

# **The Biotronik Bioabsorbable Magnesium Scaffold DREAMS**

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## A scaffold is different from a stent

Drug Eluting Scaffold	Drug Eluting Stent
Temporary backbone	Permanent backbone
Degradable polymer coating	Permanent polymer coating
After elution period of about 3 months, the drug is completely gone	Elution time over 2 months, with possible remaining drug embedded in permanent polymers

- The mechanism of a temporary scaffold is different from a permanent stent.
- It fulfills a transient role in supporting the vessel and eluting a drug to inhibit neointimal hyperplasia.
- Permanent caging of the vessel is eliminated.
- After scaffold degradation, the vessel is returned to its natural functionality – no polymer or drug is left behind to cause inflammation.

# Challenges With Bioabsorbable Stents

- Time of degradation
- Rate of degradation
- Biodegradable products
- Remaining polymer
- Biocompatibility
- Elution of the drug from biodegradable stents
- Scaffolding and radial force
- Recoil: early and late
- Radiopacity of the stents

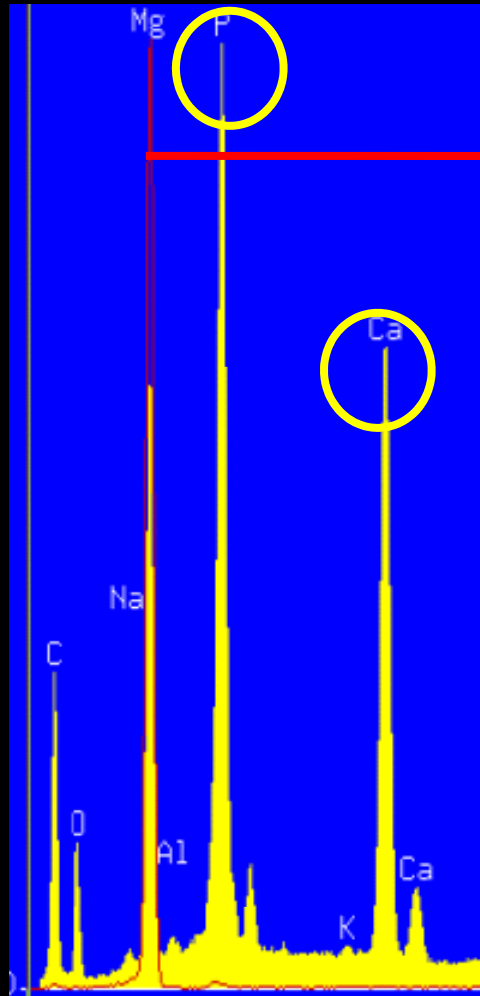
# AMS is a metallic stent with favorable mechanical properties

- Design & Manufacturing
  - Based on Finite Element Analysis
  - Laser cut and polished surface
- Mechanical parameters
  - Low bending stiffness
  - Low crossing profile (1.2 mm)
  - Low recoil (<5%)
  - High radial strength (~1 bar)
- Clinical effects
  - Good trackability and device success rate of 99.4%\*
  - Good stent apposition

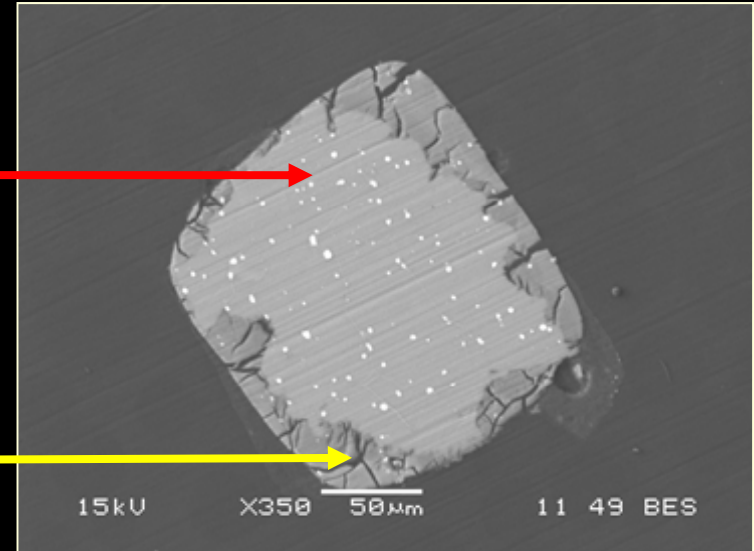


\* Analysis includes existing AMS-1 clinical data (BEST-BTK, INSIGHT, PROGRESS)

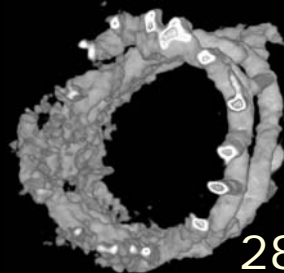
# Analysis of degradation products by EDX analysis



Mg alloy before degradation



Conversion layer:  
soft shell of  $\text{Ca}(\text{PO}_4)_2$



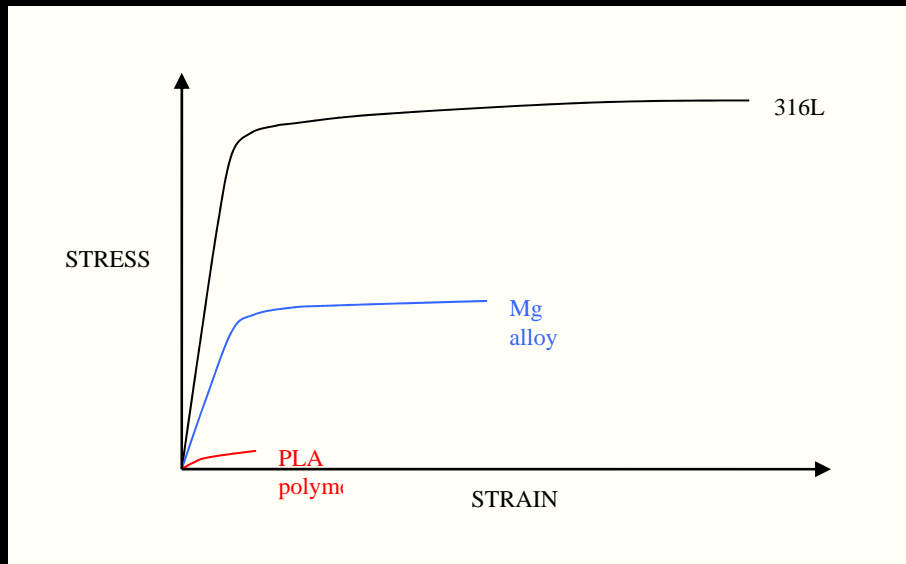
28 days in mini-pig

Mg alloy after 13 days in porcine blood

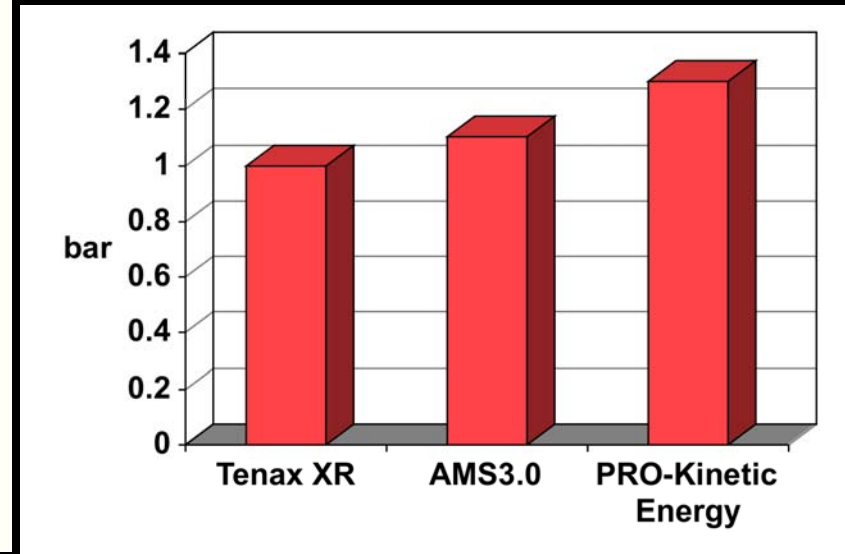


# Acute mechanical properties of Mg alloys more favorable than that of polymers

## Stress-Strain-Diagram



## Collapse pressure

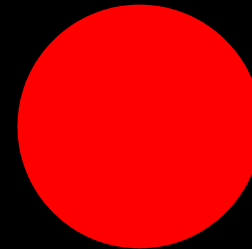


Theoretical strut section to obtain similar mechanical results:

316L stent



Mg stent

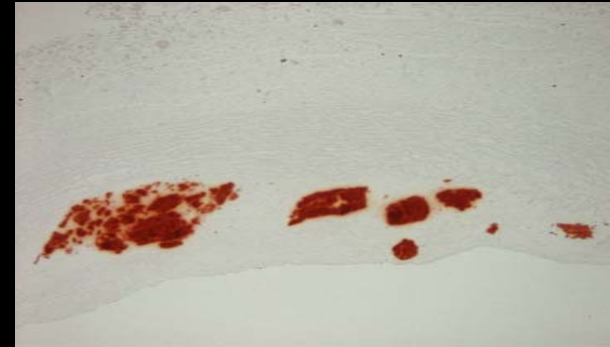
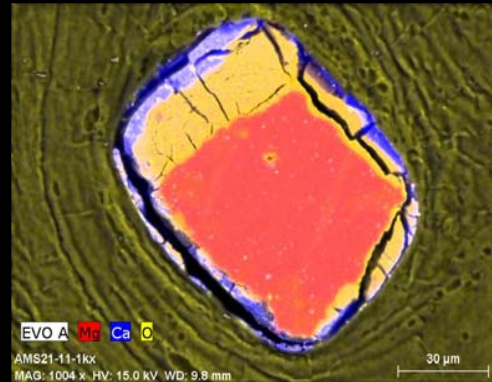
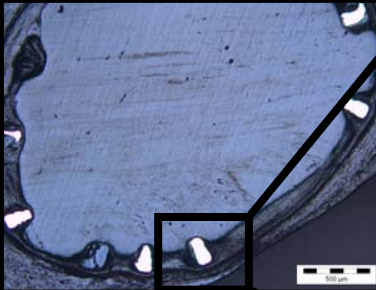


PLA stent

DREAMS: ~120 $\mu$ m  
BVS: ~150 $\mu$ m

# Degradation product composition in vivo

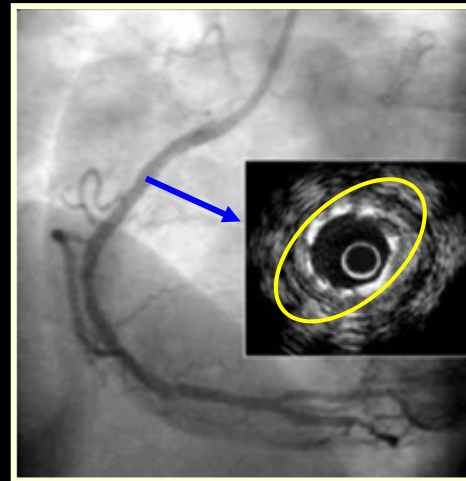
- Magnesium of the AMS scaffold is completely replaced with conversion products
- The polymeric drug coating is fully degraded
- Degradation process and conversion product composition in clinical and preclinical use is similar



Sources: J. Riedmüller; Yucatan Minipig, 42 days FUP // Zartner P. First Successful Implantation of a Biodegradable Metal Stent Into the Left Pulmonary Artery of a Preterm Baby. *Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions* 66:590–594 (2005))



# AMS allows non-invasive imaging of the stented vessel



IVUS/OCT  
stent visibility

MRI



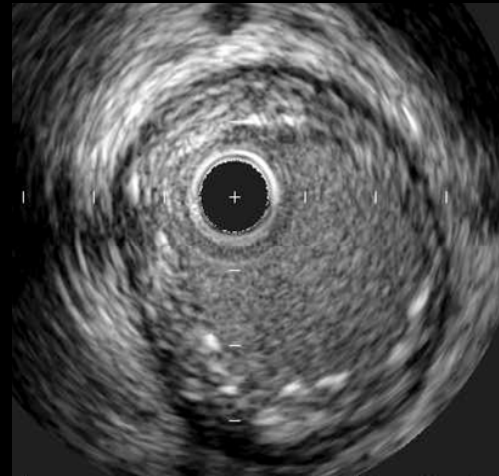
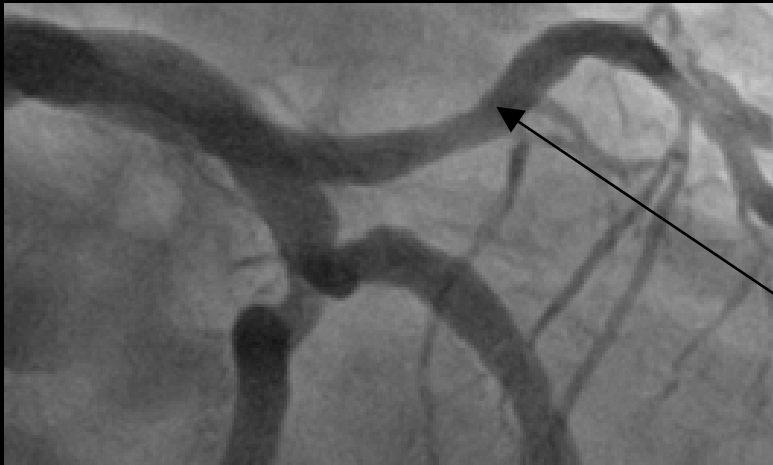
MRI/MSCT

- No stent artefact
- Optimal vessel lumen imaging

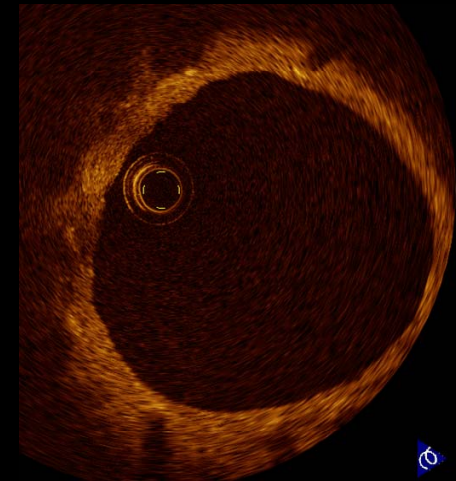
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## Previous bare AMS devices demonstrated safety, but...



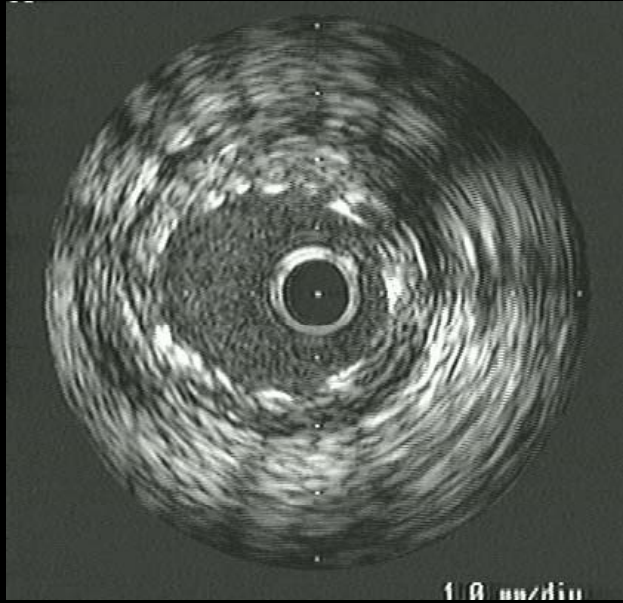
IVUS



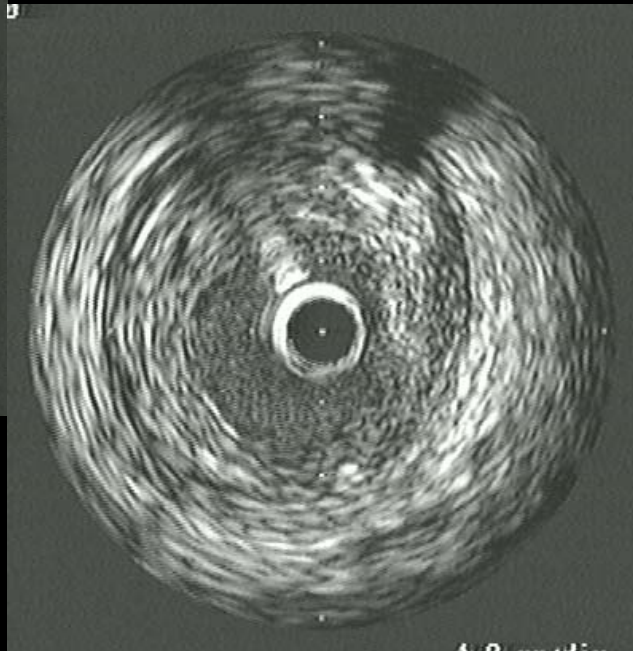
OCT

- Perfect ingrowth of AMS
- Safe in human coronary and peripheral arteries (150 patients)
  - No death, no MI, no scaffold thrombosis, no distal embolization, no excessive inflammation
  - Device success rate of 99.4%
- Absorbed as intended in several months
- Fully CT/MRI compatible

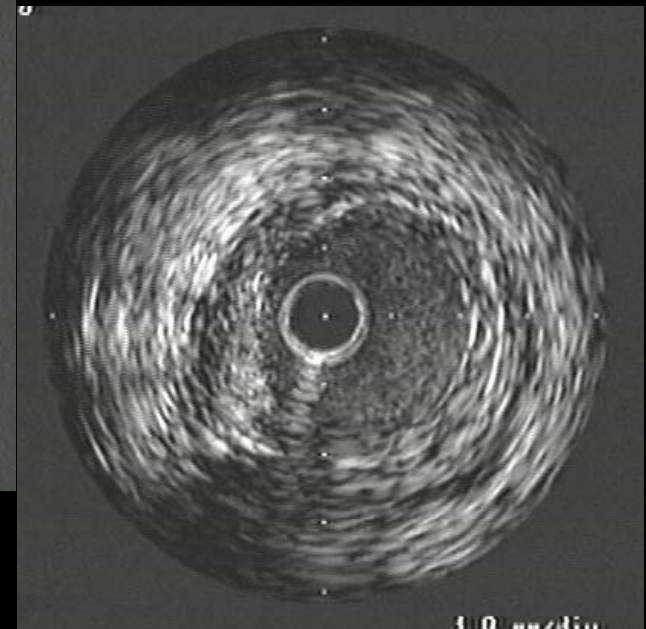
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**Post  
Implantation**

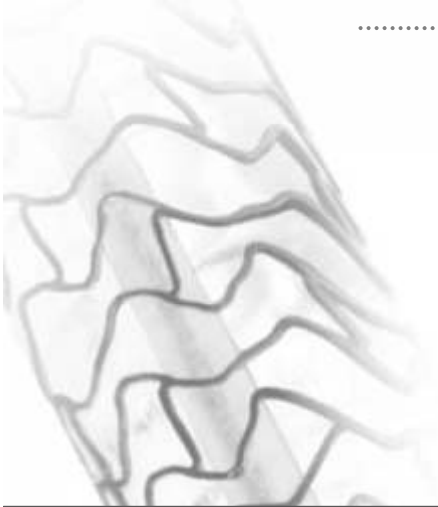


**4 Months**

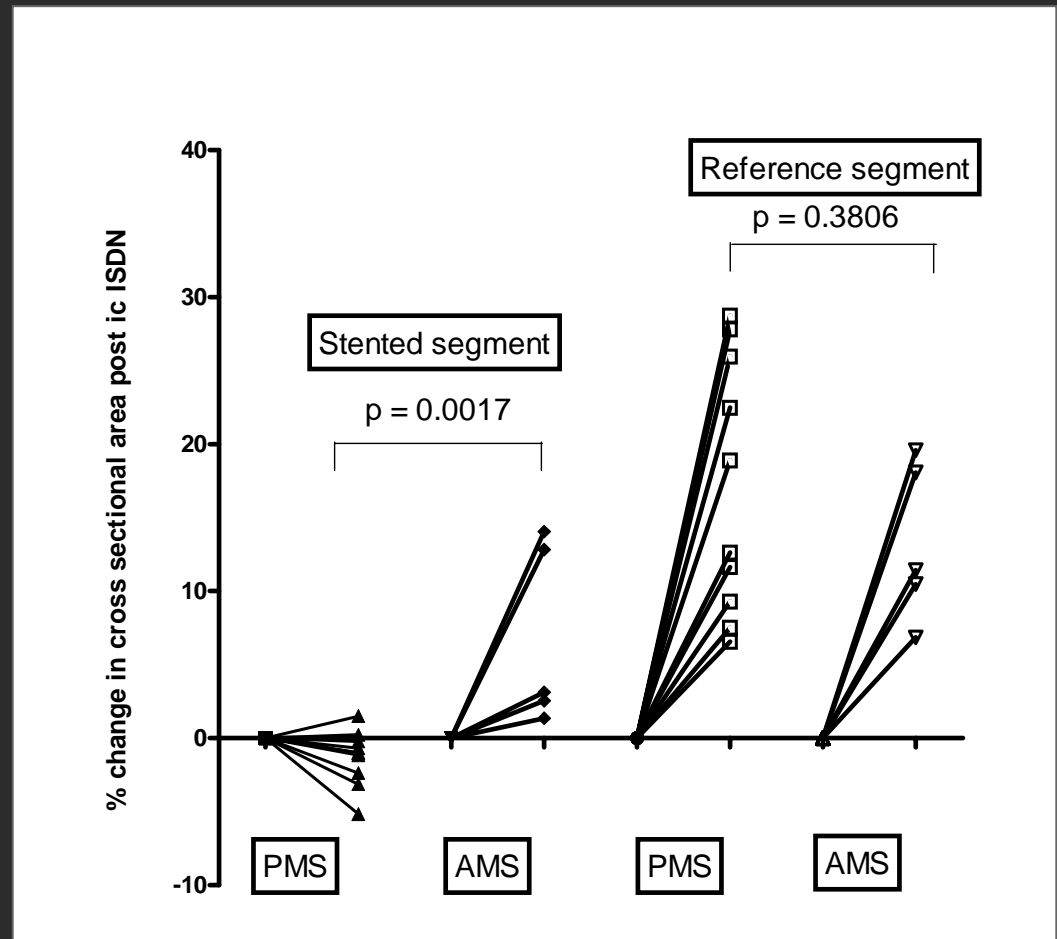


**16 Months**

# Vessel Reactivity



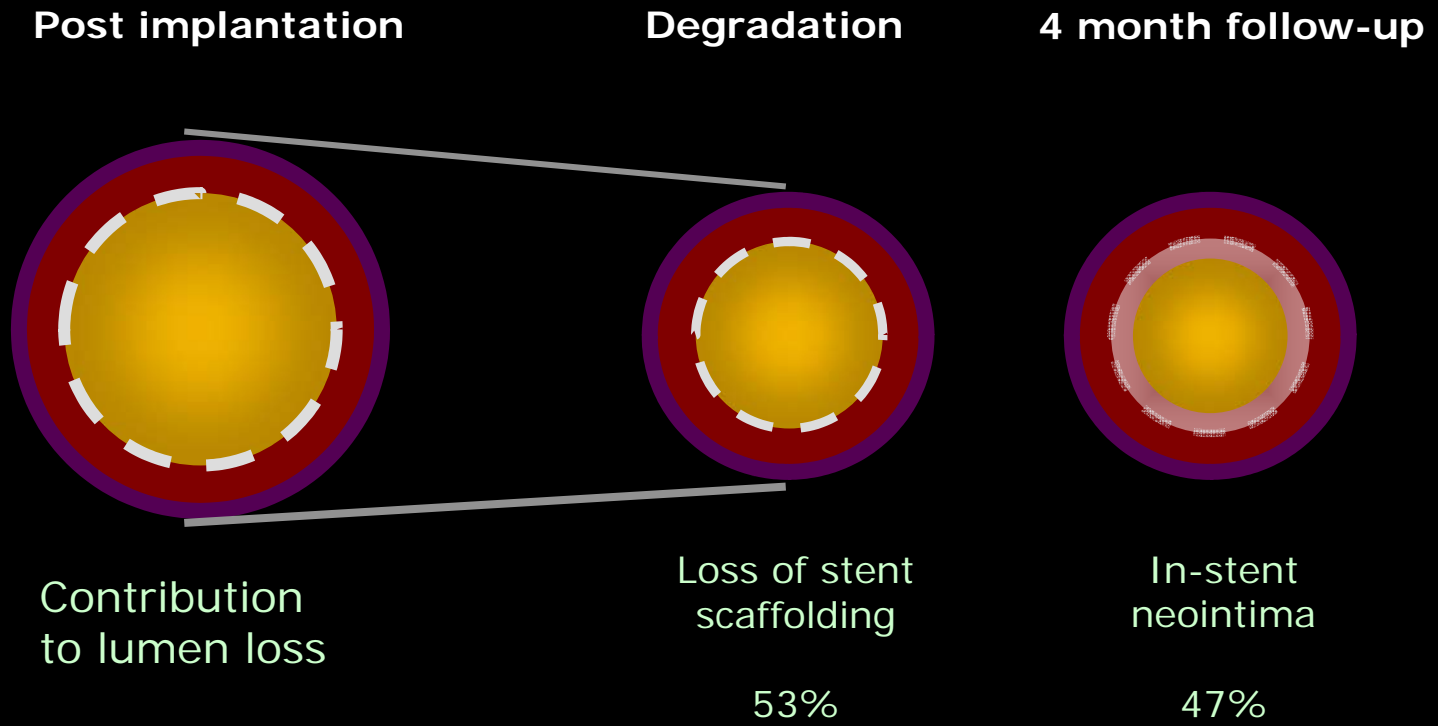
Intracoronary ISDN induced vasodilatation in Permanent Metal Stent (PMS) control patients and Absorbable Metal Stent (AMS) patients within stent and in proximal reference segments at 4 months post implant.



Courtesy of Dr Miles Dalby  
Royal Brompton & Harefield

# ... failed to show sufficient efficacy

Two main drivers for restenosis

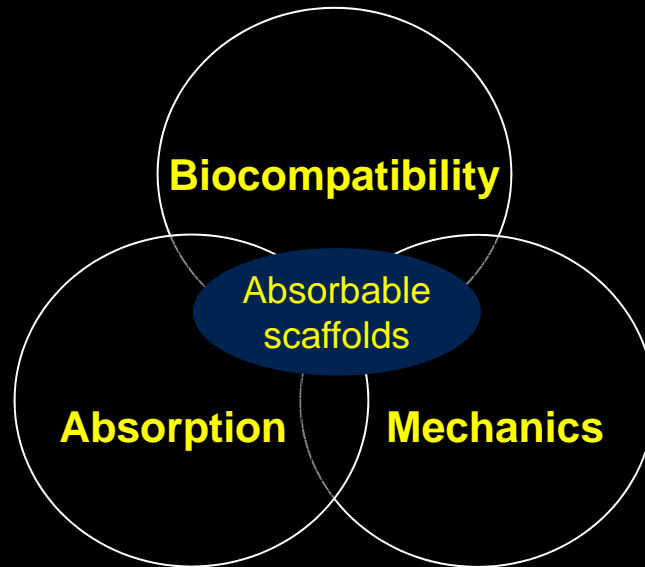


Prolongation of stent scaffolding should reduce restenosis rate (ischemic driven TLR of 23.8% for AMS-1)

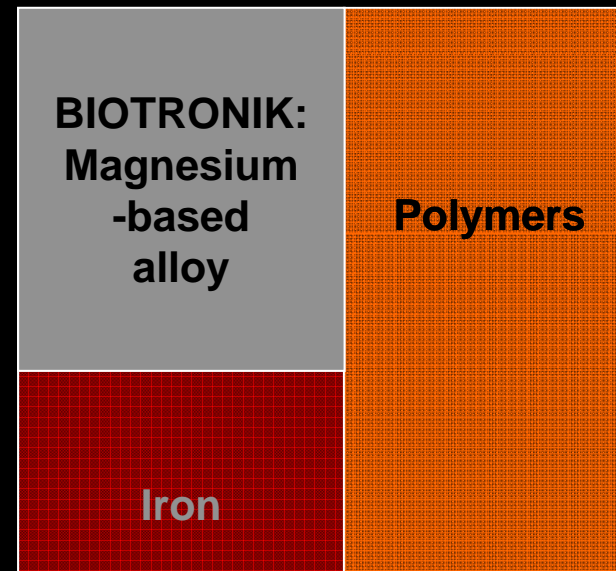
Source: PROGRESS AMS-1 IVUS

# DREAMS is based on a proprietary magnesium technology

## Requirements

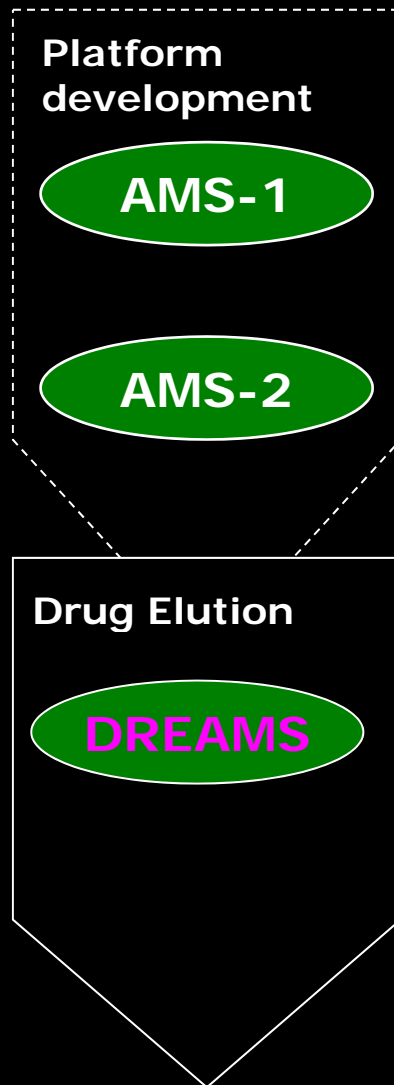


## Absorbable materials



For coronary scaffolds, tailor-made magnesium alloys provide the best balance between biocompatibility, mechanical properties and absorption characteristics

# DREAMS evolves as a new therapy concept and addresses the two main limitations of bare magnesium scaffolds



## First generation device

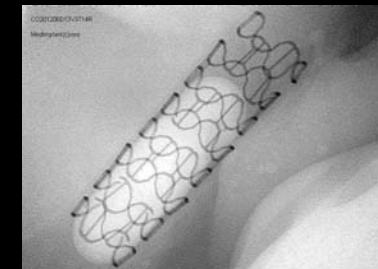
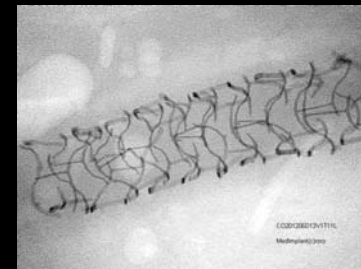
- 4-crown design

## Enhanced platform with prolonged stability

- Refined alloy providing 2-3 times slower degradation
- Approximately 30% thinner struts

## Drug eluting system for vascular restoration

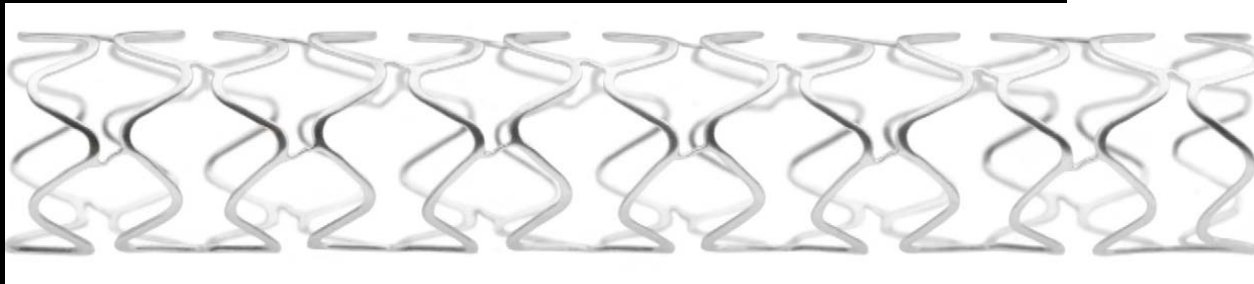
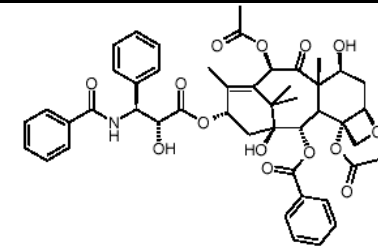
- AMS-2 platform
- Degradable polymer
- Paclitaxel elution





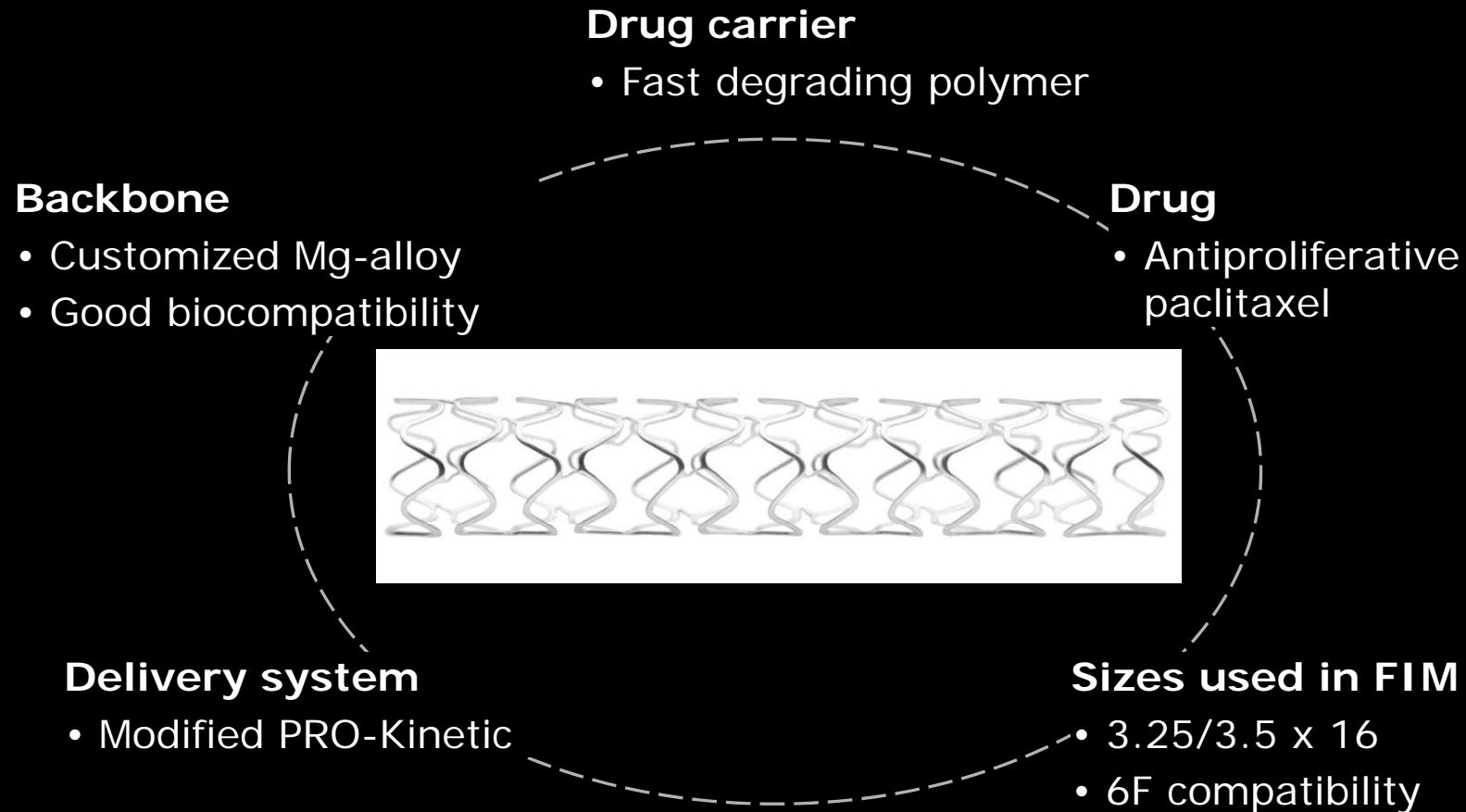
## Why Paclitaxel...

- More than 5 million Paclitaxel eluting stents implanted
- More than 15 clinical trials with Paclitaxel eluting stents demonstrating safety & efficacy
- The only drug working in DEB and showing convincing results
- Very stable in combination with magnesium
- Allows safe degradation and inhibition of NIH

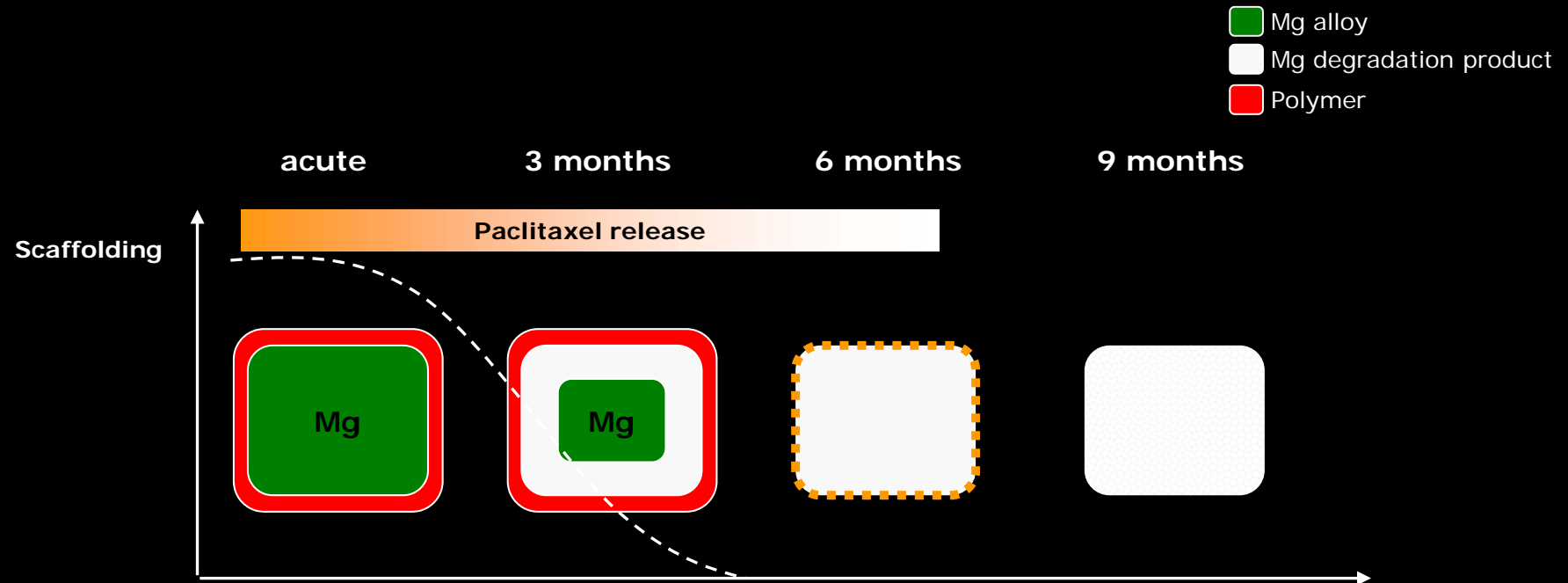




# DREAMS, the DRug ELuting ABsorbable Metal Scaffold is fully degradable



# DREAMS provides scaffolding and paclitaxel release up to 3 months



- Mg degradation (conversion)
- Stable drug carrier layer
- Diffusion controlled drug release

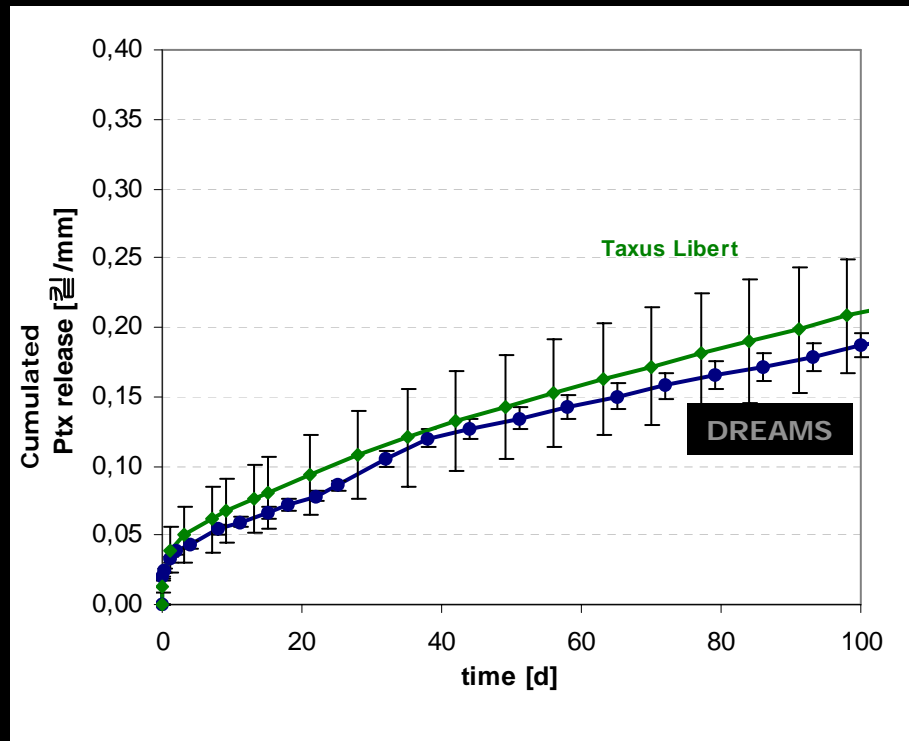
- Mg degradation completed
- Drug release completed
- Degradation of polymer

- Drug carrier layer degradation completed
- Beginning disintegration of Mg degradation product

Source: preclinical studies, data on file

# First generation DREAMS shows in vitro elution behavior comparable with Taxus

DREAMS drug elution

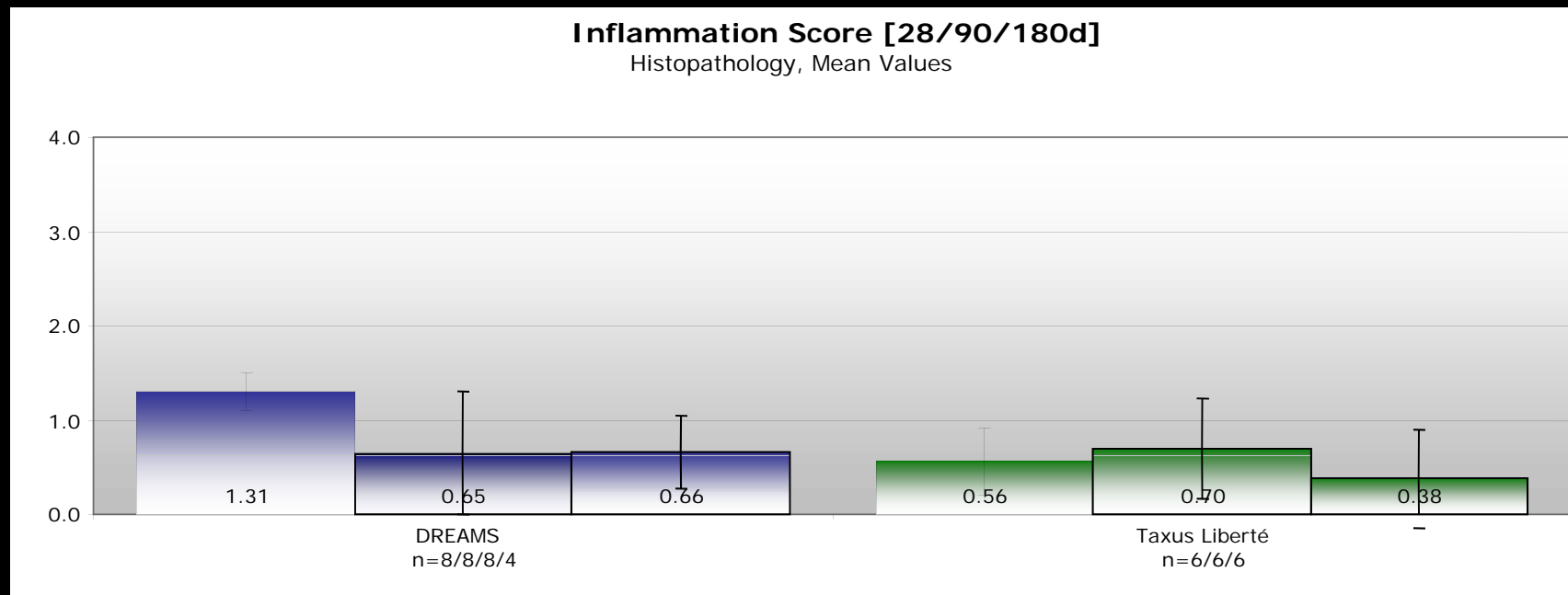


- High stability of paclitaxel allows to control processes in this system comprising a degradable backbone and a degradable drug carrier
- Based on preclinical tests, elution time in-vivo elution is estimated at 3 months

Source: in vitro measurements, data on file

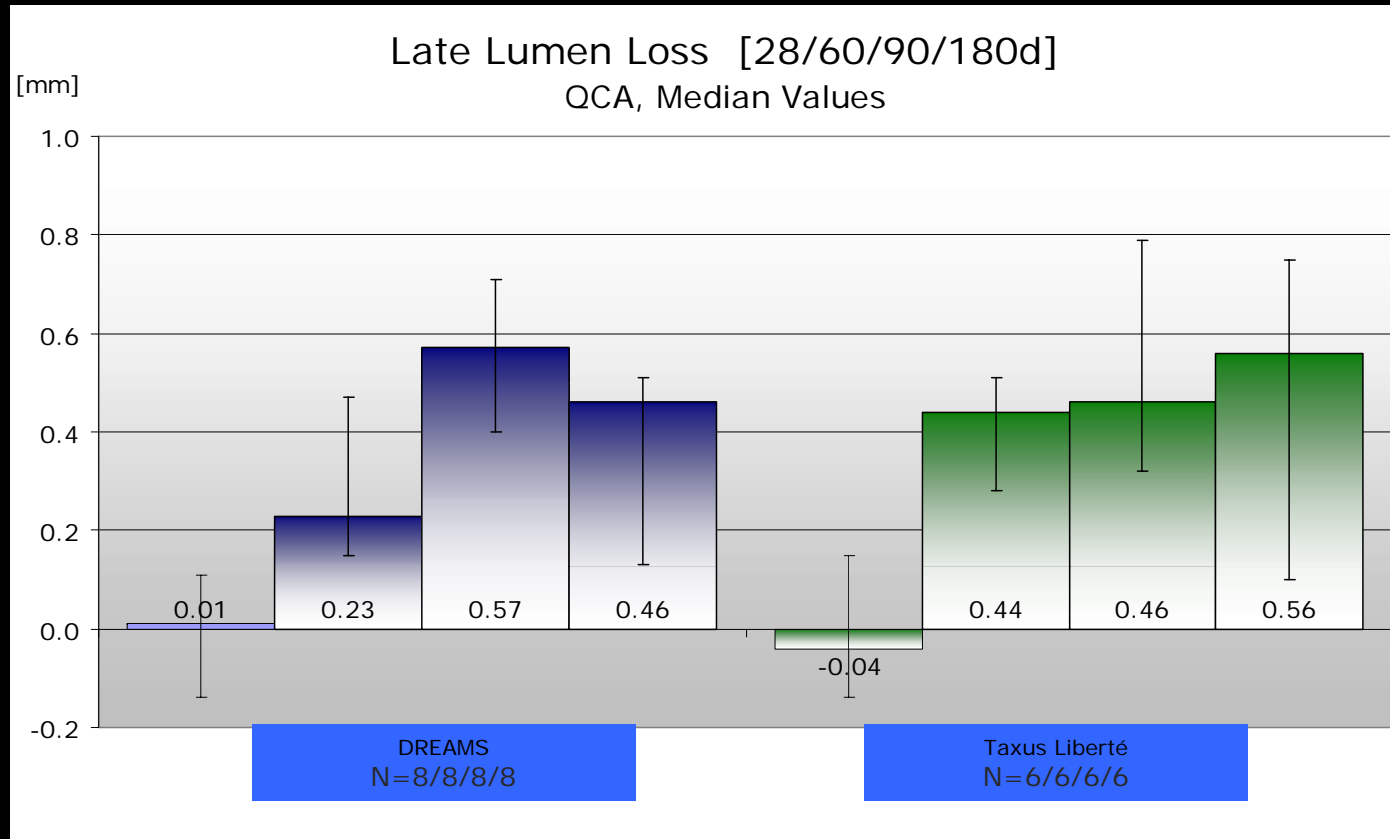
# DREAMS shows low inflammation scores - comparable to Taxus

- Comparison between DREAMS and Taxus Liberté control shows low inflammation scores at 28, 90 and 180 days
- Minor increase of inflammation at 28 days seen in the DREAMS arm due to degradation of base materials



Source: AccellLAB preclinical studies, data on file

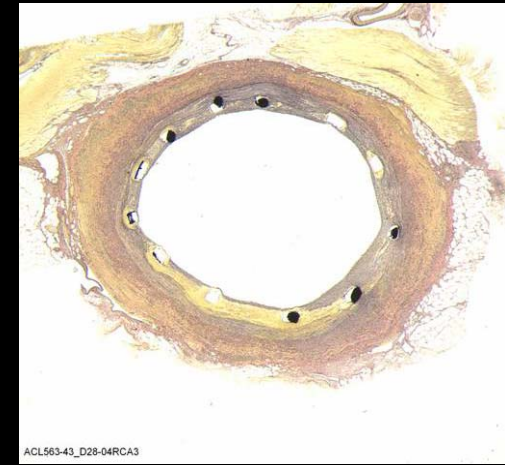
# DREAMS late lumen loss is comparable to Taxus



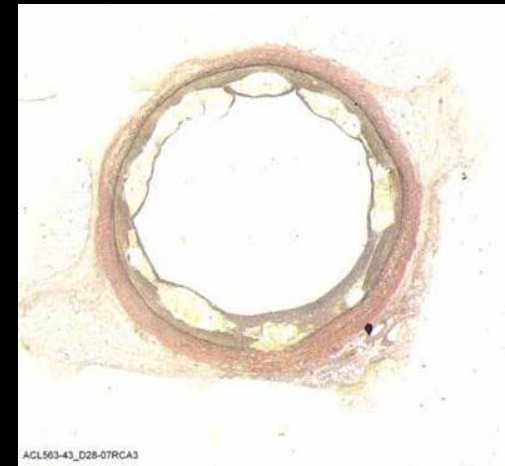
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# Histological Images at 28 days show fast healing of DREAMS

DREAMS



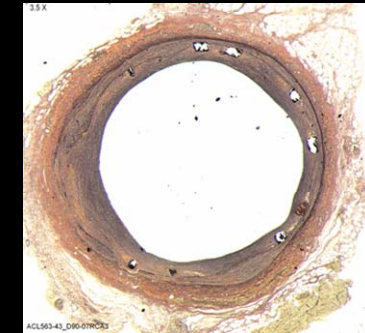
Reference  
(Taxus)



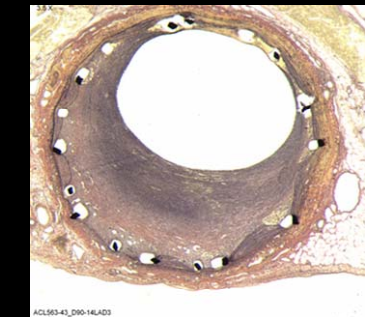
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All photos same magnitude and scale

# Histological Images at 90 days show nearly complete healing in DREAMS group

DREAMS\*



Reference  
(Taxus)



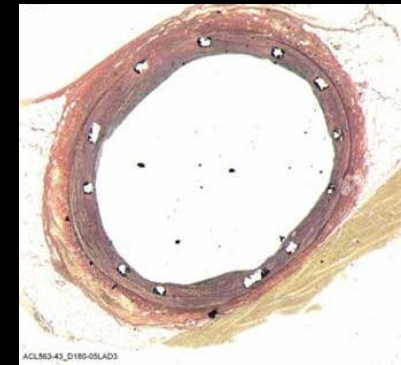
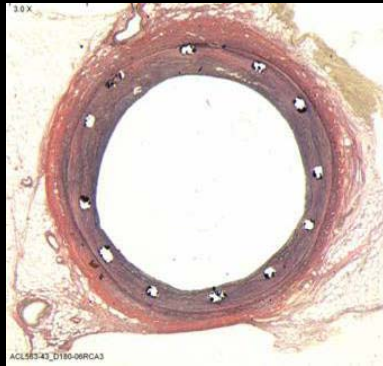
\*DREAMS vessels are smaller than actual due to shrinkage during tissue processing (no scaffolding as in reference group)

Source: AccelLAB preclinical studies, data on file  
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# At 180 days there is no catch-up after complete drug release of DREAMS

DREAMS



Black spots above represent Mg degradation product (amorphous Calcium phosphate phase)

Reference  
(Taxus)



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# BIOSOLVE-I: 47 patients enrolled in 6 centers

## Angiography Follow-up will be completed in 2011

### Study Design

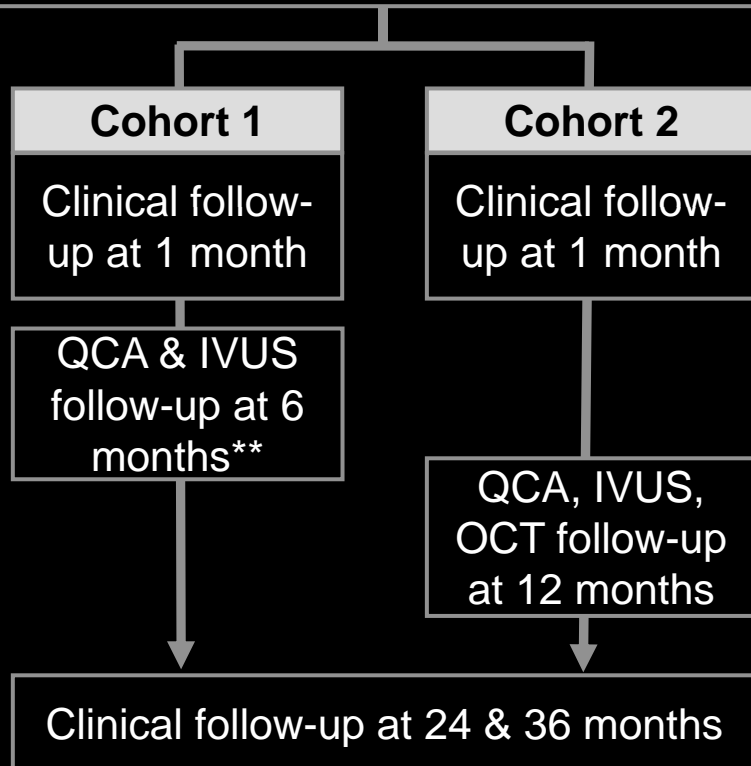
DESIGN: Prospective, multi-centre, first in man trial

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:  
J. Koolen, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

PRIMARY ENDPOINT: TLF\* at 6 months (cohort 1) and 12 months (cohort 2)

PARTICIPATION CENTERS:  
Belgium: S. Verheye, Antwerpen  
Germany: R. Erbel, Essen,  
M. Haude, Neuss,  
C. Hehrlein, Freiburg  
Switzerland: P. Erne, Luzern

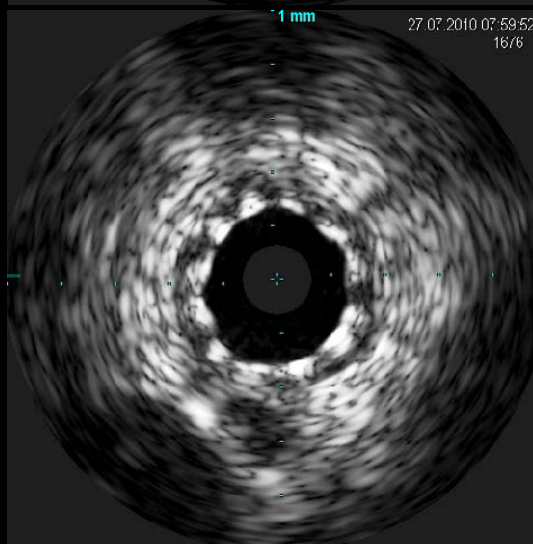
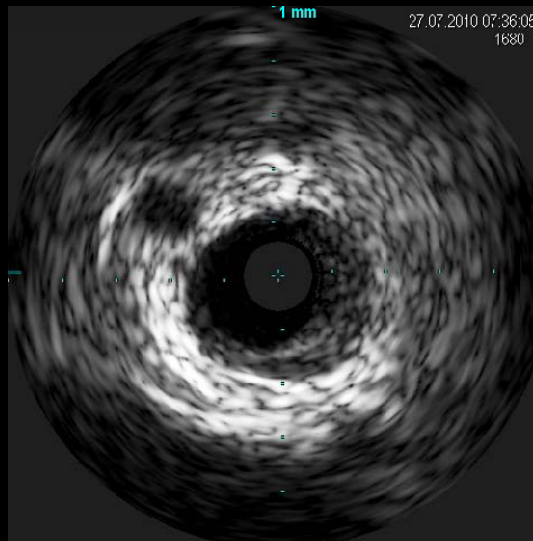
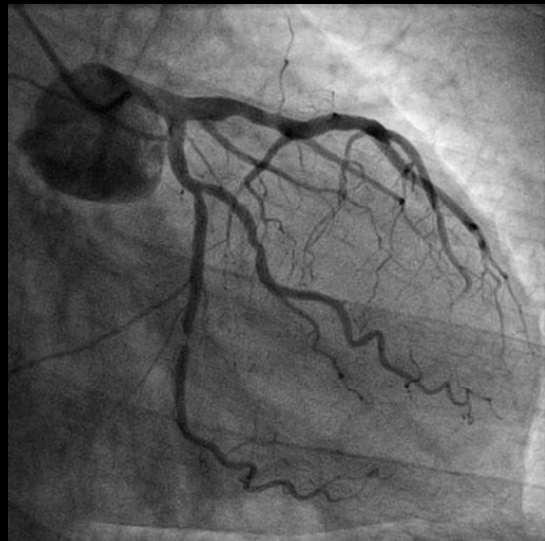
Up to 50 patients (FPI 27 July 2010) in 6 clinical sites in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland



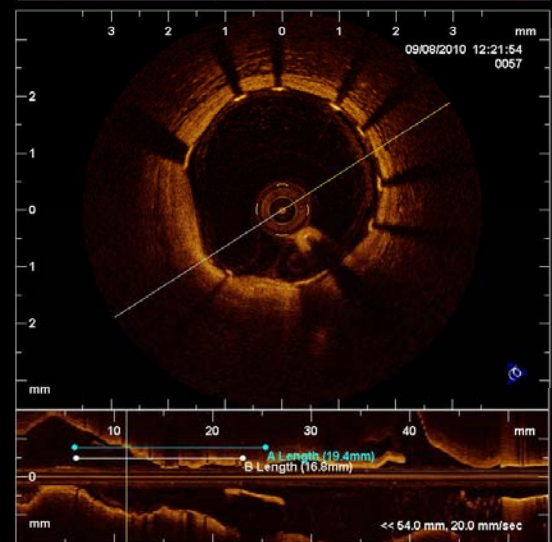
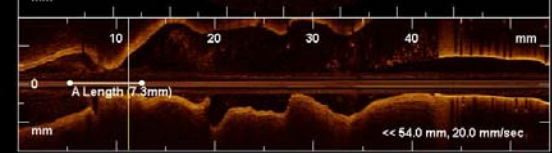
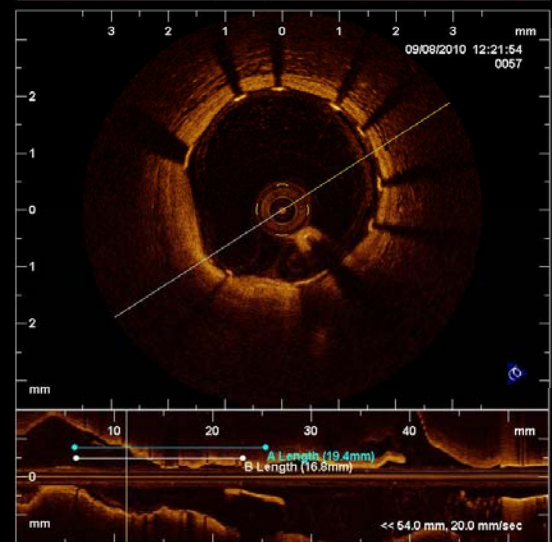
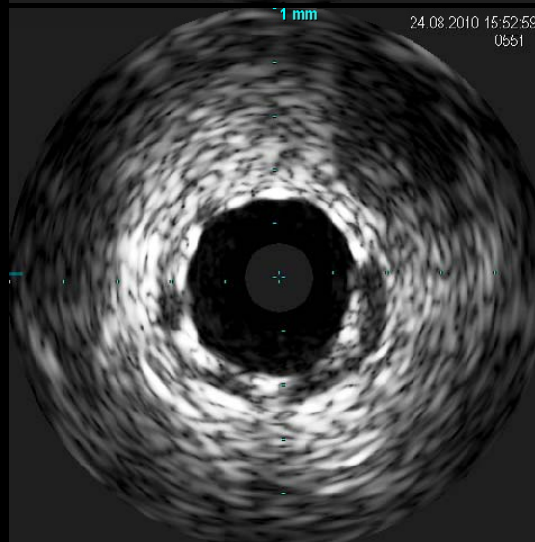
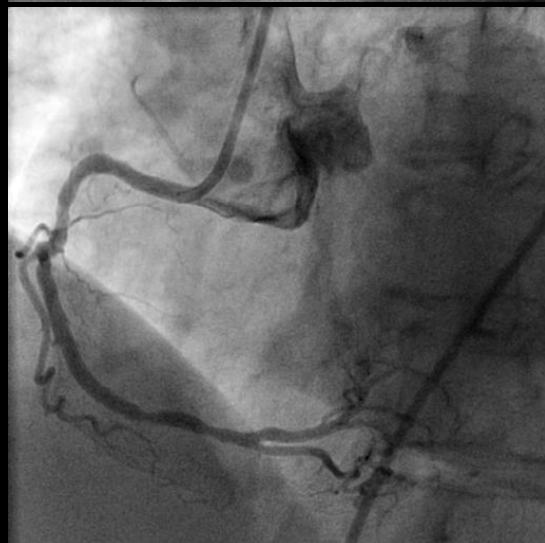
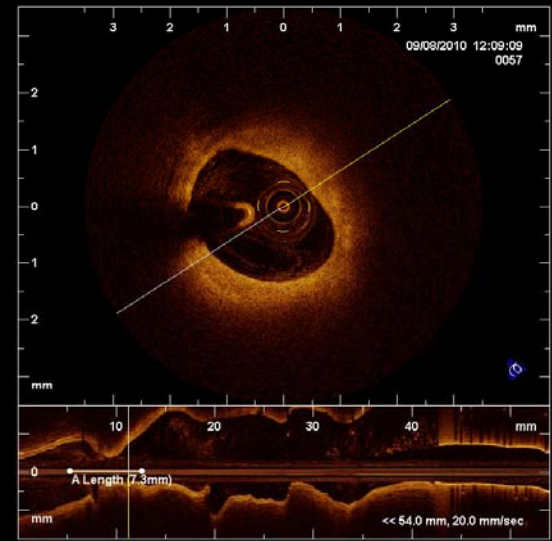
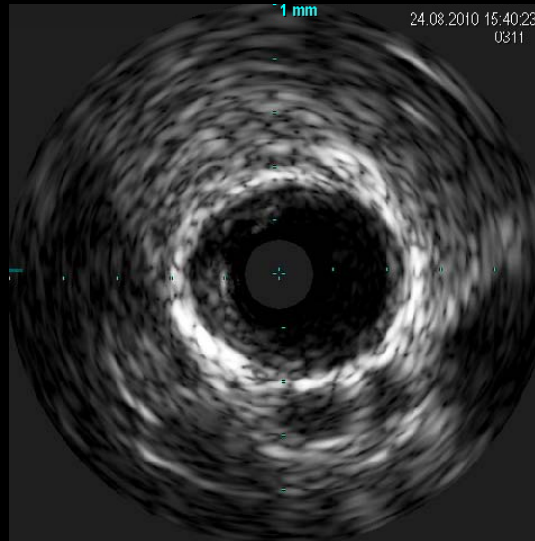
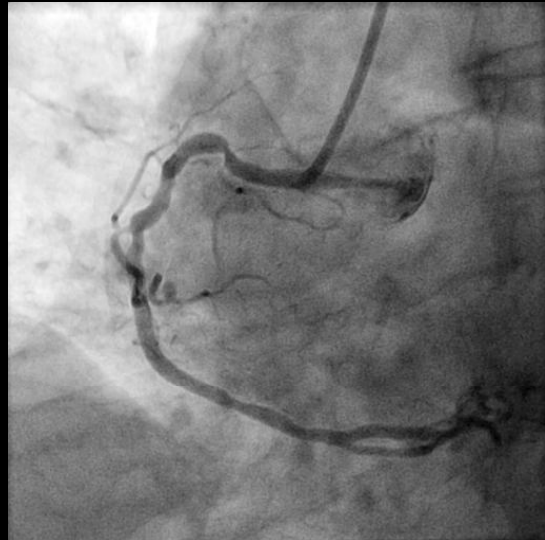
\* Composite of cardiac death, myocardial infarction and clinically driven TLR. \*\* optional vasomotion testing

# Case 01

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# Case 02



# Conclusions

- The development of metallic bioabsorbable scaffolding is challenging
- The stents struts are thicker when compared to metallic durable stents
- Radial force issues could lead to immediate and early recoil
- Drug elution is mandatory to inhibit neointima proliferation
- Harmonization of the degradation of the alloy the biodegradable carrier and the drug are essential for a successful program