

**Five-Year Follow-UP after Treatment of
Diffuse In-Stent Restenosis with Rotational
Atherectomy Followed by Radiation Therapy
with a $^{188}\text{Re-MAG}_3$ -Filled Balloon
(R4 trial)**

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R4 trial

Radiation with

$^{188}\text{Re-MAG}_3$ -filled balloon after

Rotablation for diffuse in-stent

Restenosis

Purpose

**To evaluate the efficacy and
5-year clinical outcomes
of R4 trial**

Inclusion Criteria

- **Diffuse In-stent Restenosis**
(**>10 mm in length**)
- **Total occlusion**

Exclusion Criteria

- **LV EF < 30%**
- **AMI within 72 hours**
- **Coronary artery spasm**
- **Creatinine > 3.0 mg/dL**
- **Concomitant serious disease:
 expected survival < 2 years**
- **Pregnant woman**

Subject

From March 1999 to February 2000

50 patients (M/F: 42/8, 56 years)

Diffuse ISR

(mean lesion length 25.6 ± 12.7 mm)

Method

- **$^{188}\text{Re-MAG}_3$ -filled balloon after
*Rotational atherectomy with adjunctive balloon angioplasty***
- **Fractionation allowed if needed**
- **Single lesion for brachytherapy in patients with multivessel disease**
- **Long balloon preferred**
- **Overlapping permitted**

How Much to Prescribe?

- AMC: ^{188}Re 15 Gy @ 1 mm depth from balloon / artery interface
- ARREST: ^{192}Ir 12 Gy @ 2mm
- ARTISTIC: ^{192}Ir 12-18 Gy @ 2mm for ISR
- BERT: ^{90}Sr 12/ 14/ 16 Gy @ 2mm
- Beta-WRIST: 20.6 Gy @ 1.2mm for ISR
- CURE: ^{188}Re 20 Gy @ balloon surface
- START: ^{90}Sr 19-20 Gy @ 2mm for ISR
- Perth: ^{188}Re 30 Gy @ 0.5mm for ISR

Antithrombotic Therapy

- Aspirin 200 mg qd indefinitely
- Ticlopidine 250 mg bid for 1 month
- Cilostazol 100 mg bid > 6 months

Follow-Up

Angiographic follow-up at 6 months, and 2 years after brachytherapy

QCA Analysis

Clinical follow-up at 60 months:

MACE and other significant events

Clinical characteristics (n=50)

Clinical diagnosis (%)

Unstable angina 33 (66)

Stable angina 17 (34)

Involved artery (%)

Left Main 1 (2)

LAD 34 (68)

LCX 5 (10)

RCA 10 (20)

LV ejection fraction (%) 60 ± 7

Lesion Morphology

Mean Lesion Length 25.6 ± 12.7 mm

Length $> 10, \leq 20$ mm **21 (42%)**

$> 20, \leq 30$ mm **13 (26%)**

> 30 mm **16 (32%)**

***Total occlusion** **10 (20%)**

Radiation Coverage

Mean Lesion Length 25.6 ± 12.7 mm

Mean RT Balloon Length 37.6 ± 11.2 mm

Radiation Length 20mm 3 (6)

30mm 19 (38)

40mm 21 (42)

30mm × 2 7 (14)

Overlapping Balloon 7 (14)

Radiation duration 202 ± 62 sec

Pressure ***Nominal (6 atm)***

Procedure-related Data

Reference artery size (mm)	2.89 ± 0.40
MLD (mm)	
Preprocedural	0.60 ± 0.44
Postprocedural	2.68 ± 0.39
Diameter stenosis (%)	
Baseline	79.8 ± 14.1
Final	6.53 ± 12.2
Balloon/Artery Ratio	1.23 ± 0.21
Acute gain, mm	2.08 ± 0.46

Immediate Results

- *Success rate: 100 %*
- *No major procedure related complications*
- *No episode of isotope leakage*

6-month angiographic FU

6-mo angiographic FU rate **50/50 (100%)**

F/U MLD (mm) **2.08 ± 0.46**

Late Loss (mm) **0.37 ± 0.65**

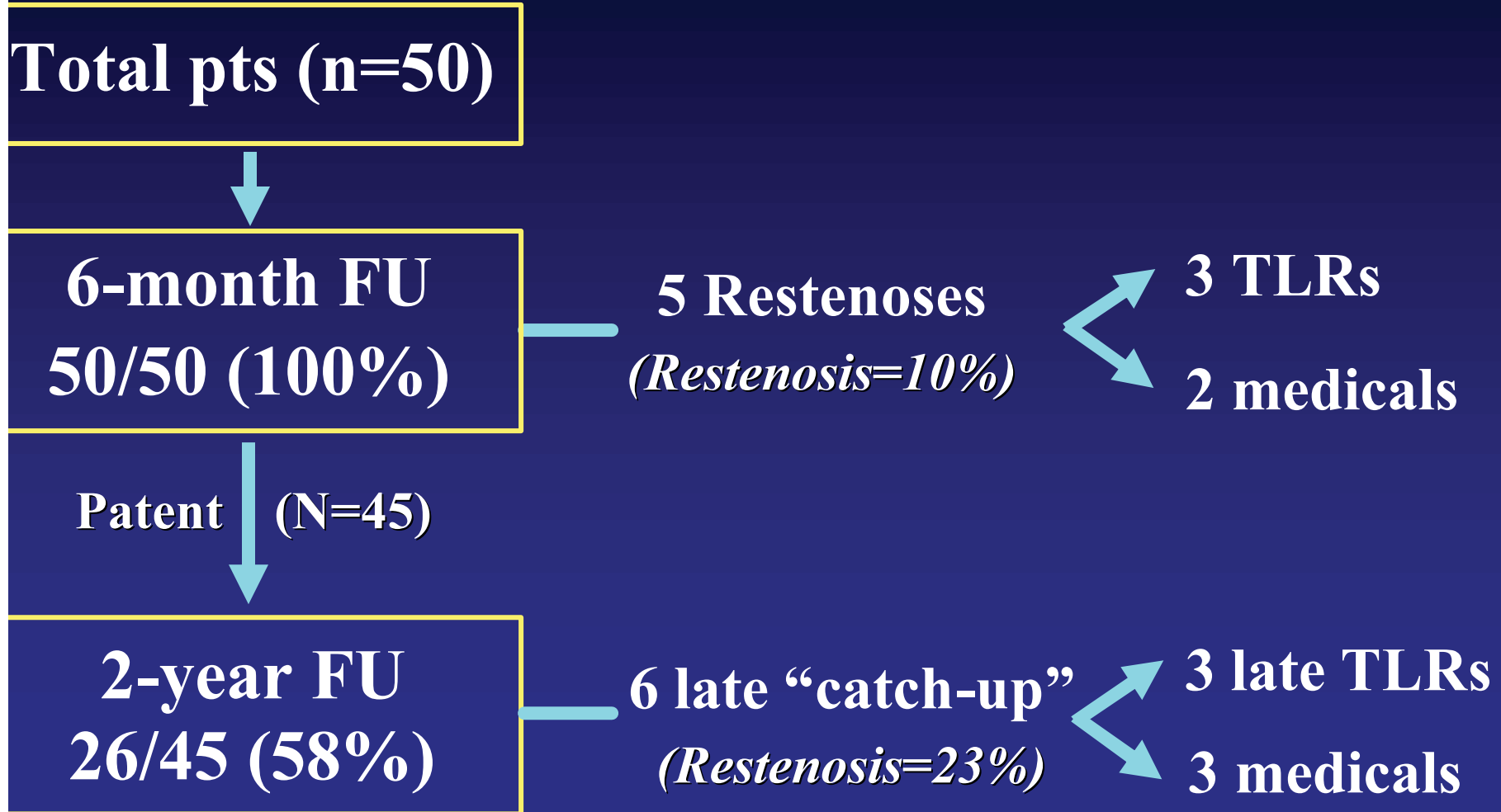
Loss Index **0.17 ± 0.31**

Restenosis rate (%) **5/50 (10%)**

In-stent **2**

Edge **3**

6-month & 2-year angiographic FU



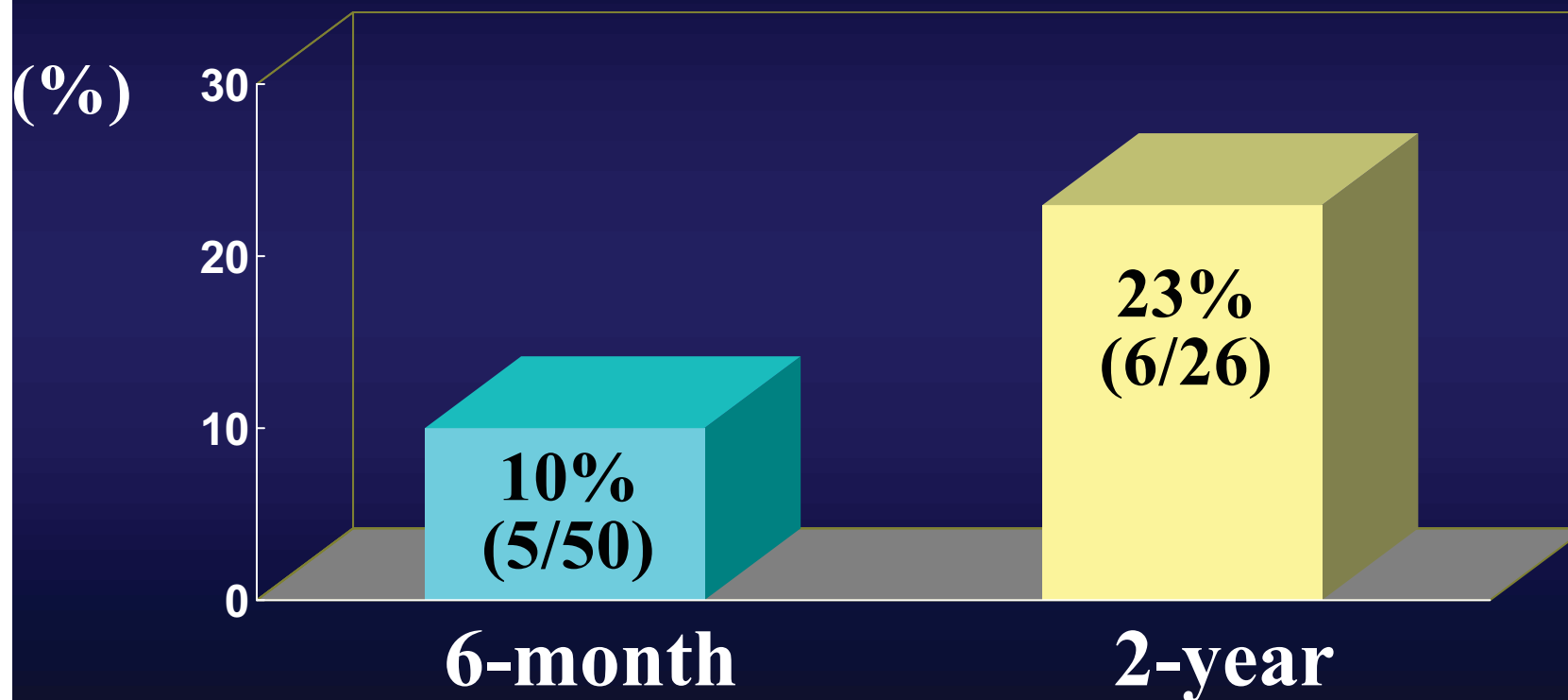
6-month & 2-year angiographic **Restenosis Rate**

N = 50 patients

FU = 50/50 (100%)

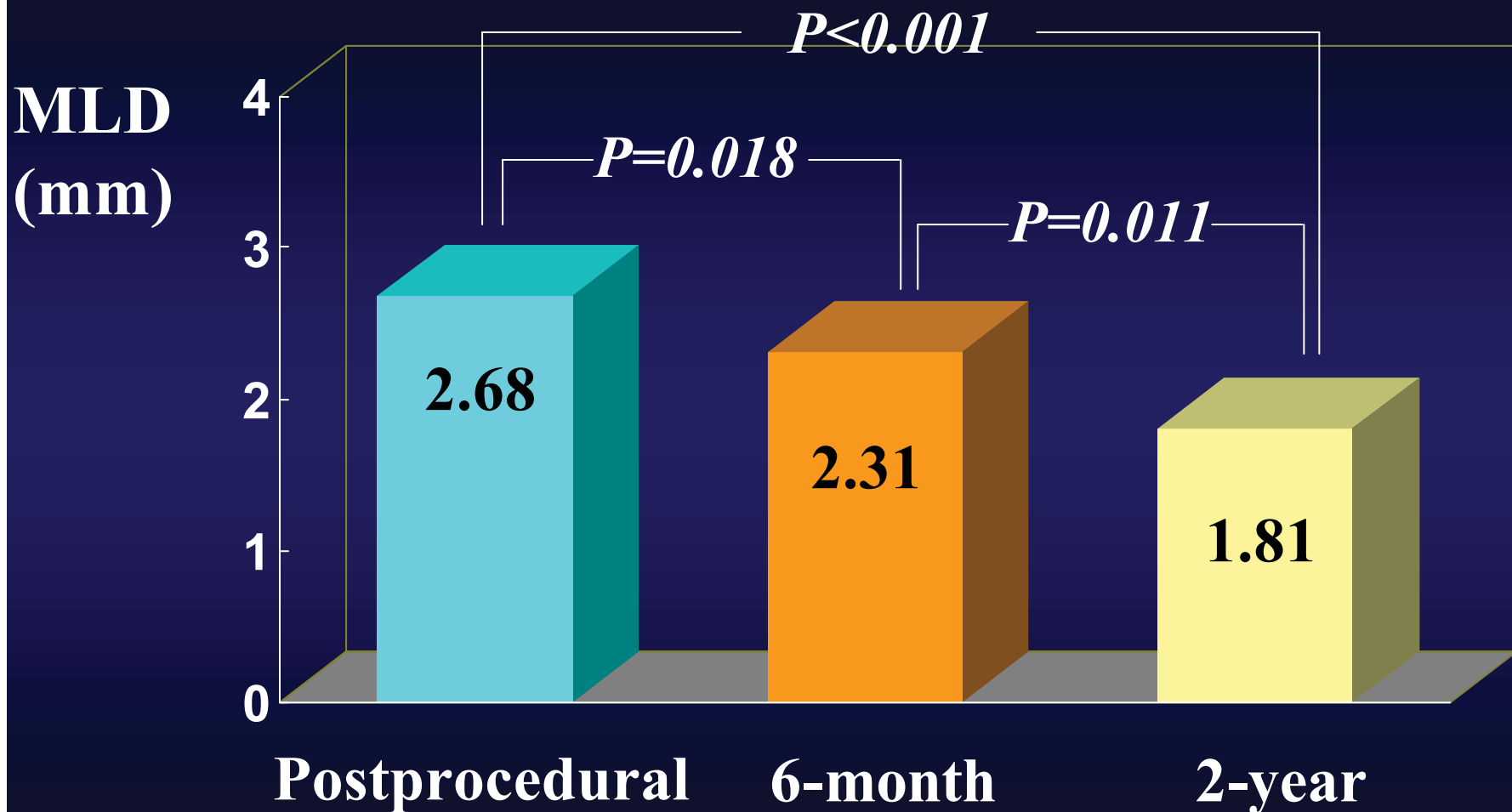
N = 45 patients

FU = 26/45 (58%)

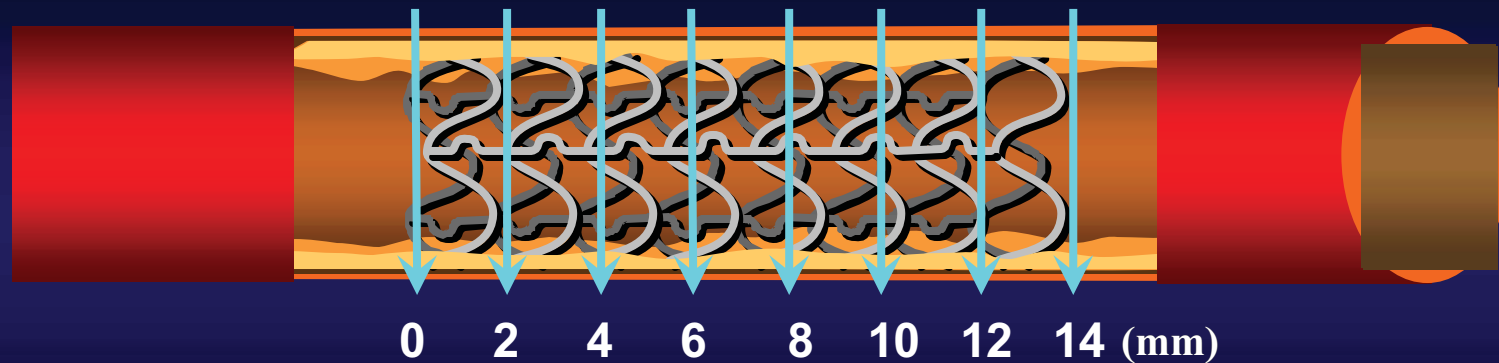


6-month & 2-year angiographic MLD

N=2



Postprocedural, 6-Month, & 2-Year *Quantitative IVUS Measurement*



Proximal

Stent segment

Distal

In-stent segment with 2 mm interval

→ Average stent CSA (mm²)

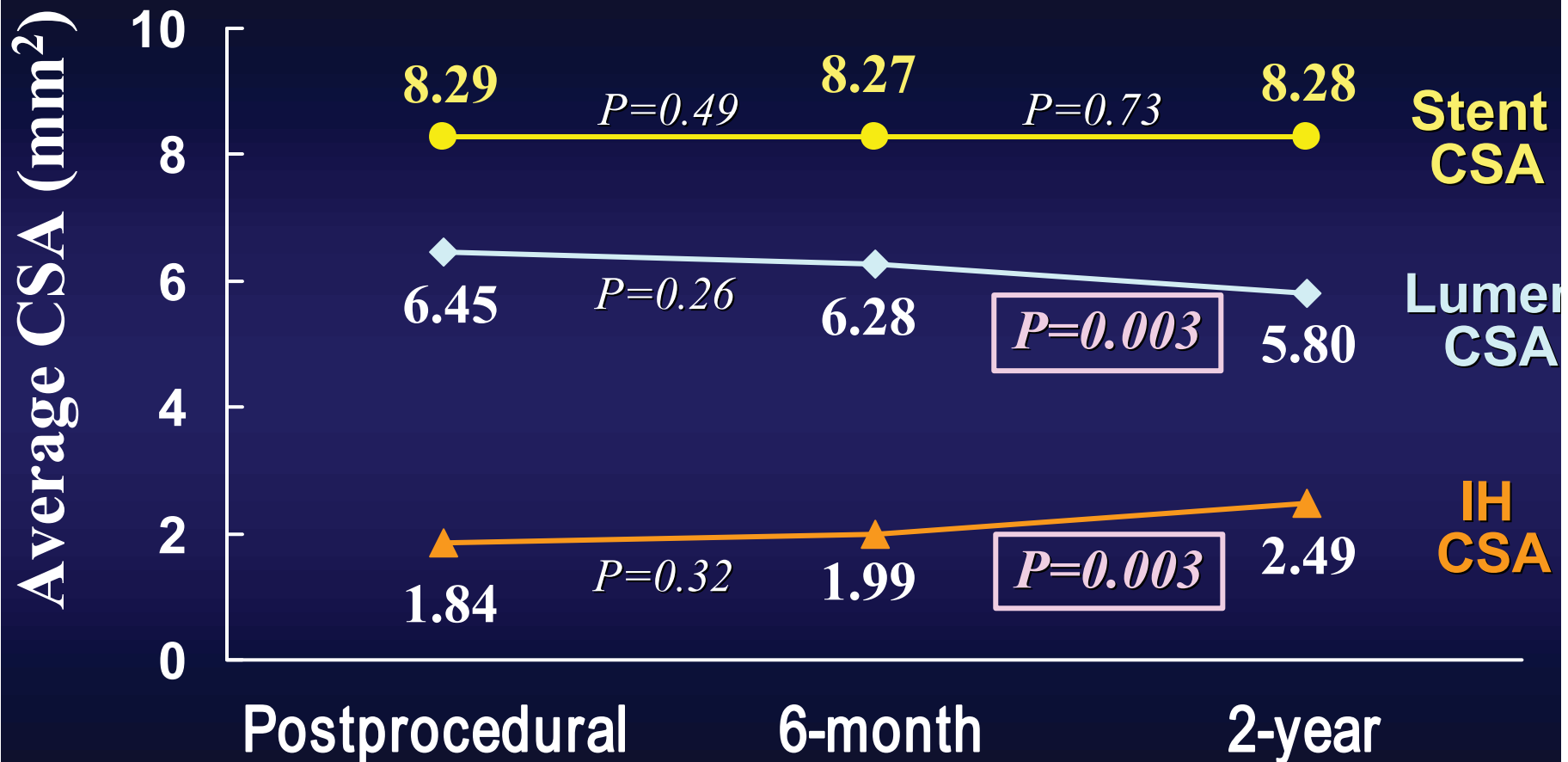
Average lumen CSA (mm²)

Average intimal hyperplasia CSA (mm²)

Of 26 patients, 21 available data were analyzed.

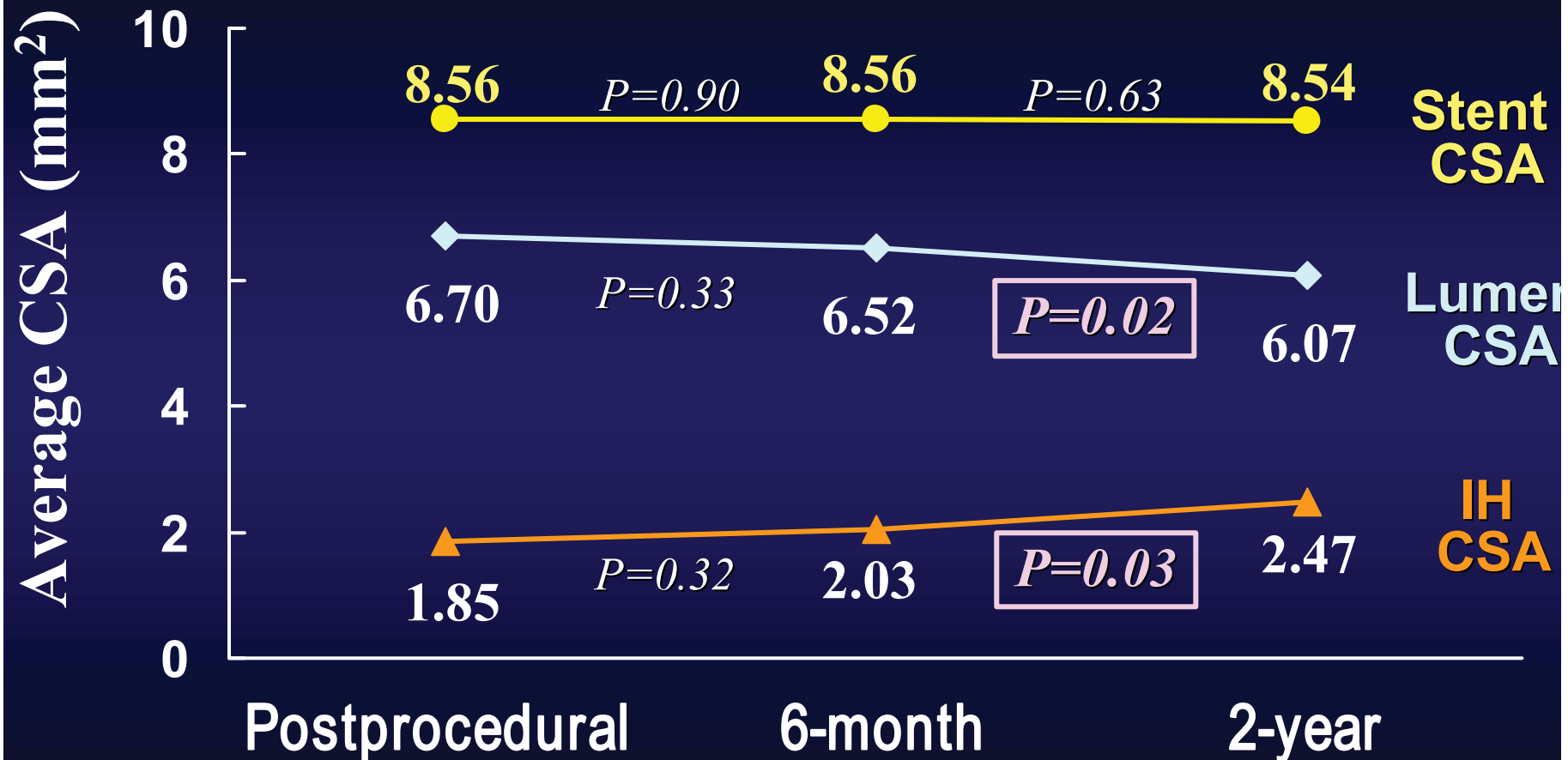
6-month & 2-year IVUS Data

including 4 patients with late "catch-up" phenomena (N=)



6-month & 2-year IVUS Data

in patients with patent 6-month & 2-year angiogram (N=)



Postprocedural, 6-Month, & 2-Year *Quantitative IVUS Measurement*

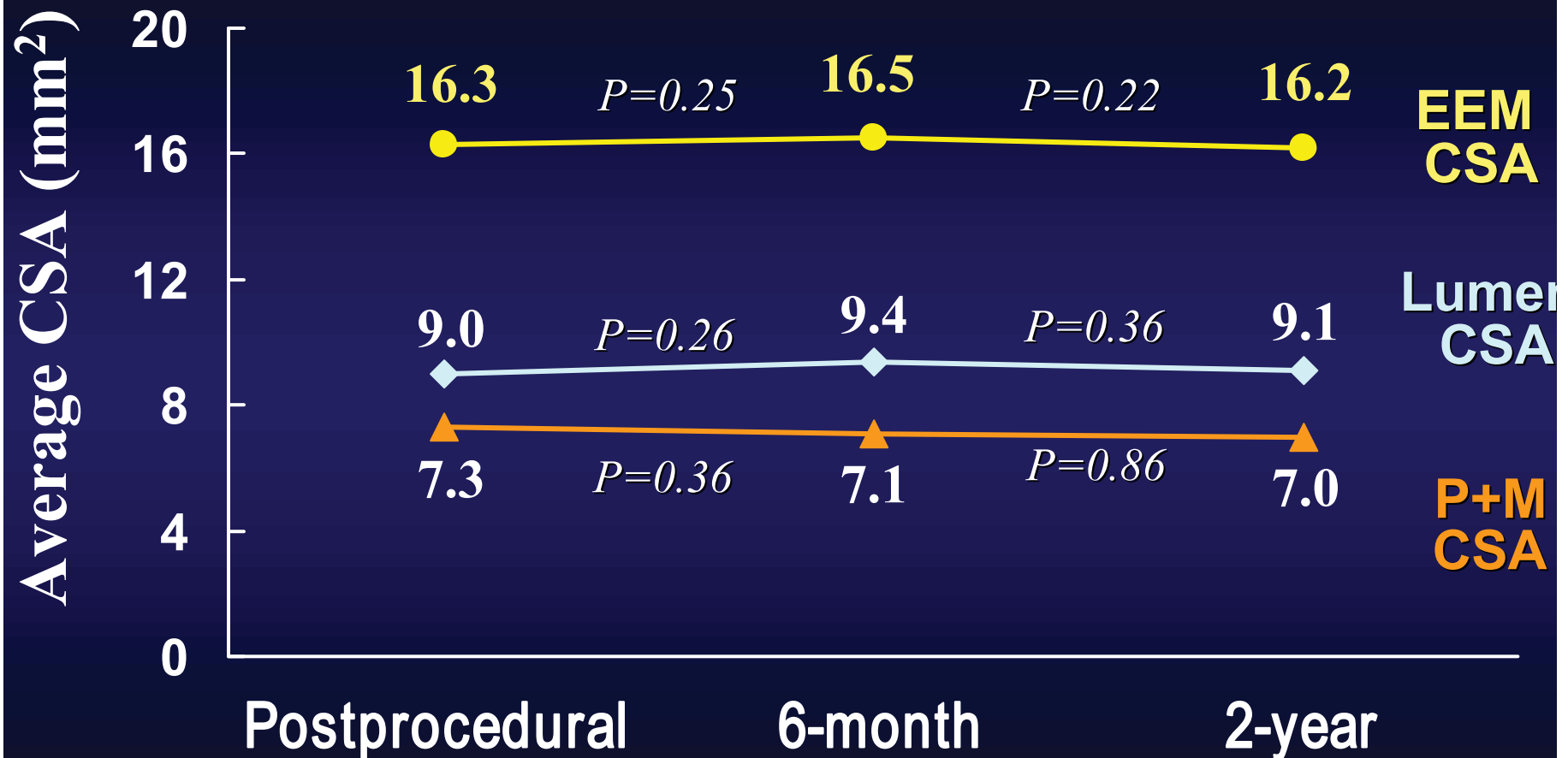


**Proximal and distal segment with 2 mm interval
from the stent edge**

- Average EEM CSA (mm^2)
- Average lumen CSA (mm^2)
- Average plaque + media CSA (mm^2)
- Average plaque burden (%)

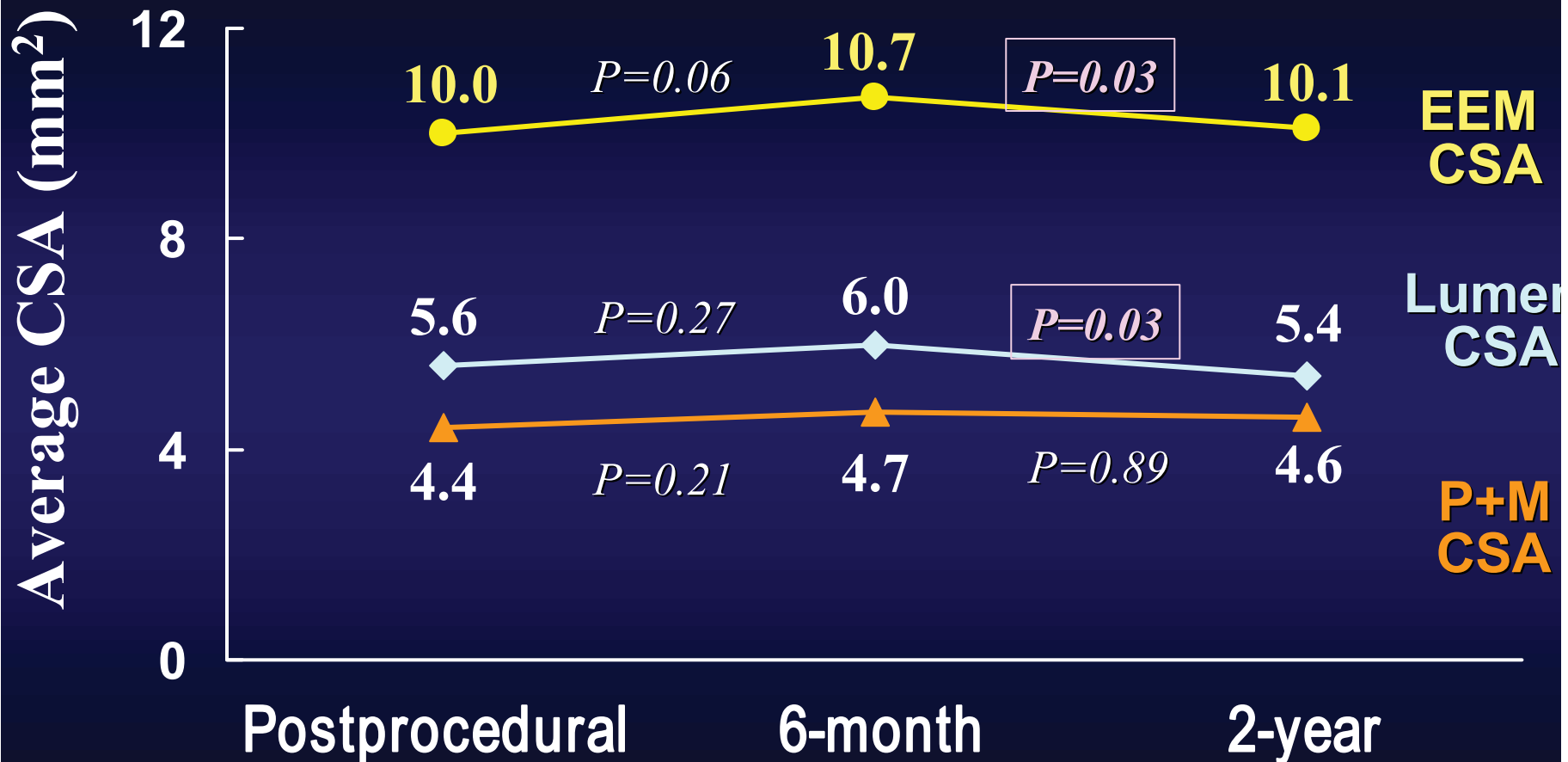
6-month & 2-year IVUS Data

Proximal reference segment (N=17)



6-month & 2-year IVUS Data

Distal reference segment (N=17)

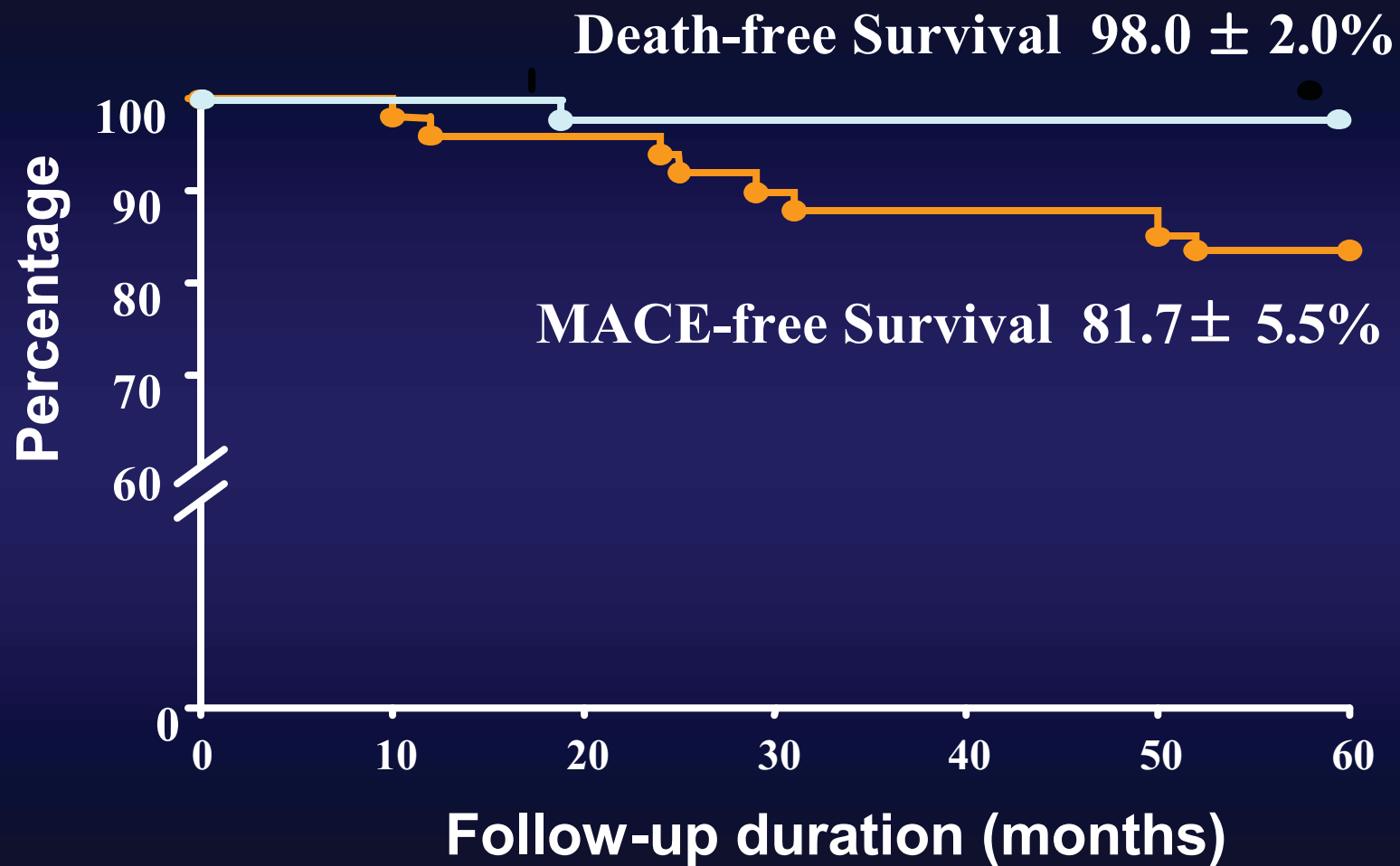


Five-Year Clinical Follow-up

N=50

	At 6 month	At 6 to 30 months	At 30 to months
Death	0	1(2%)	0
Noncardiac	0	1(0.1%)	0
Cardiac	0	0	0
Non fatal MI	0	0	0
TLR	0	6(12%)	2(4%)
Stent thrombosis	0	0	0
Combined events	0	7(14%)	2(4%)

Death & Event-free Survival



Conclusion

The late catch-up phenomenon might occur between 6 months and 5 years after beta-radiation.

Although long-term (5-year) follow-up shows occurrence of late TLR, which may be associated with late restenosis, beta-radiation using a ^{188}Re MAG_3 -filled balloon after rotational atherectomy is associated with sustained favorable outcomes up to 5 years.

Study Limitations

The number of study patients is small.

Because of the lack of a control group, we could not compare the data with other therapeutic modalities.

There were no routine angiographic follow-up after 2 years, thus clinically driven events do not represent subclinical changes of irradiated segment.