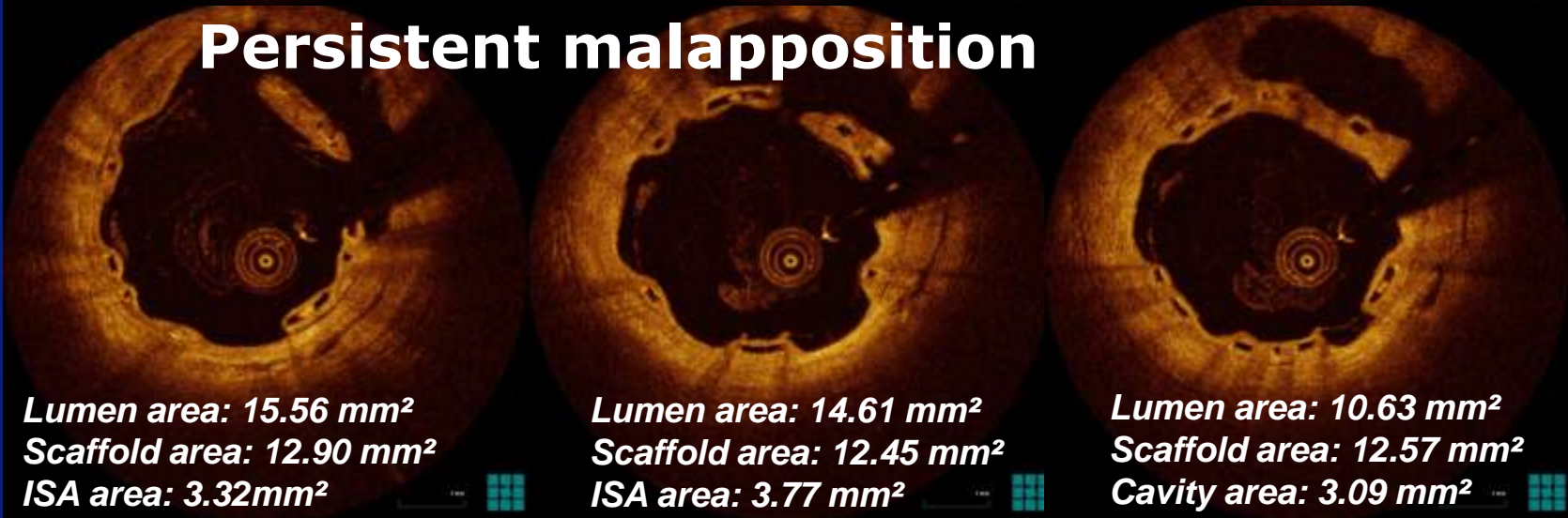
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Post-implantation



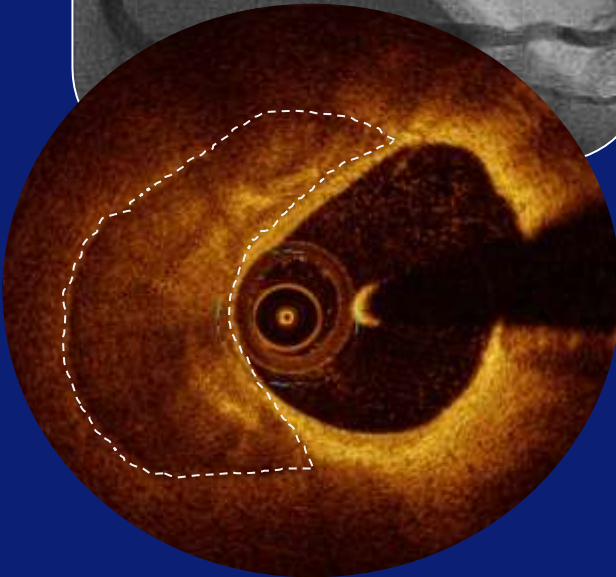
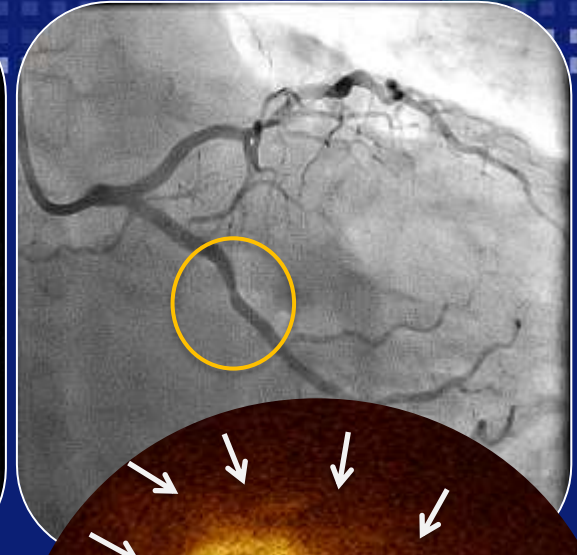
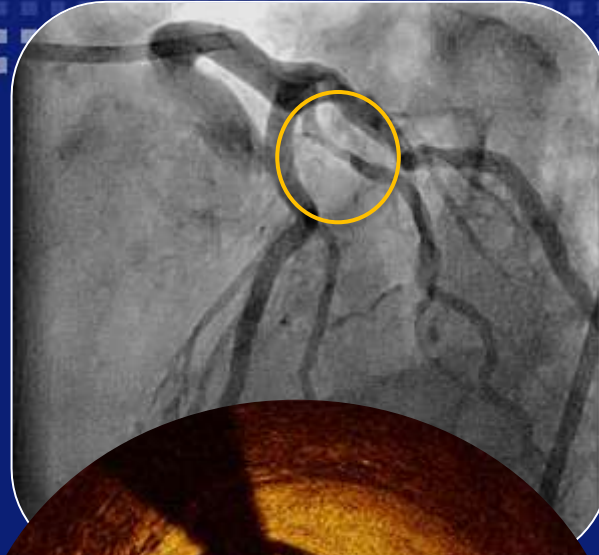
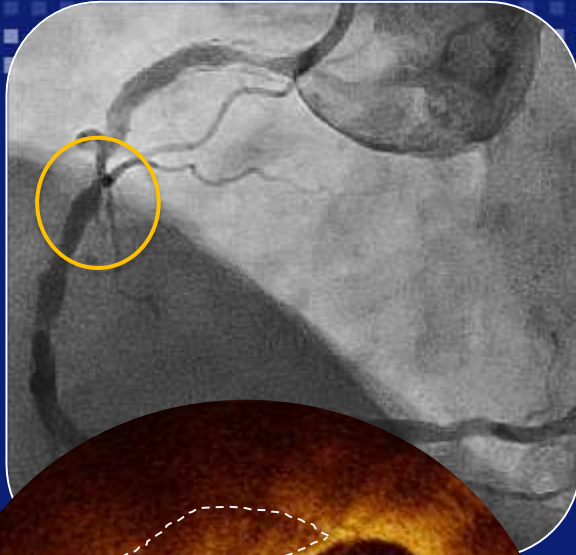
6 month follow-up

Persistent malapposition

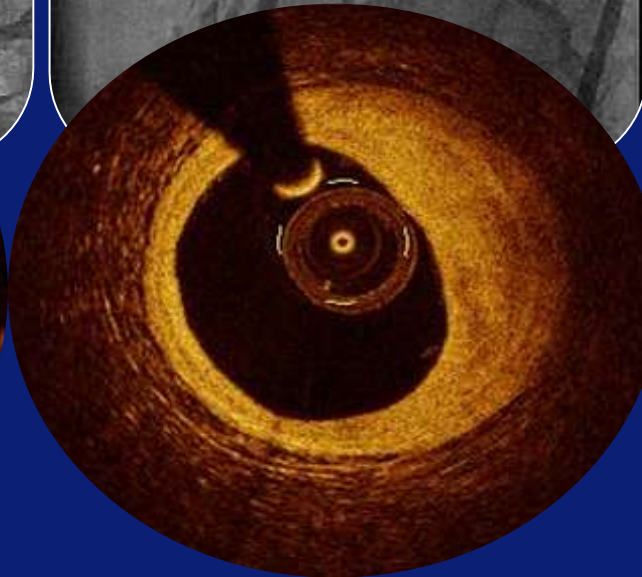


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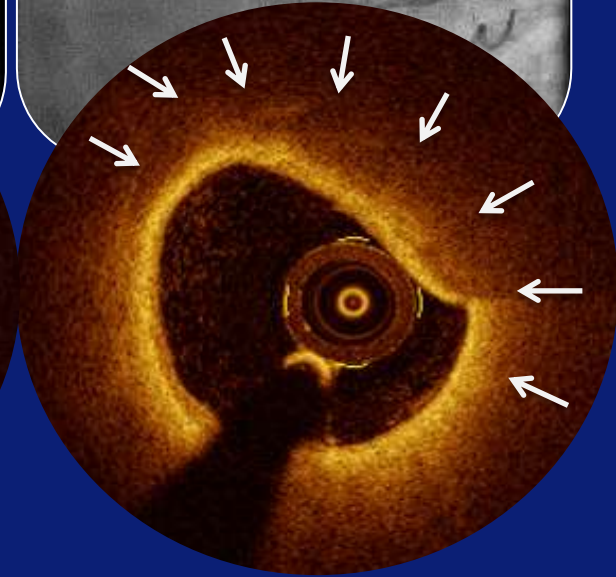
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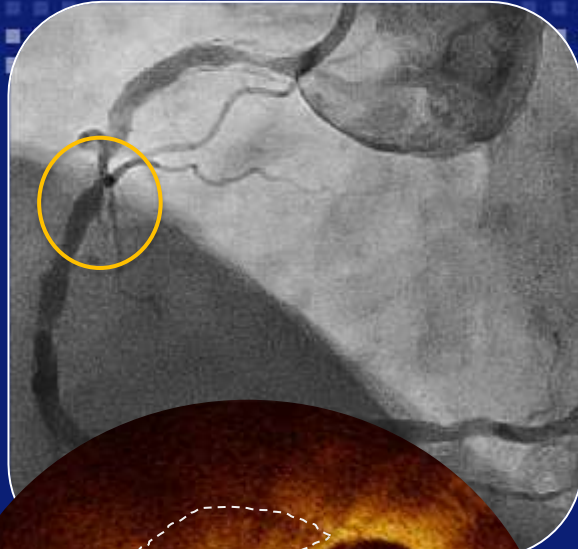


Fibrous



**Lipid-rich
Fibroatheroma**

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Role of OCT

Location: superficial vs deep ?

Extent: circumference (≥ 270)?

Location of MLA

Lesion length

Impact on lesion preparation

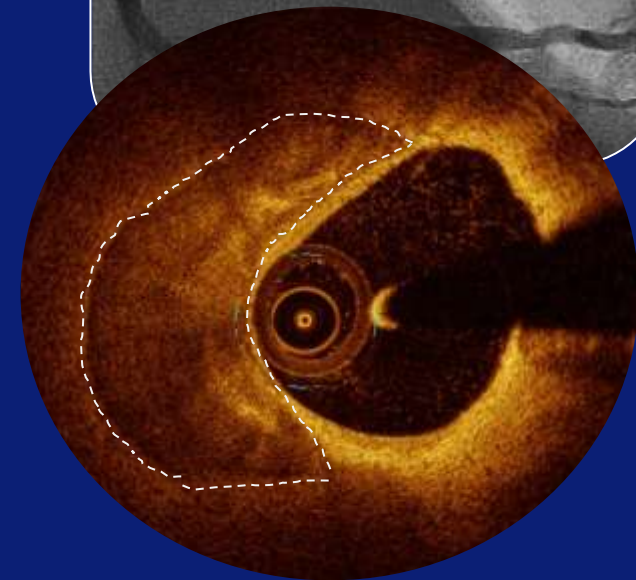
Rotational/orbital atherectomy

Scoring balloon?

Cutting balloon?

Adequate stent length

Adequate stent diameter



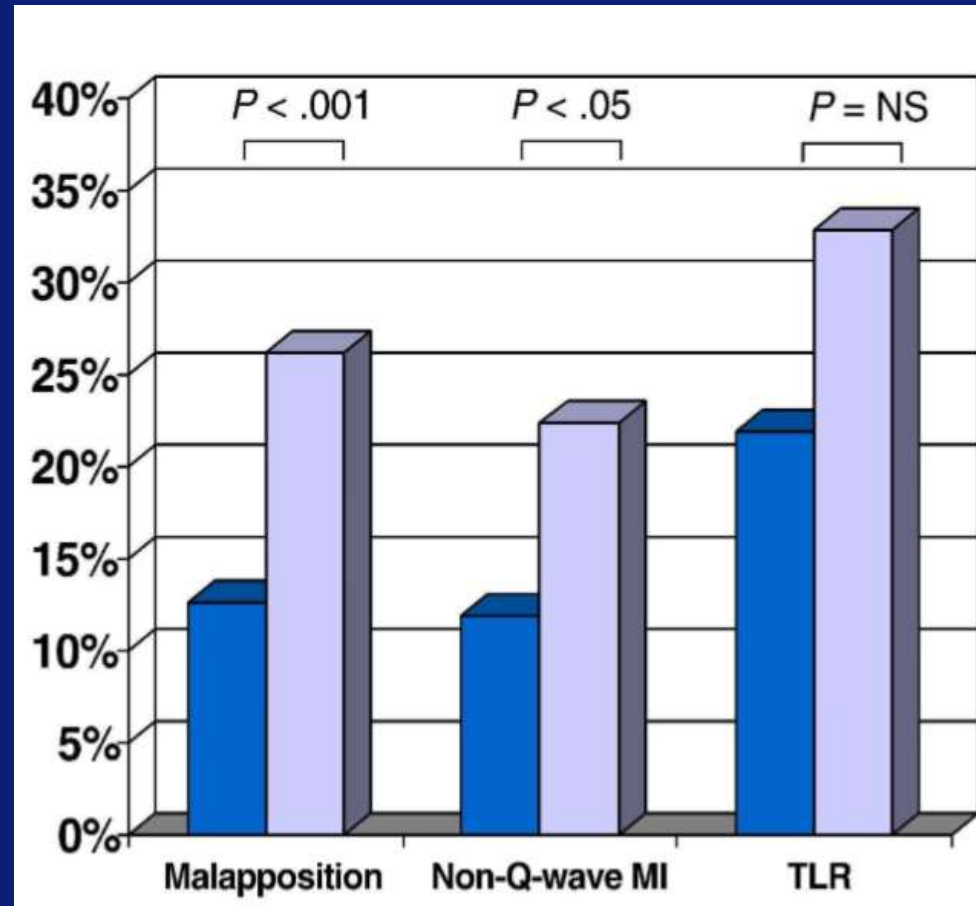
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Calcific lesions cause malapposition, MI & worse outcome

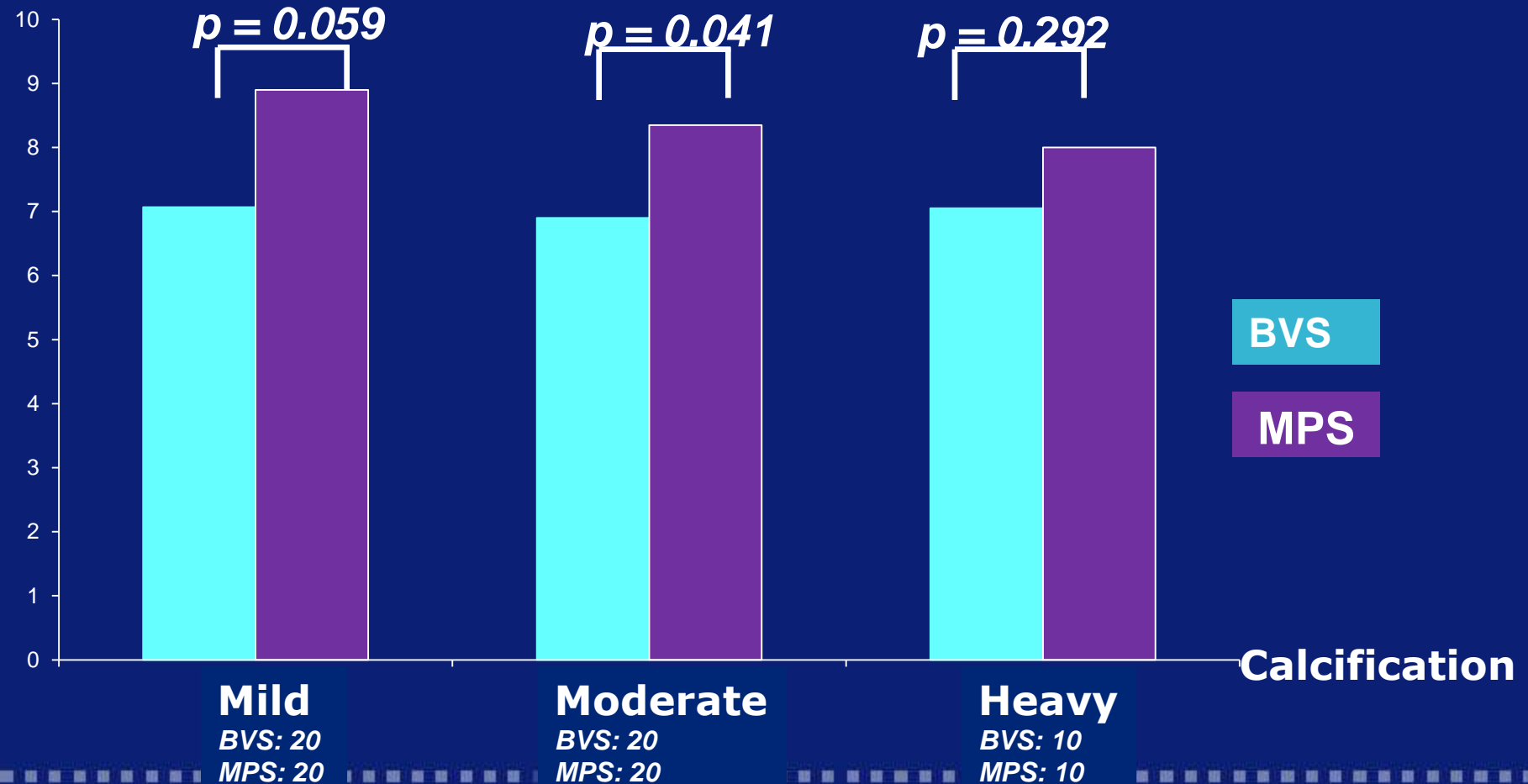
 Calcium $>271^\circ$ circumference
 Calcium $\leq 270^\circ$ circumference

*Registry
N= 540 pts
Retrospective IVUS analysis
Bare metal stents*



Does Lesion Calcification Affect Expansion?

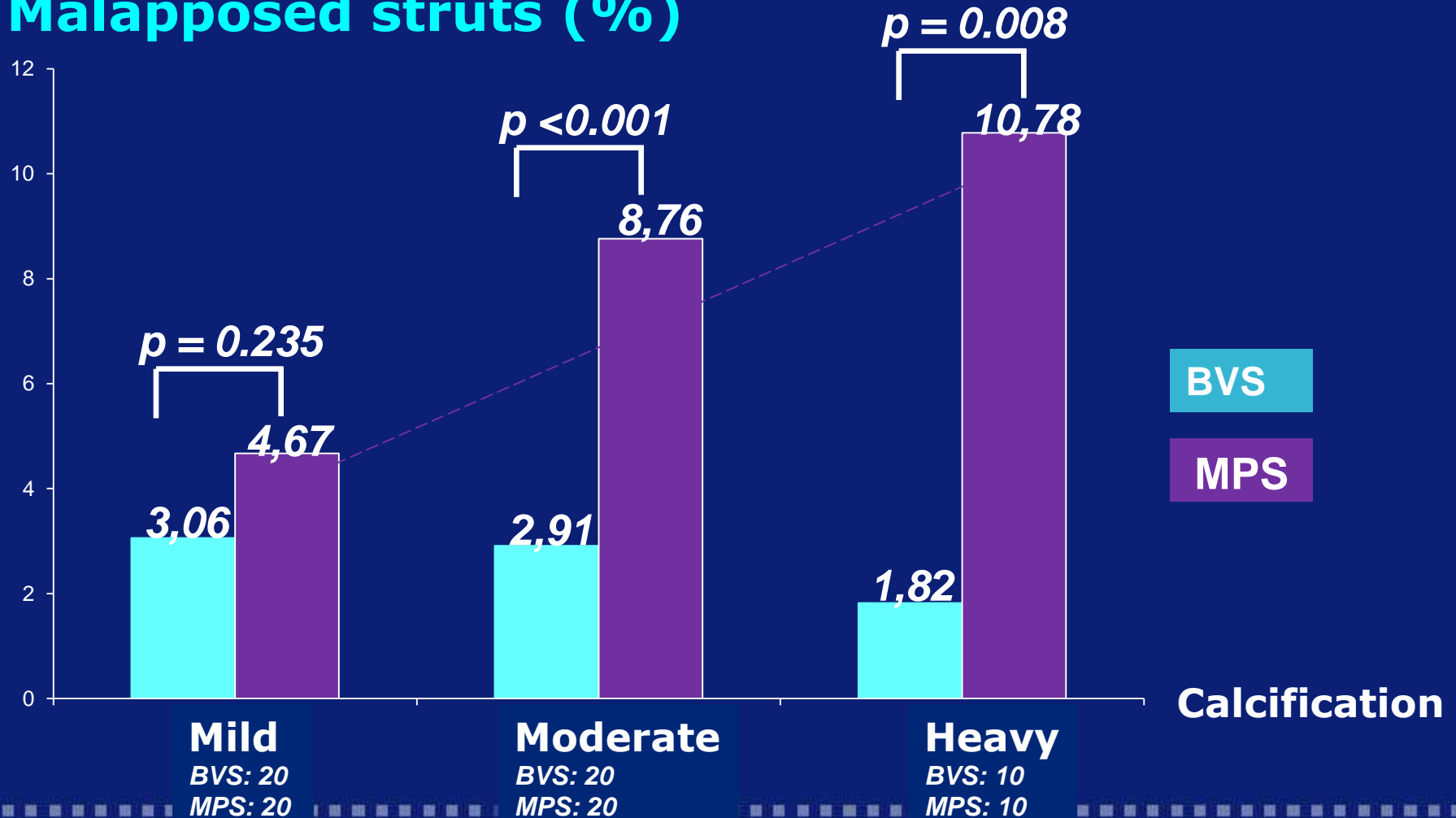
Mean Scaffold Area (mm²)





Does Lesion Calcification Affect Strut Apposition?

Malapposed struts (%)



Does Lesion Calcification Affect Expansion?

*When adequate lesion preparation has been performed
the degree of lesion calcification*

- *did not limit the expansion of BVS scaffolds*
 - *as measured by scaffold area &*
 - *incidence of strut malapposition.*
- *only moderately affected the symmetry indices.*

in our small cohort

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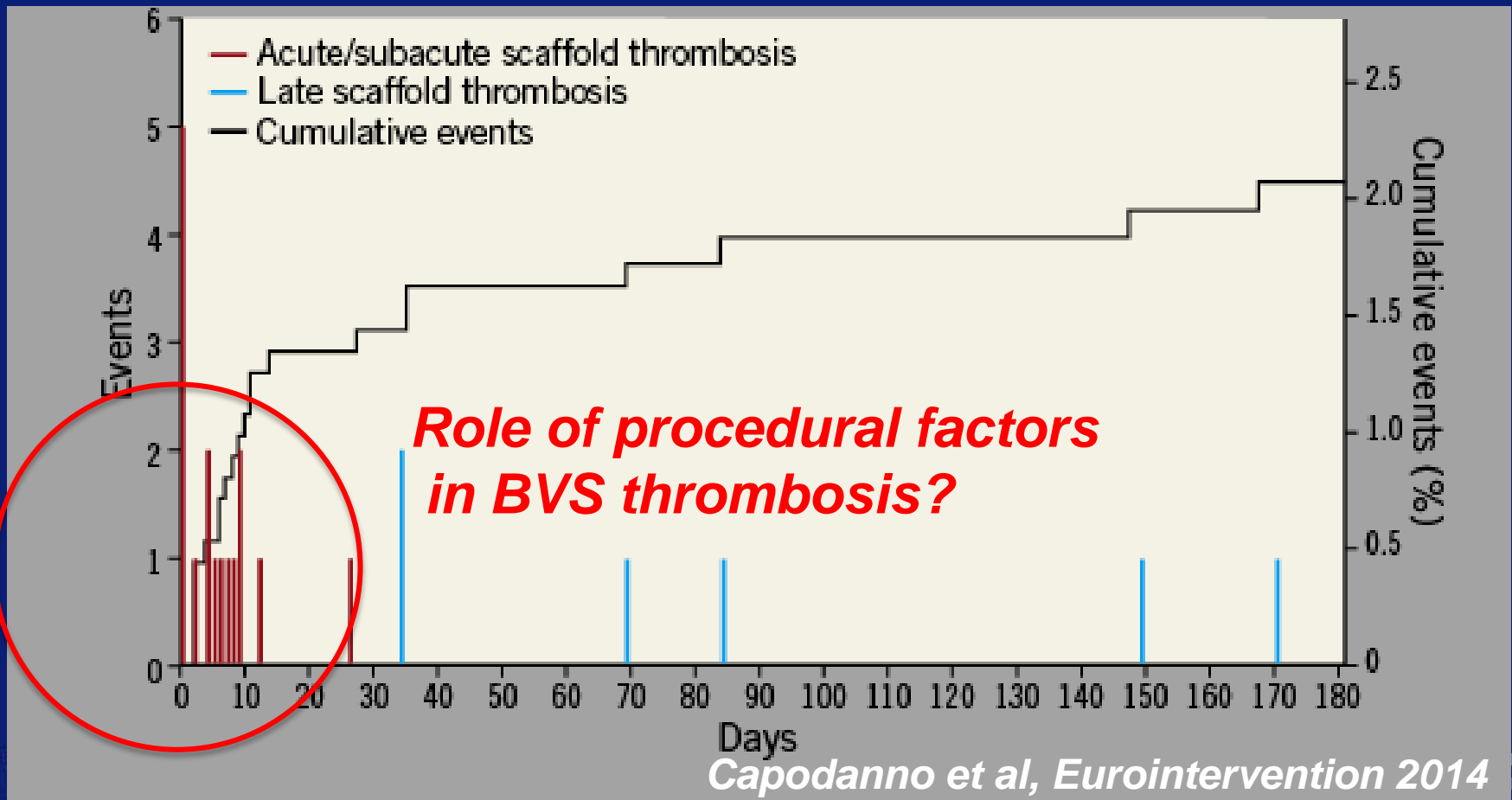
BVS

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Insights in
Failure/
Thrombosis

BVS perform less well in real world lesions?



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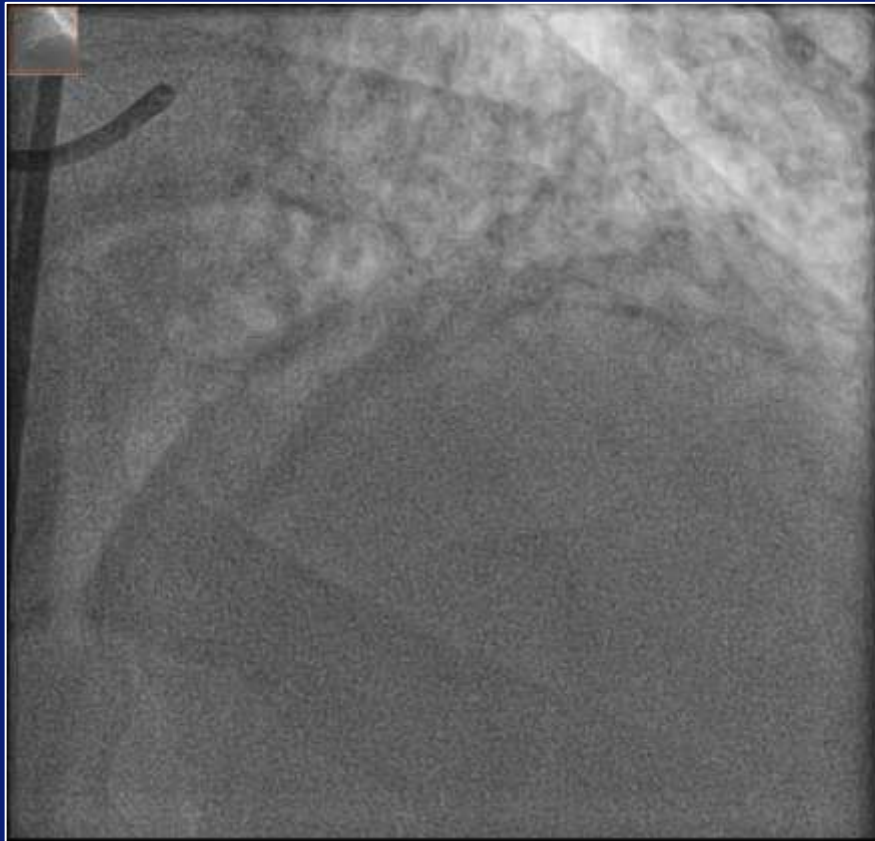
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BVS-Thrombosis at Day 2: STEMI

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LAD: Event

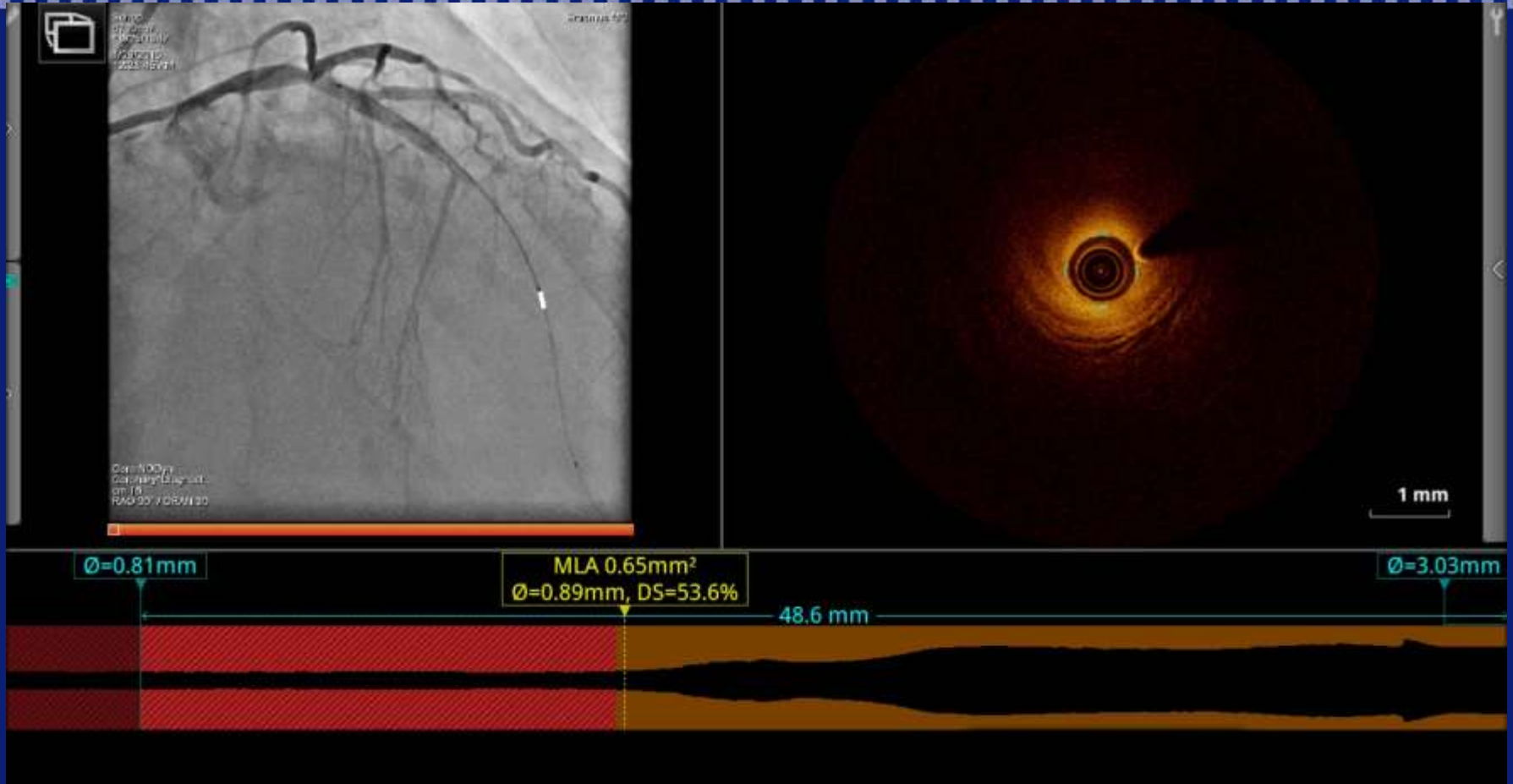


*STEMI 2d
after PCI LAD
(BVS 3.5x18mm)*

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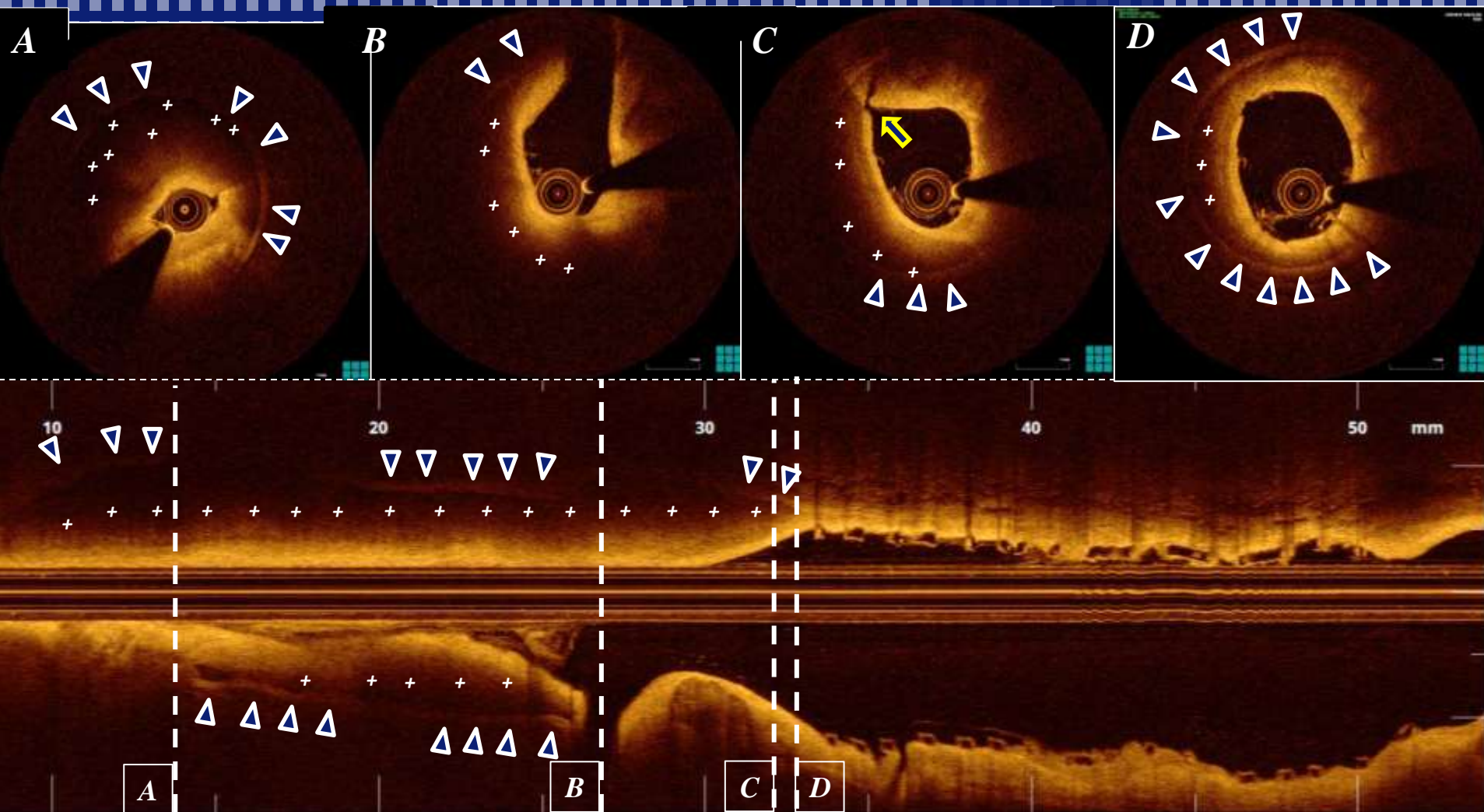
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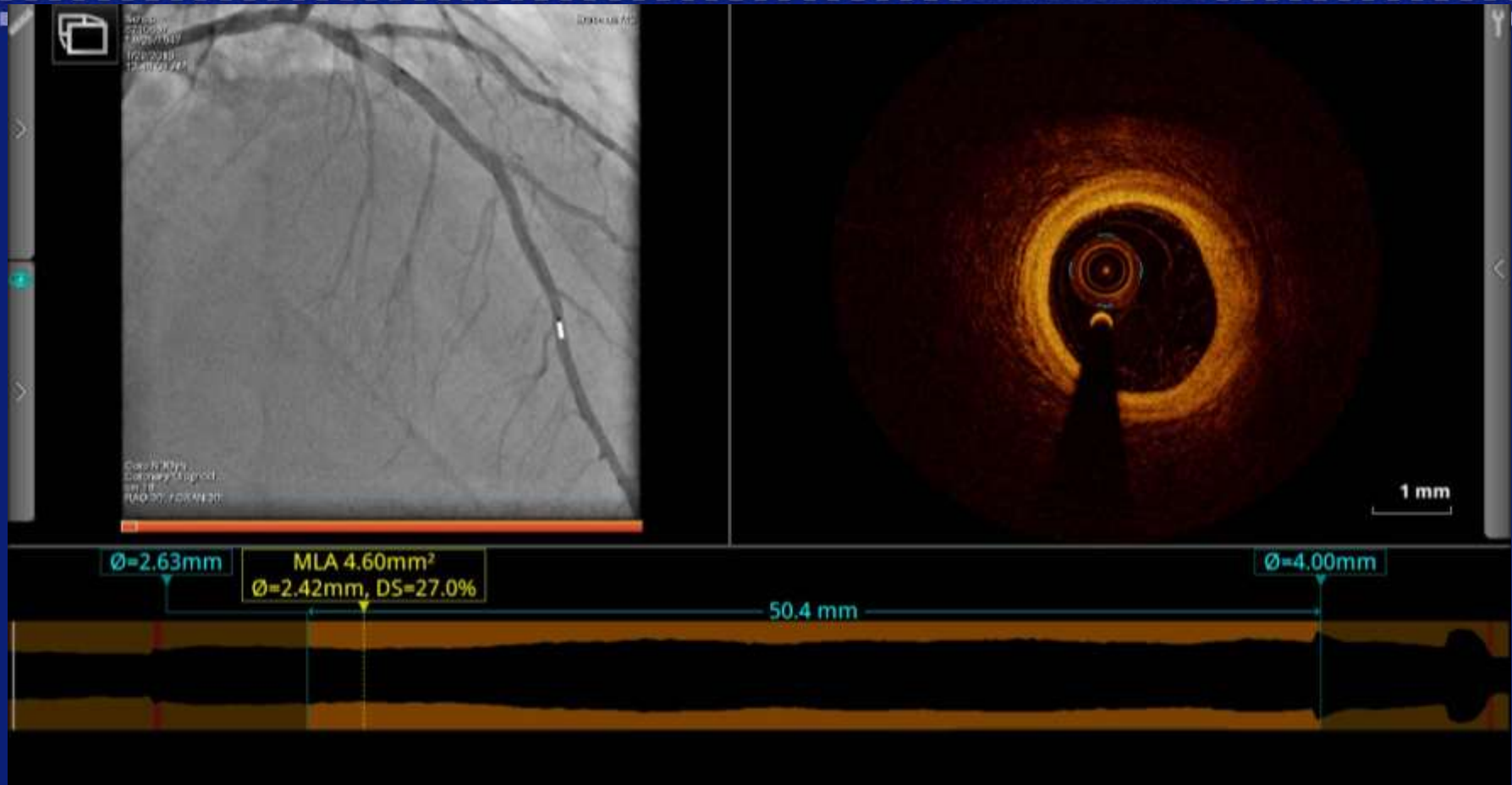




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What Happens in The Real World?

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After implantation of distal overlapping BVS 3.5x23mm & 2.5x12mm



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What Happens in The Real World?

BVS-Thrombosis: Thoraxcenter Experience

Case	Type/timing	Baseline OCT findings	OCT findings at event	Dual antiplatelet therapy
1	Acute/same day		Thrombus at proximal stent edge, deriving from an adjacent fibroatheroma Incomplete lesion coverage	Yes
2	Subacute/2 days		Thrombus overlying extensive overlap region (7.6mm) Extensive overlap	Yes
3	Late/40 days	Undersizing/residual thrombus/plaque prolapse	Incomplete scaffold apposition with thrombus Incomplete expansion	Yes
4	Late/4 months		Occlusive edge restenosis Incomplete lesion coverage	Yes
5	Late/4 months		Uncovered struts at the carina of a bifurcation treated with T-stenting Incomplete lesion coverage	No
6	Late/4 months	Scaffold fracture	Thrombus overlying overlap region with underexpansion/ scaffold fracture Mechanical damage	No
7	Late/7 months		Incomplete scaffold apposition/occlusive restenosis Incomplete expansion	Yes
8	Very late/2 years	Optimal scaffold expansion	Late scaffold discontinuity/incomplete scaffold apposition Mechanical damage	No

Clinical Utility of Intracoronary Imaging: BVS Summary



IVUS, VH & OCT: Intracoronary imaging is superior to angio!

**Intracoronary imaging is most efficient when used
before scaffold placement**

Lesion preparation & BVS selection

- ✓ **Correct assessment of plaque composition**
- ✓ **Correct assessment of lumen dimensions**
- ✓ **Correct assessment of lesion length**

Assuring optimal prognosis

*In our limited experience,
most BVS thromboses seem avoidable !*

Thank you for your attention!

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