

Can We Prevent Events of Vulnerable Plaque ? From Stable to PREVENT

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Vulnerable Plaque, Pathology Definition

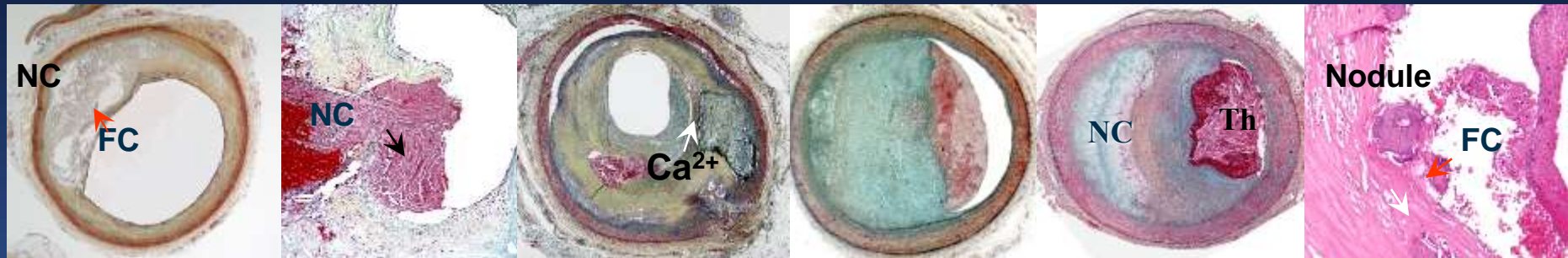
Thin-cap
Fibroatheroma
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Rupture/
Healed Rupture

Erosion

Erosion/
Thrombus

Calcific
Nodule



Vulnerable Plaque, Imaging Definition

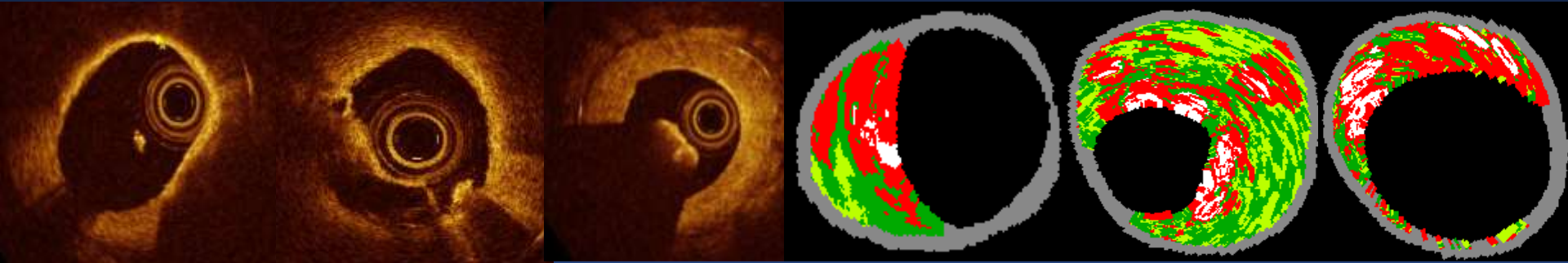
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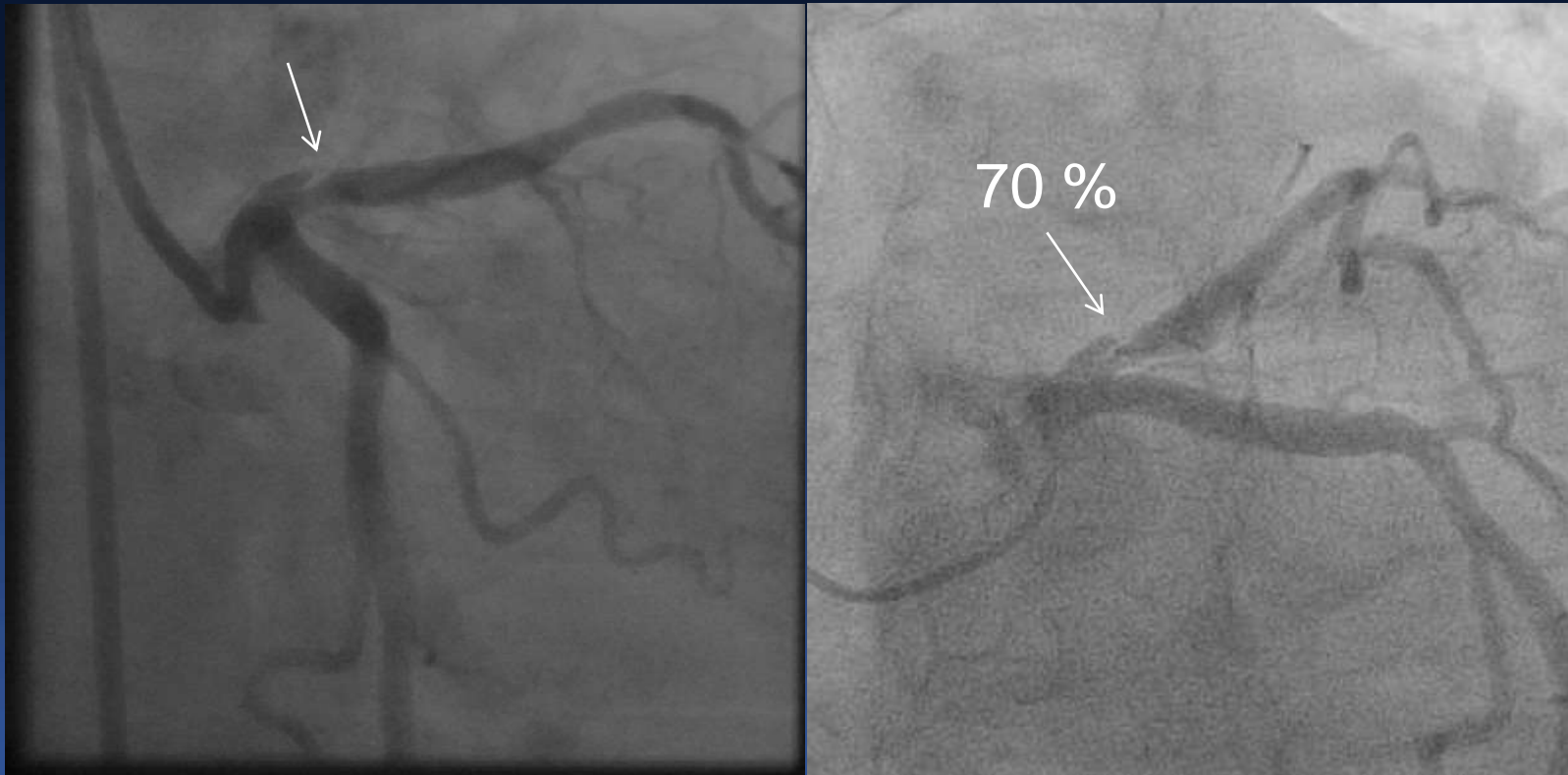
Confluent
Necrotic Core

>50%
Area Narrowing

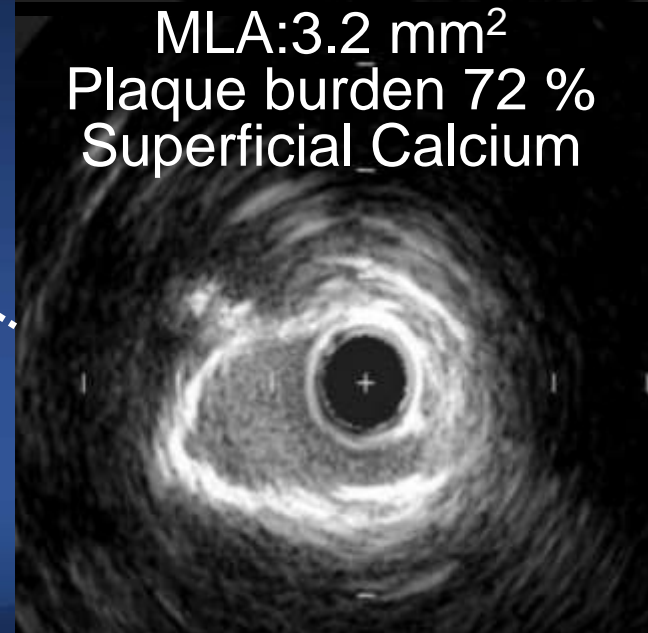
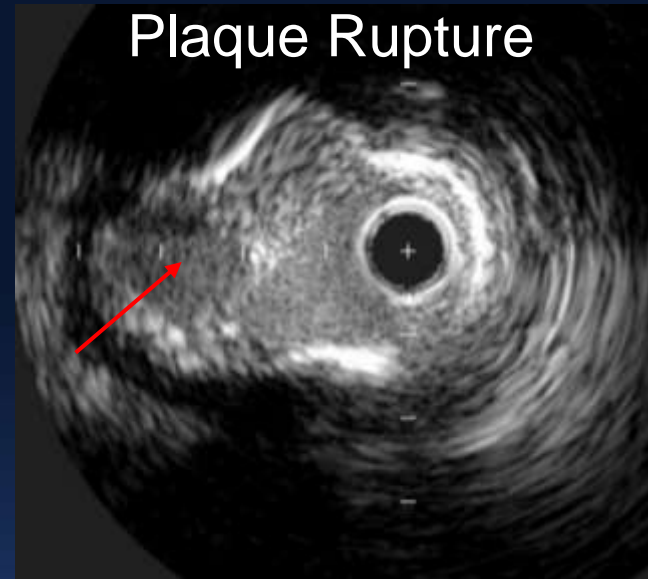
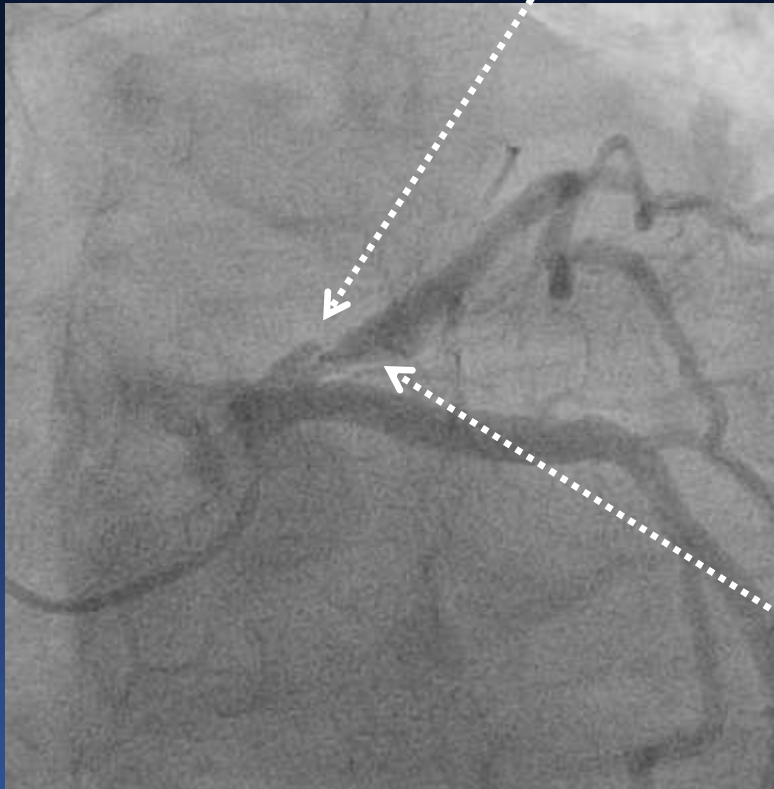
Calcium
>5%



M/74, Asymptomatic Plaque Rupture

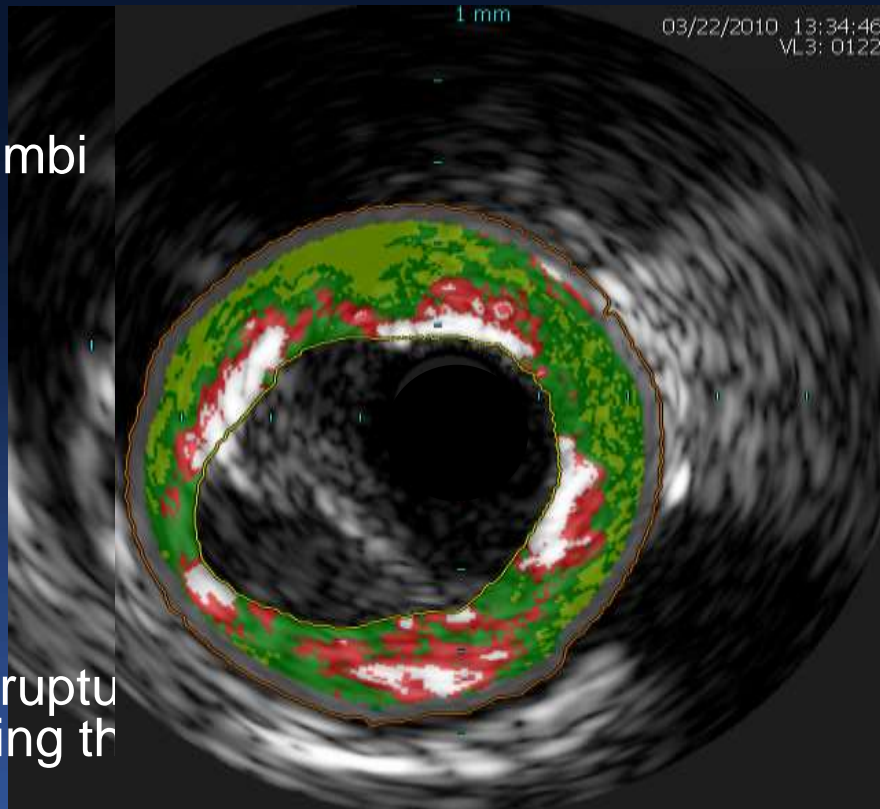


IVUS



VH-IVUS

Thrombi



PB: 71.3%

FI : 41.4%

FF: 20.0%

NC: 23.0%

DC: 15.6%

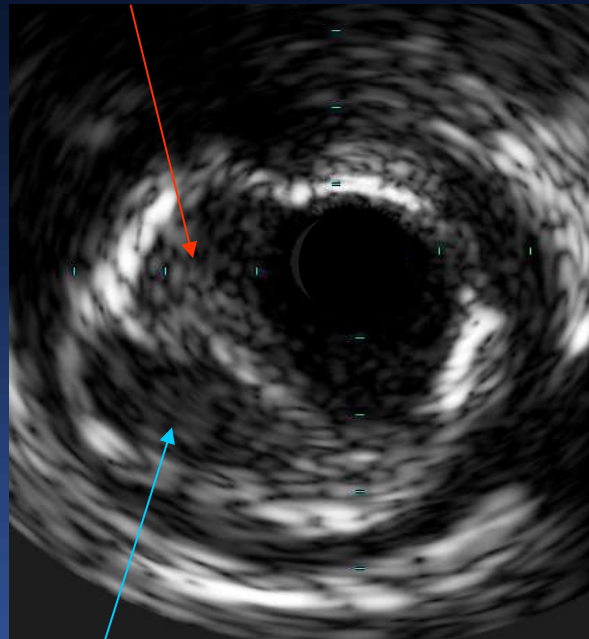
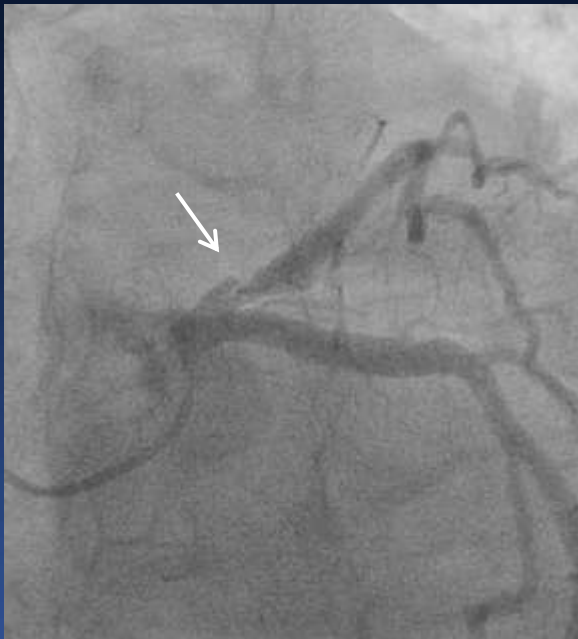
LAD, FFR

Intravenous adenosine, 200 µg/kg/min

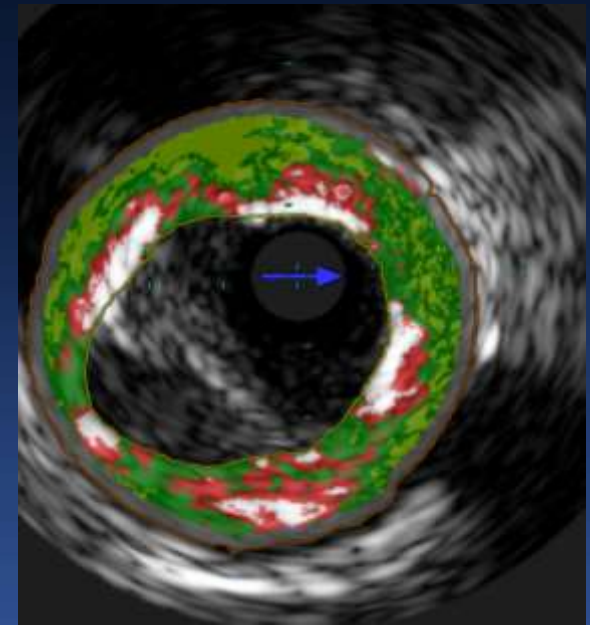


Functionally Insignificant Vulnerable Plaque

Organized Thrombus

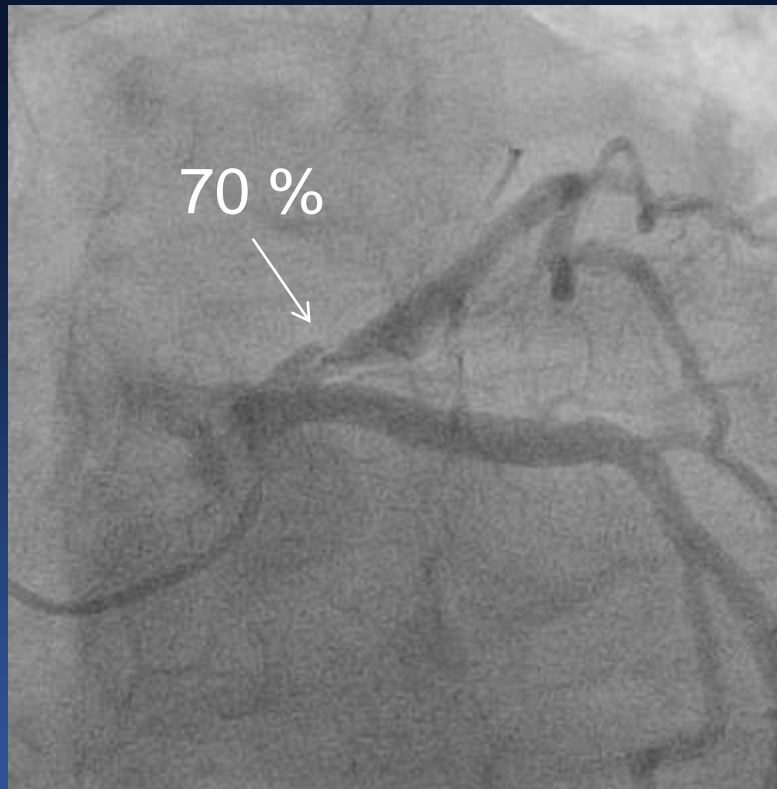


Rupture
Plaque Burden 72%
MLA:3.2 mm²



Necrotic Core 25%
Dense Calcium 16%

Functionally Insignificant To Treat or Not To Treat? Vulnerable Plaque



FFR : 0.89

Angiographic DS : 70%

IVUS MLA : 3.2 mm²

Plaque burden : 72%

Necrotic Core : 25%

Dense Calcium ; 16%

*Plaque Rupture with
Thrombus Containing*

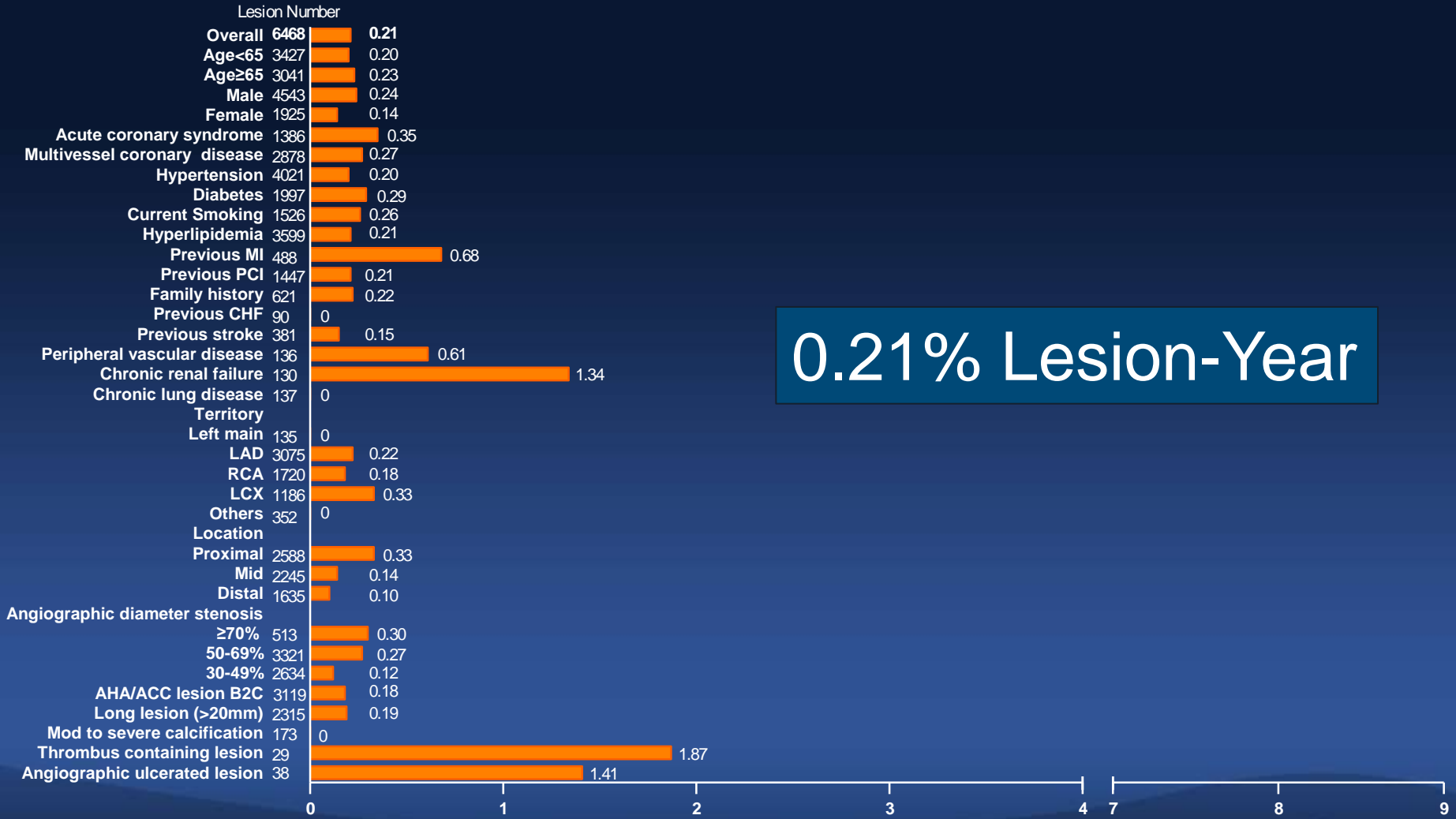
Not to Treat ?

Negative FFR (non-invasive stress tests) means *just excellent prognosis (0.6%/year, Cardiac Death and MI)*, even in the presence of angiographically proven coronary artery disease.

Shaw LJ, J Nucl Cardiol 2004;11:171-85 ,Prognostic value of gated myocardial perfusion SPECT. Very large meta-analysis (n=39,173 patients)

Cardiac Death/MI

(IRIS-FFR Registry, 8633 Deferred Lesions Analysis, AMC data)



0.21% Lesion-Year

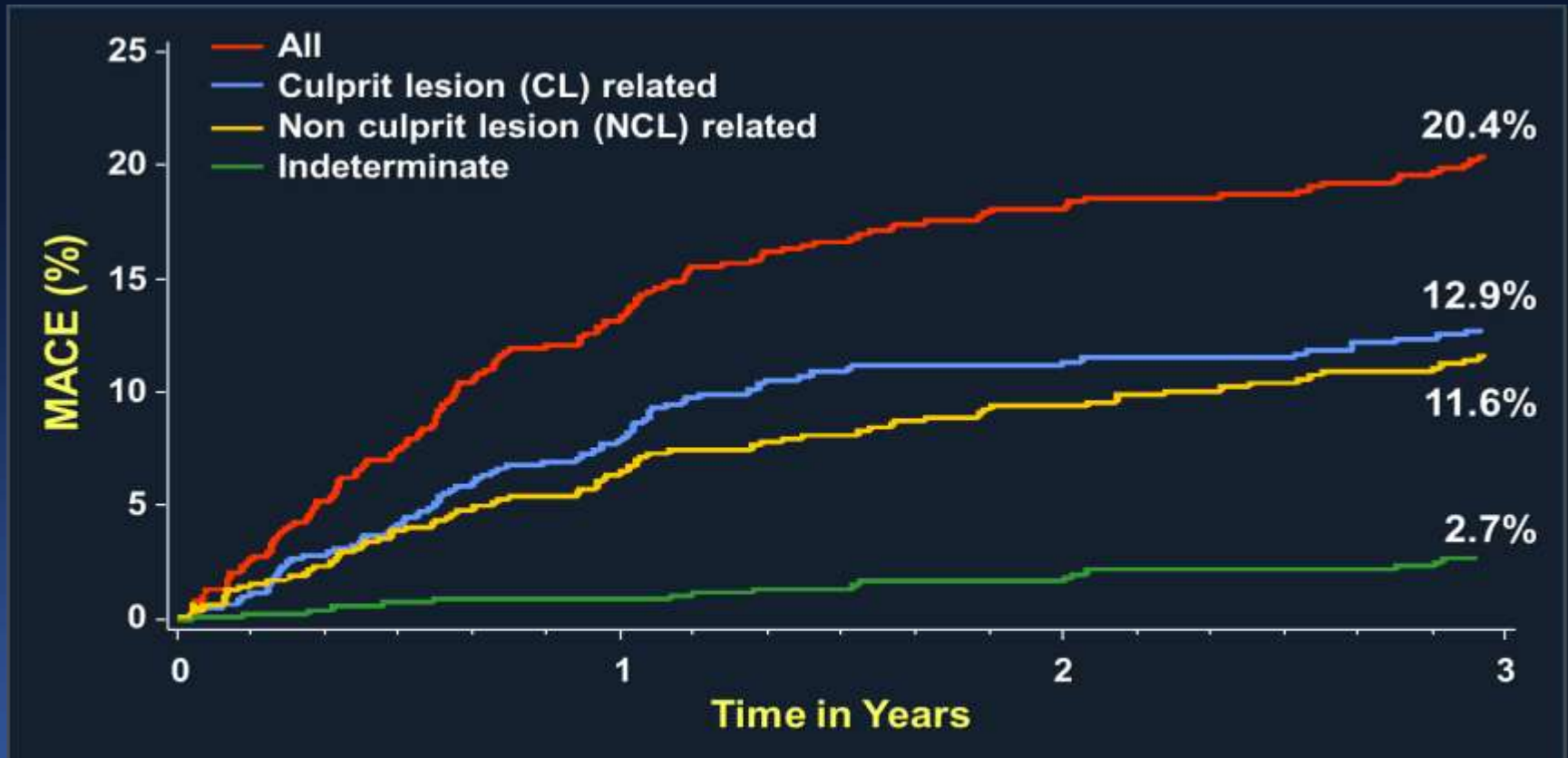
To Treat ?

Vulnerable Plaque (defined by PROSPECT study) *has more tendency to increase MACE.*

PROSPECT Study
Stone GW et al. NEJM 2011;364:226-35

PROSPECT: MACE

(N=700, ACS, 3-Vessel Imaging after PCI)

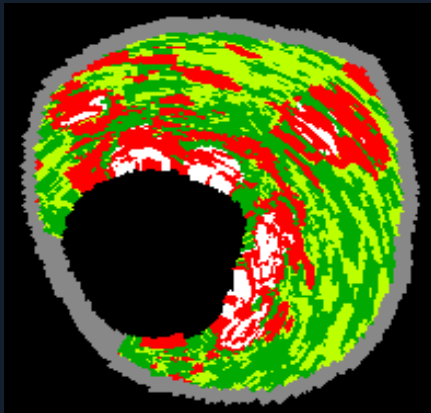


Number at risk

	0	1	2	3
ALL	697	557	506	480
CL related	697	590	543	518
NCL related	697	595	553	521
Indeterminate	697	634	604	583

Vulnerable Plaque Defined by VH-IVUS

Independent Predictors of Non-Culprit Lesion Events



$PB_{MLA} \geq 70\%$

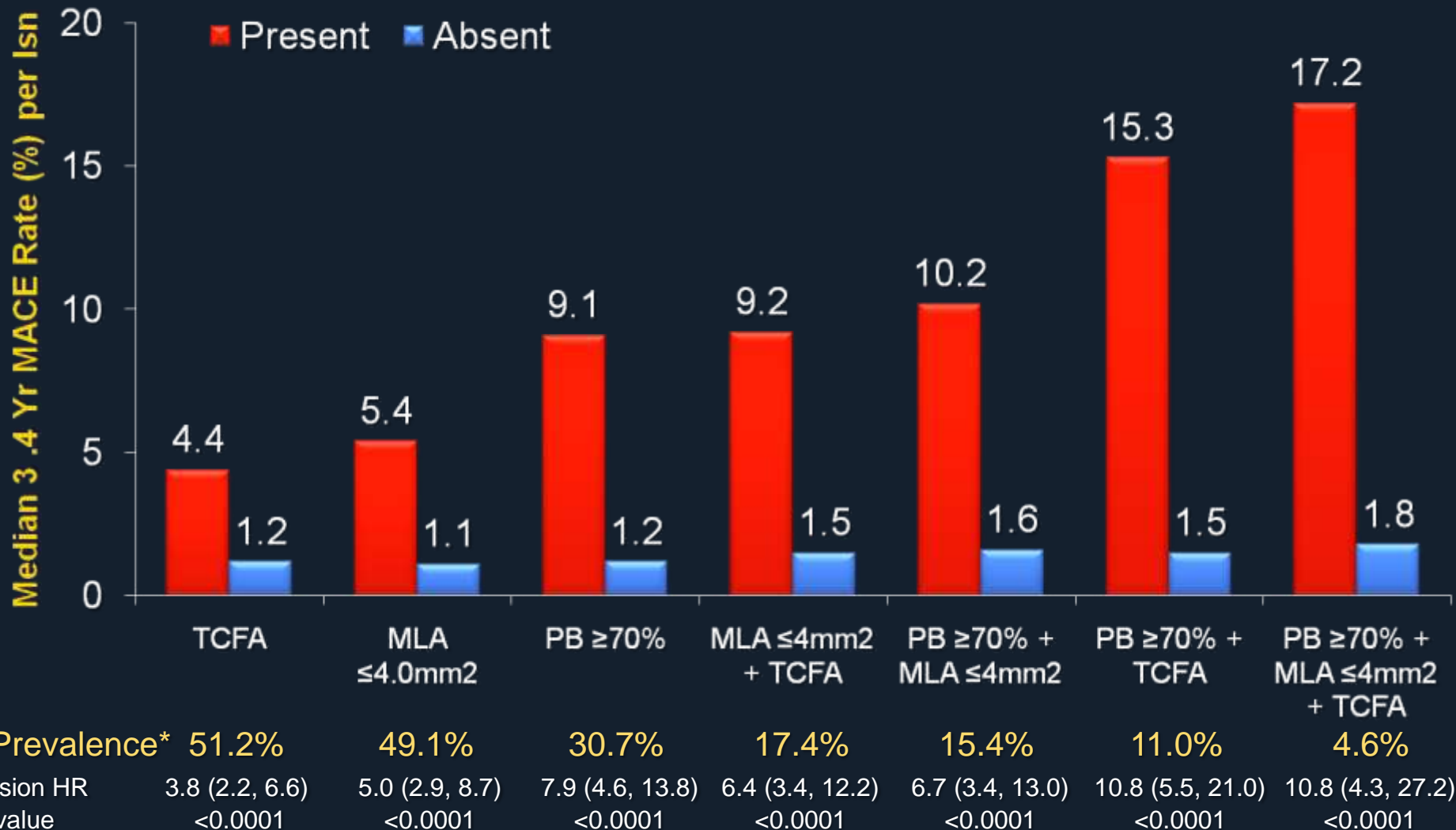
VH-TCFA

$MLA \leq 4.0 \text{ mm}^2$

	HR [95% CI]	P value
$PB_{MLA} \geq 70\%$	5.03 [2.51, 10.11]	<0.0001
VH-TCFA	3.35 [1.77, 6.36]	0.0002
$MLA \leq 4.0 \text{ mm}^2$	3.21 [1.61, 6.42]	0.001

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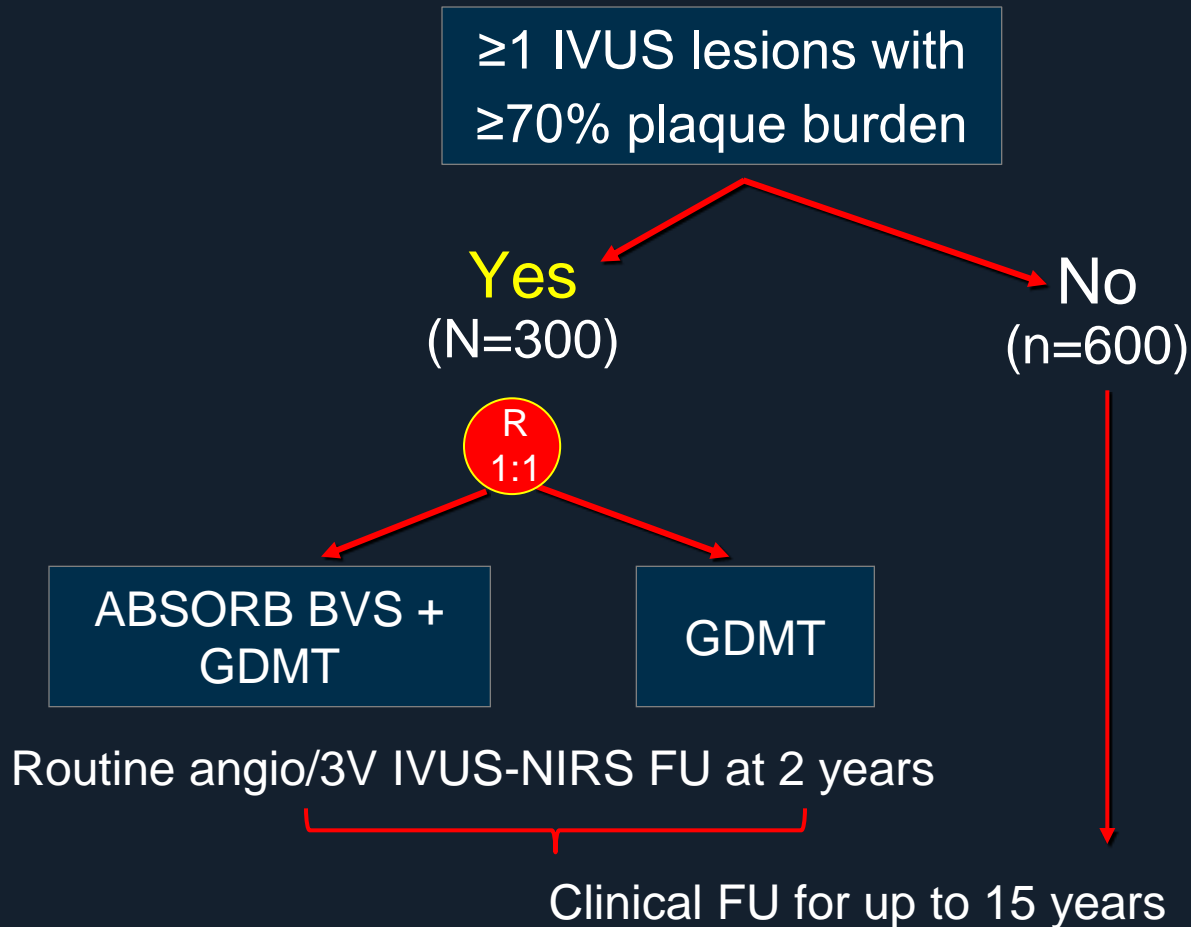
PROSPECT: Correlates of Non Culprit Lesion Related Events



*Likelihood of one or more such lesions being present per patient. PB = plaque burden at the MLA

PROSPECT ABSORB

900 pts with ACS after successful PCI
3 vessel IVUS + NIRS (blinded)



Q1,

**Can *Optimal Medical Treatment*
Stabilize *Plaque Vulnerability* ?**

STABLE Trial

(STatin and Atheroma VulneraBiLity Evaluation)

Double-blinded, Prospective, Randomized, Controlled Trial

290 patients with
Deferred native coronary artery lesion

2:1 randomization, double-blinded

Rosuvastatin 40mg

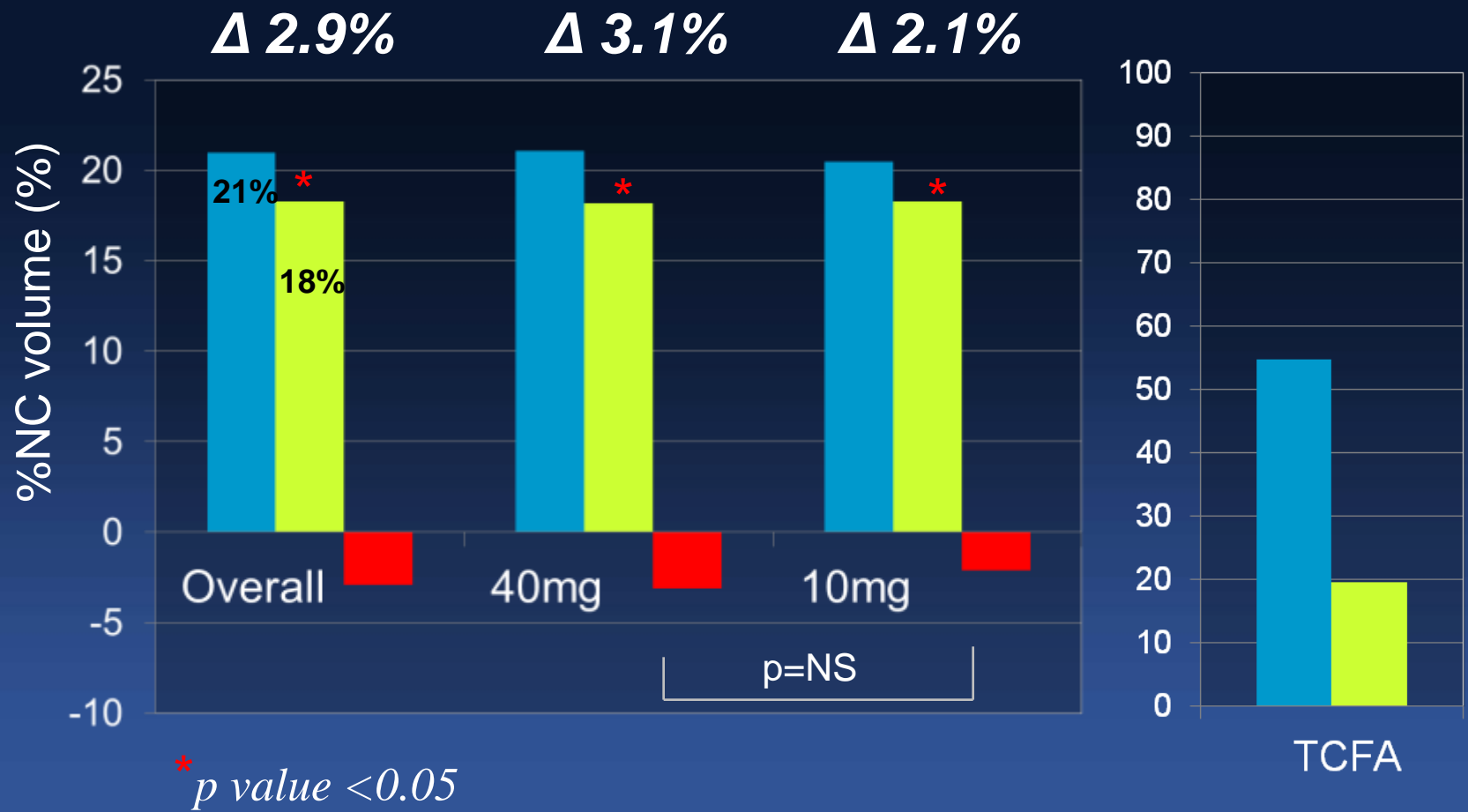
Rosuvastatin 10mg

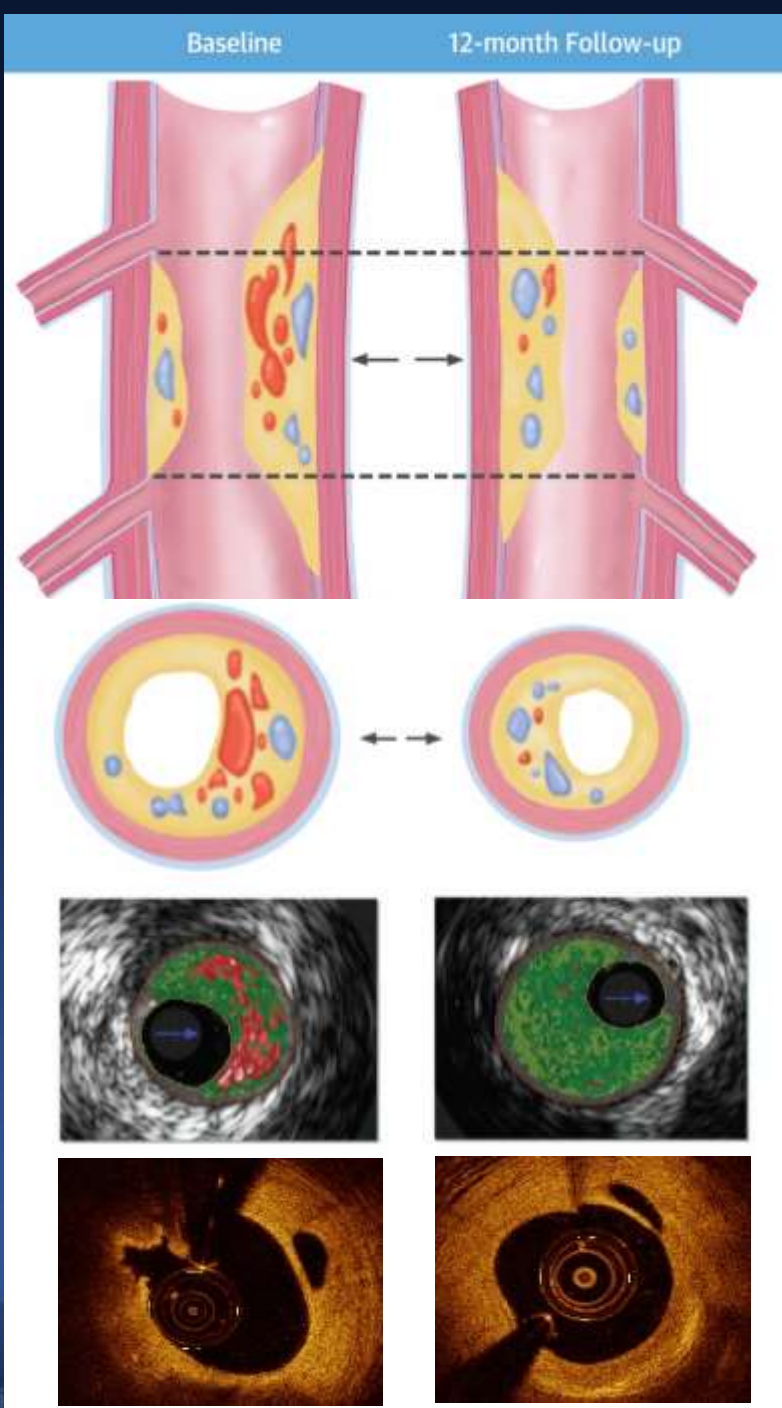
Primary efficacy endpoint; Change in %NC volume
within target segment by VH-IVUS at 1 year

Secondary endpoint: change in %NC volume comparing rosuvastatin
40mg vs. 10mg.

Primary Endpoint

%NC Volume Changes at 1 Year





	Baseline	1 year
EEM, mm ²	19.0	14.0
Plaque, mm ²	14.6	10.3
Lumen, mm ²	4.4	3.7
VH-%NC	30%	15%
VH-TCFA	+	-
OCT-TCFA	+	-

Rosuvastatin Treatment Can Make A Plaque Regression and Stabilization

Clinical Outcomes at 1 Year

- No cardiac death
- Culprit-related MACE: 4 pts (2.3%).
- Non Culprit-related MACEs: 8 pts (3.6%).
- No Difference in Non Culprit-MACE between rosuvastatin 40 vs.10mg (3.9 vs. 2.7%, p=NS)

Can **Optimal Medical Treatment** Stabilize Plaque Vulnerability ?

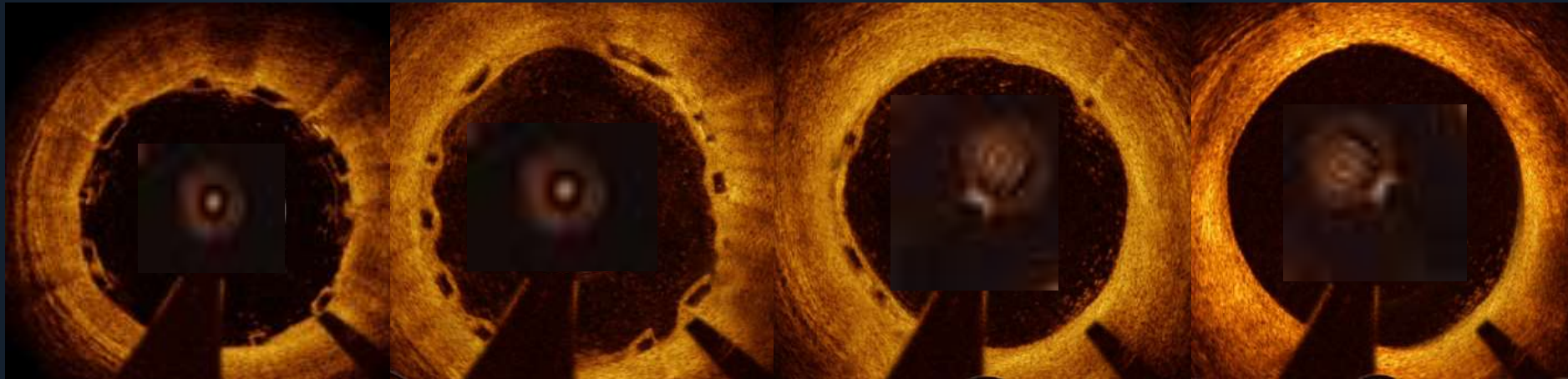
Yes, Rosuvastatin Therapy Can Make A Plaque Regression and Stabilization.

Q2,

Can *BVS*

***Stabilize Plaque Vulnerability and
Make an Any Difference ?***

***Different Concept ;
Do their Job and Disappear !***



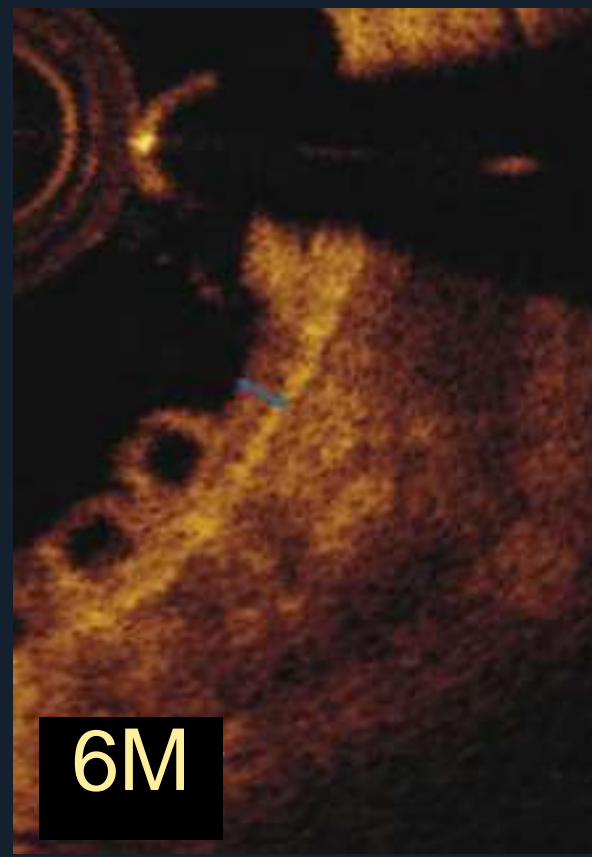
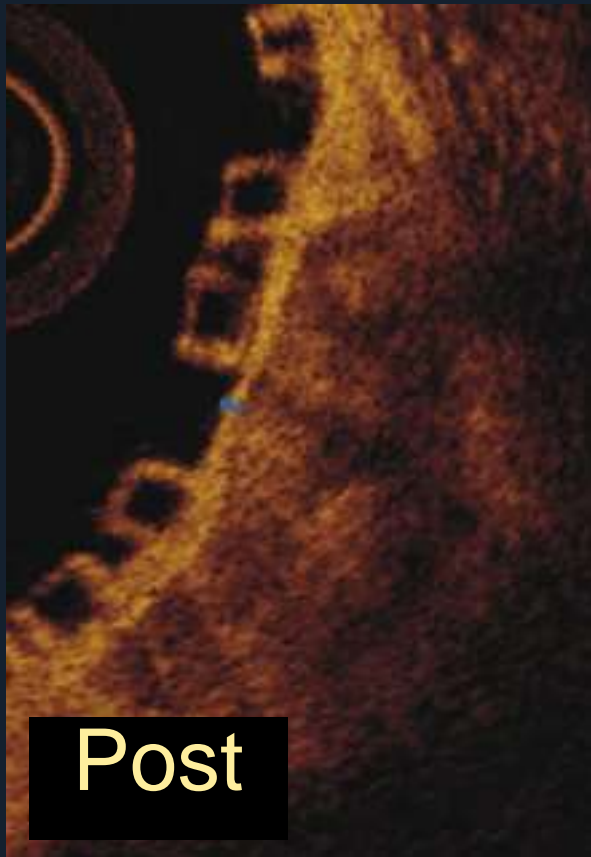
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6 month

2 year

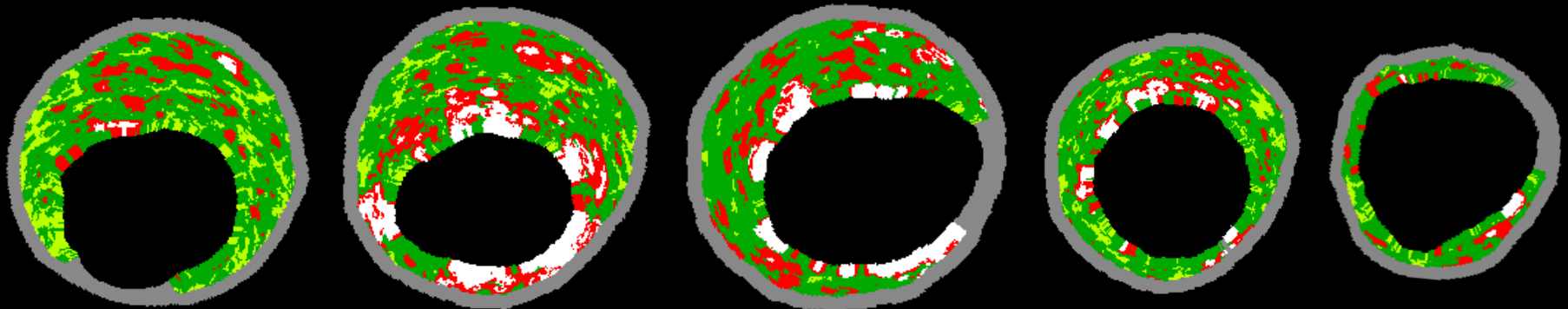
5 year

BVS Over A Calcified Plaque, Sealing and Shielding of Plaques



BVS Can Make **Plaque**

Stabilization and Lumen Enlargement



Pre-PCI

Post-PCI

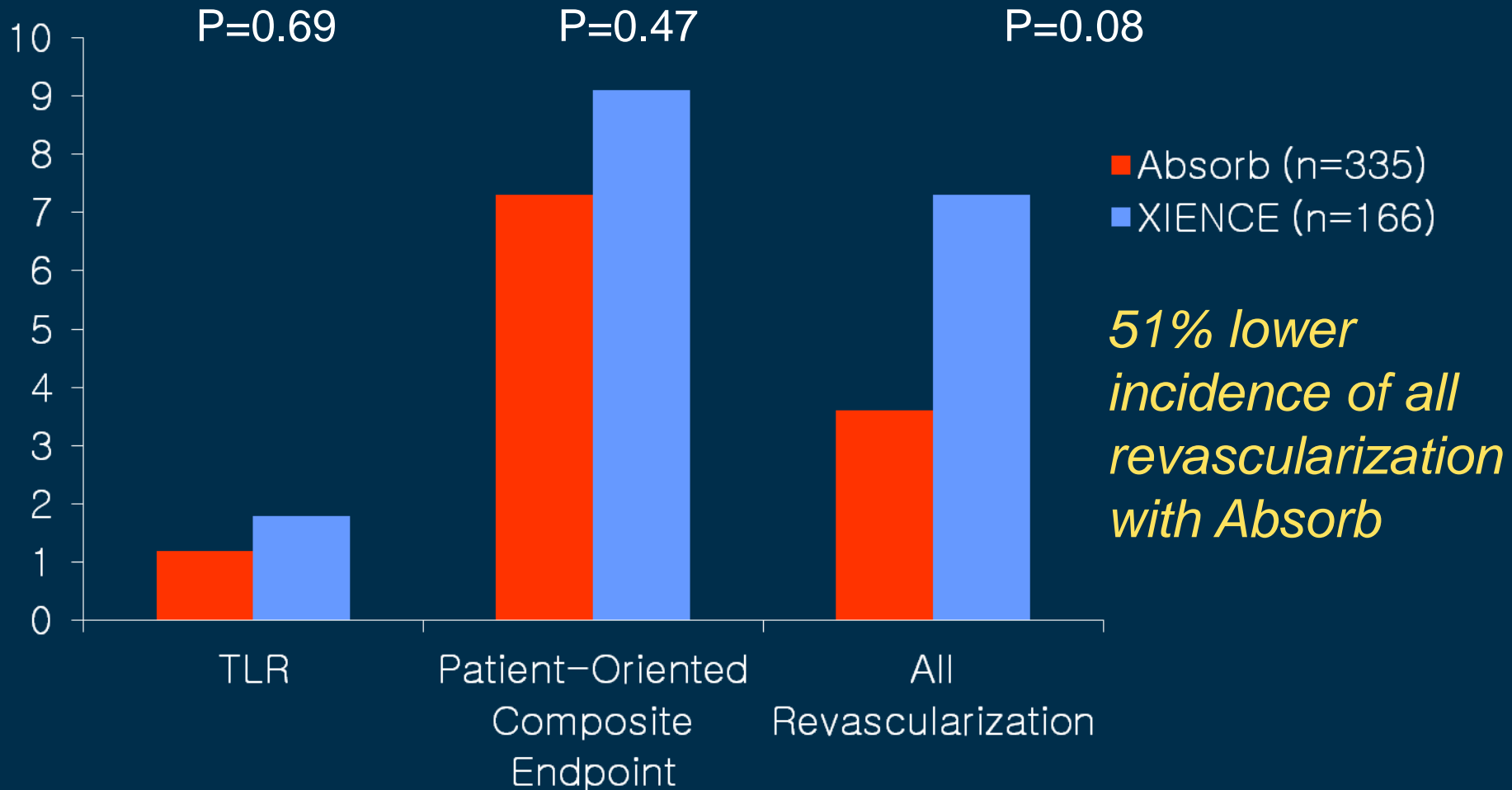
6 months

2 years

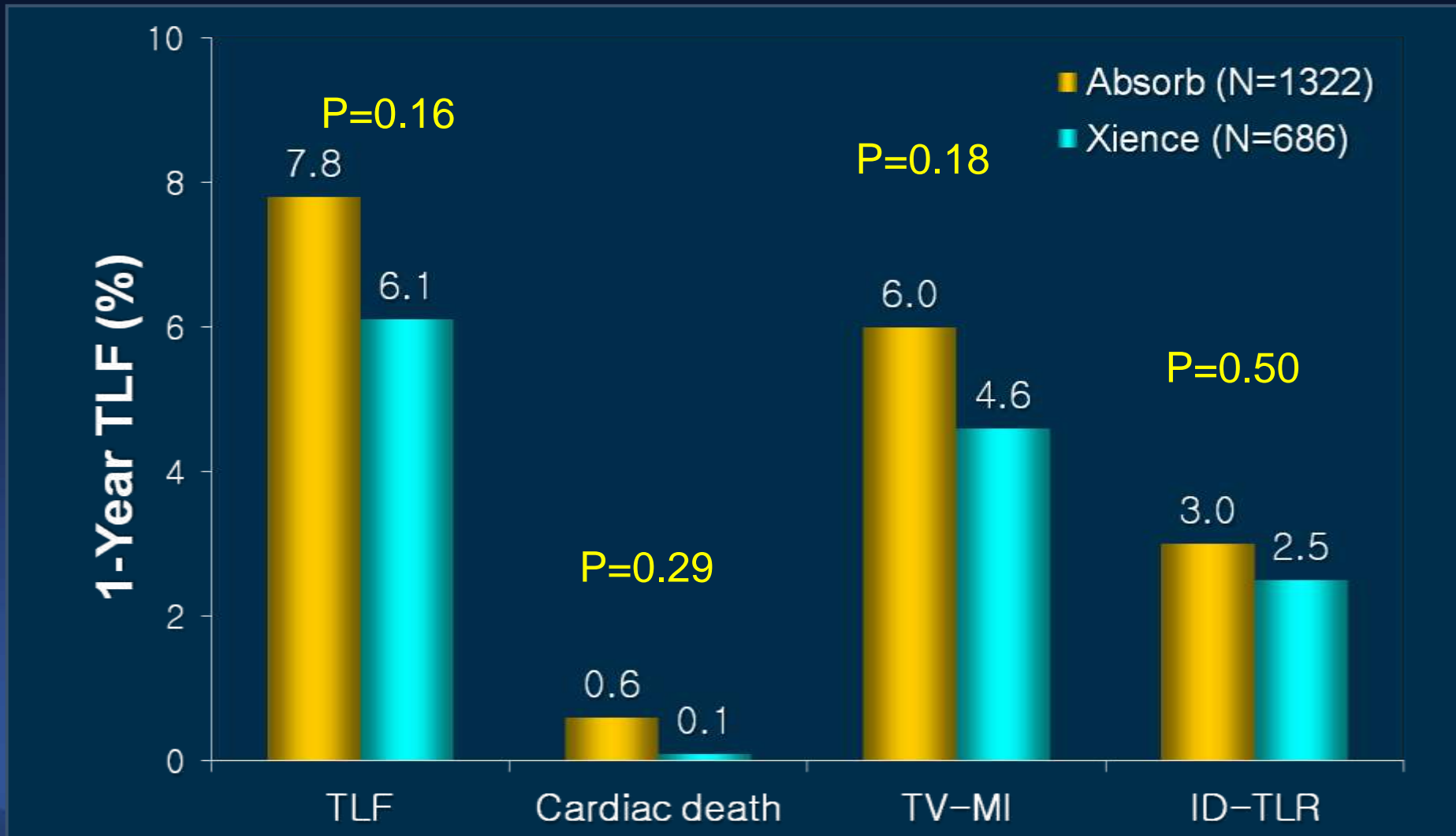
5 years

Vessel area (mm ²)	15.72	15.34 (3%)	14.09 (10%)	13.76 (12%)
Plaque area (mm ²)	8.78	9.17 (4%)	7.54 (14%)	7.07 (19%)
Mean LA (mm ²)	6.95	6.17 (11%)	6.56 (5.6%)	8.09 (16%)

ABSORB II, 1-year Results

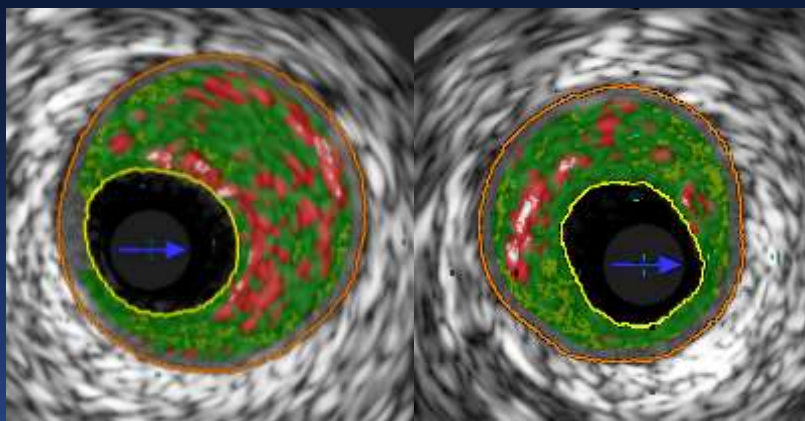


ABSORB III, 1-year Results



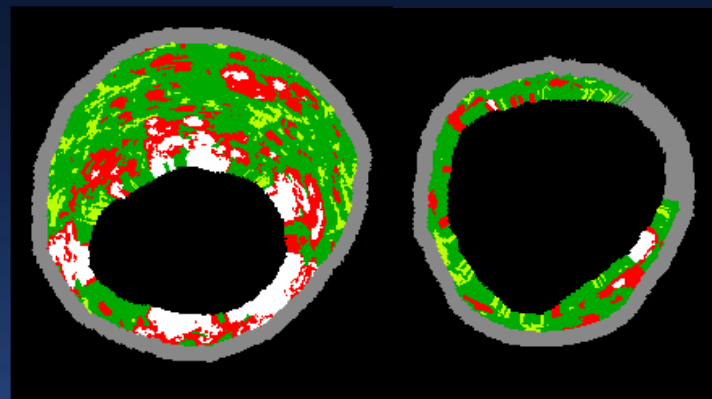
What's the Difference ?

Optimal Medical
Treatment



Stabilized Plaque
Decreased Plaque
Decrease Vessel Size
Decreased Lumen

BVS



Stabilized Plaque
Decreased Plaque
Decrease Vessel Size
Increased Lumen

PREVENT Study,

The **PREVENT**ive Implantation of BVS on Stenosis With Functionally Insignificant Vulnerable Plaque Compared to Optimal Medical treatment.

Objective,

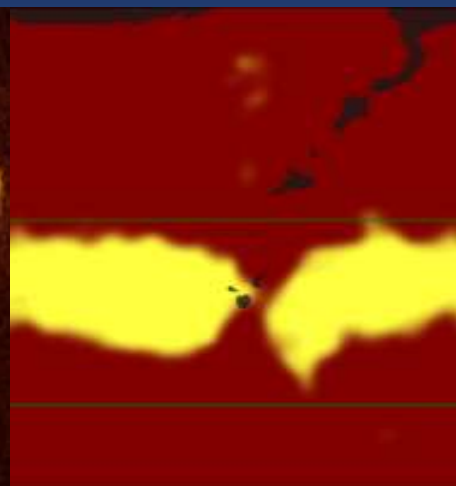
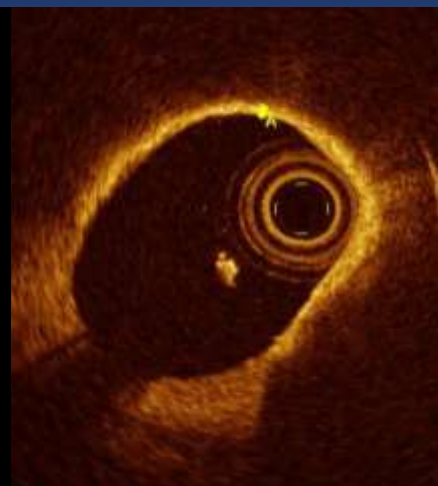
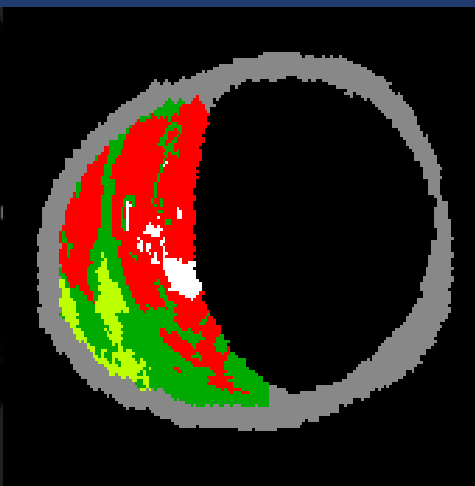
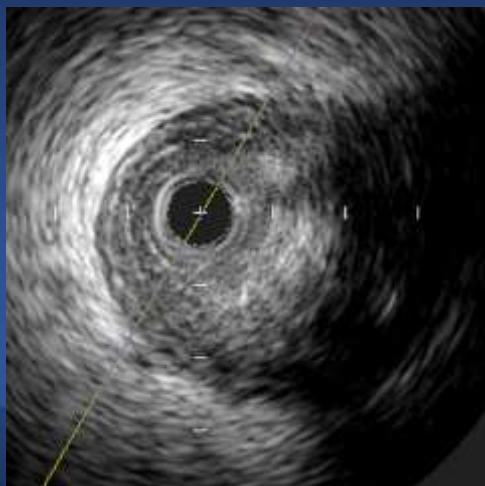
To determine whether BVS implantation on functionally insignificant vulnerable plaque, reduce the incidence of the composite of MACEs compared with optimal medical therapy alone.

A prospective, randomized, multicenter, clinical trial with 'all comers' design. Approximately 2,000 patients will be enrolled from international heart centers.

Defining, Functionally Insignificant Vulnerable Plaque



1. $PB_{MLA} \geq 70\%$
2. $MLA \leq 4.0 \text{ mm}^2$
3. TCFA by OCT or VH-IVUS
4. LRP on NIRS ($_{\max}LCBI_{4\text{mm}} > 315$)



PREVENT Trial

Any Epicardial Coronary Stenosis (≤ 40 mm) with FFR ≥ 0.80 and with Two of the following

1. Plaque Burden $>70\%$
2. MLA $\leq 4.0\text{mm}^2$
3. TCFA by OCT or VH-IVUS
4. Lipid-Rich Plaque on NIRS ($_{\text{max}}\text{LCBI}_{4\text{mm}} > 315$)

R

BVS+OMT
N=800

OMT
N=800

Primary endpoint *at 2 years*:
CV death, MI, Hospitalization d/t unstable angina

OCT sub-study/ NIRS sub-study, (300 patients in each arm at 2 years)

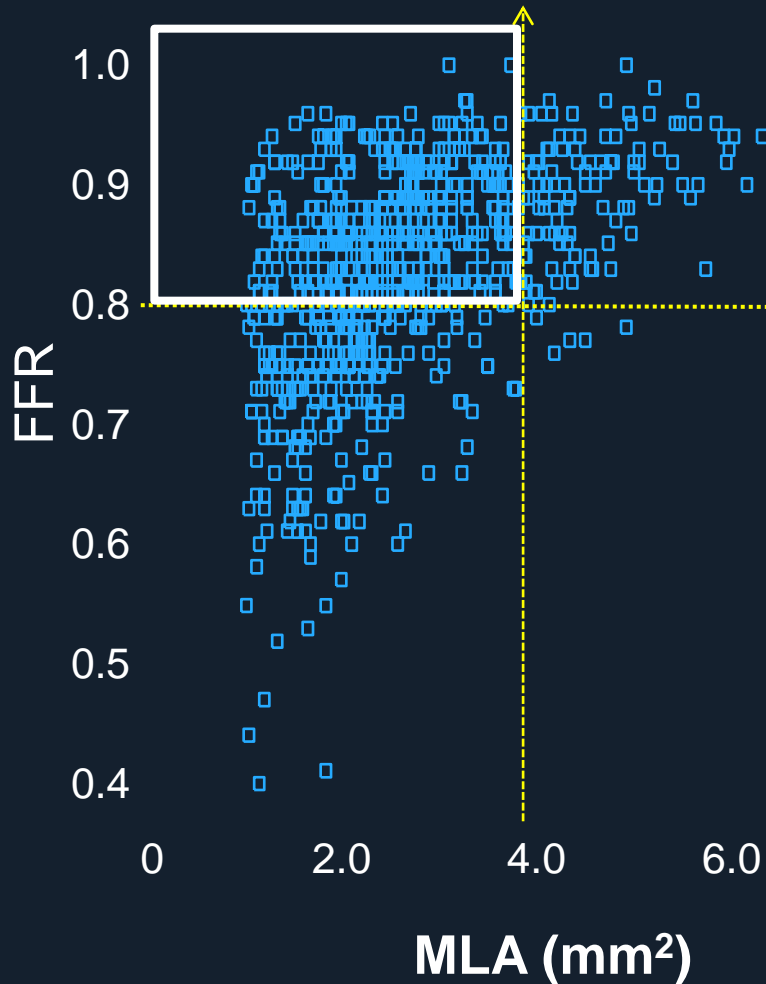
Inclusion Criteria

Age 18 years or older,
Symptomatic or asymptomatic coronary stenosis,
Eligible lesions for PCI (≤ 40 mm), with
FFR >0.80 and met the two of the following

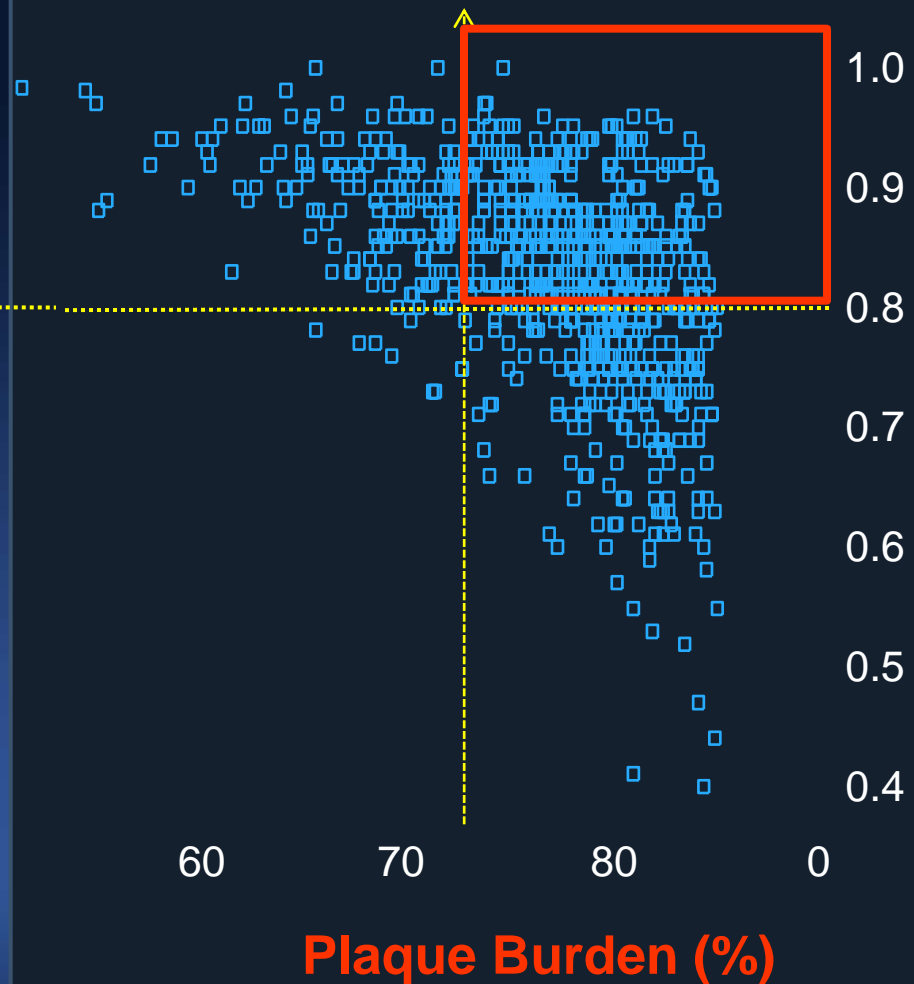
1. Plaque burden $>70\%$
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4. Lipid-rich plaque on NIRS ($_{\max}\text{LCBI}_{4\text{mm}} > 315$)

Study Candidate in Real Practice

87%



70%



Primary and Major Secondary End Point,

The primary endpoint is the 2-year MACE (cardiovascular death, nonfatal MI, unplanned rehospitalization due to unstable angina).

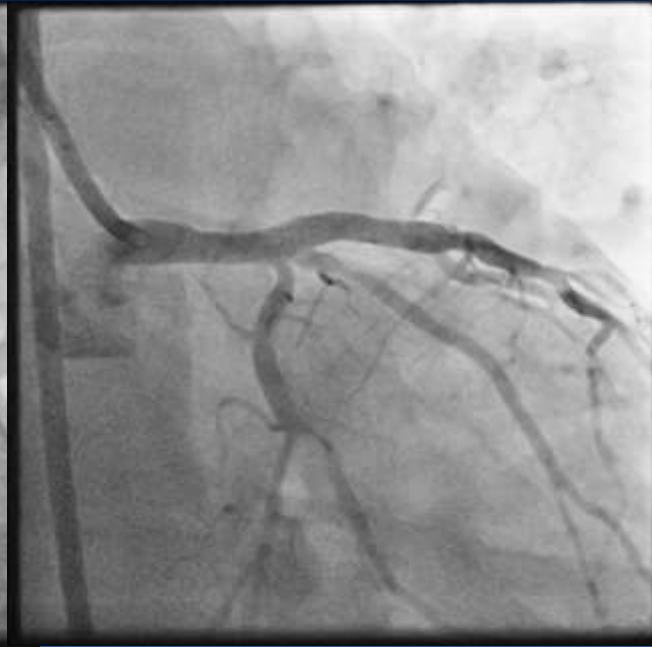
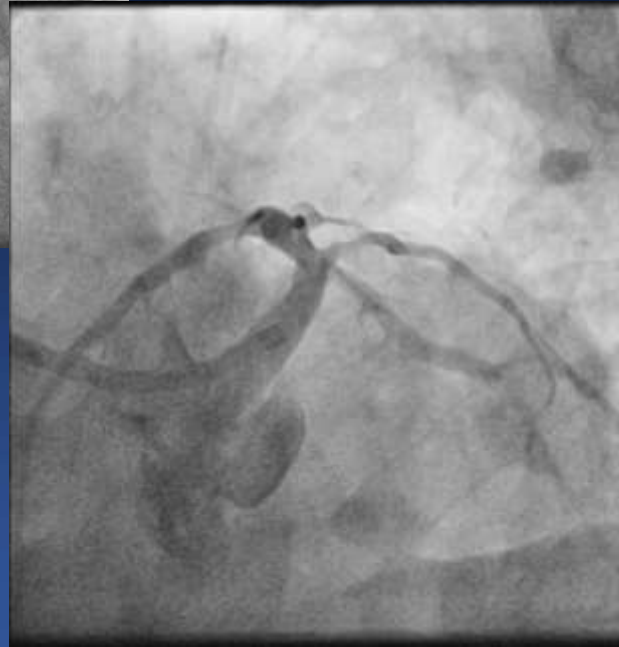
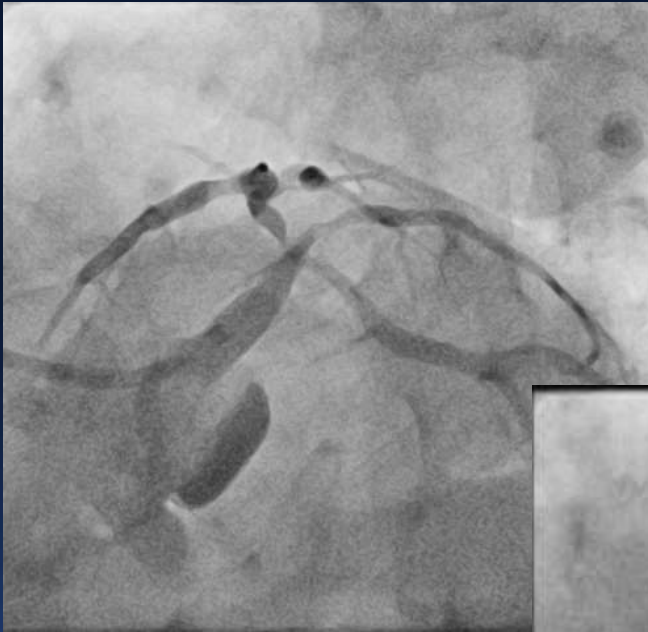
The secondary endpoints include overall MACE, non-urgent revascularization, and rate of cerebrovascular event.

A Case

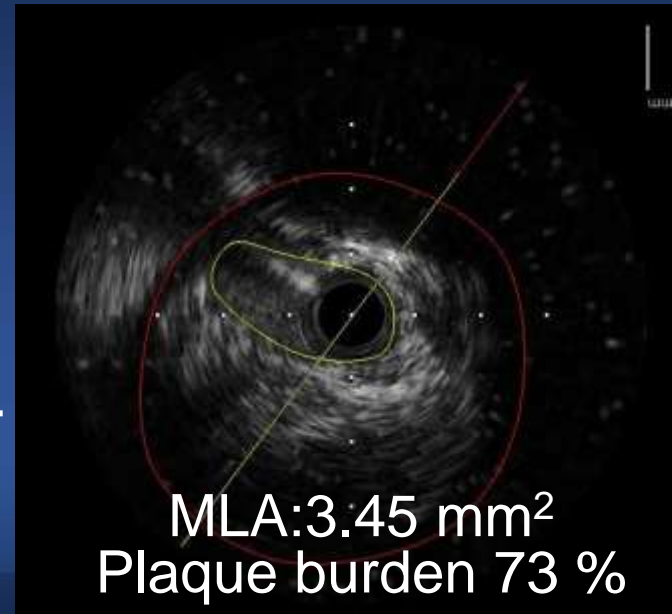
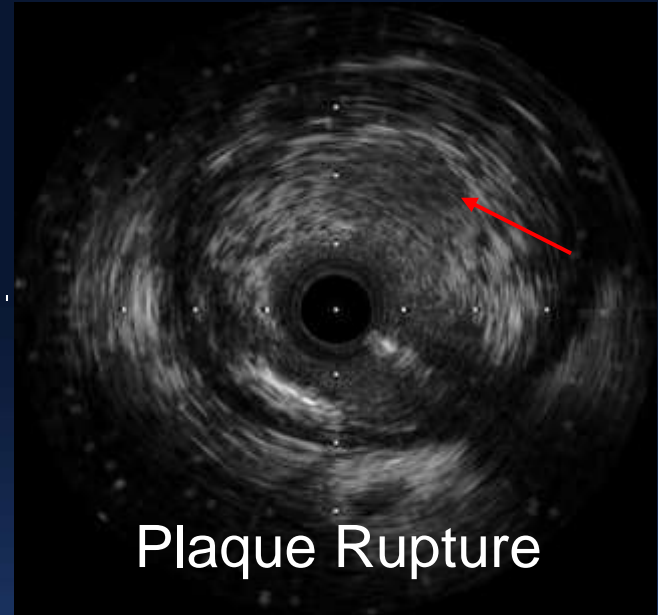
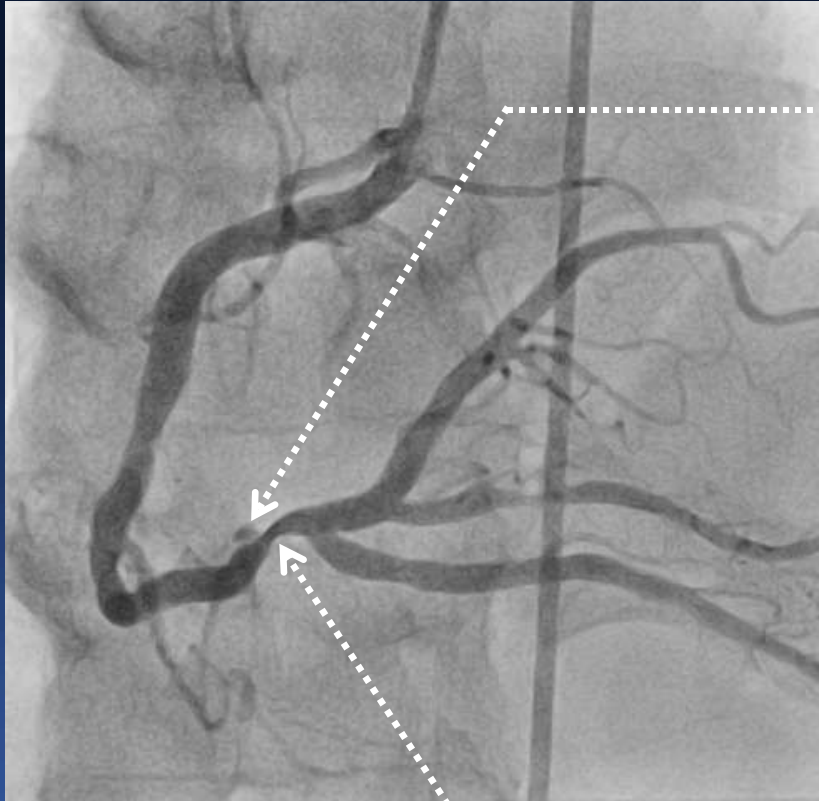
55 y/o male, Effort Chest Pain, *Stable Angina*



LM disease, Treated with
Single Stent Cross-Over



RCA, IVUS



RCA, FFR

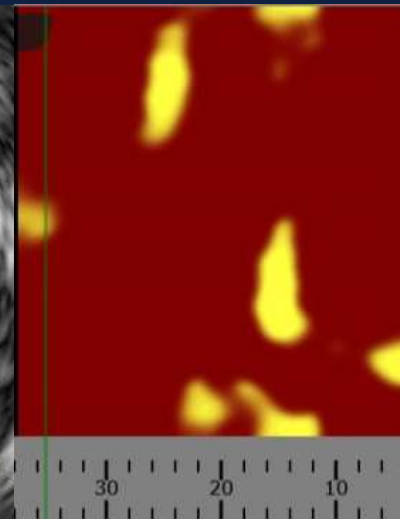
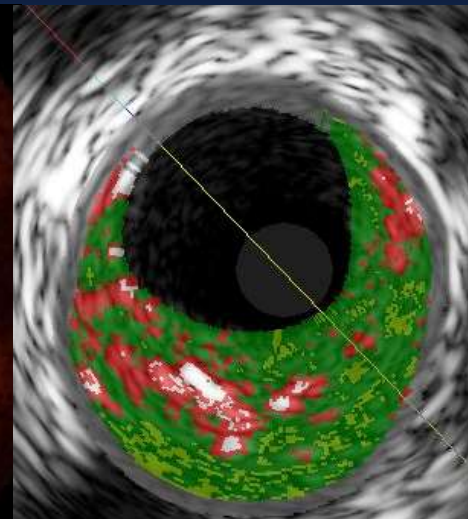
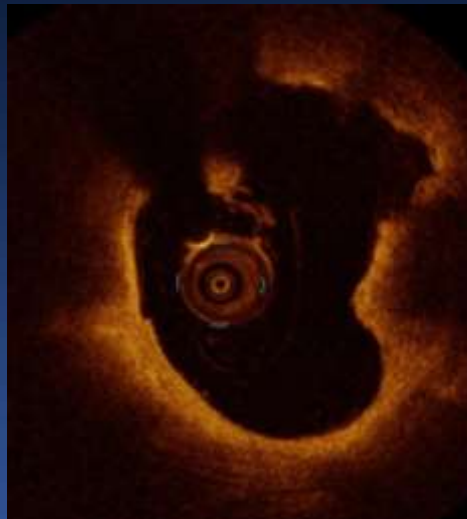
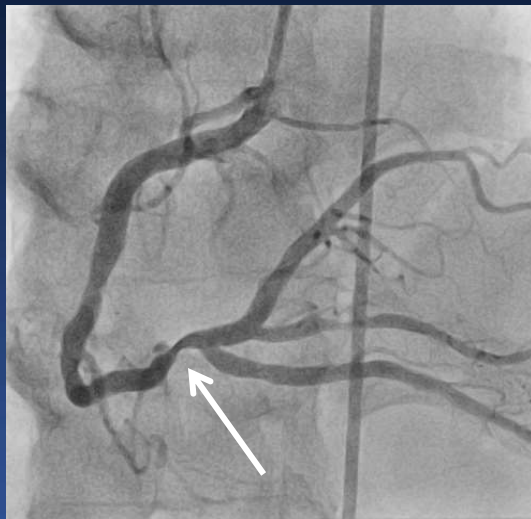
Intravenous adenosine, 200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$



Clinically Stable, with Vulnerable Plaque

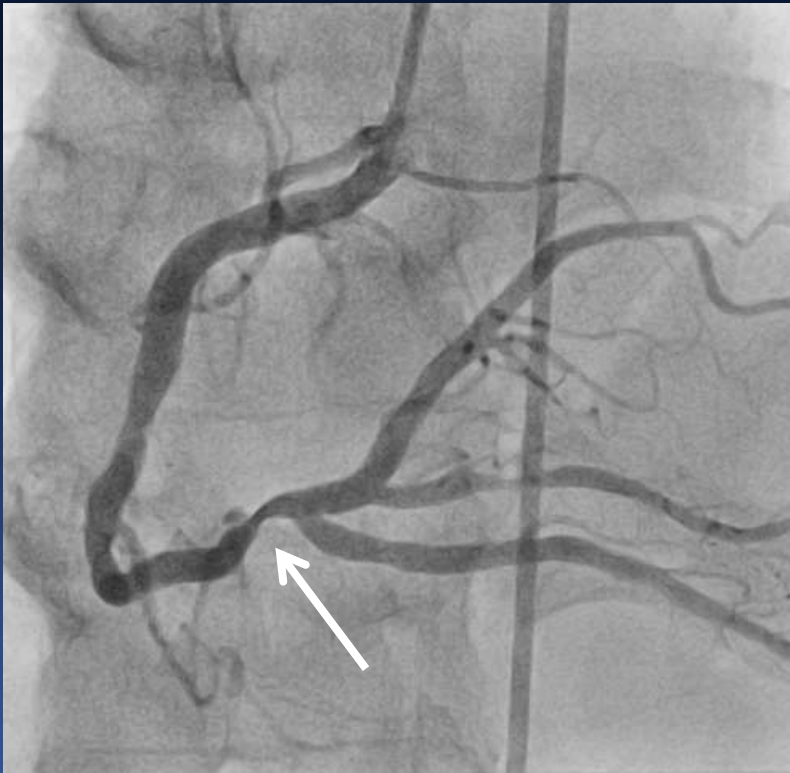
Rupture,
TCFA (+)

$\max LCBI_{4mm} = 404$



Necrotic Core 25%

Randomized with OMT



FFR : 0.89

Angiographic DS : 70%

IVUS MLA : 3.45 mm²

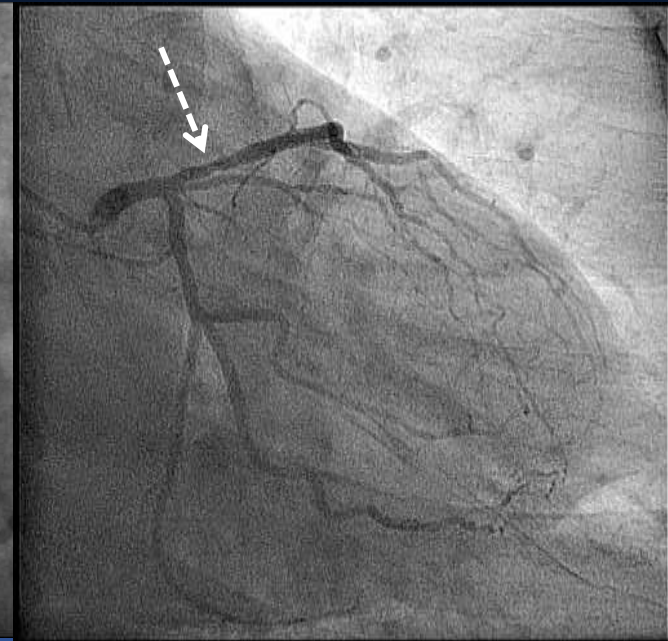
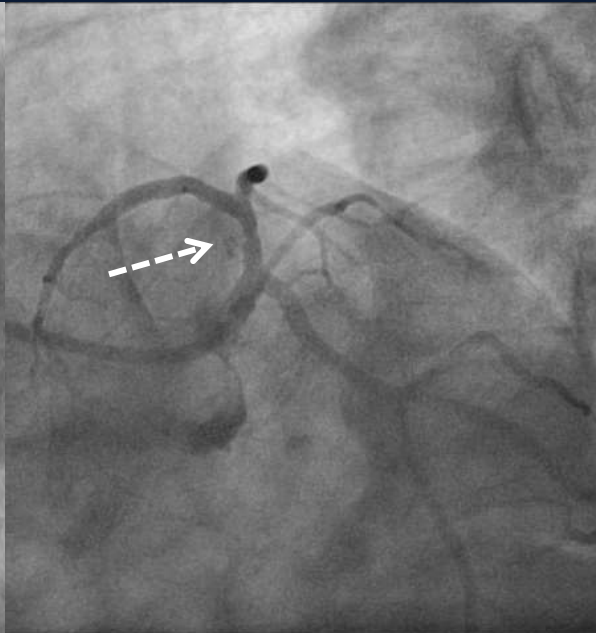
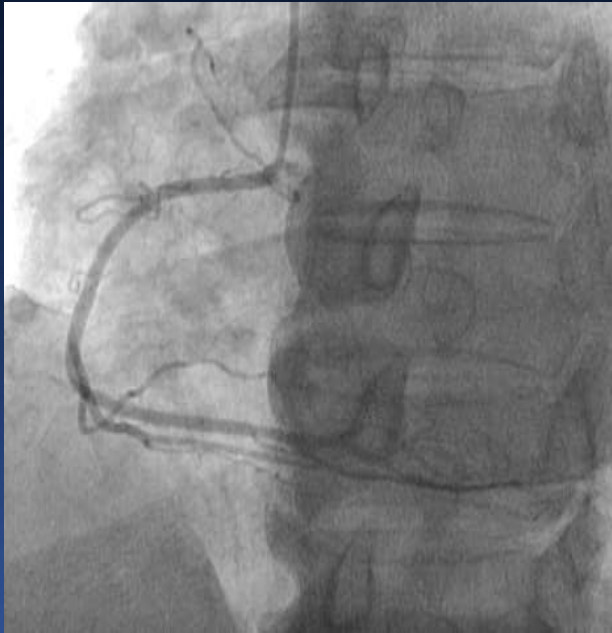
Plaque burden : 73%

max LCBI_{4mm} : 404

TCFA (+)

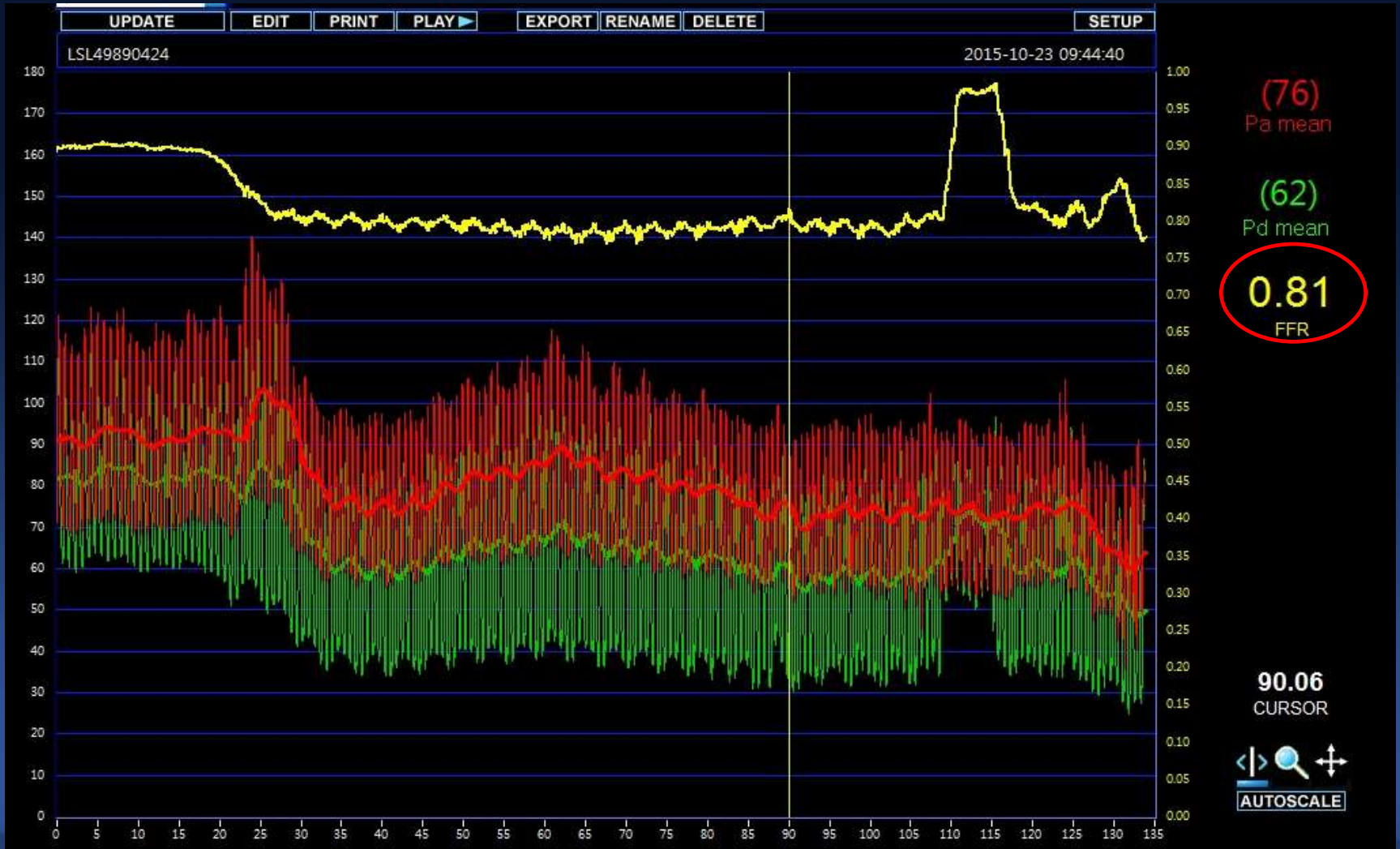
A Case

58 y/o male, *Unstable Angina*

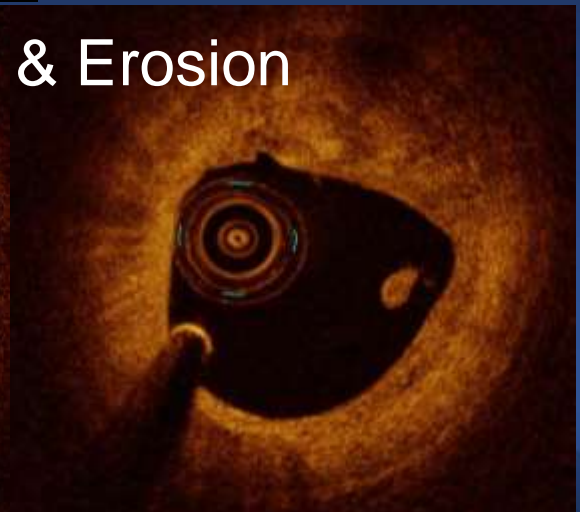
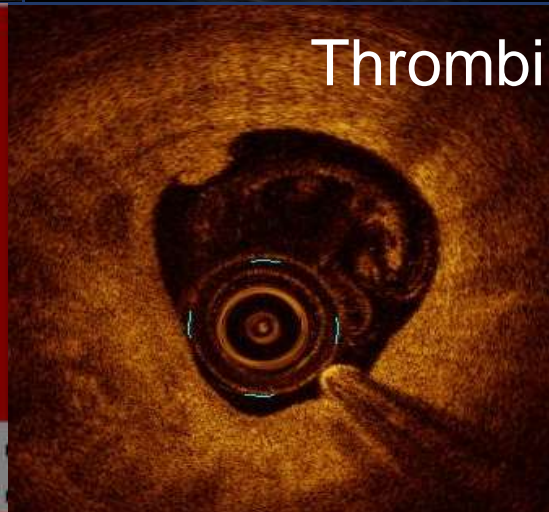
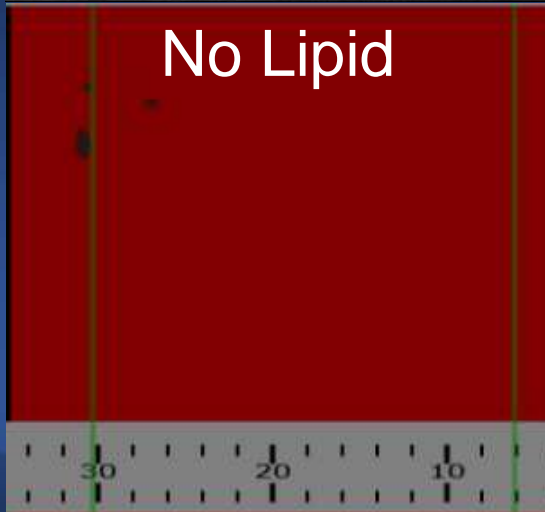
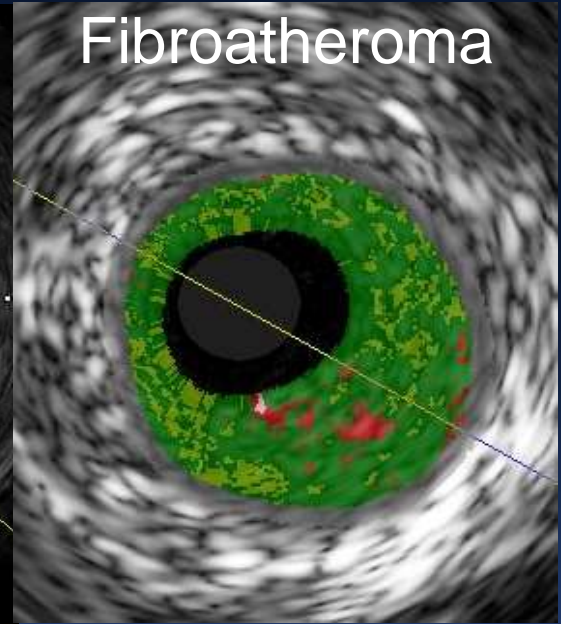
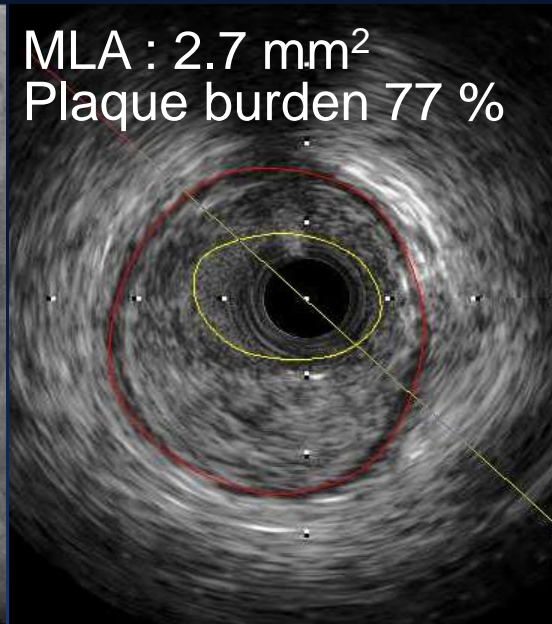
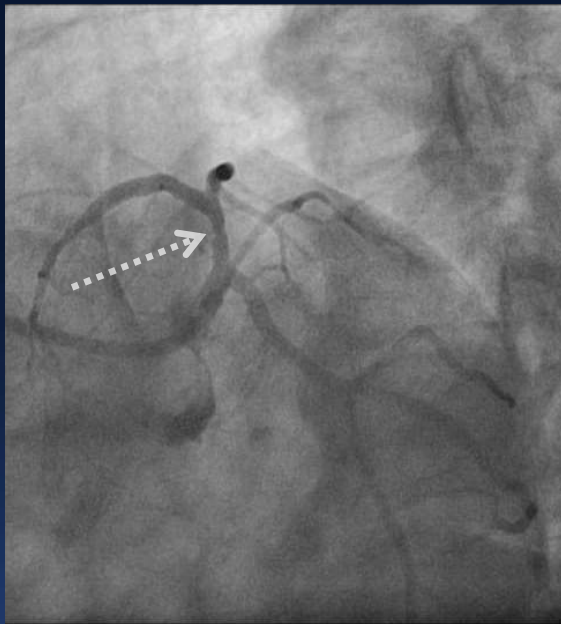


FFR

Intravenous adenosine, 140 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}/\text{min}$



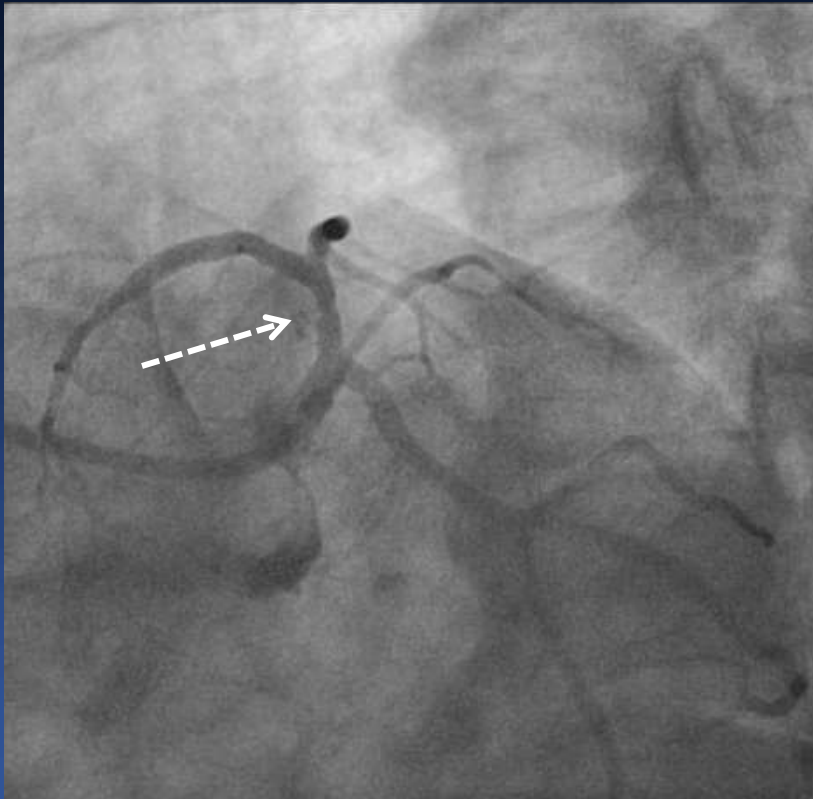
Unstable Angina, with Plaque Erosion



max LCBI_{4mm} = 0

Randomized with BVS

Unstable Angina



Angiographic DS : 50%

FFR : 0.81

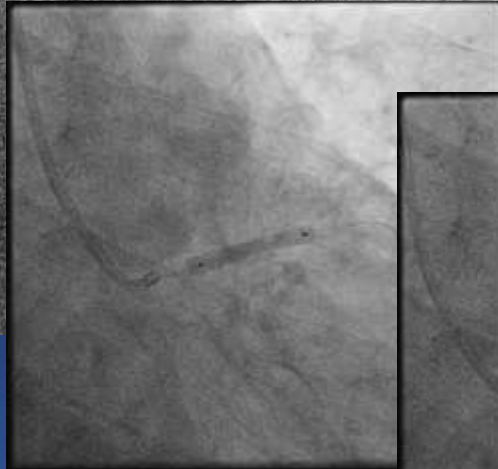
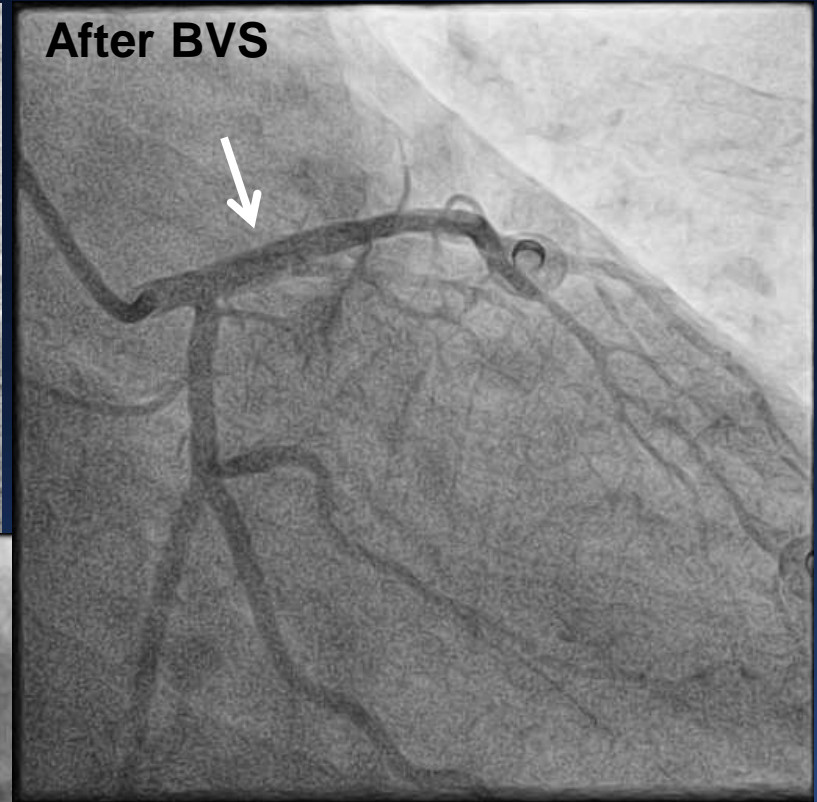
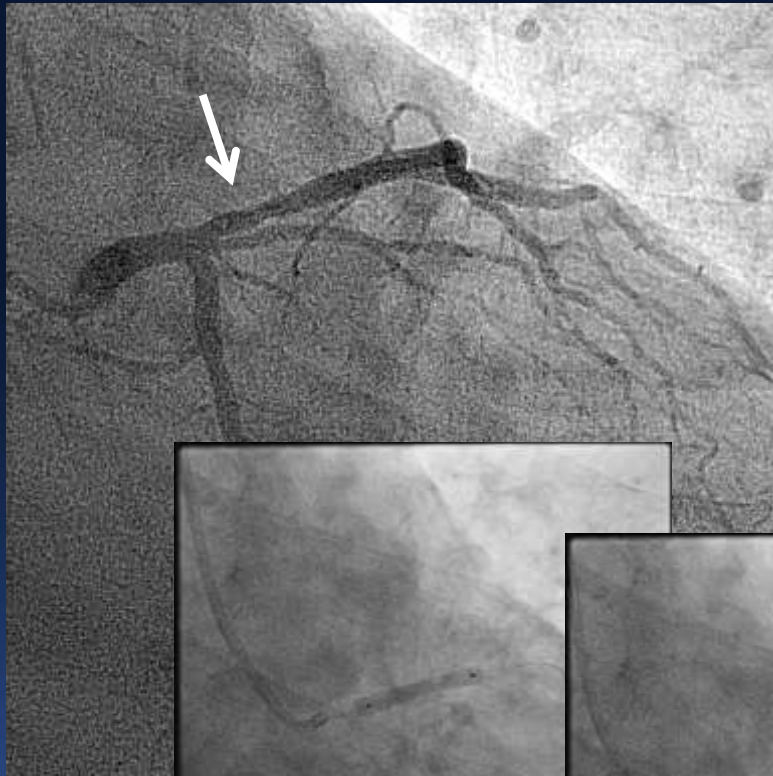
IVUS MLA : 2.7 mm²

Plaque burden : 77 %

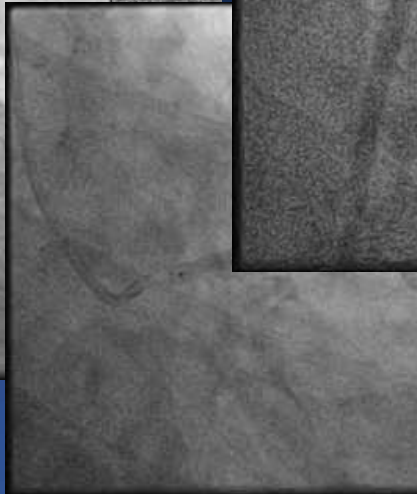
with Plaque Erosion

max LCBI_{4mm} : 0

BVS, Absorb



Pre-Dilate, NC
3.0 mm x 15 mm

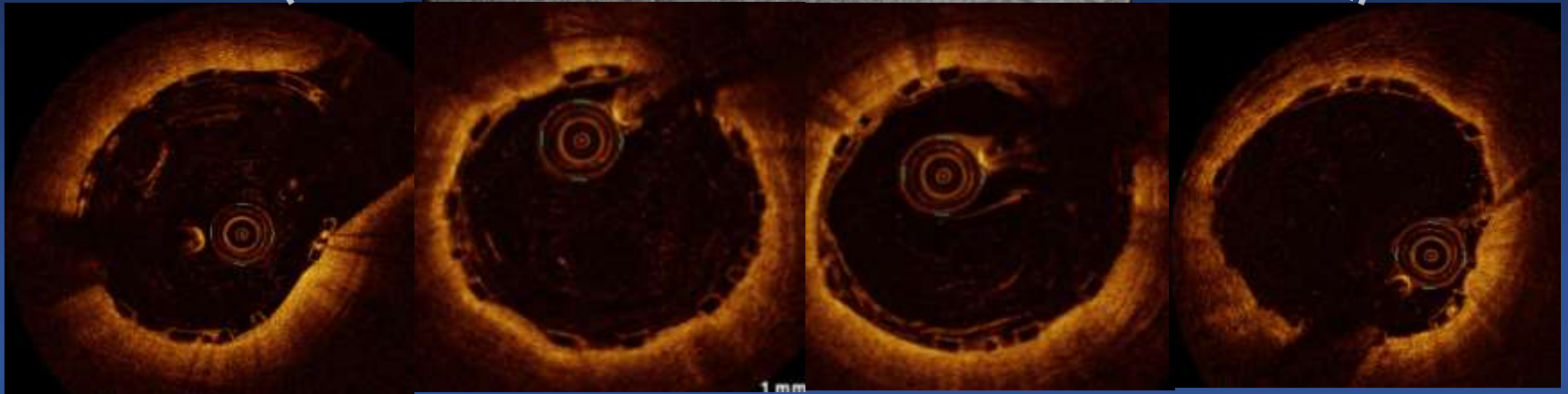


Absorb BVS
3.5 mm x 18 mm



NC Balloon,
4.0 mm x 13 mm

1st BVS Randomized Case



PREVENT Trial,

8 Countries, 33 Centers

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Kangwon National University Hospital	Bong-Ki Lee
Keimyung University Dongsan Medical Center	Chang Wook Nam
Korea University Guro Hospital	Seung Un Na
Daegu Catholic University Medical Center	Kee-Sik Kim
Seoul National University Bundang hospital	In-Ho Chae
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Hallym University Sacred Heart Hospital	Hyun Sook Kim
Bundang Cha Medical Center	Won-Jang Kim
Inje University Busan Paik Hospital	Tae Hyun Yang
Samsung Medical Center	Joo-Yong Hahn
Prince of Wales Hospital	Nigel Jepson
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