

TCT-AP 2011

**ABSORB: Evaluation of 2nd generation of a
Drug-eluting Vascular Scaffold for
Treatment of De Novo Native Coronary
Artery Lesions:**

**1 Year Angiographic, IVUS, IVUS-VH and
OCT Results of Cohort B**

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Tutorial Arena, Level 4

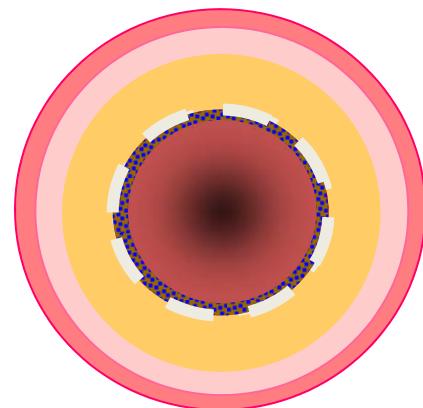
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Background I: The first generation of everolimus-eluting bioresorbable scaffold (BVS1.0) showed signs of shrinkage at 6 months (dubbed “late recoil”) that contributed to the late luminal loss.



6 months

**ABSORB
BVS 1.0**



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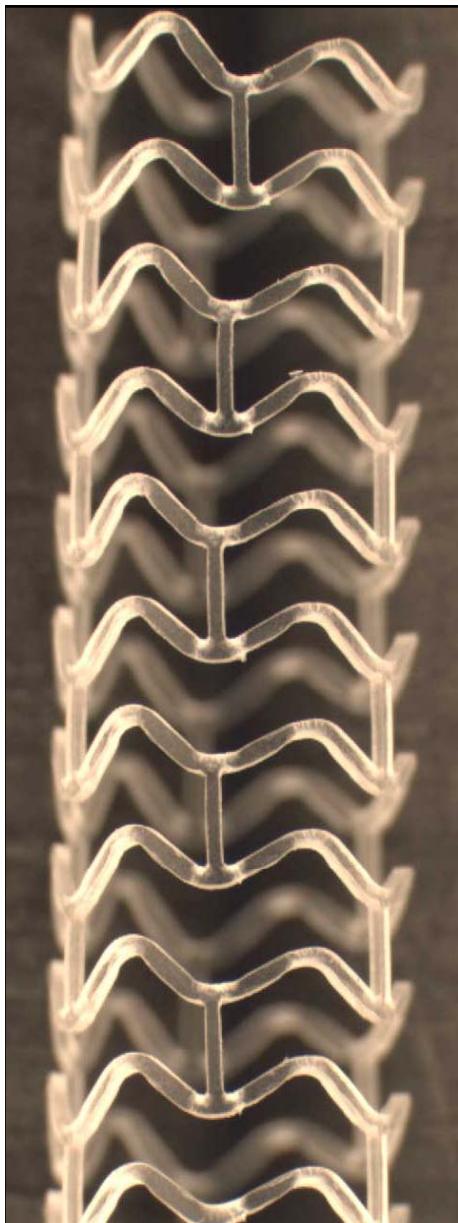
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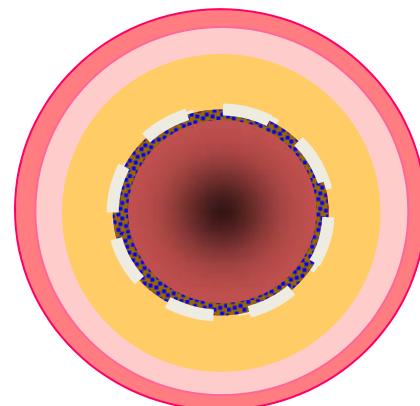
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Background I: The second generation (BVS1.1) has a modified platform design and a different manufacturing process of the polymer.



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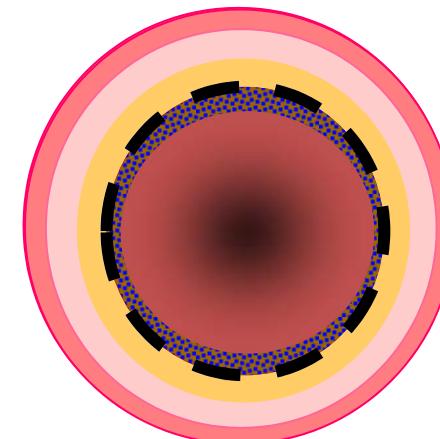
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6 months

**ABSORB
BVS 1.1**



Late Loss = 0.19mm

Δ Vessel Area = +2.4%

Δ Scaffold Area = -2.0%

% Scaffold Obstruction = 1.2%

Δ Lumen Area = -3.1%

Lancet 2008, Circulation 2010

However, in the first cohort of BVS 1.1, between baseline and 6 months, there were

- **No signs of bioresorption on OCT**
- **No signs of bioresorption on IVUS-VH**
- **No signs of vasomotion induced by Ergonovine/ Ach**

Critical minds have suggested that

- **Late recoil (prevented at 6 months) was just postponed to 12 months**
- **Neointimal hyperplasia would become manifest during bioresorption between 6 and 12 months**

Group B1 ($n = 45$)

Circulation

MSCT

QCA, IVUS,
OCT, IVUS VH

Baseline

6

Months

12

Months Months

24

Months Months

36

Group B2 ($n = 56$)



MSCT

- Sponsor/ Funding: Abbott Vascular
- Primary Investigators:
 - PW Serruys MD, PhD
 - J Ormiston MD
- DSMB: J Tijssen PhD, M Wiemer MD, P Urban MD
- CEC: C Hanet MD, R Tölg MD, V Umans MD
- Angiographic, IVUS and OCT Corelab: Cardialysis
- Prospective, open label, FIM
- 3.0 x 18mm devices to treat up to 2 lesions \leq 14mm in length

- 12 sites Europe, Australia, New Zealand
- B de Bruyne, MD, PhD
- D Dudek, MD
- L Thuesen, MD
- P Smits, MD, PhD
- B Chevalier, MD
- D McClean, MD
- J Koolen, MD, PhD
- S Windecker, MD
- R Whitbourn, MD
- I Meredith, MD, PhD
- 101 patients enrolled between 19 March and 6 November 2009

Baseline Demographics and Lesion Characteristics of the ABSORB Cohort B2

No. of Patients = 56	
Age (years)	60
Male gender	71%
Current Smokers	21%
Diabetes	20%
Hypertension Requiring Medication	64%
Hyperlipidemia Requiring Medication	66%
Prior target vessel Intervention	4%

No. of Lesions = 57	
Target Vessel (%)	
Left Anterior Descending	47
Left Circumflex	21
Right Coronary Artery	32
AHA / ACC Lesion Classification (%)	
A	0
B1	63
B2	32
C	5
Clinical Device success (%)	100
Clinical Procedure success (%)	98

ABSORB Cohort B2 Invasive Follow-up

Baselines

**56 patients
57 lesions**

12 Months

**56 patients
57 lesions
QCA: 100%**

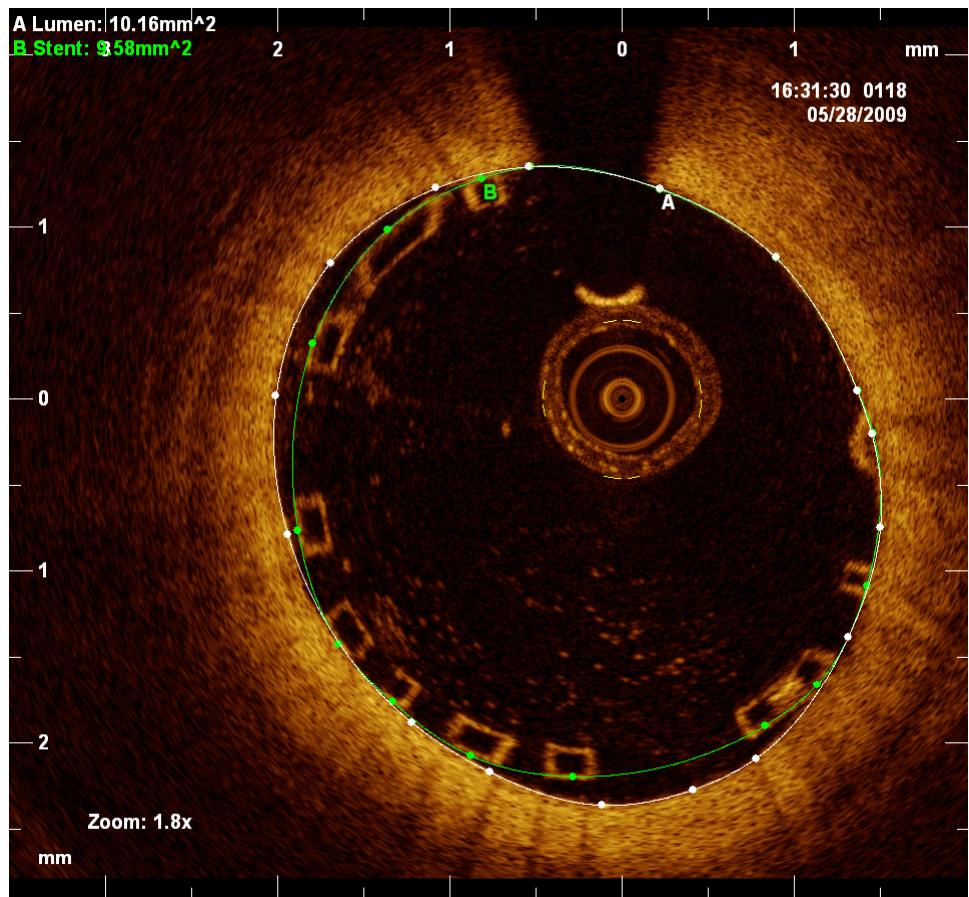
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Vasomotion test
37 patients**

**IVUS Gray-scale 54 paired analysis: 94.7%
IVUS-VH 48 paired analysis: 84.2%**

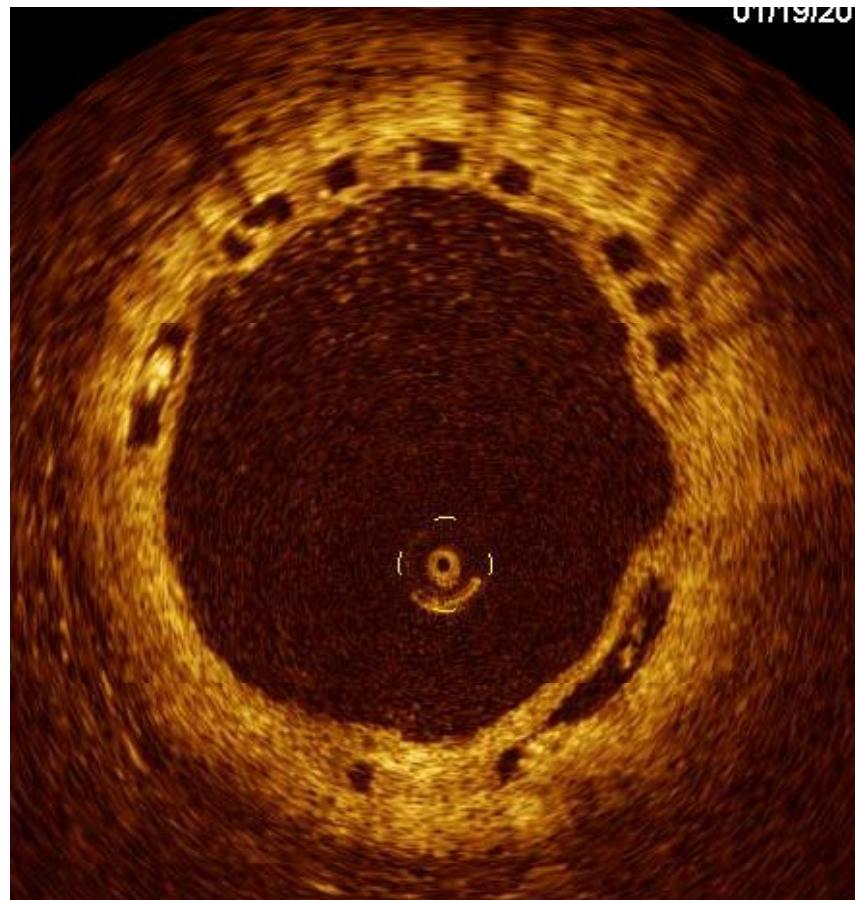
**Optional
OCT 22 paired analysis**

Quantitative OCT Assessment of BVS 1.1

Baseline

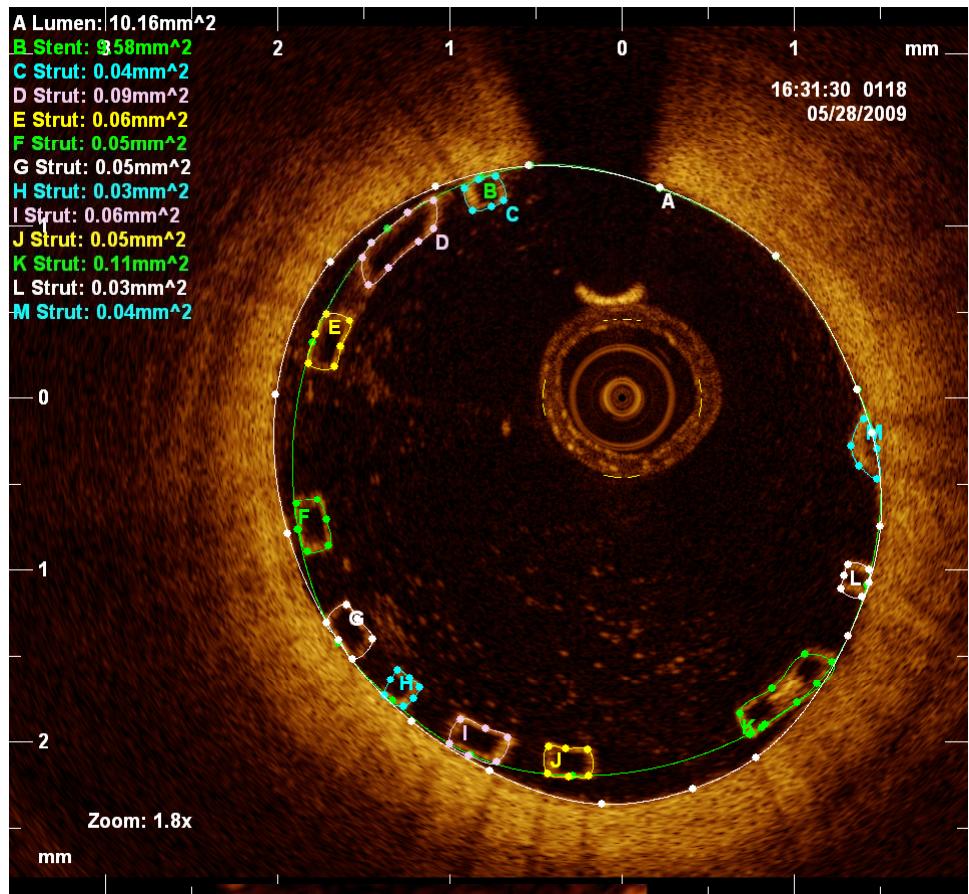


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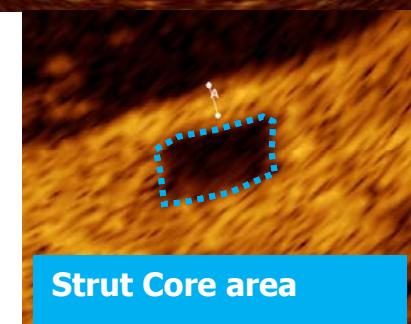
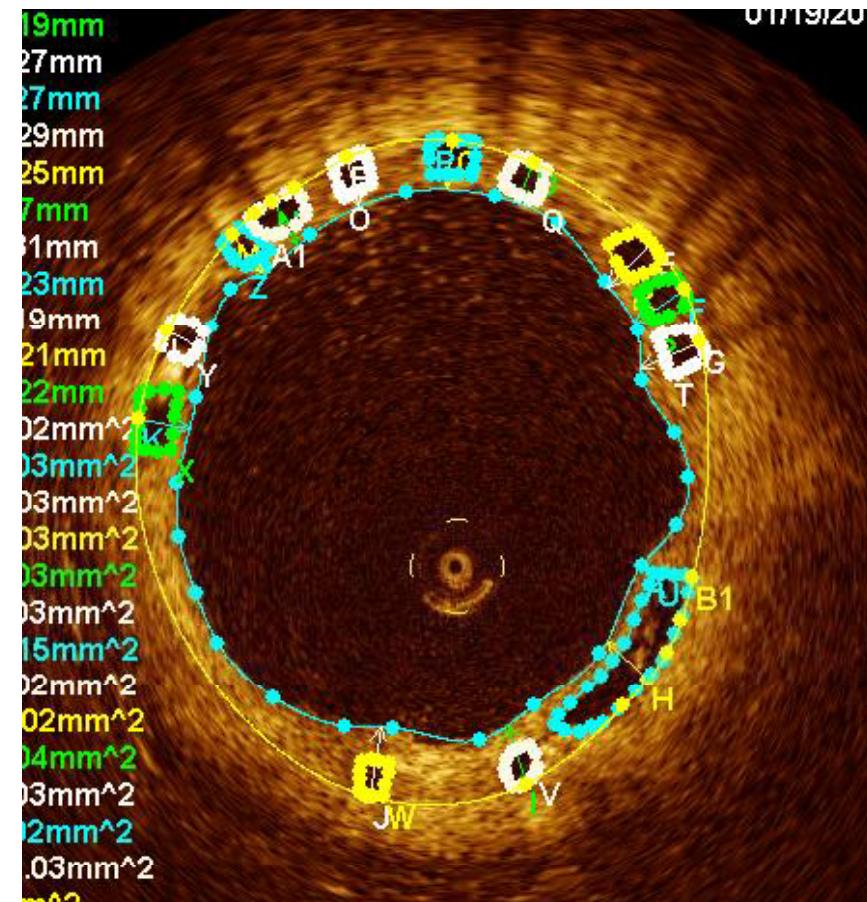


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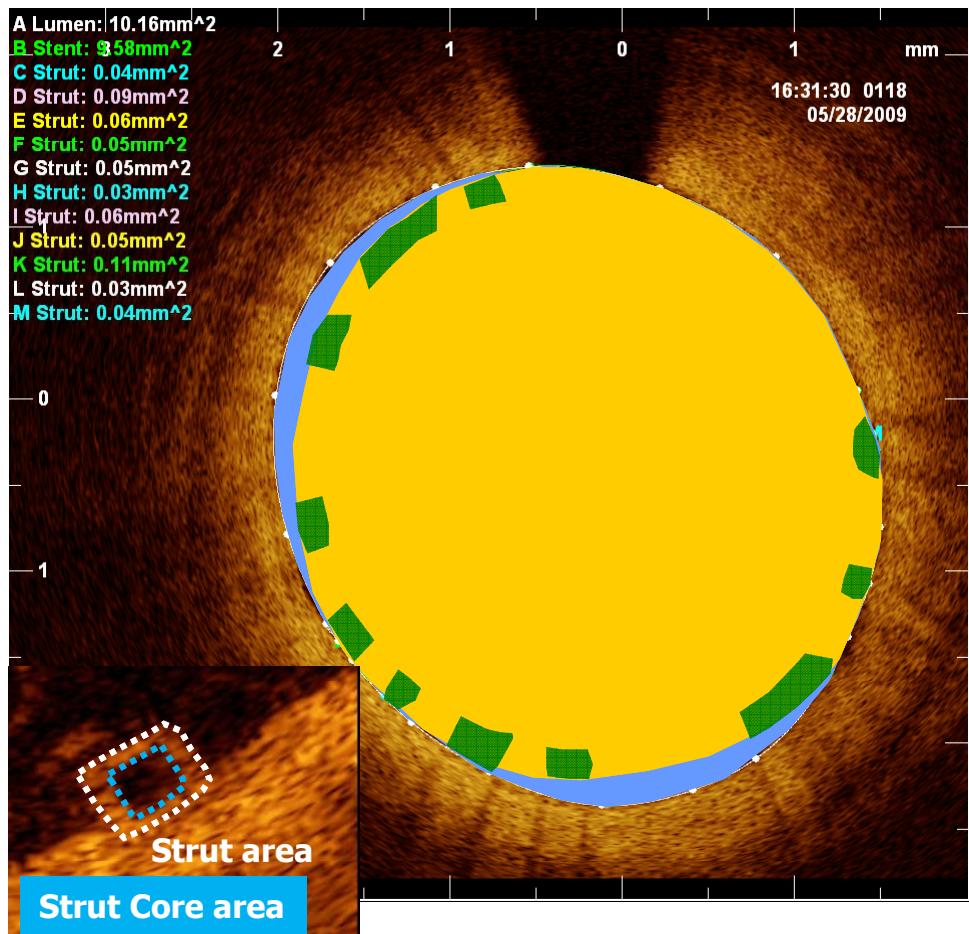


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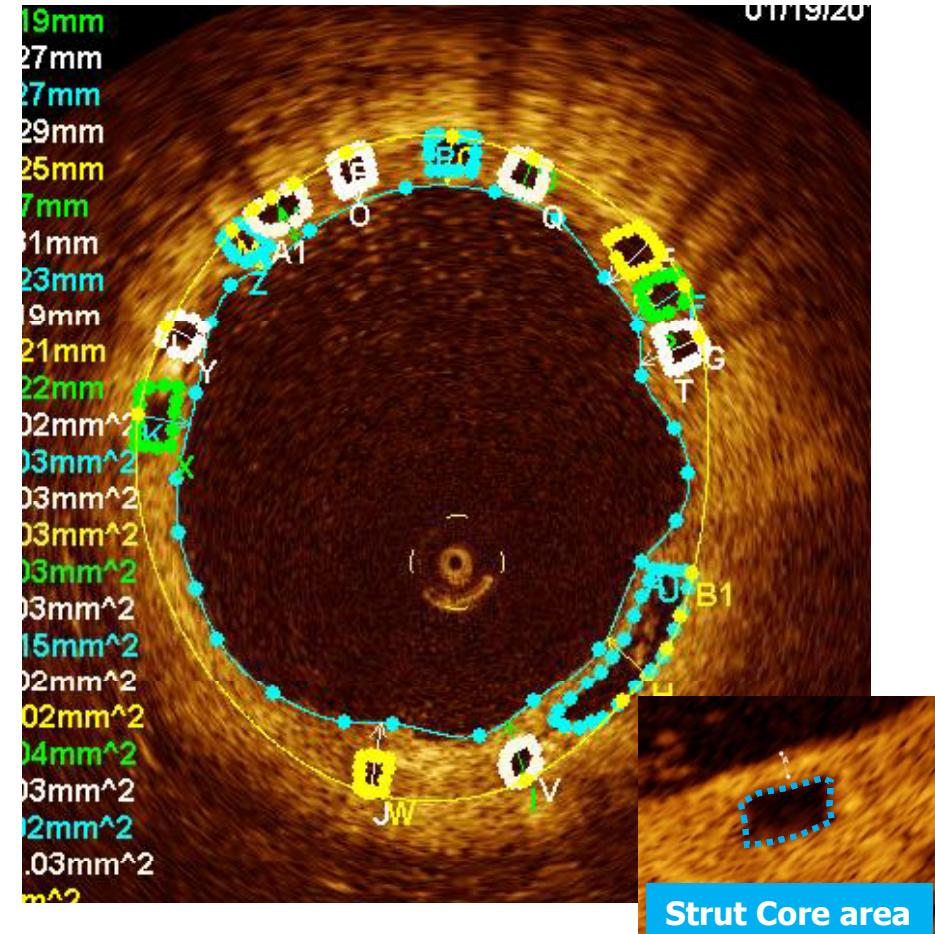
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Lumen Area
Scaffold Area
Strut Core area

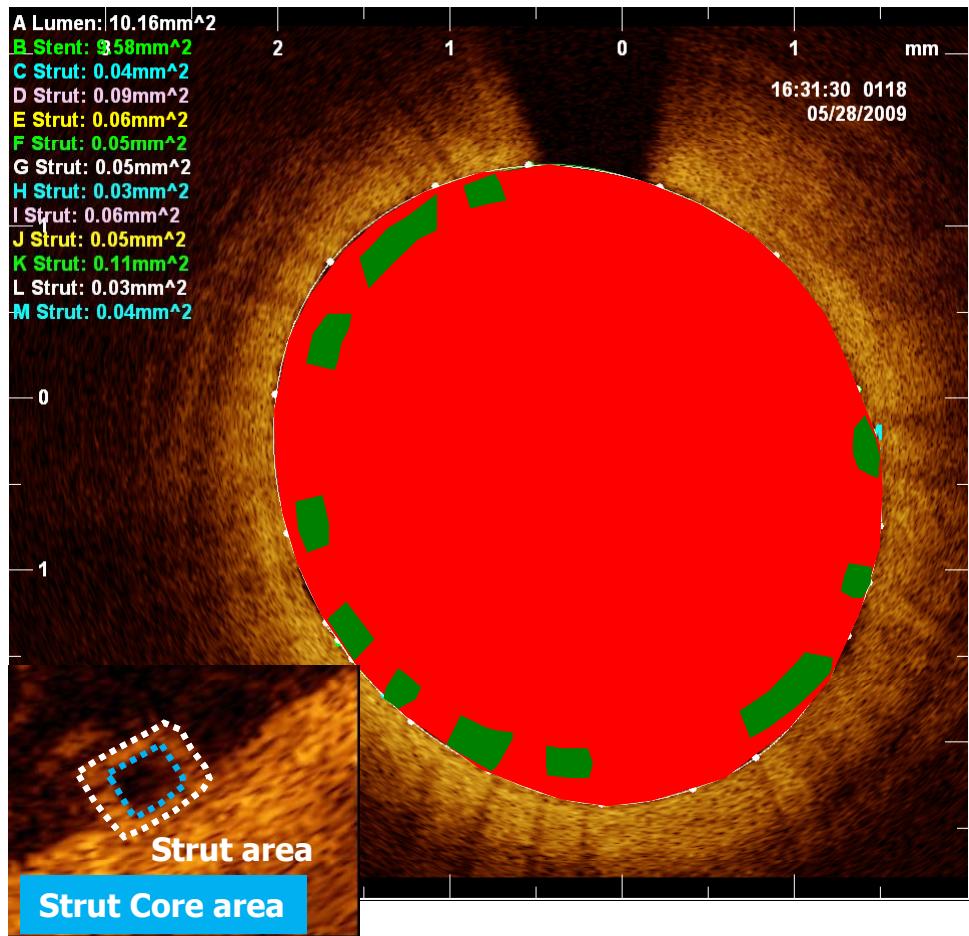
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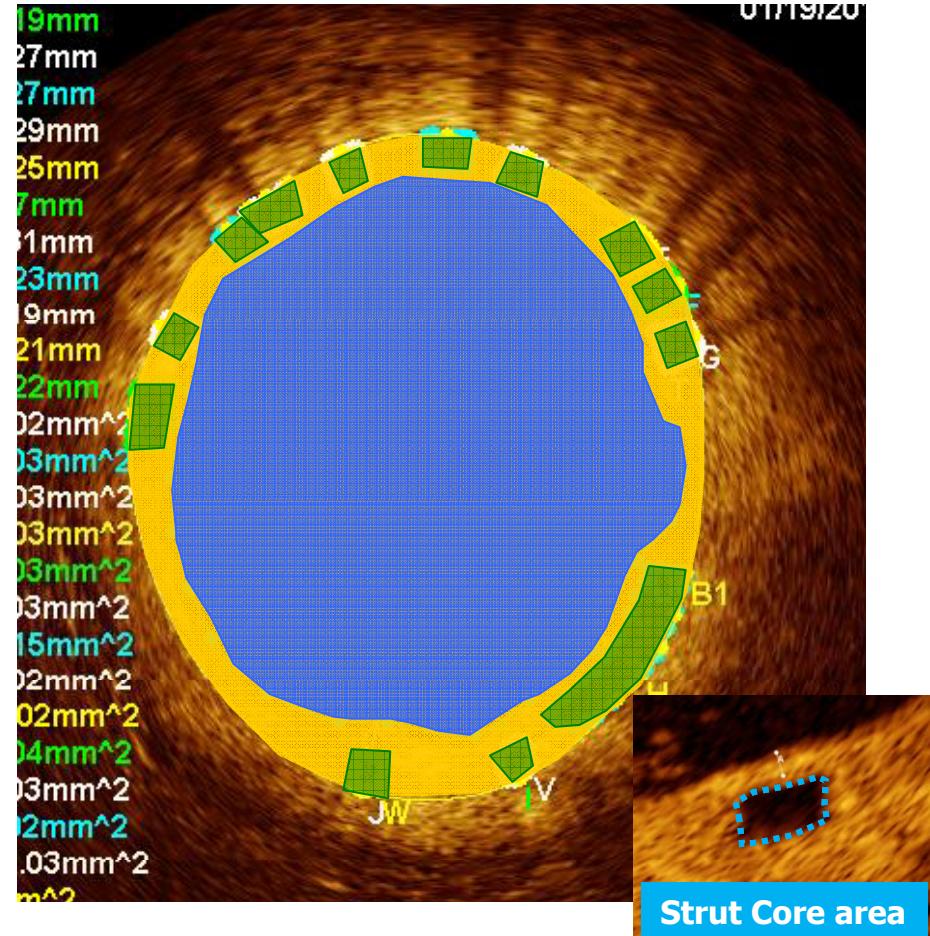
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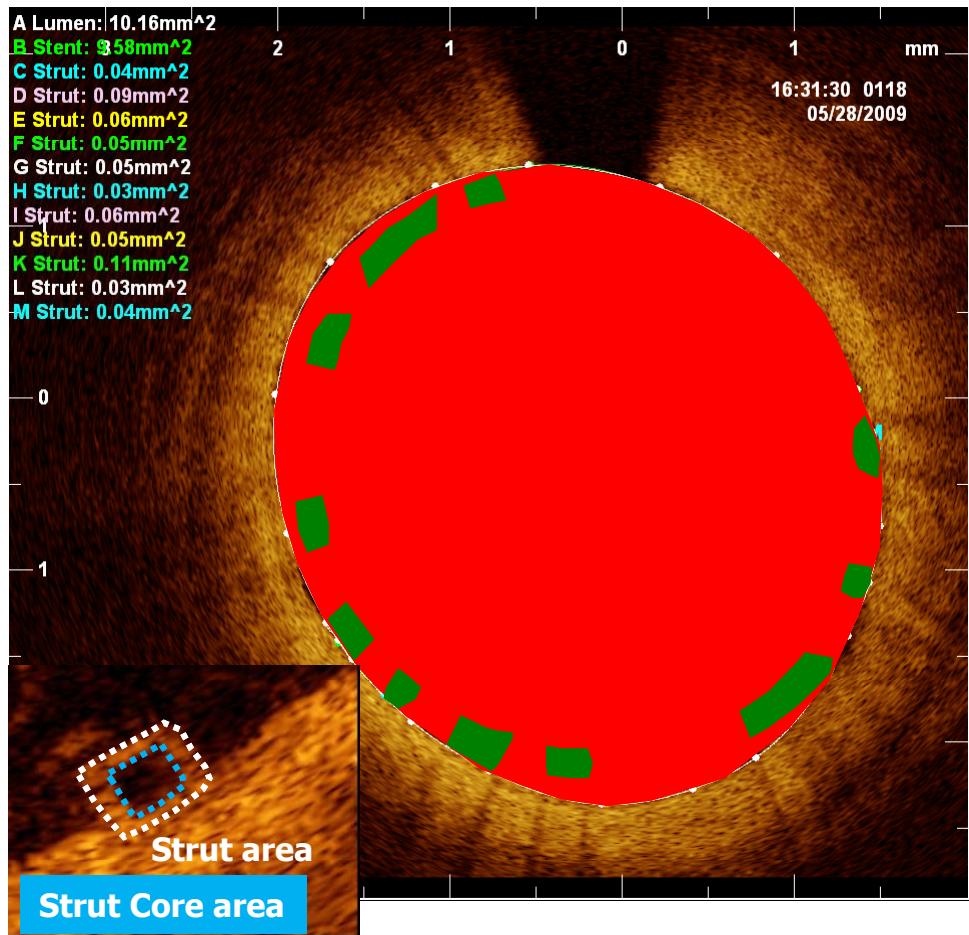


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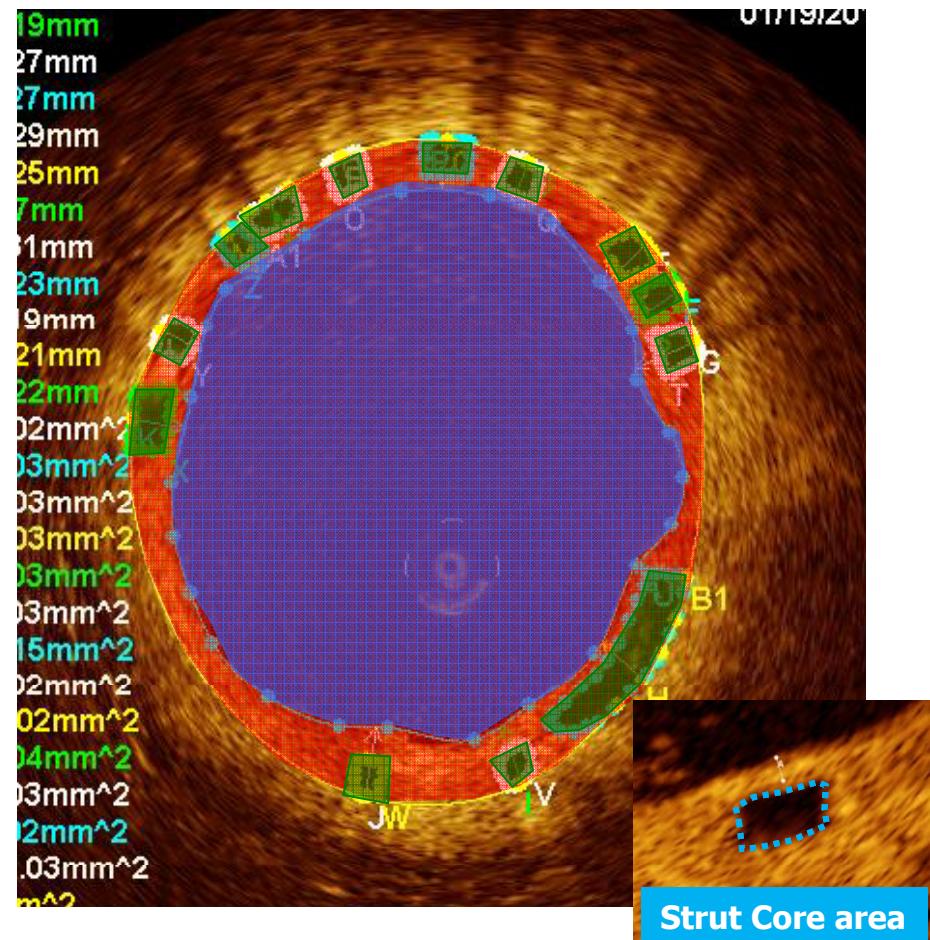
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Mean strut core area, mm²	0.19	0.16	-11.4	0.003
Mean Neointimal area, mm²	-	1.34	-	-
Mean flow area, mm²	7.51	6.13	-18.1	<0.001
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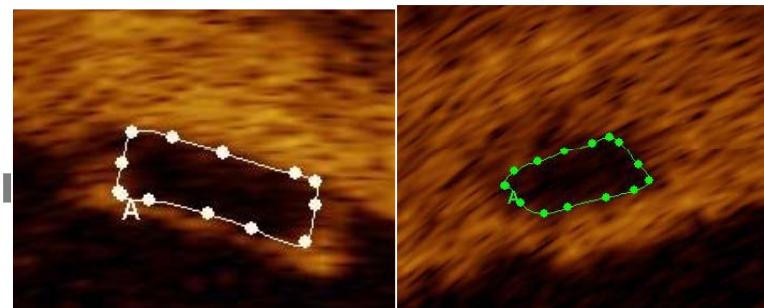
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First signs of bioresorption

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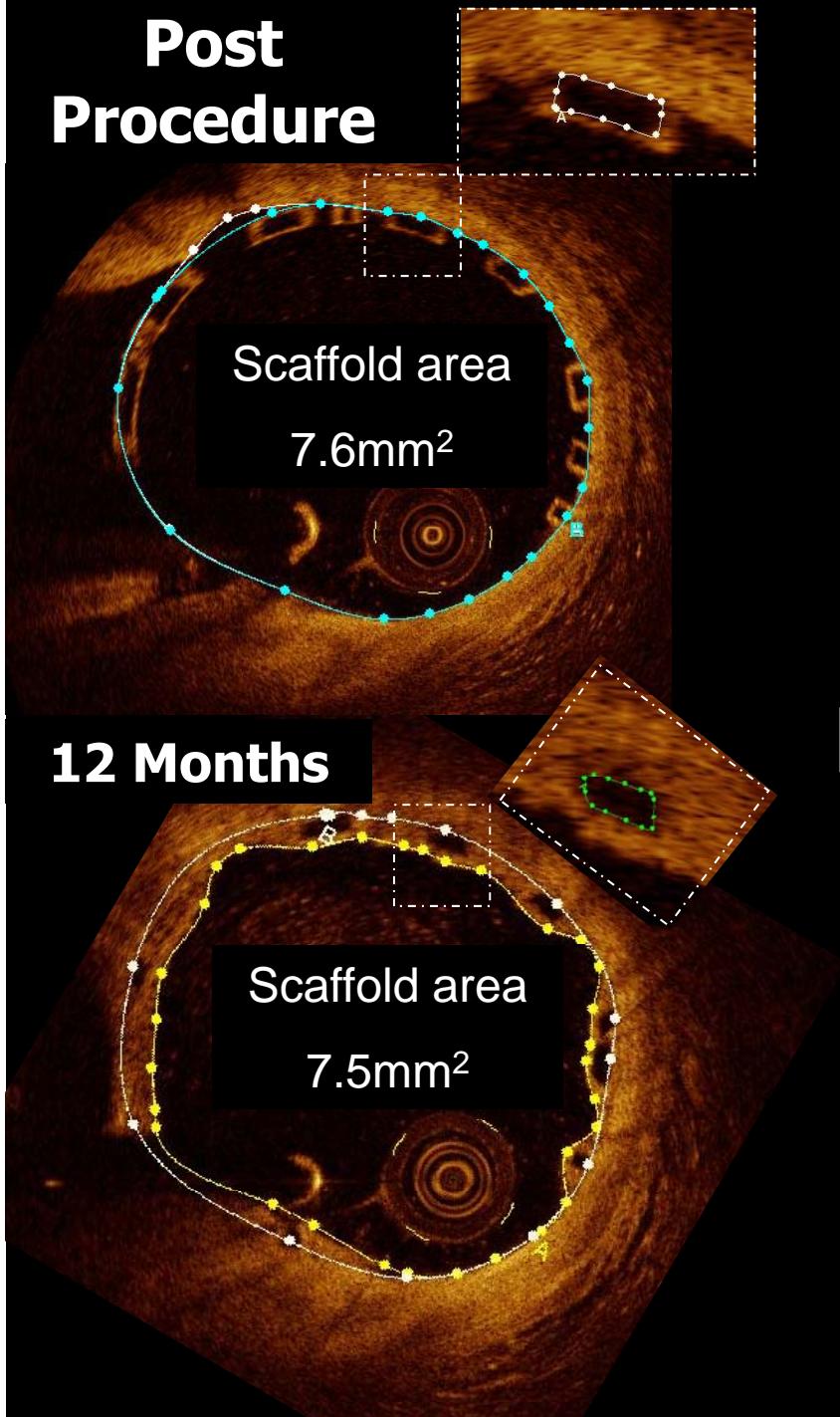
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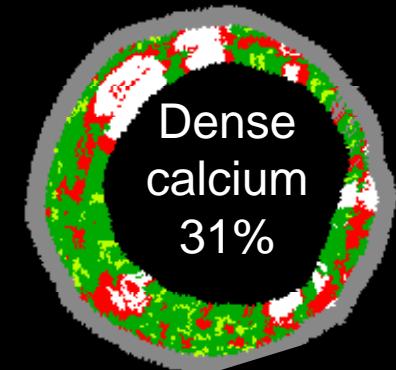
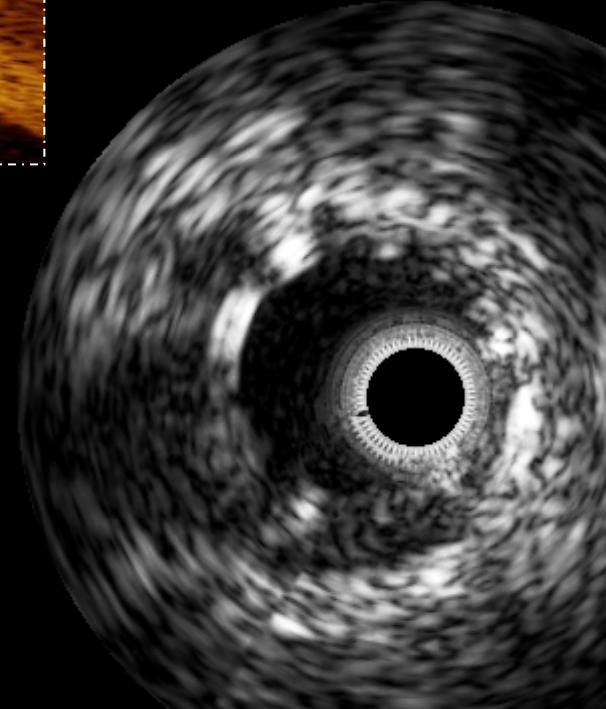
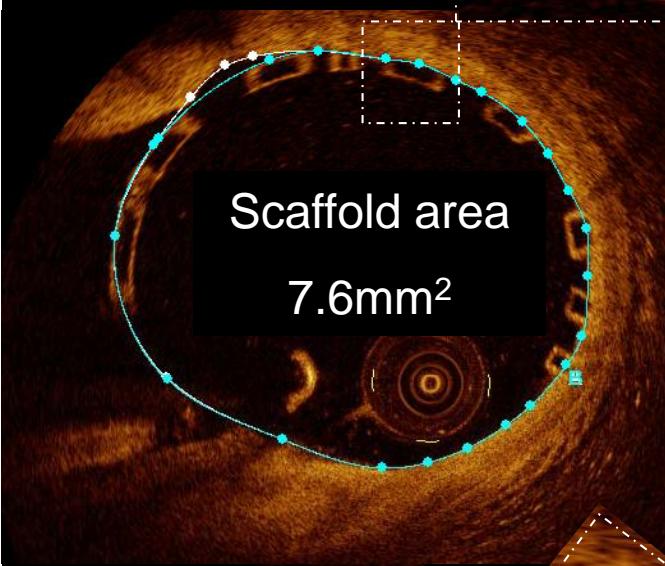
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**Post
Procedure**

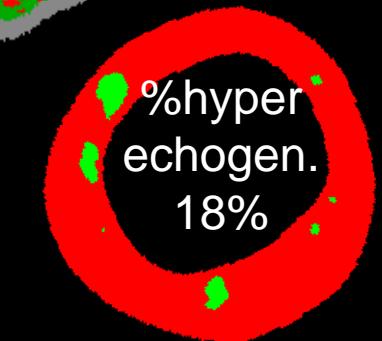
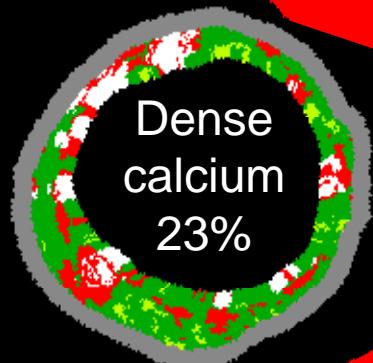
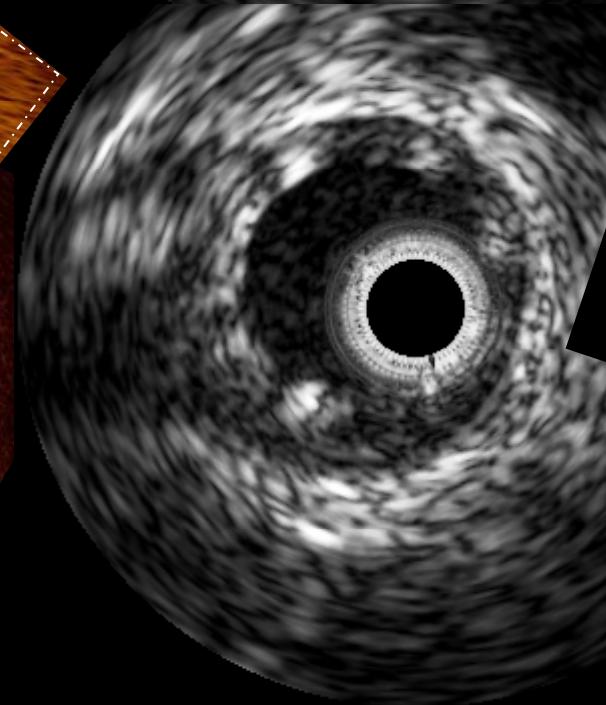


**The scaffold area
remained unchanged,
despite signs of
bioresorption observed
on IVUS-VH, or IVUS
echogenicity.**

Post Procedure



12 Months



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(Paired analysis from Intent-to-treat population)

Paired Intent-to-treat (n=54)				
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Mean Scaffold area, mm²	6.29	6.33	0.90	0.66
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Plaque area, mm²	7.72	8.30	8.94	<0.001
IVUS VH (n=48) Echogenicity (n=35)	Post PCI	12 Months	Difference %,	P value
Dense calcium area, %	30.9	23.1	-17.7	<0.001
Hyper-Echogenicity , %	23.5	18.3	-20	<0.001

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Mean Scaffold area, mm ²			No scaffold area reduction	
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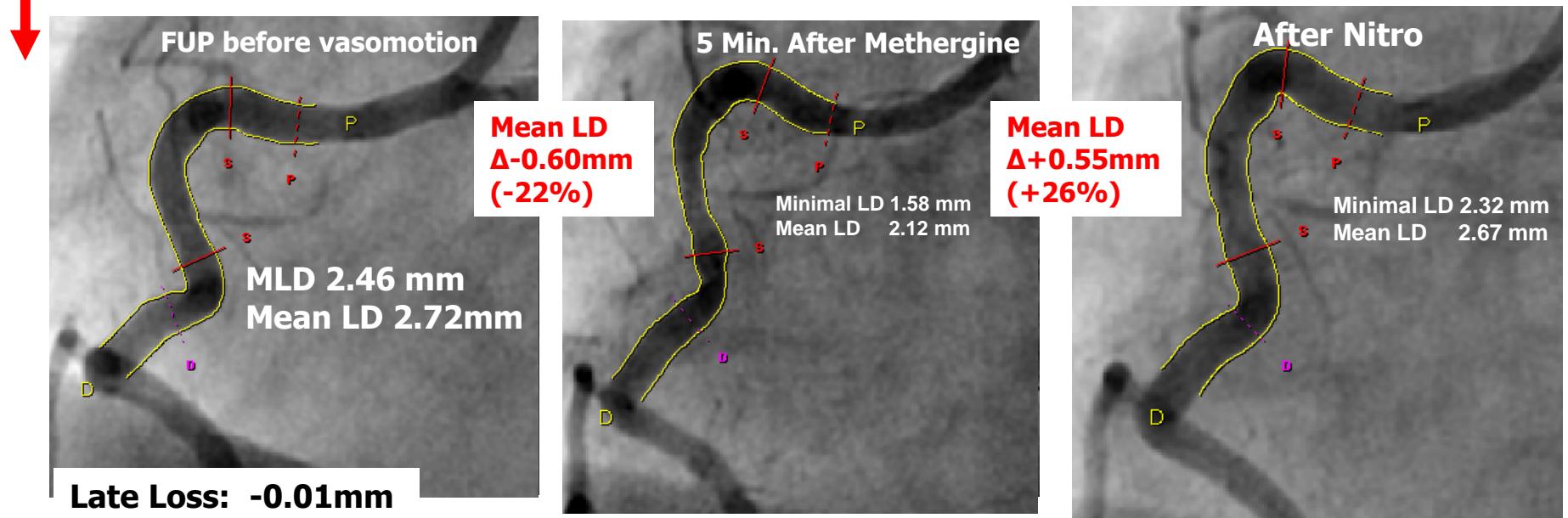
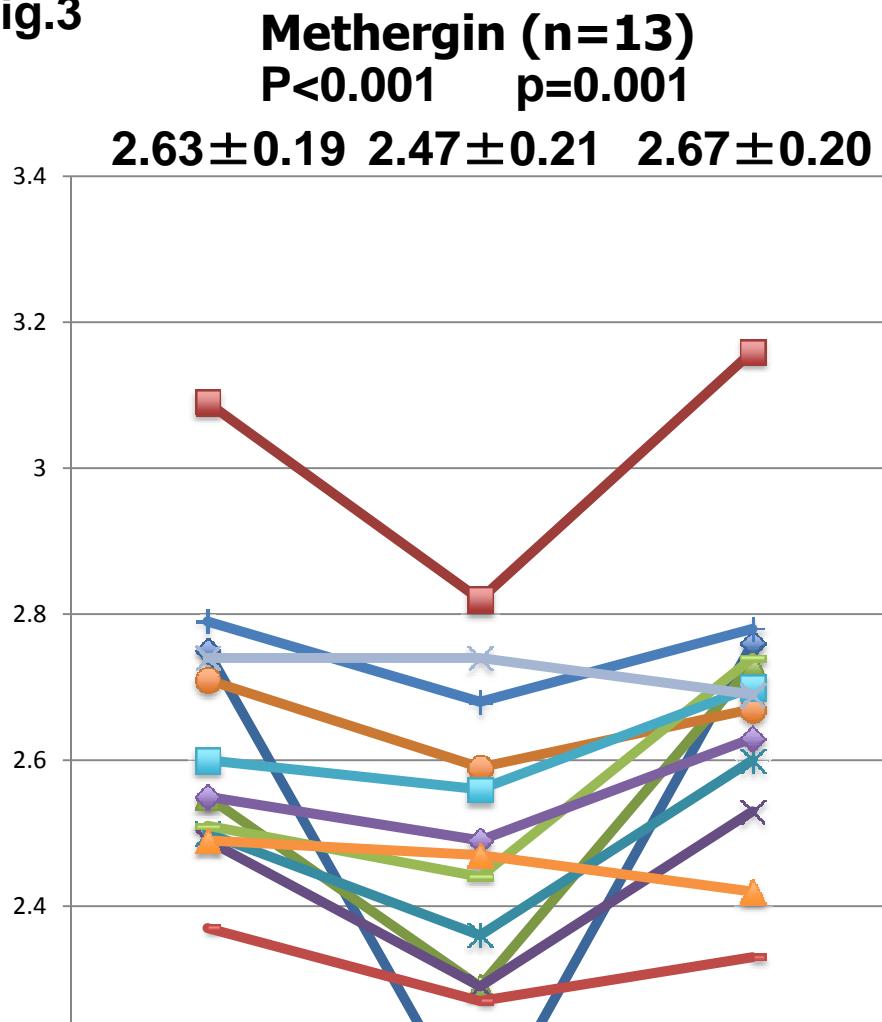
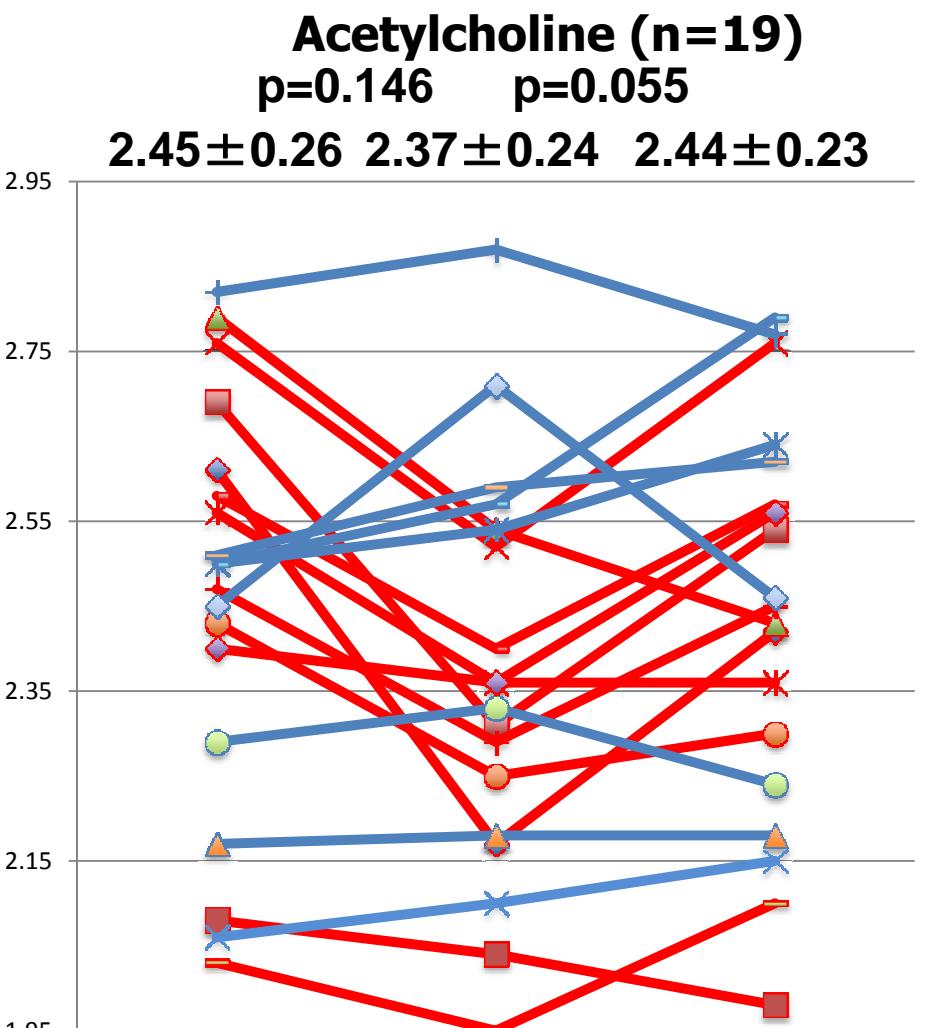


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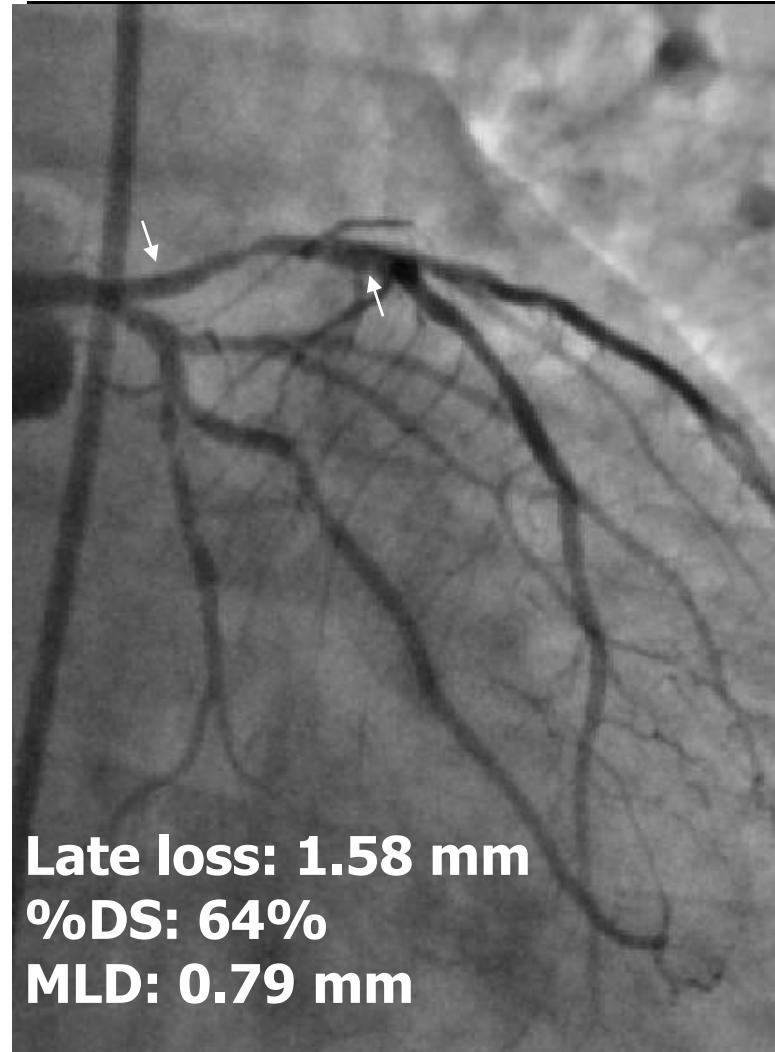


Methergine test showed significant vasoconstriction in the scaffolded segment, suggesting restoration of vasomotor tone.

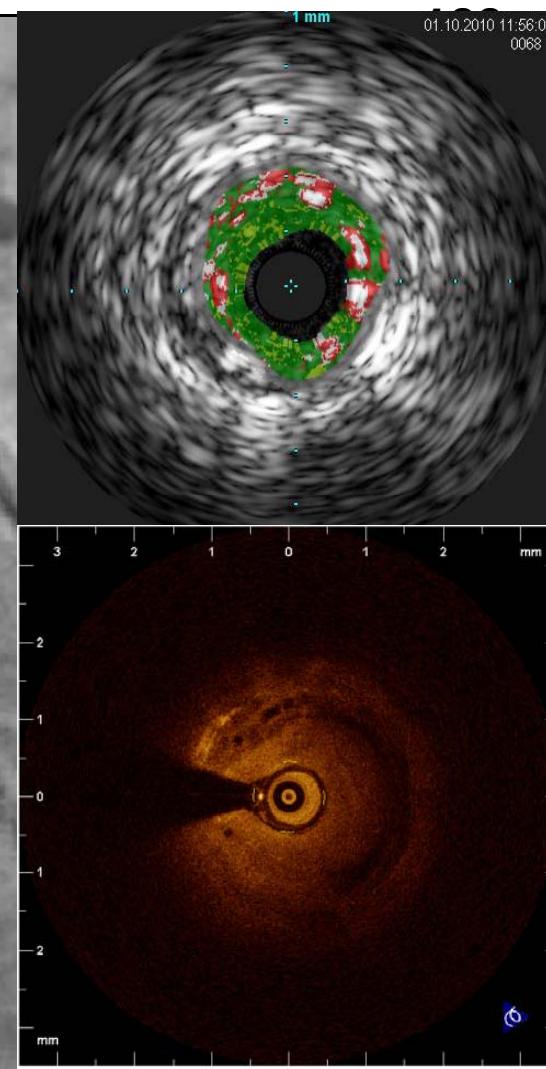


Out of 19 patients who underwent ach test, eight patients showed **vasodilatation, and one had unchanged luminal dimension, and 10 patients showed **vasoconstriction**.**

QCA results at 12 months



Late loss Cum. curves

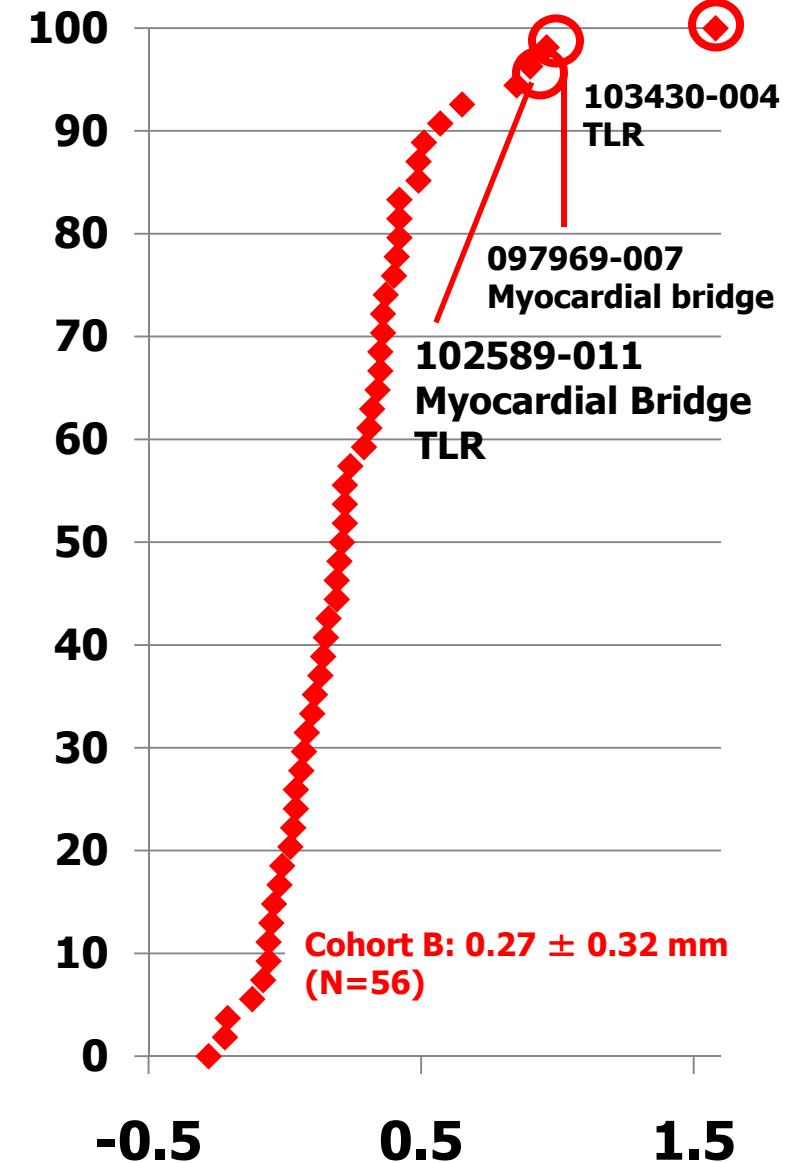


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N=56	Proximal	In-scaffold	Distal
Minimal Luminal Diameter			
Post procedure	2.43	2.27	2.18
At 12 months	2.30	2.00	2.10
P value	0.003	<0.001	0.047
Late Loss, mm	0.12	0.27	0.07
Diameter Stenosis, %			
Post procedure	13	15	15
At 12 months	12	21	13
P value	0.75	<0.001	0.10
Binary restenosis	0%	3.57%	0%

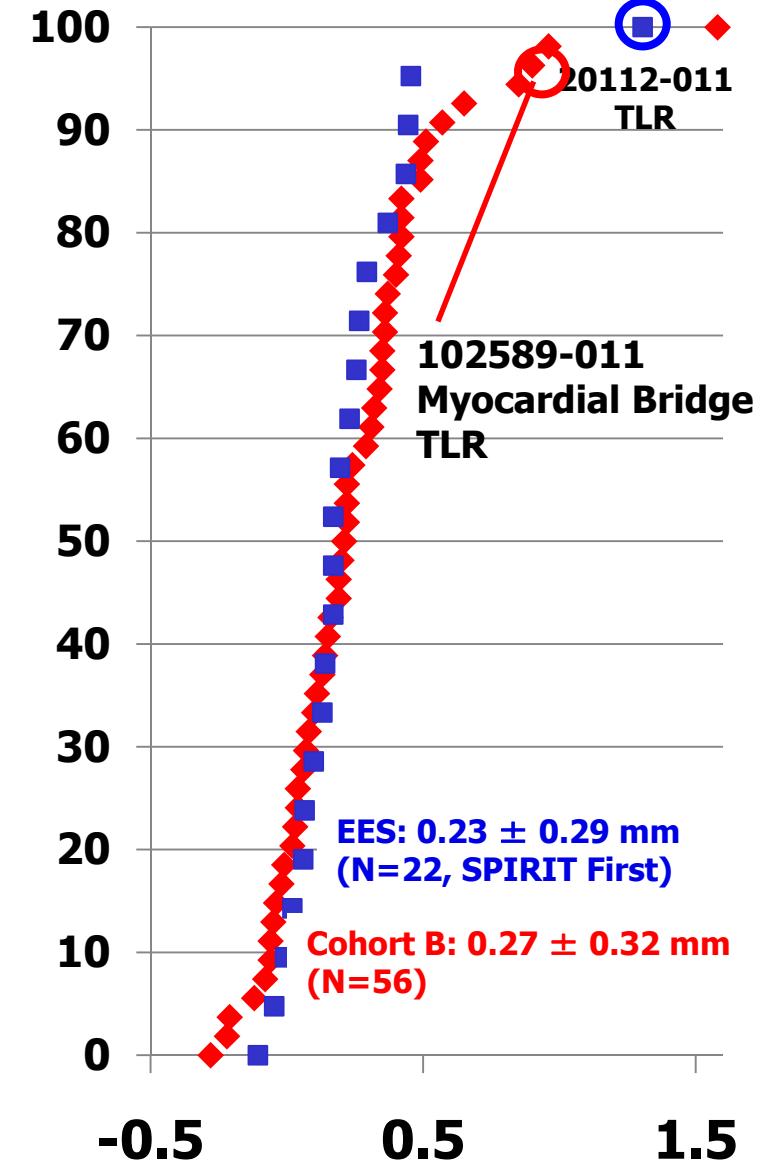
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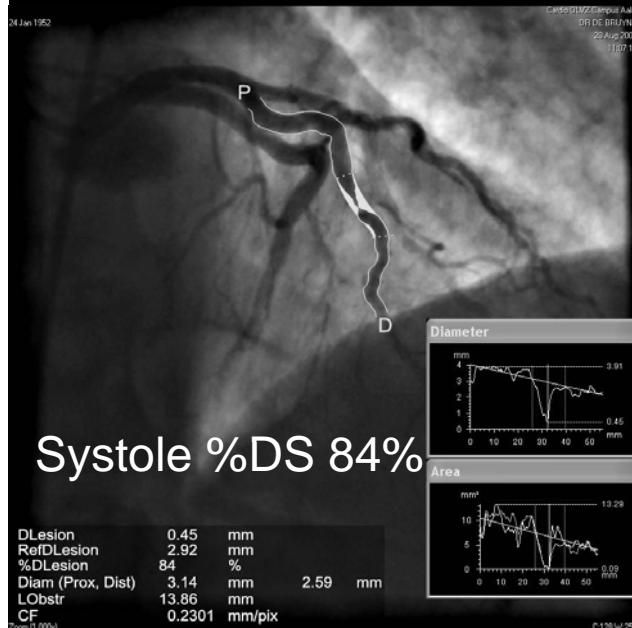
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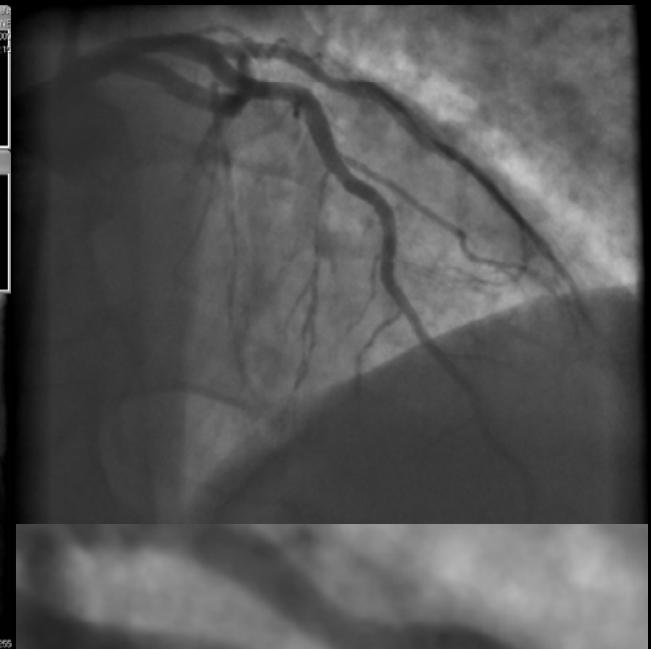
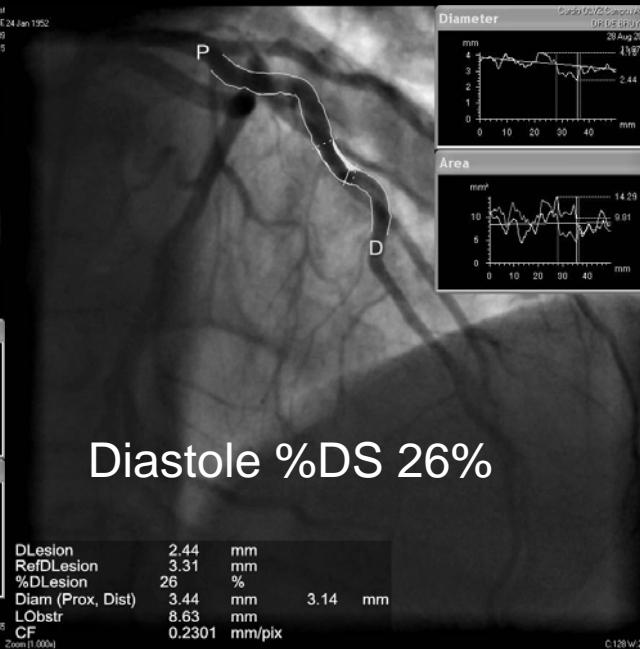
Late loss Cum. curves



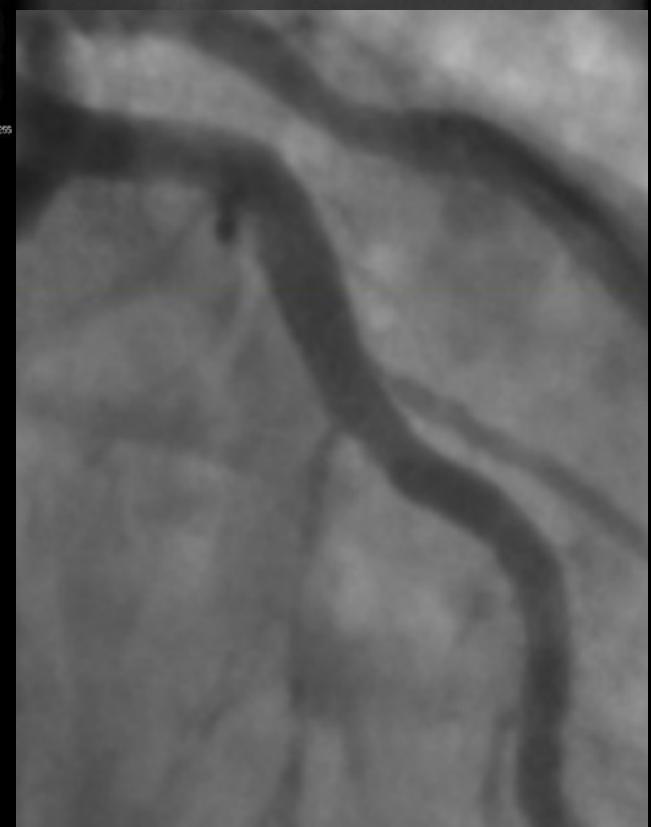
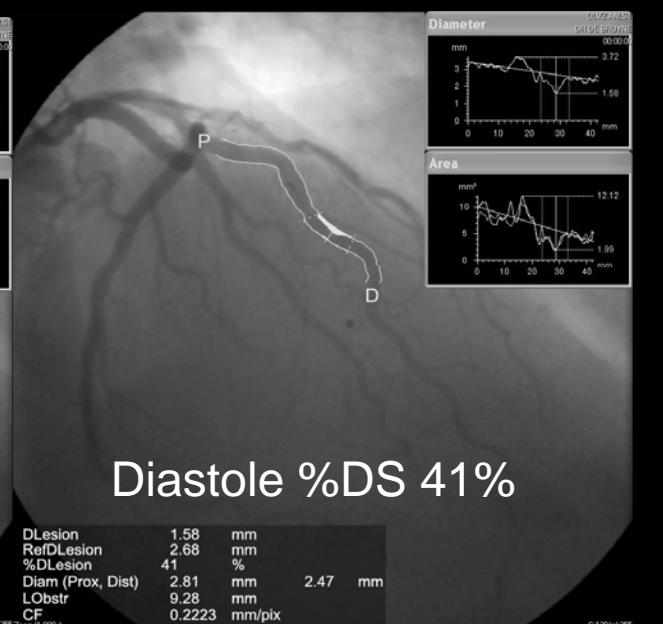
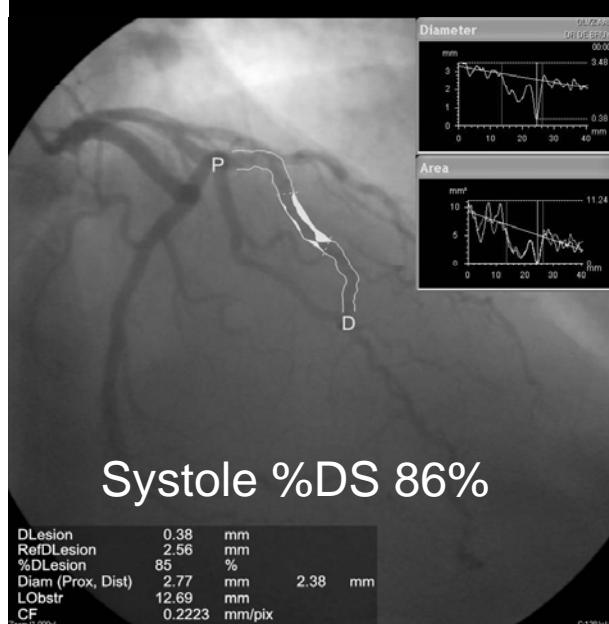
Before scaffolding



Post scaffolding



3 months later



Clinical Results up to 12 Months

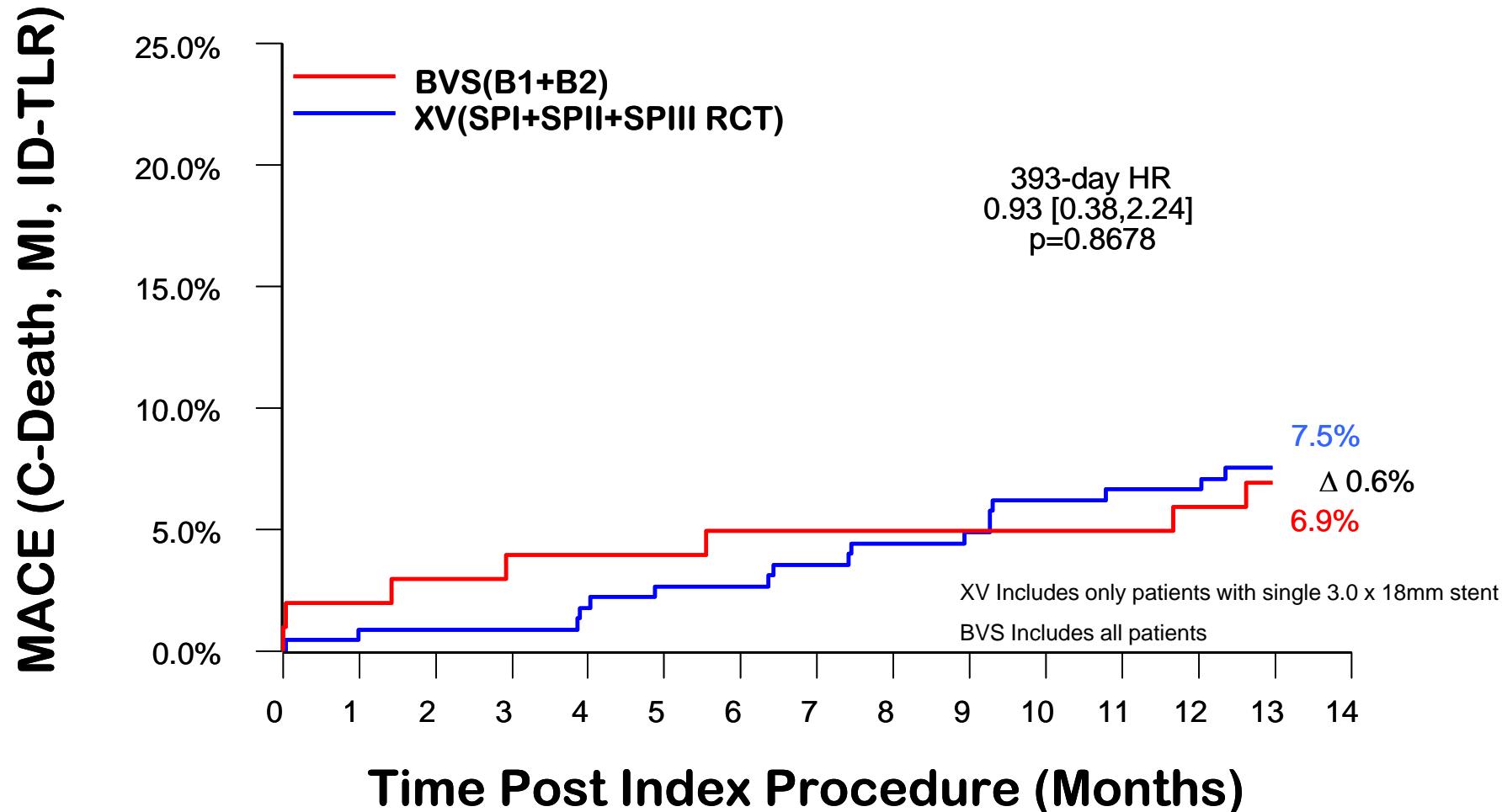
Non-Hierarchical	12 Months
	N = 56
Cardiac Death %	0
Myocardial Infarction % (n)	3.6 (2)
Q-wave MI	0
Non Q-wave MI	3.6 (2)
Ischemia driven TLR %	3.6 (2)
CABG	0
PCI	3.6 (2)
Hierarchical MACE % (n)	7.1 (4)

No scaffold thrombosis by ARC or Protocol

MACE: Cardiac death, MI, ischemia-driven TLR

TVF: Cardiac death, MI, ischemia-driven TLR, ischemia-driven TVR

KM estimate of MACE rate in patients treated with BVS (Absorb Cohort B, n=101) vs. patients treated with a single 3x 18 mm metallic EES (Spirit I+II+III, n=227)



Patients at risk	0 days	37 days	194 days	284 days	365 days	393 days
BVS(B1+B2)	101	99	96	96	95	94
XV(SPI+SPII+SPIII RCT)	227	224	219	211	209	208

Summary

- Despite early ultrasound and optical signs of **bioresorption**, both IVUS and OCT confirmed **the total absence of late reduction in scaffold area**
- However, **the mechanical integrity** and radial force of the scaffold must have substantially **subsided** since the scaffolded segments exhibit **clear signs of pharmacologically induced vasomotion**.
- These observations substantiate the concept of **restenosis** as a **time limited process**, and thereby validate the principle of a **transient need for a scaffold**.
- The late lumen loss (0.27mm) and MACE rate at one year (7.1%) are **comparable** to those observed in a historical series of metallic everolimus-eluting stents.