

# **Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffolds for the Treatment of Chronic Total Occlusions; An International Multicenter Registry**

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# Why BVS ???

## About BVS



Long procedure time,

Expensive,

Need IVUS or OCT always...,

A lot of requirement

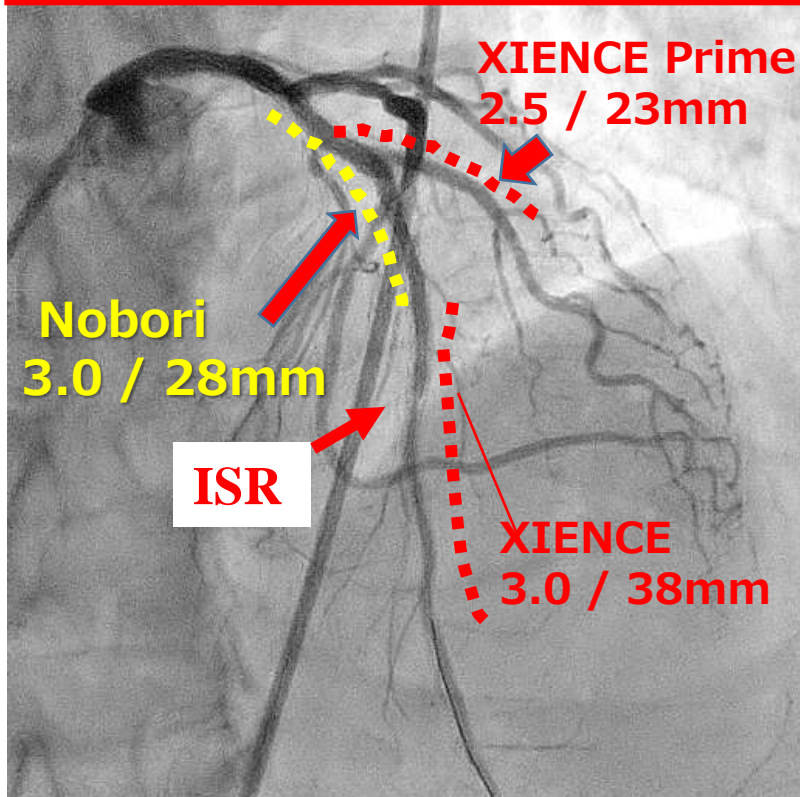
And higher incidence of thrombotic event

And all advantages is future advantage...

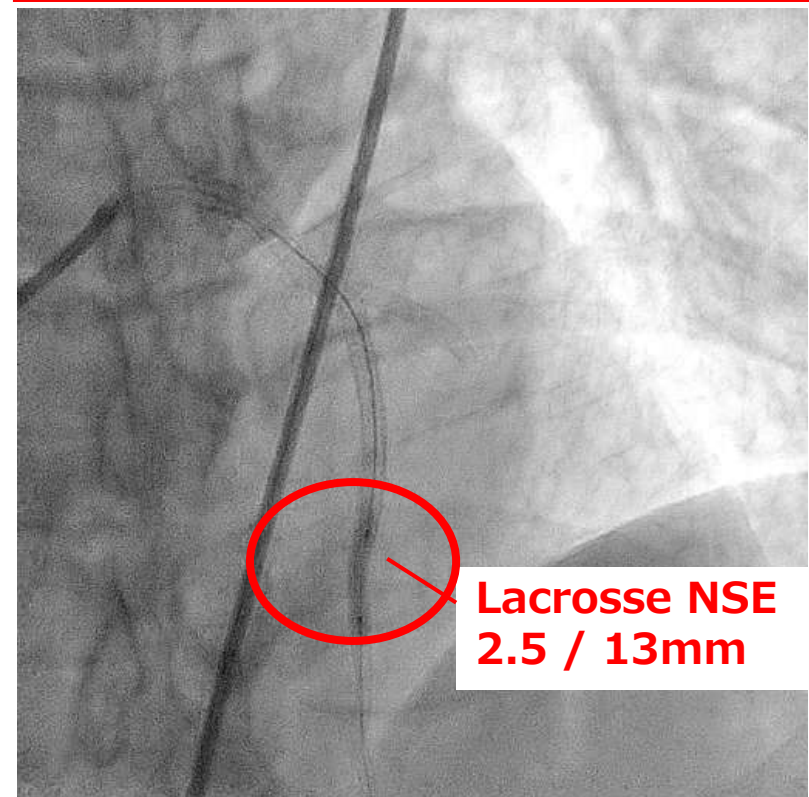
# Case: Angina: 2Year after DES implantation

Patient had a late In-Stent restenosis in distal LAD

Pre(2Y after Stent)



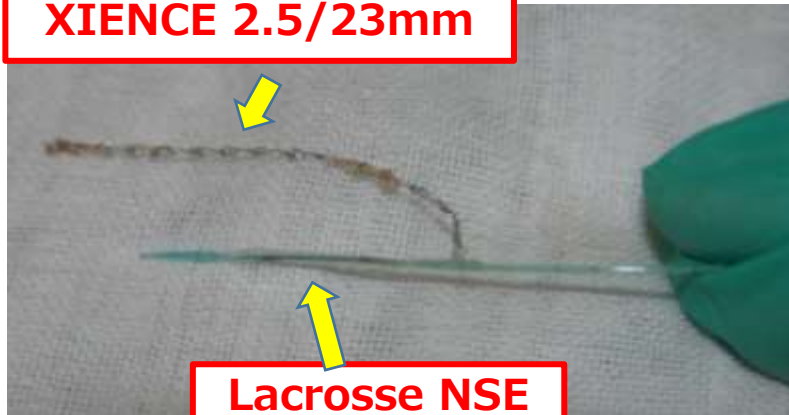
Ballooning in distal LAD



# Stent Fell Off

**Stent was Fell off  
by the deflated balloon**

**The extracted stent:  
XIENCE 2.5/23mm**



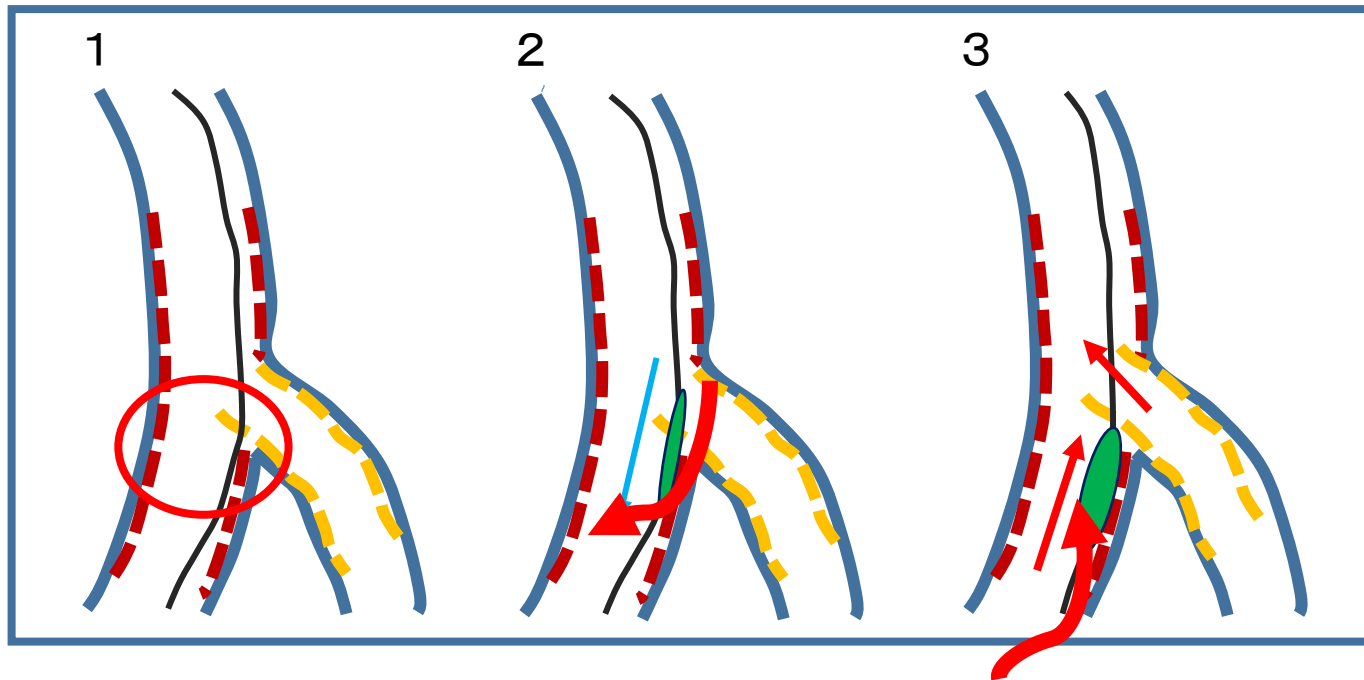
**Lacrosse NSE  
2.5/13mm**

**ballooning**

**The Stent  
disappeared**

# Mechanism of Falling Off

This rare complication was due to the entrapment of the deflated balloon in the protruded struts of the side branch stent to the main branch (neocarina). likely secondary to crossing the guidewire in the middle of these struts.

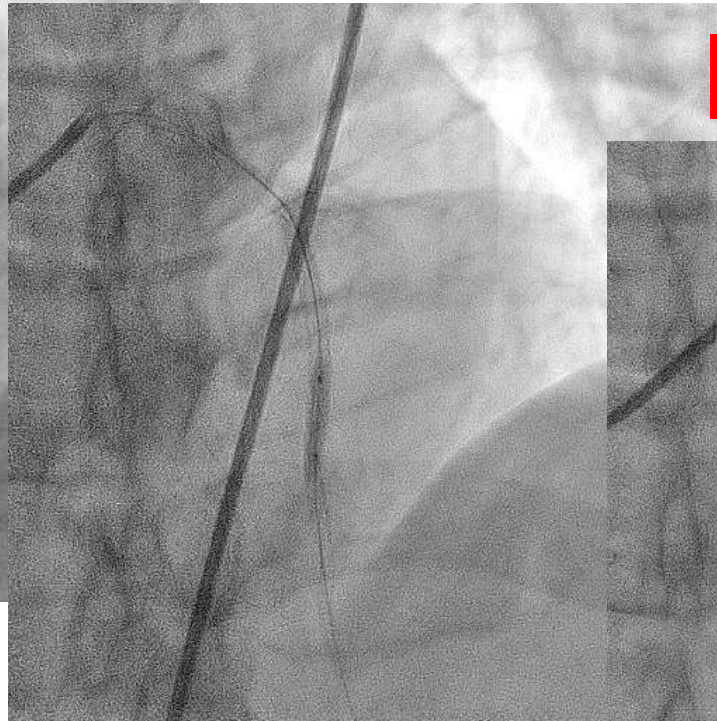


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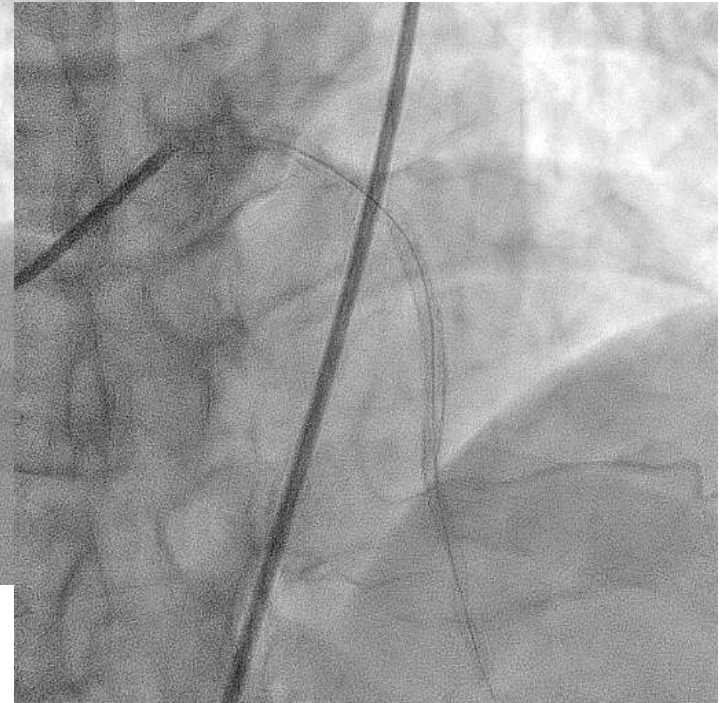
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NSE balloon



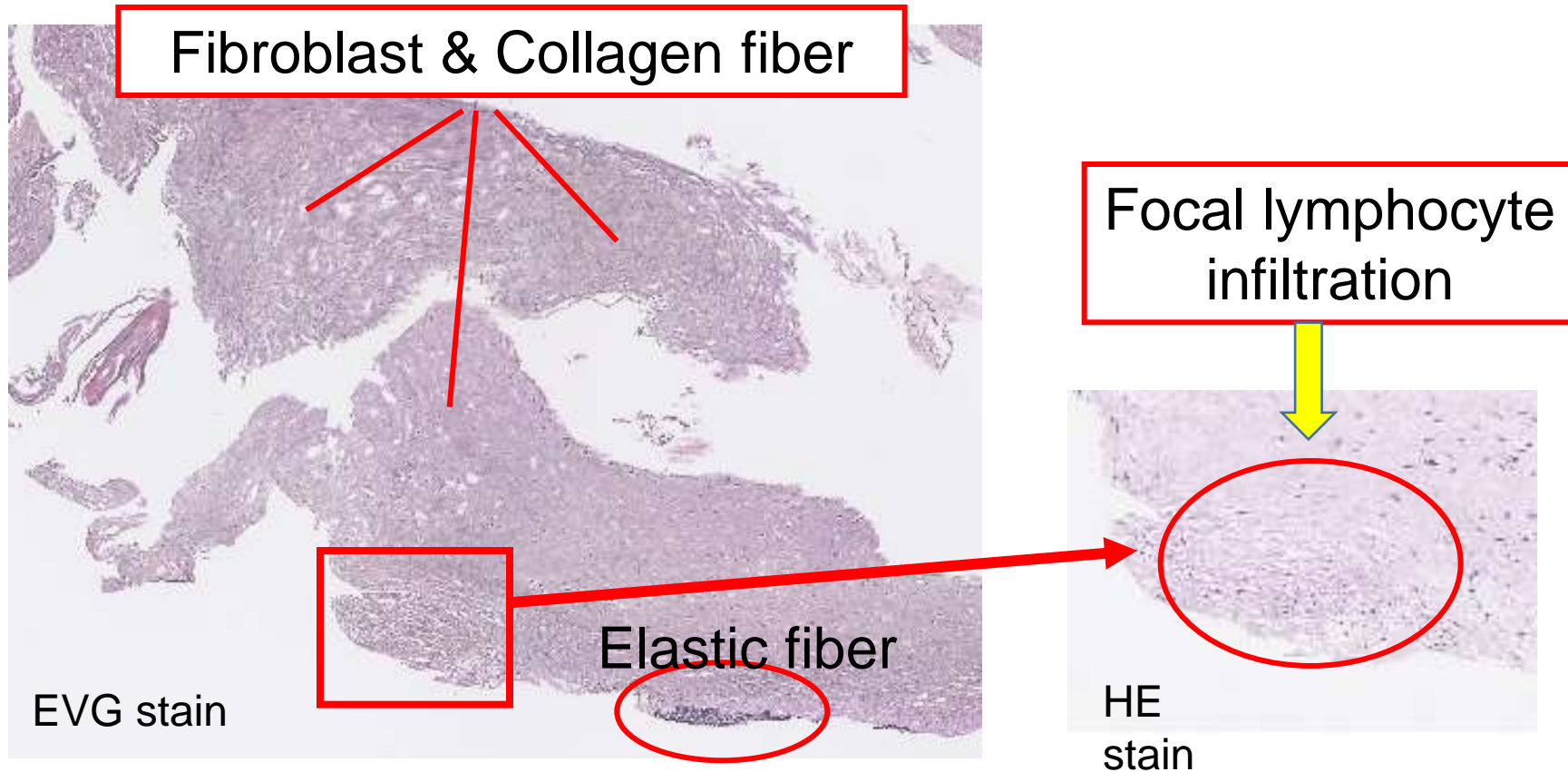
Stent Fell Off



Watch !! Diagonal

# Microscopic Findings

## Coronary artery specimen adhering to stent



The specimen consists mainly of fibrous thickening intima with a little part of media, focal chronic inflammatory infiltration.

A potential procedural complication 2 years after percutaneous coronary intervention to treat left anterior descending artery lesions with the T-stenting and the small protrusion technique

Karube K, Naganuma T, Nakamura S et al JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2015 March

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Histological assessment of the tissue adhered to the extracted stent demonstrated fibrous thickening intima with a part of media and focal inflammation.

While difficult to prove, the connection of the vessel wall and stent could eventually be loose probably due to **suppression of neo-intimal proliferation by everolimus and/or chronic inflammation.**

After DES implant...(even 2<sup>nd</sup> gen. Stent)  
We still have "Delayed Healing"...

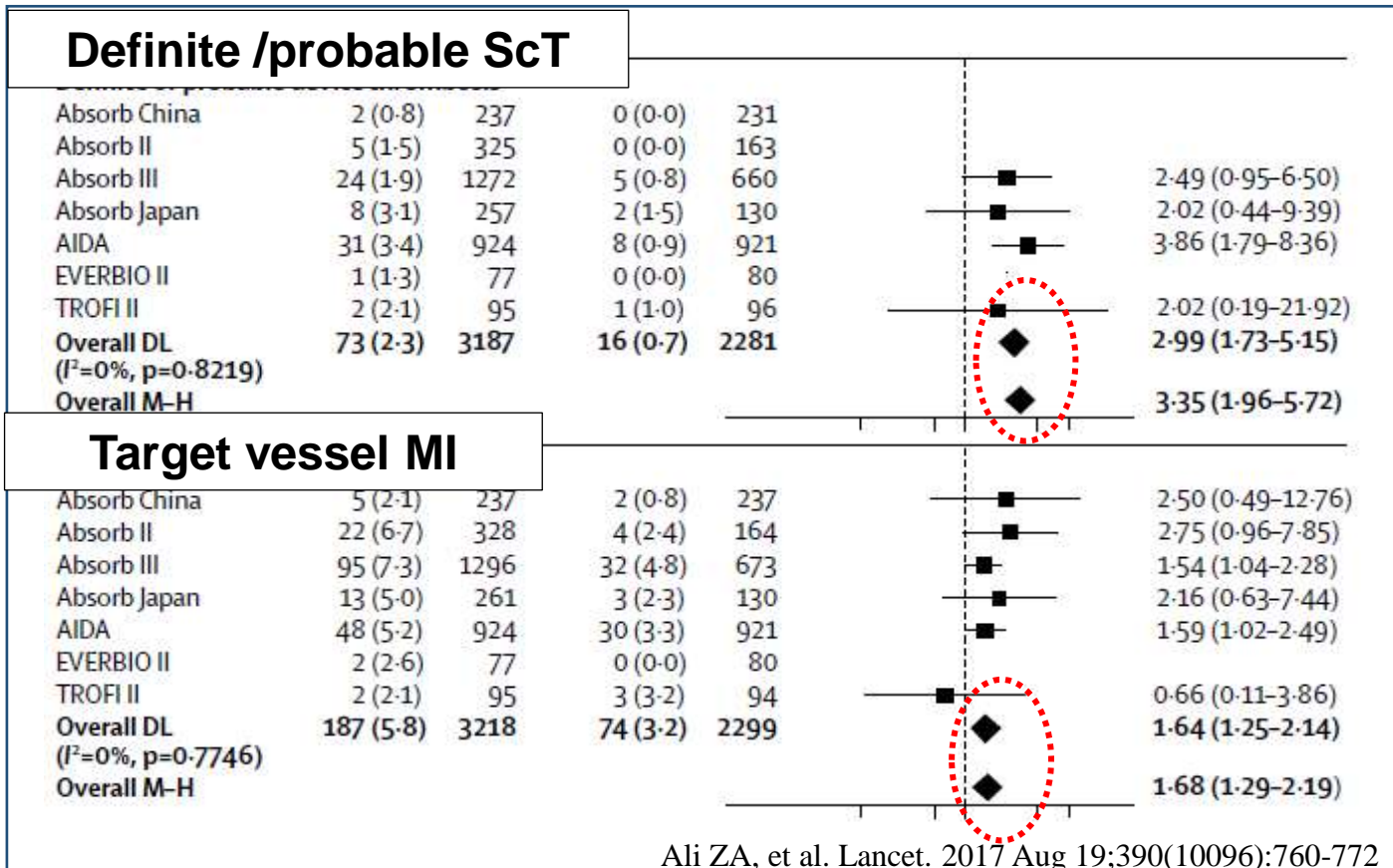


**DES is not PERFECT !!**

**But newly emerged BVS  
also has many challenges**

# Overcoming the limitations of metallic stents

The 2Y after BVS implant. from meta-analysis including 7 RCT



**BVS was associated with increased rates of target vessel MI and definite/probable ScT at 2 years.**

# Absorb Japan Trial -2year result-

Two-year clinical, angiographic, and serial optical coherence tomographic follow-up after implantation of an everolimus-eluting bioresorbable scaffold and an everolimus-eluting metallic stent: insights from the randomised ABSORB Japan trial

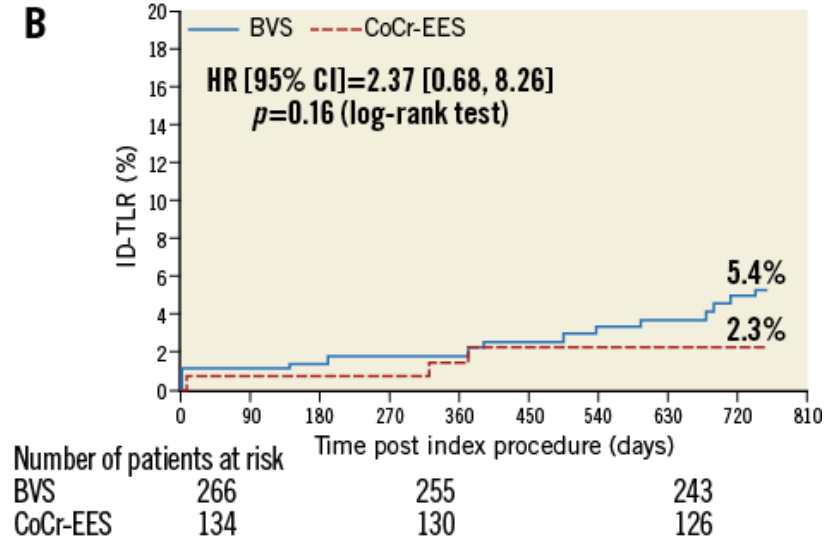
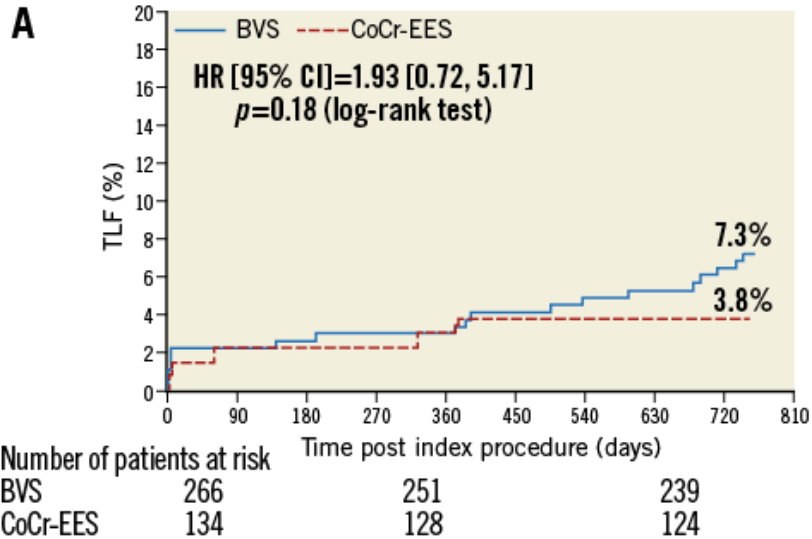


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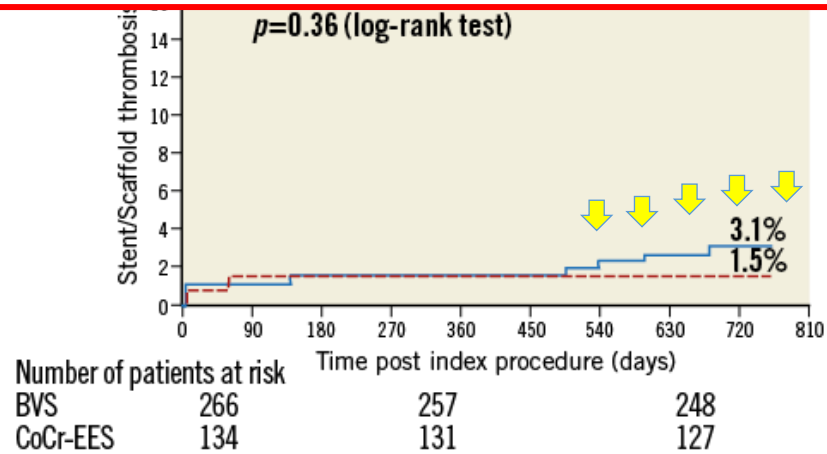
The rate of TLF was numerically higher in the BVS arm than in the CoCr-EES arm, although this difference was not statistically significant.

VLST was observed only in the BVS arm at a rate of 1.6% between one and two years. Further studies are mandatory to investigate the risk of BVS relative to metallic stents for VLST, and the underlying mechanisms of BVS VLST.

# Absorb Japan Trial -2year result-



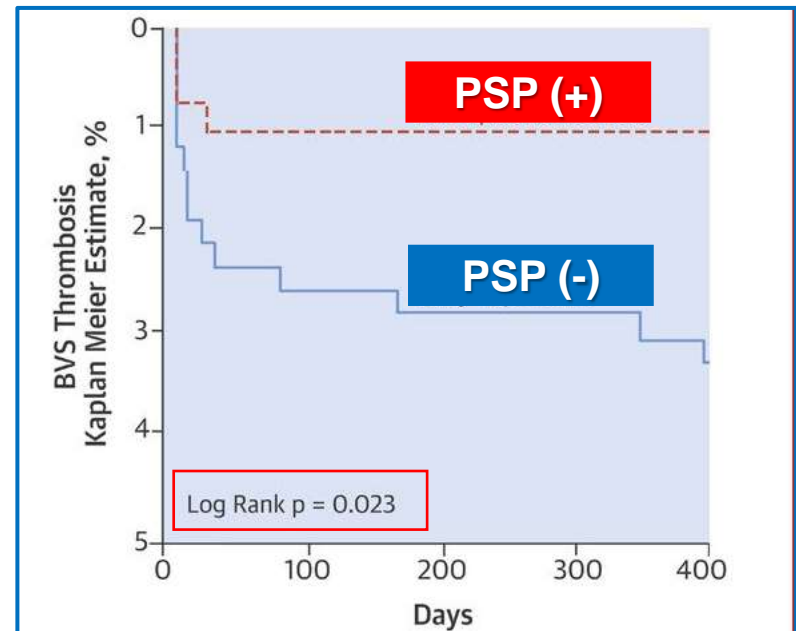
**High Rate of Scaffold thrombosis**



# What should be concerned?

## ① The specific implantation technique is required

<b>P</b> PREPARE THE LESION	Prepare lesion to receive scaffold Facilitate delivery Enable full expansion of pre-dilatation balloon to facilitate full scaffold expansion
<b>S</b> SIZE APPROPRIATELY	Accurately size the vessel Select appropriate scaffold for "best fit"
<b>P</b> POST-DILATE	Achieve <b>&lt;10% final residual stenosis</b> Ensure full strut apposition



### Pooled analysis of all patients with 2-year follow-up enrolled ABSORB trials (ABSORB II, III, Japan, and China)

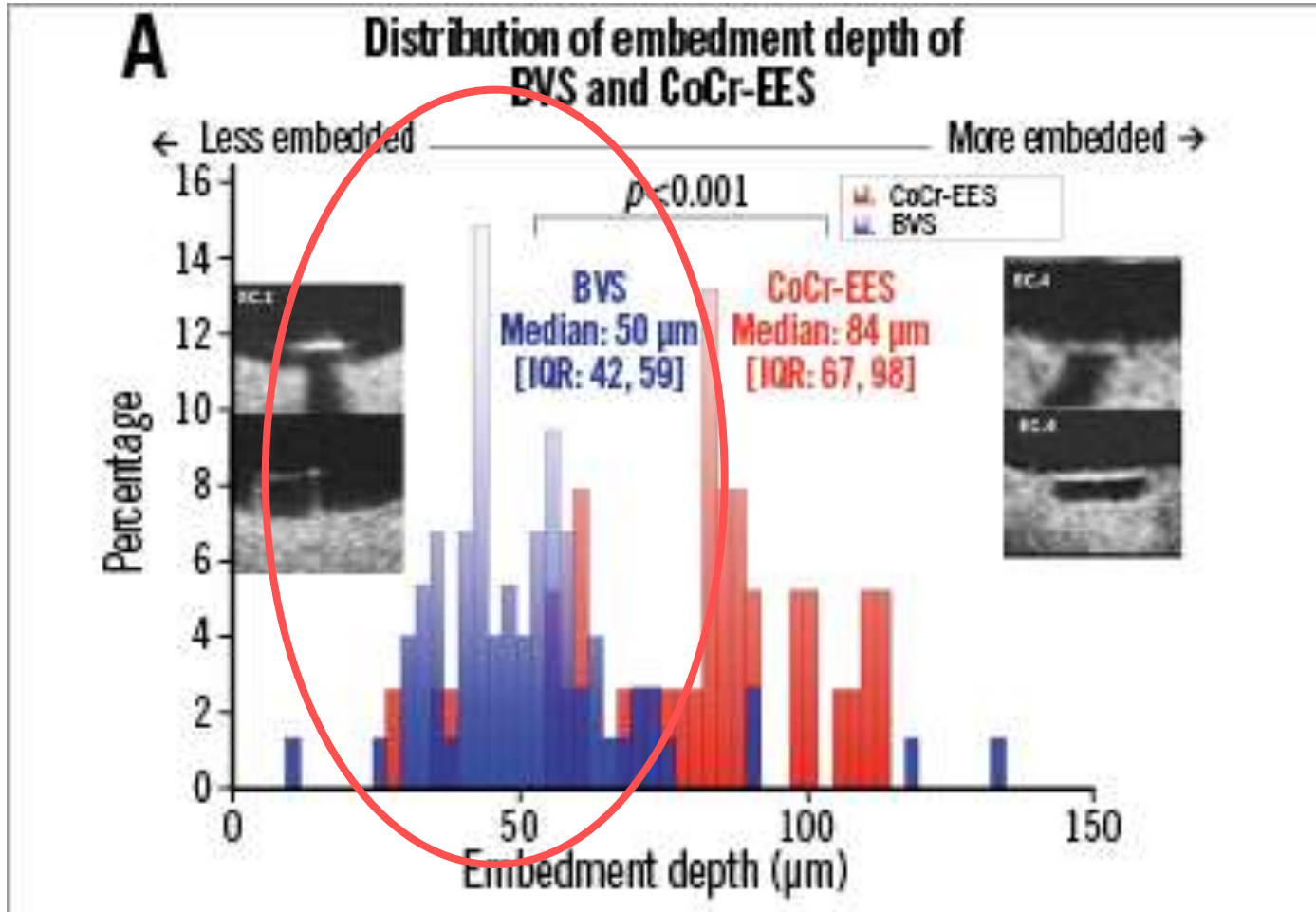
#### Scaffold thrombosis

226 patients **with high-pressure post-dilatation ( $\geq 18$ atm): 0 case**  
1773 patients **without high-pressure post-dilatation ( $< 18$ atm): 11 cases (0.6%)**

\*Balloon size was larger than the nominal BVS diameter

Ali ZA, et al. Lancet. 2017 Aug 19;390(10096):760-772

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Online Table 3. Quantitative coronary angiographic results of OCT-1 subgroup (full analysis set).

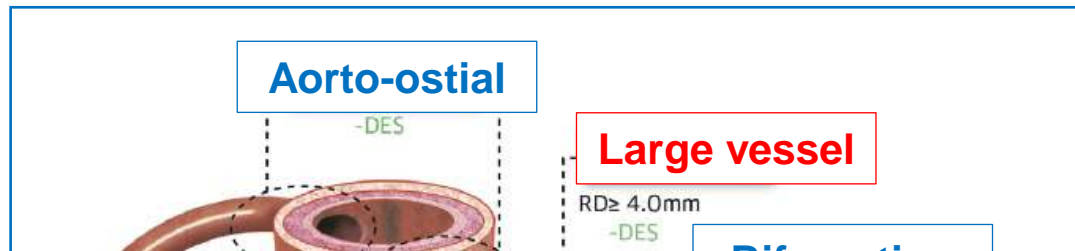
	BVS	CoCr-EES	p-value
<b>Follow-up at 13 months</b>			
Number of lesions	83	41	
Reference vessel diameter (mm)	2.68±0.41	2.70±0.50	0.21
In-segment MLD (mm)	2.04±0.40	2.10±0.51	0.14
In-device MLD (mm)	2.20±0.40	2.37±0.58	0.01
In-segment DS (%)	23.8±10.2	23.3±13.6	0.84
In-device DS (%)	17.8±9.5	14.8±11.9	0.0006
In-segment binary restenosis	1 (1.2%)	1 (2.5%)	0.42
In-device binary restenosis	1 (1.2%)	1 (2.5%)	0.66
In-segment late lumen loss (mm)	0.17±0.29	0.06±0.33	0.072
In-device late lumen loss (mm)	0.22±0.26	0.12±0.35	0.09
<b>Follow-up at 24 months</b>			
Number of lesions	77	40	
Reference vessel diameter (mm)	2.68±0.43	2.77±0.50	0.35
In-segment MLD (mm)	1.95±0.49	2.10±0.51	0.14
In-device MLD (mm)	2.08±0.56	2.37±0.58	0.01
In-segment DS (%)	27.7±12.2	24.7±10.2	0.16
In-device DS (%)	23.3±13.0	14.8±11.9	0.0006
In-segment binary restenosis	6 (7.8%)	1 (2.5%)	0.42
In-device binary restenosis	4 (5.2%)	1 (2.5%)	0.66
In-segment late lumen loss (mm)	0.27±0.38	0.12±0.32	0.029
In-device late lumen loss (mm)	0.36±0.38	0.21±0.38	0.04

**recoil**

**Late lumen loss**

# What should be concerned?

② Strict lesion selection is required.



Device thrombosis (definite or probable)

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BVS (vs CoCr-EES)

3.11 (1.40-6.92)

0.0051

Diabetes present

2.92 (1.64-5.19)

0.0003

Pre-procedure RVD\* (<2.25 mm vs ≥2.25 mm)

2.40 (1.32-4.36)

0.0045

**Small vessel (<2.25 mm) is the independent predictor of definite/probable ScT.**



Tanaka A, Colombo A, et al. JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2017 Mar 27;10(6):539-547.

BVS is **not suitable for all types of lesions**. It should be particularly avoided to implant BVS for **small vessels (< 2.25mm)**.



# Delayed Disruption of a Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold

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Previous DES

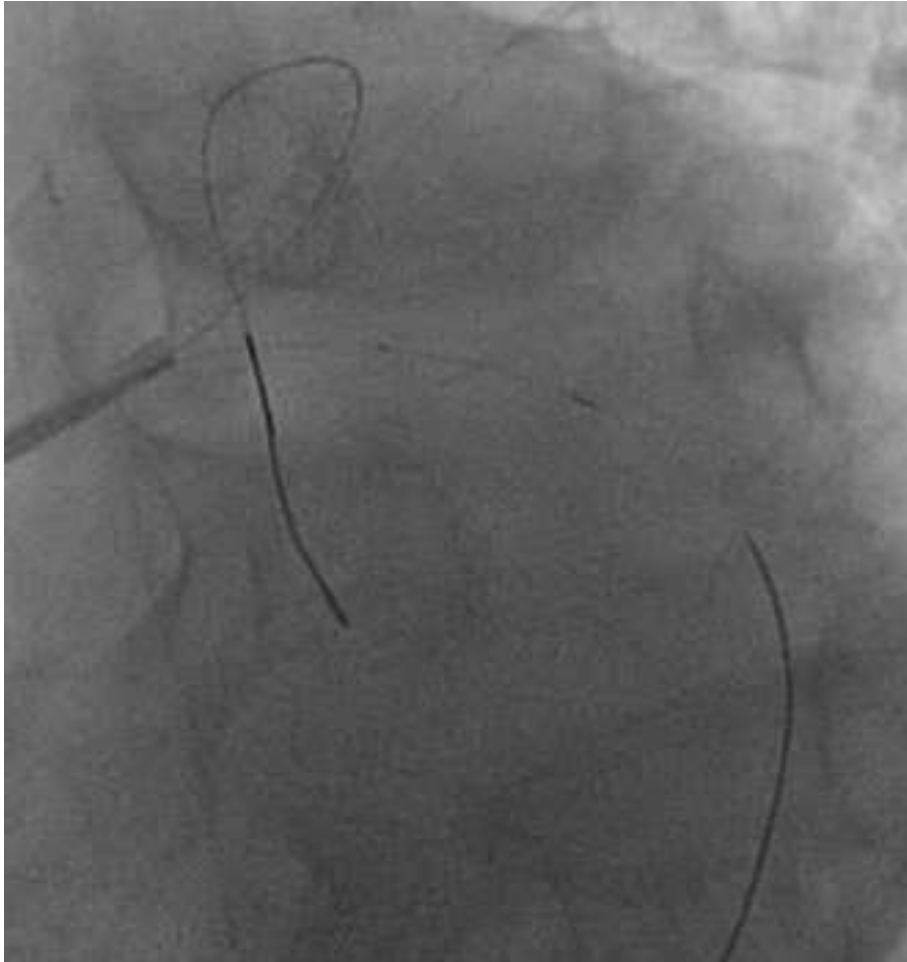
3.0 NC Balloon  
pre Dilatation...

BVS 3.5 x 12mm

3.5mm NC balloon

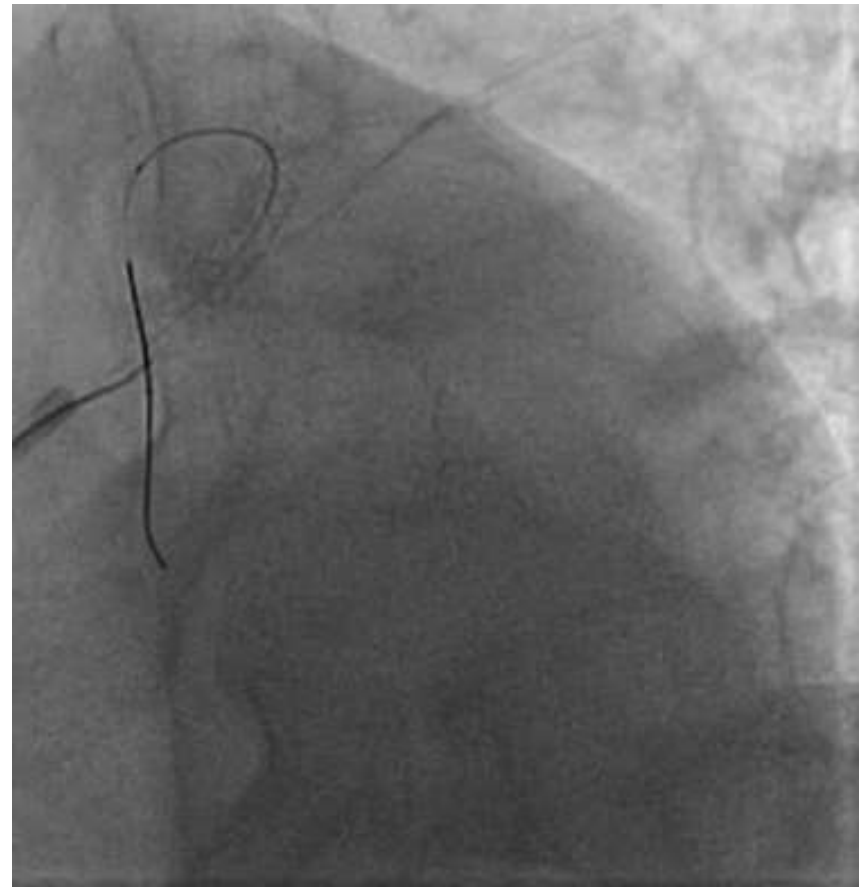
# Delayed Disruption of a Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold

## Final Angiogram



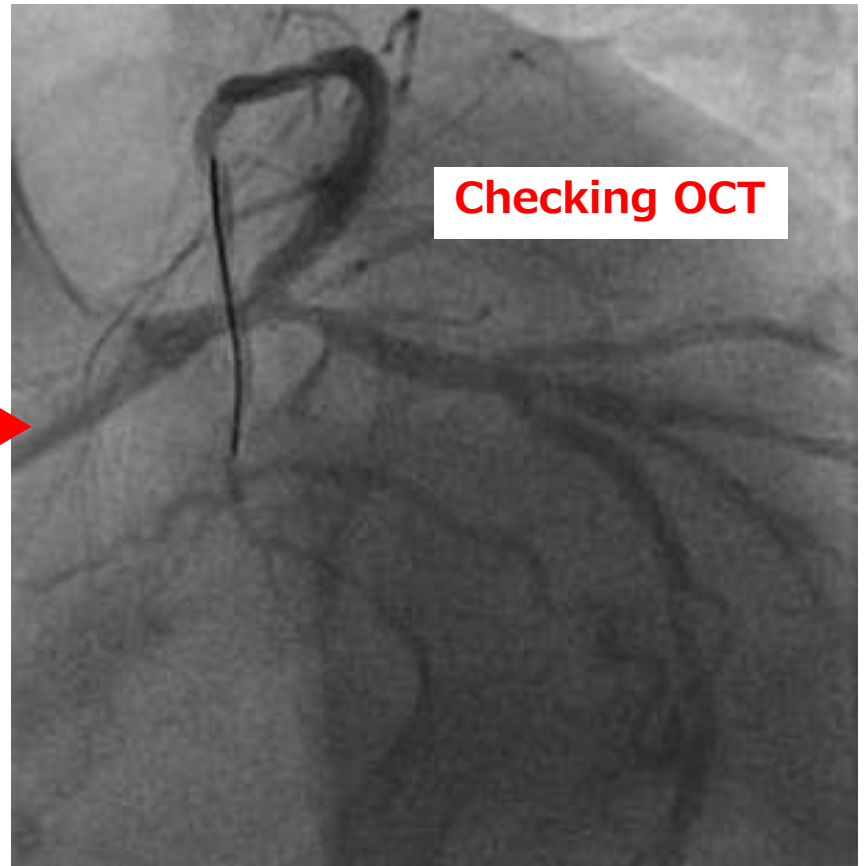
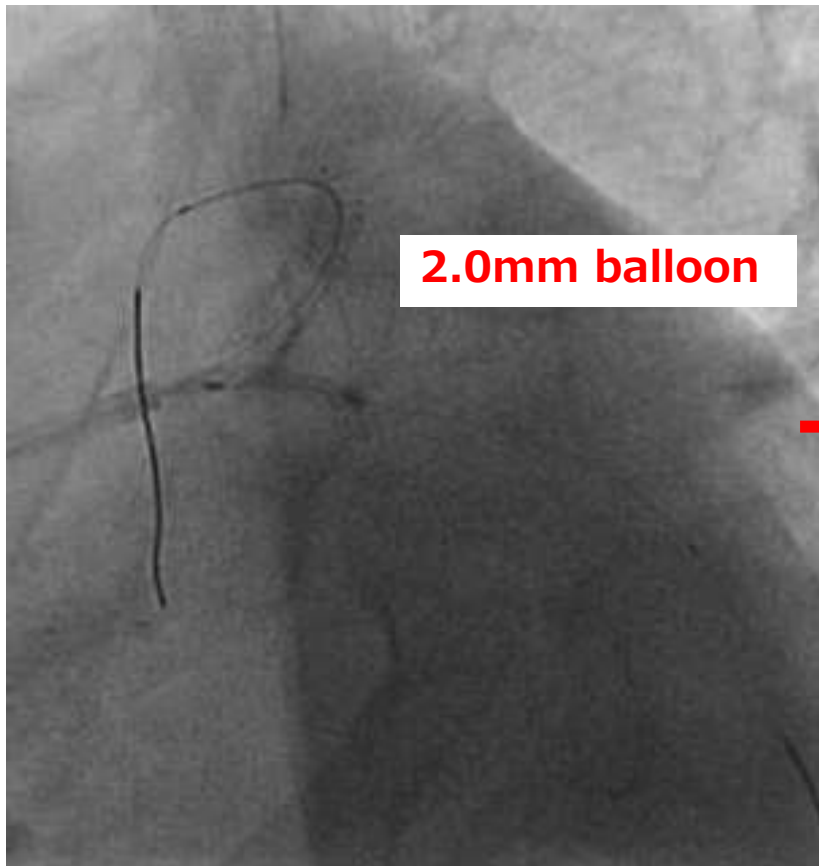
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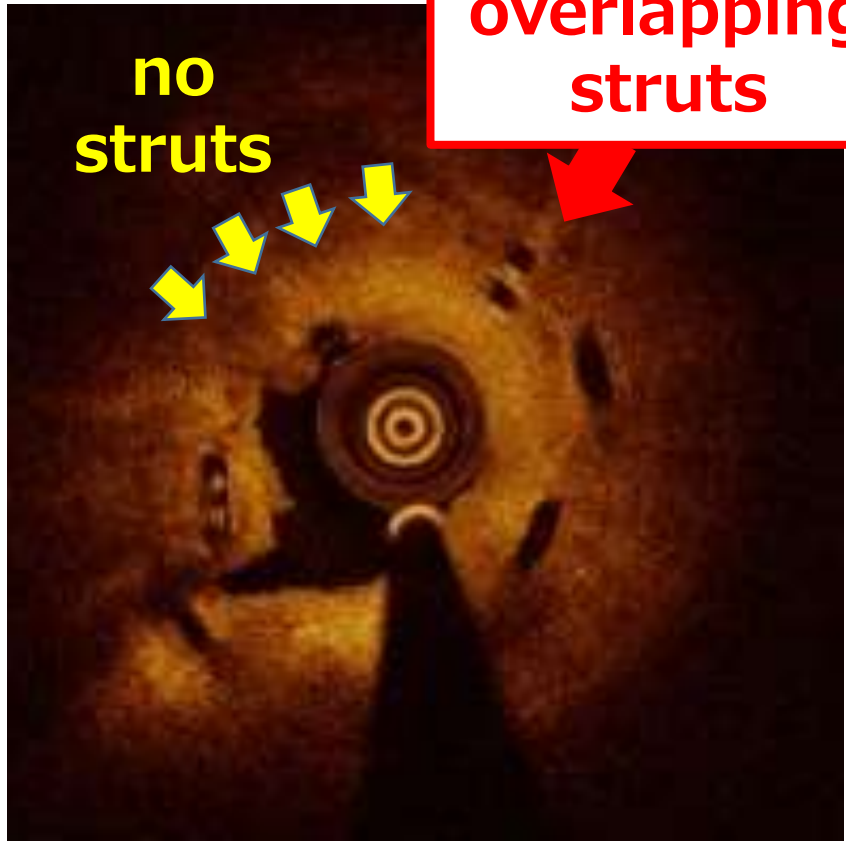
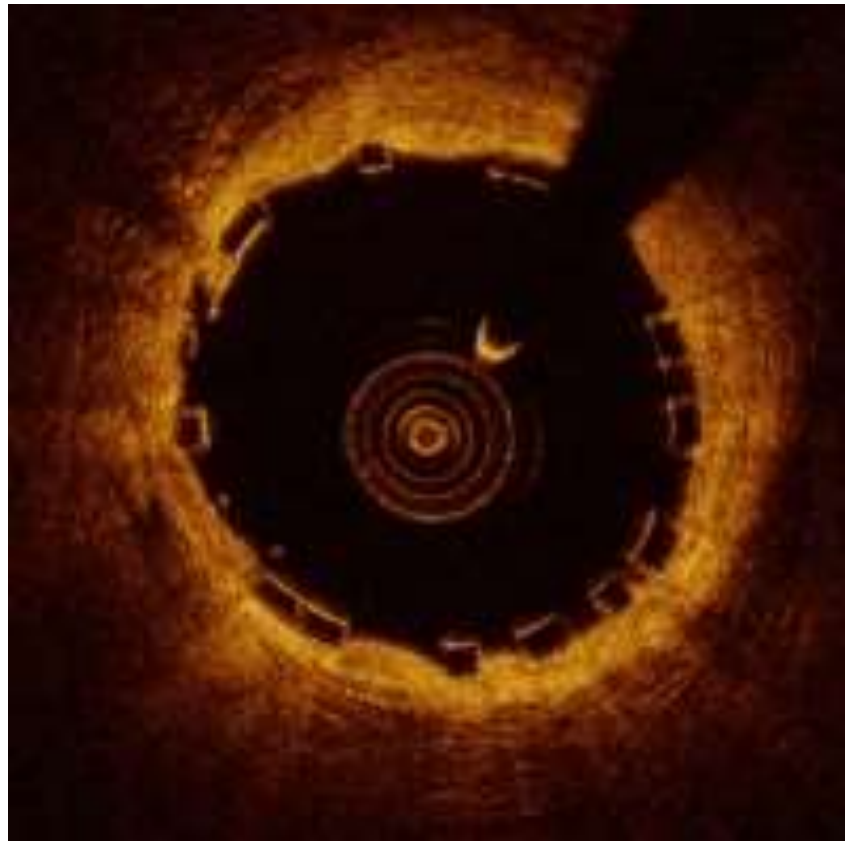
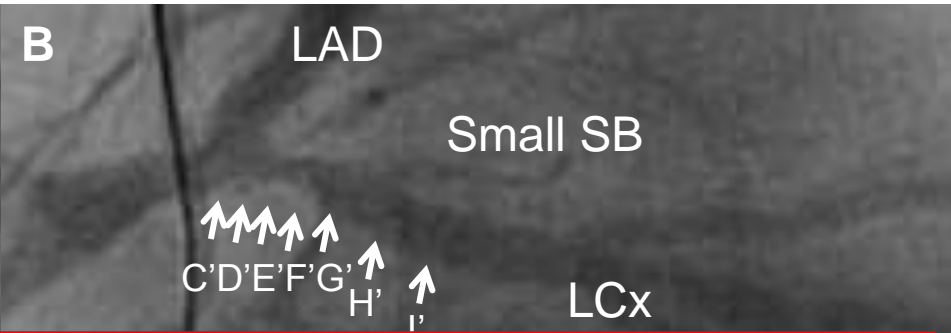
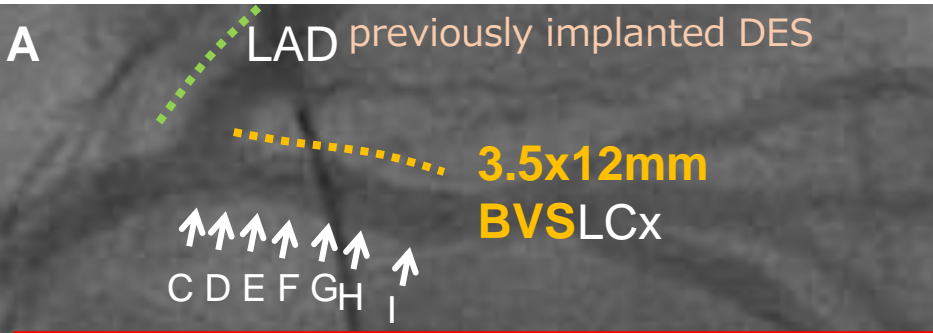
**Only 6month later...Severe Restenosis in LCX ost.**



# Delayed Disruption of a Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold

Checking OCT at LCX ost .....





Small SB

overlapping struts

Small SB

# Guide Post of BVS

- Important Reminder -

Implantation of BVS at ostium of LCX  
may be problematic.



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**Catheter Cardiovasc Interv. 2013**

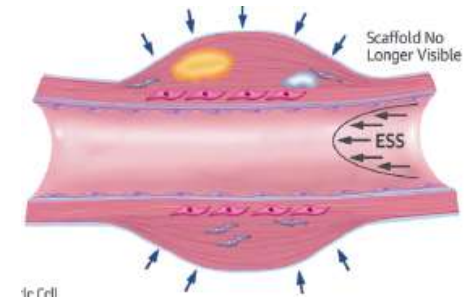
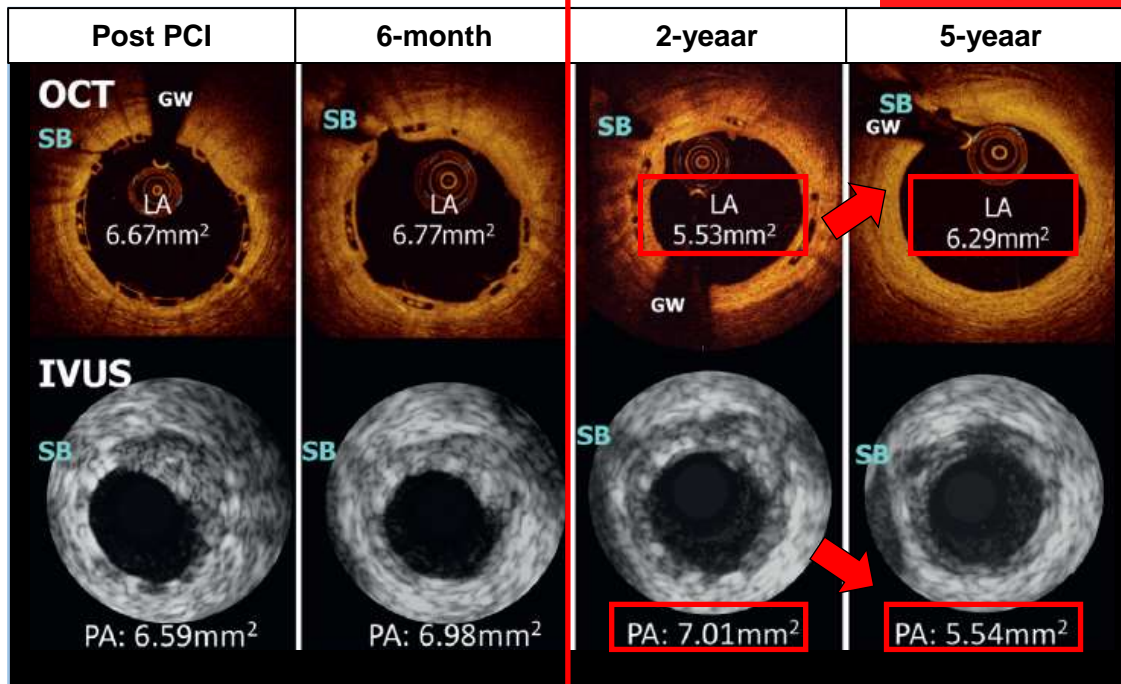
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# What is expected for BVS in CTO PCI ??

- ① BVS would contribute to positive vessel remodeling after complete bioresorption.

## 5y F/U from ABSORB B cohort

### Long-term follow-up



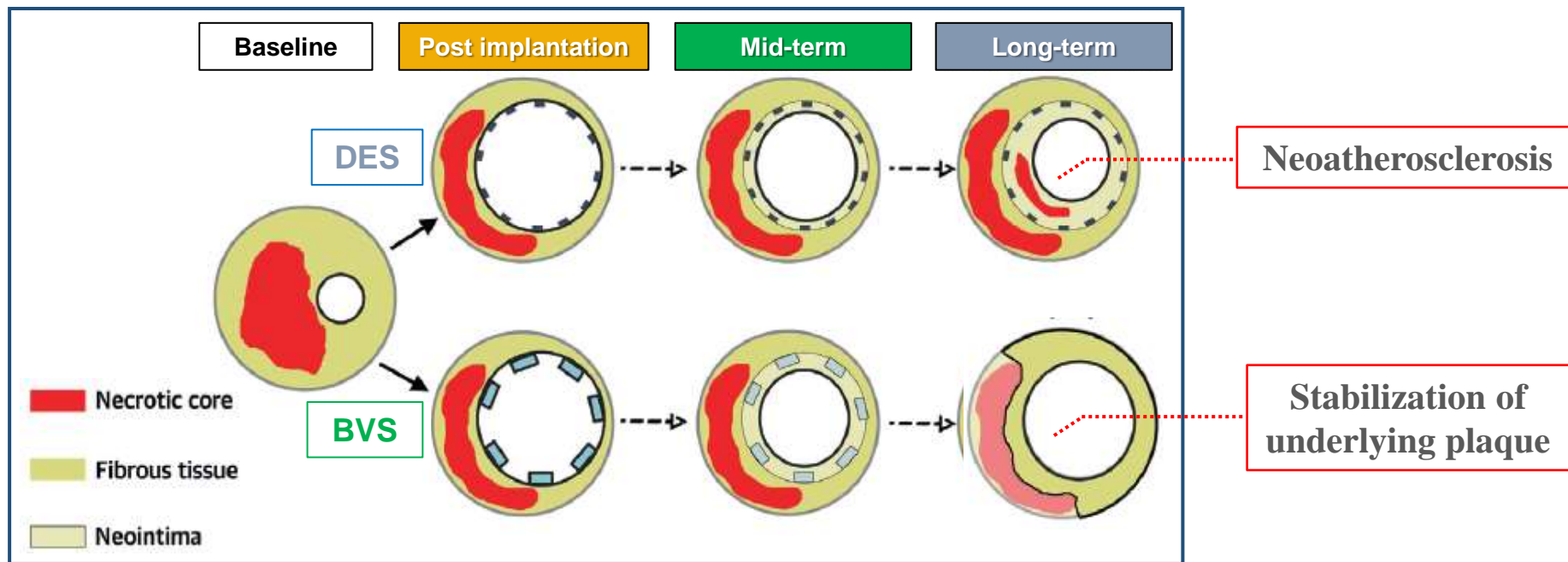
- ✓ Lumen enlargement
- ✓ Plaque reduction

At long-term follow-up after BVS implant., **positive vessel remodeling with plaque reduction** has been reported, which could be favorable after CTO recanalization.

# What is expected for BVS in CTO PCI ??

- ②. BVS would contribute to less chronic inflammatory reaction after complete bioresorption.

## 5 Y OCT assessment from ABSORB A cohort



Karanasos A et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2014 Dec 9;64(22):2343-56

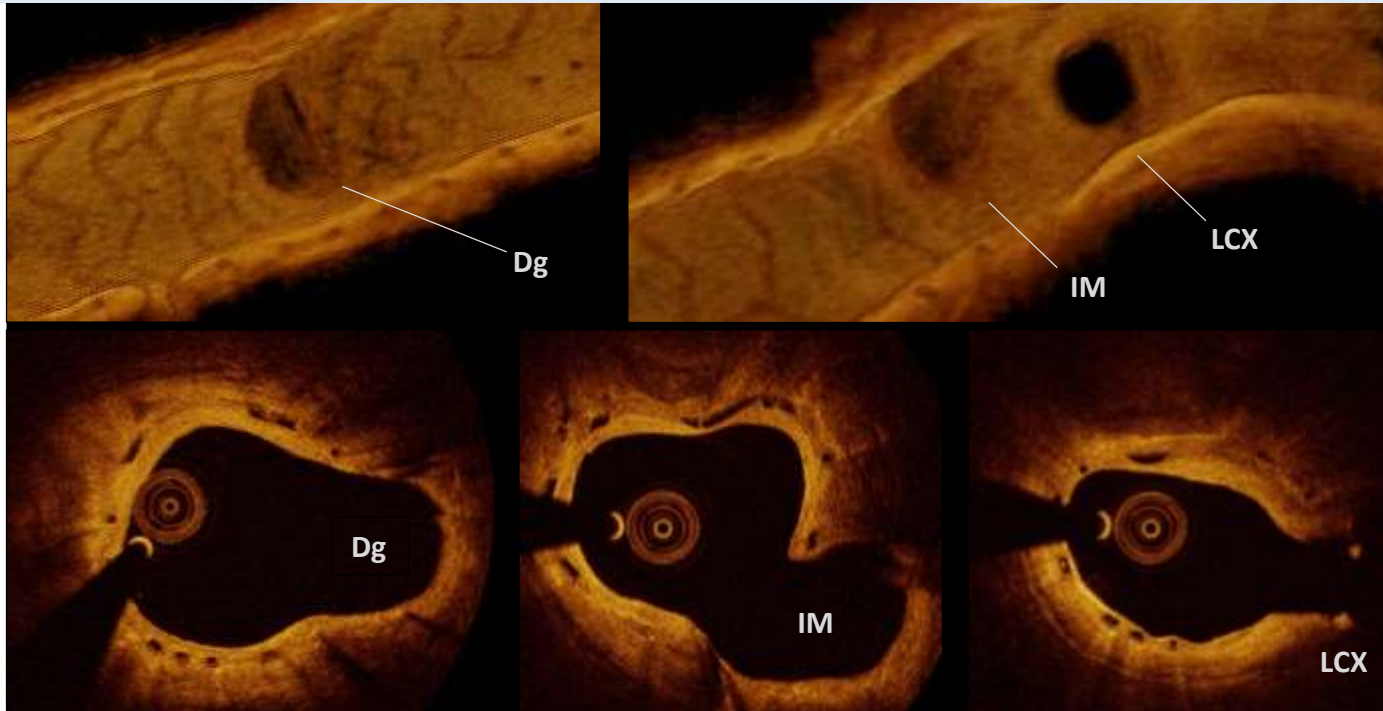
**Homogeneous neointima** after BVS implantation has been reported to **contribute to seal underlying high-risk plaque** and additionally, **develop less disease over time** when compared to the neointima following metallic stents.



# What is expected for BVS in CTO PCI ??

③ BVS has a potentially advantage in bifurcation area. 1

Case: BVS implant main branch without touching SB  
- No Final KISS ; 2Years Later OCT shows "beautiful Opening SB"-



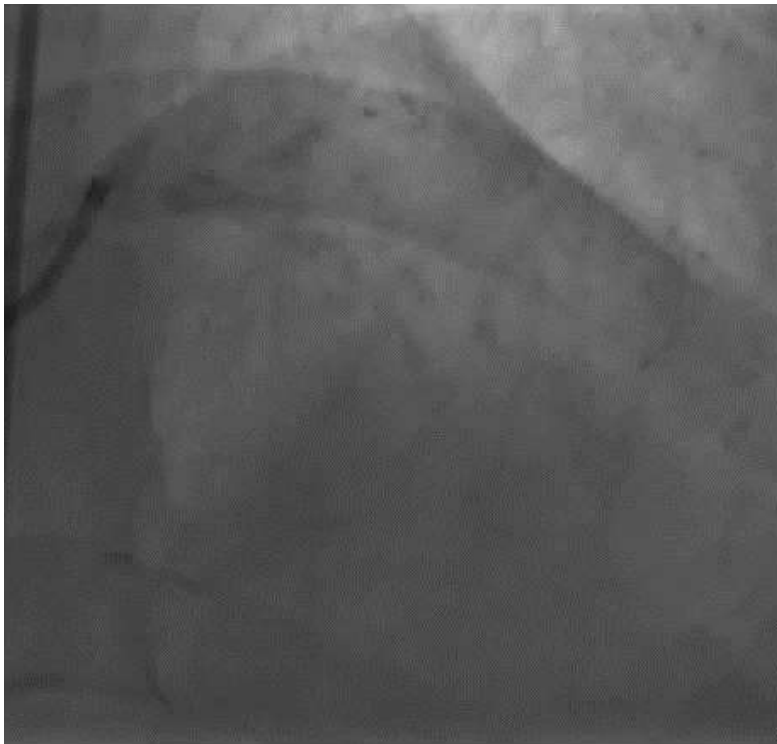
**If the side branch is not compromised, single cross-over stenting without any SB intervention could be considered.**

# What is expected for BVS in CTO PCI ??

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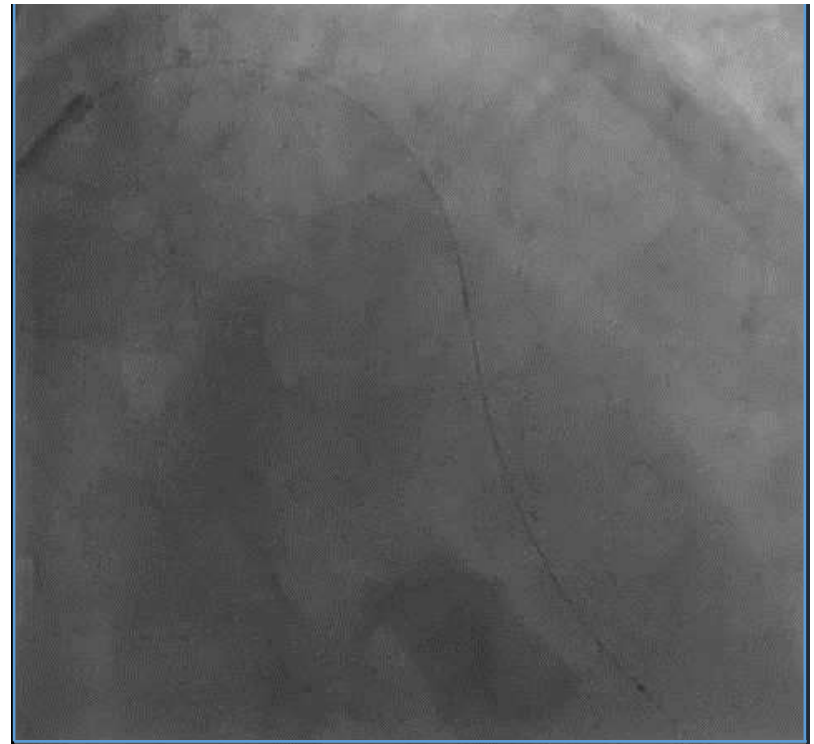
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LAD/Dx simple disease



Moderate stenosis at Dx ostium

BVS implat. w/o KBT



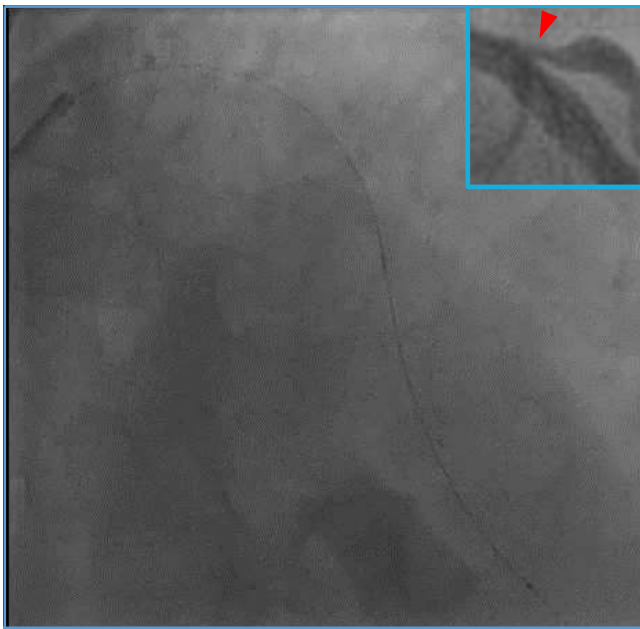
Improvement at ostium diagonal

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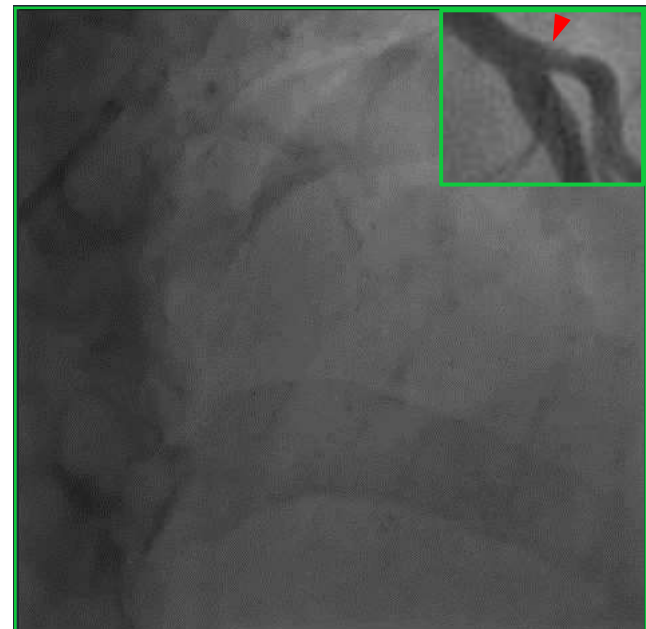
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## Carina: going back to the original position



Just after index PCI

Pinching  
at Dx ostium

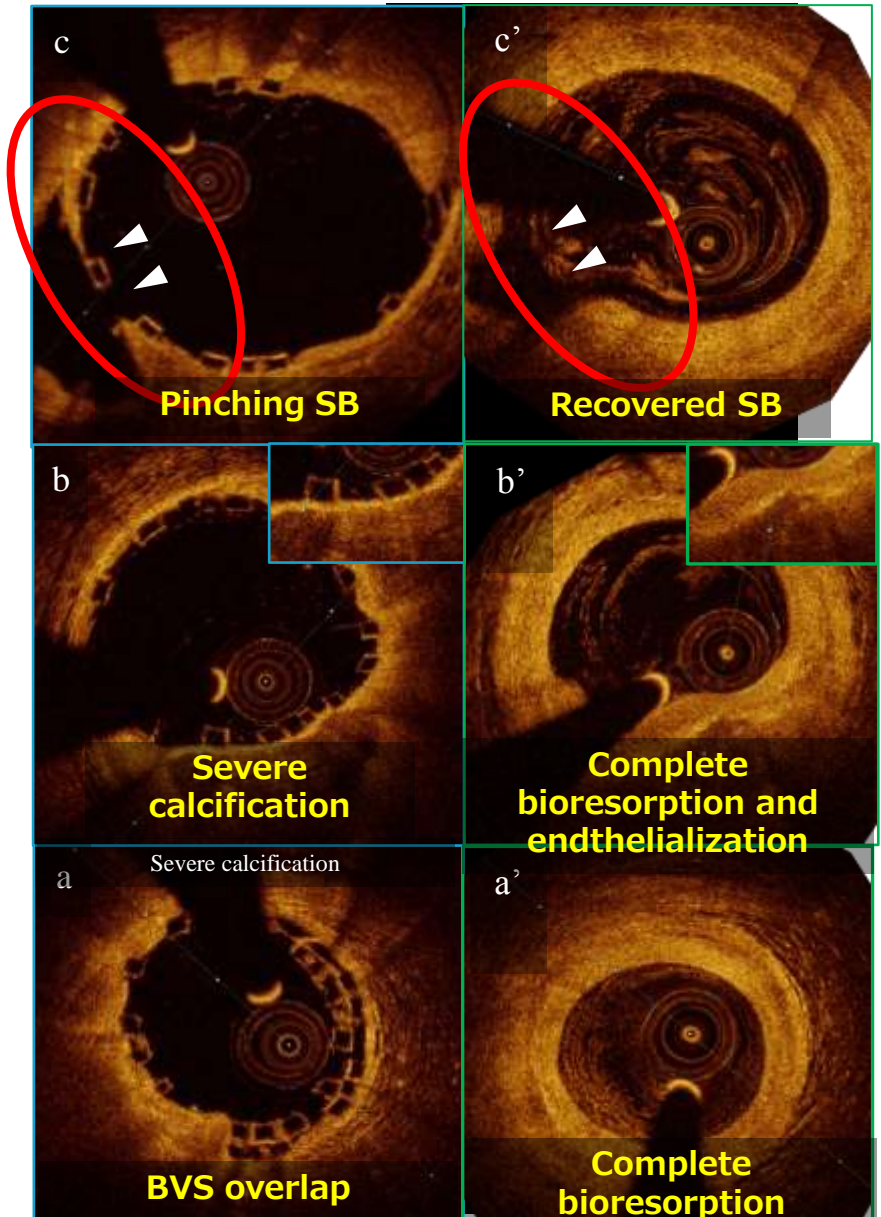
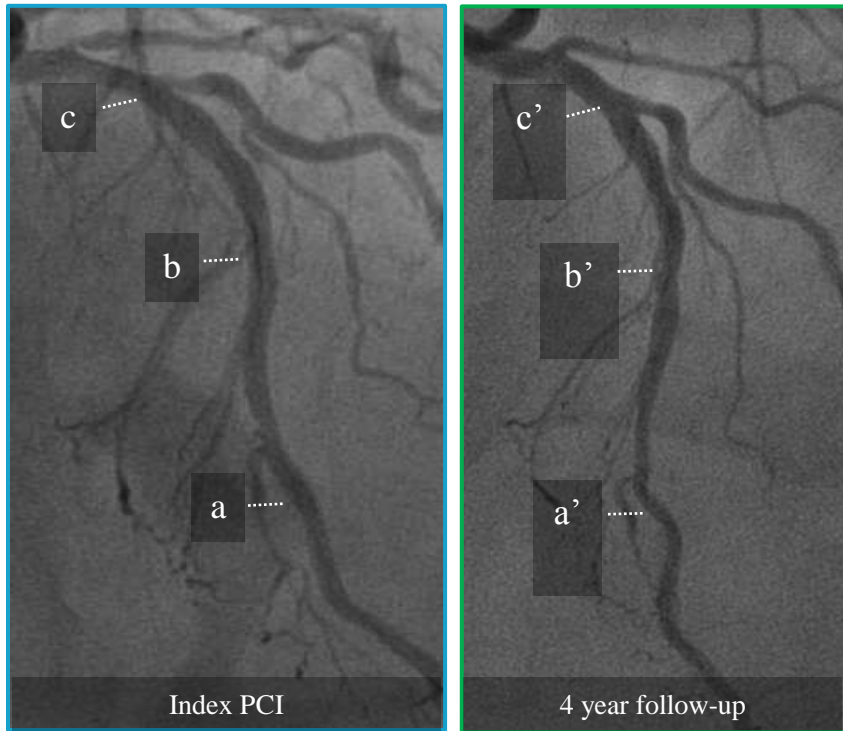


4 Y F/U

Improvement  
at Dx ostium

# Carina was backed to the original position

Comparison between  
index PCI and 4 year F/U



# At JIM ; I was a operator (Dr. Colombo' meeting in 2012)



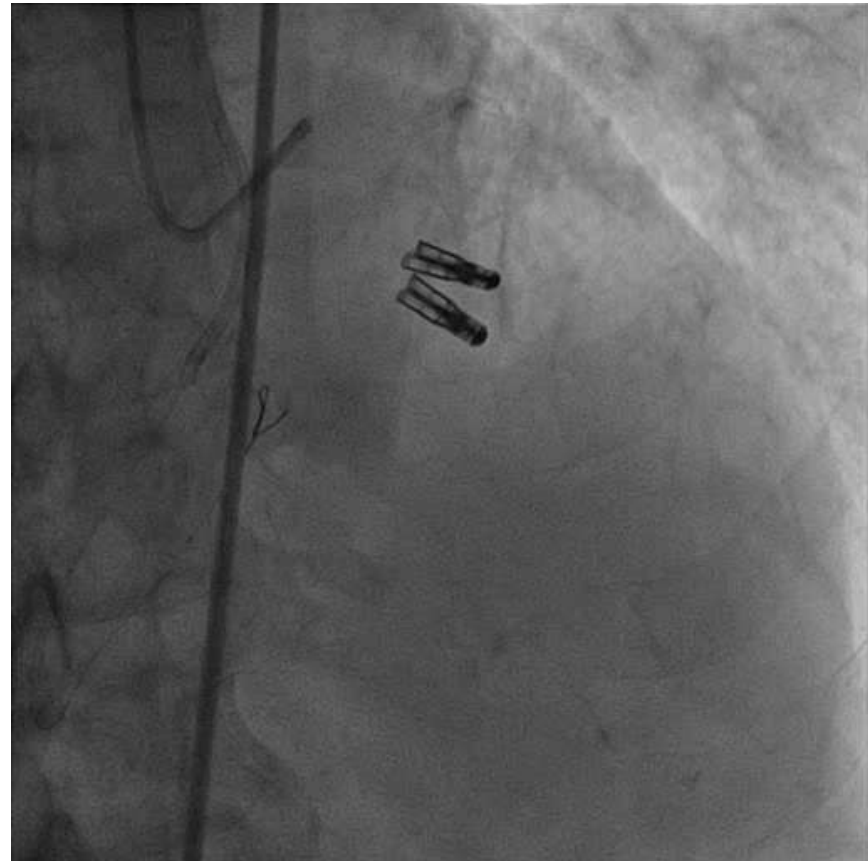
# 70's male LAD-CTO

**At Live Demo. In Milan  
2012: I was a operator**

**70's male  
EF: 44%  
Normal renal function  
Post Mitra-Clip**

**5<sup>th</sup> attempt LAD CTO  
from prox. to mid LAD**

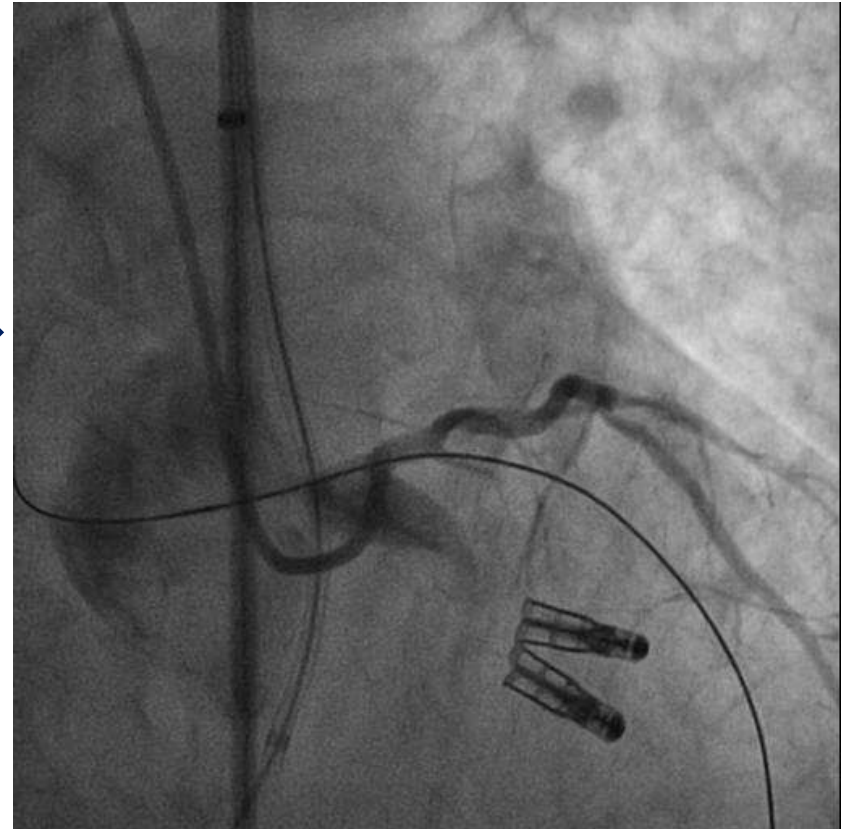
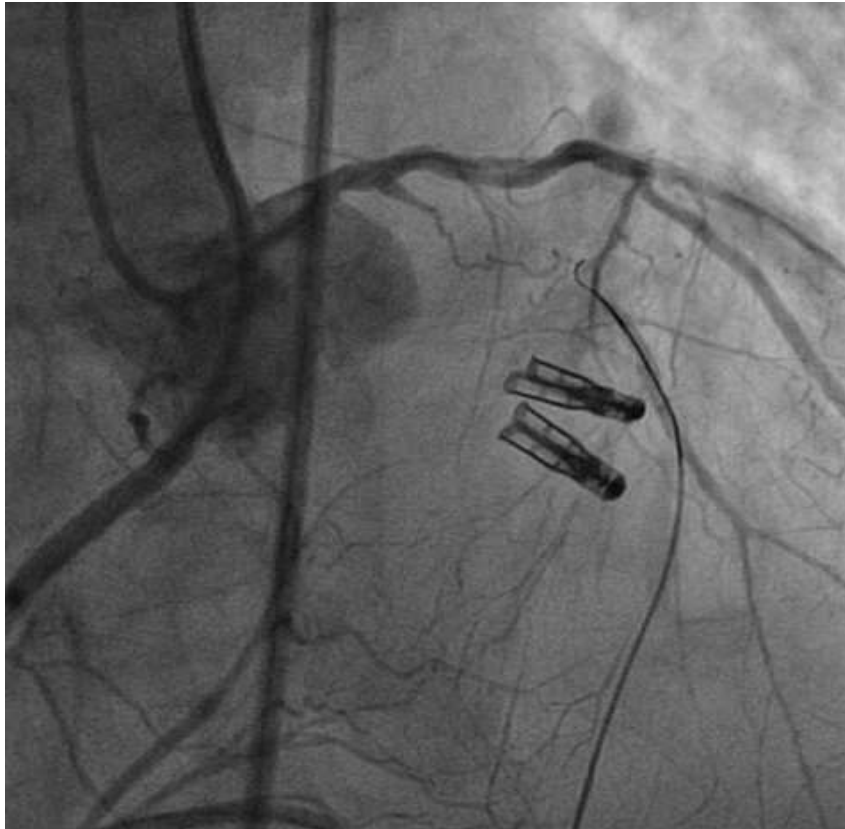
**LAD CTO**



collaterals from 1) distal RCA (PD) via small septal branches  
2) conus branch and 3) antegrade small bridge c

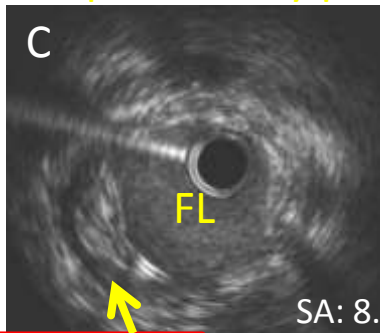
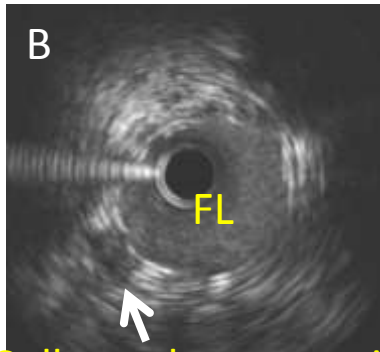
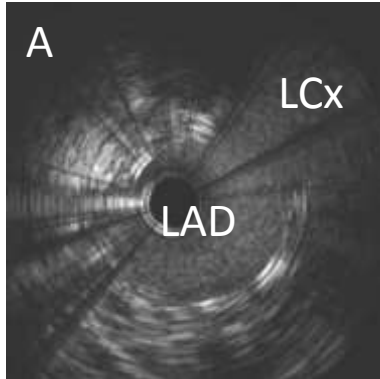
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Use Retrograde approach

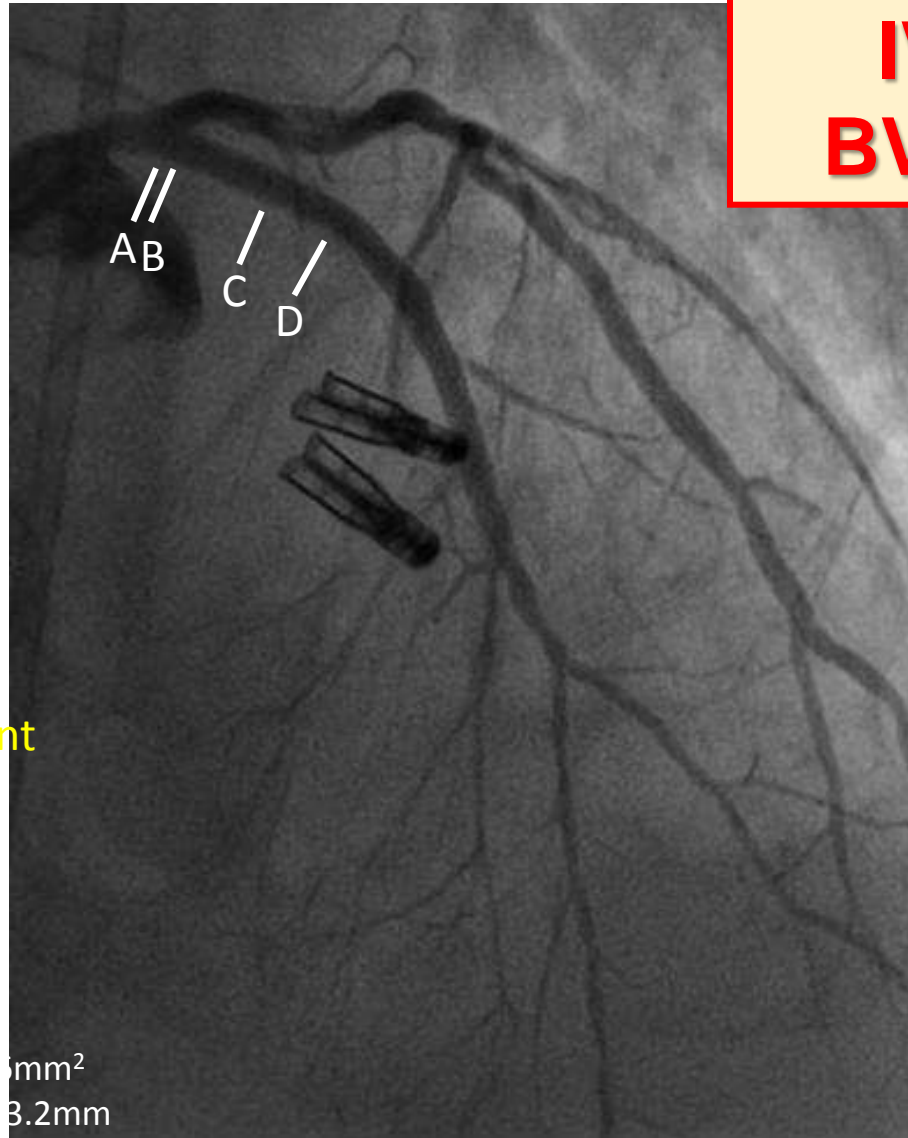


After crossing the GW, Dilated with 2.5mm Balloon and implanted 2BVS(3.0mm and 3.5mm×18mm)

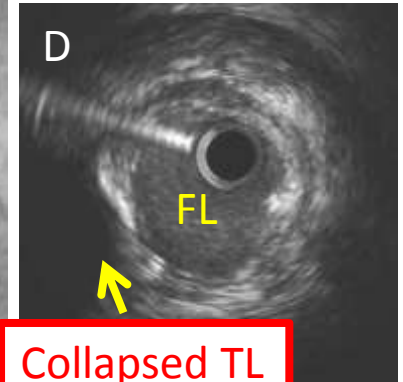
# 70's male LAD-CTO



SA: 8.6mm<sup>2</sup>  
SD: 3.5x3.2mm



**IVUS after  
BVS implant.**



SA: 8.1mm<sup>2</sup>  
SD: 3.5x2.8mm

**Collapsed TL**

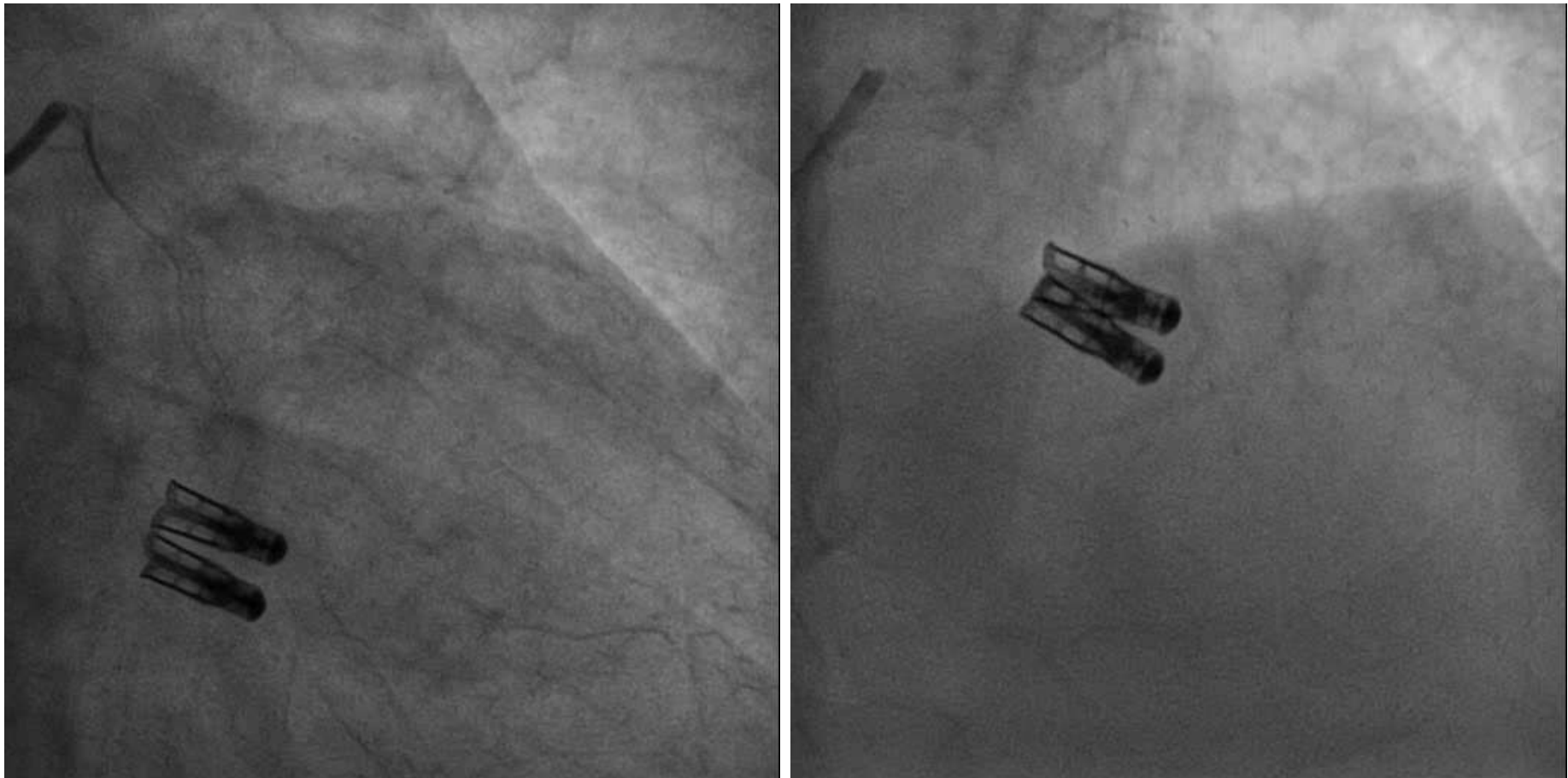


# One-year follow-up optical coherence tomography after implantation of bioresorbable vascular scaffolds for a chronic coronary total occlusion

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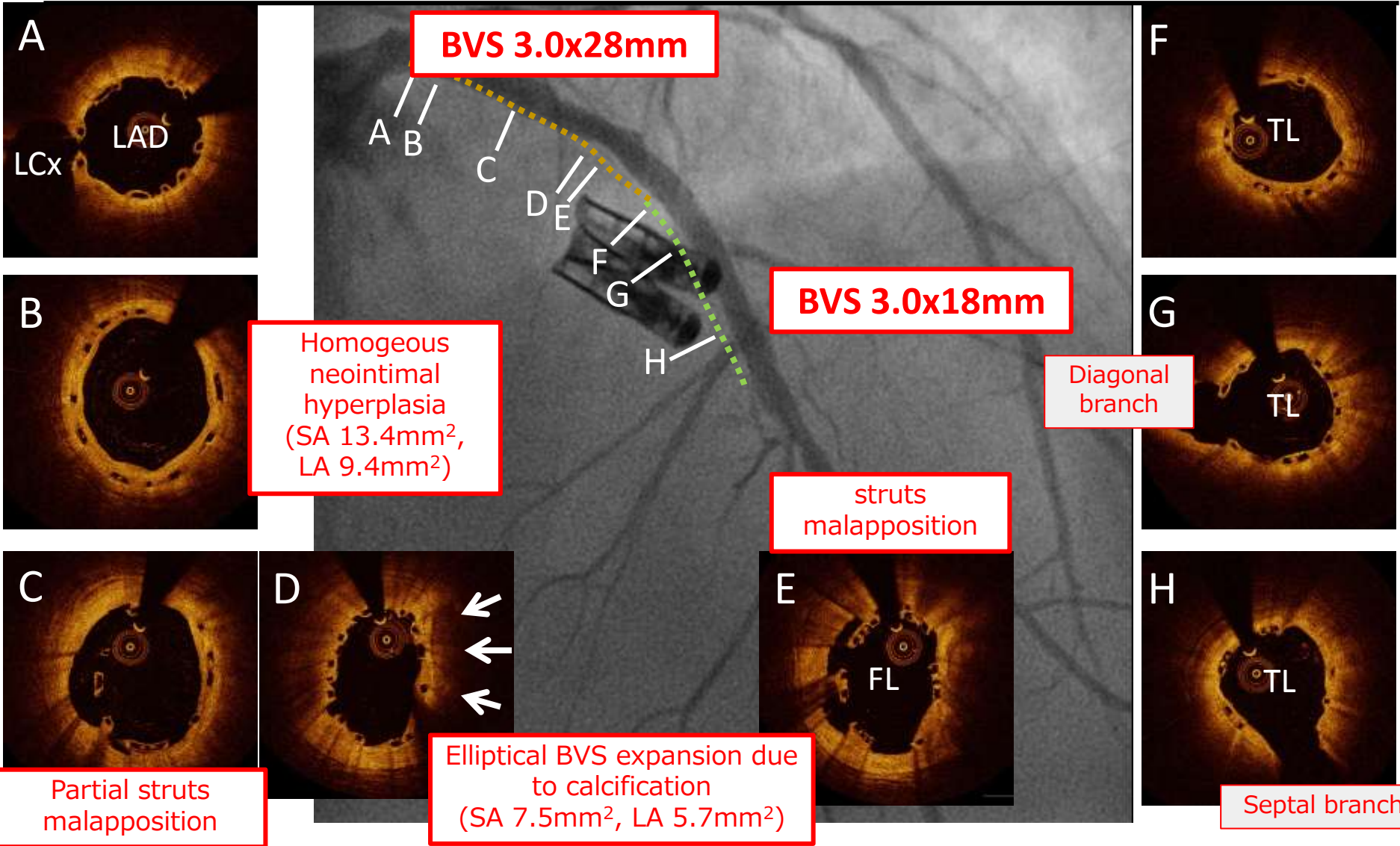
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**Angio. After 1 Year :Nicely Open !!!**



# OCT Findings 1 Year After Implant BVS

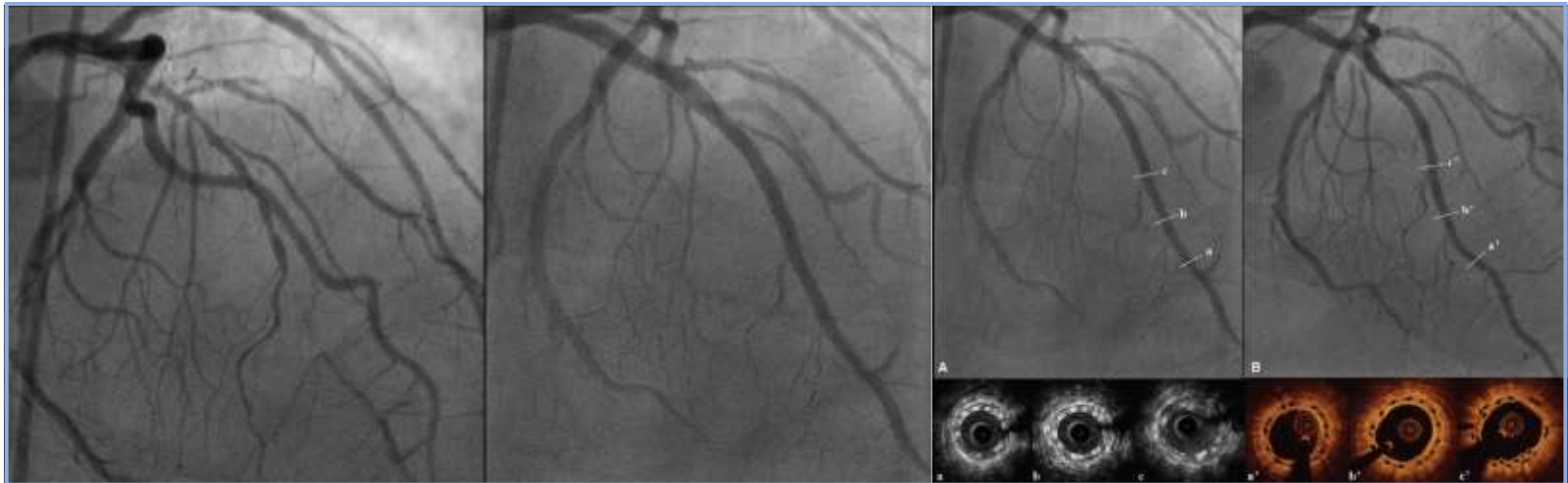
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# Coronary Interventions

## Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffolds for the Treatment of Chronic Total Occlusions An International Multicenter Registry

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# Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffolds for the Treatment of CTOs An International Multicenter Registry

September 2012 – November 2015  
CTO treated with Absorb BVS  
5 centers in 4 countries 65 lesions (65 patients)

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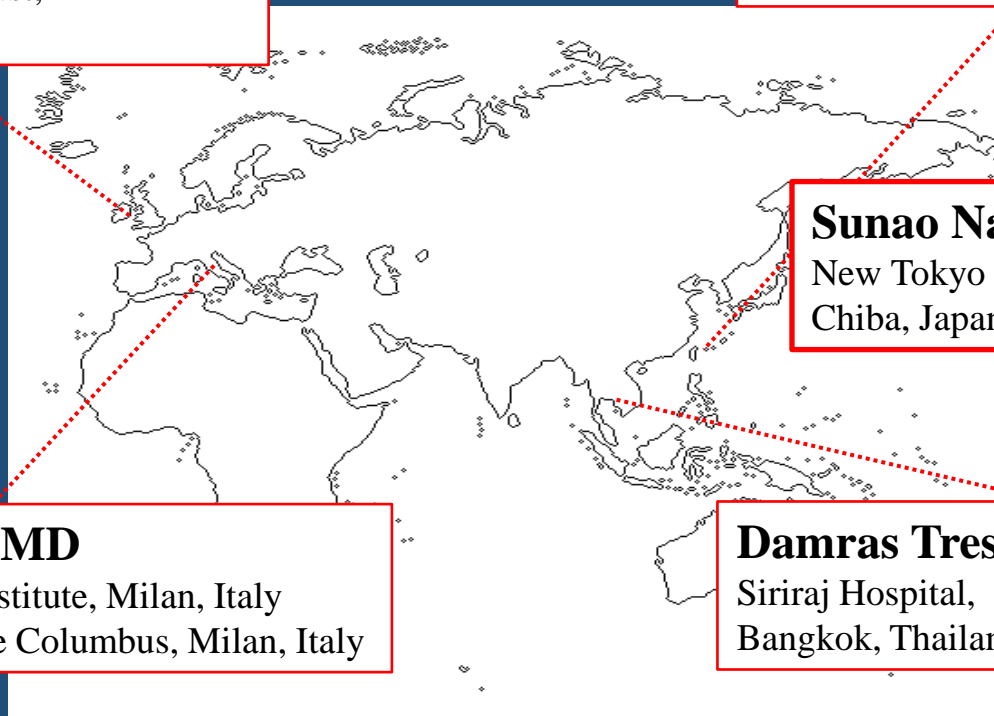
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# Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffolds for the Treatment of CTOs

## An International Multicenter Registry

### Study Population

- ✓ CTO PCI indication: symptomatic angina and/or ischemia on non-invasive functional test(s)
- ✓ Target vessel diameter: 2.5 – 4.0 mm
- ✓ DAPT: eligible for at least 12 month
- ✓ PCI strategy (antegrade or retrograde): Operator's discretion

### Definition

CTO: completely occluded vessel with Thrombolysis In Myocardial Infarction (TIMI) flow grade 0 through the affected segment of >3 months estimated duration  
Procedural success: <30% in-scaffold residual stenosis and TIMI flow grade >2 after BVS implantation

### Primary outcome

TLF: cardiac death, target vessel MI, and clinically driven TLR

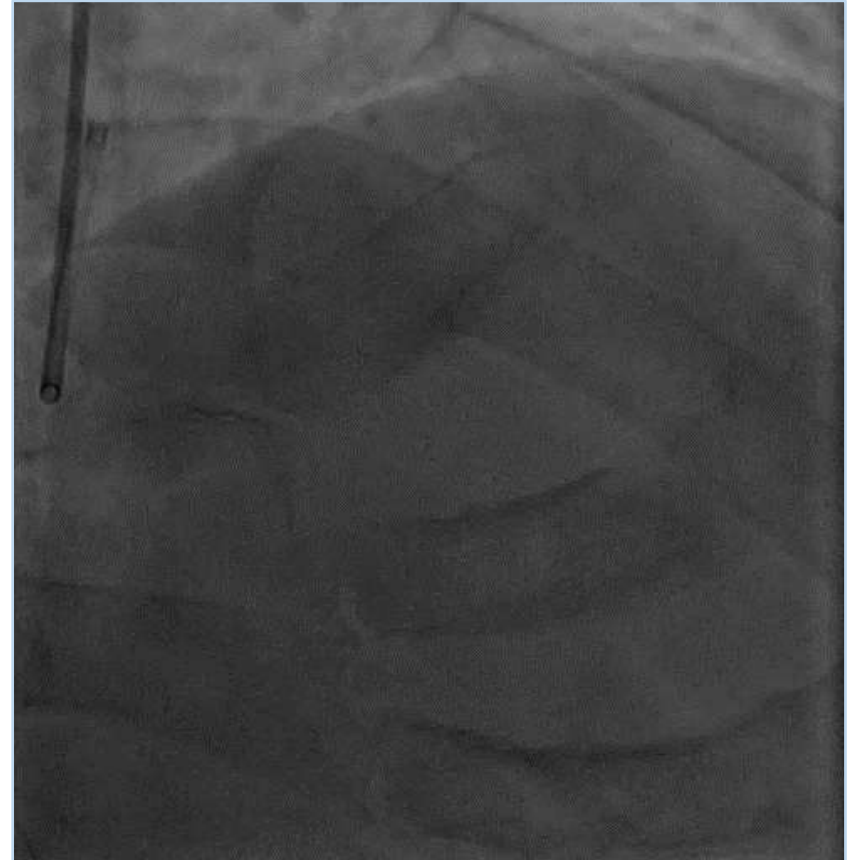
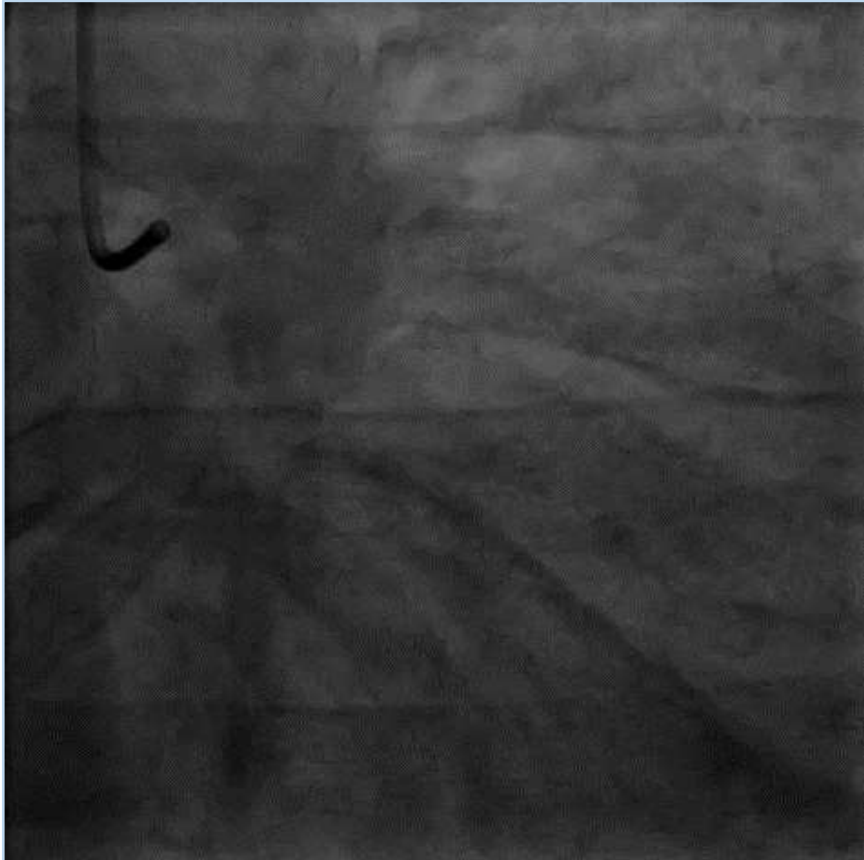
### Secondary outcomes

All-cause death, clinically driven TVR, definite/probable ScT

# BVS implantation for mid LAD CTO

45 year-old, male, Stable angina

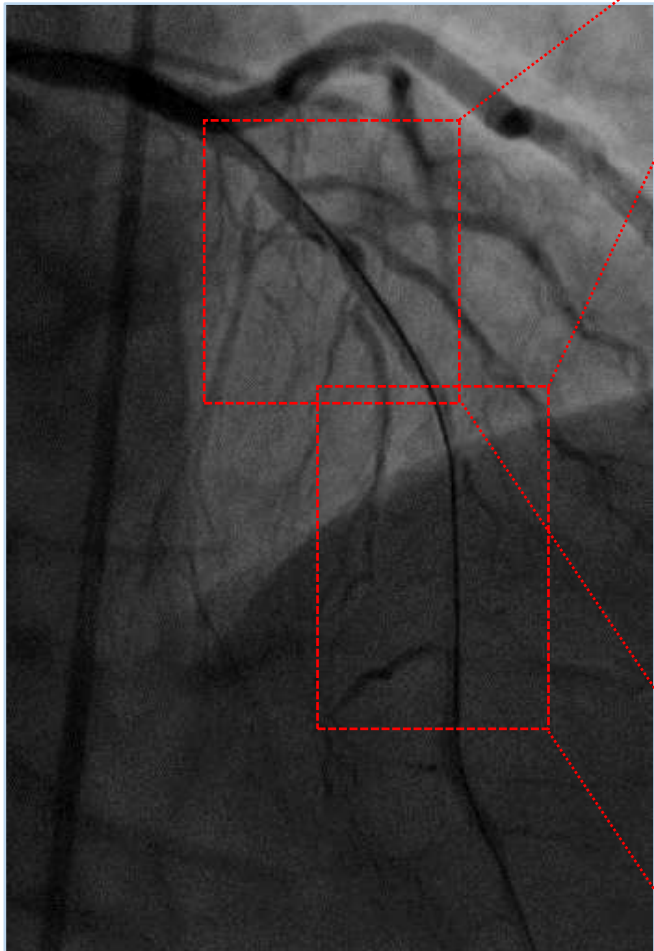
Coronary Risk F: hypertension, ex-smoker and Low bleeding risk



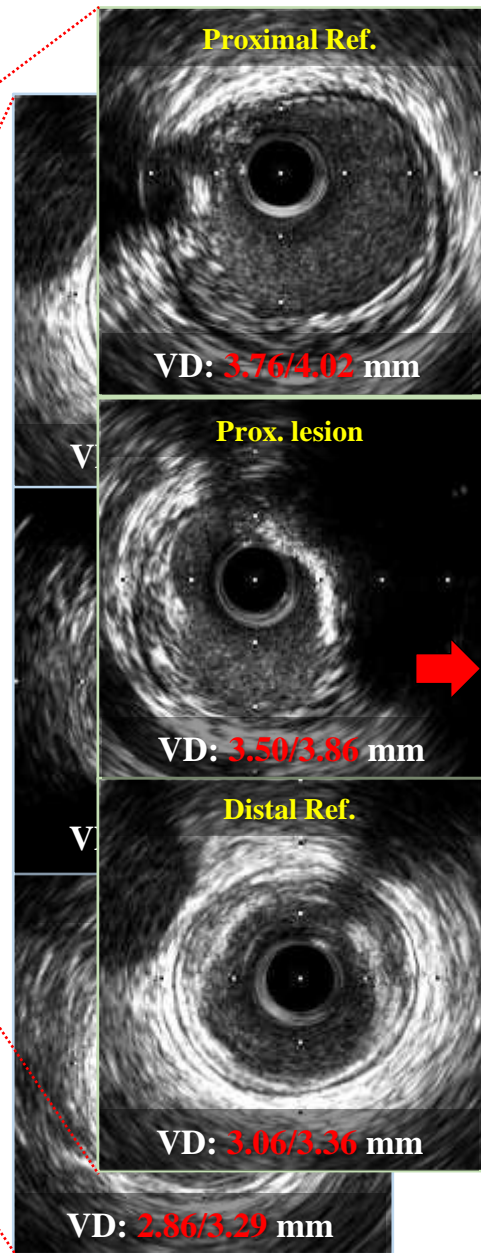
Mid LAD: CTO lesion : Ipsilateral collateral via septal (grade 3)

# BVS implantation for mid LAD CTO

IVUS guided vessel sizing



After antegrade wiring and recanalization with 1.5 mm balloon

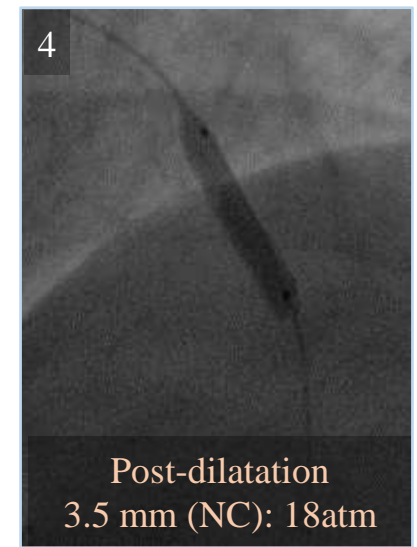
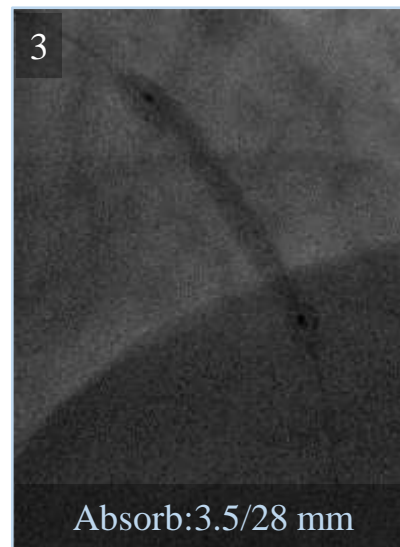


Predilatation: 3.5 mm  
Absorb BVS: 3.5 mm  
Predilatation: 3.0 mm  
Absorb BVS: 3.0 mm

# BVS implantation for mid LAD CTO



After IVUS guided predilatation  
Pro.: 3.5 mm Distal-mid: 3.0 mm

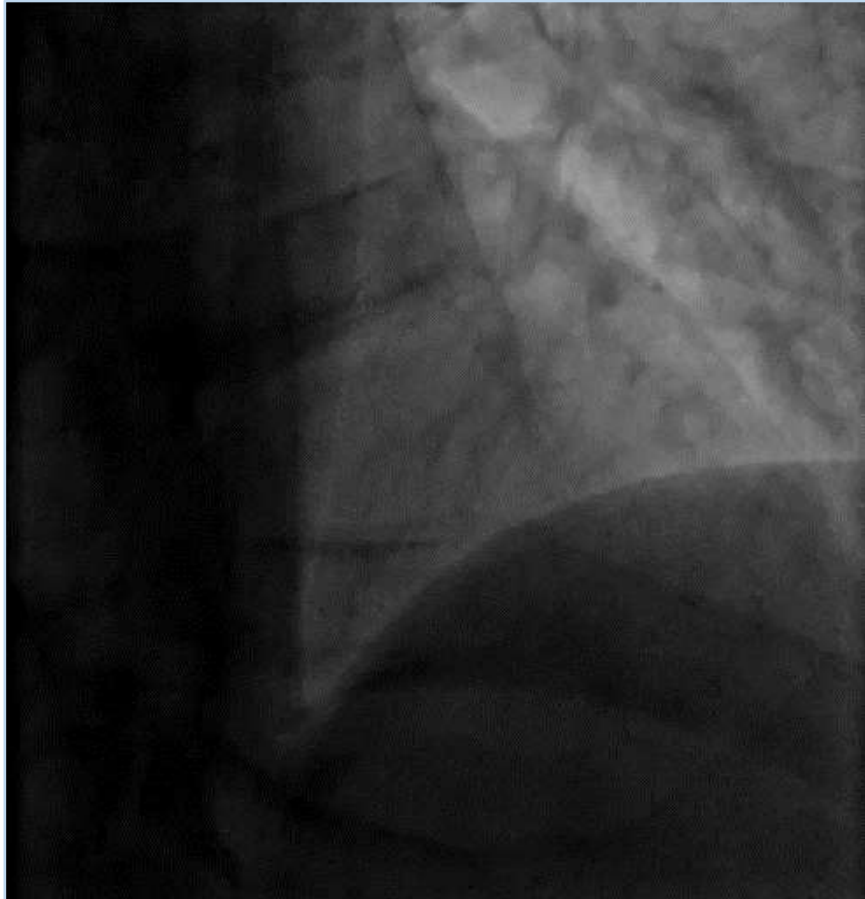




# BVS implantation for mid LAD CTO

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Final at the index PCI



1-year follow-up  
Excellent angiographic results



## Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffolds for the Treatment of Chronic Total Occlusions: An International Multicenter Registry.

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### Patients Demographics

	<b>N=65</b>
Age, years	60.8±11.0
Male, n	58 (89.2)
Hypertension, n	44 (67.8)
Dyslipidemia, n	40 (61.5)
Diabetes, n	26 (40.0)
Insulin dependent diabetes, n	2 (3.1)
Chronic kidney disease (eGFR<60), n	26 (40.1)
Peripheral arterial disease, n	6 (9.2)
Previous MI, n	11 (16.9)
Previous PCI, n	35 (53.8)
Previous CABG, n	4 (6.2)
Previous cardiac surgery, n	2 (3.1)
Previous stroke, n	20 (30.8)
LVEF, %	57.7±10.8
DAPT regimen	
Aspirin/Clopidogrel	46 (70.8)
Aspirin/Prasugrel	8 (12.3)
Aspirin/Ticagrelor	11 (16.9)

# Lesion characteristics

	N=65
<b>CTO vessel, n</b>	
<b>LMT</b>	<b>1 (1.5)</b>
<b>RCA</b>	<b>26 (40.0)</b>
<b>LAD</b>	<b>30 (46.2)</b>
<b>LCx</b>	<b>8 (12.3)</b>
<b>CTO location, n</b>	
<b>proximal</b>	<b>29 (44.6)</b>
<b>middle</b>	<b>31 (47.7)</b>
<b>distal</b>	<b>5 (7.7)</b>
<b>CTO lesion characteristics</b>	
<b>blunt type entry point, n</b>	<b>26 (40.1)</b>
<b>calcification, n</b>	<b>21 (32.3)</b>
<b>tortuosity, n</b>	<b>6 (9.2)</b>
<b>bent, n</b>	<b>13 (20.0)</b>
<b>bifurcation, n</b>	<b>23 (35.4)</b>
<b>bridge collateral, n</b>	<b>32 (49.2)</b>
<b>J-CTO score<math>\geq</math>2, n</b>	<b>42 (64.6)</b>
<b>Vessel diameter by visual estimation, mm</b>	<b>2.97<math>\pm</math>0.36</b>
<b>CTO length by visual estimation, mm</b>	<b>20.15<math>\pm</math>2.97</b>
<b>Collaterals Rentrop grade<math>&gt;</math>2</b>	<b>53 (81.5)</b>
<b>In-stent CTO, n</b>	<b>2 (3.1)</b>
<b>Number of diseased vessels</b>	
<b>Single vessel disease</b>	<b>31 (47.7)</b>
<b>2 vessel disease</b>	<b>22 (33.8)</b>
<b>3 vessel disease</b>	<b>12 (18.5)</b>

# Procedural Characteristics

	N=65	
Number of implanted BVS (/patient), n	1.8±0.7	
Patient treated with 1 BVS, n	24 (36.9)	
Patient treated with 2 BVSs, n	31 (47.7)	
Patient treated with ≥3 BVSs, n	10 (15.4)	
BVS diameter (/stent), mm	3.0±0.4	
BVS total length (/patient), mm	47.6±19.9	
Pre-dilatation balloon diameter, mm	2.6±0.5	100 %
Rotational atherectomy, n	3 (4.6)	
Post-dilatation balloon diameter, mm	3.3±0.3	100 %
Max pressure for post-dilatation, atm	18.6±5.3	
Intravascular imaging, n		
IVUS, n	34 (52.3)	100 %
OCT, n	31 (47.7)	
Antegrade approach, n	53 (81.5)	
Retrograde approach, n	12 (18.5)	
Double injection, n	51 (78.5)	
DES implantation in non-CTO lesions, n	17(26.2)	
Complete revascularization, n	52 (80.0)	

# IVUS results

IVUS findings	N=34
Plaque morphology	
fibrous, n	11 (32.4)
soft, n	2 (5.9)
calcified, n	8 (23.5)
mixed (fibrous/ calcified), n	10 (29.4)
unclassified, n	3 (8.9)
Calcium arch (degree)*	120.0 (80.0-170.0)**
Proximal reference lumen area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	9.36±2.41
Proximal reference lumen diameter (mm)	3.02±0.38
Proximal reference vessel area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	13.67±3.75
Proximal reference vessel diameter (mm)	3.65±0.58
Distal reference lumen area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	6.21±1.69
Distal reference lumen diameter (mm)	2.46±0.30
Distal reference vessel area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	9.03±2.96
Distal reference vessel diameter (mm)	2.96±0.48
Initial minimal vessel diameter (mm)	3.28±0.52
Initial maximal vessel diameter (mm)	3.59±0.47
Initial mean vessel diameter (mm)	3.44±0.49
Final minimal scaffold area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	7.74±3.21
Final minimal scaffold diameter (mm)	2.71±0.55
Final maximal scaffold diameter (mm)	3.11±0.45
Final minimal vessel area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	12.32±4.02
Final minimal vessel diameter (mm)	3.59±0.66
Final maximal vessel diameter (mm)	3.87±0.69
Edge dissection, n	3 (8.9)

# OCT results

OCT findings	N=31
Calcification (>180 degrees), n	6 (19.4)
Thrombus, n	4 (12.9)
Proximal reference lumen diameter (mm)	3.31 ± 0.71
Distal reference lumen diameter (mm)	2.29 ± 0.45
Final minimal lumen area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	5.69 ± 1.37
Final mean lumen area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	7.81 ± 1.87
Final minimal scaffold area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	4.89 ± 1.92
Final mean scaffold area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	6.19 ± 1.66
Final minimal scaffold diameter (mm)	2.54 ± 0.37
Final maximal scaffold diameter (mm)	3.51 ± 0.31
ISA at CTO lesion, n	3 (9.7)
Proximal edge ISA, n	2 (6.4)
Distal edge ISA, n	1 (3.2)
Scaffold disruption, n	3 (9.7)
Edge dissections, n	9 (29.0)

## Primary endpoint:

target lesion failure (TLF); composite of cardiac mortality, target vessel MI, and clinical driven TLR

	in-hospital	follow-up
TLF, n	0	0
All cause mortality, n	0	0
Cardiac mortality, n	0	0
Target vessel MI, n	0	0
TLR, n	0	0
TVR, n	0	4 (13.5%)
definite/probable ScT, n	0	0

Median follow-up period 453 (IQR 230 - 703) days

# Clinical outcomes

Median follow-up 453 days (IQR 230-703)  
Clinical follow-up 100 % Follow-up CAG: 22 cases (38.8%)

Primary endpoint **TLF: 0 case**  
(TLF: cardiac death, target vessel MI, and clinically driven TLR)

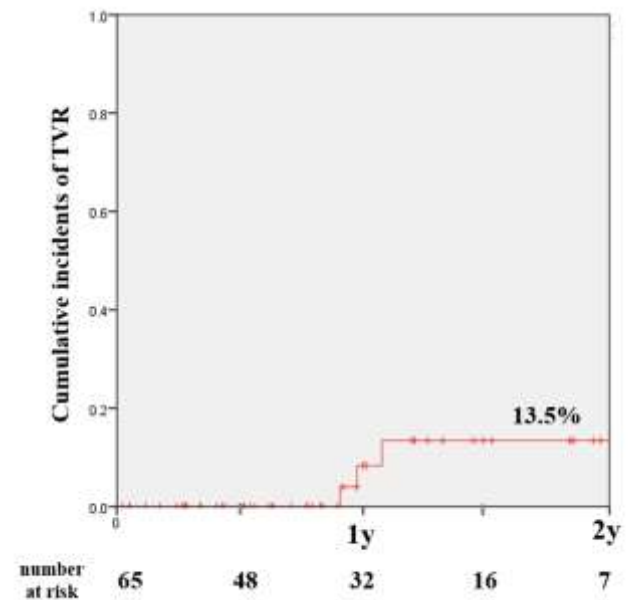
Secondary endpoint

**Definite/probable ScT: 0 case**

DAPT: only 1 patient stopped within 12 months because of gastric ulcer.

**TVR: 4 cases**

There were no cases of significant intra-scaffold restenosis, which required revascularization either clinically or angiographically.





# Guide Post of BVS

## - Important Reminder 6-

BVS implantation for the treatment of CTO seems feasible and safe. Appropriate lesion preparation, high-pressure post-dilatation, and the use of intravascular imaging are recommended to obtain the best possible final result.



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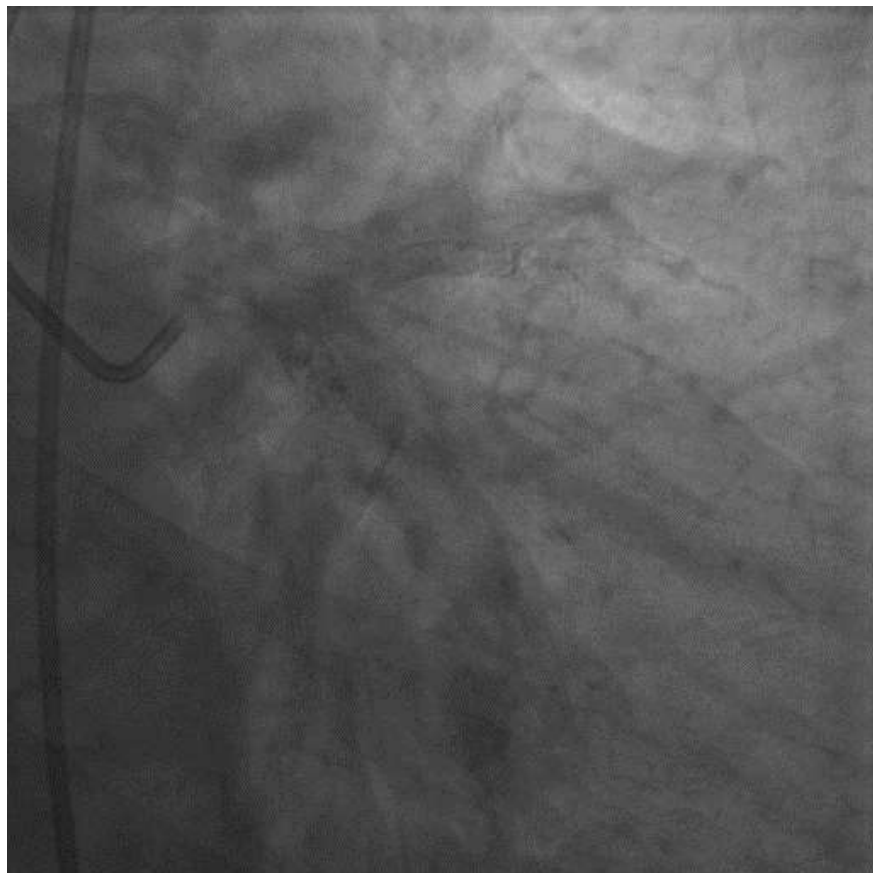
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CTO lesion at RCA and well collateralized from LCA. Since bifurcation area is dull on image, it is difficult figure out the overview of RCA.

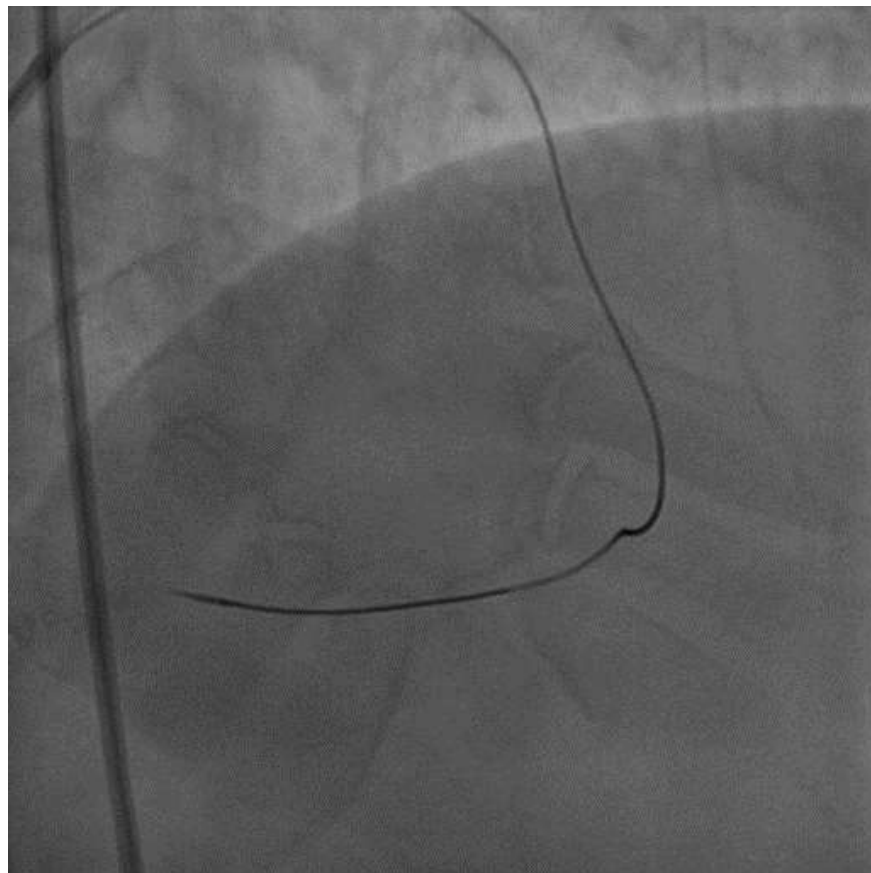
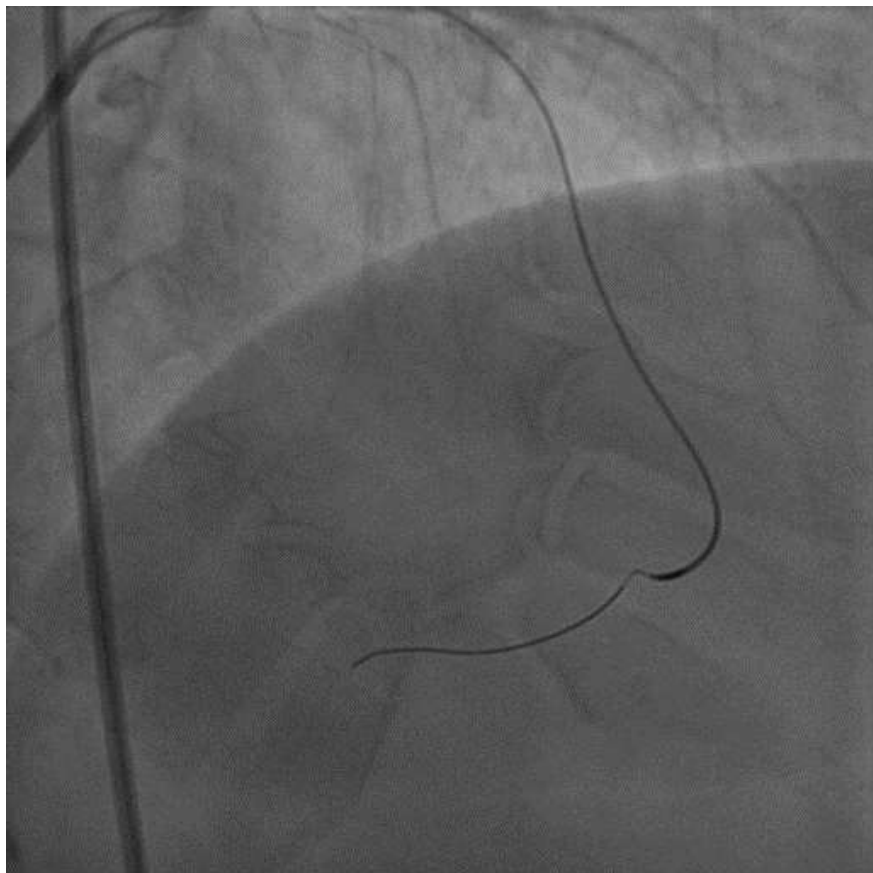


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Since the RCA CTO starts from the ostium, Retrograde approach was opted from the beginning. Sion wire advanced from septum and GW was delivered to RCA distal.

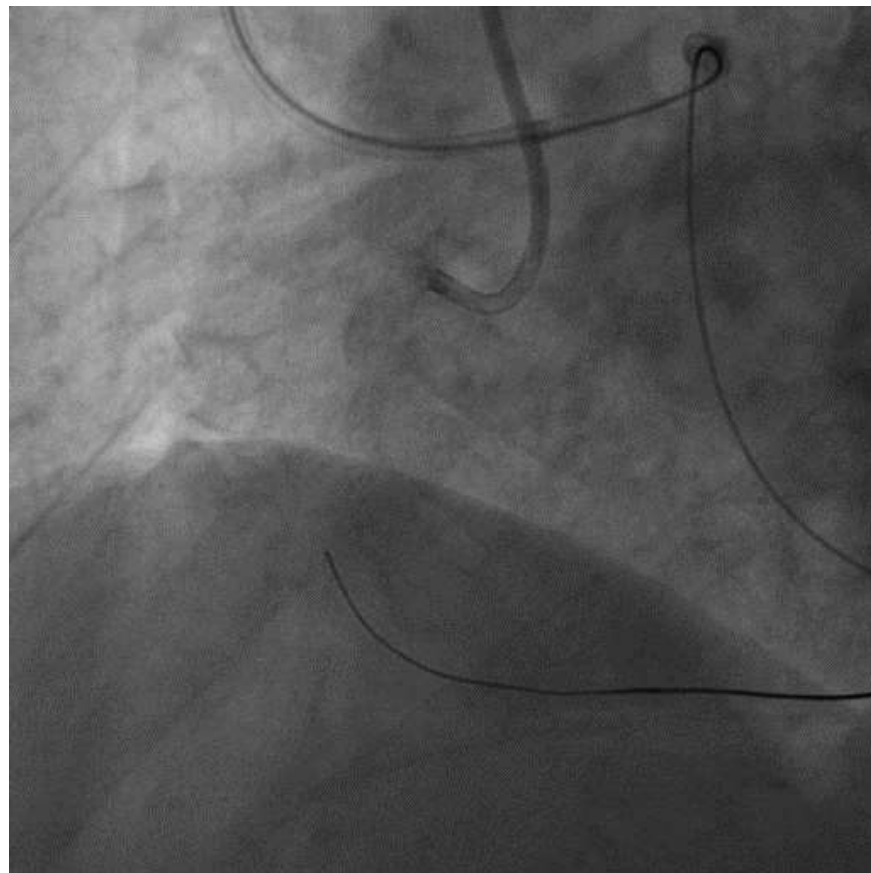
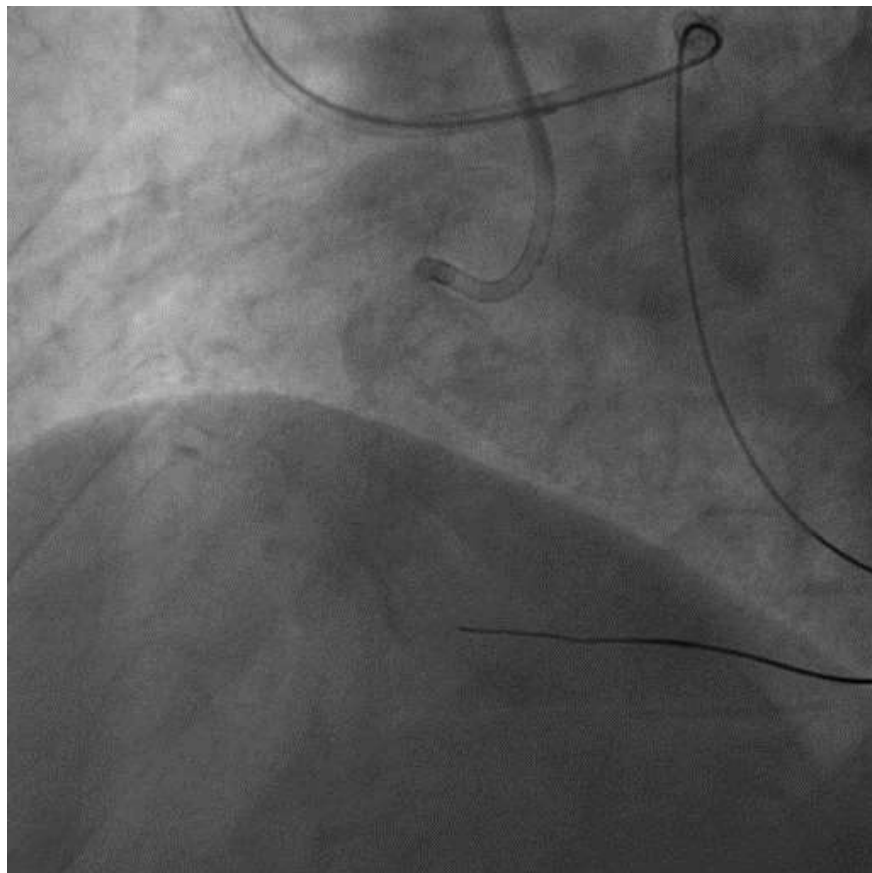


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Now, you can see RCA CTO starts from the ost. And the bifurcation area looks dull shape, it was difficult to bring the wire to RCA proximal.

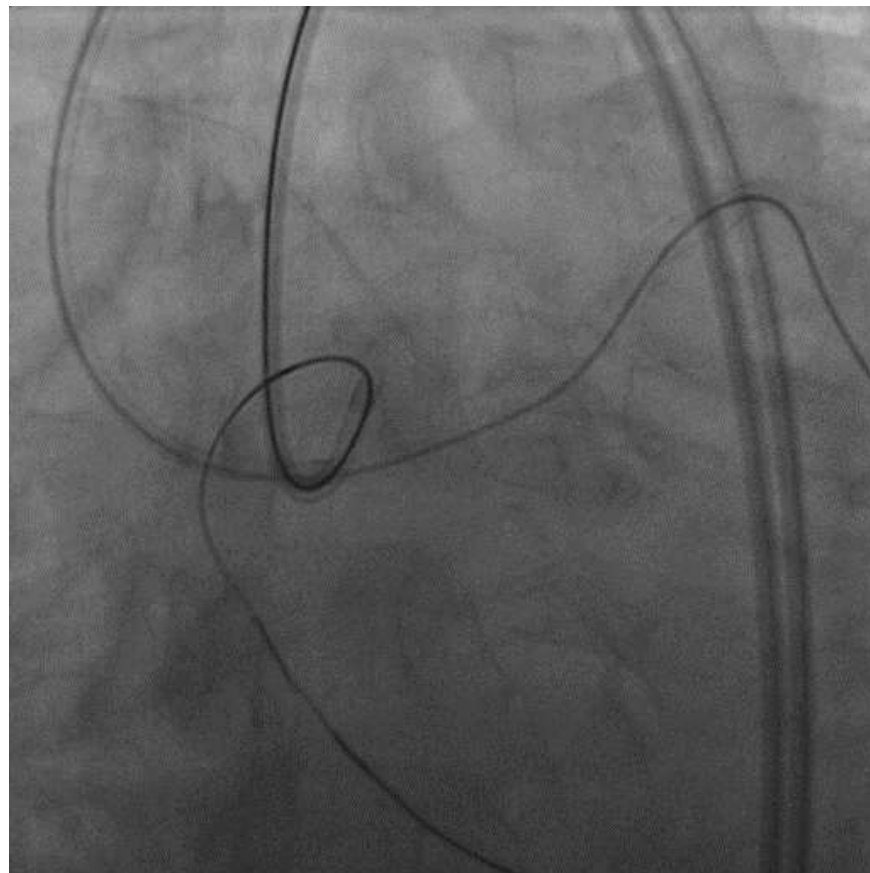
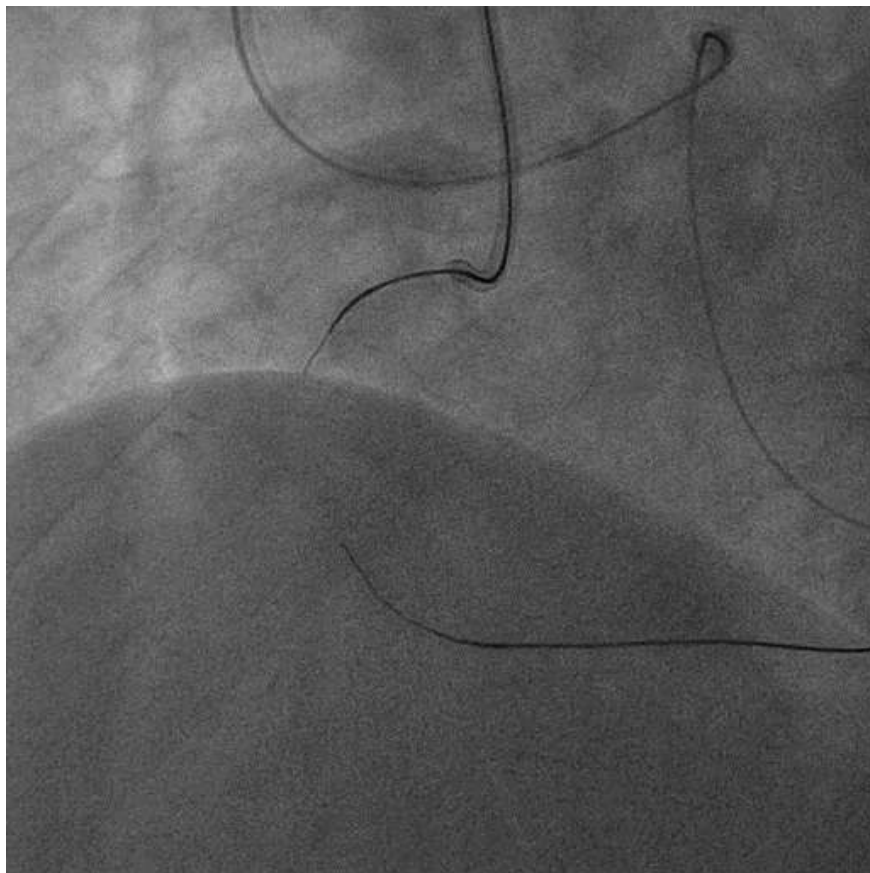


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Next, we started antegrade approach. Selecting several angle views which shows both wires of retro and antegrade approach to confirm they are closing each other.

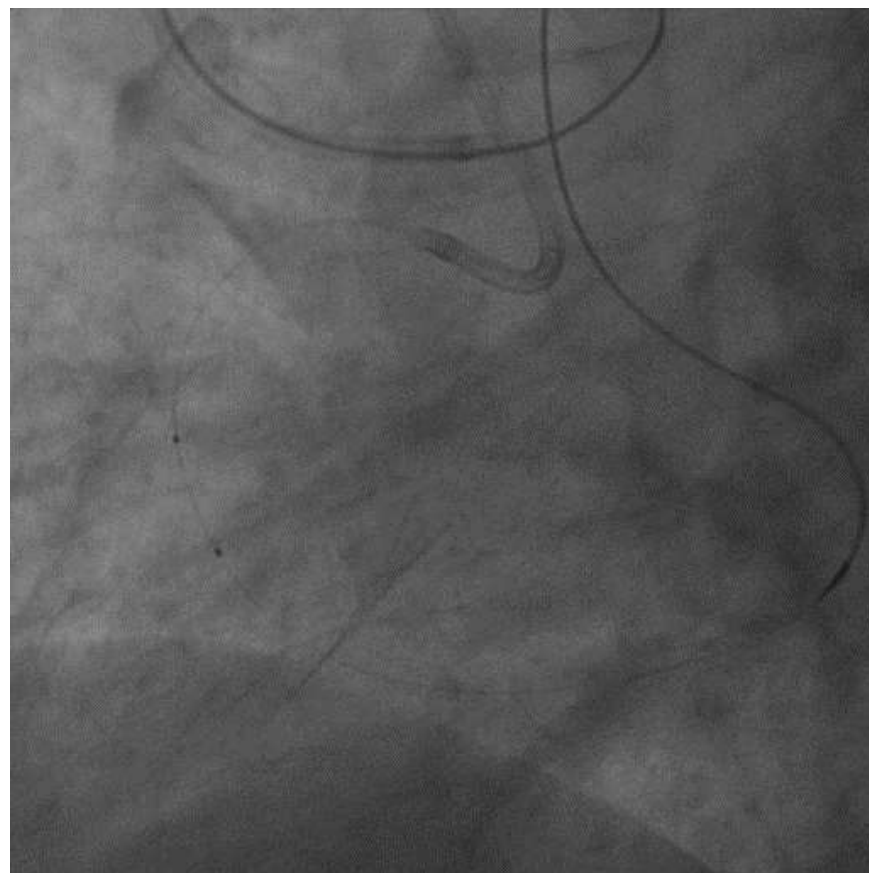
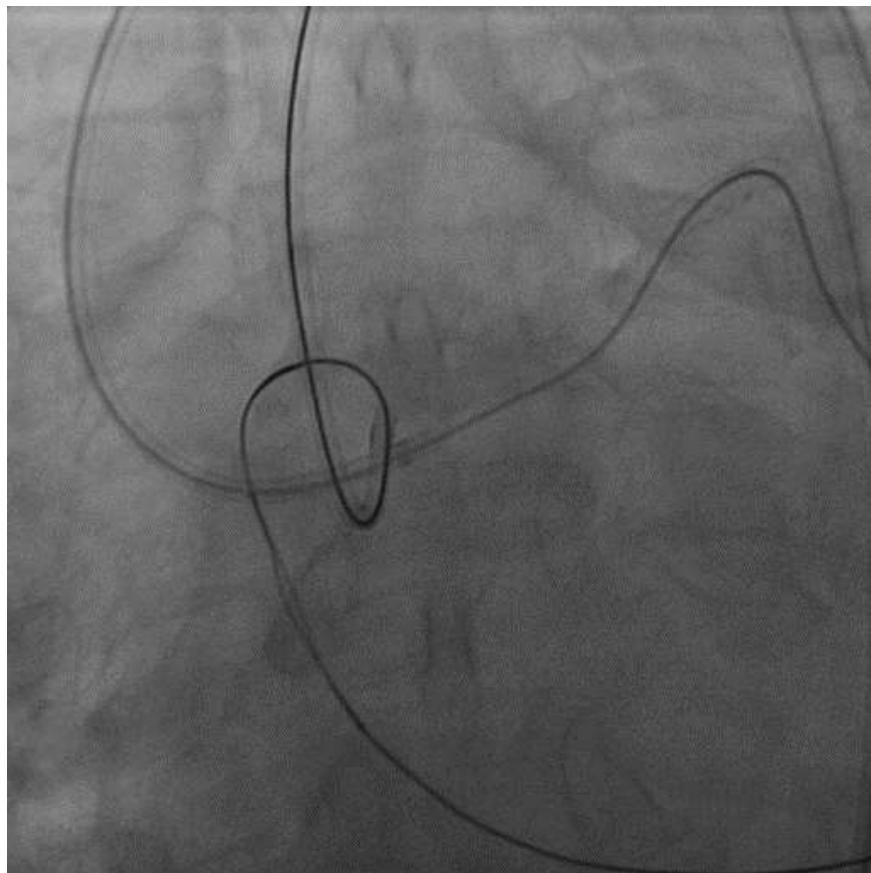


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Finally guidewire of retrograde approach was successfully externalized by employing Reverse Cart Technique. Ballooning was done from antegrade.

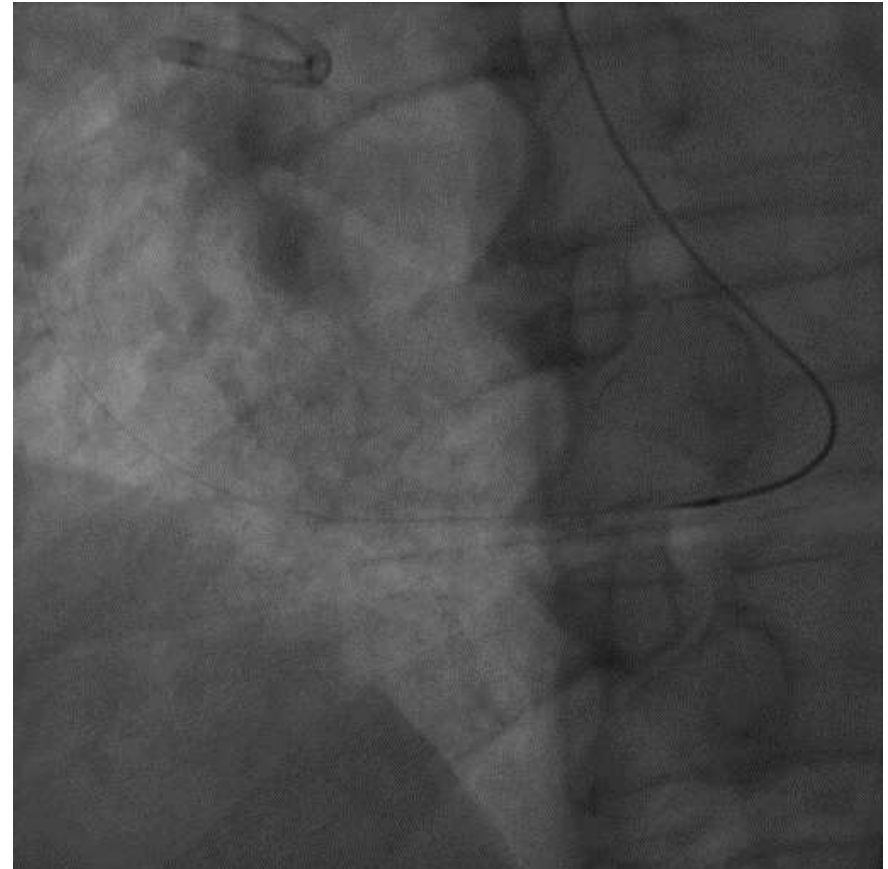
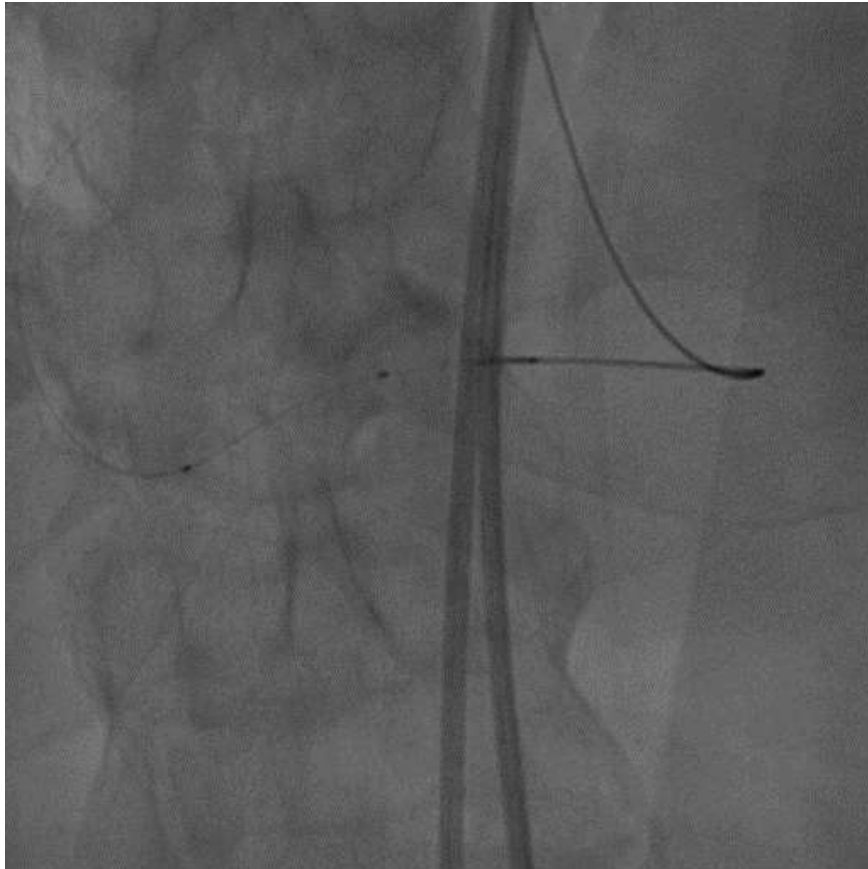


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Based on IVUS measurement, vessel diameter was around 3.0mm. BVS 3.0 x 23mm was implanted. BVS distal end was carefully positioned by using collateral angiogram.

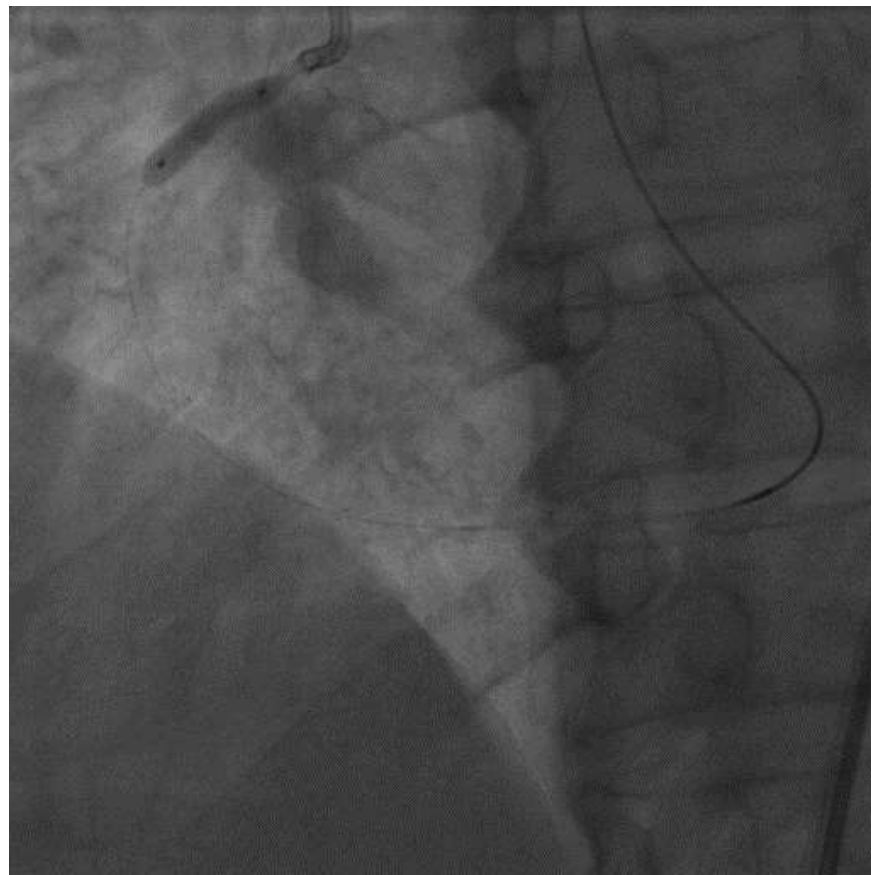
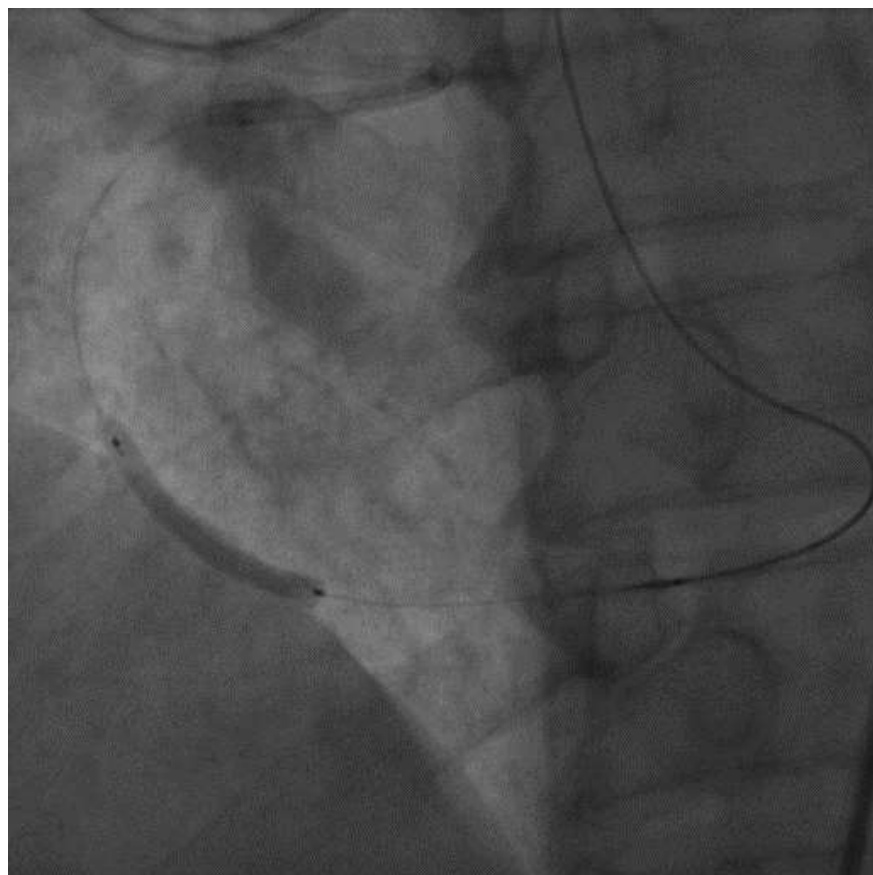


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After this, 2 more same size of BVS and 1 BVS of 3.5mmx18mm were implanted followed by post dilatation with 0.5mm bigger size balloon with very high pressure.





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## Final Angiogram



# What the study adds

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## Feasibility of CTO PCI with BVS

Even in CTO lesions with high complexity (J-CTO $\geq$ 2: 65%), if the specific implantation technique is adequately adopted, CTO PCI with BVS appears feasible.

- ✓ Intravascular guidance: 100%
- ✓ Predilatation: 100%
- ✓ Post-dilatation: 100%

## Safety of CTO PCI with BVS

During follow-up (median 453 days), there were no cases of TLF and ScT (definite/probable).

- ✓ 98.5% of the patients were on DAPT at 1-year.

# What is future needed ??

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## Long-term F/U

The confirmations are required

- ✓ whether vessel enlargement and plaque reduction could be observed.
- ✓ whether normal endothelialization could be observed.
- ✓ Even subintimal space, whether BRS could behave similarly to the other lesions.

## Next Generation BRS

Further investigations are required

- ✓ Feasibility and safety of next generation BRSs (thinner struts, low thrombogenicity, different antiproliferative drugs, etc.) for the treatment of CTO lesions.

**I strongly believe BRS future  
But ...**

**We are still on the way. ...**



**A long distance  
for touch down !!**