

# **BVS (Bioabsorbable Vascular Scaffold): They Will Replace the Metal Stent?**

## ***Current Status and Future Perspective***

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# Drug-Eluting Stents

Stefanini G, Holmes D.

*N Engl J Med* 2013

*“PCI is the most frequently performed therapeutic intervention in medicine”*

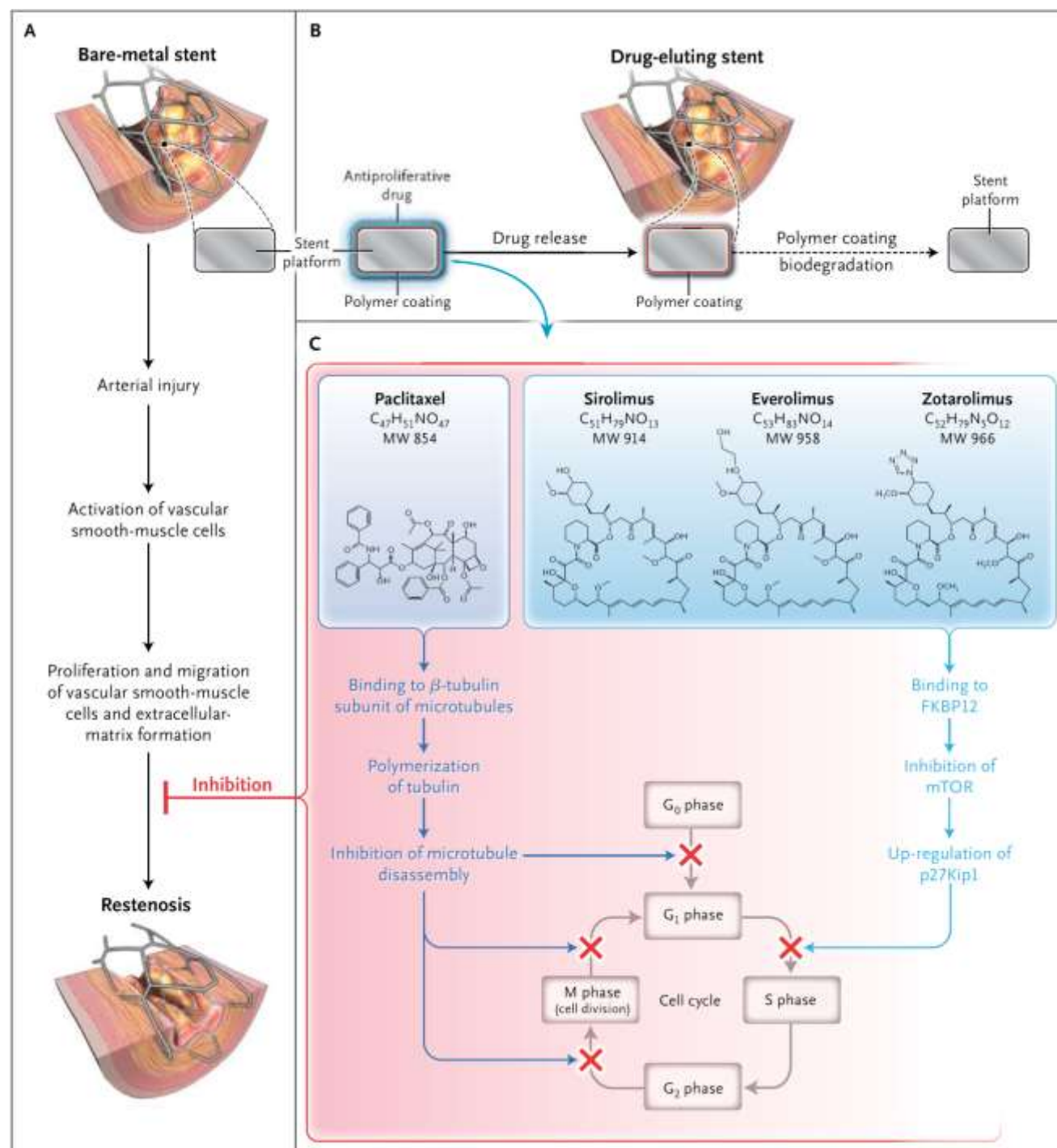
**\*Revolution of PCI;**

**1<sup>st</sup> – POBA**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – BMS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – DES**

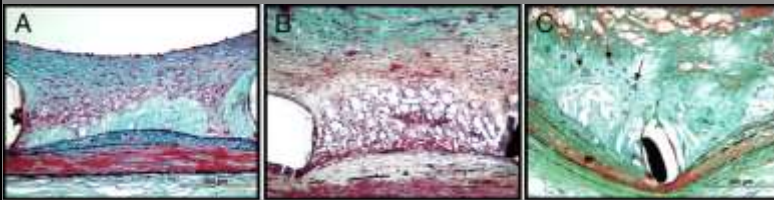
**4<sup>th</sup> – BRS**



# Limitations and Unmet Needs of Metal Stents

## Neoatherosclerosis

Nakazawa G et al. JACC 2011

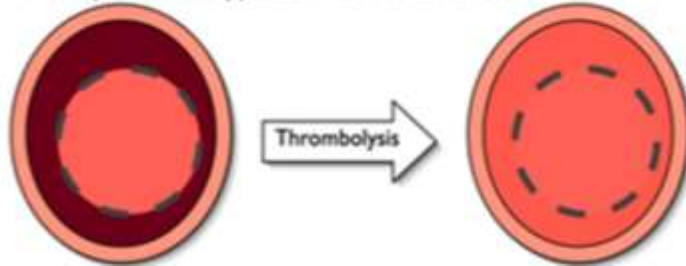


**Late Stent Thrombosis?**  
**Late Restenosis ?**

## Acute MI

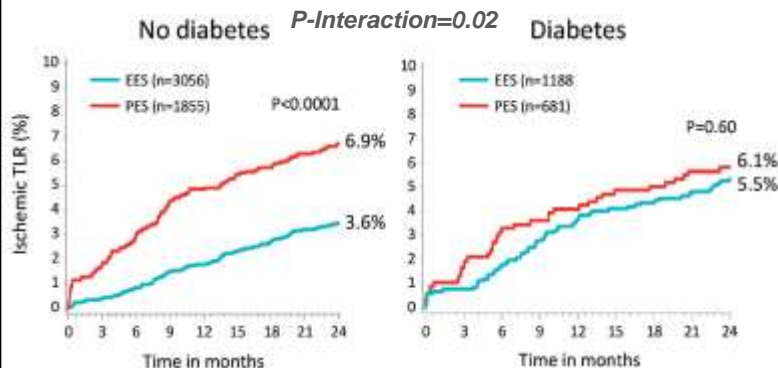
Cook S et al. Circulation 2009

Incomplete stent apposition due to thrombus dissolution



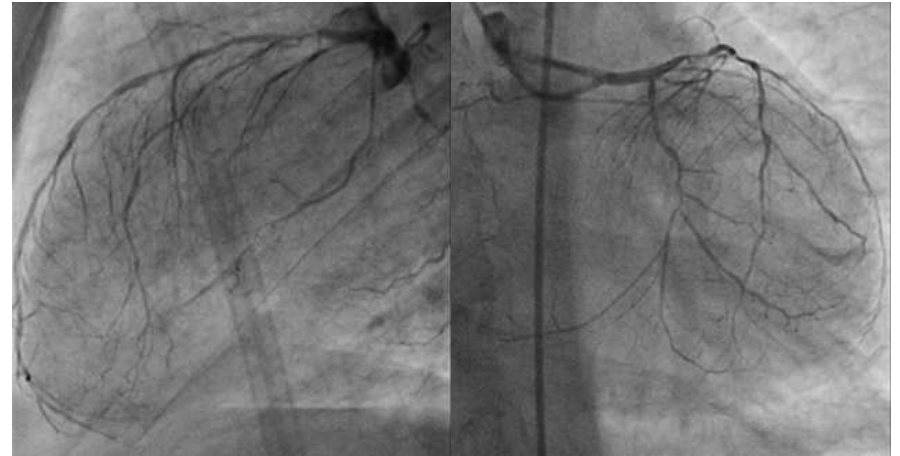
## Diabetes

Stone GW et al. Circulation 2011



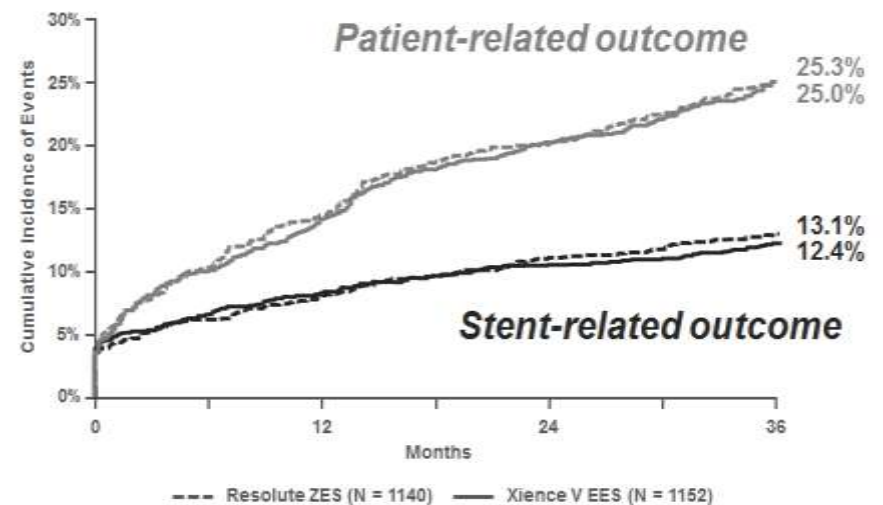
## Diffused Multivessel CAD

Jolicœur E et al. CJC 2012



## CAD Progression

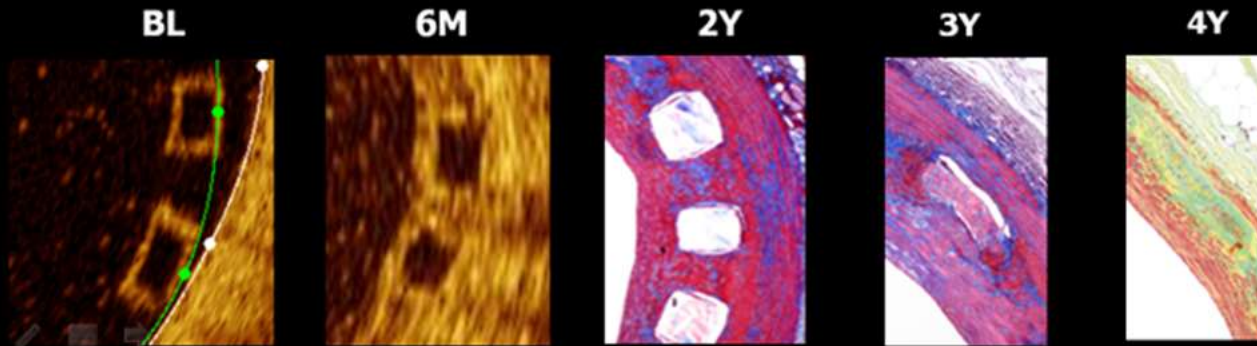
Silber S et al. Lancet 2011



# ***BVS - Device Resorption; “They do their job and disappear”***

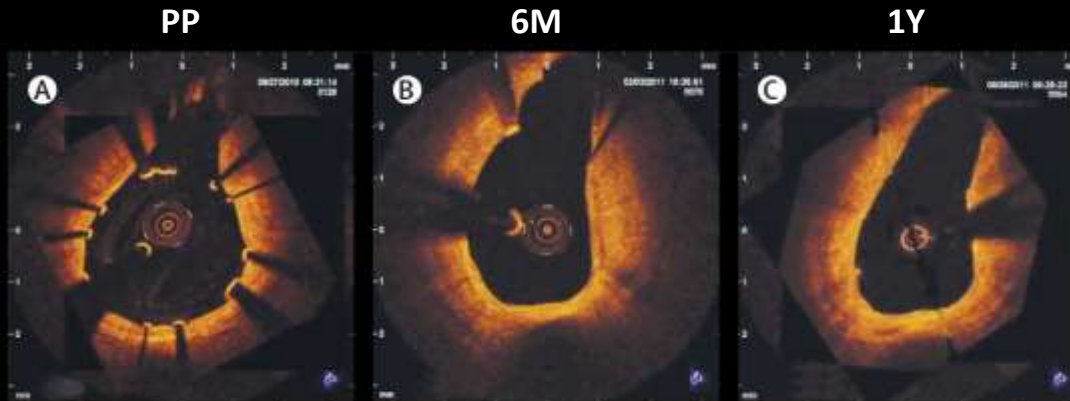
## **ABSORB BVS**

Ormiston J et al. *Circ Cardiovasc Interv* 2012;5:620-32



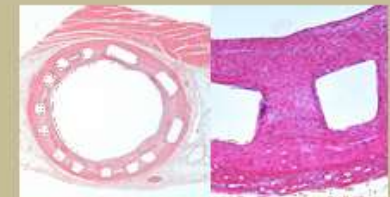
## **DREAMS**

Haude M et al *Lancet* 2013; 381:836-44

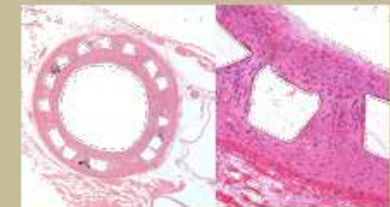


## **DESolve**

Preclinical Studies



1 month



6 months



2 years

# Issues Briefs

## **BVS; Clinical Evidence**

Existing data

- Registries and ABSORB II (first RCT)

Ongoing RCTs

- ABSORB III
- ABSORB IV

## **BVS: Concerns and Perspective**

Stent thrombosis

Complex lesions; left main, bifurcation, long lesions

Preventive BVS for non-culprit lesions; BVS or medical  
DAPT durations

# Potential Benefits of BVS

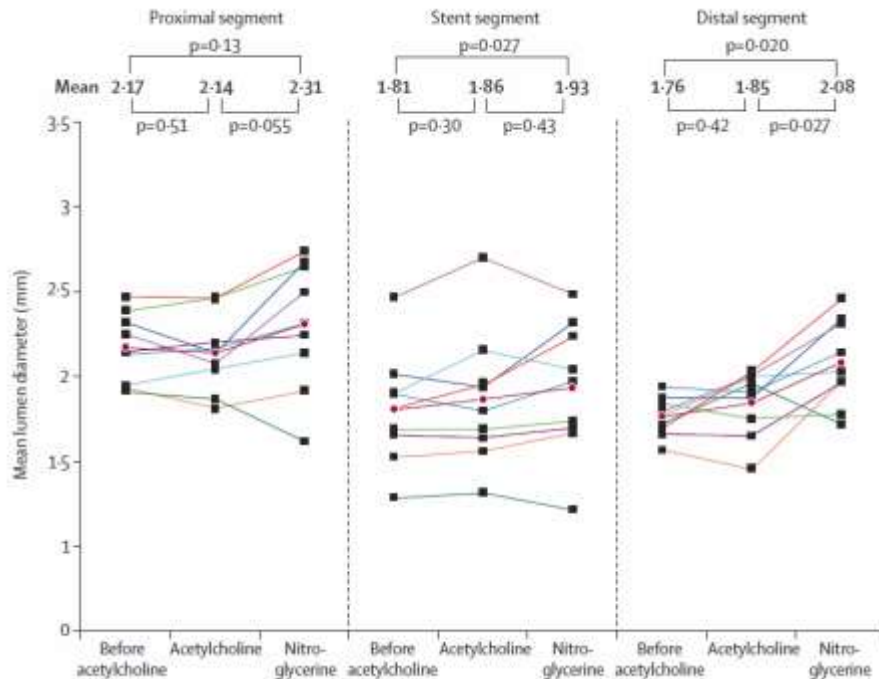


# Potentials of Fully Bioresorbable Coronary Scaffolds

Serruys P et al. *Lancet* 2009;373:897-910

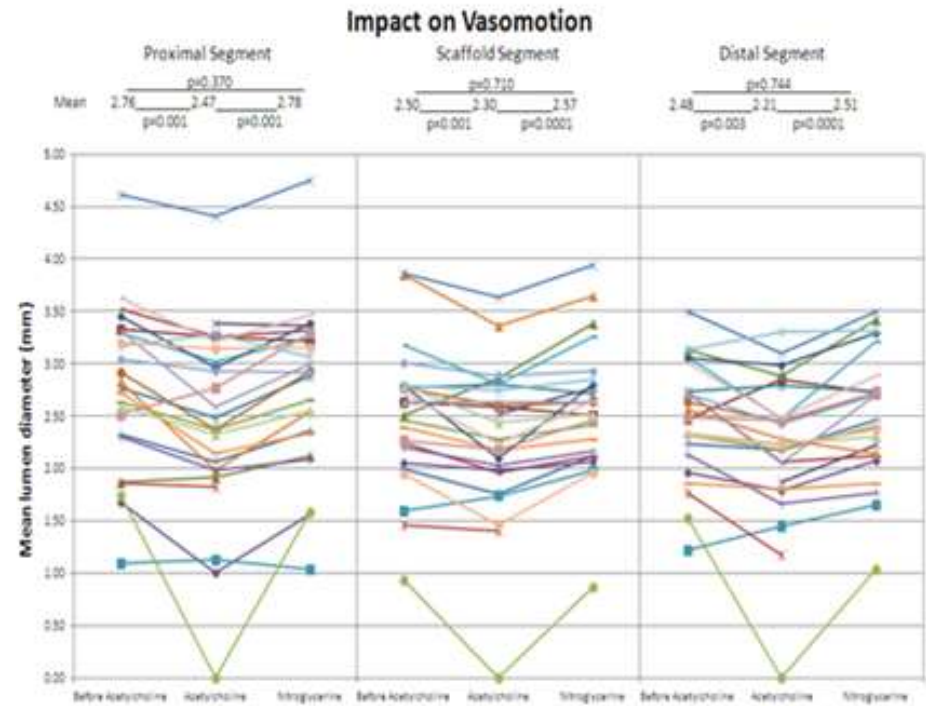
## Vasomotion Restoration

**ABSORB @ 2 years**



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**BIOSOLVE-I**

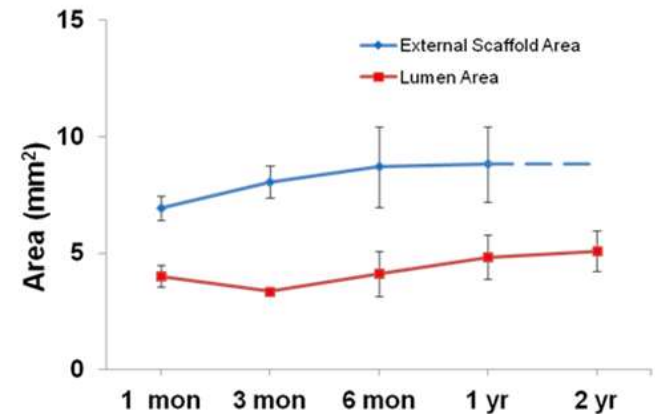
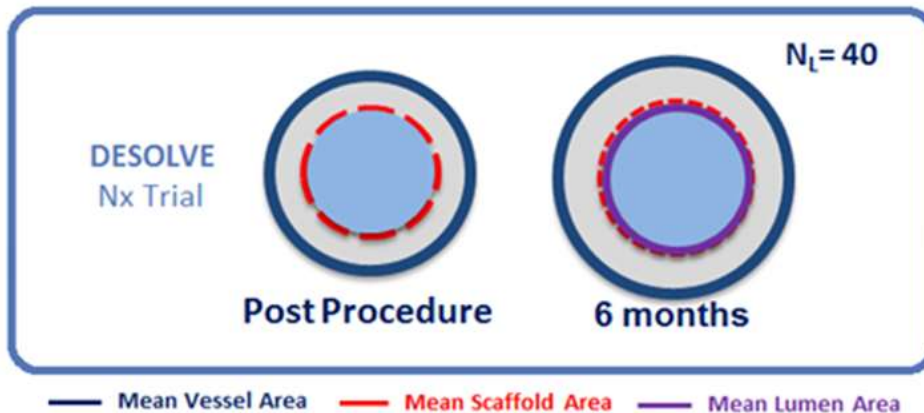


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## *Late Lumen Enlargement*



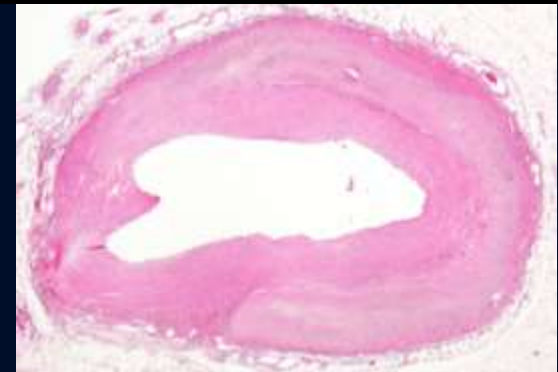
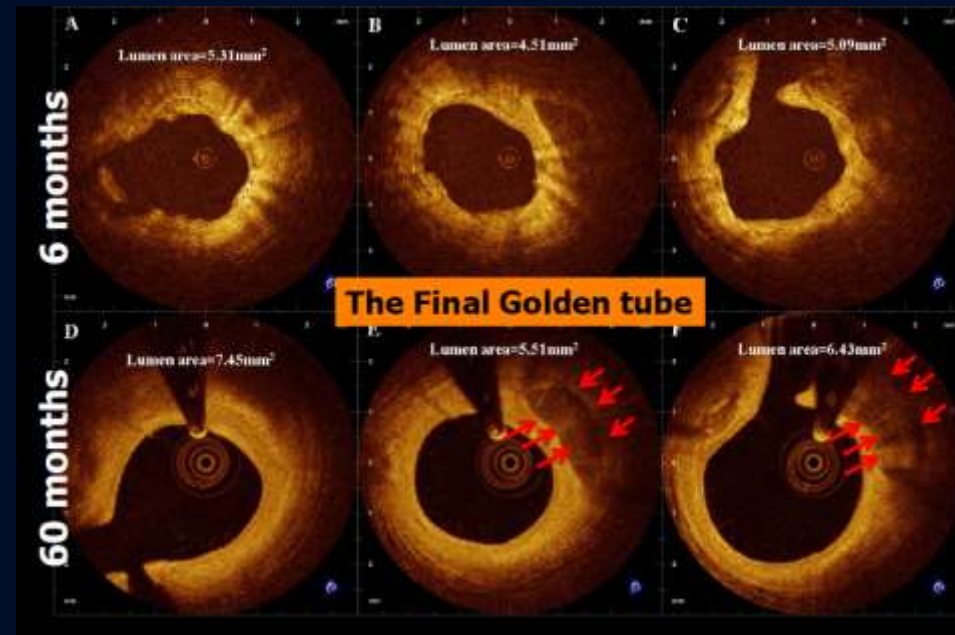


# Potentials of Fully Bioresorbable Coronary Scaffolds

Brugaletta S et al. *Atherosclerosis* 2013

## Neocap - Plaque Sealing

	BL	6 Ms (B1)	12 Ms (B2)	24 Ms (B1)	36 Ms (B2)
Neointimal Thick, $\mu\text{m}$	0	210	220	254	285
BVS area, $\text{mm}^2$	7.47 (B1) 7.73 (B2)	7.70	7.51	8.24	8.64
MLA, $\text{mm}^2$	7.23 (B1) 7.69 (B2)	6.07	6.01	5.99	6.09

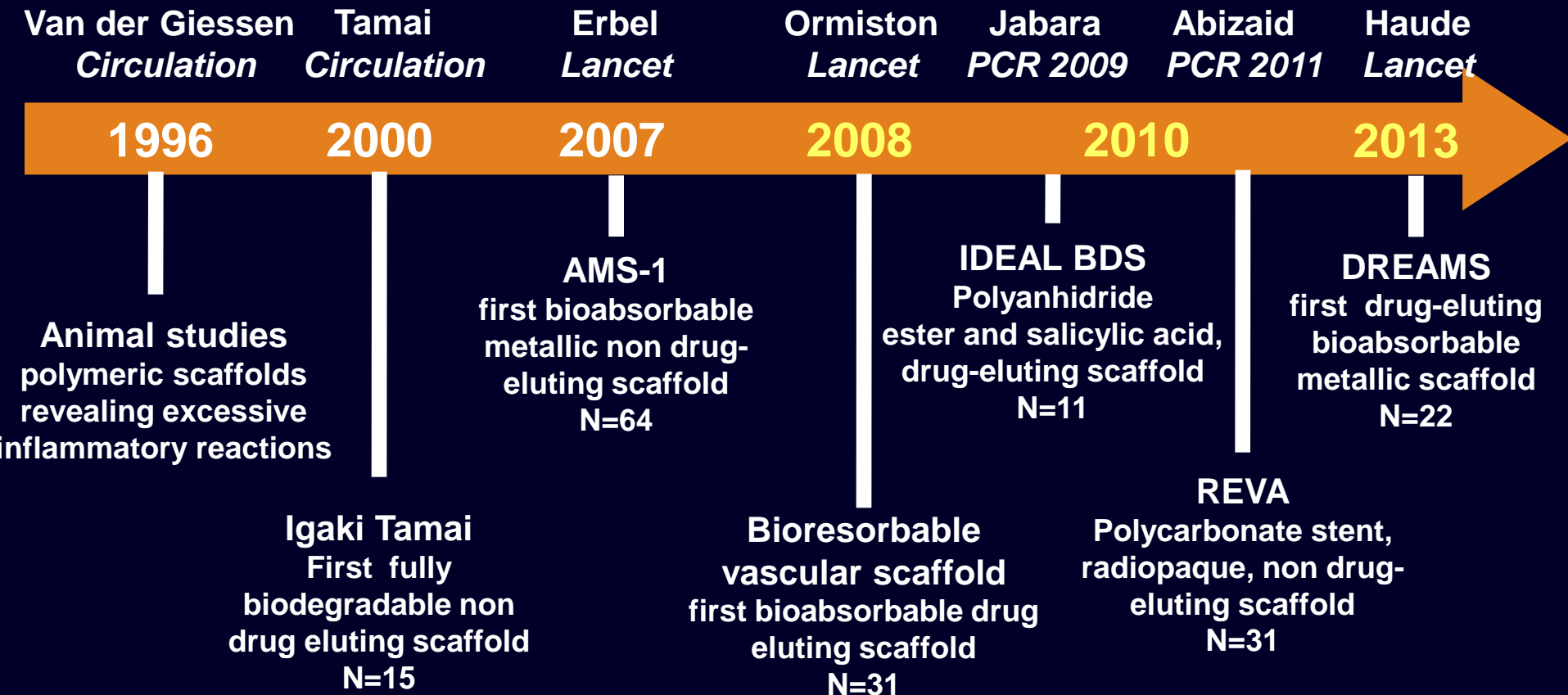
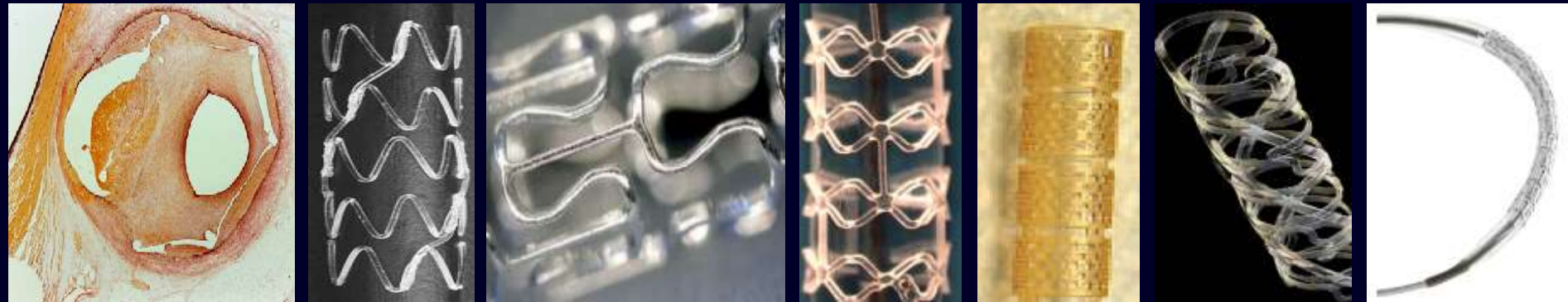


# Potential Clinical Benefits of a Bioabsorbable DES...

- Provides *transient* vessel scaffolding when needed, “leaving nothing behind”
- Local drug release inhibits restenosis
- Restores vessel to natural state with normal function and healing responses
- Reduces need for long term DAPT
- Eliminates source of inflammation/ irritation
- Reduces late events (esp. SAT)
- Vessel free for future interventions; CABG

# Current Technology of BVS

# Bioresorbable Coronary Scaffolds

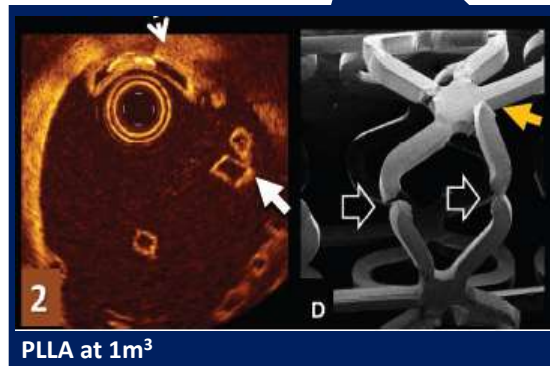


# Key characteristics of absorbable scaffold materials

## Polymeric

## Metallic

Material	PLLA <sup>1</sup>	Iron <sup>2</sup>	Magnesium Alloy <sup>2</sup>
Tensile Strength (MPa)	~30-45	300	280
Elongation (%)	2 – 6	25	23
Total Degradation Time	2-3 Years	> 4 years	9-12 months



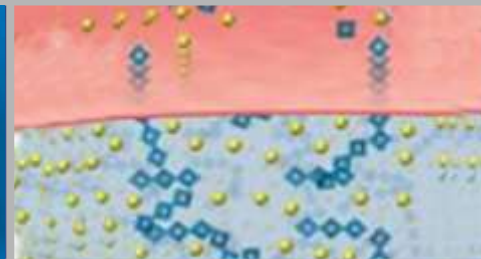



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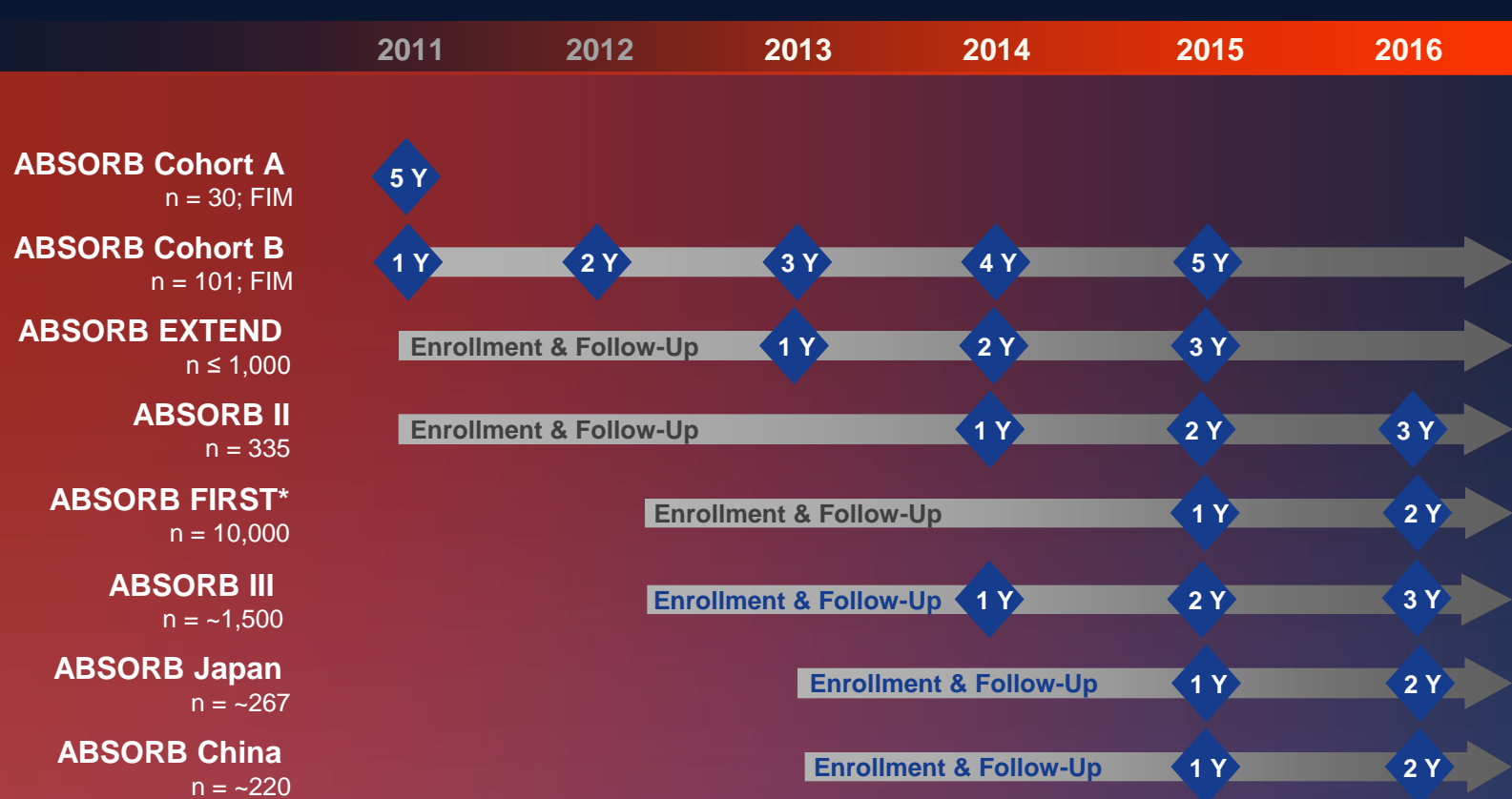


# **Clinical Data of Bioabsorbable Stent**

# Abbott Vascular Everolimus-Eluting Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold

ML VISION Delivery System	Bioresorbable Device Platform	Bioresorbable Coating	Everolimus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seven generations of <b>MULTI-LINK</b> success</li><li>• World-class deliverability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Polylactide (PLLA)</b></li><li>• Naturally resorbed, fully metabolized</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Polylactide (PDLLA)</b> coating</li><li>• Fully biodegradable</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Similar dose and release rate to XIENCE V</b></li></ul>
			

# Investing in a Comprehensive ABSORB Clinical Trial Program



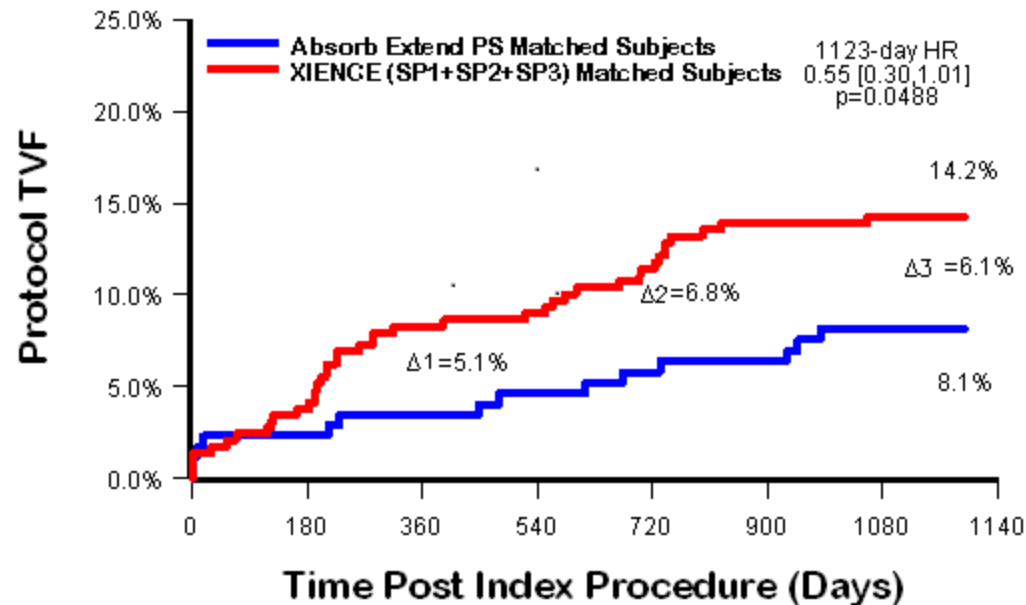
**Total Patients Studied**   n~599   n~930   n~5,674   n~13,453   n~13,453   n~13,453

Note: Sample sizes reflect Absorb patients only.

\* n= 10,000 f/u at 6 months. 1,000 patients f/u at 1 -3 years, 1,000 patients at 2-4 years

# ABSORB Update: The EXTEND Real World Registry

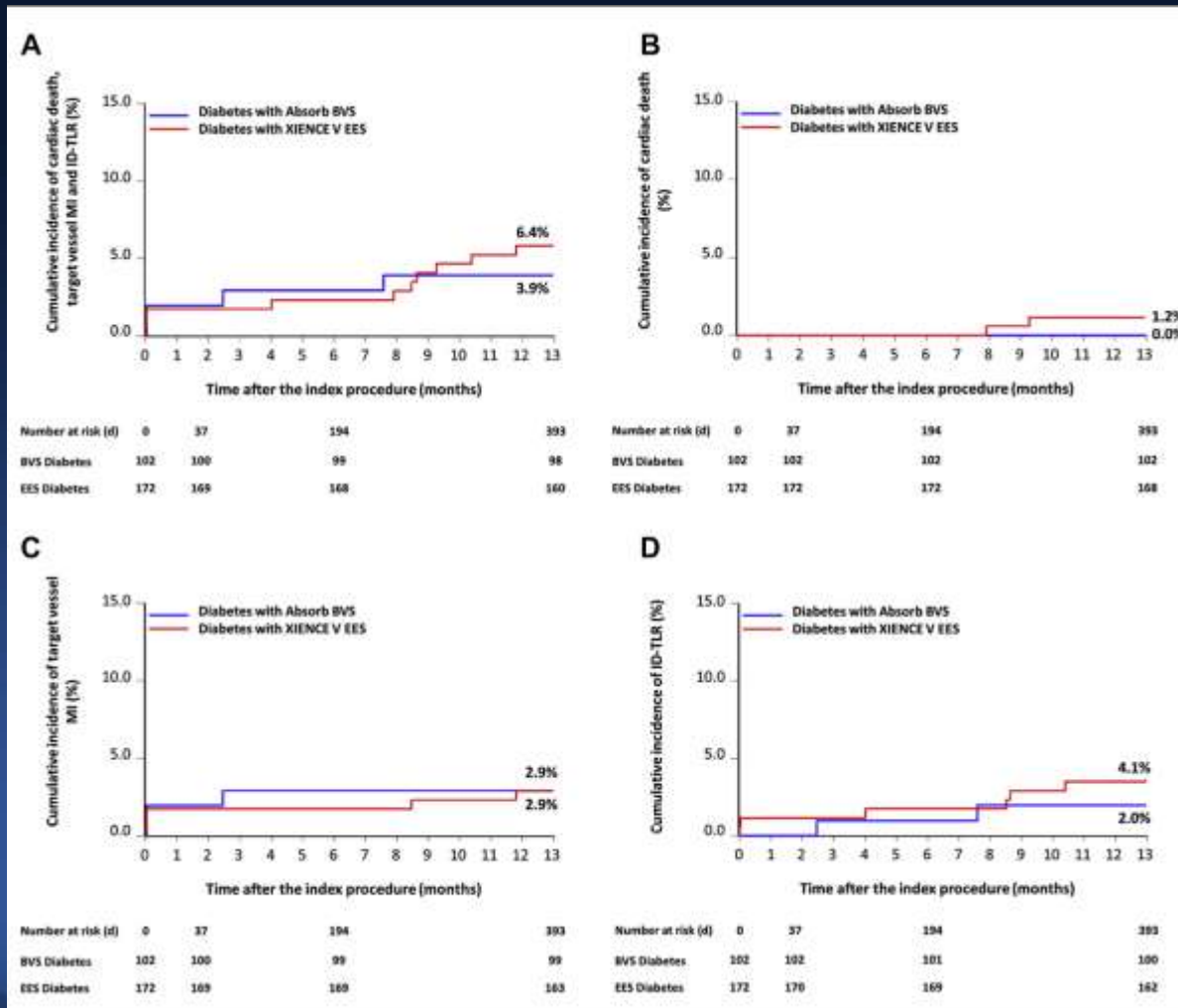
## Propensity Score Matched: TVF through 36 Months



	0	37	194	393	758	1123
ABSORB EXTEND at Risk	174	169	169	166	160	156
XIENCE V (SPI,II,III) at Risk	290	285	276	264	246	241

# Absorb vs. EES in DM Patients

## A Pooled Analysis of the ABSORB and the SPIRIT Trials *Propensity-Matched*



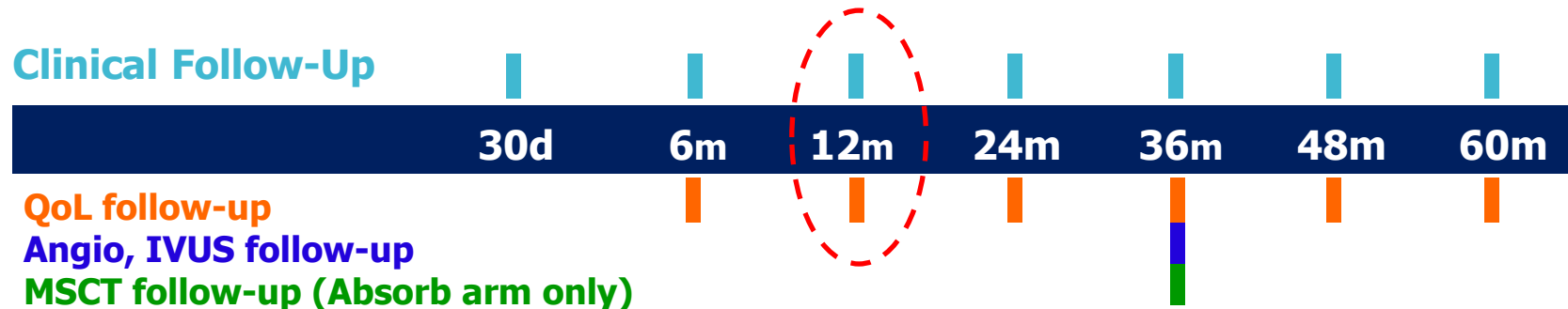


# ABSORB II Study Design

**501 subjects**

Randomized 2:1 Absorb BVS:XIENCE / 46 sites (Europe and New Zealand)

**Clinical Follow-Up**



**Study Objective**

Randomized against XIENCE control. First Patient In: 28-Nov-2011

Lancet. 2015 Jan 3;385(9962):43-54

A bioresorbable everolimus-eluting scaffold versus a metallic everolimus-eluting stent for ischaemic heart disease caused by de-novo native coronary artery lesions (ABSORB II): an interim 1-year analysis of clinical and procedural secondary outcomes from a randomised controlled trial



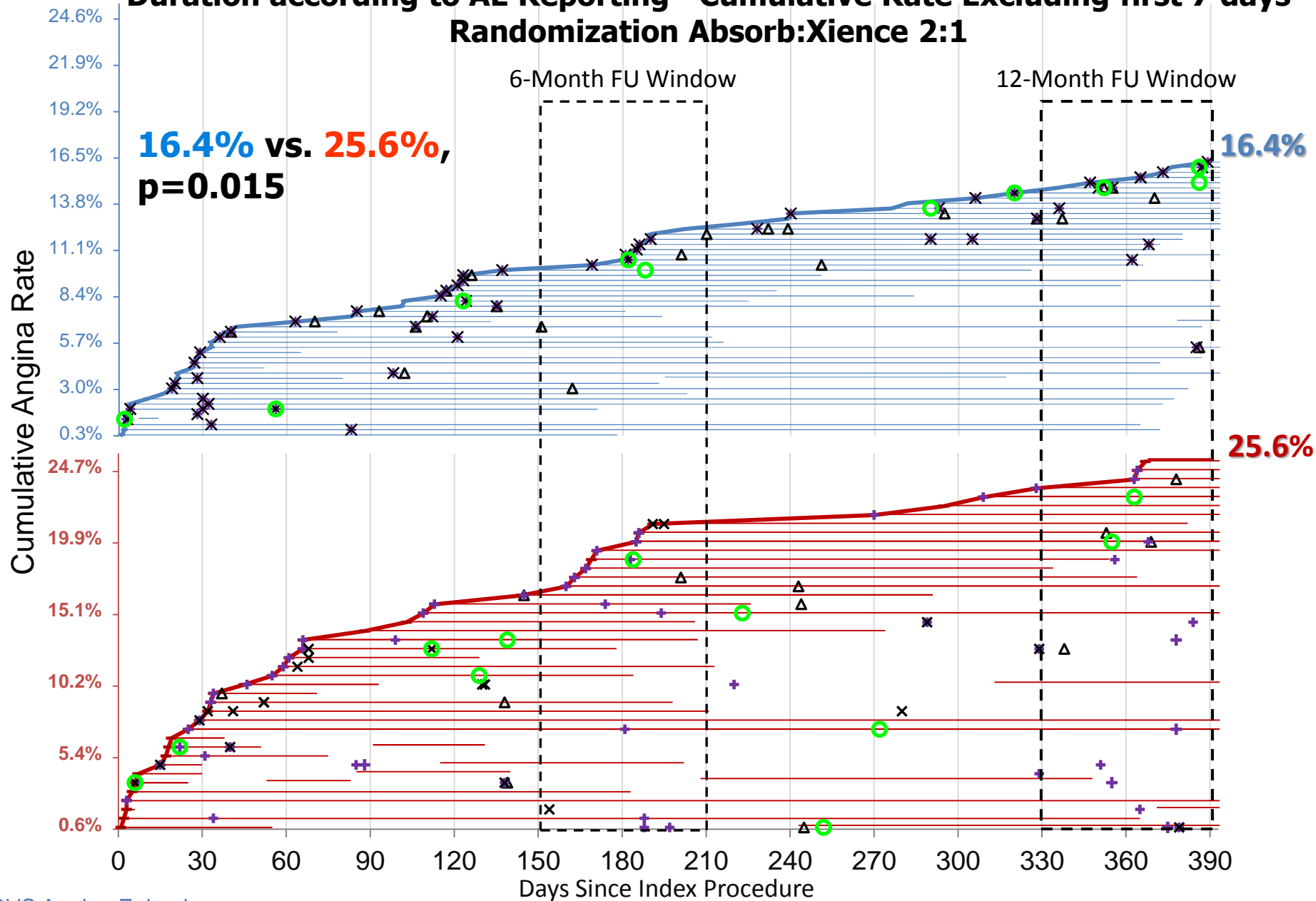
# ABSORB II - Clinical Outcomes

Cumulative incidence in percentage	Absorb 335 pts	Xience 166 pts	<i>p</i> value
Composite of cardiac death, target vessel MI and clinically indicated target lesion revascularization (TLF, DoCE)	<b>4.8 %</b>	<b>3.0 %</b>	<b>0.35</b>
Cardiac death	0 %	0 %	1.00
Target vessel MI	4.2 %	1.2 %	0.07
Clinically indicated TLR	1.2 %	1.8 %	0.69
All TLR	1.2 %	1.8 %	0.69
Composite of all death, all MI and all revascularization (PoCE)	<b>7.3 %</b>	<b>9.1 %</b>	<b>0.47</b>
All death	0 %	0.6 %	0.33
All MI	4.5 %	1.2 %	0.06
All revascularization	3.6 %	7.3 %	0.08

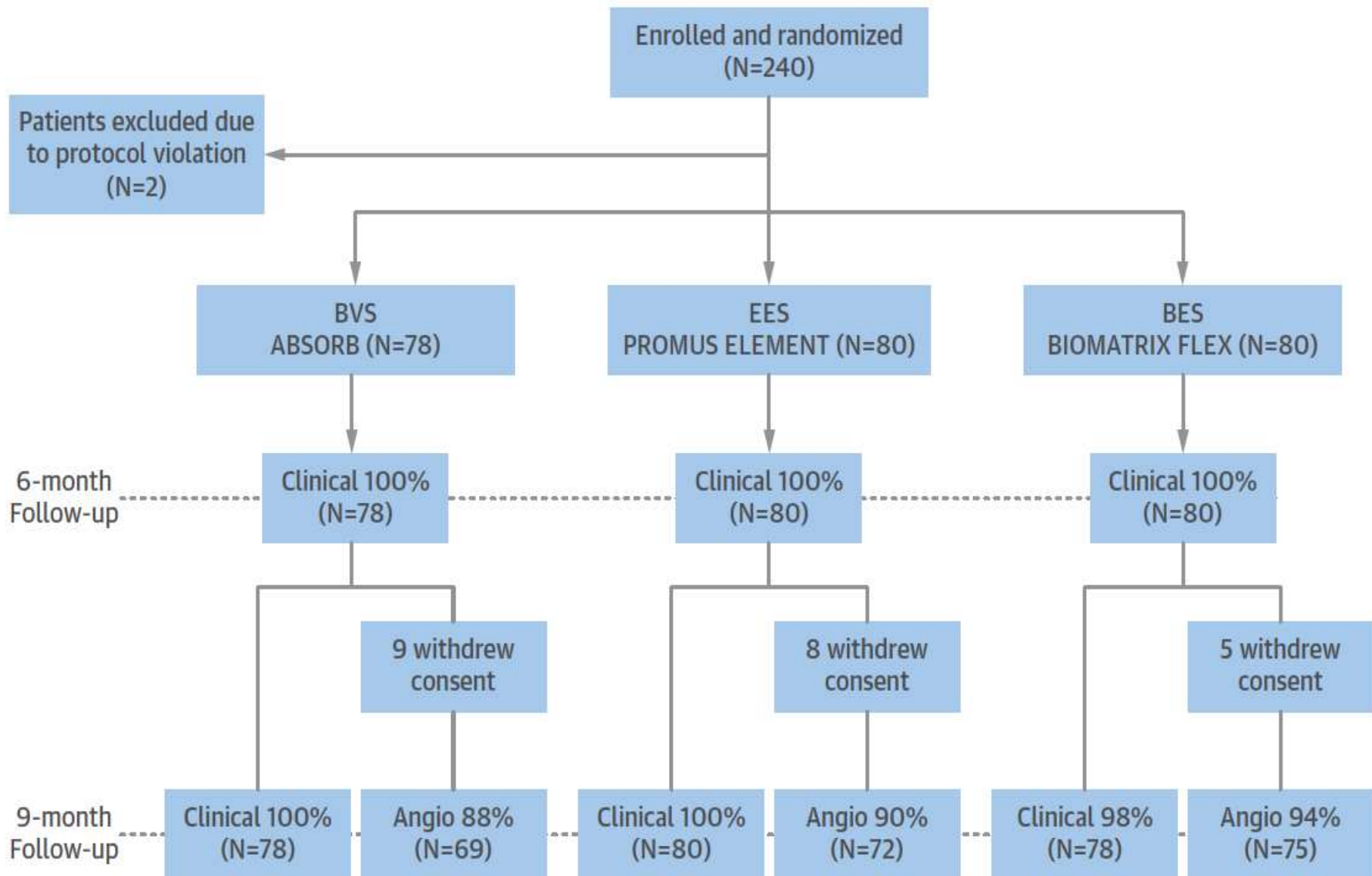
# Definite scaffold/stent thrombosis

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Definite scaffold/stent thrombosis			
Acute (0-1 day)	0.3 (1pt)	0.0	NS
Sub-acute (2–30 days)	0.3 (1pt)	0.0	NS
Late (31–365 days)	0.0	0.0	NS
Probable scaffold/stent thrombosis			
Acute (0-1 day)	0.0	0.0	NS
Sub-acute (2–30 days)	0.0	0.0	NS
Late (31–365 days)	0.3 (1pt)	0.0	NS

# Time to the First Occurrence of Angina(Worsening or Recurrent) and its Duration according to AE Reporting– Cumulative Rate Excluding first 7 days Randomization Absorb:Xience 2:1

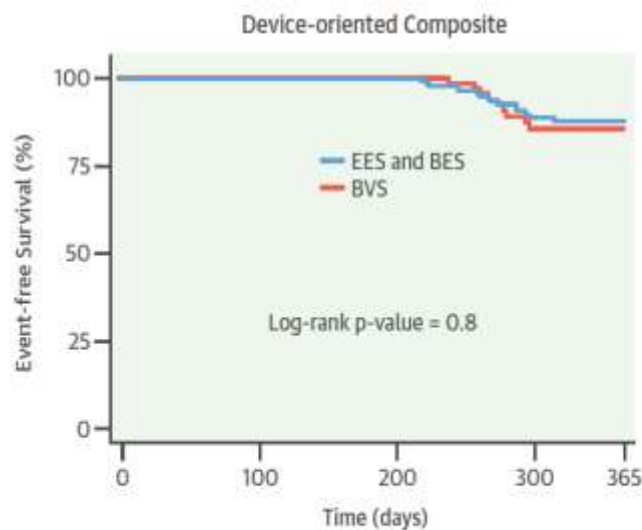
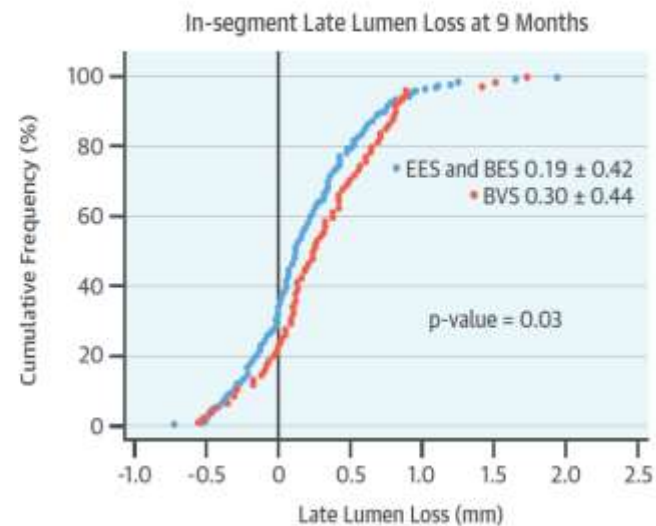
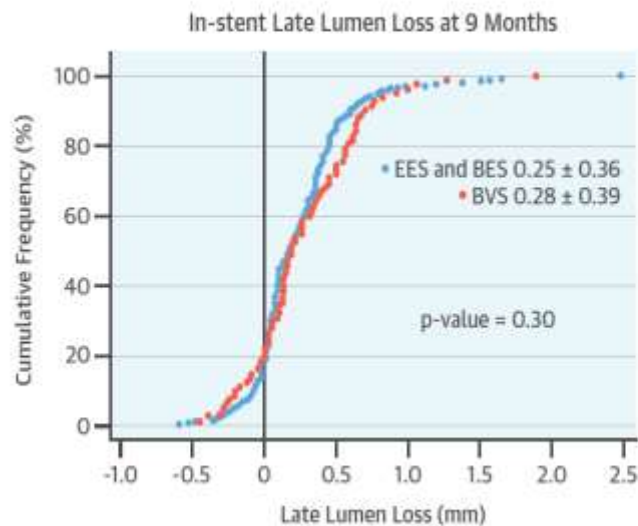


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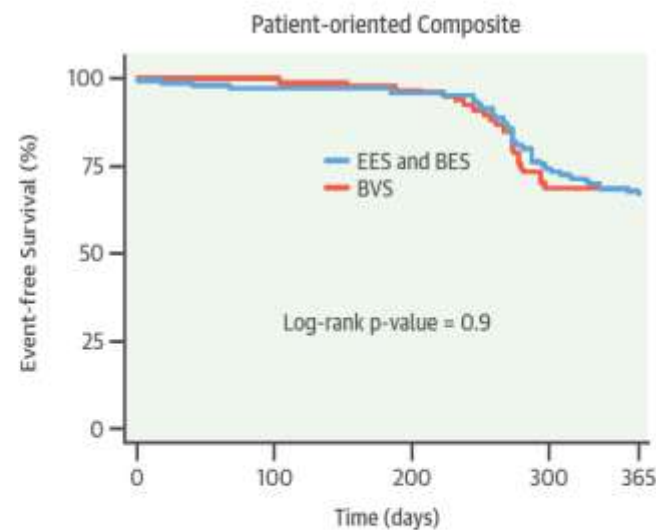


**CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION** Comparison of Everolimus- and Biolimus-Eluting Coronary Stents With Everolimus-Eluting Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffolds: Clinical and Angiographic Endpoints



Number at risk

BVS	78	78	78	49	48
EES and BES	160	158	158	91	87



Number at risk

BVS	78	78	75	39	39
EES and BES	160	154	153	79	70

# US ABSORB Program and Trial Strategy

## Protocol 10-392

### ABSORB III

US Regulatory Approval Trial,  
n~2250

Lead-in Cohort (n ≤ 50)	Training
Primary RCT Cohort (n~2000) <b>2:1 BVS vs XIENCE</b>	Approval
Imaging Cohort, RCT RCT (n~200)*	Vasomotion, & late lumen growth claims
PK Sub-study (n=12)	Pharmacokinetics
Achieve Regulatory Approval	

Imaging Cohort of 200 subjects is separate from the 2000 primary endpoint subjects

### ABSORB IV

Continued Access Trial,  
(n~3000)

Primary RCT Cohort (n~3000) <b>1:1 BVS vs XIENCE</b>	Angina Claim
<b>RESOLVE</b> Ischemia Sub-study (n~370) <b>1:1 BVS vs XIENCE</b>	Ischemia Assessment
ABSORB IV is <b>currently enrolling</b>	
Show superiority of Absorb to XIENCE	



# Safety and performance of the drug-eluting absorbable metal scaffold (DREAMS) in patients with de-novo coronary lesions: 12 month results of the prospective, multicentre, first-in-man BIOSOLVE-I trial

Michael Haude, Raimund Erbel, Paul Erne, Stefan Verheye, Hubertus Degen, Dirk Böse, Paul Vermeersch, Inge Wijnbergen, Neil Weissman, Francesco Prati, Ron Waksman, Jacques Koolen

## Summary

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**Background** Bioabsorbable vascular scaffolds were developed to overcome limitations of permanent bare-metal or drug-eluting coronary stents—ie, stent thrombosis (despite prolonged dual antiplatelet therapy), the life-long presence of a caged vessel segment that does not allow vasomotion or remodelling, and chronic vessel wall inflammation. We assessed the safety and performance of a new magnesium-based paclitaxel-eluting absorbable metal scaffold in symptomatic patients with de-novo coronary lesions.

**Methods** We did a prospective, multicentre, first-in-man trial (BIOSOLVE-1) of the drug-eluting absorbable metal scaffold (DREAMS). 46 patients with 47 lesions were enrolled at five European centres. The primary endpoint was target lesion failure, a composite of cardiac death, target vessel myocardial infarction, and clinically driven target lesion revascularisation, at 6 and 12 months. Clinical follow-up was scheduled at 1, 6, 12, 24, and 36 months. Patients were consecutively assigned to angiographic and intravascular ultrasonographic follow-up at 6 months or 12 months. Optical coherence tomography was done in some patients. All patients were recommended to take dual antiplatelet therapy for at least 12 months. This trial is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, number NCT01168830.

**Findings** Overall device and procedural success was 100%. Two of 46 (4%) patients had target lesion failure at 6 months (both clinically driven target lesion revascularisations), which rose to three of 43 (7%) at 12 months (one periprocedural target vessel myocardial infarction occurred during angiography at the 12 month follow-up visit). We noted no cardiac death or scaffold thrombosis.

**Interpretation** Our results show feasibility, a good safety profile, and promising clinical and angiographic performance results up to 12 months for DREAMS. Our promising clinical results show that absorbable metal scaffolds might be an alternative to polymeric absorbable scaffolds.

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# BIOSOLVE-I study results

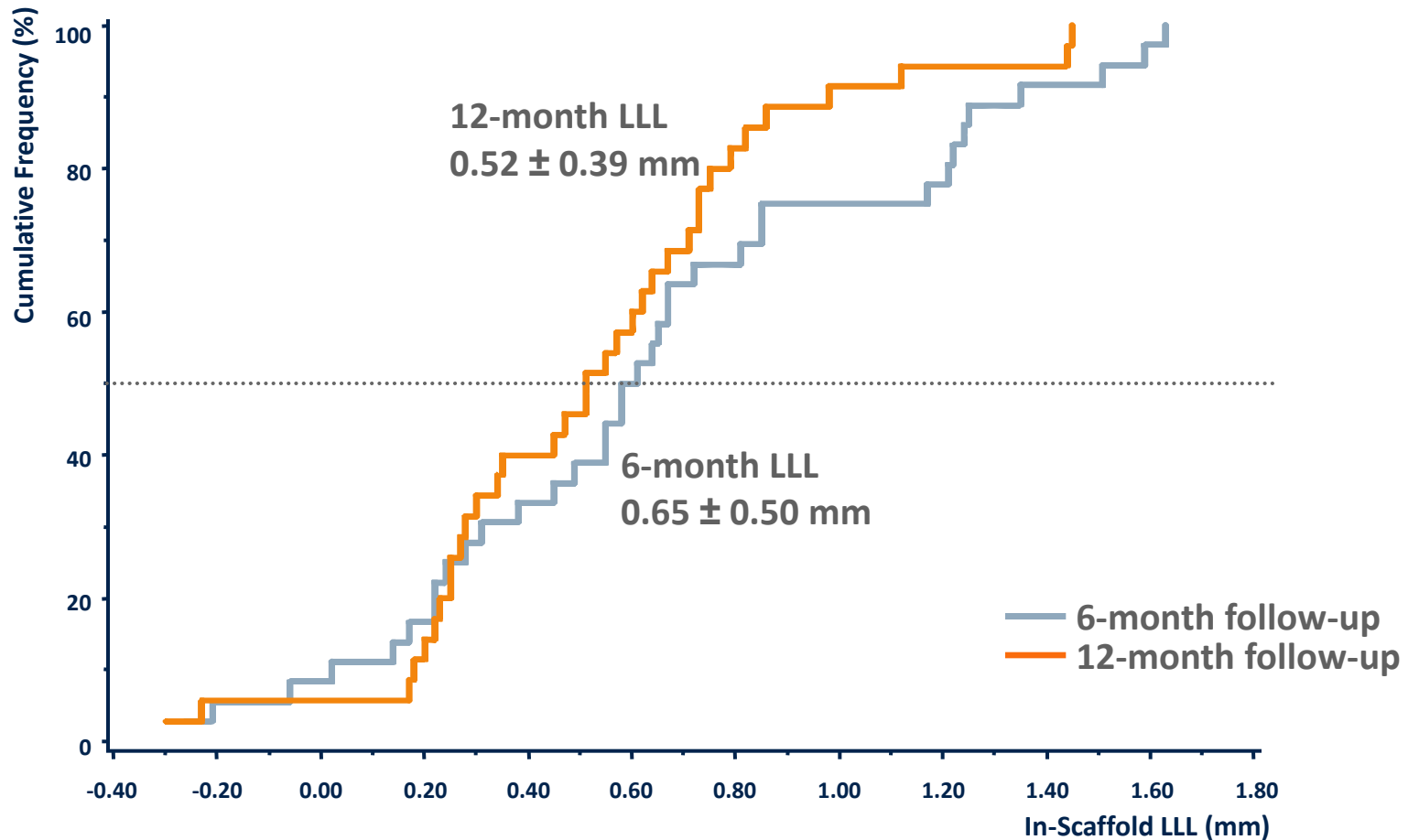
## Six to 36-month clinical follow-up



Device success	100% (47/47)			
Procedure success	100% (46/46)			
Clinical results	6-month <sup>1</sup>	12-month <sup>1</sup>	24-month <sup>4</sup>	36-month <sup>4</sup>
	Cohort 1			
	N=46	N=44	N=44	N=20
TLF	2	3	3	2
Cardiac death	0	0	0	0
MI	0	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	0
Scaffold thrombosis	0	0	0	0
TLR <sup>3</sup>	2	2	2	2

# BIOSOLVE-I study results

## 6-and 12-month late lumen loss (LLL)





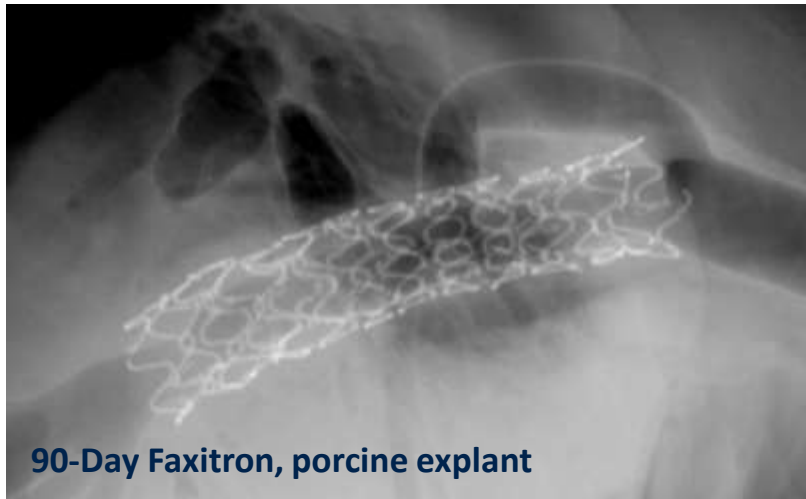
# DREAMS Device Evolution (G1 → G2)

## DREAMS G1



Drug: **Paclitaxel**

Polymer: **PLGA**

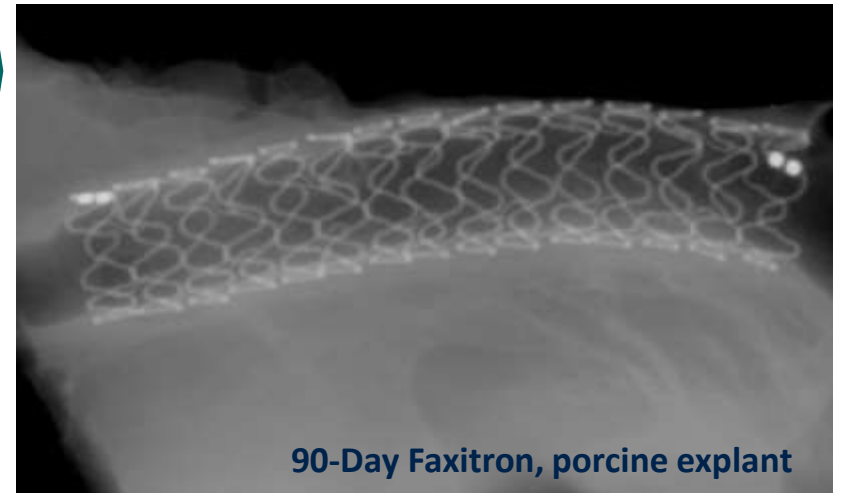


## DREAMS G2



Drug: **Sirolimus**

Polymer: **PLLA (BIOLute)**



# Issues Briefs

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## Very late bioresorbable vascular scaffold thrombosis following discontinuation of antiplatelet therapy

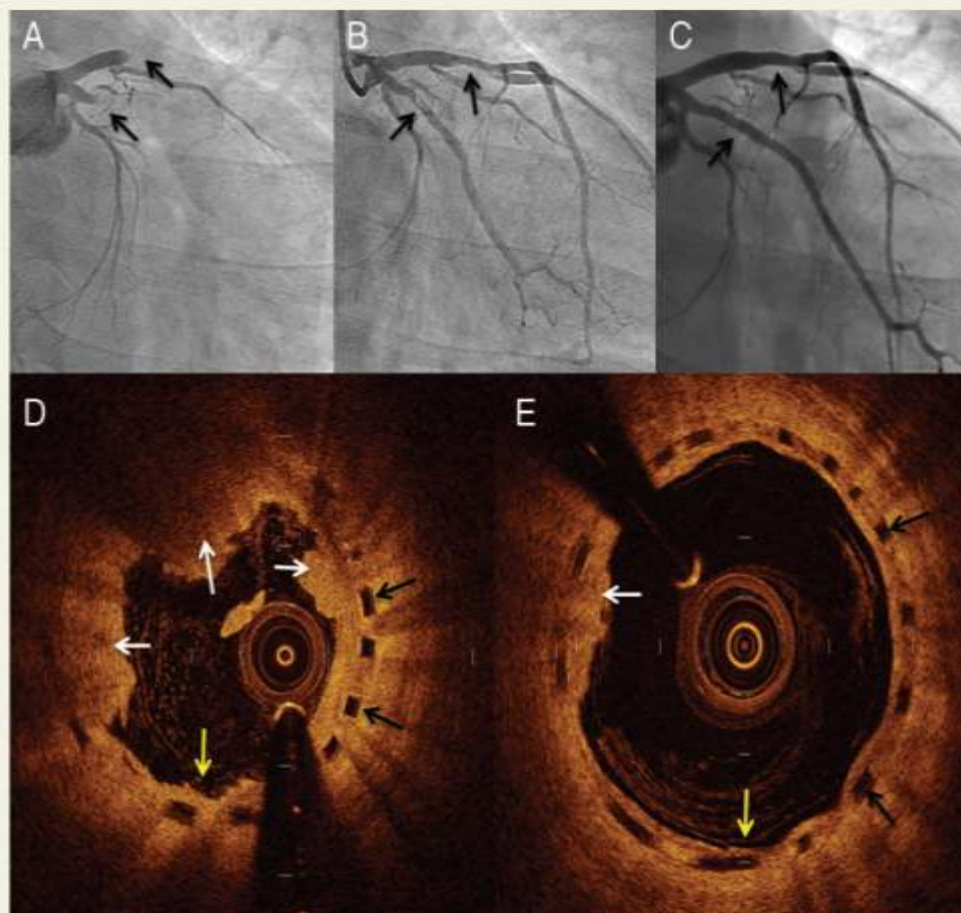
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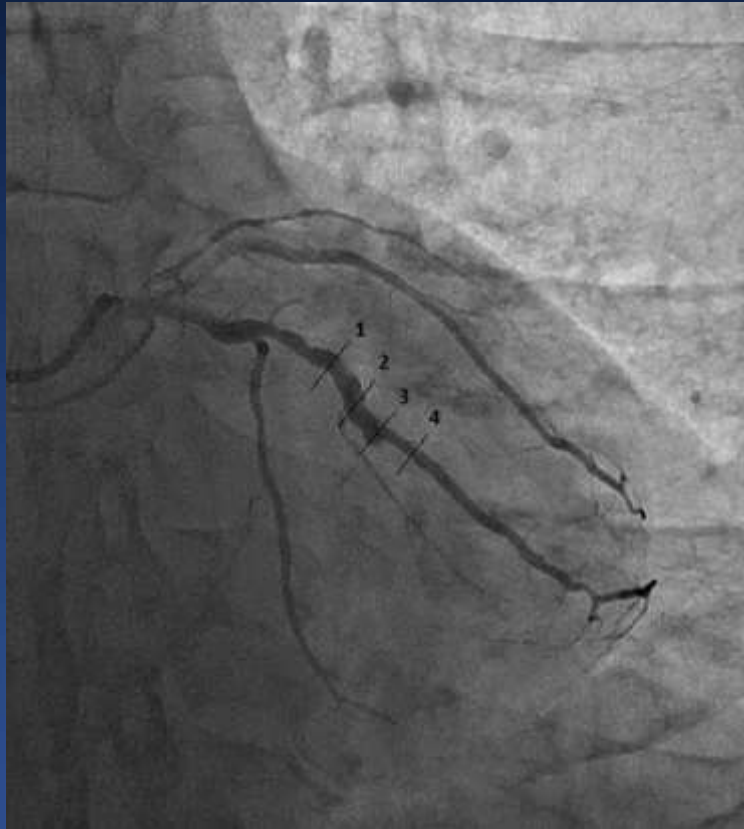
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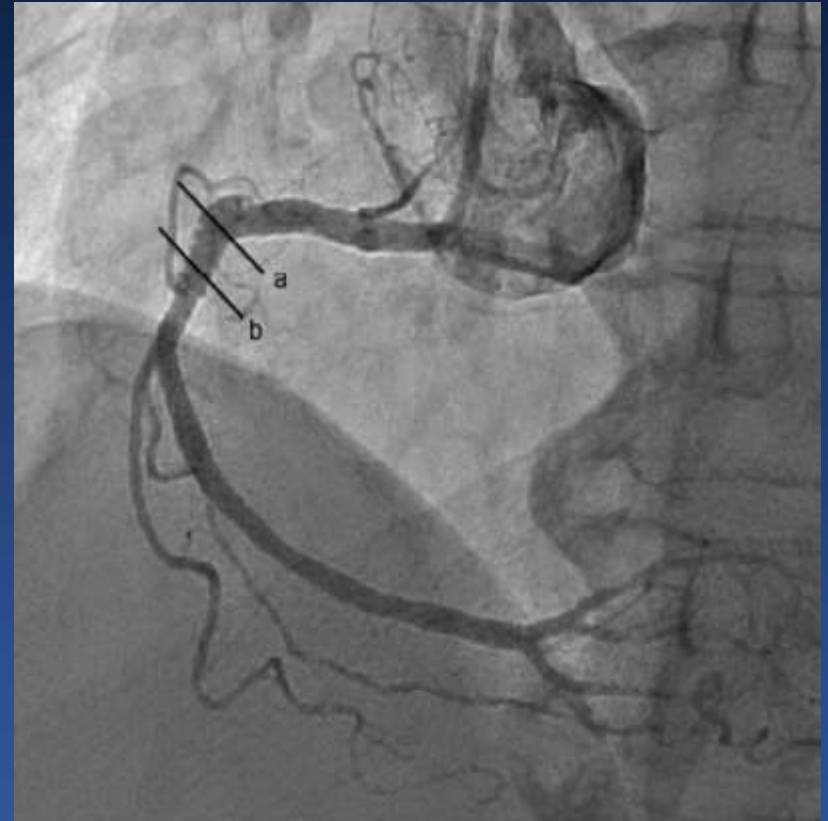
Kuwait. After 12 months of treatment with aspirin and clopidogrel, both medications were discontinued as advised by the treating cardiologist. Coronary angiogram demonstrated occlusion of both BVS (Panel A, Supplementary material online, Video S1). After thrombosuction (Panel B, Supplementary material online, Video S2), optical coherence tomography revealed atherosclerotic plaque, BVS struts, still present 18 months after implantation (Panel D, black arrows, Supplementary material online, Video S4), inhomogeneous endothelialisation of the scaffold struts (yellow arrows) and the classical picture of intraluminal thrombus (white arrows). Three days later—after treatment with aspirin, ticagrelor and tirofiban—a marked reduction of thrombus burden in the BVS was observed (Panel C and E, Supplementary material online, Videos S3 and S5).



# Late coronary BVS malapposition and aneurysm: A time for appraisal



12 Mo after BVS






2 Mo after BVS



# Limitations of DES Platforms

## Strut and Coating Thickness In Perspective

Durable Polymer Coated Stents		Bioabsorbable Polymer Coated Stents			Bioabsorbable Stent
Xience CoCr-EES Promus PtCr-EES	Resolute CoNi-ZES	Biomatrix 316L-BES	Nobori 316L-BES	SYNERGY PtCr-EES	BVS PLLA-EES
					

Strut Thickness					
81μm	89μm	120μm	125μm	74μm	150μm
Polymer Coating					
Conformable 7-8μm / side	Conformable 6μm / side	Abluminal 11μm	Abluminal 20μm	Abluminal 4μm	Conformable 3μm / side

# BVS Practical Concerns

- Thick strut thickness; calcification or tortuosity.
- Prolonged, extensive, and time-consuming pre-dilation is mandatory for complex lesions.
- increased scaffold fracture risk with overdilation.
- The total cost and duration of PCI with a BRS may be higher than with a conventional DES?

# Unresolved Limitations of Bioabsorbable Stent

- High profile; type A lesions
- Complex lesions; Calcified or tortuous, LM, long, bifurcation
- Stretchability and fracture
- Overlapping
- Side branch
- Relatively high late loss



# Discussion

- **BVS benefit still hypothetical??**
  - ✓ Most data from SA and de novo lesions...
  - ✓ Future roles for complex anatomic or clinical setting?
  - ✓ How long DAPT?
  - ✓ Defective healing and late adverse reactions with BVS?
  - ✓ Preventive PCI role for non-culprit lesions?