

# Drug-Coated Balloon Technologies I: Technical Considerations and Controversies

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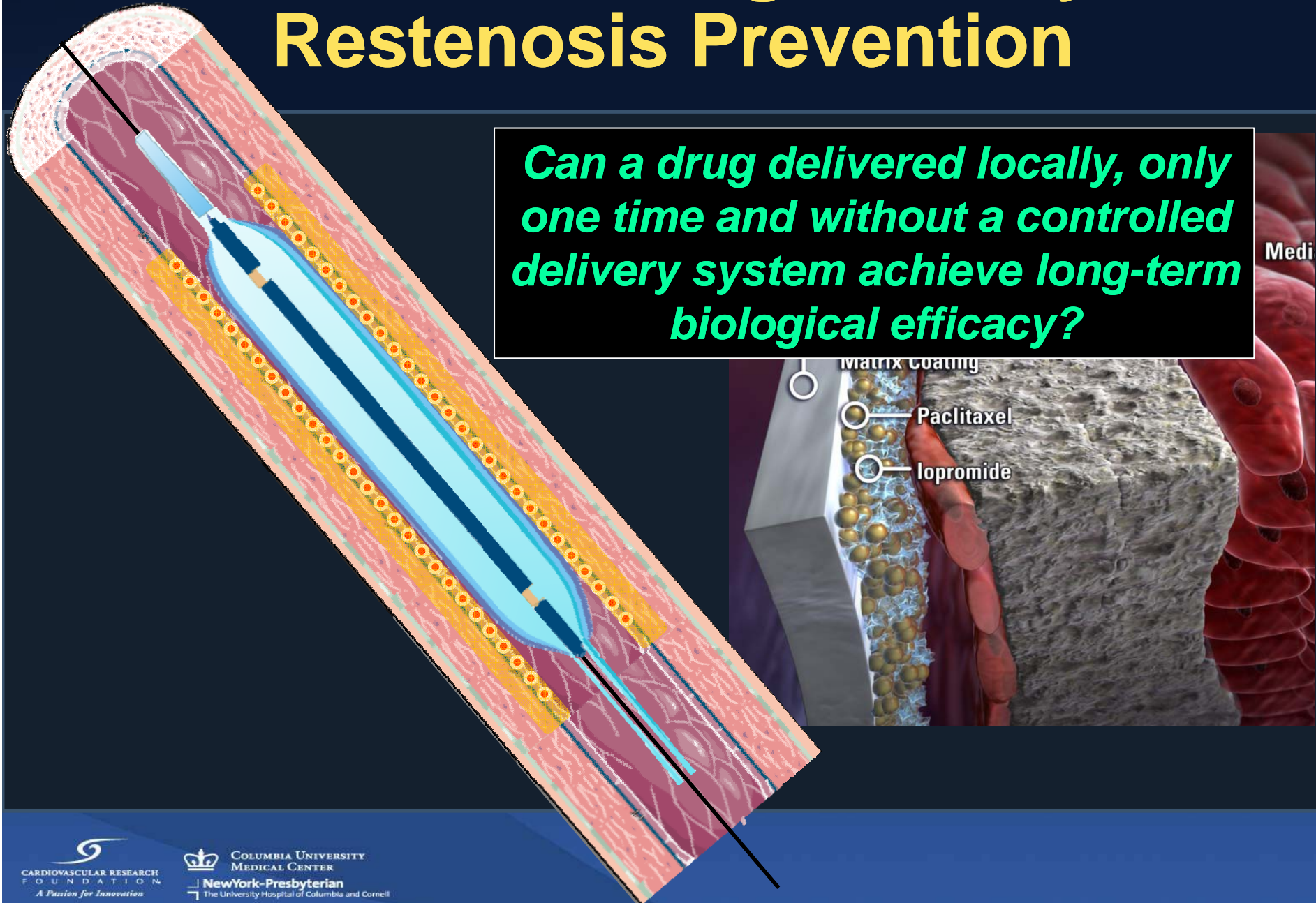
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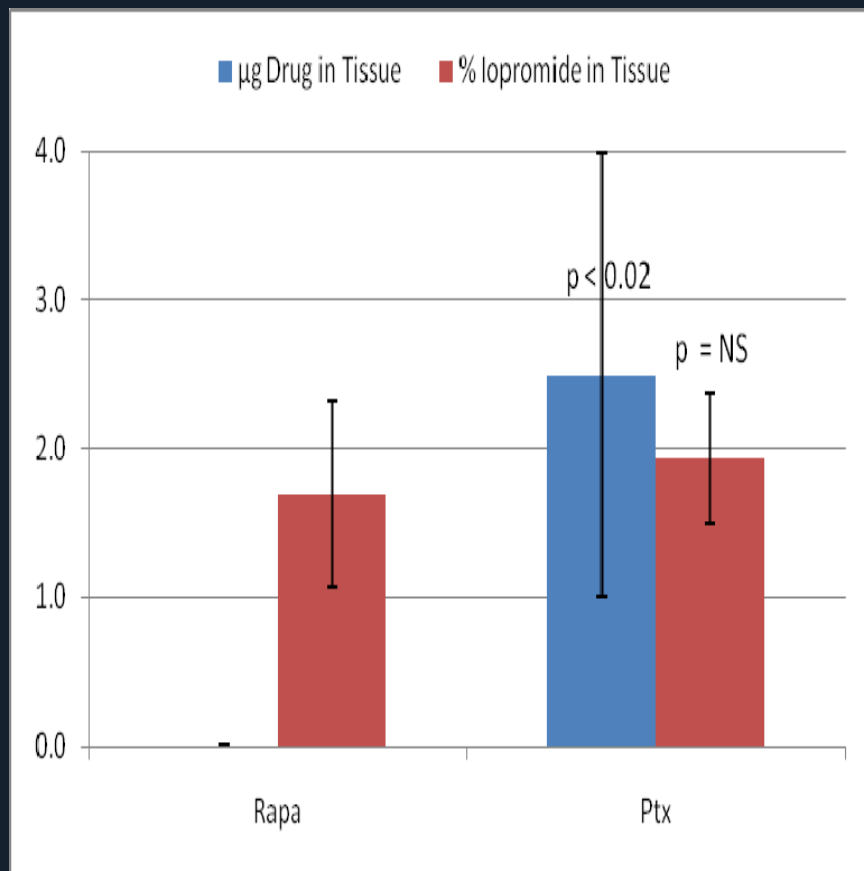
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- Medrad
- VNT

# Mechanism of Drug Delivery and Restenosis Prevention

*Can a drug delivered locally, only one time and without a controlled delivery system achieve long-term biological efficacy?*



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**“Hydrophilic Carriers Increase Paclitaxel Transfer”**



**Effect of Carrier on Paclitaxel Transfer**

*Cremers B. Thromb Haemost. 2009 Jan;101(1):201-6*



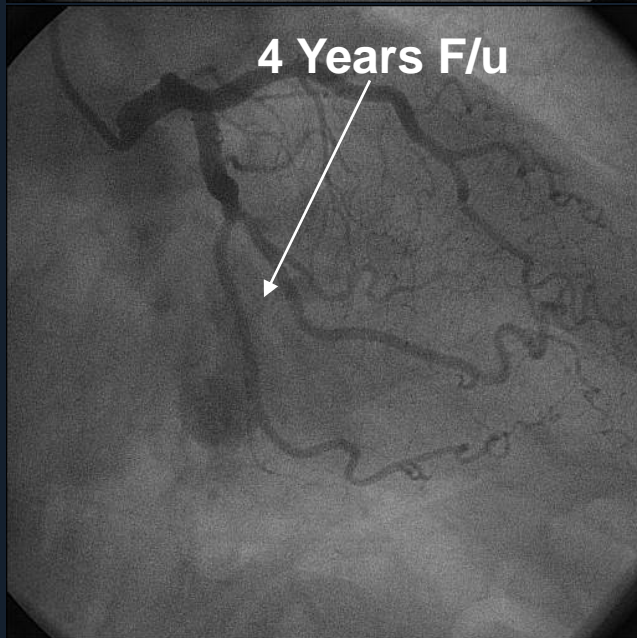
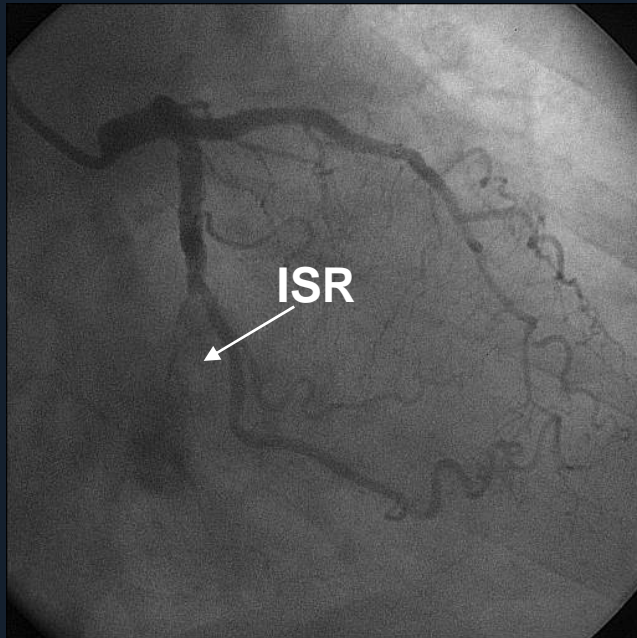
**Long Term Healing**

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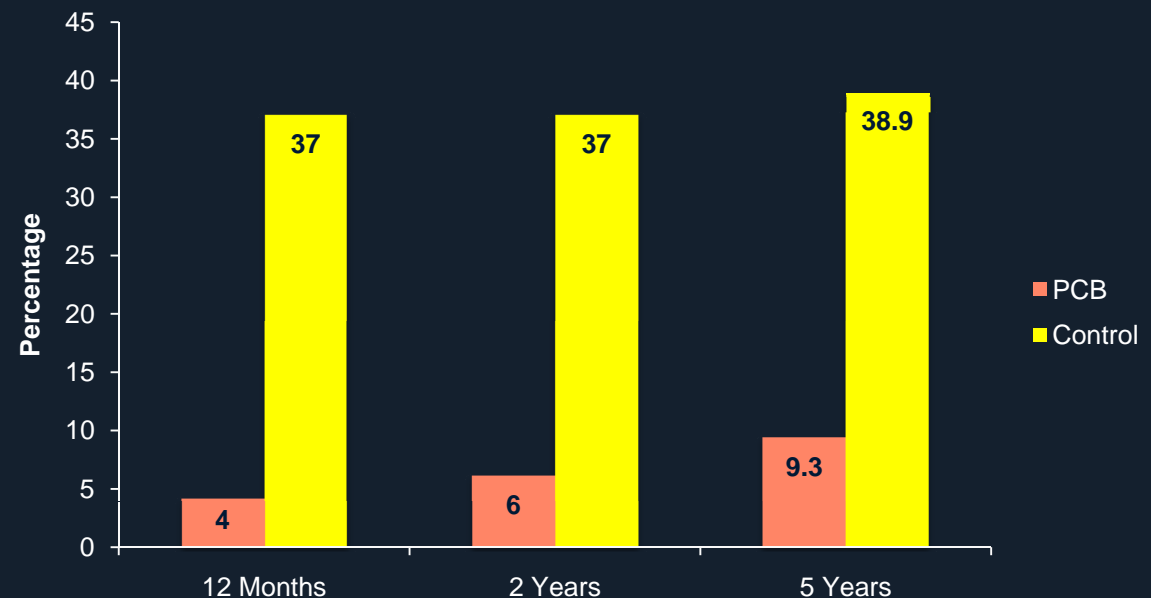
# PACCOATH ISR– F/U 5 Years Follow Up

## Long-Term Follow-Up After Treatment of Coronary In-Stent Restenosis With a Paclitaxel-Coated Balloon Catheter

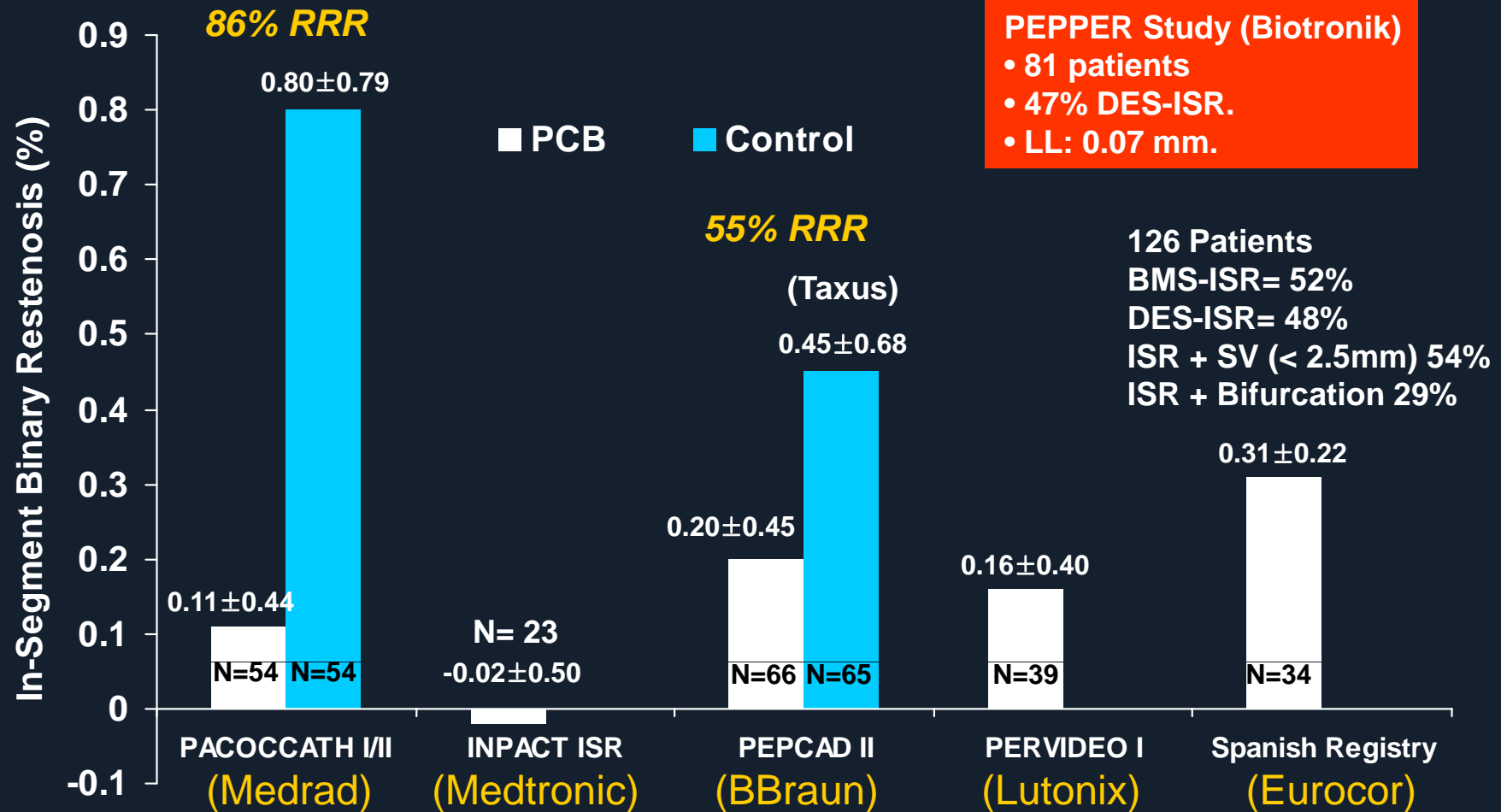
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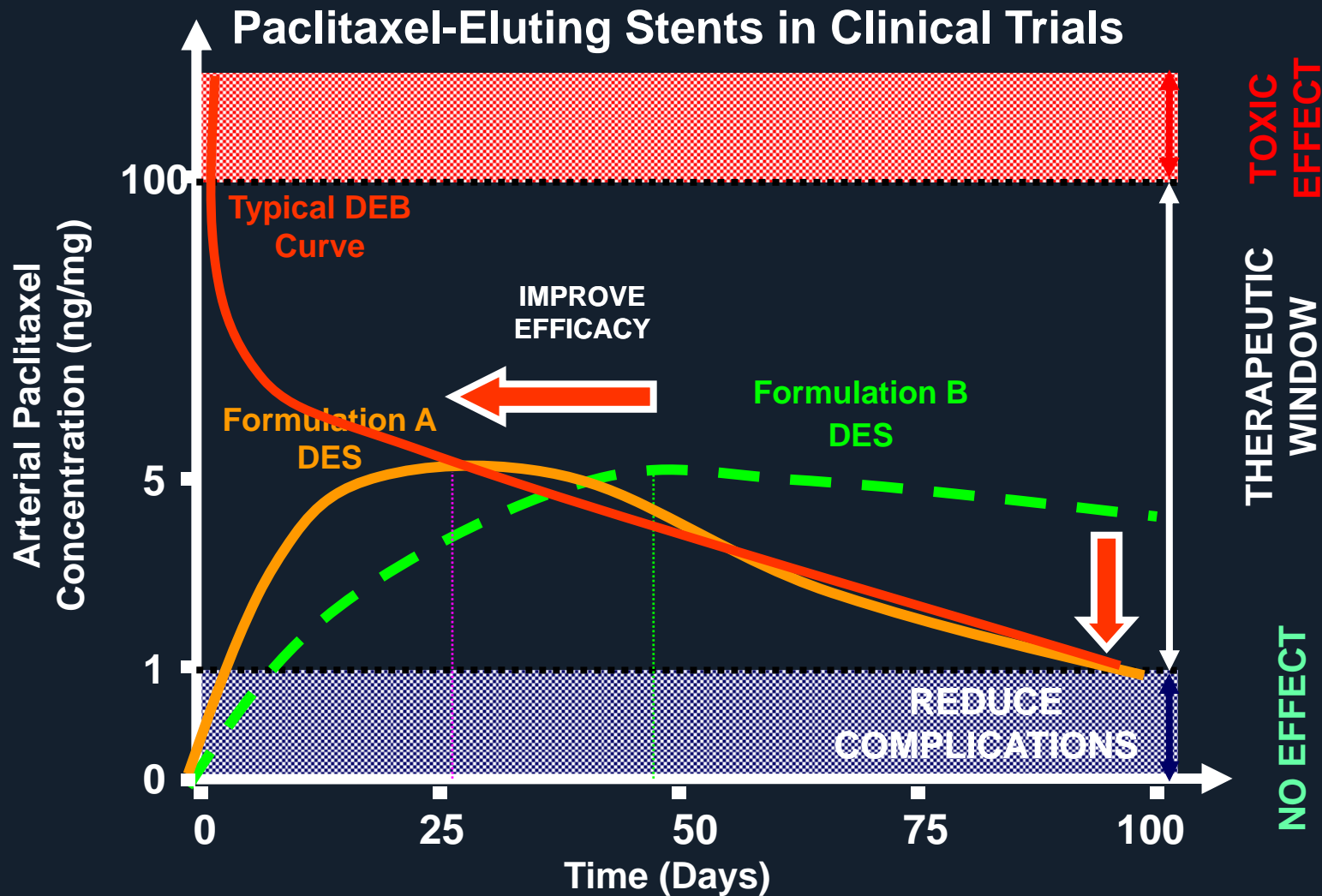
### Target Lesion Revascularization



# PCB Efficacy in BMS-ISR is Reproducible in FIH Clinical Trials



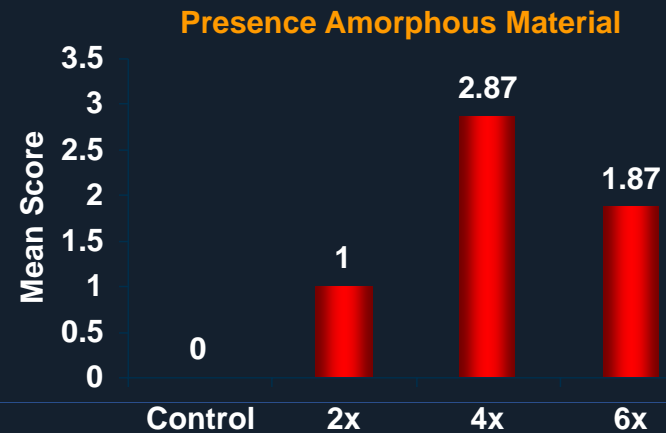
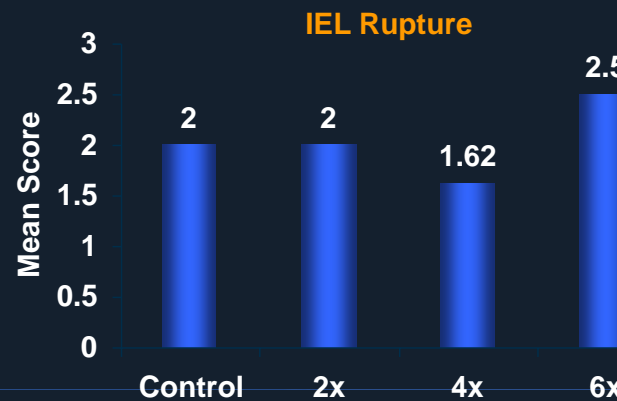
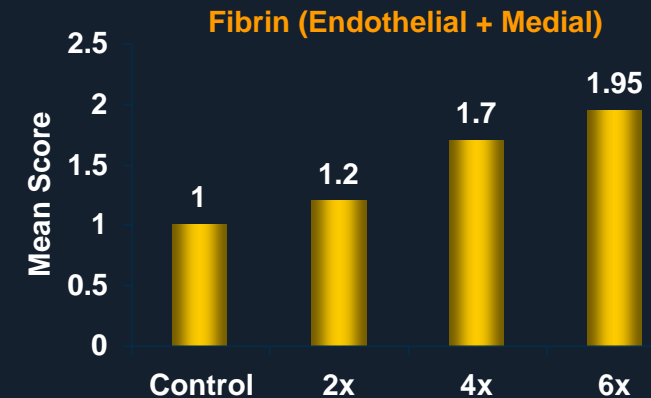
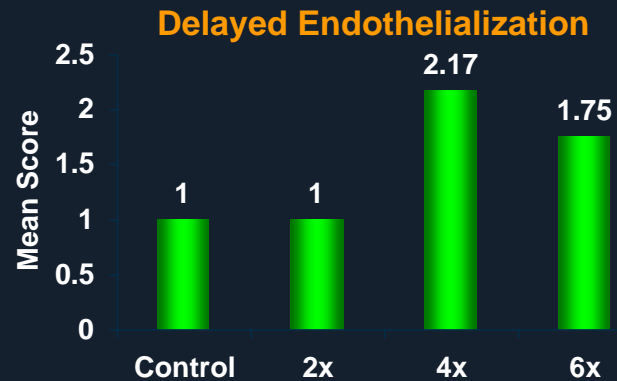
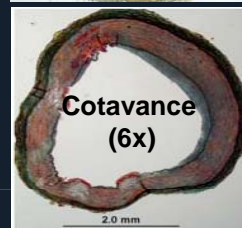
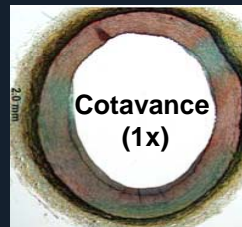
# Impact of Drug Retention (PK) on Vascular Toxicity and Efficacy



# Local Tissue Effects (Safety)

## Vascular Healing According to Dose

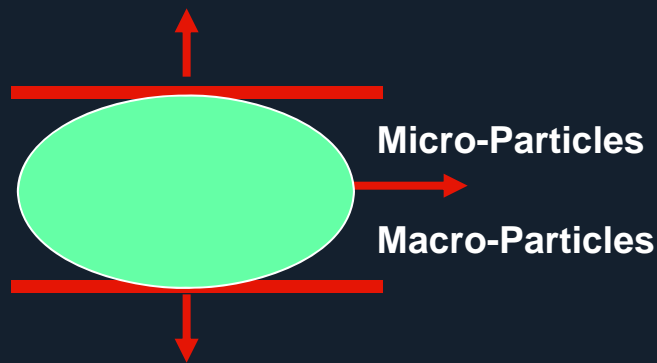
- 1= Minimal
- 2= Slight
- 3= Moderate
- 4= Marked
- 5= Massive





# Mechanism of Action of DCB: Impact on Drug Retention and Embolization

Acute Drug Transfer



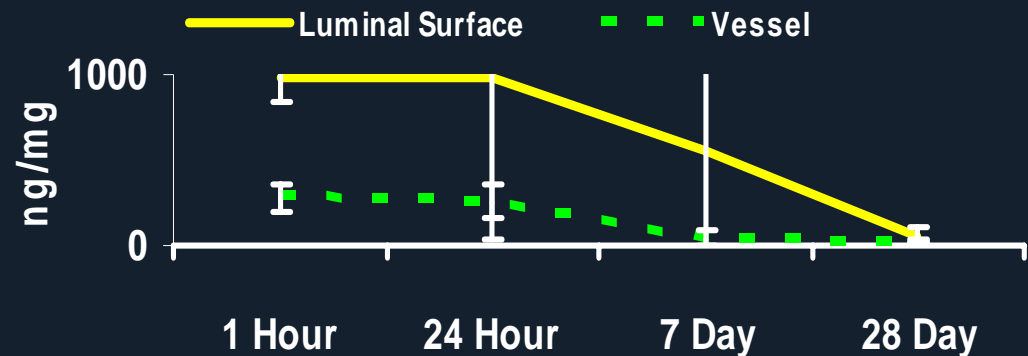
Acute Drug Transfer

**Tissue Transfer\***

~1 to 10%

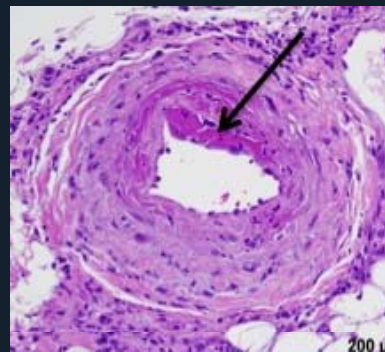
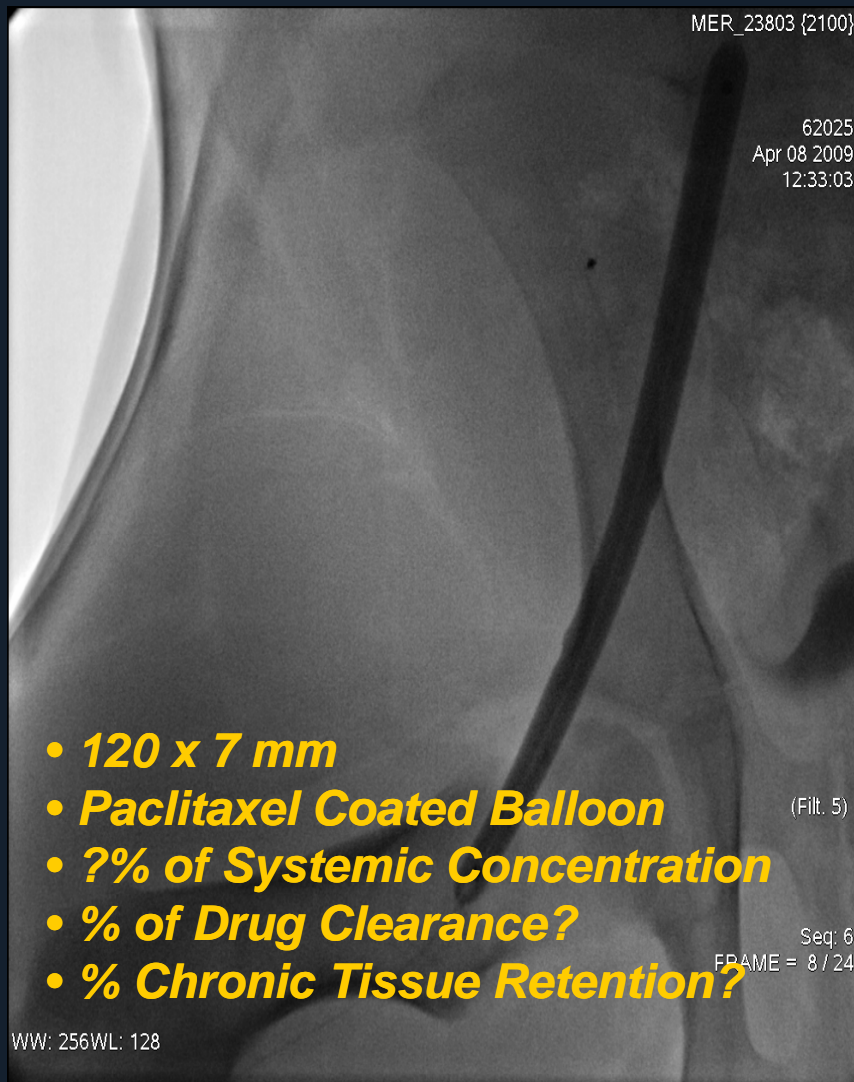
**Distal Circulation\***

~60 to 70%



- Most of Paclitaxel remains on the vessel surface
- This “drug-reservoir” creates a gradient and serves as the source for sustained drug delivery
- Once the drug is transferred to the media of the vessel, tissue clearance depends on well described PK curves

# Distal Washout of Paclitaxel Coating

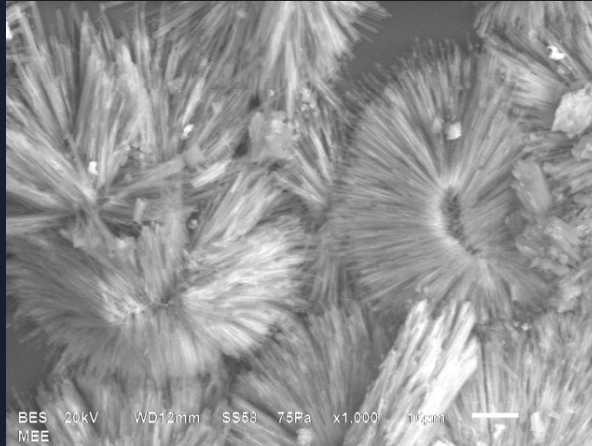


## Distal Tissue Effect (Embolization)

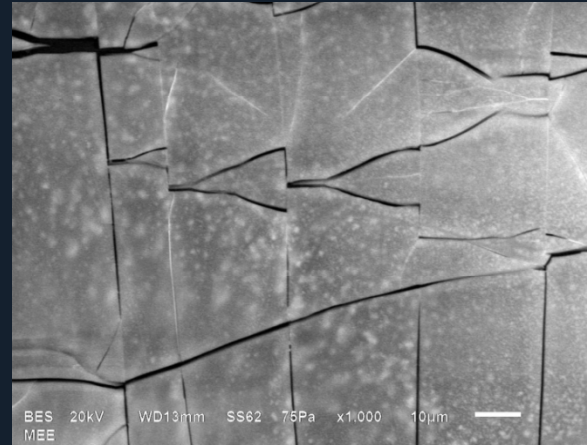
- Acute Ischemic Events (CLI)
- Chronic Tissue Effects
- Other Organs Toxicity

# Paclitaxel Formulation Types

## *Impact on Biological Performance*



**Coating "A" Crystalline**

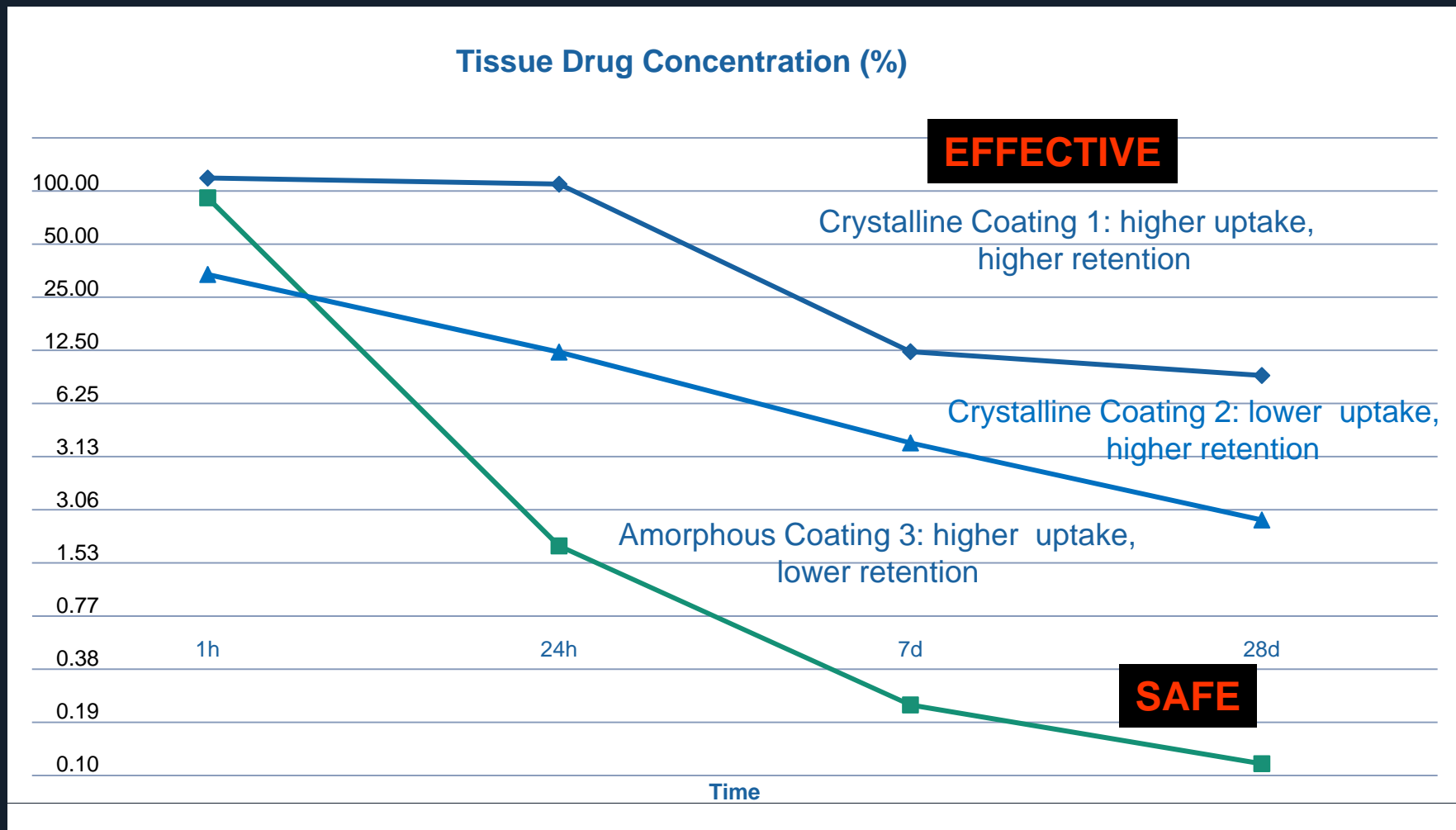


**Coating "B" Amorphous**

	Crystalline	Amorphous
Particles Released	+++	++
Uniform Coating	++	+++
Drug Transfer to Vessel	+++	++
Drug Retention vs. Time	+++	+
Biological Effectiveness	+++	?

# Tissue Transfer and Retention

## Crystalline versus Amorphous Coatings



# Second Generations Coatings

## *Paclitaxel Coated Balloon Technologies*

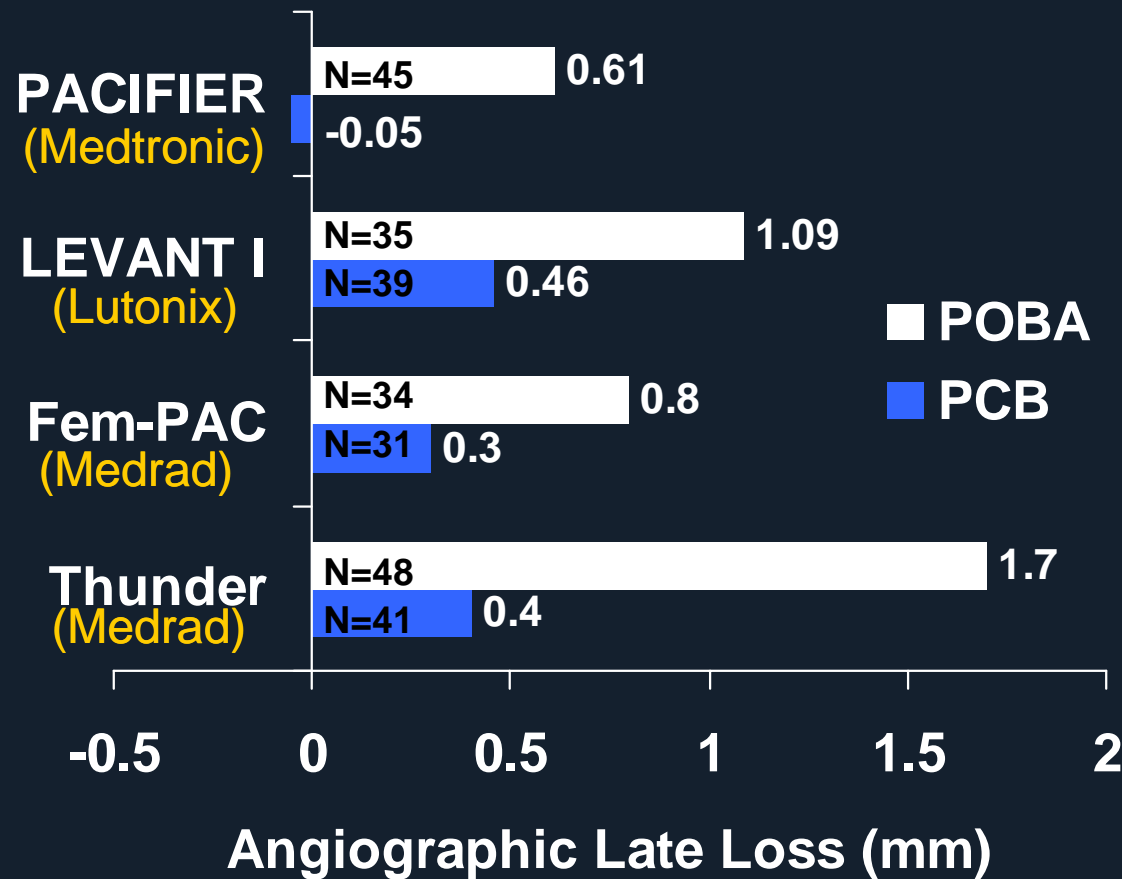


- Manual dipping process
- Automated and controlled drug coating
- Inconsistent D:E mixture
- Improved coating mixture and uniformity
- Limited scale production
- Large scale reproducibility

***First generation DCB technologies have already migrated into their second generation providing more precise coatings, tissue drug delivery and lower particulate count...***

# Fact#1: Limited Evidence Based Medicine Leading to Clinical Practice

*RCT of PCB for the Treatment of De Novo SFA Disease (ITT= PTA Only)*



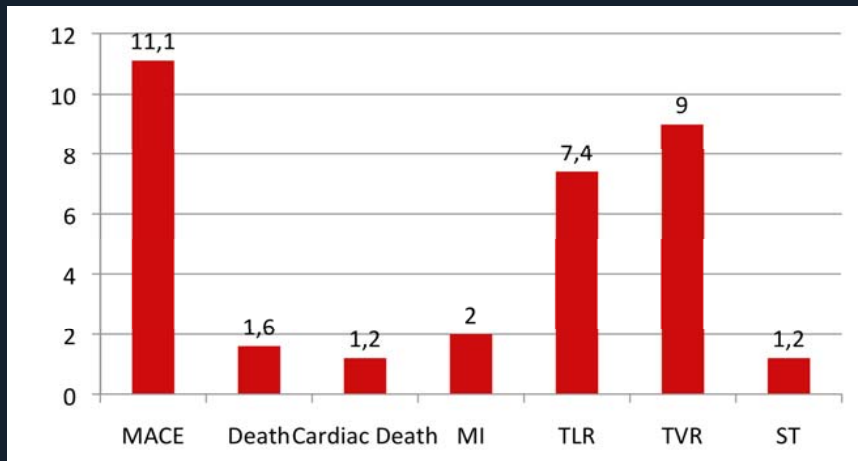
*“Still less than several hundred patients having 6 month angiographic data and long term follow up”*

# Fact #2: PCB May Have Limited Efficacy in DES-ISR



The Valentines Trial

- DIOR II PCB Technology (3 µg/mm<sup>2</sup>)
- 40.6% Diffuse ISR
- Length Covered by PCB 24±9.1 mm
- Follow Up: 228 ± 44 days (97.6% of Patients)



**BMS-ISR: 157 Patients.**

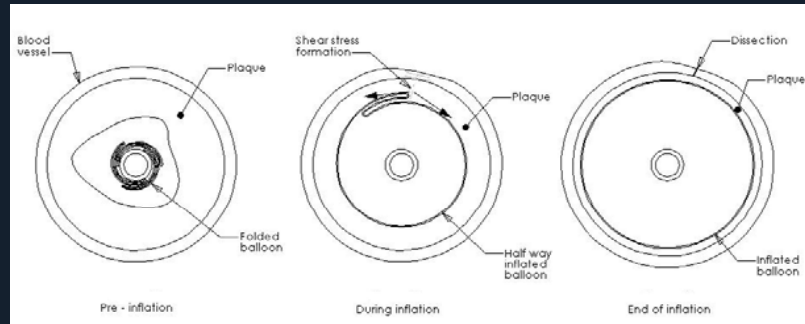
**DES-ISR: 83 Patients.**

**Frequency of Stent Implantation 4.9%**

- In.Pact Falcon (Medtronic)
- 75 patients, 122 lesions
  - ISR 62.7%
  - Diffuse disease 34.7%
- Death/MI/TVR: 13.3%
- Angiographic Follow Up (63.9%):
  - Restenosis 30.8%
    - DES-ISR: 47.5%
    - BMS-ISR: 0%
    - De Novo: 16.1%

J Shannon, TCT-14, TCT2011

# Fact #3: A PTA Balloon is Not An Ideal Platform (A Stent May Be Needed!)



## Expansion mechanism leads to:

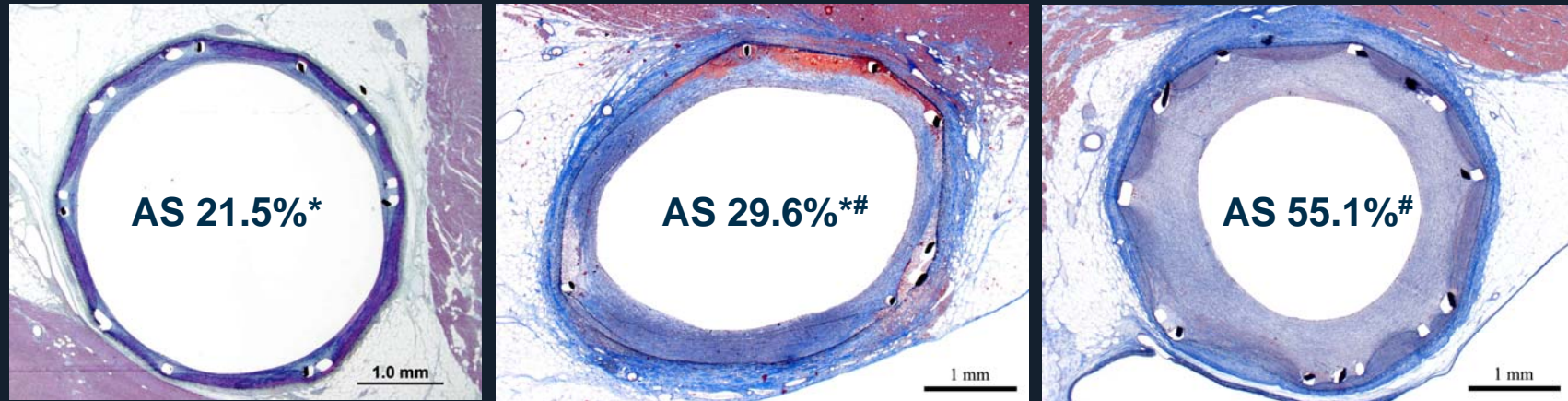
- Expansion in path of least resistance
- Significant shear stress and trauma
- High dissection rate
- Elastic recoil
- Abrupt closure

- **PTA study (2002)**
  - 74 patients
  - **43% major dissections**
  - 32% residual stenosis >30%
- **ABSOLUTE: Stent vs. PTA (2006)**
  - 104 patients, 1:1 randomization
  - **32%** insufficient PTA result led to **cross over to stent**
- **RESILIENT: Stent vs. PTA (2008)**
  - 206 patients 2:1 randomization **40% PTA cross over to stent** due to flow limiting dissections and residual stenosis
- **Pacifier: DEB vs. PTA (2011)**
  - 91 patients, 1:1 randomization
  - **21% and 35%** bail out stenting due to flow limiting dissections and residual stenosis

**Acute failure reported in ~30 - 40% of PTA case requiring additional treatment**



# Vascular Healing of BMS-PCB Combination Compared to Taxus Stent in Coronaries of FHS

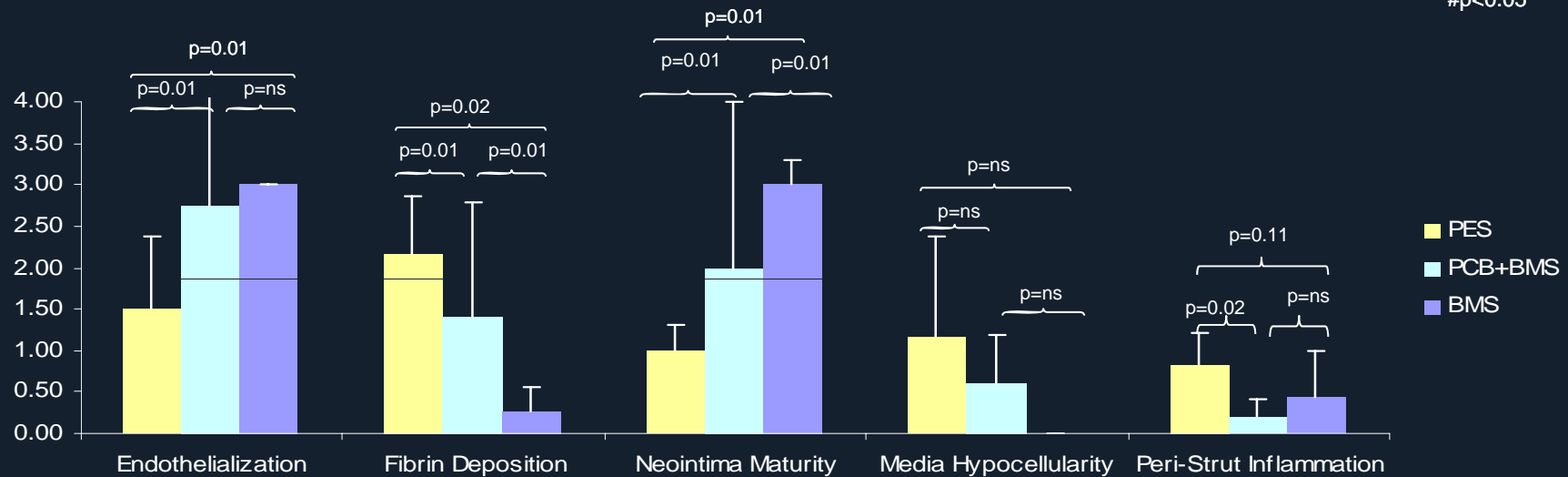


PES

2<sup>nd</sup> Gen PCB + BMS

BMS

\*p=ns  
#p<0.05



# Paclitaxel-Eluting Stents Show Superiority to Balloon Angioplasty and Bare Metal Stents in Femoropopliteal Disease

## Twelve-Month Zilver PTX Randomized Study Results

### Primary Effectiveness Outcomes



### Provisional BMS versus DES



**“It is possible that in selected cases and due to the scaffolding effect, peripheral DES may be more effective than PCB...then if we are obliged to migrate into a combined approach (PCB + BMS), PCB use will be restricted to longer lesions and smaller vascular territories”**

0 3 6 9 12 15 18  
Months

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Months

Kaplan Meier Estimates of Primary Patency, Values Represent Lesions

Months Post-procedure	Primary Patency ± Standard Error		Cumulative Failed		Cumulative Censored		Remaining at Risk	
	PTA	Primary DES	PTA	Primary DES	PTA	Primary DES	PTA	Primary DES
0	49.8 ± 3.2%	99.6 ± 0.4%	126	1	0	0	125	246
1	49.4 ± 3.2%	99.2 ± 0.6%	127	2	0	0	124	245
6	42.5 ± 3.1%	94.7 ± 1.4%	144	13	5	3	102	231
12	32.8 ± 3.0%	83.1 ± 2.4%	167	40	10	26	74	181

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0	100.0 ± 0.0%	100.0 ± 0.0%	0	0	0	1	62	62
1	100.0 ± 0.0%	100.0 ± 0.0%	0	0	0	1	62	62
6	88.4 ± 4.1%	96.7 ± 2.3%	7	2	2	2	53	59
12	73.0 ± 5.8%	89.9 ± 3.9%	16	6	5	5	41	52

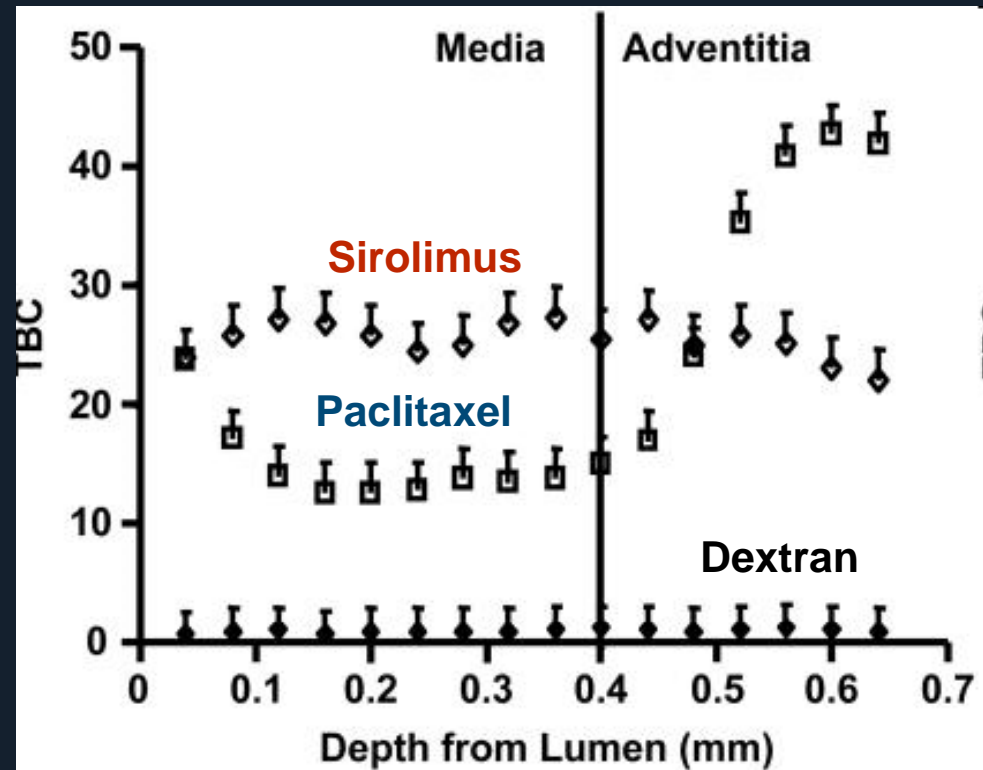
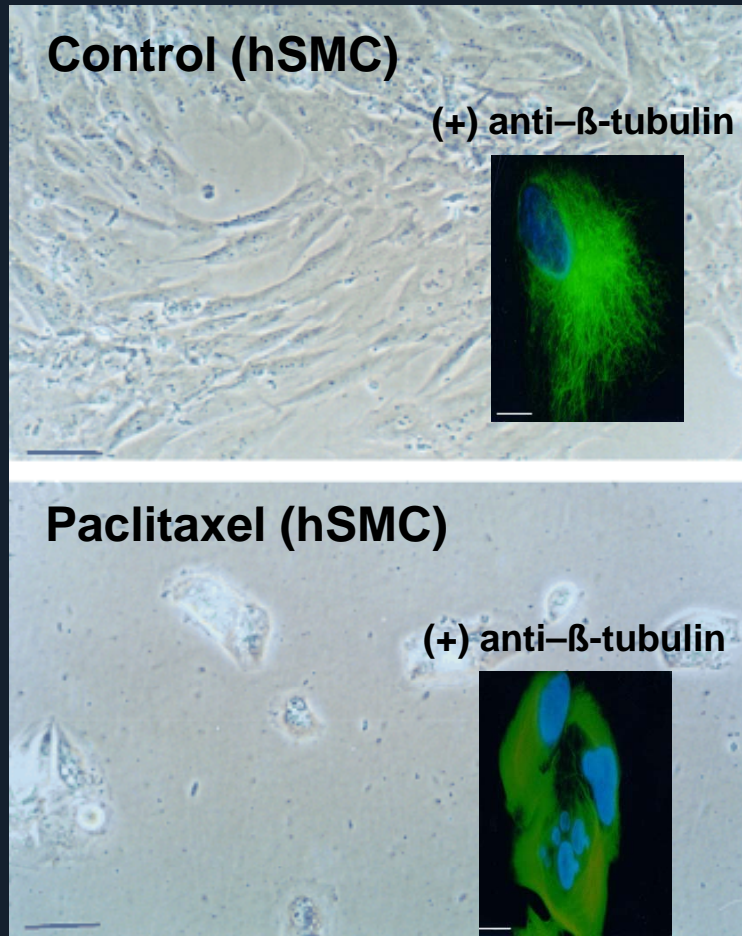
# Fact #4: Sirolimus Analogues

- Rapalogs provide well-established therapeutic benefit
- Rapalogs provide high level of safety – DES “drug of choice”
- PTX chosen for DEB because tissue transfer/absorption is far simpler
- **So why we do not use them?**

Attribute	Rapamycin (or Analogs)	Paclitaxel	Advantage
Mode of Action	Cytostatic	Cytotoxic	Rapamycin
Margin of Safety	10,000 fold	100 fold	Rapamycin
Anti-restenotic	YES – Lower Late Loss	YES	Rapamycin
Tissue Absorption	Longer	Shorter	Paclitaxel
Level of Competition	Low	Very high	Rapamycin
Physician Perception	Positive	Controversial	Rapamycin

# Paclitaxel Irreversibly Inhibits Arterial SMC Proliferation and Migration Using a Single Dose

# Tissue Distribution and Retention of Paclitaxel Make it an Ideal Agent for Local Drug Delivery



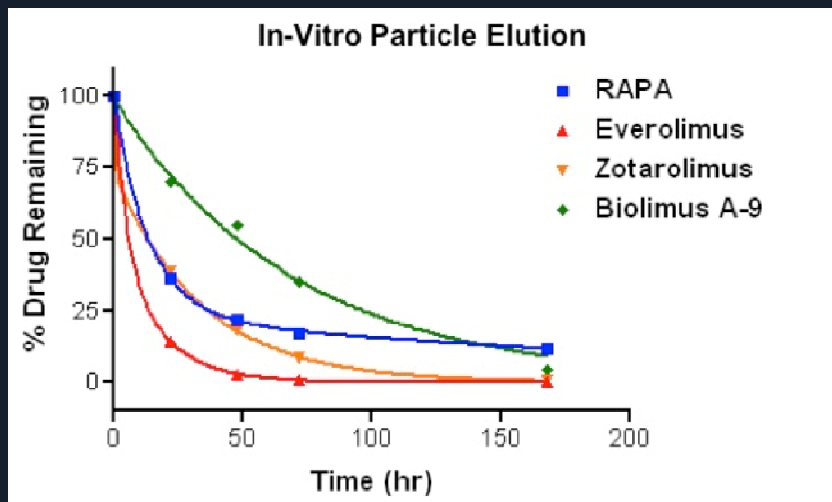
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# Drug Eluting Balloon Nanoparticle Based (Sirolimus) Balloon Dilatation System

## Nanoparticle delivery technology

- Enhanced tissue penetration
- Protection from rapid degradation
- Controlled and sustained release
- Complete degradation



Speed of elution of Limus-containing NPs  
Each data point is n = 1

## Angioplasty balloon dilation system

- Fully integrated combination device
- Semi-compliant balloon
- Full range of sizes and diameters

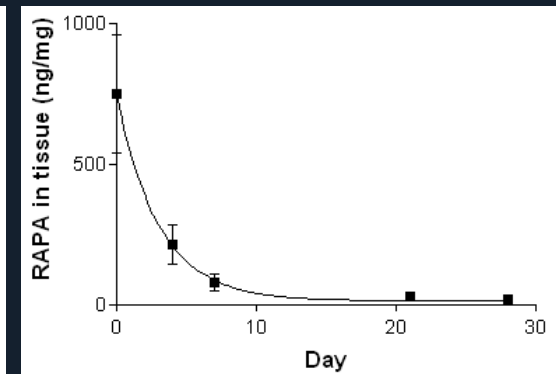
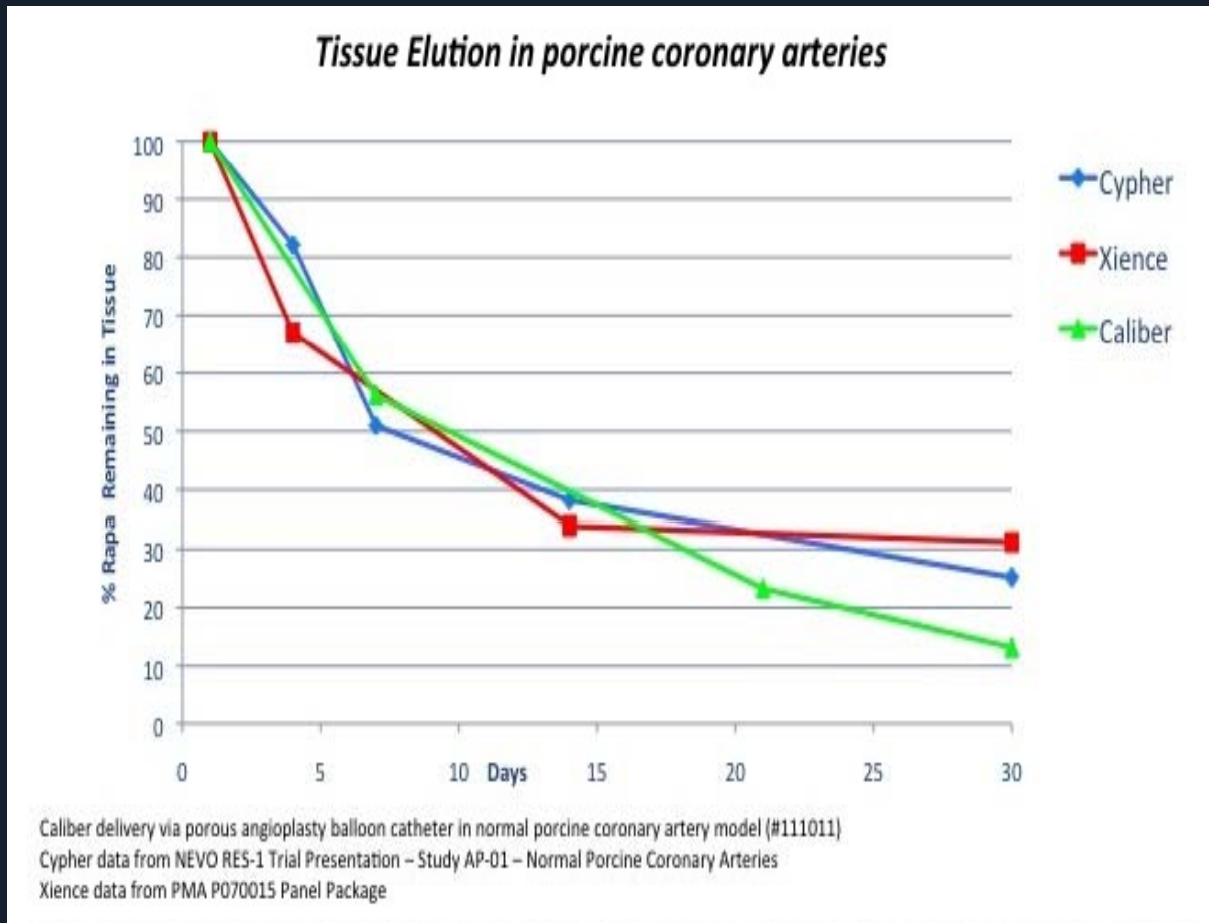


**Regular dilatation pressures plus Sirolimus nanoparticle delivery**

# Elution Control and Dose Feasibility

## *Sirolimus Delivery Using a Porous Balloon*

### Tissue PK at 28 Days Following Sirolimus Delivery

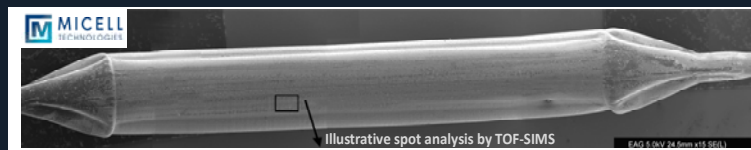


# Opportunities for Improvement

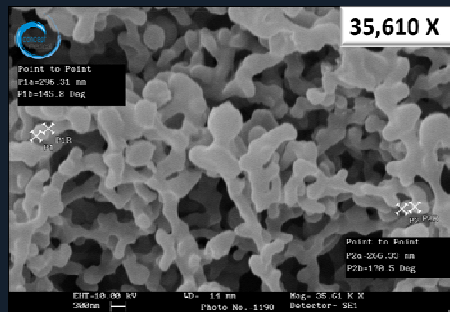
## SIROLIMUS DEB Nanoparticle Based Balloon Dilatation System (CALIBER)



## DCB Microcrystalline Coating (MICELL)



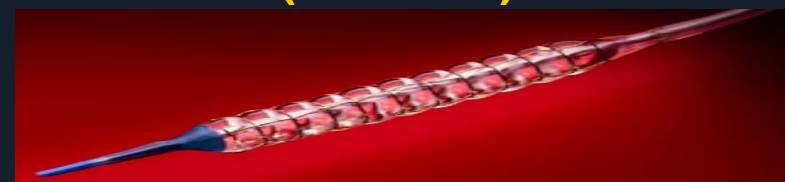
## DCB Nanocrystalline Coating (CMI)



## Balloon Surface Modification Technologies (AVIDAL)



## Dedicated DCB Platforms (QUATRO)



## Niche DCB Platforms (CONIC)



# DCB Conclusions

- PCB are technological suited to become the ideal interventional tool for the treatment of ISR and SFA disease
- Although efficacious for the treatment of BMS-ISR, its overall **efficacy to treat DES-ISR** needs to be further studied
- The DCB+BMS combination may lead to similar DES-like clinical outcomes (i.e., **stent thrombosis**). Then, the synergistic use of these devices deserves further investigation in a prospective manner
- Second generation PCBs appear to offer improved coating platforms providing more precise drug transfer to the tissue
- However, there is still a lot of room for improvement in regards to dosing, method of transfer and PK behavior
- Emerging data involving competitive devices (i.e., DES) will determine the clinical applicability of DCB in the cath-lab
- However, the DCB field has reached a feasibility phase, is rapidly evolving and is here to stay for the long run