

Provisional SB stenting

The big misunderstanding

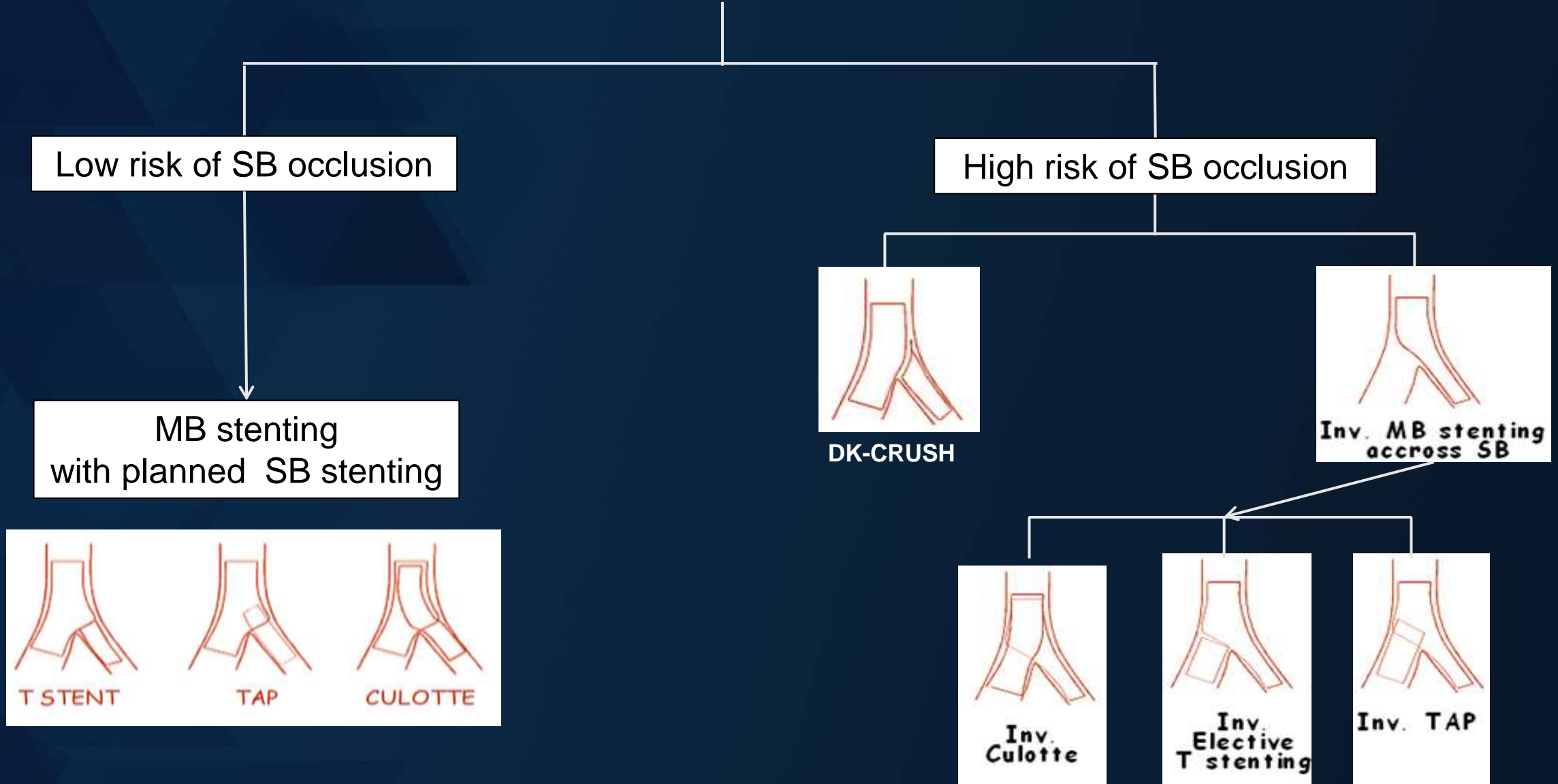
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“True” bifurcation with severe SB stenosis > 5-10 mm length



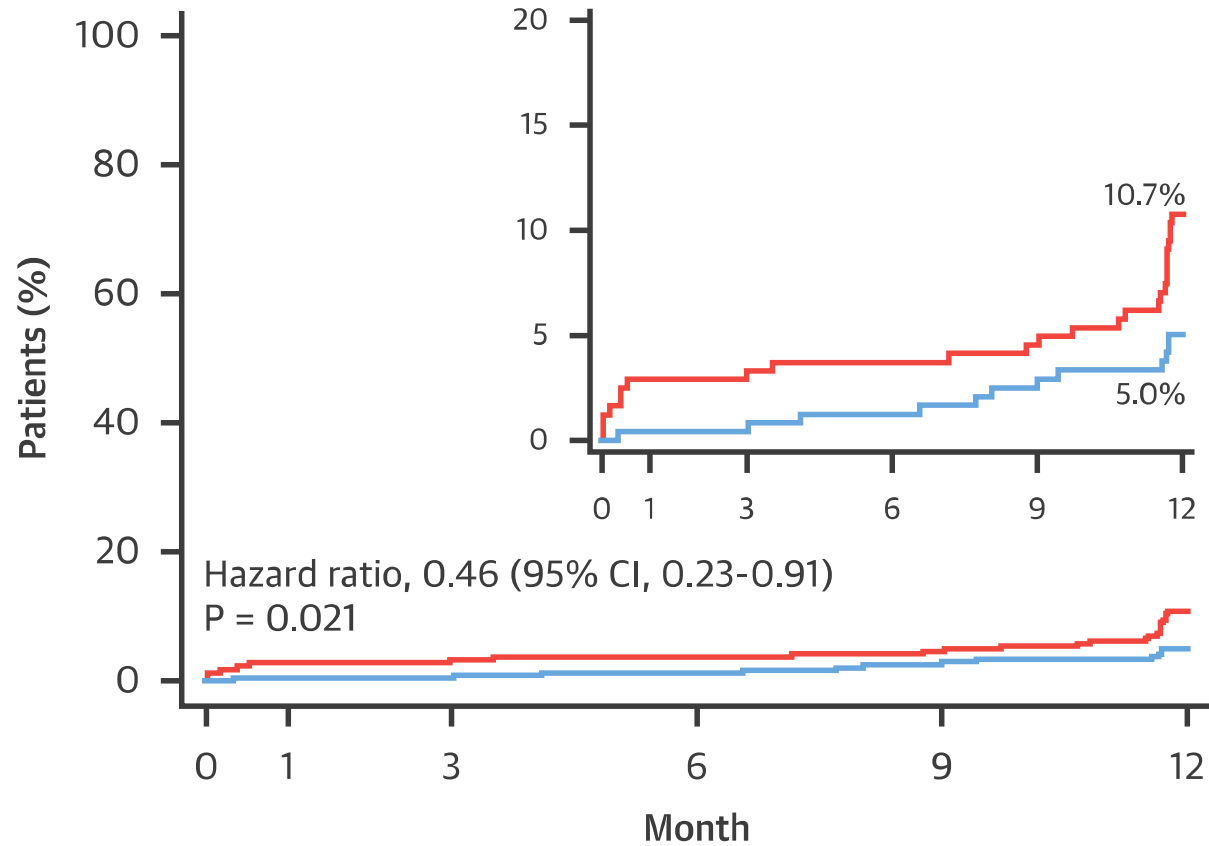
2018 ESC Guidelines

Recommendations on specific lesion subsets

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Stent implantation in the main vessel only, followed by provisional balloon angioplasty with or without stenting of the side branch, is recommended for PCI of bifurcation lesions. ^{654–658}	I	A
In true bifurcation lesions of the left main, the double-kissing crush technique may be preferred over provisional T-stenting. ⁶²⁰	IIb	B

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DK Crush-V: TLF



No. at risk

DK crush	240	239	239	236	230	224
Provisional stenting	242	236	235	234	231	216

Definition II

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De novo coronary bifurcation lesions Medina 111 or 011

SB \geq 2.5mm with at least one major criterion of complex bifurcations

\geq 10 mm

\geq 70% for LM or \geq 90% for non LM

And 2 minor criteria:

Moderate-to-severe calcification

Multiple lesions

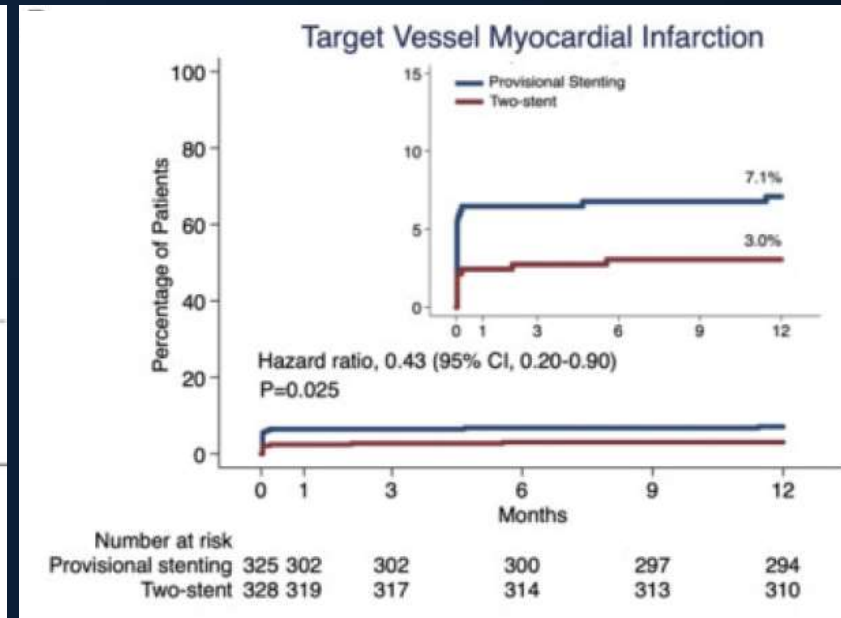
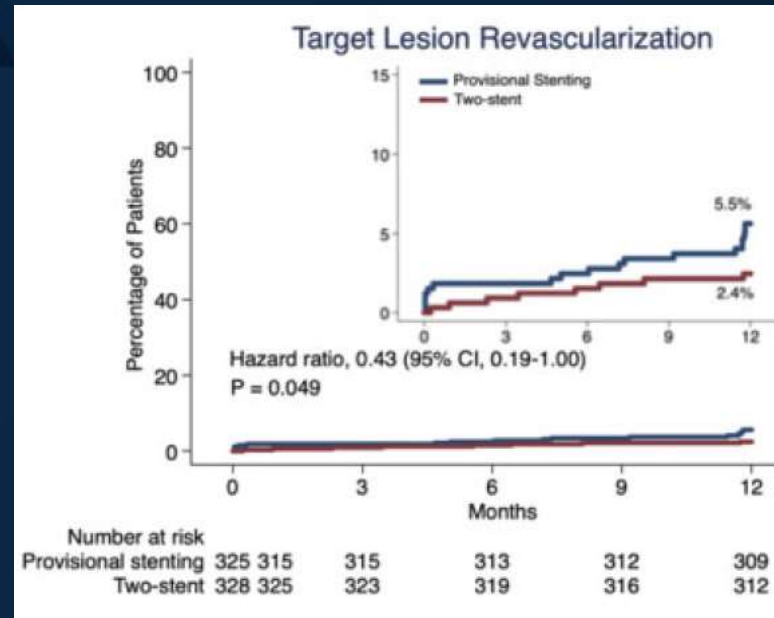
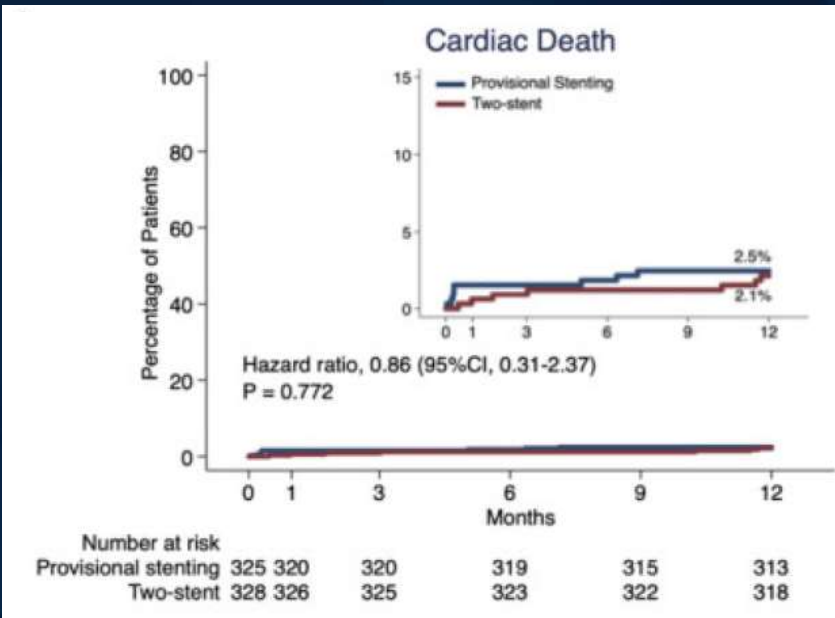
Bifurcation angle $<$ 45 or $>$ 70

Main vessel $<$ 2.5mm

Thrombus-containing lesions

MV lesion length \geq 25mm by visual

Definition II



Why is DK-Crush becoming more popular ?

- ✓ DK Crush is better than Crush
- ✓ Recent studies: DK Crush, Definition II, Metanalysis
- ✓ Good angiographic results
- ✓ People like to perform complex procedures ?
- ✓ Misunderstanding of provisional approach ?

What is Provisional ?

- ✓ A wire in each branch
- ✓ A Stent in the MB sized according to distal reference, POT
- ✓ *Should we do more?*
- ✓ Open the distal strut and Kiss or RePOT
- ✓ *Should we do more?*
- ✓ SB stenting (T, TAP, Culotte), kiss, RePOT
- ✓ **Inverted provisional can be an option**

What is DK Crush ?

- ✓ A fixed approach using 2 stents systematically
- ✓ Many steps including 3 POTs and 3 Kiss (may increase the risk of mistakes)
- ✓ 3 layers of stents in the crushed zone
- ✓ Not well adapted to a T shape angulation

Technical Limitations of DK Crush ?



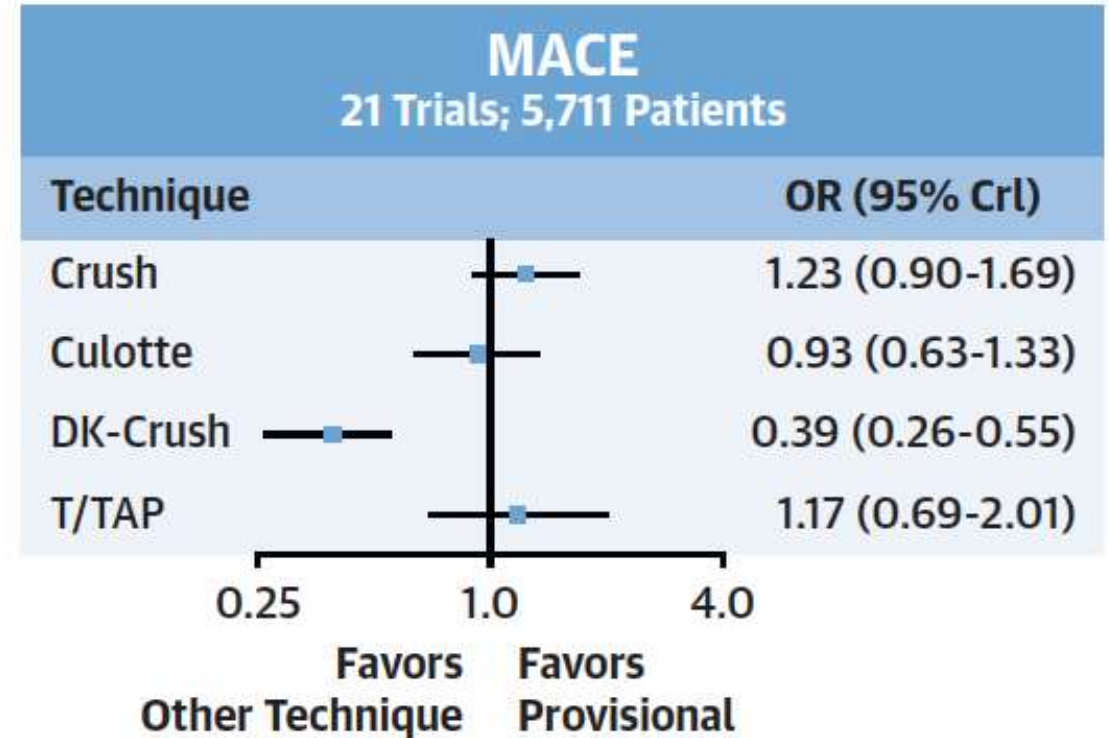
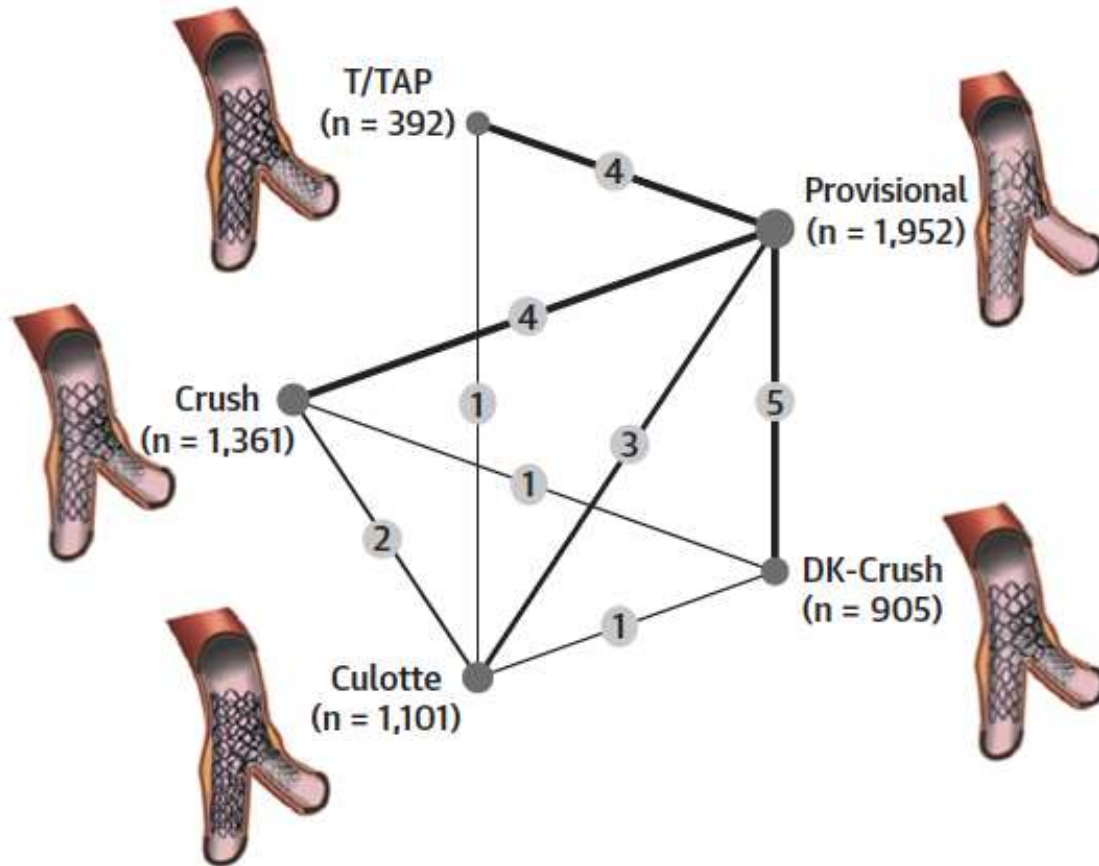
Limitations of the DK Crush V study

1. Control of 5 DK-Crush cases for each centre by the steering committee before starting the study. No control and no recommendation for the provisional approach.
2. SB lesion length 17 ± 12 mm in the provisional group.
SB stenting in 47%.
3. No POT in the provisional group.
4. Angiographic F-up before 1 year clinical endpoint in $> 70\%$.

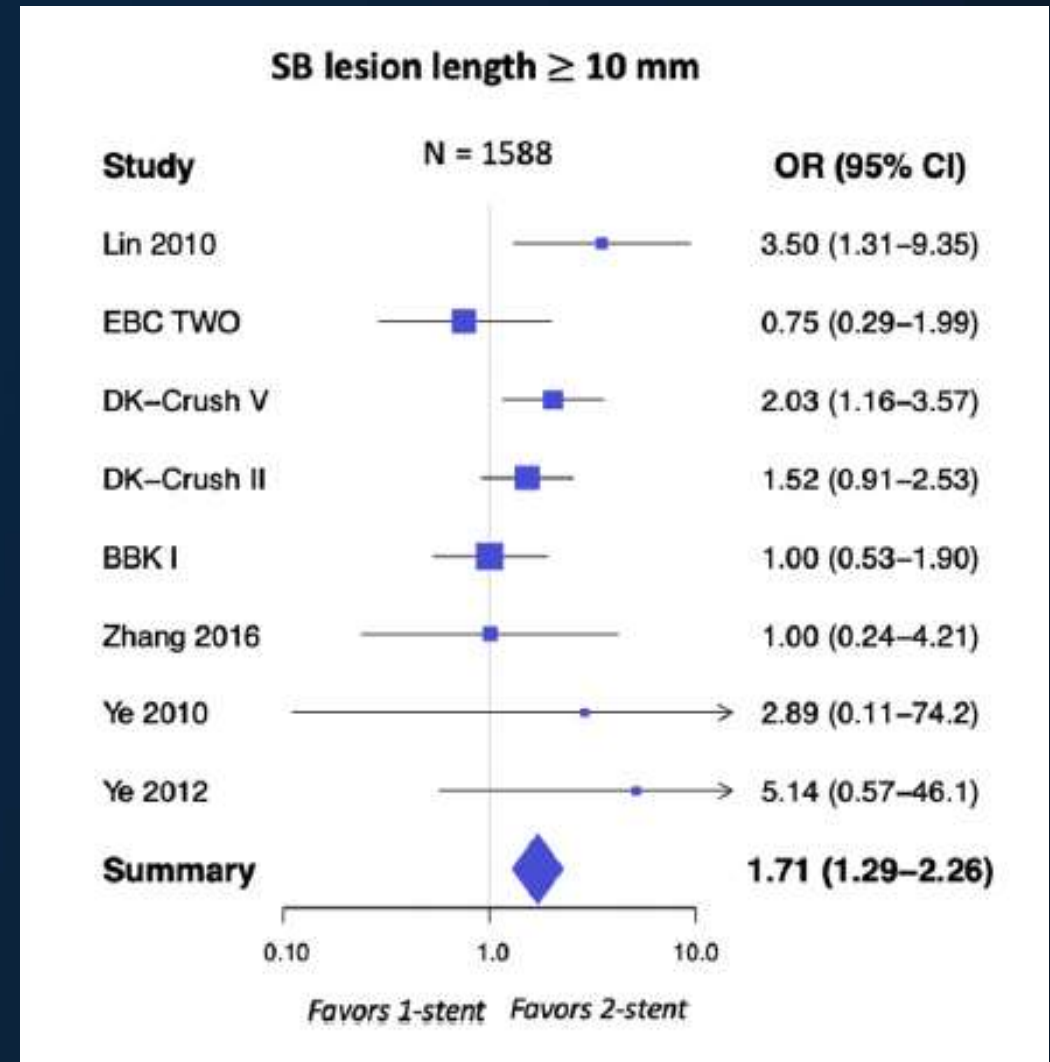
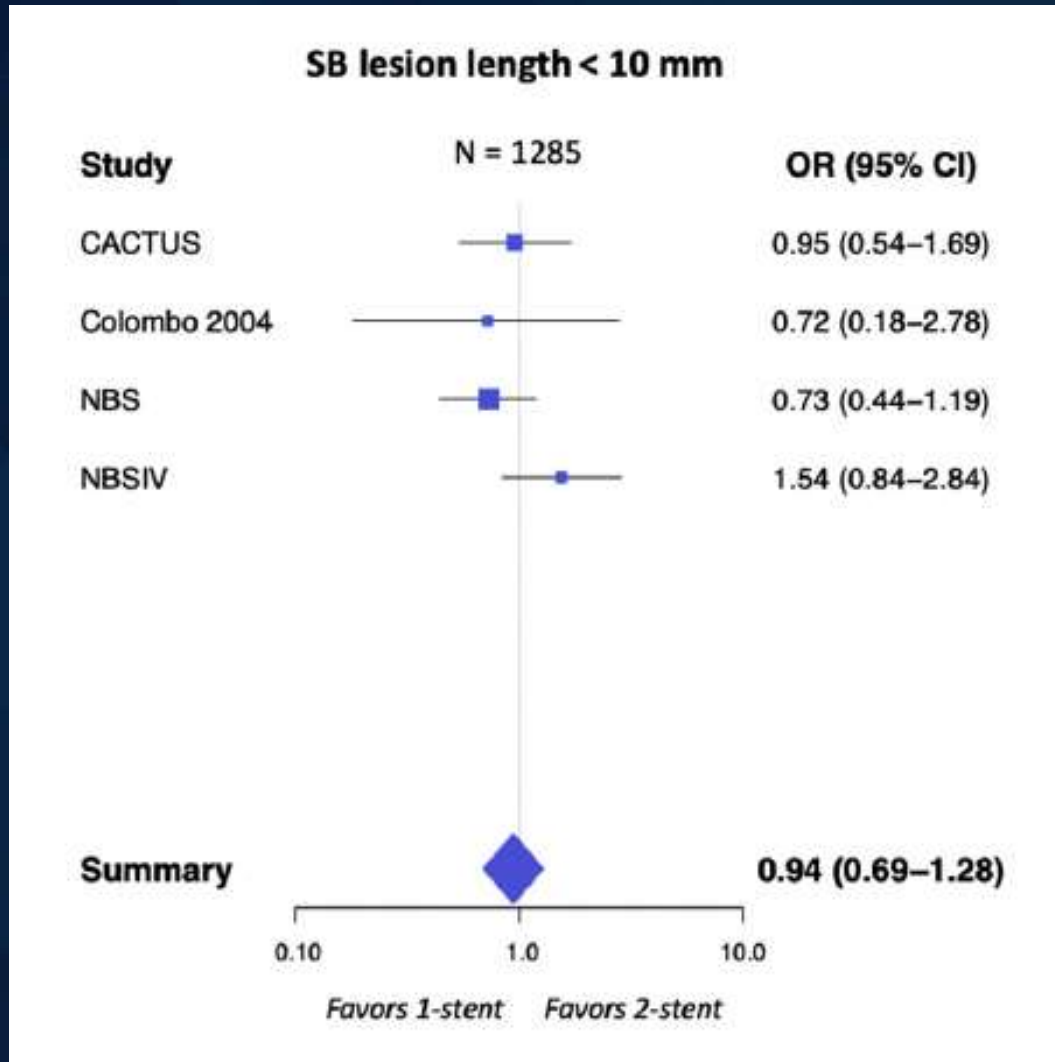
Limitations of the Definition II study

1. The 2 stents technique was a Crush in the majority of cases.
2. SB lesion length 20 ± 9 mm in the provisional group, but stenting performed in only 23% of cases.
3. No POT before Kiss in the provisional group, 27% final kiss (vs 3 POT and 2 Kiss in the DK crush group).
4. Angiographic follow-up scheduled 1 month after clinical endpoint, but performed earlier.

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Conclusion / Take-home Message

- ✓ When treating complex bifurcation lesions with a relevant SB and a lesion length > 10 mm, a two-stent technique should be used in the majority of cases !
- ✓ In this type of lesions, the strategy (provisional or inverted provisional vs DK crush) should not be dogmatic and depends on many parameters including the anatomy of the lesion and the operator's experience and knowledge.
- ✓ In all cases, POT and final kissing balloon inflation is a must.