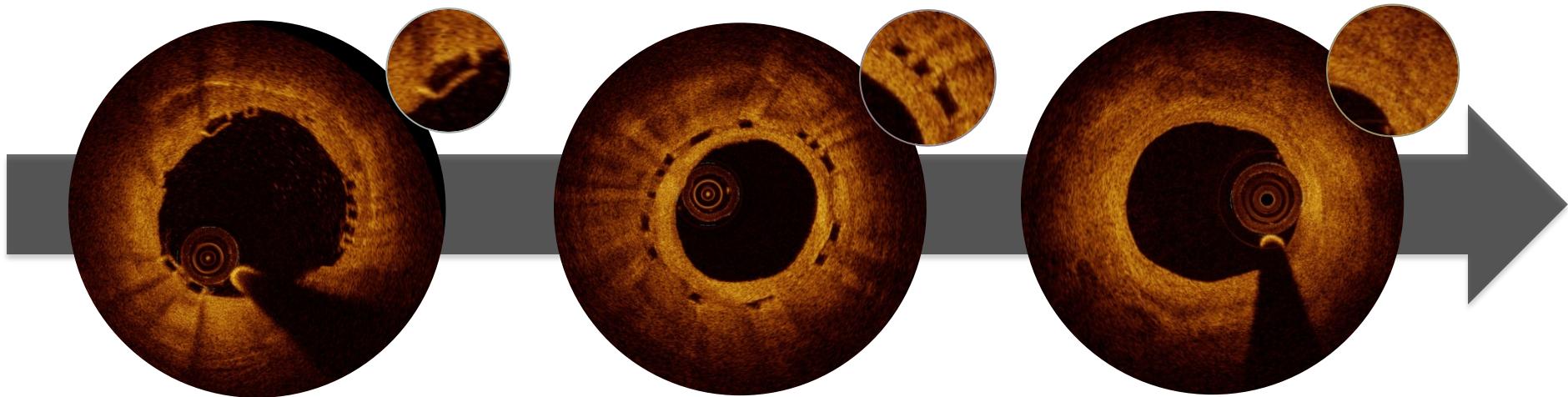


# Bioresorbable Scaffolds, MTE Lugano 2016

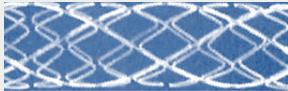
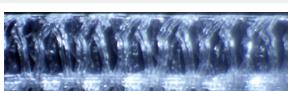
Current limitations  
Future perspectives

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# Bioresorbable scaffolds

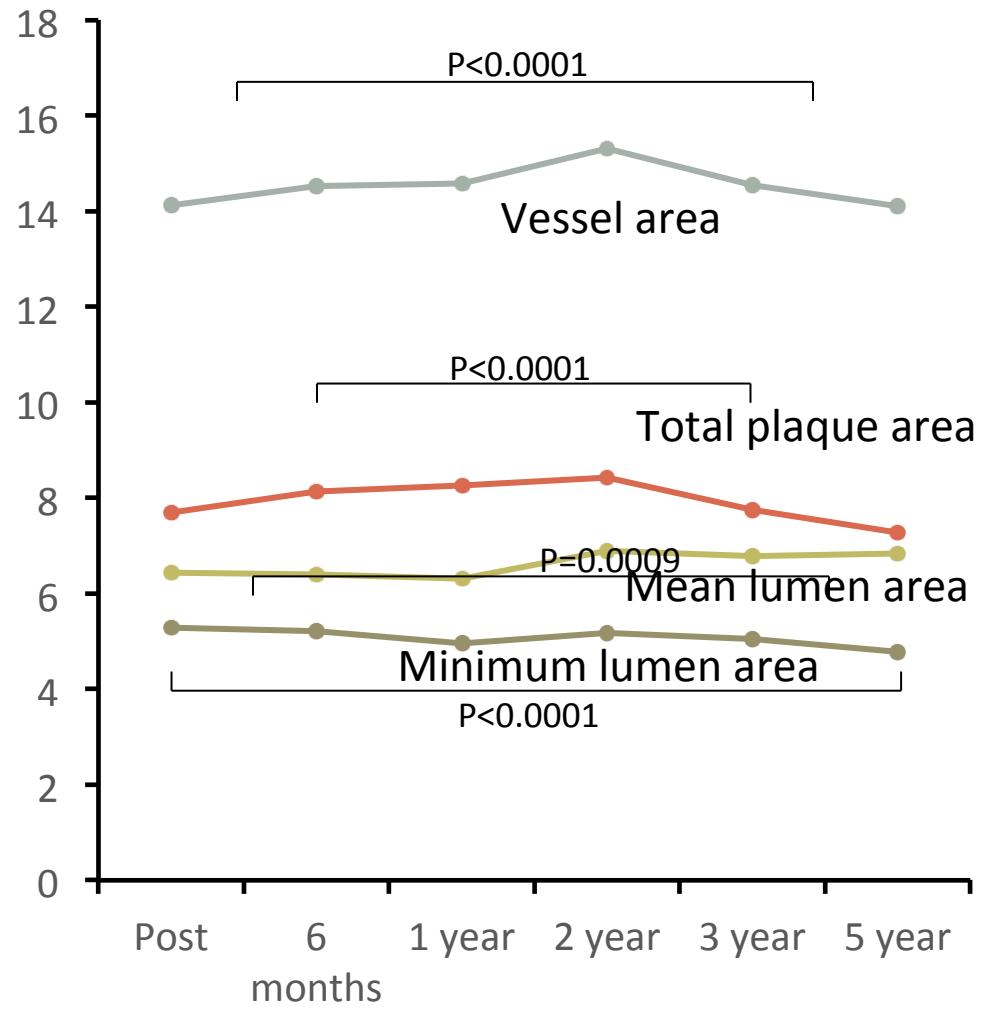
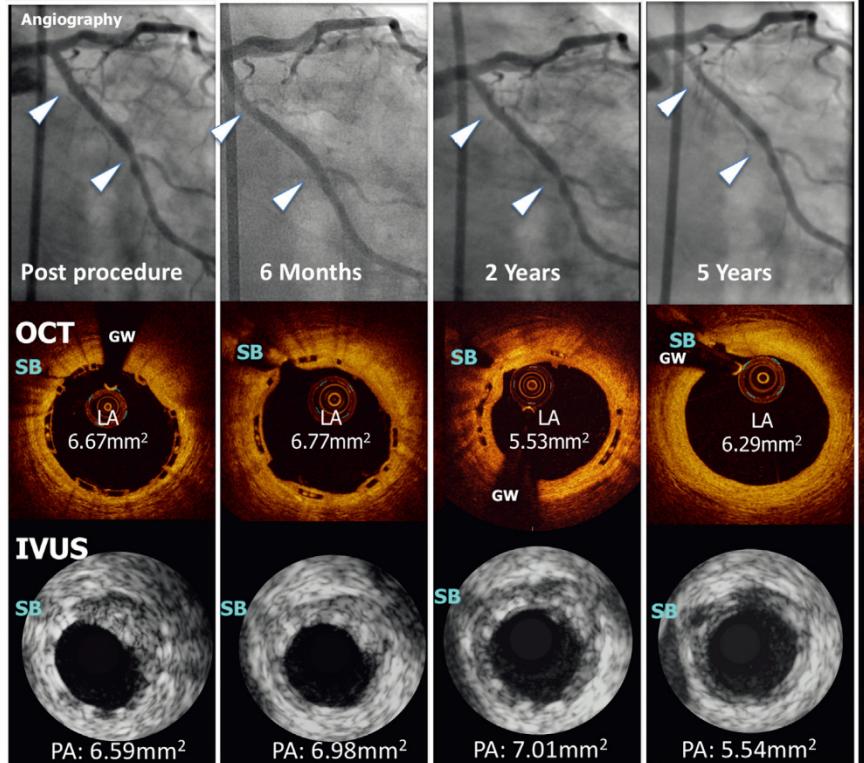
Iqbal J et al. Eur Heart J 2014; 35:765–776, updated

Scaffold	Material	Drug	Scaffold	Material	Drug		
<b>Igaki-Tamai (Kyoto Medical)</b>		PLLA	None	<b>ART18Z (ART)</b>		PDLLA	None
<b>BVS 1.1 (Abbott Vascular)</b>		PLLA	Everolimus	<b>DESolve 150/100* (Elixir)</b>		PLLA	Novolimus
<b>DREAMS 2 (Biotronik)</b>		Mg	Sirolimus	<b>Xinsorb (Huaan)</b>		PLLA+PCL +PLGA	Sirolimus
<b>Fortitude (Amaranth)</b>		PLLA	Sirolimus	<b>Fantom* (REVA)</b>		PTD-PC	Sirolimus
<b>MeRes100 (Meril)</b>		PLLA	Sirolimus	<b>IDEAL biostent (Xenogenics)</b>		Polylactide and salicylates	Sirolimus
<b>Mirage BRMS</b>		PLLA	Sirolimus	<b>ON-AVS (Orbus Neich)</b>		PLLA+PCL +PDLLA	Sirolimus CD34+
<b>ArterioSorb* (Arterius)</b>		PLLA	Sirolimus	<b>FAST (Boston Scientific)</b>	Not available	Not available	Everolimus

**Bold:** CE approval, **Red:** clinical study results available, Plain: clinical study ongoing/animal data

\* Data will be presented in EuroPCR 2016

# Serial IVUS follow-up: ABSORB B1+B2



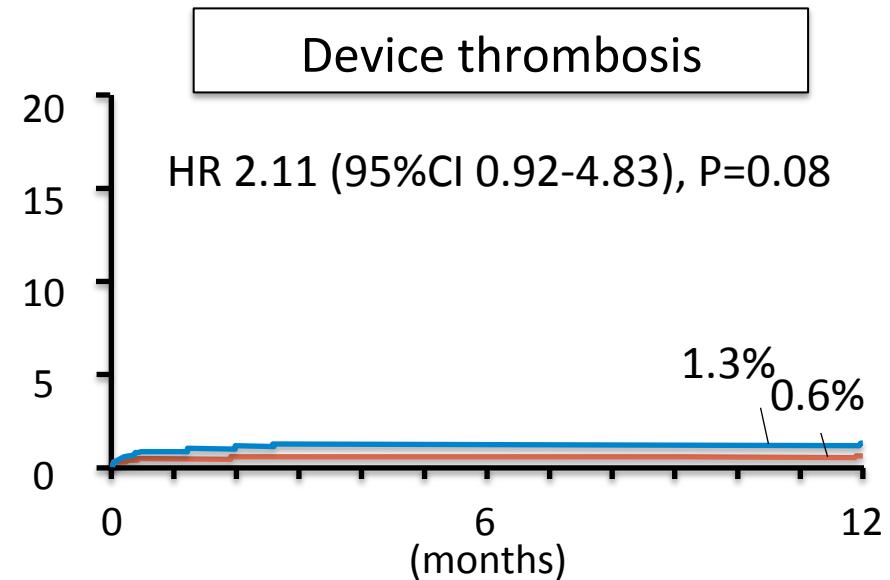
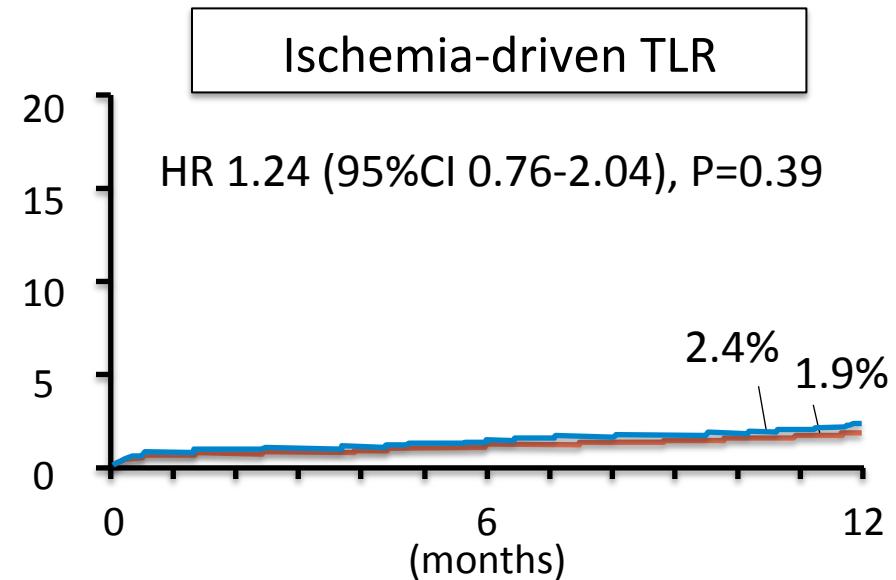
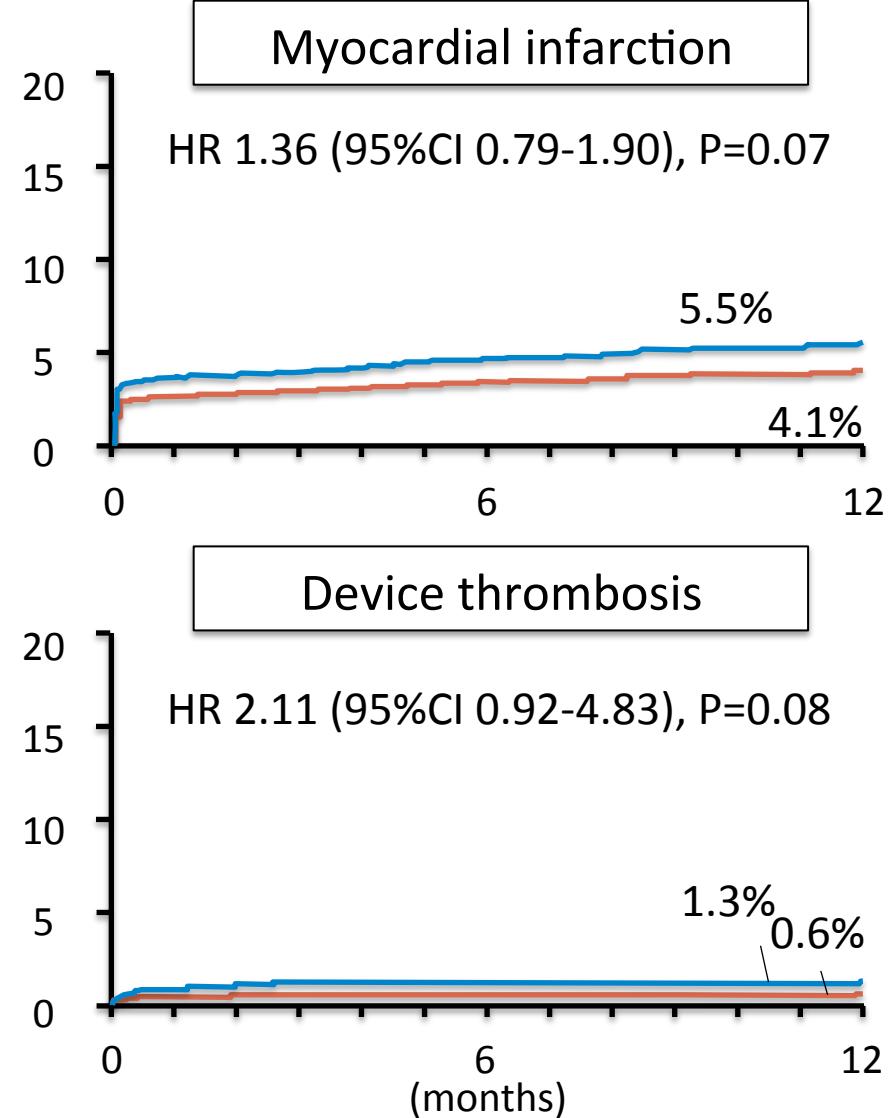
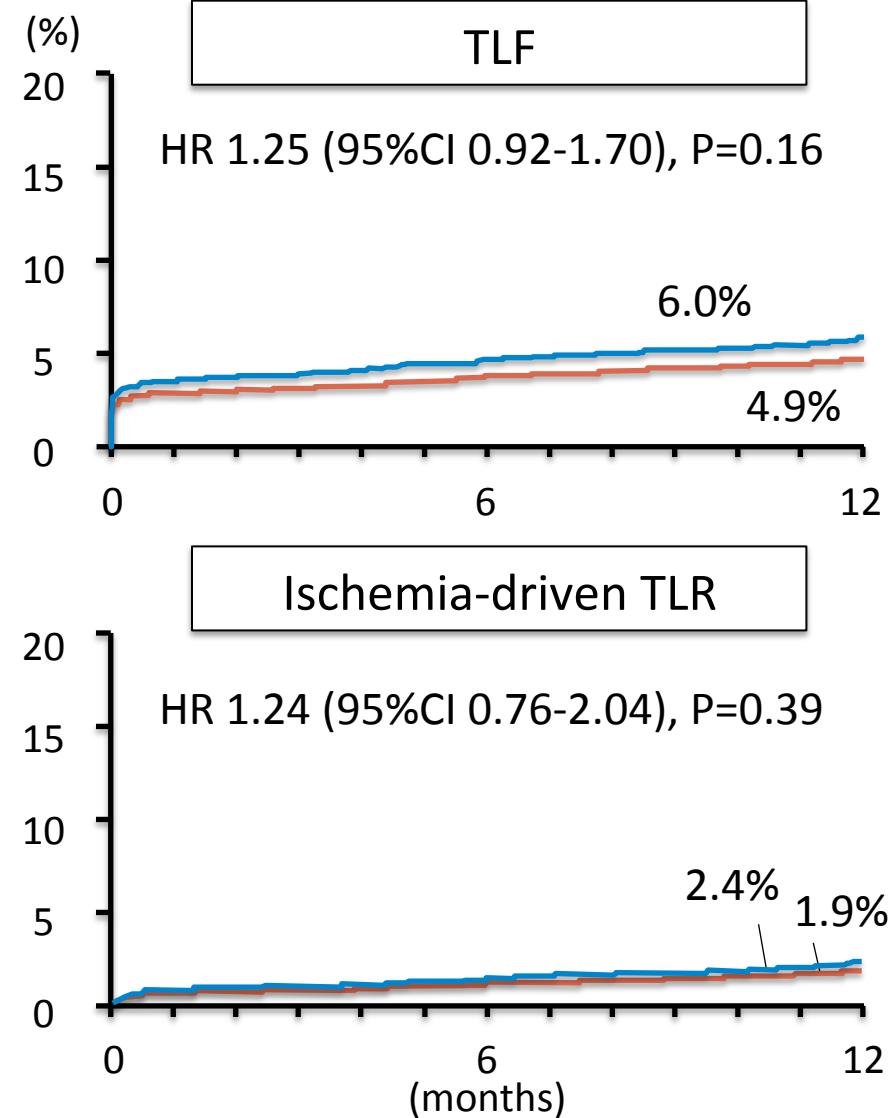
Serruys et al. JACC 2016;7:766-76.

P< 0.004 is regarded as significant (Bonferroni correction).

# Patient-level pooled analysis (1-year, N=3389) of ABSORB II, ABSORB Japan, ABSORB China, ABSORB III

Stone et al. Lancet 2016

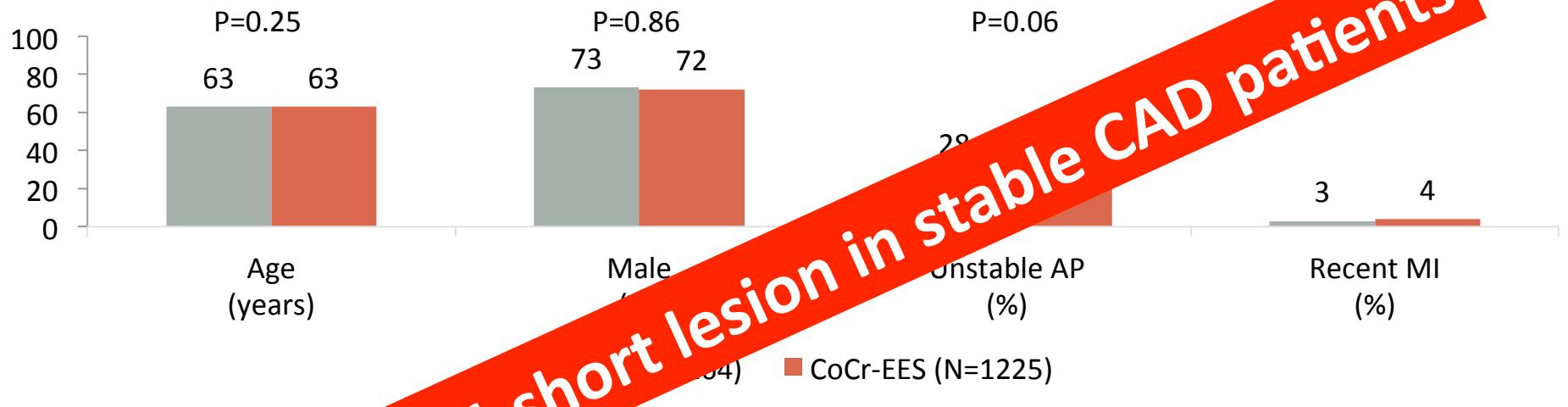
Absorb BVS CoCr-EES



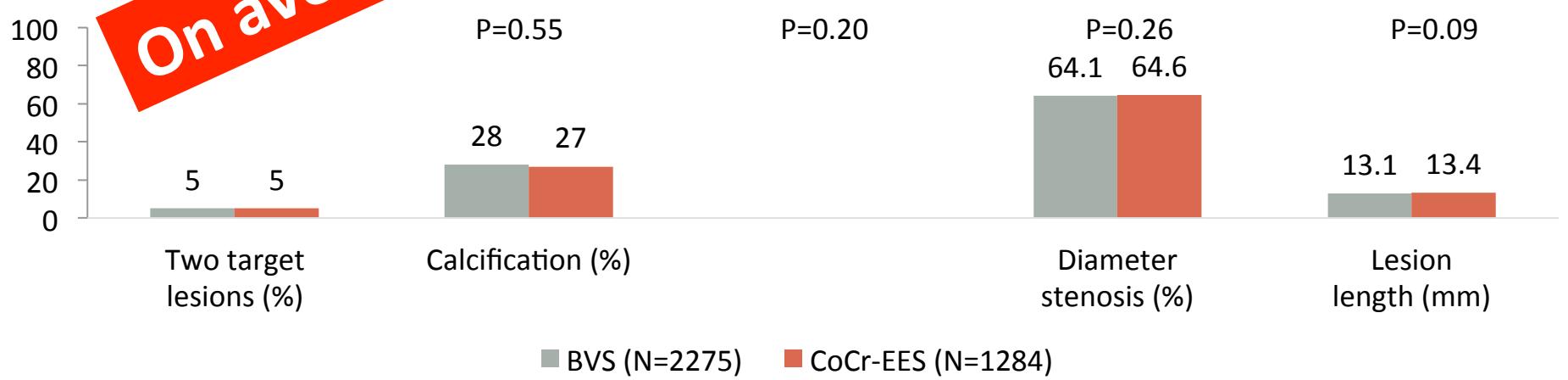
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Stone et al. Lancet 2016

## Baseline patient characteristics



## Baseline lesion characteristics



On average 1 short lesion in stable CAD patients

# First-generation BRS

## **Resolved\***

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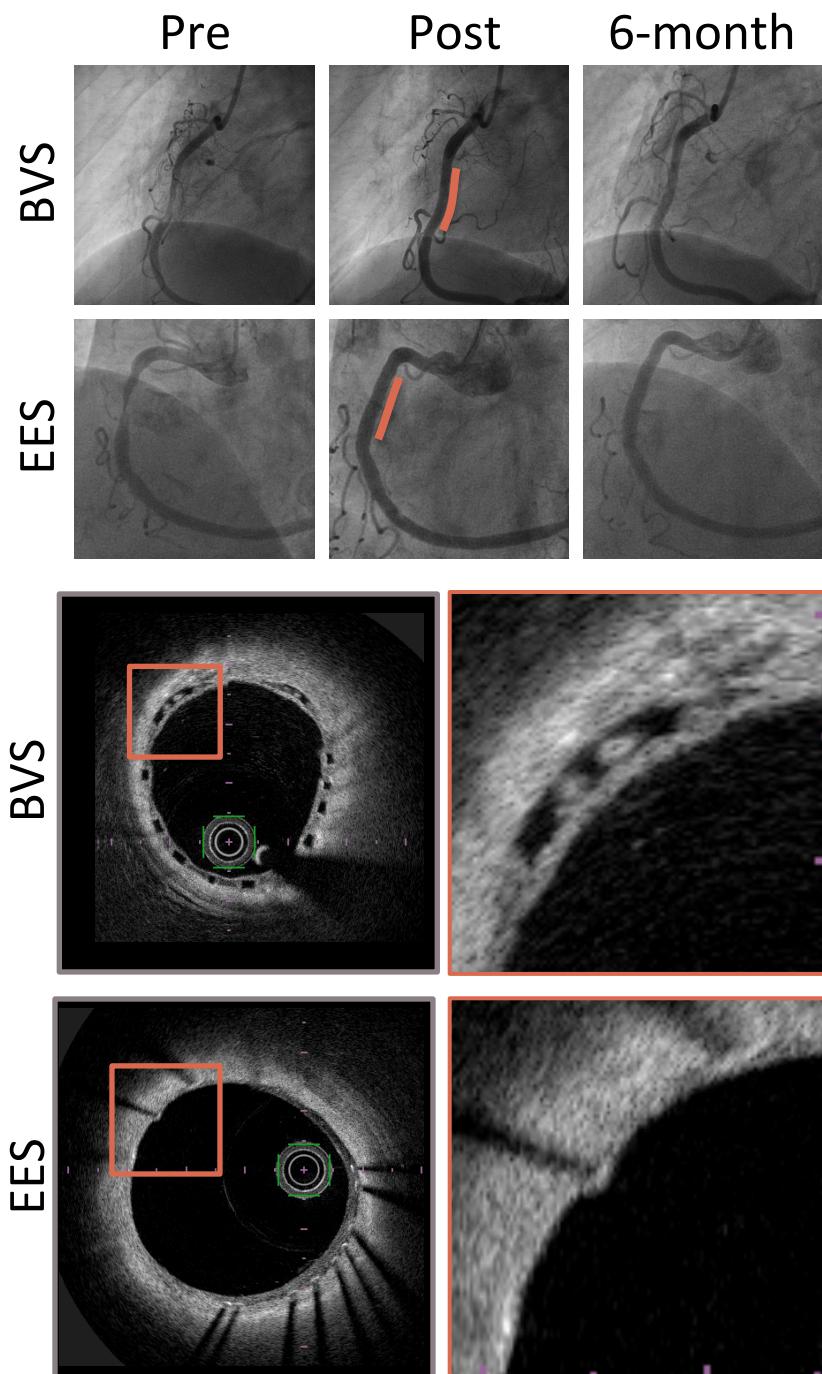
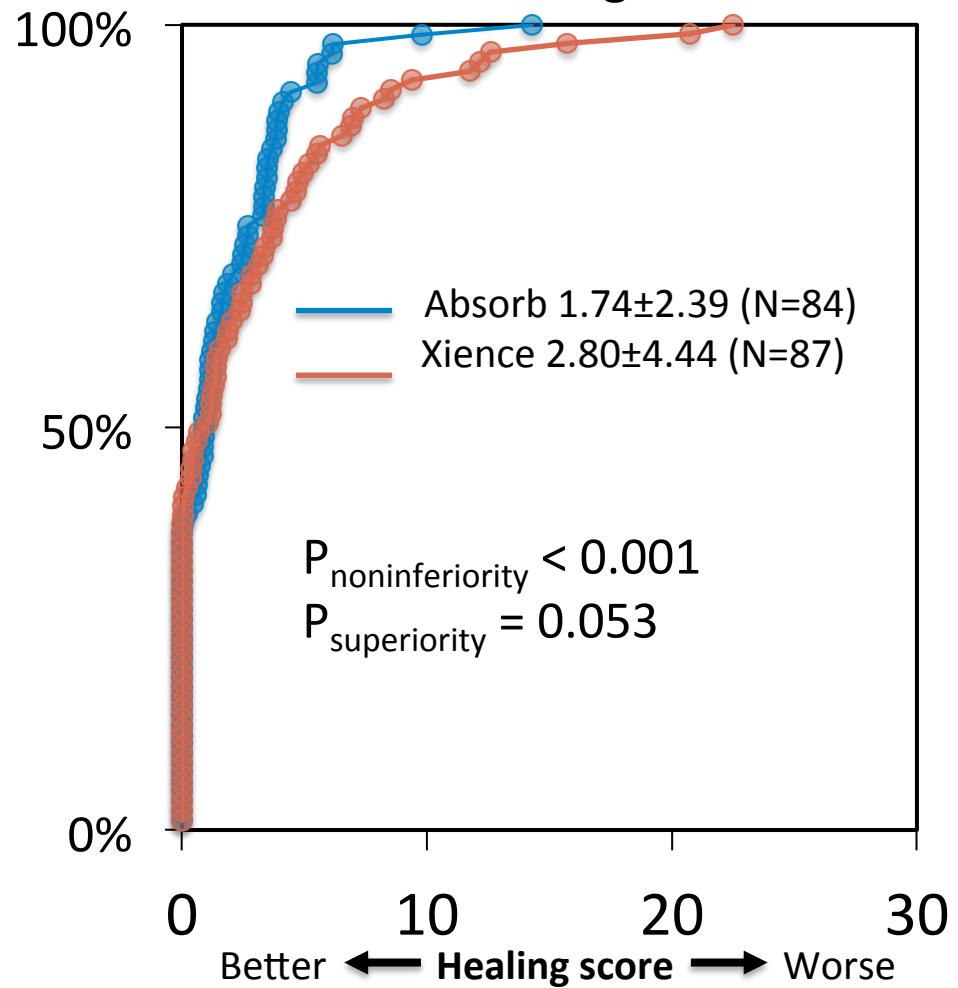
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# Vascular healing in STEMI patients: BVS versus CoCr-EES

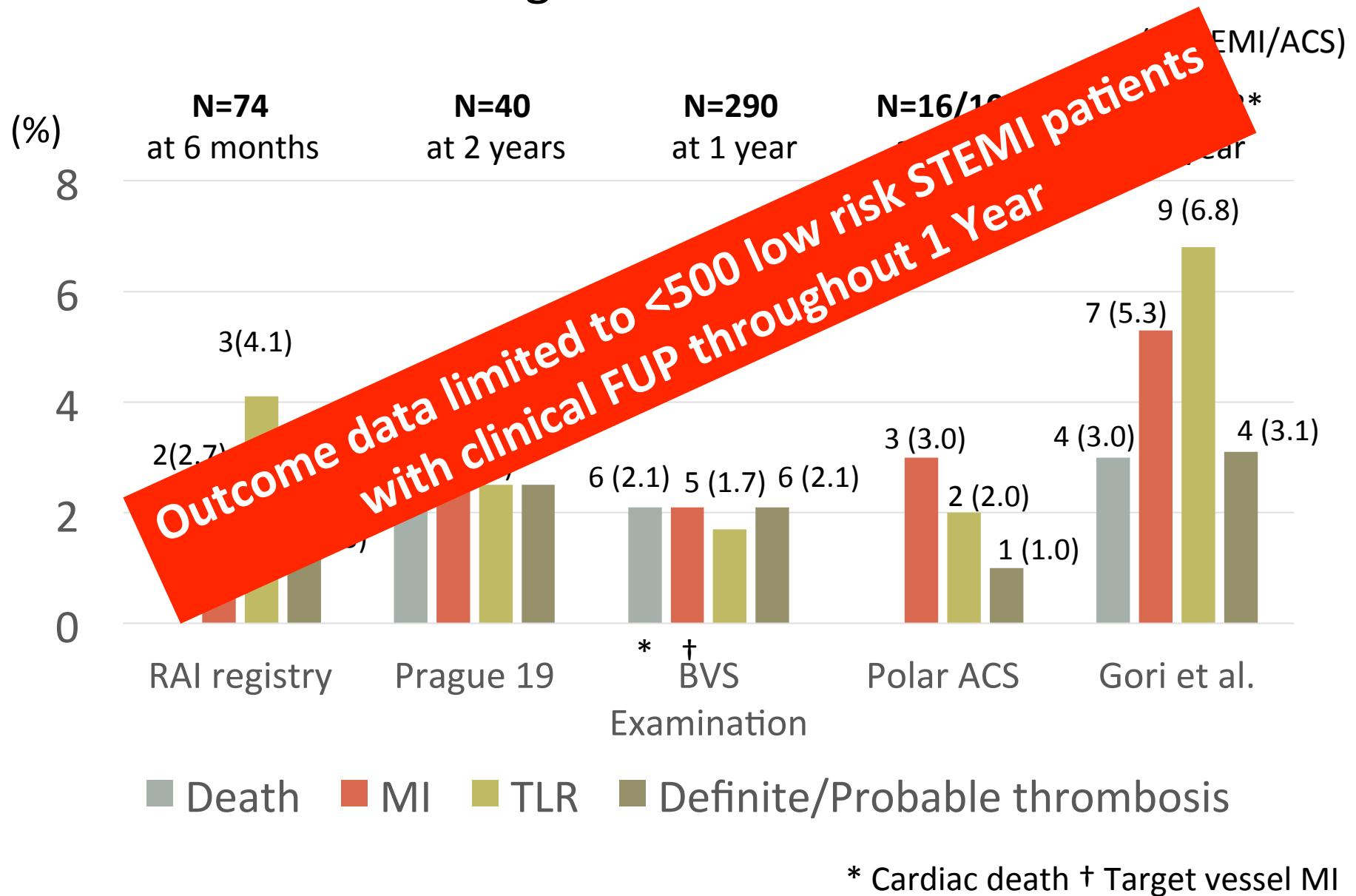
Sabaté M et al. ABSORB STEMI TROFI II EHJ 2015

Räber L et al. EuroIntervention 2015

## Cumulative distribution curves of 6-month healing score



# Clinical outcomes following primary PCI using ABSORB BVS 1.1



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## Unresolved

- Efficacy/safety in specific subsets
  - STEMI
  - Diabetes

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# Hypothetical benefit in diabetic patients: ABSORB BVS versus CoCr-EES

	% (n/N)	Absorb BVS (n=2164)	XIENCE CoCr-EES (n=1225)	1-year patient-oriented composite endpoint risk ratio (95% CI)	Relative risk (95% CI)	P <sub>interaction</sub>
Age (years)						
<63 (median)	47.6% (1610/3384)	11.5% (115/1002)	10.3% (61/591)	0.86	1.06 (0.79-1.42)	
≥63 (median)	52.4% (1774/3384)	12.2% (140/1145)	11.0% (68/621)		1.12 (0.86-1.48)	

Significant interaction between DM and BVS/CoC-EES

Diabetes

Present  
Absent

30.1% (1019/3382)  
69.9% (2363/3382)

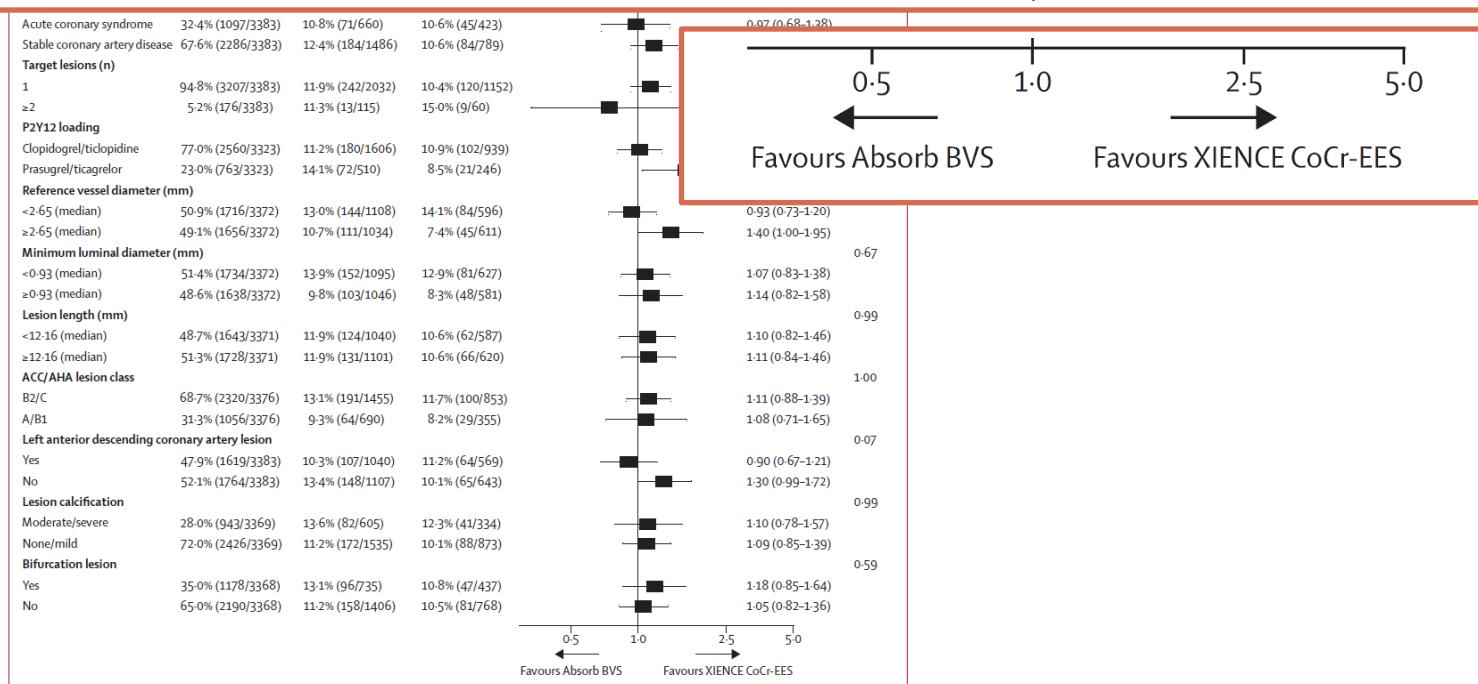
13.8% (89/647)  
11.0% (165/1498)

16.3% (59/363)

8.2% (70/849)

0.84 (0.62-1.13)  
1.32 (1.01-1.73)

0.03



# First-generation BRS

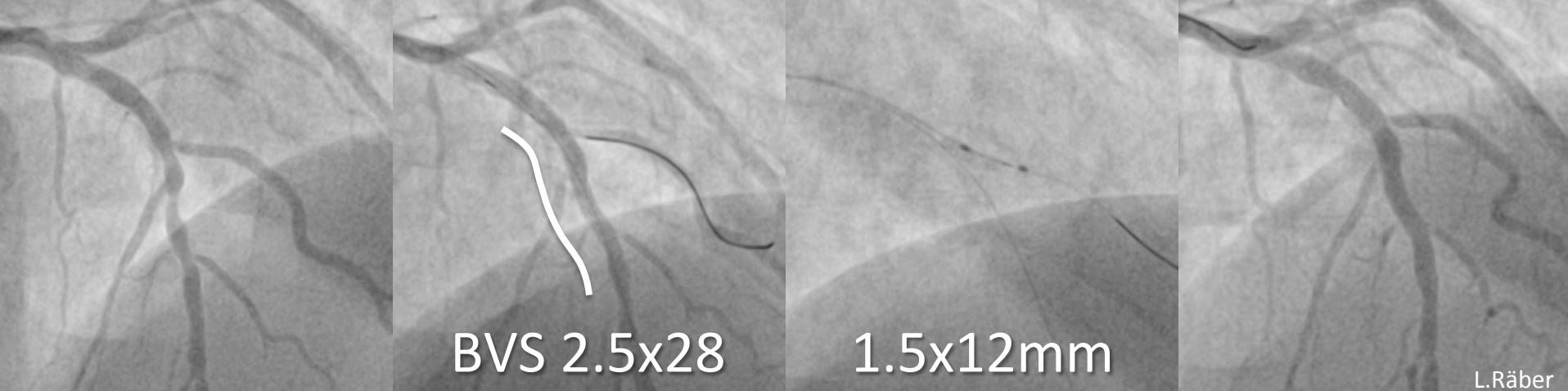
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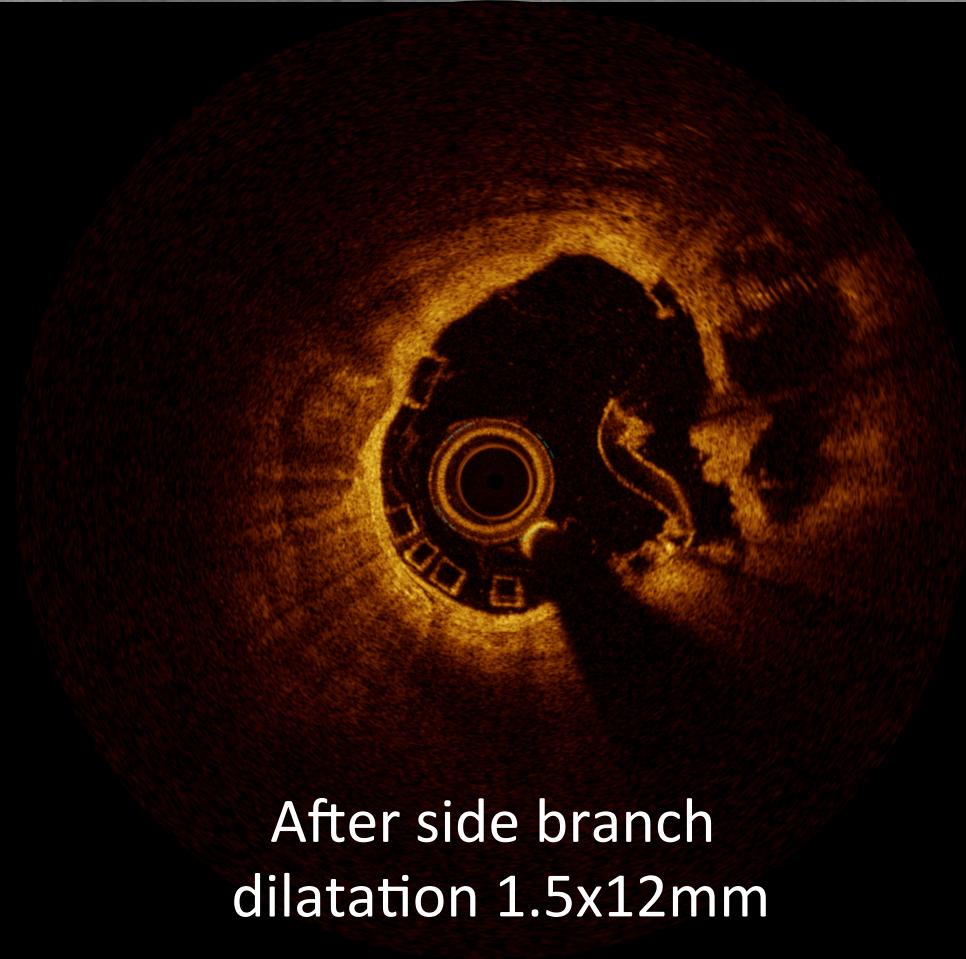
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  - **Bifurcations**

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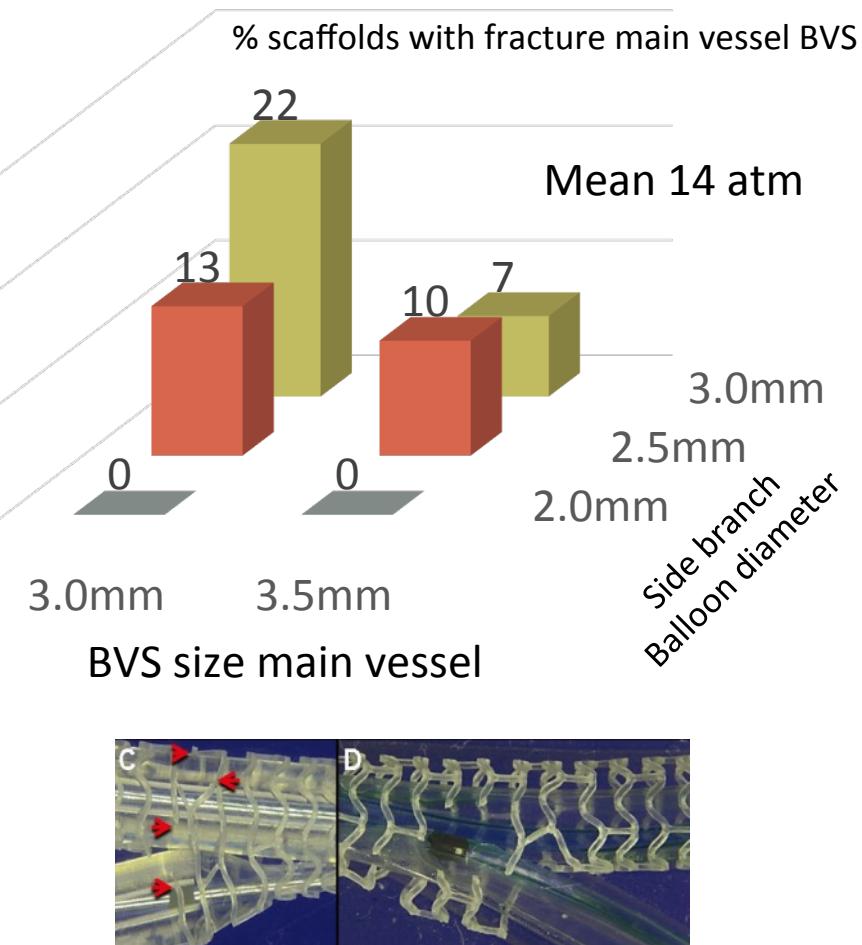


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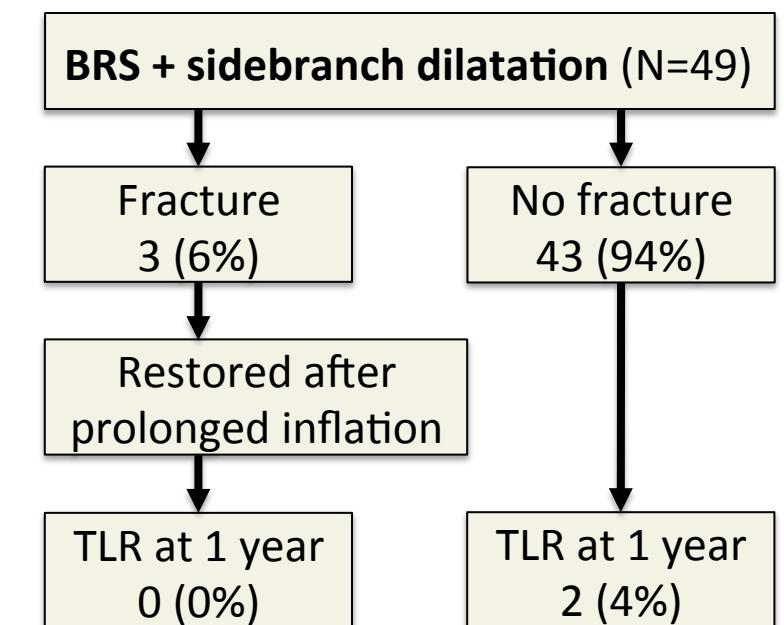
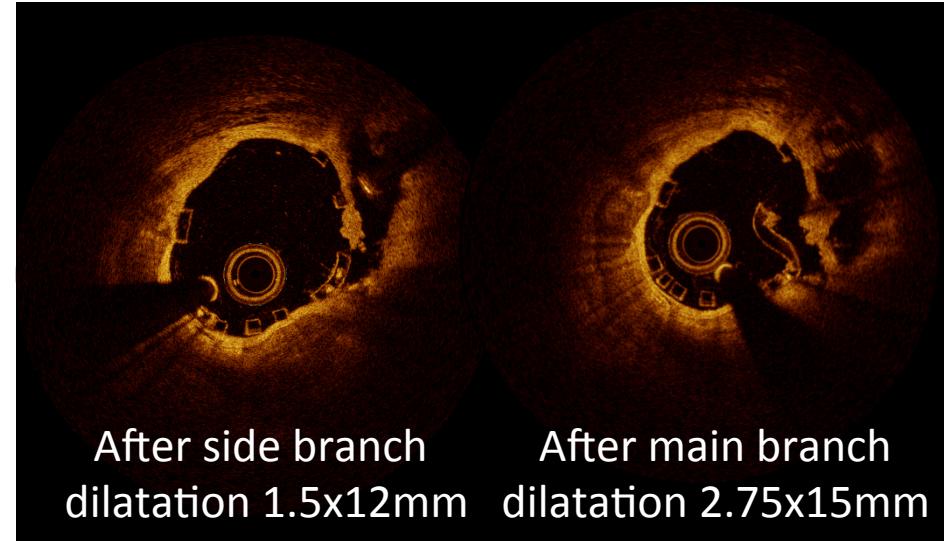


# Larger side branch dilatation may cause scaffold fracture

Bench study



Ormiston et al. EuroIntervention 2015



Pan et al. EuroPCR 2016

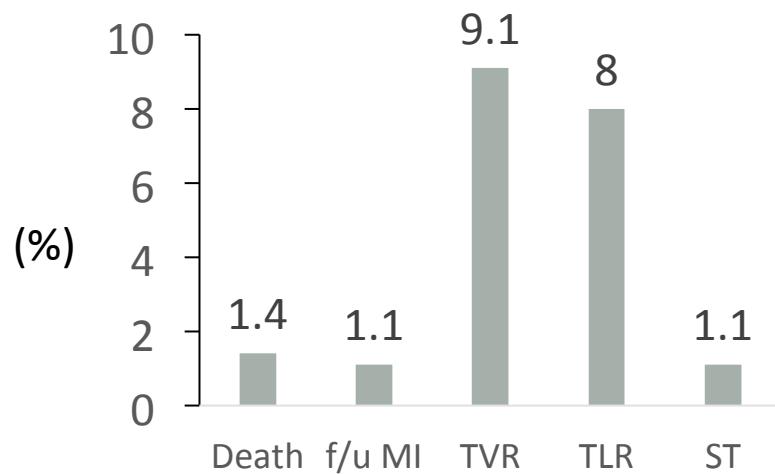
# Clinical outcomes after bifurcation scaffolding

## ABSORB BVS

119 patients  
132 bifurcations  
(SB diameter  
 $\geq 2.25\text{mm}$ )

- Provisional scaffolding (N=99)
- Double scaffolding (N=23)
- Ostium scaffolding (N=10)

## Clinical outcomes @ 1 years



Kawamoto et al. CCI 2015;86:644-52.

# 2 BRS strategy for bifurcation lesion

**2 BRS bifurcation stenting (N=19)**  
TAP (N=1)  
Mini-crush/Crush (N=1)  
T-stenting (N=16)  
V-stenting (N=1)

TLR at 1 years  
2 (12.9%)

TLR at 2 years  
3 (19.6%)

Tanaka et al. EuroPCR 2016

# First-generation BRS

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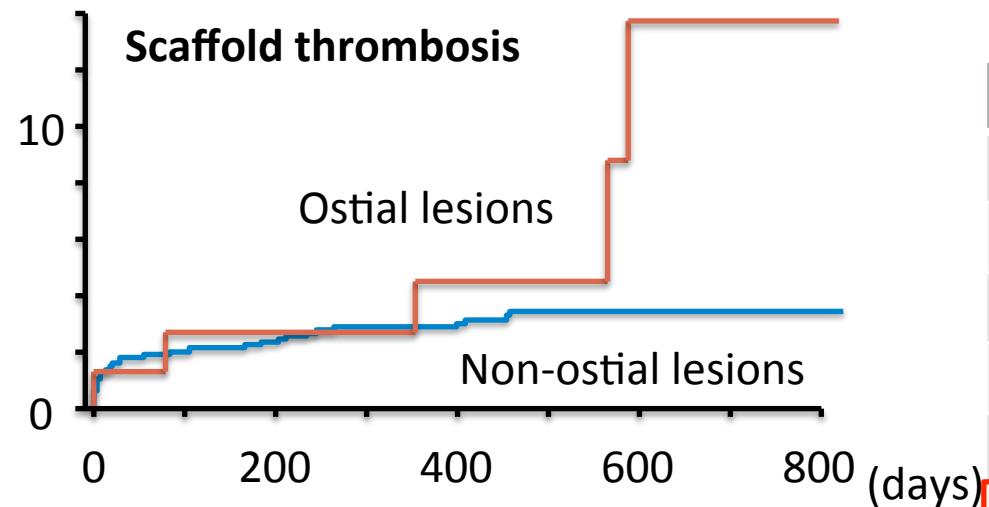
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  - Bifurcation
  - **Ostial lesions**

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# Ostial lesion versus non-ostial lesion

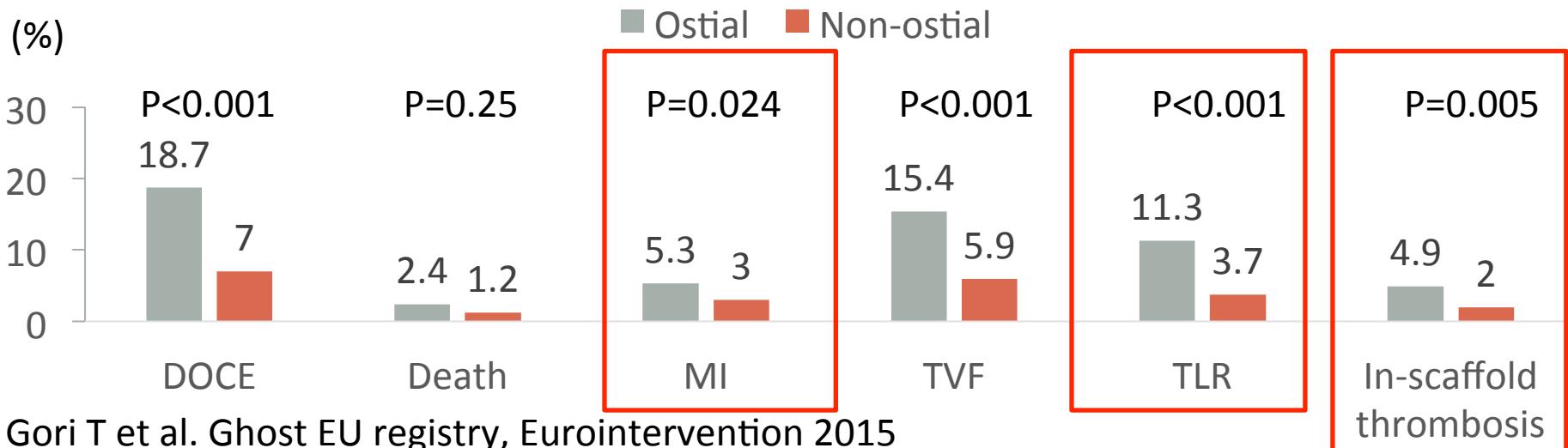


Puricel S et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2016;67:921-31

## Predictors of scaffold thrombosis

	HR (95% CI)	P value
Diabetes	0.46 (0.16-1.30)	0.147
LVEF per 5%	0.82 (0.70-0.97)	0.019
Number of vessels	1.23 (0.45-3.39)	0.692
Total BVS surface	1.10 (0.93-1.29)	0.304
Ticagrelor use	1.37 (0.66-2.86)	0.400
Ostial lesion	2.59 (1.01-6.64)	0.049

## Clinical outcomes at 12 months



Gori T et al. Ghost EU registry, Eurointervention 2015

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  - Ostial lesion
- Device specific issues
  - **Implantation strategy**

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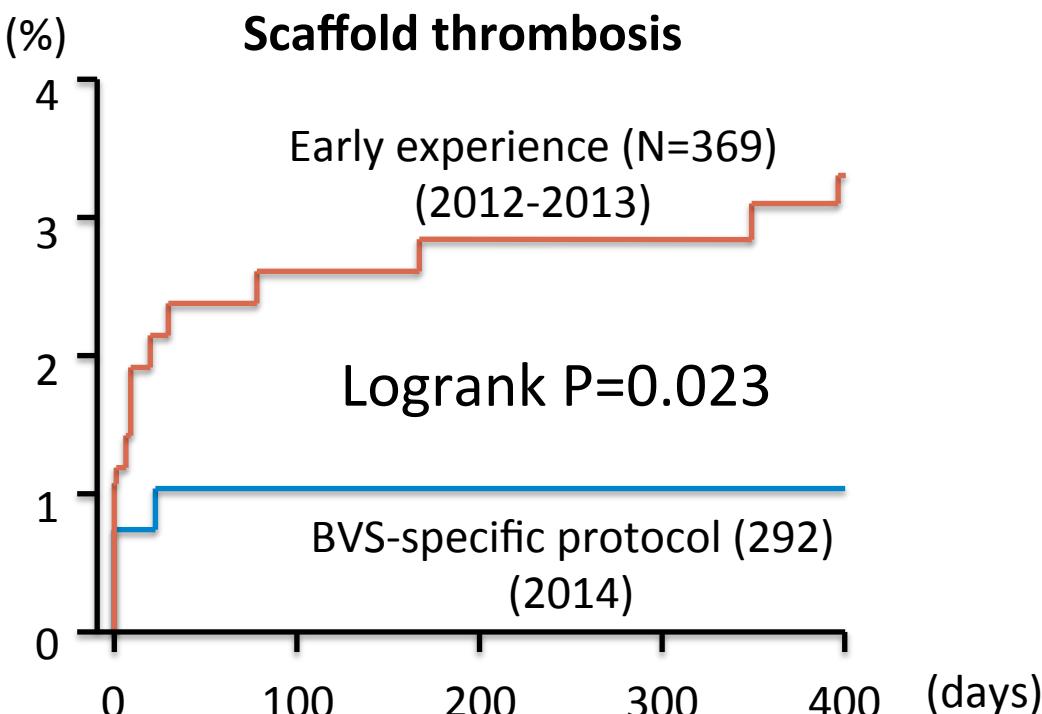
# Optimized implantation strategy reduced scaffold thrombosis

Puricel S et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2016;67:921-31

1305 patients  
1870 BVS

1. Predilatation with NC balloon, up to reference
2. Only in case of full expansion
3. Same size as RVD at 10-12atm
4. Post dilatation at 14-16atm (maximum 0.5mm larger)

42 ScT  
10 (24%) acute  
11 (26%) subacute  
11 (26%) late  
10 (24%) very late



# Expert's view on implantation strategy

Given the importance of accurate size estimation and the limitations in terms of aggressive post-dilation techniques (due to the risk of polymeric stent disruption in case of excessive overexpansion), **intracoronary imaging—in particular optical coherence tomography—to guide and optimize BVS implantation may assume a prominent role for improving post-procedural and presumably longer-term angiographic outcomes**, although this requires confirmation in appropriately designed studies.

**Stephan Windecker JACC 2015**

uncertainty in the manner of st. we are in control and we can shed the light!

...more favorable results have been reported with the use of the implantation technique based on intravascular imaging tools.

**Carlo Di Mario International Conference 2014**

...The use of intra-coronary (IC) imaging modalities is becoming an essential tool for optimizing BVS implantation.

**Manel Sabate Circulation Journal 2015**

...Thus, in complex lesions, **intravascular imaging should support BRS implantation.**

**Holger M. Nef JACC 2014**

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scular ultrasound and optical apposition need to be studied

**Ron Waksman JACC Interv 2016**

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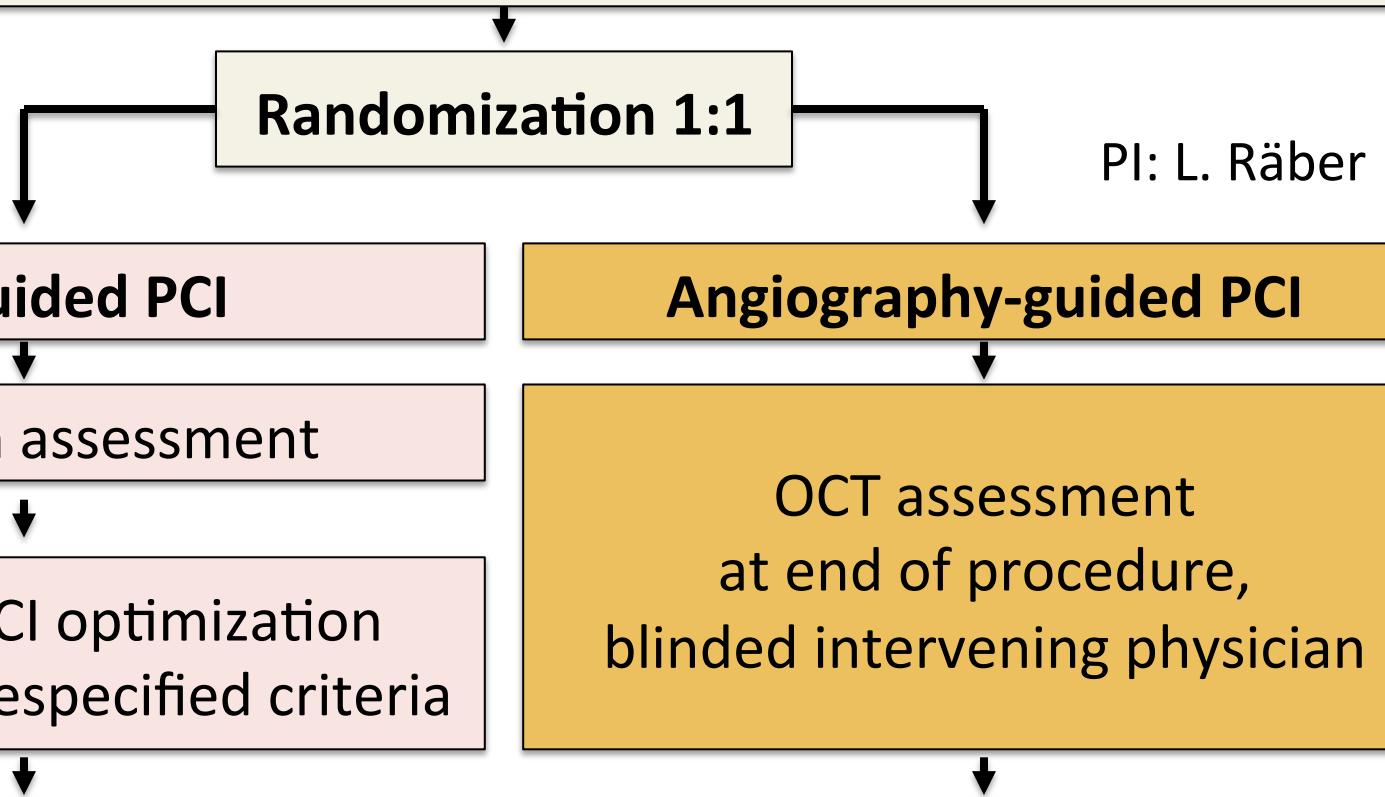
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**Gregg Stone Lancet 2016**



# International RCT Optico BVS

PCI using **ABSORB BVS 1.1** for stable AP, NSTE-ACS and STEMI (N=270)



PI: L. Räber

# First-generation BRS

## Resolved\*

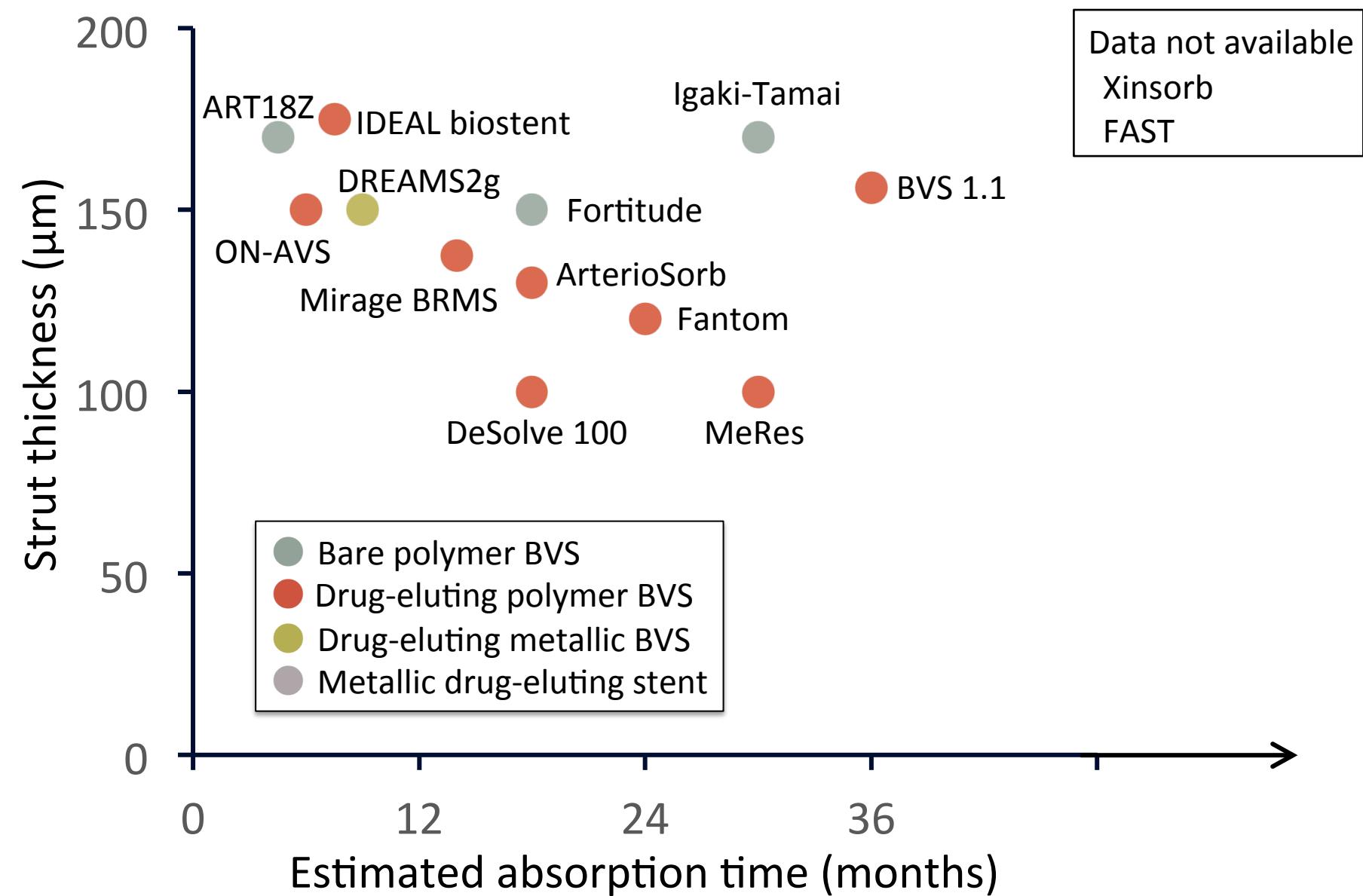
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  - Diabetes
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  - CTO/long lesion
  - Ostial lesion
- Device specific issues
  - Implantation strategy
  - Optimal BRS property
    - Absorption time
    - Strut thickness

\*applicable for BVS ABSORB 1.1

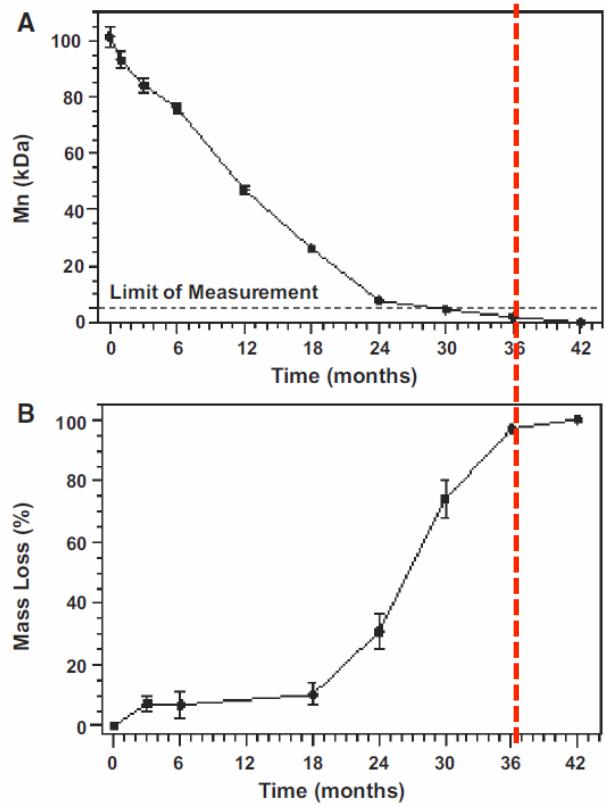
# Estimated absorption time



# Scaffold resorption: Animal vs. human data ?

Non-atherosclerotic swine model

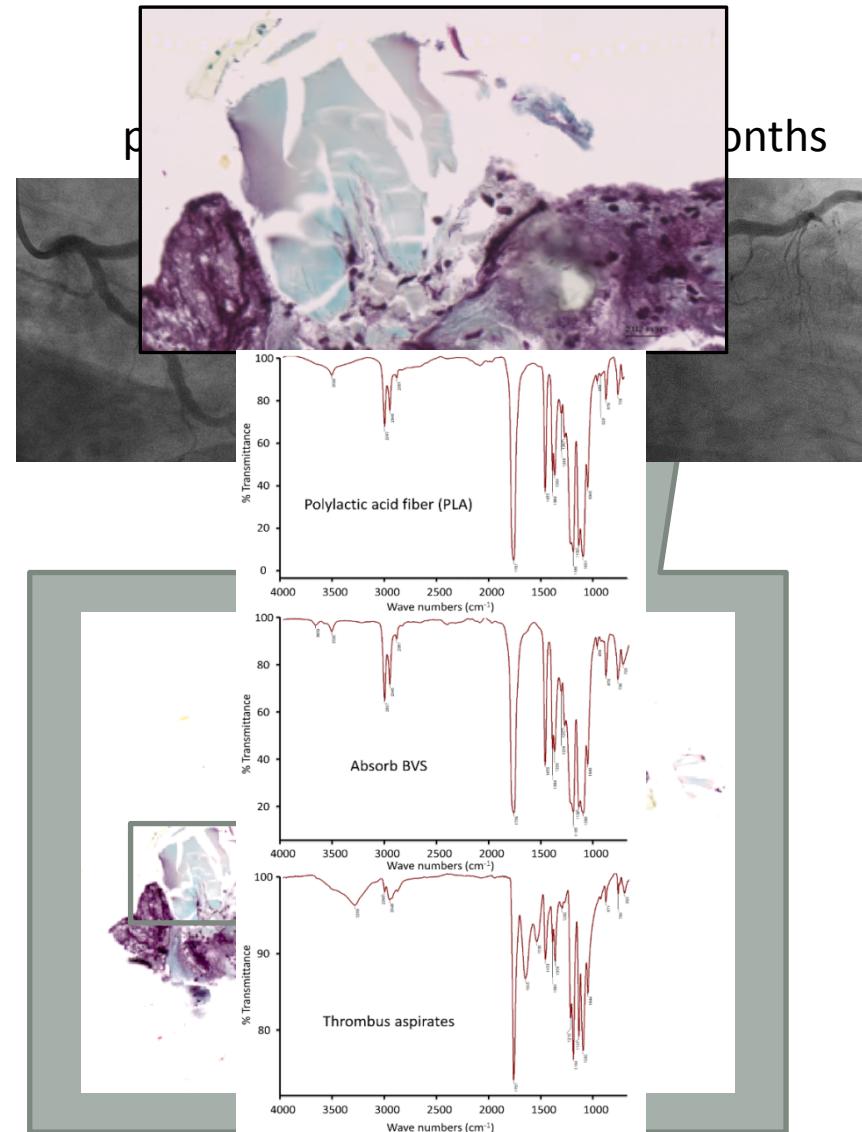
ABSORB BVS 1.1



Gel permeation chromatography

N= 20 @36 months  
N=21 @42 months

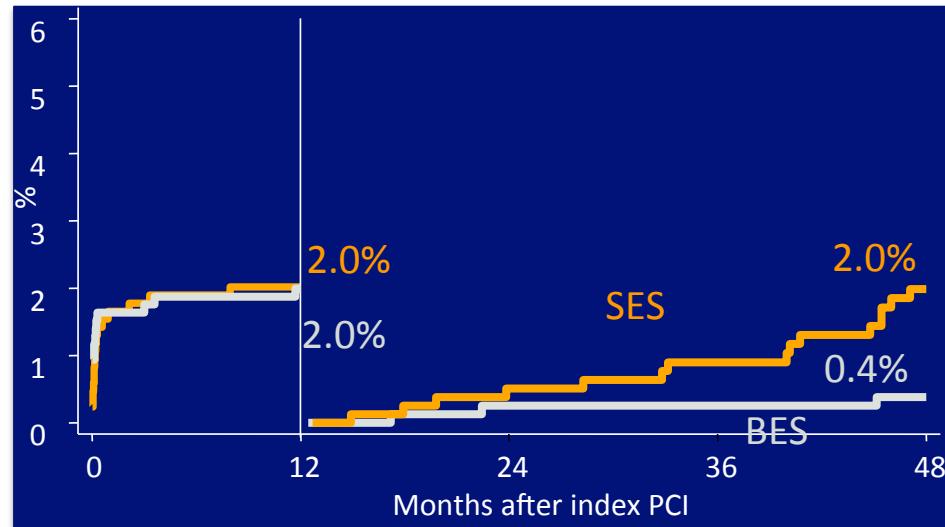
Otsuka F et al. Circulation 2014



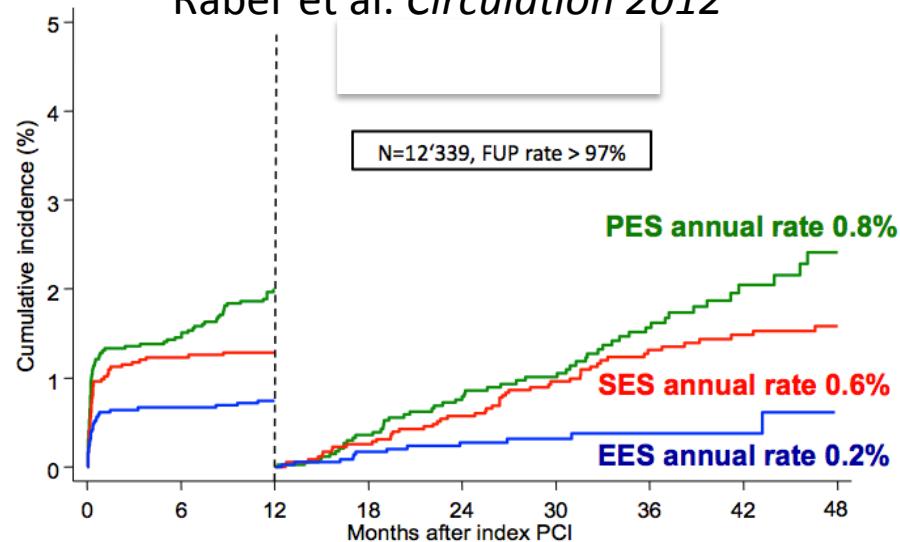
Räber L et al. JACC 2015

# Very Late Stent Thrombosis Following New vs. Early Generation DES

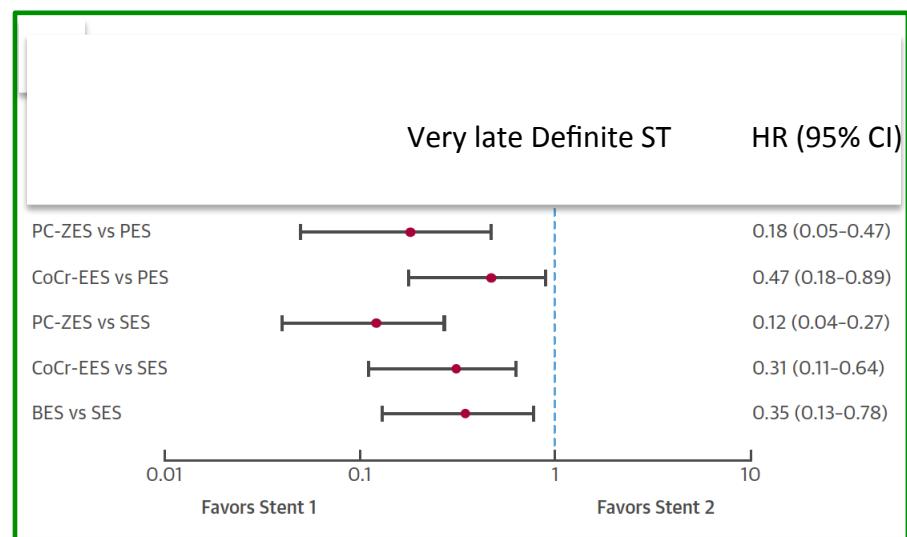
Stefanini et al. *Lancet* 2011



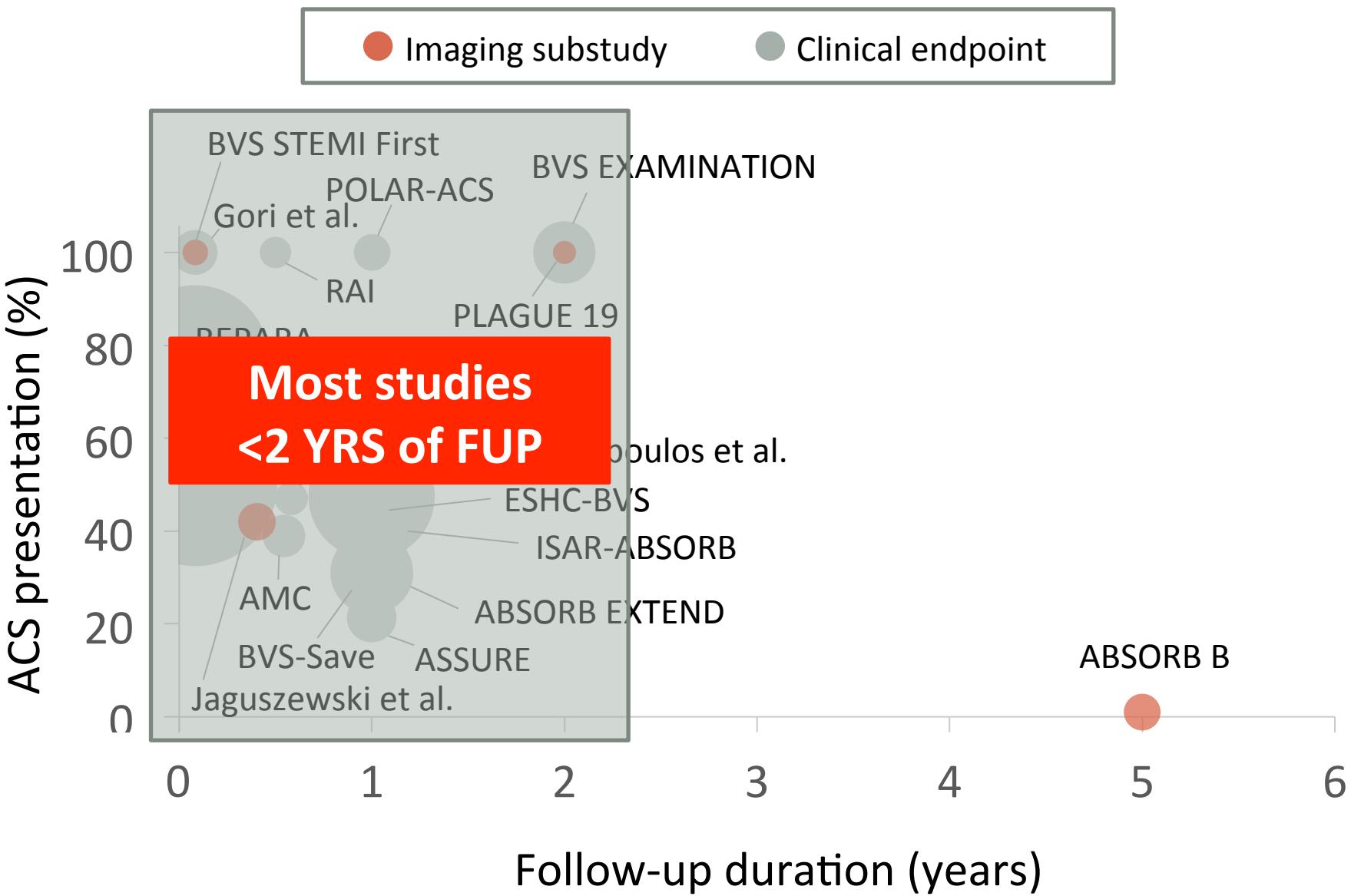
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# Current registry evidence ABSORB BVS



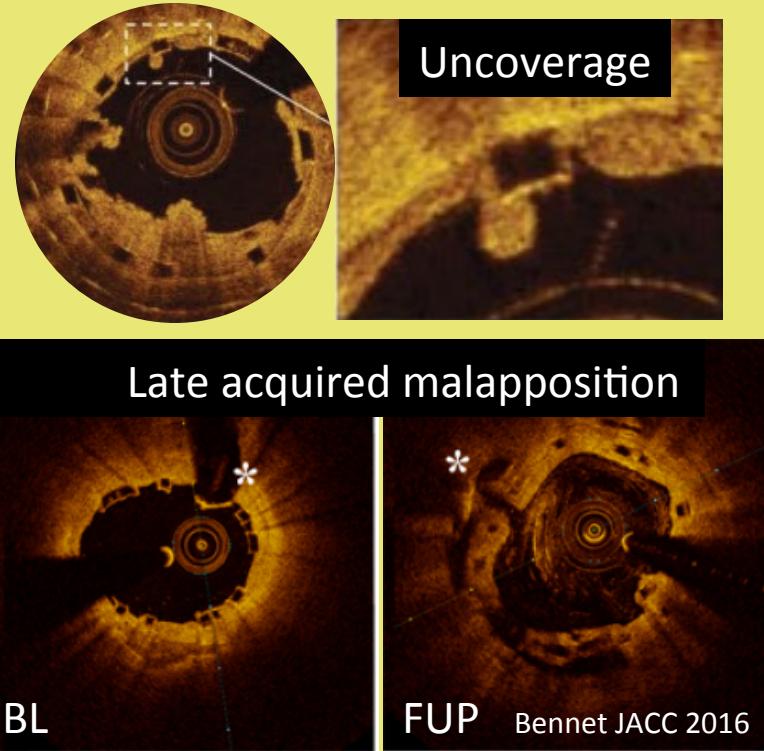
# VLST does occur: Case level evidence

VLScT cases (BVS ABSORB)	Age	Sex	Indication at index	Vessel	N. of BVS	Total length	Post dilatation	Duration (months)	ASA	P2Y12
Azzalini et al.	81	F	NSTEMI	LAD	1	28	Y	14	-	N
Cortese et al.	71	M	stable AP	RCA	2	56	Y	16	N	N
Cuculi et al.	55	M	STEMI	RCA	1	12	-	18	-	-
Cuculi et al.	-	-	NSTEMI	LAD	1	12	-	19	-	-
González et al.	39	M	STEMI	RCA	3	74	-	17	Y	Y
Ielasi et al.	49	M	STEMI	RCA	2	40	Y	19	Y	N
Karanasos et al.	55	M	Non-ACS	LCX	1	18	N	22	Y	N
Karanasos et al.	62	-	ACS	RCA	1	28	N	15	Y	N
Karanasos et al.	86	-	ACS	LCX	1	28	N	12	N	N
Meincke et al.	46	-	Stable CAD	RCA	1	28	-	18	-	-
Räber et al.	68	M	stable AP	LCX	1	18	Y	44	Y	N
Räber et al.	53	M	stable AP	RCA	1	18	N	19	Y	N
Räber et al.	55	M	NSTE-ACS	LCX	1	28	N	21	Y	Y
Räber et al.	55	M	stable AP	LCX	1	12	N	19	Y	Y
Sato et al.	47	M	ACS	RCA	1	-	-	22	N	N
Timmers et al.	39	M	-	LAD	-	-	-	12	N	N

# Late scaffold failure mechanisms?

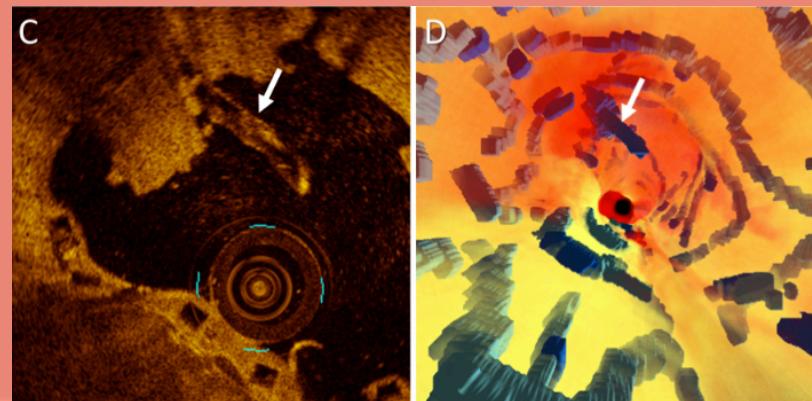
## Related to prolonged absorption time

Patho-mechanisms similar to metallic DES



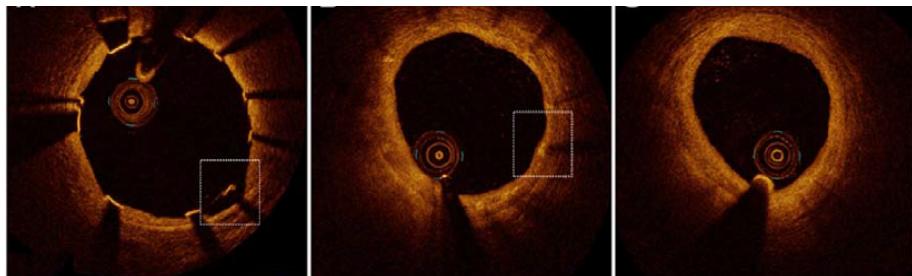
## Related to absorption

- > Late scaffold discontinuity
- Late acquired malapposition

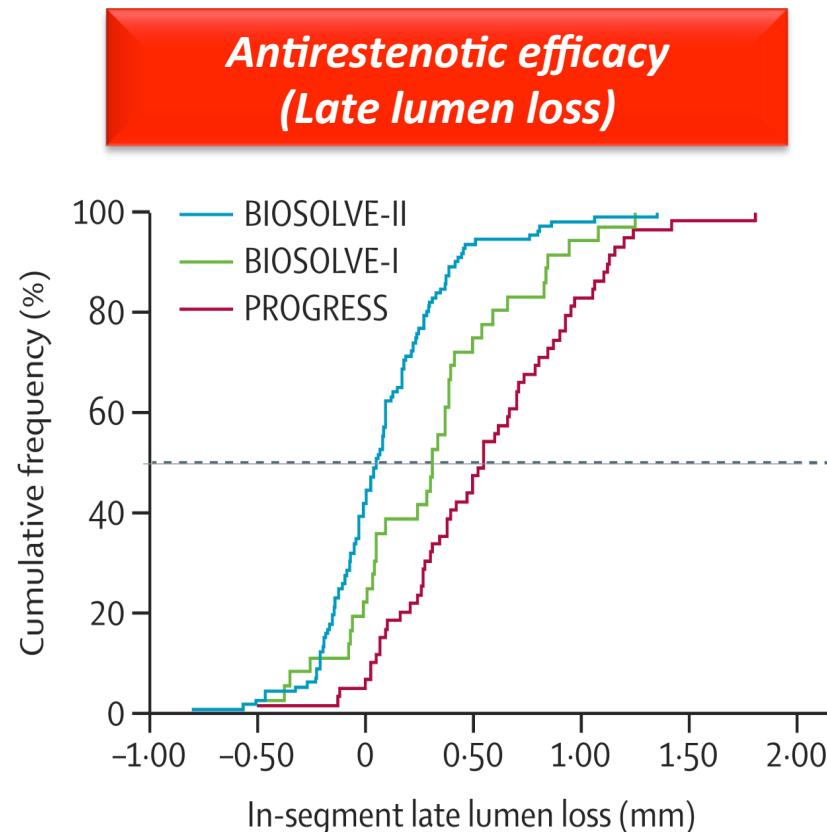


# Metallic Bioresorbable Scaffolds (Magmaris)

Haude et al. *Lancet* 2016;387:31-39



- 2nd generation limus eluting magnesium device
- 150 μm strut thickness
- Absorbable PLLA coating
- Approximately 95% of Mg absorbed @ 1 YR



**PROGRESS AMS** ***1.08±0.49***

**DREAMS 1G** ***0.52±0.39***

**Biosolve I** ***0.52±0.39***

**DREAMS 2G** ***0.27±0.37***

**Biosolve II** ***0.27±0.37***

## BIOSOLVE-II

123 patients

123 lesions

### 12 months follow-up

Cardiac death 1 (0.8%)

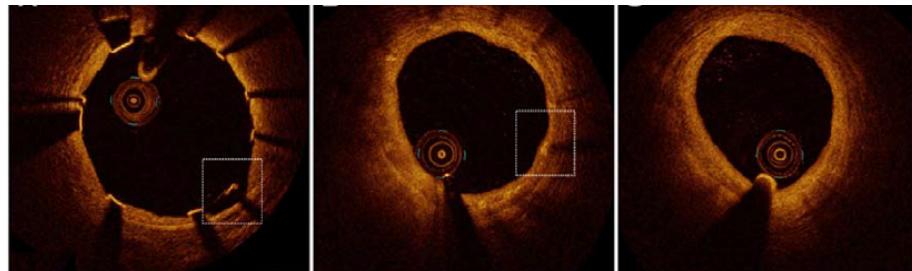
TV-MI, no-reflow 1 (0.8%)

Clinically driven TLR 2 (1.7%)

Post procedure

6 months

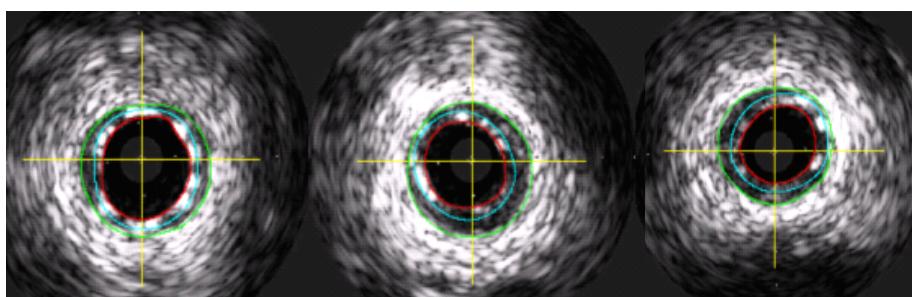
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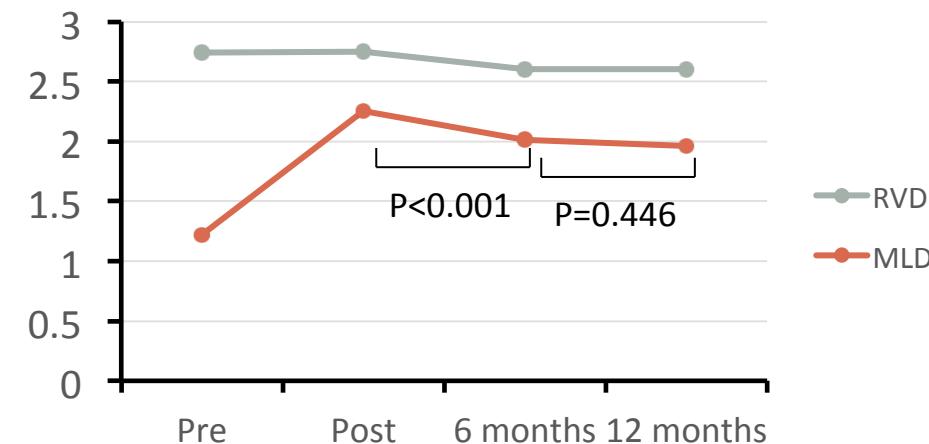
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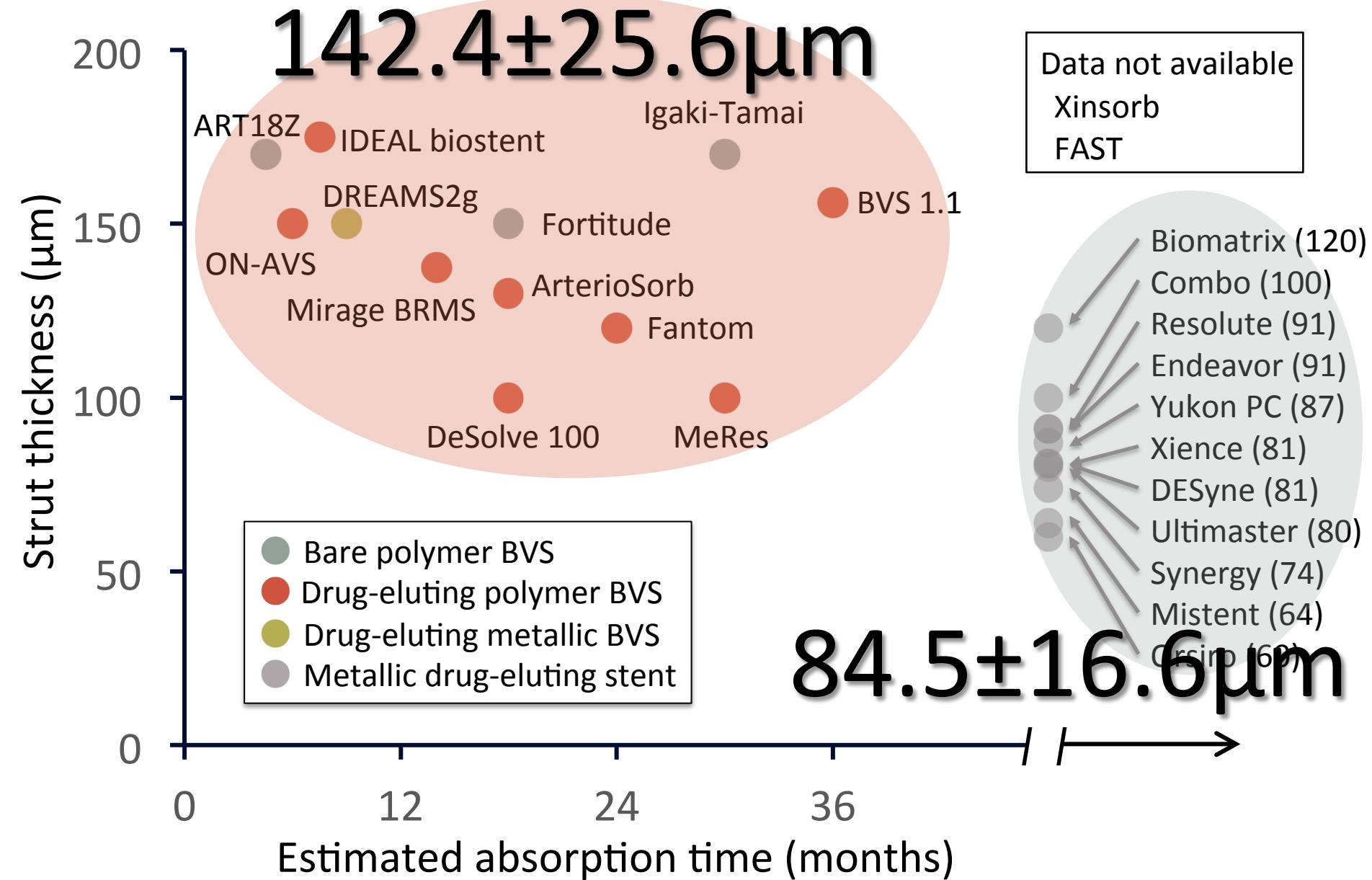
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### Serial Angio follow-up (N=42)

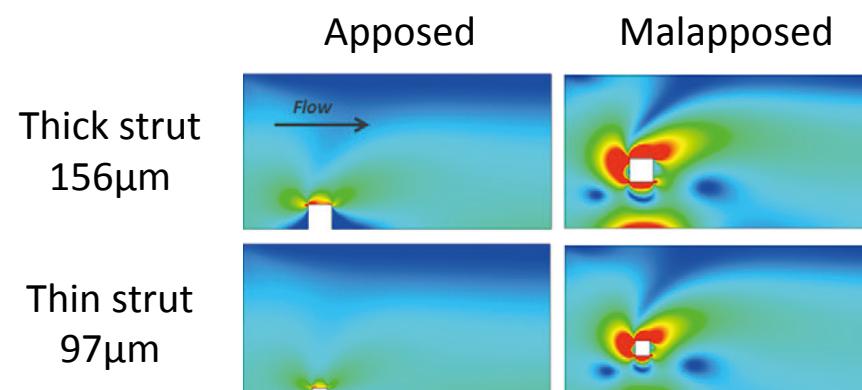


# Strut thickness

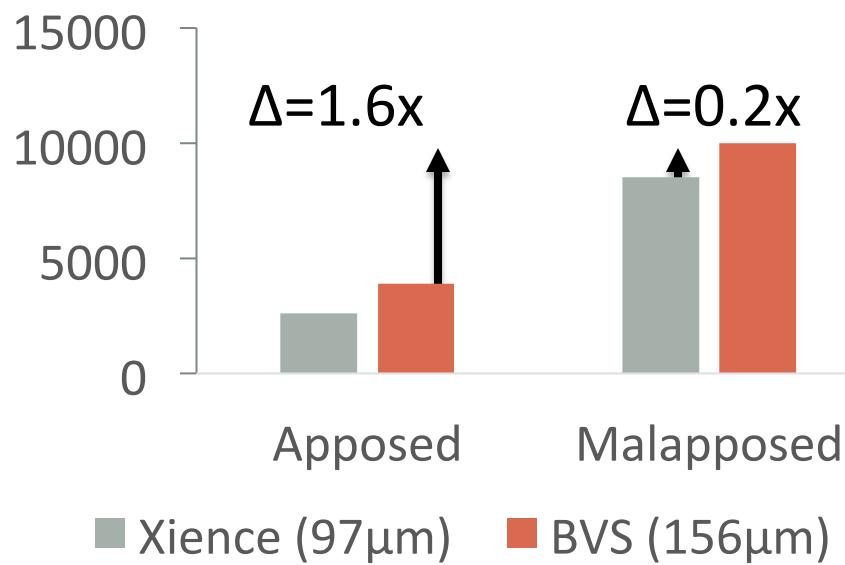


# Strut thickness

## Thick struts and flow disturbances

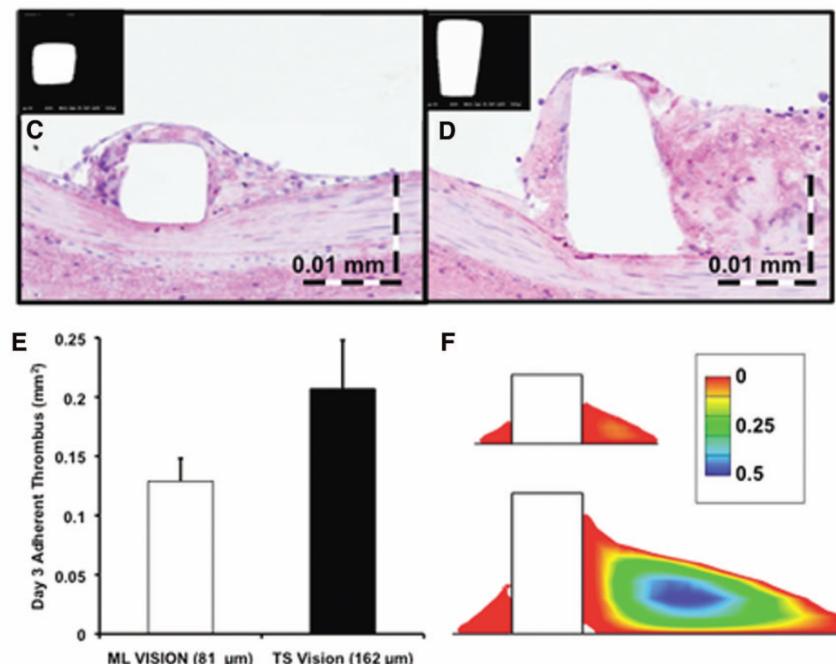


**Max. shear rate ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )**



Foin N et al. EuroIntervention 2015

## Thick struts and thrombogenicity



*Thin (MULTI-LINK VISION [MLV]) vs thick (thick-strut VISION [TSV]) bare metal stents in porcine coronary arteries (n=6 each)*

Kolandaivelu K et al. Circulation 2011

# Conclusions

## Resolved\*

- Plaque reduction and return of vasomotion in stable CAD low risk lesions
- Equivalent performance in terms of MACE in lower risk stable CAD patients
- Equivalence in device efficacy despite angiographic inferiority
- Potential disadvantage in safety outcomes (MI and stent thrombosis)

## Unresolved issues

- Use of BRS in specific patient and lesion subsets and the associated efficacy and safety
  - > as a new technology, BRS should provide superiority in specific clinical settings that do not respond adequately to current interventional approaches
- Validation of proposed BRS specific implantation strategies (e.g. IC imaging guidance)
- Although the optimal absorption time remains unclear in the absence of comparative outcome studies among various BRS, a short absorption time appears superior to mitigate long-term adverse events
- Strut thickness

\*applicable for BVS ABSORB 1.1



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