

Usefulness of OCT in Preclinical Study

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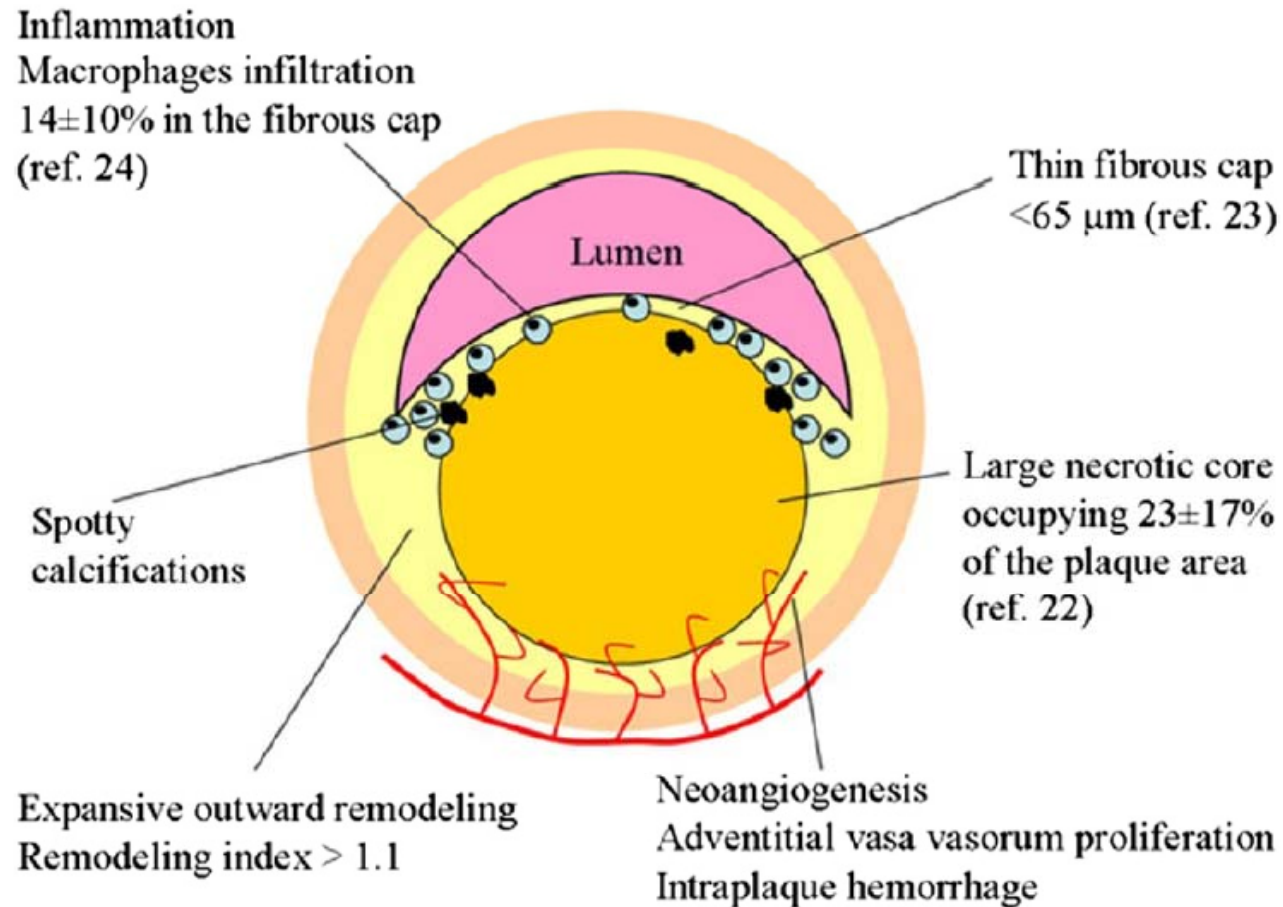
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Vulnerable Plaque

Histological Aspect

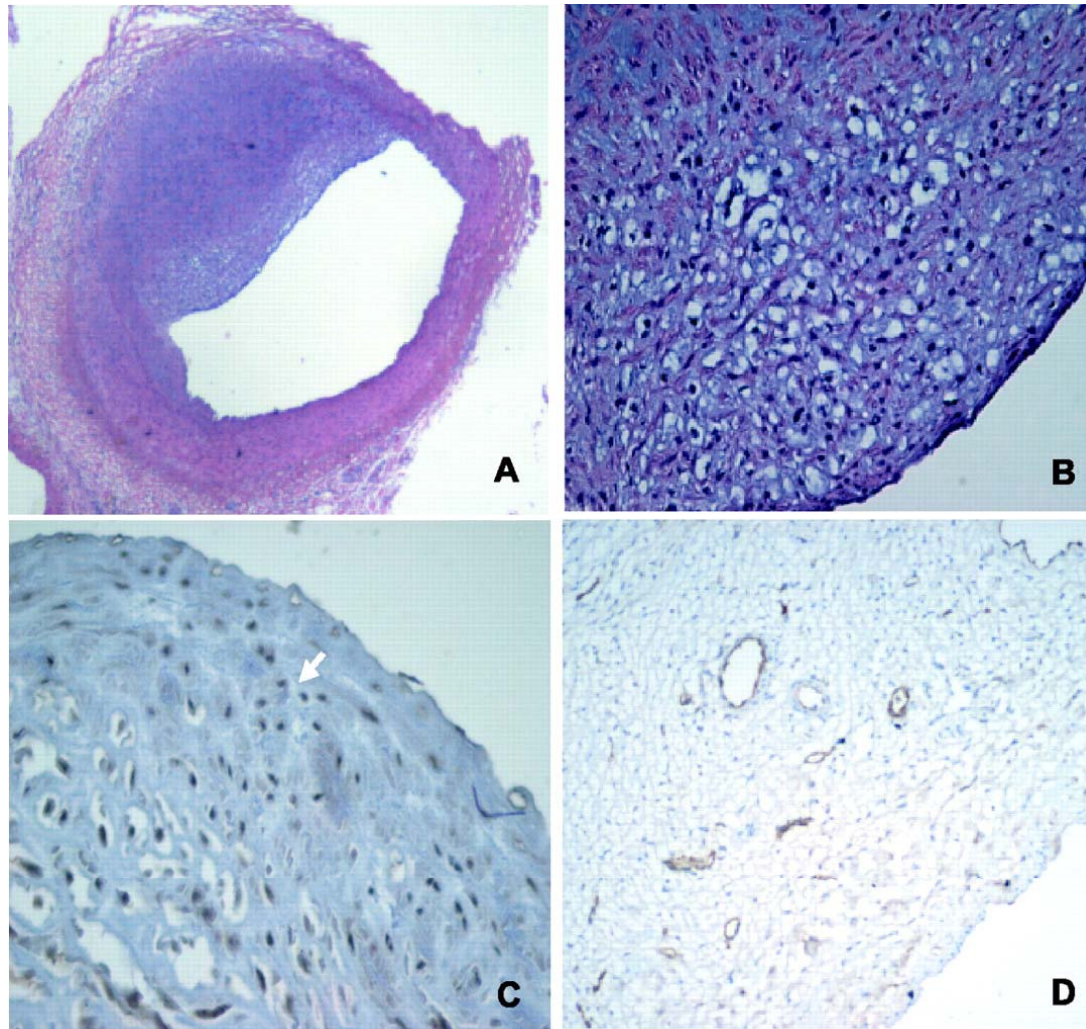


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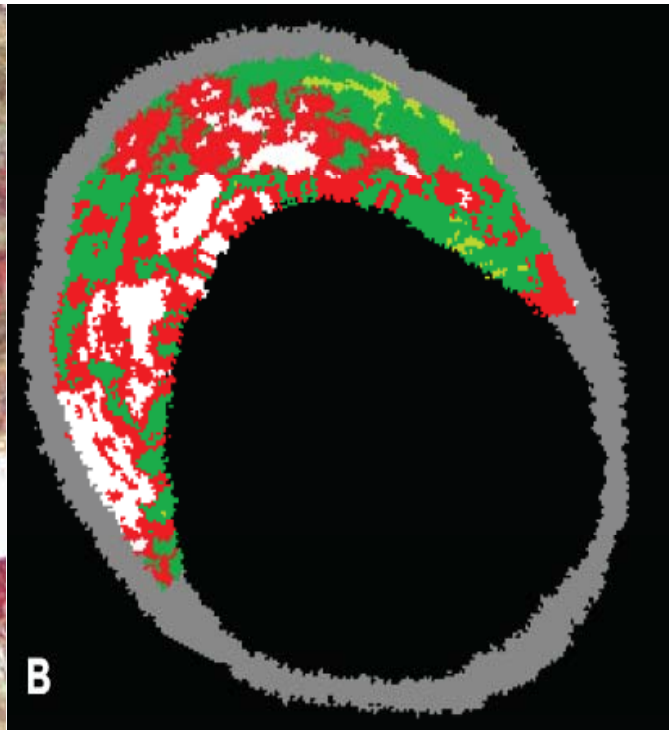
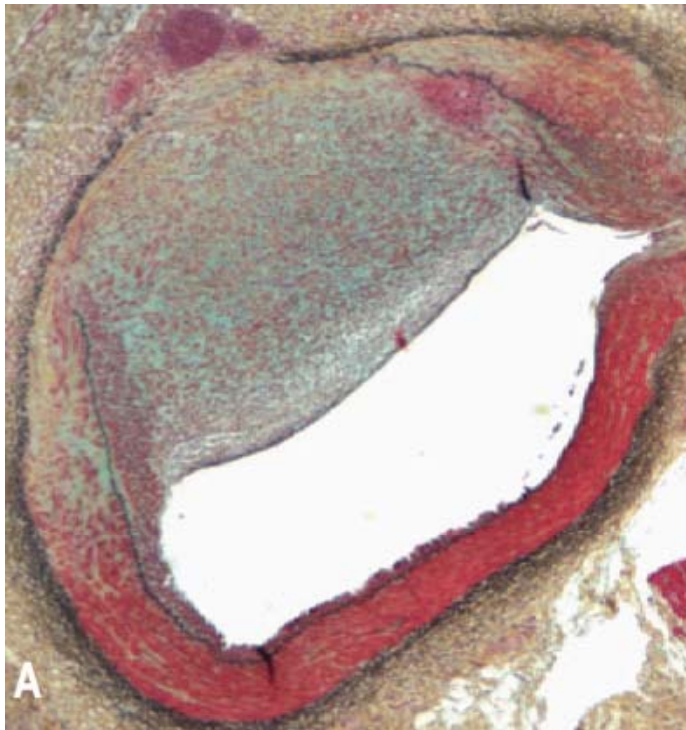
Why We Need a Animal Model with Vulnerable Plaque

- **TCFA appear to be the most common type of VP in autopsy study.**
- **But, the mechanism of plaque rupture and subsequent occlusive thrombus formation is still unclear.**
- **The need to identify and characterize vulnerable atherosclerotic lesions in human has led to the development of various animal model of plaque vulnerability.**

Vascular lesion harvested from the proximal left anterior descending artery
10 weeks after adventitial liposome delivery



Granada JF et al. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol* 2007;27:387-393

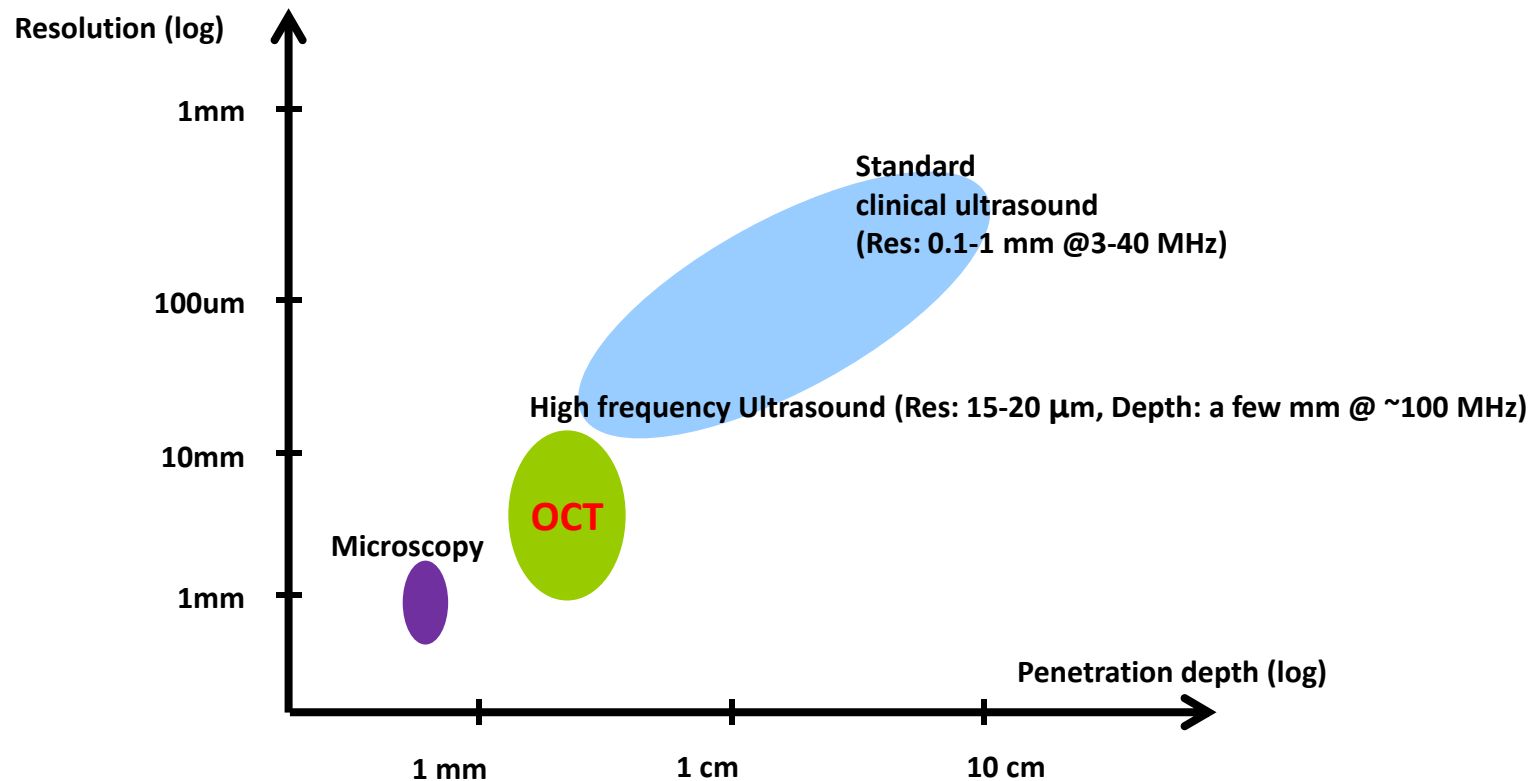


Plaque harvested from the LAD in a pig at 10 weeks of follow-up. A, Movat pentachrome section (2) showing a fibrolipidic plaque with no evidence of calcification. B, Corresponding IVUS-VH image acquired in vivo showing significant amount of necrotic core and calcification.

The sensitivity of IVUS-VH for the detection of fibrous, **fibro-fatty**, and **necrotic core** tissue was 76.1%, **46%**, and **41.1%**.

This model is rich in smooth muscle cells/proteoglycans and the lesions lack a necrotic core, calcification, and collagen (type I). Therefore, this model might be more indicative of a restenosis model.

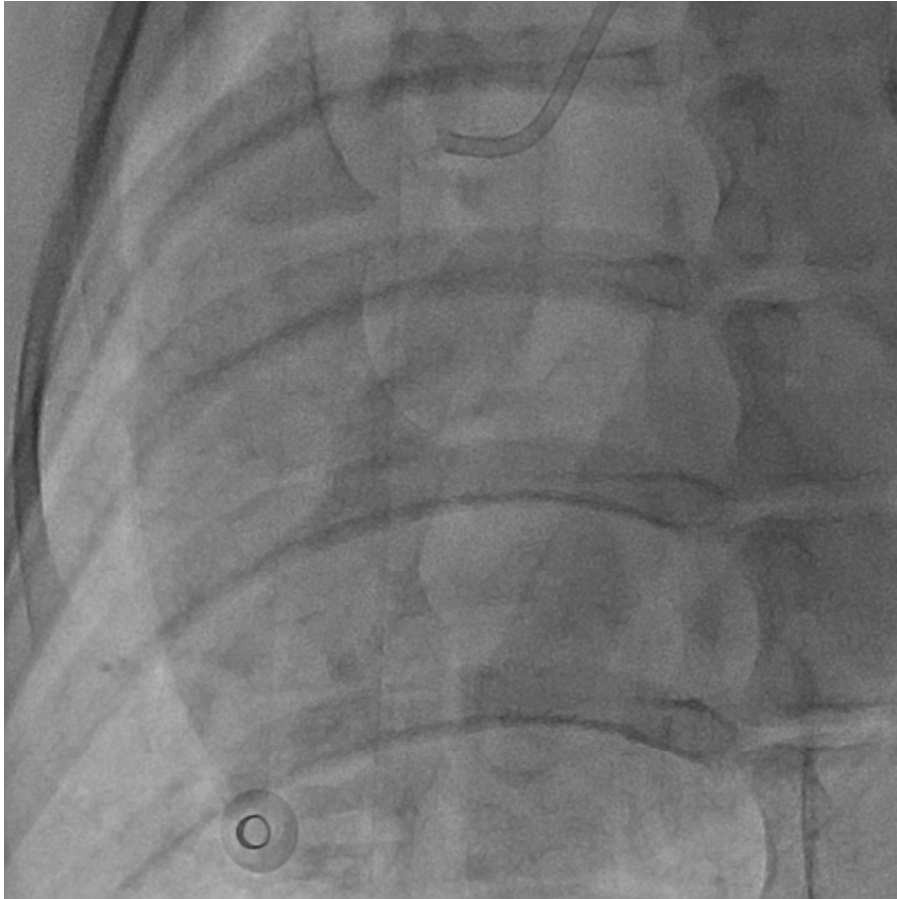
Clinical imaging modalities



- OCT provides images with resolutions of 10 – 15 μm and depths of 2-3 mm
- Imaging resolution is 10 times better than ultrasound

Swine Model

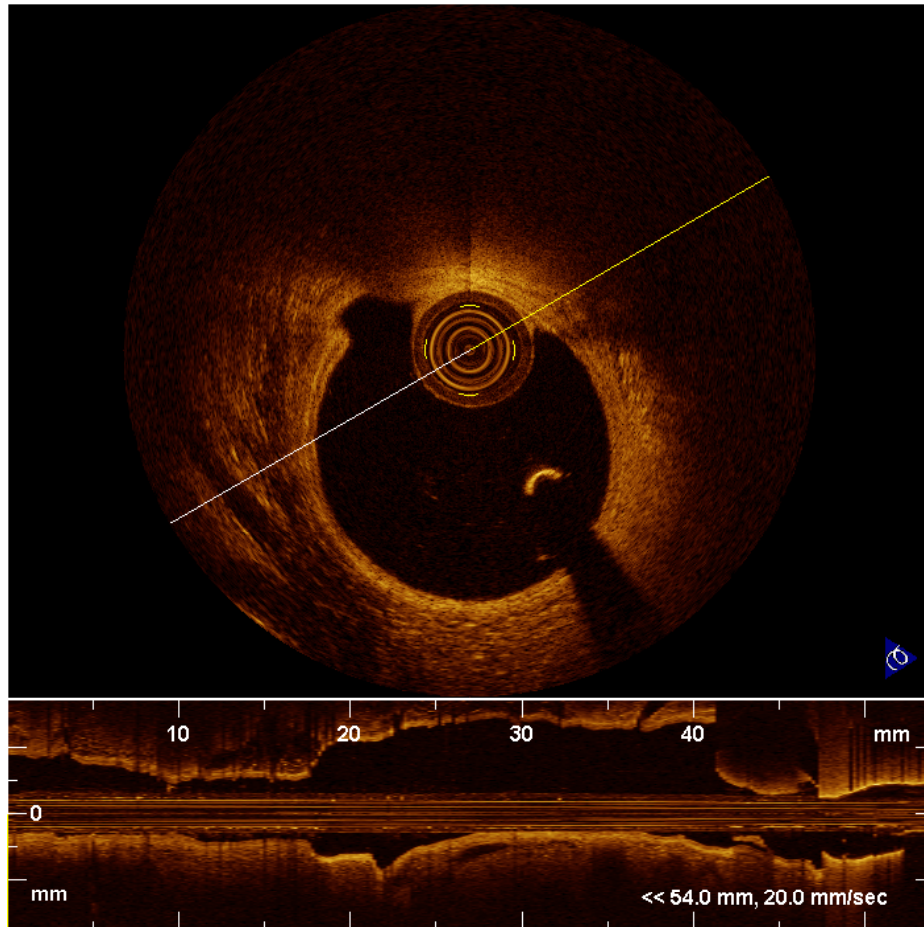
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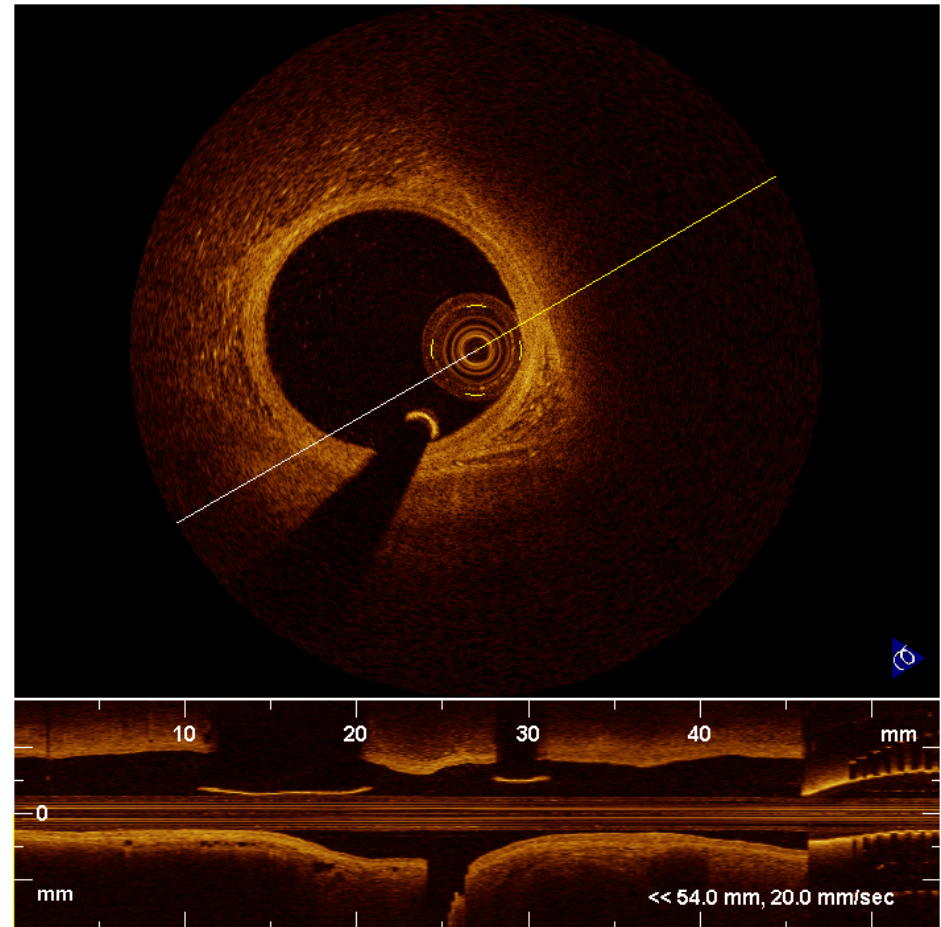
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Vulnerable Plaque Model in Swine Model



Post-Injection

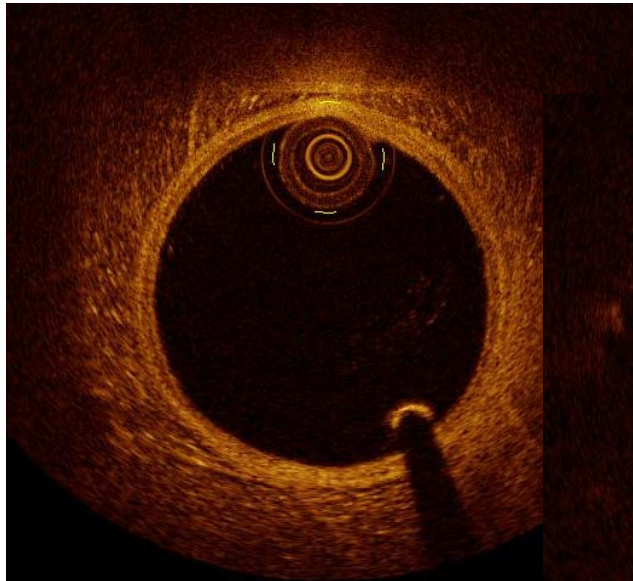


2 weeks follow-up

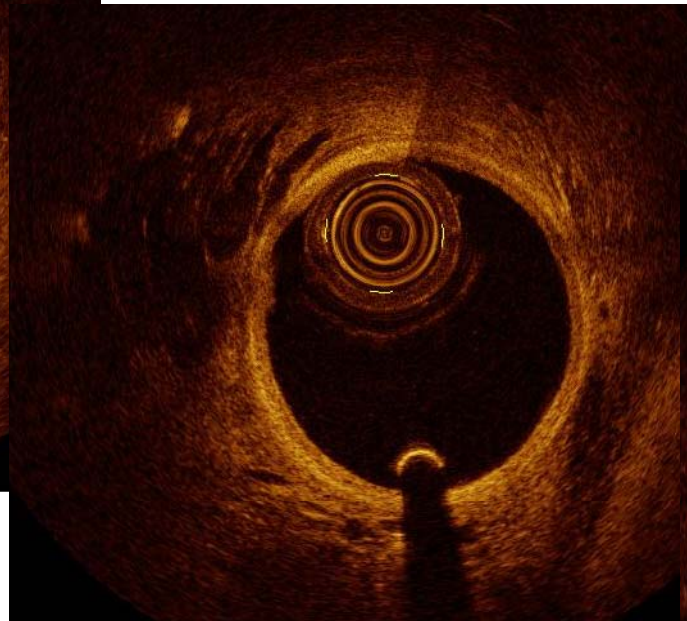
Vulnerable Plaque Model in Swine Model

Preliminary Data

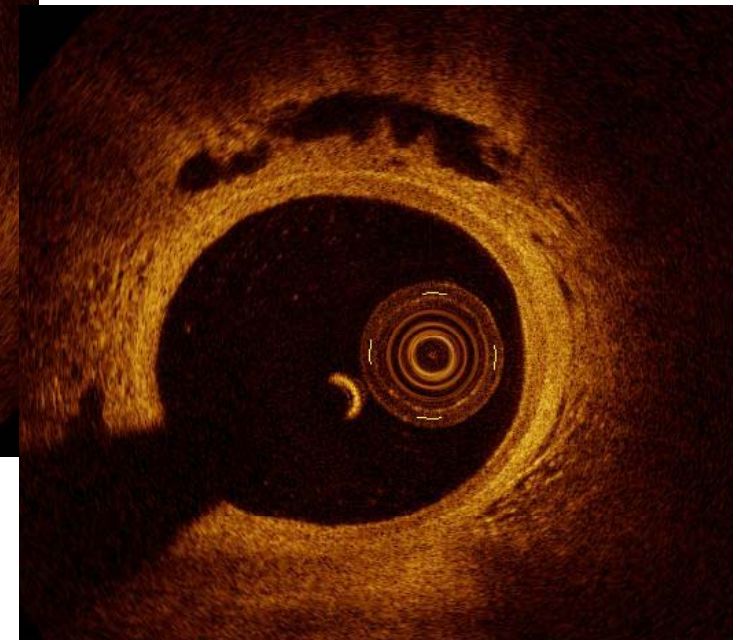
Inject with HMGB1 (RAGE ligand) + cholesterol esters using Mecator catheter



Pre-Injection



Post-Injection



2 weeks follow-up

Intra-aortic OCT in a mouse apolipoprotein E^{-/-} model.

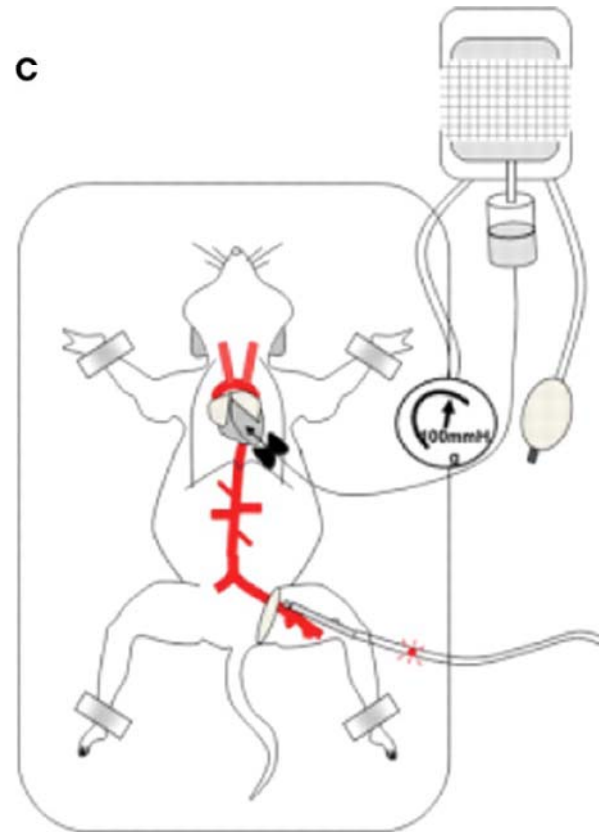
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B

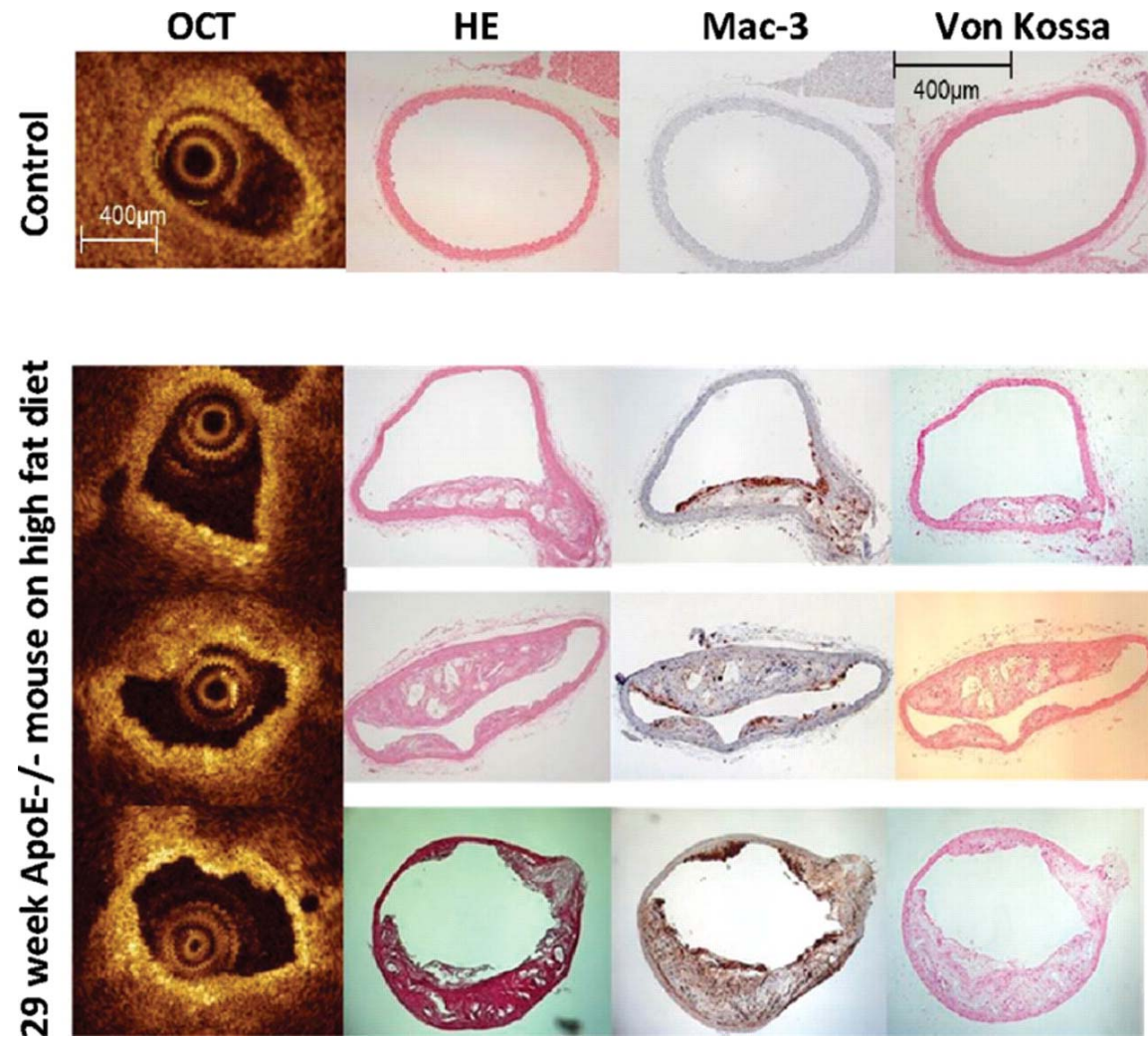


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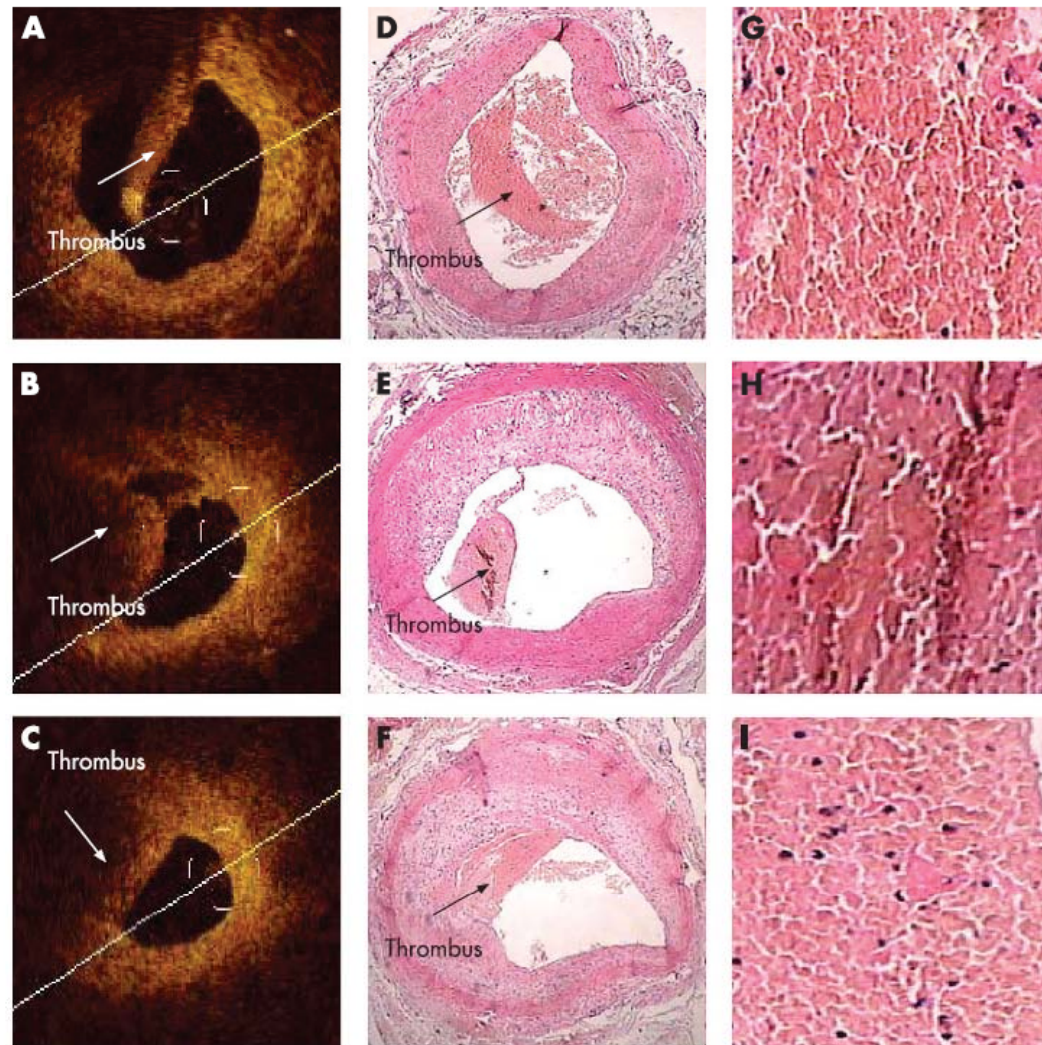
Macrophage accumulation detected by intra-aortic OCT and immunohistochemistry in apolipoprotein E (ApoE)-/- mice.



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In vivo optical coherence tomography of experimental thrombosis in a rabbit carotid model

Figure 2 Comparative analysis of the histomorphometric and OCT features of carotid artery thrombus presence or absence of thrombus. Correlation between OCT images obtained in vivo and later histological examination of animal model red thrombi. A, B and C show OCT images of the right common carotid artery cross-sections, with each showing a signal-rich mass protruding into the lumen. The corresponding histological sections, D, E and F, confirm the thrombus within the lumen of the common carotid artery at these levels. OCT images of red thrombi are characterised as high-backscattering protrusions with signal-free shadowing (arrows). Red thrombus, which is a cell-rich structure and consists mainly of red blood cells, causes scatter and attenuation of OCT signal intensity from the inner surface of the thrombus to the vessel wall. OCT was able to determine the presence or absence of a thrombus in all arterial segments.



Meng L, et al. Heart 2007;94:777-780

Techniques for Imaging the Unstable Plaque.

Biological Imaging

Thrombus
→ MRI, PET
- anti-fibrin

Adhesion molecules
→ PET, MRI, Fluo
- anti-VCAM-1

Macrophages
→ PET, MRI, Fluo, (OCT)
- FDG, FeOx

Matrix Remodeling
→ PET, Fluo, MRI
- ED-B fibronectin
- protease

Neovessels
→ PET, MRI, Fluo
- $\alpha_v\beta_3$, VEGF

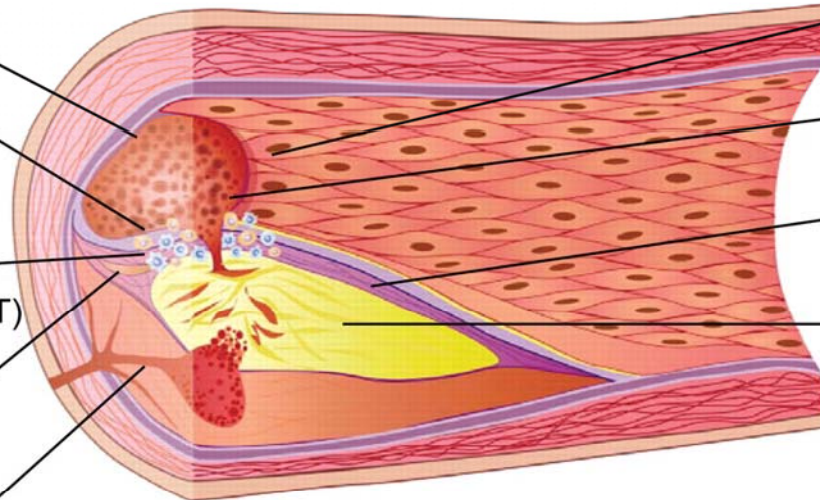
Morphological Imaging

Lumen stenosis
→ CT, MRI, IVUS, OCT

Thrombus
→ CT, MRI, OCT

Thin fibrous cap
→ OCT, OFDI, IVUS

Necrotic core
→ CT, IVUS, OCT, MRI



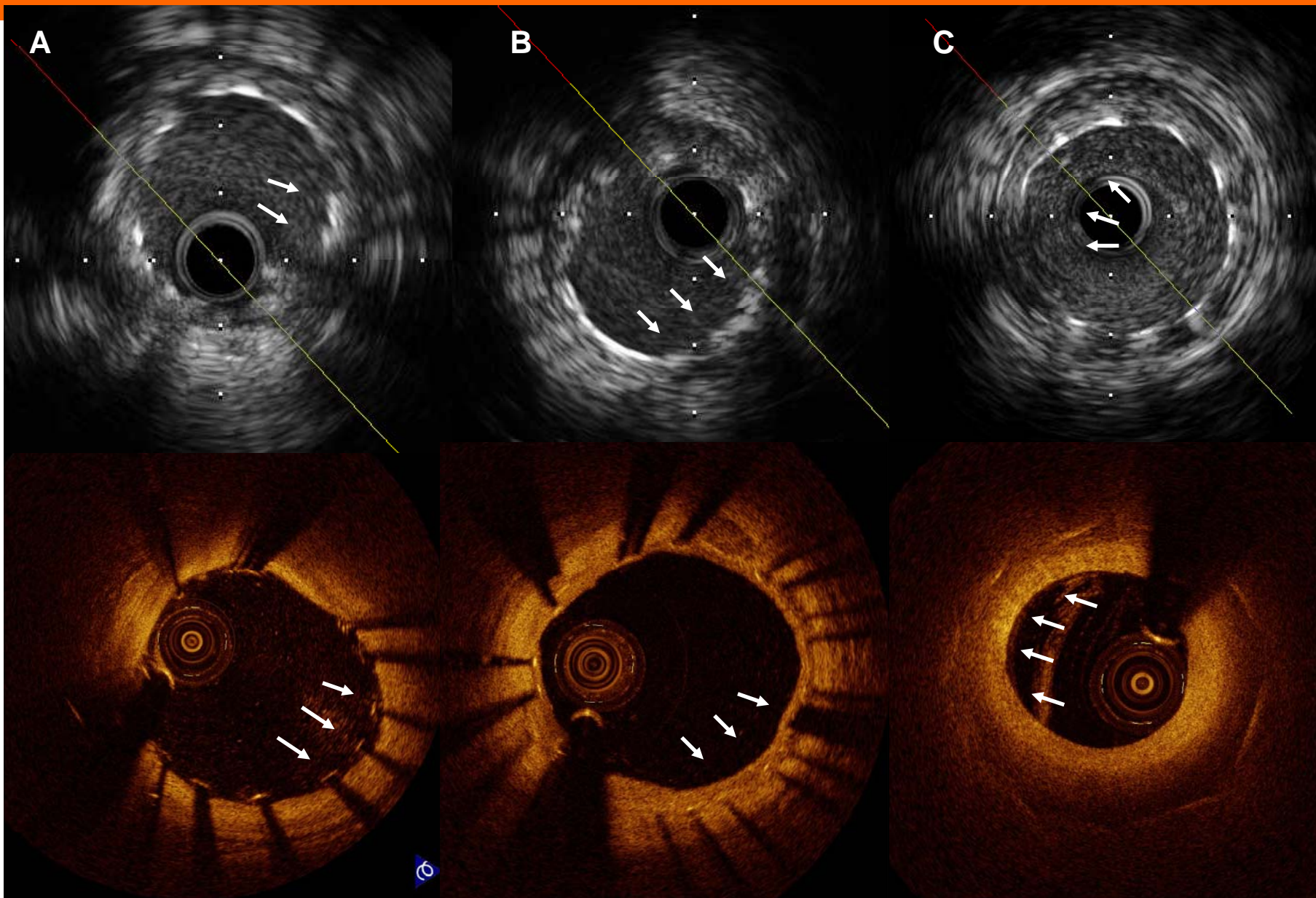
The combination of anatomical with *biological* imaging using hybrid techniques, i.e. OCT-IVUS or OCT-NIRF, PET-CT or PET-MRI, appears to be attractive.

Matter C M et al. Eur Heart J 2009;30:2566-2574

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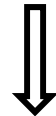
OCT vs. IVUS



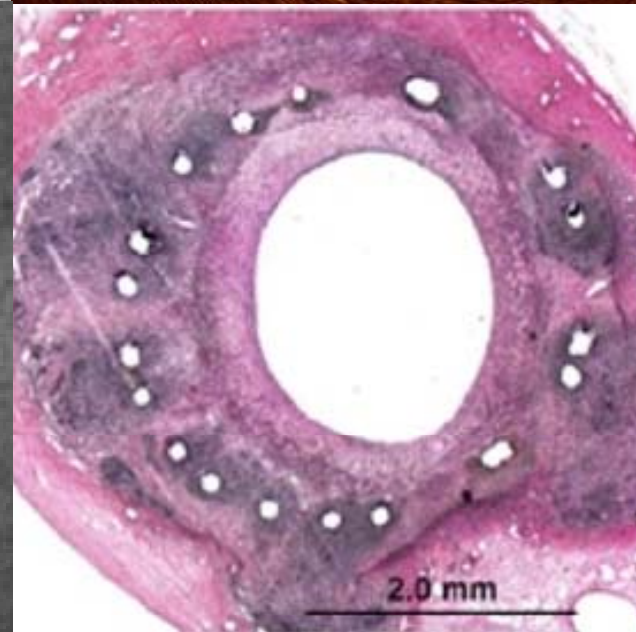
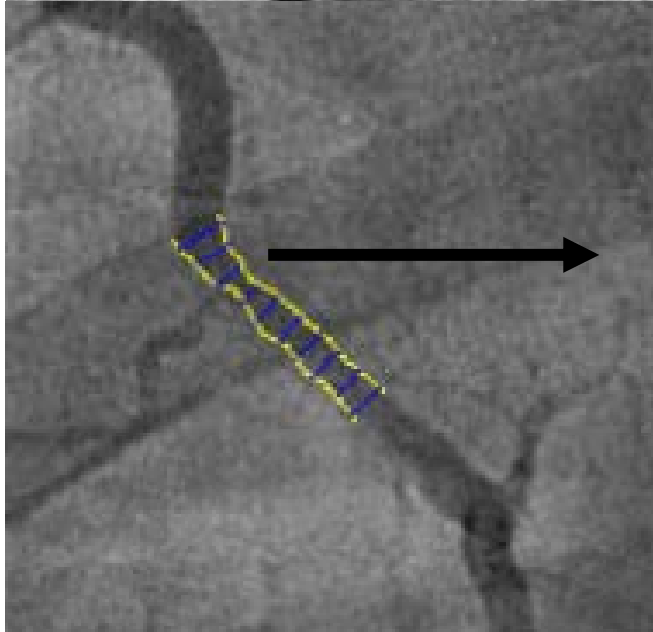
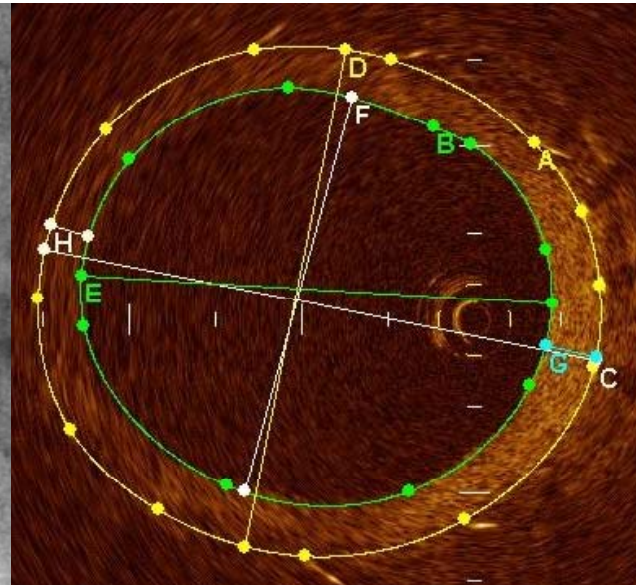
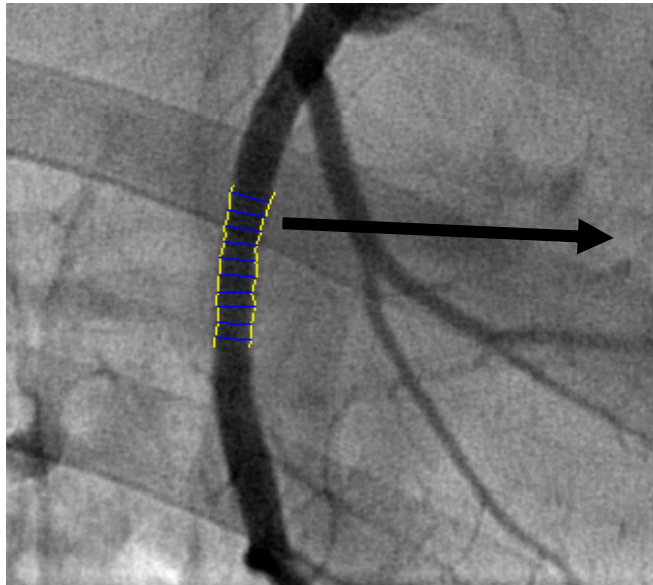
Angiographic Late Loss in DES

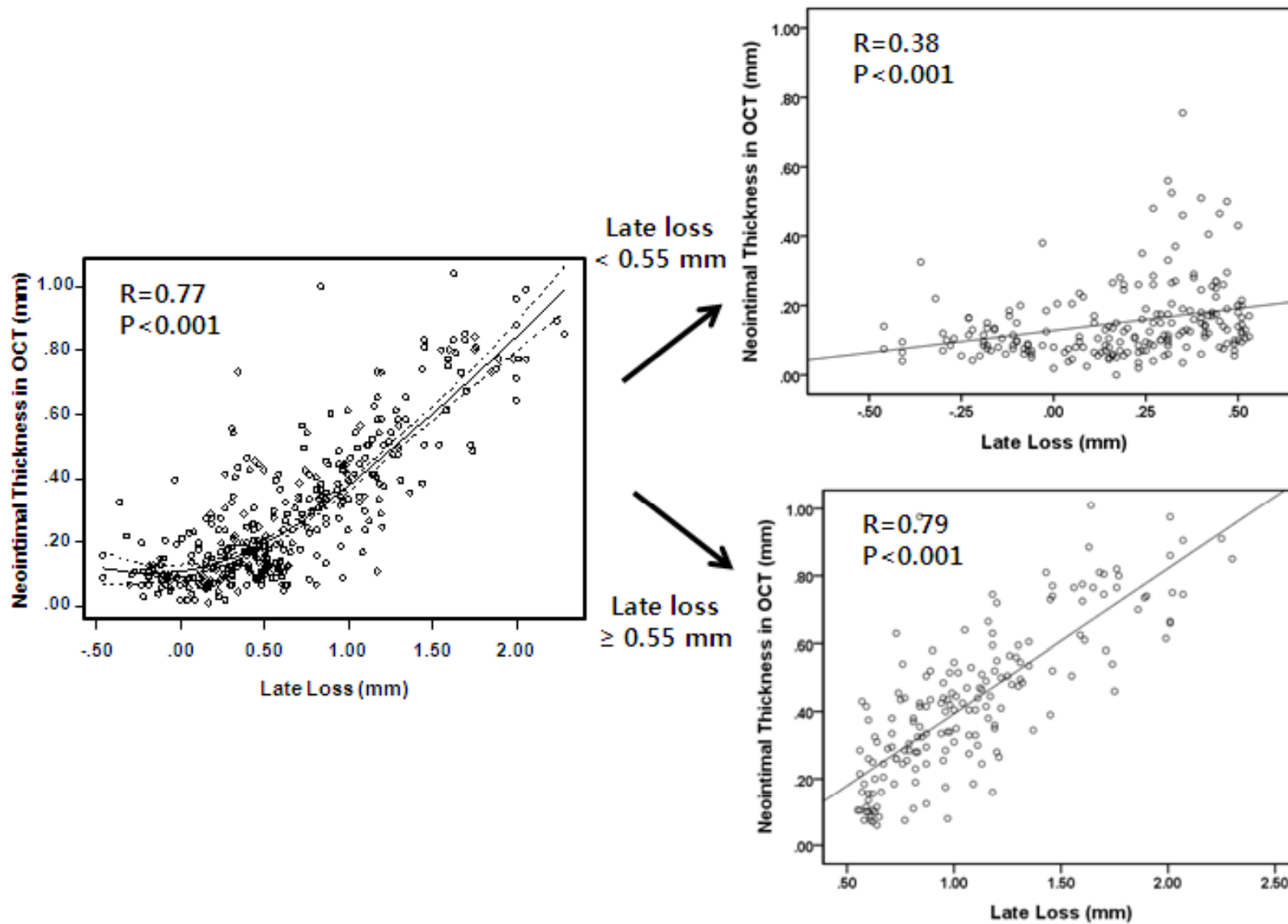
The degree of angiographic LL in DESs < 0.4 mm,

The resolution threshold of angiography : around 0.5 mm

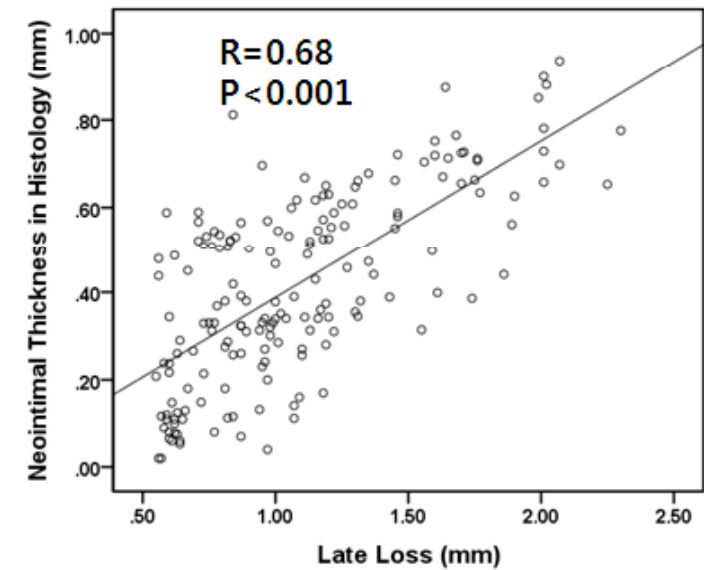
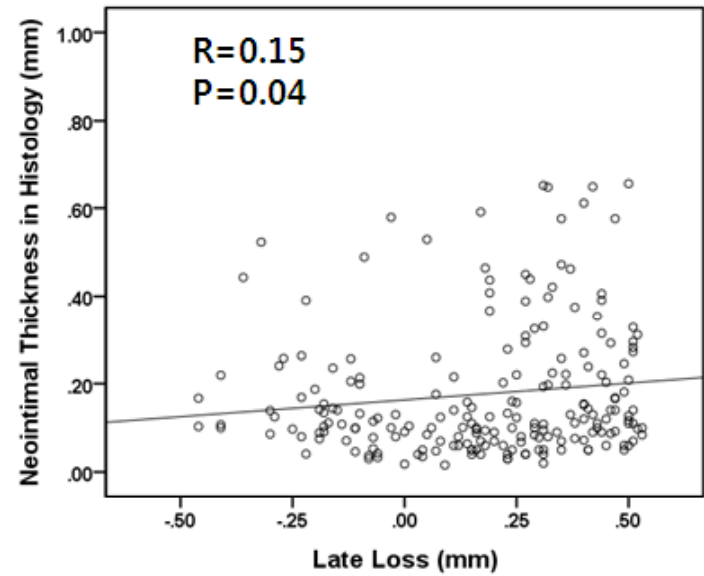
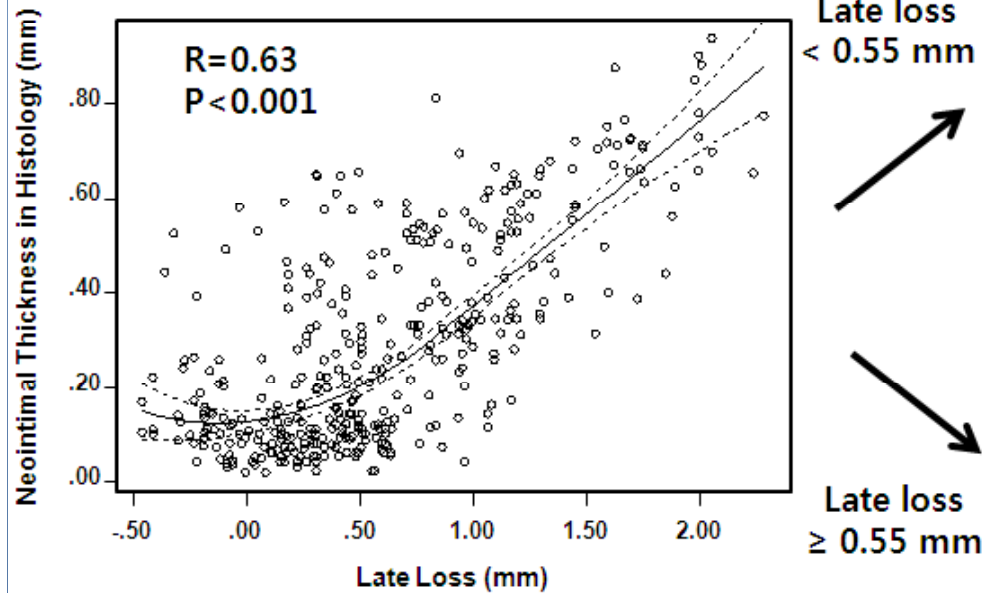


Evaluate the correlation of angiographic late loss (LL) with the degree of in-stent neointimal proliferation assessed by optical coherence tomography (OCT) and histology

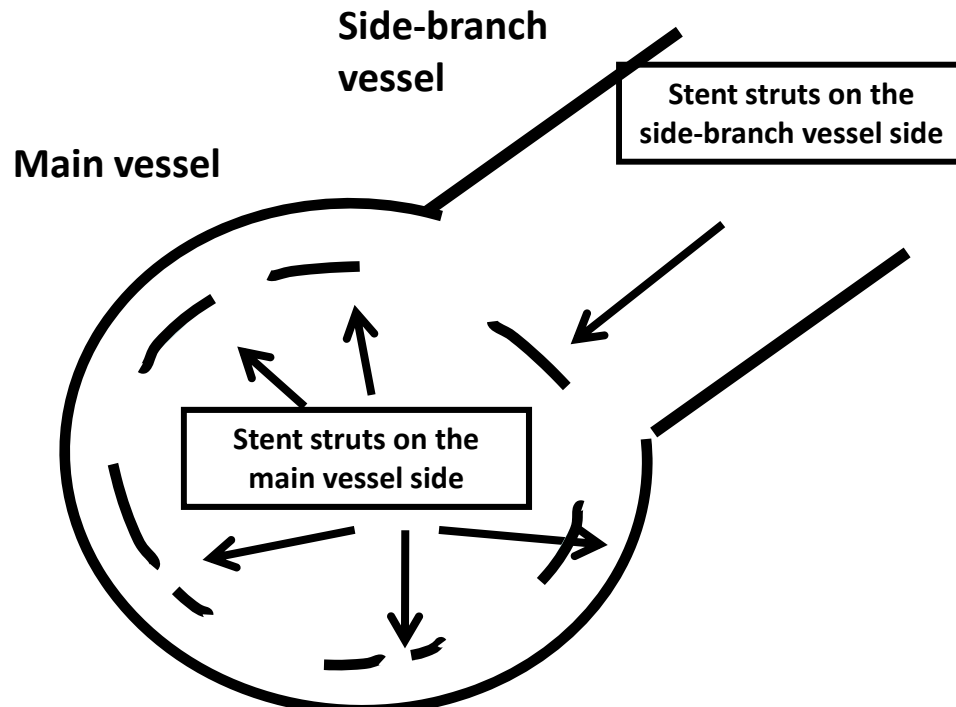
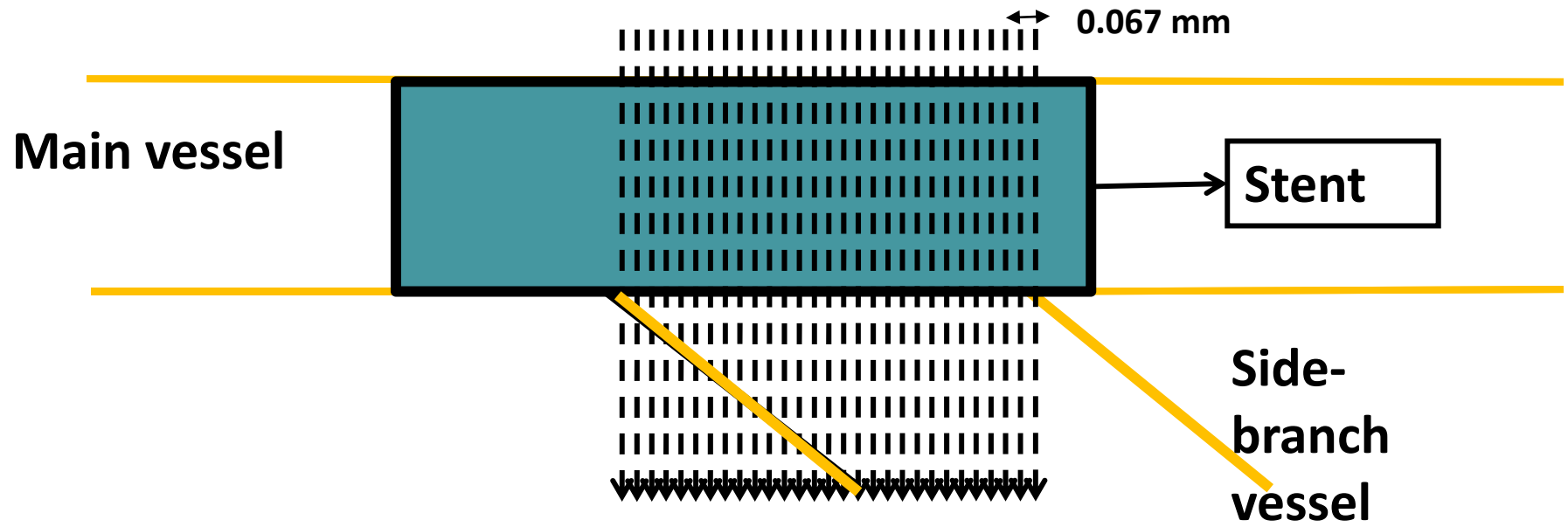




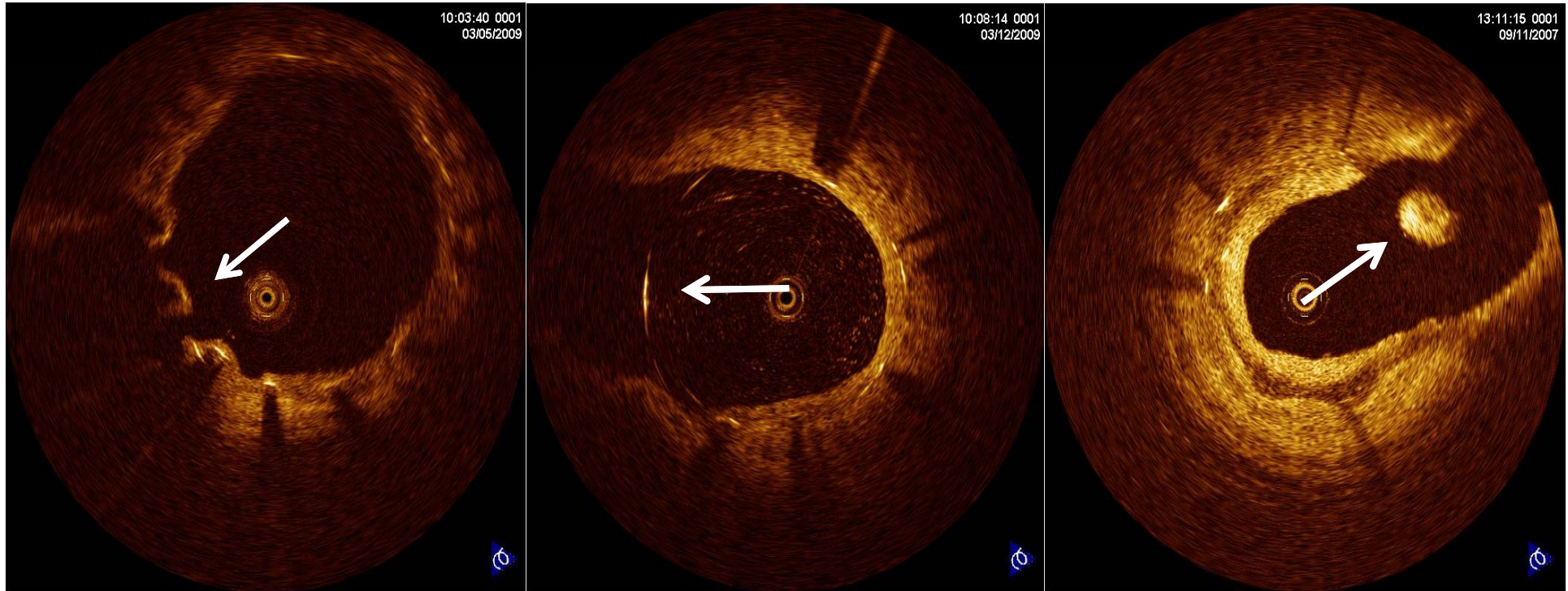
Kim JS, Granada JF, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Img 2011;4:1002-10



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Comparison of neointimal formation on struts crossing the side-branch

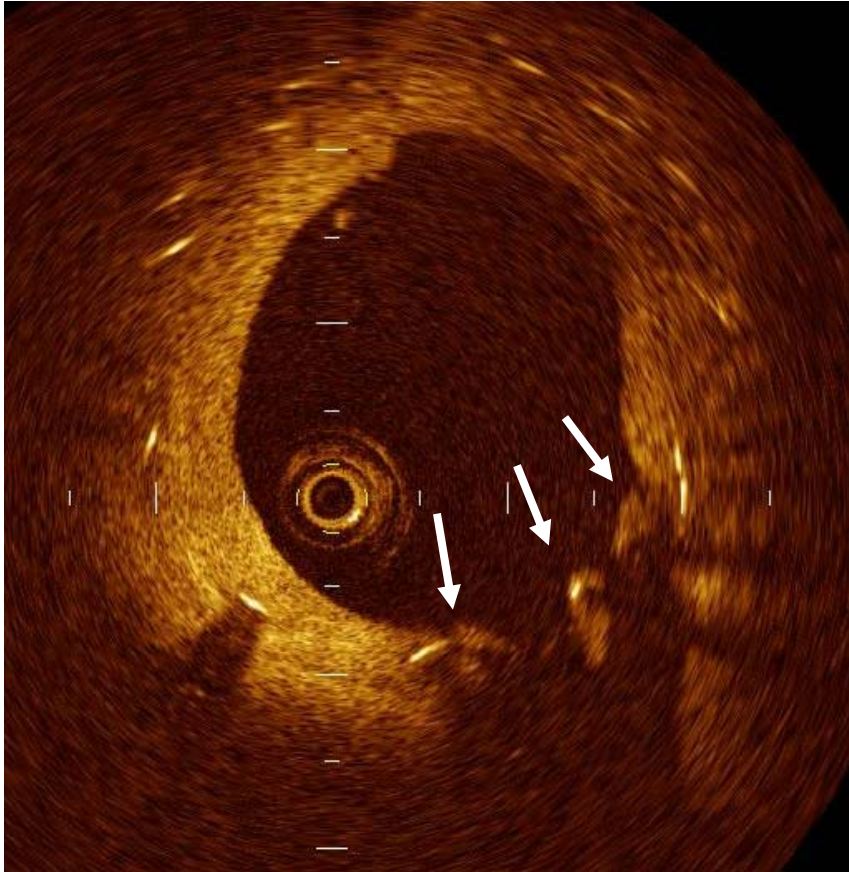


Cypher (SES)

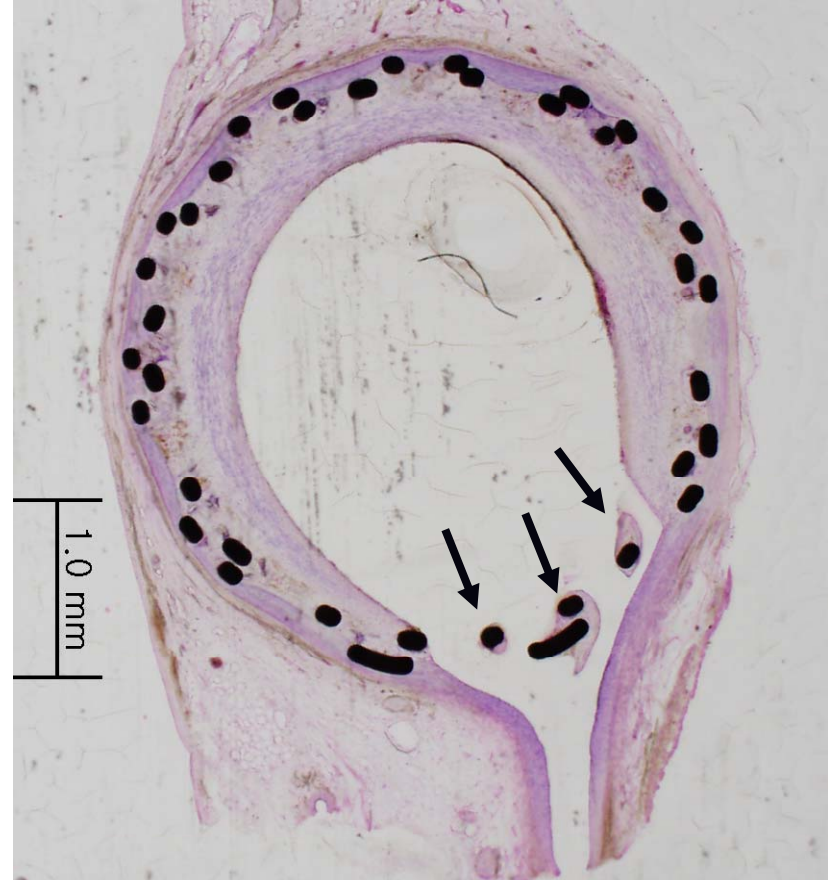
Taxus (PES)

Endeavor (ZES)

Her AY, Hong MK, et al. Am J Cardiol 2010;105:1565-9



OCT

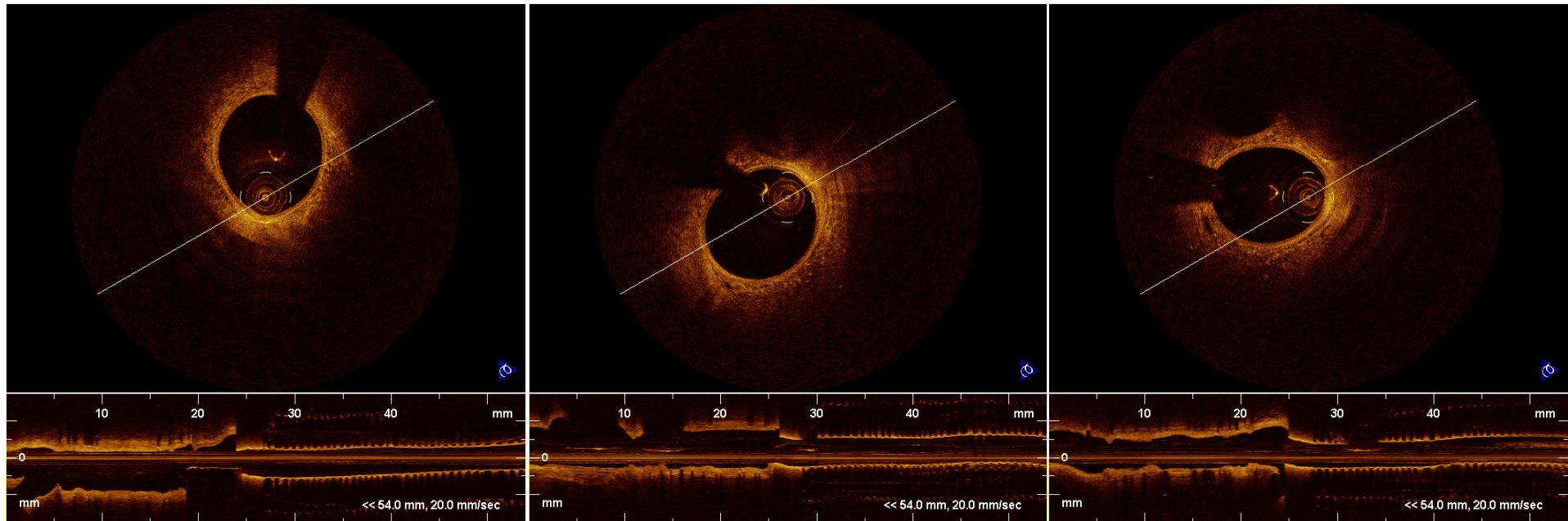


Histology

2 struts are covered with SMC-rich neointima, 1 strut covered with proteoglycan- rich, 1 strut covered with proteoglycan-rich but partially uncovered (bare strut)

Interpreted by CVPPath

Evaluation of Flushing Solution



100 % Contrast

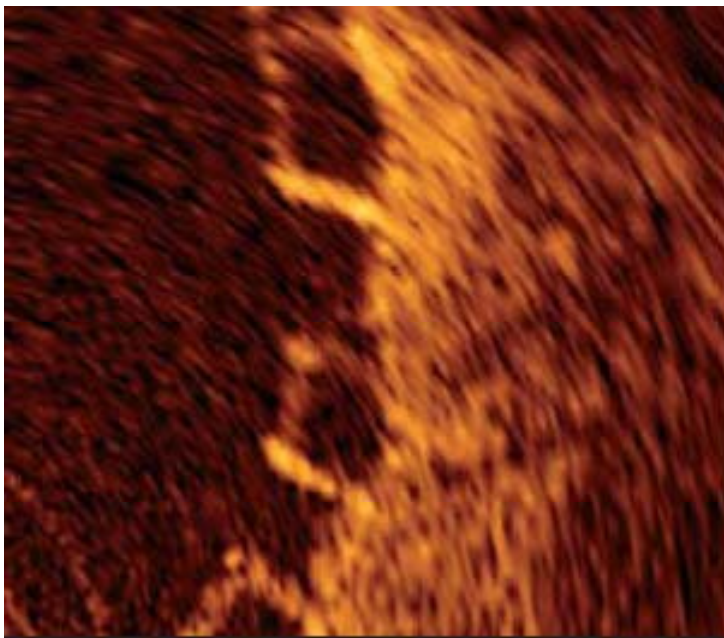
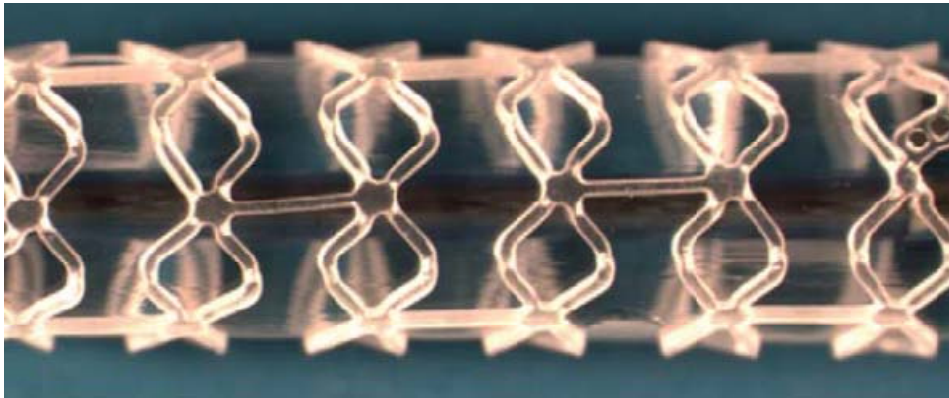
50 % Contrast + Dextran

Dextran

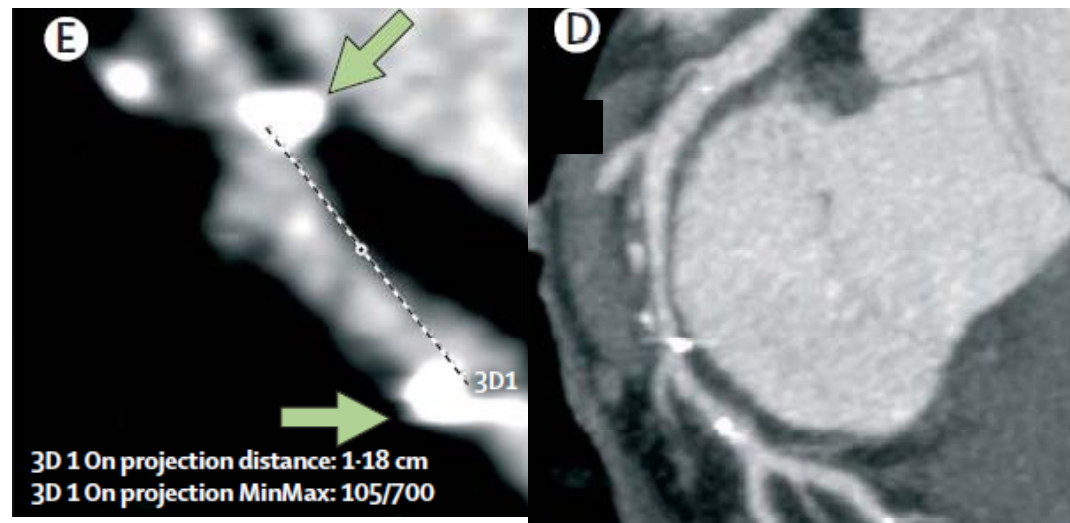
Dextrose Solution

- Dextran or Contrast could cause a renal impairment.
- 10 % DW or 20 % DW
 - > Not clear image and induce frequent PVC's and ST segment change.
- Cannot apply in clinical practice because of safety issue.

Bioabsorbable everolimus eluting stent (BVS)



OCT (Stent strut thickness 150um)



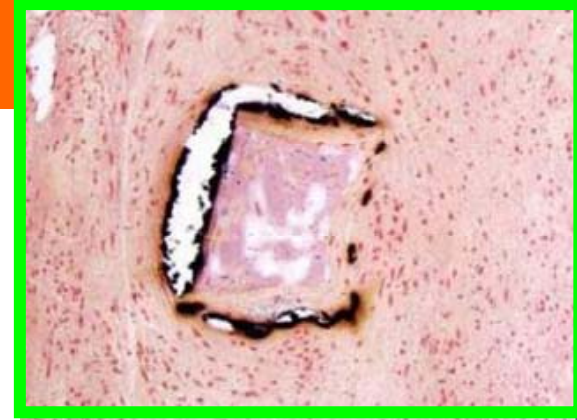
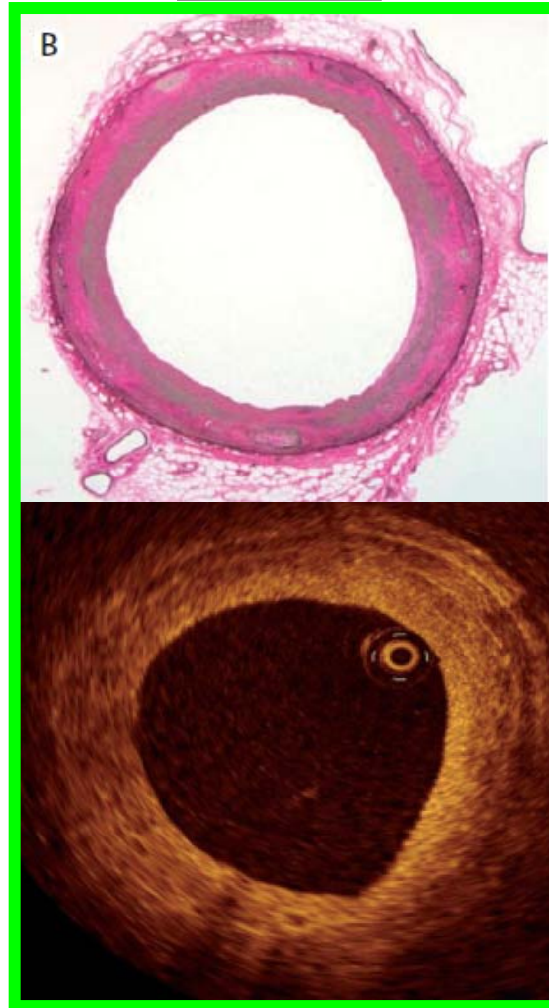
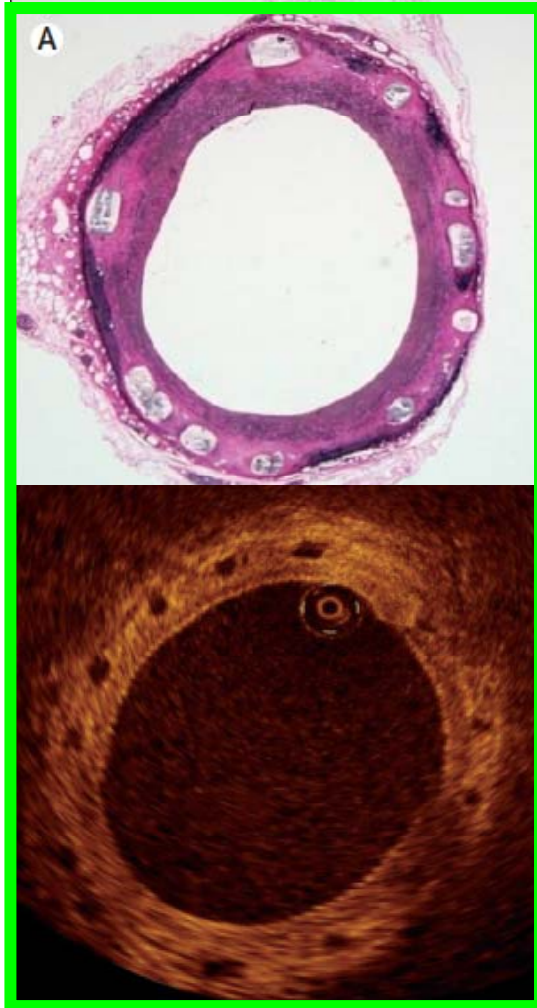
CT delineates easily the contours of the stented vessel because the stent structures are not radio-opaque

Serruys PW, et al. Lancet 2009;373:897-910

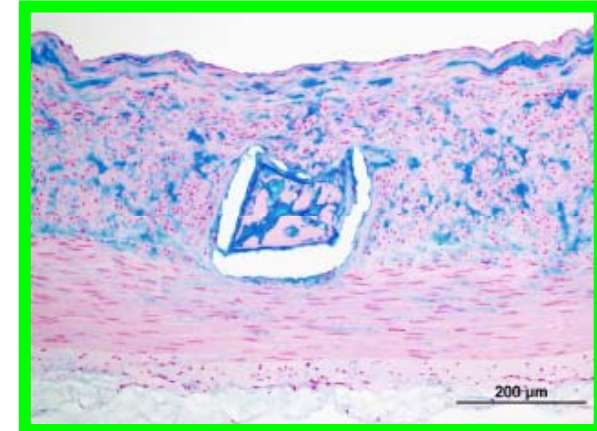
Preclinical porcine studies

2 years

3 years

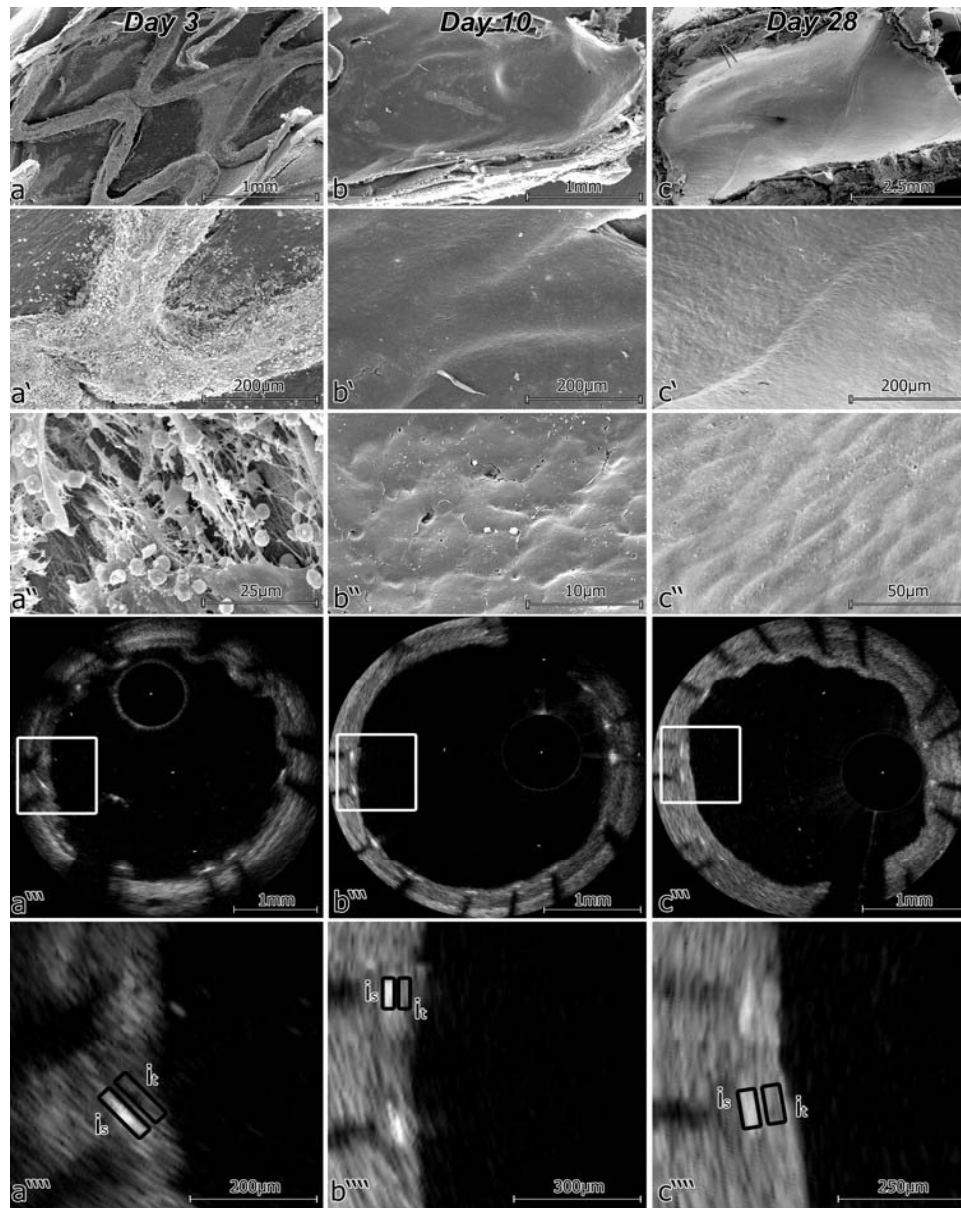


Von Kossa Stain
Mineralization seen around pre-existing BVS struts. It is typically seen on most DES struts.



Alcian Blue Stain
Proteoglycan encompassing and replacing the pre-existing BVS stent struts

Onuma Y, et al. *Circulation* 2010;122:2280-300



Different characteristics of stent strut coverage at different time points after stent implantation, fibrin- vs. neointima-covered stent struts

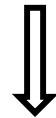
Different characteristics of stent strut coverage at different time points after stent implantation, i.e. fibrin- vs. neointima-covered stent struts. (A) Fibrin at Day 3 in SEM and OFDI, where a low intensity of stent strut coverage can be seen (A'''); (B) neointima at Day 10 in SEM and OFDI, where stent strut coverage with higher intensity when compared with fibrin can be observed; (C) neointima at Day 28 in SEM and OFDI, where a high intensity of stent strut coverage is present (is, intensity of strut; it, intensity of tissue).

Templin C et al. Eur Heart J 2010

Change of Neointimal Tissue after Stenting

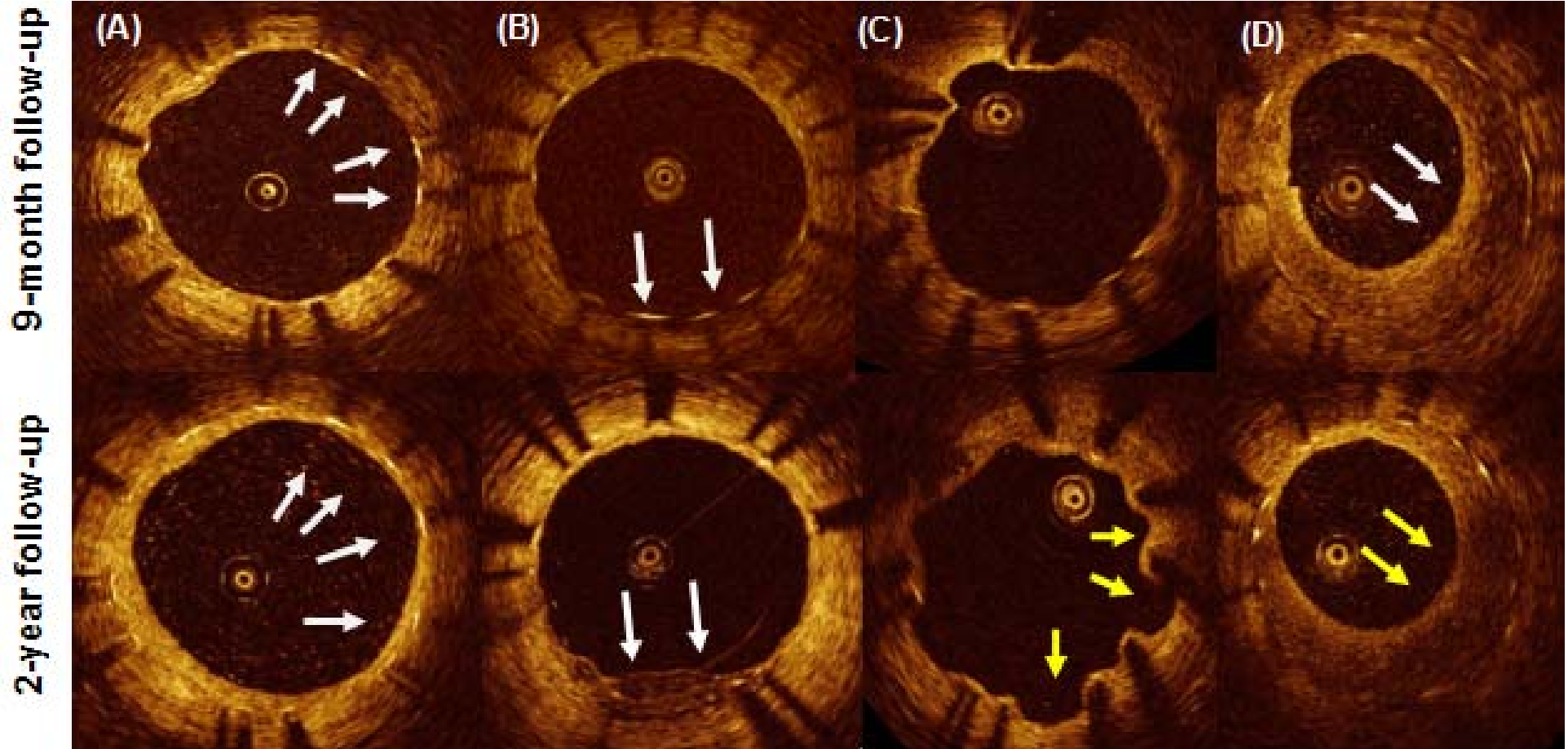
Delayed vascular healing after DES implantation is suggested as a strong predictor among several factors.

In addition, recent studies demonstrated that development of neoatherosclerosis within neointimal tissues could be another cause of stent thrombosis due to neointimal rupture



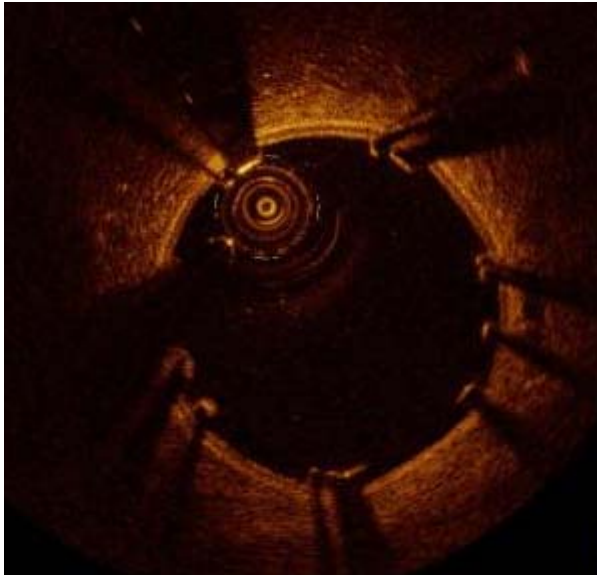
Evaluate different OCT morphological characteristics with different in-stent neointimal tissue types analyzed by histology

Serial follow-up OCT finding

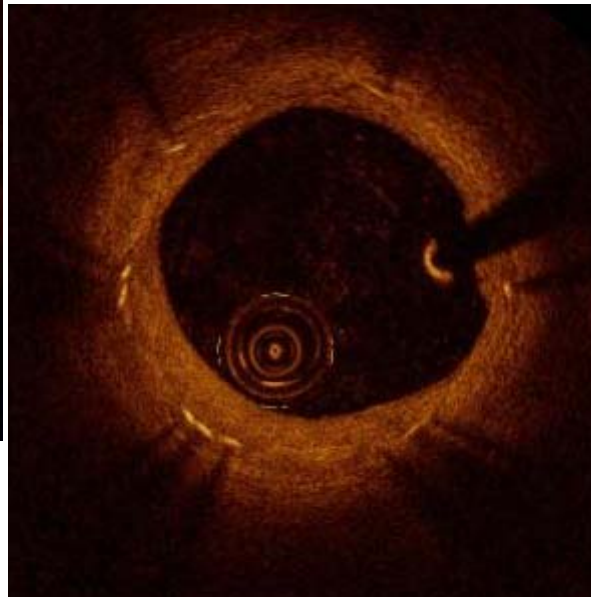


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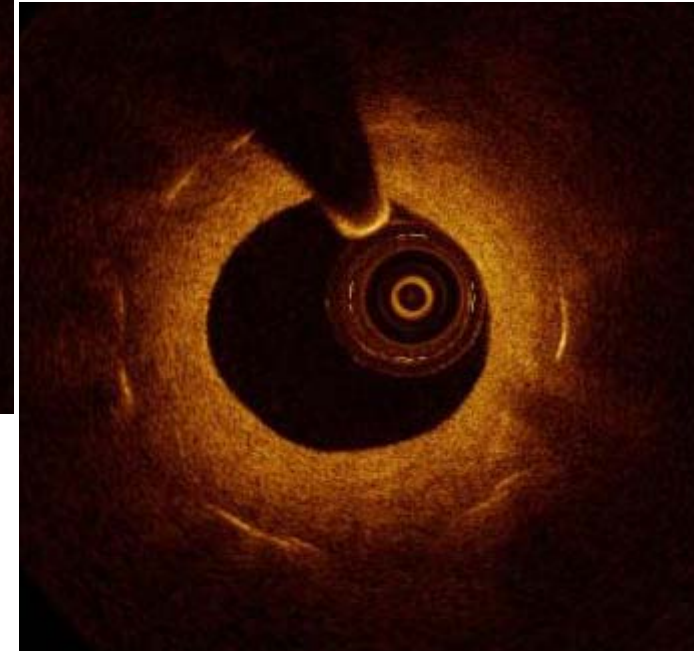
Serial Stent Evaluation



Post Stent



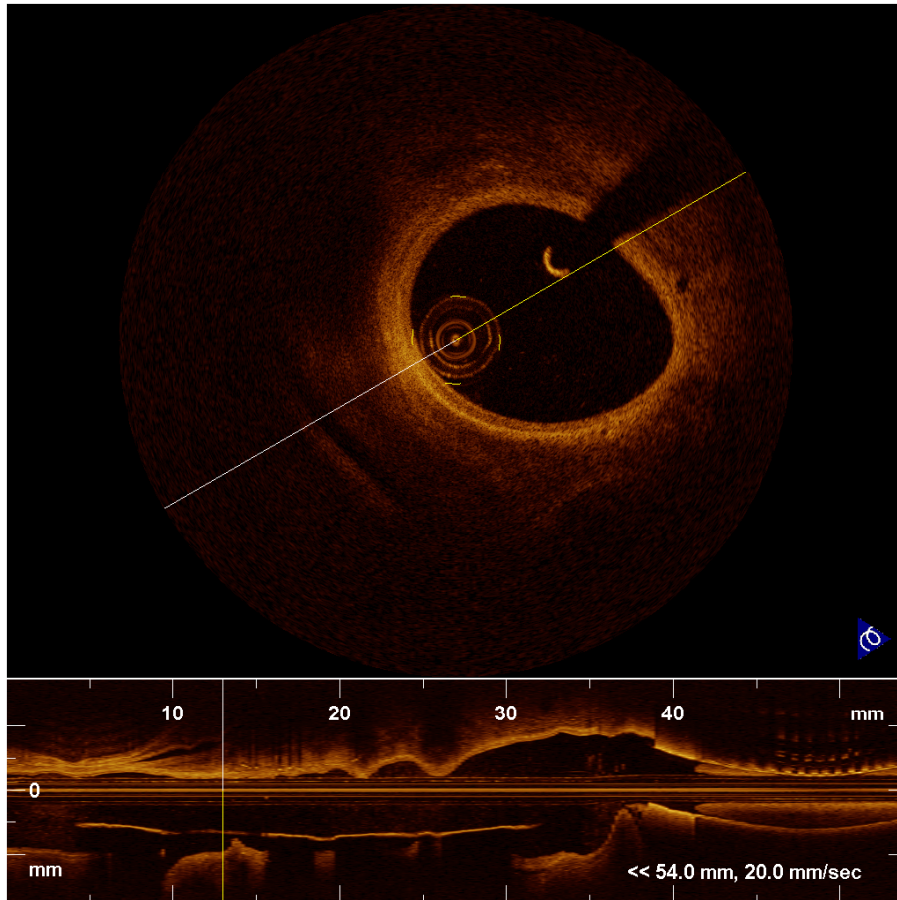
1 month



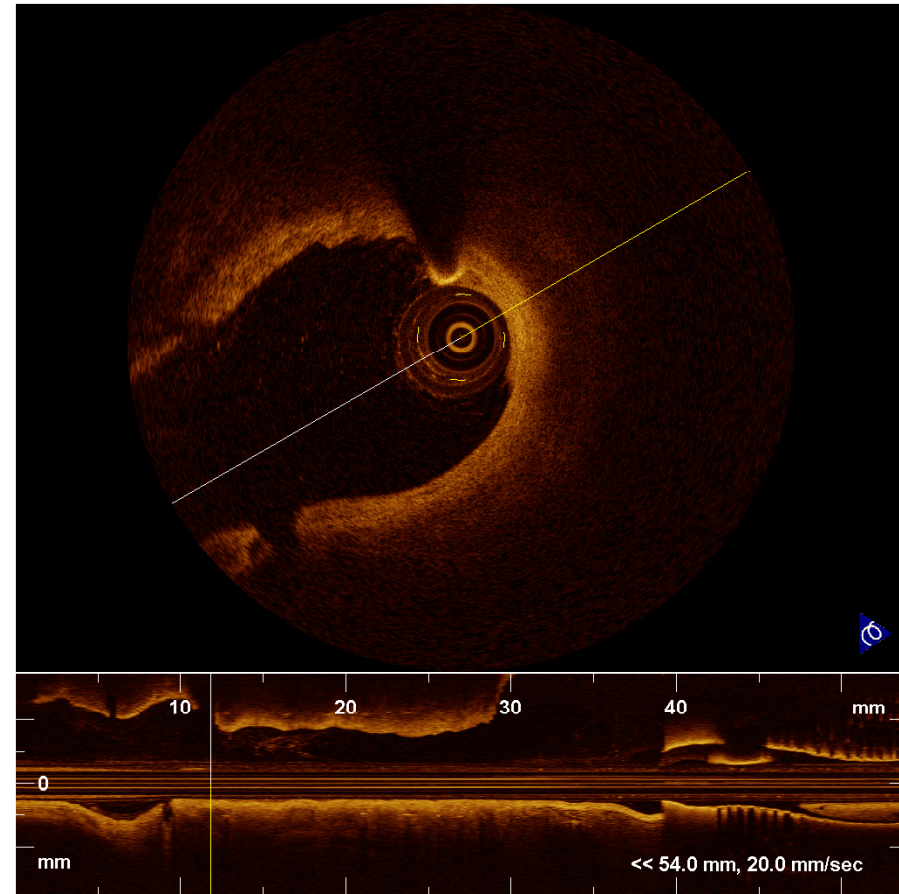
3 months weeks

Waiting for 6 months follow-up

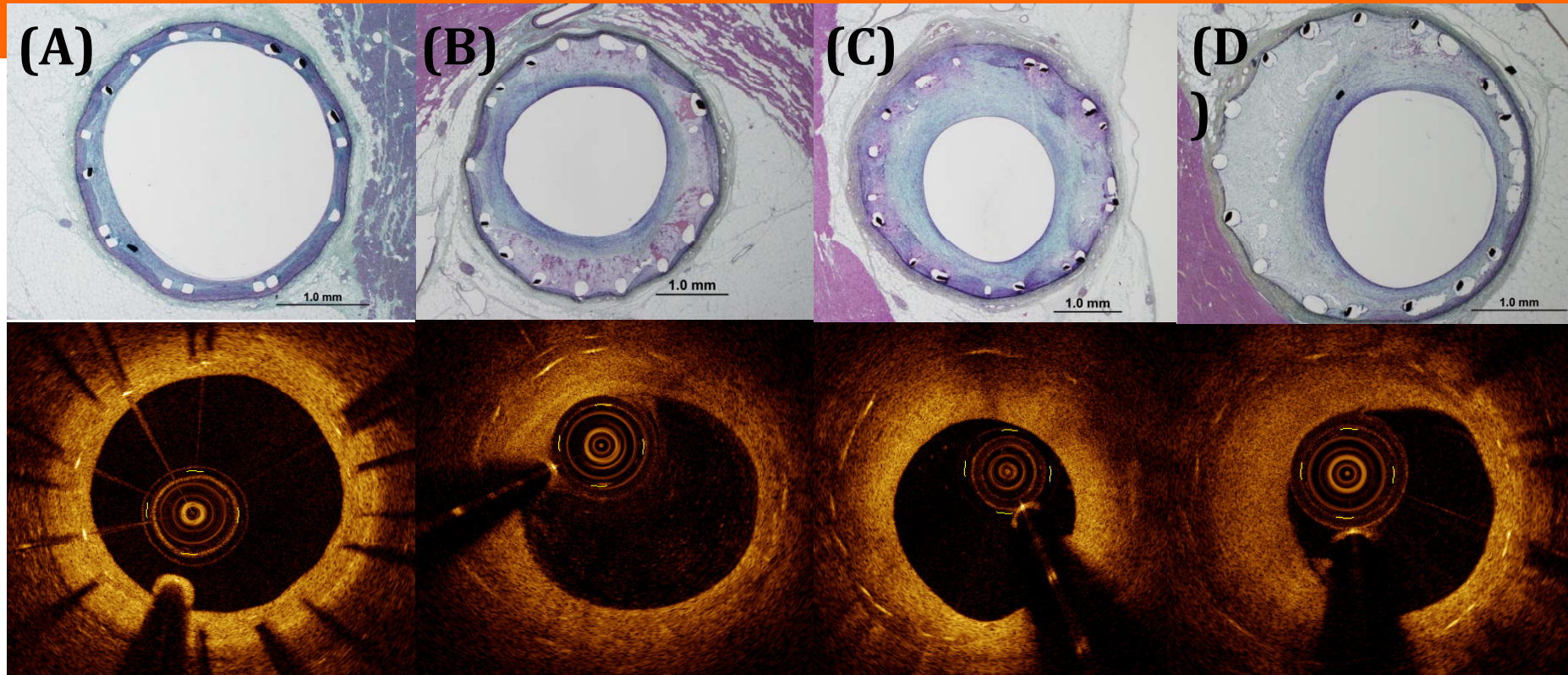
Serial Stent Evaluation



1 Month after stent implantation



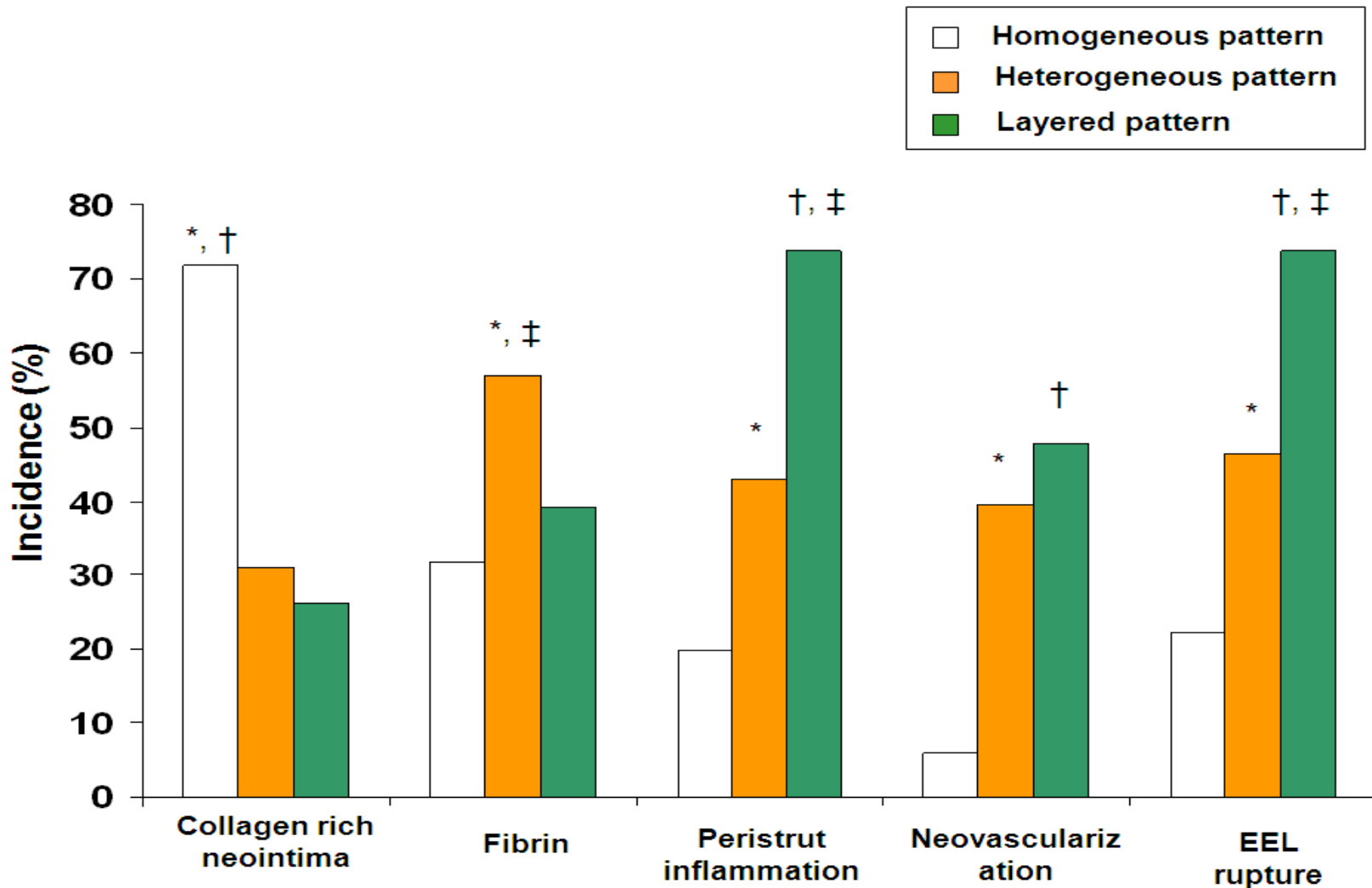
3 Months after stent implantation



Representative images of OCT and histologic sections.

(A) Homogeneous neointimal pattern in OCT has a collagen rich neointima (bluish color) (B) heterogeneous neointimal pattern shows lots of loose connective tissue (grey color) and fibrin (pink color) (C) layered neointimal pattern shows thick neointima, external elastic laminal rupture and peristrut inflammation (D) neovascularization is shown in the middle of neointima.

Kim JS, Granada JF, et al. TCT 2011



Histological evaluation of OCT neointimal pattern.

*: $p < 0.05$ between homogeneous and heterogeneous group, †: $p < 0.05$ between homogeneous and layered group, ‡: $p < 0.05$ between heterogeneous and layered group

Kim JS, Granada JF, et al. TCT 2011

Advantage and Pitfalls

-Intravascular OCT is a high-resolution intravascular imaging modality that can be used to evaluate the surface vascular structure.

- *Limited penetration and scan area – need a hybrid modality.*

Summary

- Intravascular OCT is a high-resolution intravascular imaging modality that can be used to evaluate the surface vascular structure and thin neointimal tissue *in Pre-clinical study.*
- It is useful to evaluate the adequate animal model.*
- *It is also valuable to assess the efficacy and safety evaluation of newly developed intravascular devices.*

Thanks for Your Attentions



Cardiovascular Product Evaluation Center



Conference Room



Angio Room



Control Room



Echocardiogram Lab



Surgery Zone



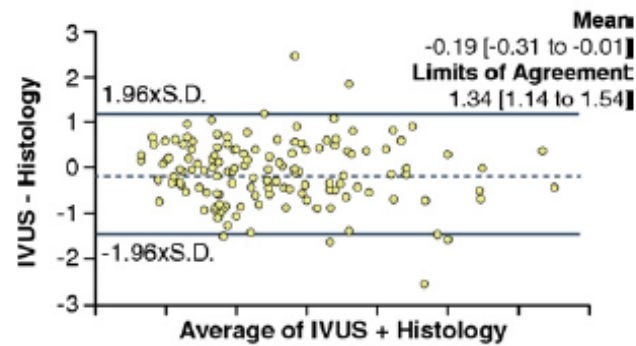
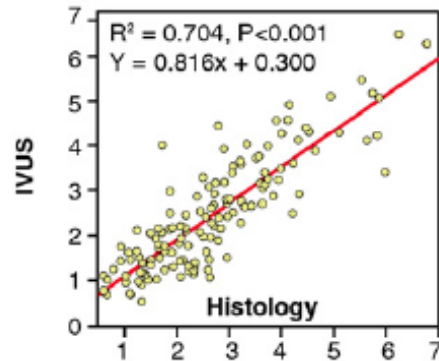
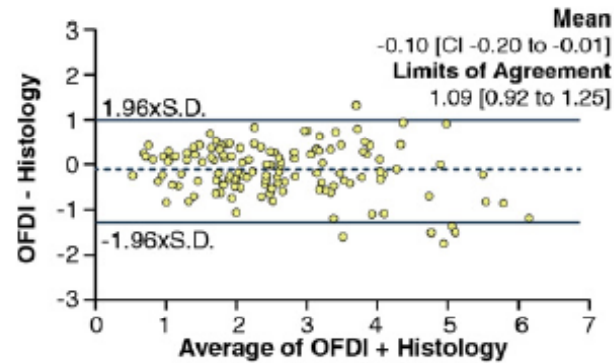
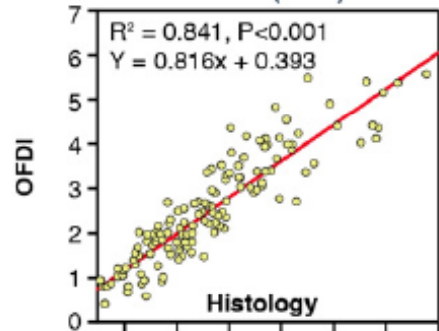
Rabbit Cage

Ex Vivo Assessment of Vascular Response to Coronary Stents by Optical Frequency Domain Imaging

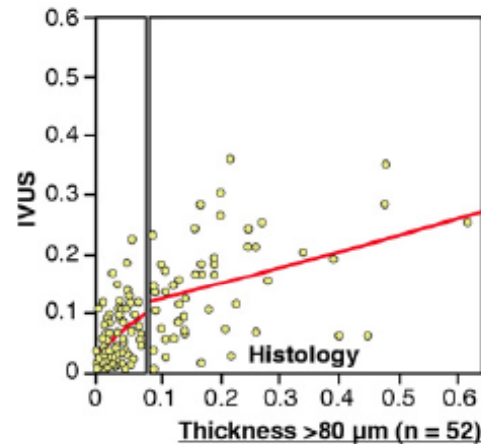
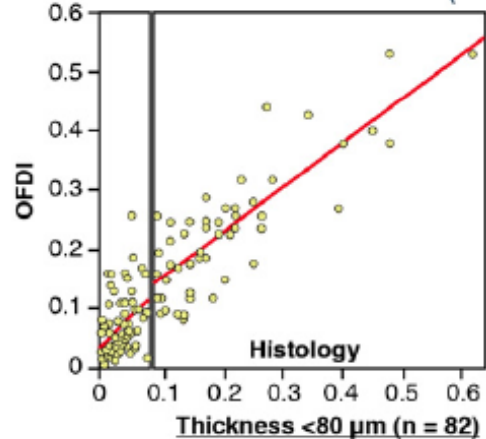
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METHODS Fourteen human stented coronary segments with implant duration ≥ 1 month from 10 hearts acquired at autopsy were interrogated ex vivo by OFDI and intravascular ultrasound (IVUS). Comparison with histology was assessed in 134 pairs of images where the endpoints were to investigate: 1) accuracy of morphological measurements; 2) detection of uncovered struts; and 3) characterization of neointima.

A. Neointimal Area (mm²)



B. Minimal Neointimal Thickness (mm)

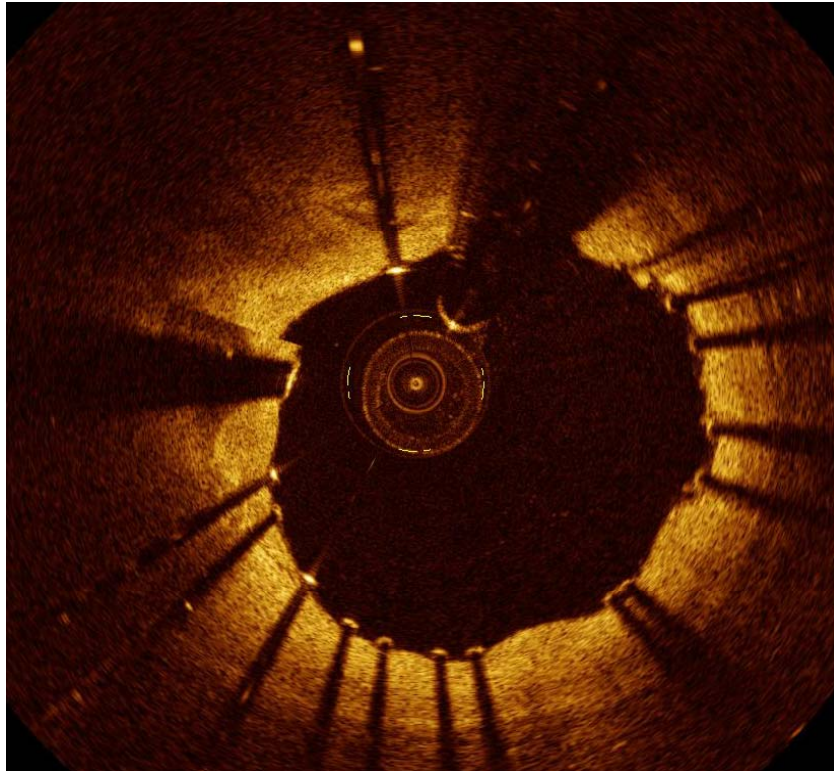


	R ²	P Value
OFDI	0.201	<0.001
IVUS	0.124	0.001

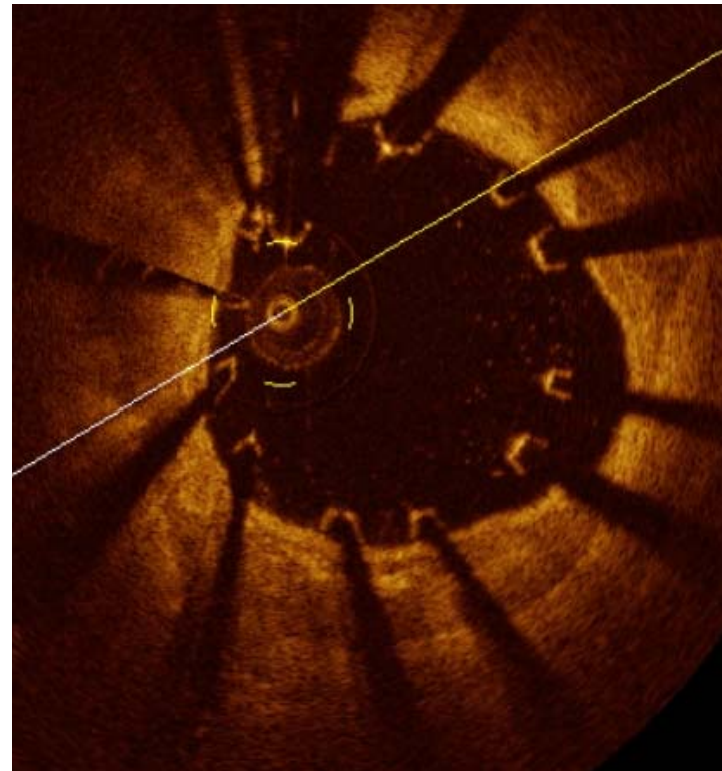
	R ²	P Value
OFDI	0.554	<0.001
IVUS	0.112	0.02

Nakano M, et al.
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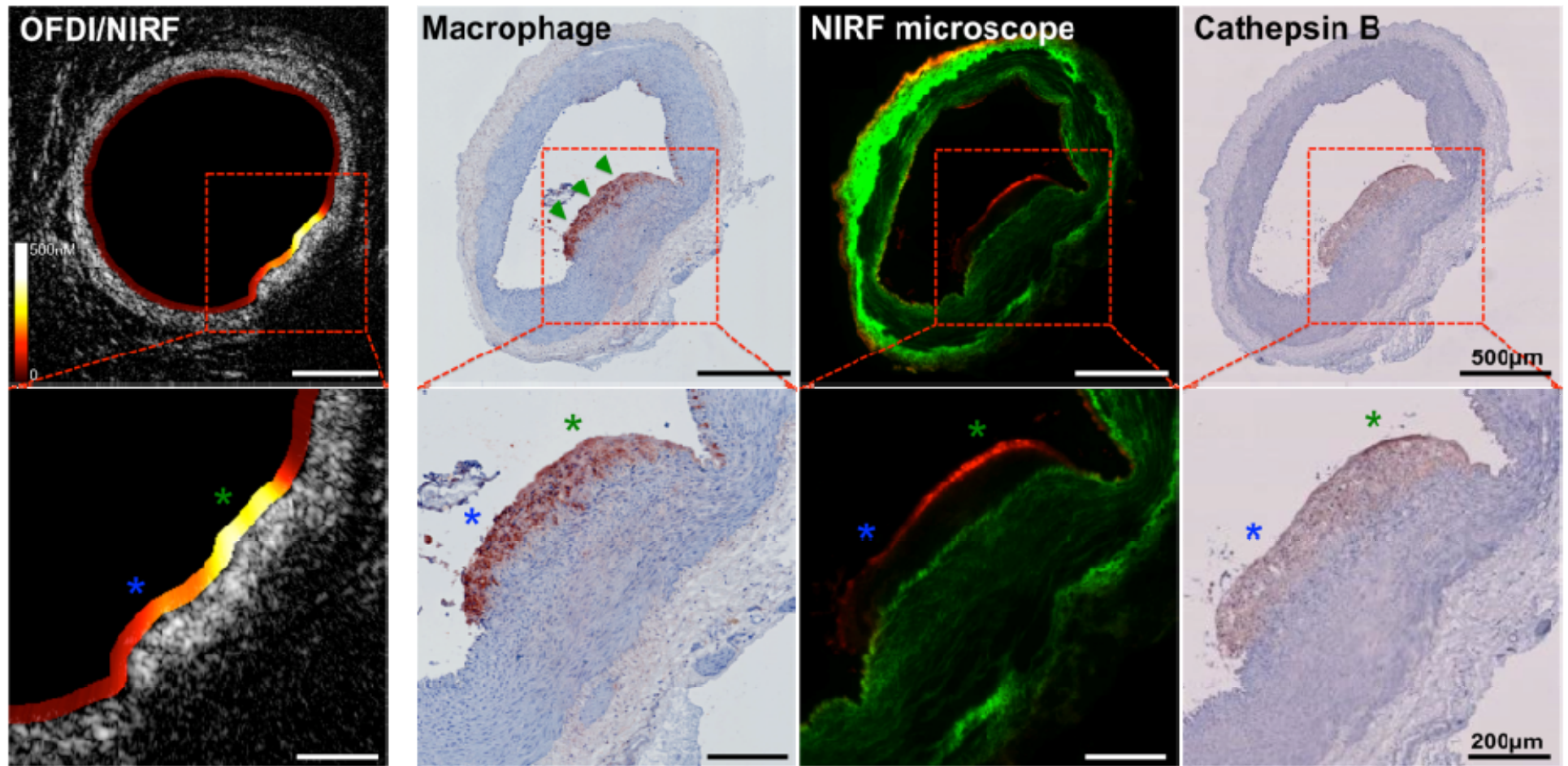
Well Apposed Stent



Malapposed Stent



Atheroma OFDI-NIRF *In Vivo* Imaging



Slide Courtesy of Dr. JW Kim

DES Evaluation of Pre-clinical study

The **recommendation of U.S. Food and Drug Administration** for pre-clinical stent data.

- Several time points should be used for the evaluation of DES performance, **the first at 28 days** to observe for neointimal hyperplasia, and at least 1 later time point to examine long-term effects.
- The **later time point (3 or 6 months)** depends on when "healing" and drug release are both complete.

Suzuki, Y. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2009;2:373-383