OCT guided PCI for Calcified Lesion



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trials MACE-Trial 1-year results

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➢ Why coronary calcium is so important?⇒Patients with severe calcification had significantly worse outcomes compared to those without.

Polymer damage of DES during PCI in OCT-derived severe calcified lesion without lesion modification



Shimokado, Kubo, Akasaka et al. Int J Cardiov Imag. 2013;29:1909-1913

Calcium eccentricity, thickness & length and stent expansion

Final

Baseline



Angle: 360° Thickness: 0.48 mm Length: 3.8 mm Calcium score: 2 points

Expansion: 99%

Enough stent expansion could be expected if the calcium thickness is thin even if it is circumferential.

Angle: 75° Thickness: 1.1 mm Length: 4.3 mm Calcium score: 1 point

Expansion: 97%

Enough stent expansion could be expected in cases with thick calcium if it is localized.

Angle: 312° Thickness: 1.4 mm Length: 11.0 mm Calcium score: 4 points

Expansion: 68%

Severe thick calcium more than 180 degree may cause <u>stent under-expansion</u>.

Fusiono A, et al. EuroInterv 2018;13:e2182-e2189

Management strategies for heavily calcified coronary stenoses: an EAPCI clinical consensus statement in collaboration with the EURO4C-PCR group

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Similarities & differences between OCT & IVUS

Maehara A, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Img 2017;10:1487-1503



Power DA, et al. Prog Cardiovasc Dis 2024;86:26-37

Comparison of clinically available coronary imaging tools

	Non-invasive in to the cathe labora	maging prior terization tory	ICA	ular ima	
	ССТА	CS	5	ост	IVUS
Spatial resolution	0.2–0.5 mm	1.25 mm	0.5–0.6 mm	15–20 μ	50–200 μ
Contrast needed	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Time of data acquisition	1–5 min	1 min	15 min ^a	<5–10 s	2–4 min
Availability	+++	+++	+++	+	++
Additional cost	+	+	+	+++	+++
Tissue penetration (non-calcified)	+++	+++	+++	+	++
Global assessment of calcification	+++	+++	+	÷	-
Calcium volume quantification	+	-	2 <u>-</u> 2	++	ц. Ц
Calcium arc	++	-	-	+++	+++
Calcium thickness	+	-	13 33 4	+++	-
Longitudinal calcium length	+	-	-	+++	+++

Barbato E, et al. Eur Heart J 2023;44:4340–4356

Dual sensor images with FD-OCT & IVUS



Because each modality may have advantages & disadvantages, dual sensor images may resolve these disadvantages in each modality.

Representative images using dual sensor imagesFD-OCTIVUSFD-OCTIVUS



Using dual sensor images with FD-OCT & IVUS, not only identification of calcium with accurate measurement of its' thickness but also differentiation among attenuation plaques by IVUS could be easy by OCT.

Optimal interventional management of calcified lesions based on IV imaging





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A Practical Algorithm for Management of Calcified Coronary Lesions



Case 1. 60's y.o. Female

<u>Clinical Diagnosis</u>: Effort AP

Colon cancer (before operation)

<u>Coronary risk factor</u>: HT, DM

Renal Function: Cr 0.88mg/dl, eGFR 56.3ml/min/1.73m²

<u>Cardiac Function</u>: EF 63%, asynergy(-)

Coronary angiography & rotational atherectomy Pre Rota 1.5 mm



Because of heavy calcification, it was difficult to pass any PCI devices & imaging modalities through the MLA site, and rotational atherectomy with 1.5mm burr was selected for lesion modification.

Comparison of FD-OCT findings after rotational atherectomy

B. Post ablation (1.5mm burr)



Burr size-up could be safely decided, and non-stent strategy was selected because of the following colon cancer operation.

Post-high pressure ballooning



Calcium plate fracture can be made by high pressure ballooning if the thickness of it becomes <500 µm, and confirmation of it by imaging should be important before stenting.

Post-high pressure ballooning after stenting



Stent expansion at post-PCI

Restenosis and TLR at 10 months follow-up





Minimum stent area and stent expansion index were significantly greater, the rate of binary restenosis and TLR was significantly lower in the group with calcium fracture compared with those in the group without calcium fracture.

Kubo, Akasaka et al. JACC Imag 2015;8:1228-1229

Prediction of calcium plate fracture by ballooning

FD-OCT was performed to assess vascular response immediately after high pressure ballooning in 61 patients with severe calcified coronary lesion.



Conclusion: A calcium plate thickness < 505 µm was the corresponding cut-off value for predicting calcium plate fracture by high pressure ballooning.

Kubo, Akasaka et al. JACC Img 2015;8:1228-9



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Calcium Scoring by OCT

	OCT score	point
Coleium Thicknoos	≦0.5mm	0
Calcium Thickness	OCT score ≦0.5mm >0.5mm ≦90° 90-180° >180° ≦5mm >5mm	1
	≦90°	0
Calcium Arc	90-180°	1
	>180°	2
	≦5mm	0
Calcium Length	>5mm	1

Calcium Scoring by IVUS

	IVUS score	point
Circumferratial Calaires	≦360°	0
Circumferential Calcium	360°	1
Longth of Coldum > 2709	≦5mm	0
Length of Calcium > 270°	>5mm	1
Diameter	>3.5mm	0
Diameter	≦3.5mm	1
ColdFord Madula	Absent	0
Calcined Nodule	Present	1

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IV Imaging of IVL effect on circumferential coronary calcium



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Case 2 – 60's y.o. Female

Clinical diagnosis

Effort AP

Clinical history

Chest pain on effort No history of prior intervention LVEF: 55% Cr: 1.0, eGFR: 40

Coronary risk factors HT, DLP, DM

Coronary angiography – Target lesion: LAD seg 7:50-75%





angiographically visible calcium

FFR_{LAD}=0.72, seg 7:75% & ΔFFR=0.23.

Eccentric heavily thick calcium LAD seg.7:50-75%, FFR_{LAD}=0.72, ΔFFR=0.23





OCT findings of the lesion before and after OAS Before OAS After low speed OAS After high speed OAS



After confirming the effect of OAS with low speed using Viper wire bias, additional OAS with high speed was repeated 4 times as a pull back way.

POBA Wolverine 2.75*10mm

POBA & Stenting
DESFinal Angiography3.0*38mmAfter stenting



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Differences between 2 Subtypes of Calcified Nodules

	Eruptive Calcified Nodule	Noneruptive Calcified Nodule		Eruptive Calcified Nodule	Noneruptive Calcified Nodule
Intravascular Imaging			Intervention Strategy	 NC balloon IVL Atherectomy rarely required 	 NC balloon IVL Atherectomy May require combination therapy (eg, atherectomy + IVL)
Morphology	Disrupted fibrous cap ± Overlying thrombus Disrupted fibrous cap Thrombus	Intact fibrous cap No thrombus Intact fibrous cap	Immediate Treatment Response	• DES (DCB uncertain) Mostly deformable Greater stent expansion	• DES (DCB uncertain) Can be nondeformable Less stent expansion
		Prognosis	More target lesion revascularization Worst prognosis among ACS lesions	Less target lesion revascularization than eruptive	
Activity	Active Can cause ACS	Stable			

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Potential Approach in the Treatment of Calcified Nodules



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IV Imaging of IVL effect on nodular coronary calcium



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Clinical impact of calcified nodule in patients with heavily calcified lesions requiring rotational atherectomy

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2 Years

73

33.3%

111

10.7%

128

0.0%

136

0.0%

119

6.3%

135

0.74%

94

24.7%

121

8.3%

N of lesions at risk

Cumulative incidence

Cumulative incidence

3 Years

65

34.3%

102

12.3%

4 Years

63

34.3%

91

15.9%

56

35.4%

81

18.8%



Years after index procedure

Intervals	0	30 days	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
CN group							
N of lesions at risk	128	120	114	94	84	78	70
Cumulative incidence	0.0%	4.7%	8.0%	15.7%	16.7%	17.7%	18.9%
Non-CN group							
N of lesions at risk	136	136	129	120	110	100	90
Cumulative incidence	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	3.8%	5.5%	9.1%	11.9%

Compared with non-calcified nodule, calcified nodule demonstrates poor prognosis including significantly higher rate of MACE, cardiac death, clinical driven TLR and stent thrombosis.





Intervals	0	30 days	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
CN group							
N of lesions at risk	128	119	108	89	80	74	66
Cumulative incidence	0.0%	0.79%	5.0%	5.9%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
Non-CN group							
N of lesions at risk	136	136	129	120	110	99	89
Cumulative incidence	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.93%	0.93%

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Diagnosis and Prognostic Value of the Underlying Cause of Acute Coronary Syndrome in Optical Coherence Tomography–Guided Emergency Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

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Study Flow of TACTICS Study



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Kaplan–Meier time-to-event curve for the cumulative MACE rate



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Take home messages OCT guided PCI for Calcified Lesion

- Lesion modification by atherectomy would be recommended if any imaging devices could not be passed through the tight lesion with severe calcification.
- Step by step approach by changing in burr size and/or rotation speed would be recommended for ablating calcium safely using wire bias under image guidance.
- OCT may allow us to demonstrate clearly the position, distribution and thickness of calcium, although IVUS might be more sensitive to detect calcium than OCT.
- Confirmation of calcium plate fracture by IV imaging after high pressure ballooning should be mandatory in cases with the calcium thickness less than 500µm.
- IVL should be considered if calcium plate fracture cannot be confirmed by IV imaging because of very thick calcium more than 500µm.
- Enough stent expansion and less instent restenosis could be expected if calcium plate fracture can be obtained after high pressure ballooning and/or IVL system.
- Calcified nodule demonstrated poor prognosis compared with non-calcified nodule even after ablation under the guidance of intracoronary imaging.

Thank you for your kind attention !!

