

Case 4: **Evaluation of IVL** – Fractures by Histology, OCT and Micro-CT

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CASE PRESENTATION



Age (years): **70**
Gender: **F**
BMI (kg/m²): **30.39**

Clinical Presentation

- Patient presents with exertional dyspnea and CP with moderate intensity activities
- 1/2022 – CVA
 - Revealed PAD - PTA of brachiocephalic trunk

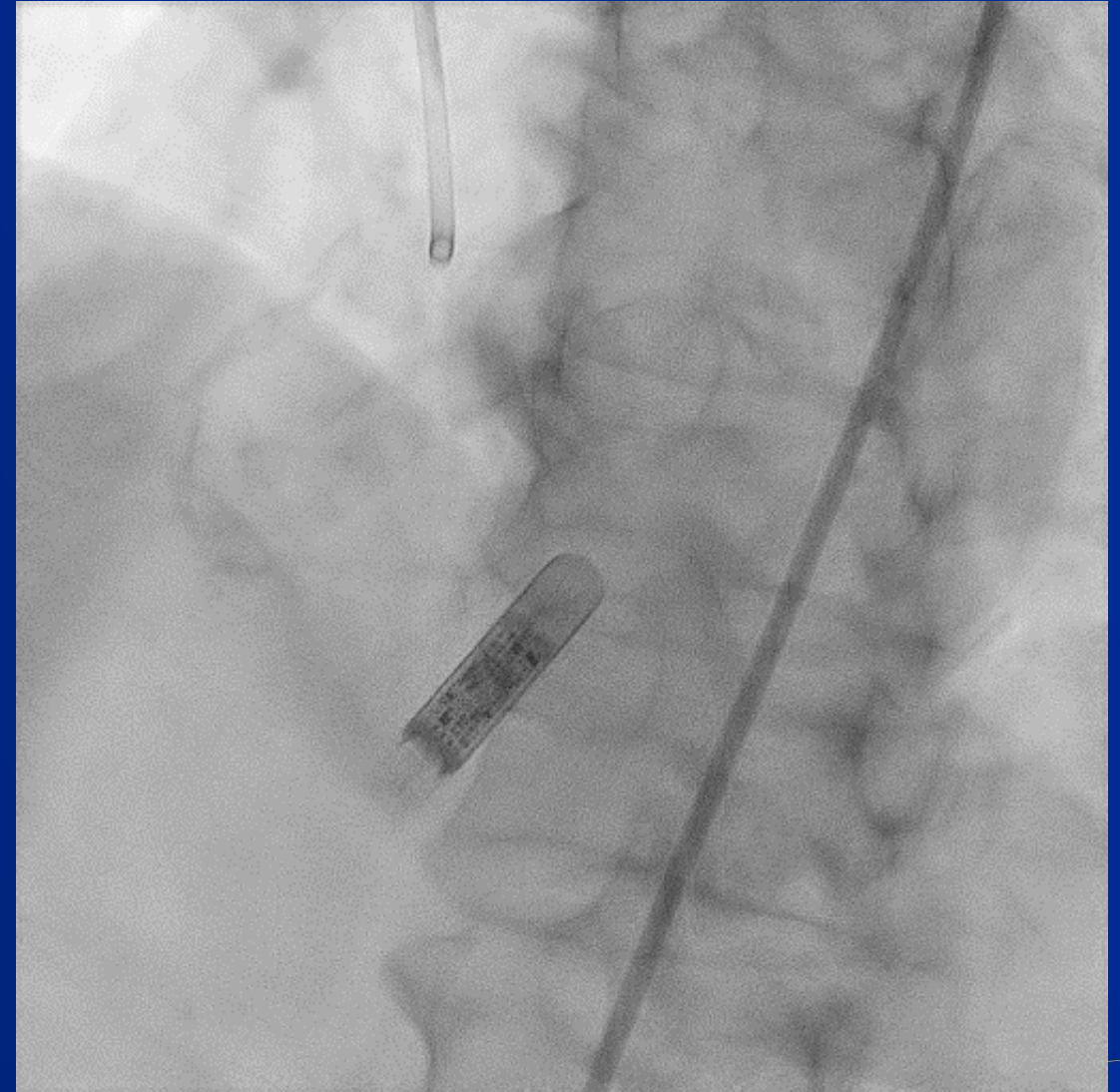
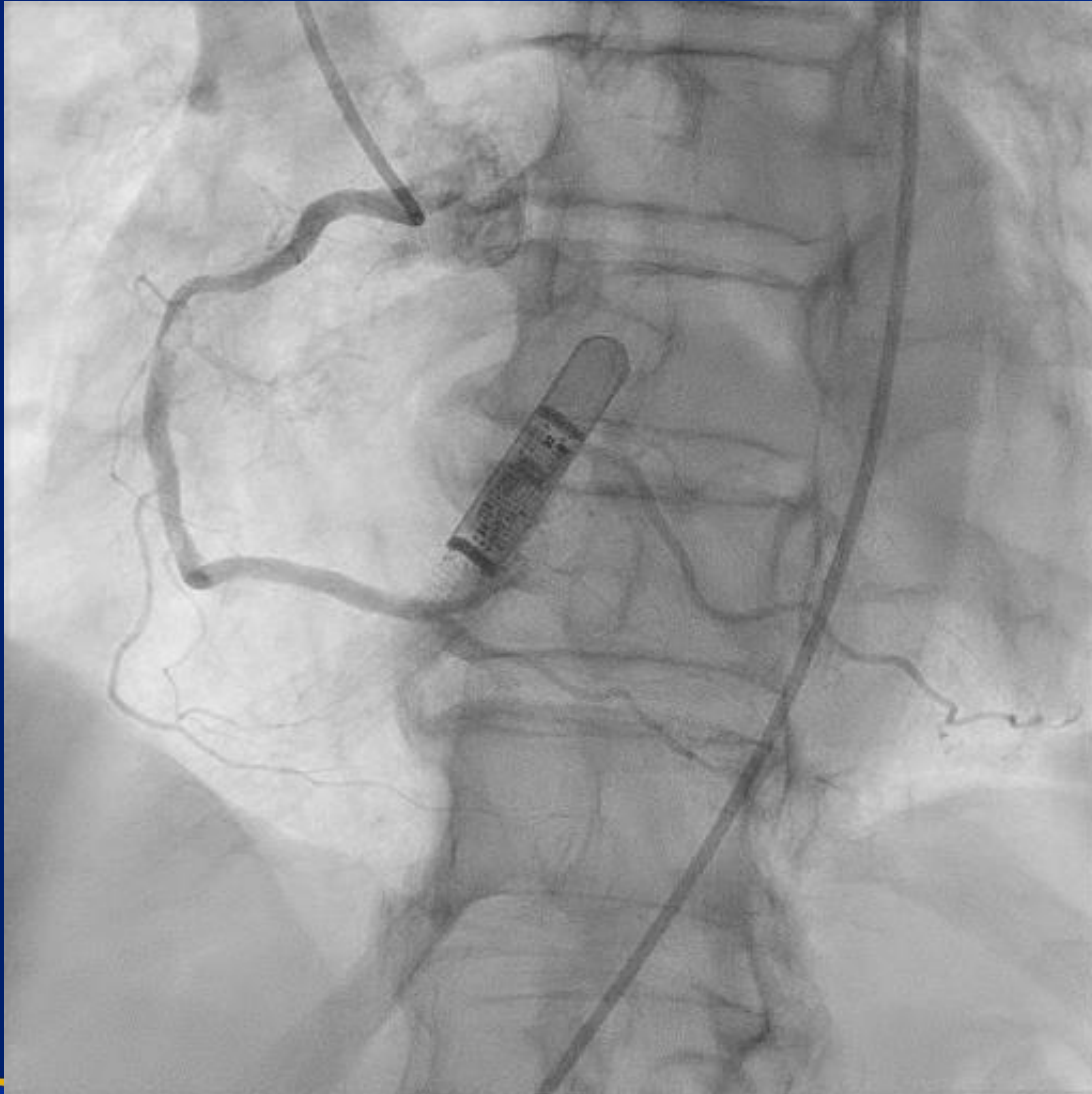
Cardiac History

Previous valve disease:	No
Previous coronary disease:	Yes
CHF:	Yes
Atrial fibrillation:	Paroxysmal on OAC
Pacemaker:	No – Loop recorder for AF burden
Previous CV surgery:	NA
Other CV intervention:	Prior PCI (PTCA): OM1
Other:	Pulmonary Hypertension

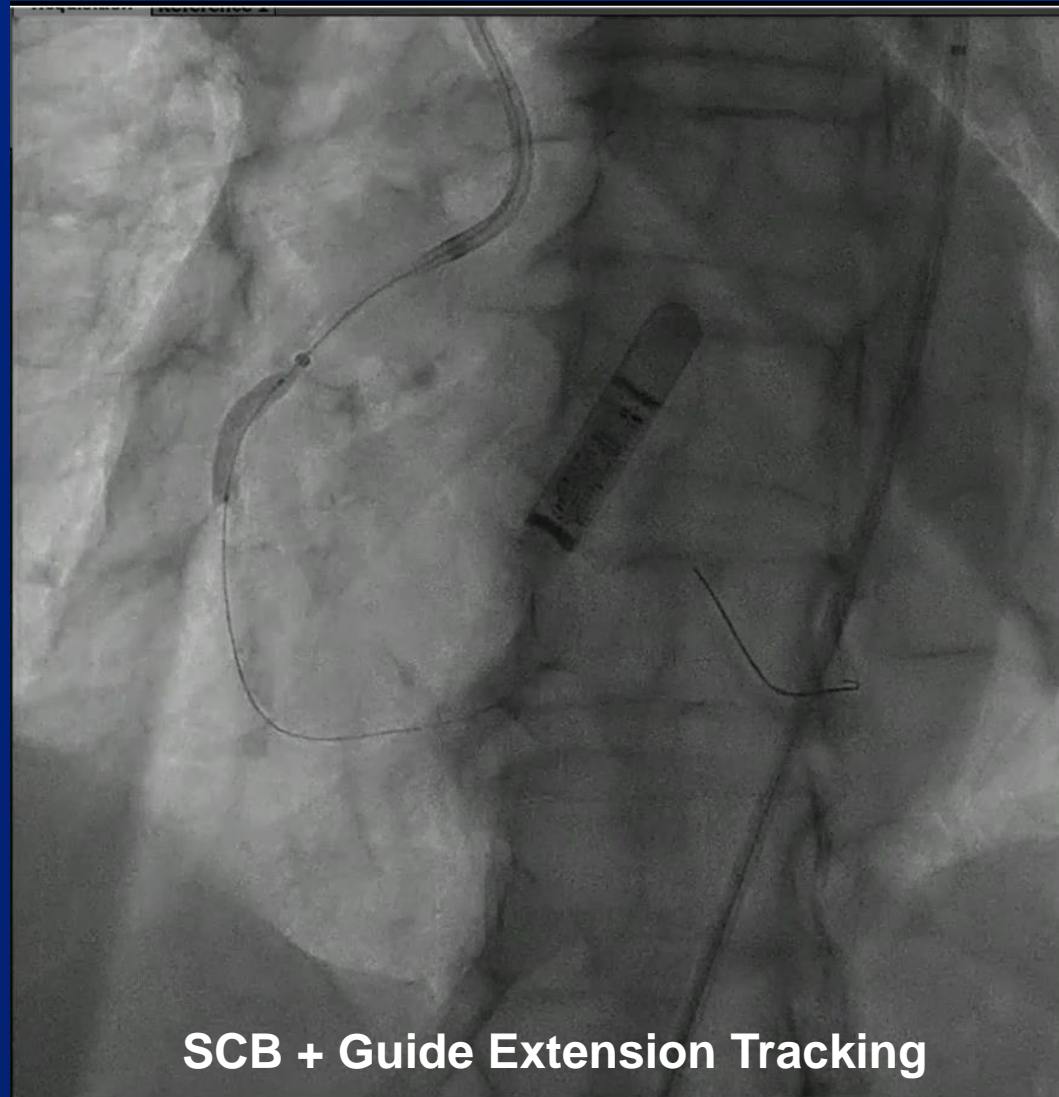
Co-morbidities

Renal function (Cr: mg/dL, GFR):	Cr: 1.1mg/dL, GFR = 55
Chronic lung disease:	Yes
Prior stroke/TIA:	Yes
Diabetes type II:	Yes
Hypertension:	Yes

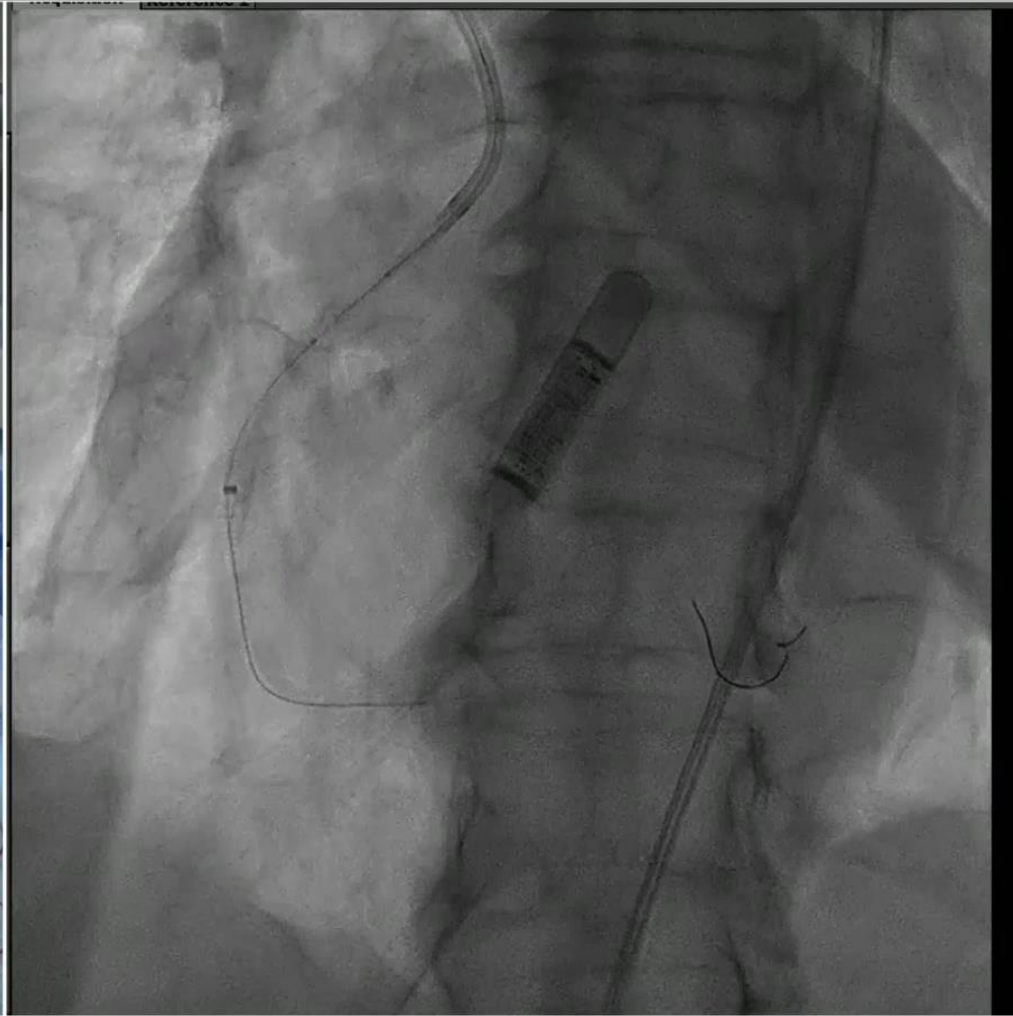
ANGIOGRAM



Guide Extension Assisted IVL Delivery

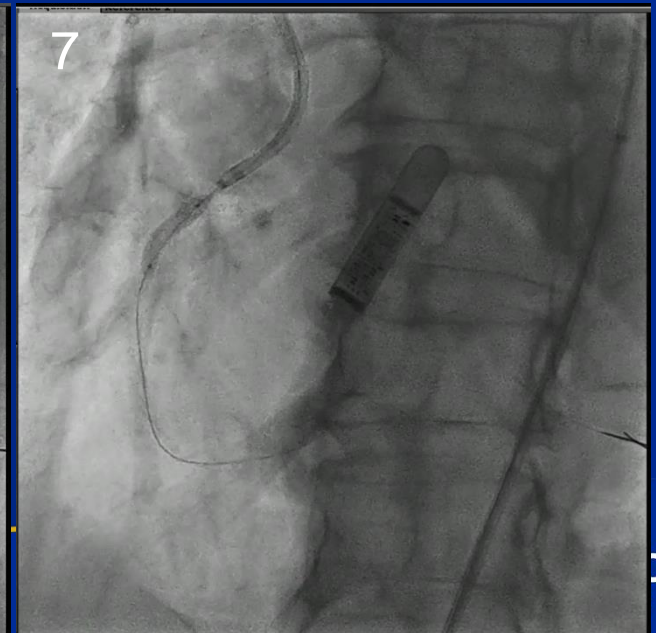
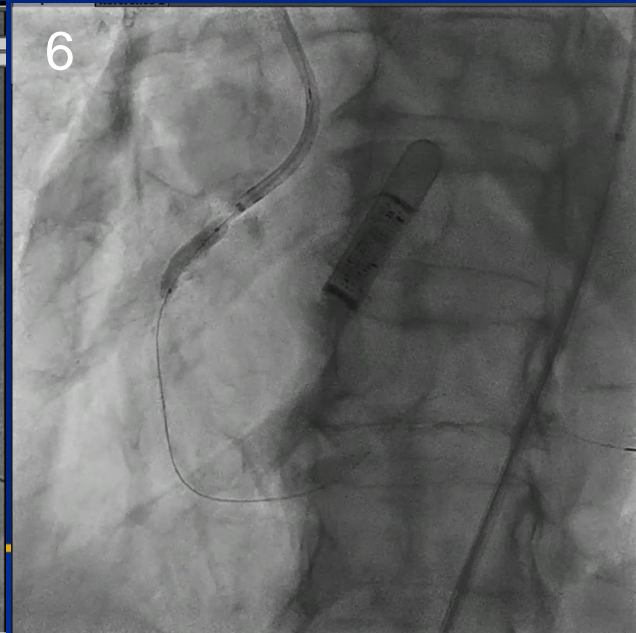
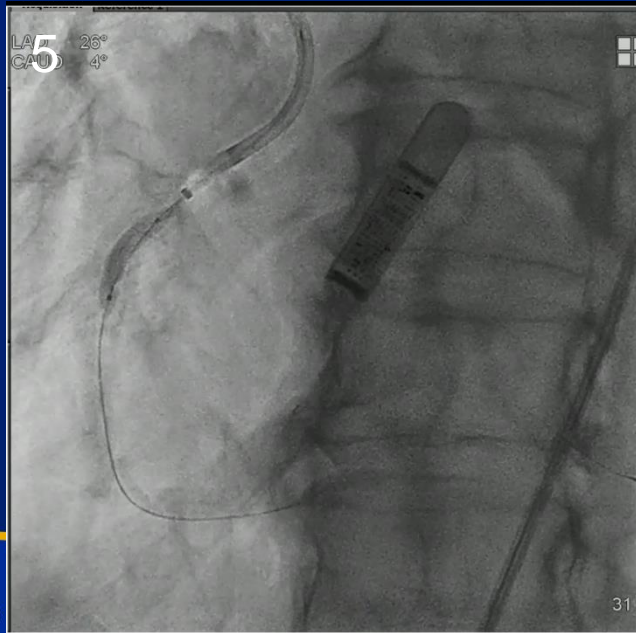
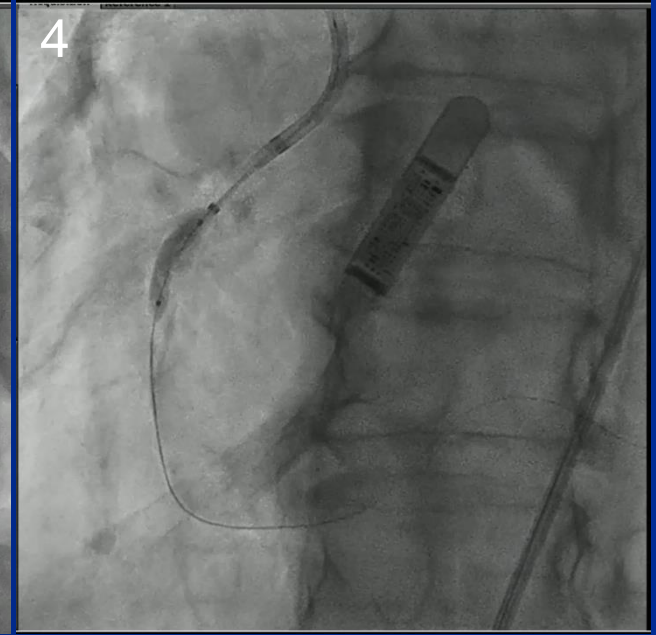
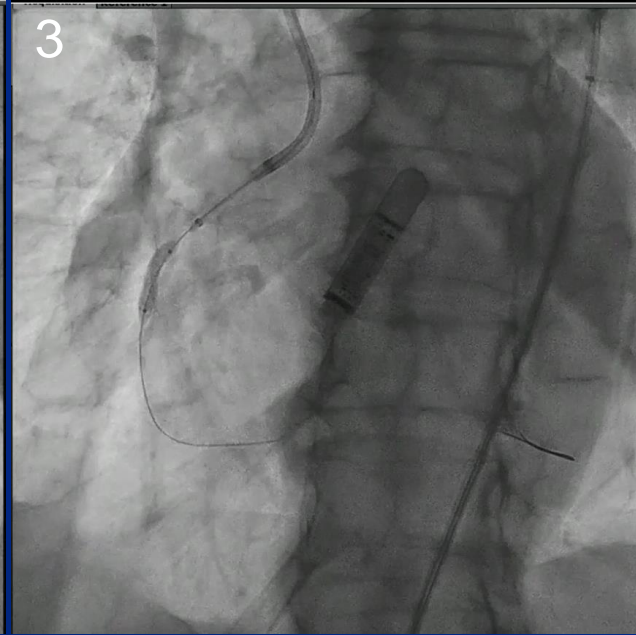
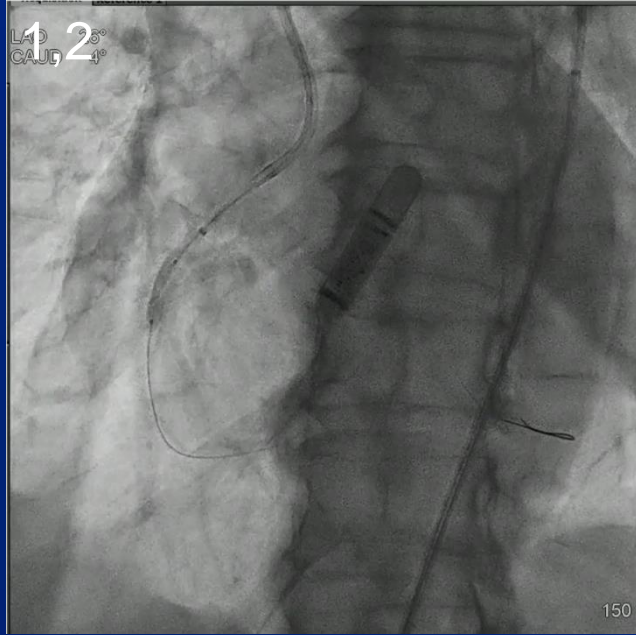
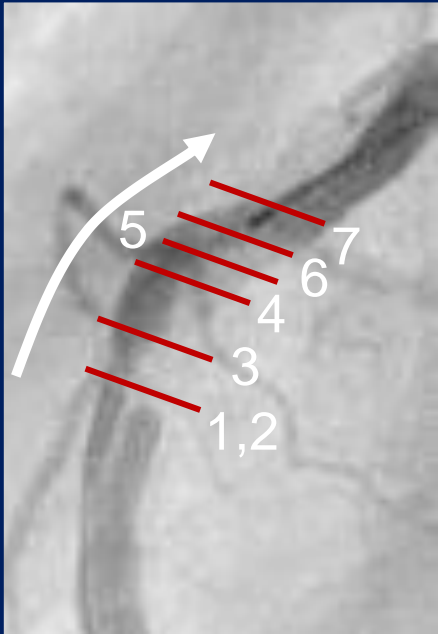


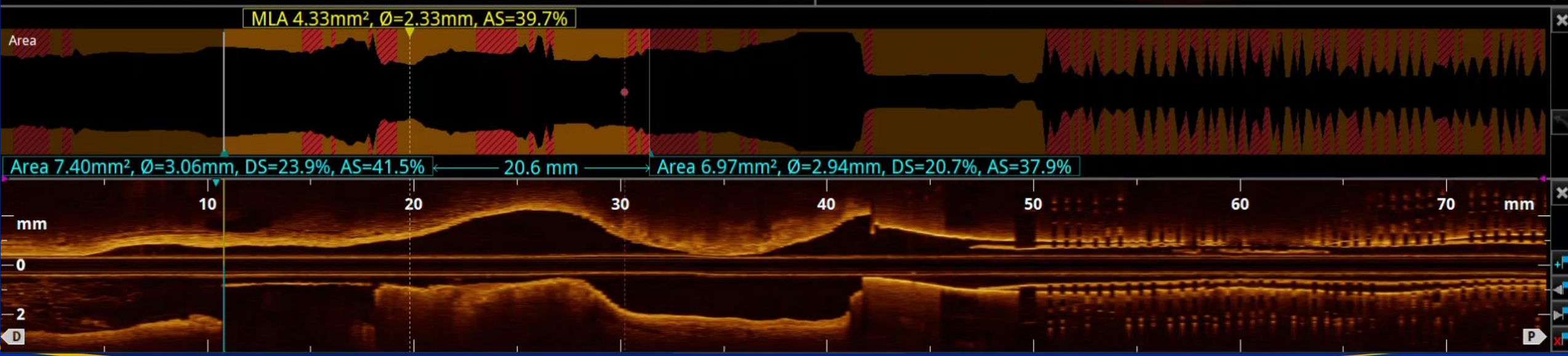
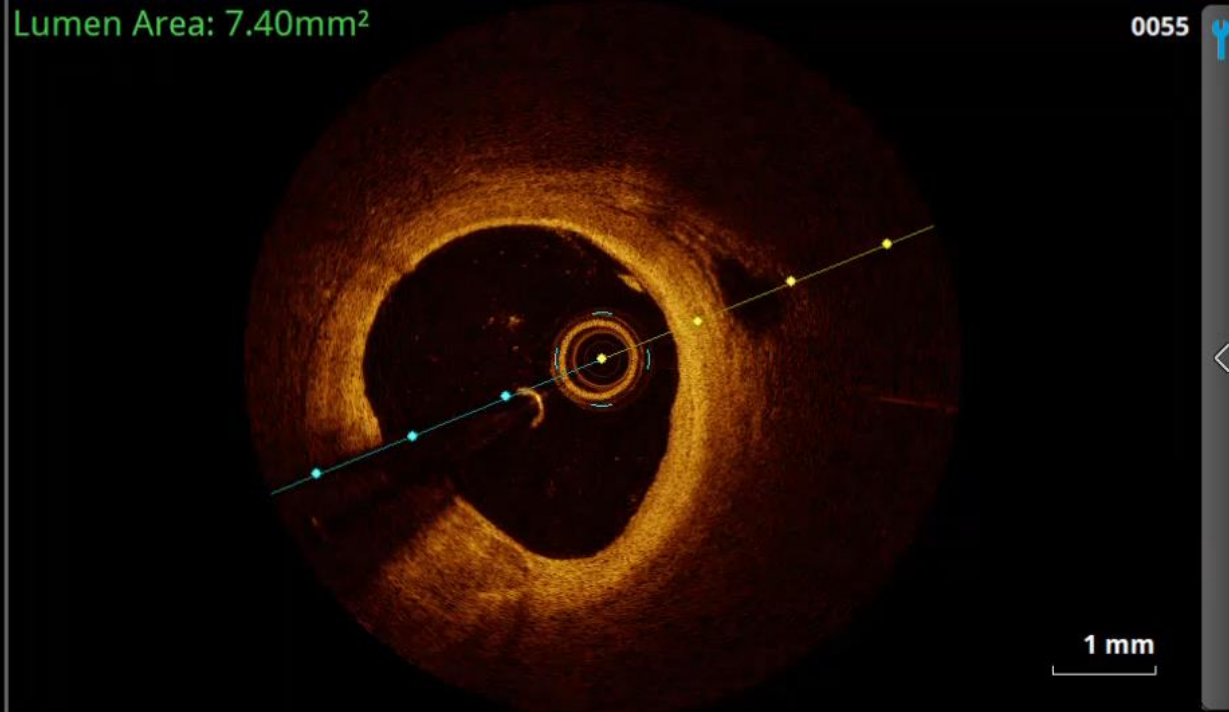
IVL Balloon Unsheathing and Activation



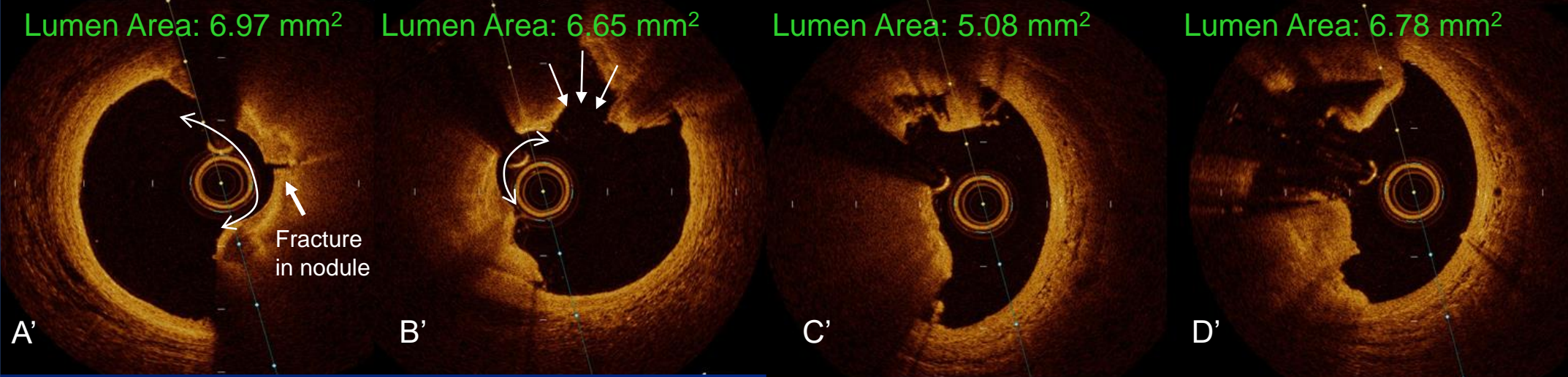
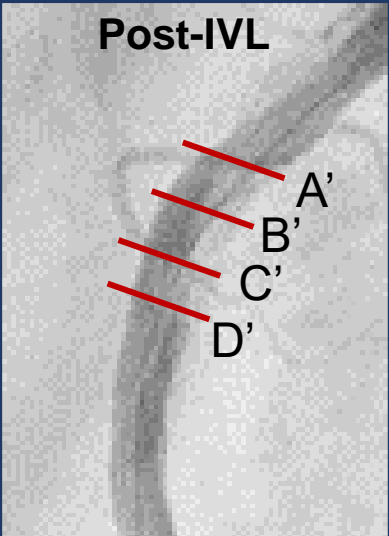
Lesion Yielding

Pulse Management

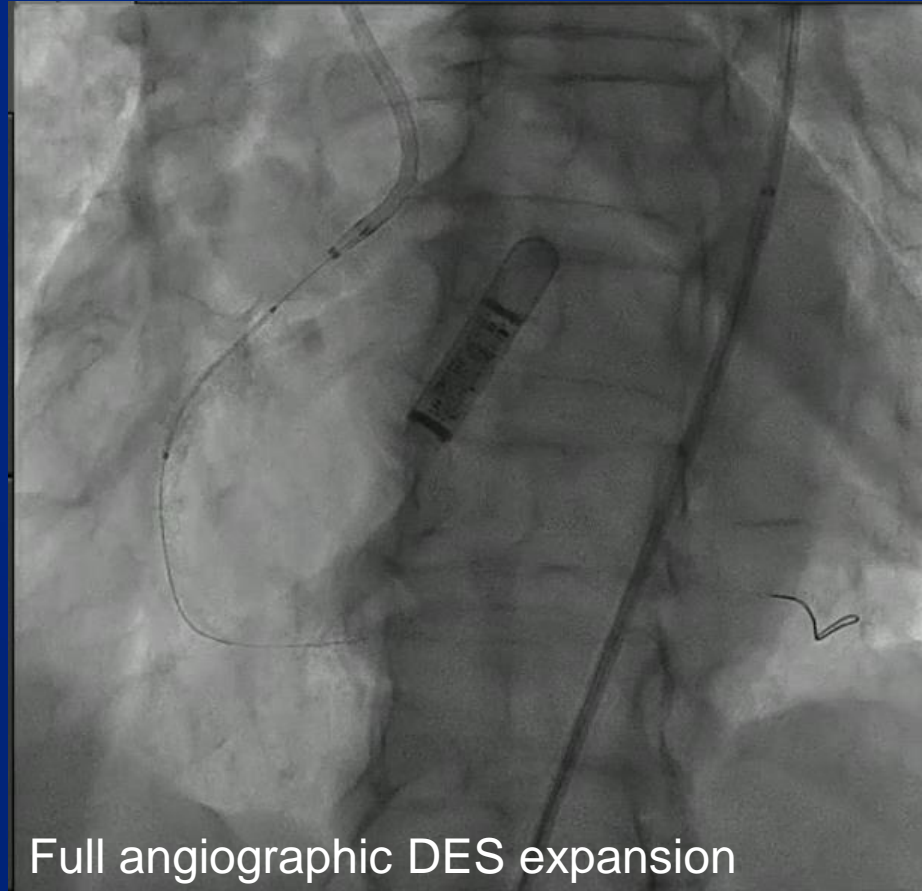
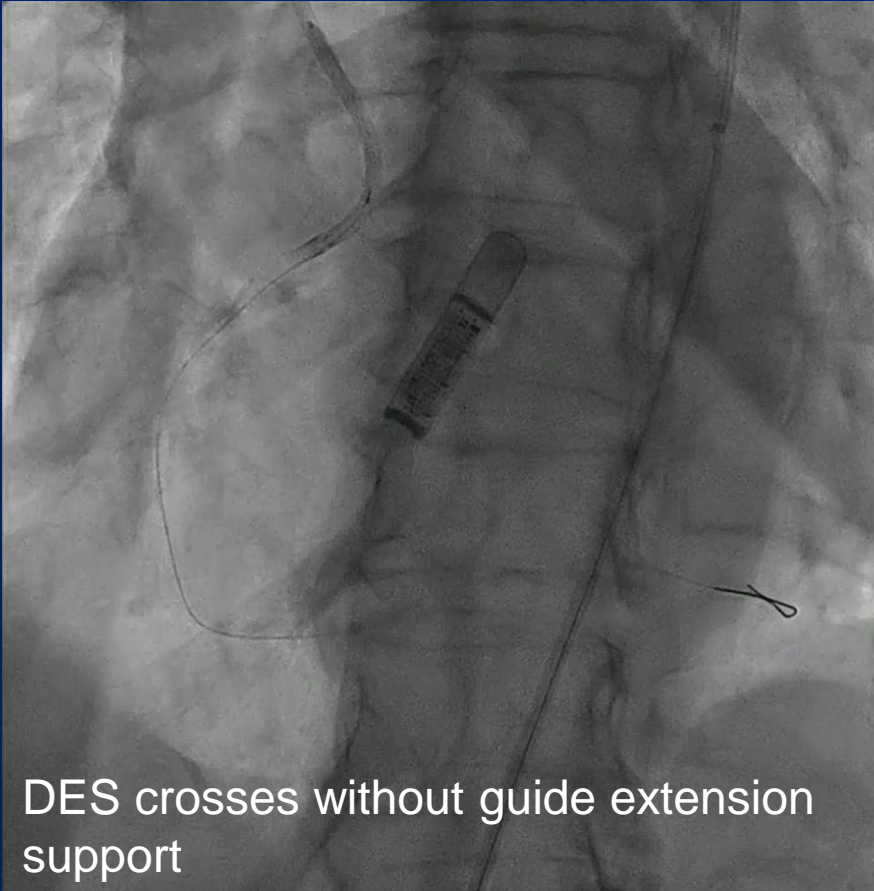


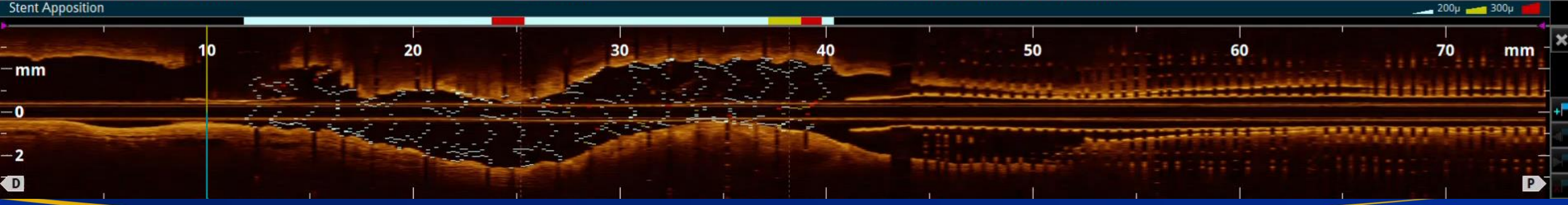
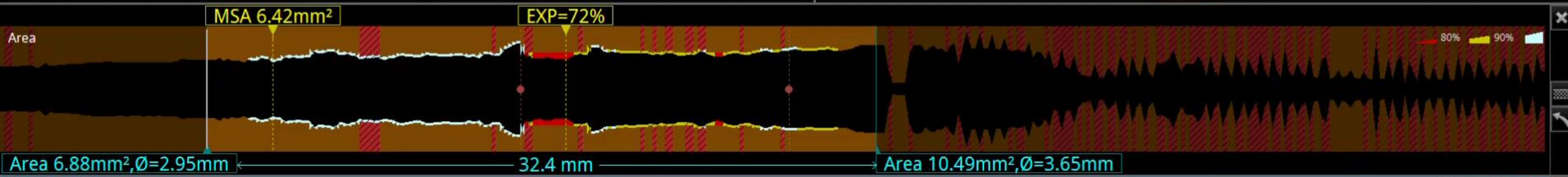


Ca+ Fractures

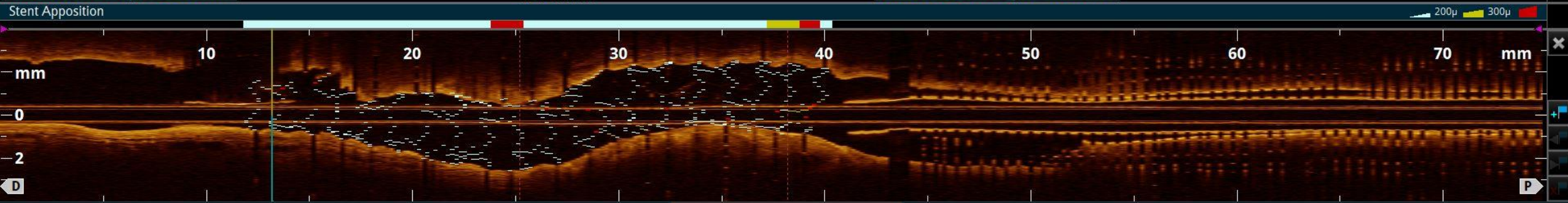
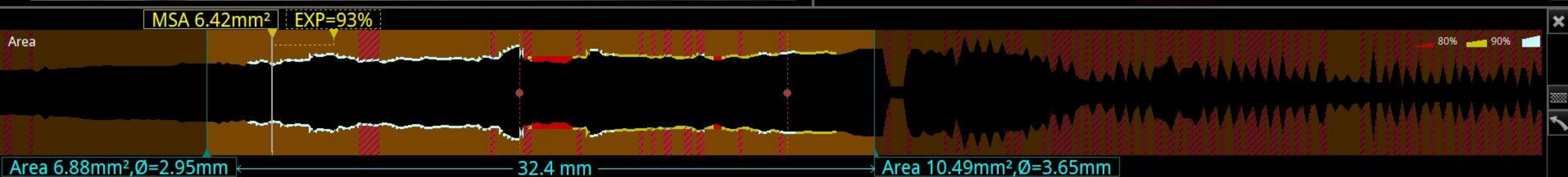
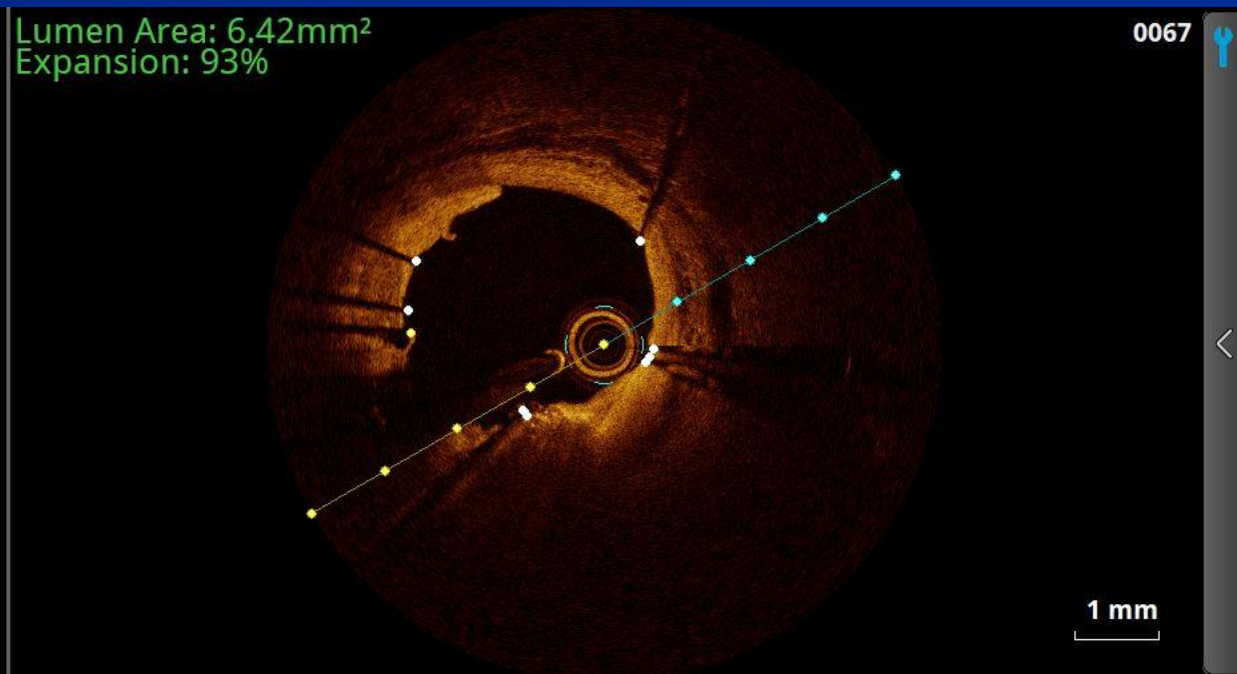


Post IVL

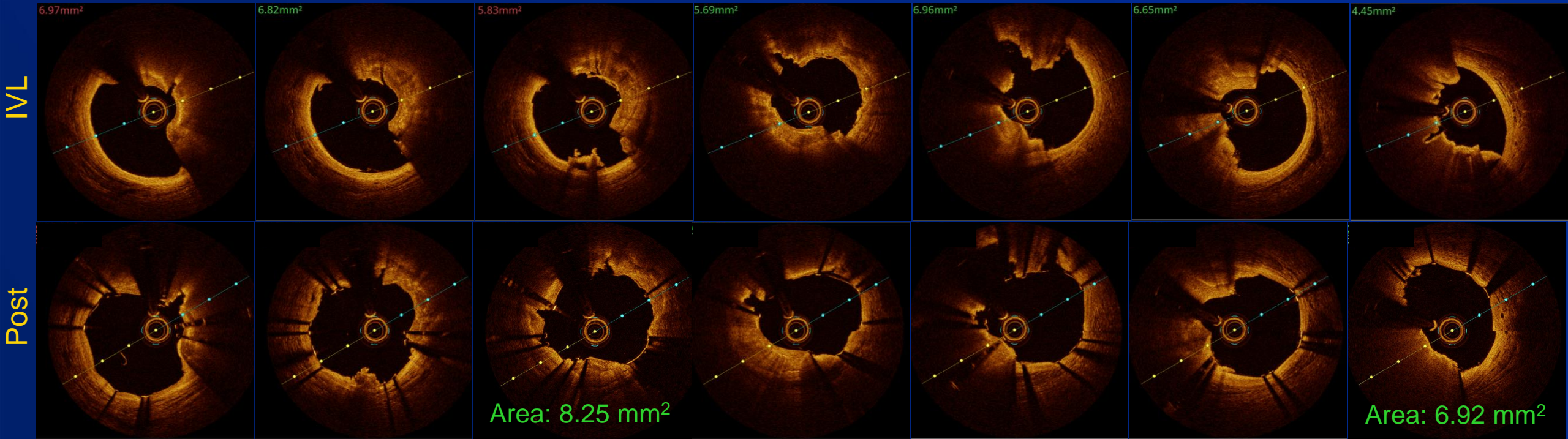




Final Expansion

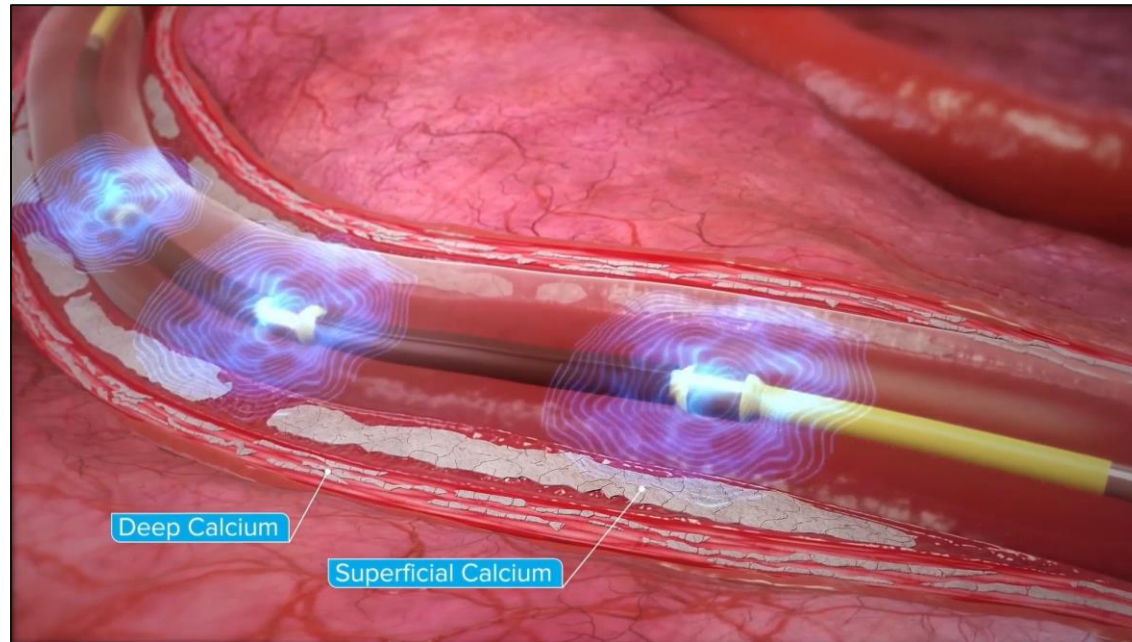


IVL Impact



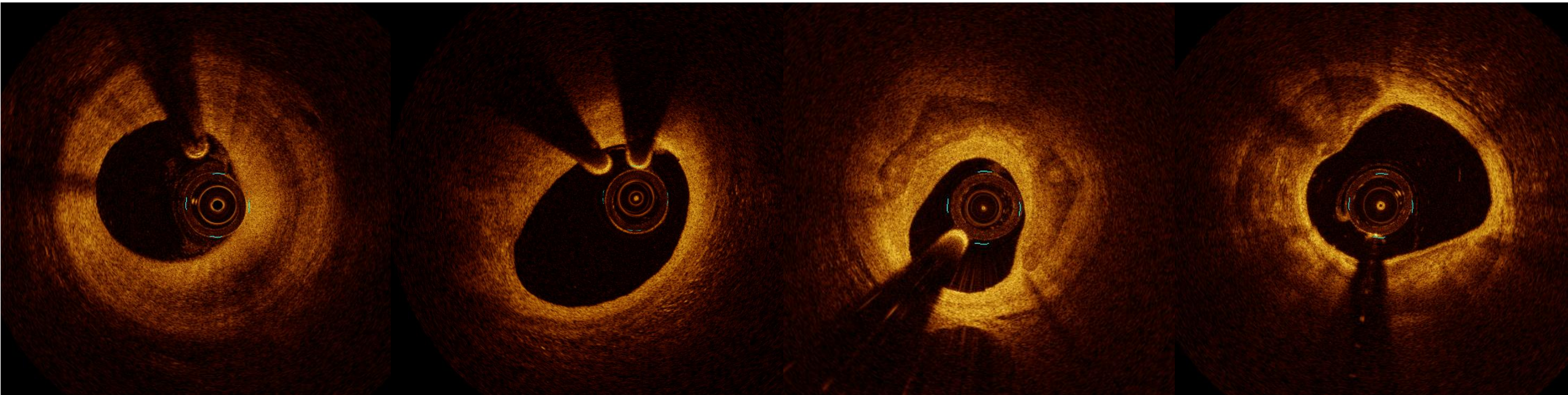
Intravascular Lithotripsy

- Acoustic pressure waves fracture calcium



Acoustic pressure waves travel through tissue with an effective pressure of ~50 atm and fractures both superficial and deep calcium

Morphology Guided Lesion Preparation



FIBROTIC

LIPIDIC

MILD/MODERATE Ca²⁺

SEVERE Ca²⁺

DIRECT STENTING

COMPLIANT BALLOON

NON-COMPLIANT BALLOON

ATHERECTOMY OR IVL

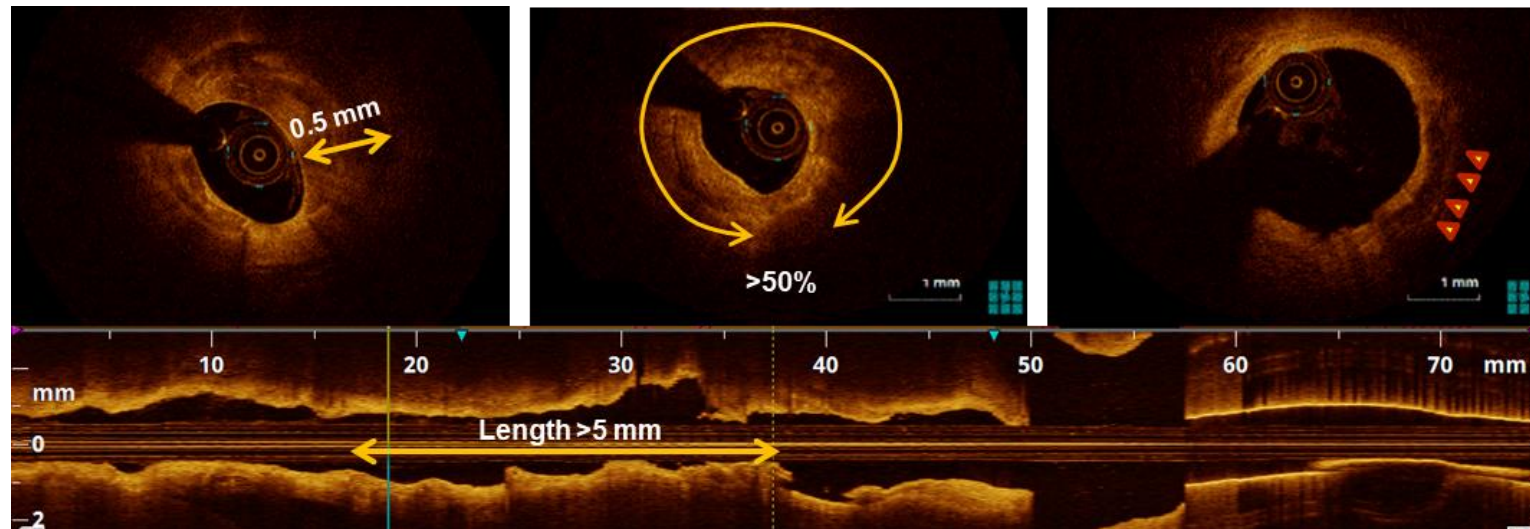
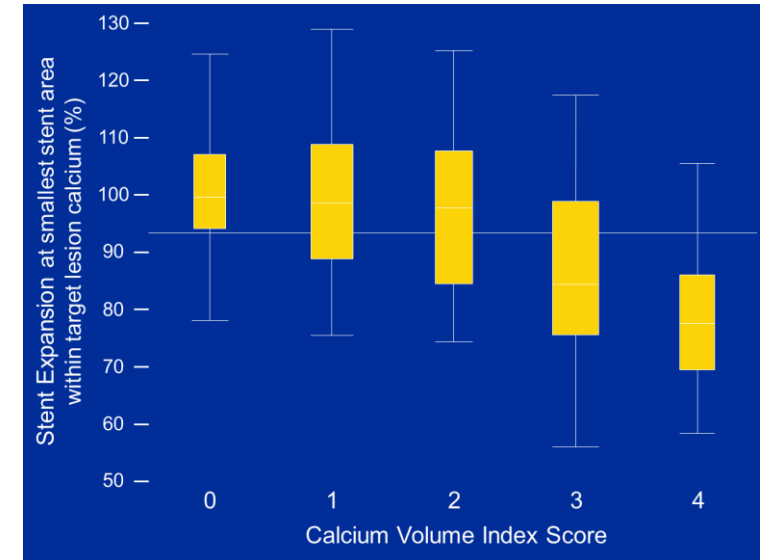
Influence of Ca²⁺ on stent Expansion by OCT

OCT-based Calcium Volume Index Score	
1. Maximum Calcium Angle (°)	≤ 90° → 0 point
	90° < Angle ≤ 180° → 1 point
	> 180° → 2 points
2. Maximum Calcium Thickness (mm)	≤ 0.5 mm → 0 point
	> 0.5 mm → 1 point
3. Calcium Length (mm)	≤ 5.0 mm → 0 point
	> 5.0 mm → 1 point
Total score	0 to 4 points

Rule of 5's

- **0.5mm thickness**
- **5mm long**
- **50% vessel arc**

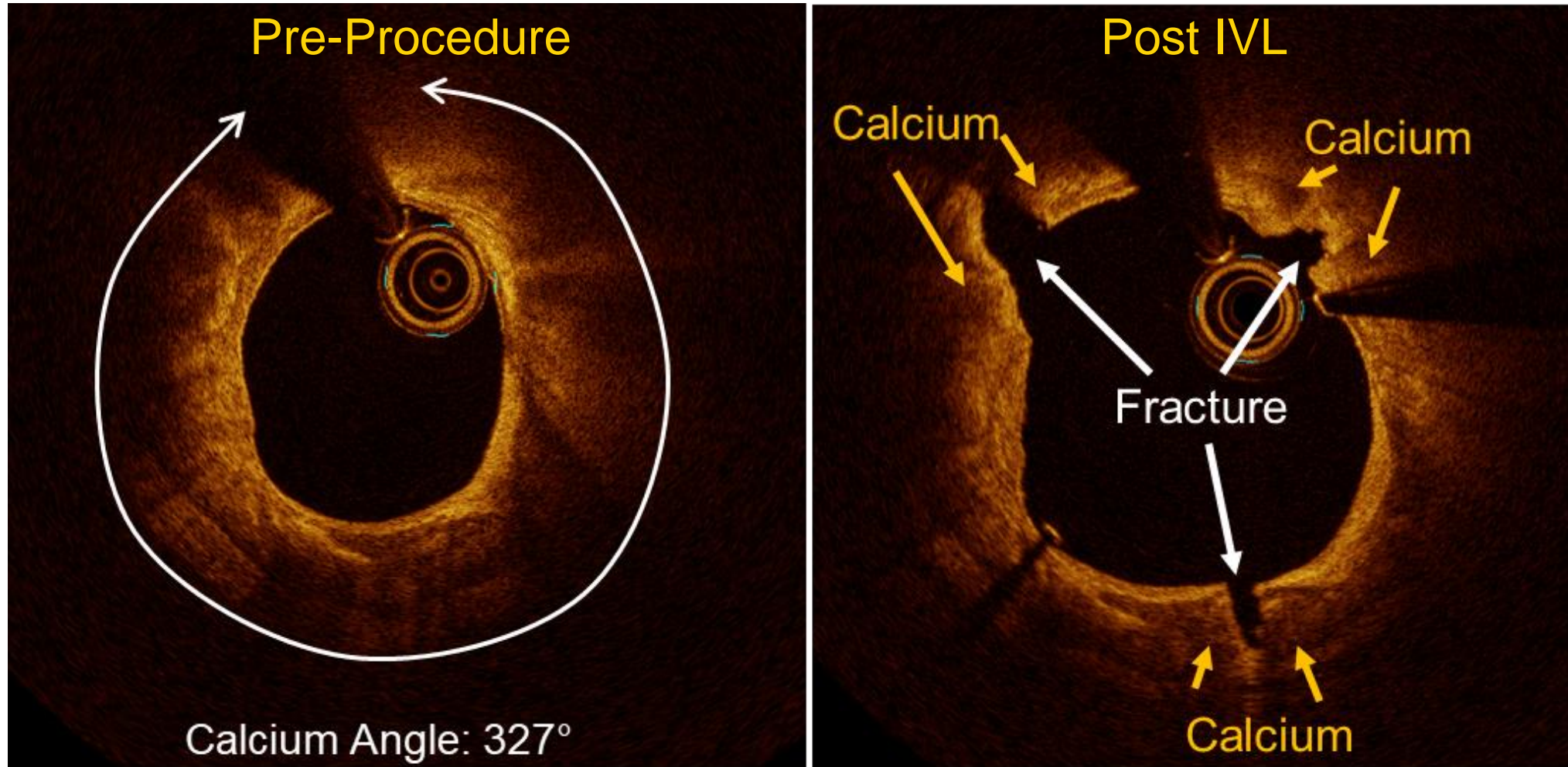
Consider advanced lesion preparation ≥3



Fujino & Maehara. EuroIntervention. 2018 Apr 6;13(18):e2182-e2189.

Mechanism of Action

Circumferential Calcium Fracture



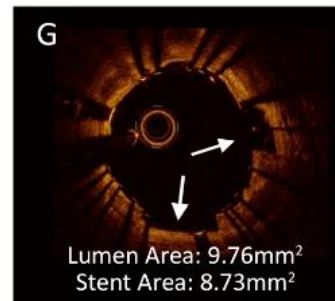
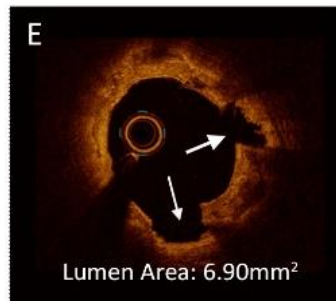
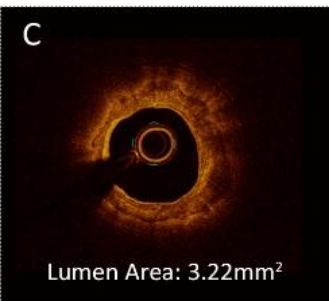
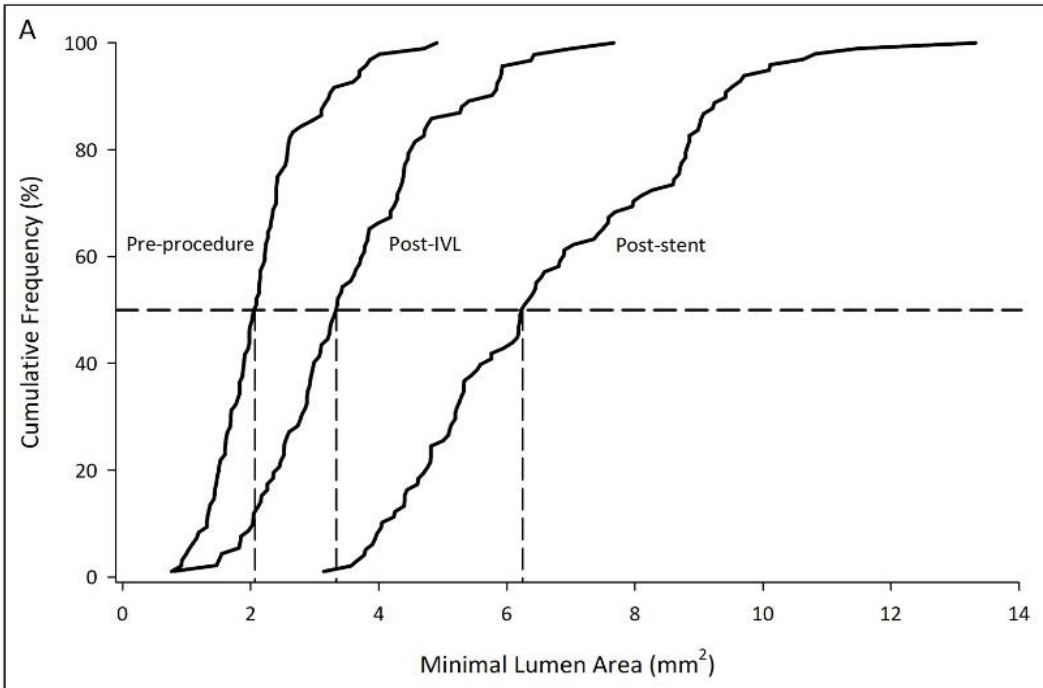
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Serial OCT

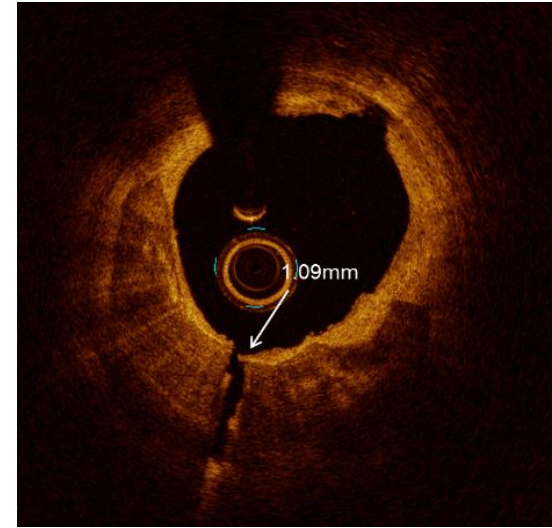
	Pre-IVL N=97	Post-IVL N=92	Post-stent N=98
At MLA site			
Minimum Lumen area, mm ²	2.2 ± 0.8*	3.6 ± 1.4*	6.5 ± 2.0*
Maximum Area stenosis	72 ± 12%*	56 ± 16%*	22 ± 19%*
At Maximum Ca ⁺⁺ site			
Maximum calcium angle, °	293 ± 77		
Maximum calcium thickness, mm	0.96 ± 0.25		
Stent expansion			102 ± 29%
At MSA site			
Minimum stent area, mm ²			6.5 ± 2.1
Any malapposed strut			4.1%

*P<0.01 for all comparisons between pre-IVL, post-IVL, post-stent

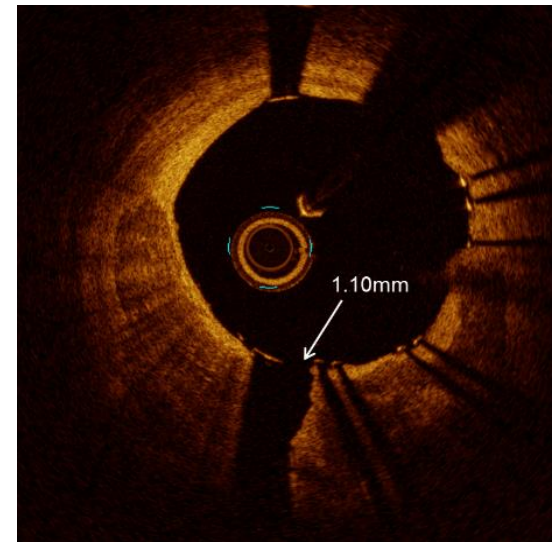
Mechanism of Action



Post-IVL



Post-DES



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Disrupt CAD: OCT Sub-studies

Optical Coherence Tomography Characterization of Coronary Lithoplasty for Treatment of Calcified Lesions



First Description

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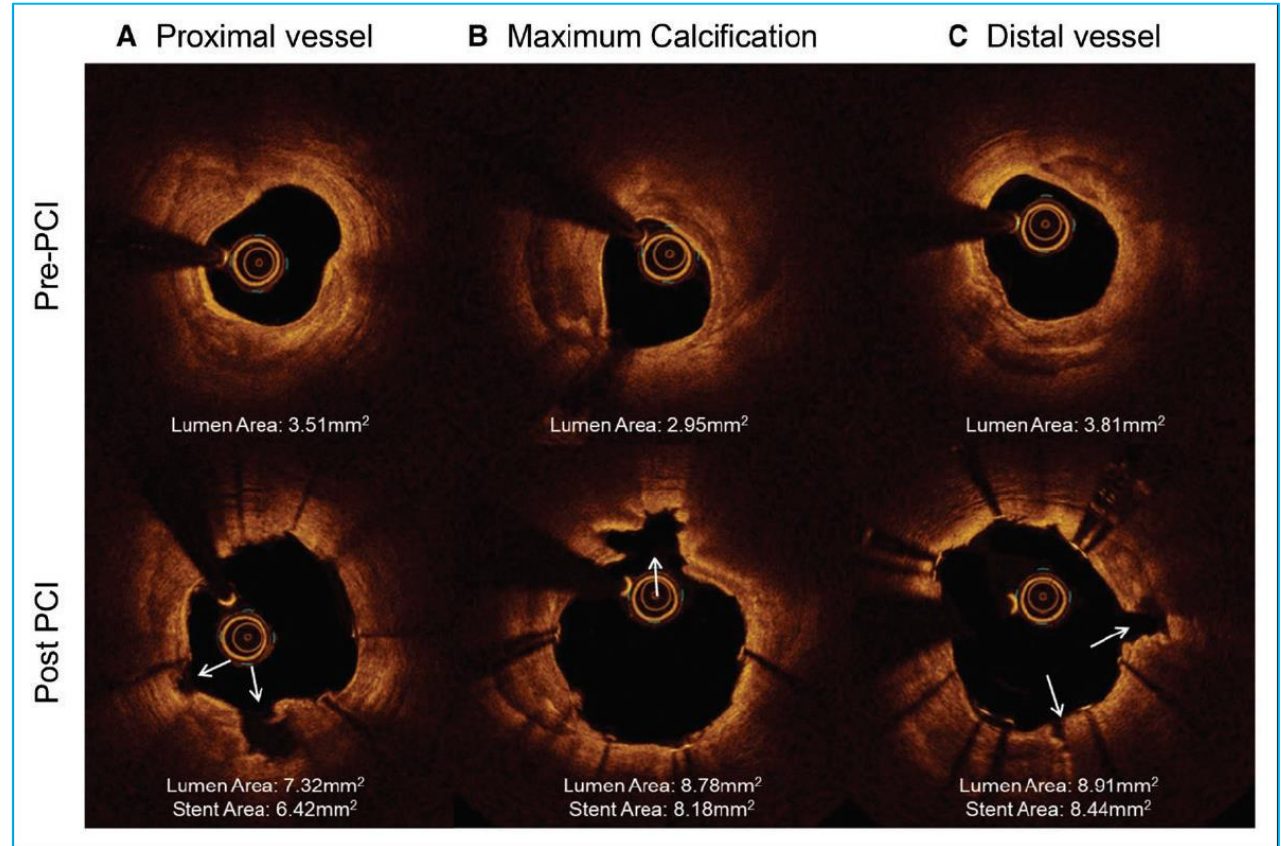


CORONARY INTERVENTIONS

Safety and Effectiveness of Coronary Intravascular Lithotripsy for Treatment of Severely Calcified Coronary Stenoses

The Disrupt CAD II Study

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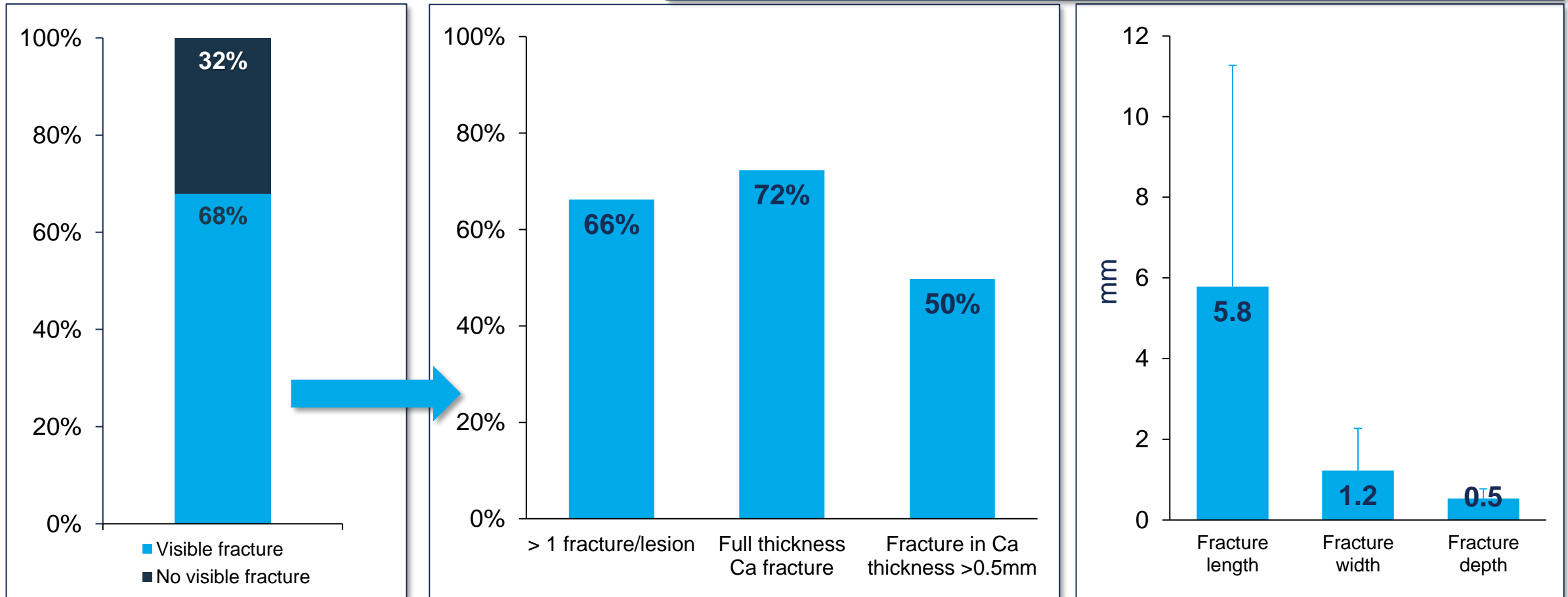
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DISRUPT CAD : OCT demonstrated multiple circumferential calcium fractures and excellent stent expansion

Visible Calcium Fracture by OCT

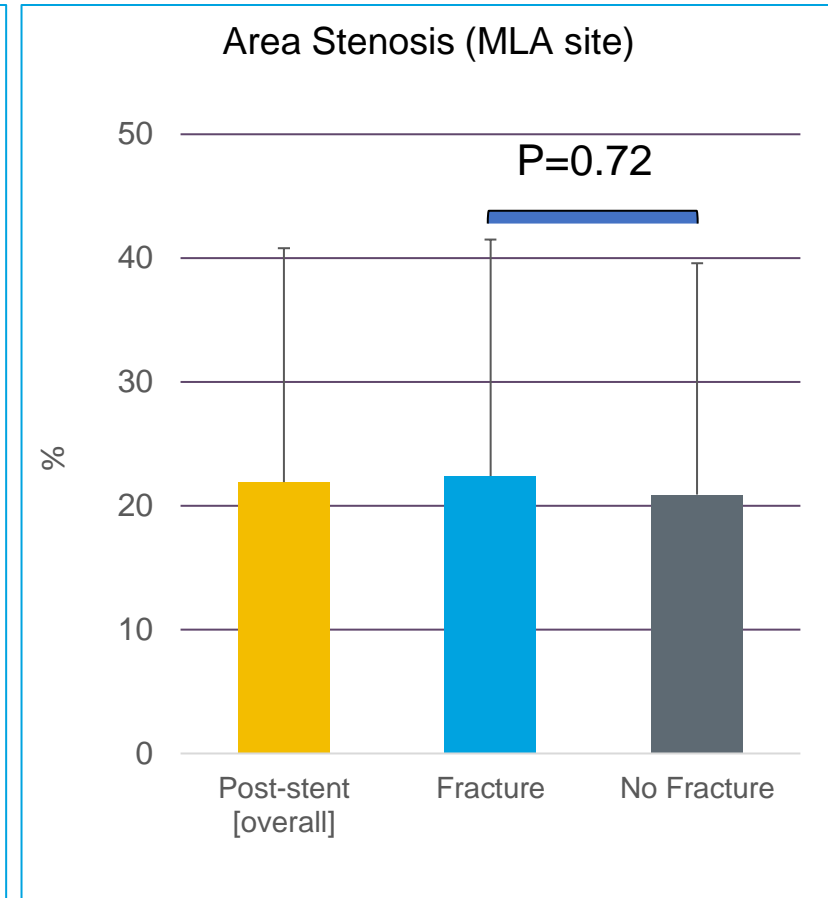
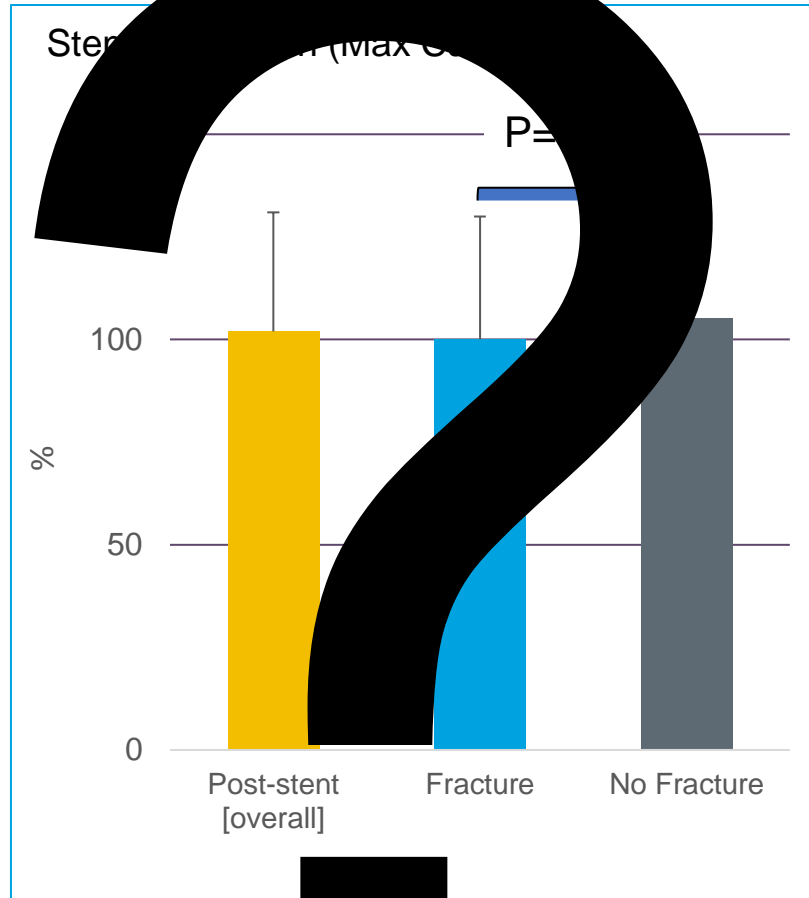
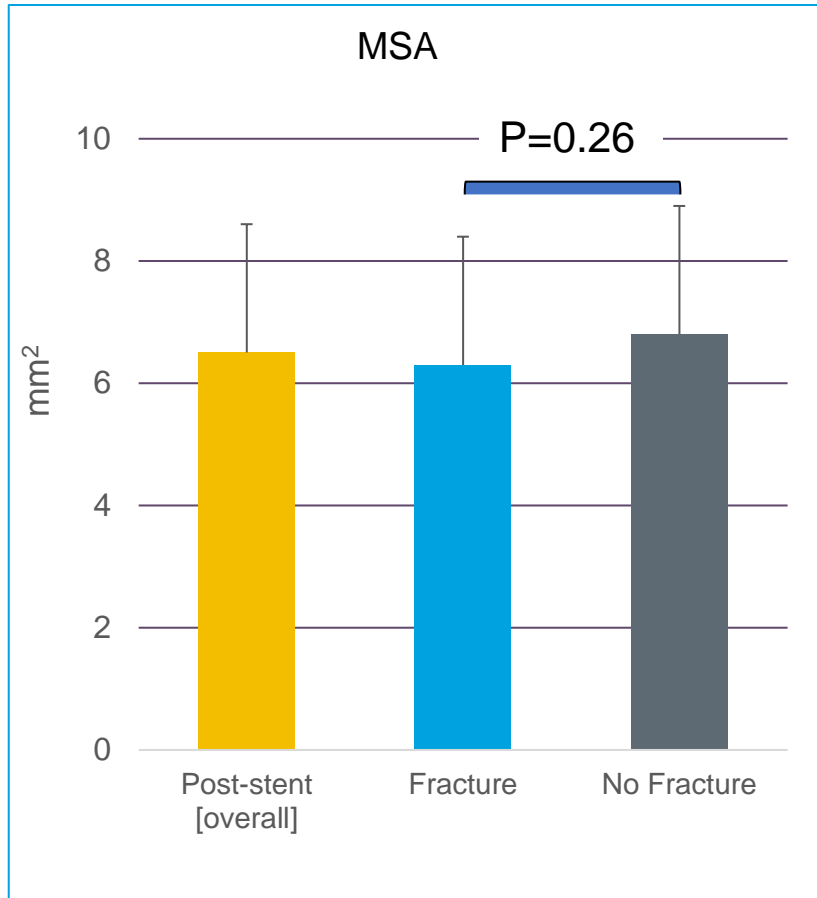
- Disrupt CAD I-IV pooled OCT sub-study patient-level analysis (N = 245)

Average of 3.2 visible fractures per lesion demonstrated by OCT



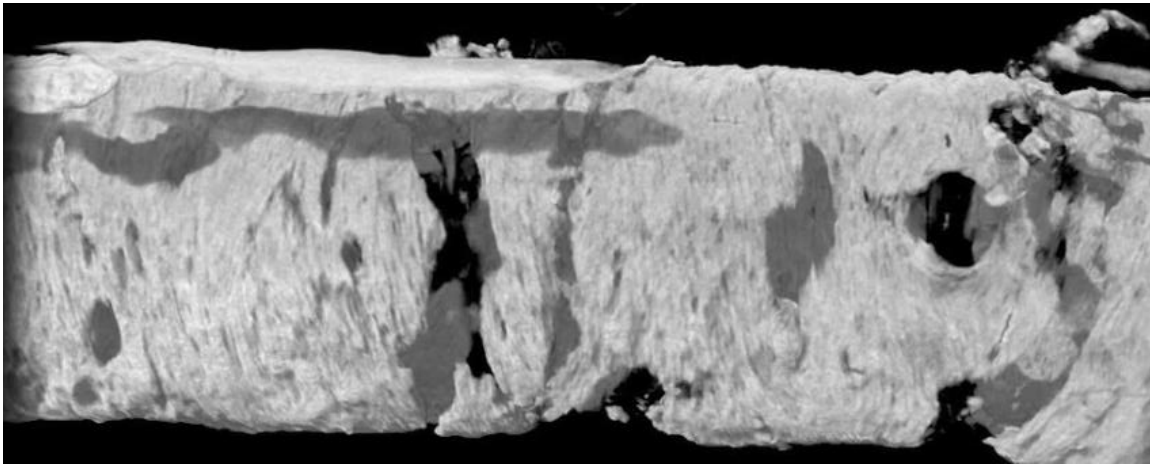
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Outcomes by Fracture Characteristics

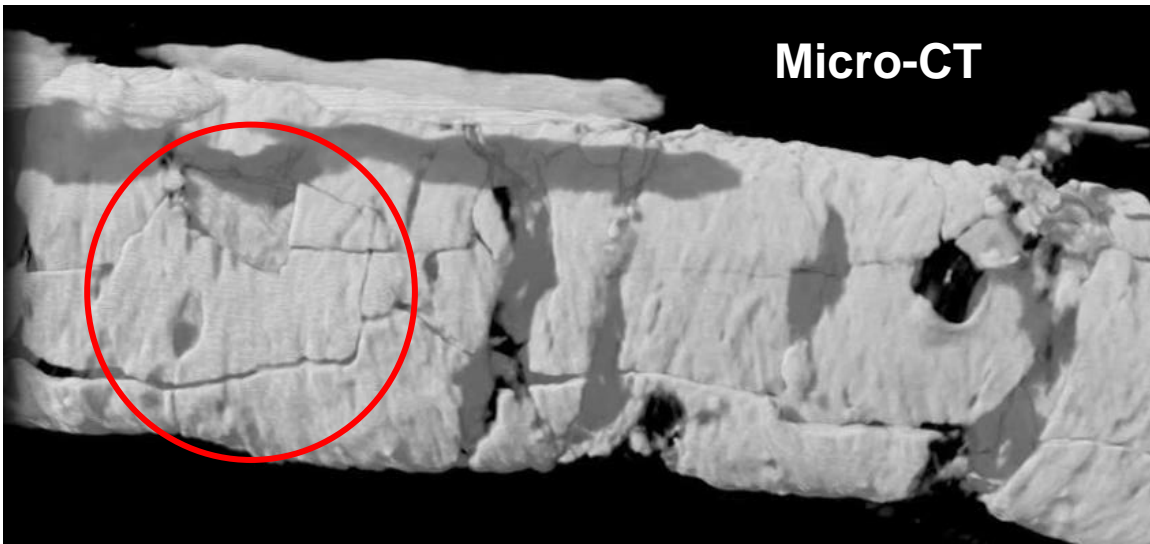


Consistent outcomes regardless of fracture visualization by OCT

Pre-IVL

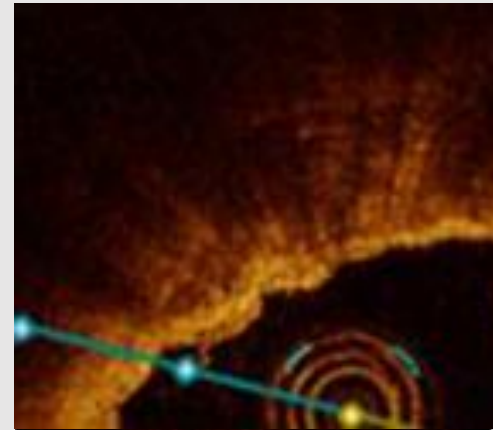


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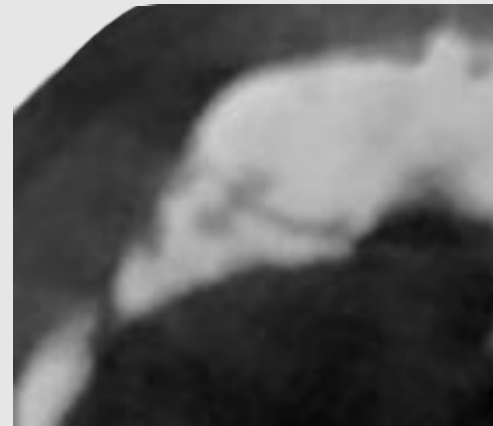


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OCT

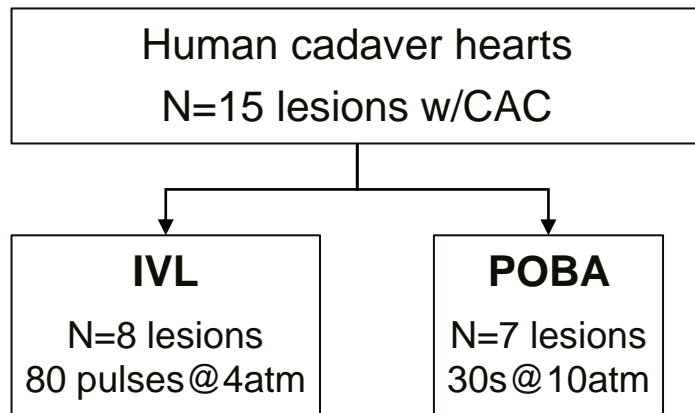


Micro-CT

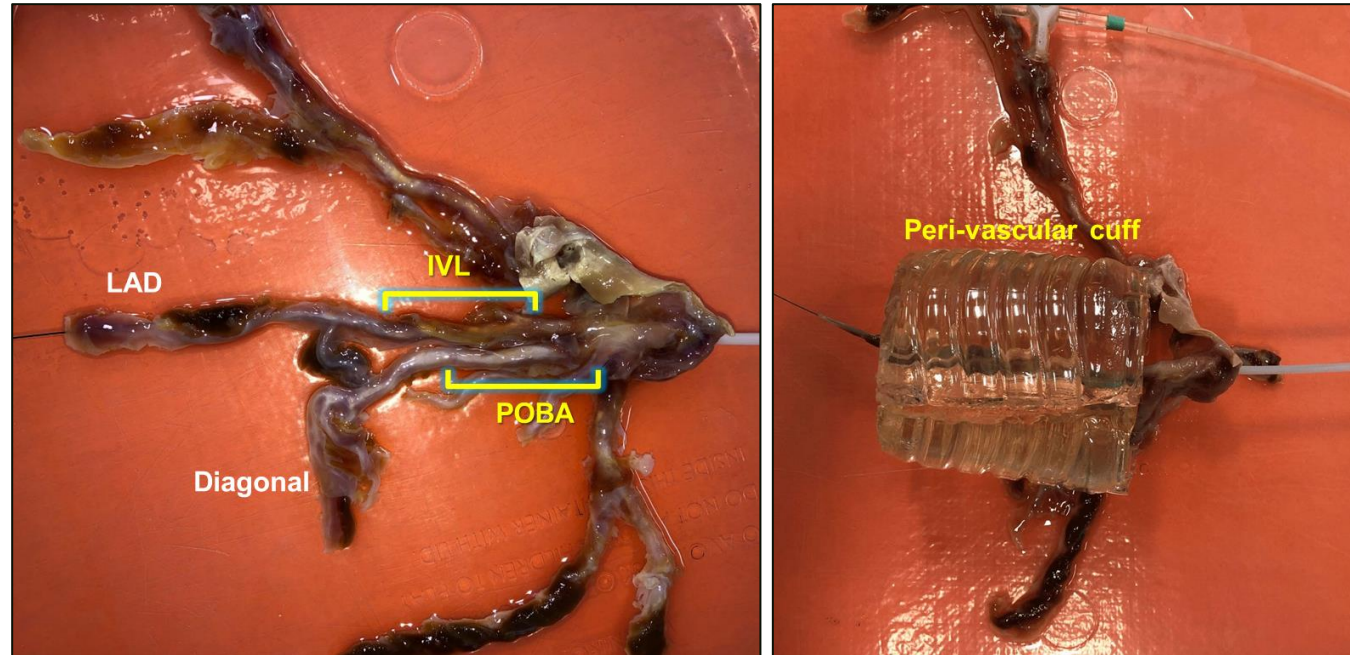


Study design and methods

Objective: Compare the sensitivity of OCT, micro-CT, and histology for calcium fracture detection



- OCT and micro-CT imaging performed before and after treatment with IVL or POBA only (no stent placement).
- Presence and characterization of calcium fracture assessed with OCT and micro-CT; compared against co-registered histological sections.



Coronary arteries were dissected free from each heart

Perivascular cuff placement for immobilization and application of back pressure to simulate *in situ* environment

Lesion characteristics

	IVL (N = 8 lesions)	POBA (N = 7 lesions)	P-value
Target vessel			
LAD	6 (75.0)	5 (71.4)	0.51
LCX	1 (12.5)	2 (28.6)	
RCA	1 (12.5)	0 (0.0)	
Location			
Proximal	6 (75.0)	6 (85.7)	0.63
Mid	1 (12.5)	1 (14.3)	
Distal	1 (12.5)	0 (0.0)	
DS, %	57.8 (46-59.1)	50.7 (46.7-55.3)	0.56
Max arc, degree	145.2 (83.4-270.6)	121.0 (91.3-123.9)	0.31
Min thickness, mm	0.5 (0.4-0.6)	0.6 (0.6-1.0)	0.19
Max thickness, mm	1.1 (1.1-1.3)	1.1 (1.1-1.6)	0.46

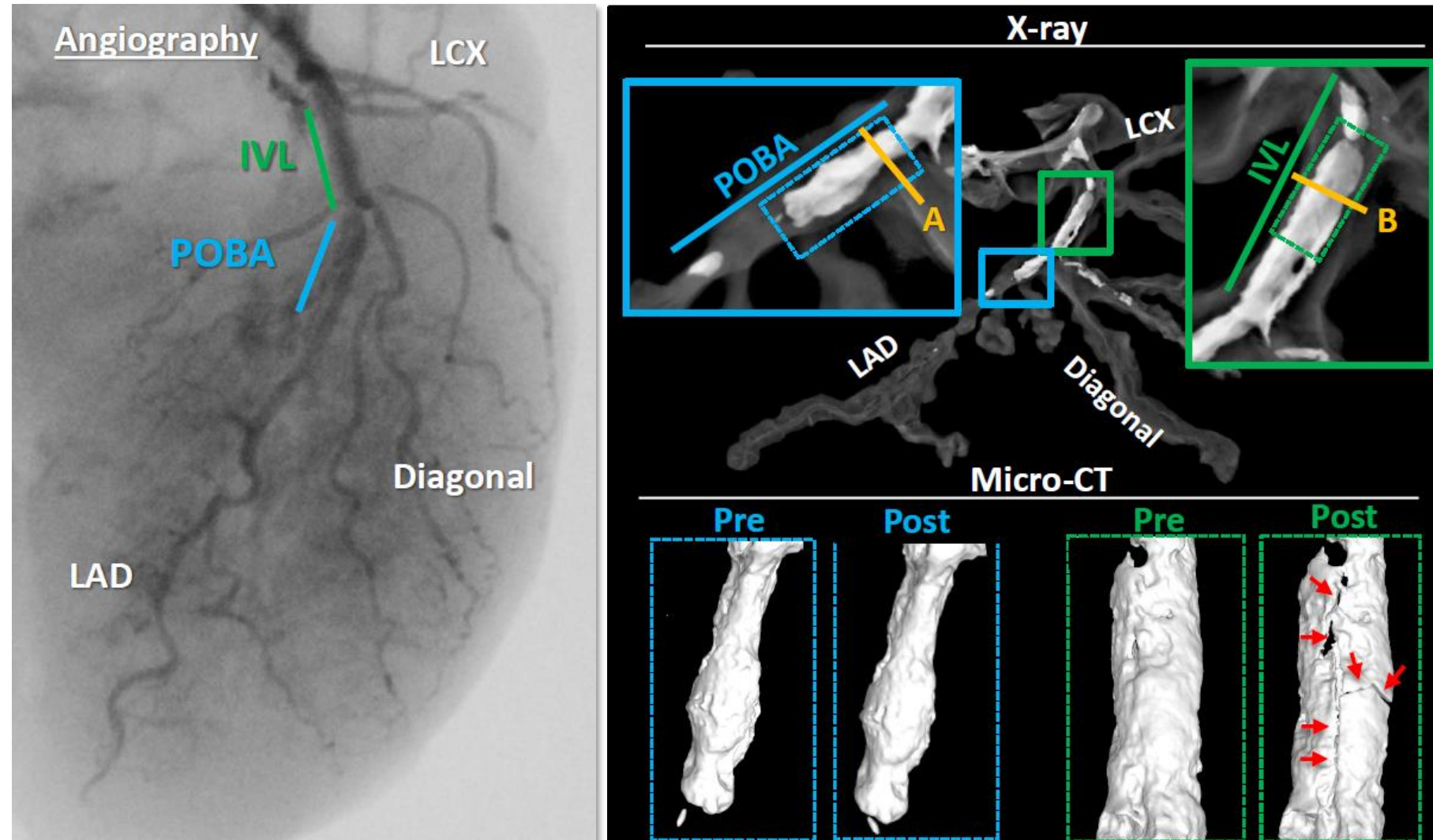
IVL and POBA treatment of calcified lesions

Pre-treatment angiography and x-ray visualization

Fracture visualization:

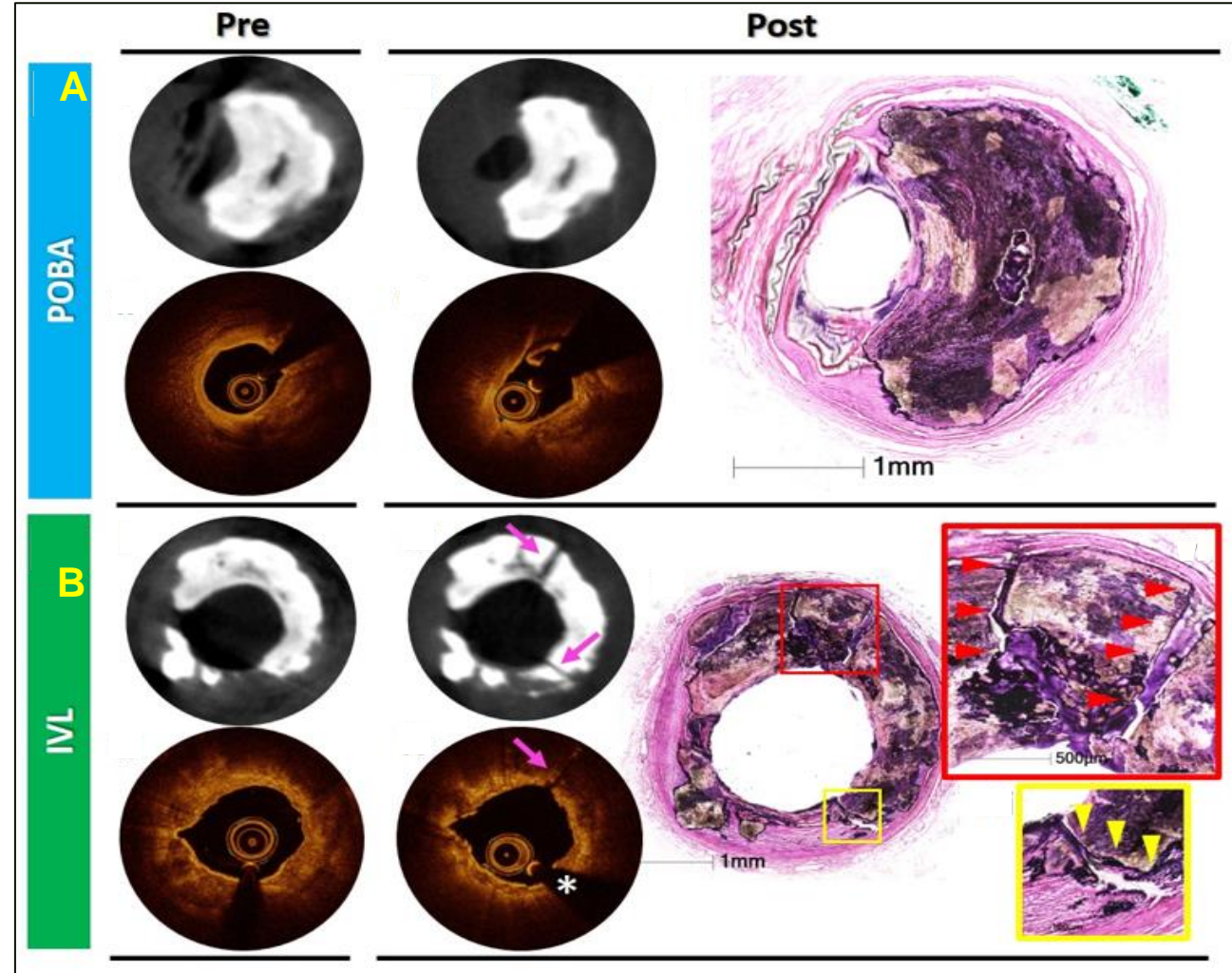
- POBA: 0 fractures
- IVL: 14 fractures

3D micro-CT: longitudinal and transverse calcium fracture following IVL treatment

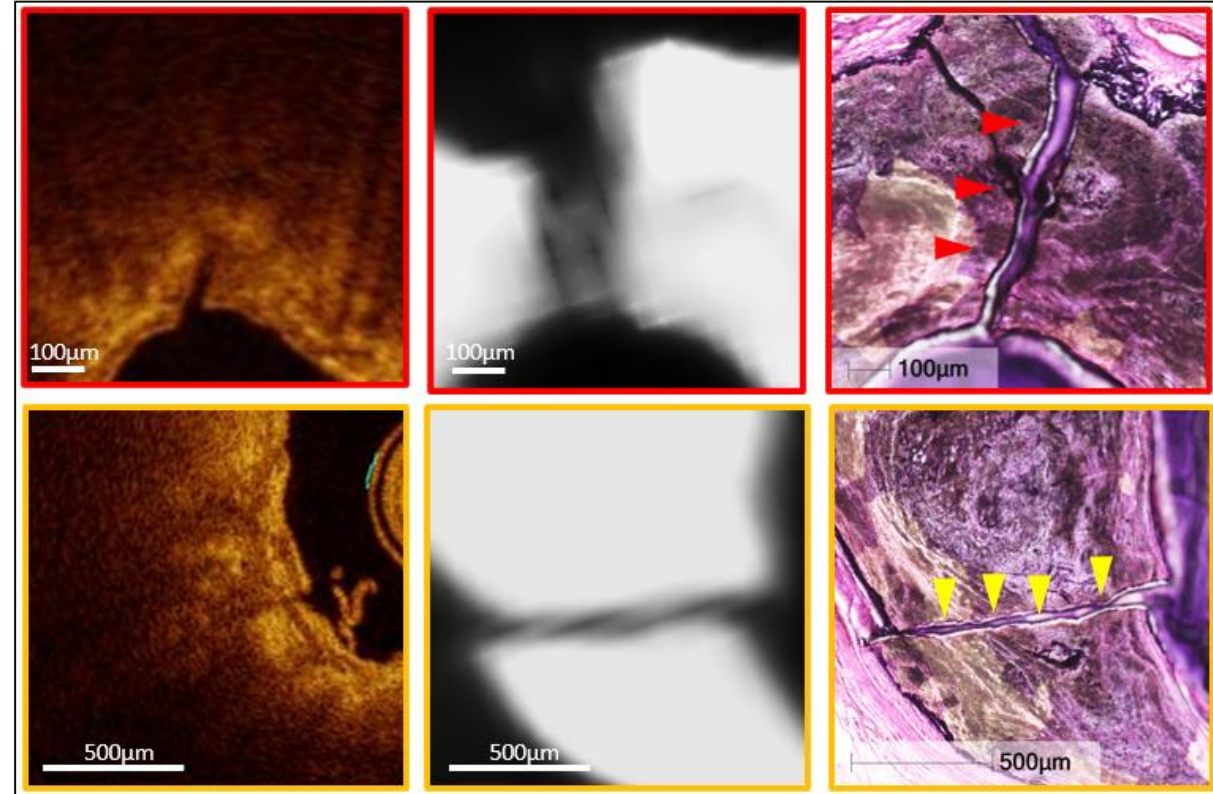
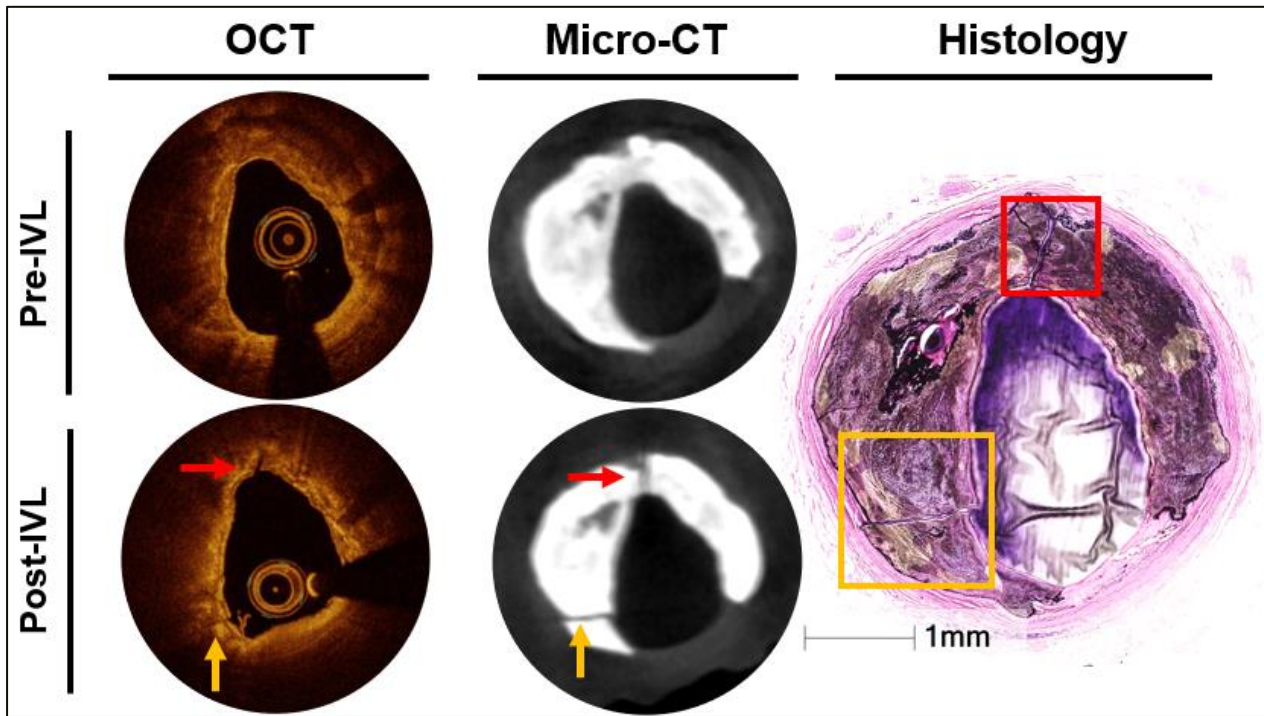


Calcium fracture visualization

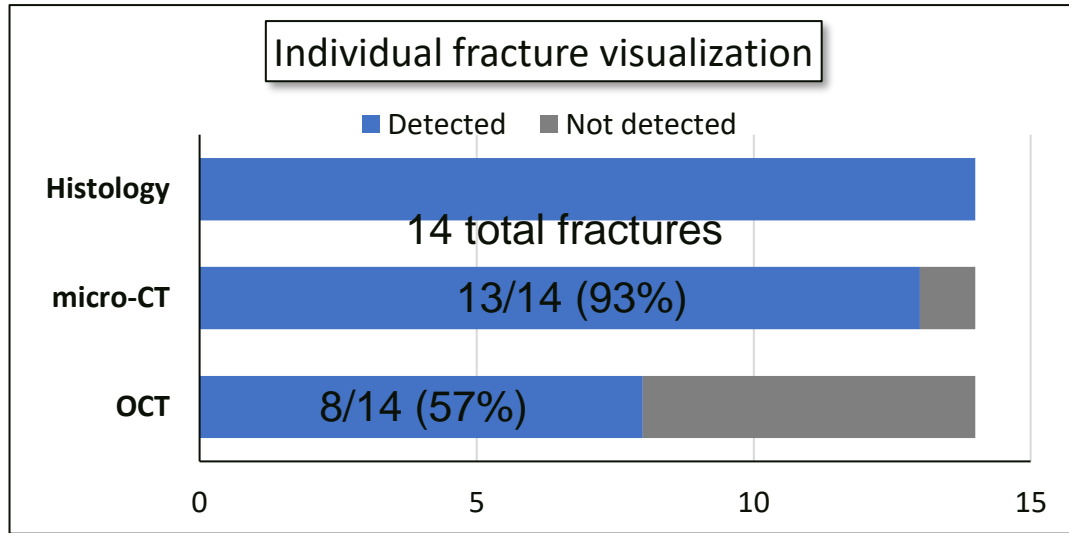
Co-registered pre- and post-treatment cross-sections of micro-CT, OCT, and histology in POBA and IVL groups



OCT Imaging May Underestimate Calcium Fracture Depth

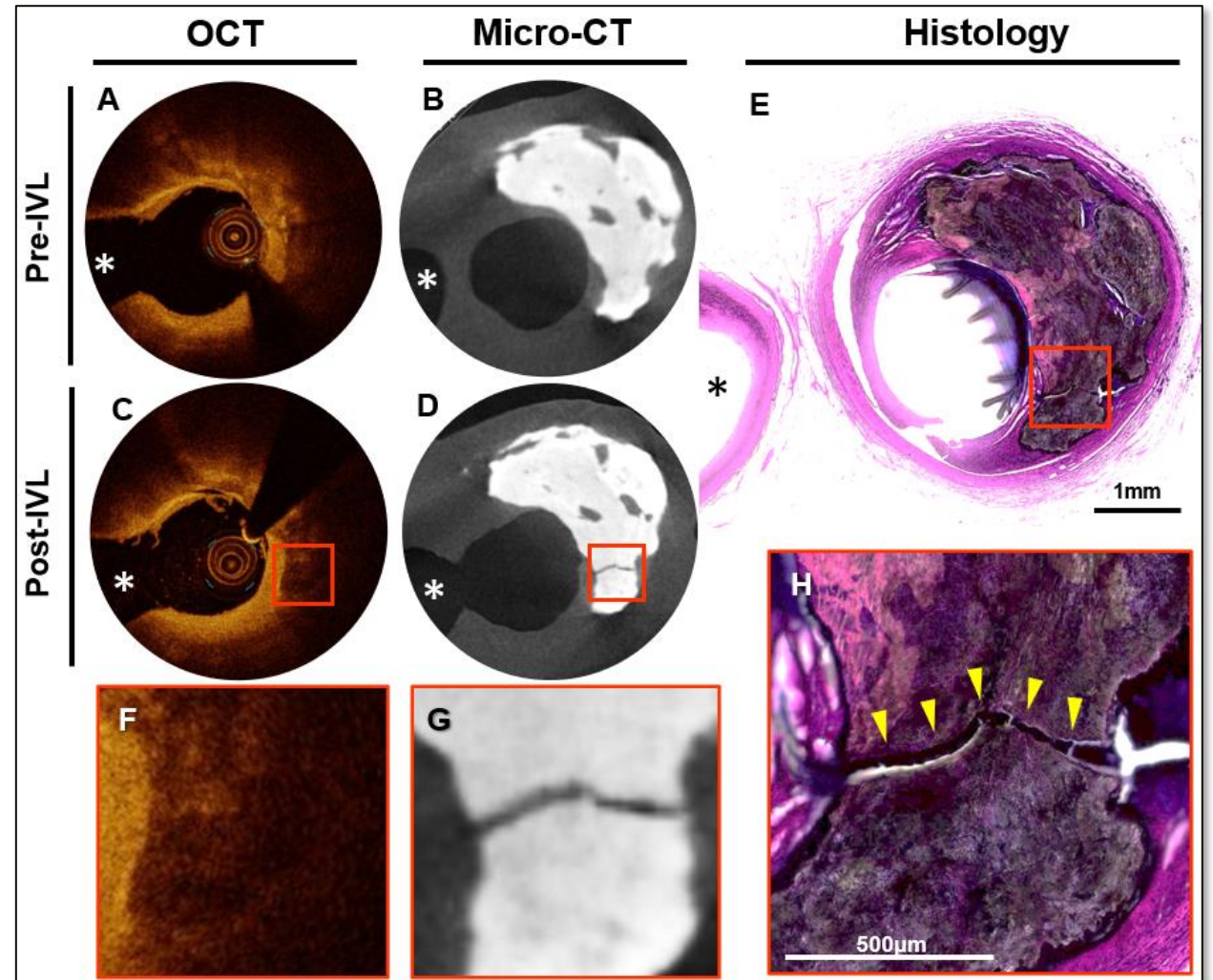


Calcium Fracture Visualization Following IVL Treatment



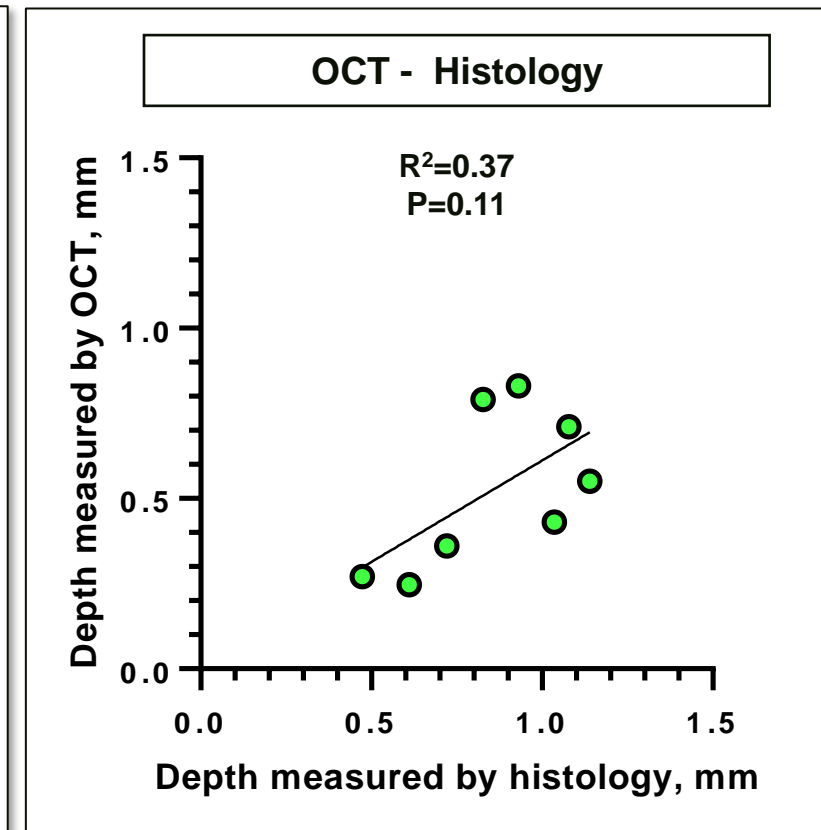
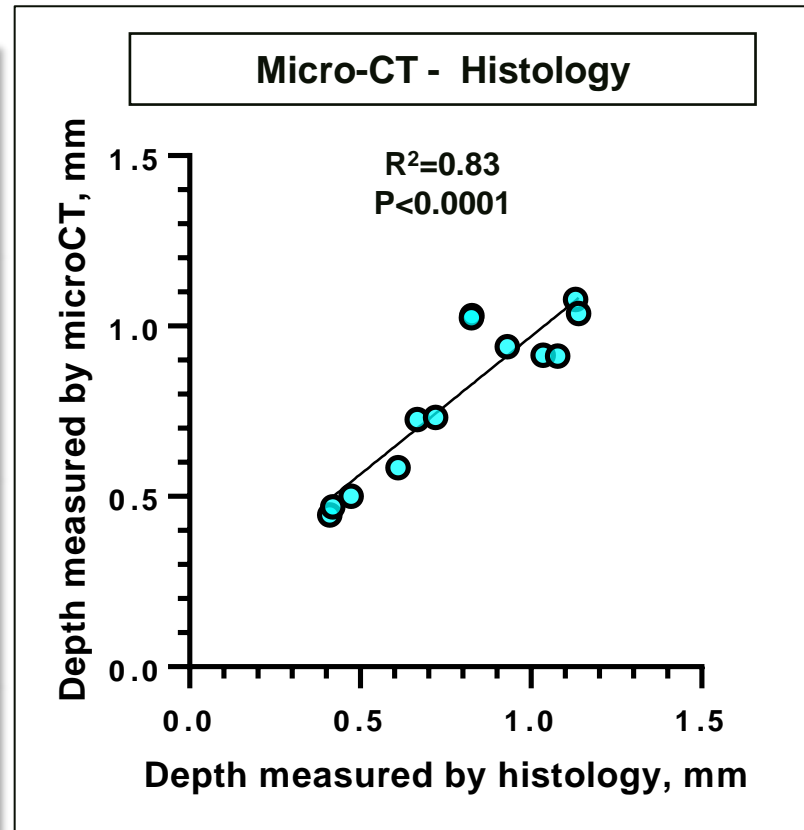
- 14 fractures visualized by histology
- Micro-CT detected **93%** of fractures
- OCT detected **57%** of fractures

OCT may underestimate the presence of calcium fracture



OCT Imaging May Underestimate Calcium Fracture Depth

N = 13 Co-localized fractures	Micro-CT	Histology
Fracture depth, mm	0.91 (0.54 – 1.0)	0.83 (0.54 – 1.1)
N = 8 Co-localized fractures	OCT	Histology
Fracture depth, mm	0.49 (0.29 – 0.77)	0.88 (0.64 – 1.1)



Conclusions

- This *ex-vivo* study represents the first histological examination and comparison of OCT and micro-CT imaging modalities to evaluate calcium fracture following IVL treatment.
- IVL treatment demonstrated histologically more calcium fracture compared to POBA treatment.
- OCT may underestimate the **presence of calcium fracture** and calcium **fracture depth** compared to micro-CT.