FFR pullbacks to guide PCI

the ongoing PPG Global registry

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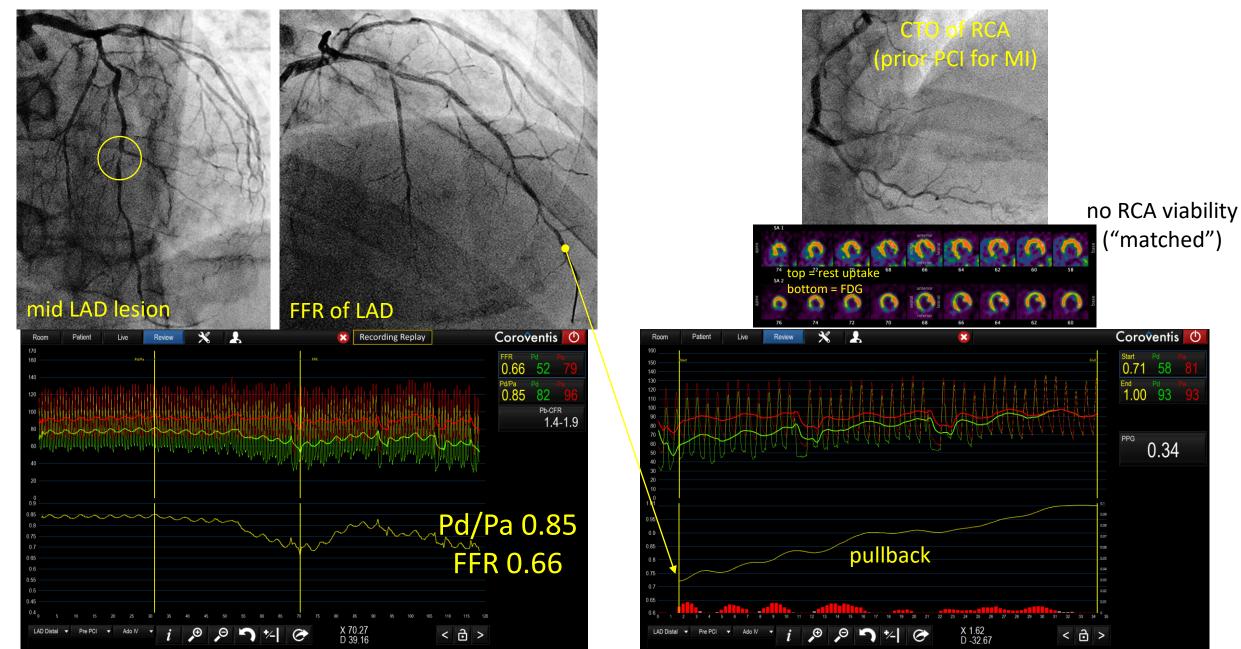
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 Patents filed (USPTO serial numbers 62/597,134 + 62/907,174)

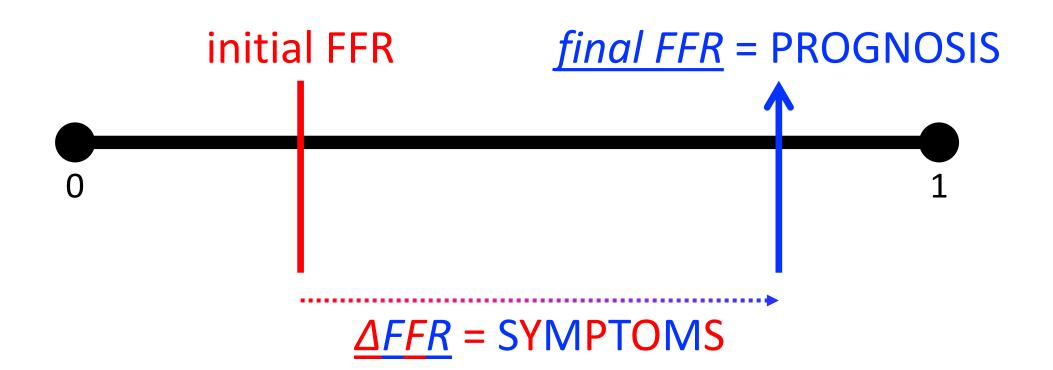
Organizations (chronologic)

- St Jude Medical (CONTRAST, NCT02184117)
- Volcano/Philips (DEFINE-FLOW, NCT02328820)
- CoreAalst (PPG registry, NCT04789317)
- Abiomed (local "DPTI" study)
- Boston Scientific (smart-minimum FFR, 510(k) K191008)
- Various, including academic and industry
- K113754 (cfrQuant, 2011)
- K143664 (HeartSee, 2014)
- K171303 (HeartSee update, 2017)
- K202679 (HeartSee update, 2020)
- SAVI and ΔP/Q methods
- Correction of fluid-filled catheter signal

52 year-old woman with dyspnea



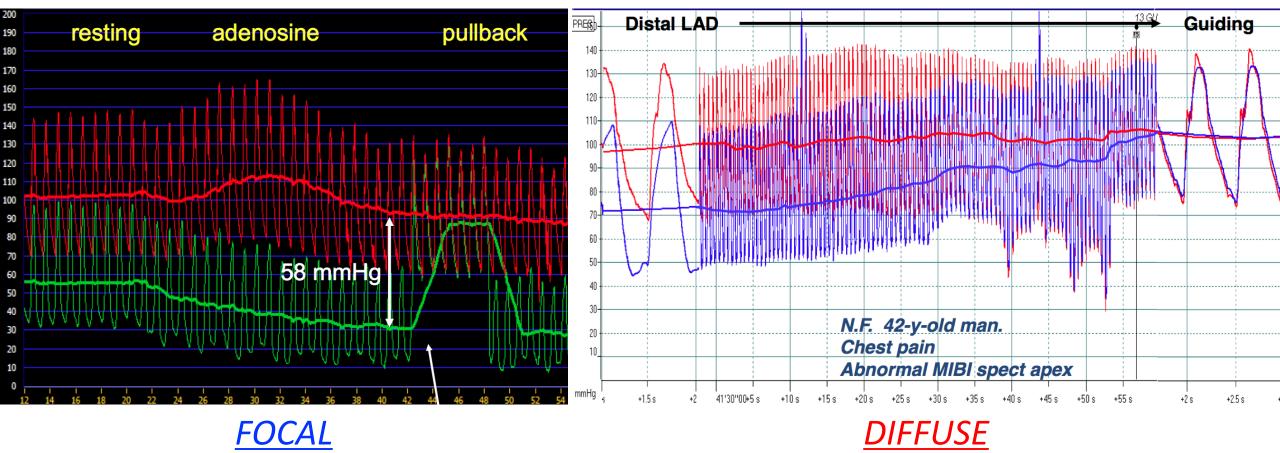
<u>Key concept: final FFR + Δ FFR</u>



Final + Δ FFR

can we predict?

Pullback pattern: *focal* vs *diffuse*?



BEST target for PCI/CABG

POOR target for PCI/CABG

Focal disease = higher final FFR + large Δ

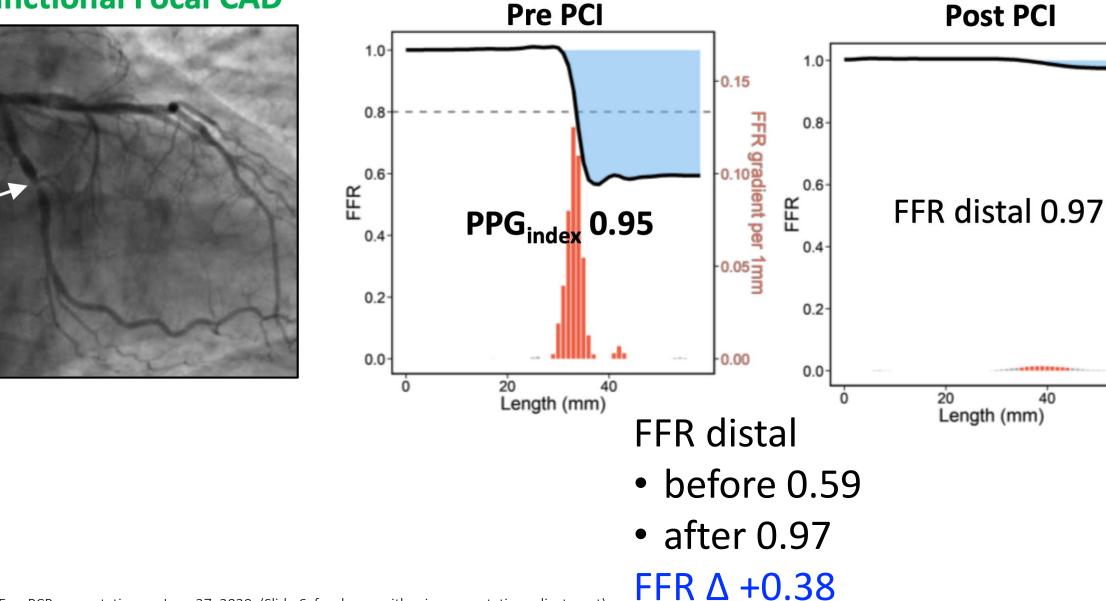
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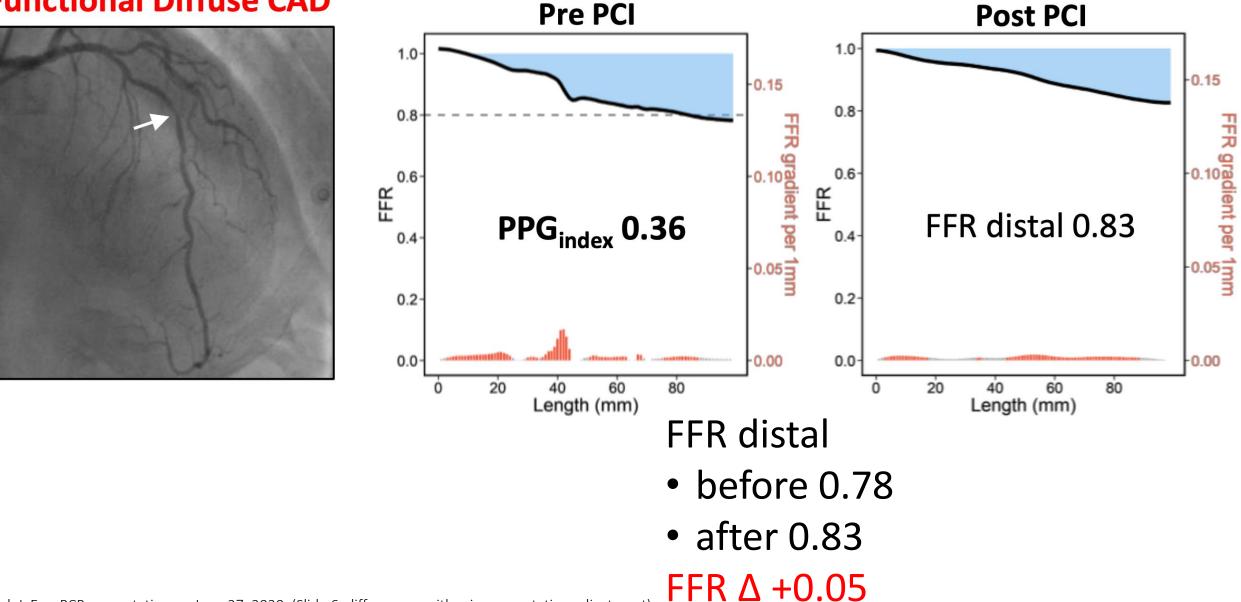
Functional Focal CAD



Sonck J, EuroPCR presentation on June 27, 2020. (Slide 6, focal case with minor annotation adjustment)

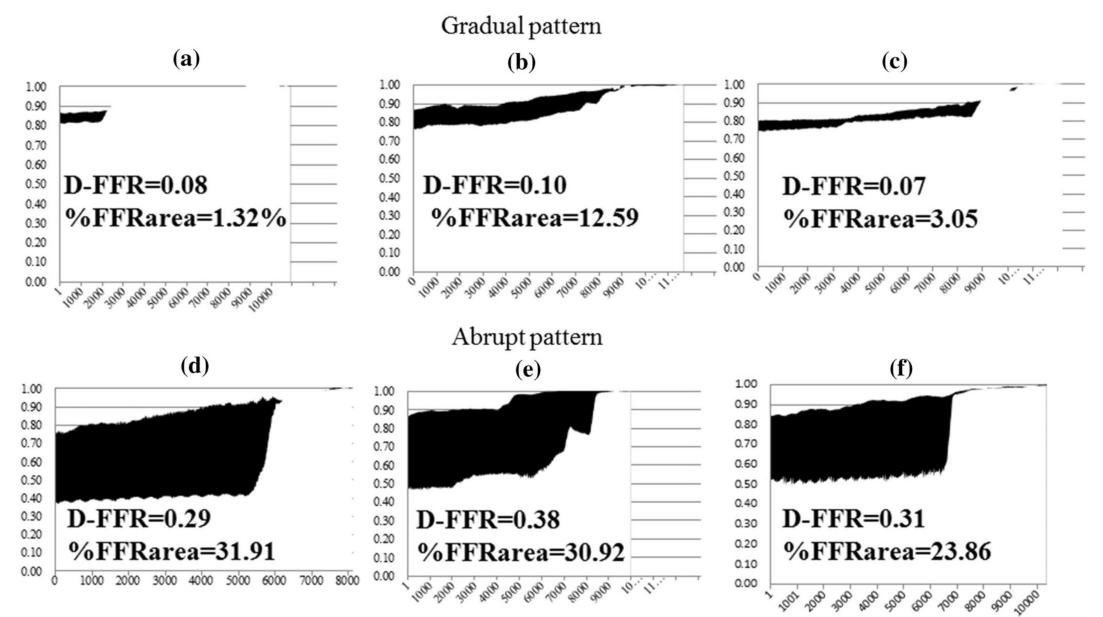
<u>Diffuse</u> disease = lower final FFR and small Δ

Functional Diffuse CAD



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Pullback curve -> anticipate



Matsuo A, Cardiovasc Interv Ther. 2018 Apr;33(2):99-108. (Figure 3)



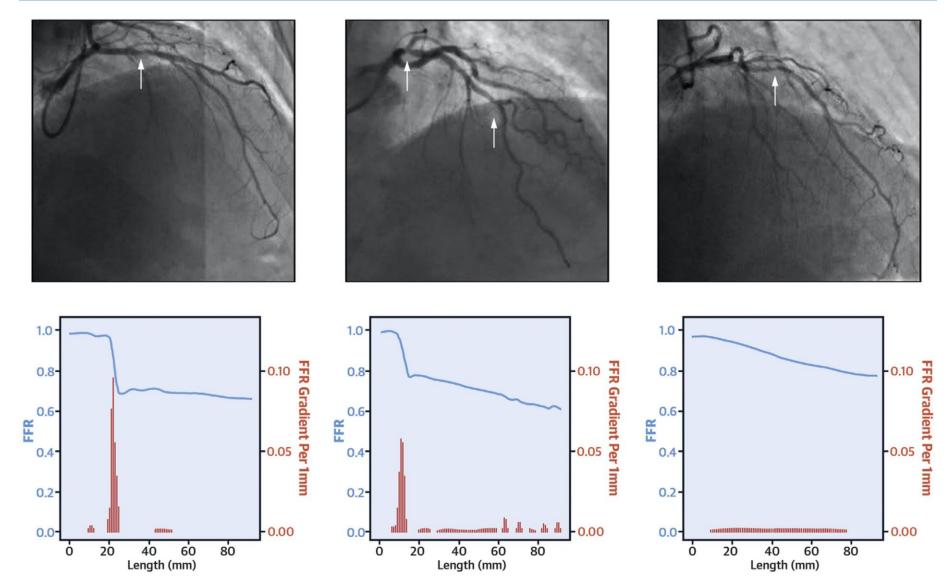
PPG

Continuum of plaque distribution



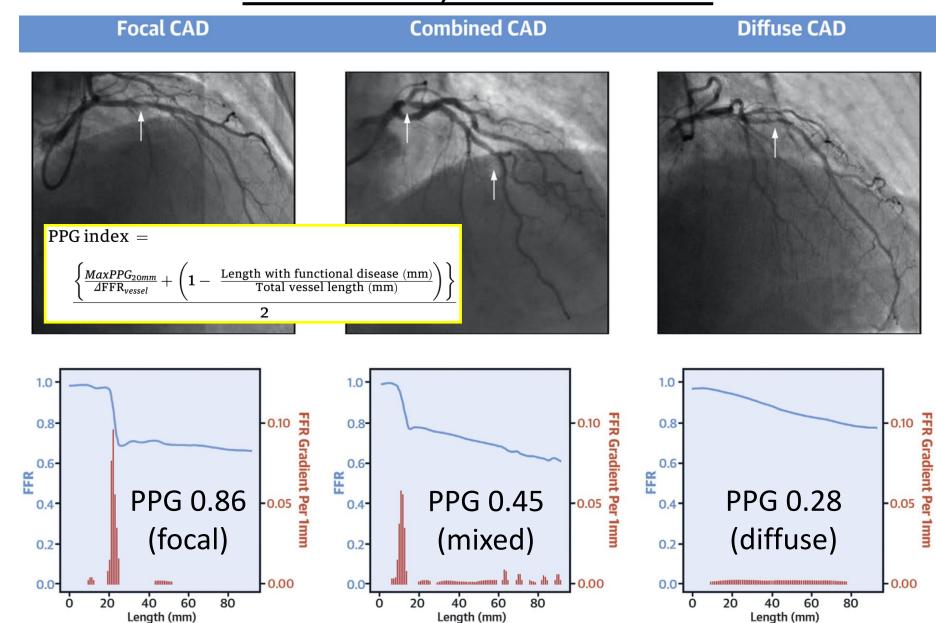
Combined CAD

Diffuse CAD



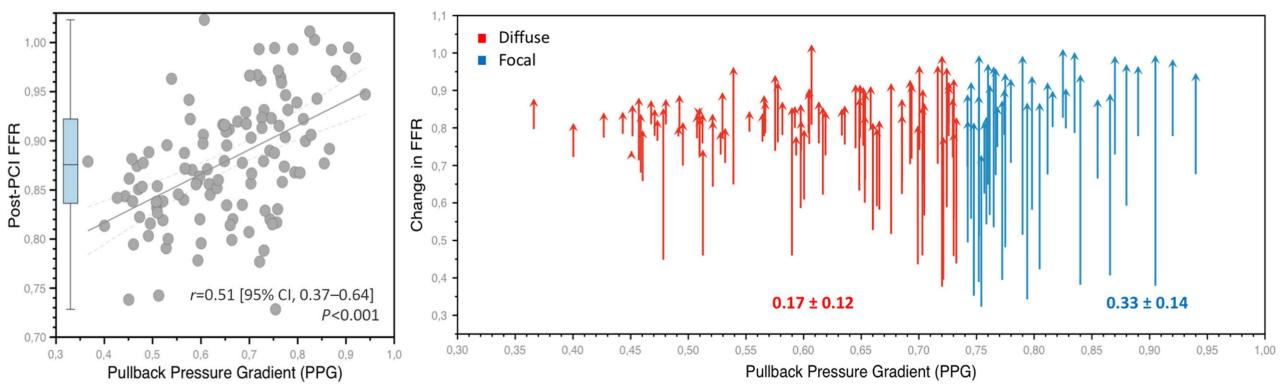
Collet C, JACC. 2019 Oct 8;74(14):1772-1784. (Central Illustration, top portion)

1 = focal, 0 = diffuse



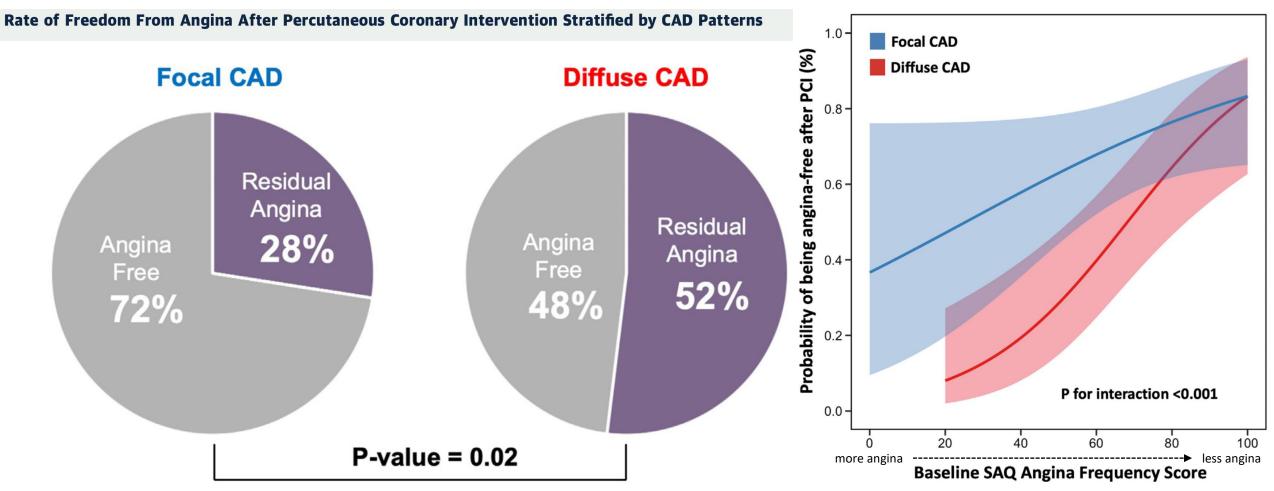
Collet C, JACC. 2019 Oct 8;74(14):1772-1784. (Central Illustration, top portion with PPG values and equation inset)

Focal PPG indicates larger final FFR and Δ



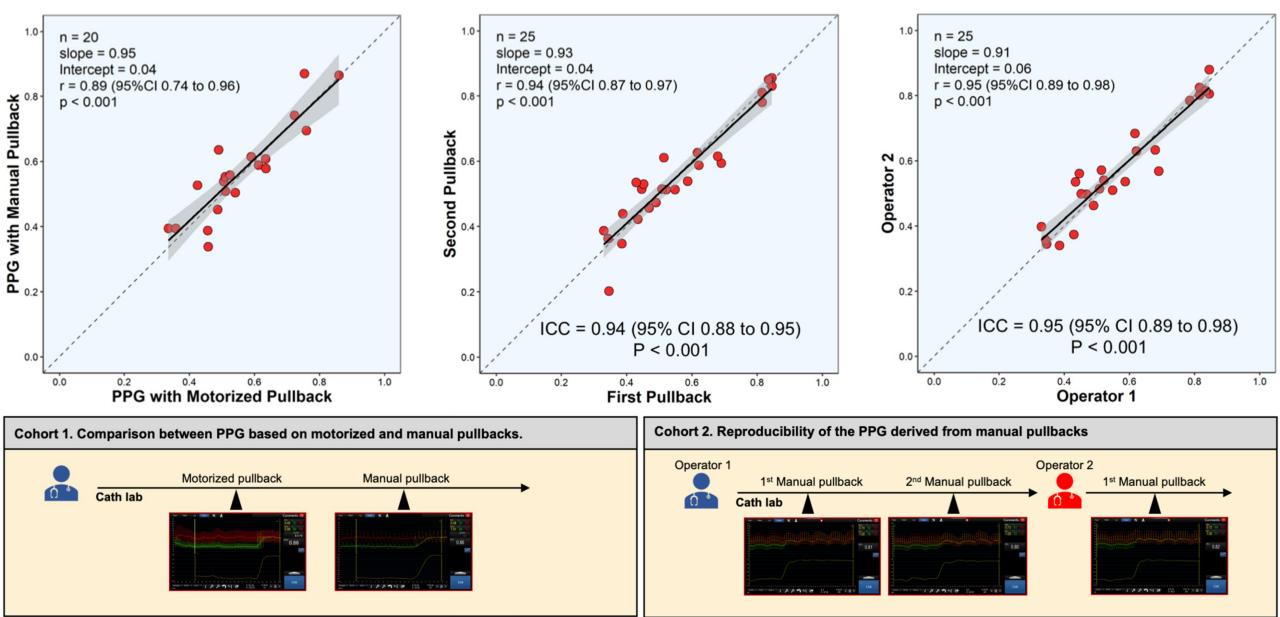
Mizukami T, J Am Heart Assoc. 2022 Dec 6;11(23):e026960. (Figure 3 portions)

Less residual angina after PCI for focal PPG



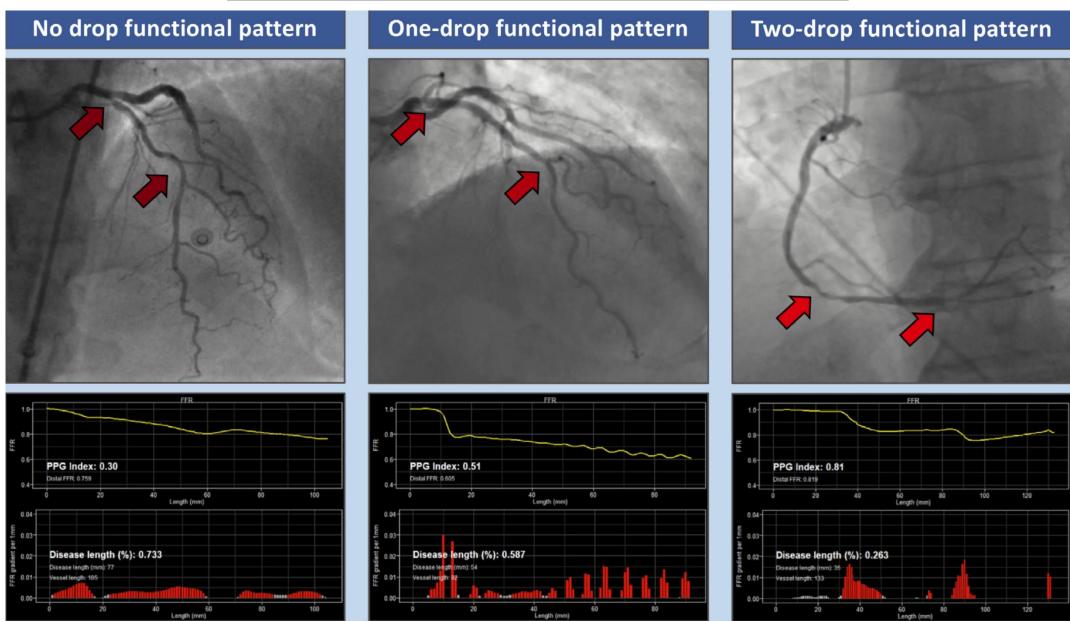
Collet C, JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2022 Dec 26;15(24):2506-2518. (Figure 4 part and Figure 5 with angina annotation)

PPG is practical (reproducible by hand)



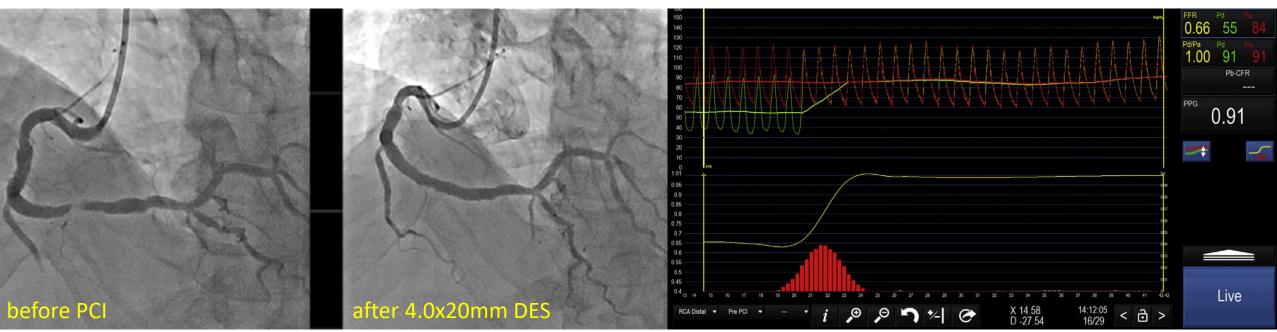
Sonck J, Catheter Cardiovasc Interv. 2022 Apr;99(5):1518-1525. (Figures 2A, 3A, 3C, and 1 split)

What about serial lesions?



Candreva A, Catheter Cardiovasc Interv. 2021 Nov 1;98(5):E647-E654. (Figure 1)

High PPG can lead to RFR vs FFR discordance



before	after
RFR = 0.91	RFR = 0.92
FFR = 0.66	FFR = 0.96
PPG = 0.91	Δ+0.30

70 year-old man prior PCI, several risk factors refractory CCS class I angina

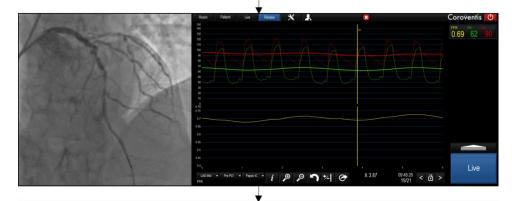
Nakayama M, JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2022 May 23;15(10):e113-e116. (Figures 2 and 3 portion with annotations)

PPG registry and what did I do?

PPG Global Registry of 982 subjects

Stable patients with significant coronary artery disease (FFR ≤ 0.80) and intention to perform PCI

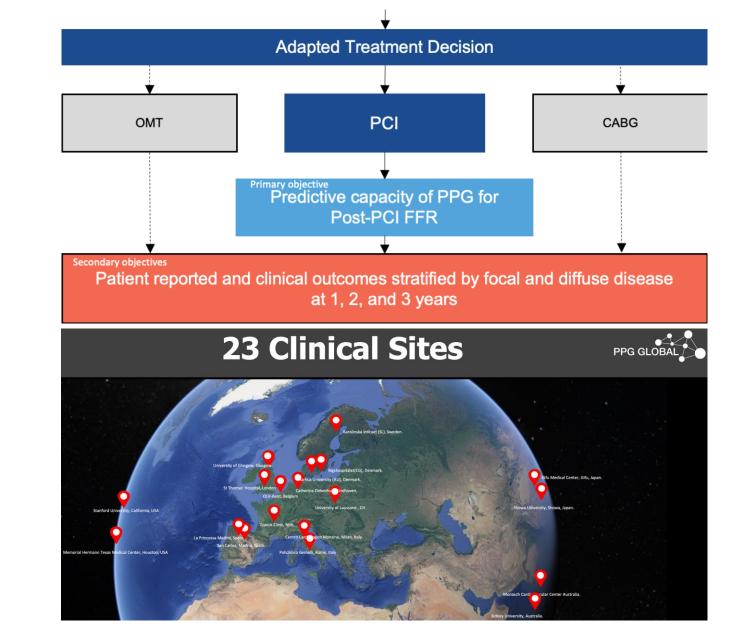
Initial strategy based on angiography and distal point physiology



FFR Pullback with Pullback Pressure Gradient (PPG)



https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04789317, accessed May 8, 2023.



Opted for medical treatment!

