

# Insight from Clinical and Imaging Studies

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# **Overview of the presentation**

## **1. Insights from ABSORB II (Absorb vs. Xience)**

- **Acute Gain**
- **Sidebranch Occlusion and angiographic complication**
- **Size mismatch and clinical outcomes**

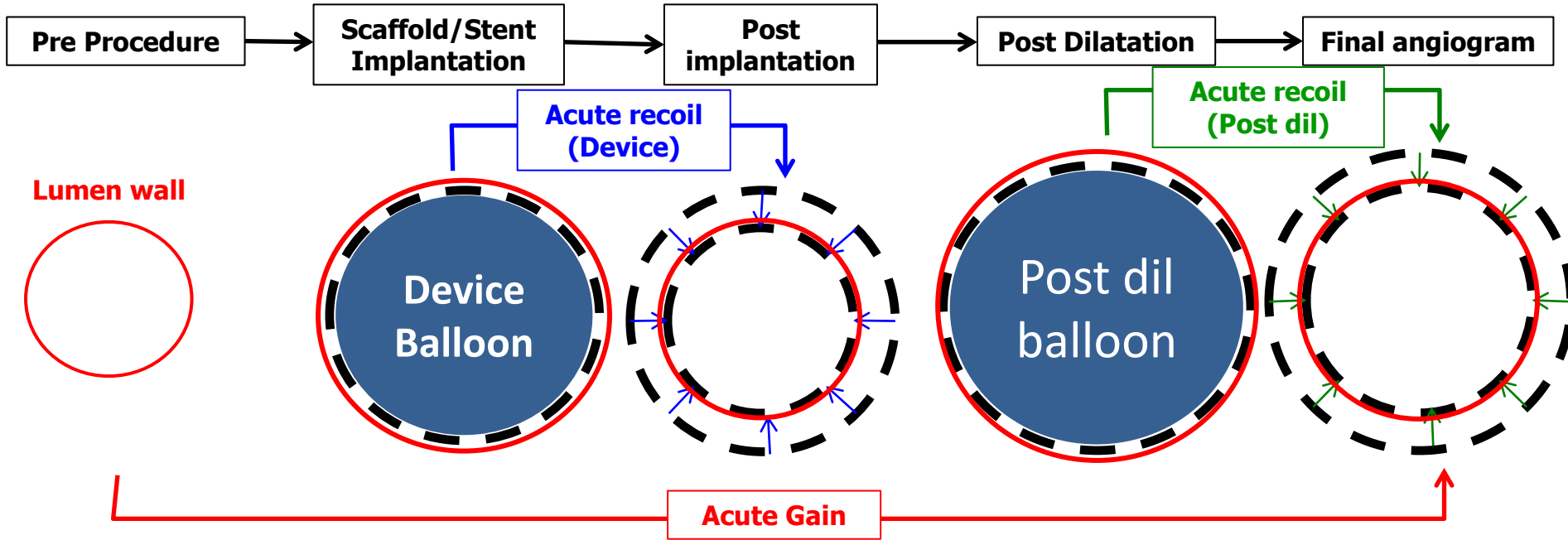
## **2. Insights from ABSORB A and B trials**

- **IVUS, VH and echogenicity**
- **Vasomotion**
- **OCT and light attenuation**
- **MSCT (at 18 and 60 months)**

# Angiography Assessment Pre and Post Procedure

		Absorb 364 Lesions		Xience 182 Lesions	<i>p</i> value
<b>Lesion length obstruction</b>	mm	<b>13.8 ± 6.5</b>		<b>13.8 ± 6.6</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Total device length</b>	mm	<b>21.1 ± 8.8</b>		<b>20.9 ± 7.4</b>	<b>0.74</b>
<b>Pre-procedure RVD</b>	mm	<b>2.59 ± 0.4</b>		<b>2.63 ± 0.4</b>	<b>0.36</b>
<b>Post- procedure RVD</b>	mm	<b>2.64 ± 0.4</b>	<b>&lt;</b>	<b>2.80 ± 0.3</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Pre-procedure MLD</b>	mm	<b>1.07 ± 0.3</b>		<b>1.05 ± 0.3</b>	<b>0.44</b>
<b>Post-procedure in-device MLD</b>	mm	<b>2.22 ± 0.3</b>	<b>&lt;</b>	<b>2.50 ± 0.3</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Acute gain in-device</b>	mm	<b>1.15 ± 0.4</b>	<b>&lt;</b>	<b>1.46 ± 0.4</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Pre-procedure %DS</b>	%	<b>59 ± 11</b>		<b>60 ± 12</b>	<b>0.30</b>
<b>Post-procedure in-device DS</b>	%	<b>16 ± 7</b>	<b>&gt;</b>	<b>10 ± 5</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Post-procedural curvature</b>	cm <sup>-1</sup>	<b>0.29 ± 0.2</b>	<b>&gt;</b>	<b>0.24 ± 0.2</b>	<b>0.02</b>

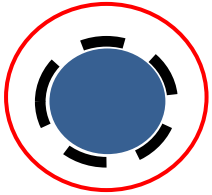
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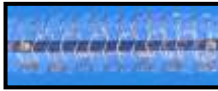
Vessel wall



Device Balloon

Crimped device

## 1. Less gain at implantation

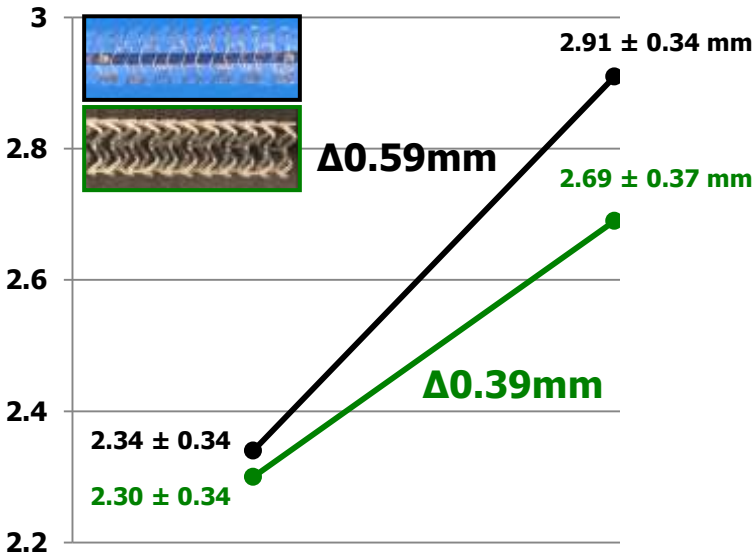


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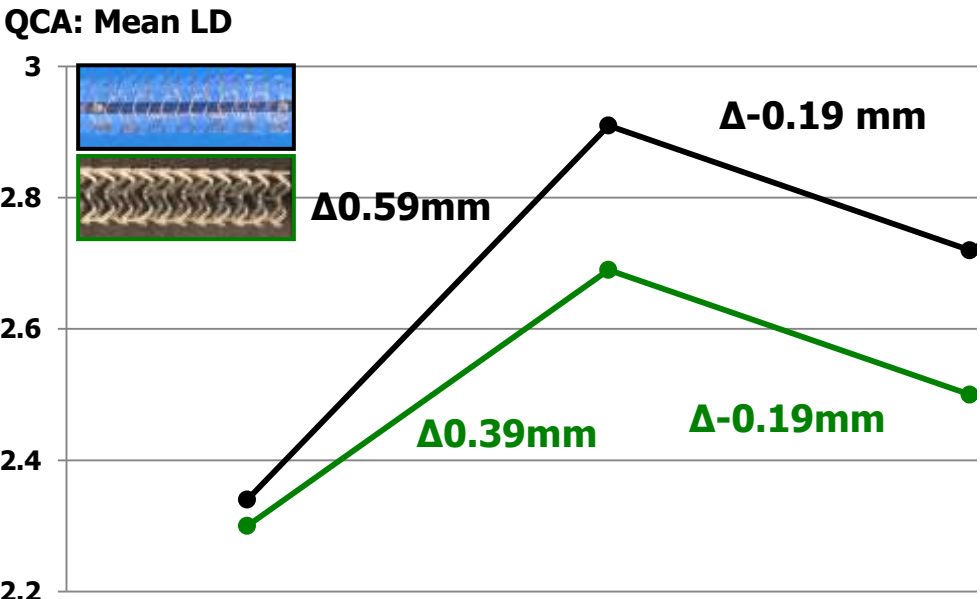
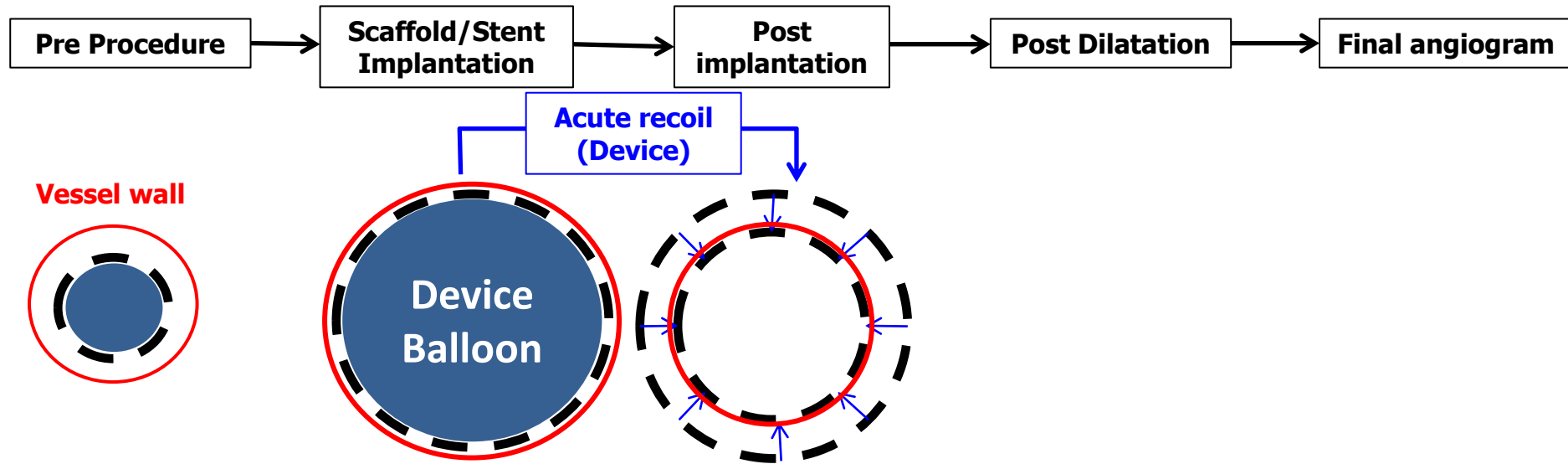


Absorb :  $13.1 \pm 2.7$  atm

QCA: Mean LD

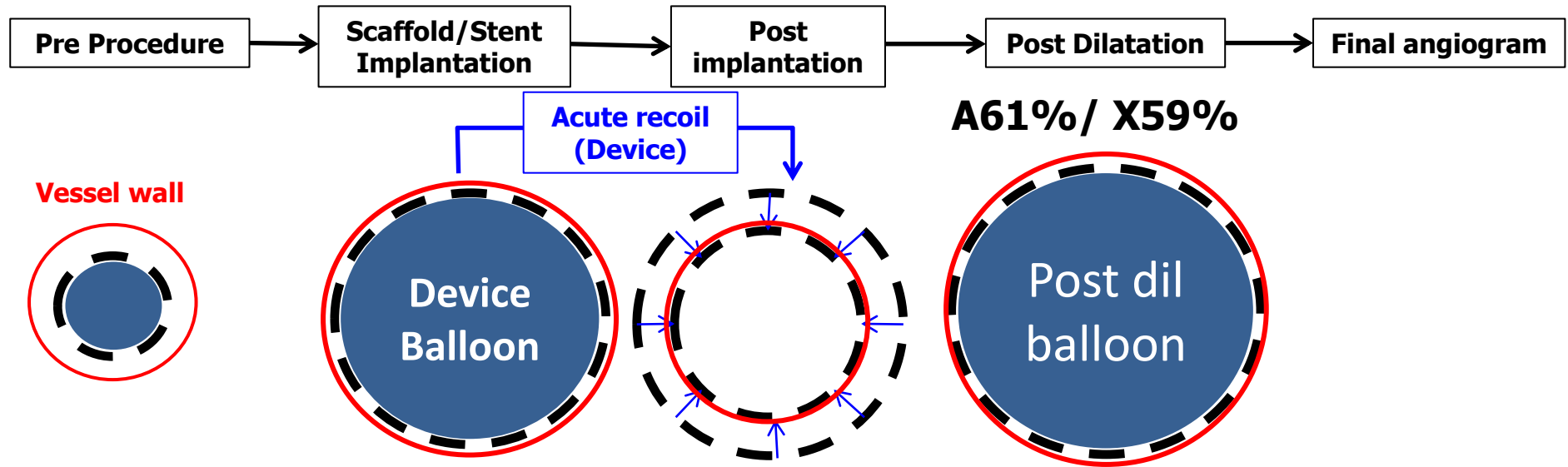


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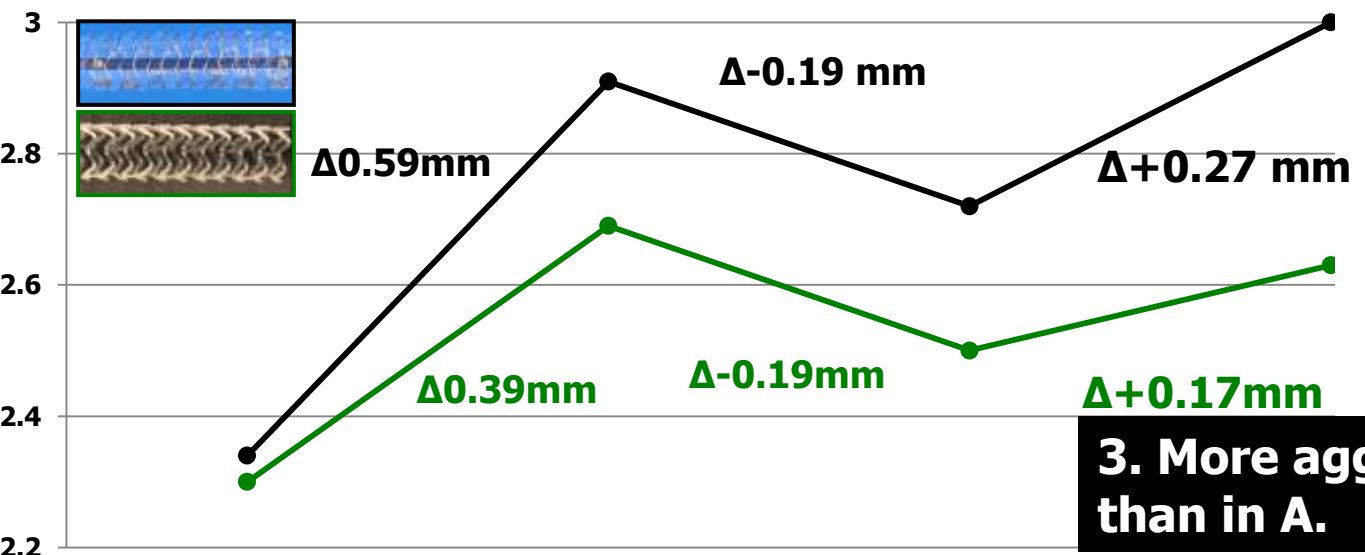


**2. Acute Recoil of two devices is identical**

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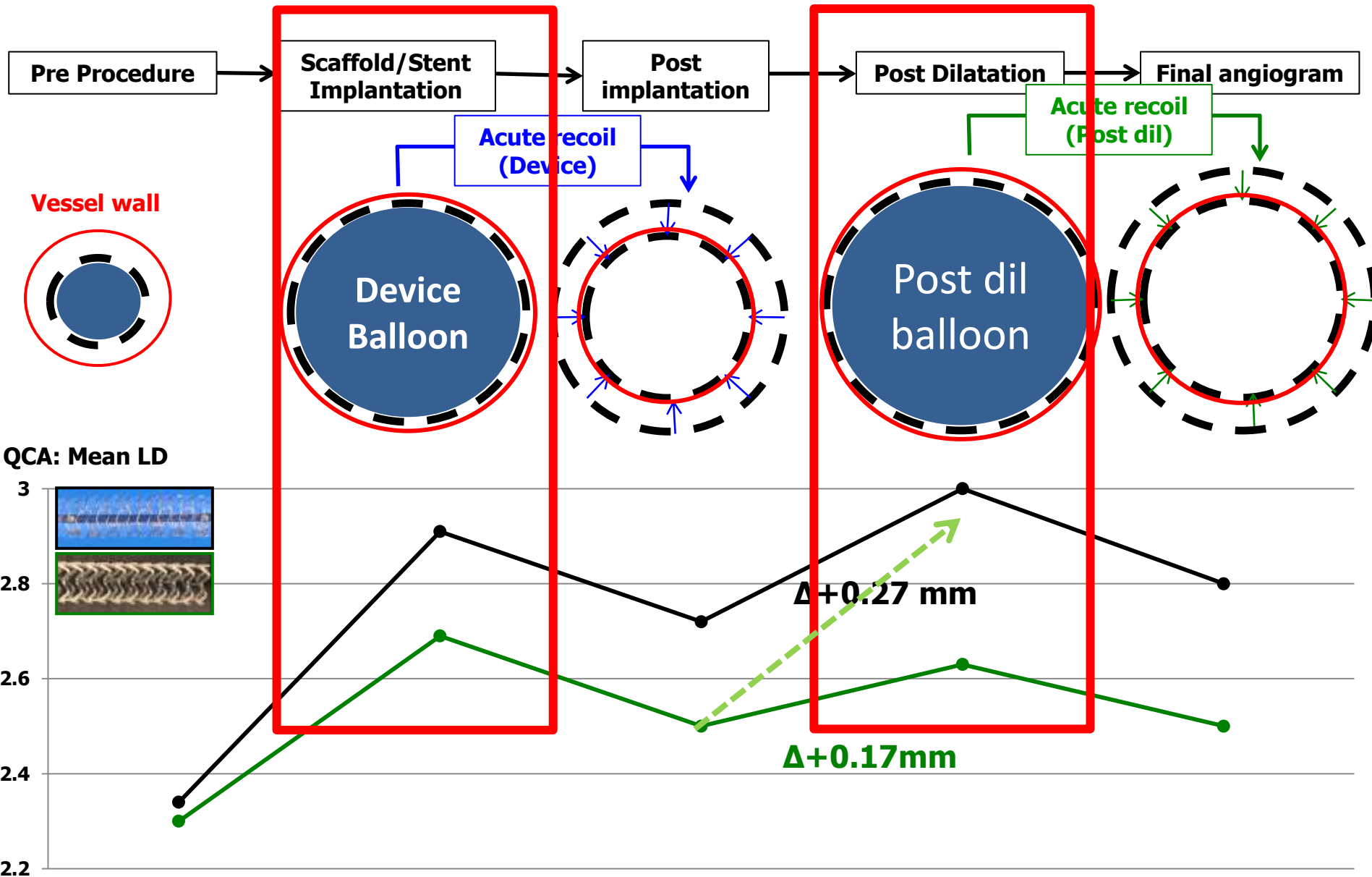
QCA: Mean LD



**Post Dil**  
**X: 16.8 atm**  
**Expected Diameter:  $3.40 \pm 0.39$  mm**  
**A: 15.2 atm**  
**Expected Diameter:  $3.26 \pm 0.35$  mm**

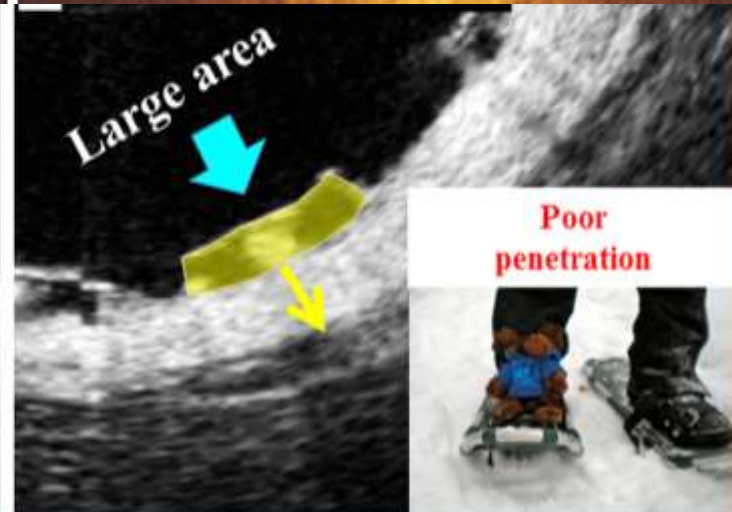
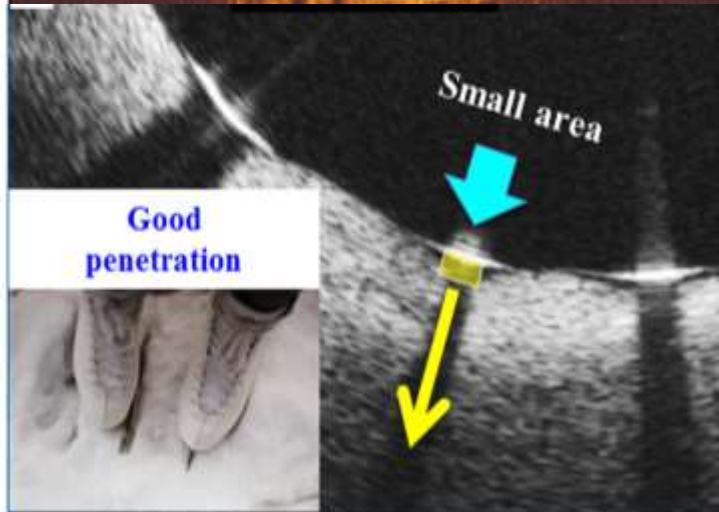
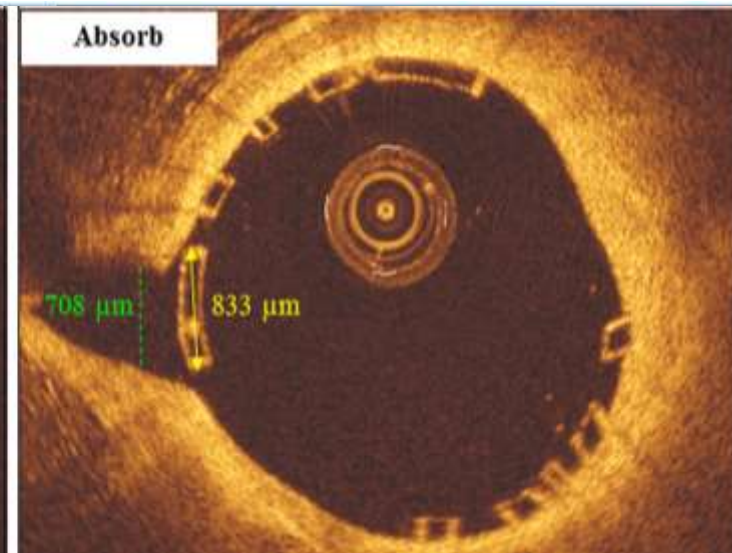
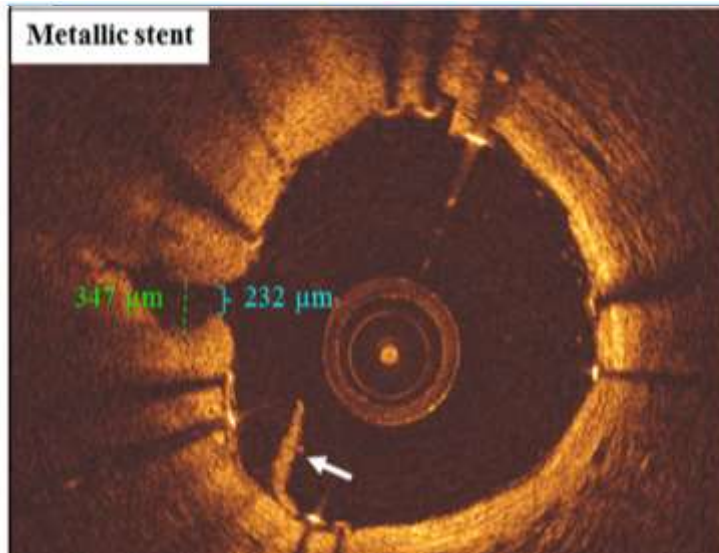
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Large strut area  $\rightarrow$  Poor penetration  $\rightarrow$  Small expansion

# #1. Acute performance: OCT guidance could improve the acute results

## ABSORB Biodegradable Stents Versus Second-Generation Metal Stents

Mattesini et al. JACC 2014

A Comparison Study of 100 Complex Lesions Treated Under OCT Guidance

**Table 4. Optical Coherence Tomography Findings (N = 124)**

	BVS (n = 63)		DES (n = 61)	p Value
Mean stent area, mm <sup>2</sup>	7.3 (2.3)		7.5 (1.6)	0.51
Minimal stent area, mm <sup>2</sup>	5.9 (1.9)	=	5.8 (1.5)	0.67
Mean lumen area, mm <sup>2</sup>	7.2 (2.2)	=	7.4 (1.6)	0.40
Minimal lumen area, mm <sup>2*</sup>	5.8 (1.9)		5.8 (1.5)	0.97
Median stent diameter, mm	2.9 (0.5)		3.1 (0.3)	0.33
Minimal stent diameter, mm	2.7 (0.4)		2.8 (0.5)	0.46
Maximal stent diameter, mm	3.2 (0.5)		3.3 (0.4)	0.52
Percentage RAS	20.2 (7.5)	=	21.7 (9.9)	0.32

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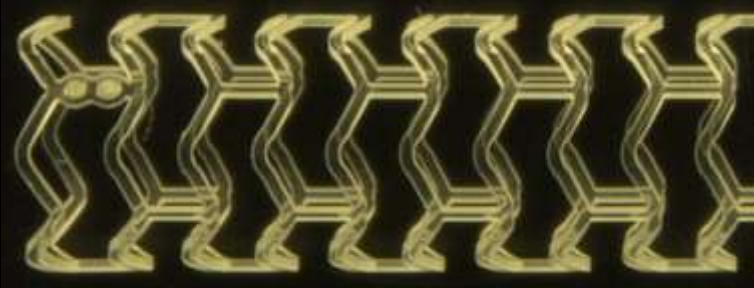
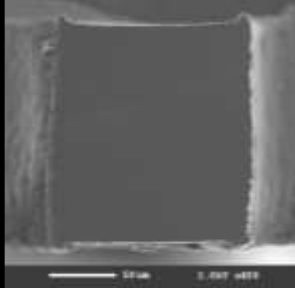
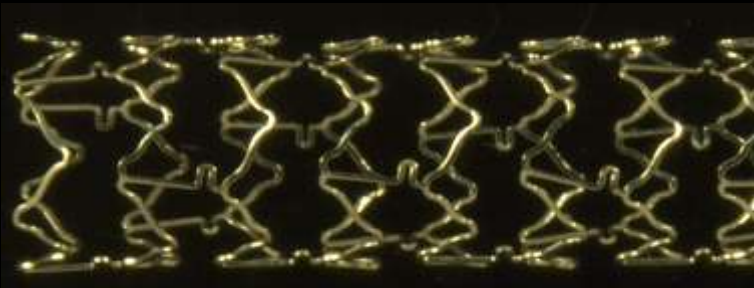

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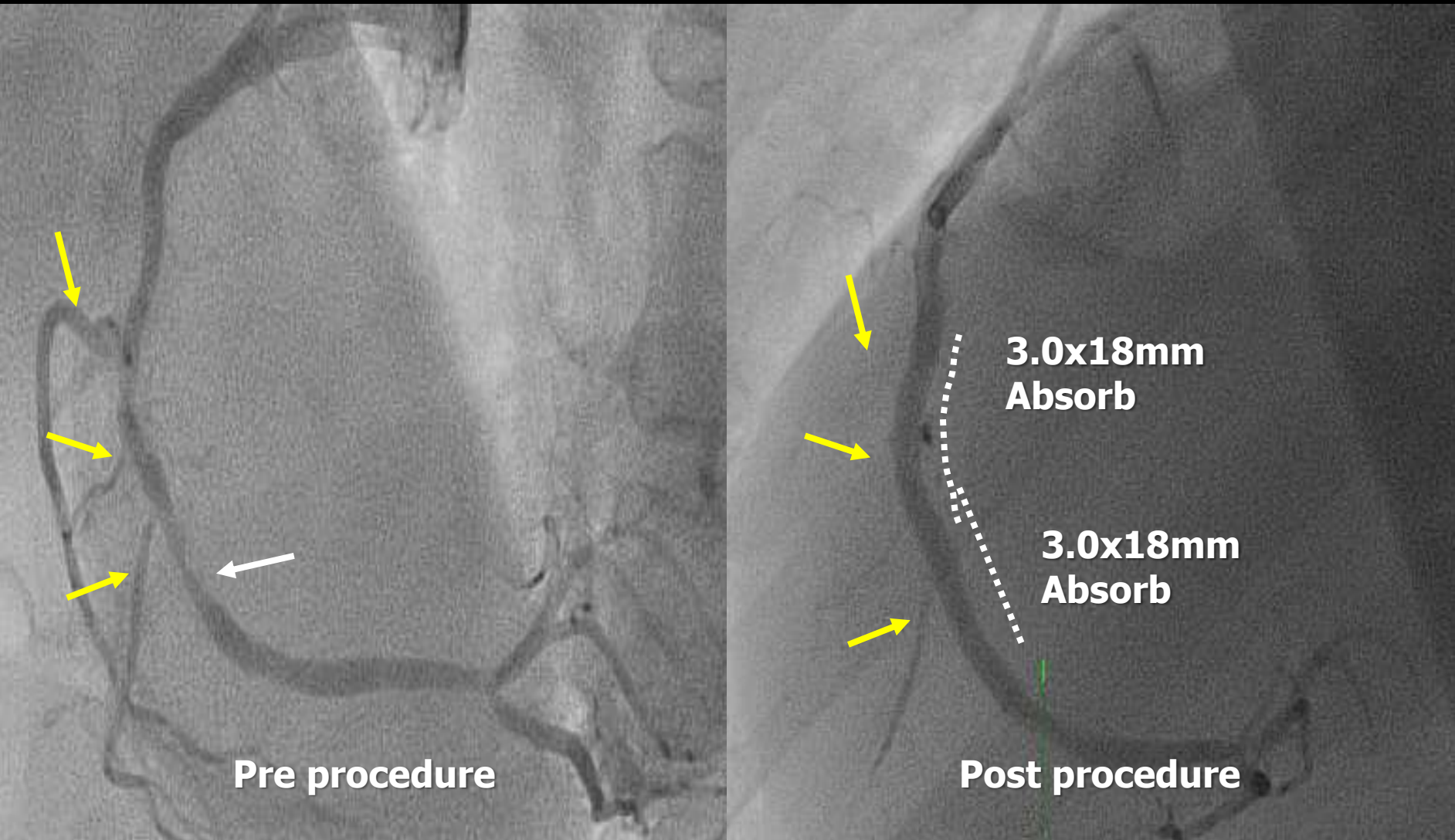
# Sidebranch Occlusion: Does the larger device Footprint matter?

	Macroscopic appearance	Material	Cross-section	Strut thickness
<b>Absorb scaffold</b>		PLLA + PDLLA		157 $\mu\text{m}$
<b>Xience V</b>		Co-Cr + durable fluoropolymer		89 $\mu\text{m}$

**Covered vessel wall area (footprint):  
26% (Absorb scaffold) vs. 12% (Xience V)**

**Given the increased strut width (foot print) of the Absorb, a potential concern exists that the scaffold implantation might result in more frequent side branch occlusion and a higher incidence of peri-procedural myocardial injury and myocardial infarction compared to newer-generations of DES.**

# Sidebranch Occlusion: Does the high device Footprint matter?



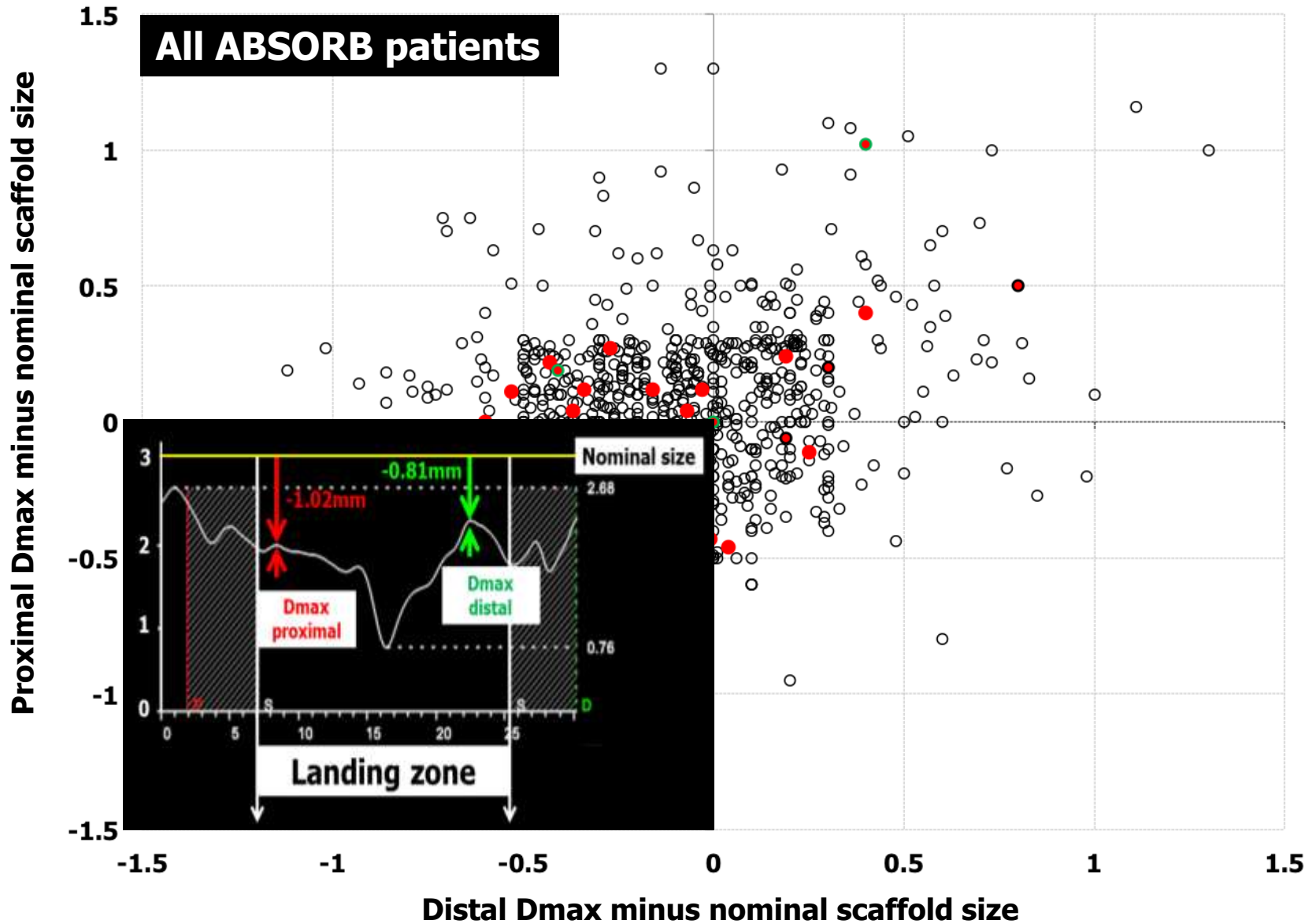
**Type 1: Side Branch Occlusion**

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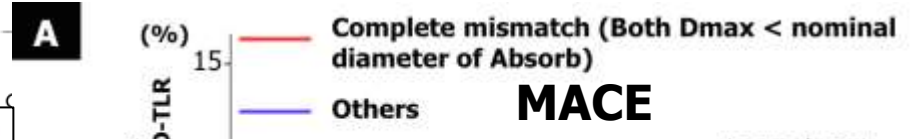
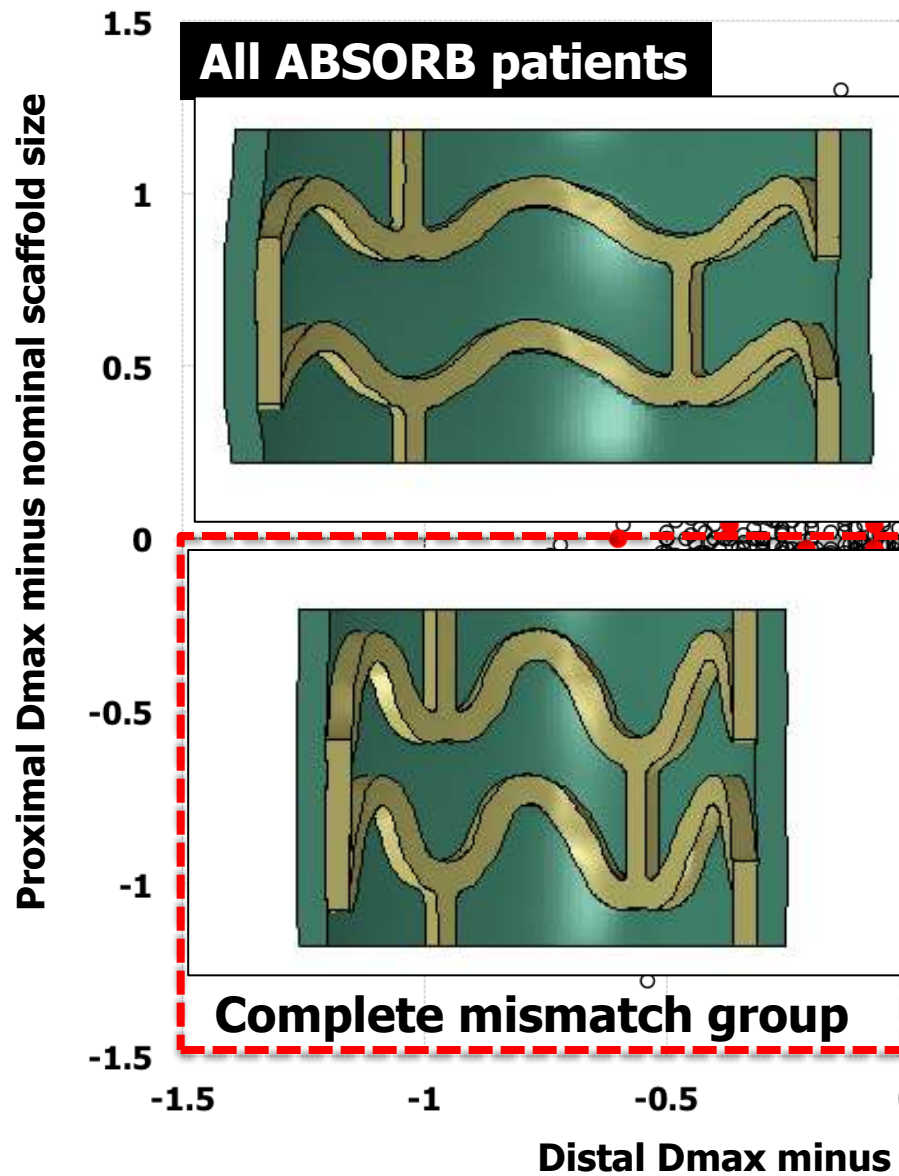
## Anatomic complication assessed by angiography

Per patient analysis	Absorb (N=335 pts)	EES (N=166 pts)	p value
Type1 anatomic complication assessed by angiography			
<b>Side Branch Occlusion, % (N)</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>0.41</b>
<b>Any anatomic complications assessed by angiography</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>0.39</b>

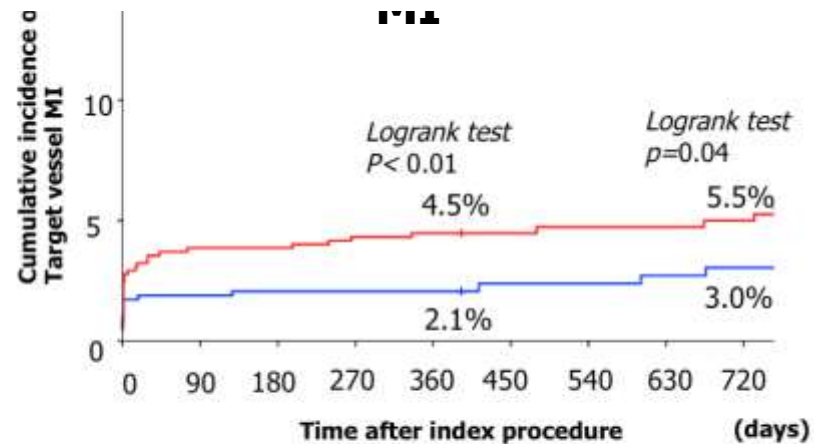
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The implantation of a "large" Absorb scaffold in a relatively small vessel had a higher risk of MACE at 1 year. The selection of nominal scaffold size below the diameter of both proximal and distal Dmax might lead to a denser polymer surface pattern, which could be associated with MI after procedure.



Number at risk (days)	0	37	194	393	758
Group A	649	626	624	620	613
Group B	583	572	571	571	566



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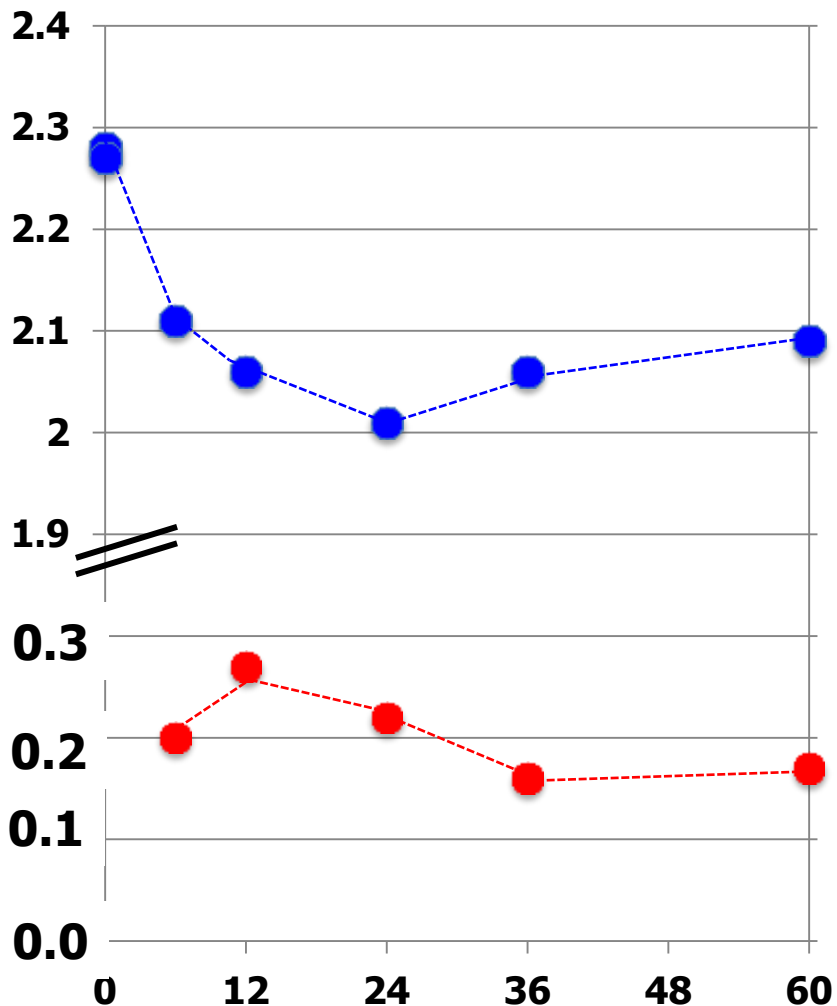
## 1. Insights from porcine model (1-5 years)

- **IVUS and echogenicity, pulsatility and vasomotion**
- **OCT and light intensity**
- **Histology**

## 2. Insights from human investigation (1-5 years)

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- **MSCT (at 18 and 60 months)**

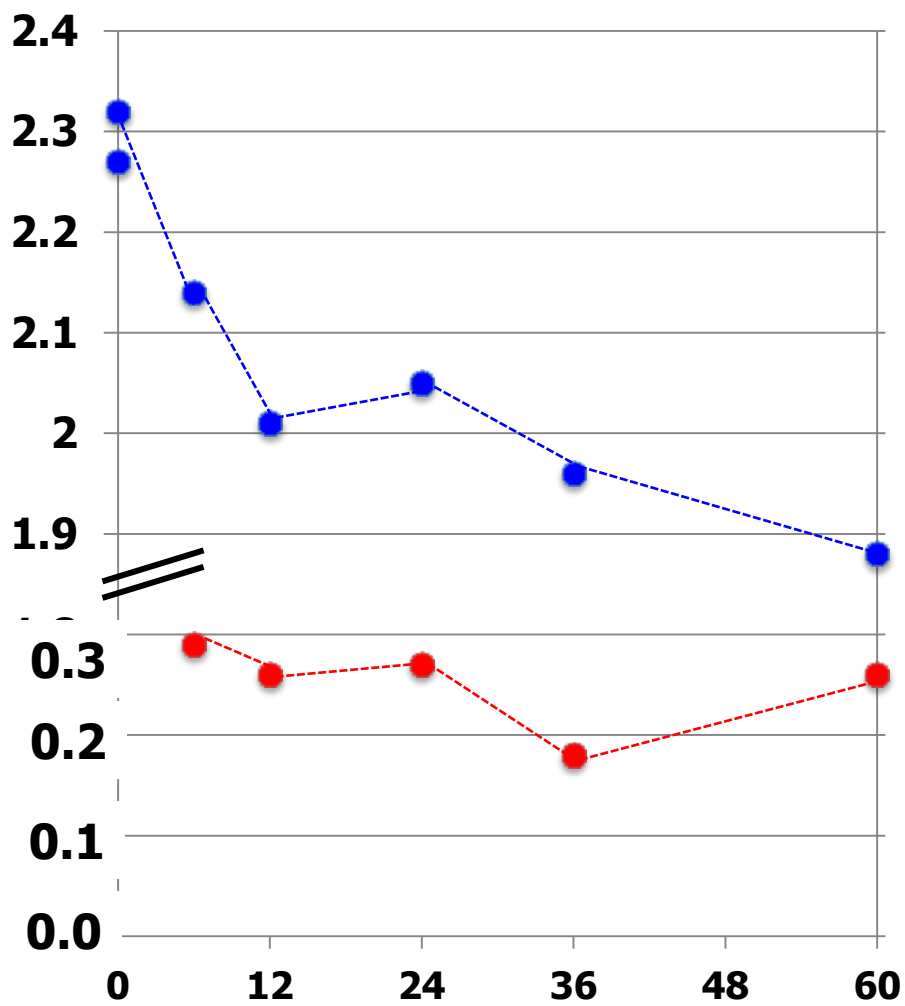
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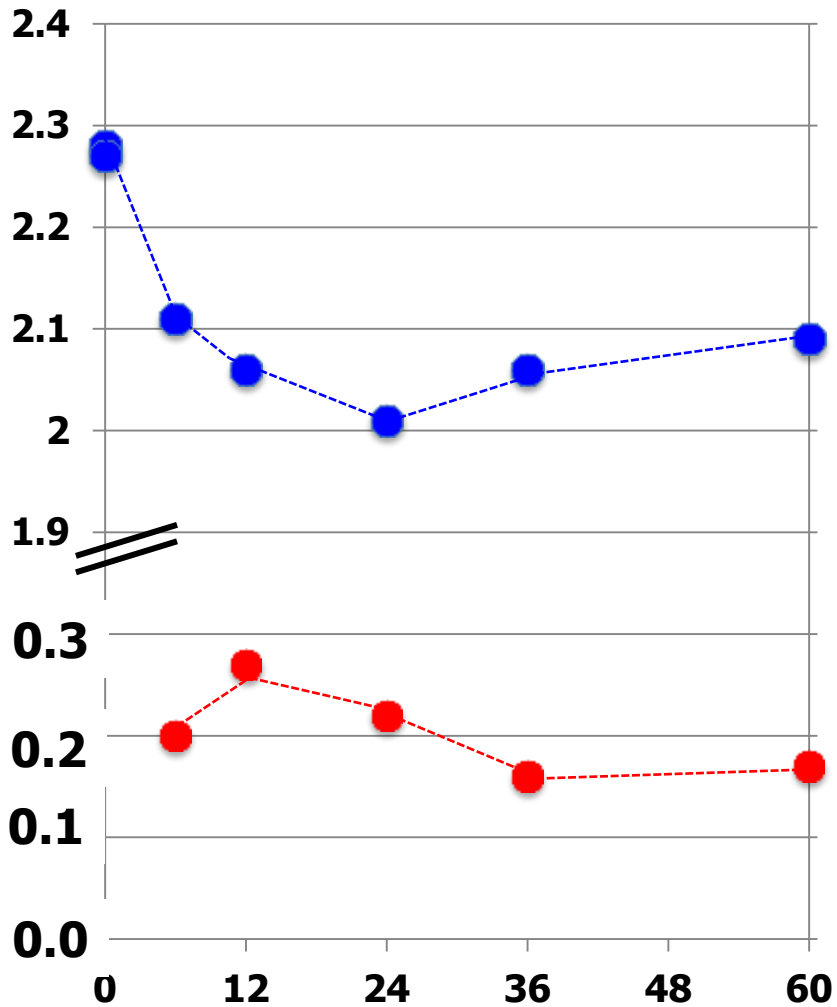
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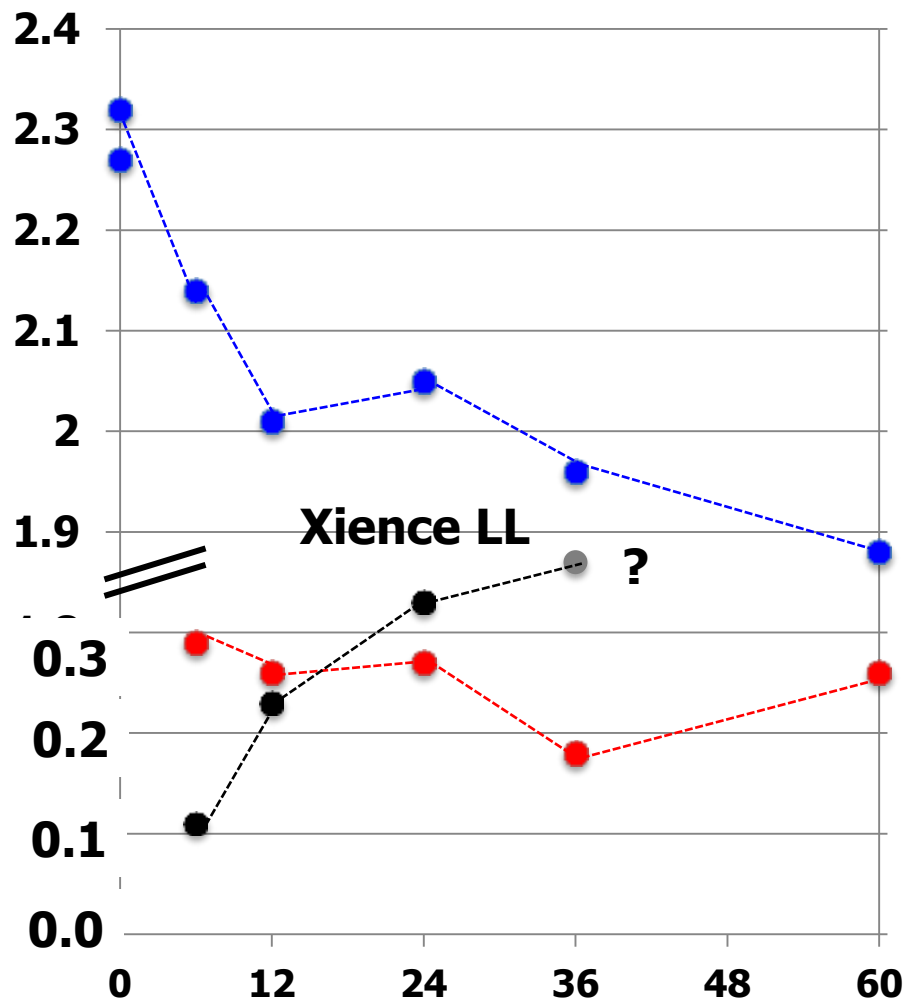
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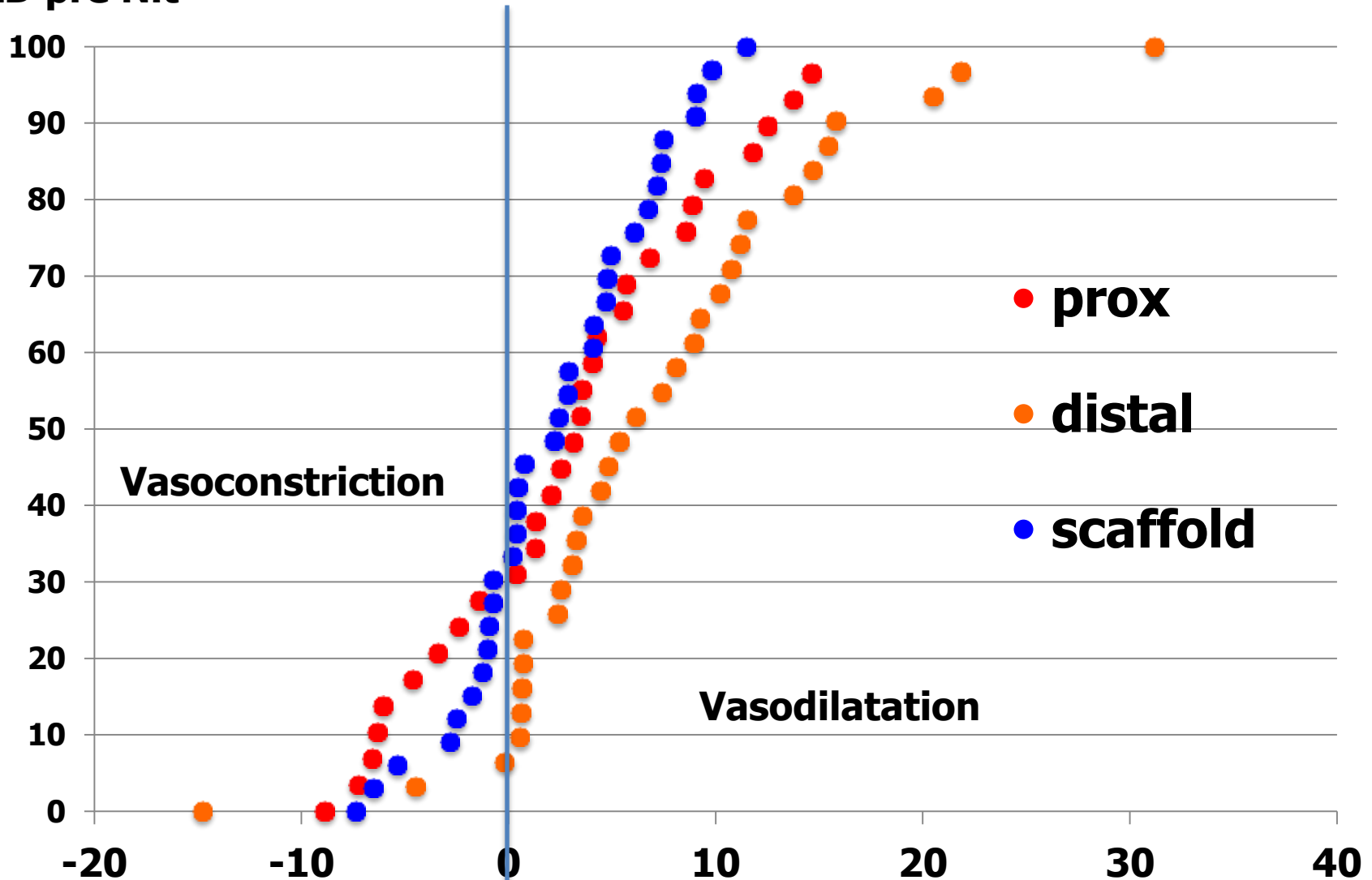


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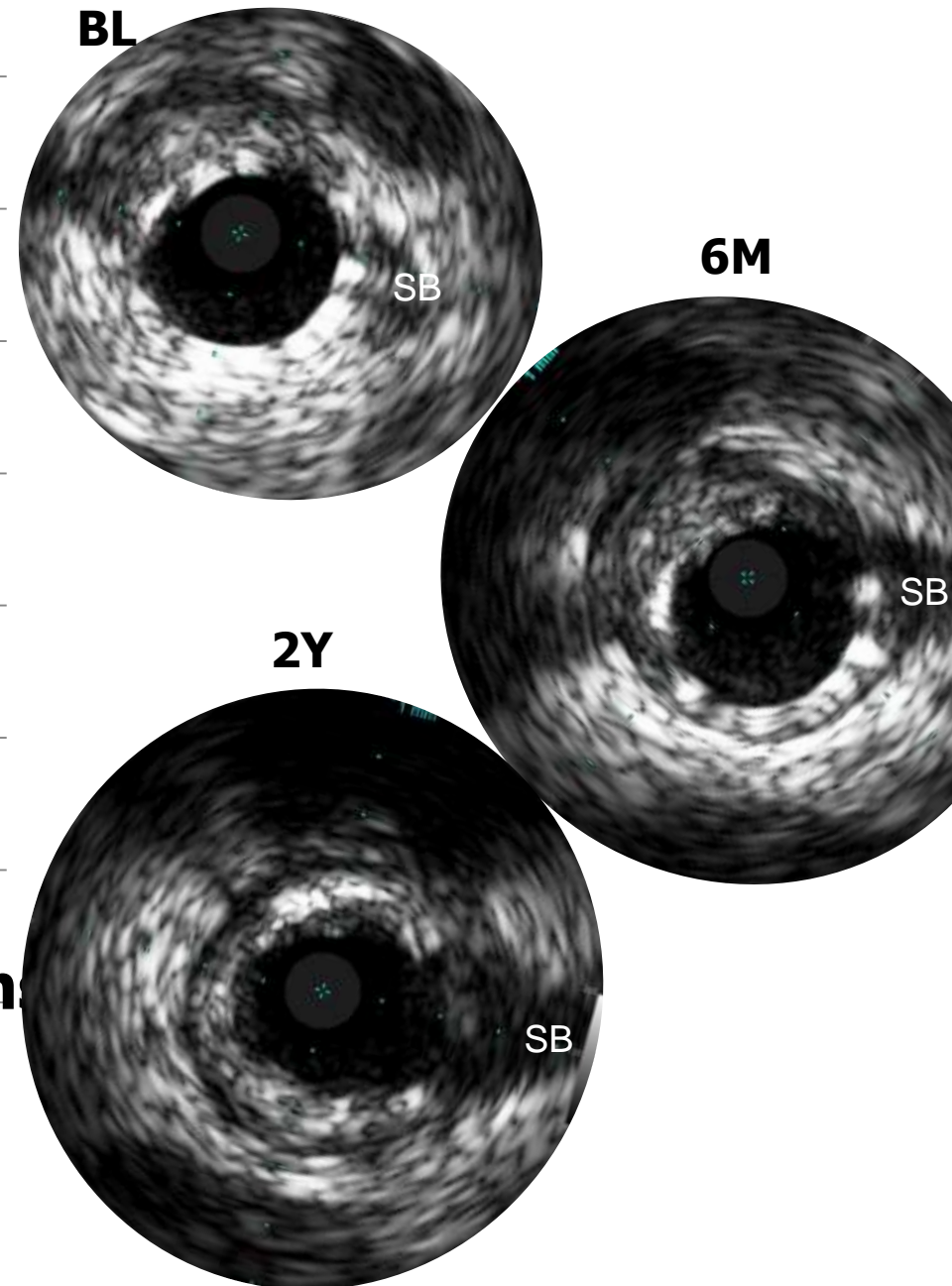
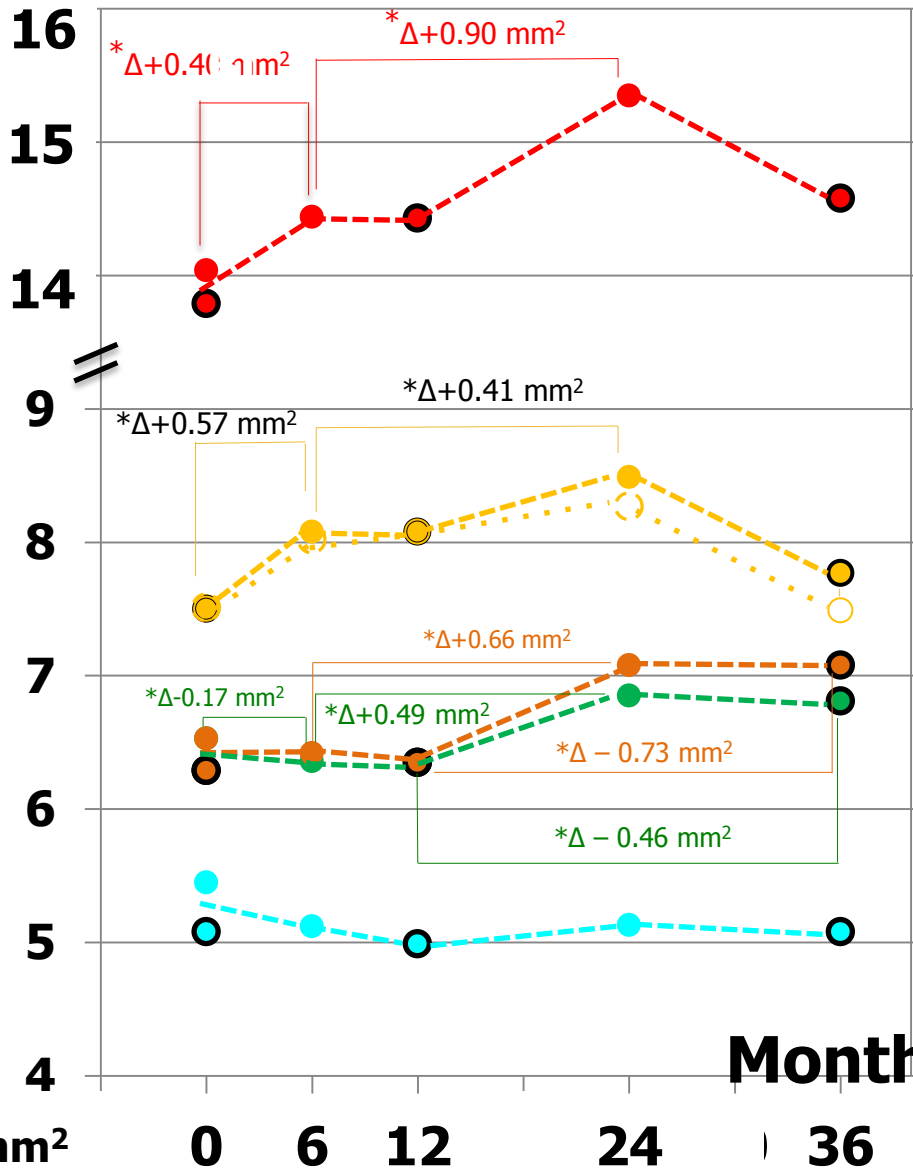
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# Vasomotion test at 3 years: Mean LD before and after nitrate

Relative change =  $100 \times (\text{mean LD post Nit} - \text{Mean LD pre Nit}) / \text{Mean LD pre Nit}$



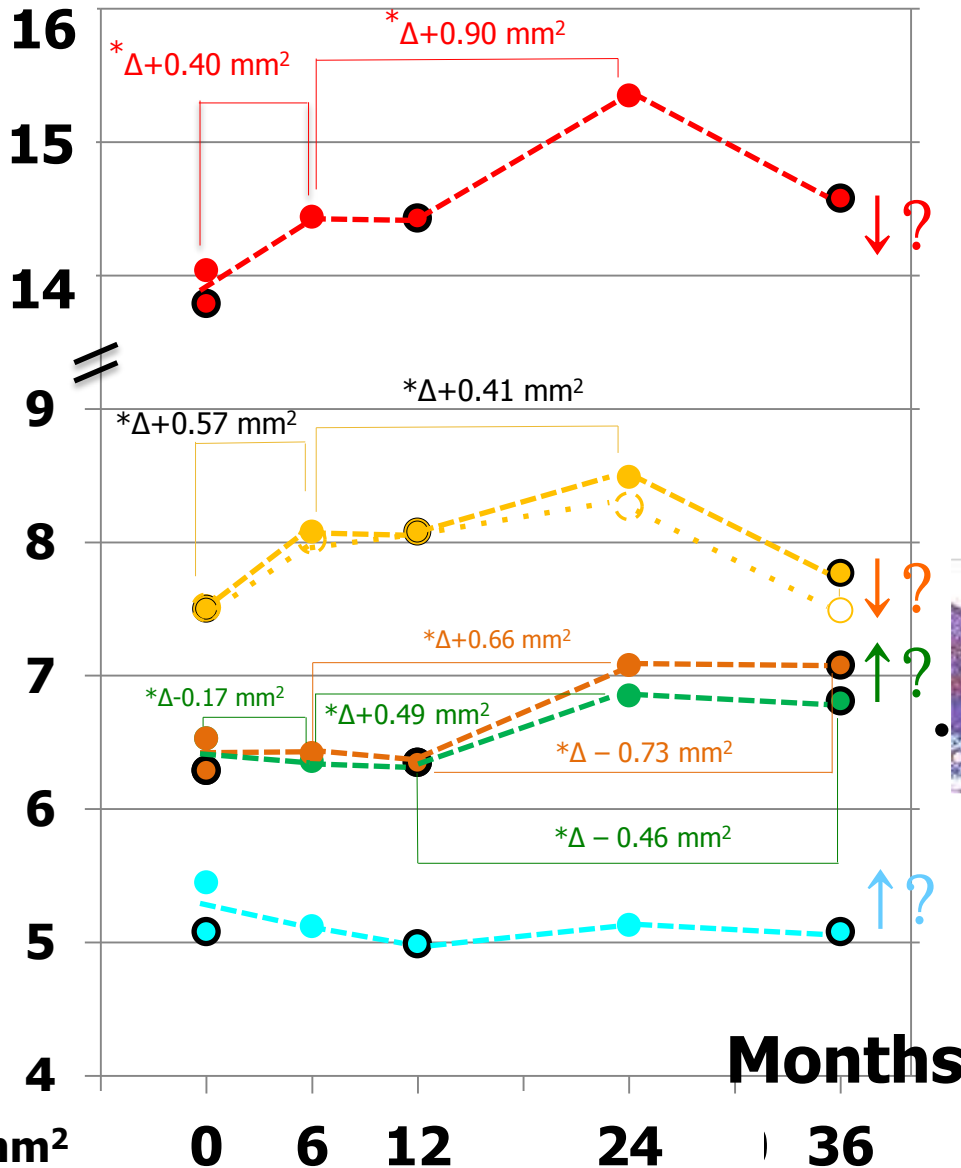
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- Vessel area in cohort B1
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- Total plaque area in cohort B1
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- Scaffold area in cohort B1
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- Mean lumen area in cohort B1
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- Min lumen area in cohort B1
- Min lumen area in cohort B2

# Serial IVUS

- **The Vessel area and total plaque area** show a biphasic change with an increase between the first and second year. A plaque reduction occurs between the second and third year follow-up.

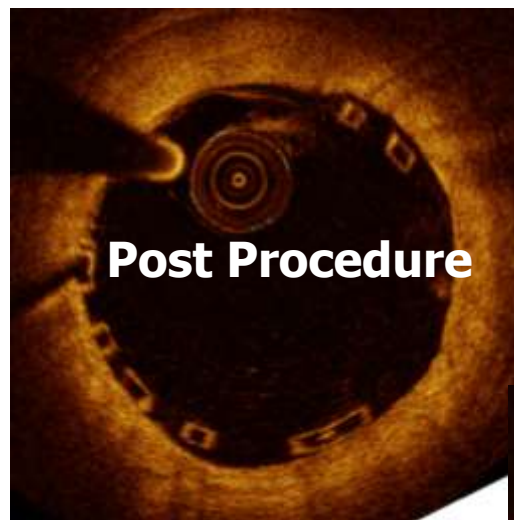
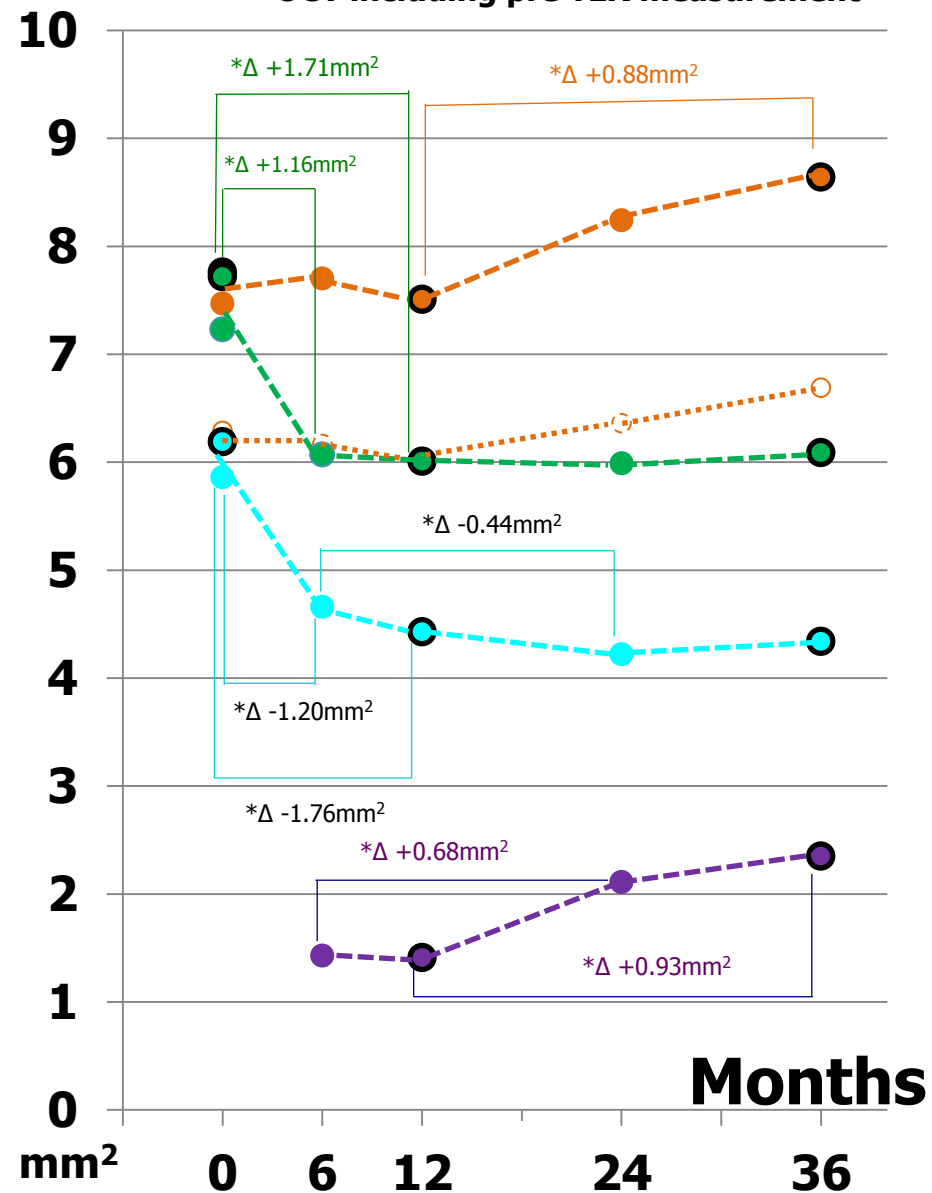


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# Serial OCT

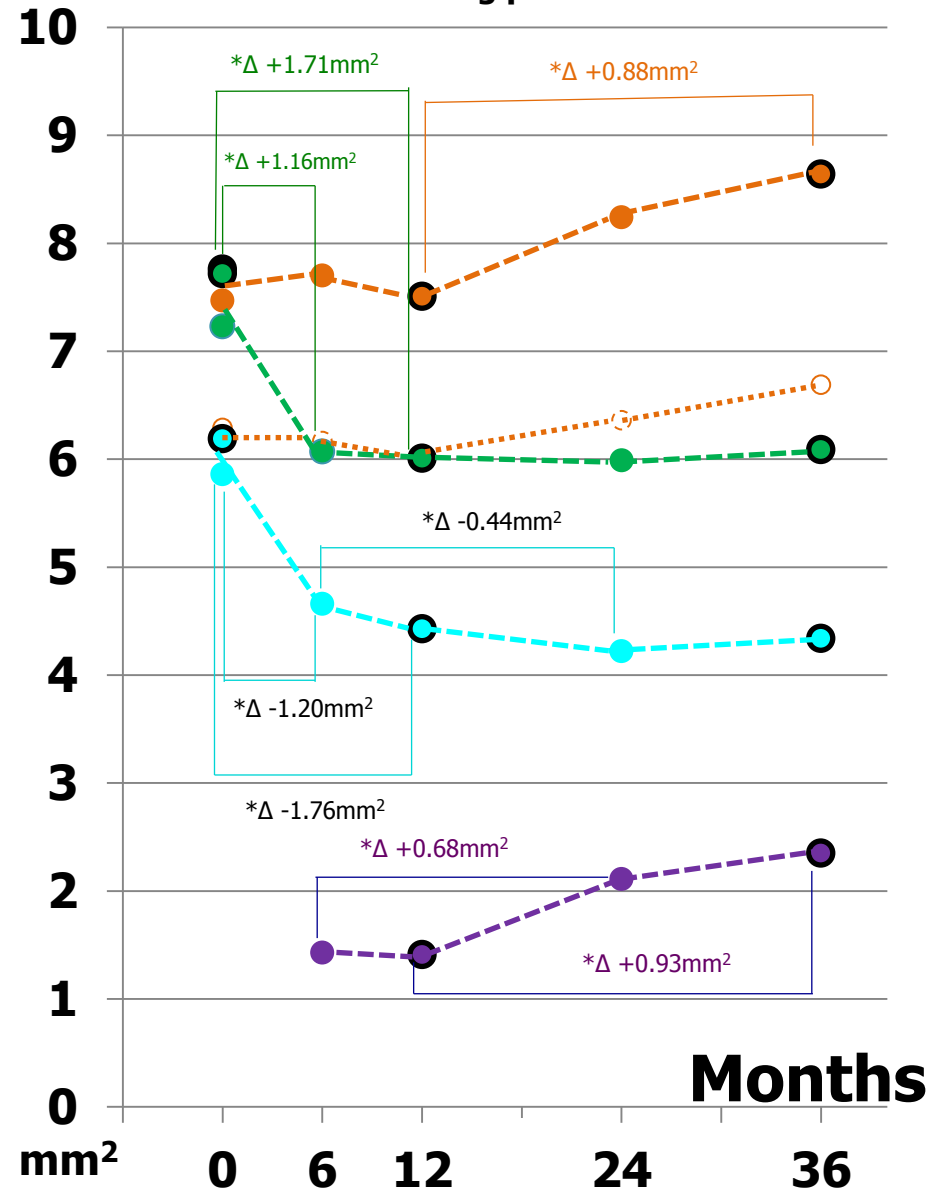
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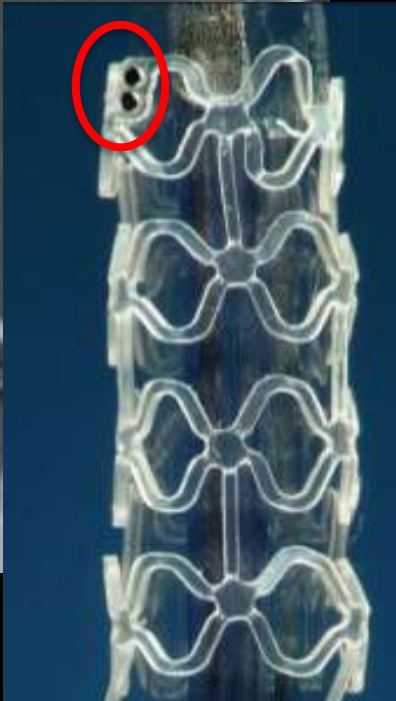
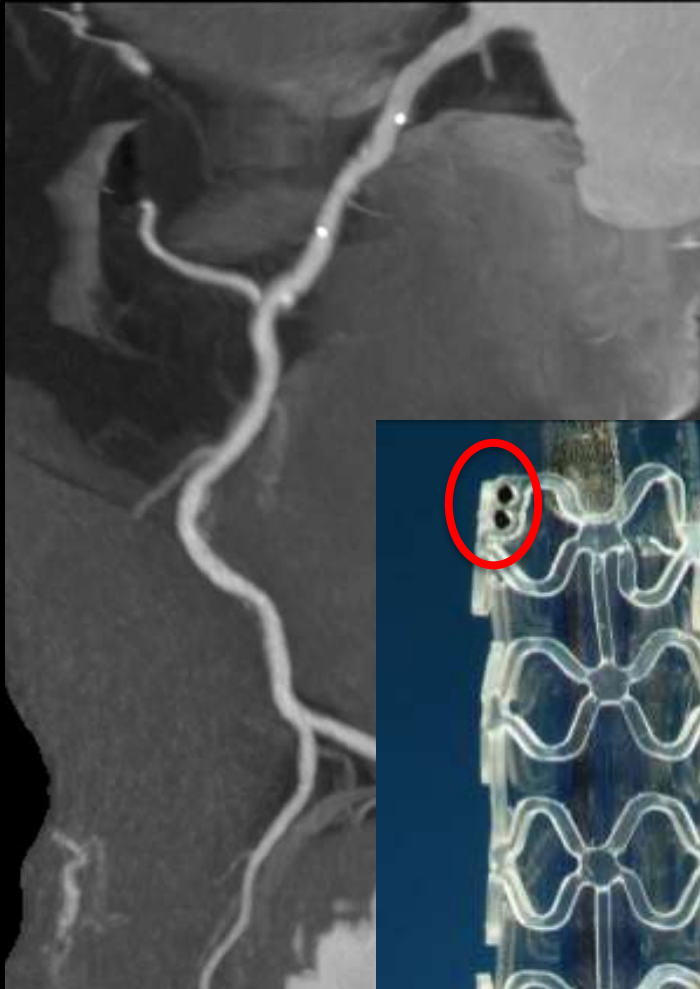


- OCT confirms the IVUS findings regarding the increase in the scaffold area and neointimal area from 1 to 3 years.
- The **mean and minimum scaffold area** significantly increase and compensate for the increase in **neointimal hyperplasia**. As a consequence, **mean lumen area** and **minimal lumen area** were unchanged from 1 year to 3 years.

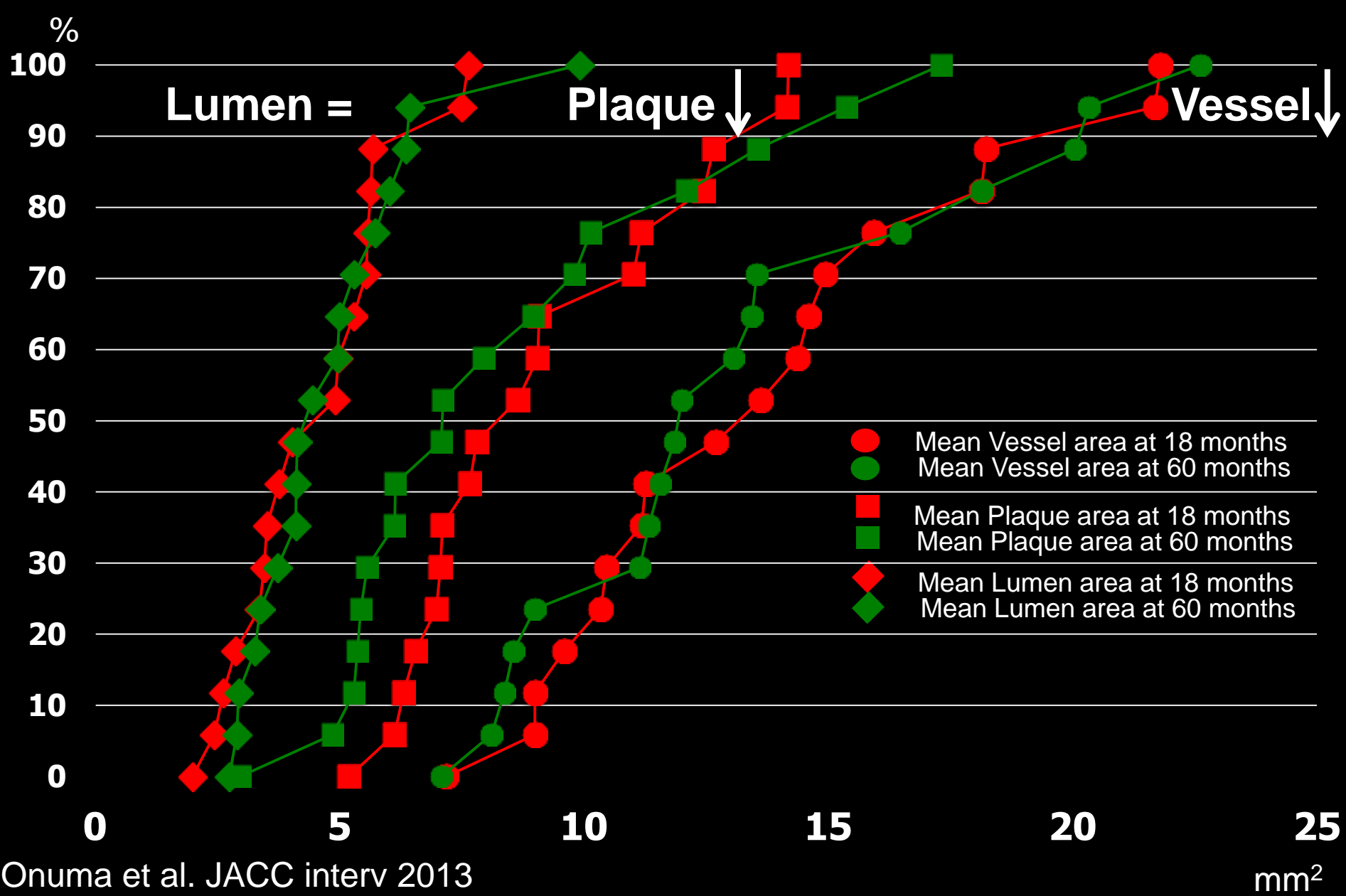
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# Quantitative Assessment of MSCT

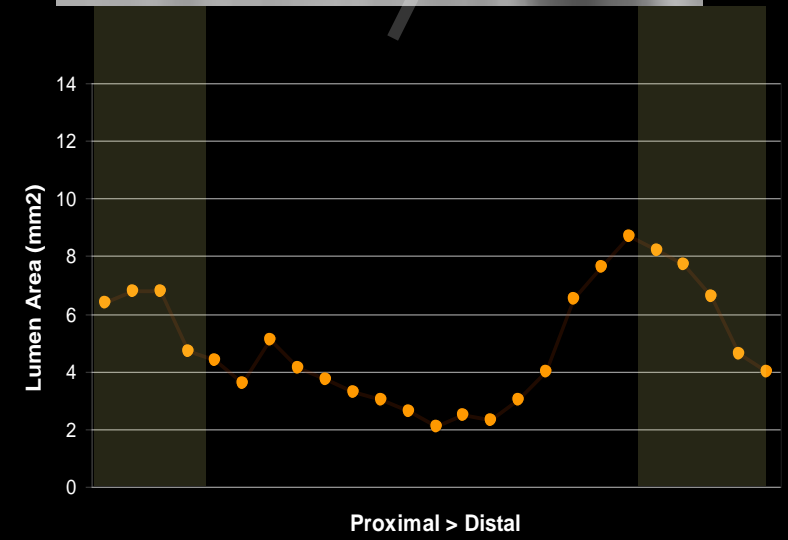


# Cumulative frequency distribution curves of vessel area, plaque area and lumen area on MSCT at 18 months and 60 months



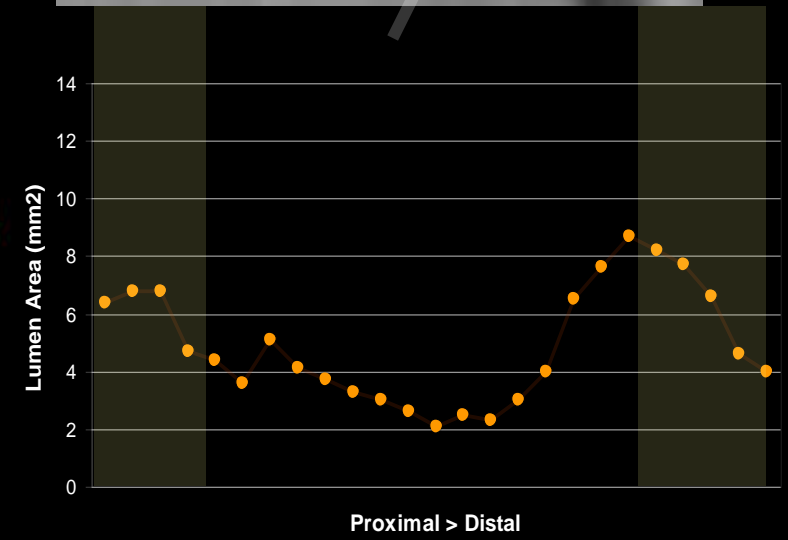
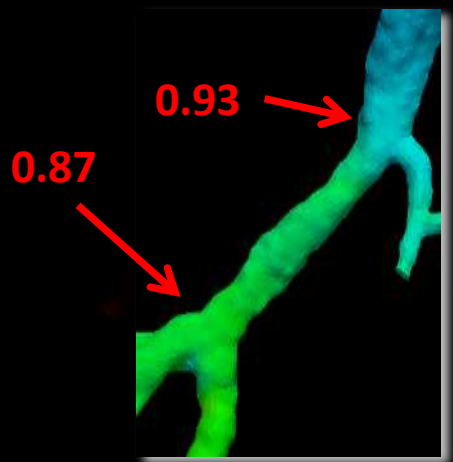
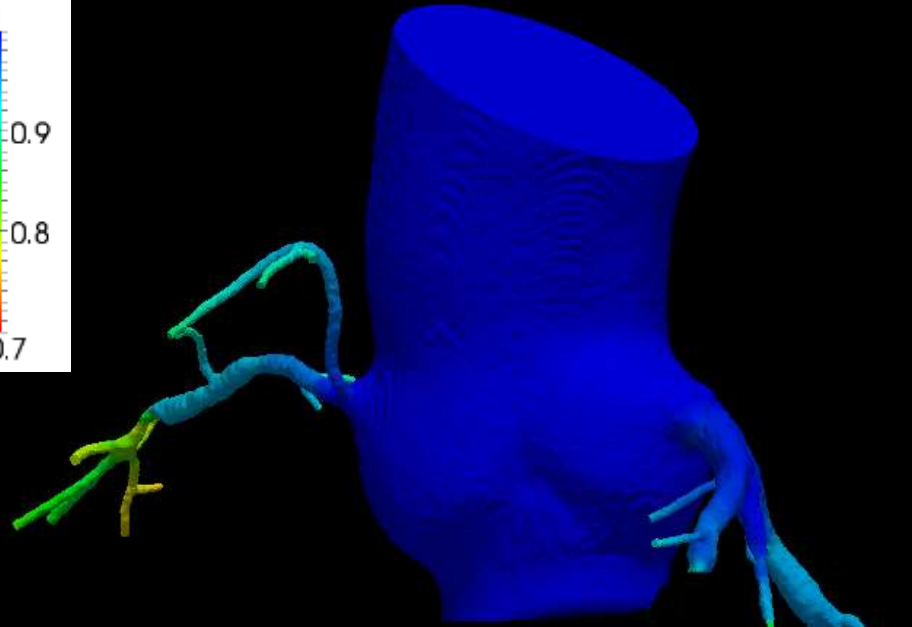
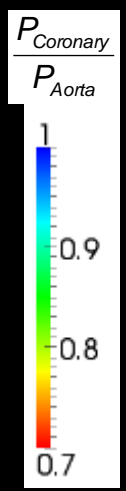
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# Conclusion

## **Absorb II trial showed:**

- **The acute gain is smaller with Absorb (A) than with Xience (X), which is derived from less aggressive implantation/postdilatation with A than X.**
- **Appropriate postdilatation with OCT guidance may achieve better acute gain**
- **Sidebranch occlusion and other angiographic complications are not different**
- **The implantation of a “large” Absorb scaffold in a relatively small vessel had a higher risk of MACE at 1year.**

## **ABSORB A and B trials showed:**

- **Stable Late lumen loss**
- **Late lumen enlargement**
- **Feasibility of non-invasive imaging at FUP by MSCT with a possibility of functional assessment**