

Vulnerable Plaque Imaging: Contrasting the Different Alternatives

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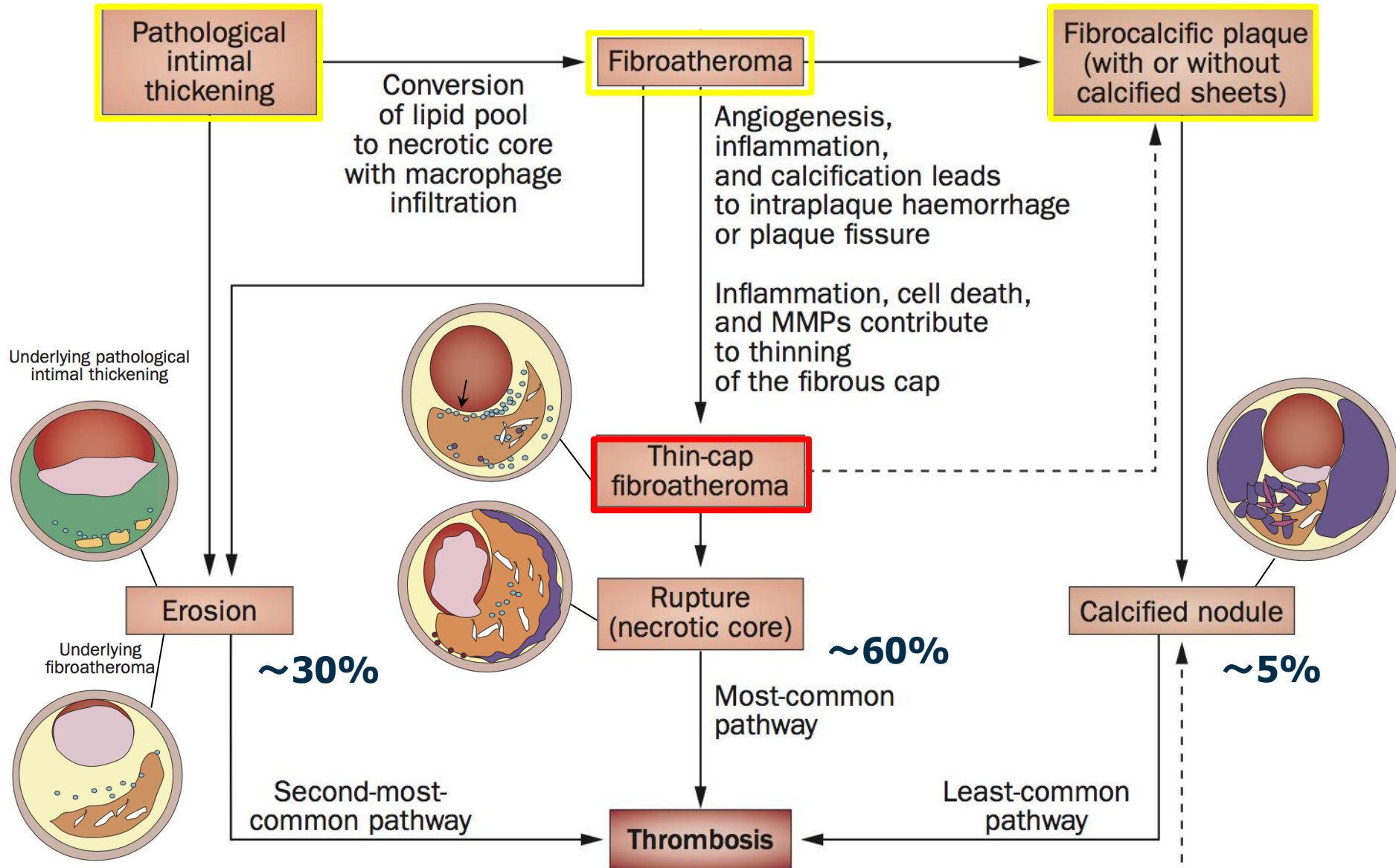
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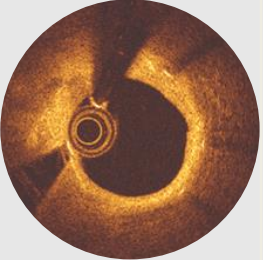
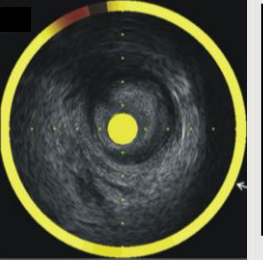

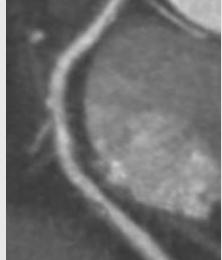
Pathways causing thrombosis in coronary artery disease



Yahagi et al. Nat Rev Cardiol. 2016;13:79-98.

Yahagi et al. Atherosclerosis 2015;239:260-267

Coronary Imaging Modalities

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Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution : 200µm Real-time acquisition Gold standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution: 150-200µm Direct imaging of coronary plaque Calcium/remodeling Additional tissue typing available (VH, IB-IVUS etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Resolution: 10-20µm Documentation of structures close to lumen Thin cap, macrophage, NC, calcium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detection of lipid rich plaques Combined with IVUS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution : 20µm Direct assessment of plaque surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-invasive Resolution : 200µm Concomitant hemodynamic assessment High Risk Plaque morphology Total Plaque Burden Stenosis
Shortcomings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contrast use No plaque imaging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relatively Low tissue resolution (:100 microns) Slow pullback (0.5-10mm/s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of contrast medium Tissue penetration is low (~2mm) No complete depiction of coronary plaque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detection of lipid rich plaques only 	Surface assessment only (color, morphology) Only available in some countries (e.g. Japan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of contrast medium
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A Prospective Natural-History Study of Coronary Atherosclerosis

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The PROSPECT Trial

700 pts with ACS

UA (with ECGΔ) or NSTEMI or STEMI >24^h undergoing PCI of 1 or 2 major coronary arteries at up to 40 sites in the U.S. and Europe

Metabolic S.

- Waist circum
- Fast lipids
- Fast glu
- HgbA1C
- Fast insulin
- Creatinine

PCI of culprit lesion(s)

Successful and uncomplicated

Formally enrolled

Biomarkers

- Hs CRP
- IL-6
- sCD40L
- MPO
- TNFα
- MMP9
- Lp-PLA2
- others

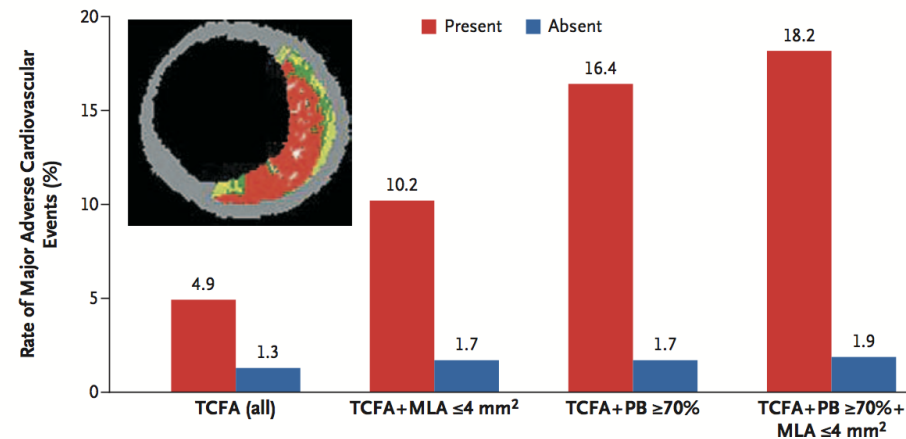
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Table 3. Independent Correlates of Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events Related to Nonculprit Lesions during Follow-up.*

Correlates	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Predictors of patient-level events†		
Insulin-requiring diabetes	3.32 (1.43–7.72)	0.005
Previous percutaneous coronary intervention	2.03 (1.15–3.59)	0.02
Predictors of events at individual lesion sites‡		
Plaque burden ≥70%	5.03 (2.51–10.11)	<0.001
Thin-cap fibroatheroma	3.35 (1.77–6.36)	<0.001
MLA ≤4.0 mm ²	3.21 (1.61–6.42)	0.001

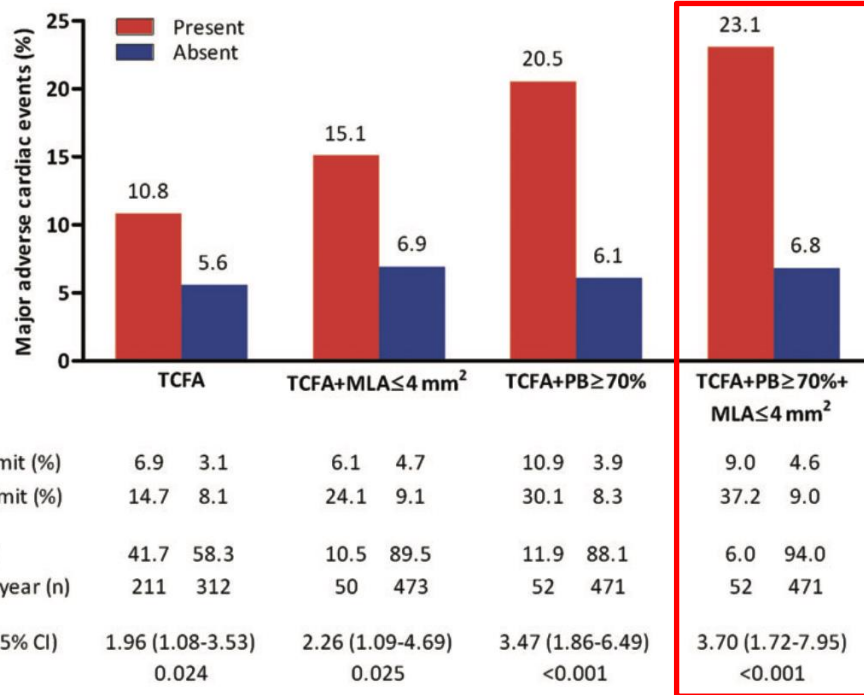
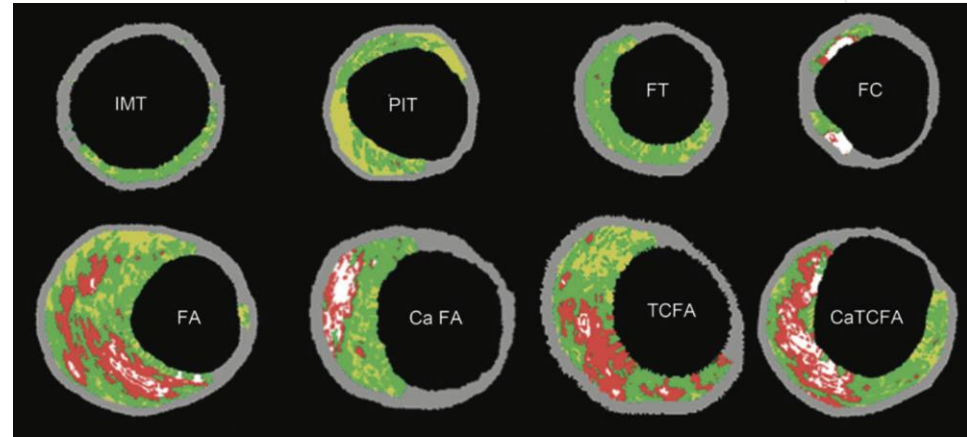


Lesion hazard ratio (95% CI)	3.90 (2.25–6.76)	6.55 (3.43–12.51)	10.83 (5.55–21.10)	11.05 (4.39–27.82)
P value	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Prevalence (%)	46.7	15.9	10.1	4.2

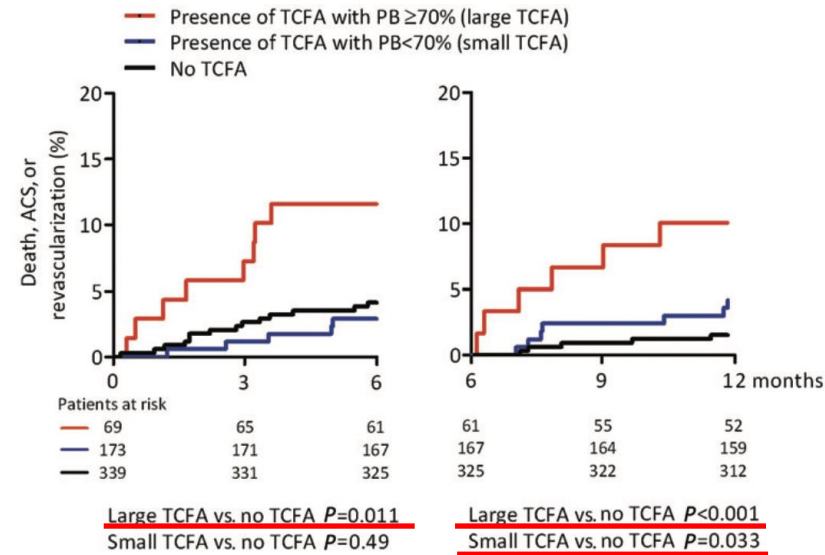
In vivo detection of high-risk coronary plaques by radiofrequency intravascular ultrasound and cardiovascular outcome: results of the ATHEROREMO-IVUS study

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- IVUS of a non-culprit coronary artery was performed in 581 patients who underwent coronary angiography for ACS and SAP.



95% CI lower limit (%)	6.9	3.1	6.1	4.7	10.9	3.9	9.0	4.6
95% CI upper limit (%)	14.7	8.1	24.1	9.1	30.1	8.3	37.2	9.0
Prevalence (%)	41.7	58.3	10.5	89.5	11.9	88.1	6.0	94.0
No. at risk at 1 year (n)	211	312	50	473	52	471	52	471
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	1.96 (1.08-3.53)	2.26 (1.09-4.69)	3.47 (1.86-6.49)	3.70 (1.72-7.95)				
P-value	0.024	0.025	<0.001	<0.001				



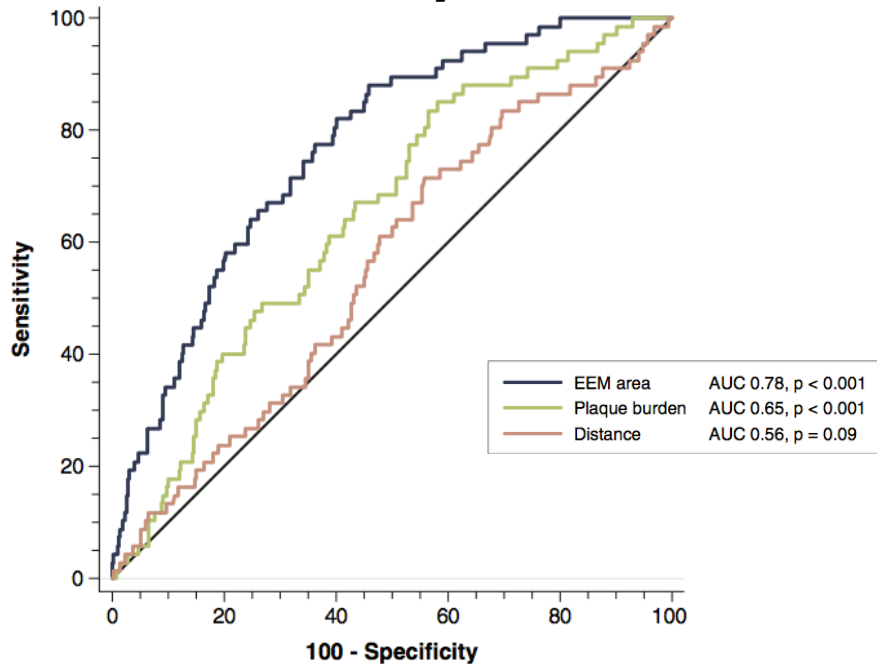
Predictors of Plaque Rupture Within Nonculprit Fibroatheromas in Patients With Acute Coronary Syndromes



The PROSPECT Study

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ROC analysis



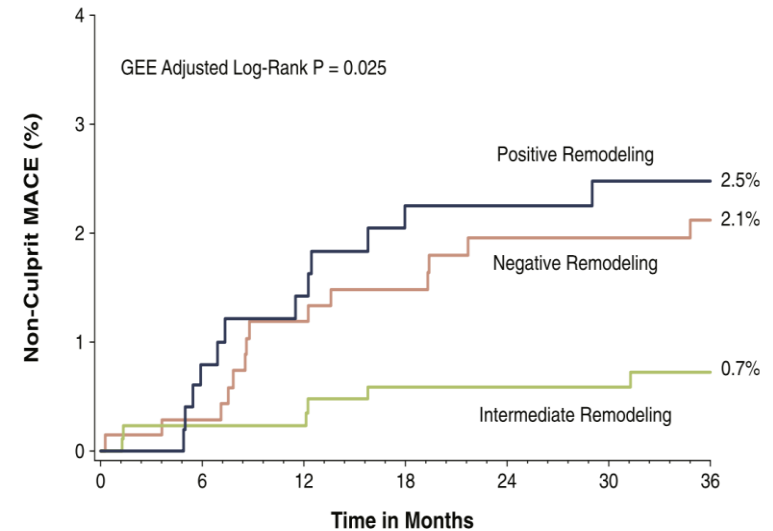
Vessel area may be the strongest predictor of plaque rupture among non-left main coronary arteries

Impact of Positive and Negative Lesion Site Remodeling on Clinical Outcomes

IVUS

Insights From PROSPECT

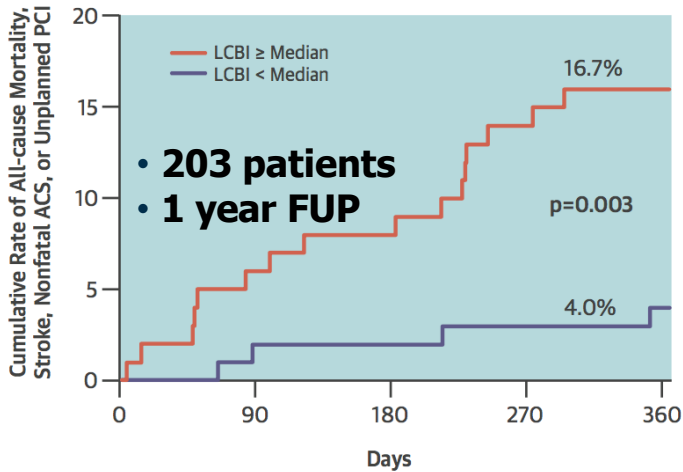
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Number at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36
Negative R.	734	671	657	643	629	607	391
Intermediate R.	911	841	832	807	798	775	482
Positive R.	537	488	484	460	451	435	286

Positive and negative lesion site remodeling was associated with unanticipated non-culprit lesion MACE in the PROSPECT study.

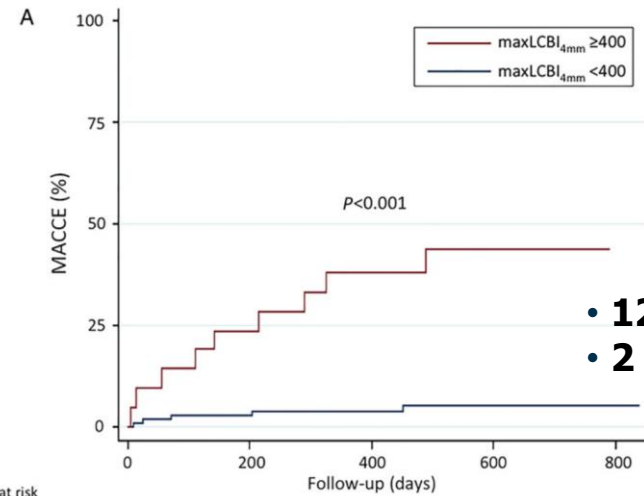
NIRS-IVUS and clinical outcomes



No. at Risk

LCBI < Median	101	99	99	97	91
LCBI ≥ Median	102	94	92	86	83

J Am Coll Cardiol. 2014 Dec 16;64(23):2510-8.



No at risk

maxLCBI _{4mm} ≥ 400	21	16	12	5	0
maxLCBI _{4mm} < 400	100	97	87	47	13

Madder RD, et al. Eur Heart J Cardiovasc Imaging. 2016 Apr;17(4):393-9.

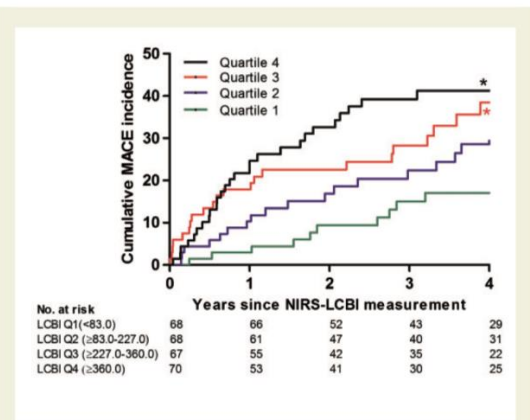
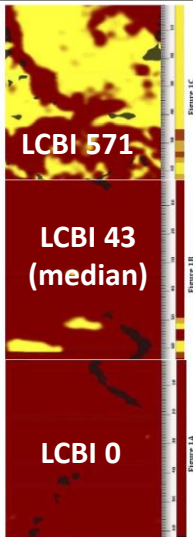
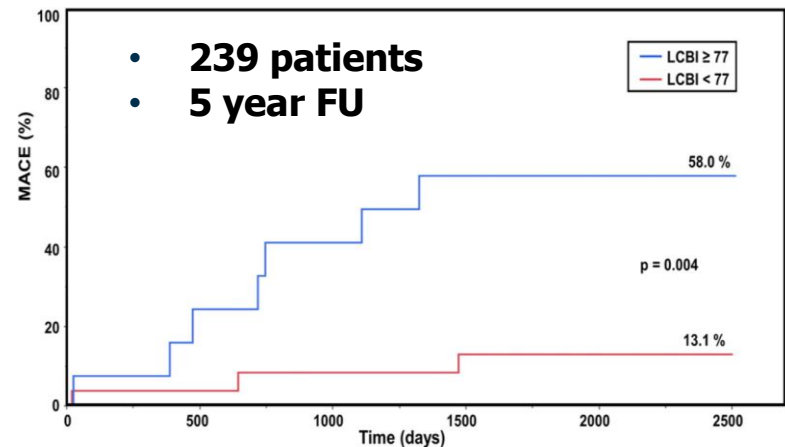


Figure 2 Association between quartiles of MaxLCBI_{4mm} and the occurrence of MACE. *P < 0.01 as compared with first quartile (reference).

• **275 patients**
• **4 year FUP**

Schuurman et al.
Eur Heart J. 2017 May 20.

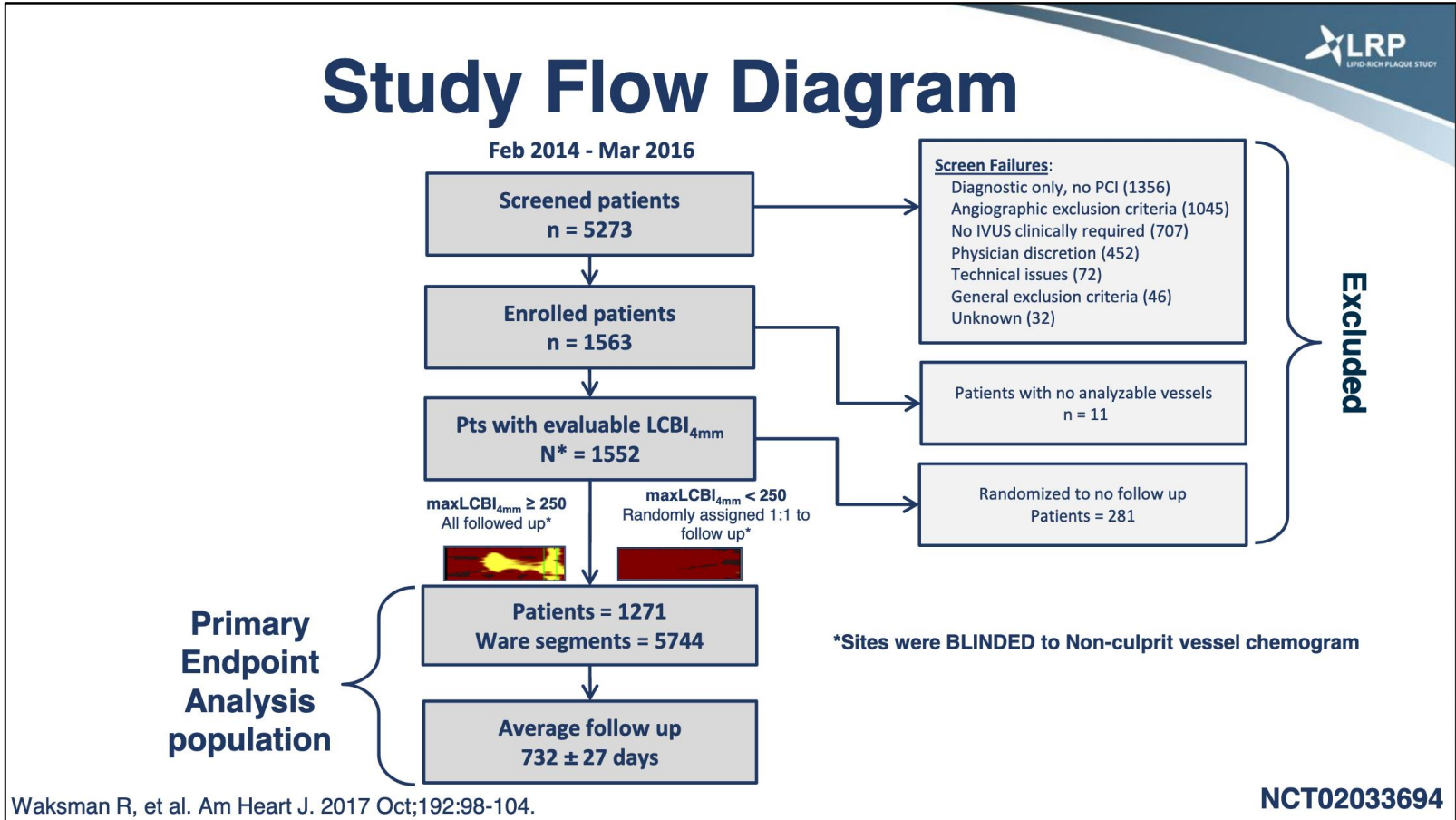


Number at risk

LCBI ≥ 77	13	9	8	6	5	1
LCBI < 77	26	23	21	20	17	1

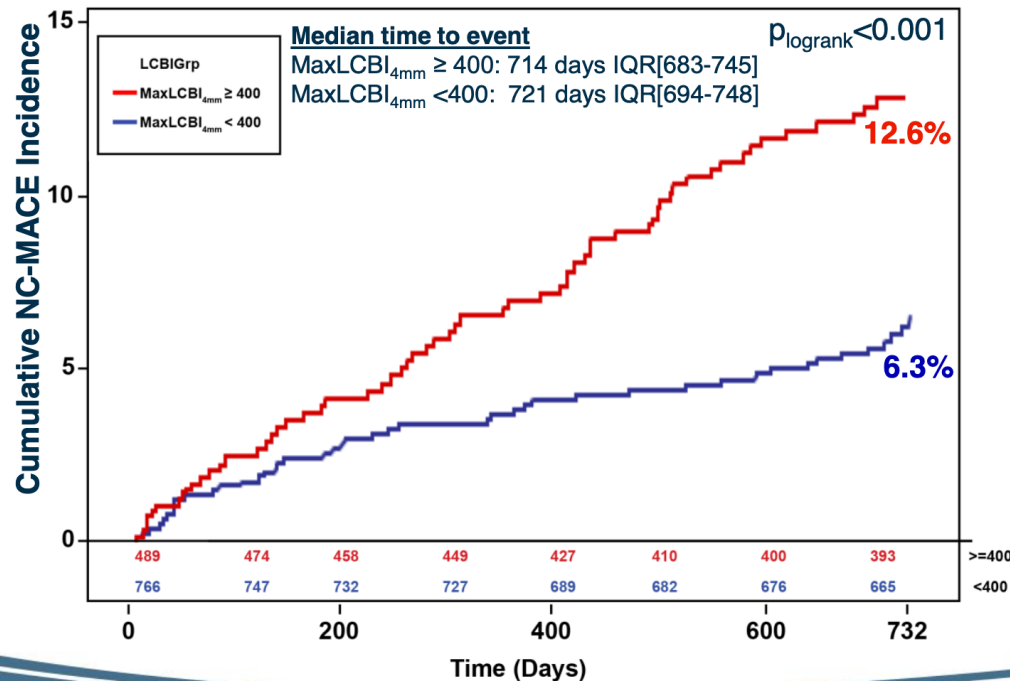
Cardiovasc Revasc Med. 2017;18:177-181.

LRP study



- A patient with maxLCBI_{4mm} >400 is at 87% higher risk than lesser maxLCBI_{4mm} >400
 - In plaque-level, risk of event in vulnerable coronary segment is 45 percent higher with each 100 unit increase in maxLCBI_{4mm}
 - Likelihood of event in segment with maxLCBI_{4mm} >400 is 411% higher than a segment with a lesser maxLCBI_{4mm}
- Ron Waxman TCT 2018

Patient Cumulative NC-MACE Incidence



- There was **no interaction between the maximum 4mm Lipid Core Burden Index [maxLCBI4mm] and plaque burden or minimum lumen area (MLA)** within the maxLCBI4mm by IVUS. The addition of plaque burden $\geq 70\%$ did not alter the hazard ratio or have an interaction with maxLCBI4mm > 400 .
- The ability of NIRS to detect vulnerable plaque is independent of plaque burden or the MLA.

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Infraredx, a Nipro Company, Announces FDA Approval of Expanded Label Claim for the Makoto™ Intravascular Imaging System

The label claim expands usage guidelines to include identification of patients and plaques at increased risk of major adverse cardiac events (MACE)

April 22, 2019 09:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time

BURLINGTON, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Infraredx, a Nipro Company, a pioneer in intravascular imaging for mapping coronary artery disease, announced today that it has received 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to expand the indications for use for its Makoto™ Intravascular Imaging System. The approval is based on the results of the landmark Lipid-Rich Plaque (LRP) Study, which demonstrated the ability of intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) and near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) technology to identify patients and coronary plaques at an increased risk for major adverse cardiac events (MACE).

FDA grants Infraredx, a Nipro Company, expanded indications for use of the Makoto Imaging System to include identification of patients and plaques at increased risk of major adverse cardiac events (MACE)

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The study, which enrolled 1,563 patients from 44 sites across the U.S. and Europe, utilized IVUS+NIRS technology to assess patient and plaque lipid core burden index (LCBI) in stable and unstable patients requiring an angiogram procedure for new or ongoing cardiac symptoms. LCBI is validated as a quantitative summary metric of the lipid core in a scanned or selected region. The system utilizes NIRS to detect lipid core plaque (LCP) and automatically displays the results via a simple, color-coded map, called a chemogram. The system automatically generates LCBI calculations and the chemogram, which displays the presence of LCP in yellow and absence in red.

PROSPECT II Study (n=900)

PREVENT Trial (n=1600)

PROSPECT ABSORB RCT

900 pts with ACS after successful PCI

3 vessel IVUS + **NIRS (blinded)**

≥1 IVUS lesion with ≥65% plaque burden present?

Yes

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1:1

**Absorb BVS
+ GDMT**

**GDMT
alone**

Routine angio/3V IVUS-NIRS FU

at 2 years

Clinical FU for 15+ years

No

All-comers, with any epicardial coronary stenosis ≤40 mm long with FFR ≥0.80 and with 2 of the following:

1. Plaque burden at the MLA >70%
2. MLA ≤4.0 mm²
3. TCFA by OCT or VH-IVUS
4. Lipid-rich plaque on **NIRS (MaxLCBI_{4mm}>315)**

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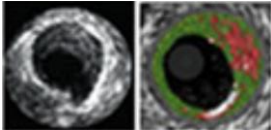
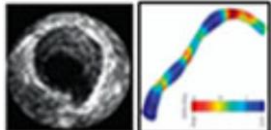
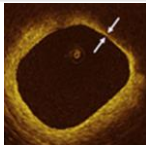

DES/BVS+OMT N=800

OMT N=800

Primary endpoint at 2 years:

TVF: CV death, TV-MI, or ID-TVR

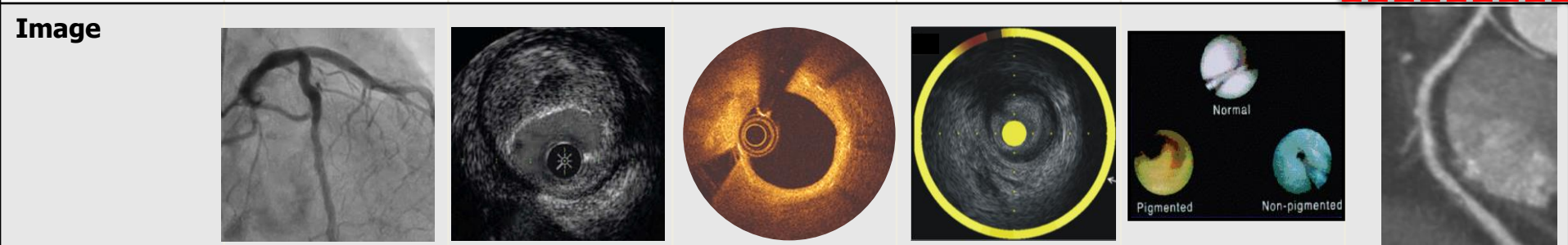
Summary of the positive and negative prediction values of intracoronary imaging derived variables for predication of clinical outcomes

Modality	Study	Identified parameter(s)	Endpoint	Positive Predictive value	Negative predictive value
IVUS & VH 	PROSPECT (n=697)	PB ≥70%, MLA <4 mm², VH-TCFA	MACE	18%	98%
	ATHEROREMO-IVUS (n=581)			23%	93%
	Substudy of PROSPECT	+ Remodeling (either positive or negative)	MACE	NA	NA
	Substudy of PROSPECT	+ Longitudinal lesion location (proximal), absence of Ca	Plaque rupture	NA	NA
	PREDICTION (n=506)	PB >58%, ESS <1.0 Pa	PCI	41%	92%
OCT 		Cap thickness, superficial macrophages	Plaque rupture	NA	NA
NIRS 	ATHEROREMO-NIRS (n=203)	LCBI >43%	MACE	12%	99%
	Lipid Rich Plaque study (n=1552)	LCBI max 4mm	NC-MACE	For each 100 unit increase of maxLCBI4mm the risk of NC-MACE increases by 45%	

Adapted from Koskinas et al. EHJ 2016

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Long-Term Prognostic Effect of Coronary Atherosclerotic Burden Validation of the Computed Tomography-Leaman Score

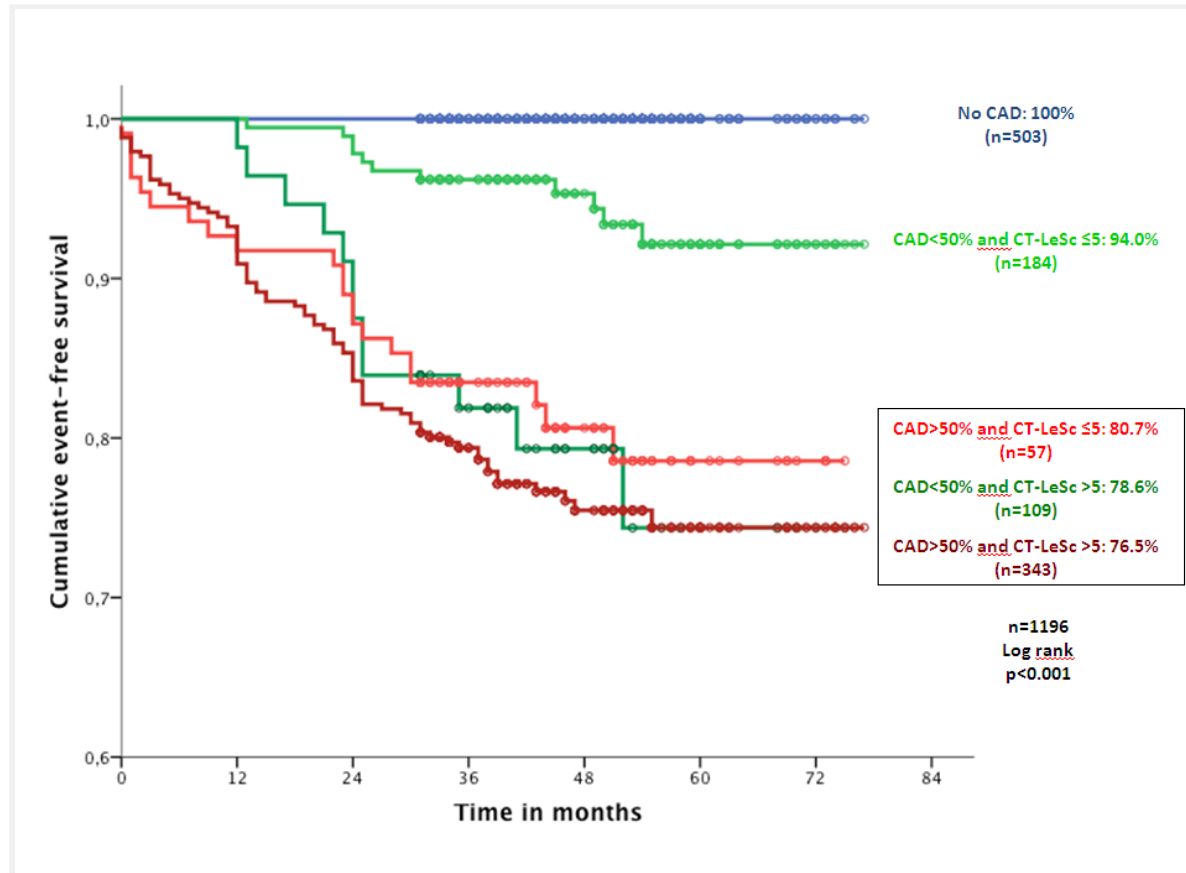
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2015 Feb;8(2):e002332.

Circulation:
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MSCT Leaman score

- 1) **Localization** of the coronary plaques, accounting for dominance.
- 2) **Type of plaque**, with a multiplication factor of 1 for calcified plaques and of 1.5 for non-calcified and mixed plaques.
- 3) **Degree of stenosis**, with a multiplication factor of 0.615 for non-obstructive (<50% stenosis) and a multiplication factor of 1 for obstructive ($\geq 50\%$ stenosis) lesions.



ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Plaque Characterization by Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography and the Likelihood of Acute Coronary Events in Mid-Term Follow-Up

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3,158 patients undergoing CTA FUP: mean 3.9 ± 2.4 years

CTA-verified HRP was an independent predictor of ACS.

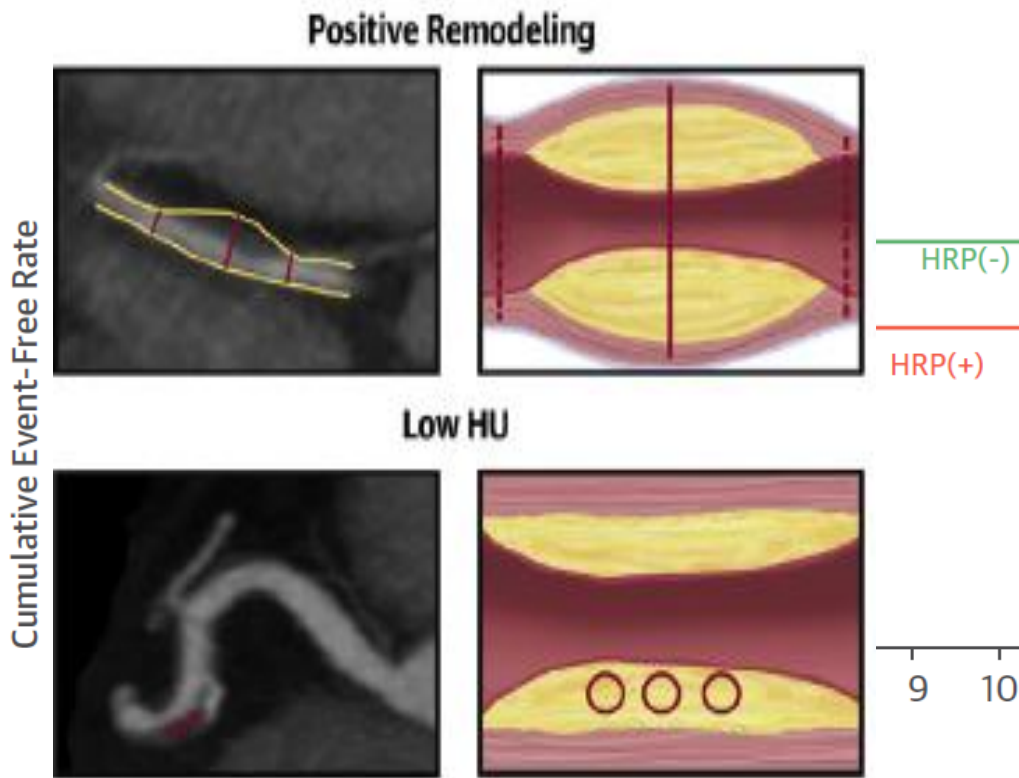
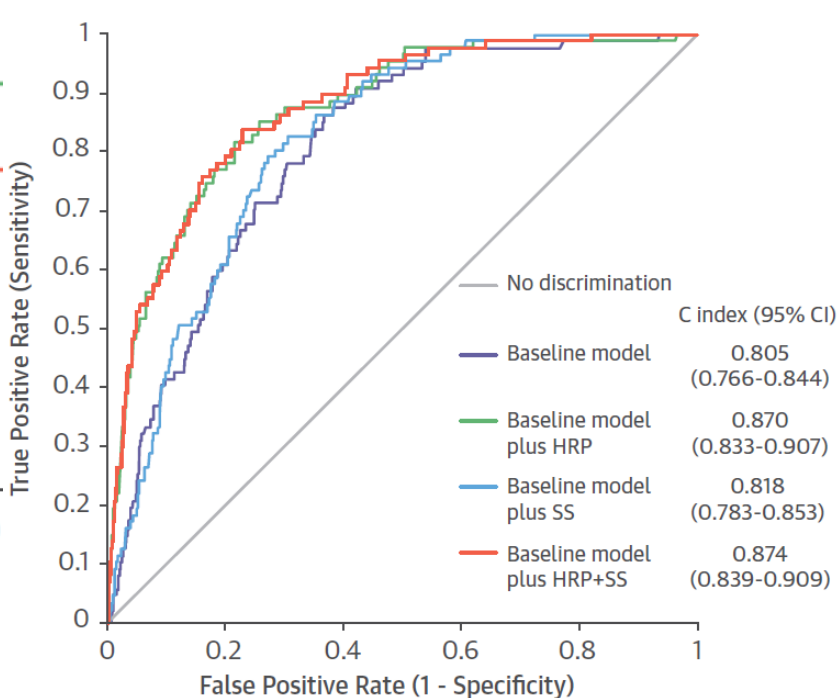


FIGURE 3 Incremental Value of CTA to Detect ACS

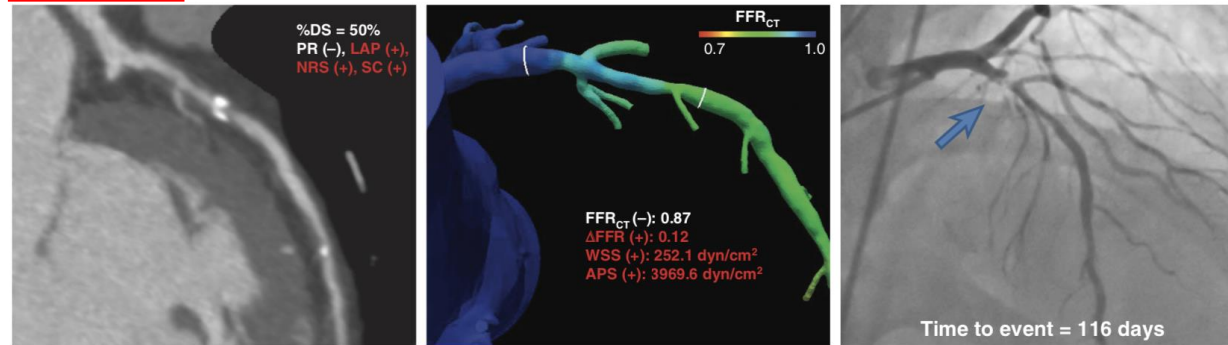


Identification of High-Risk Plaques Destined to Cause Acute Coronary Syndrome Using Coronary Computed Tomographic Angiography and Computational Fluid Dynamics : [EMERALD]

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A Culprit Lesion

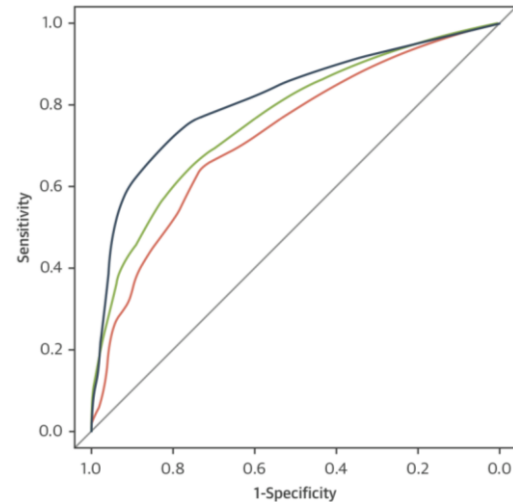
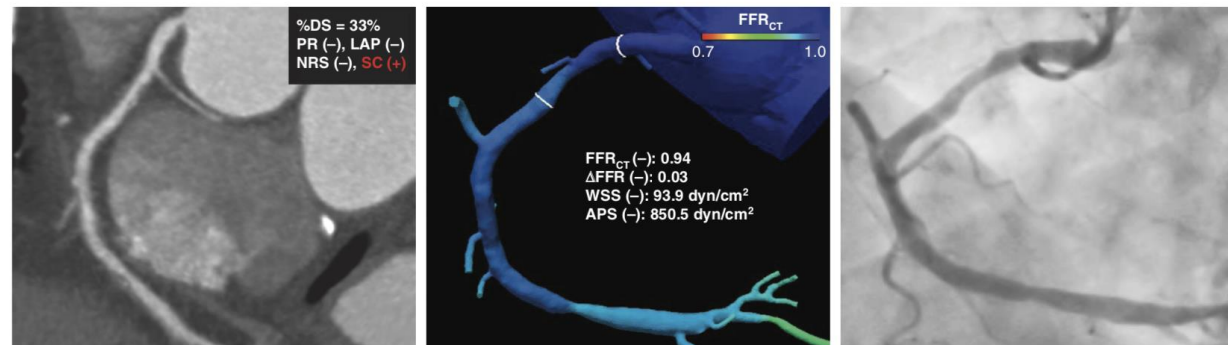


Model1: %DS and lesion length

Model2: Model1+APC (adverse plaque characteristics)

Model3: Model2+AHC (adverse hemodynamic characteristics)

B Nonculprit Lesion



- 72 pts with clearly documented ACS and available CTA
- 66 culprit and 150 nonculprit lesions
- Adverse plaque characteristics (APC)
- **Adverse hemodynamic characteristics** (FFR_{CT} , change in FFR_{CT} across the lesion [ΔFFR_{CT}], wall shear stress [WSS], and axial plaque stress)

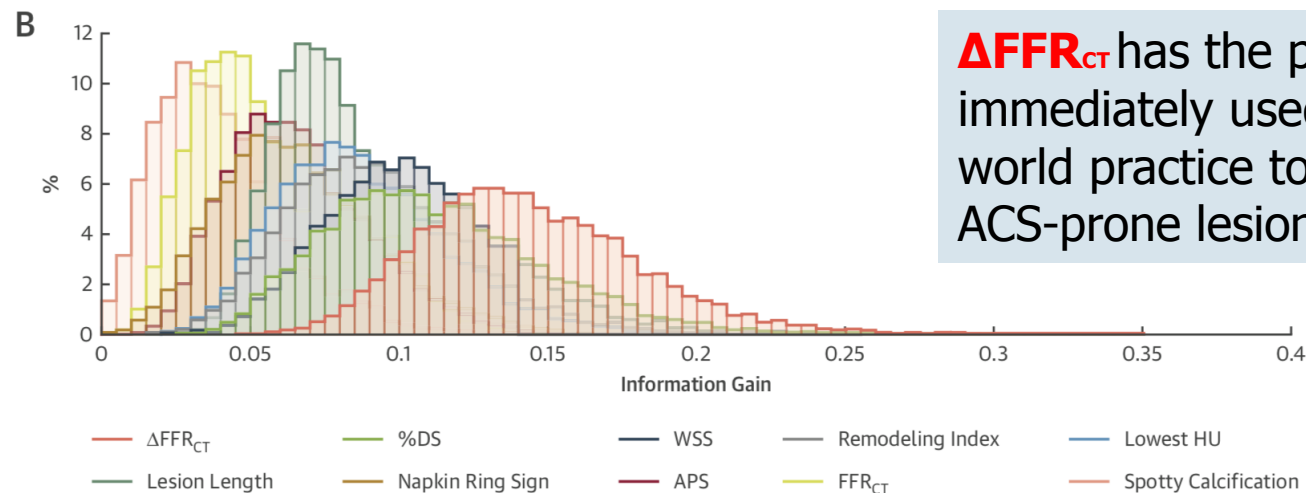
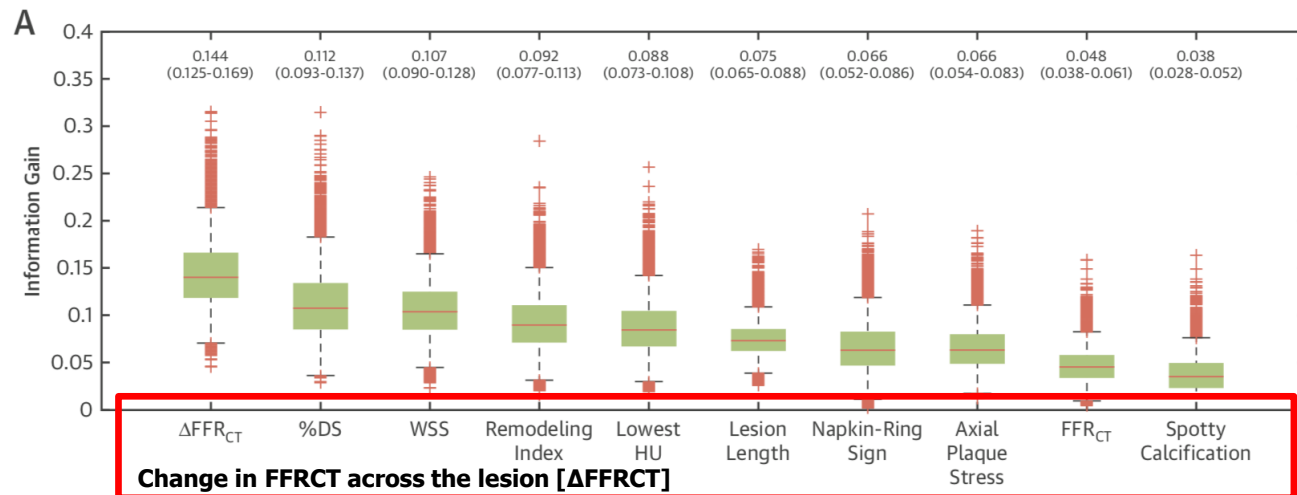
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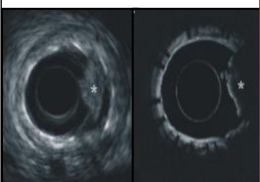
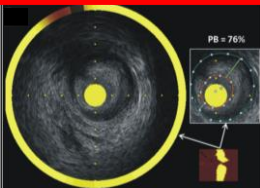
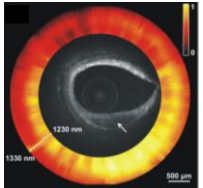
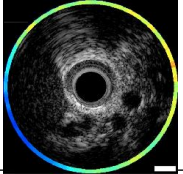
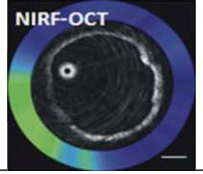
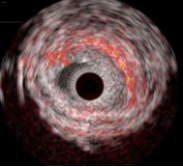
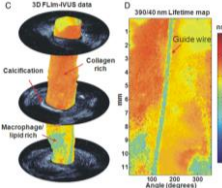
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Comparison of Information Gain Among Included Parameters in Prediction Models

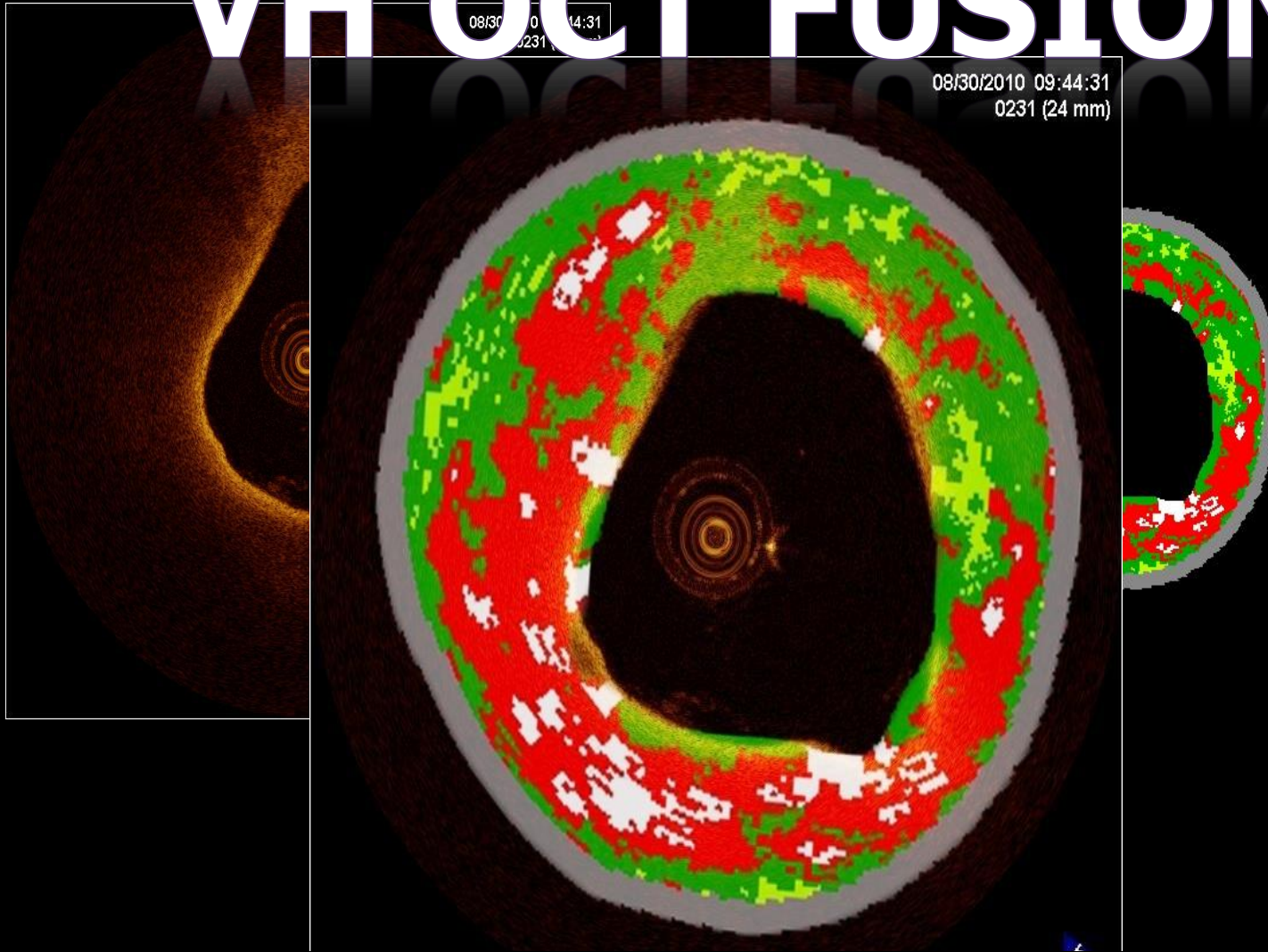


The combined intravascular imaging catheters

		IVUS	OCT
	Axial Resolution	20 μm	8 μm
OCT	8 μm	<p>IVUS-OCT: Detailed plaque characterization with vessel size (remodeling) assessment.</p> 	
NIRS	NA	<p>NIRS-IVUS: Simultaneous assessment of lipid component and vessel structure (plaque burden, remodeling). only combined catheter clinically applied</p> 	<p>NIRS-OCT: Differentiating deep tissue (i.e. deeply embedded calcific tissue and lipid tissue).</p> 
NIRF	NA	<p>NIRF-IVUS: Simultaneous assessment of Inflammation and vessel structure.</p> 	<p>NIRF-OCT: Correlates inflammation and detailed morphological assessment.</p> 
IVPA	100 μm	<p>IVPA-IVUS: Simultaneous assessment of chemical composition (i.e., lipid, inflammation, stent) and structural information.</p> 	
TRFS (FLIm)	160 μm	<p>TRFS-IVUS: Simultaneous assessment of compositional characteristics (i.e., lipid, collagen, elastin) of the superficial plaque and vessel structure.</p> 	<p>Katagiri, Serruys, Onuma et al. Expert Rev Med Devices. 2017 Dec;14(12):985-999.</p>

NIRF = near infrared fluorescence, IVPA = intravascular photoacoustic, TRFS = time resolved fluorescence spectroscopy, FLIm = fluorescence life time imaging.

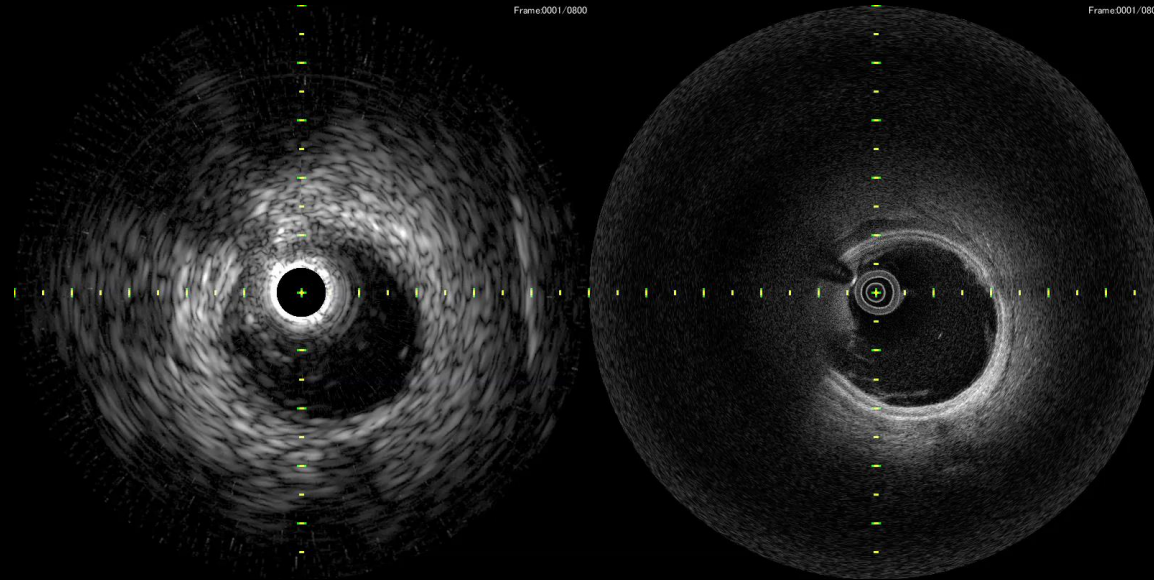
VH OCT FUSION



Fusion methodology, the most conventional but advanced merging technique of the 3 established intra imaging modalities (OCT, VH and IVUS) already belongs to the past.

Next generation IVUS-OCT hybrid catheter

IVUS-OCT hybrid catheter is under development (TERUMO).



More visible malapposed strut in OCT

Greater penetration depth in IVUS



Summary and Conclusions

- Among intravascular and non-invasive imaging clinically available (IVUS, OCT-NIRS and MSCT), several parameters were identified to be associated with future clinical event.

Imaging modality	Predictors of future events
IVUS	Large PB, Small MLA, VH-TCFA, remodeling, longitudinal position of plaque, (absence of) calcification
OCT	Cap thickness*, Superficial macrophages*
NIRS(-IVUS)	maxLCBI4mm
Other combined catheters	No clinical data available
MSCT	Plaque burden (Leaman score), High risk plaque characteristics, adverse hemodynamic characteristics

*As a marker of plaque rupture. Not yet prospectively investigated in natural history studies.

- Further development in intravascular imaging catheters and future natural history studies will elucidate other predictors of vulnerable plaque, while synergistic effect with other is also expected.