

Lesson from the Latest OCT Clinical Trials

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Guidelines for Coronary Artery Revascularization

2021 ACC/AHA/SCAI

2018 ESC/EACTS

COR	LOE	Recommendations
2a	B-R	1. In patients undergoing coronary stent implantation, IVUS can be useful for procedural guidance, particularly in cases of left main or complex coronary artery stenting, to reduce ischemic events. ¹⁻¹⁰
2a	B-R	2. In patients undergoing coronary stent implantation, OCT is a reasonable alternative to IVUS for procedural guidance, except in ostial left main disease. ¹¹⁻¹³
2a	C-LD	3. In patients with stent failure, IVUS or OCT is reasonable to determine the mechanism of stent failure. ¹⁴⁻¹⁷

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
IVUS or OCT should be considered in selected patients to optimize stent implantation. ^{603,612,651-653}	IIa	B
IVUS should be considered to optimize treatment of unprotected left main lesions. ³⁵	IIa	B

A randomized trial with adequate sample size is needed to confirm the benefit of intravascular imaging-guided PCI in patients with complex coronary artery lesions.

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Study Design



RENOVATE-COMPLEX-PCI (NCT03381872)

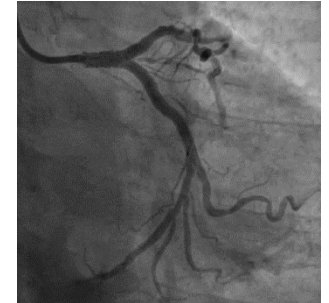
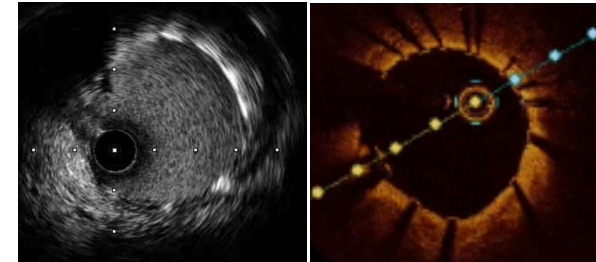
An investigator-initiated, prospective, multicenter, randomized, open-label trial at 20 sites in Korea

Patients with Complex Coronary Artery Lesions Undergoing PCI

Randomization (2:1) for Treatment Strategy of Target Lesions

Imaging-Guided Strategy

Angiography-Guided Strategy



For patients who had been assigned to the intravascular imaging group, the choice of IVUS or OCT was made at the operators' discretion.

Primary end point: target vessel failure (a composite of cardiac death, target vessel-related MI, or clinically-driven TVR)



Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

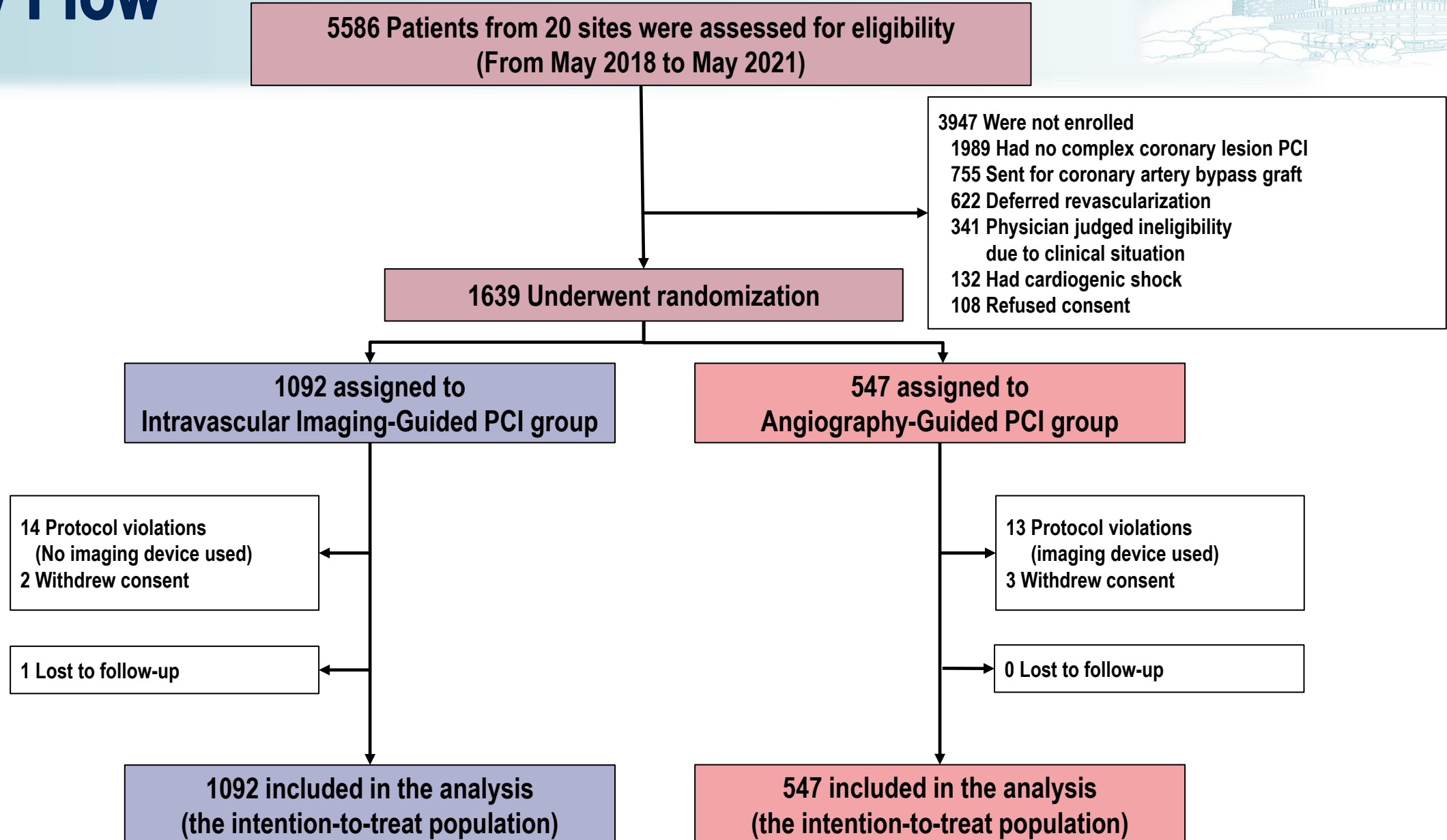
INCLUSION

1. Patients (≥ 19 years) with coronary artery disease requiring PCI
2. Patients with a **complex coronary artery lesion** defined as:
 - True bifurcation lesion (Medina 1,1,1/1,0,1/0,1,1) with side branch ≥ 2.5 mm
 - Chronic total occlusion (≥ 3 months) as target lesion
 - Unprotected LM disease PCI (LM ostium, body, distal LM bifurcation including non-true bifurcation)
 - Long coronary lesions (implanted stent ≥ 38 mm in length)
 - Multi-vessel PCI (≥ 2 vessels treated at one PCI session)
 - Multiple stents needed (≥ 3 more stent per patient)
 - In-stent restenosis lesion as target lesion
 - Severely calcified lesion (encircling calcium in angiography)
 - Ostial coronary lesion (LAD, LCX, RCA)

KEY EXCLUSION

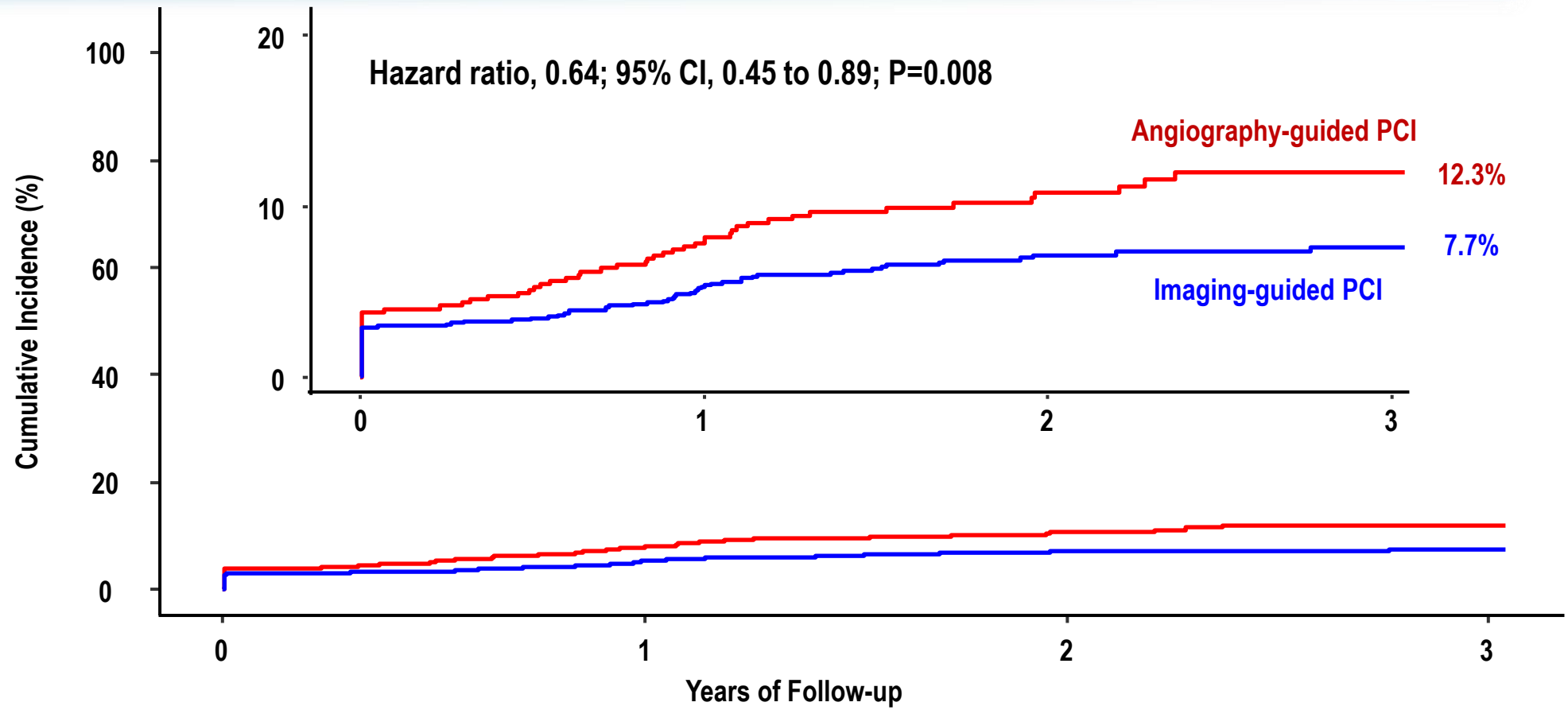
1. Target lesions not amenable to PCI by operators' decision
2. Cardiogenic shock (Killip class IV) at presentation
3. Intolerance to Aspirin, Clopidogrel, Prasugrel, Ticagrelor, Heparin, or Everolimus
4. Known true anaphylaxis to contrast medium (not allergic reaction but anaphylactic shock)
5. Pregnancy or breast feeding
6. Non-cardiac co-morbid conditions are present with life expectancy < 1 year or that may result in protocol non-compliance (per site investigator's medical judgment)
7. Unwillingness or inability to comply with the procedures described in this protocol.

Study Flow





Primary End Point: TVF



	0	1	2	3
Angiography-guided PCI	547	496	280	120
Imaging-guided PCI	1092	1023	591	255



Primary and Secondary End Points

End Point	Total (N=1639)	Imaging-guided PCI (N=1092)	Angiography-guided PCI (N=547)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)*	P Value
Primary end point — no. (%)					
Target vessel failure	136 (9.2)	76 (7.7)	60 (12.3)	0.64 (0.45-0.89)	0.008
Secondary end points — no. (%)					
Target vessel failure without procedure-related MI	88 (6.3)	48 (5.1)	40 (8.7)	0.59 (0.39-0.90)	
Cardiac death or target-vessel related MI	96 (6.4)	53 (5.3)	43 (8.5)	0.63 (0.42-0.93)	
All-cause death	70 (5.6)	42 (5.3)	28 (6.4)	0.71 (0.44-1.15)	
Cardiac death	33 (2.4)	16 (1.7)	17 (3.8)	0.47 (0.24-0.93)	
Myocardial infarction	75 (5.0)	43 (4.4)	32 (6.2)	0.78 (0.48-1.25)	
Target-vessel related MI	68 (4.3)	38 (3.7)	30 (5.6)	0.74 (0.45-1.22)	
Spontaneous MI	17 (1.2)	8 (0.9)	9 (1.8)	0.66 (0.23-1.90)	
Procedure-related MI	52 (3.2)	30 (2.7)	22 (4.0)	0.77 (0.43-1.35)	
Non-target vessel related MI	8 (0.8)	5 (0.8)	3 (0.8)	1.24 (0.24-6.40)	
Repeat revascularization	87 (6.6)	55 (6.3)	32 (7.1)	0.95 (0.60-1.48)	
Target vessel revascularization	57 (4.1)	32 (3.4)	25 (5.5)	0.69 (0.40-1.18)	
Target lesion revascularization	44 (3.2)	24 (2.6)	20 (4.4)	0.66 (0.36-1.22)	
Definite stent thrombosis	5 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	4 (0.7)	0.25 (0.02-2.75)	
Contrast induced nephropathy†	40 (2.4)	26 (2.4)	14 (2.6)	0.99 (0.51-1.92)	



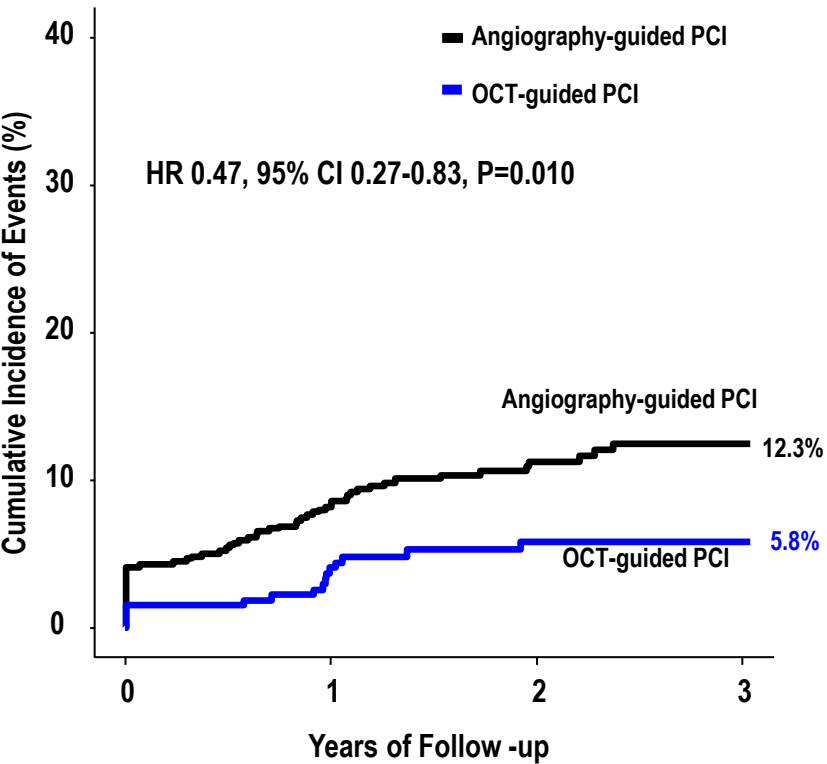
Conclusion

- *Among patients with complex coronary artery lesions, **intravascular imaging-guided PCI** reduced a composite of cardiac death, target vessel-related myocardial infarction, or clinically driven target vessel revascularization compared with **angiography-guided PCI**.*
- The **RENOVATE-COMPLEX-PCI** supports the intravascular imaging-guided PCI in patients with complex coronary lesions.

OCT-guided PCI vs. IVUS-guided PCI vs. Angiography-PCI

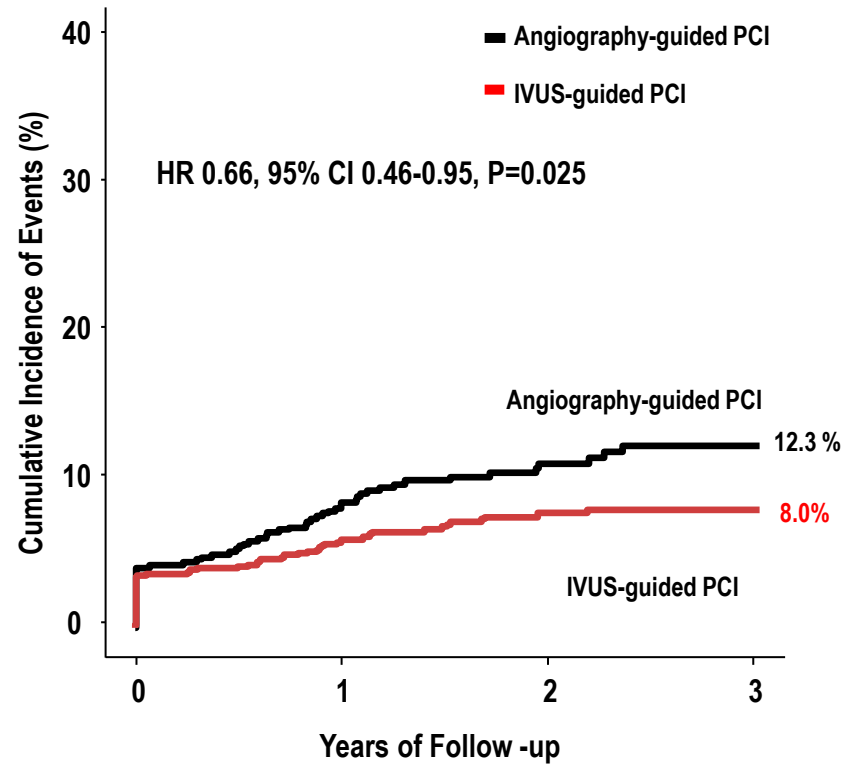


OCT-guided PCI vs. Angiography-guided PCI



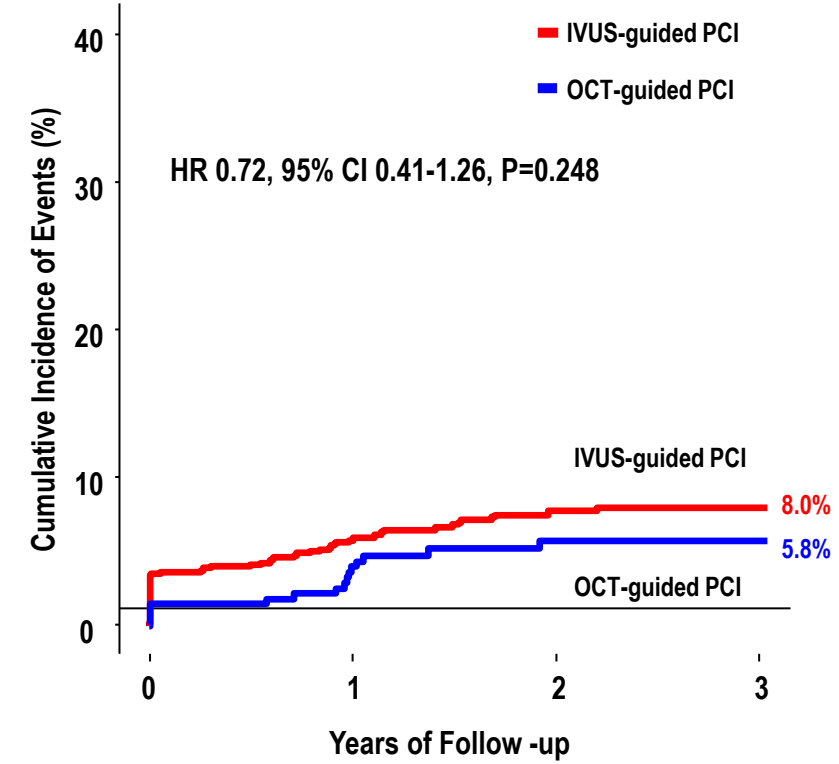
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■	547	496	267	120
■	278	265	151	80

IVUS-guided PCI vs. Angiography-guided PCI



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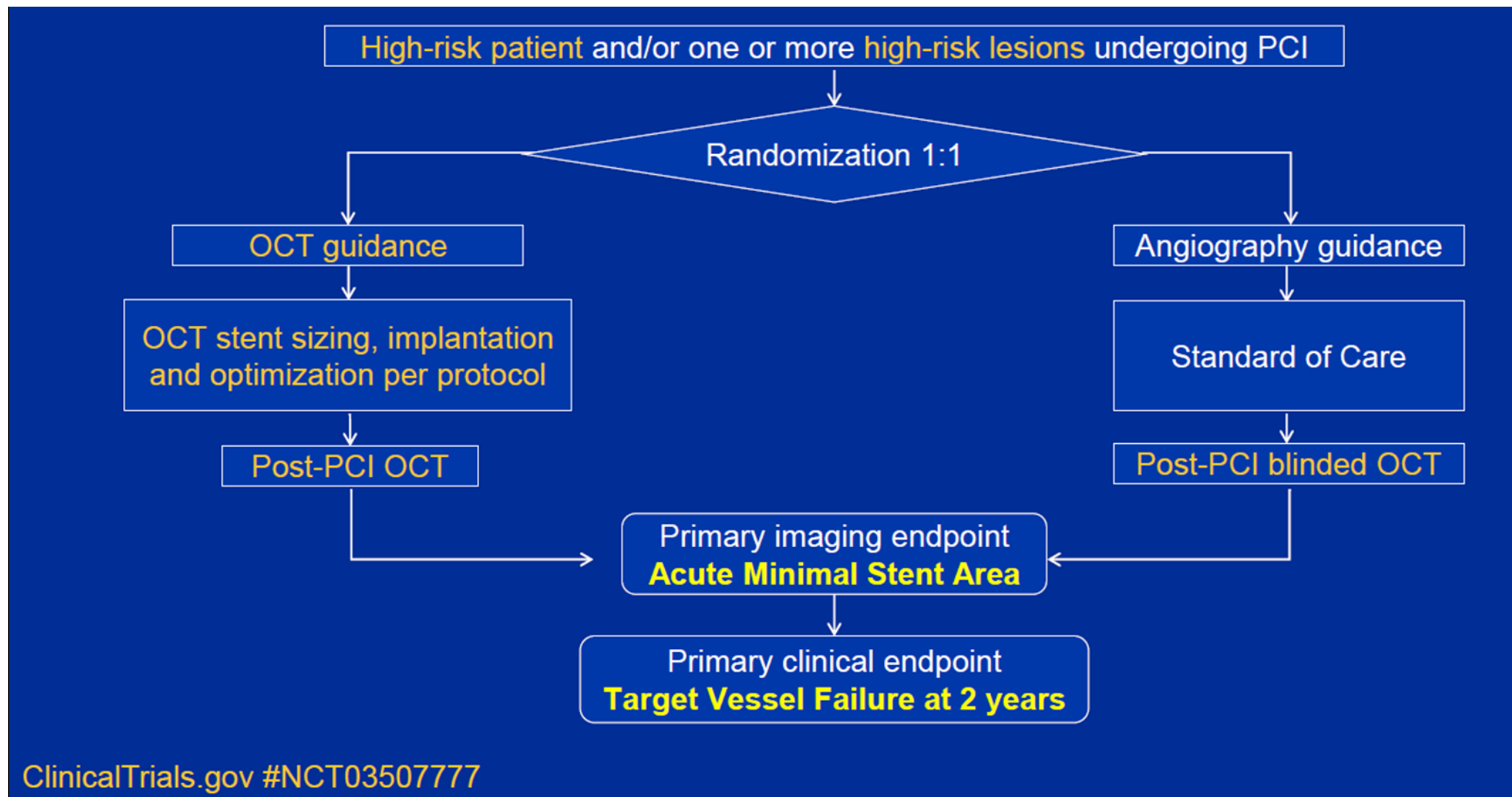
ILUMIEN IV: Background

- OCT is a high-resolution intravascular imaging modality that can be used to guide and optimize PCI
- In ILUMIEN III¹, OCT guidance improved procedural success compared with angiography guidance
 - Greater stent expansion
 - Reduced major malapposition and major dissection
- Whether OCT can improve clinical outcomes is unknown

¹Lancet. 2016 Nov 26;388:2618-2628.



ILUMIEN IV: Study Flow





ILUMIEN IV: Qualifying High-risk Criteria

High-risk Patient

- Medication-treated diabetes mellitus

High-risk Lesion

- NSTEMI
- STEMI >24 hours from symptom onset
- Long or multiple lesions (planned total stent length ≥ 28 mm)
- Diffuse or multi-focal in-stent restenosis
- Angiographic severe calcification
- Chronic total occlusion
- Bifurcation, planned to be treated with 2 stents



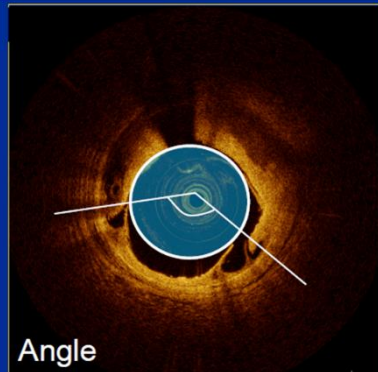
Primary Imaging Endpoint

Final post-PCI MSA by OCT (mm²)

OCT L=1222	Angio L=1328	Difference [95% CI]	P-Value
5.72 ± 2.04	5.36 ± 1.87	0.36 (0.21, 0.51)	<0.001

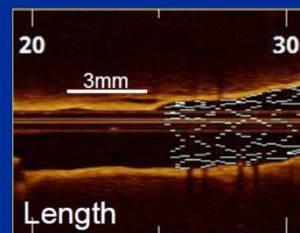
Post-procedure OCT Findings

	OCT (L=1228)	Angio (L=1329)	Difference [95% CI]
Dissection, any	32.0%	34.2%	-2.2% (-5.9, 1.4)
Major	2.9%	5.1%	-2.2% (-3.9, -0.6)
Minor	22.7%	19.4%	3.3% (-0.1, 6.6)



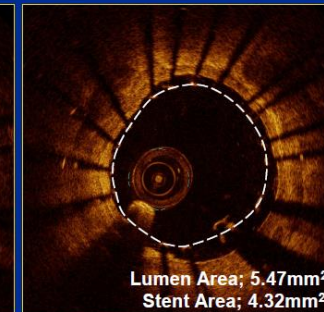
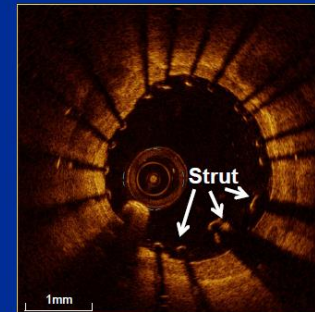
Major Dissection

- 1) Angle >60°
- 2) Length >3 mm



Post-procedure OCT Findings

	OCT (L=1228)	Angio (L=1329)	Difference [95% CI]
Malapposition, any	55.3%	69.7%	-14.4% (-18.1, -10.6)
Major	15.8%	33.2%	-17.4% (-20.6, -14.1)
Minor	39.4%	36.5%	3.0% (-0.8, 6.7)

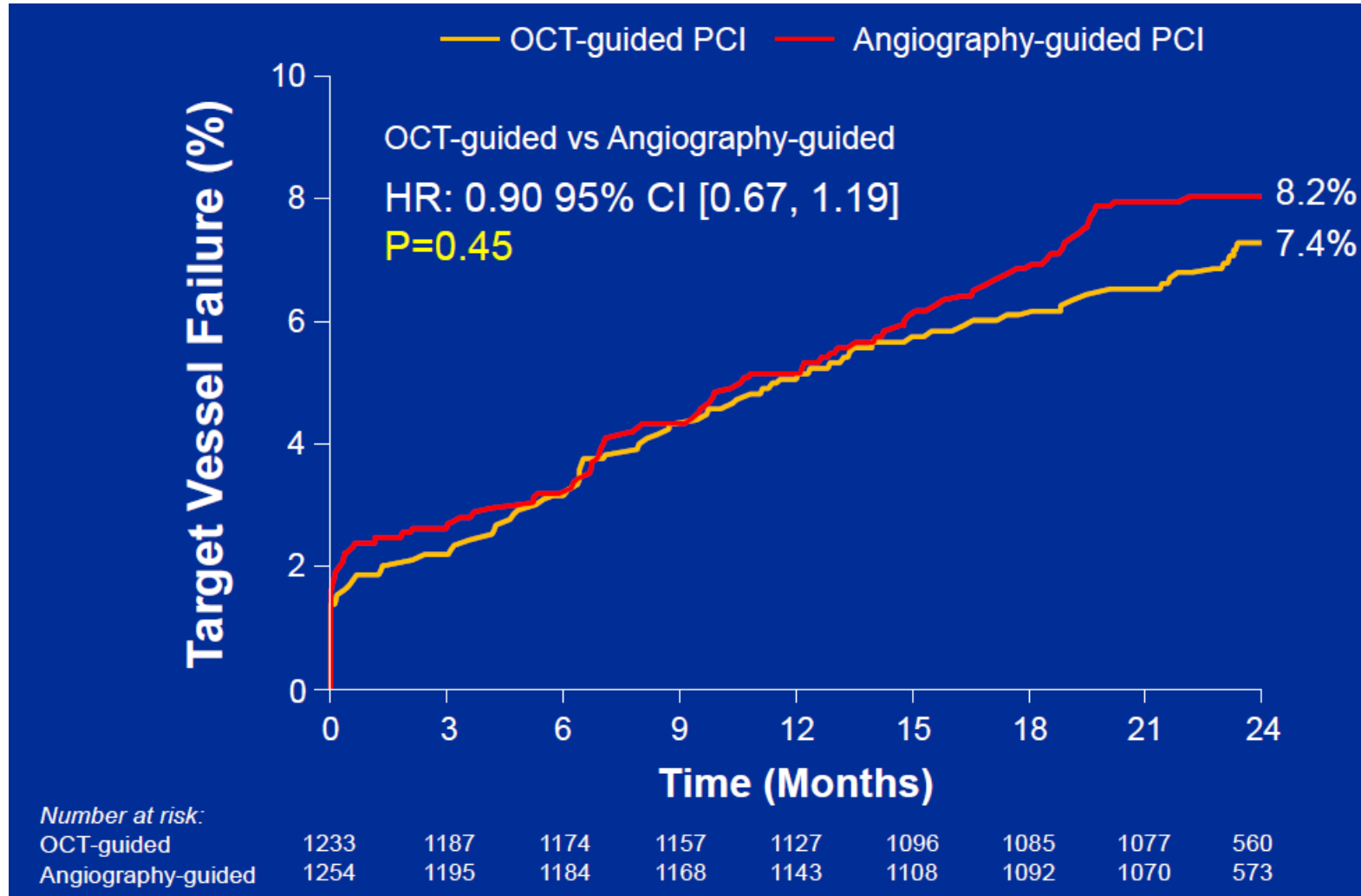


Major

Strut(s) >0.2 mm from vessel edge and stent underexpansion



ILUMIEN IV: Primary Clinical Endpoint – TVF



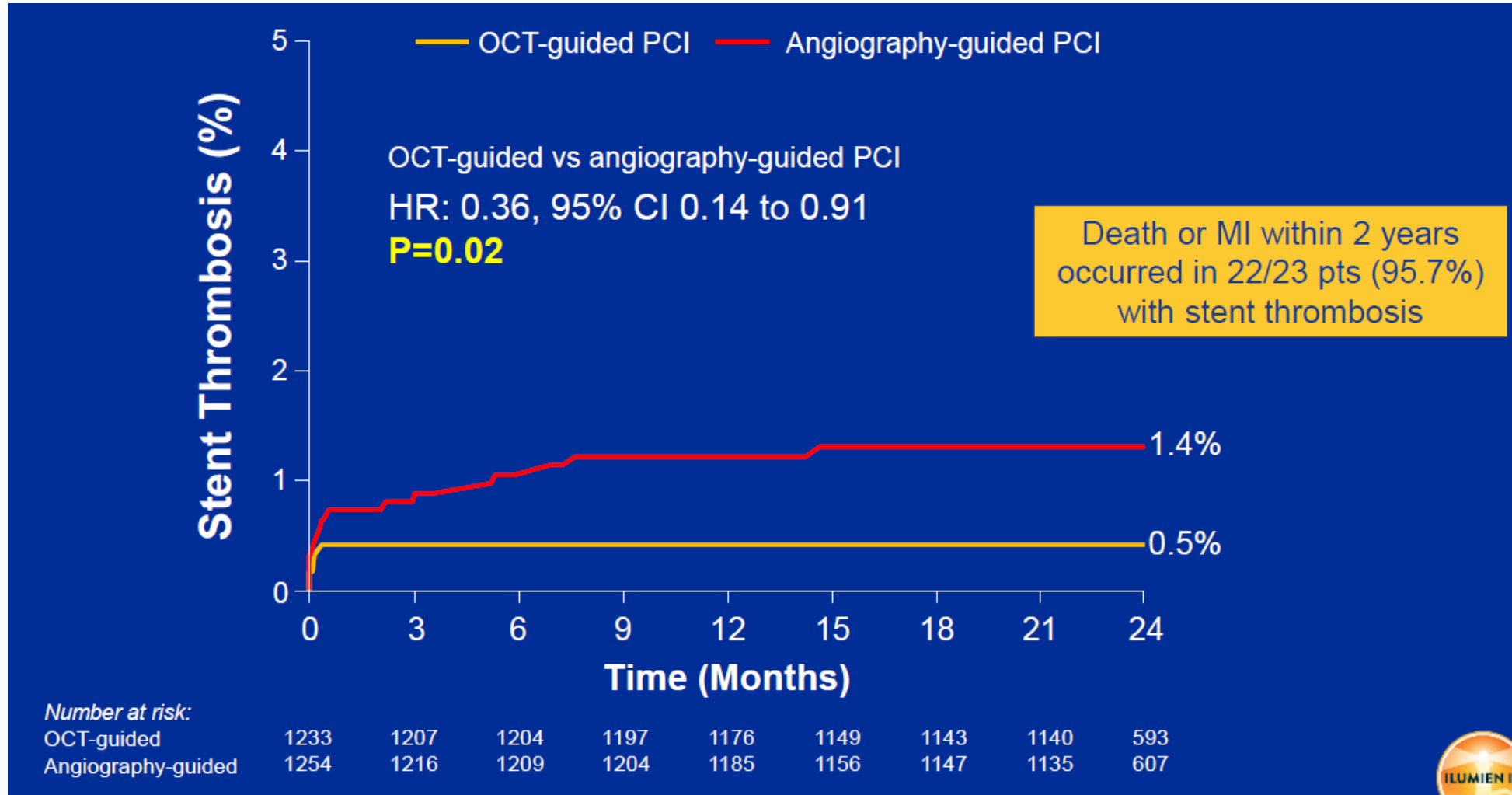


ILUMIEN IV: 2-Year Clinical Outcomes

	OCT (n=1233)	Angio (n=1254)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
All-cause mortality	2.7%	3.6%	0.73 (0.47, 1.16)
-Cardiac	0.8%	1.3%	0.57 (0.25, 1.29)
-Vascular	0.3%	0.3%	0.76 (0.17, 3.38)
-Non-cardiovascular	1.7%	2.0%	0.84 (0.46, 1.52)
All MI	4.8%	6.0%	0.80 (0.56, 1.13)
-TV-MI	2.5%	3.3%	0.77 (0.48, 1.22)
-Periprocedural MI	1.4%	1.7%	0.82 (0.43, 1.56)
-Non-periprocedural MI	3.4%	4.4%	0.77 (0.51, 1.17)
All revascularization	9.4%	10.1%	0.94 (0.72, 1.21)
- ID-TVR	5.6%	5.6%	0.99 (0.71, 1.40)
- ID-TLR	4.5%	4.3%	1.05 (0.71, 1.54)
- ID-TVR/non-TLR	1.8%	2.4%	0.79 (0.45, 1.38)



ILUMIEN IV: Stent Thrombosis (Def/Prob)





ILUMIEN IV: Conclusions

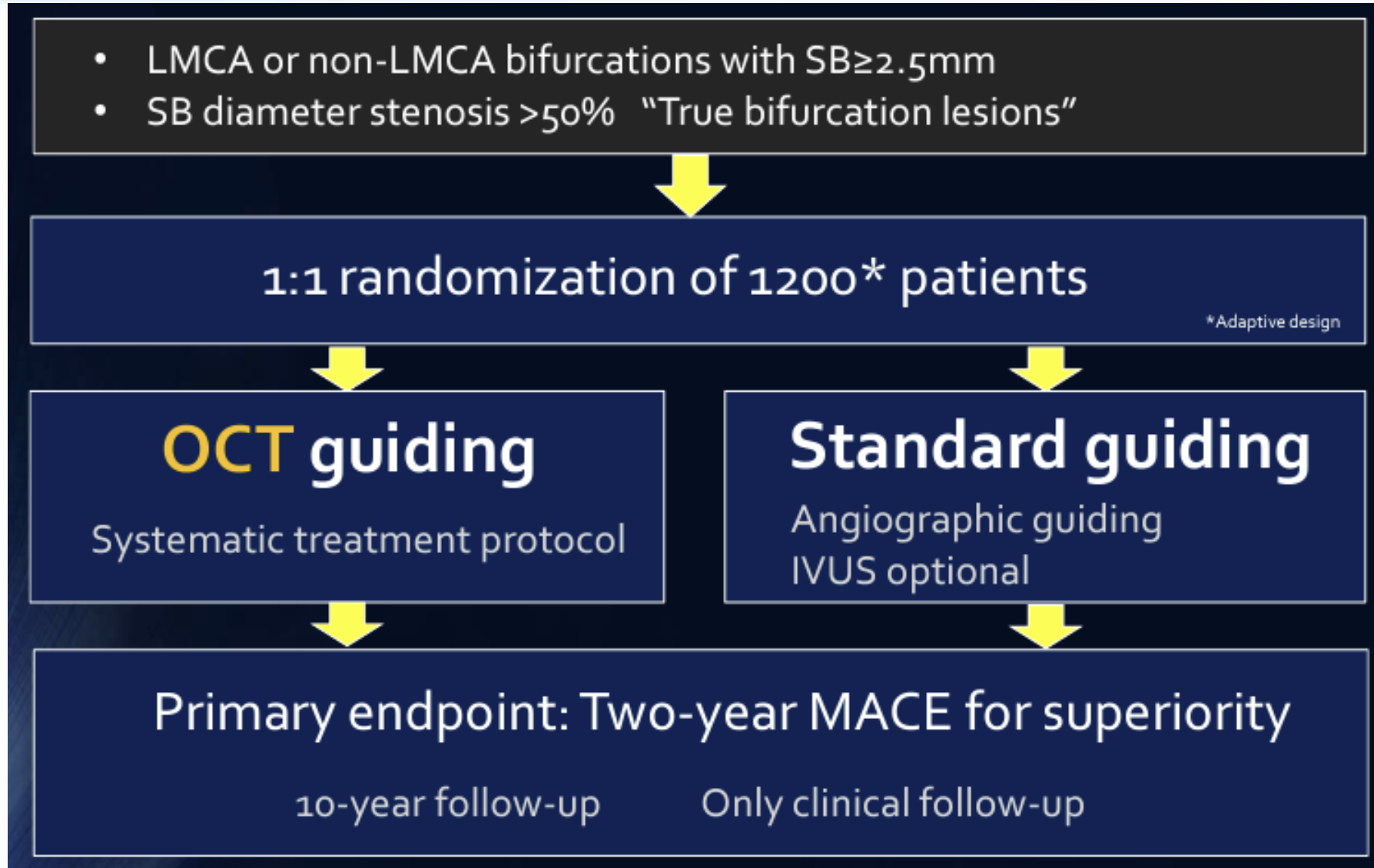
- OCT-guidance resulted in a larger MSA than angiography guidance, with greater stent expansion.
- OCT-guidance led to fewer major dissections, major malapposition, major tissue protrusion and untreated focal reference segment disease.
- The 2-year rates of TVF were not statistically different between OCT-guided and angiography-guided PCI.
- OCT-guided PCI significantly reduced stent thrombosis.

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OCTOBER: Design



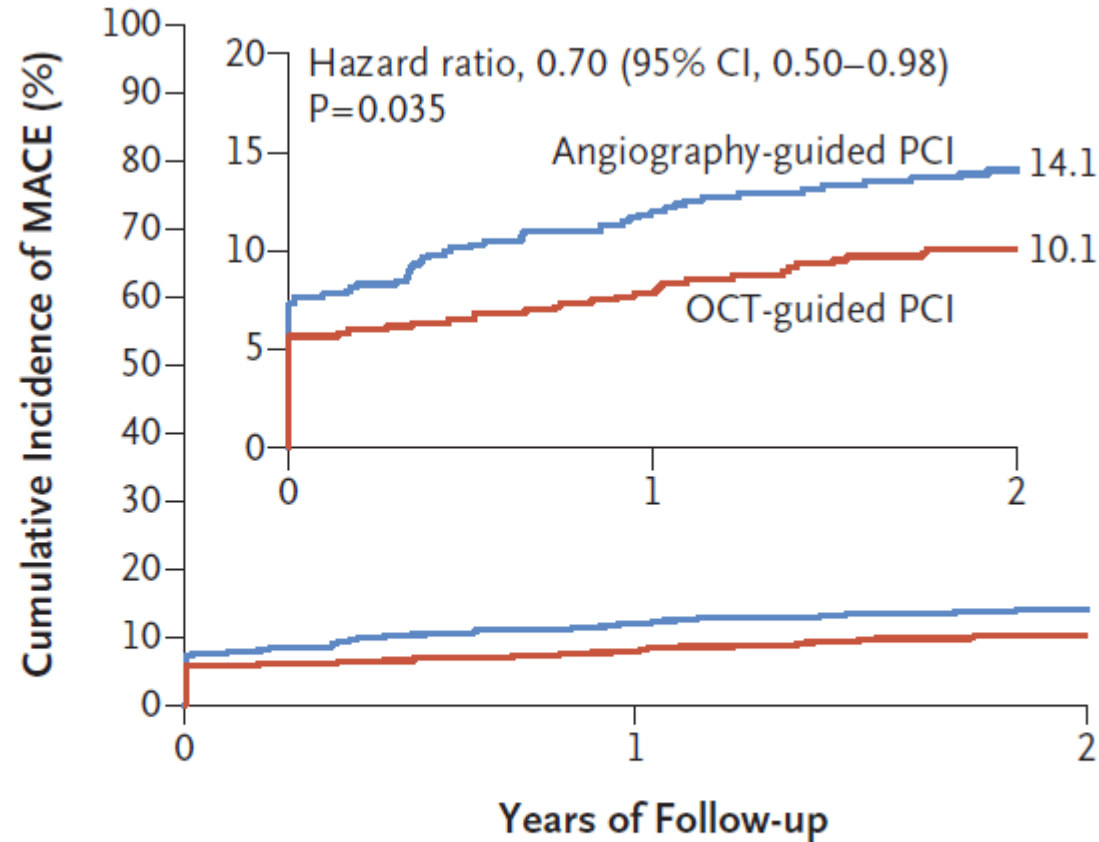


OCTOBER: Procedural Characteristics

Characteristic	Total (N= 1201)	OCT-Guided PCI (N= 600)	Angiography- Guided PCI (N= 601)
Median no. of diseased vessels (IQR)	2 (2–2)	2 (2–2)	2 (2–2)
Median no. of lesions to be treated (IQR)	1 (1–1)	1 (1–1)	1 (1–1)
Trial bifurcation vessels — no. of patients (%)			
LMCA–LAD–LCx	227 (18.9)	111 (18.5)	116 (19.3)
LAD-D	847 (70.5)	425 (70.8)	422 (70.2)
LCx–OM	111 (9.2)	55 (9.2)	56 (9.3)
RCA–PDA–PLA	16 (1.3)	9 (1.5)	7 (1.2)
Main-vessel treatment, median total stent length (IQR) — mm	36 (24–50)	38 (28–51)	33 (23–48)
Side-branch treatment			
Side branch stented — no. of patients/total no. (%)	770/1198 (64.3)	388/597 (65.0)	382/601 (63.6)
Median total stent length (IQR) — mm	23 (15–28)	23 (15–28)	23 (15–28)
Median total balloons (IQR) — no.	7 (5–9)	7 (5–10)	6 (5–9)
Largest balloon diameter — mm	4.1±0.02	4.2±0.03	4.0±0.02
Secondary lesions treated — no. of patients (%)	231 (19.2)	106 (17.7)	125 (20.8)



OCTOBER: Primary End Point



No. at Risk

Angiography-guided PCI	601	509	408
OCT-guided PCI	600	537	439

*MACE: death from a cardiac cause, target-lesion MI, or ischemia-driven TLR



OCTOBER: Clinical Outcomes

End Point	Total (N=1201) <i>events</i>	OCT-Guided PCI (N=600) <i>events (estimated percentage)</i>	Angiography- Guided PCI (N=601)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
Primary end point: MACE [†]	142	59 (10.1)	83 (14.1)	0.70 (0.50–0.98)
Clinical secondary end points				
Patient-oriented composite end point [‡]	182	79 (13.6)	103 (17.7)	0.76 (0.56–1.01)
Death from any cause	36	13 (2.4)	23 (4.0)	0.56 (0.28–1.10)
Death from a cardiac cause	23	8 (1.4)	15 (2.6)	0.53 (0.22–1.25)
Target-lesion myocardial infarction	97	46 (7.8)	51 (8.5)	0.90 (0.60–1.34)
Ischemia-driven target-lesion revascularization [§]	42	16 (2.8)	26 (4.6)	0.61 (0.32–1.13)
Stent thrombosis	29	12 (2.1)	17 (3.0)	0.70 (0.34–1.47)
Definite	7	3 (0.5)	4 (0.7)	0.75 (0.17–3.34)
Probable	3	2 (0.3)	1 (0.2)	1.99 (0.18–22.0)
Possible	19	7 (1.3)	12 (2.1)	0.58 (0.23–1.47)



OCTOBER: Conclusions

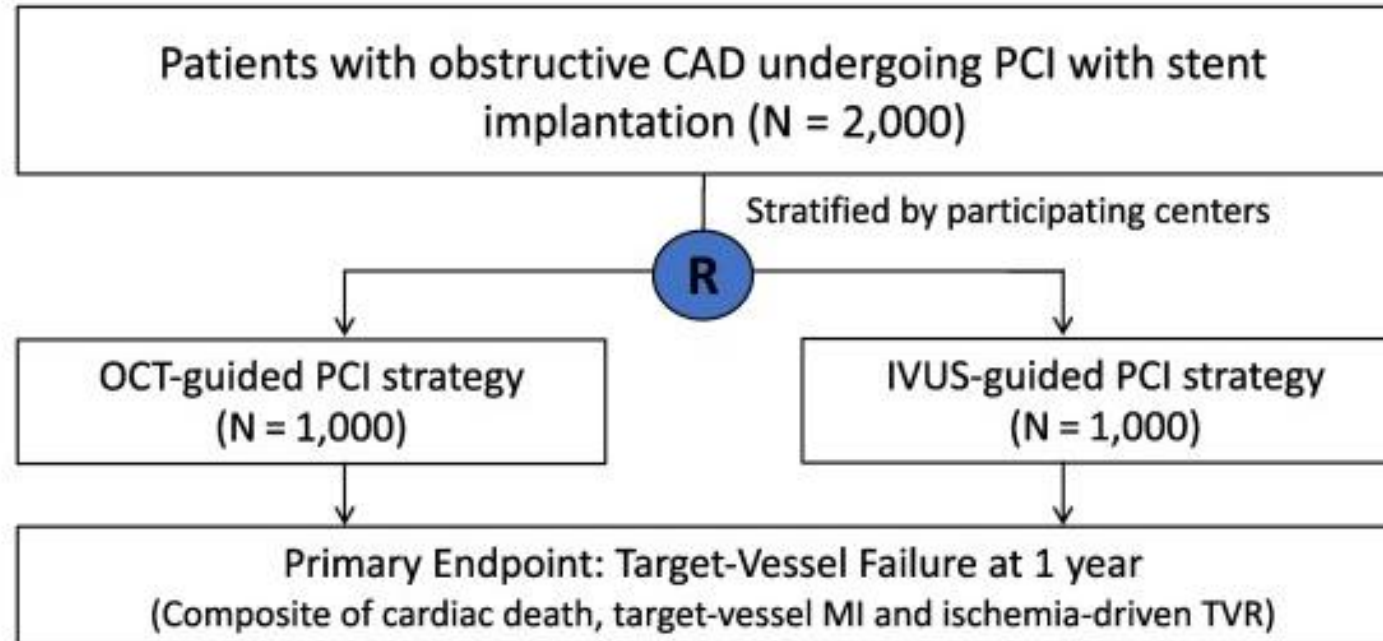
- Among patients with complex coronary-artery bifurcation lesions, OCT-guided PCI was associated with a lower median 2-year incidence of MACE than angiography-guided PCI.
- The incidence of procedure-related complications was low, and there was no notable difference between the two groups.

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OCTIVUS: Study Design



Practical recommendation for PCI optimization by IVUS or OCT

- Distal lumen reference-based (mean distal lumen diameter with up rounding stent size [0–0.25 mm]) or EEM reference-based (mean EEM with down rounding the stent diameter to the nearest 0.25 mm) sizing strategy is recommended
- Avoidance of landing zone in plaque burden >50% and lipid rich tissue
- A relative stent expansion of >80% (MSA divided by average reference lumen area)
- Co-registration of angiography and IVUS or OCT for determining stent length and precise stent placement

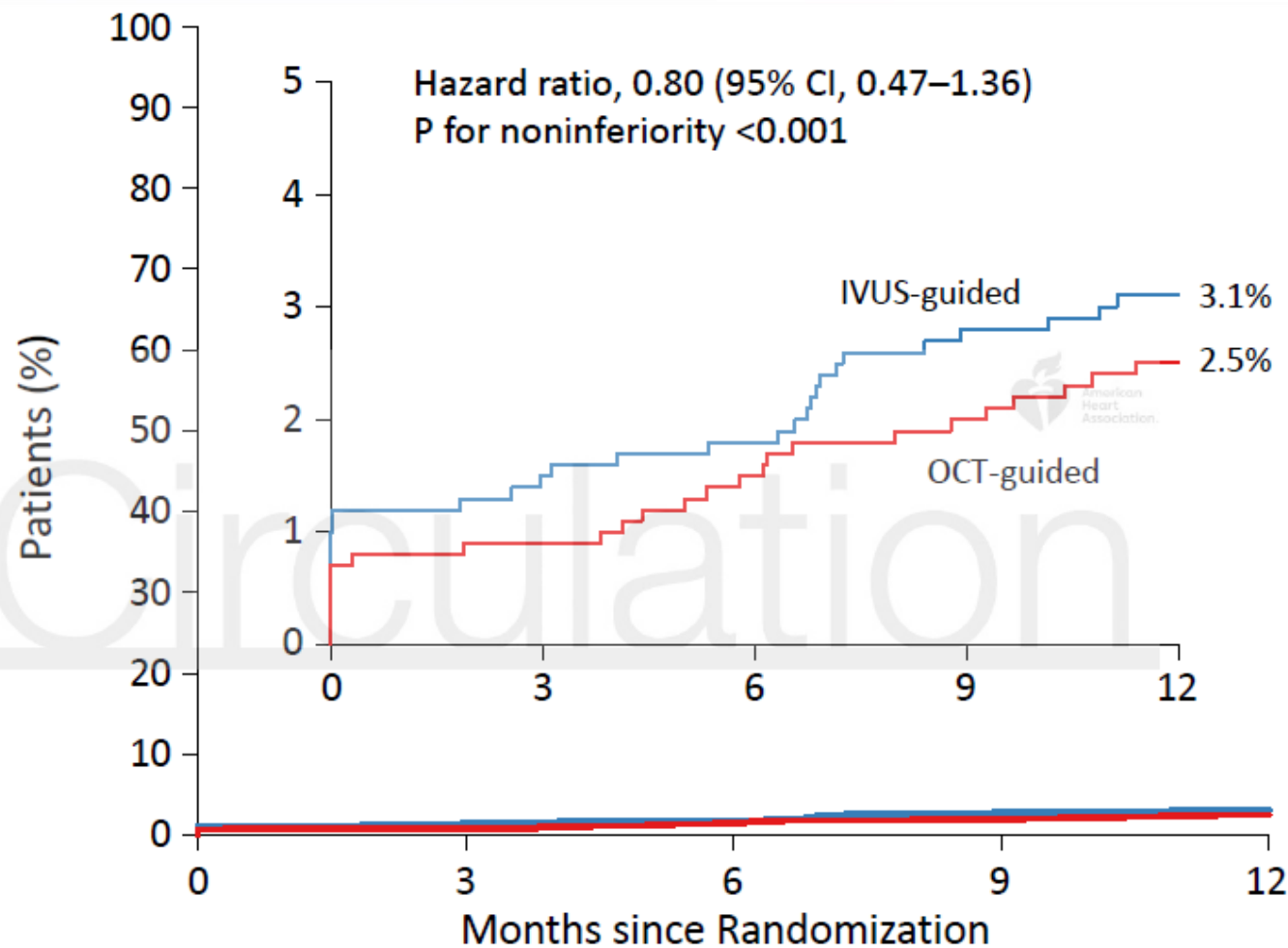


OCTIVUS: Procedural Characteristics

PCI approach			0.99
Radial access	639 (63.6)	638 (63.6)	
Femoral access	366 (36.4)	365 (36.4)	
PCI modality			
Use of drug-eluting stents	970 (96.5)	973 (97.1)	0.45
Used of drug-coated balloons (only for in-stent restenotic lesion)	35 (3.5)	29 (2.9)	
Total no. of lesions treated per patient	1.3±0.6	1.4±0.6	0.36
Mean number of stents per patient	1.6±1.0	1.6±1.0	0.38
Total stent length per patient — mm	47.2±32.4	47.8±32.2	0.69
Post-dilatation with larger balloon or high-pressure balloon use — no. (%)¶	931 (92.6)	917 (91.5)	0.35
Total amount of contrast media used — mL	238.3±112.4	199.8±109.7	<0.001
Total PCI time — min	46.1±23.6	48.9±25.1	<0.001
Procedural success — no. (%)			
Angiography-based†	993 (98.8)	990 (98.7)	0.84
Imaging-based**	476 / 986 (48.3)	546 / 995 (54.9)	0.003
Procedural complications requiring active intervention — no. (%)††			
Any	22 (2.2)	37 (3.7)	0.047
IVUS or OCT procedure related complications	0 (0)	0 (0)	



OCTIVUS: Primary End Point



No. at Risk

OCT-guided PCI	1005	990	984	979	912
IVUS-guided PCI	1003	985	981	969	893



OCTIVUS: Clinical Outcomes

Outcome*	OCT-Guided PCI (N = 1005)	IVUS-Guided PCI (N = 1003)	Risk Difference (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)†
Primary composite outcome‡	25 (2.5 %)	31 (3.1 %)	-0.6 (-2.0 to 0.8)	0.80 (0.47 to 1.36)
Secondary outcomes				
Target-lesion failure§	22 (2.2%)	29 (2.9%)	-0.7 (-2.1 to 0.7)	0.76 (0.43 to 1.31)
Death	10 (1.0%)	14 (1.4%)	-0.4 (-1.4 to 0.6)	0.71 (0.32 to 1.60)
From cardiac cause	3 (0.3%)	6 (0.6%)	-0.3 (-0.9 to 0.3)	0.71 (0.32 to 1.60)
From noncardiac cause	7 (0.7%)	8 (0.8%)	-0.1 (-0.9 to 0.6)	0.87 (0.32 to 2.40)
Target-vessel myocardial infarction	9 (0.9%)	14 (1.4%)	-0.5 (-1.4 to 0.4)	0.64 (0.28 to 1.48)
Periprocedural	7 (0.7%)	11 (1.1%)	-0.4 (-1.2 to 0.4)	0.64 (0.25 to 1.64)
Spontaneous	2 (0.2%)	3 (0.3%)	-0.1 (-0.5 to 0.3)	0.67 (0.11 to 3.98)
Repeat revascularization	16 (1.6%)	19 (1.9%)	-0.3 (-1.5 to 0.8)	0.84 (0.43 to 1.63)
Target-lesion revascularization	11 (1.1%)	14 (1.4%)	-0.3 (-1.3 to 0.7)	0.78 (0.36 to 1.72)
Target-vessel revascularization	14 (1.4%)	16 (1.6%)	-0.2 (-1.3 to 0.9)	0.87 (0.43 to 1.79)
Contrast-induced nephropathy — no. (%)**	14 (1.4%)	15 (1.5%)	-0.1 (-1.1 to 0.9)	0.93 (0.45 to 1.91)

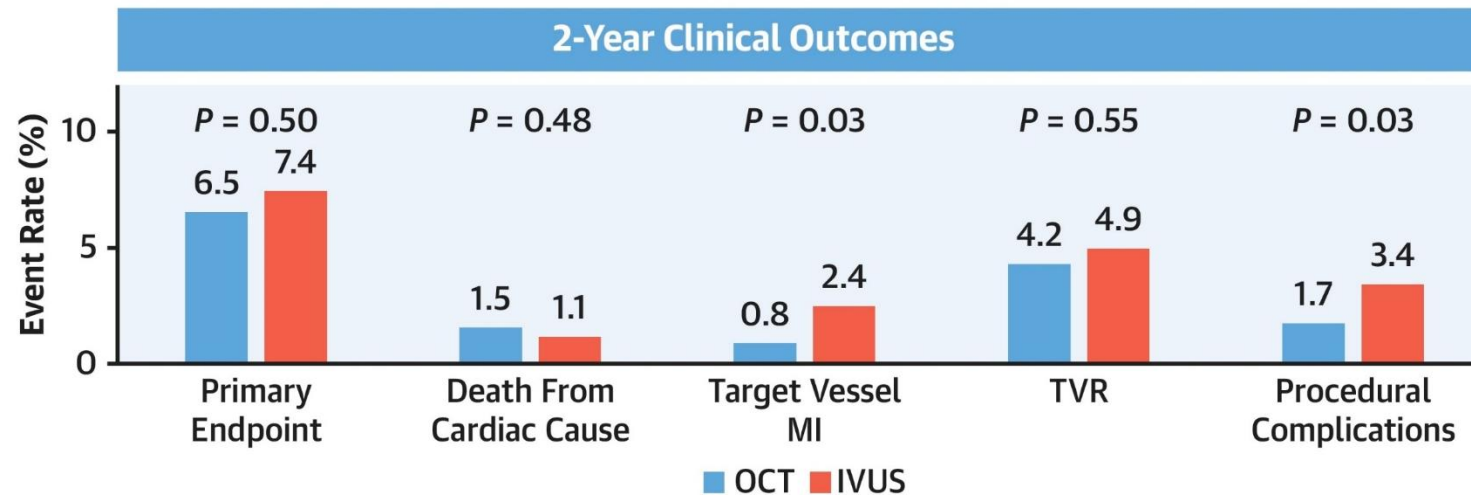
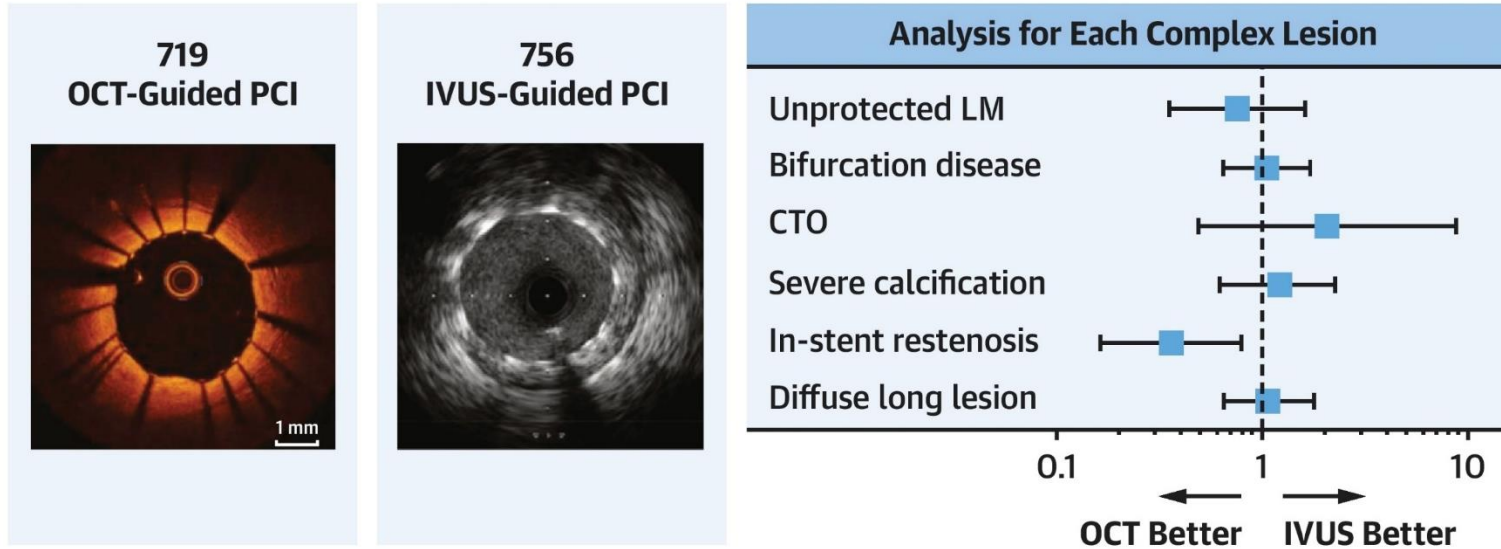


OCTIVUS: Conclusion

- In patients with diverse anatomical or clinical characteristics, we found that OCT-guided PCI was noninferior to IVUS-guided PCI procedures with respect to the TVR at 1 year.
- The incidence of procedure-related complications during the index PCI was lower in the OCT group than in the IVUS group.
- The amount of contrast dye used during the procedures was higher in the OCT group than in the IVUS group, but it was not related to an increase of contrast-induced nephropathy.



1,475 Patients With Complex Coronary Lesions in the OCTIVUS Trial



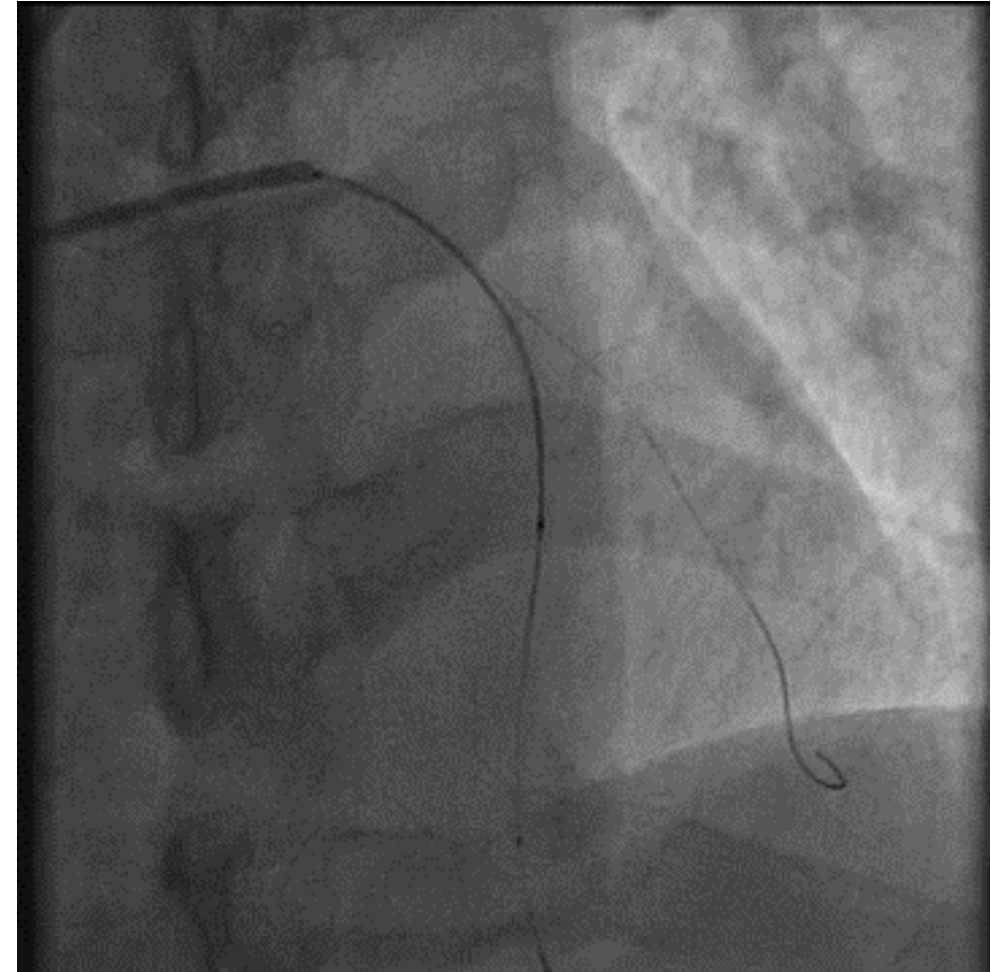
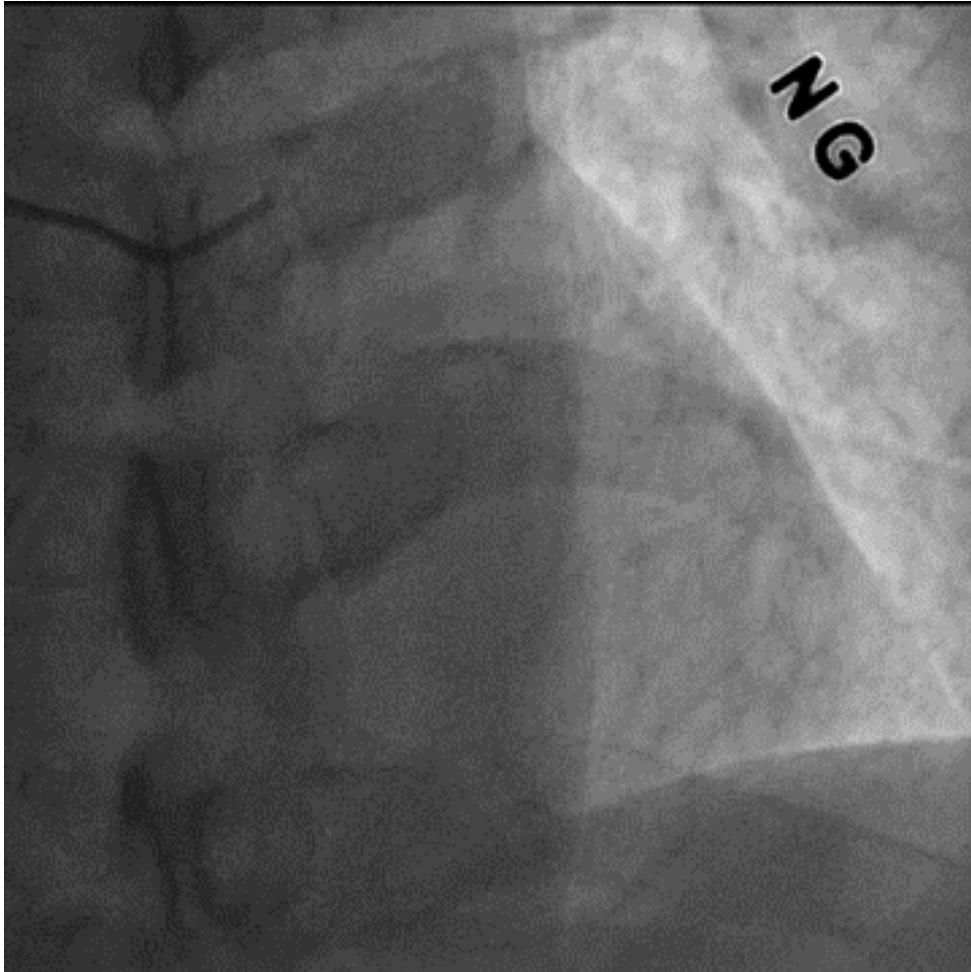
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Major coronary intravascular imaging trials published in 2023

- **RENOVATE-COMPLEX-PCI** (N Engl J Med 2023; 388:1668-1679)
 - Intravascular imaging (IVUS/OCT) vs. Angiography-guided PCI
 - 1,620 patients with complex lesions
- **ILUMIEN IV** (N Engl J Med 2023)
 - OCT vs. Angiography-guided PCI
 - > 2,490 patients with high-risk clinical characteristics (diabetes) and/or complex angiographic lesions
- **OCTOBER** (N Engl J Med 2023)
 - OCT vs. Angiography-guided PCI
 - 1,201 patients with complex bifurcation lesions
- **OCTIVUS** (Circulation 2023)
 - OCT vs. IVUS-guided PCI
 - 2,000 patients

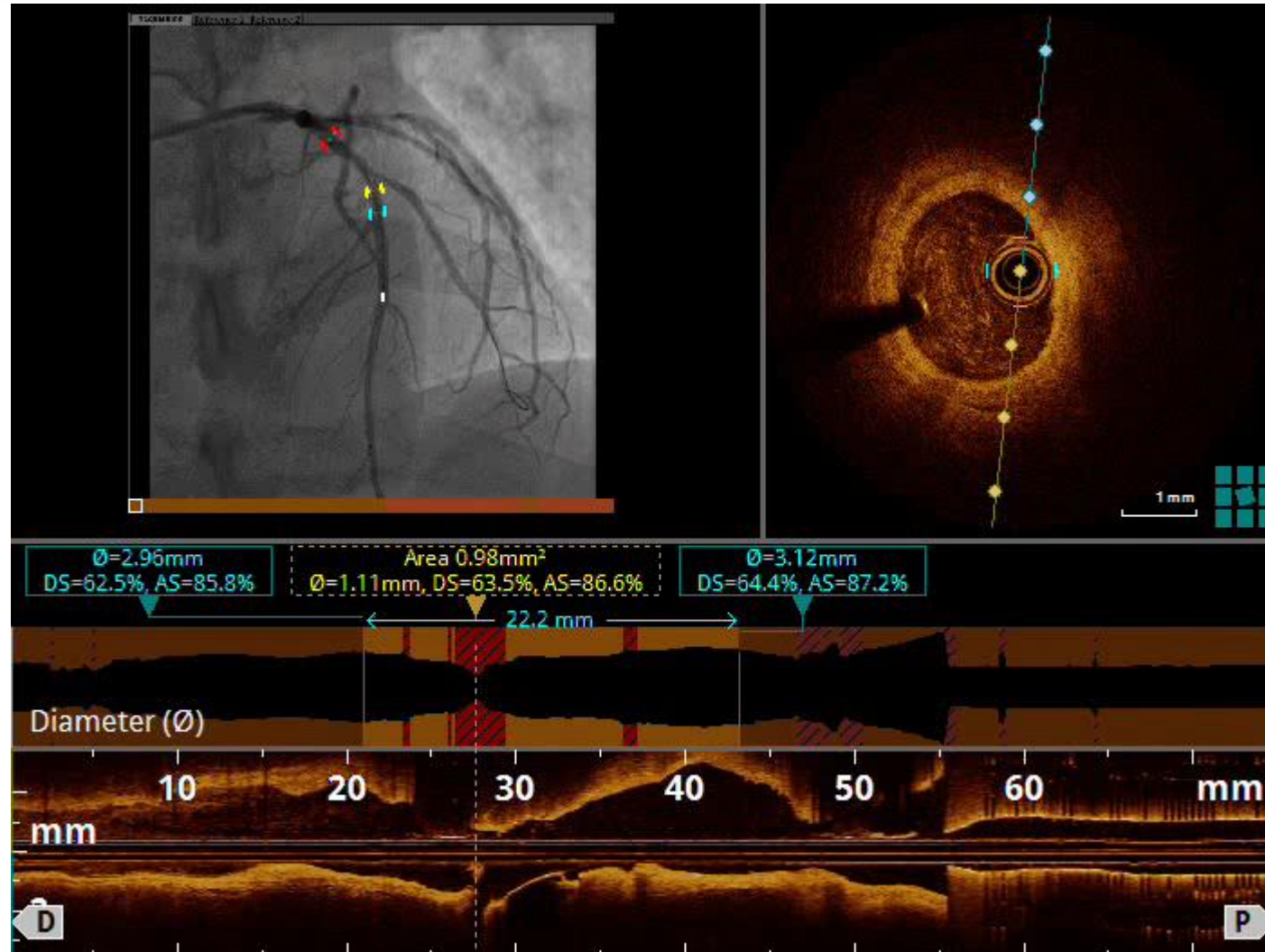


OCT for bifurcation lesion





Pre-stenting OCT





Mini-crush technique



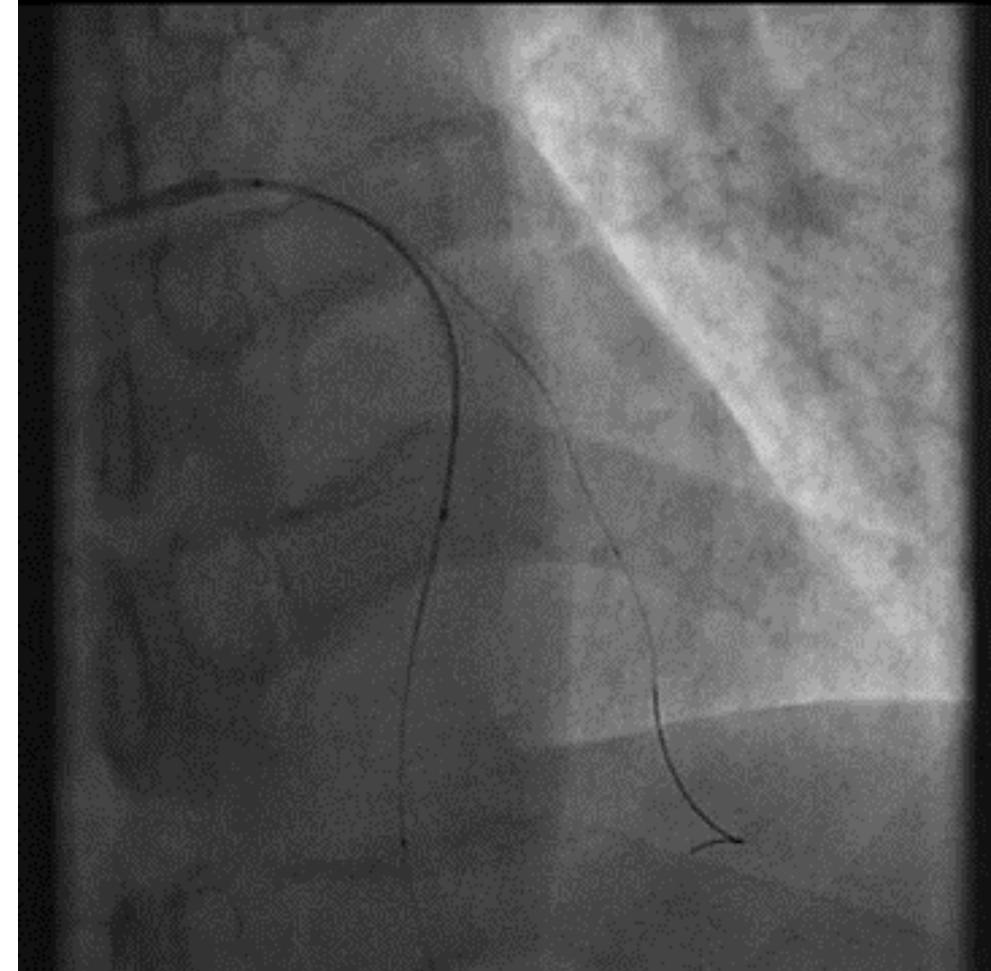
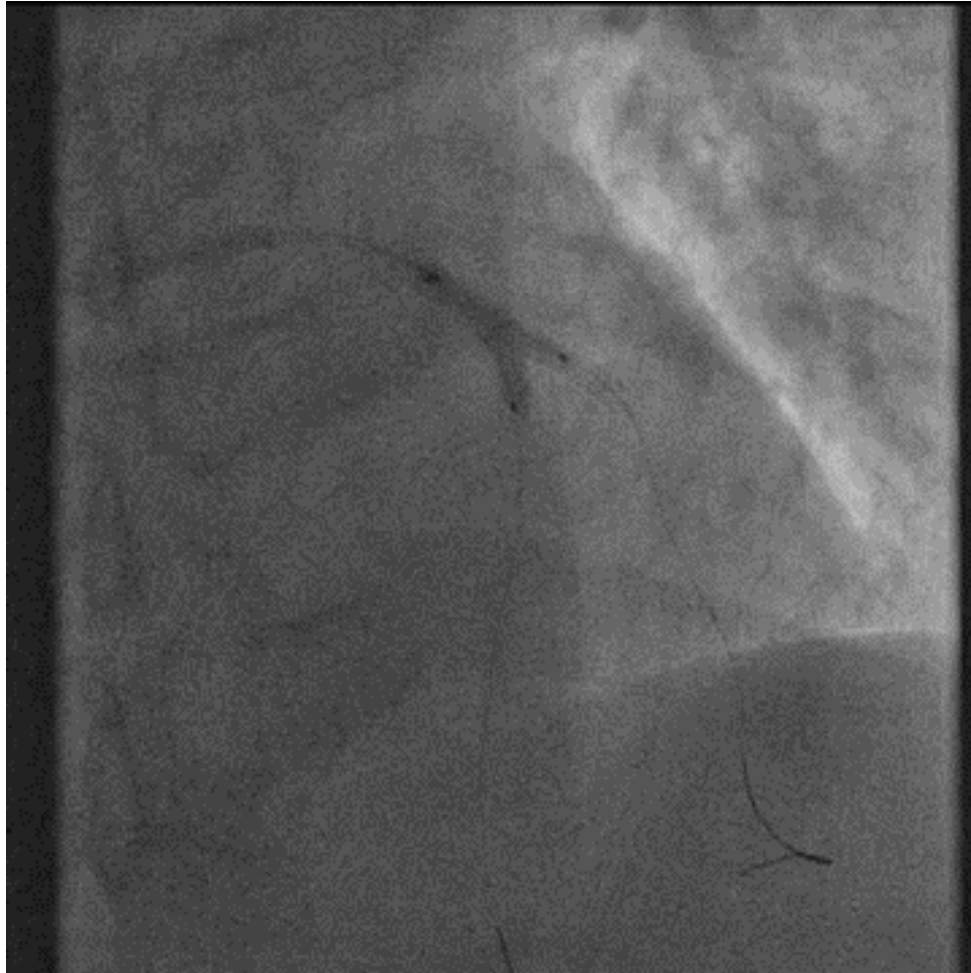
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Balloon crush



Xience Sierra 3.0*23 at pLAD

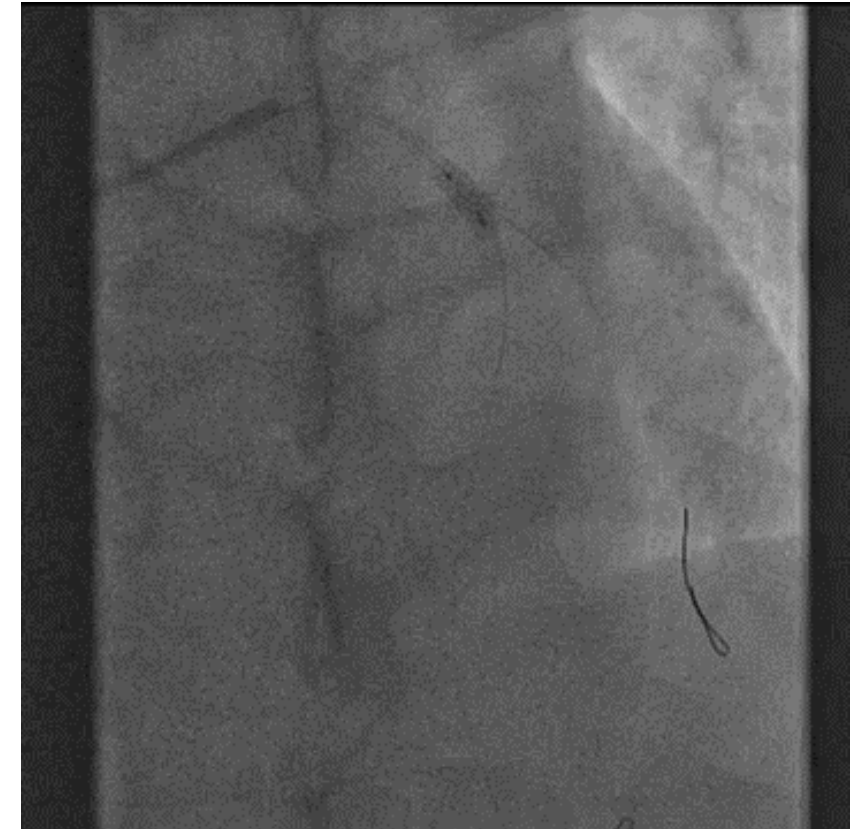
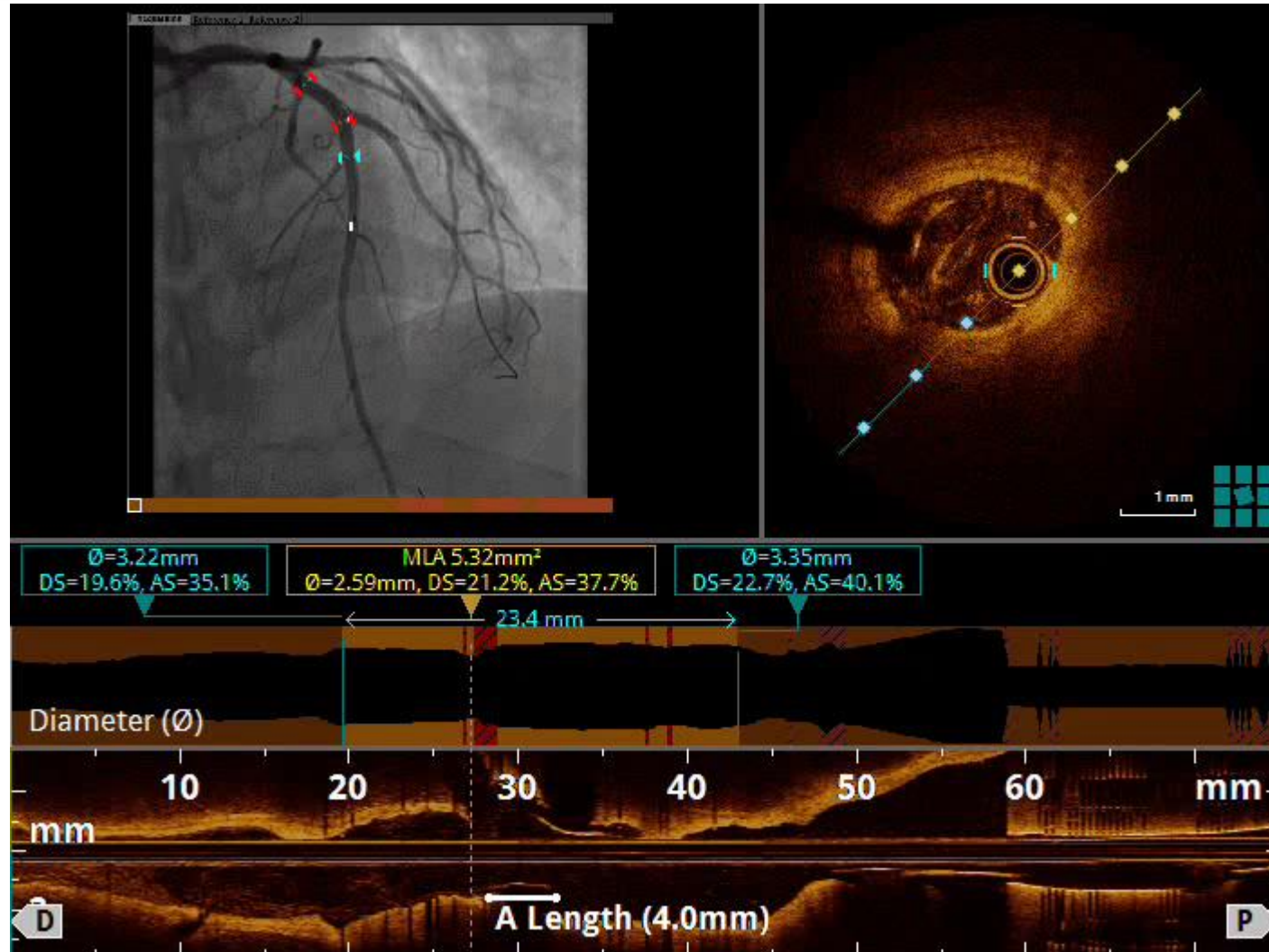


Kissing ballooning





Post-PCI OCT





Summary

- Among patients with complex coronary artery lesions, OCT-guided PCI reduced a risk of TVF compared with angiography-guided PCI.
- OCT was comparable to IVUS in complex PCI
- OCT, compared with IVUS, has several advantages such as higher resolution, rapid pullback, and automatized analysis.