

3D Calcium Image and Guidewire Simulation by CCTA

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Calcified lesion is eternal challenge.





Why do we need to evaluate calcification?







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Interventional approach to calcified lesions

Management of Calcific Coronary Artery Lesions

Is it Time to Change Our Interventional Therapeutic Approach?

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Diagnostic Accuracy	Angiography	IVUS	ост
Severe LHCC			
Mild/Moderate LHCC	•		$\bullet \bullet \bullet$
Deep calcium	•	$\bullet \bullet \bullet$	••
Calcium arch	X		
Calcium thickness	X	X	$\bullet \bullet \bullet$
Longitudinal calcium length	X	•	•••
Non-homogeneous plaque / Necrotic core	X	$\bullet \bullet \bullet$	•



De Maria, G.L. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Intv. 2019;12(15):1465-78.

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

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Algorithm with intravascular imaging guidance



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Rotablator sometimes strike out...



Prediction of the debulking effect of rotational atherectomy using optical frequency domain imaging: a prospective study

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B) Wire-based prediction method



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Post-RA

Corresponding OCT cross-sectional frames

Pre ablation image length between luminal surface of calcified plaque and OCT catheter; (mm)

Post ablation image



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Device Bias and efficacy of ablation



Relationship between device bias and ablated calcified plaque area of all cross-sectional frames with co-registration of pre, and post ablation OCT image (n = 574), acquired from 21 patients.

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(Tanaka K, Okutsu M, et al. CVIT2021)

	Non-invasive imaging prior to the catheterization laboratory		ICA	Intravascular imaging in the catheterization laboratory	
	ССТА	CS		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	+	-	-	++	-
Calcium arc	++	-	-	+++	+++
Calcium thickness	+	-	-	+++	-
Longitudinal calcium length	+	-	-	+++	+++

CT evaluation correlates well with OCT measurements, however, agreement is not good.

Quantification of calcium burden by coronary CT angiography compared to optical coherence tomography

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Challenges for CCTA to evaluate calcification

- Construction of actual calcification form
- Simulation of guide wire bias





Concept



Welcome to the CT world.





1st challenge: Construction of real calcification figure



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2nd challenge: Guide wire bias simulation program







Accuracy of GW simulation model Ver.2

Total 36 calcified segments of 16 vessels

Correct calcium image 91.6% (33/36)

Contact estimation 88.9% (32/36)



Case



Future challenges

- 1. Precise calcium imaging
- 2. Accuracy of GW bias simulation
- 3. Guide wire bias strength



The goal is almost there.





