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Case. 78 y.o. male

Target Lesion: proximal LCX CTO (the 2nd attempt) **Diagnosis**: AP, post CABG **Past History:** CABG(LITA-LAD, SVG-D1&OM)(1998), P-C.I., **P-PMI**, **P-VP** shunt **Prior intervention:** PCI to proximal to mid RCA (Cypher $\times 2$)(2005) PCI to distal RCA (Cypher) (2007) @ other hospital PCI to proximal LCX CTO (the 1st attempt); ⇒unsuccess due to GW uncross by antegrade approach **Coronary Risk Factor: DM,HTN,CKD, Final CAG findings :** RCA; mid RCA: in-stent restenosis(+), AV node branch CTO, LMT ; moderate stenosis, proximal LAD; severe stenosis, proximal LCX; CTO, LITA - LAD patent,

SVG - D1 & OM patent (OM branch was occluded @ proximal site)



control CAG







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PCI to the proximal LCX-CTO (the 1st attempt)



Antegrade approach



Parallel wire technique

Formation of huge dissection

To the end that leads to succeed in revascularization on the 2nd attempt...

- IVUS guided PCI by antegrade approach might better perform on the 2nd attempt.
- Bilateral approach, if possible. That is, if there exist a applicable channel for retrograde approach, ...

Review the collateral channel from CAG(1)



This angiography doesn't seem to be epicardial channel from LAD distal to LCX via LV apex...

Review the collateral channel from CAG(2)



Epicardial channel from D1 and OM via SVG to LCX were found. However, these appeared inapplicable to retrograde approach because of severe tortuosity.

Review the collateral channel from CAG(3)



A Competitive flow was detected at the atrial circumflex(AC) branch via retrograde flow of LCX from SVG to OM branch.

Review the collateral channel from CAG(4)



The flow of AC branch was competed with somewhere

Review the collateral channel from CAG(4)



The flow of AC branch was competed with somewhere

Review the collateral channel from CAG(5)



The competitive flow made its way toward distal RCA, but, that flow had not been up to RCA...

Review the collateral channel from CAG(6)



The imperceptible collateral was found from sinus node artery toward LCX, which might be barely continuity to distal LCX.

As a end result , these all collaterals appeared inapplicable to retrograde approach in this situation...

However...

it was expected that the competitive flow might reflect underlying connection as atrial channel via AV groove.

preceding revascularization to the CTO-PCI of contralateral artery (i.e. the distal RCA-CTO of AV node branch) might change this situation ...

PCI to RCA (in-stent restenosis & #4AV-CTO)

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Antegrade wire cross

Corsair + Fielder XT

PCI to RCA (in-stent restenosis & #4AV-CTO) POBA(1)



2.0/15mm Tazuna

PCI to RCA (in-stent restenosis & #4AV-CTO) POBA(2)



3.5/15mm NC Voyager

PCI to RCA (in-stent restenosis & #4AV-CTO)

Final



The Collateral via AV groove

(from RCA AV branch to LCX AC branch) **Came out clearly**

PCI to the proximal LCX-CTO (the 2nd Attempt)

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retrograde approach

Corsair + Sion blue



the collateral channel via AV groove(LCX AC to RCA AC)

PCI to the proximal LCX-CTO (the 2nd Attempt)

retrograde approach



tip injection



Corsair + Sion blue

PCI to the proximal LCX-CTO (the 2nd Attempt) retrograde wiring ⇒bilateral approach

(Sion blue \rightarrow Fielder FC)



Antegrade wire(Fielder XT) was easily crossed into the subintimal space that had made by the 1st attempt PCI.



PCI to the proximal LCX-CTO (the 2nd Attempt)



Xience V 3.5/15mm+Xience V 2.5/18mm

PCI to the proximal LCX-CTO (the 2nd Attempt)

Final



Conclusion

It was predicted that the collateral of atrial channel via AV groove was underlying in exact detail of these control angiographies.

Due to preceding revascularization to CTO of contralateral artery(i.e. the distal RCA-CTO of AV node branch), the latent atrial channel became clear.

It brought about success in the target vessel revascularization (the proximal LCX-CTO) that bilateral approach was applicable to the clarified atrial channel via AV groove.