



# From ABSORB III to the Future

## BRS in STEMI and Vulnerable Plaque

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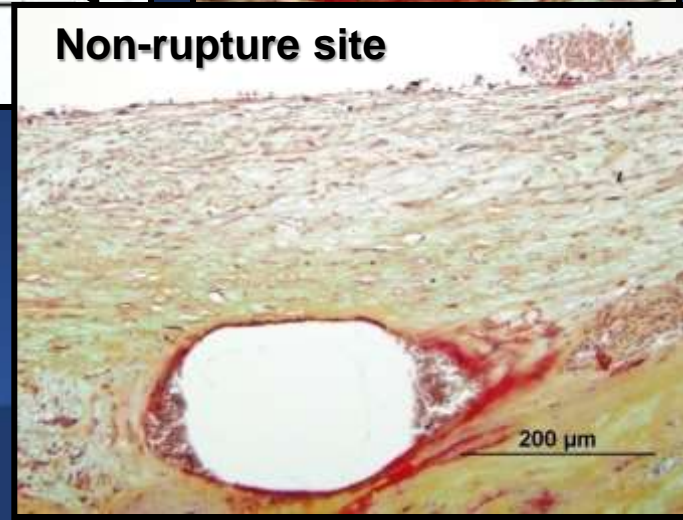
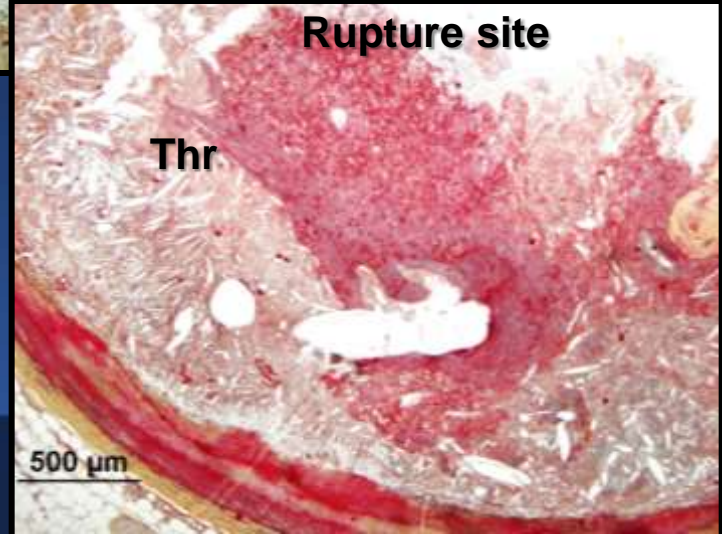
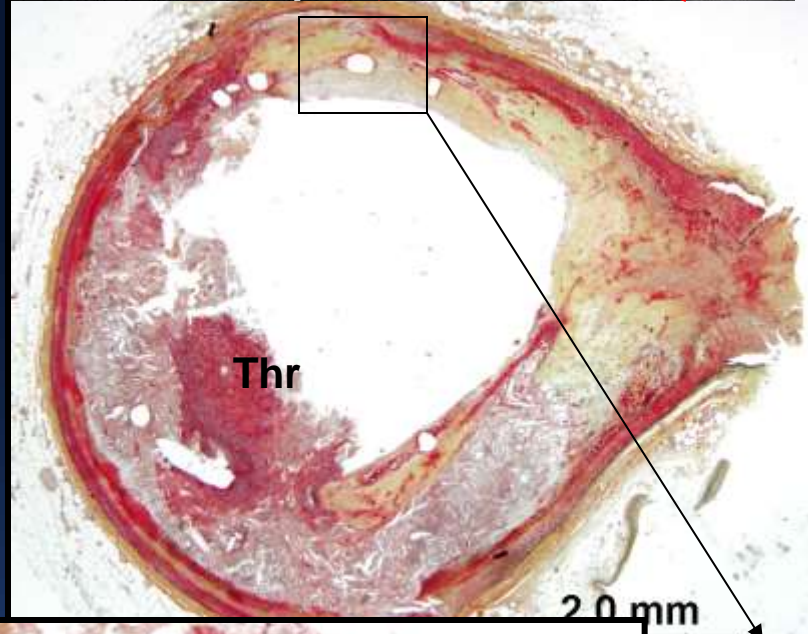
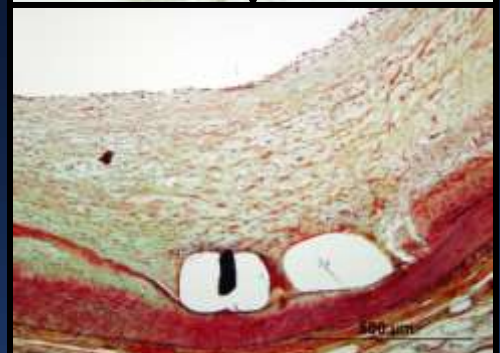
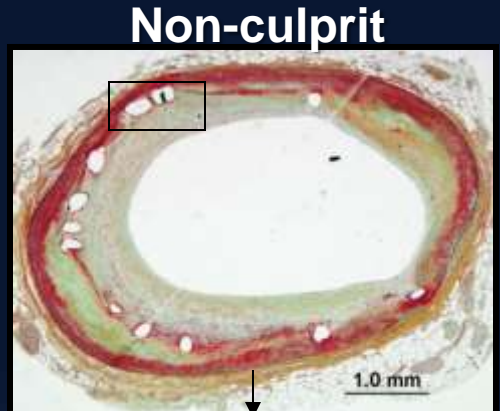
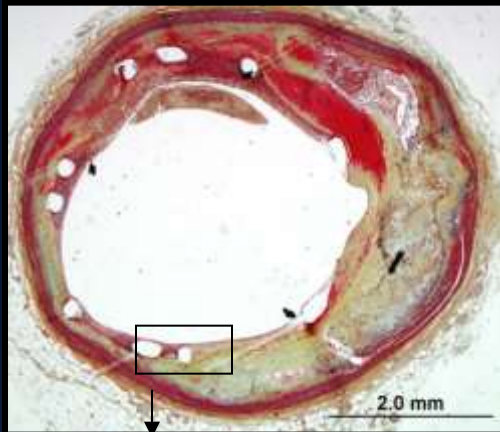
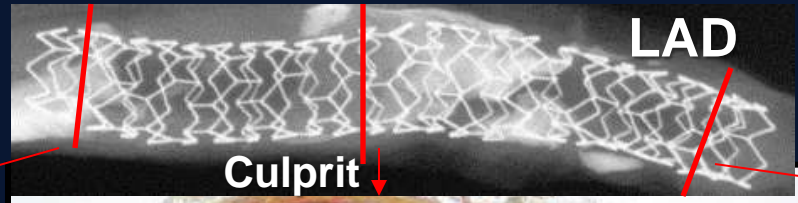
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# 65 yo man w/ACS ⇒ TAXUS in LAD and LCX, died 9 mos later



Non-culprit

Rupture site

Non-rupture site

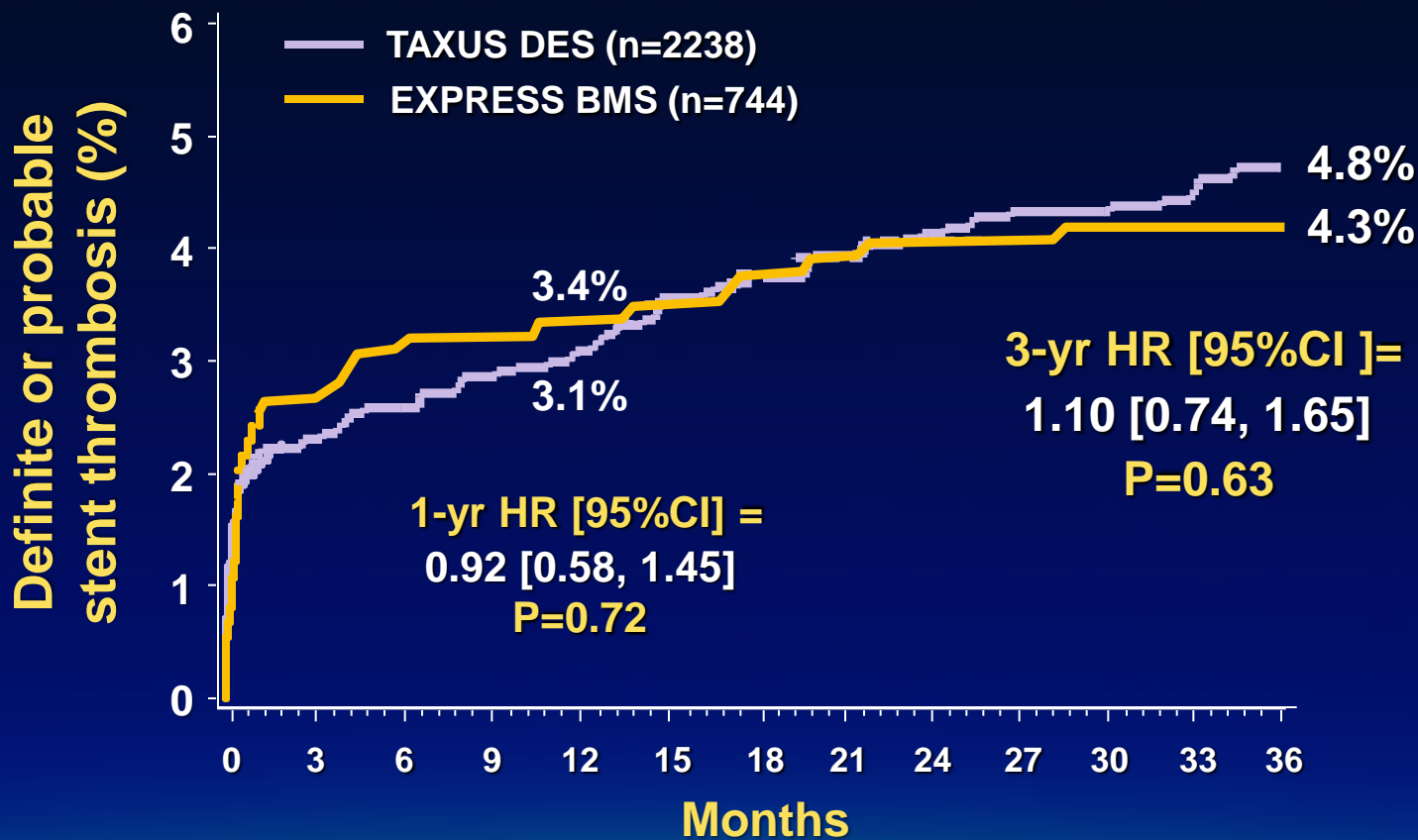
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# HORIZONS-AMI: 3-Year Stent Thrombosis

## Stent randomization



### Number at risk

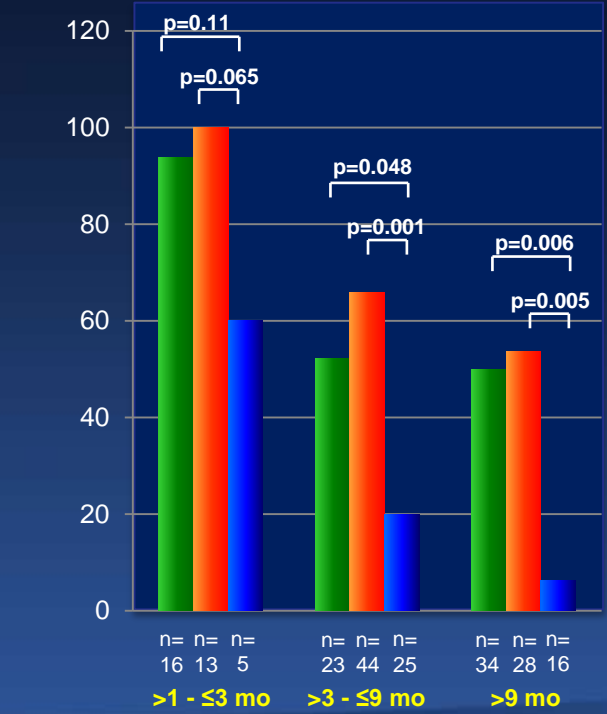
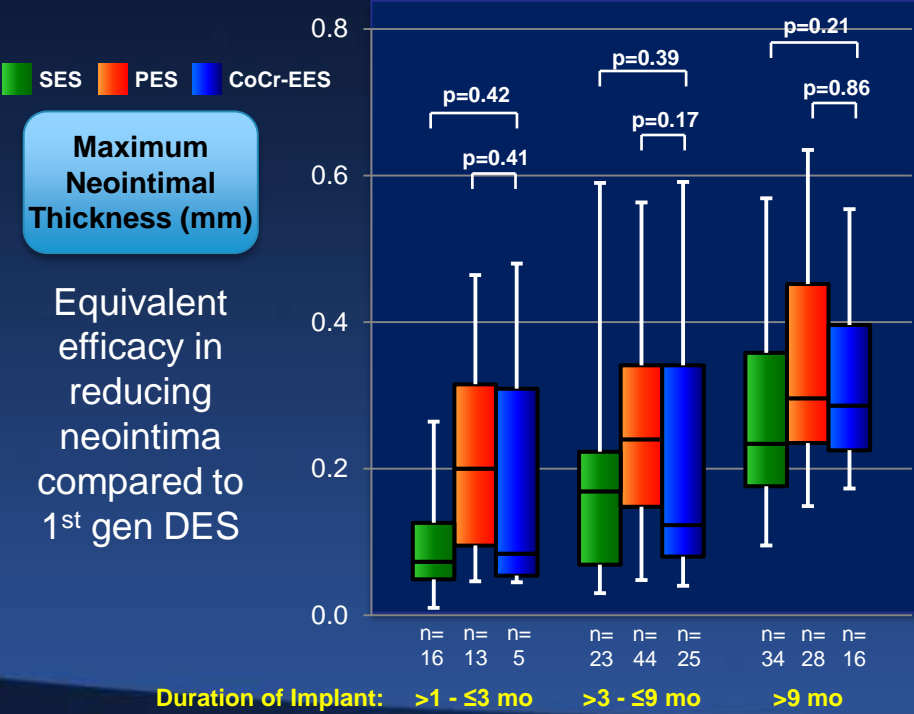
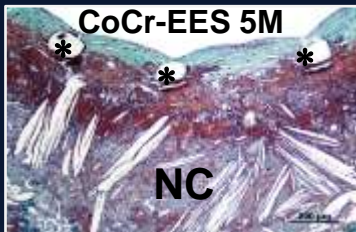
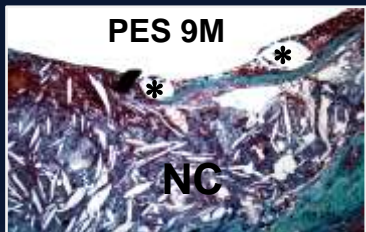
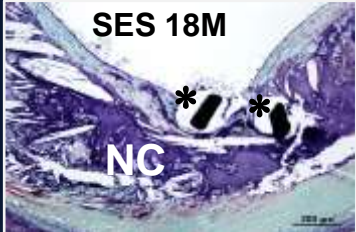
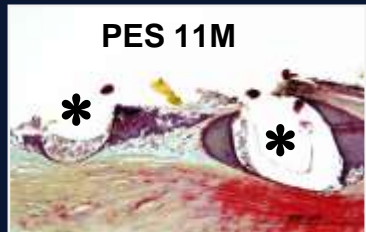
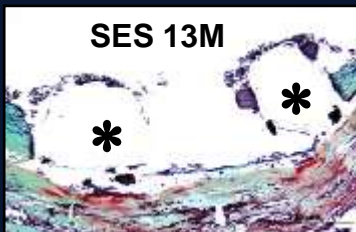
TAXUS DES	2238	2108	2066	2013	1980	1932	1341
EXPRESS BMS	744	695	683	664	654	637	425

# 204 lesions (SES=73; PES=85; CoCr-EES=46) from 149 autopsy cases with implant duration >30 days and ≤3 years

Greater strut coverage with less inflammation, less fibrin deposition, and less late and very late stent thrombosis – but similar rates of neoatherosclerosis and fracture-related adverse pathological events.

DES for Stable CAD

DES for ACS



Maximum Neointimal Thickness (mm)

Equivalent efficacy in reducing neointima compared to 1<sup>st</sup> gen DES

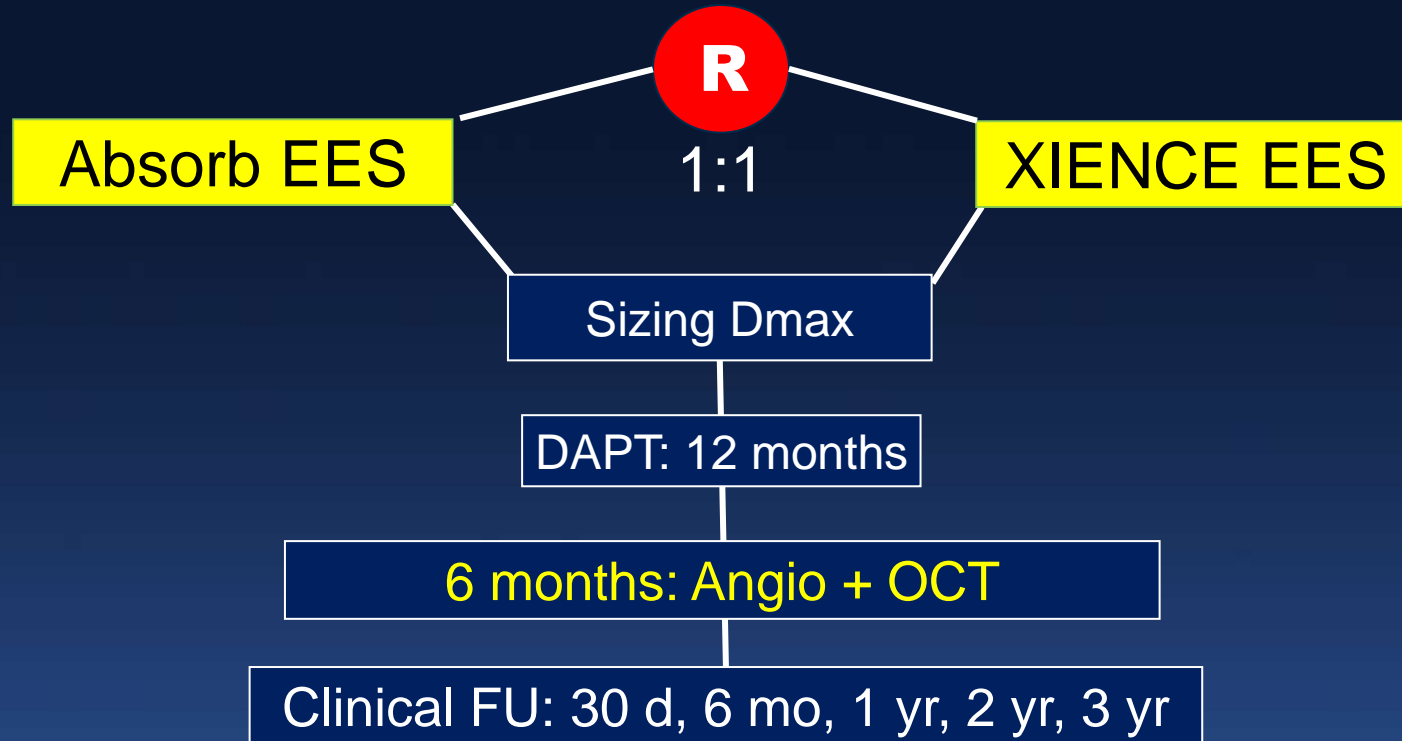
Prevalence of DES with >30% Uncovered Struts (%)

Increased safety with regards to strut coverage compared to 1<sup>st</sup> gen DES.

# ABSORB in STEMI: TROFI II

192 pts with STEMI <24hrs

Thrombectomy ± pre-dilatation  
(based on angiographic guidance)



Primary Endpoint: Healing Score at 6 months (NI)

# Healing Score

$$\text{Healing score} = [\% \text{ILD} \times 4] + [\% \text{MU} \times 3] + [\% \text{U} \times 2] + [\% \text{M}]$$


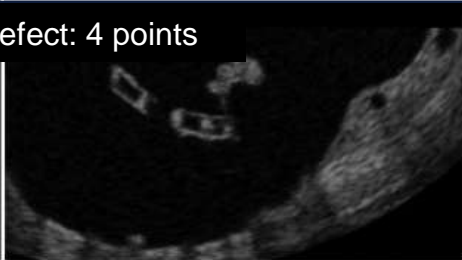
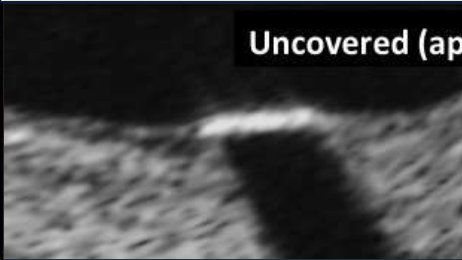
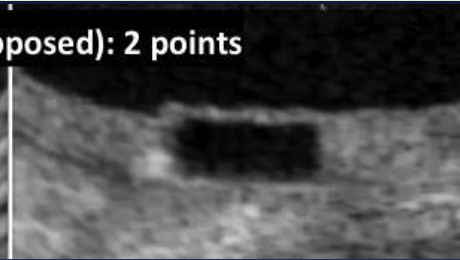

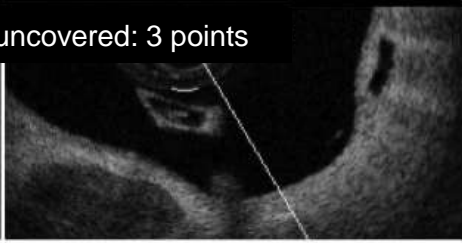
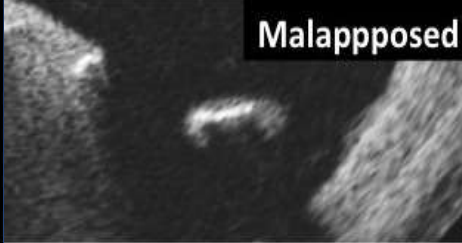
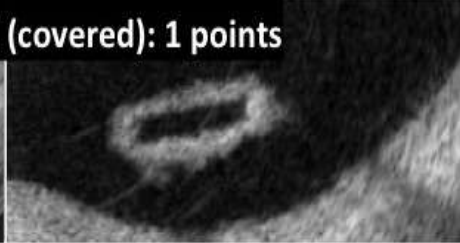
ILD: intraluminal defect

MU: malapposed and uncovered

U: uncovered

M: malapposed

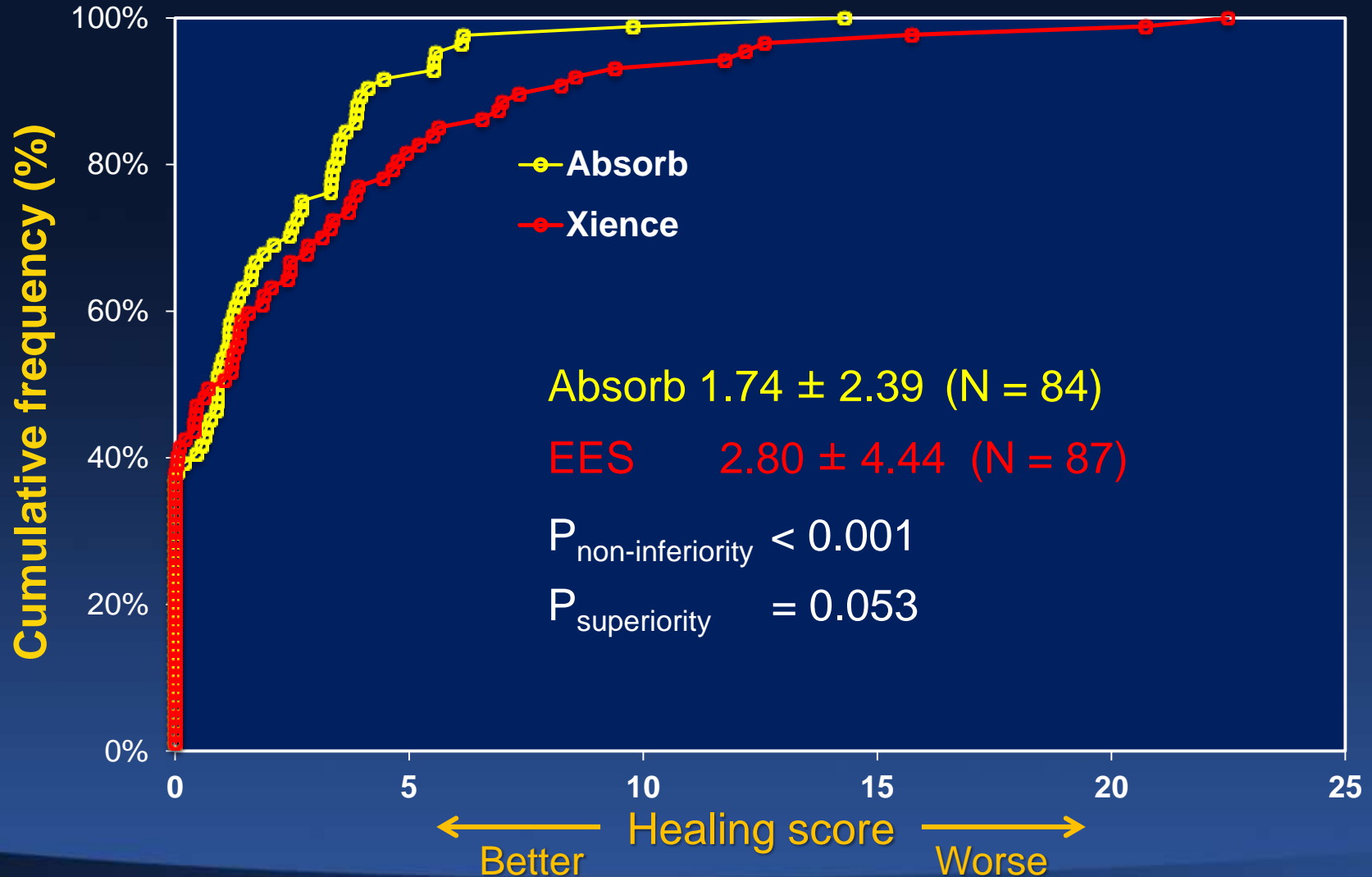
## Weighting points in the formula

Xience metallic stent	Absorb BVS	Xience metallic stent	Absorb BVS
			
Intraluminal defect: 4 points		Uncovered (apposed): 2 points	
			
Malapposed and uncovered: 3 points		Malapposed (covered): 1 points	

References: TROFI trial *Eur Heart J*.2013;34:1050-1060; *Eur Heart J Cardiovasc Imaging*.. 2014;15:987-995  
 Leaders trial *Eur Heart J*. 2010;31:165-176; Resolute all comers trial *Eur Heart J*. 2011;32:2454-63  
 Absorb cohort B *EuroIntervention* 2015;10:1299-306; NANO Plus *AsiaIntervention* 2015; 1:57-70.

# Cumulative Healing Score

Primary endpoint for non-inferiority was met





# 6-Month OCT and QCA

OCT (median)	Absorb (n=95)	EES (n=98)	P-value
Healing score	0.90 [0.00, 0.30]	1.04 [0.00, 3.85]	0.053
Uncovered and malapposed struts	0.0 [0.0, 0.0] (min 0.00; max 0.75)	0.0 [0.0, 0.0] (min 0.00; max 2.47)	0.036
Covered and malapposed struts	0.0 [0.0, 0.9] (min 0.00; max 6.77)	0.02 [0.0, 2.3] (min 0.00; max 20.51)	0.01
Covered and apposed struts	99.9 [99.2, 100]	100 [99.1, 100]	0.27
Uncovered and apposed struts	0.0 [0.0, 0.8]	0.0 [0.0, 0.3]	0.96
Strut coverage, mm	0.10 [0.09, 0.13]	0.07 [0.05, 0.10]	<0.001
Neointimal hyperplasia, mm <sup>3</sup>	29.0 [23.2, 41.5]	25.8 [17.2, 40.0]	0.24
QCA	Absorb (n=94)	EES (n=98)	P-value
Late loss, in-stent (mm)	0.17 ± 0.24	0.08 ± 0.28	0.02
Late loss, in-segment (mm)	0.14 ± 0.28	0.06 ± 0.29	0.09
Binary restenosis, %	0%	1.1%	1.0

# HORIZONS-ABSORB AMI

Harmonizing Outcomes with Revascularization, Stents and ABSORB in AMI

**6,969 pts with STEMI undergoing primary PCI**

**IV cangrelor bolus + infusion**

(+ oral P2Y12 inhibitor and aspirin)

Randomize 1:1:1

Bivalirudin +  
4 hr post-PCI infusion  
(n=2,323)

Bivalirudin, short  
infusion  
(n=2,323)

Heparin, no infusion  
(n=2,323)

~5,000 pts eligible for device randomization — 1,840 pts not randomized

Randomize 1:1

Xience CoCr-EES

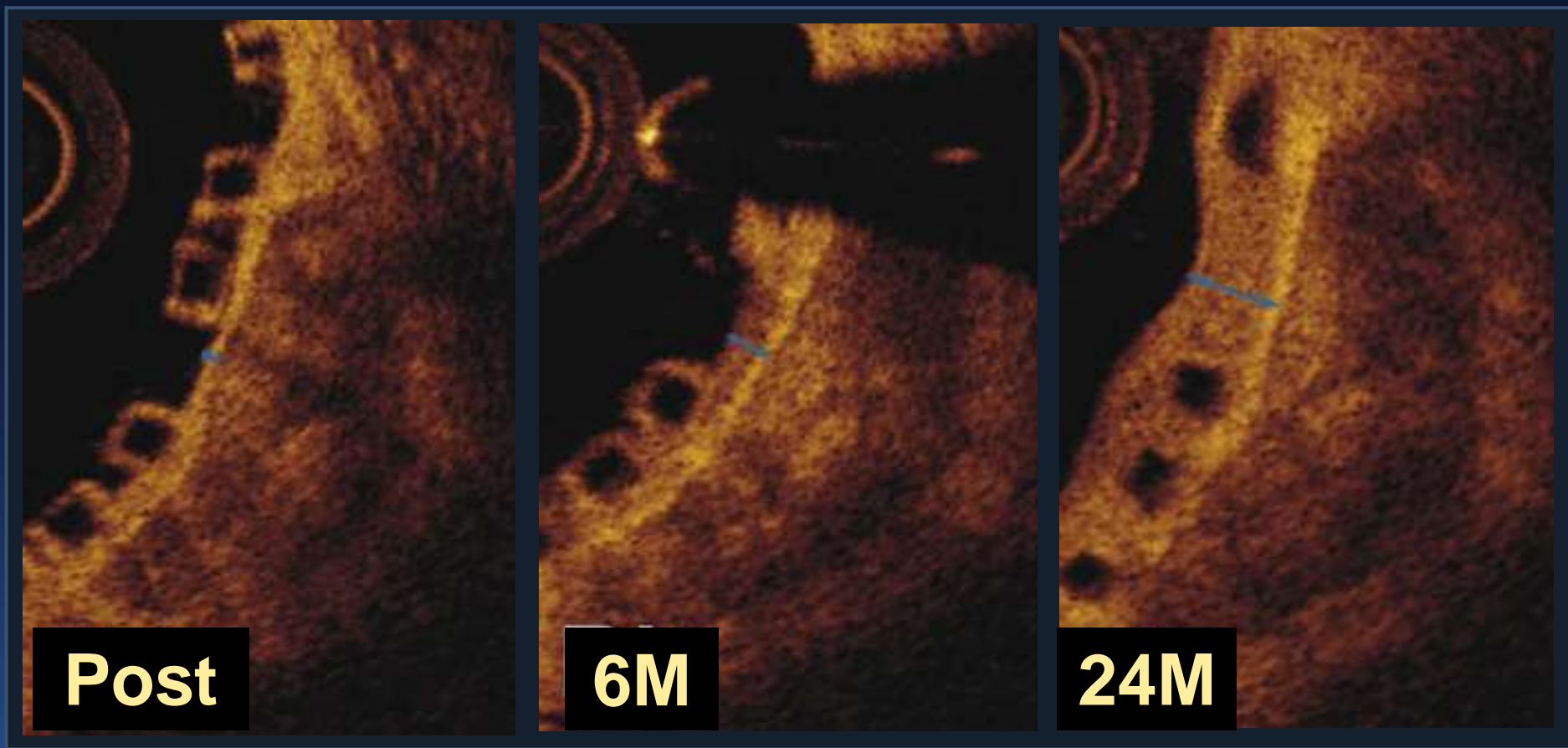
Absorb BVS

Xience  
CoCr-EES

**Clinical FU:** 30 days, 1 year,  
yearly through 5 years

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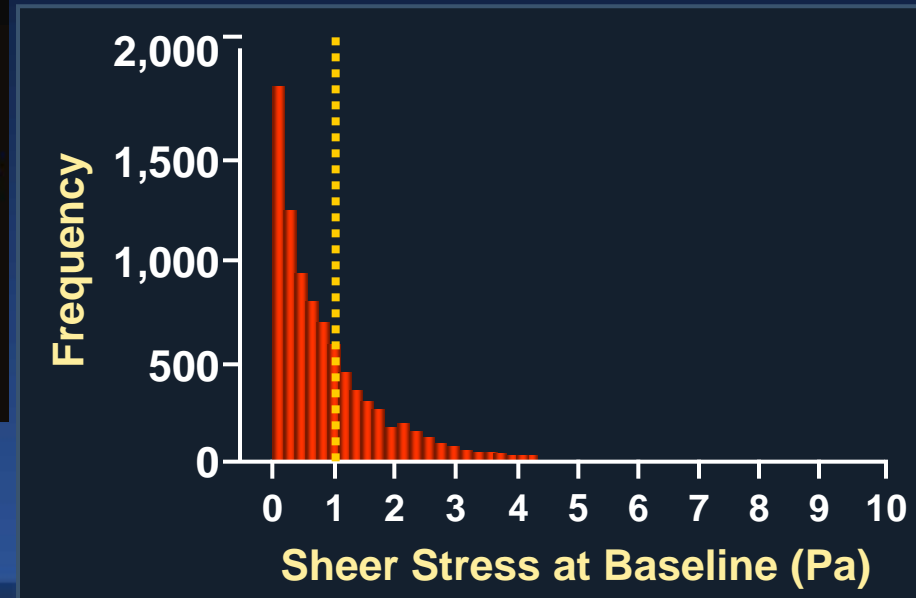
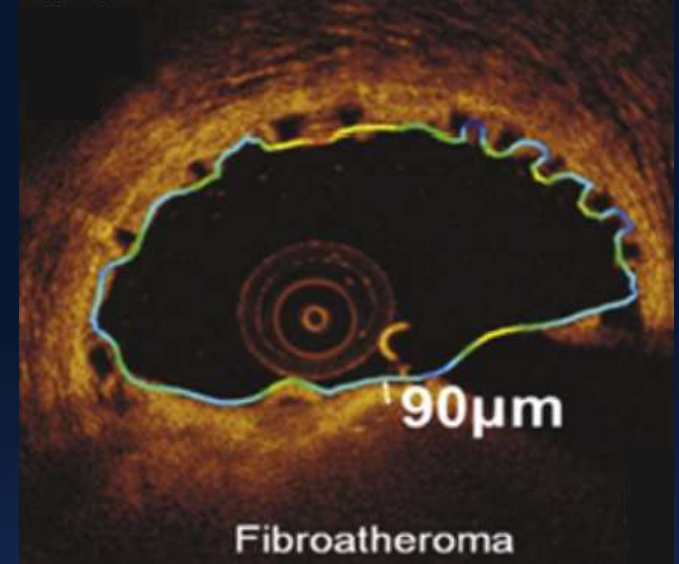
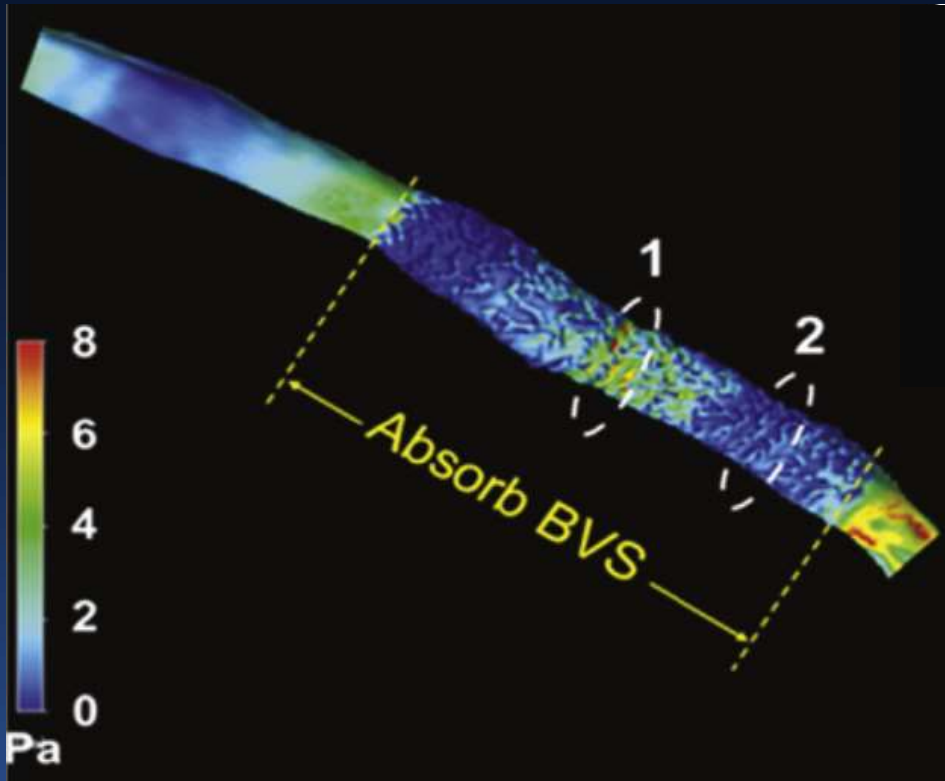
# Sealing and Shielding of Plaques After Scaffold Implantation



Example of capping a calcified plaque

# BVS Implantation Over a Fibroatheroma

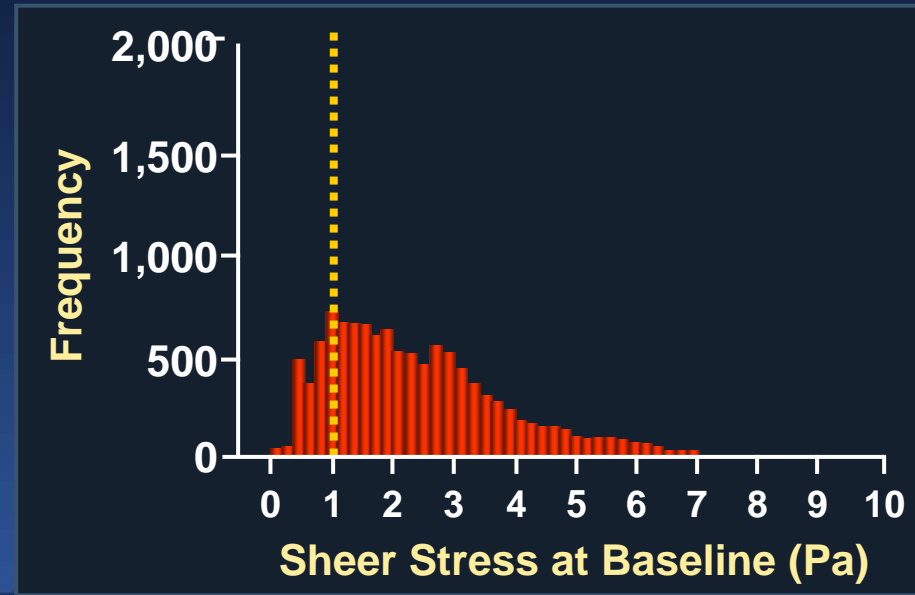
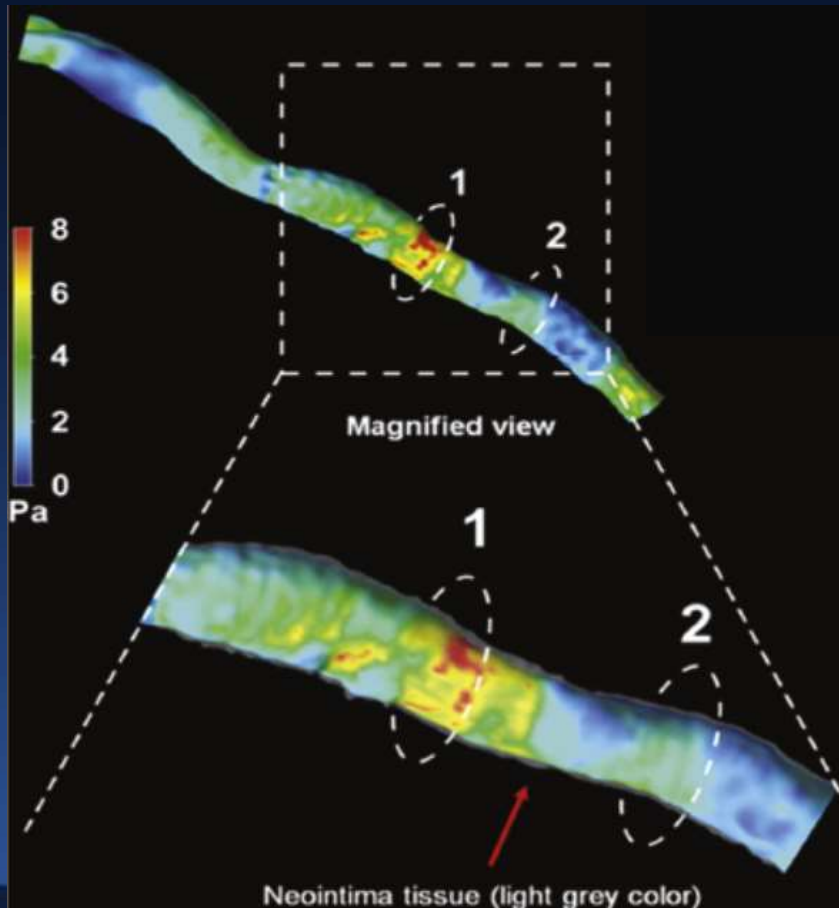
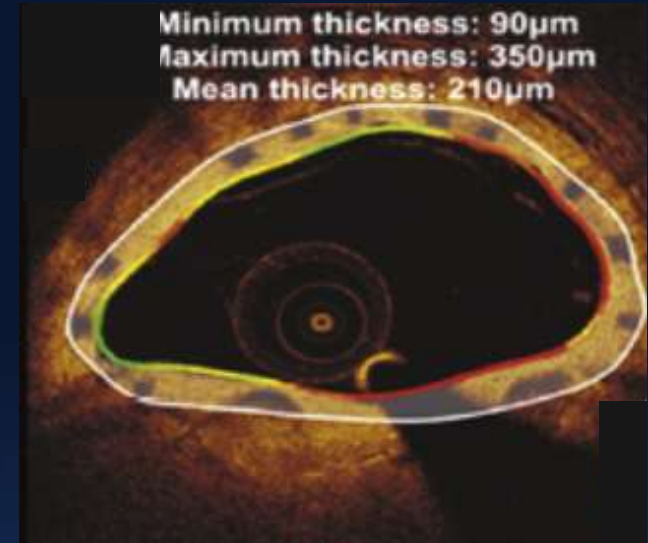
LAD reconstruction showing low shear stress throughout the BVS





# BVS Implantation Over a Fibroatheroma

**2 years later:** ESS has normalized over the scaffold, and a 210  $\mu\text{m}$  layer of neointima has developed

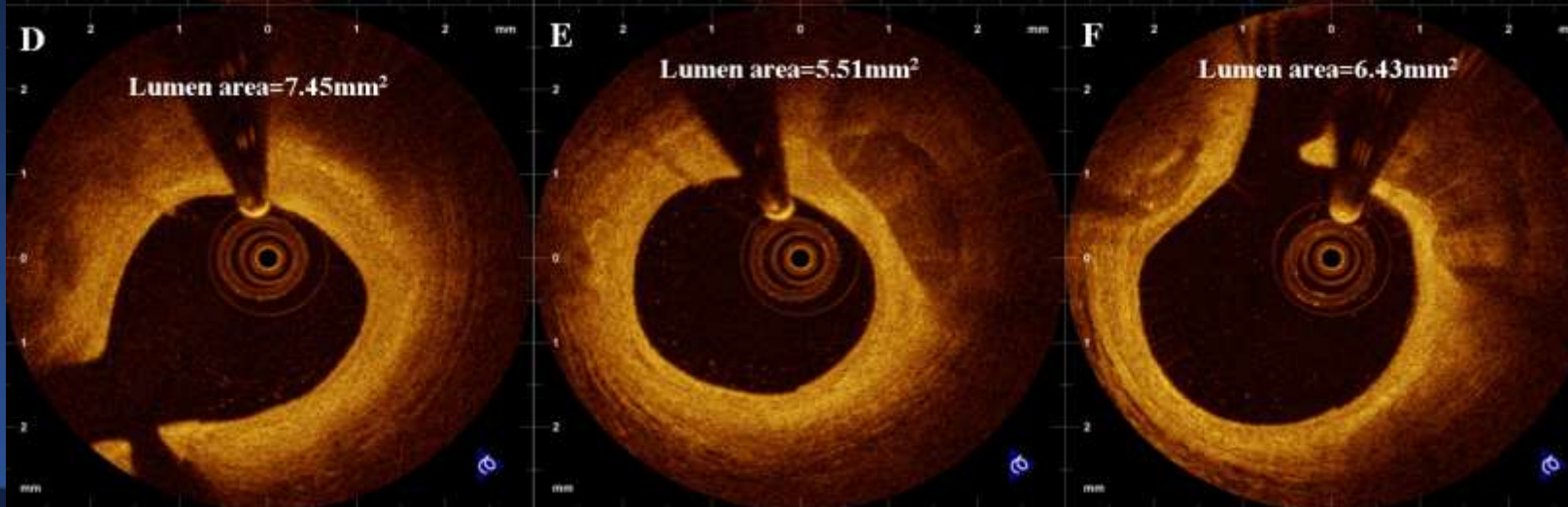


# Treatment of a TCFA with BVS: Substantial lumen enlargement due to plaque regression with adaptive remodeling (cohort A pt)

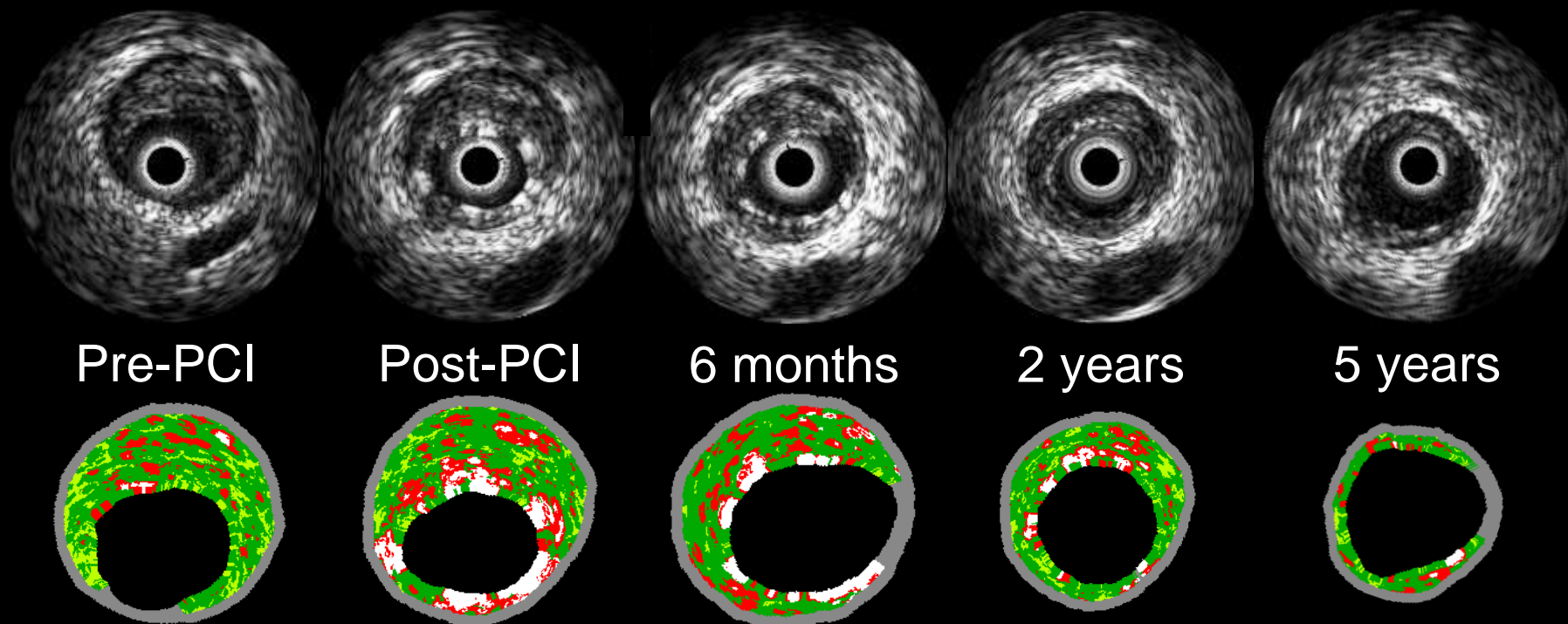
6 months



5 years



# Interventional Plaque Regression by BVS: Substantial lumen enlargement due to plaque regression with adaptive remodeling (cohort A pt)



All pts

Vessel area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	15.72	15.34	14.09	13.76
Mean lumen area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	6.95	6.17	6.56	8.09
Plaque area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	8.78	9.17	7.54	7.07



# PROSPECT II Study PROSPECT ABSORB RCT

**900 pts with ACS after successful PCI**

3 vessel IVUS + NIRS (blinded)

≥1 IVUS lesion with ≥65% plaque burden present?

**Yes**

(N=300)

**No**

(n=600)

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1:1

**ABSORB BVS  
+ GDMT** (N~150)

**GDMT**  
(N=150)

Routine angio/3V IVUS-NIRS FU at 2 years

Clinical FU for up to 15 years



# PREVENT Trial

All-comers, with any epicardial coronary stenosis with FFR  $\geq 0.80$  and with 2 of the following:

1. TCFA by OCT or VH-IVUS
2. IVUS MLA  $\leq 4.0\text{mm}^2$
3. IVUS Plaque Burden  $>70\%$
4. Lipid-Rich Plaque on NIRS ( $\text{max LCBI}_{4\text{mm}} > 315$ )

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BVS+OMT  
N=800

OMT  
N=800

**Primary endpoint at 2 years:**  
CV death, MI, or hospitalization due to unstable angina