

Long-Term Safety Issue of BRS; Chance or True?

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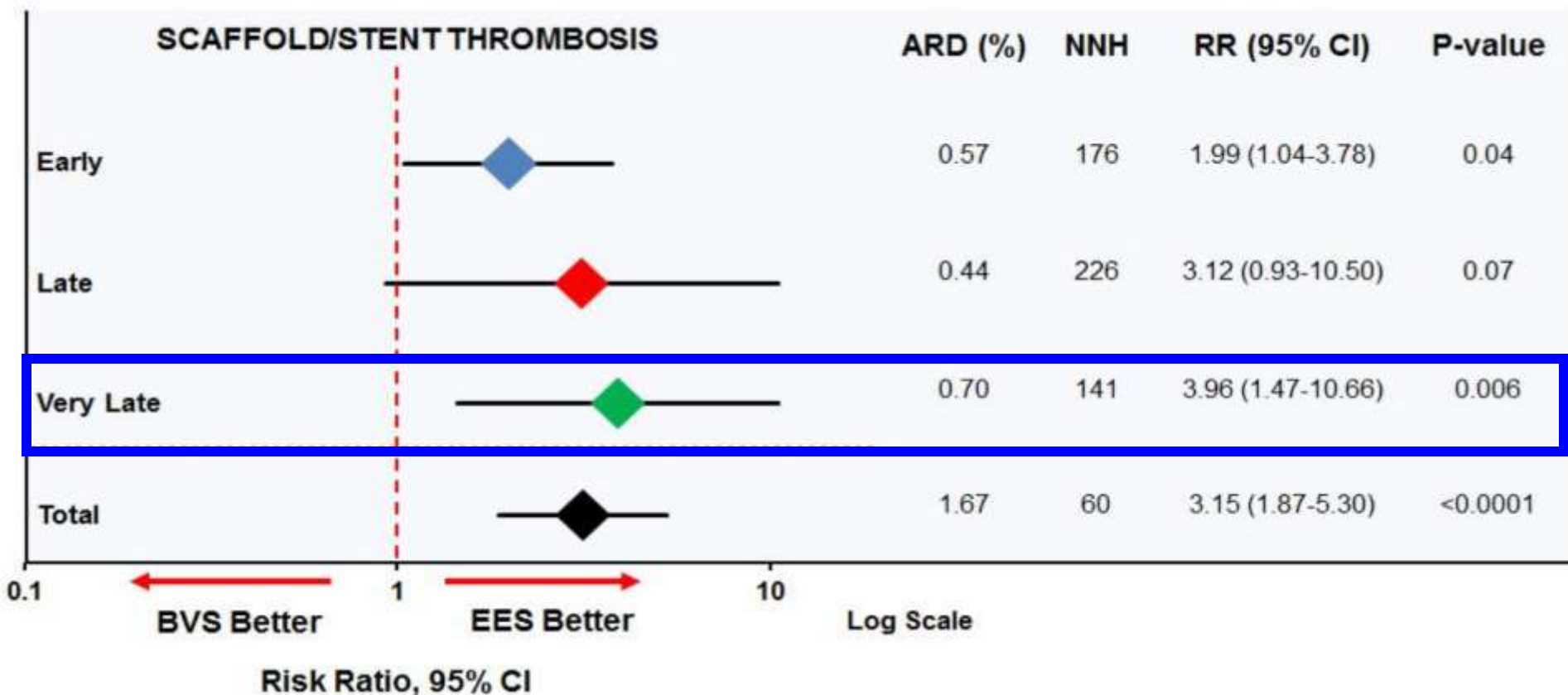
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Meta-analysis of 2-3Y outcomes after the ABSORB implantation

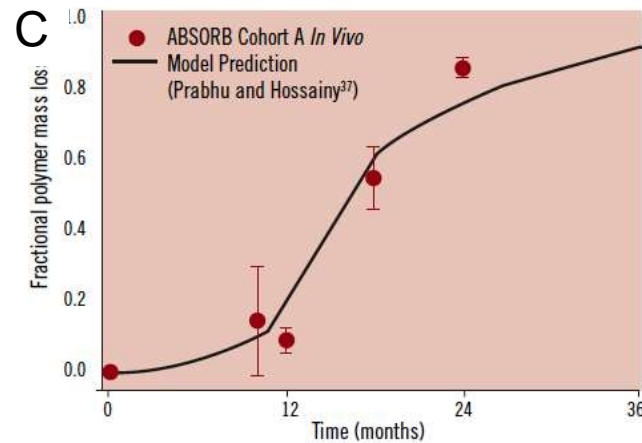
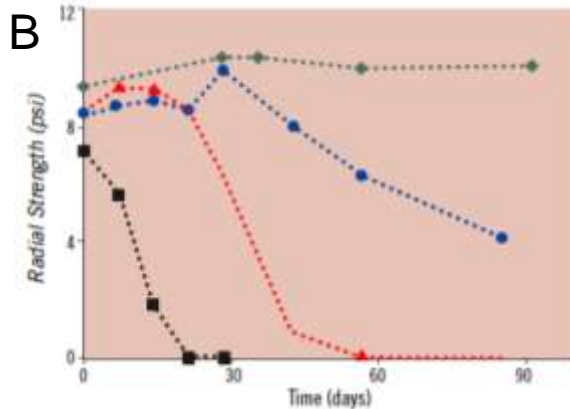
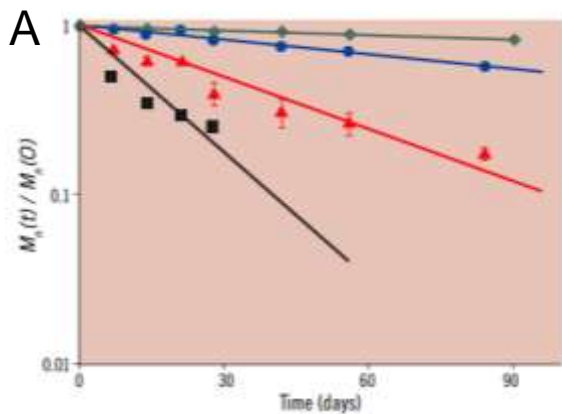
Study	Number of included patients	Included study	follow-up year	TLF rate (BVS vs EES) OR (95%CI)	TV-MI (BVS vs EES) OR (95%CI)	ID-TLR rate (BVS vs EES) OR (95%CI)	Definite/probable ST rate (BVS vs EES) OR (95%CI)	Very late ST rate (BVS vs EES) OR (95%CI)
Collet et al.¹	1,730 (1,015 vs. 715)	ABSORB II	3Y					
		ABSORB JAPAN	2Y	9.3% vs. 6.6%	4.5% vs. 1.6%	5.6% vs. 3.0%	2.4% vs. 0.9%	1.4% vs. 0.5%
		ABSORB CHINA	2Y	OR 1.48 (0.90-2.42)	OR 2.25 (0.81-6.19)	OR 1.89 (1.15-3.13)	OR 2.95 (1.37-6.26)	OR 3.04 (1.20-7.68)
		TROFI II	2Y					
		EVERBIO II	2Y					
Ha et al.³	2,582 (1,407 vs. 1,095)	ABSORB II	3Y					
		ABSORB JAPAN	2Y					
		ABSORB CHINA	2Y	OR 1.31 (0.93-1.83)	OR 2.59 (1.17-5.70)	OR 1.70 (1.02-2.83)	OR 2.35 (1.14-4.86)	Not reported
		ABSORB EXAMINATION	2Y					
Sorrentino et al.²	5,583 (3,261 vs. 2,322)	ABSORB II	3Y					
		ABSORB III	2Y					
		ABSORB JAPAN	2Y	9.6% vs. 7.2%	5.8% vs. 3.2%	5.7% vs. 4.1%	2.4% vs. 0.7%	0.84% vs. 0.13%
		ABSORB CHINA	2Y	OR 1.32 (1.1-1.59)	OR: 1.62 (1.24 to 2.12)	OR 1.40 (1.10-1.79)	OR 3.15 (1.87-5.30)	OR 3.96 (1.47-10.66)
		AIDA	2Y					
		TROFI II	2Y					
		EVERBIO II	2Y					

Everolimus-Eluting Bioresorbable Scaffolds versus Metallic Everolimus-Eluting Stents: Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials.

Sorrentino S¹, Giustino G², Mehran R², Kini AS², Sharma SK², Faggioni M³, Farhan S², Vogel B², Indolfi C⁴, Dangas GD⁵.

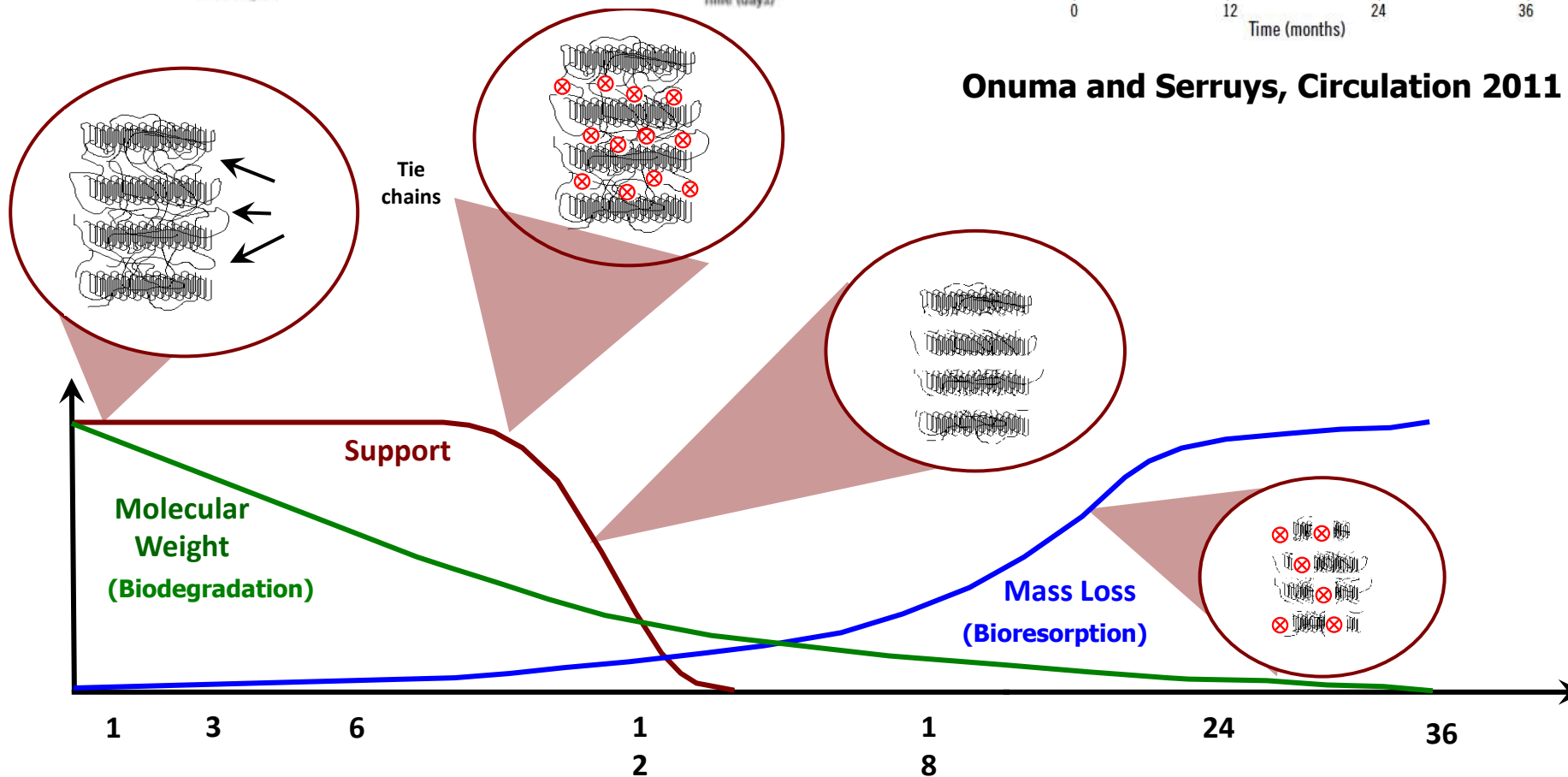


Molecular weight, Mechanical support and Mass loss



Onuma and Serruys, *Circulation* 2011

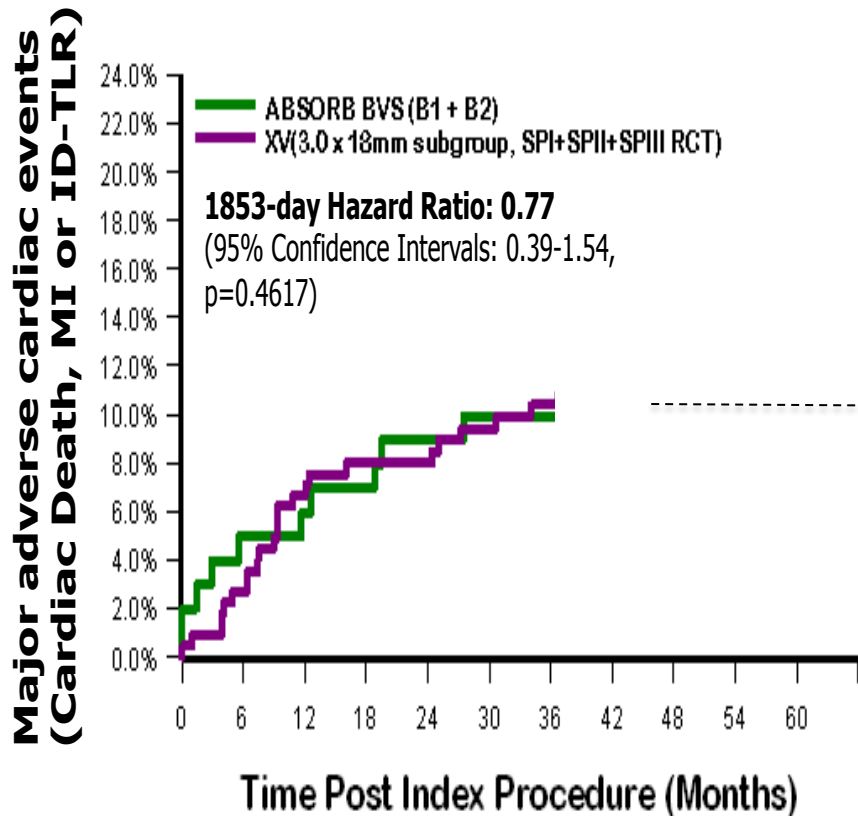
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Kaplan-Meier estimates of cumulative major adverse cardiac events (Cardiac death, MI or ID-TLR) in ABSORB cohort B vs. ABSORB II trial at 3 years

ABSORB Cohort B

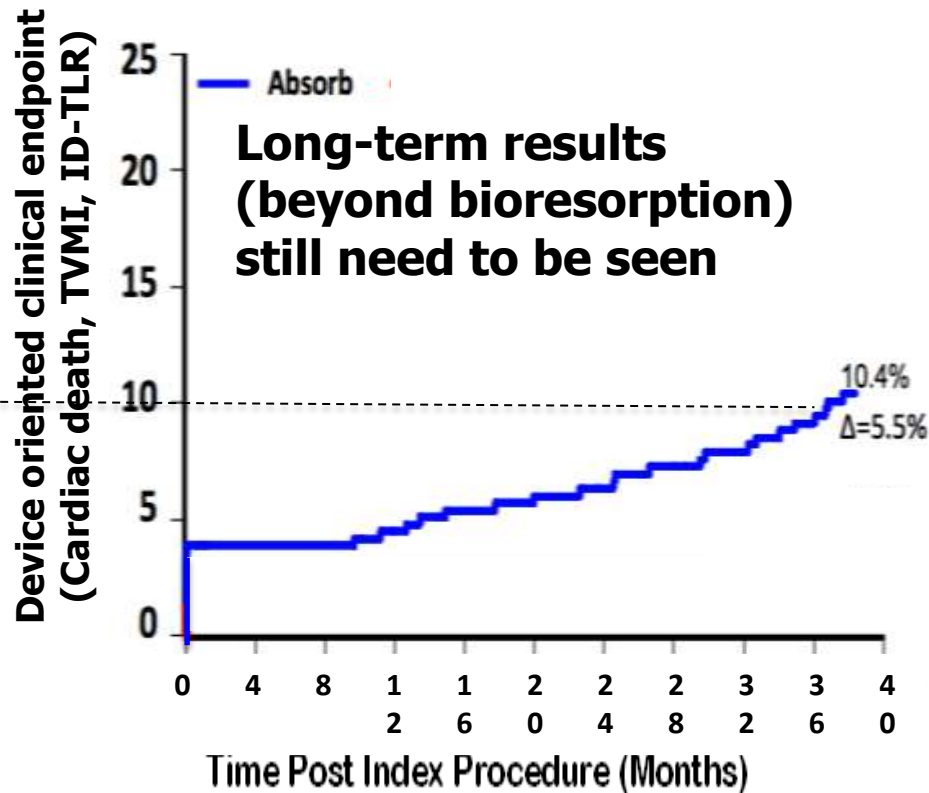
Serruys PW, Onuma Y, et al. EuroIntervention 2014



Time After Index Procedure (days)	Number of patients at Risk									
	0	37	194	284	393	573	758	1123	1488	1853
ABSORB	101	99	96	96	94	92	91	88	86	85
Xience V	227	224	219	211	204	202	191	182	174	169

ABSORB II

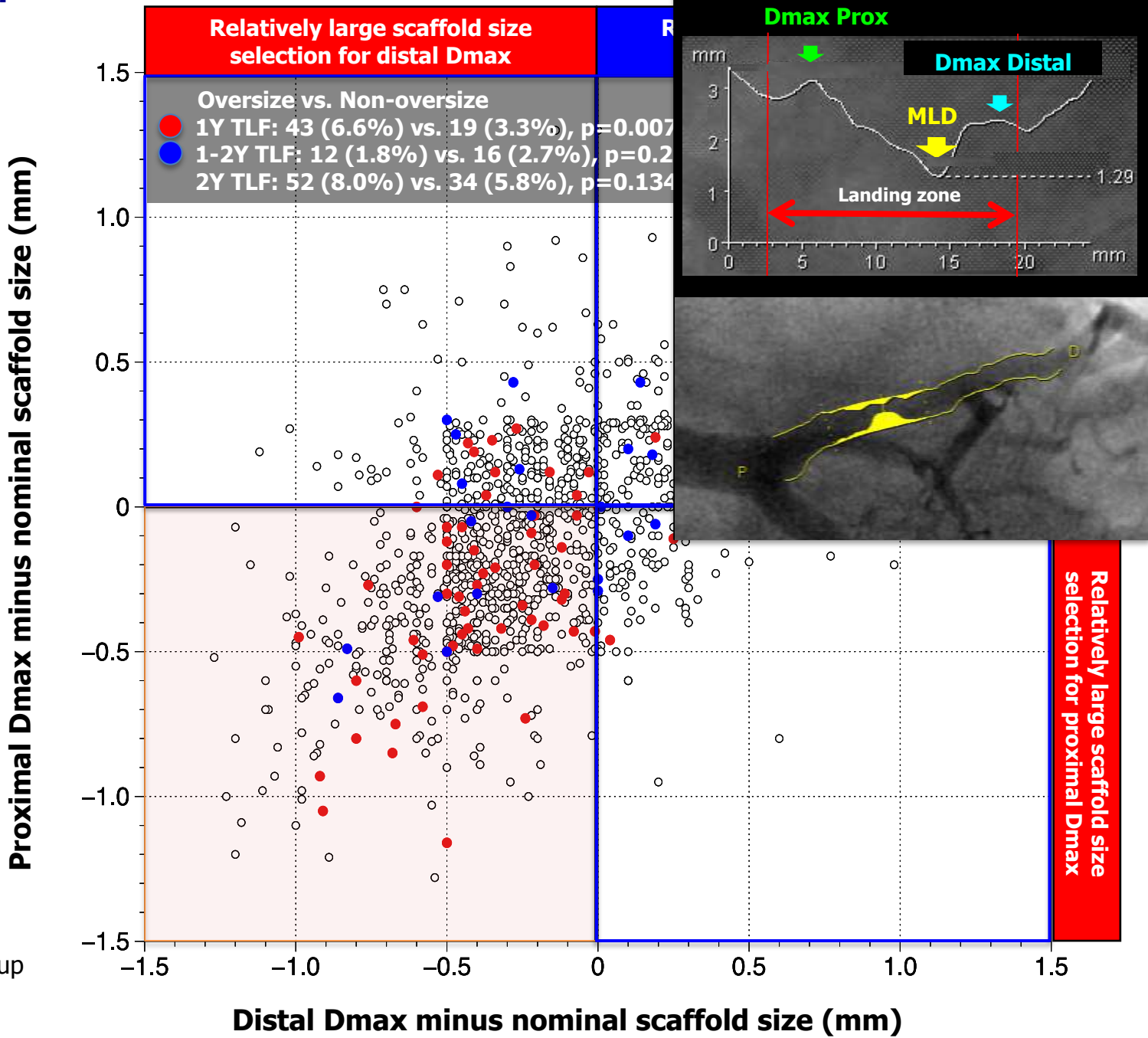
Serruys PW, Chevalier B et al. Lancet 2016



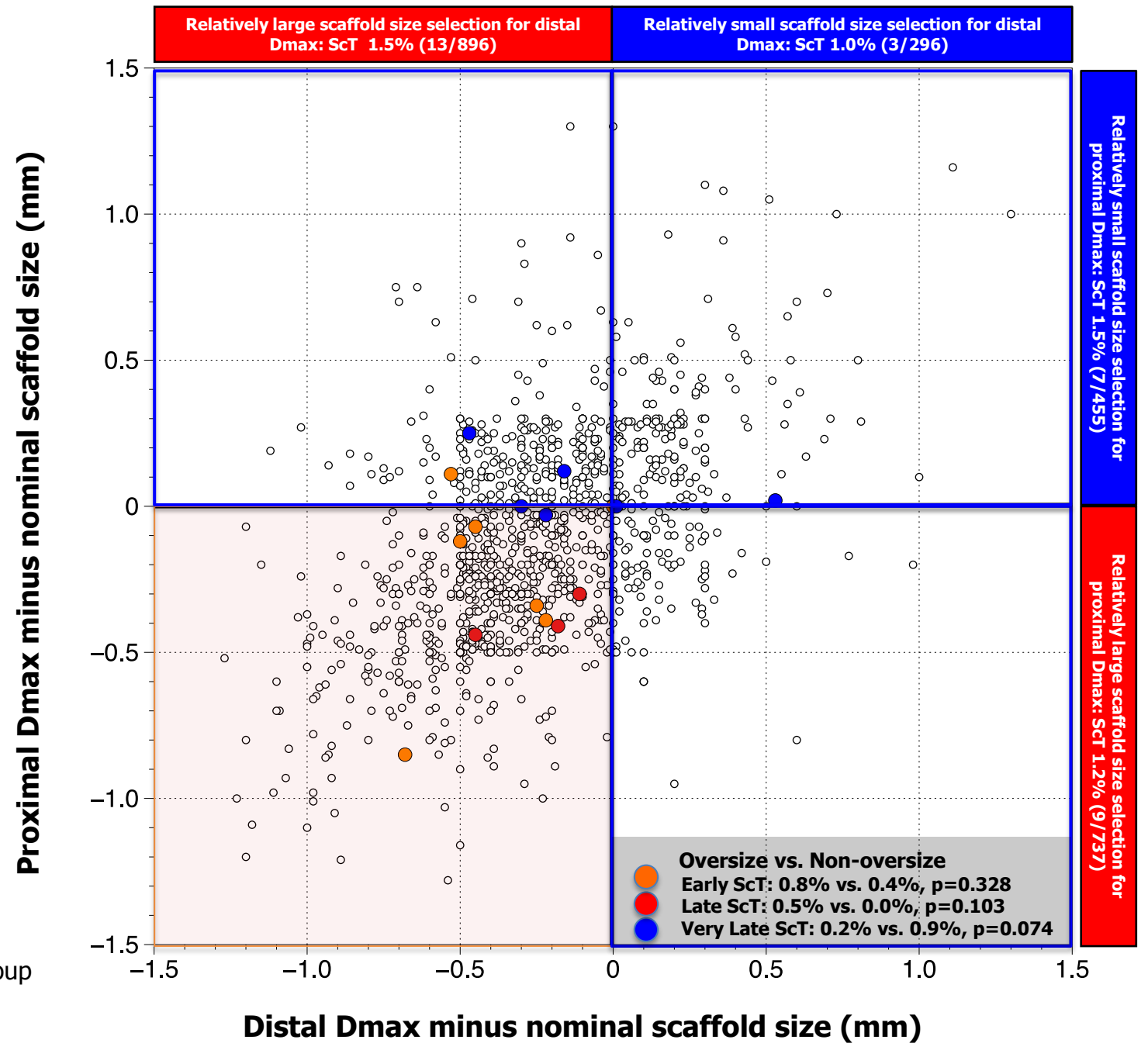
	Time After Index Procedure (days)					
	0	37	194	393	758	1151
Absorb: # At Risk	335	318	318	312	300	282
% Event Rate	2.10%	3.90%	3.90%	4.80%	6.90%	10.40%
% SEM	0.80%	1.10%	1.10%	1.20%	1.40%	1.70%
XIENCE: # At Risk	166	164	161	158	156	149
% Event Rate	1.20%	1.20%	1.80%	3.00%	3.00%	4.30%
% SEM	0.80%	0.80%	1.00%	1.30%	1.30%	1.60%

- **Meta-analysis showed an increase of ScT (1-2Y) compared to Xience**
- **What is the underlying cause?**

Pooled analysis of ABSORB B, Extend and Absorb II: Device-vessel mismatch and TLF



Pooled analysis of ABSORB B, Extend and Absorb II: Device- vessel mismatch and ScT





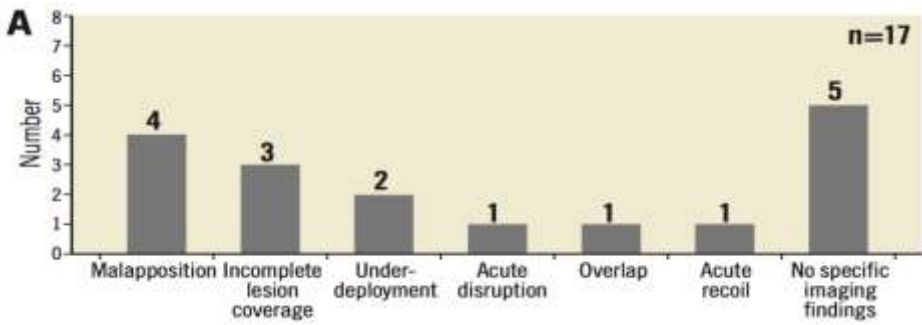
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Systematic review

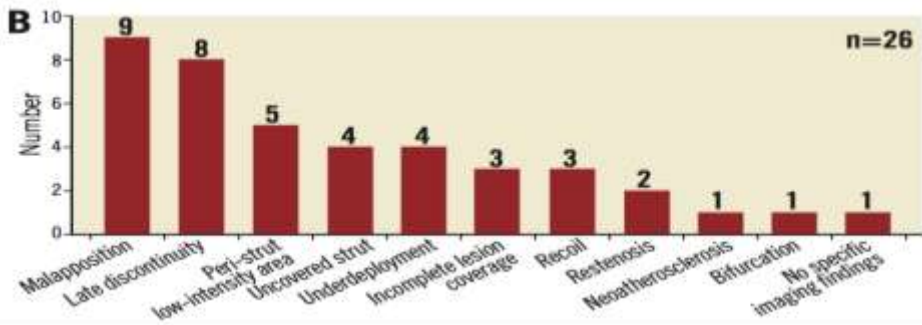
Imaging findings in ScT cases

- **Early ScT (N=17)**
malapposition (24%), incomplete lesion coverage (18%), and underdeployment (12%)
- **Late/very late ScT (N=26)**
malapposition (35%), late discontinuity (31%) and peri-strut low-intensity area (19%)

Early scaffold thrombosis

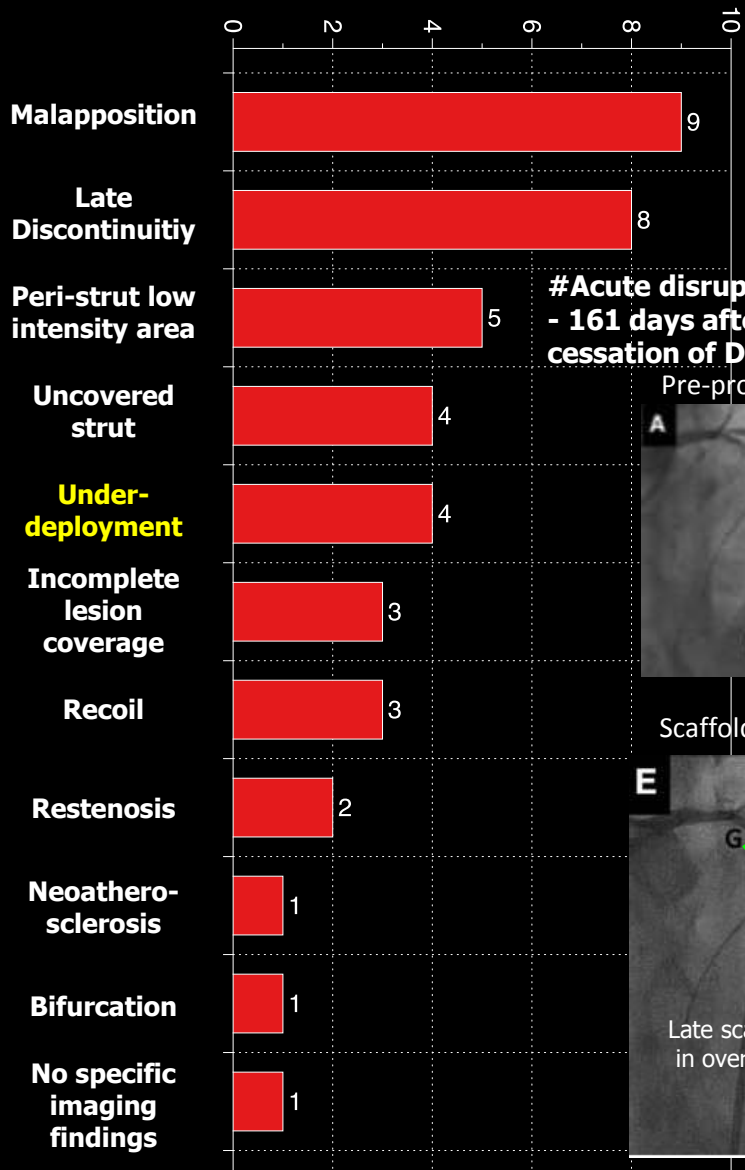


Late/very late scaffold thrombosis

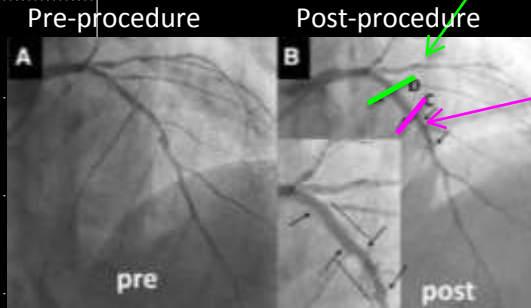


Imaging findings associated with Late/very late scaffold thrombosis

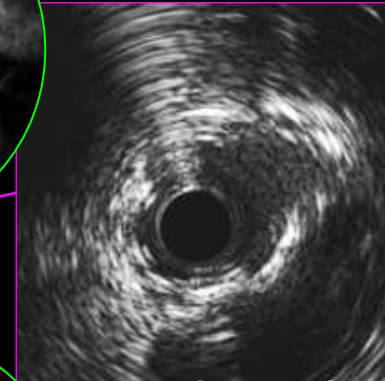
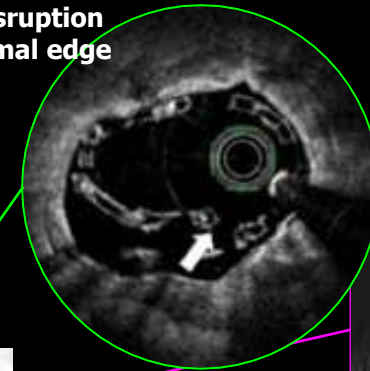
Karanasos A et al. Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2015;8.



#Acute disruption and Late Thrombosis - 161 days after implantation, 2 days after cessation of DAPT

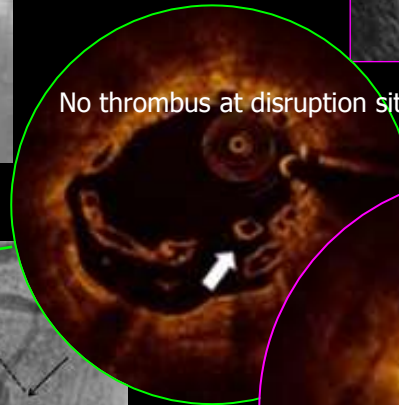


acute disruption at proximal edge



underexpansion at mid scaffolded part (overlap)

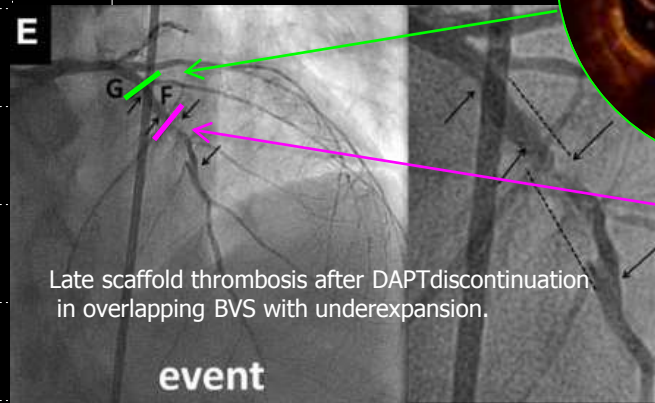
No thrombus at disruption site



Thrombus at underexpansion site



Scaffold thrombosis

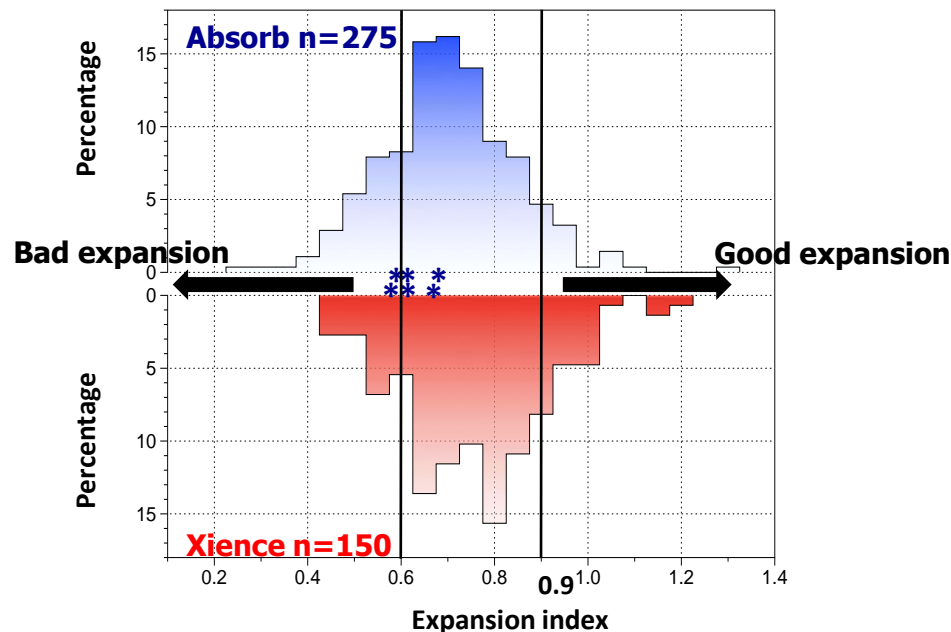


In-depth insights into VLSct cases in ABSORB II trial

Expansion index < 0.6 and **lesion coverage ratio** were significantly associated with VLSct.

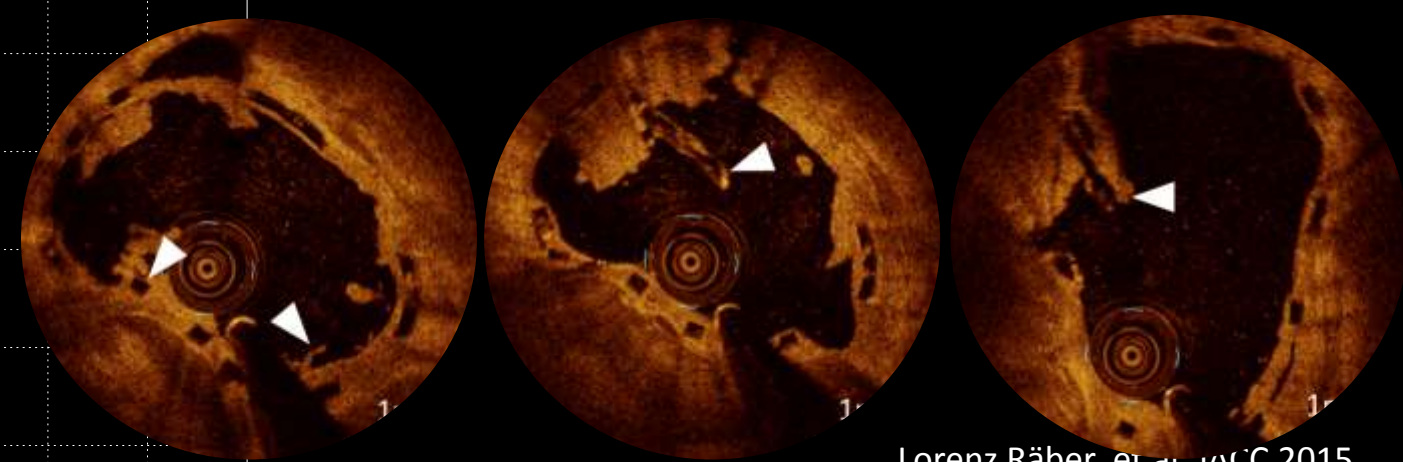
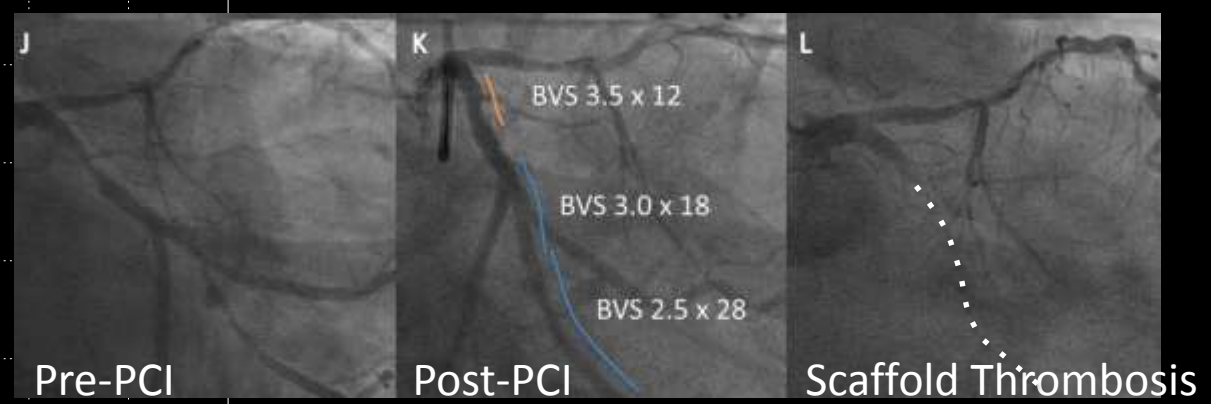
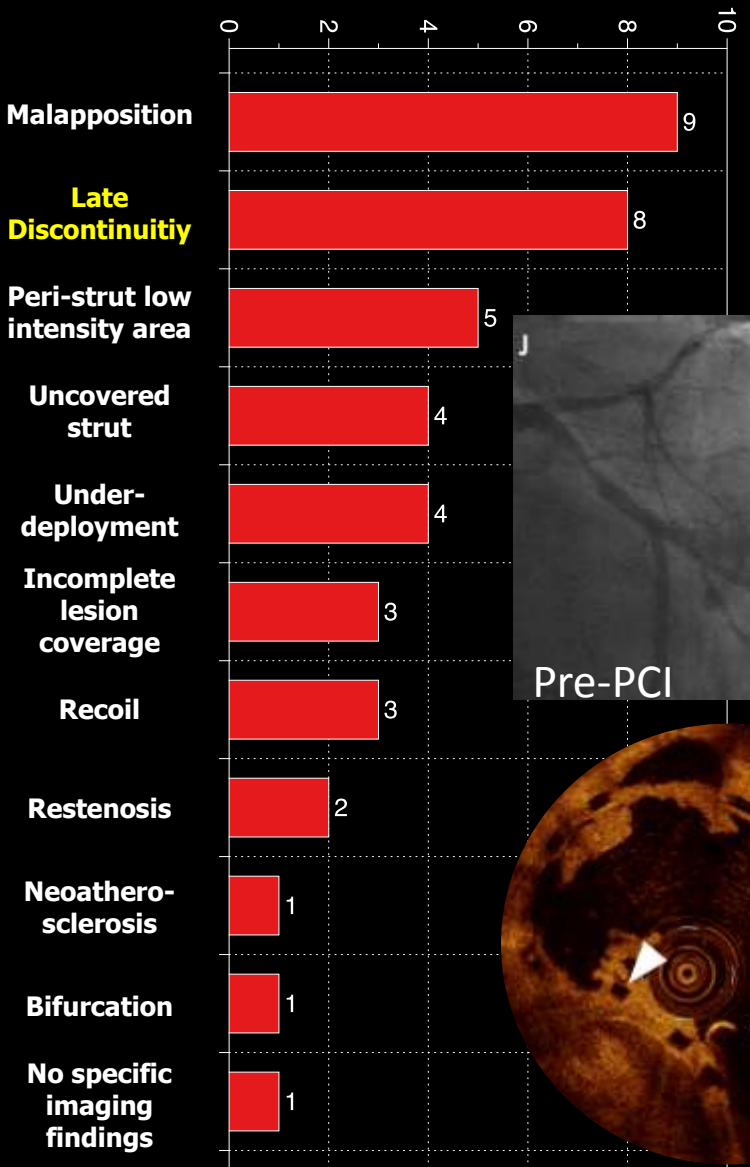
Predictors for VLSct:
Univariate Cox regression analysis

Expansion index



Variable	Odds ratio [95% confidence interval]	p value
QCA		
In-device % diameter stenosis (%)	1.07 [0.96-1.19]	0.218
In-device minimum lumen diameter (mm)	2.58 [0.25-26.08]	0.422
Lesion coverage ratio per 0.1 increase	0.74 [0.56-0.98]	0.032
IVUS		
Minimum lumen diameter (mm)	1.80 [0.18-17.74]	0.613
Asymmetry index per 0.1 increase	0.34 [0.10-1.18]	0.088
Expansion index per 0.1 increase	0.58 [0.32-1.04]	0.066
Minimum eccentricity index per 0.1 increase	2.29 [0.63-8.35]	0.208
Deployment index per 0.1 increase	1.78 [0.75-4.22]	0.188
Expansion index <0.6	6.93 [1.24-38.82]	0.028

Imaging findings associated with Late/very late scaffold thrombosis



VLST case 1 (Day 494)

Risk factors: 79 yo M, HTN, HL, former smoker, DM II

Pre-PCI



Target lesion

pLAD with moderate calcification

QCA analysis Lesion length 14 mm

Proximal reference diameter 3.77 mm

Distal reference diameter 2.76 mm

Proximal Dmax 3.92mm/Distal Dmax 2.89mm

Post-PCI

Pre-dilatation

>>> BVS 3.5 x 28 mm

>>> Post-dilatation 3.5 x 18 atm



QCA analysis

Minimum lumen diameter 2.56 mm

13months follow-up CAG

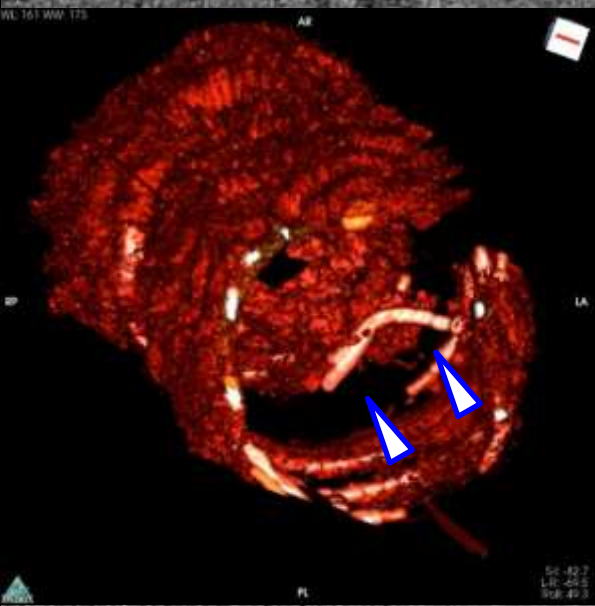
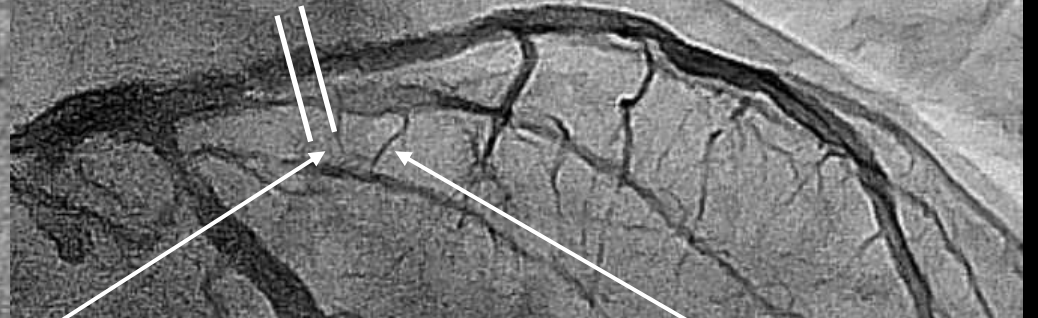


QCA analysis

minimum lumen diameter 2.52 mm

VLST (day 494) (TVQMI)

Post thrombectomy

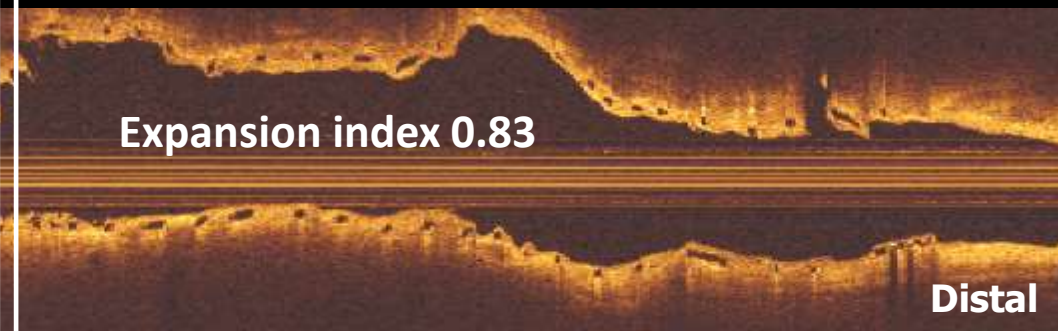
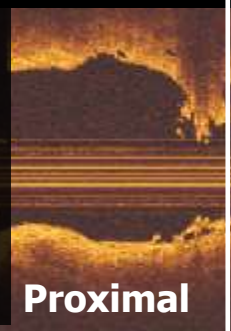


Status of antiplatelet therapy

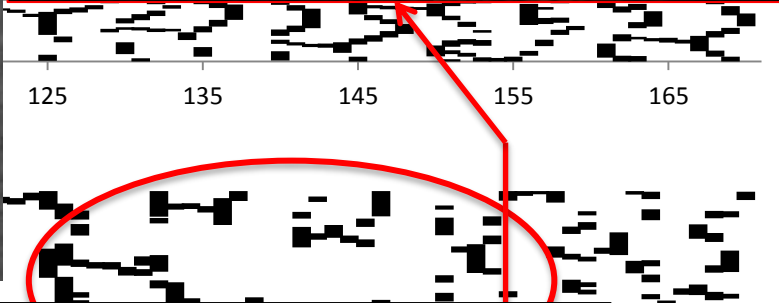
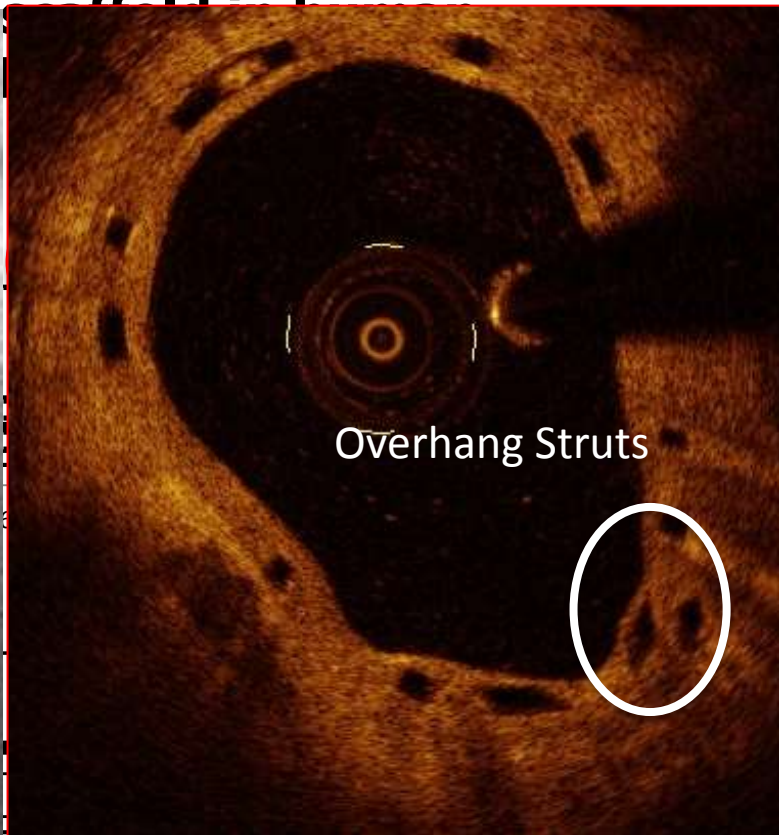
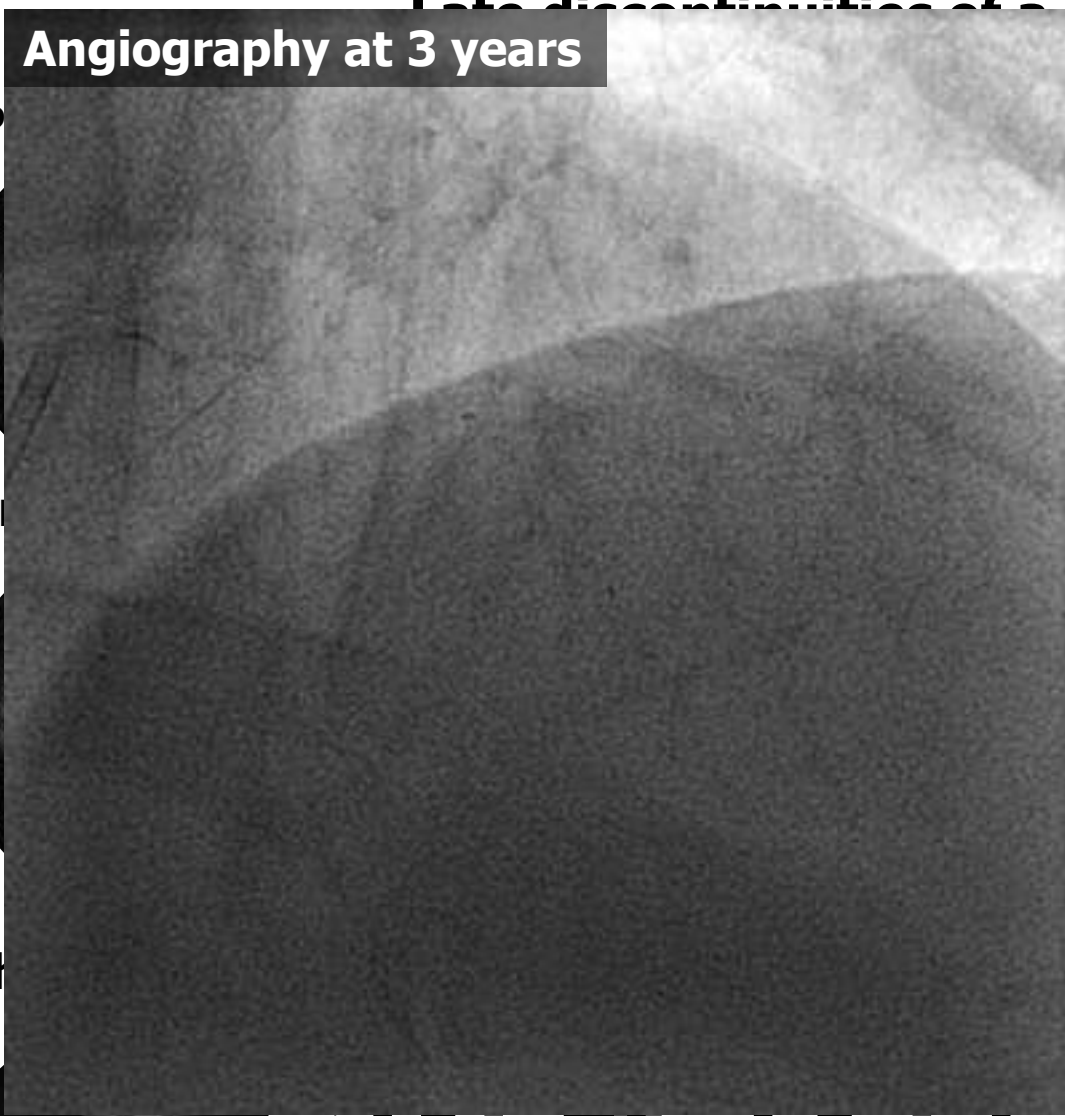
ASA: quit at 487 days
(1 week before event)

Clopidogrel: quit at 1 year

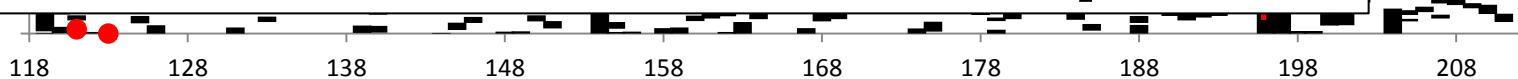
Ciostazol: quit at 3 weeks



Angiography at 3 years



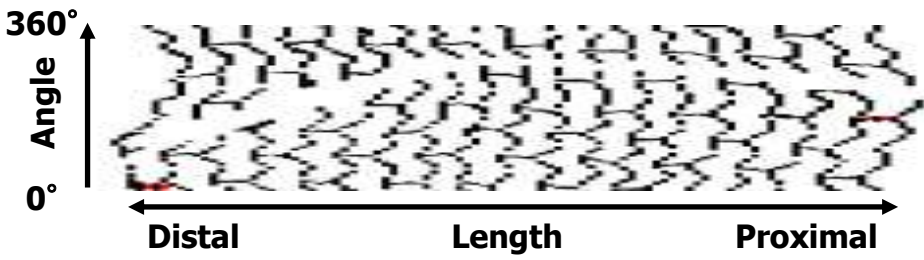
Late discontinuity is expected phenomenon related to bioresorption.



Serial changes of strut distribution

ABSORB Cohort B2

BRS textbook



● Absorb Strut
● Metallic marker

ABSORB Cohort B1

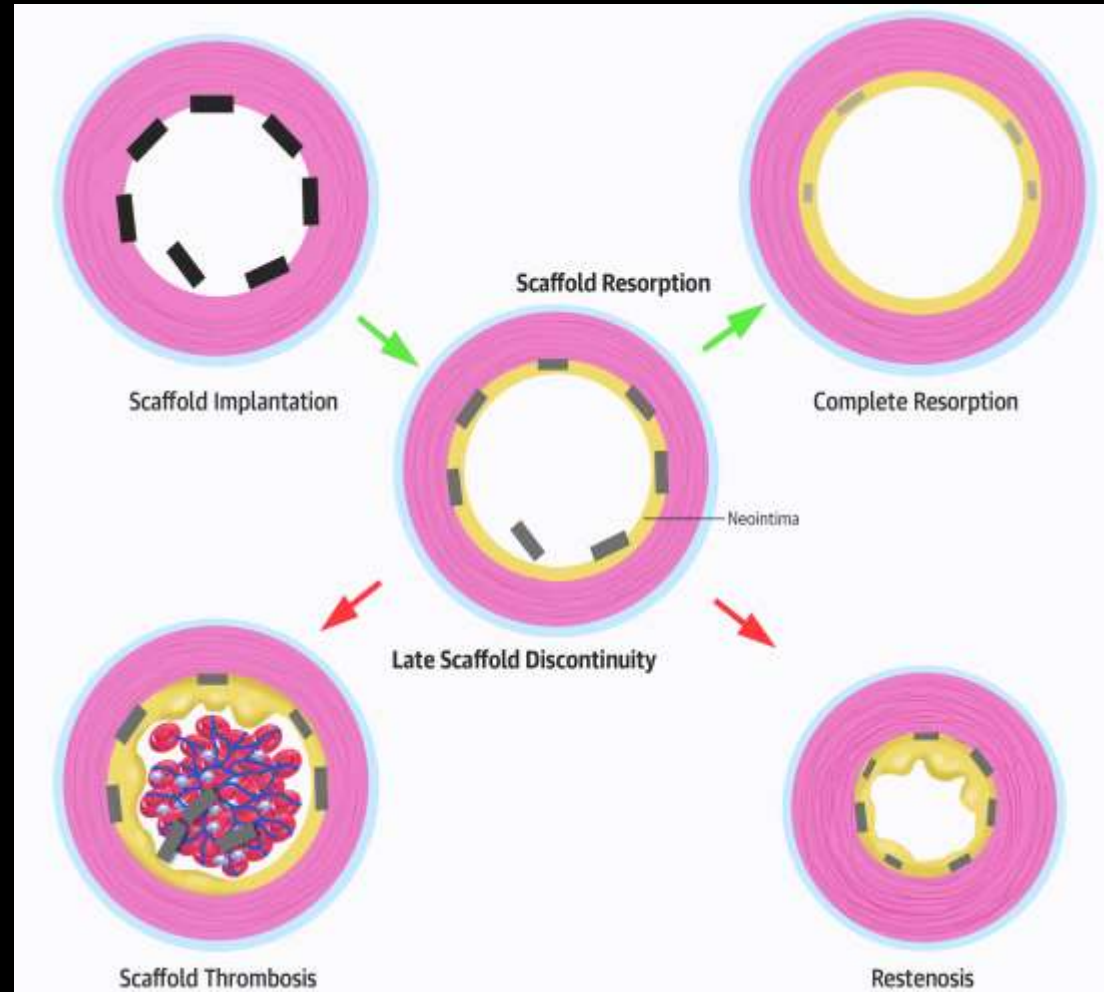
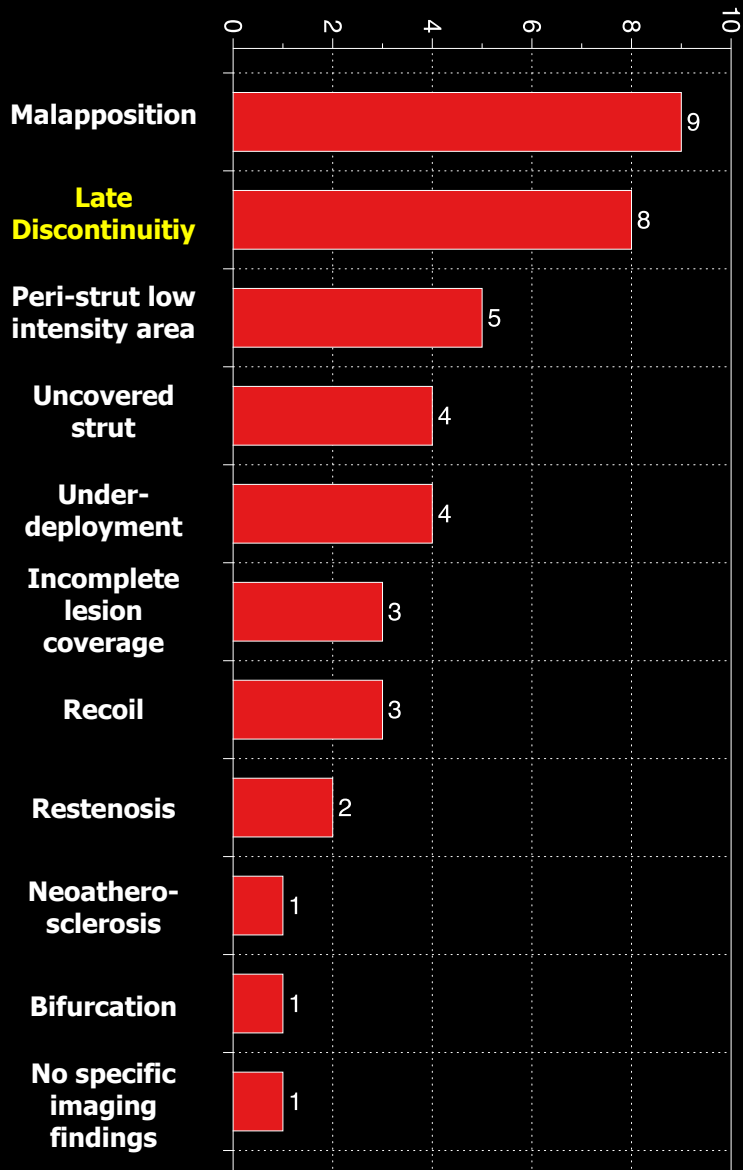
Baseline	6 months	24 months

Baseline	12 months	36 months

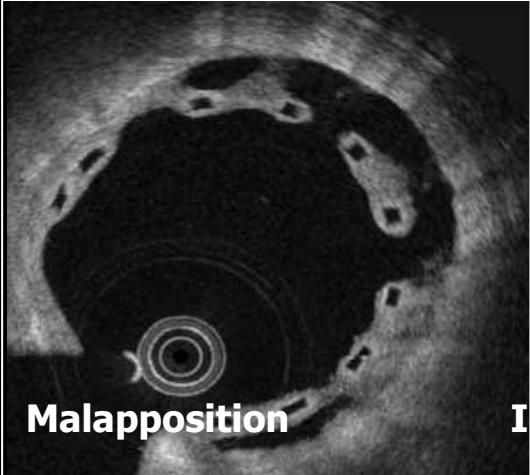
In serial OCT observation up to 36 months, late discontinuities were observed in 43%, without clinical events

Onuma et al. JACC int 2014,

Imaging findings associated with Late/very late scaffold thrombosis



Lorenz Räber et al. JACC 2015, Onuma et al. JACC interv 2014, Sotomi et al. Submitted



Malapposition

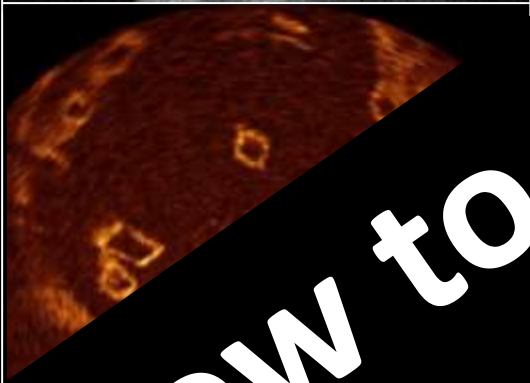


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Uncovered struts



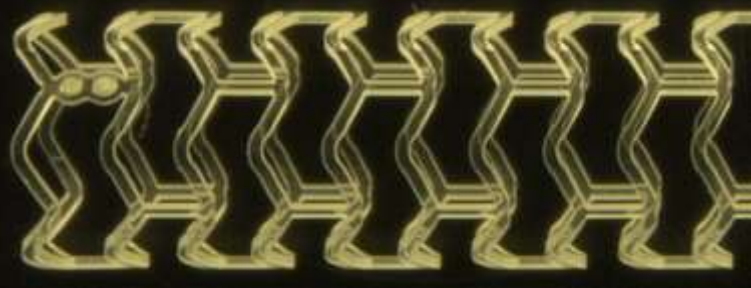
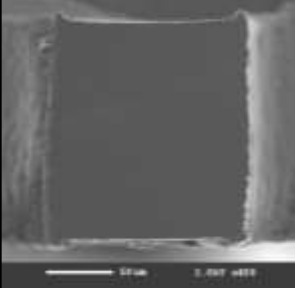
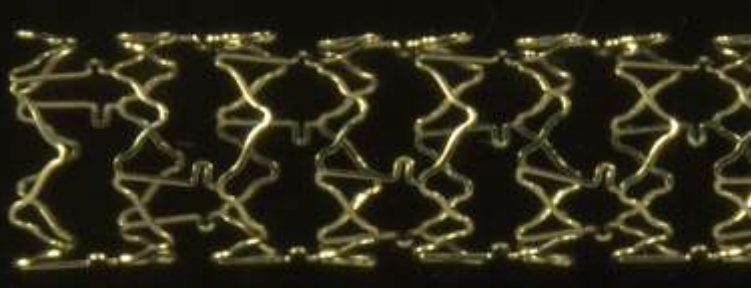

Neoatherosclerosis

discontinuity

How to avoid these and enhance coverage?

Sotomi et al. EI 2016

Design of Absorb and Xience

	Macroscopic appearance	Material	Cross-section	Strut thickness
Absorb scaffold		PLLA + PDLLA		157 μm
Xience V		Co-Cr + durable fluoropolymer		89 μm

**Covered vessel wall area (footprint [3.0mm device]):
26% (Absorb scaffold) vs. 12% (Xience V)**

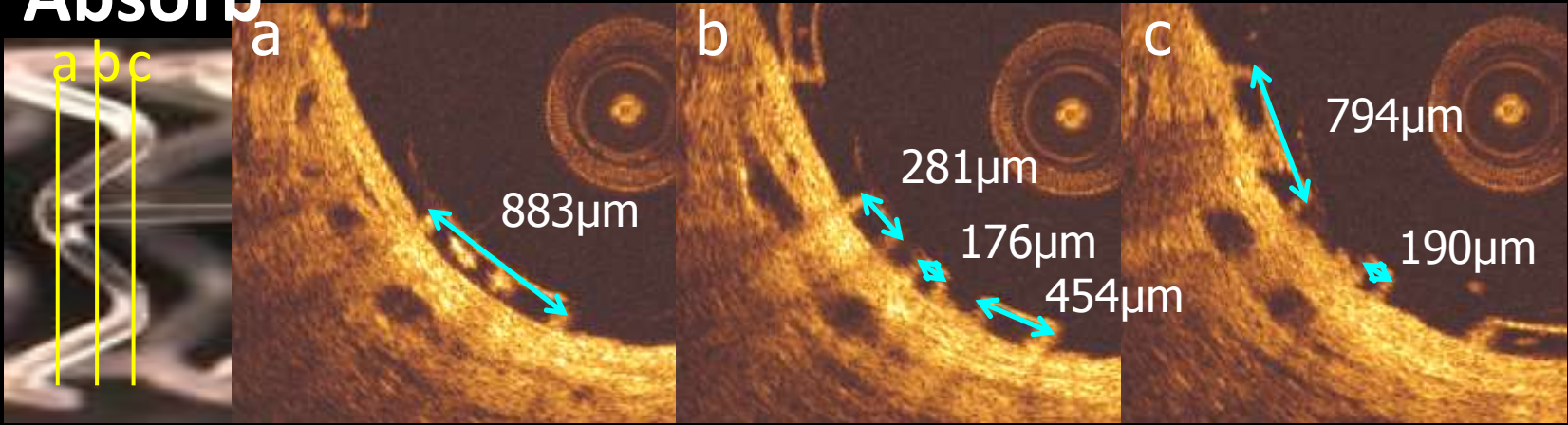
Snowshoe Versus Ice Skate for Scaffolding of Disrupted Vessel Wall*



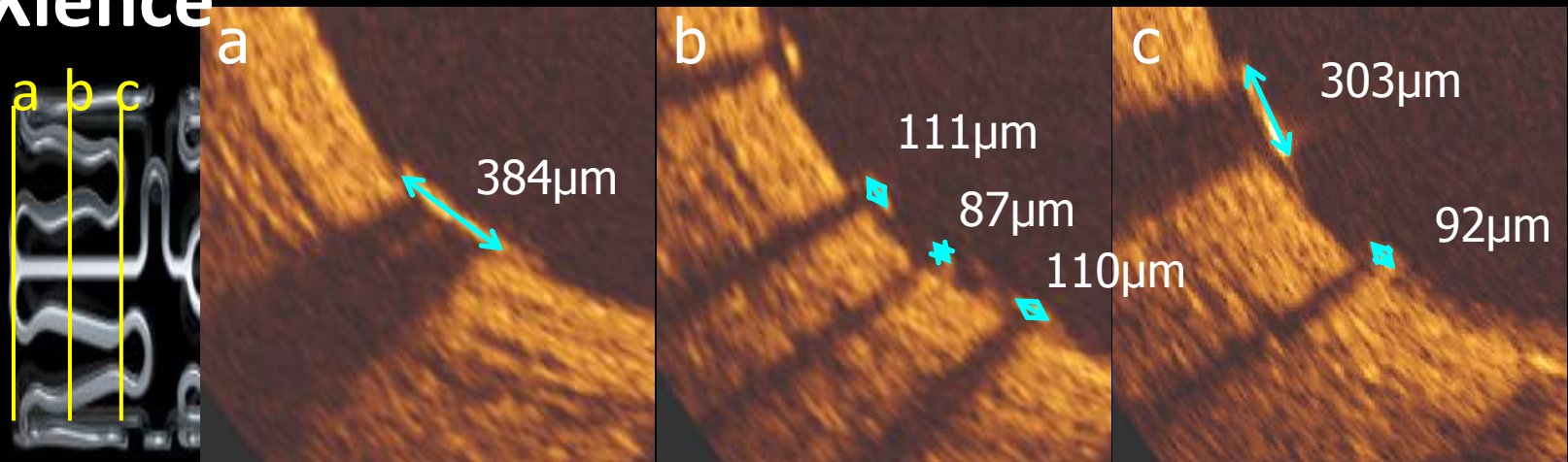
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Difference of Strut Width in each part (Hinge, Link, Ring)

Absorb

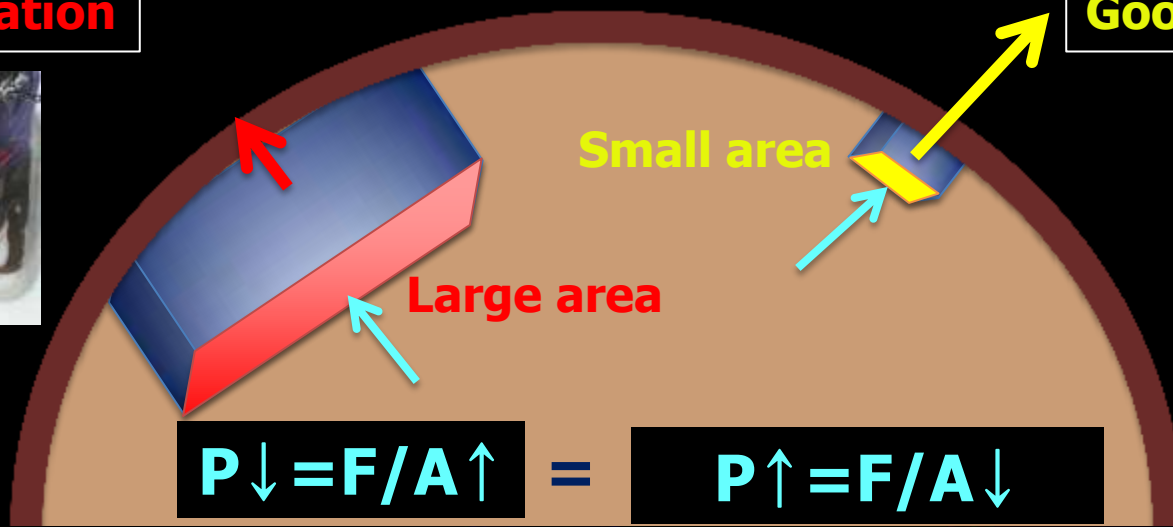


Xience



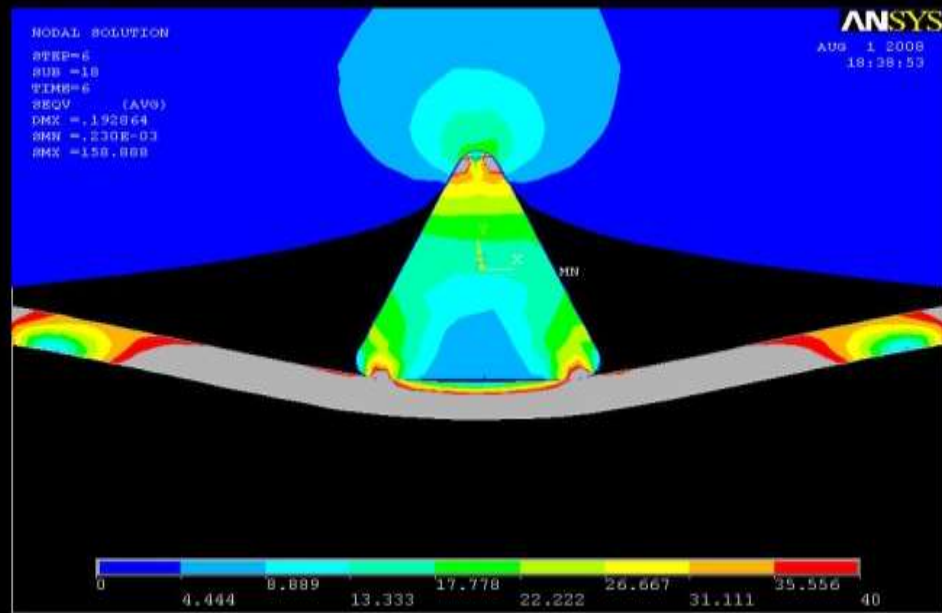
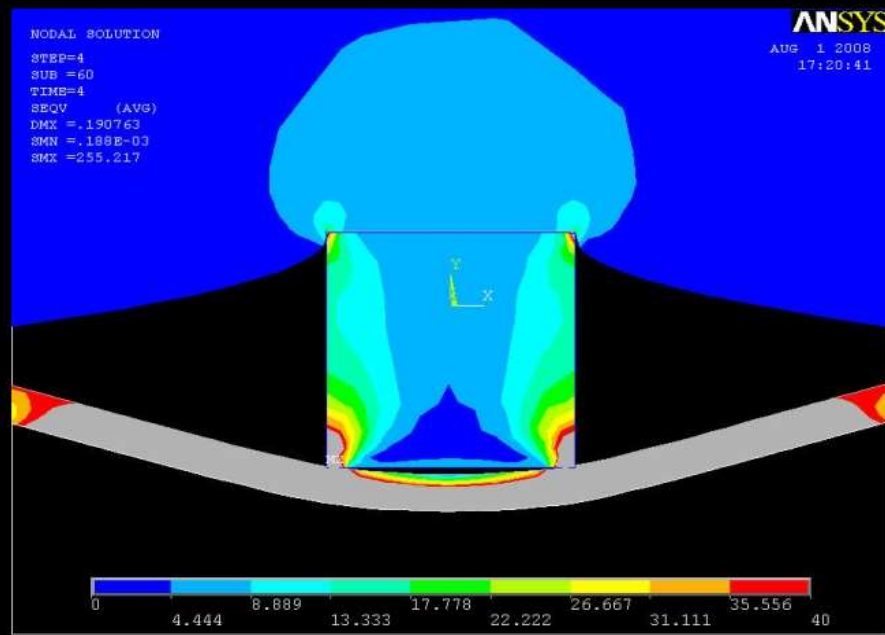
Poor penetration

Good penetration



$$P \downarrow = F / A \uparrow$$

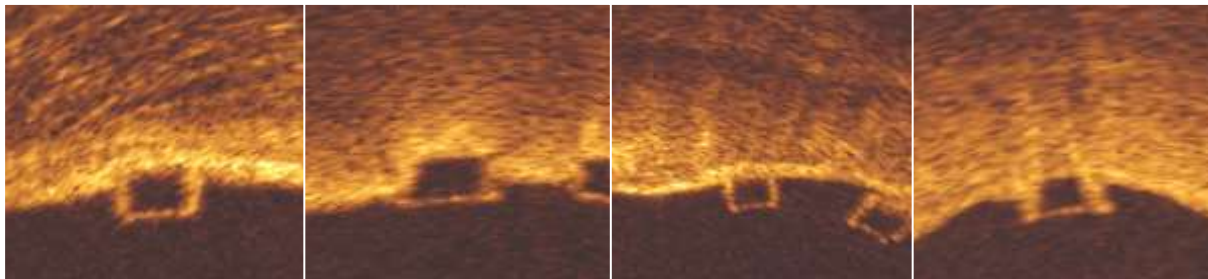
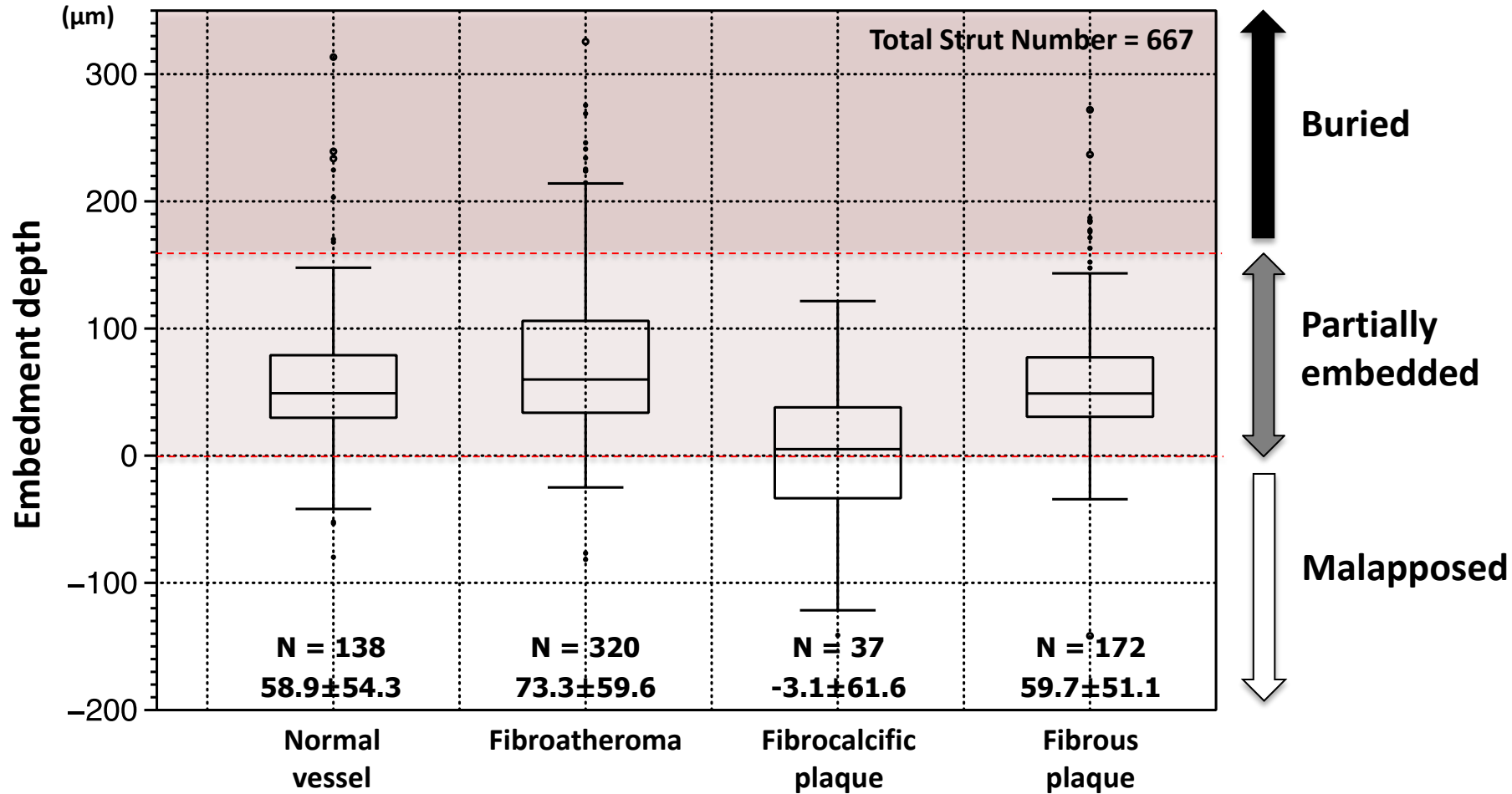
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Large strut area → Poor penetration → Small expansion

Small strut area → Good penetration → Large expansion

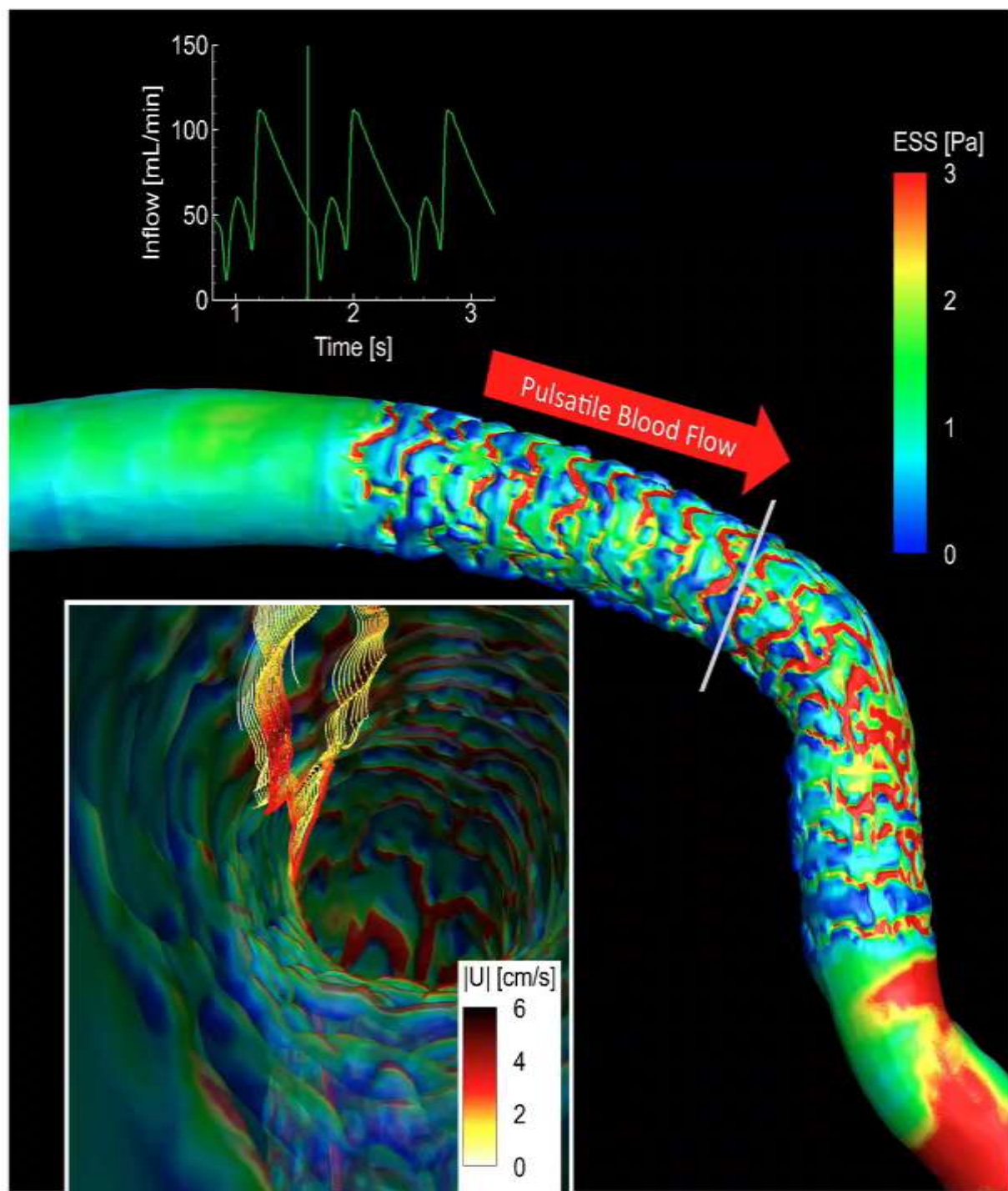
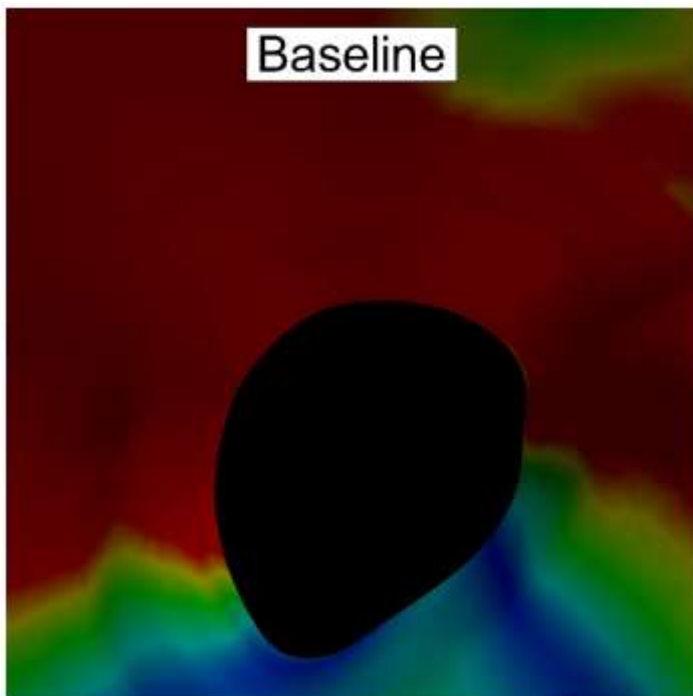
Influence of underlying plaque morphology



The Nidus for Possible Thrombus Formation

Insight From the Microenvironment of Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold

JACC interv 2016:2167-8
Tenekecioglu et al.

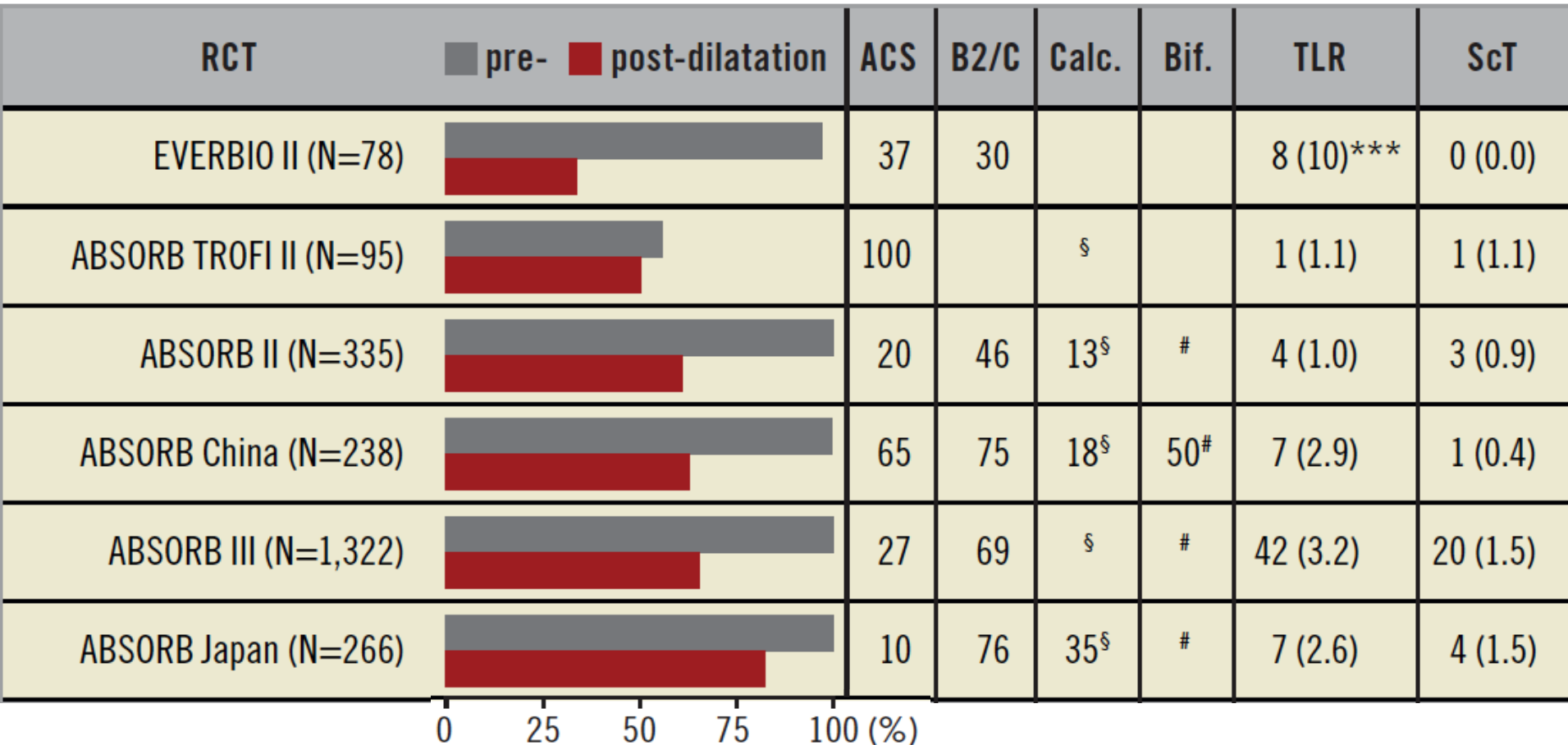


What determines long-term outcomes using fully bioresorbable scaffolds - the device, the operator or the lesion?

Yamaji, Widencker et al. EuroIntervention 2017
Wykrzykowska et al. NEJM 2017



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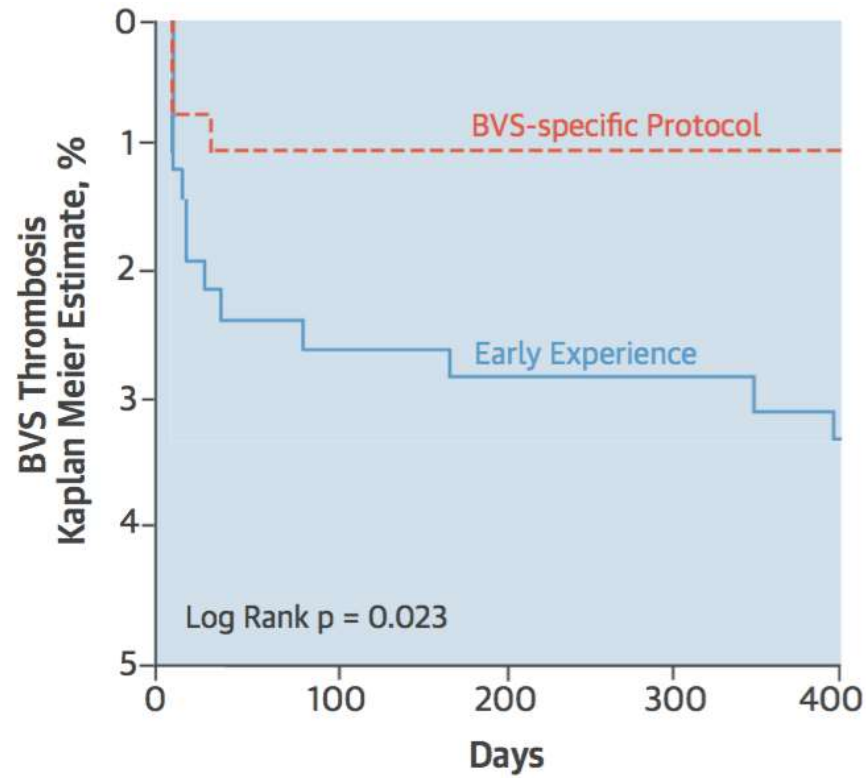
AIDA: Pre dil 97%, Post dil 74%

BVS-specific implantation strategy significantly reduced the rate of ScT

When a BVS-specific implantation strategy was implemented, 12-month ScT rates fell from 3.3% to 1.0%, an effect that remained significant when adjusted for multivariable propensity score ($p = 0.012$; **hazard ratio: 0.19**; 95% confidence interval: 0.05 to 0.70).

The BVS-specific implantation strategy

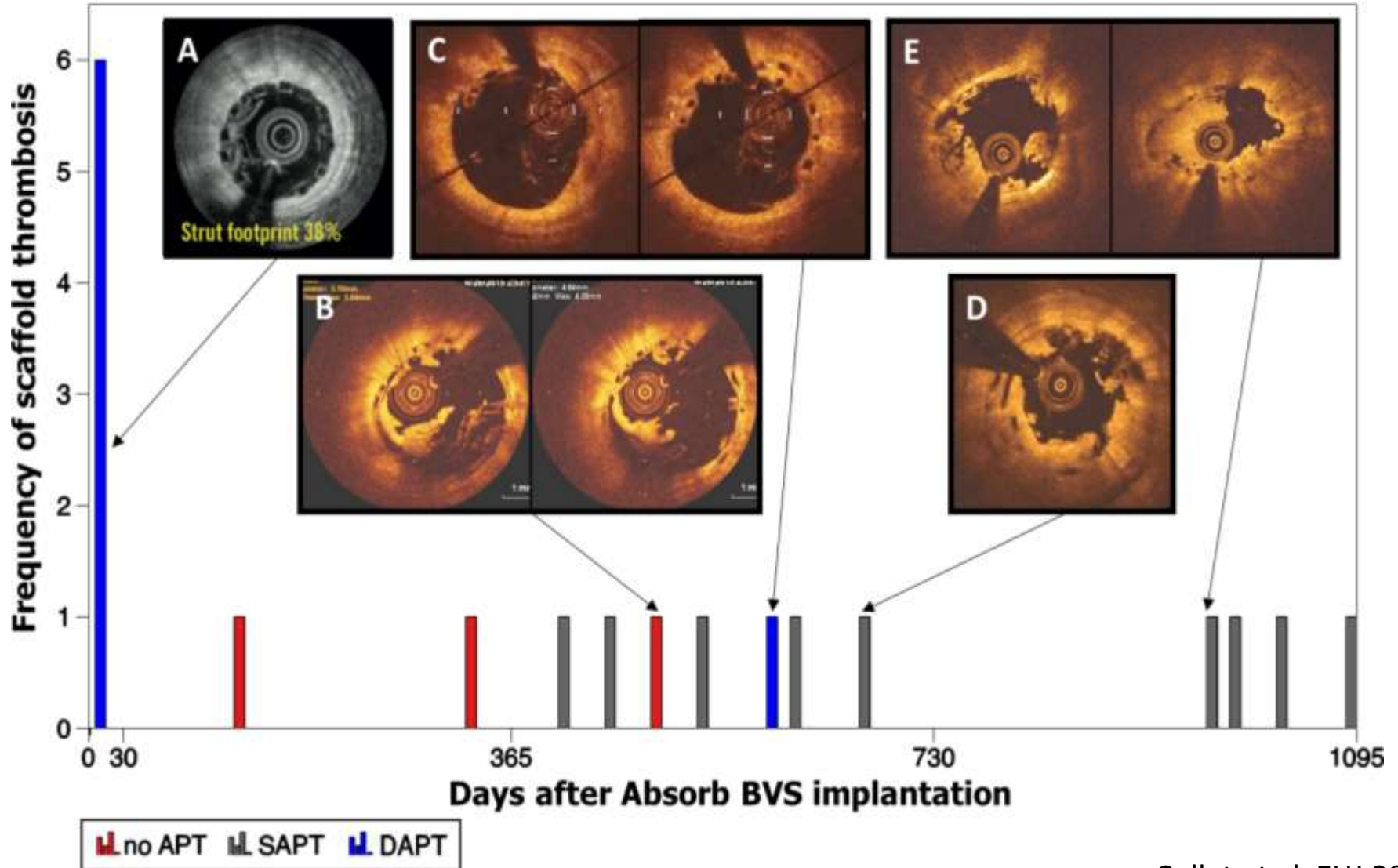
- 1. Pre-dilatation with noncompliant balloon** up to the same size as the reference vessel diameter.
- BVS implantation only in case of full expansion of the noncompliant percutaneous transcatheter coronary angioplasty balloon as demonstrated by angiography in 2 orthogonal planes.
- Implantation of a BVS of the same size as the reference vessel diameter at 10 to 12 atm.
- 4. Post-dilatation with noncompliant balloons** up to a maximum of 0.5 mm larger **at 14 to 16 atm.**



Patients	0	100	200	300	400
Early Experience	369	369	369	369	369
BVS-specific	292	292	281	217	155

Puricel, S. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2016; 67(8):921-31.

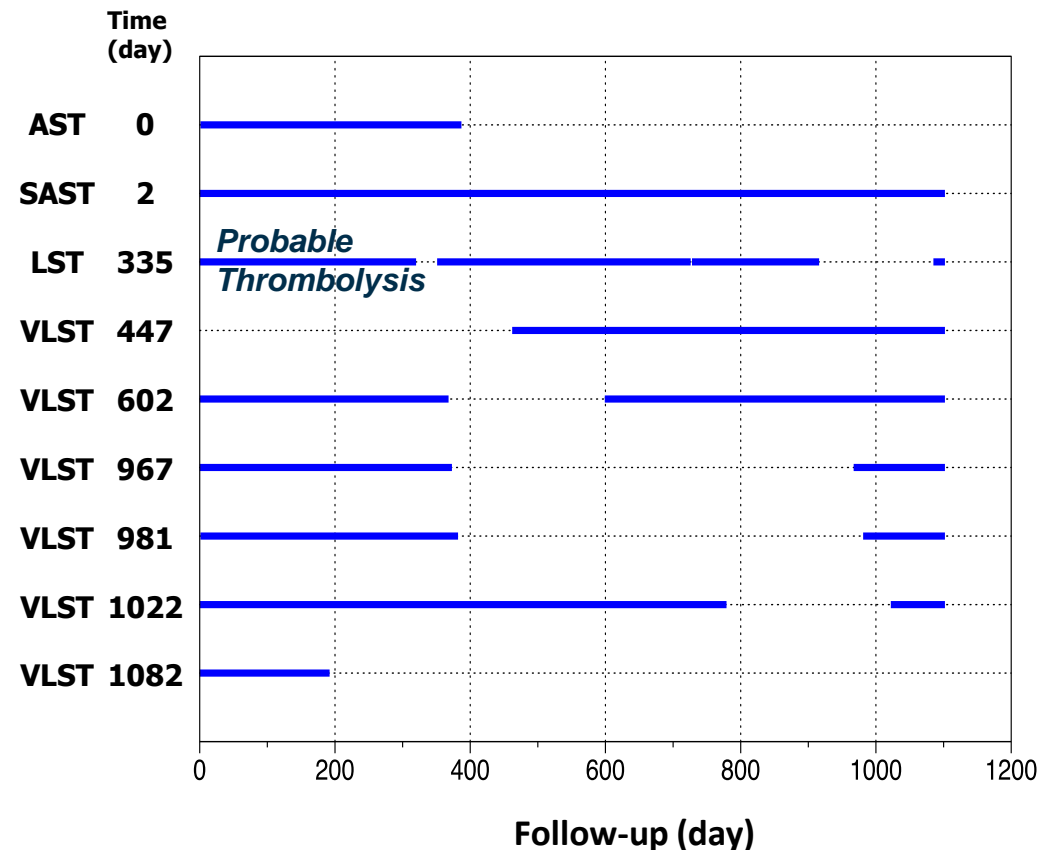
Review of literature with late ($\geq 2y$) outcomes: Timing of scaffold thrombosis and DAPT status



ABSORB II: Dual antiplatelet therapy in Absorb group (N=335)

VLST occurred in patients with DAPT discontinuation, while no VLST was observed in patients without DAPT discontinuation during 3 years.

	VLScT	No VLScT	Total
DAPT discontinuation	6 (100)	257 (78.1)	263 (78.5)
DAPT 3 years without discontinuation >1week*	0 (0)	72 (21.9)	72 (21.5)
Total	6 (100)	329 (100)	335 (100)

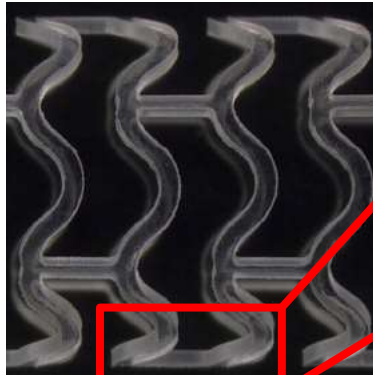


Fisher's exact test: $p=0.347$

Next Generation BVS:

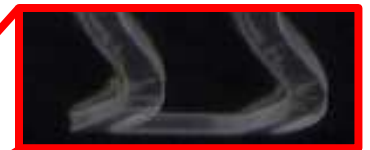
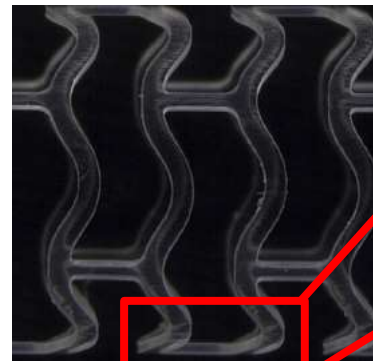
designed to expand the size matrix and Reduce strut thickness

Absorb GT1™



Reduced
strut
thickness

Next Gen BVS



More Treatment Flexibility

- Broader size matrix, including longer lengths

Improved Deliverability

- Smaller crossing profile
- **Enhanced catheter**
- **Strut thickness reduced** substantially compared to Absorb GT1™

Optimized Healing

- Same drug and elution rate as Absorb GT1

Long-Term Safety Issue of BRS; Chance or True?

- Recent meta-analyses of mid-term outcomes (2-3 years) demonstrated increased rates of TV-MI, scaffold thrombosis and very late scaffold thrombosis of Absorb scaffold in comparison with Xience stent. **Long-term outcomes (beyond 3 years: bioresorption time)** still need to be seen in randomized trial.
- Theoretically, enhancement of neointimal coverage would be a key to prevent ScT associated with late discontinuity, which could be achieved by better expansion and better strut embedment.
- It remains to be proven that the **dedicated implantation technique** and potentially long DAPT could decrease the VLScT (e.g. Absorb IV). Eventually **the further iteration** of device with thinner struts will be available to mitigate early and long-term risk.