

The 4th Revolution in PCI (Bioabsorbable Vascular Scaffolds)

Experience of BVS in Complex Lesions

Corrado Tamburino, MD, PhD

*Ferrarotto Hospital, University of
Catania, Catania Italy*



Potential conflicts of interest

Speaker's name: Corrado Tamburino

✓ I have the following potential conflicts of interest to report:

Research contracts

Consulting Medtronic, Abbott v, Edwards, Boston Sc.

Employment in industry

Stockholder of a healthcare company

Owner of a healthcare company

Other(s)

I do not have any potential conflict of interest



BRS: Predicated Benefits

Vascular restoration therapy (VRT)

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Superior conformability and flexibility | ➔ | Improved distribution of the tissue biomechanics and preserved vessel geometry |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Liberation of vessel from a metallic cage” | ➔ | Restoration of physiological vasomotion, adaptive shear stress, late luminal gain, and late expansive remodelling |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Absence of any residual foreign material▪ Restoration of functional endothelial coverage | ➔ | Resolution of malapposition and stent fracture;
Reduced inflammation and neoatherosclerosis |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Plaque sealing | ➔ | Reduced neoatherosclerosis
Passivation of vulnerable plaques |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Additional technical benefits | ➔ | No ‘jailing’ of the side branches;
No overhang at ostial lesions;
No inability to graft the stented segment;
Reduced distal embolization |



Expected clinical implications of BRS biological effects

1. Reduction of angina

1. Prevention of late thrombotic events



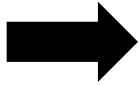
Challenges of BRS

- Deliverability and crossing profile



Radial strength versus crossing profile (thick struts: **challenging use in complex lesions and higher thrombogenicity**)

- Stretchability and strut fracture



Limitations of expansion (risk of malapposition, underexpansion) and potential for breaks with over-dilatation.

- Side branch occlusion



Periprocedural myocardial infarctions?
Issues with accessibility of side branches

- Duration of antiplatelet therapy



Concerns over early discontinuation, further studies are warranted







- Use in ACS and complex lesions



Safety and efficacy data in complex lesions not widely available



Absorb BVS versus Other BRS

	Commercially Available		Reva ReZolve	ART	Amaranth Fortitude	Biotronik DREAMS-2
	Abbott Vascular Absorb	Elixir DESolve				
Template Thickness						
	PLLA	PLA-based	Tyrosine-derived Polycarbonate	PDLA	PLLA	Magnesium
Template Thickness	~150 μm	~150 μm	~122 μm X 2	~160 μm	~150 μm	~125 μm
Support Time	6 months	3 – < 6 months	~6 months	\leq 3 months	3 – 6 months	\leq 3 months
Degradation Products	H ₂ O & CO ₂	H ₂ O & CO ₂	I ₂ DAT, I ₂ DT, PCL, Tyrosine	H ₂ O & CO ₂	H ₂ O & CO ₂	Soft Hydroxyapatite
Resorption Time	< 36 months <i>(slow)</i>	18 – 24 months <i>(fast)</i>	~ 36 months <i>(slow)</i>	~18 months <i>(very fast)</i>	> 48 months <i>(very slow)</i>	9 – 12 months <i>(very fast)</i>



ABSORB experience current status

- According to the IFU, ABSORB is indicated for “**de novo native coronary artery lesions**”. The treated lesion length should be less than the nominal scaffolding length (12 mm, 18 mm, 28 mm) with reference vessel diameters ≥ 2.0 mm and ≤ 3.8 mm”.
- **Current ABSORB experience**: moving from simple to complex lesions



Investigator Sponsored Trials - Overview and Status Update

Study Title	S-I	Design	Number of patients enrolled	Primary Endpoint	Patient FU (Years)
-------------	-----	--------	-----------------------------	------------------	--------------------

Registries (>10,000 Pts) – Funded by Abbott Vascular

BVS EXPAND	R.J. van Geuns	All – comers Registry (excl STEMI)	300/300	1 – Yr MACE	5
ASSURE	D. Mathey	All – comers Registry	180/180	Safety and Efficacy	3
ABSORB CTO	A. Serra	Feasibility in CTO	35/35	Safety and Performance	2
PABLOS	A. Colombo	Feasibility in Bifurcations	23/30	Device, Procedural, Main and Side Branch Success	2
IT-DISSAPEARS	F. Bedogni / A.S. Petronio	MVD and Long Lesion Registry	175/1000	Safety and Efficacy	5
GABI-R	H. Nef	All – comers Registry	1417/5000	Safety and Efficacy	5
REPARA	F. Hernandez	All – comers Registry	1000/1500	1- Yr MACE	1
POLAR ACS	D. Dudek	ACS Registry	100/100	Safety, clinical device, procedure success and in-hospital MACE	1
France ABSORB	R. Koning	Feasibility in de novo lesions	160/2000	1 – Yr MACE	1

Registries – w/o Abbott Funding (not all information is available)

GHOST EU	C. Tamburino	All – comers Registry	1433	Target Vessel Failure (TVF)	1
GHOST-Ferrarotto	C. Tamburino	All – comers Registry	319	Target Vessel Failure (TVF)	1
Prague 19	P. Widimsky	STEMI (STEMI Killip I/II)	98/100	Clinical Outcomes	1



GHOST-EU: Participating centers

ElisabethKrankenhaus, Essen

C. Naber
S. Pyxaras

Royal Brompton Hospital, London

C. Di Mario
A. Mattesini

**San Raffaele Hospital and
Emocolumbus Clinic, Milan**

A. Colombo
A. Lateeb

S. G. Di Dio Hospital, Agrigento

G. Caramanno
S. Geraci

University of Giessen, Giessen

H. Nef

Medizinische Klinik, Mainz

T. Gori

Uniwersytet Medyczny, Poznan

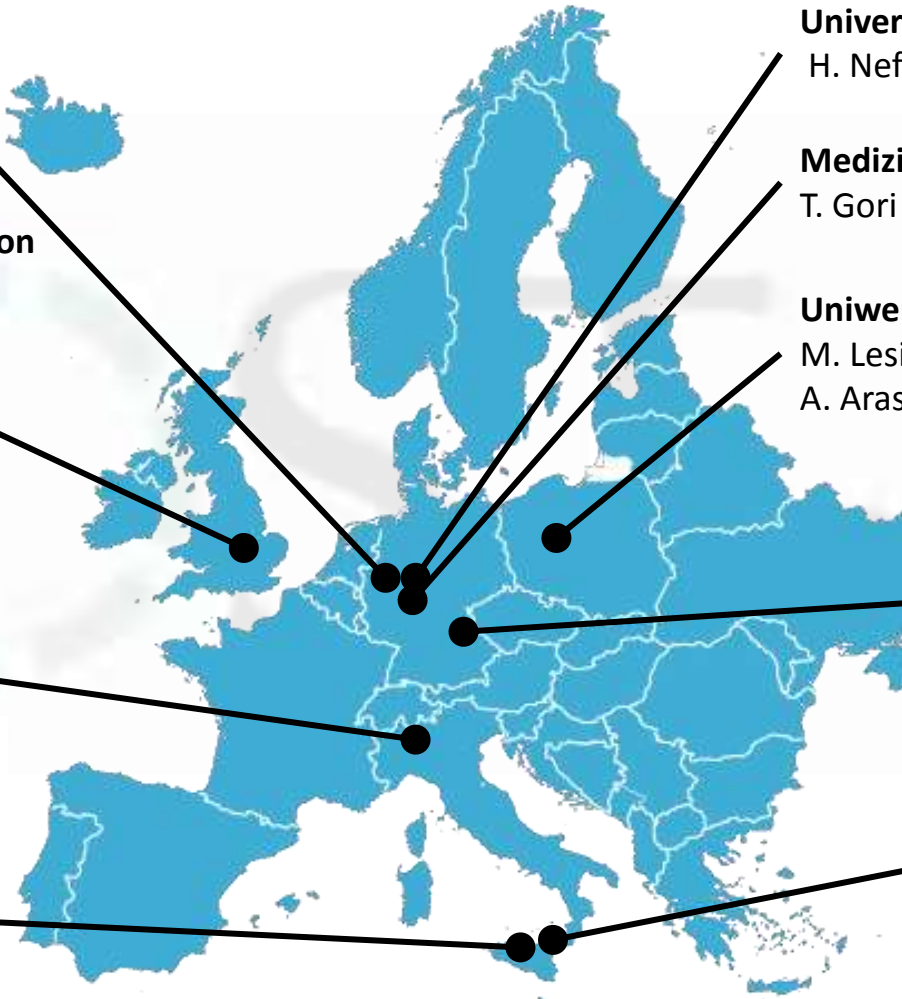
M. Lesiak
A. Araszkiwicz

Klinikum Großhadern, Munich

J. Mehilli

Ferrarotto Hospital, Catania

C. Tamburino (PI)
D. Capodanno (co-PI)
P. Capranzano



GHOST-EU Extended Use* 1.189 patients

Clinical

NSTEMI/STEMI, N=406/1,189(34.1%)

LVEF<30%, N=32/980 (3.3%)

CKD (eGFR<60), N=111/743 (14.9%)

ISR, N=49/1,440 (3.4%)

Ostial, N=90/1,282 (7.0%)

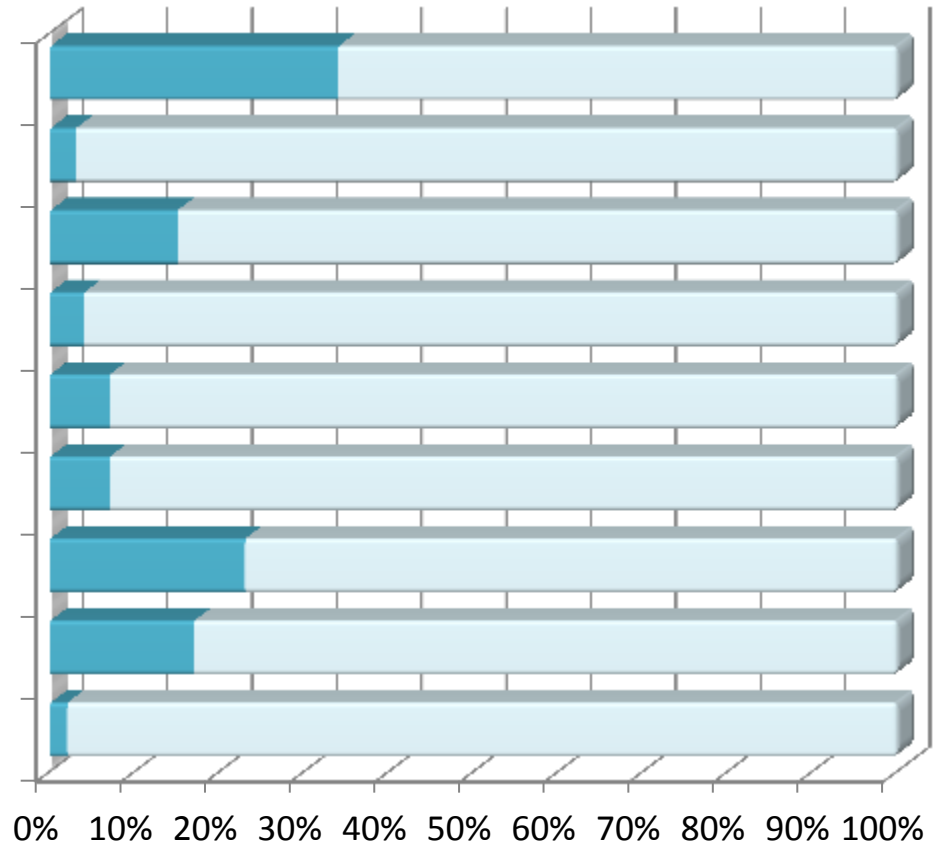
CTO, N=96/1,440(6.7%)

Bifucations, N=333/1,440(23.1%)

Thrombus, N=242/1,440(16.8%)

Left main, N=17/1,427(1.2%)

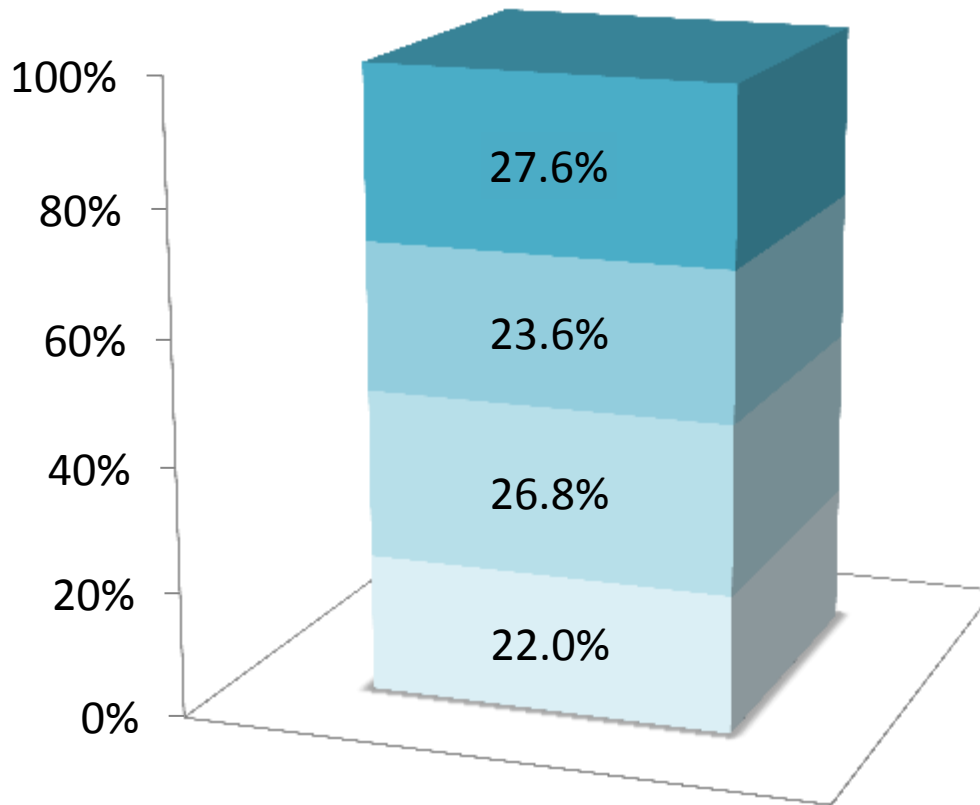
Angiographic



*Compared to ABSORB II eligibility (Diletti et al. Am Heart J. 2012;164:654-63)



ACC/AHA Lesion Complexity



ACC/AHA B2/C
N= 687/1,343 (51.2%)*

- ACC/AHA type C (N=370)
- ACC/AHA type B2 (N=317)
- ACC/AHA type B1 (N=360)
- ACC/AHA type A (N=296)

*Vs. 40% in the ABSORB EXTEND
Whitbourn et al. – TCT 2013



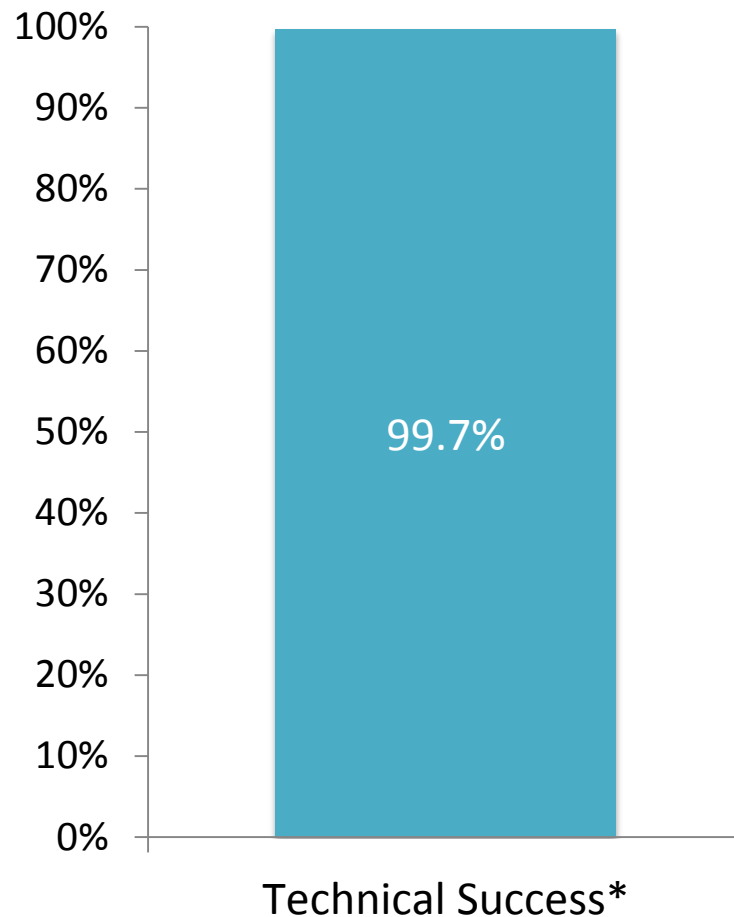
GHOST-EU Procedural Details :1189 patients

Lesion-based

Pre-Dilatation	1,405/1,440 (98%)
Post-Dilatation	712/1,1440 (49%)

Patient-based

No. Target Lesion/Pt	1.2±0.5
Multivessel Disease	485/1,186 (40.9%)
SYNTAX Score	11.3±7.9 (820)
Hybrid (BVS plus non-BVS)	219/1,189 (18.4%)
IVUS-guided	171/1,184 (14.4%)
OCT-guided	163/1,184 (13.8%)
Tot. Scaffold Length (mm)	32.6±23.0 (1,189)
Aver. Scaffold Diameter (mm)	3.0±0.5 (1,189)
Tot. Scaffold Implanted (n)	1731

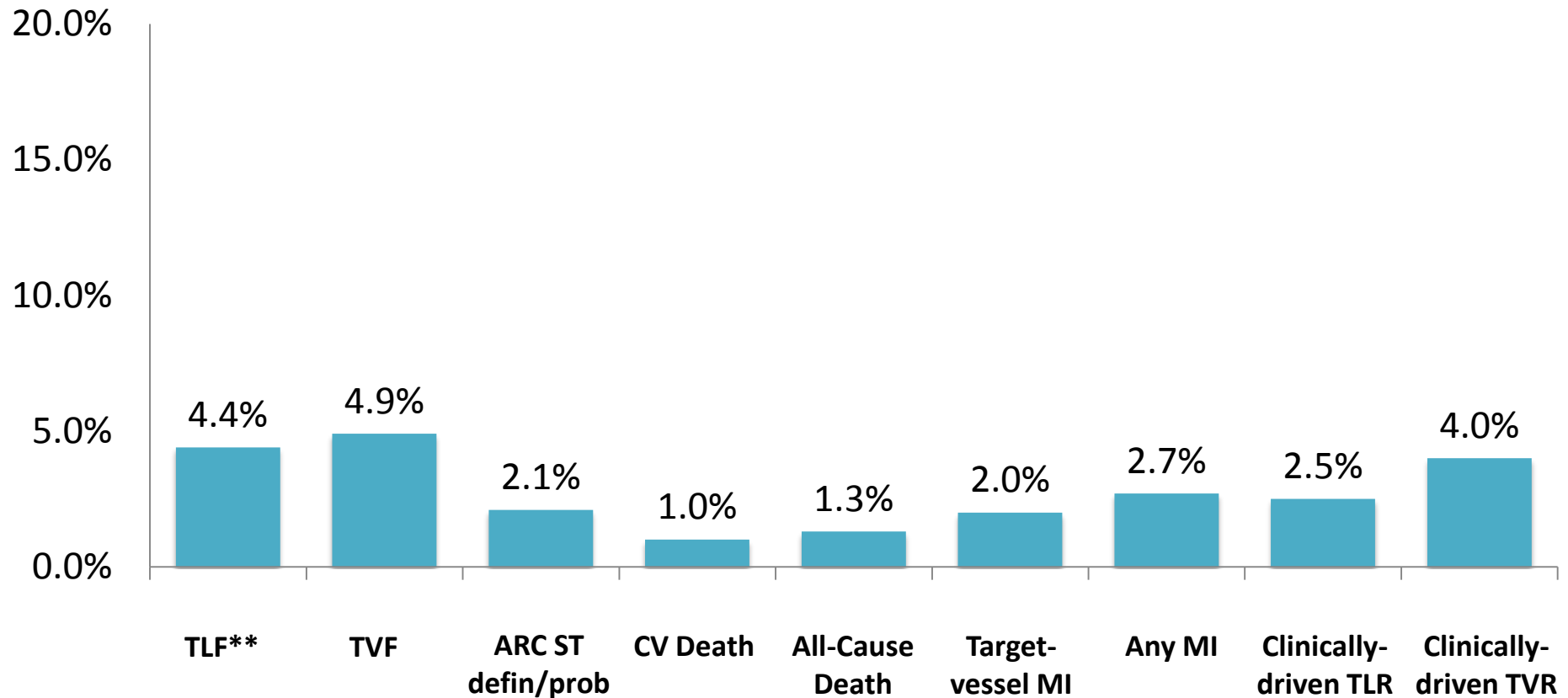


* Residual in-scaffold diameter stenosis < 30%



6-Month Outcomes* 1189 patients

6-month follow-up available in 76%



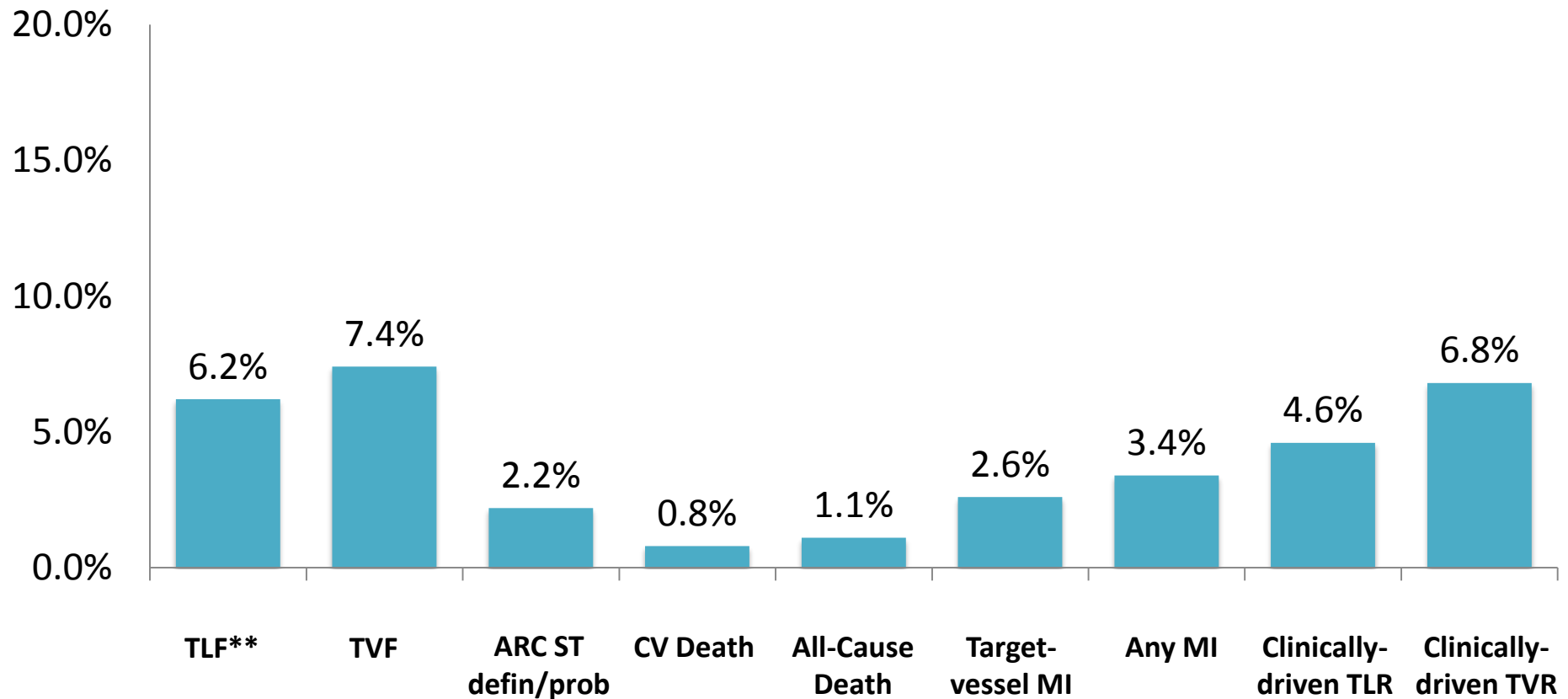
*Event rates are expressed as Kaplan Meier estimates

** Device-Oriented composite primary endpoint



1-Year Outcomes* 1189 patients

1-year follow-up available in 86%

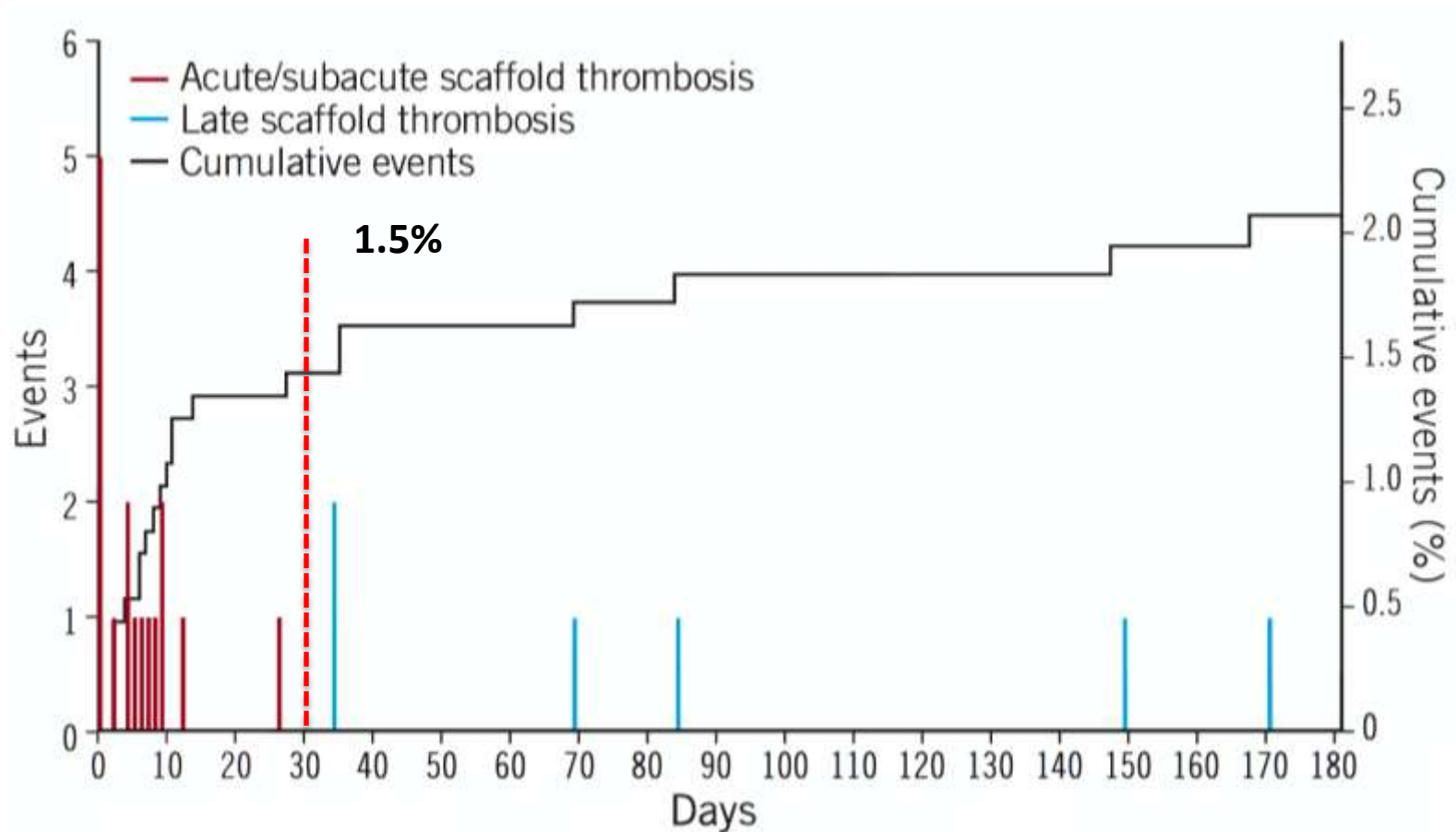


*Event rates are expressed as Kaplan Meier estimates

** Device-Oriented composite primary endpoint



GHOST-EU Scaffold Thrombosis : 1189 patients



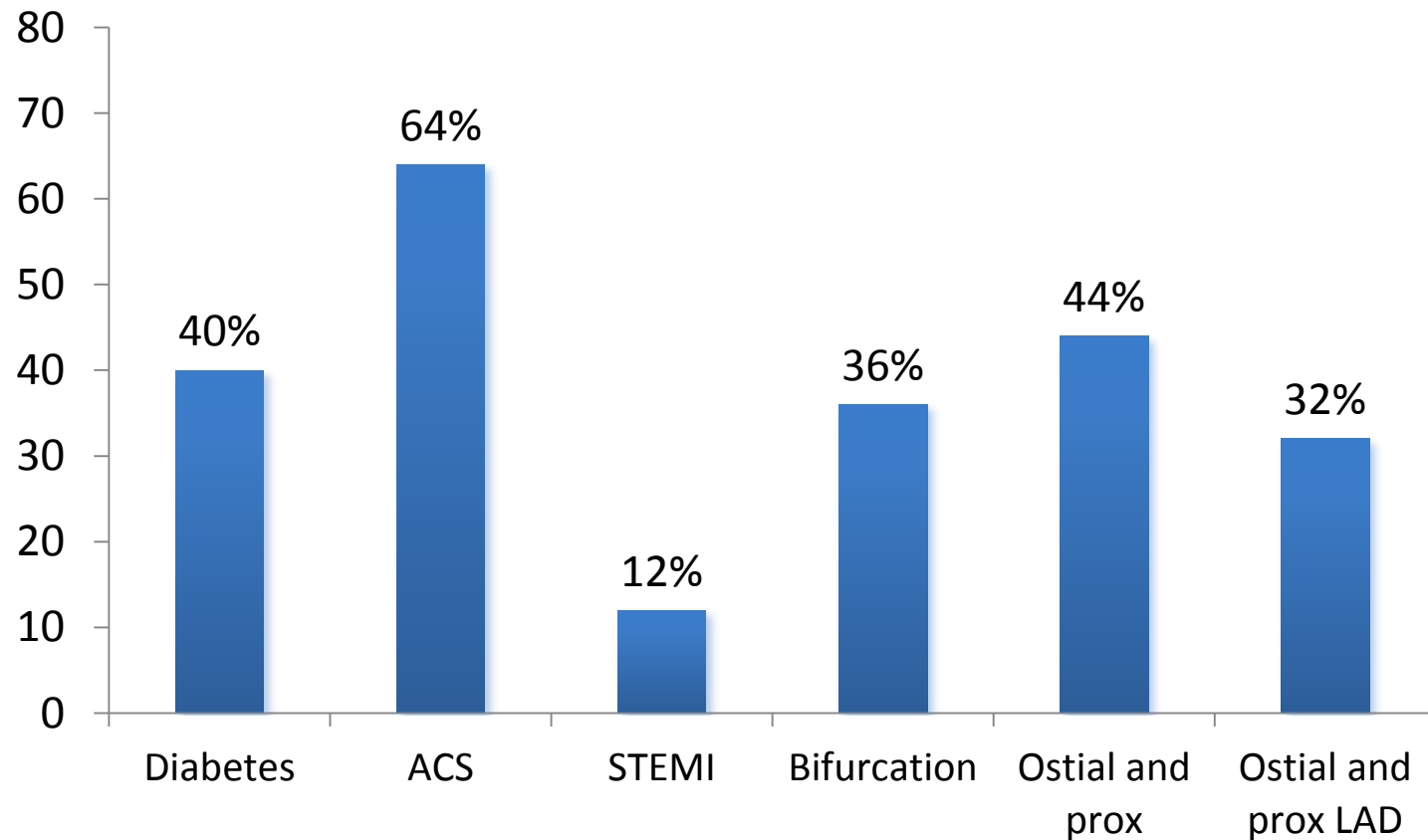
Scaffold Thrombosis GHOST-EU: 1189 patients

- There were 20 cases of angiographically confirmed ST and three of probable ST.
- 70% occurred in the first month after PCI, **at a median of 5 days**, suggesting the need for scrupulous lesion selection and PCI techniques when using BVS.
- **Intravascular imaging** was performed in only 4 of 23 patients who experienced ST, of whom 2 discontinued DAPT.
- 18 of 23 were **on clopidogrel**.
- 20 of 23 patients were on DAPT at the time of ST.



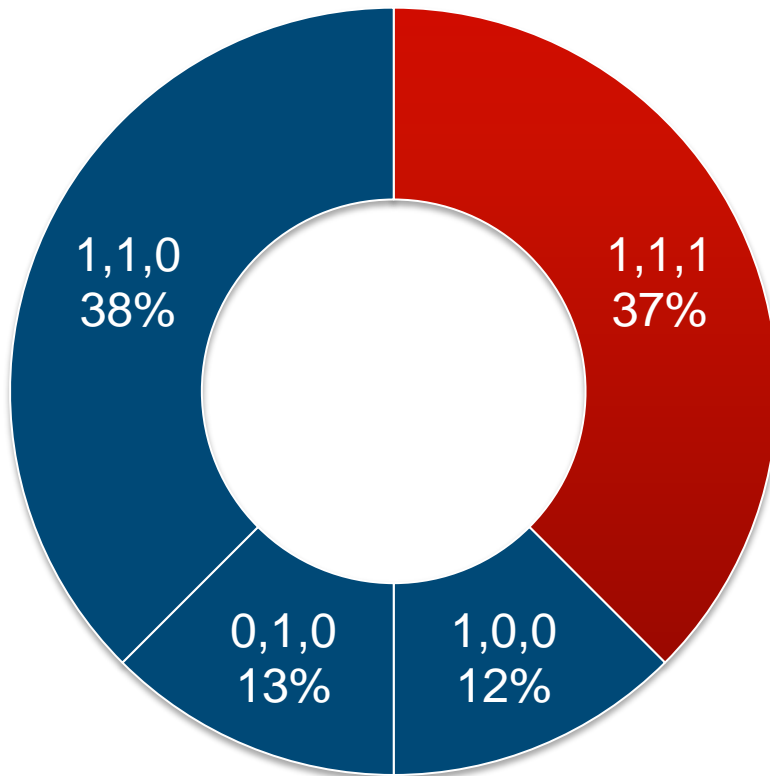
Scaffold Thrombosis GHOST-EU: 1189 patients

Prevalence of clinical and angiographic factors among 25 patients with scaffold thrombosis



GHOST-EU : 8/23 ST were in bifurcations

Kaplan-Meier 30-day and 6-mo ST in bifurcations: **1.5%** and **3.1%**, respectively



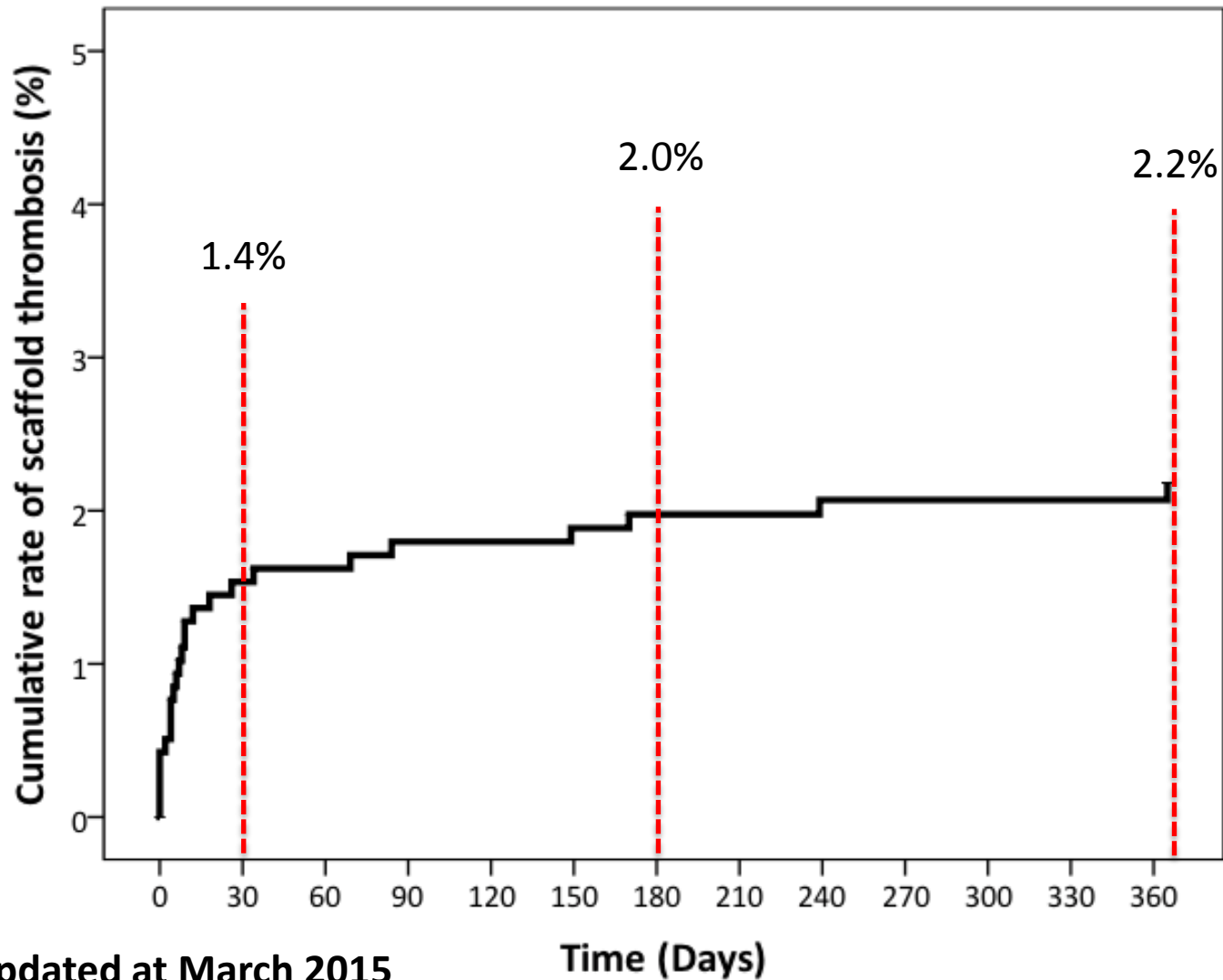
Medina classes in 8 bifurcations ST

Case	Days	ACS	Strategy	PD	KBI	IG	DAPT
#1	149	No	Single	Yes	No	Yes	No
#2	69	No	Single	No	No	No	Yes
#3	2	Yes	Single	No	No	Yes	Yes
#4	0	Yes	Single	No	No	No	Yes
#5	34	Yes	Single	No	No	No	Yes
#6	34	Yes	Double	Yes	No	No	No
#7	0	Yes	Single	No	No	No	Yes
#8	12	Yes	Single	No	No	No	Yes

ACS = acute coronary syndromes; PD = main branch post-dilatation; IG = intravascular guidance; DAPT = on dual antiplatelet therapy



Scaffold Thrombosis GHOST-EU: 1189 patients



Follow-up updated at March 2015

Time (Days)



GHOST

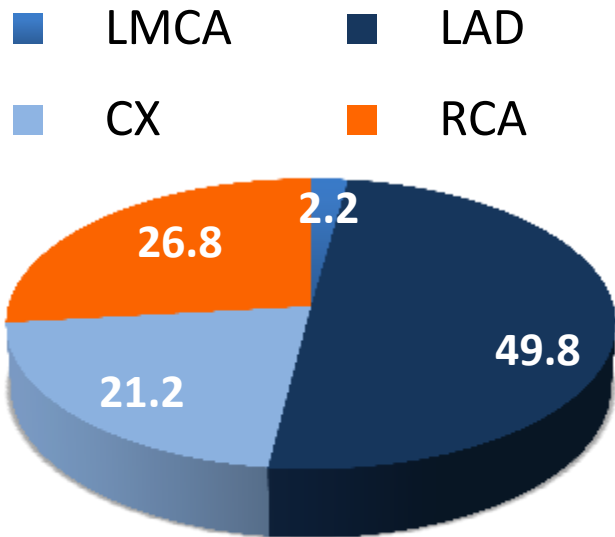
Ferrarotto Population

Patients enrolled N=319; lesions N = 406
From 1/3/2013 to 30/06/2014

- **6-months FU in 305 patients 95.6%**
- **1-year FU in 281 patients: 88.1% of overall population and 95% of those eligible (n=296)**



Variable	Patient-based (N = 319)
Age, years \pm SD	60.7 \pm 9.6
Male	272 (85.3%)
Diabetes mellitus	79 (24.8%)
On insulin	32 (10.0%)
Dyslipidemia	187 (58.6%)
Hypertension	221 (69.3%)
Smoker	117 (36.7%)
Previous PCI	102 (32.0%)
Prior CABG	10 (3.1%)
ACS	158 (49.5%)
NSTEMI	46 (14.4%)
STEMI	58 (18.2%)



Lesions B2/C: 51.2%
 Bifurcations: 16.7%
 CTO: 8.4%

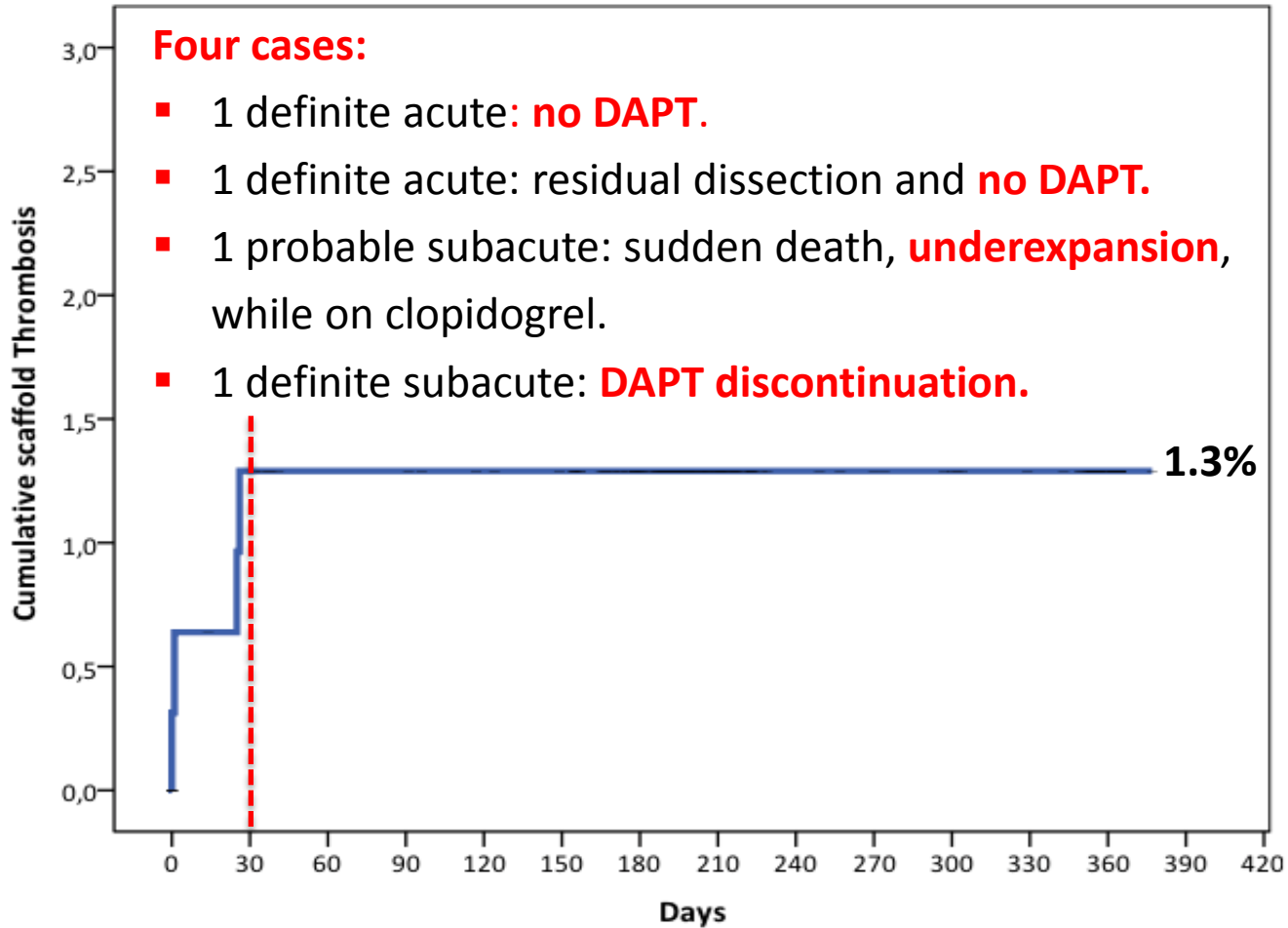
*per patient

Variable	Lesions (N = 406)
Lesion Length	21.2 ± 16.8
Lesion length >34 mm	55 (13.5%)
Reference vessel diameter (mm)	2.9 ± 0.5
Total scaffold length (mm)	32.8 ± 21.6
Average scaffold diameter (mm)	3.1 ± 0.4
Average of scaffolds implanted (n)	1.9 ± 1.2*
Post-dilatation	289 (71.2%)
Post-dilation balloon pressure, atm	16.6±4.3
Scaffold implantation pressure, atm	13.5±3.4
Overlapping	132 (32.5%)
Optical coherence tomography use	80 (25.1)*
Intravascular ultrasound use	37 (11.6)*

Ferrarotto Population 1-year outcomes

TLF (cardiac death, target-vessel MI, or clinically-driven TLR)	5.2%
TVF (cardiac death, target-vessel MI, or clinically-driven TVR)	5.6%
All Death	1.7%
Non-Cardiac Death	1.0%
Cardiac Death	0.3%
Any MI (all target vessel)	1.3%
TVR	5.3%
TLR	4.9%

Event rates are expressed as Kaplan Meier estimates.

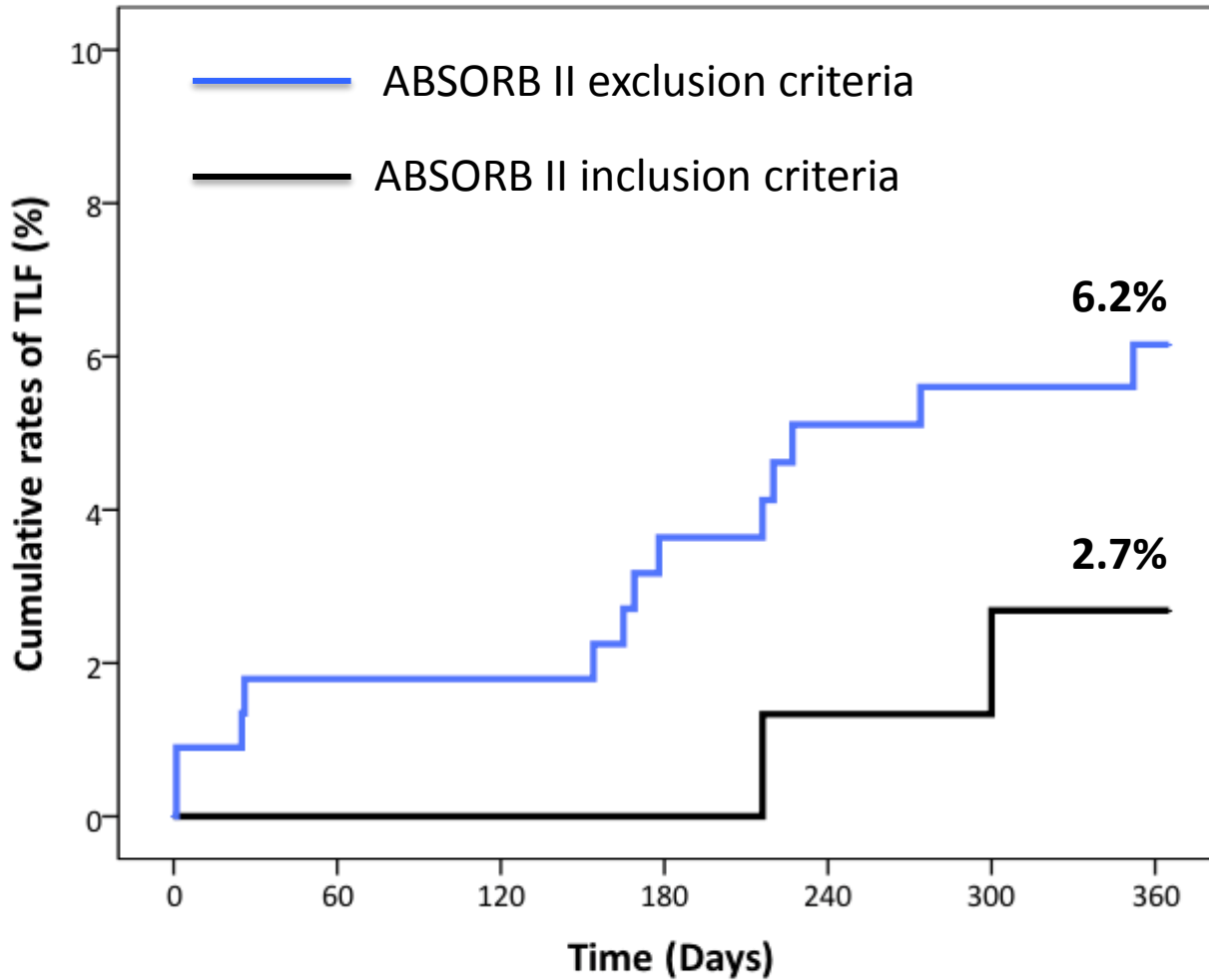


Variable	Absorb II inclusion Patient N = 89 Lesions N = 110	Absorb II exclusion Patient N = 230 Lesions N = 296	P values
Lesion type			0.01
A	20.0%	11.8%	
B1	41.8%	32.1%	
B2	17.3%	22.6%	
C	20.9%	33.4%	
Bifurcation	10.9%*	18.9%	0.07
CTO	-	11.5%	
Lesion Length	16.4 ± 7.9	22.9 ± 18.7	<0.0001
Lesion length >34 mm	5.5%	16.6%	0.006
Reference vessel diameter (mm)	2.9 ± 0.5	2.9 ± 0.5	0.32

*side branch <2 mm

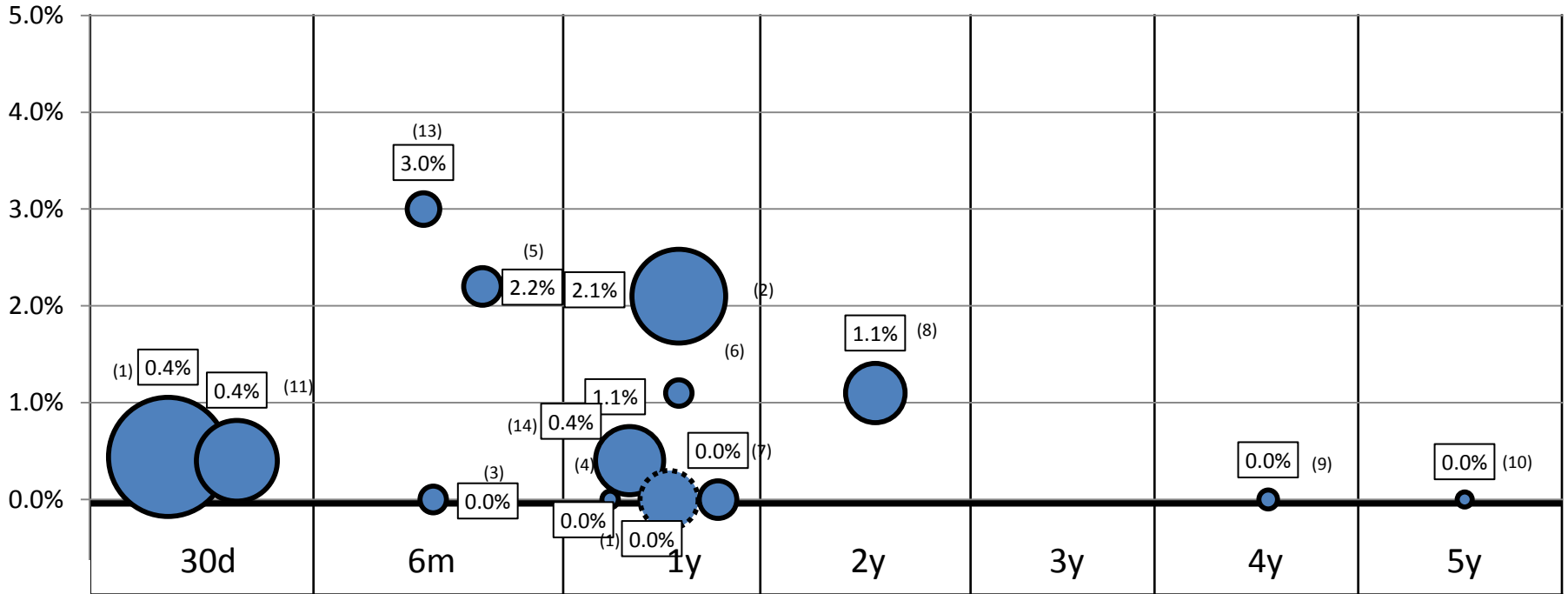
Variable	Absorb II inclusion Patient N = 89 Lesions N = 110	Absorb II exclusion Patient N = 230 Lesions N = 296	P values
Total scaffold length (mm)	25.8 ± 11.5	35.3 ± 23.8	<0.001
Average scaffold diameter (mm)	3.1 ± 0.4	3.2 ± 0.4	0.11
Average of scaffolds implanted (n)	1.5 ± 0.7 *	2.0 ± 1.3*	<0.001
Post-dilatation	59.1%	75.7%	0.002
Overlapping	21.5%	36.5%	0.005
Optical coherence tomography use	9.0%*	31.3%*	<0.001
Intravascular ultrasound use	11.2%*	11.7%*	1.00

*per patient



ABSORB Data

Scaffold Thrombosis (Longest Available FU)



(1) ABSORB FIRST: All Comers (@AsiaPCR2015)

(2) GHOST-EU: All Comers (@JIM2015)

(3) Dr. Costopoulos on CCI: All Comers (in CCI2014)

(4) CTO (Dr. Serra): CTO (on Eurointervention2014)

(5) ABSORB EXPAND: All Comers (@EuroPCR2014)

(6) POLAR ACS: ACS (@ EuroPC2014)

(7) ASSURE: All Comers (on Eurointervention2014)

(8) ABSORB EXTEND: selected (@ EuroPCR2014)

(9) ABSORB Cohort B: simple (@ EuroPCR2014)

(10) ABSORB Cohort A: simple @ EuroPCR2011)

(11) GABI-R: All Comers (@Germand congress2014)

(12) ABSORB II: selected (in Lancet 2014)

(13) AMC Registry: AC (in Eurointervention 2014)

(14) Polish BVS registry: all comers (@NFIC2014)



Lessons from Absorb all-comers registries

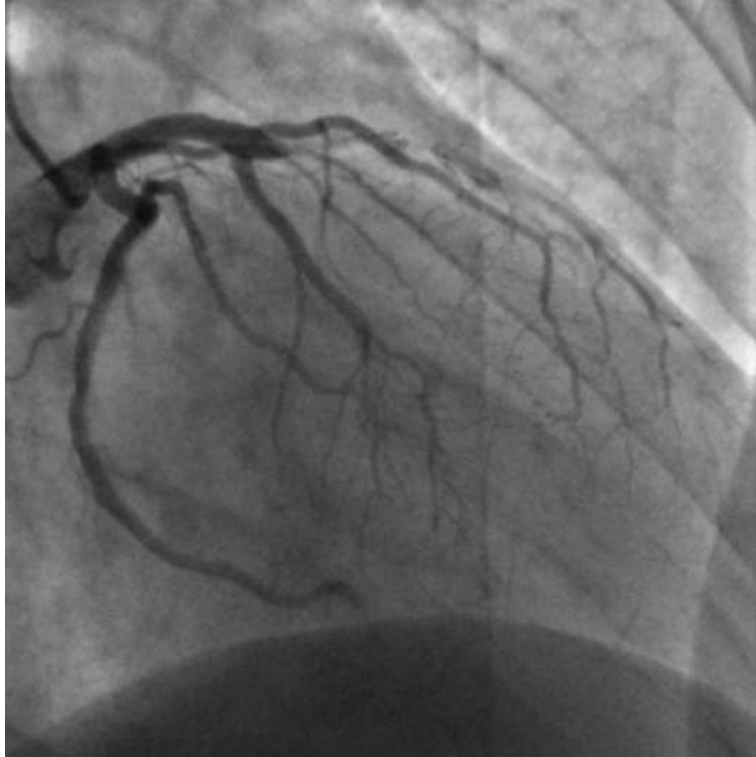
- **Accurate Patient and Lesion selection:** more data are needed to define the best candidate for BVS;
- **Lesion preparation:** RVD:balloon 1:1; aim to stent-like result.
- **Accurate sizing:** Use IC nitro, imaging if necessary, predilatation balloon sizing; tend to slight oversizing
- **Adequate Scaffold Implantation and result optimization:** 2 atm every 5 seconds. Keep inflated 30 seconds, at high pressure; post-dilatation (NC balloon + 0.5 nominal size) at high pressure; Meticulous overlapping.
- **More Liberal Imaging use especially in complex setting.**
- **Optimal antiplatelet therapy.**



Clinical Case – FPJ

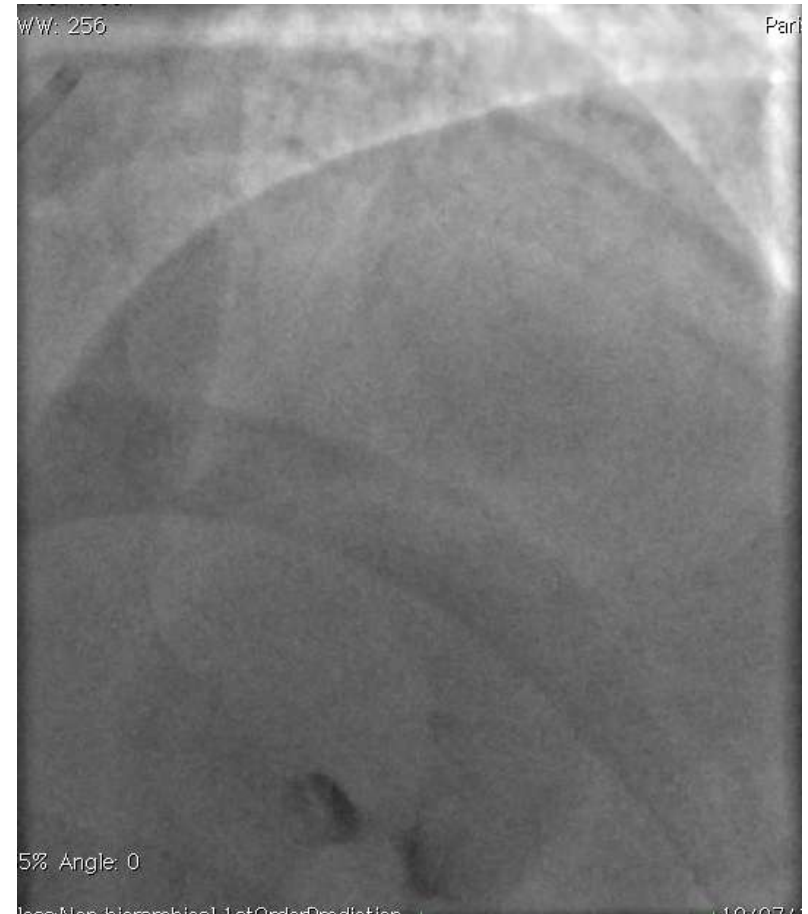
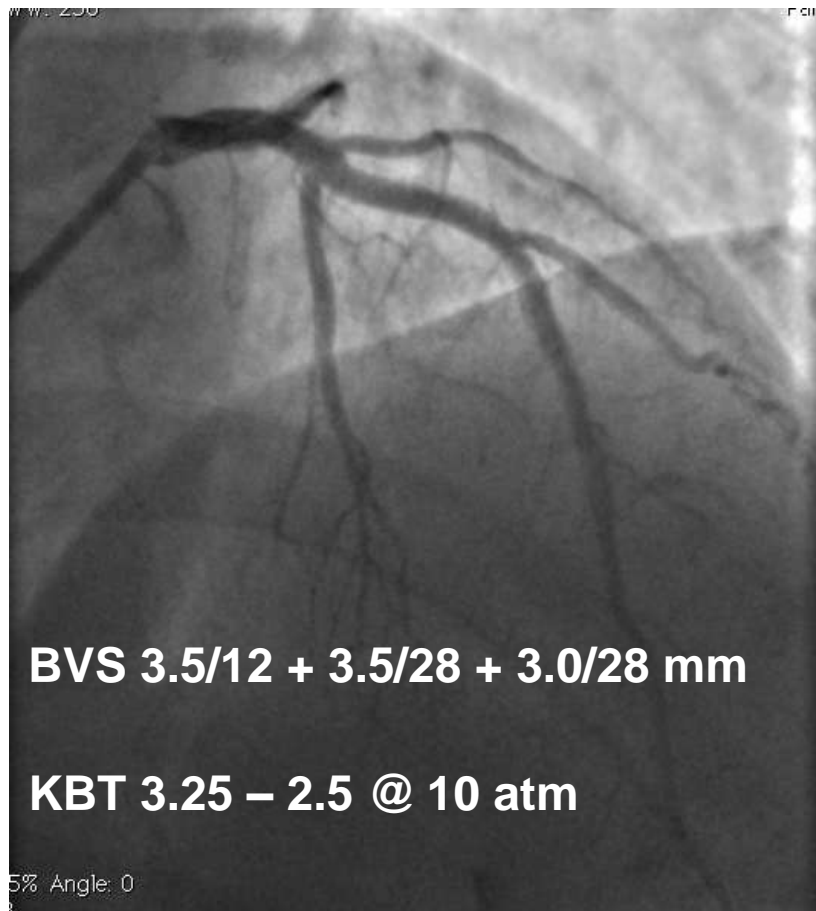
L.M. male, 52 yrs old
Prior smoking and Dyslipidemia

Clinical Case – Full Polymer Jacket



Baseline Angio

Clinical Case – Full Polymer Jacket



Final Angio

Clinical Case – Full Polymer Jacket

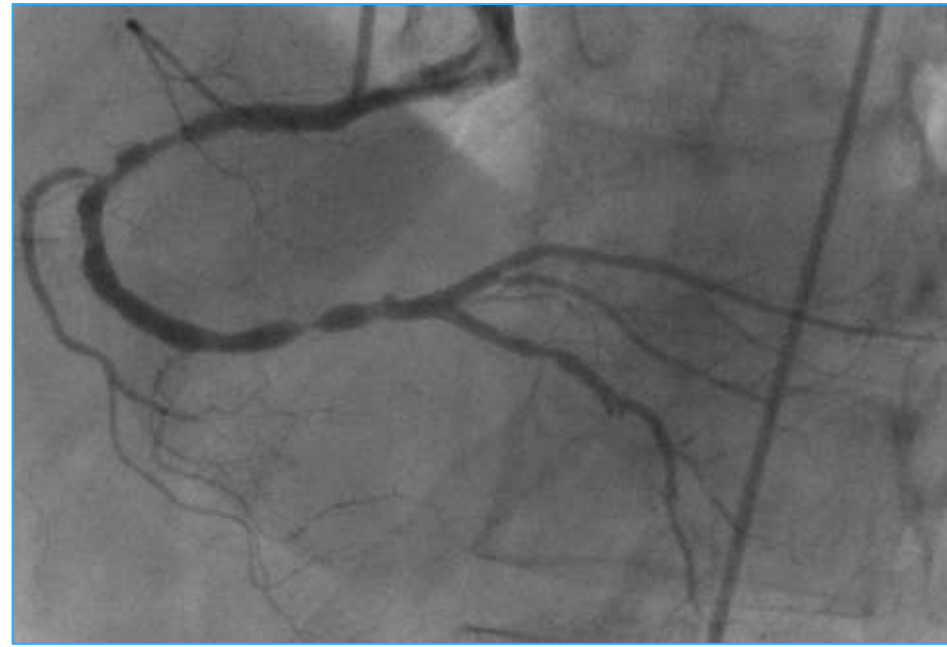
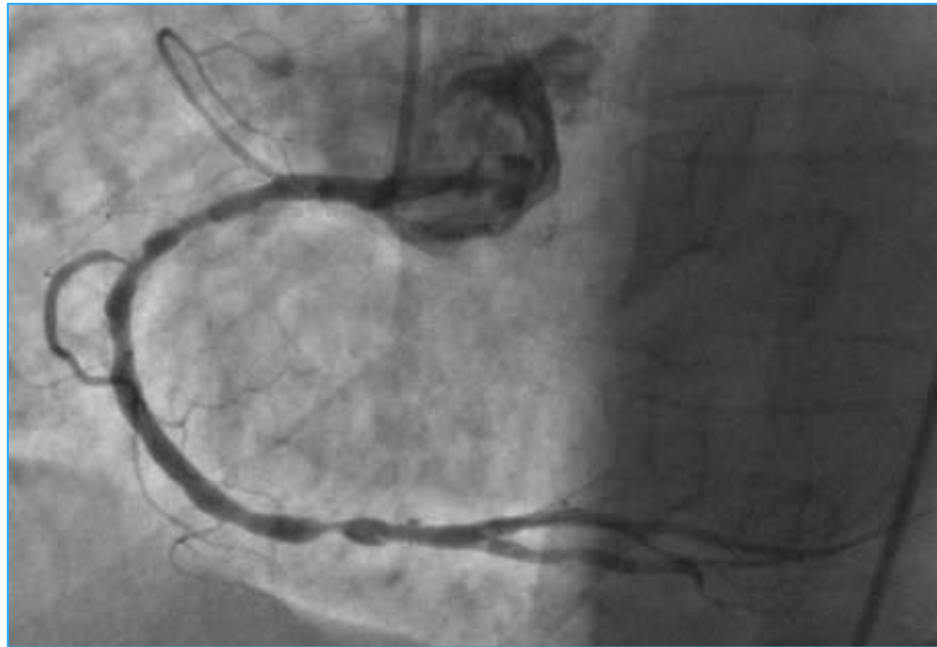
Index procedure

1-y



BVS in calcified RCA multiple lesions

- T. G., male, 73 yrs old, family history of CAD
- History of atrial fibrillation and flutter *and* since Jan 2014: toracic oppression and stress test with runs of ventricular tachicardia
- Feb 2014 → coronary angiography



CUTTING, ANGIOSCULPT,
HIGH ATM (30) NC BALLOON
ROTABLATOR, CUTTING, BVS



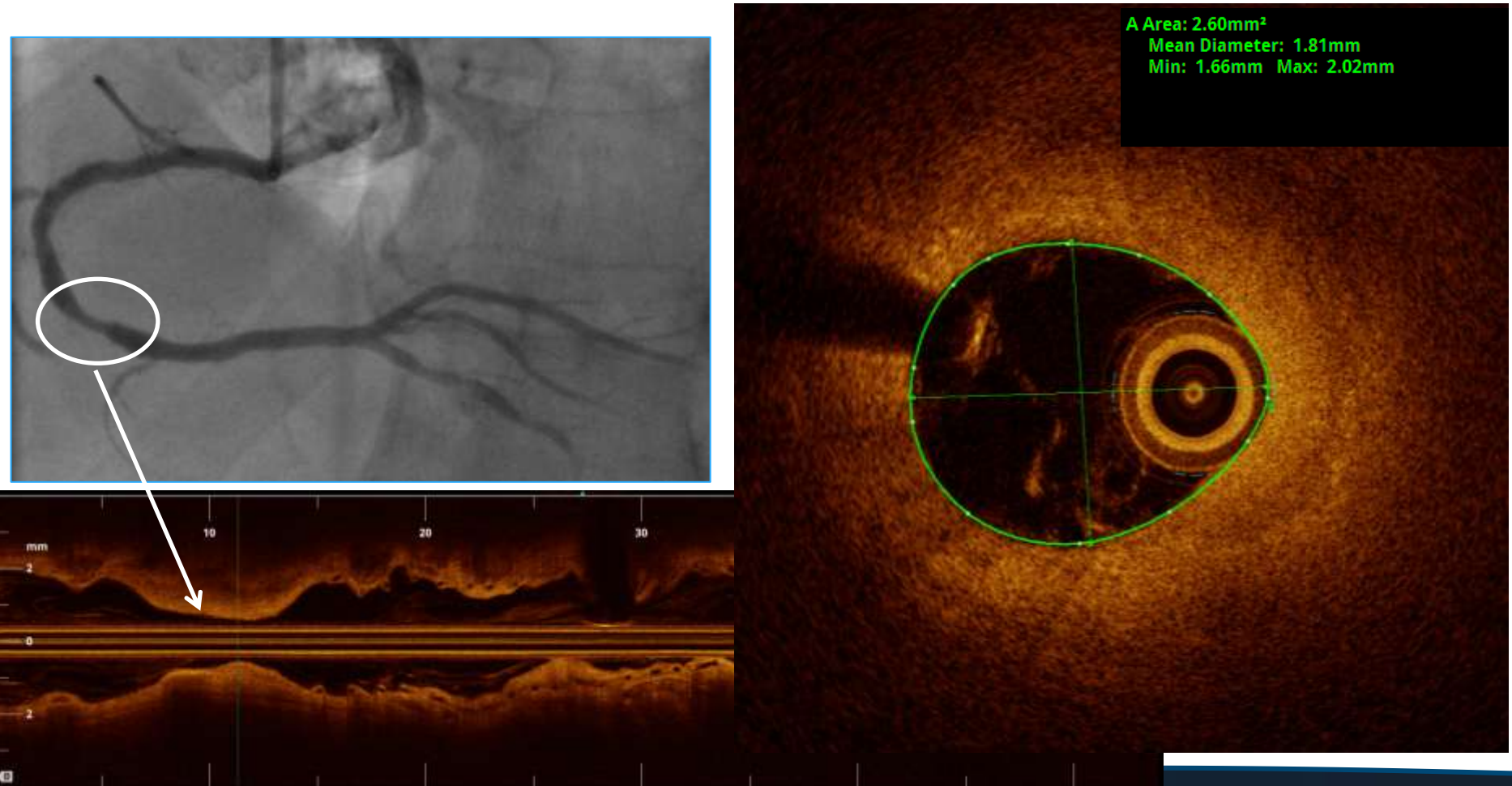
BVS in calcified RCA multiple lesions

Final result after 3 BVS (3/28-3.5/28-3.5/12 mm) and overlap post-dilatation



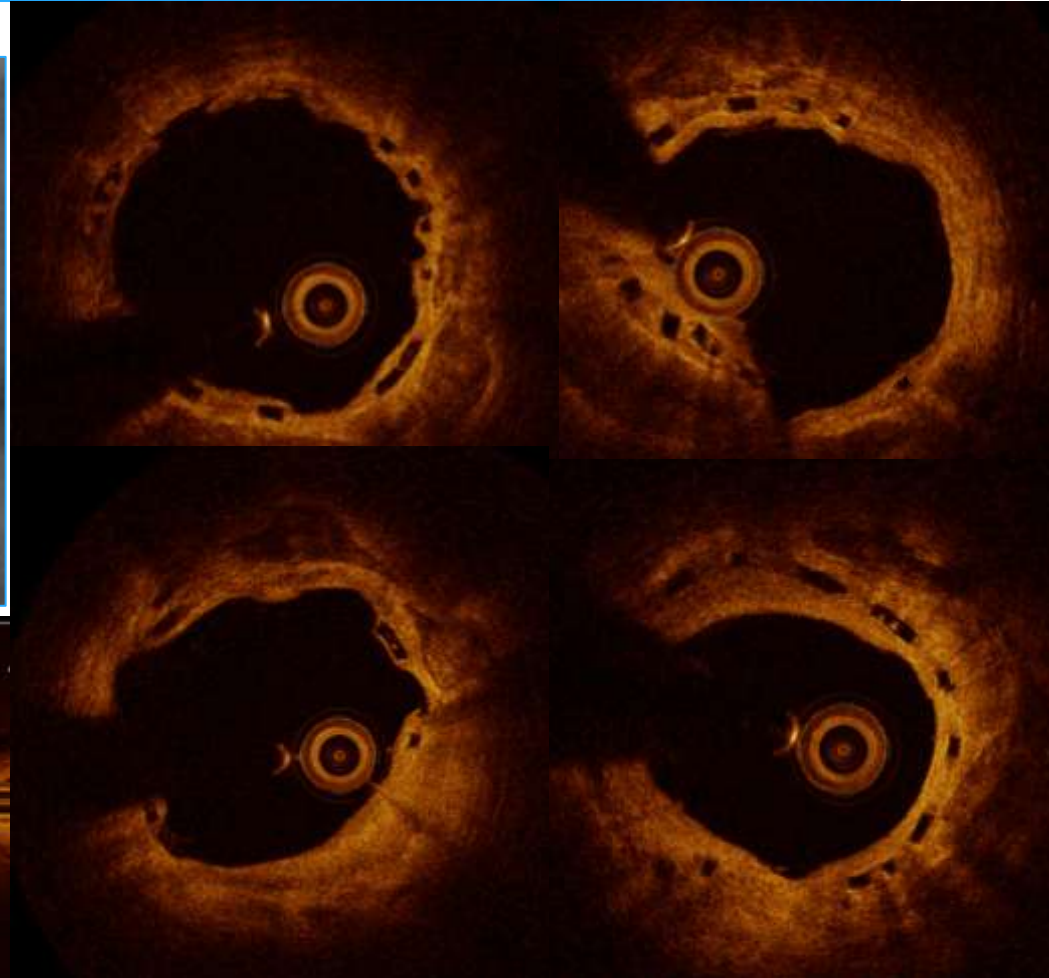
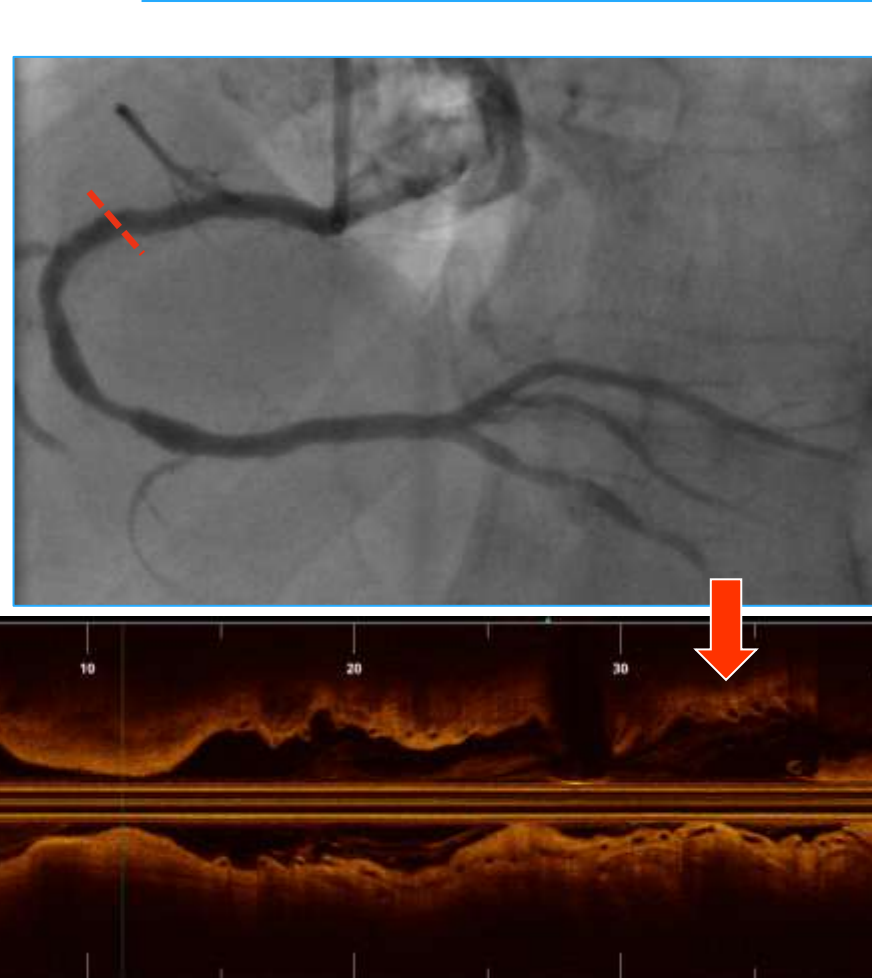
BVS in calcified RCA multiple lesions

6-Month Angiography-FU for positive Treadmill test



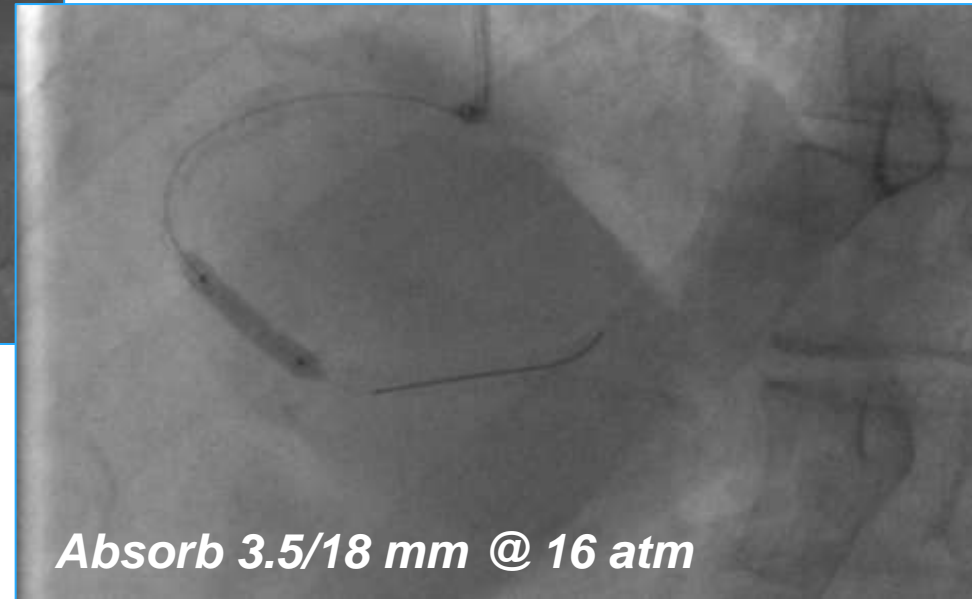
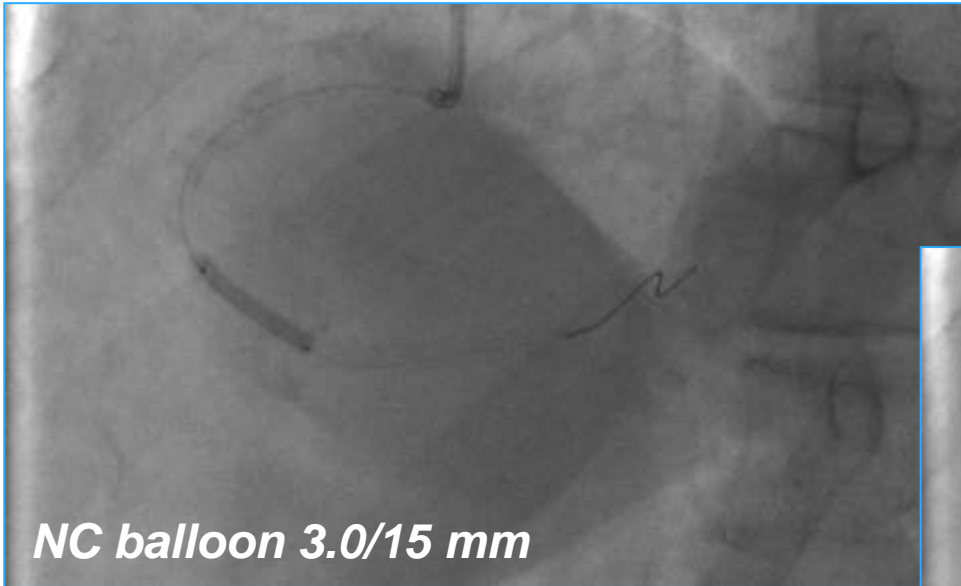
BVS in calcified RCA multiple lesions

6-Month Angiography-FU for positive Treadmill test



BVS in calcified RCA multiple lesions

Predilatation and BVS implantation



BVS in calcified RCA multiple lesions

Final result after BVS

