

# Can Angio-FFR Change Our Cath Lab Practice?

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# History of physiology

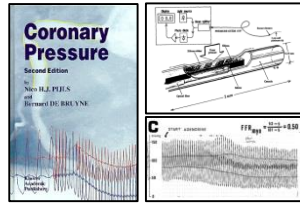
1975 **D. Young**  $\frac{\Delta p}{\rho U^2} = \frac{K_r}{Re} + \frac{K_l}{2} \left( \frac{A_0}{A_1} - 1 \right)^2$

1978 **K. Lance Gould**  $\Delta P = FV + SV^2 + D (V/V_r - 1)V^2$

1983 **R. Kirkeeide**

1988 **P.W. Serruys** Velocity wire  
Flow-velocity validation

1991 **Pressure wire**  
1993 P.W. Serruys (Double-wire Pressure-velocity)  
1993 Håkan Emanuelsson, P.W. Serruys (SFR)  
1993 Carlo Di Mario, P.W. Serruys (Hyperemic Index)



1994 **FFR**  
Nico Pijls  
Bernard De Bruyne

2001

DEFER

1997 **CFR era**  
DEBATE 1,2  
DESTINY  
FROST

2009

FAME

2012 FAME 2

2011

Hybrid algorithm

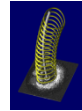
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ADVISE  
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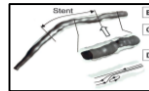
2001 **ANGUS**

Slager C, P.W. Serruys



2002 **Shear stress**

Thury A, Wentzel J, P.W. Serruys

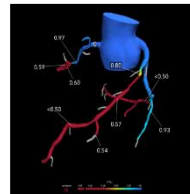


**Non-Newtonian Pulsatile Shear-stress microenvironment (fusion OCT/IVUS and angiography).**

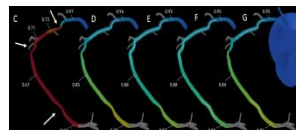
*Navier-Stokes + Quemada equation*

2010 **FFR<sub>CT</sub>** Charles A. Taylor  
Navier-Stokes

DISCOVER FLOW DE FACTO NXT TRIAL PLATFORM SYNTAX III

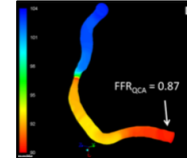


FFR<sub>CT</sub> PLANNER

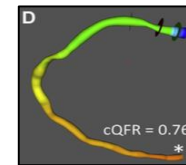


**3D Angiography + "CFD" Navier-Stokes + Papafaklis, P.W. Serruys TIMI Frame Count**

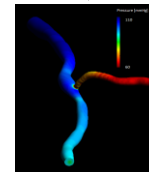
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**3D Angiography, or 2D Angiography + Lance Gould "≠ CFD"**



**QFR**

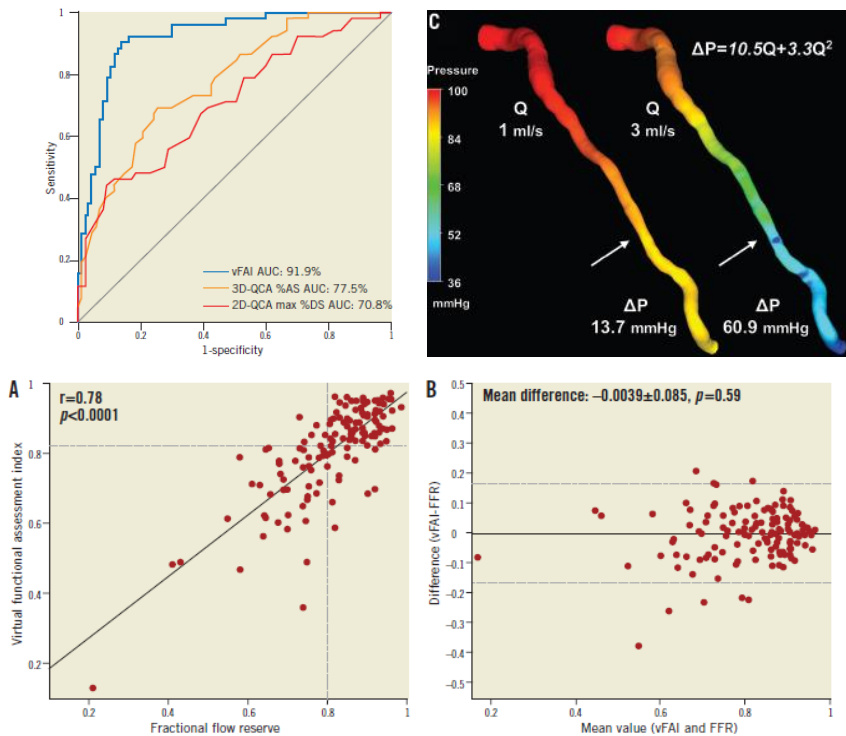


**3D Bifurcation QCA CFD Finite Elements Navier-Stokes**

## Fast virtual functional assessment of intermediate coronary lesions using routine angiographic data and blood flow simulation in humans: comparison with pressure wire – fractional flow reserve

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- Virtual functional assessment index (vFAI) was derived from 3D-QCA.
- A Comparison with wire-FFR was studied in 139 lesions with intermediate stenosis.



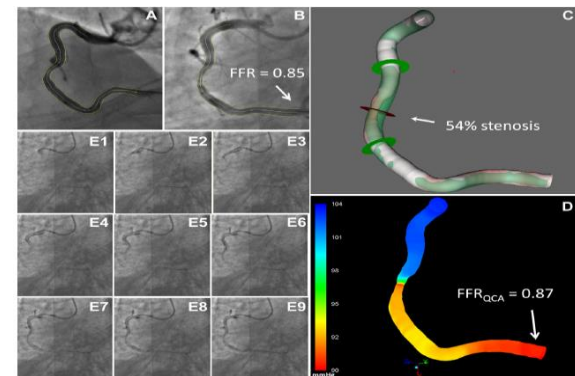
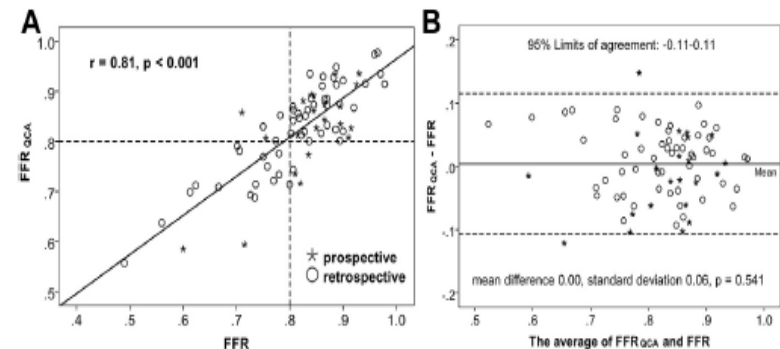
*Eurointervention* 2014

## Fractional Flow Reserve Calculation From 3-Dimensional Quantitative Coronary Angiography and TIMI Frame Count

A Fast Computer Model to Quantify the Functional Significance of Moderately Obstructed Coronary Arteries




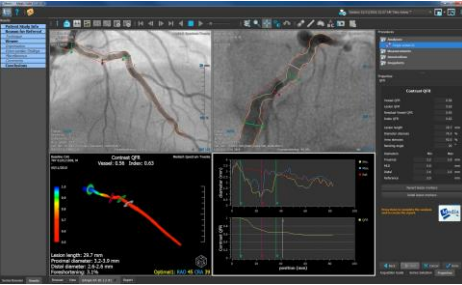
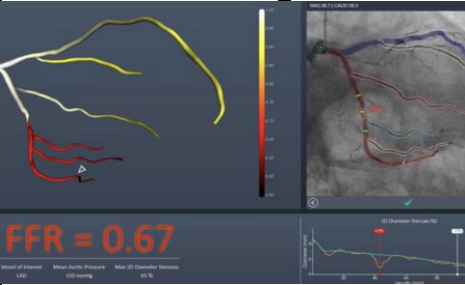
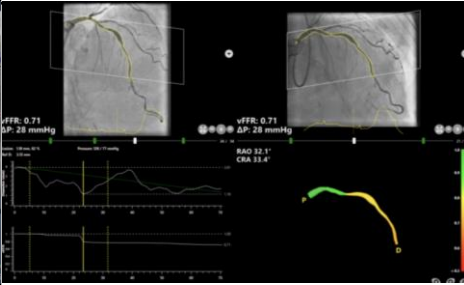
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- FFR<sub>QCA</sub> was derived from 3D QCA and TIMI (Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction) frame count.
- FFR<sub>QCA</sub> was retrospectively compared with wire-based FFR in 77 intermediate lesions.



*JACC Cardiovasc Interv* 2014

# Available software in cath lab

	QFR 	FFR <sub>angio</sub> 	vFFR 
			
<b>On-line</b>	Available	Available	Available
<b>Required angio</b>	2 projections 25 degrees apart	≥2 projections	2 projections 30 degrees apart
<b>Process</b>	Mathematical formula	Rapid flow analysis	NA
<b>Published Clinical data</b>	FAVOR pilot, II China and Europe/Japan, WiFi II  Xu B, et al. JACC. 2017 Dec 26;70(25):3077-3087 Westra J, et al. J Am Heart Assoc. 2018 Jul 6;7(14)	FAST-FFR  Fearon, et al. Circulation. 2019;139:477-484.	FAST*  *presented at euroPCR2018
<b>AUC</b> for predicting FFR≤0.8	<b>0.92-0.96</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.93</b>
<b>Time to computation</b>	5 min	(2.7 min: without manual correction and lesion identification)	NA

# Quantitative Flow Ratio (QFR)



Standard Angiogram



Data Transmission System

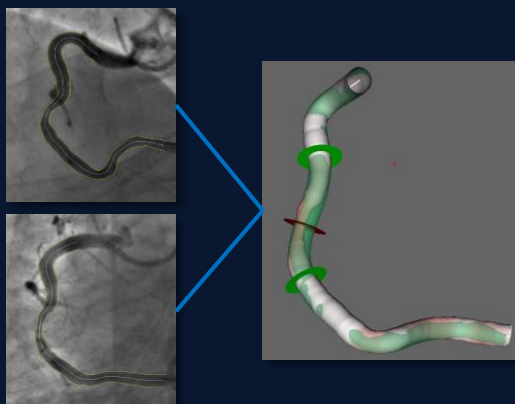


Two image runs with angle difference  $\geq 25^\circ$

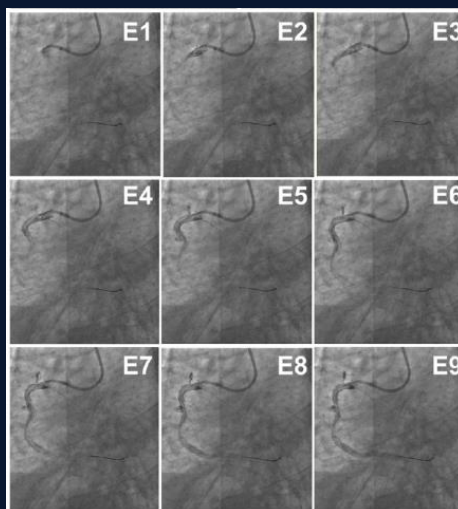


AngioPlus System

3D Reconstruction

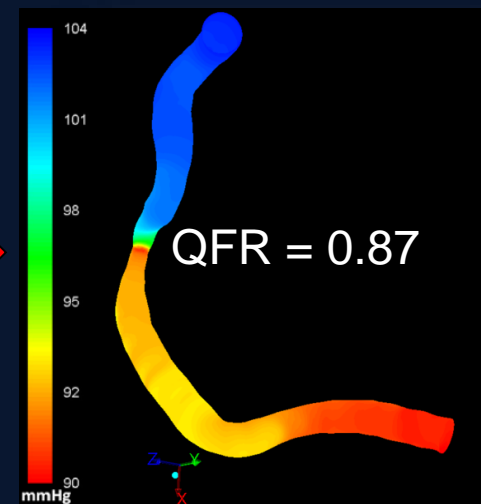


Modified Frame Count



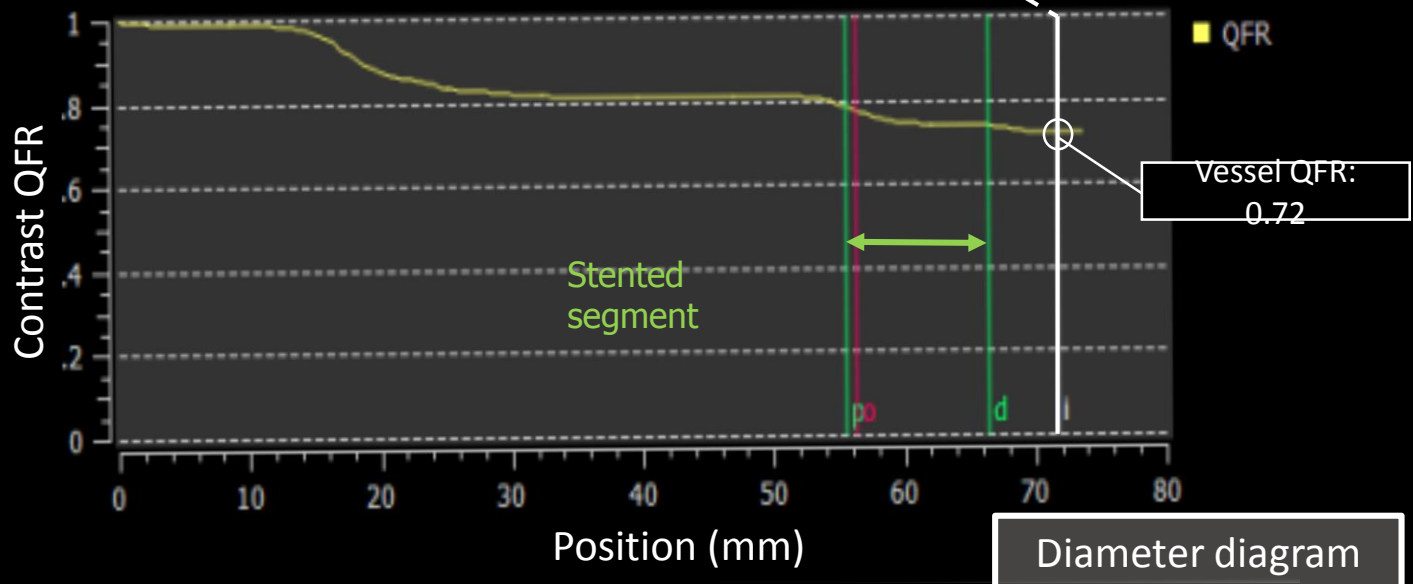
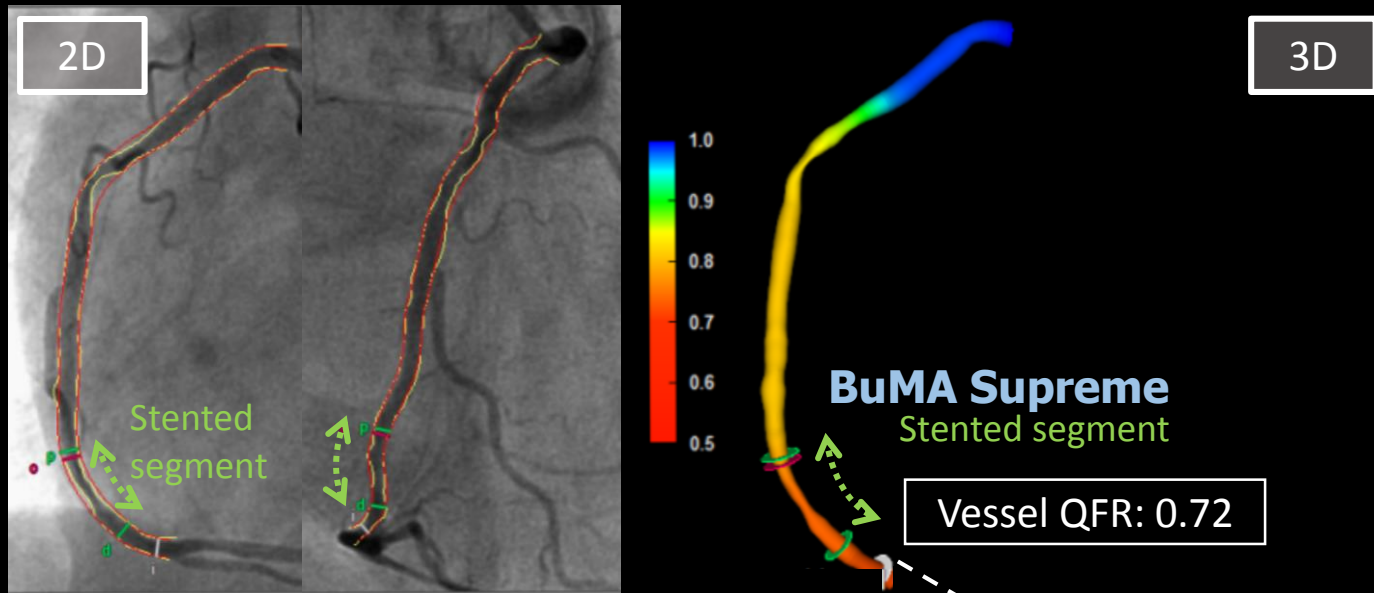
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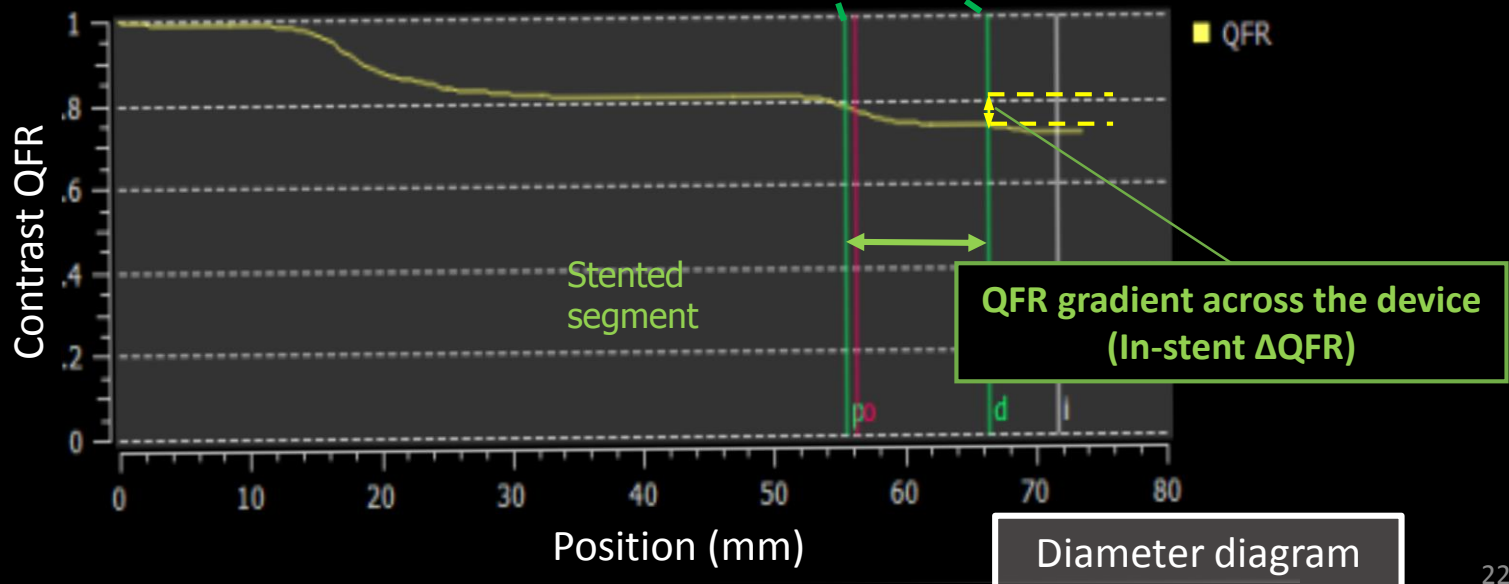
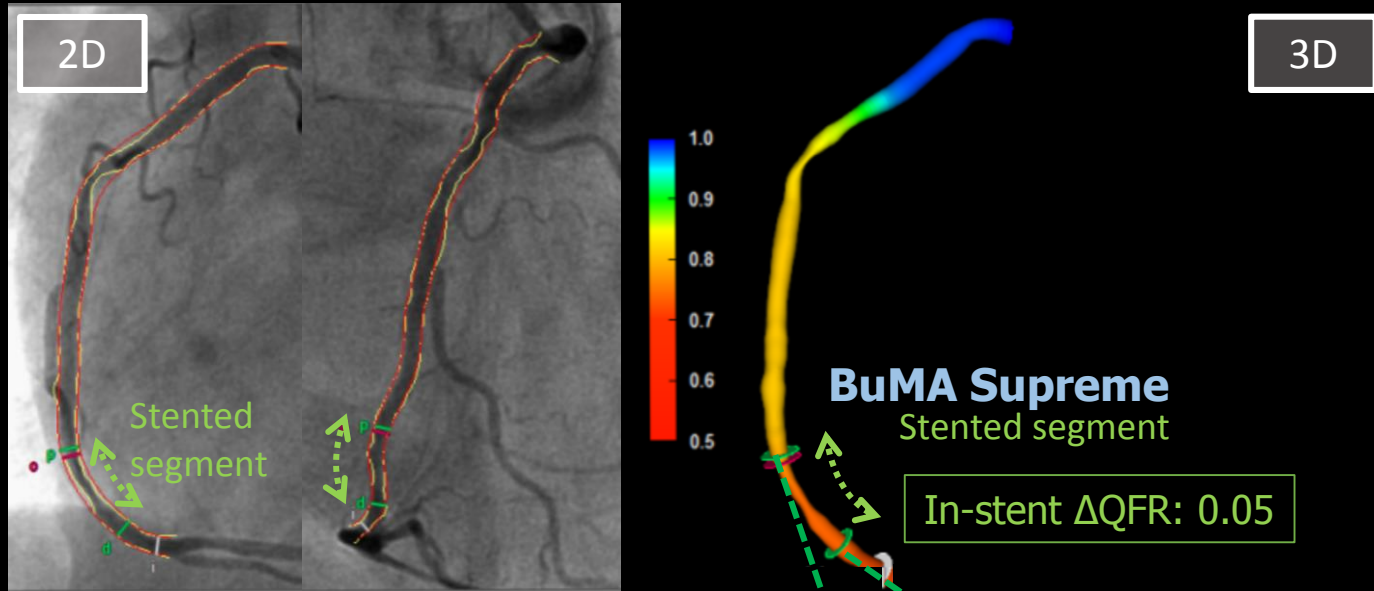


Without Inducing Hyperemia

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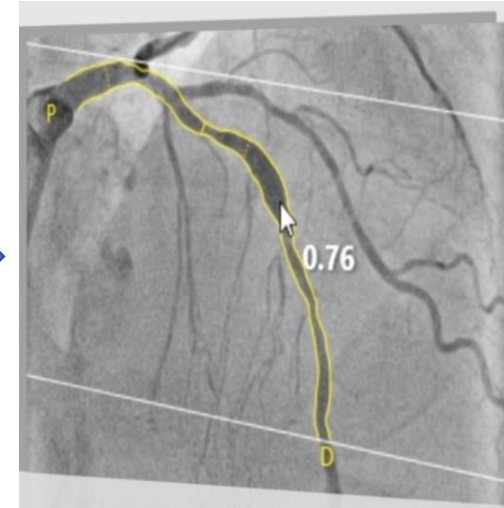
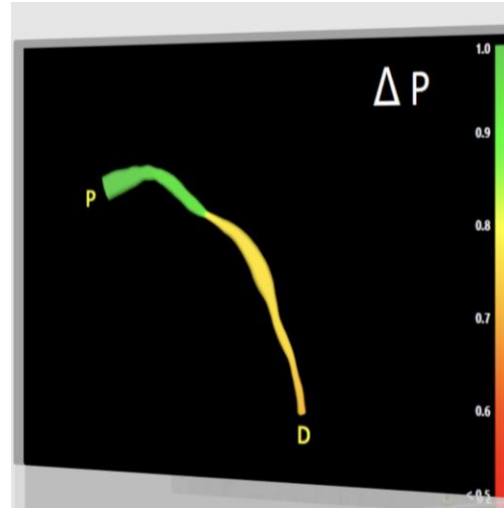
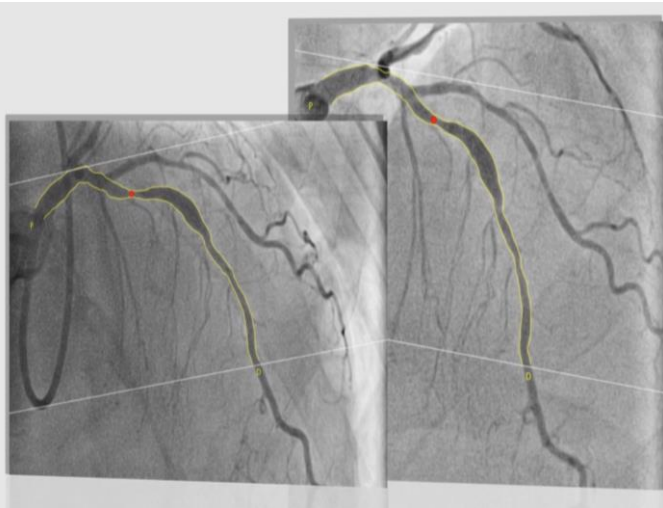
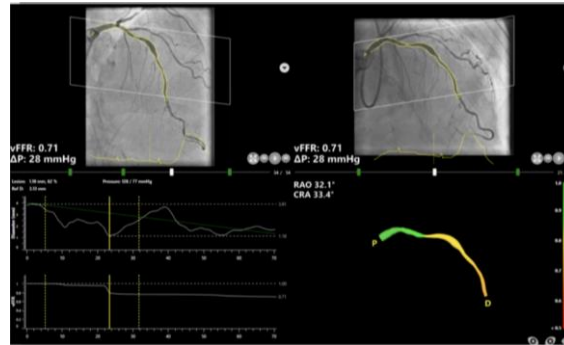


# FFR angio (Cathworks)



The  $FFR_{\text{angio}}$  is calculated as the ratio between the flow rate in the stenosed artery, and the flow rate in the same artery in the absence of the stenosis

# vFFR: flow of computation



**2 angiograms  
30 degrees apart  
for 3D  
reconstruction**

**A pressure  
drop is  
calculated  
based on 3D  
reconstruction**

**vFFR without  
induced  
hyperemia**

# Angio-derived FFR in cath lab

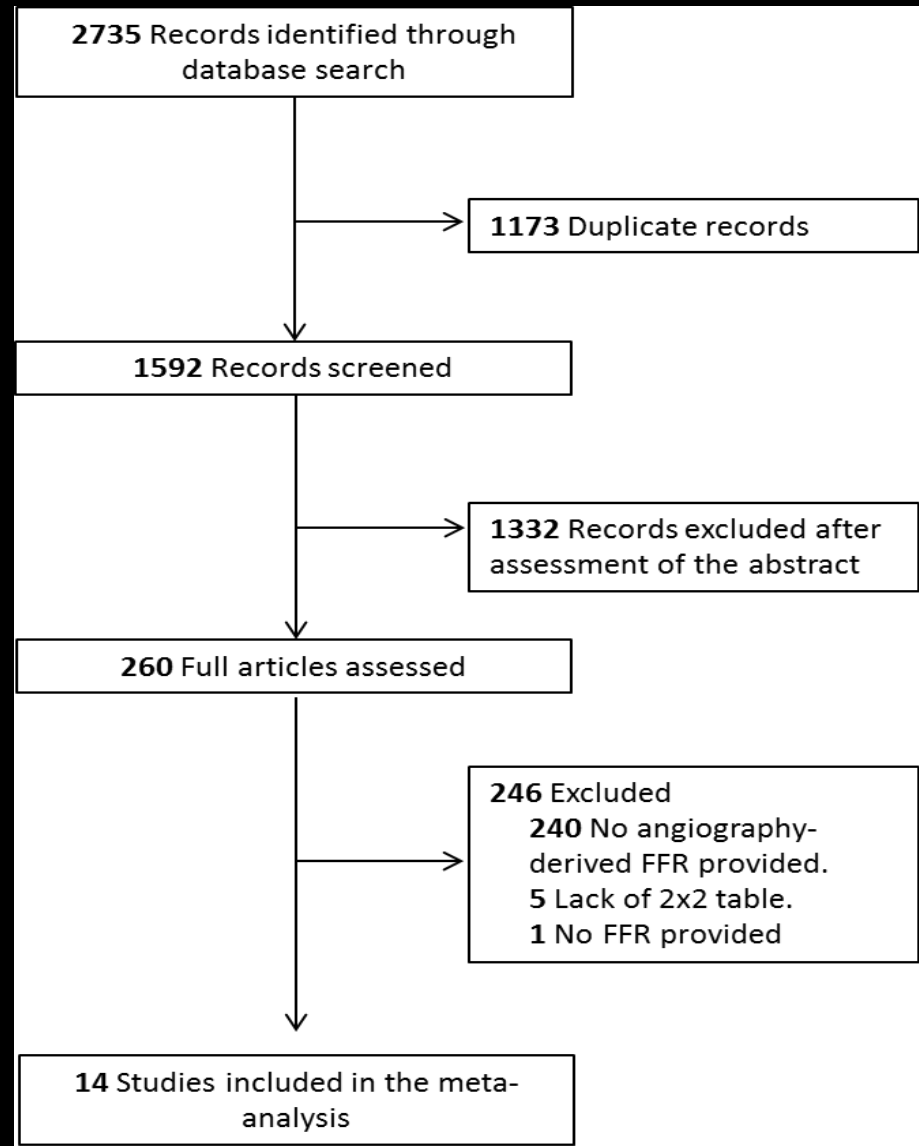
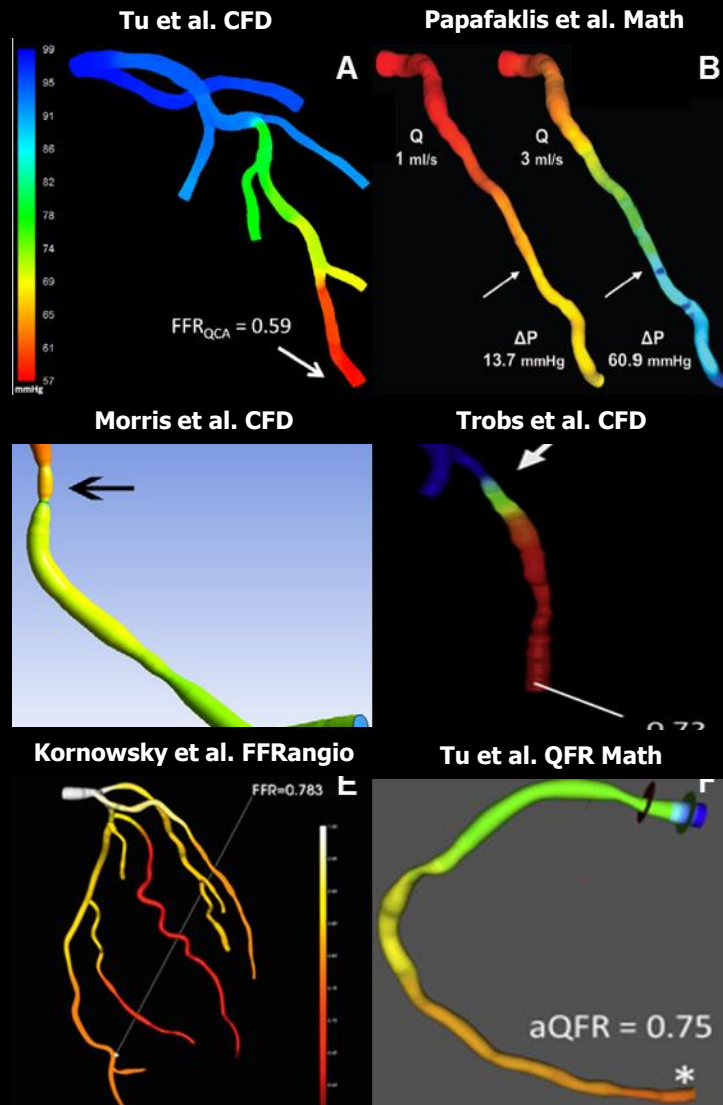
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# Diagnostic performance of angiography-derived fractional flow reserve: a systematic review and Bayesian meta-analysis

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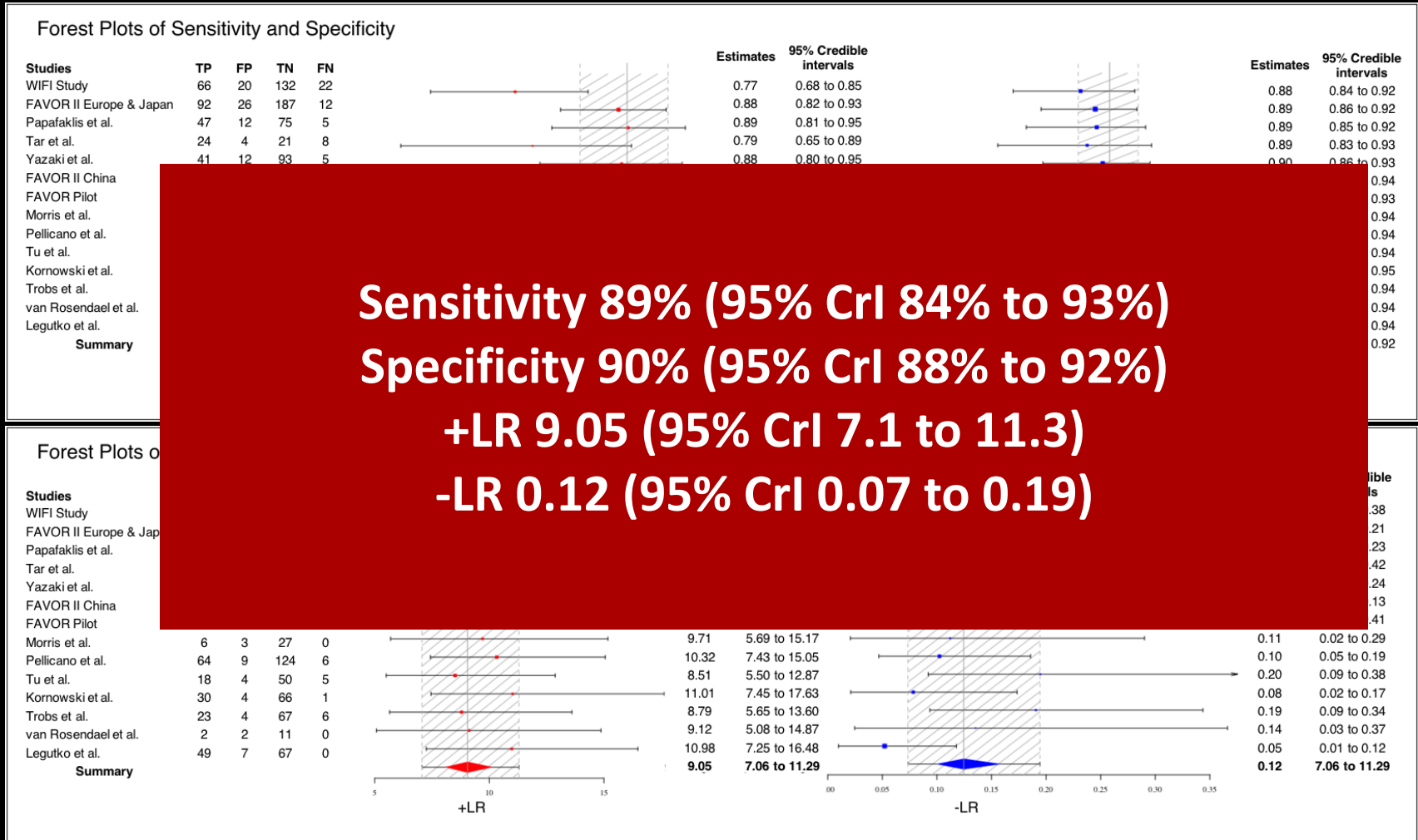
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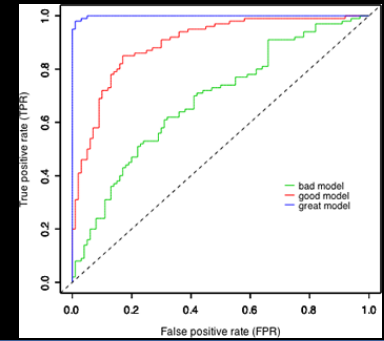
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Study	Number of lesions	Technology	Process	Reference Standard	Threshold	Prevalence of ischaemia (%)
WIFI II, 2017	240	<u>QFR</u>	Mathematical formula	IV FFR	≤0.8	28
FAVOR II Europe and Japan, 2017	317	<u>QFR</u>	Mathematical formula	IV FFR	≤0.8	29
Tar <i>et al.</i> , 2017	68	MEDIS 3D-QCA	Mathematical formula	IV FFR	≤0.8	42
Yazaki <i>et al.</i> , 2017	151	<u>QFR</u>	Mathematical formula	IV FFR	≤0.8	27
FAVOR II China, 2017	328	<u>QFR</u>	Mathematical formula	IV FFR	≤0.8	32
FAVOR Pilot, 2016	84	<u>QFR</u>	Mathematical formula	IV FFR	≤0.8	24
Morris <i>et al.</i> , 2013	35	Virtual fractional flow reserve derived	CFD	IV FFR	≤0.8	17
Pellicano <i>et al.</i> , 2017	203	<u>FFR<sub>angio</sub></u>	Rapid flow analysis	IV or IC FFR	≤0.8	32
Tu <i>et al.</i> , 2014	77	FFR <sub>QCA</sub>	CFD	IV FFR	≤0.8	23
Kornowski <i>et al.</i> , 2016	101	<u>FFR<sub>angio</sub></u>	Rapid flow analysis	IV or IC FFR	≤0.8	30
Trobs <i>et al.</i> , 2015	100	Syngo IZ3D for anatomic reconstruction	CFD	IV or IC FFR	≤0.8	23
van Rosendael <i>et al.</i> , 2017	15	<u>QFR</u>	Mathematical formula	IV FFR	≤0.8	13
Legutko <i>et al.</i> , 2017	123	<u>QFR</u>	Mathematical formula	NA	≤0.8	40

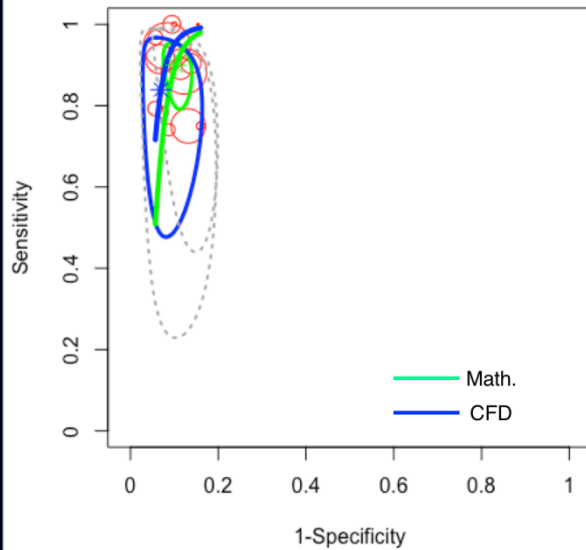
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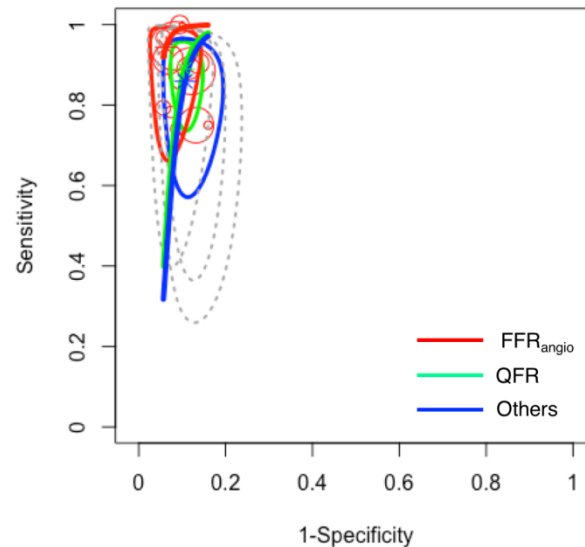
# Bayesian Meta-regression



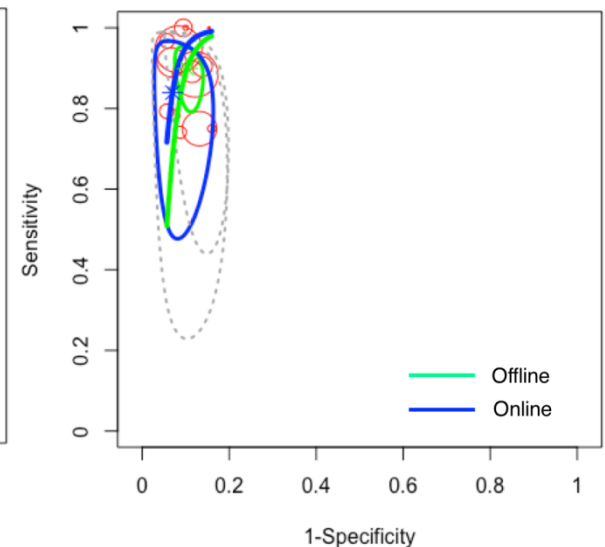
A. Method for pressure drop computation



B. Software for FFR estimation



C. Type of analysis

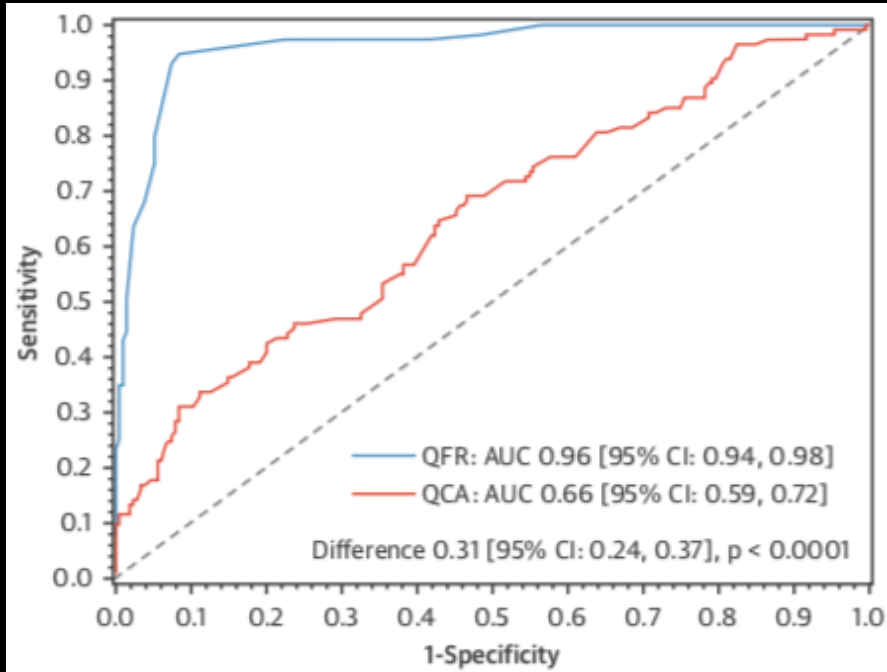


**No difference in Diagnostic Performance (AUC) between type of method for pressure drop computation, Software or online/offline analysis.**

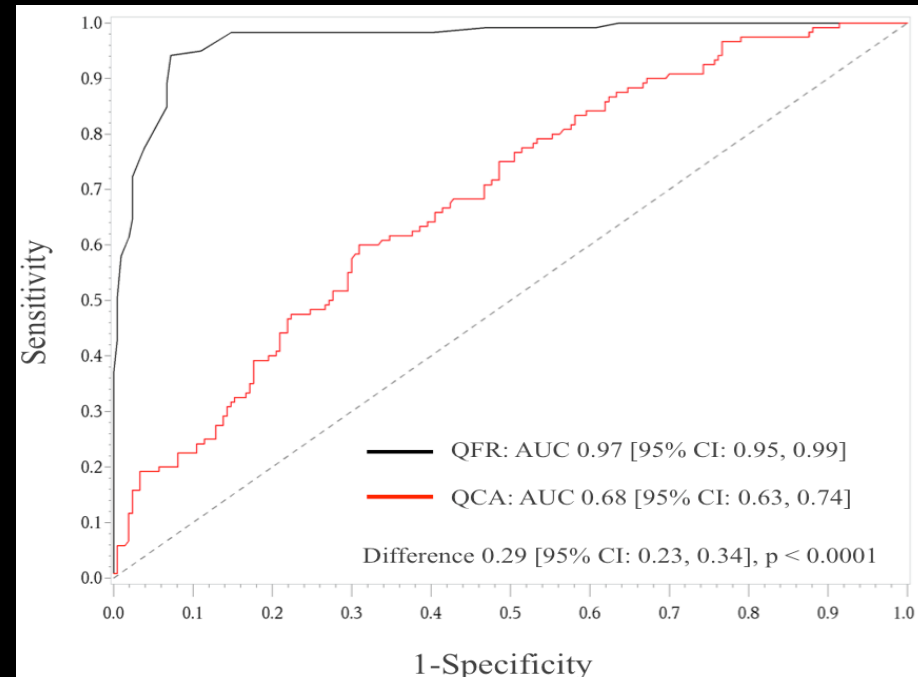


# On-line vs Off-line QFR: Insight from FAVOR III China

ROC for the discrimination of functionally significant stenosis



**On-line**  
AUC 0.96  
Accuracy 92.7



**Off-line**  
AUC 0.97  
Accuracy 93.3

**On-line QFR showed excellent predictive value  
and comparable accuracy to Off-line.**

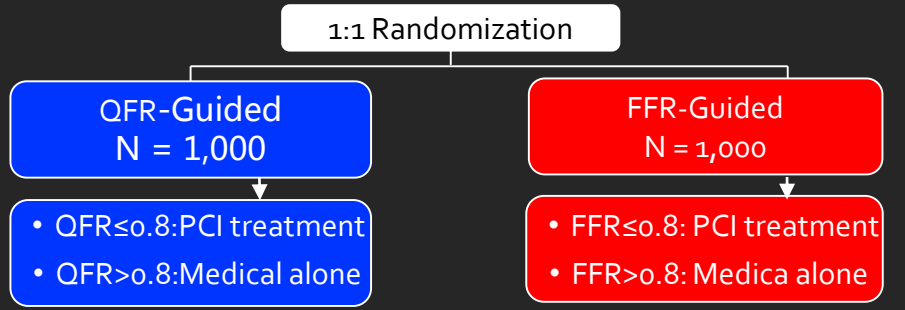
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## Pre-procedural QFR

### FAVOR III –RCT–

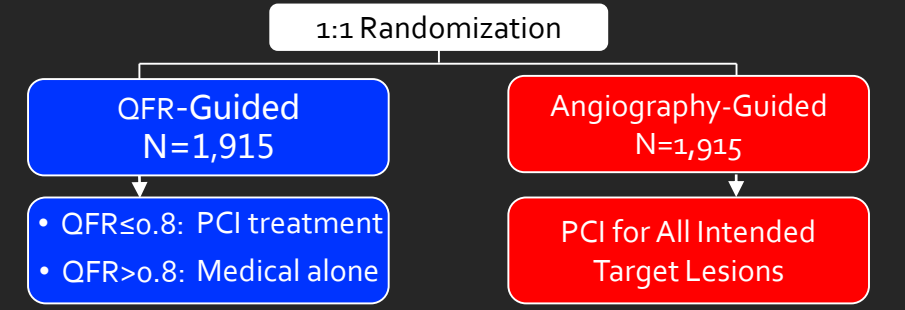
#### Europe-Japan

- QFR vs FFR
- Non-inferiority study



#### China

- QFR vs present practice
- Superiority study



▪ Primary endpoint: MACE at 1Y: all-cause death, MI, any ID revascularization

Secondary Endpoints: Procedure time, contrast volume, fluoroscopy time etc.

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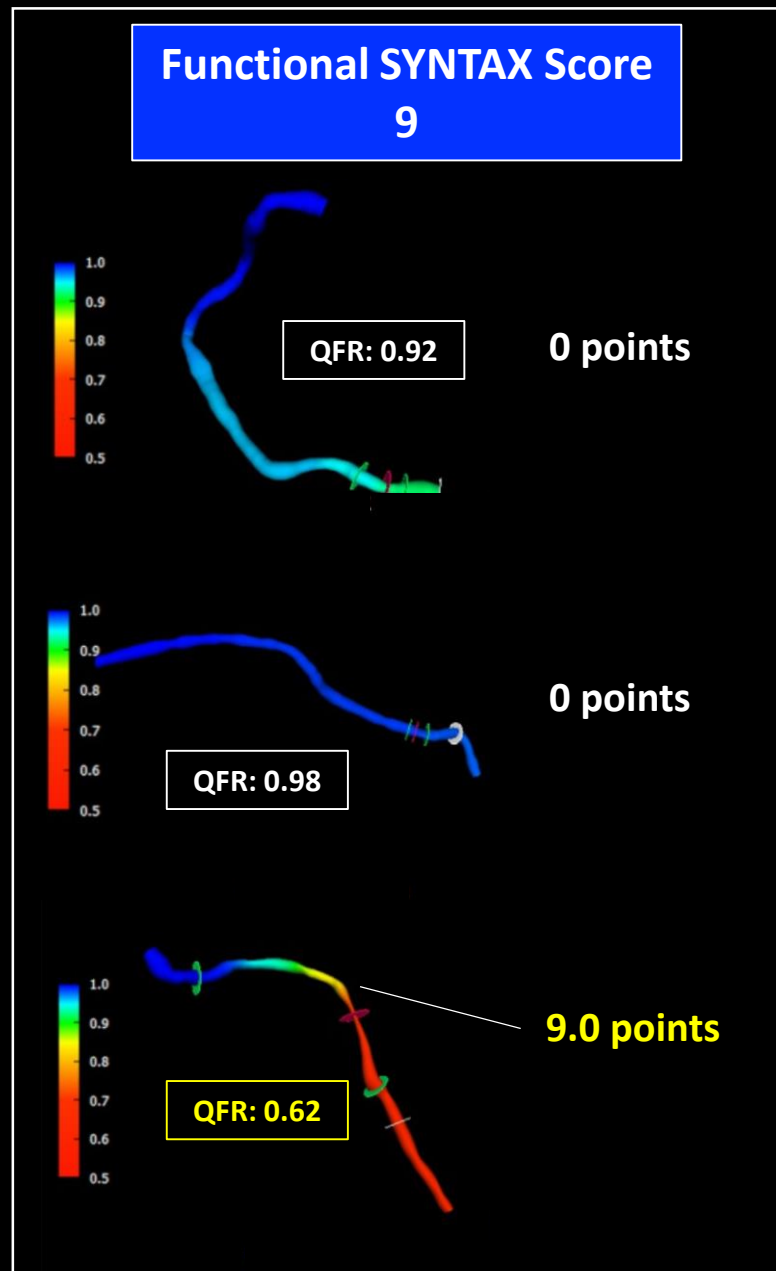
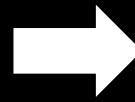
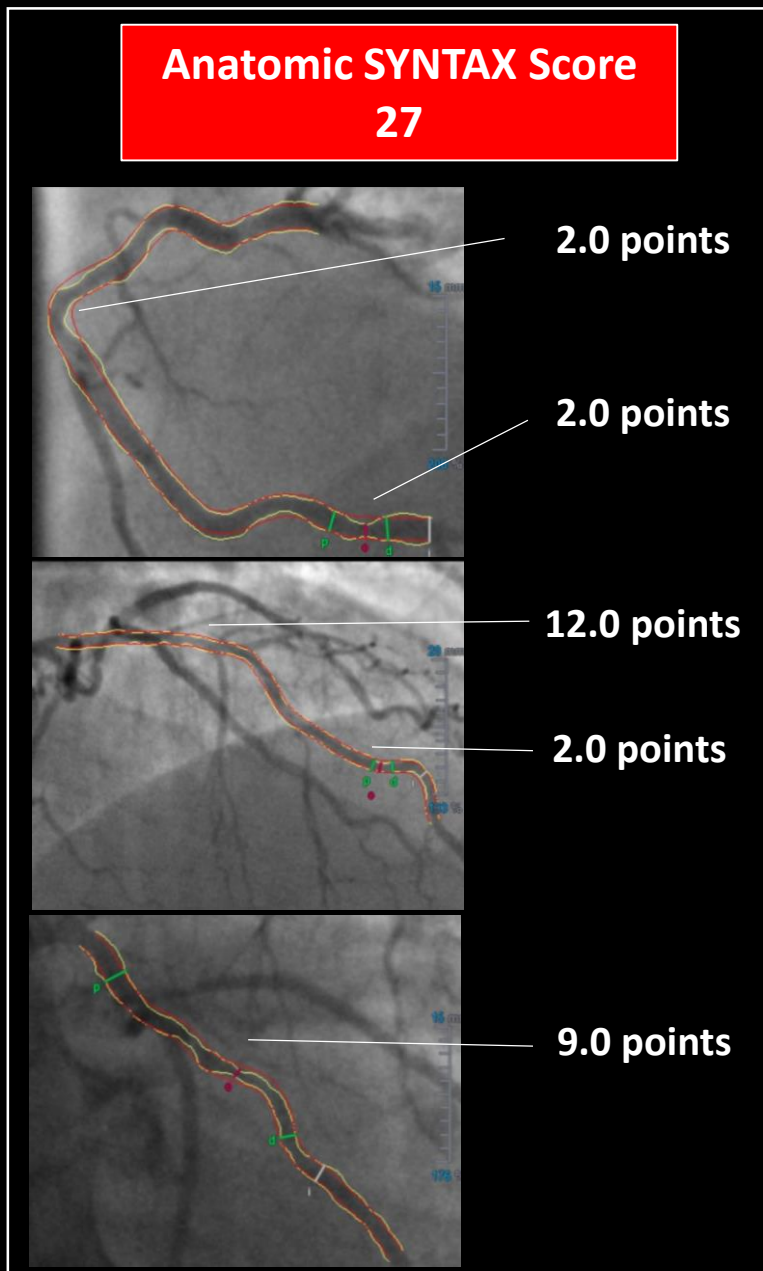
Secondary Endpoints: Cost-effectiveness at 1Y etc.

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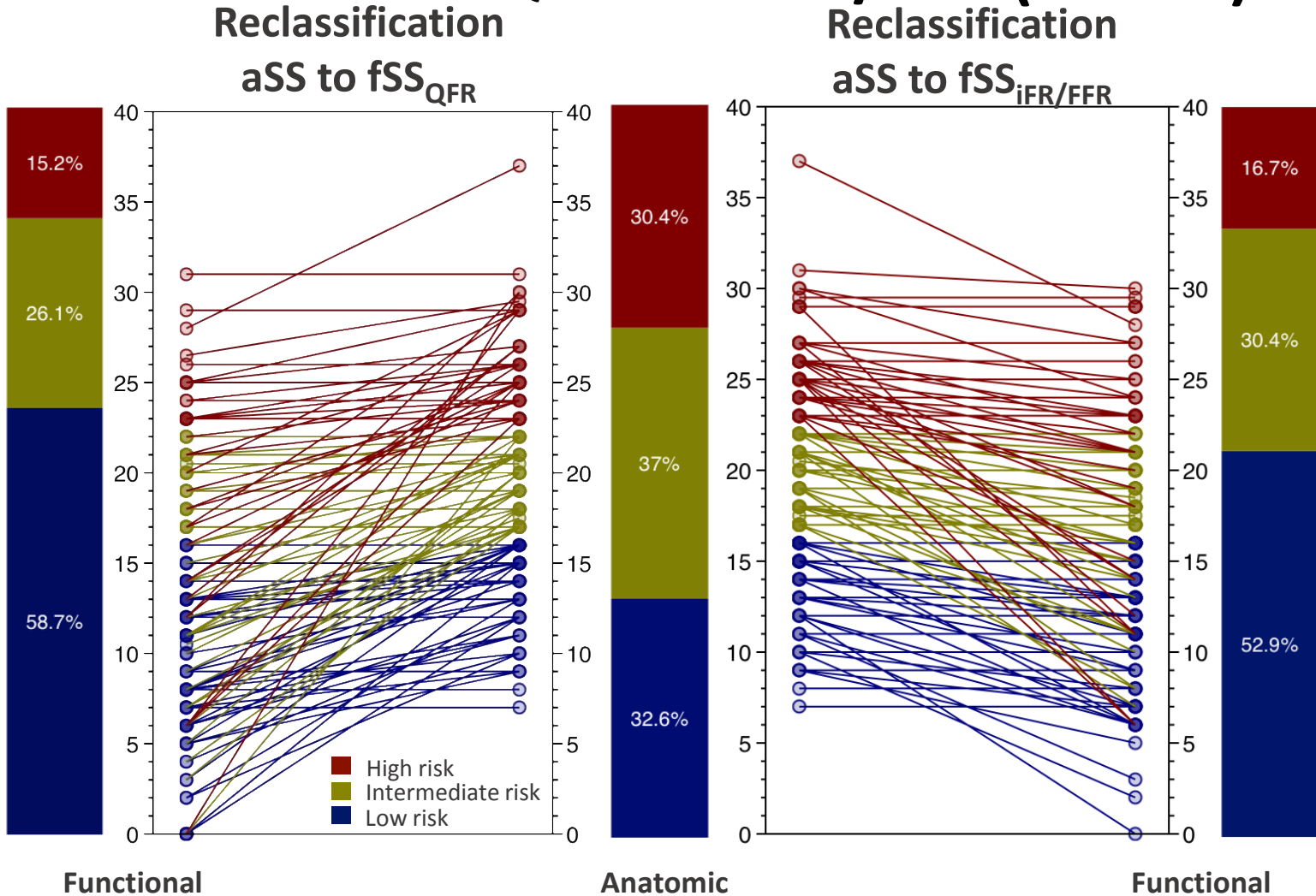
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# Case example of functional SYNTAX score calculation by QFR



# Reclassification of functional SYNTAX score derived from QFR and iFR/FFR (N=138)



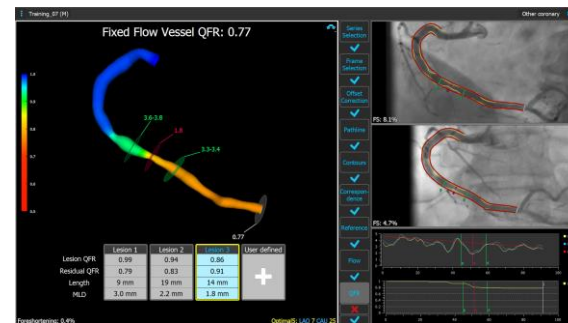
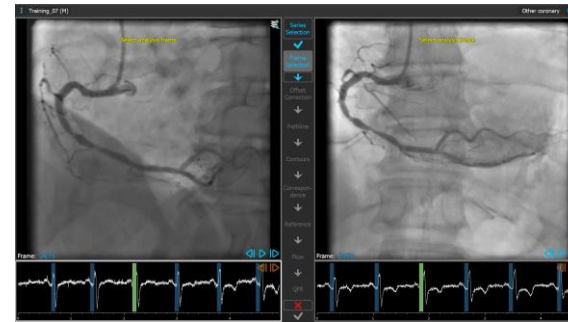
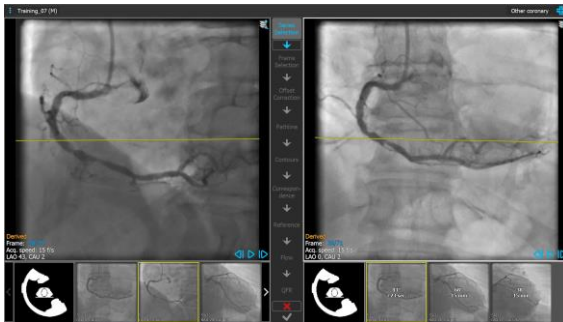
**Functional SYNTAX score derived from QFR yielded significantly improved risk classification compared to anatomic SYNTAX Score.**

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# QFR version 2.0 (work in progress)

- Full screen user interface
- Easy and visible workflow
- Automatic end-diastolic detection from ECG
- Reduction of all redundant information on and around the images
- Reduction of mouse miles



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**Post-procedural QFR**

**HAWKEYE** NCT02811796

**-prospective observational study-**

Aim: To assess the relationship between post-QFR and adverse events

**600 patients**



**Successful PCI  
with post procedural QFR assessment  
(off-line)**



**Primary endpoint: DOCE at 1Y:  
cardiac death, TV-MI, TLR**

***Primary result will be presented at euroPCR2019***

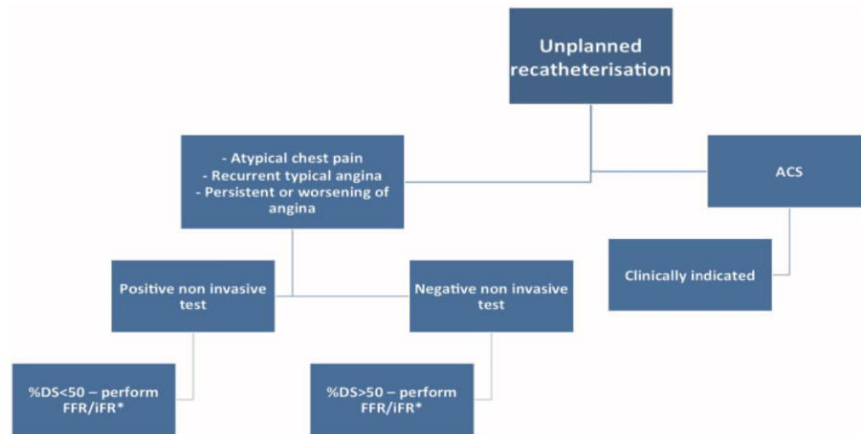
# QFR for Event Adjudication of Clinically Indicated Repeat Revascularization

## The Academic Research Consortium-2 Consensus Document (ARC-2)

**Table 7** Fractional Flow Reserve and Quantitative Coronary Analysis for Event Adjudication of Clinically Indicated Repeat Revascularizations

### Hierarchically

1. Core laboratory–reported fractional flow reserve  $\leq 0.80$  or instant wave-free ratio  $\leq 0.89$
2. Site-reported fractional flow reserve  $\leq 0.80$  or instant wave-free ratio  $\leq 0.89$
3. Quantitative coronary analysis\* diameter stenosis  $>50\%$  (based on the average of multiple views) with either recurrent symptoms or positive noninvasive functional test
4. Quantitative coronary analysis\* diameter stenosis  $>70\%$  (based on the average of multiple views) regardless of other criteria
5. Quantitative coronary analysis diameter stenosis  $>70\%$  (based on the worst view) regardless of other criteria



\*If FFR/iFR result is lower than the proposed threshold, revascularization will be adjudicated as clinically indicated

## **ARC-2 gives priority to functional assessment with FFR or equivalent technique.**

ARC-2 recommends that resting dp/da, contrast/saline FFR, **QFR**, and FFR<sub>CT</sub>, although not yet widely available, can be used for adjudication purposes if specified in the protocol.

# Conclusion

- ✓ Commercially available online-QFR and on-site-FFR<sub>angio</sub> demonstrated feasibility and similar diagnostic accuracy compared to wire-based FFR in the prospective observational trials. Meta-analysis demonstrated that angio-derived FFR is reliable surrogate for invasive wire-based FFR irrespective of computational approaches and software packages.
- ✓ Assessment of functional SYNTAX score by QFR was feasible in selected 3VD cases. With a new version of software, simulation of post-stenting QFR is feasible, which could further guide planning of PCI (stent length, number of stent etc).
- ✓ In context of clinical trial, angio-derived FFR could be used to evaluate efficacy of coronary device. According to ARC-2, in the context of clinical trial, QFR could be utilized to adjudicate ischemia driven revascularization.
- ✓ Impact of both pre- and post-procedural QFR on clinical outcomes is under-investigation in prospective randomized trials. If clinical noninferiority to wire based FFR and/or superiority to angio-guided approach is established, angio-derived FFR could become standard approach.
- ✓ Angio-derived FFR will change our practice in cath lab.