



## ABSORB in STEMI TROFI II

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## **Background and study objective**

- No head-to-head comparison to assess the early phase of the arterial healing response to a bioresorbable scaffold (Absorb) implantation in patients with STEMI relative to the healing of Everolimus metallic DES (Xience).
- To compare the arterial healing response of these two technologies by optical frequency domain imaging (OFDI).

# How to evaluate vessel healing after device implantation?

### Healing score = [% ILDx4] + [% MUx3]+ [% Ux2]+ [% M]

#### ILD: intraluminal defect MU: malapposed and uncovered

U: uncovered M: malapposed

#### and their weighting points in the formula

Xience metallic stent	Absorb bioresorbable scaffold	Xience metallic stent	Absorb bioresorbable scaffold
Intralu	ninal defect: 4 points	Uncovered (a	pposed): 2 points
Malapposed	and uncovered: 3 points	Malapppose	d (covered): 1 points

**Reference: TROFI trial** *Eur Heart J.*2013;34:1050-1060; *Eur Heart J Cardiovasc Imaging.*. 2014;15:987-995 **Leaders trial** *Eur Heart J.* 2010;31:165-176; **Resolute all comers trial** *Eur Heart J.* 2011;32:2454-63 **Absorb cohort B** EuroIntervention 2015;10:1299-306; **NANO Plus** *AsiaIntervention* 2015; 1:57-70.

### **OCT Methodology: Strut Coverage at Follow-up**

### Metallic strut

### **Polymeric strut (Absorb)**



### Xience: Healing Score 12.2







# Study design

- A prospective, randomised study(1:1), active control, single-blind, non-inferiority trial, using web based software for randomisation in 8 European sites.
- 191 patients randomised in a 1 to 1 ratio. (ABSORB Arm: 95, XIENCE Arm: 96)
- Randomisation performed after establishment of at least TIMI 2 flow after thrombus aspiration and/or predilatation.
- DAPT at least for 1 year after PCI





# Sample size calculation

## **Non-inferiority Design for Primary Endpoint**

- Assuming a mean neointimal healing score of 9.0 in the ABSORB BVS scaffold group (Cohort B1, stable patients)
- The healing score of the EES is anticipated to be similar as the one observed with the ABSORB BVS (cohort B1)
- A non-inferiority margin : 4.5 points
- A one-sided type I error rate : 0.05
- Power : 90%
- Attrition rate: 20%
- Assumed sample size: 190 patients



# Inclusion & Exclusion criteria

Inclusion

absorb Stemi

-STEMI patients within the first 24 hours of symptoms and with the following ECG criteria:

at least 1 mm in  $\geq$  2 standard leads or at least 2 mm in  $\geq$  2 contiguous precordial leads or a new LBBB

-a vessel size ranging between 2.25 and 3.8 mm

## Exclusion

- cardiogenic shock
- severe tortuosity or calcification



\***Primary endpoint and other imaging endpoints** were analyzed in the as-treated population, excluding the patients/lesions who did not receive the assigned treatment (n=1). **Clinical follow-up** was based on intention-to-treat population.





## **Baseline characteristics**

	Absorb	EES
Data present in mean±SD or percentage	N=95	N=96
Male	76.8%	87.5
Age, years	59.1±10.7	58.2±9.6
Current smoking	48.4%	<b>49.5%</b>
Previous smoking	23.2%	23.2%
Diabetes mellitus	18.9%	14.7%
Hypertension	44.1%	36.5%
Hypercholesterolemia	63.8%	57.3%
Previous MI	2.1%	3.1%
Previous PCI	4.2%	3.1%
COPD	3.2%	3.1%
Killip Class I	94.7%	96.9%





## **Lesions characteristics**

	Absorb	EES	
Data present in percentage	N=95	N=98	
Infarct related target lesions:			—
RCA	46.3%	44.9%	
LAD	35.8%	41.8%	
LCX	17.9%	13.3%	
Grade of perfusion (TIMI):			
TIMI 0	63.2%	62.9%	
TIMI 1	3.2%	3.1%	
TIMI 2	8.4%	13.4%	
TIMI 3	25.3%	20.6%	





## **Medication**

	Absorb	EES	
Data present in percentage	N=95	N=98	
Medication before procedure			
ASA loading	100%	100%	
Ticagrelor	44.2%	42.7%	
Clopidogrel	37.9%	30.2%	
Prasugrel	18.9%	27.1%	
Medication during procedure			
Heparin and GP IIb/IIIa	38.9%	36.5%	
Heparin only	32.6%	38.5%	
Heparin and Bivalirudin	18.9%	13.5%	
Bivalirudin only	7.4%	9.4%	
GP IIb/IIIa only	1.1%	2.1%	

No statistical differences between the two arms.





## **Procedural details**

	Absorb	EES	P-value
Data present in mean±SD or (%)	N=95	N=98	
Successful thrombectomy	81.1%	73.5%	0.19
Direct stenting	44.2%	49.0%	0.51
Number of study devices	1.2±0.4	$1.1 \pm 0.4$	0.54
Devices maximum pressure, atm	14.1±3.8	$13.3 \pm 3.0$	0.27
Nominal length of scaffold/stent	20.6±5.8	20.7±6.7	0.86
Nominal diameter of scaffold/stent	3.25±0.30	3.12±0.37	0.005
Post-dilatation performed	<b>50.5%</b>	25.5%	<0.001
Diameter of postdilatation balloon, mm	3.51±0.34	3.29±0.62	0.11
Postdilatation max pressure, atm	15.8±3.4	<b>18.6±3.9</b>	0.002
Post-procedural TIMI 3 flow	98.0%	100.0%	0.50
Device success (%DS $\leq$ 30%, QCA core lab)	95.8%	100.0%	0.057





## Quantitative coronary angiography

	Absorb	EES	P-value
Data present in mean±SD	N=94*	N=98	
Preprocedure			
Lesion length, mm	12.88±6.94	13.41±7.40	0.53
Reference diameter, mm	2.86±0.48	2.76±0.51	0.91
MLD, mm	0.29±0.43	0.28±0.43	0.84
%DS	89.5±15.1	89.9±15.4	0.86
Postprocedure			
Device length, mm	21.41±9.86	21.16±9.77	0.86
In-device reference diameter, mm	2.88±0.40	2.85±0.47	0.73
In-device MLD, mm	2.46±0.33	2.46±0.40	0.94
In-device %DS	14.1±6.8	13.4±5.5	0.43
In-device acute gain, mm	2.16±0.52	2.21±0.56	0.57

\*One patient in Absorb arm did not receive Absorb scaffold but received Xience

### Absorb: Healing Score 0





Apposed

Malapposed

Covered





## **Cumulative curve of Healing Score**







## **Optical coherence tomography analysis(2)**

Data present in mean+SD	Absorb	EES	P-value
	N=95	N=98	
Abluminal scaffold/stent area, mm <sup>2</sup>	8.73±1.73	8.19±2.04	0.07
Abluminal Minimal scaffold/stent area; mm <sup>2</sup>	7.30±1.69	7.04±1.88	0.34
Mean Flow area, mm <sup>2</sup>	7.05±1.78	7.01±2.00	0.89
Minimal flow area, mm <sup>2</sup>	5.40±1.75	5.53±1.87	0.65
Mean Lumen area, mm <sup>2</sup> ,	7.06±1.79	7.02±2.01	0.89
Minimal Lumen area, mm <sup>2</sup> ,	$5.40 \pm 1.75$	5.53±1.87	0.65
Mean Neointimal area, mm <sup>2</sup>	1.52±0.38	1.35±0.54	0.018
% volume obstruction	17.9±4.8	16.9±6.2	0.27
Mean neointimal thickness of the strut coverage, µm	<b>110±30</b>	90±50	<0.001





## Quantitative coronary angiography 6-month follow-up

Data present in mean±SD or (%)	Absorb N=85	EES N=89	P-value
In-device MLD, mm	2.26±0.44	2.38±0.41	0.07
In-device reference diameter, mm	2.76±0.37	2.79±0.44	0.68
In-device %DS	18.3±11.6	14.5±9.3	0.02
In-device late loss, mm	0.20±0.31	0.08±0.28	0.01
In-segment late loss, mm	0.16±0.34	0.06±0.29	0.049
In-segment binary restenosis	1 (1.2 %)	1 (1.1%)	1.00

The OCT and QCA measurement of the patient (n=1 Absorb) who presented with a subacute thrombosis in the Absorb group are excluded from the 6 months result.





# **Clinical follow-up**

- Clinical event rates were low (Absorb 1.1% vs. Xience 0.0%) at 6 months
- There was only one patient suffering subacute definite scaffold thrombosis leading to MI and clinically-driven TLR in the Absorb group<sup>†</sup>.
- At follow-up, angina-free patients were 91.4% vs. 91.7% in the Absorb and EES group, respectively (p=0.94).

<sup>+</sup> Stent thrombosis caused from an inadequate matching of the vessel and device size; vessel size 1.92 mm, scaffold size 2.5mm.





# Conclusion

- Scaffolding of culprit lesions with Absorb in the setting of STEMI resulted in nearly complete arterial healing, which was <u>comparable</u> to that of metallic EES at six months.
- Frequency of malapposed, and both malapposed and uncovered struts were lower in the Absorb arm, while there was no presence of intraluminal mass in both groups.
- QCA revealed similar acute gain and MLD postprocedure. At 6 months, late lumen loss was lower in the EES arm, but binary restenosis rate was comparably low between groups.





# Limitation

- The observed event rate was exceedingly low due to a substantial selection process (191 included/2055 admitted STEMI pts)
- The HS was assessed at 6 month which is an intermediate time point in the healing process otherwise only completed at 5 years.
- These findings cannot be extrapolated to other bioresorbable devices with different materials or strut thickness.
- Sample size does not allow us to draw any meaningful conclusion regarding the impact of the healing score on clinical outcomes.



#### Acute coronary syndromes

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