

Do You Want to Treat? Functionally Insignificant Vulnerable Plaque

Yes, I DO!

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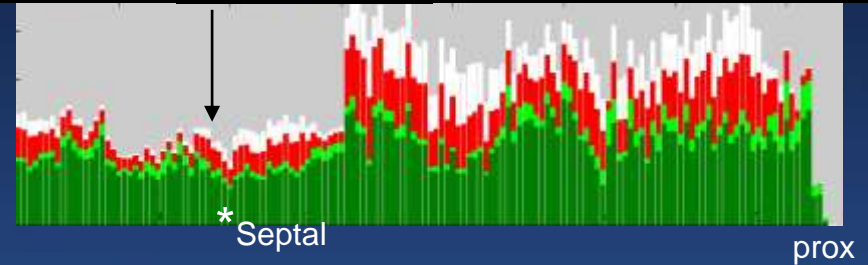
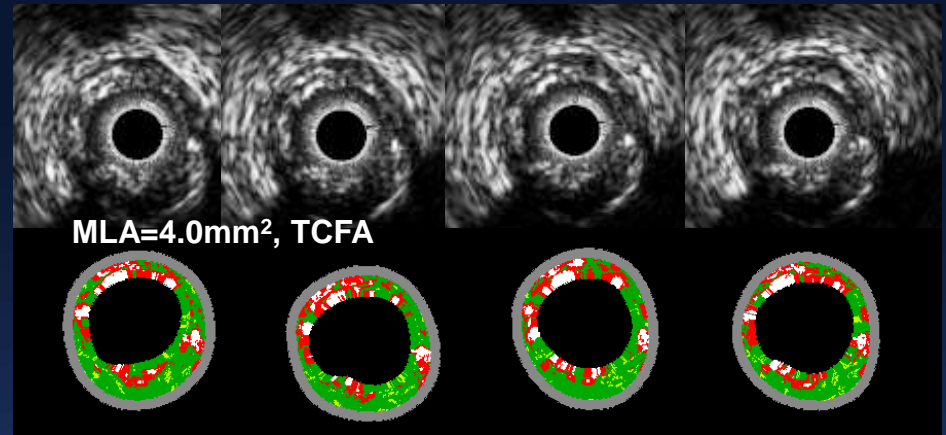
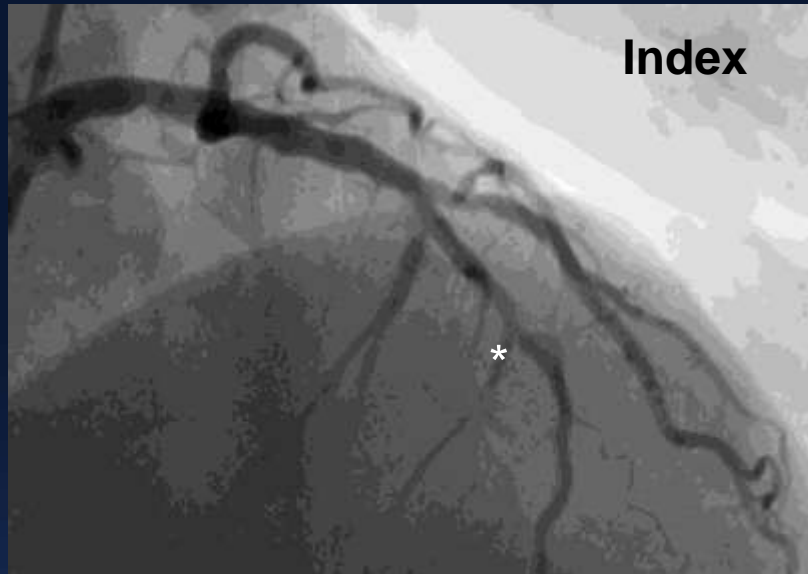
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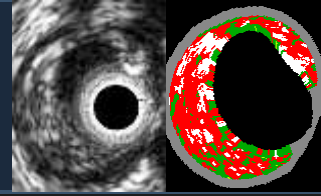
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- Boston Scientific Corporation
- Boston Scientific Corporation, ACIST
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A PROSPECT Case



The PROSPECT Trial



700 pts with ACS

UA (with ECG Δ) or NSTEMI or STEMI >24^o
undergoing PCI of 1 or 2 major coronary arteries
at up to 40 sites in the U.S. and Europe

Metabolic S.

- Waist circum
- Fast lipids
- Fast glu
- HgbA1C
- Fast insulin
- Creatinine

Biomarkers

- Hs CRP
- IL-6
- sCD40L
- MPO
- TNF α
- MMP9
- Lp-PLA2
- others

PCI of culprit lesion(s)

Successful and uncomplicated

Formally enrolled

VH-IVUS Classification

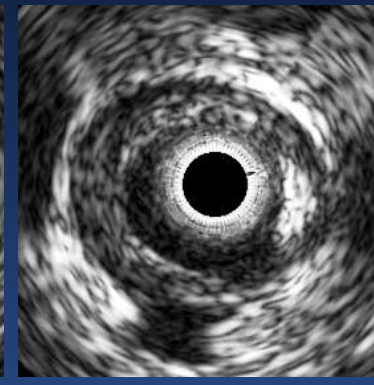
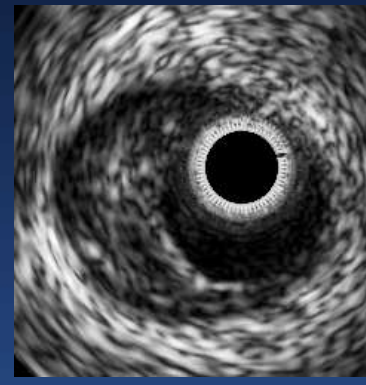
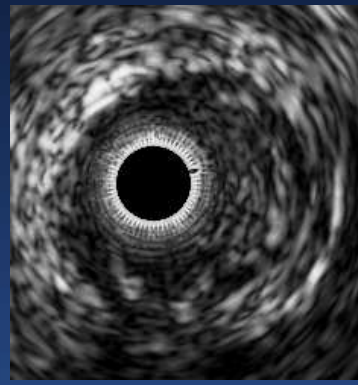
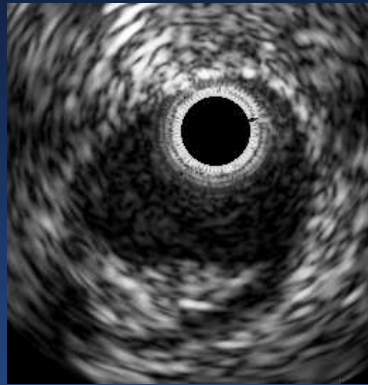
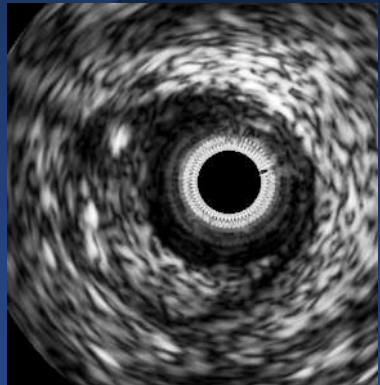
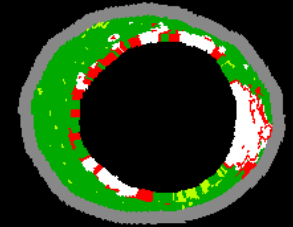
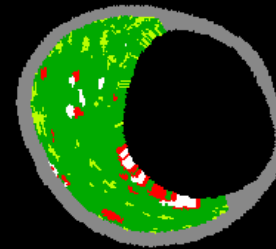
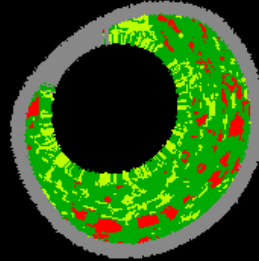
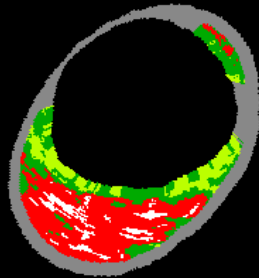
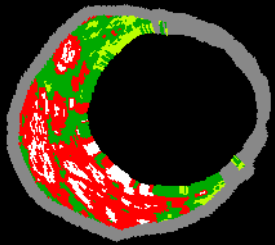
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Thick-cap FA

PIT

Fibrous

Fibrocalcific



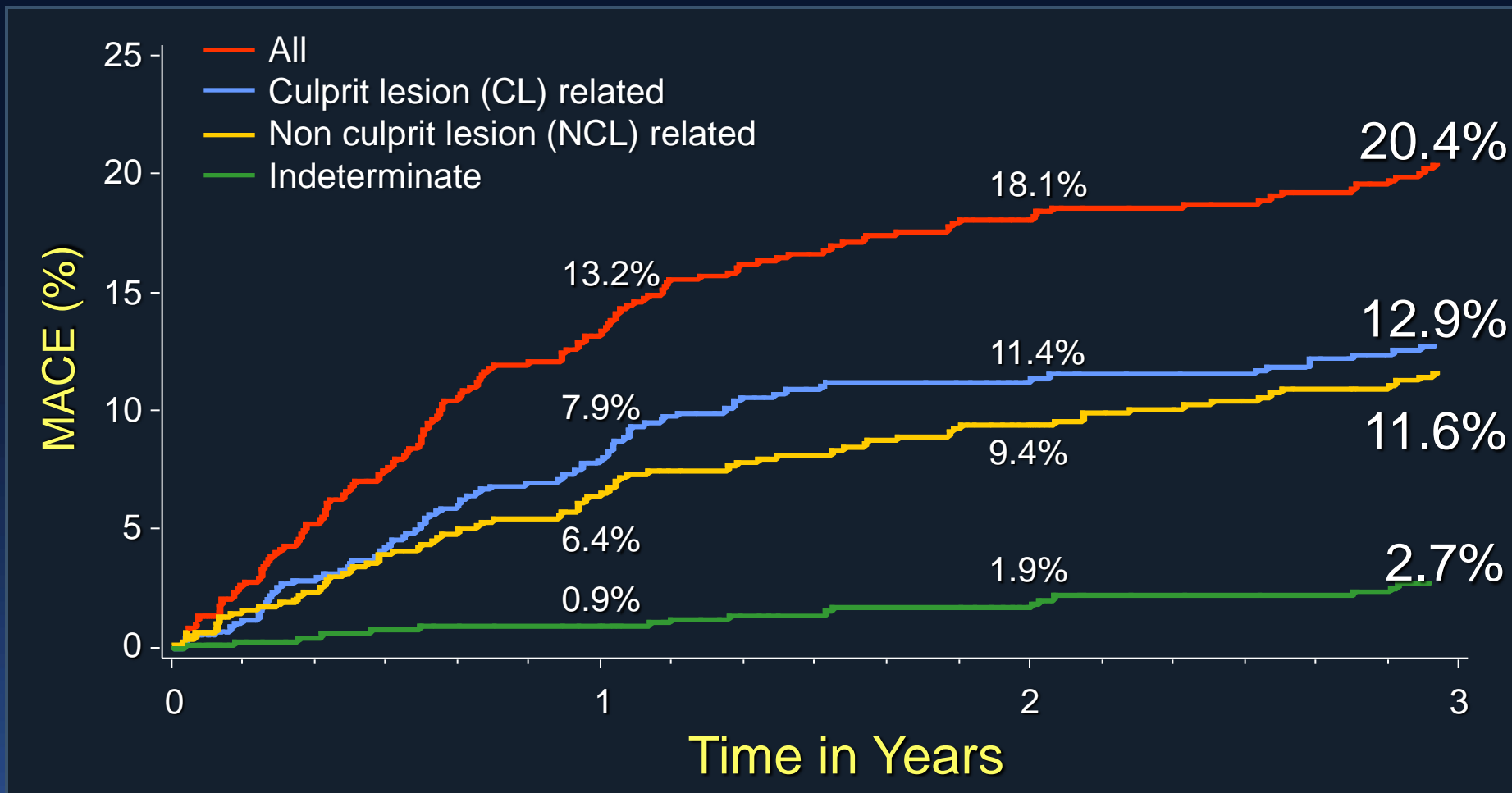
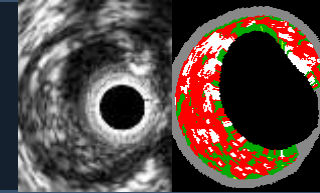
More than 10%
Confluent
Necrotic Core

More than 15%
Fibrofatty

NO more than 10%
Confluent Necrotic
Core

More than 10%
confluent
calcium

PROSPECT: MACE



Number at risk

	0	1	2	3
ALL	697	557	506	480
CL related	697	590	543	518
NCL related	697	595	553	521
Indeterminate	697	634	604	583

PROSPECT: MACE

3-year follow-up, non hierarchical

	All	Culprit lesion related	Non culprit lesion related	Indeterminate
Cardiac death	1.9% (12)	0.2% (1)	0% (0)	1.8% (11)
Cardiac arrest	0.5% (3)	0.3% (2)	0% (0)	0.2% (1)
MI (STEMI or NSTEMI)	3.3% (21)	2.0% (13)	1.0% (6)	0.3% (2)
Unstable angina	8.0% (51)	4.5% (29)	3.3% (21)	0.5% (3)
Increasing angina	14.5% (93)	9.2% (59)	8.5% (54)	0.3% (2)
Composite MACE	20.4% (132)	12.9% (83)	11.6% (74)	2.7% (17)
Cardiac death, arrest or MI	4.9% (31)	2.2% (14)	1.0% (6)	1.9% (12)

PROSPECT: Multivariable Correlates of Non Culprit Lesion Related Events

Independent predictors of lesion level events by Cox
Proportional Hazards regression

<u>Variable</u>	<u>HR [95% CI]</u>	<u>P value</u>
$PB_{MLA} \geq 70\%$	5.03 [2.51, 10.11]	<0.0001
VH-TCFA	3.35 [1.77, 6.36]	0.0002
$MLA \leq 4.0 \text{ mm}^2$	3.21 [1.61, 6.42]	0.001

Variables entered into the model: minimal luminal area ($MLA \leq 4.0 \text{ mm}^2$); plaque burden at the MLA ($PB_{MLA} \geq 70\%$); external elastic membrane at the MLA ($EEM_{MLA} < \text{median} (14.1 \text{ mm}^2)$); lesion length $\geq \text{median} (11.2 \text{ mm})$; distance from ostium to MLA $\geq \text{median} (30.4 \text{ mm})$; remodeling index $\geq \text{median} (0.94)$; VH-TCFA

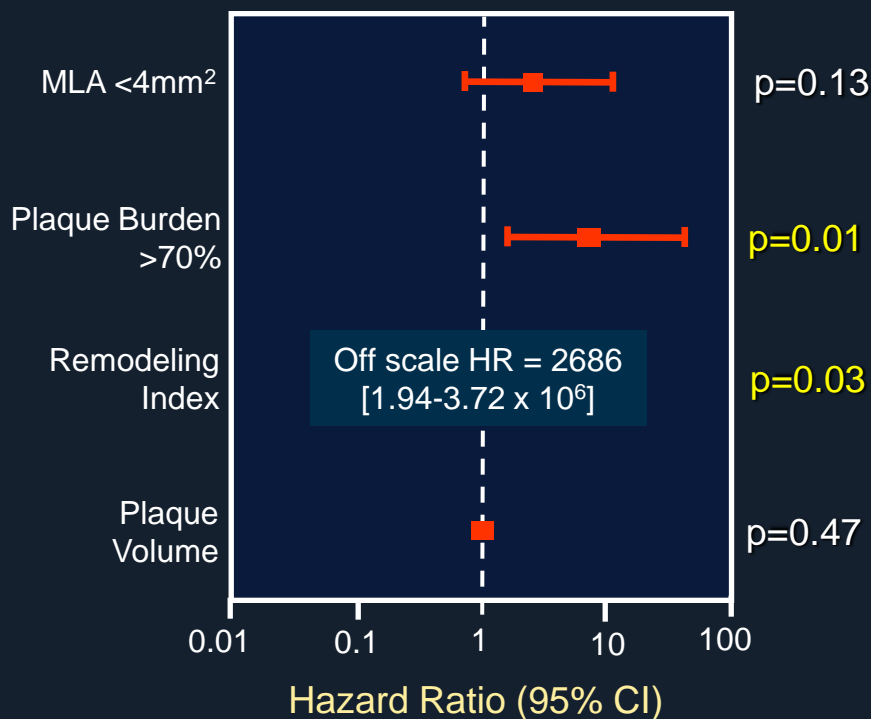
VIVA Study (VH-IVUS in Vulnerable Atherosclerosis)

167 pts with stable CAD or ACS underwent 3-vessel VH-IVUS imaging;
1,096 plaques were classified; median follow-up 625 days

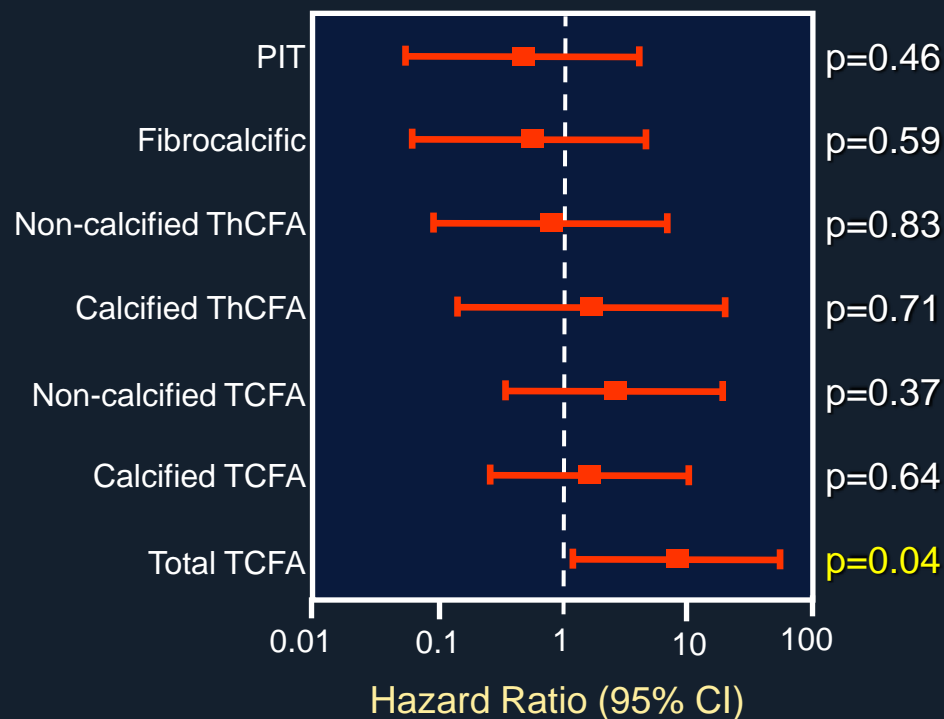
18 MACE (death [2], MI [2] or revasc [14]) occurred in 16 pts from
19 lesions (13 nonculprit lesions and 6 culprit lesions)

Univariate predictors of non-culprit MACE

Grayscale IVUS characteristics

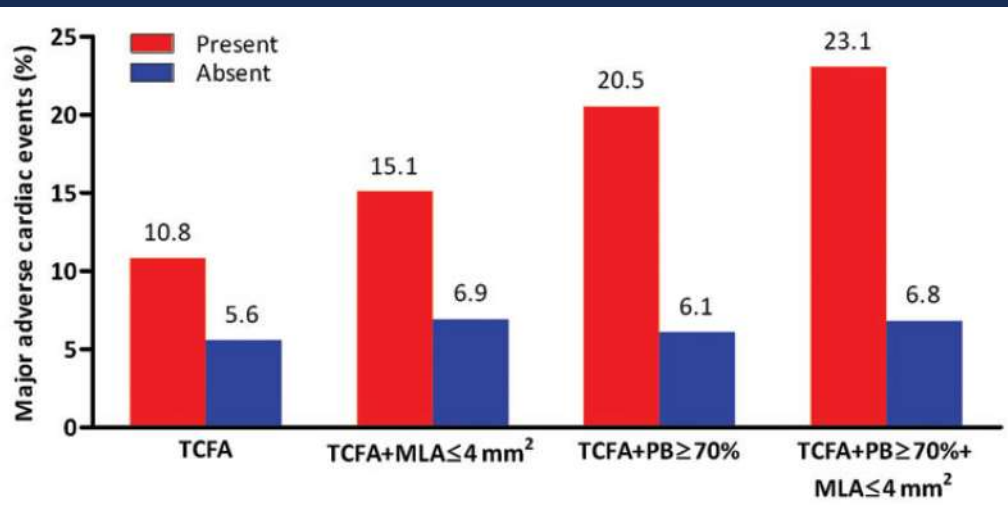
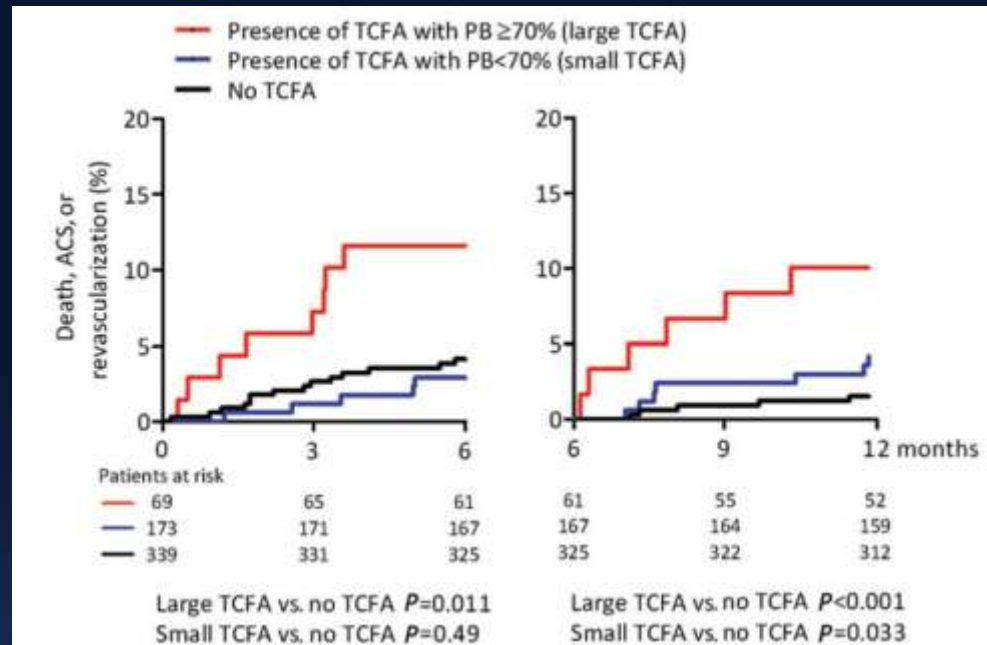


VH-IVUS lesion classification



ATHEROREMO-IVUS Study

- 581 patients in 2008-2011
- 1 year follow-up
- MACE (non-culprit related ACS, unplanned coronary revascularization or indeterminate mortality)
- Single center, prospective



PRAMI - Enrollment -

2428 STEMI pts screened

1922 not eligible
1122 single vessel disease
269 non-infarct artery unsuitable for PCI
118 left main disease
Others

465 randomization

234 Prevention PCI

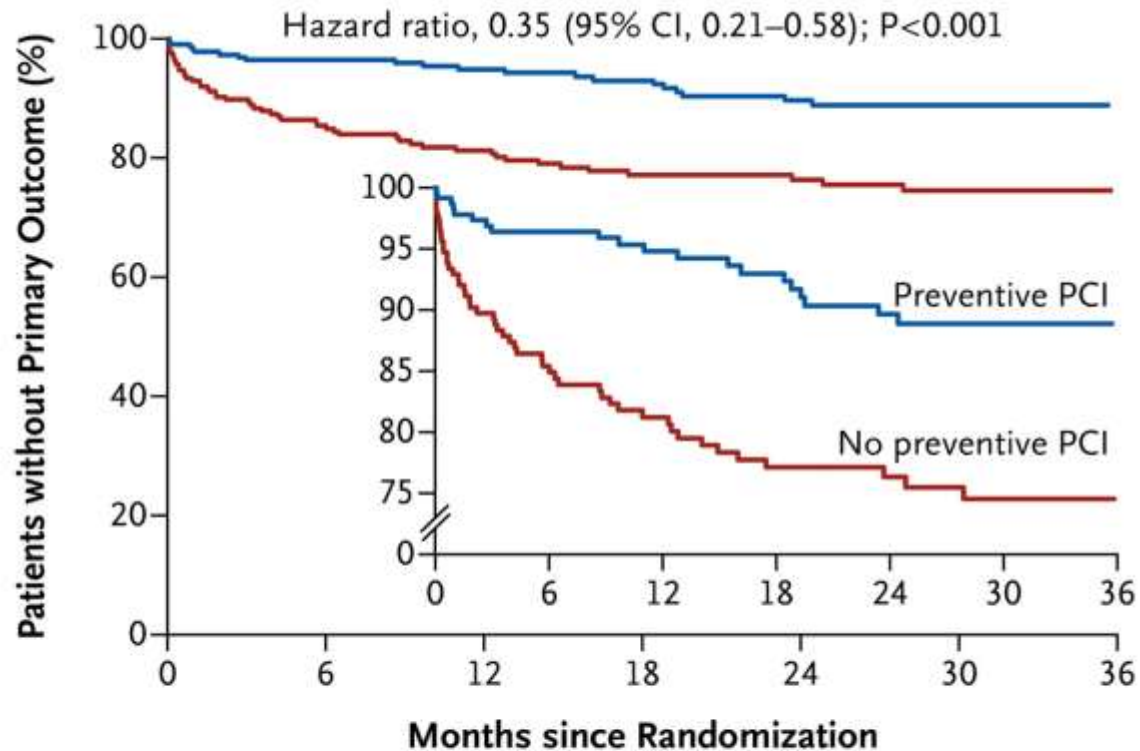
231 Non-Prevention PCI

PRAMI - PCI Procedure -

	Prevention PCI (n=234)	No Prevention PCI (n=231)
Infarct artery		
# of Stent per artery	1.56±0.75	1.42±0.70
Total stent length (mm)	21.8±6.7	21.3±5.6
Non-infarct artery		
# of arteries treated per pt	1.36±0.77	NA
Total stent length (mm)	19.4±5.8	NA

Wald DS et al. N Engl J Med 2013;369:1115-1123.

Kaplan–Meier Curves for the Primary Outcome (Cardiac Death, MI, Refractory Angina)



No. at Risk

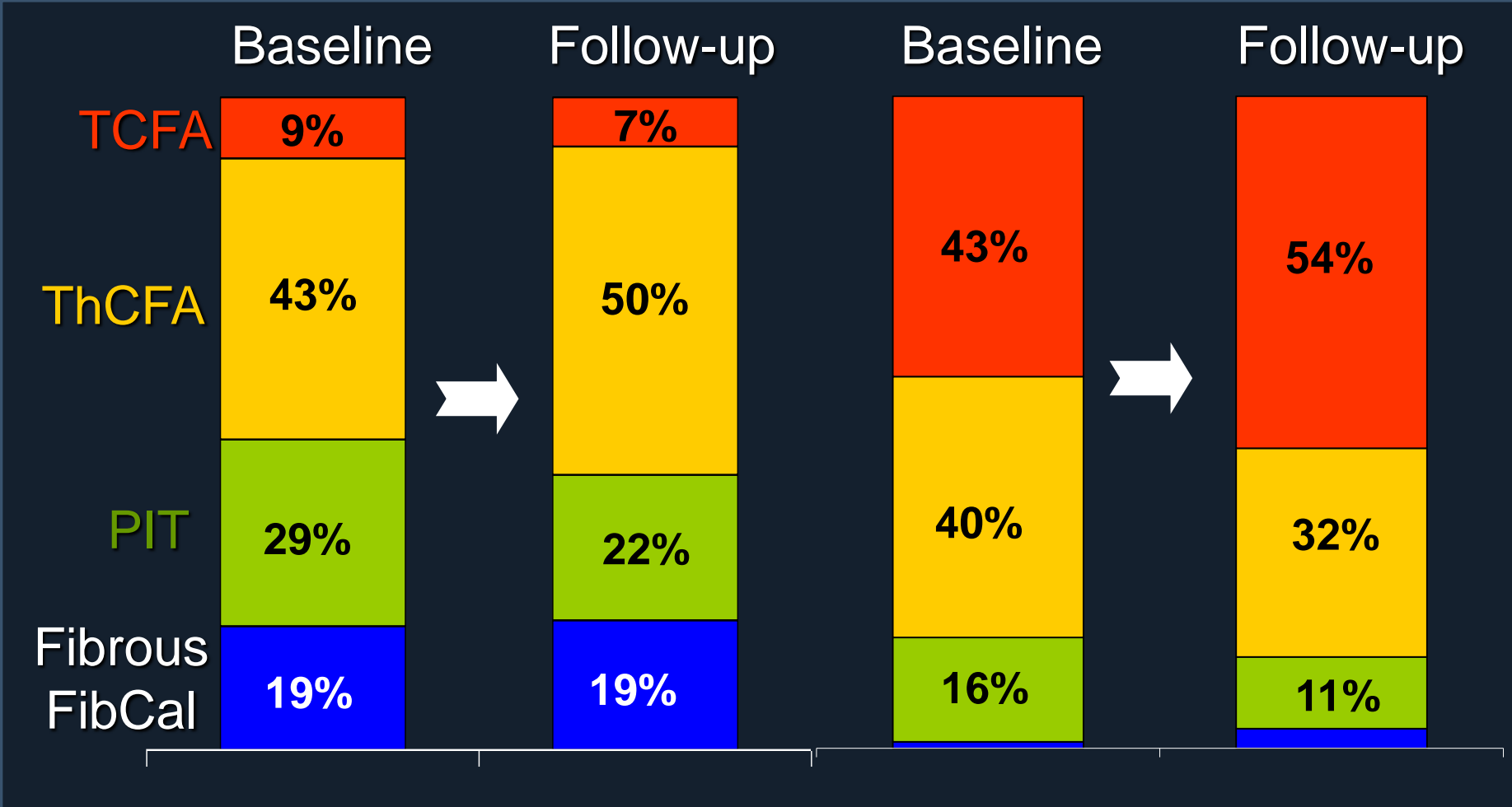
Preventive PCI	234	196	166	146	118	89	67
No preventive PCI	231	168	144	122	96	74	50

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Differences in Temporal Changes of Non-Culprit Lesions

Stable Angina

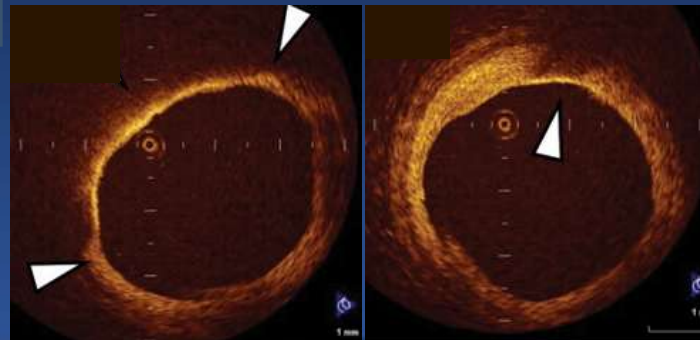
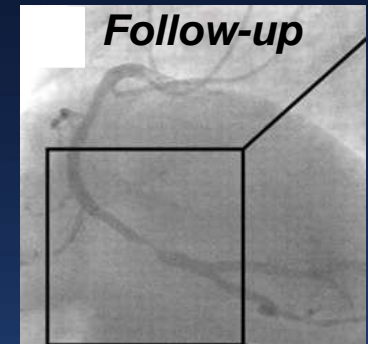
STEMI (100%)



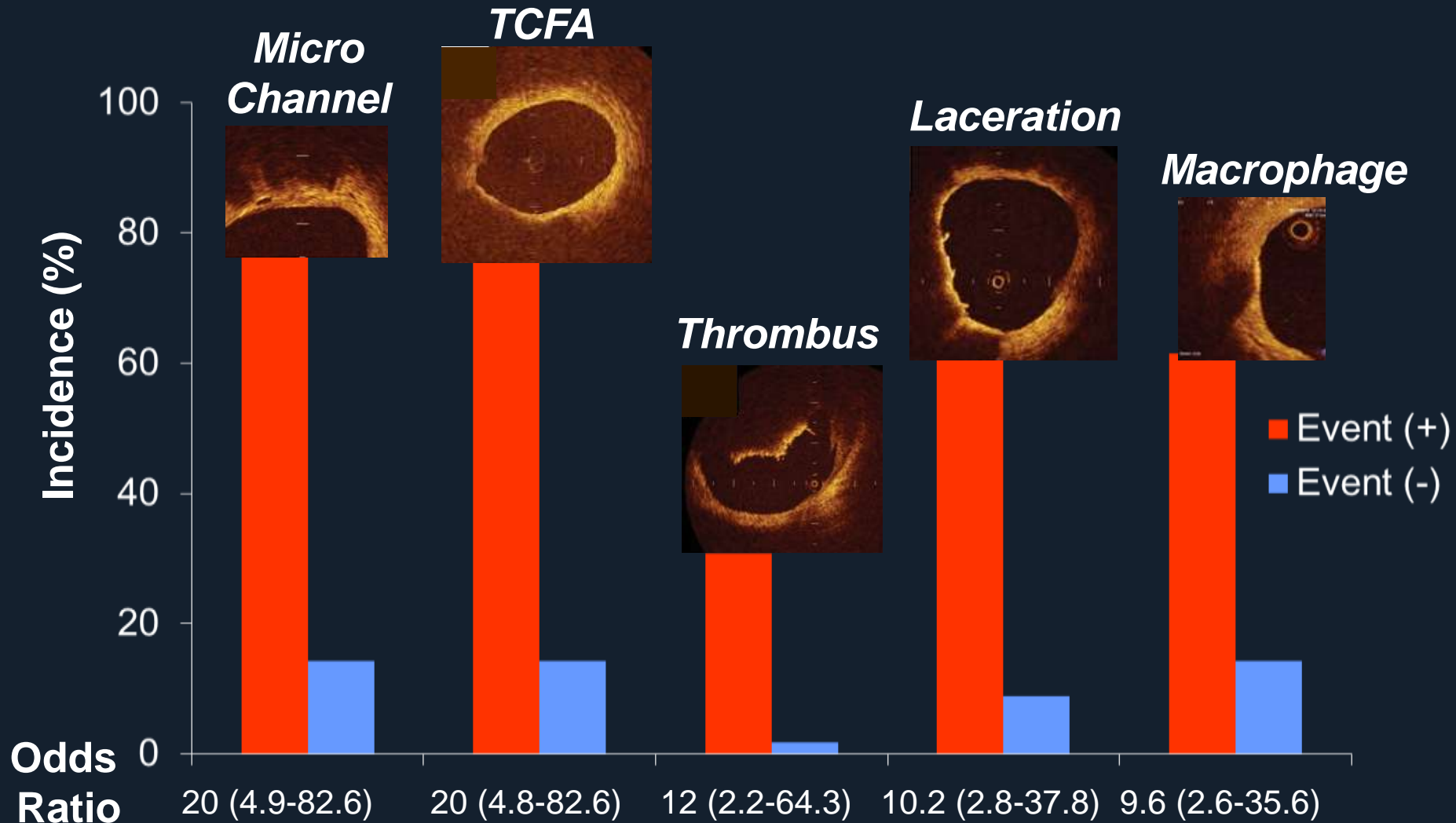
OCT Predictor for Progression

- **DESIGN:** Prospective, Single Center, Observational Study
- **OBJECTIVE:** To evaluate OCT predictor for disease progression in non-culprit lesions
- **METHODS:**
 1. 3 vessel OCT after successful PCI of culprit lesions
 2. 6-9 month follow-up
 3. Progression: Late loss > 0.4mm

69 Non-culprit lesion in 69 vessels in 53 pts



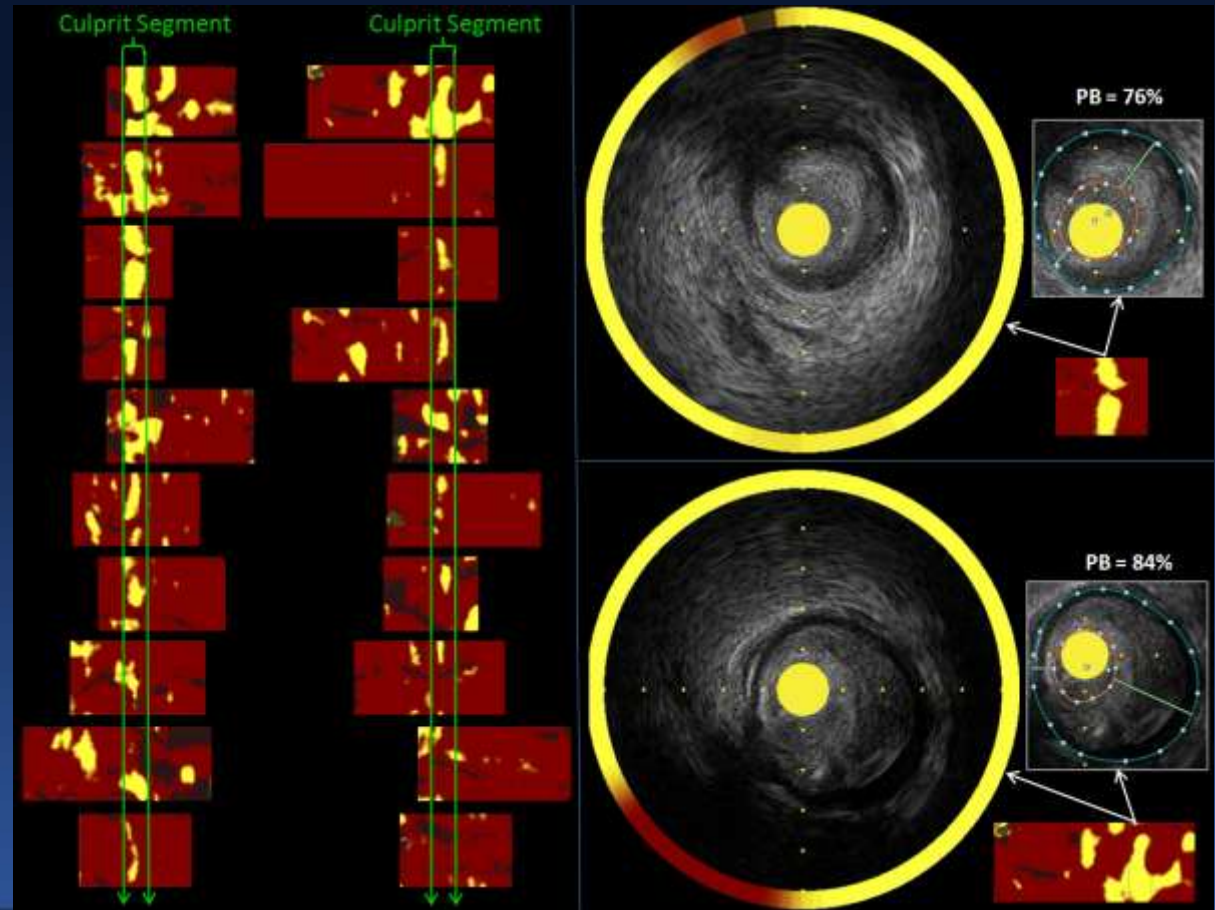
OCT Predictors for Progression of Non-Culprit Lesions



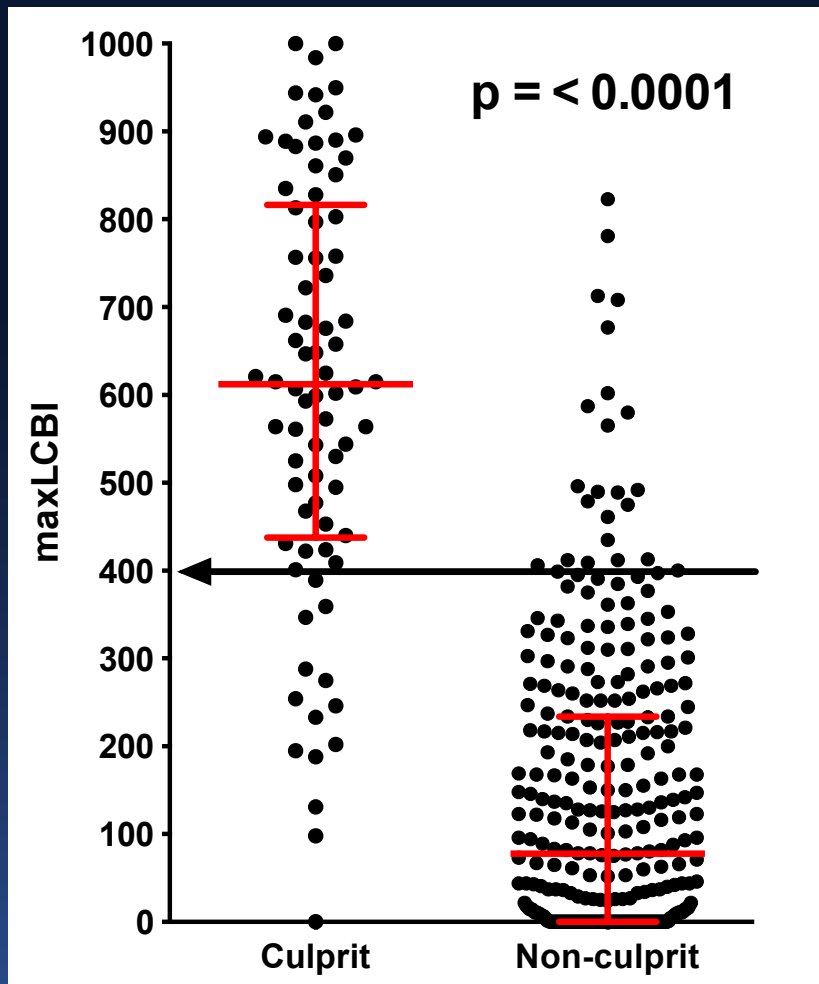
Is there a characteristic signal of lesions that cause STEMI?

Near infrared spectroscopy (InfraReDx) was performed immediately after infarct artery recanalization in 20 pts with STEMI

The NIRS chemograms of all 20 STEMI pts. The culprit segments contain LCP in 19 cases (95%), all with large plaque burden.



STEMI culprit vs. non-culprit segments



STEMI culprit lesions:
 $\text{maxLCBI}_{4\text{mm}} = 612 (438-817)$

Non-culprit lesions:
 $\text{maxLCBI}_{4\text{mm}} = 78 (0-234)$

$\text{MaxLCBI}_{4\text{mm}} > 400$ was present
at the STEMI culprit site in
63 of the 78 cases

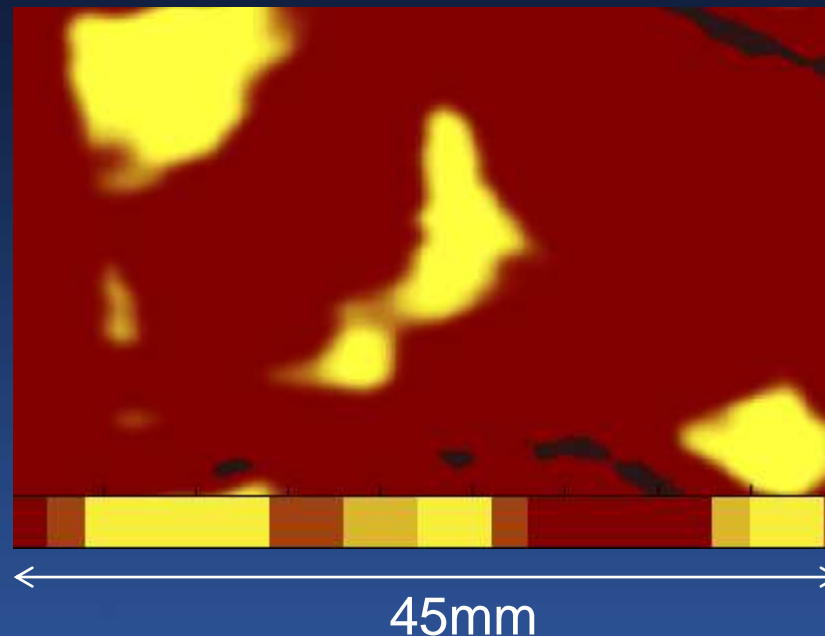
$\text{MaxLCBI}_{4\text{mm}} > 400$ was present
at the non-culprit site in
22 of the 304 segments

Mann-Whitney U test
Median \pm interquartile range

Relationship between Lipid Rich Plaque detected by NIRS and Outcomes

- Prospective Single Center Study, 206 patients (ACS47%)
- Primary Endpoint: Composite of all-cause mortality, non-fatal ACS, stroke and unplanned PCI during one-year FU
- >40mm non culprit segment of NIRS

Lipid Core
Burden Index
(LCBI)=188

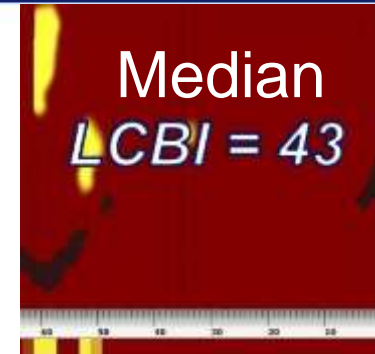
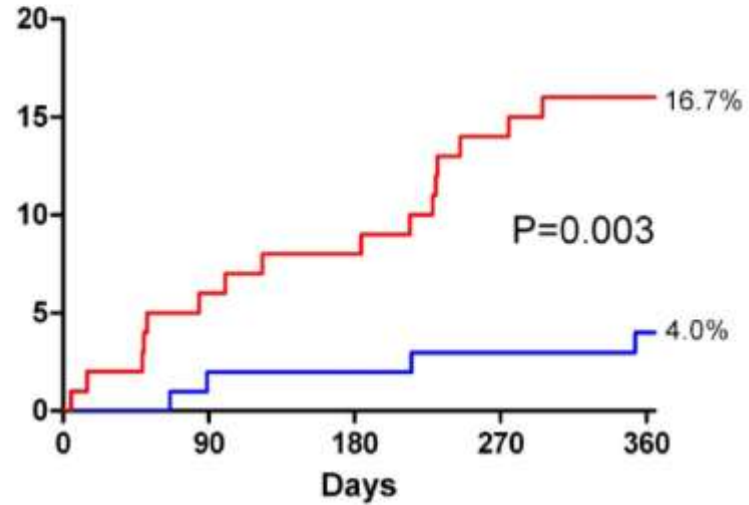


Relationship between Lipidic Plaque detected by NIRS and Outcomes

Primary endpoint



Cumulative Rate of
All-Cause Mortality, Stroke,
Non-fatal ACS or unplanned PCI
(excl. definite CLR events)



— LCBI ≥ median
— LCBI < median

No. at Risk

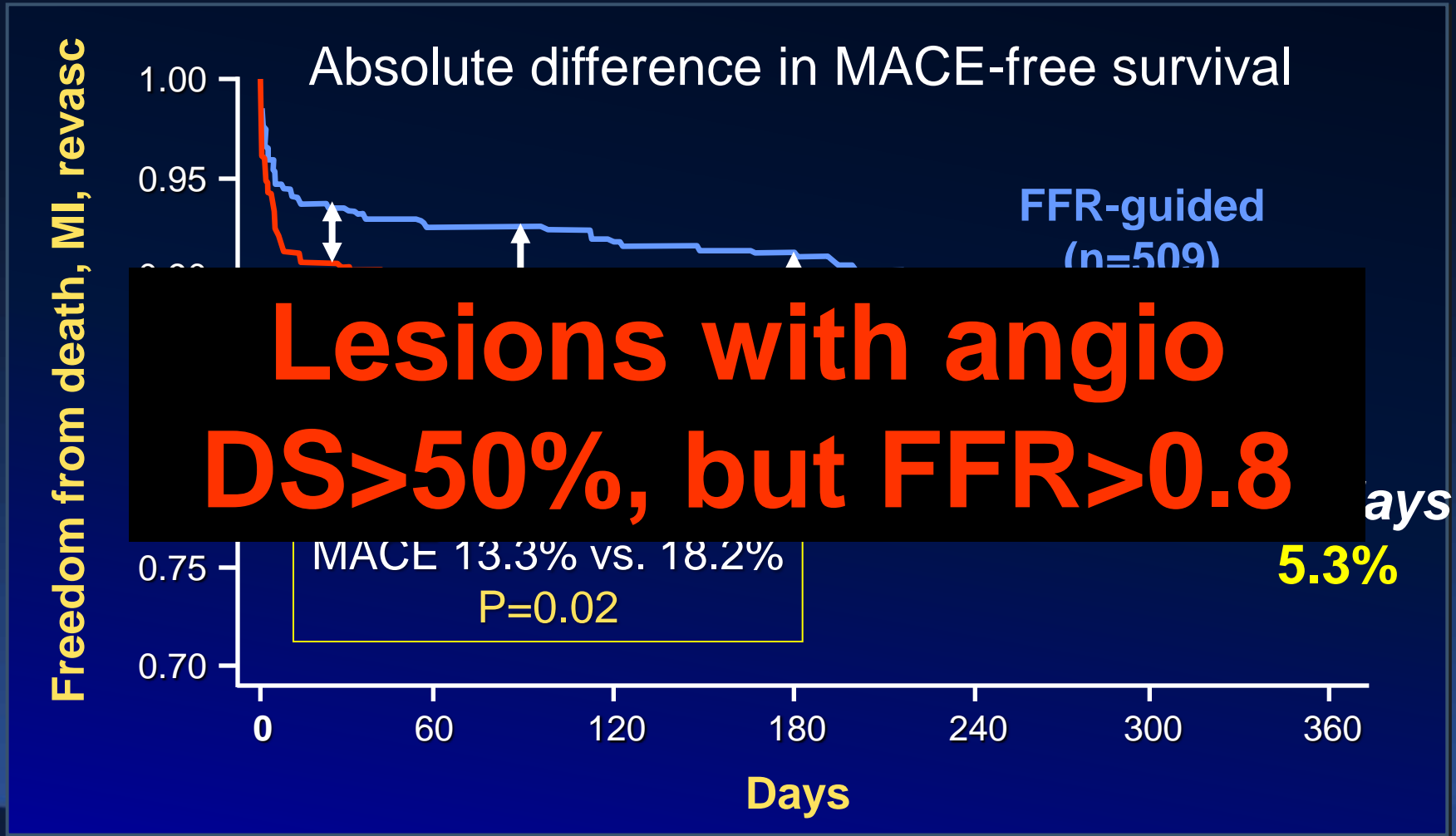
LCBI < Median	101	99	99	97	91
LCBI ≥ Median	102	94	92	86	83

Adjusted HR: **4.04** 95% CI: 1.3-12.3 P=0.01

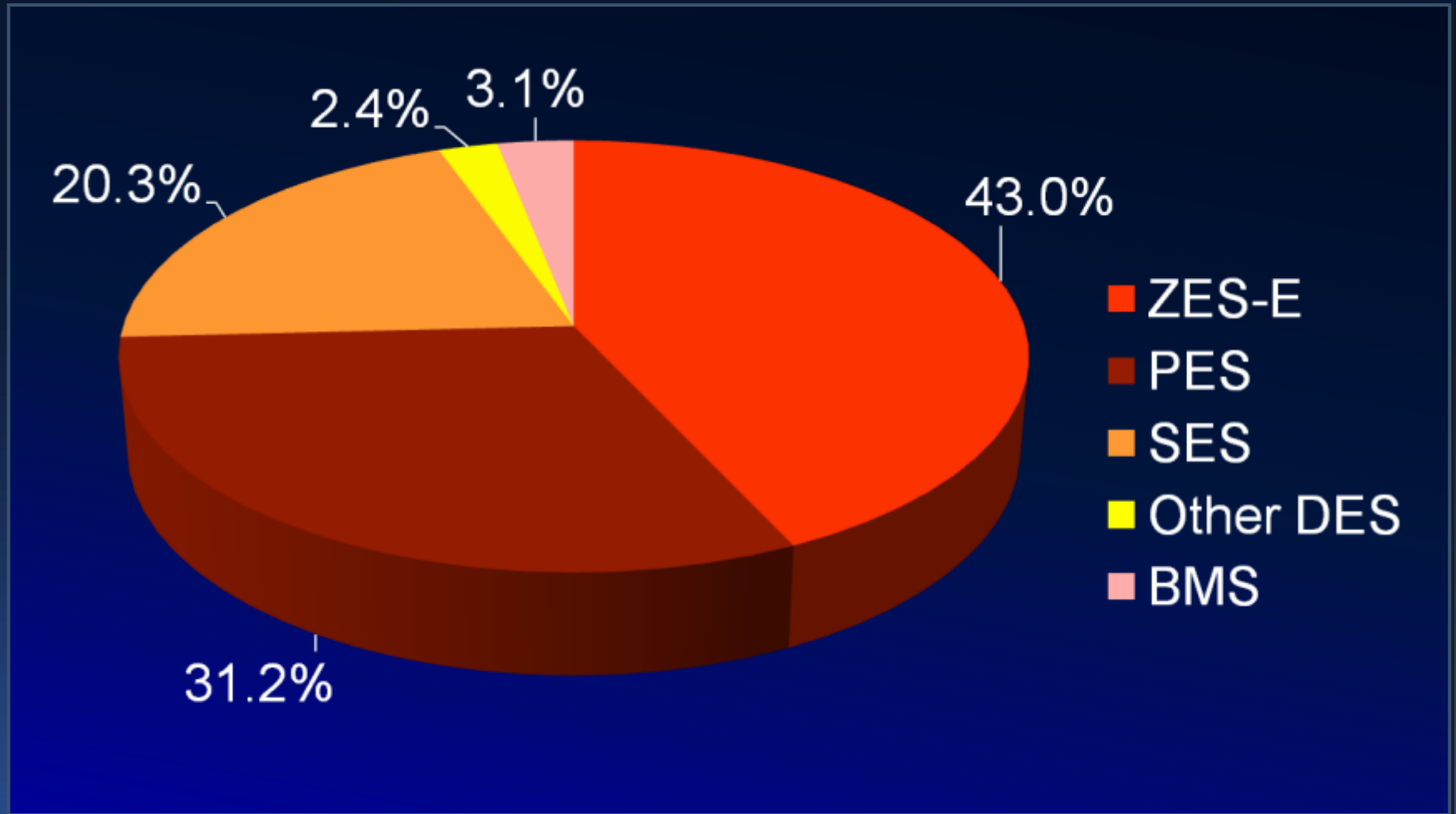
FAME: Primary Endpoint



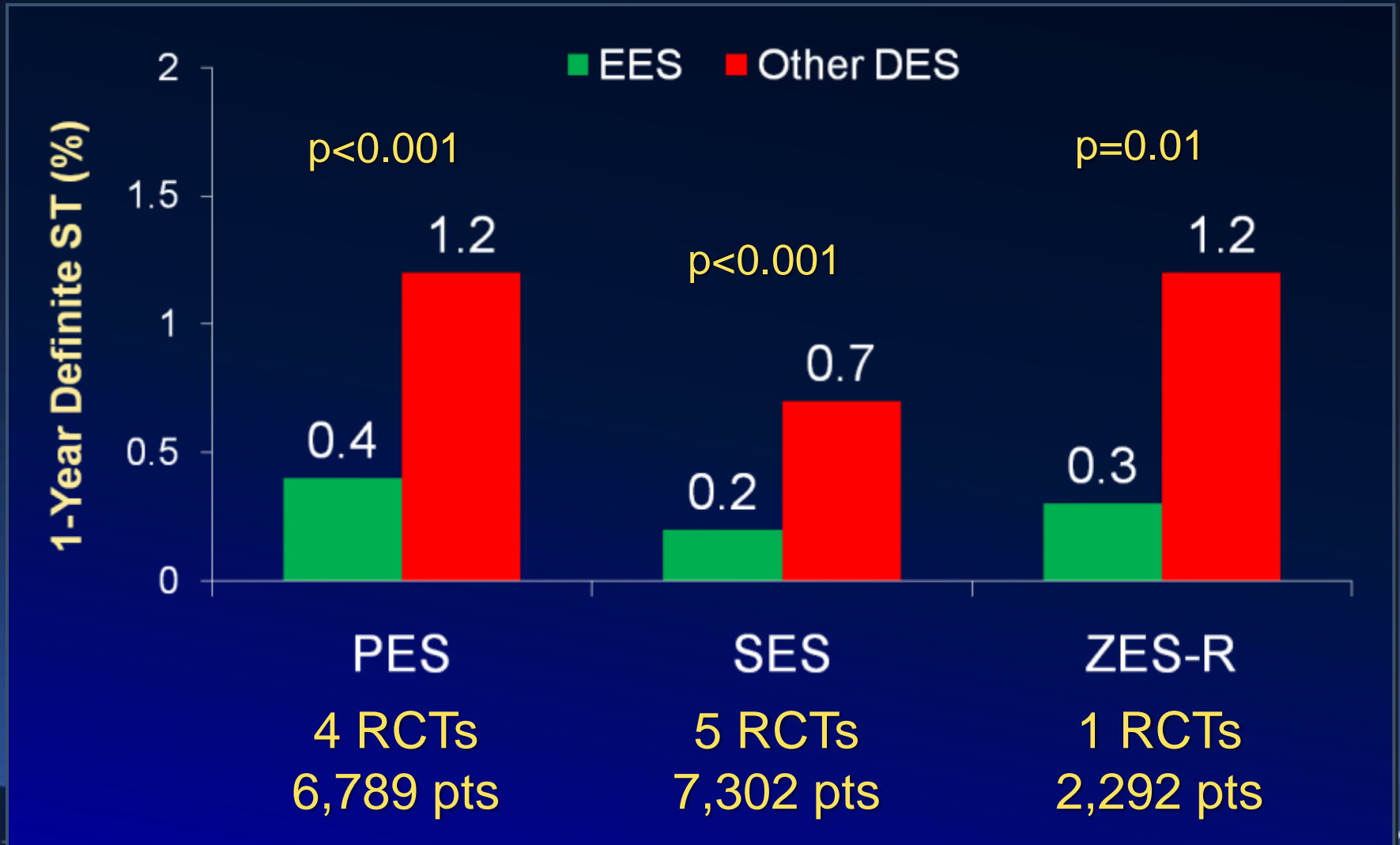
1005 pts with MVD (83% CSA) undergoing PCI with DES were randomized to FFR-guided vs. angio-guided intervention



FAME Trial: Stent Use



RCTs of EES vs. Other DES (n-16,383): 1-year definite stent thrombosis



FAME: With better stents????



1005 pts with MVD (83% CSA) undergoing PCI with DES were randomized to FFR-guided vs. angio-guided intervention

Death, MI, revasc

NO longer significant difference

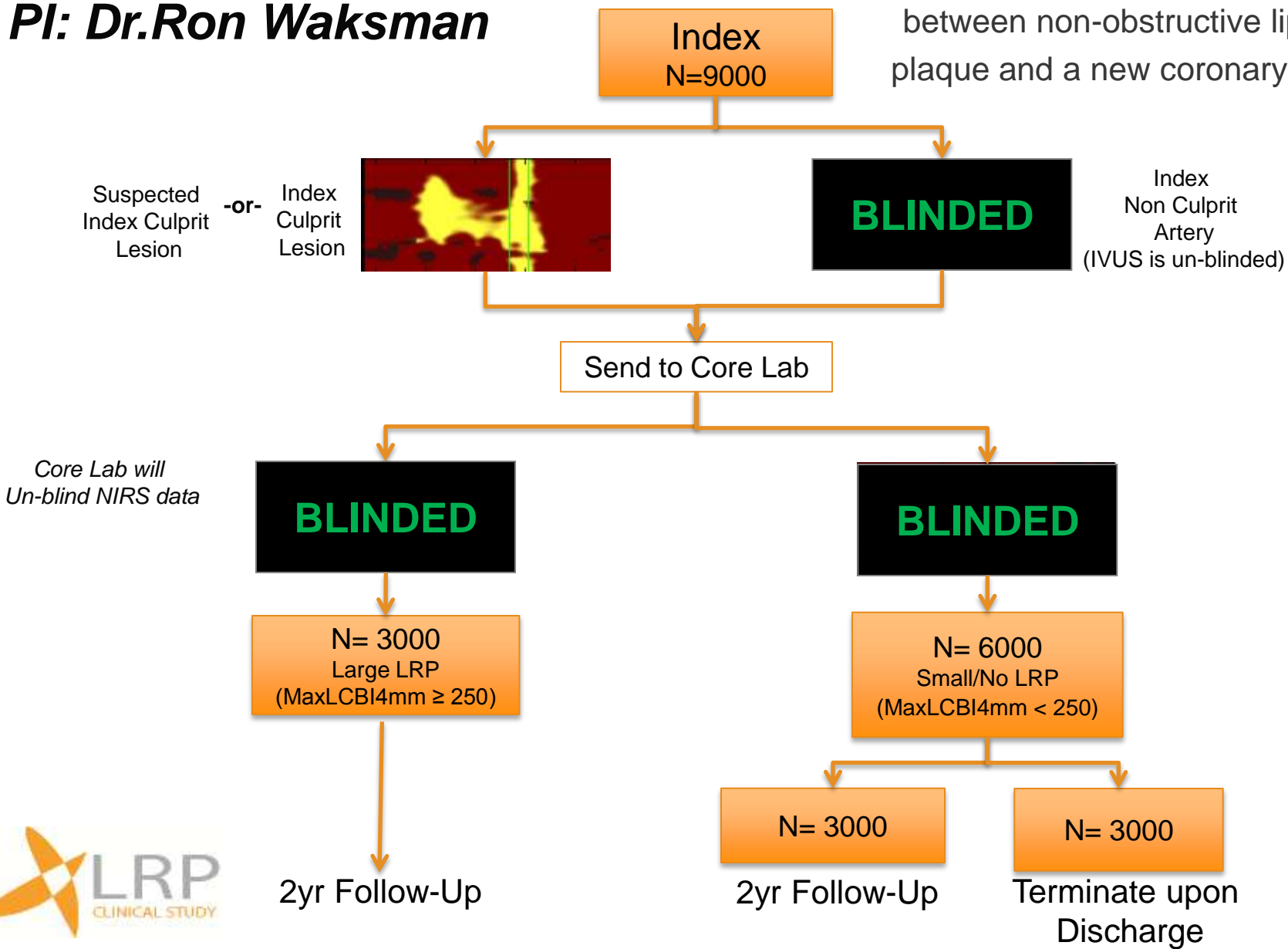
30 days

Treatment of lesions with DS>50%, FFR>0.8 will not make difference.

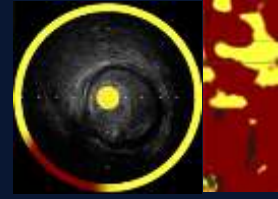
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PI: Dr. Ron Waksman

“To evaluate the relationship between non-obstructive lipid-rich plaque and a new coronary events”



PROSPECT II Study



**900 pts with ACS at up to 20 hospitals
in Sweden, Denmark and Norway (SCAAR)**

NSTEMI or STEMI $>12^\circ$

IVUS + NIRS (blinded) performed in culprit vessel(s)

Successful PCI of all intended lesions (by angio \pm FFR/iFR)



Formally enrolled



3-vessel imaging post PCI

Culprit artery, followed by non-culprit arteries

Angiography (QCA of entire coronary tree)

IVUS + NIRS (blinded) (prox 6-8 cm of each coronary artery)



PROSPECT II Study PROSPECT ABSORB RCT

900 pts with ACS after successful PCI

3 vessel IVUS + NIRS (blinded)

≥1 IVUS lesion with ≥70% plaque burden present?

Yes

(N=300)

No

(n=600)

R

1:1

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

GDMT
(N=150)

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

Clinical FU for ≥3 years

Summary

- Does morphology predict future event?

YES!

- Does physiology predict future event?

YES!

- Should we treat vulnerable plaque in physiologically non-significant lesion?

We will get more answers in PROSPECT2 and LRP Study. But I believe that we need additional predictive parameters to make more strong under the optimal medical therapy.