



# The Impact of Coronary Physiology on Clinical Decision Making Where Do We Stand in 2019?

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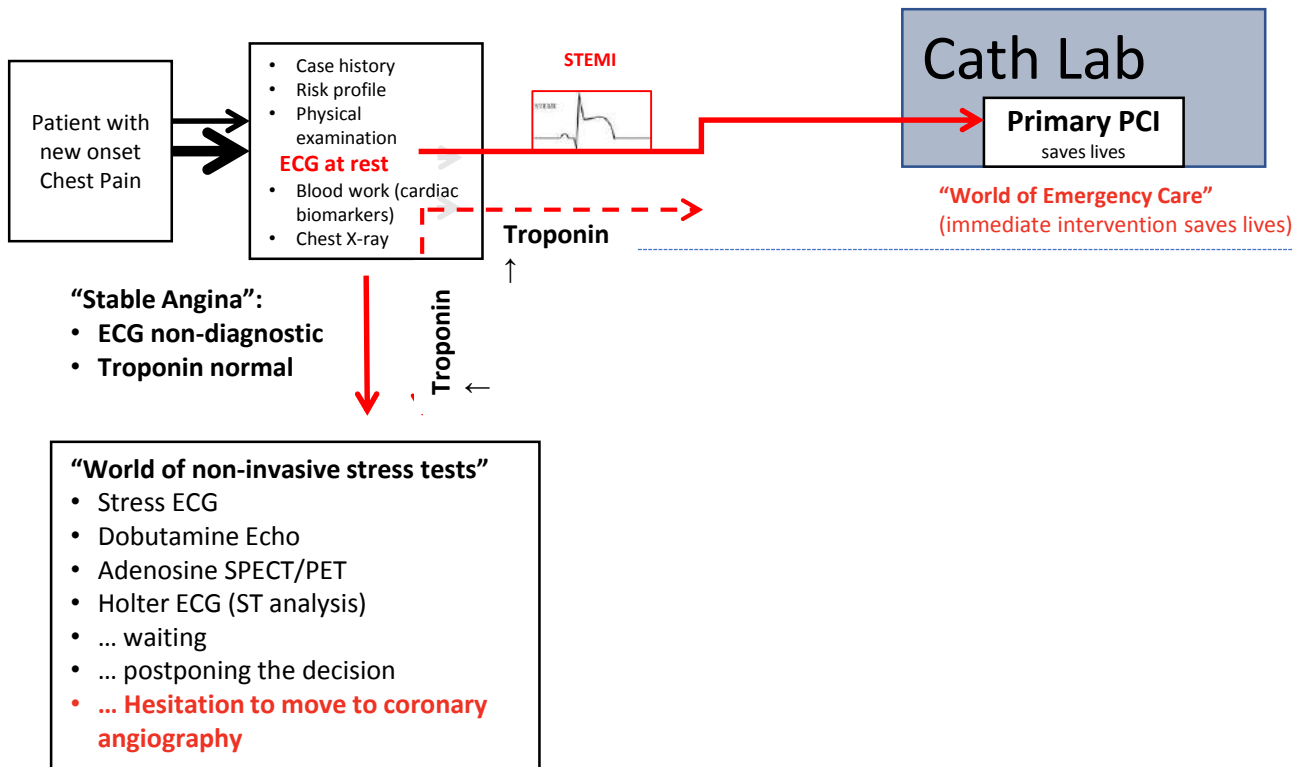
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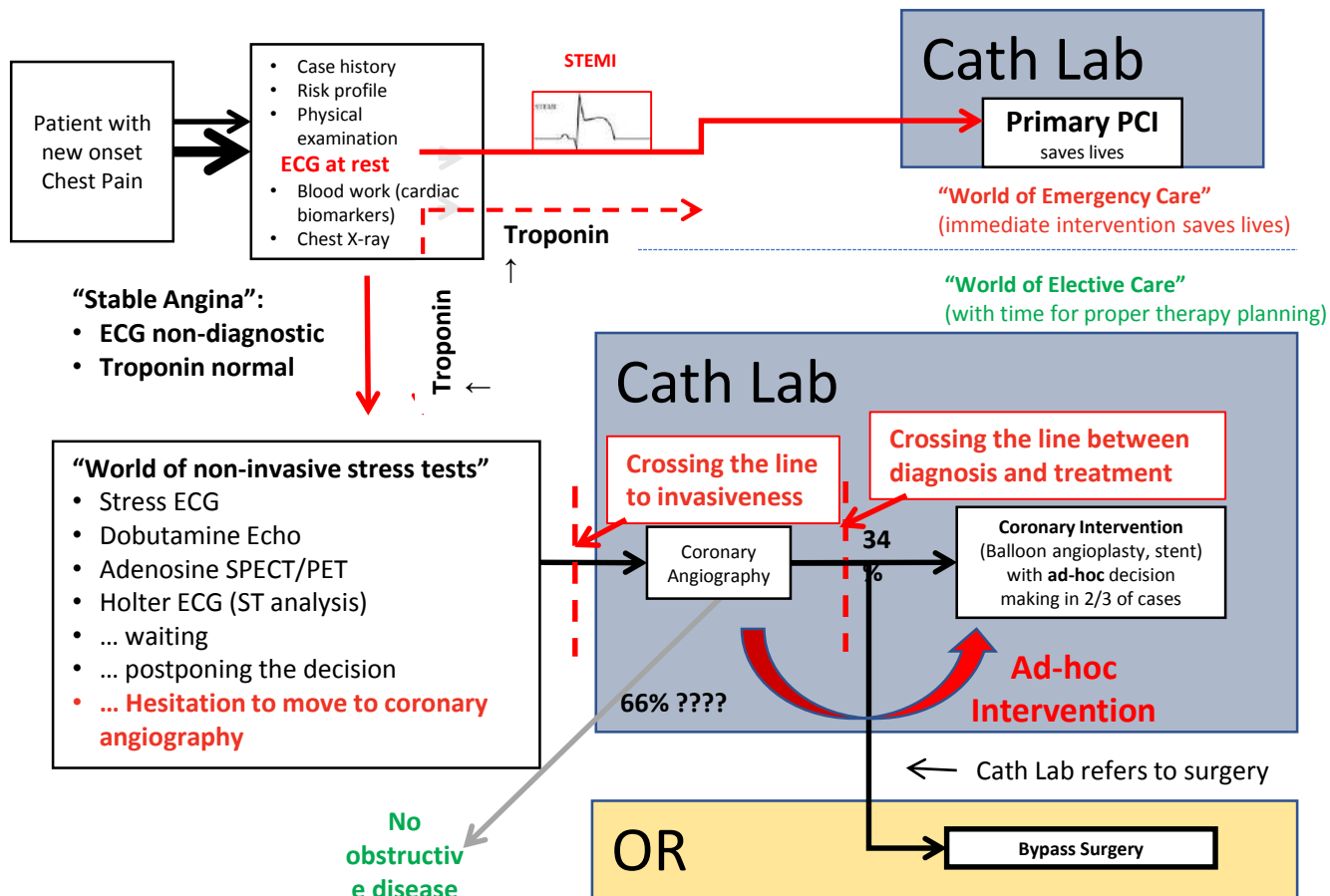
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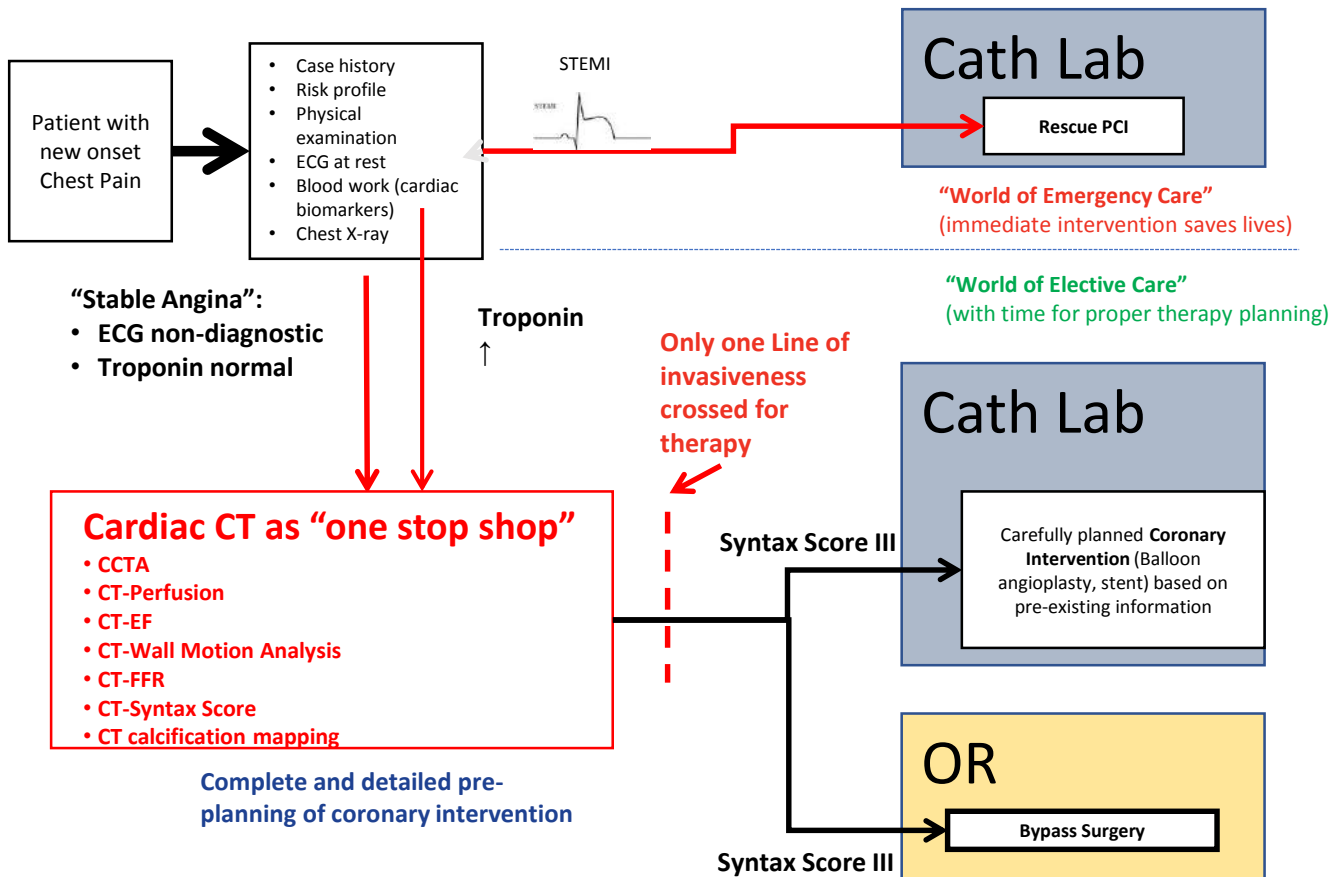
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# Future Vision: Cardiac CT as One-Stop-Shop Increases Quality and Effectiveness

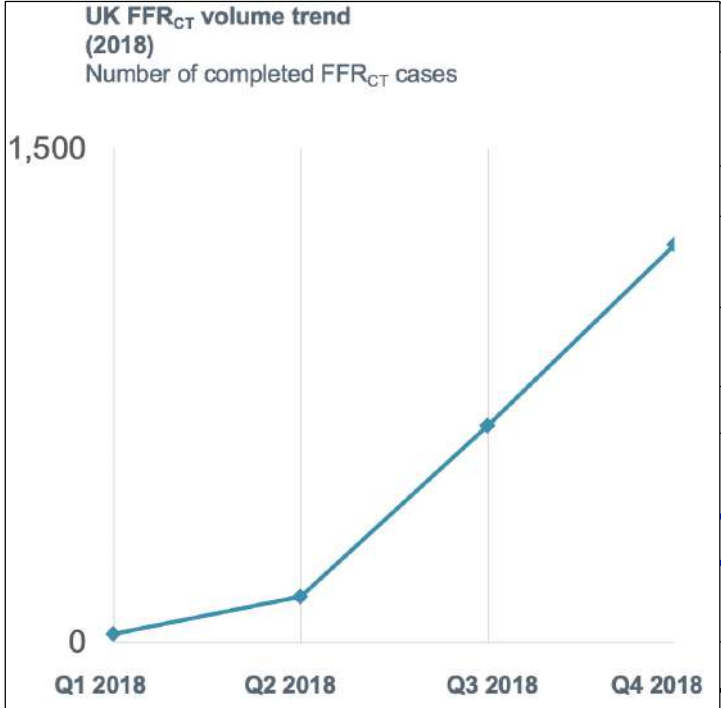


# NICE UK Guidance (Nov 2017)

Based on the current evidence and assuming there is access to appropriate coronary CT angiography facilities, using HeartFlow FFR<sub>CT</sub> may lead to cost savings of £214 per patient. By adopting this technology, the NHS in England may save a minimum of £9.1 million by 2022 through avoiding invasive investigation and treatment.

Putting NICE guidance into practice

Table 4 Estimated annual savings from year 5 onwards



Proposed	
Numbers of tests	Cost (£000s)
0	0
8,433	2,336
8,433	3,095
2,976	1,548
0	0
116,892	18,352
9,921	11,638
146,656	36,968



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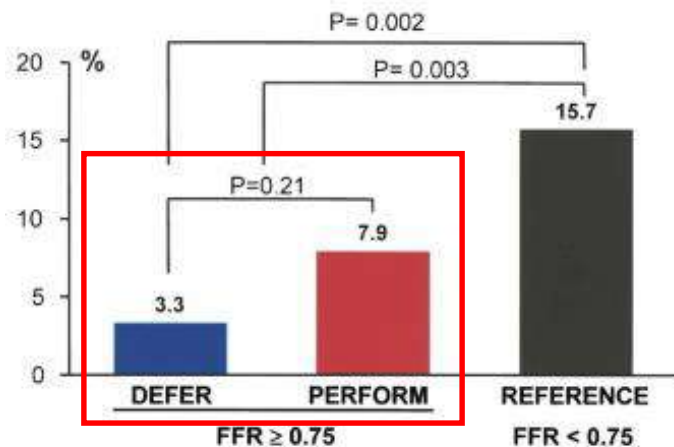
# No Benefit of Stenting a Non-ischemic Stenosis (FFR $\geq 0.75$ )

## CLINICAL RESEARCH

### Percutaneous Coronary Intervention of Functionally Nonsignificant Stenosis

5-Year Follow-Up of the DEFER Study

#### Cardiac death or MI at 5 years

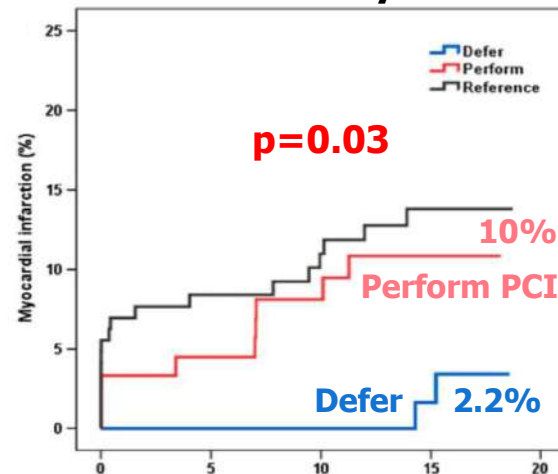


European Heart Journal (2015) 36, 3182–3188  
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CLINICAL RESEARCH  
Coronary artery disease

Deferral vs. performance of percutaneous coronary intervention of functionally non-significant coronary stenosis: 15-year follow-up of the DEFER trial

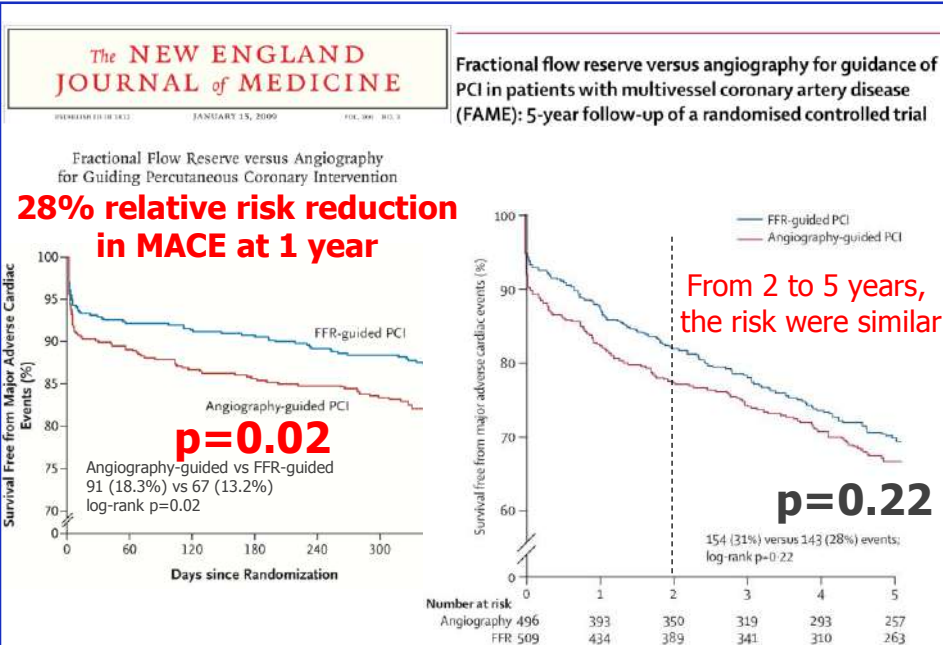
#### MI at 15 years



# FFR-guided PCI for patients with MVD

## Superior to Angio-guided PCI

### FAME I

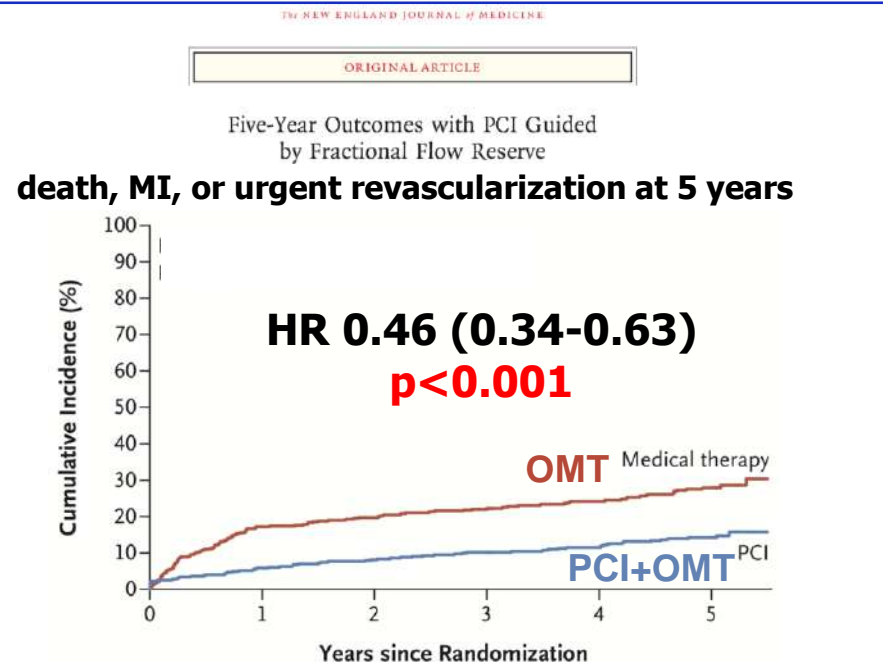


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## Superior to OMT Alone

### FAME II



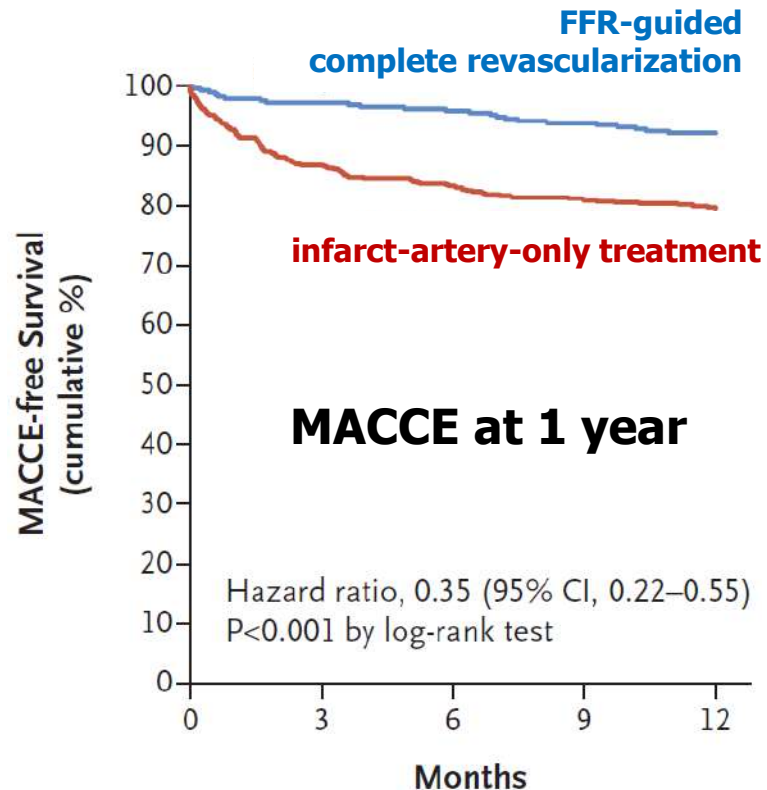
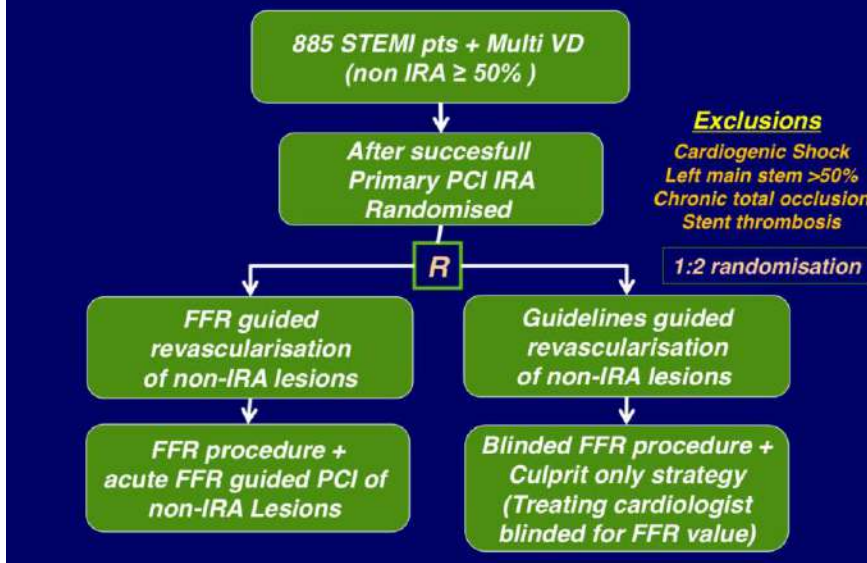
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# In patients with **STEMI and MVD**, FFR-guided complete revascularization is superior to infarct-artery-only treatment

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Fractional Flow Reserve–Guided Multivessel Angioplasty in Myocardial Infarction

#### COMPARE-ACUTE trial



# FFR measurement to guide revascularization is a class I level A indication (ESC GL 2018)

## Recommendations on functional testing and intravascular imaging for lesion assessment

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FFR = fractional flow reserve; iwFR = instantaneous wave-free ratio; IVUS = intravascular ultrasound; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention.

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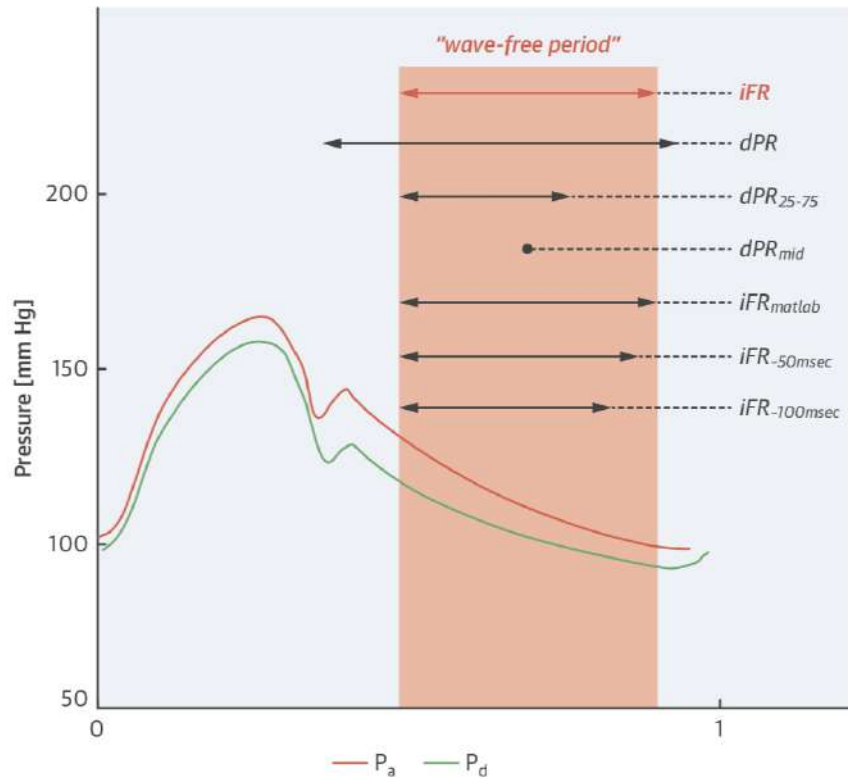
<sup>b</sup>Level of evidence.

## However, FFR is not yet widely adopted due to following limitations

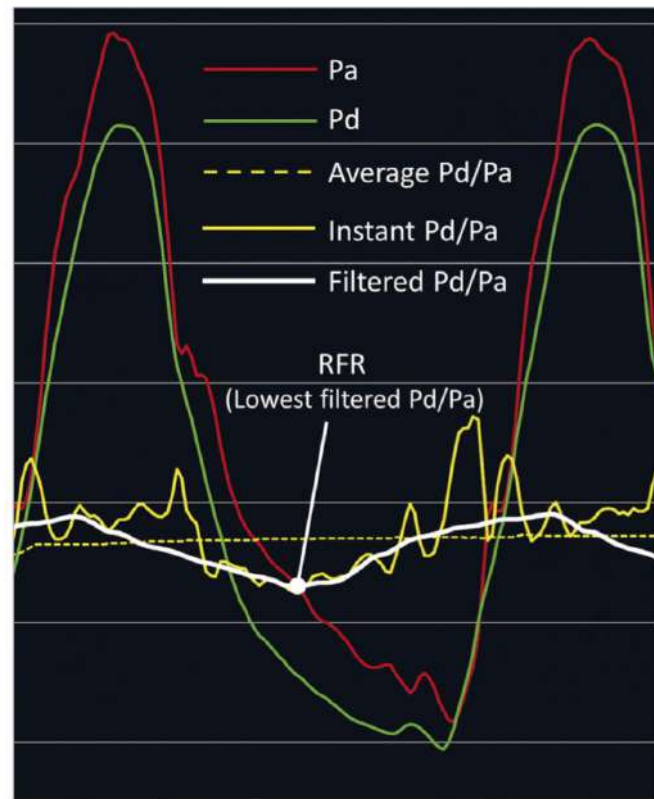
- **Prolonged procedure time**
- **additional cost**
- **Discomfort or side effect from drugs**
- **Heterogeneous effect of hyperemic agent**
- **Erroneous coronary pressure measurement**  
(occur in up to 1/3 of cases; Pressure drift, Aortic pressure ventricularization, Aortic waveform distortion)
- **Not an optimal guidewire to negotiate vessel with complex anatomy**



# iFR and other resting indices does not need hyperemic agent



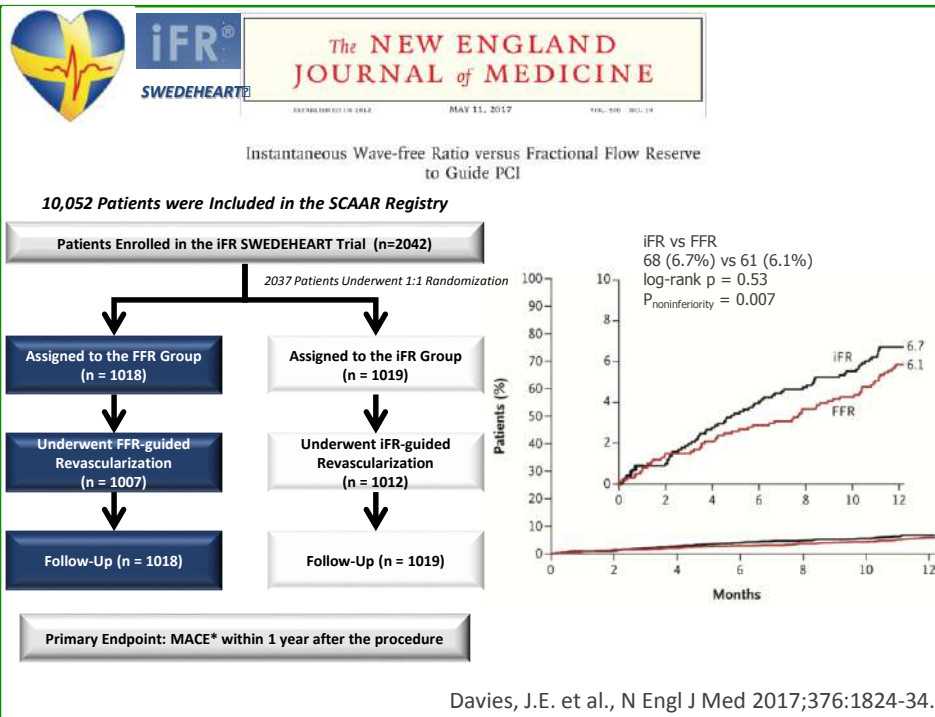
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# iFR is noninferior to FFR regarding MACE at 1 year

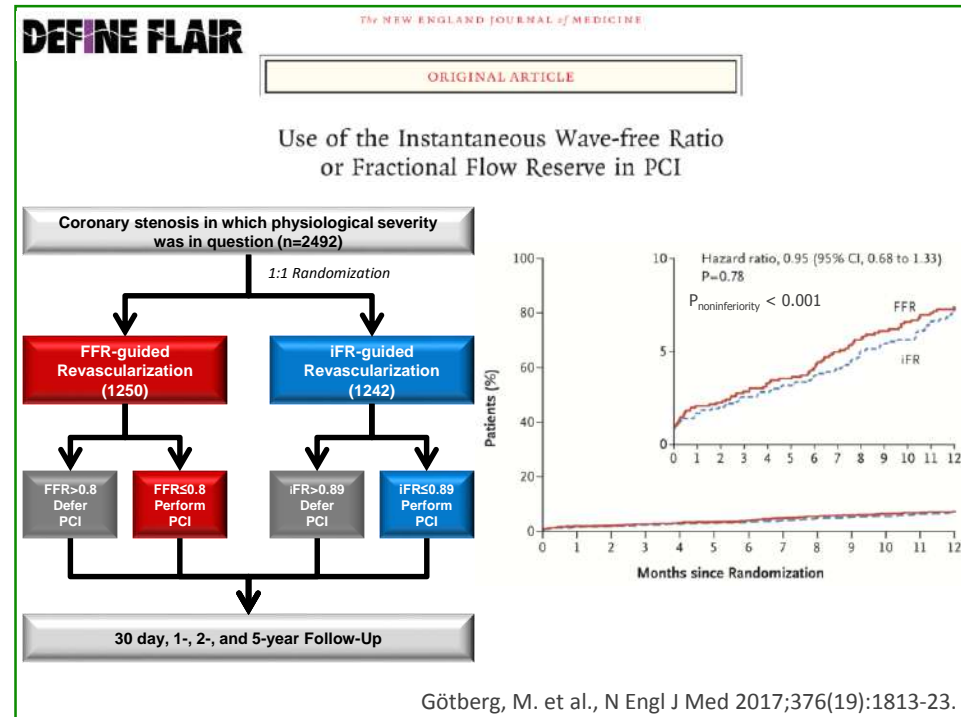
without hyperemic agent

## SWEDHEART



Davies, J.E. et al., N Engl J Med 2017;376:1824-34.

## DEFINE-FLAIR

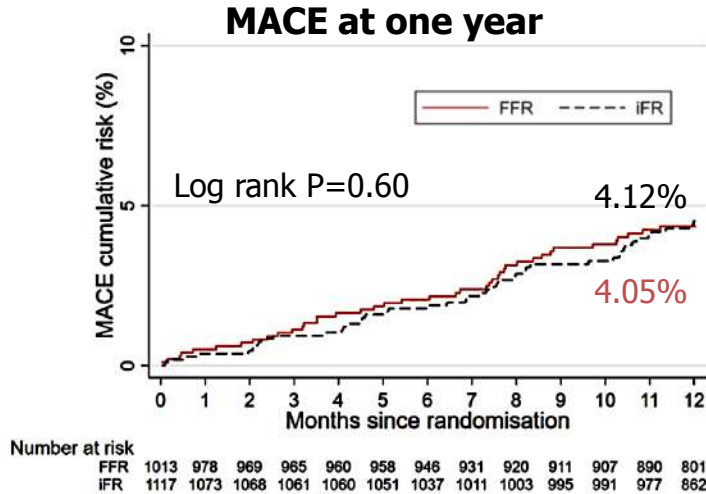


Göteborg, M. et al., N Engl J Med 2017;376(19):1813-23.



# Deferral of revascularization is equally safe with iFR and FFR.

Escaned J et al. [JACC Cardiovasc Interv.](#) 2018 Aug 13;11(15):1437-1449.



- 2130 patients was deferred PCI based on iFR  $\geq 0.90$  or FFR  $> 0.80$  in **DEFINE-FLAIR** and **iFR-SWEDEHEART**.

	SAP (n = 1,675)	ACS (n = 440)	SAP vs. ACS		p Value
			Unadjusted HR (95% CI)	Fully Adjusted HR (95% CI)	
MACE	3.64 (61)	5.91 (26)	0.62 (0.39-0.99)	0.61 (0.38-0.99)	<b>0.04</b>
All-cause death	0.66 (11)	1.36 (6)	0.50 (0.19-1.36)	0.44 (0.16-1.23)	0.12
Cardiovascular death	0.18 (3)	0.45 (2)	0.41 (0.07-2.45)	0.21 (0.02-1.71)	0.14
Noncardiovascular death	0.48 (8)	0.91 (4)	0.55 (0.16-1.82)	0.46 (0.13-1.59)	0.22
Myocardial infarction	0.90 (15)	2.50 (11)	0.34 (0.16-0.76)	0.36 (0.16-0.79)	<b>0.01</b>
Unplanned revascularization	2.87 (48)	3.64 (16)	0.81 (0.46-1.43)	0.83 (0.46-1.49)	0.53

❖ In deferred patients, ACS was associated with higher incidence of MACE compared with SAP.

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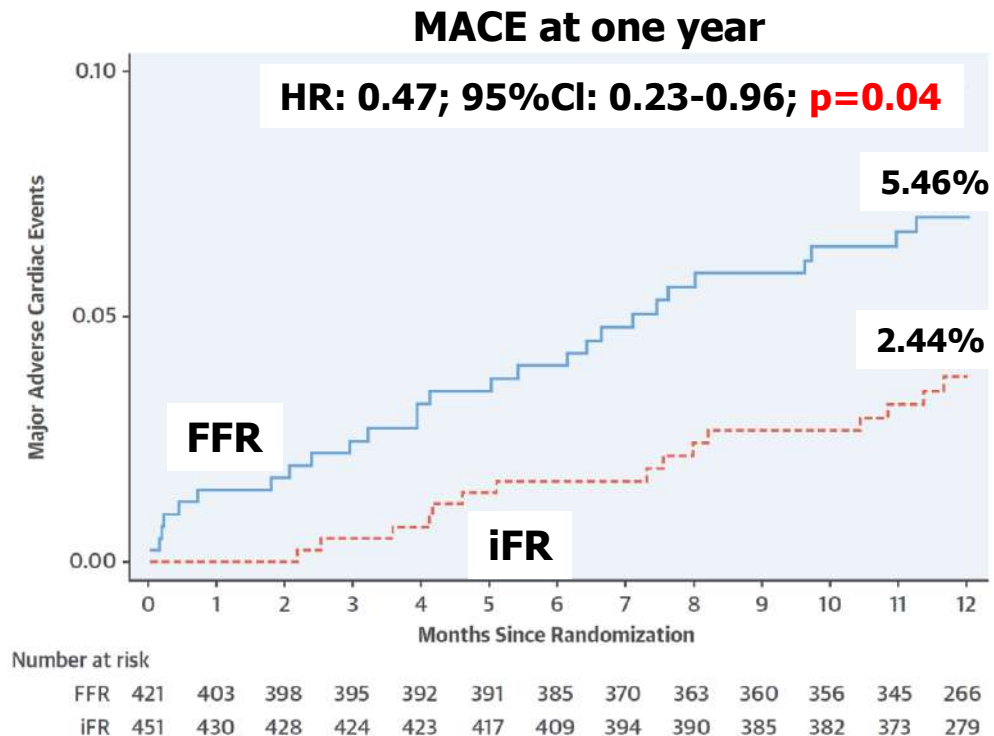
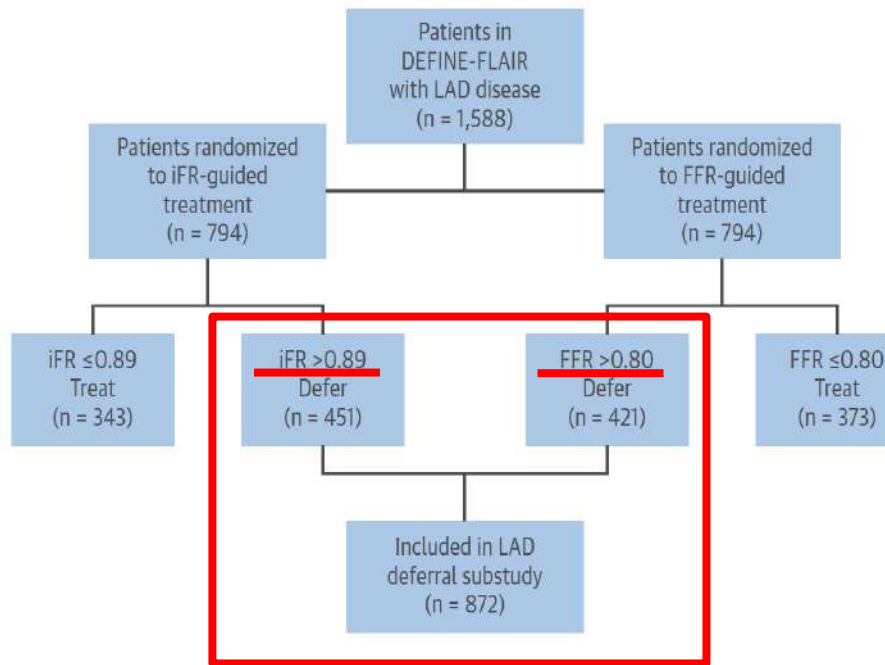
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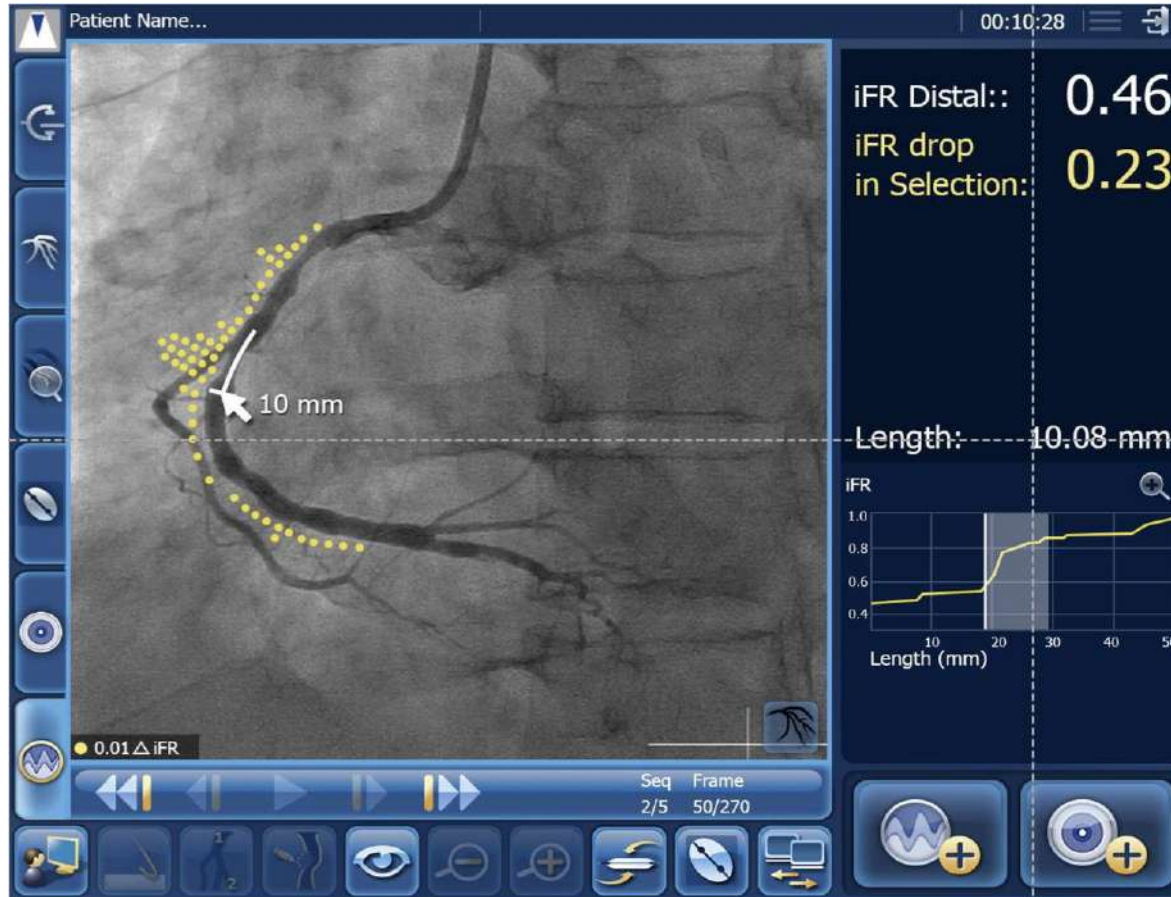
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- Advantage
  - Shorter procedure time
  - Less patient discomfort
  - Easiness of iFR pullback
- Controversy
  - Discordance with FFR in up to 30% of LM or proximal LAD lesions
  - However, for LAD lesion, iFR-guided deferral had lower event rates than FFR-guided deferral.

# For LAD lesion, iFR-guided deferral had lower event rates than FFR-guided deferral

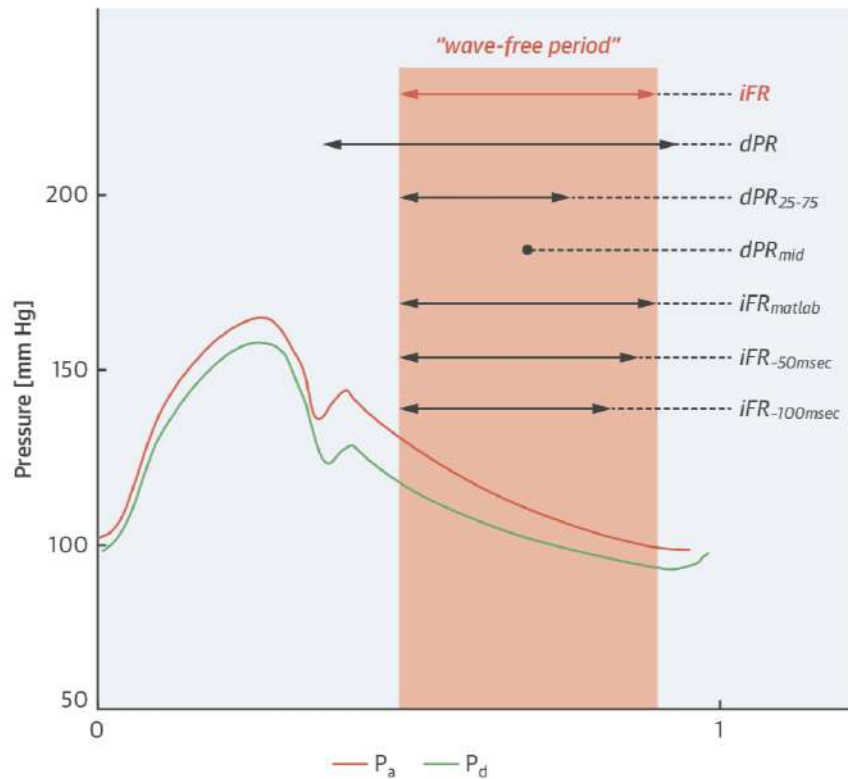


# Co-registration is indispensable to guide treatment

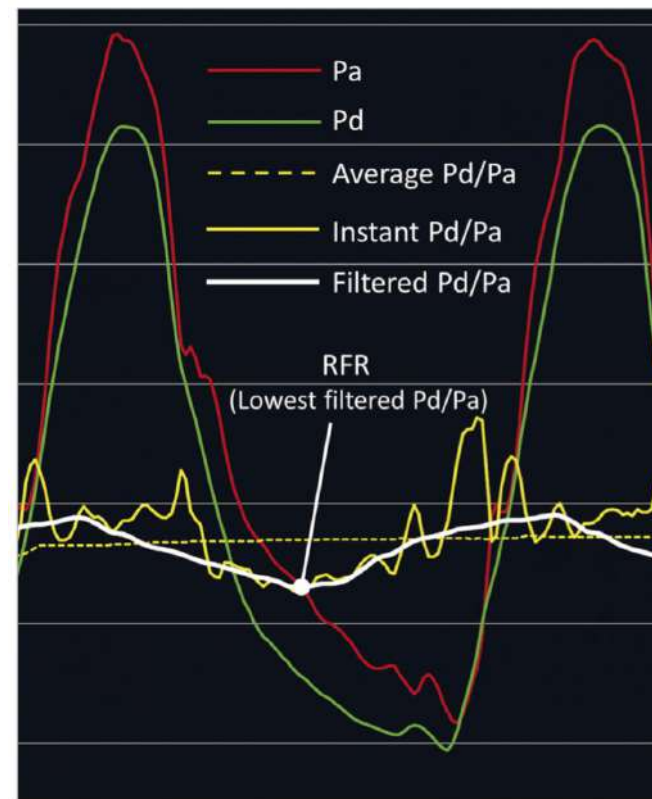


- Pullback of wire under live fluoro screening
- Automatic 3D tracking of wire tip to co-register pressure drop
- Plot locations of pressure loss onto angiogram in an interactive manner

# Battle of "Resting Indices"



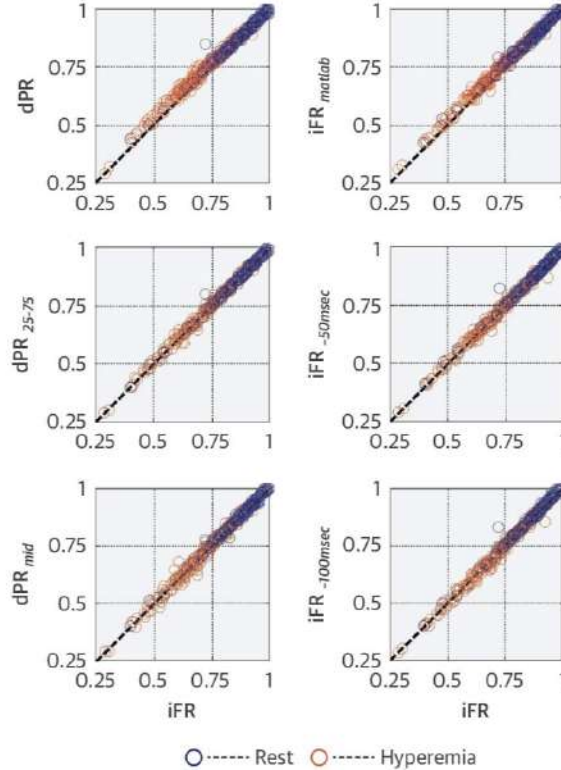
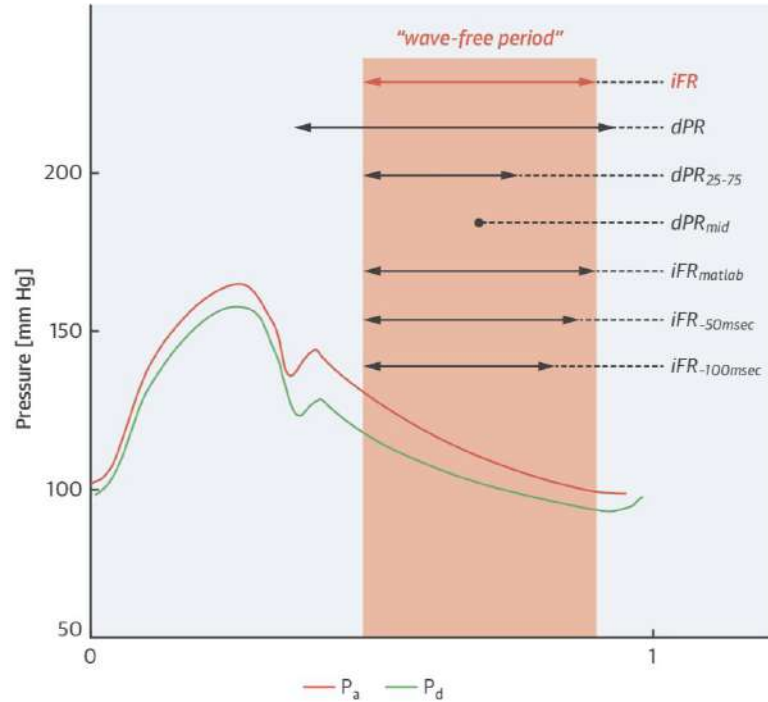
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iFR: Philips, DFR: Boston Scientific, dPR: OPSENS, RFR: Abbott



All diastolic resting indices are identical to iFR, both numerically and with respect to their agreement with FFR.



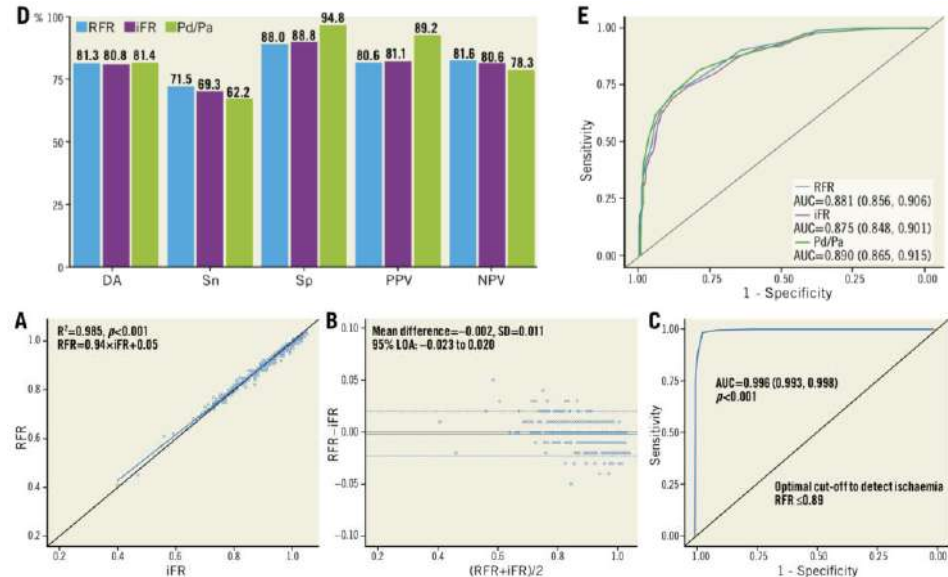
However, RCT comparing clinical outcomes by these indices based diagnostic strategies and standard diagnostic strategies are warranted.

"I guess they (RCT) will be all equivalent"

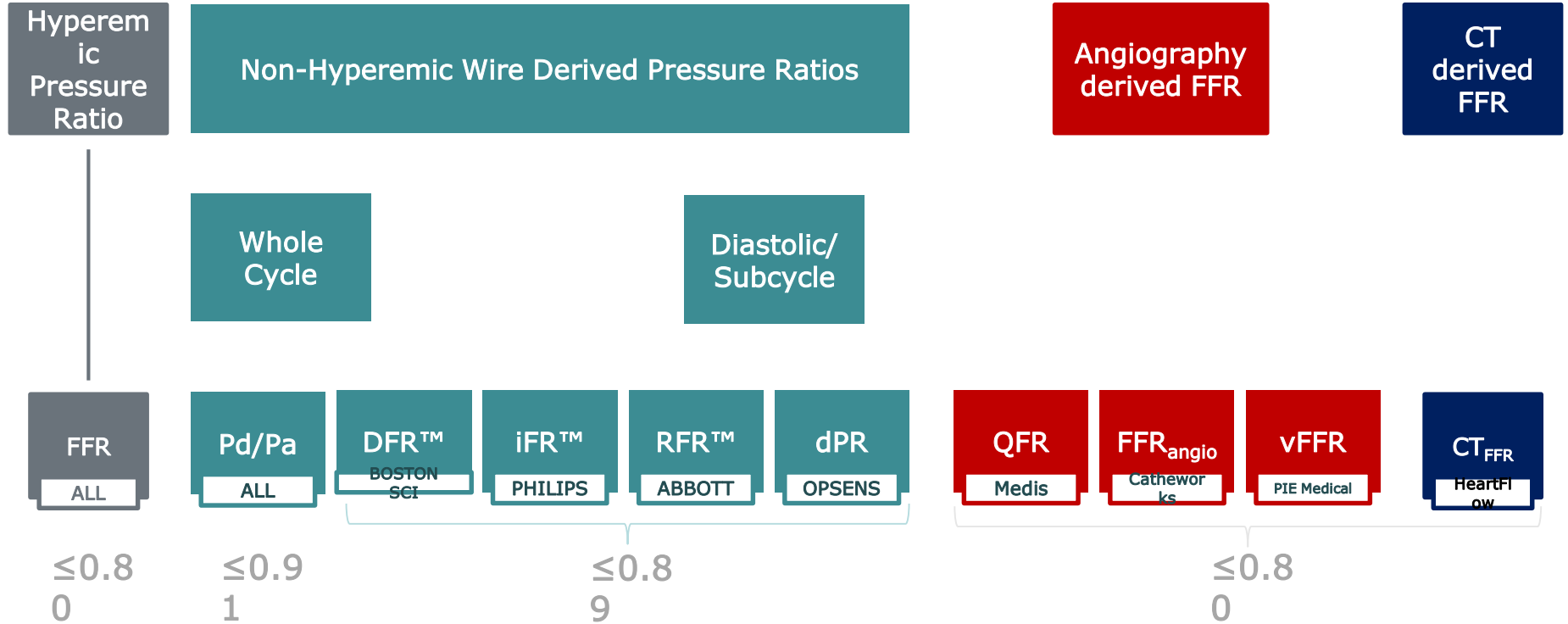
# RFR is diagnostically equivalent to iFR



- **Resting full-cycle ratio (RFR) is an independent of the ECG, landmark identification, and timing within the cardiac cycle.**
- **There is excellent agreement between RFR and iFR.**

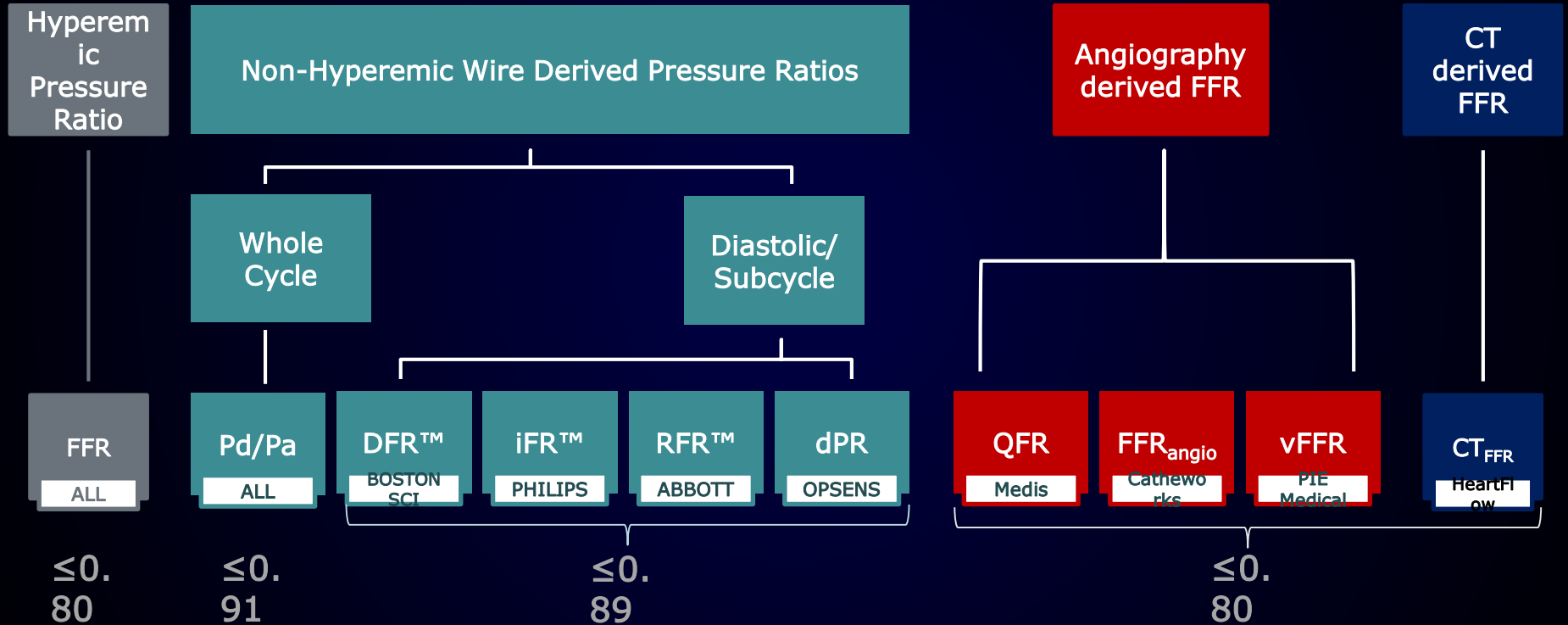


# Angiography derived physiology is diagnostically equivalent to pressure derived physiology




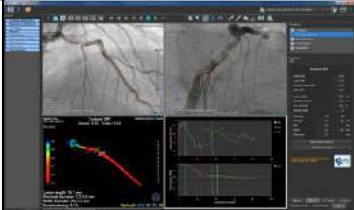
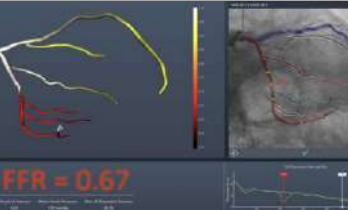
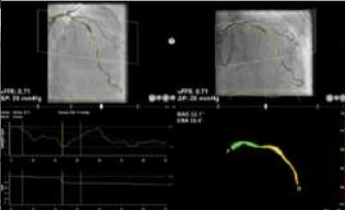




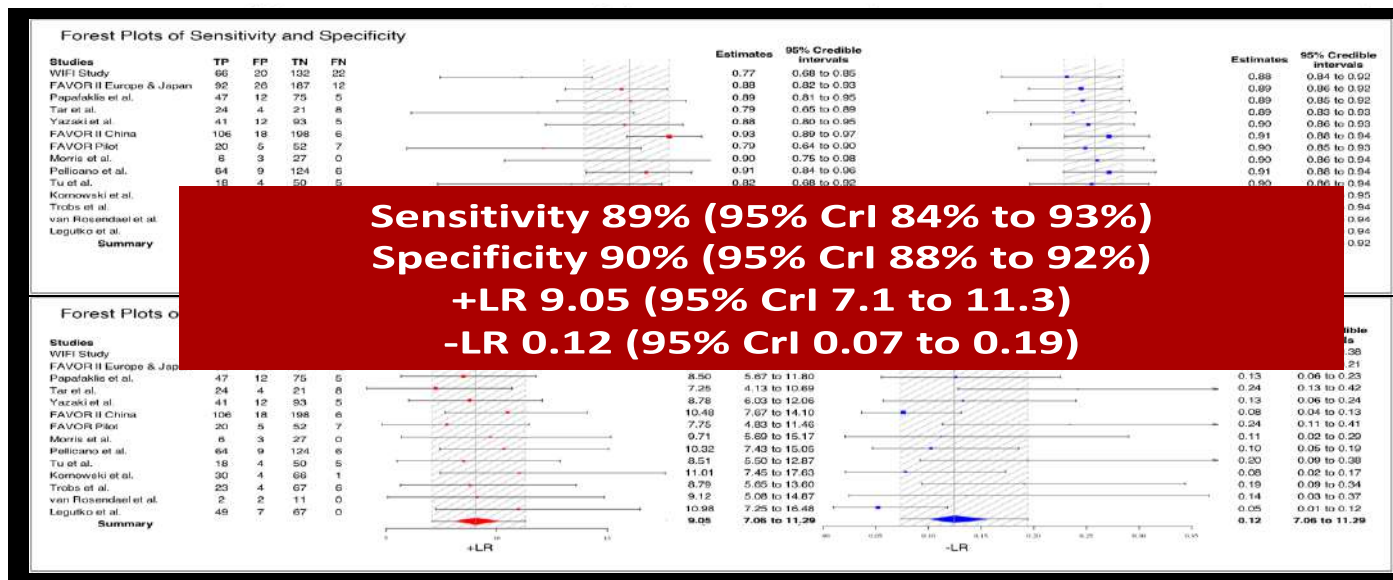
# Physiological Assessment of Coronary Stenosis



# Angio-derived FFR does not need wire and hyperemic agent

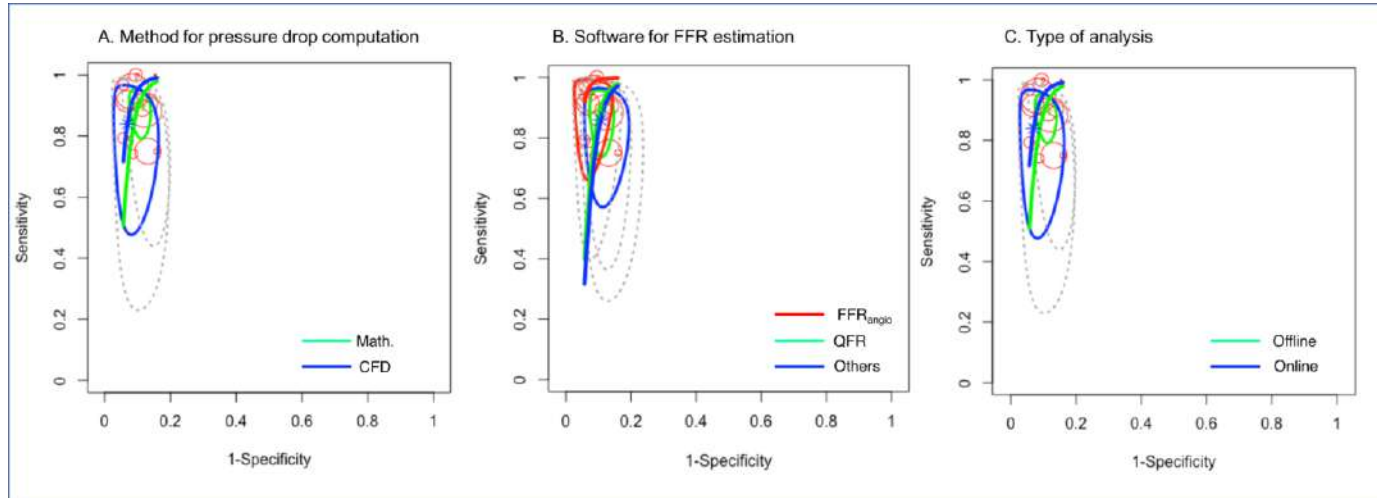
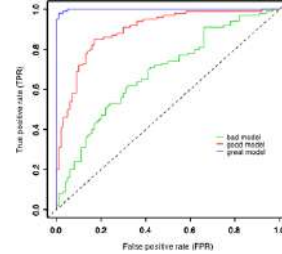
	QFR 	FFR <sub>angio</sub> 	vFFR 
			
<b>On-line</b>	Available	Available	Available
<b>Required angio</b>	2 projections 25 degrees apart	≥2 projections	2 projections 30 degrees apart
<b>Process</b>	Mathematical formula (Lance Gould)	Rapid flow analysis	Mathematical formula (Lance Gould)
<b>Published Clinical data</b>	FAVOR pilot, II China, Europe/Japan, WiFi II  Xu B, et al. JACC. 2017 Dec 26;70(25):3077-3087 Westra J, et al. J Am Heart Assoc. 2018 Jul 6;7(14)	FAST-FFR  Fearon, et al. Circulation. 2019;139:477-484.	FAST  Masdjedi K, et al. EuroIntervention 2019; Jaa-580 2019, doi: 10.4244/EIJ-D-19-00466
<b>AUC</b> for predicting FFR≤0.8	<b>0.92-0.96</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.93</b>
<b>Time to computation</b>	<b>5 min</b> (vs 7 min in FFR, p<0.001)	(2.7 min: without manual correction and lesion identification)	NA

# Diagnostic performance of angiography-derived fractional flow reserve: a systematic review and Bayesian meta-analysis



# No difference in Diagnostic Performance (AUC) between type of method for pressure drop computation, Software or online/offline analysis.

## Bayesian Meta-regression

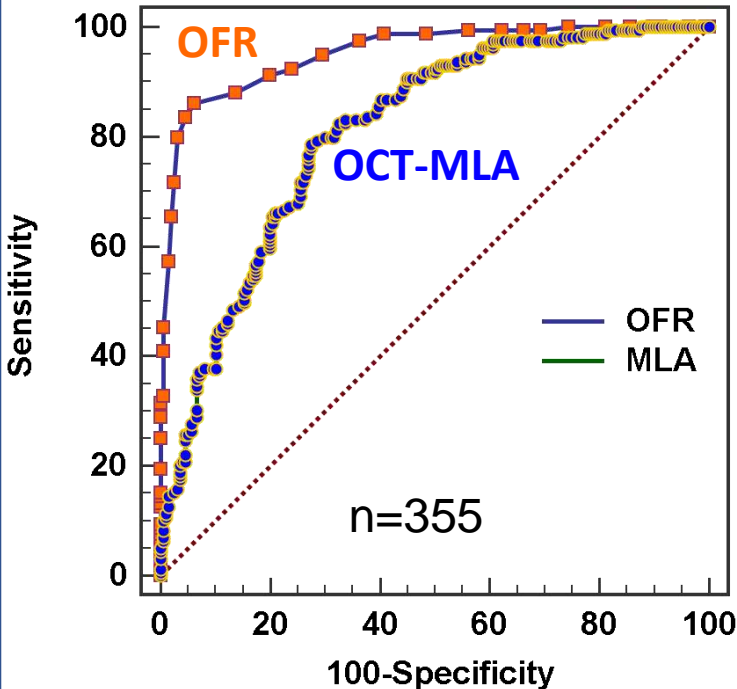


# Advantage and limitation of QFR against FFR

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  - Shorter procedure time
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  - Eliminate erroneous coronary pressure measurement (occur in up to 1/3 of cases; Pressure drift, Aortic pressure ventricularization, Aortic waveform distortion)
- Limitation
  - The benefit on clinical outcomes has not yet been fully investigated (FAVORIII China n=3800 (NCT03729739), Europe/Japan n= 2000 (NCT03656848))
  - Analysis for specific lesion subsets are not reliable (i.e. LM, bifurcation, ostium lesion)
  - Results depend on the quality of angiography.

# OCT-based FFR (OFR)

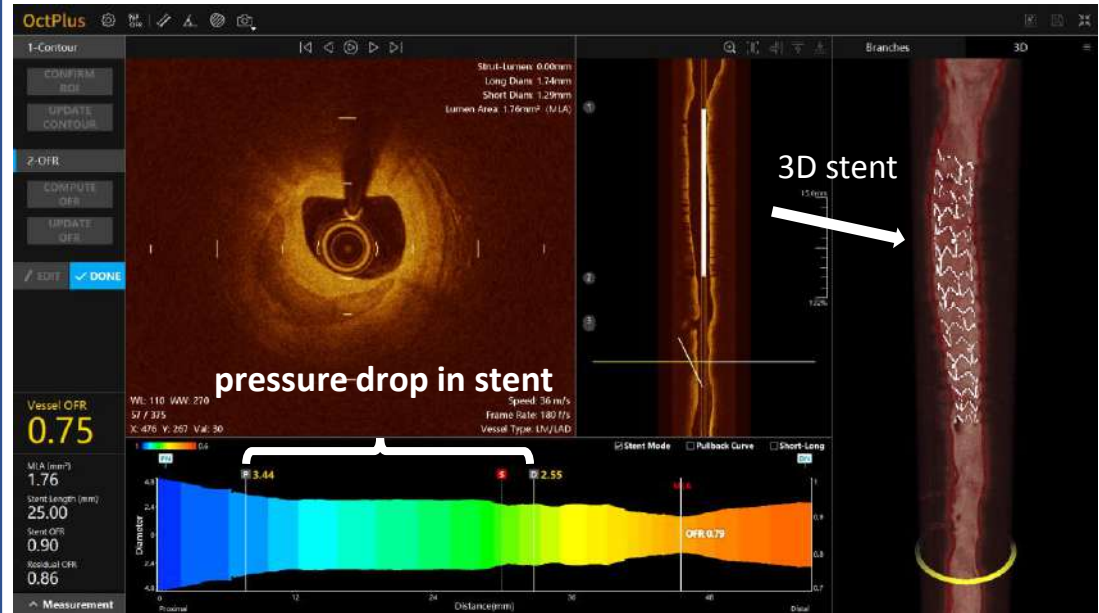
Excellent AUC of **0.95**  
for predicting  $\text{FFR} \leq 0.80$



Presented at euroPCR2019 by Tu S

## morphology and coronary physiology

1 procedure and instrumentation  
OCT + computed FFR



OCT co-registered OFR

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# A higher post-PCI FFR value is associated with a better clinical outcome.

	Primary end point	Cutoff value of FFR(AUC)	Comparison of low vs. high post PCI FFR on primary end point
Piroth et al (FAME 1,2) (2017) n=838 vessels	2-Y VOCE (Vessel-oriented composite end point)	<b>0.92 (NA)</b>	9.2% vs. 3.8% (lower(<0.88) vs. upper(>0.92) tertiles) <b>p=0.037</b>
DKCRUSH VII (2017) n=1476pts	1-Y TVF (cardiac death, TV-MI, CD-TVR)	<b>0.88 (0.831)</b>	8.0% vs. 4.0% <b>p=0.001</b>
Agarwal et al (2016) N=574pts	MACE (death, MI, TVR) Follow-up 31±16M	<b>0.86 (NA)</b>	23% vs. 17% <b>p=0.02</b>

However, in real world practice **adoption rate of post PCI FFR is quite low (less than 10%).**



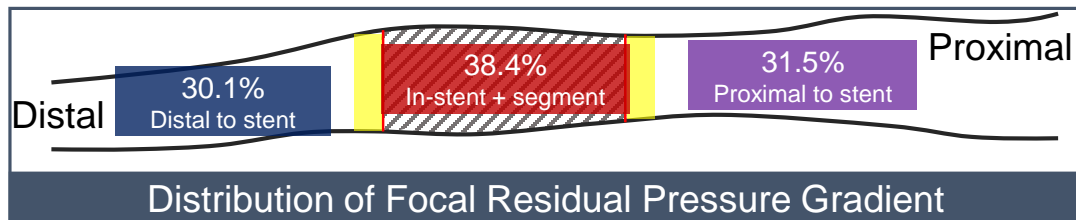
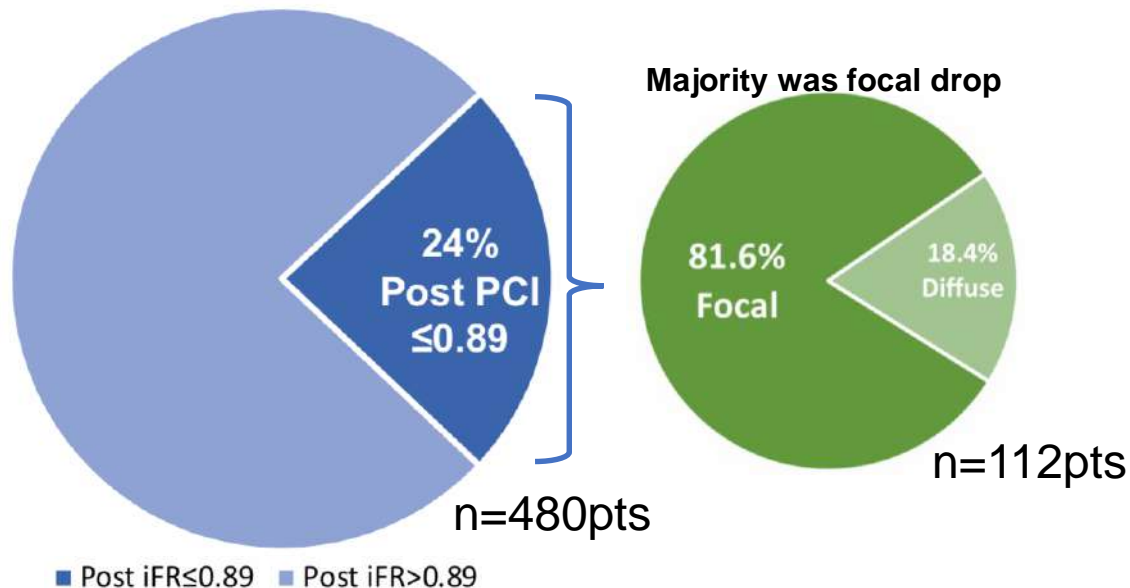
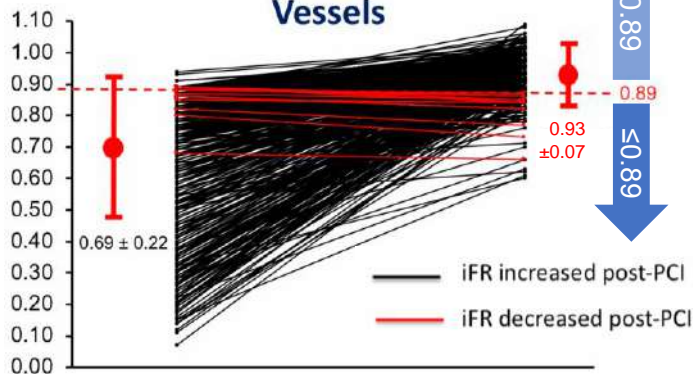
# Post-PCI iFR measurement detected 24% of residual ischemia defined with $iFR \leq 0.89$

## DEFINE PCI

Angiographic confirmation of PCI result

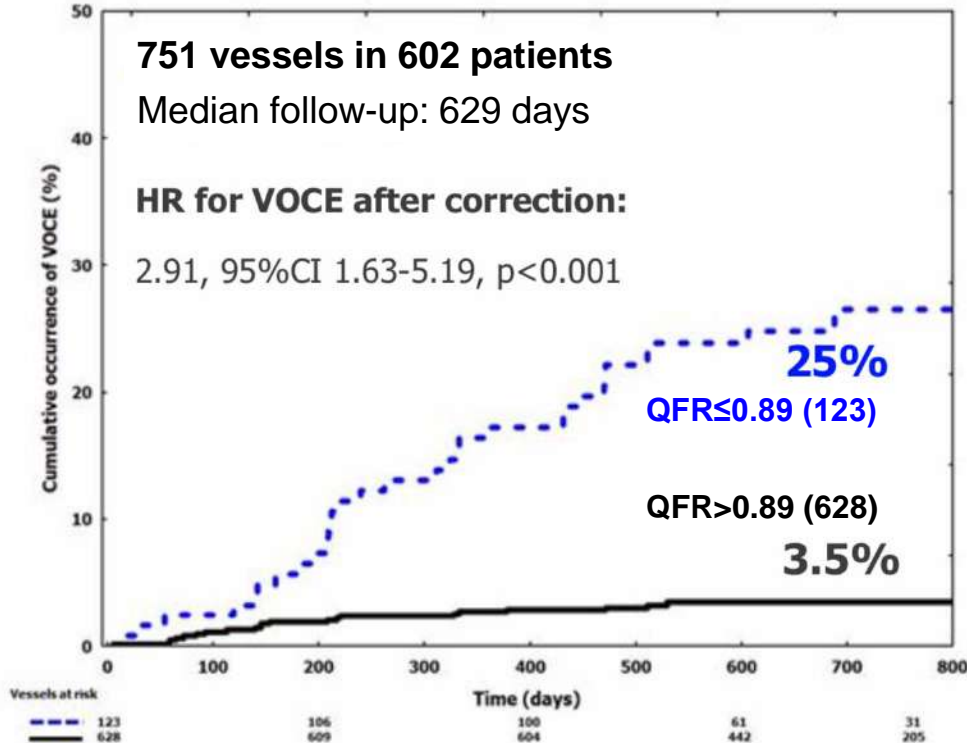
Blinded iFR with pullback  
at end of procedure

### Pre- and Post-PCI iFR in Individual Vessels



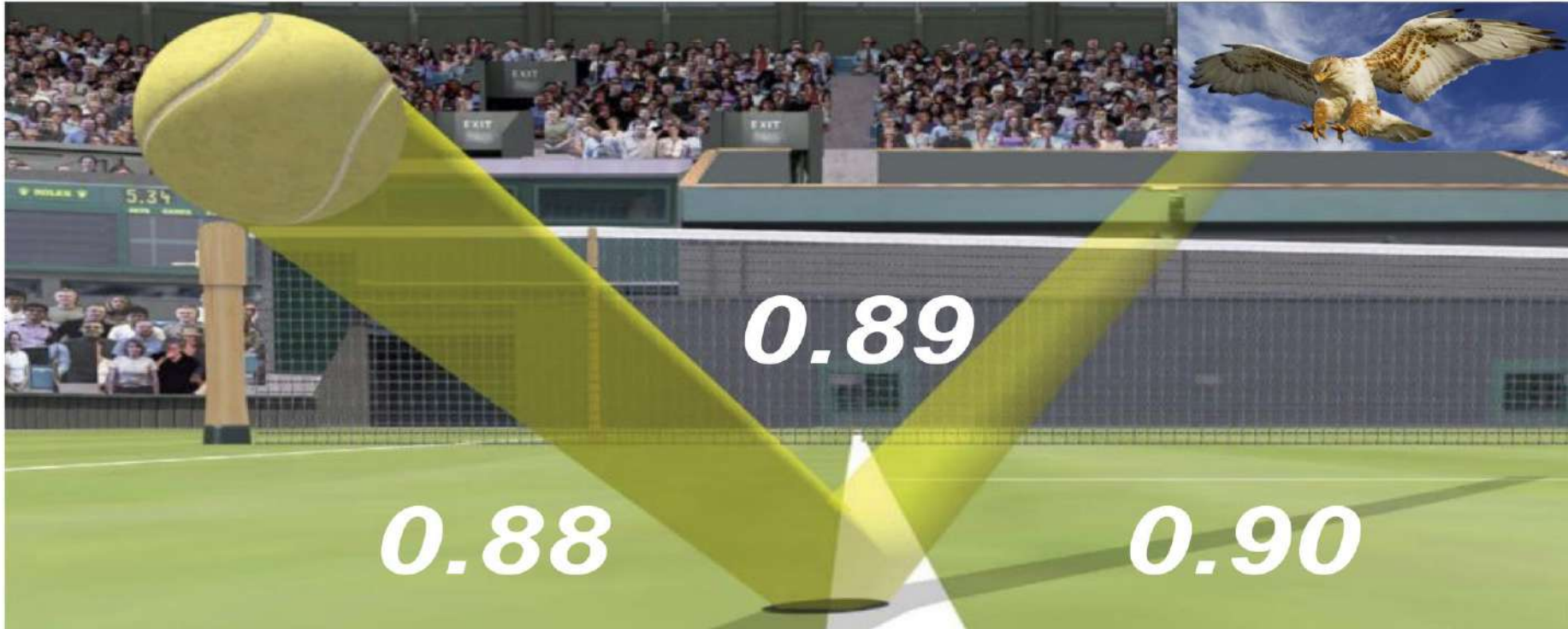
# Post-PCI **QFR** highly correlates with prognosis and is applicable in most of the cases.

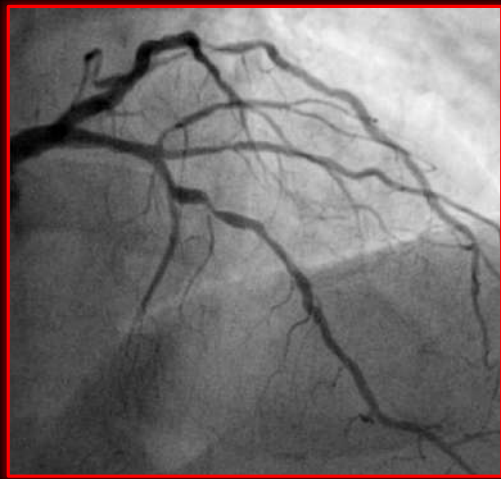
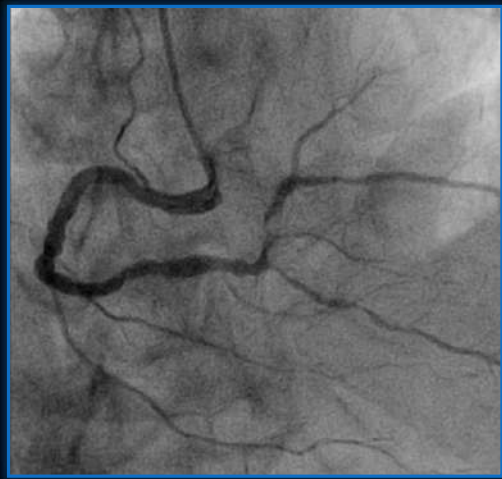
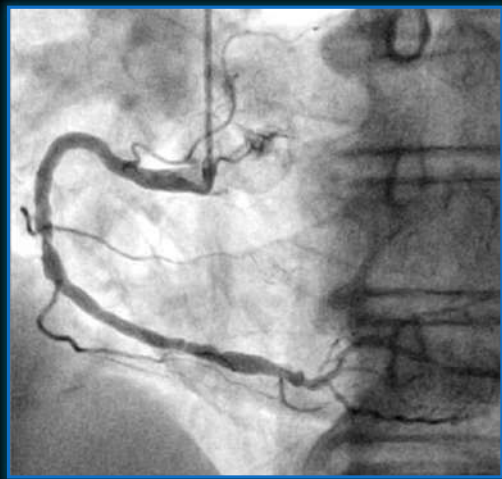
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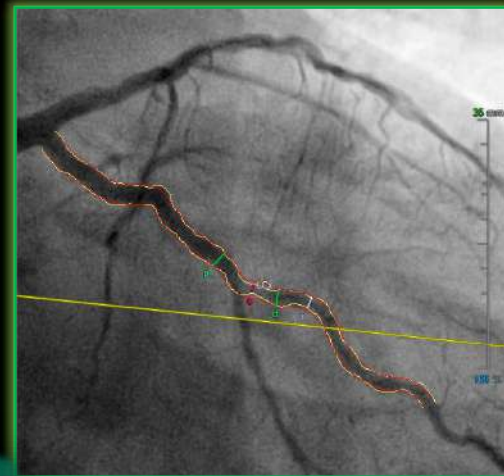
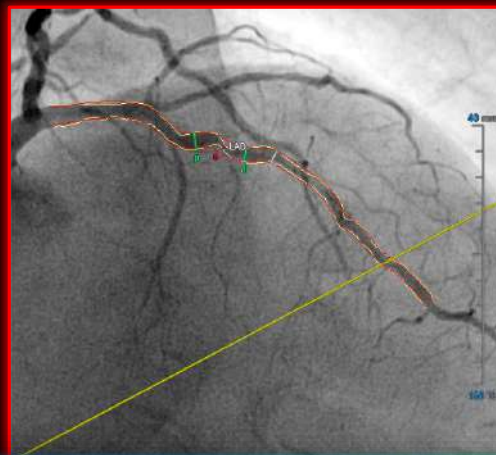
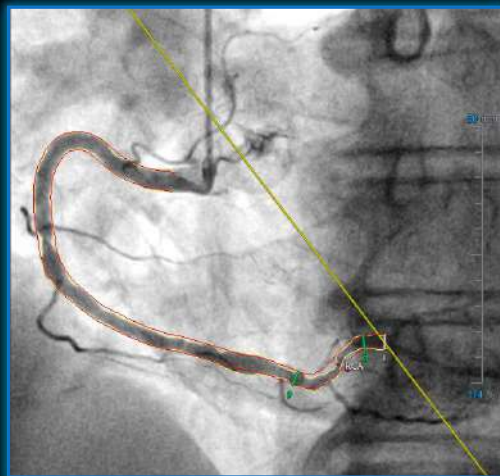
Post-PCI **QFR** cut-off of  $\leq 0.89$  as having the best predictive accuracy for VOCE  
AUC 0.77 (0.74-0.80)  
 $p < 0.001$   
sensitivity 60%  
specificity 87%

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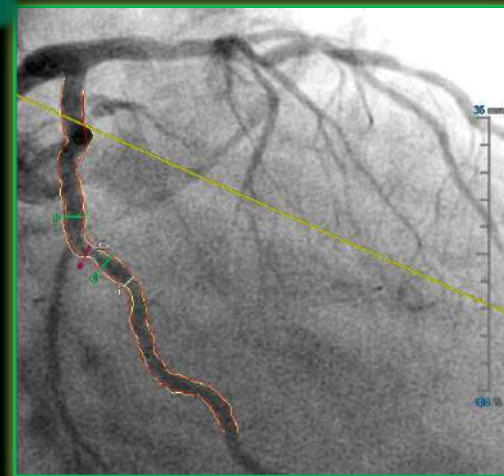
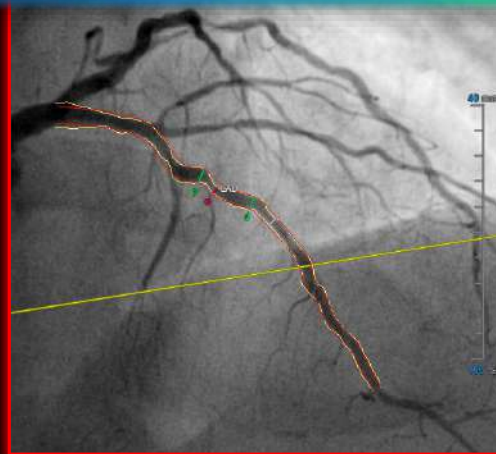
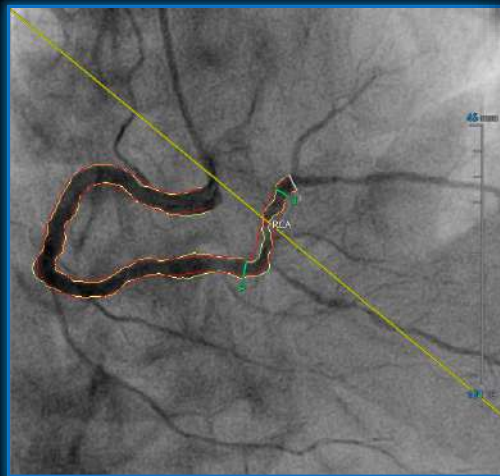




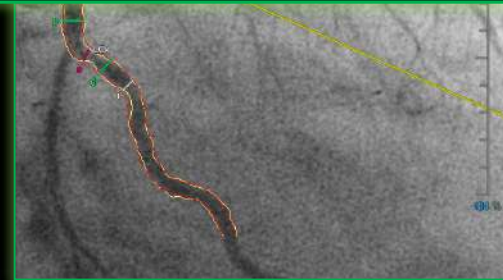
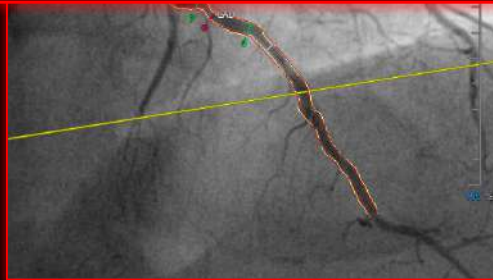
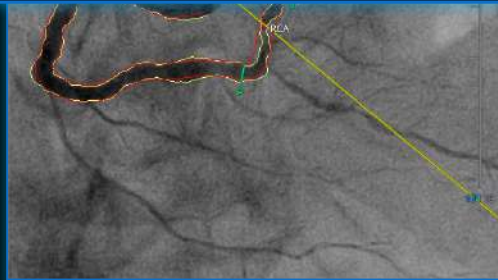
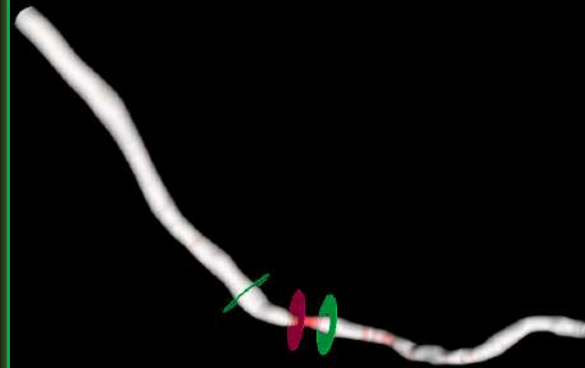
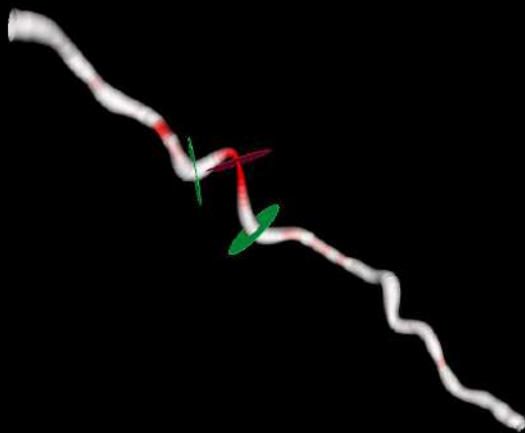
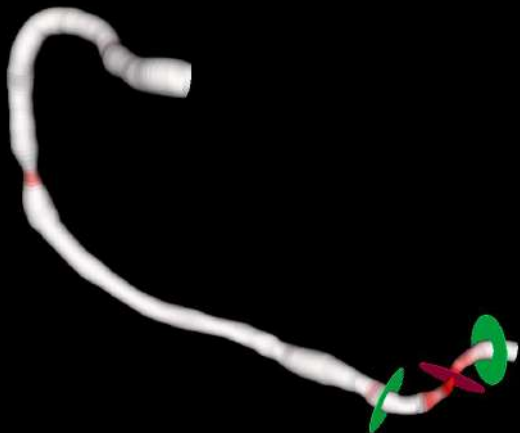
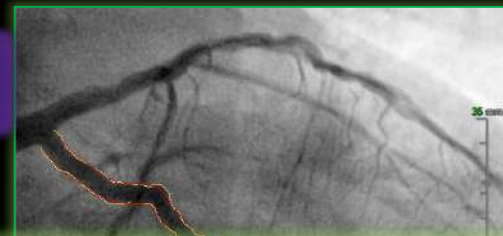
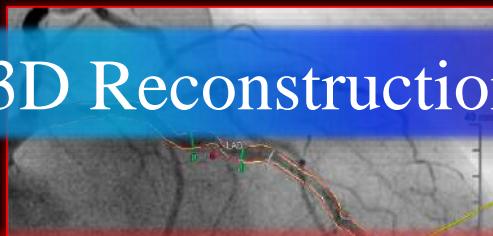
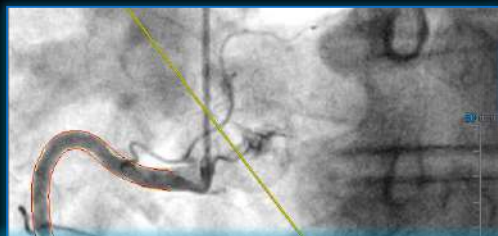




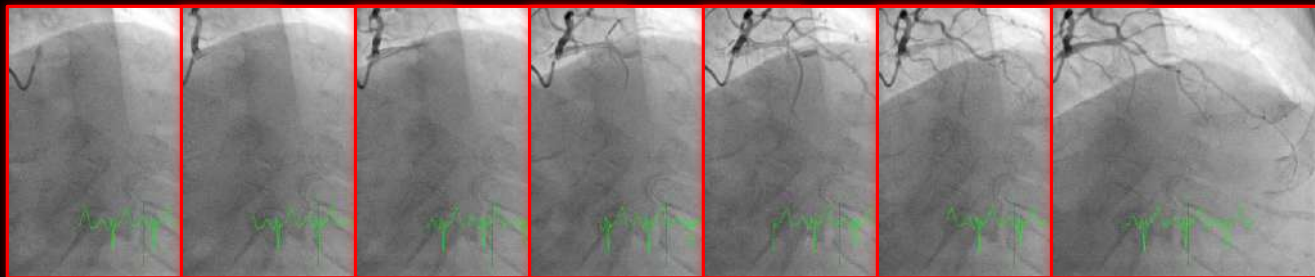
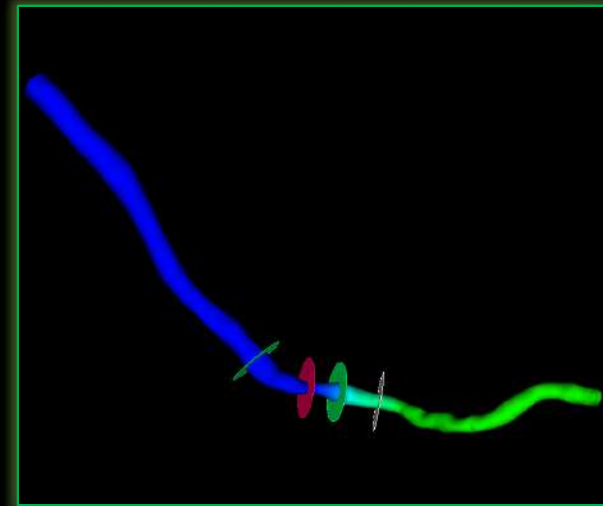
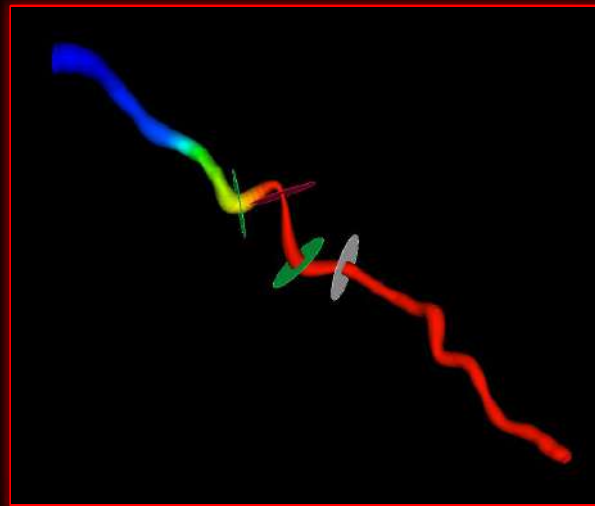
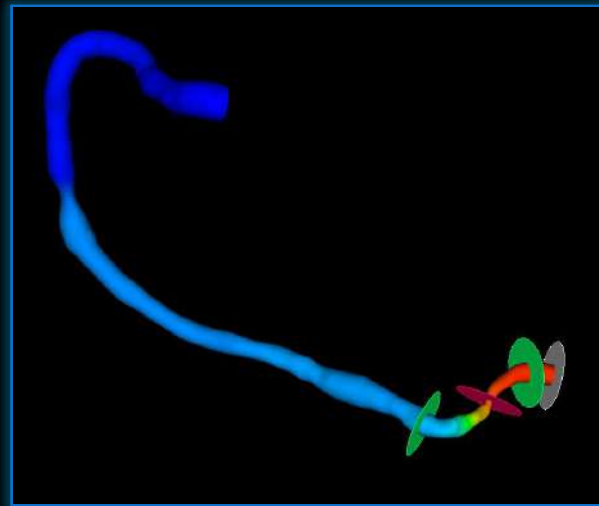
Tracing the vessel wall



# 3D Reconstruction



# Frame Counting





**RCA**

A 3D reconstruction of the Right Coronary Artery (RCA) on a black background. The vessel is primarily blue, with a segment of red and orange at the distal end. Two cross-sectional planes, one green and one grey, are visible at the distal end of the vessel.

Vessel QFR: 0.67

Lesion QFR: 0.71

Residual Vessel QFR: 0.96

*PCI Eligible*



**LAD**

A 3D reconstruction of the Left Anterior Descending Artery (LAD) on a black background. The vessel is primarily red, with a segment of yellow and green at the proximal end. Two cross-sectional planes, one green and one grey, are visible at the proximal end of the vessel.

Vessel QFR: 0.38

Lesion QFR: 0.63

Residual Vessel QFR: 0.75

*PCI Eligible*



**LCx**

A 3D reconstruction of the Left Circumflex Artery (LCx) on a black background. The vessel is primarily blue, with a segment of green at the distal end. Two cross-sectional planes, one red and one green, are visible at the distal end of the vessel.

Vessel QFR: 0.90

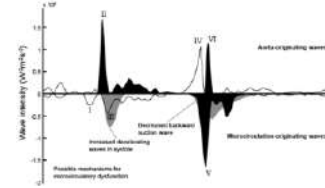
Lesion QFR: 0.97

Residual Vessel QFR: 0.93

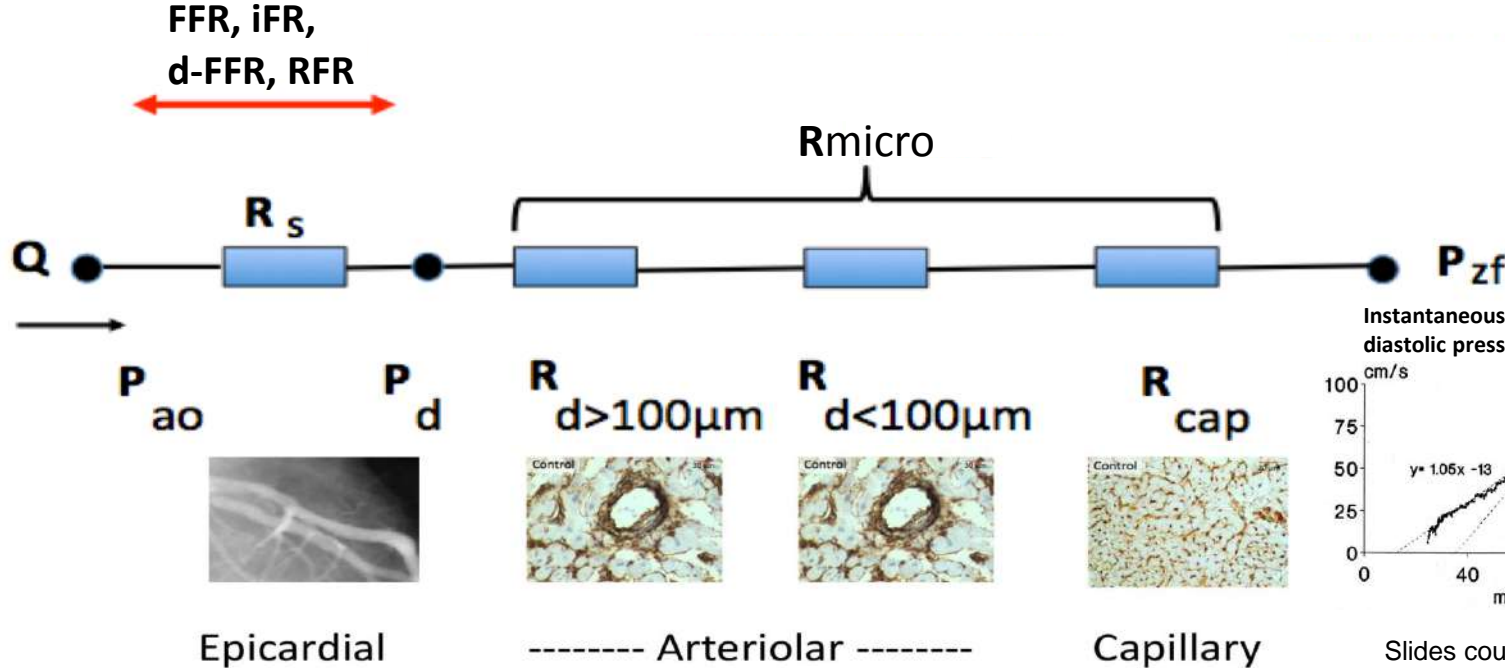
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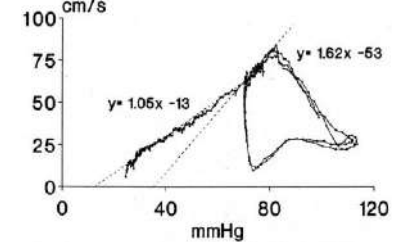
# Physiological indices and interrogated coronary domain



Wave intensity analysis



Instantaneous hyperemic diastolic pressure velocity slope



- **FFR is the gold standard for clinical decision making before procedure. iFR can be considered as equivalent to FFR.**
- **Other non-hyperemic indices, angio-derived FFR, OFR, showed comparable diagnostic performance for the diagnosis of hemodynamically significant stenosis defined by  $FFR \leq 0.80$ .**
- **However, RCT comparing clinical outcomes by these indices based diagnostic strategies and standard diagnostic strategies are warranted.**
- **In terms of decision making during procedure, several studies demonstrated that a higher post-PCI FFR value is associated with a better clinical outcome. However, adoption rate is still quite low. At this point, iFR and QFR can be good alternatives.**



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# QFR in MultiTALENT trial

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# Clinical outcomes of state-of-the-art percutaneous coronary revascularisation in patients with three-vessel disease: two-year follow-up of the SYNTAX II study



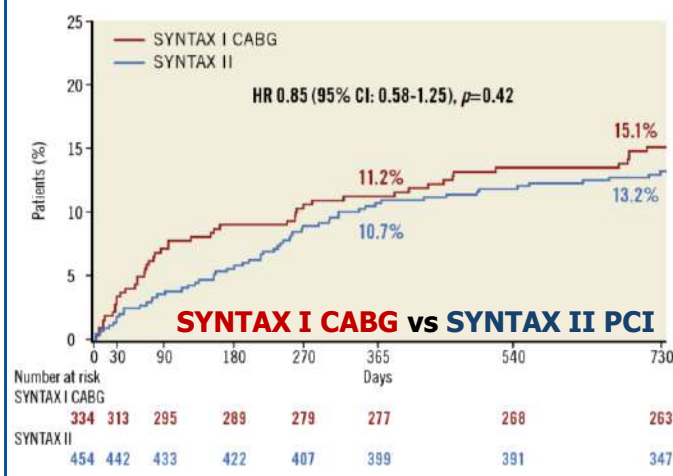
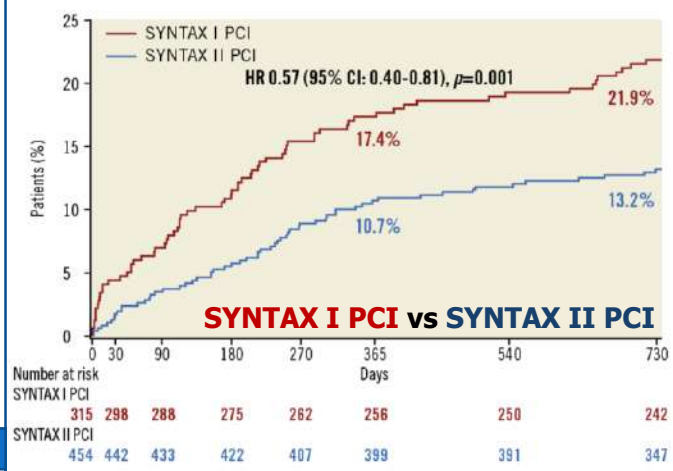
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## Achievement of SYNTAX II strategy

	SYNTAX II	SYNTAX-I PCI	p-value
SYNTAX score II calculated	100% (454/454)	100% (315/315)	1.000
iFR/FFR per patient	<i>Excellent!!</i> 96.4% (431/447)	NA	NA
iFR/FFR per lesion	<i>Good!</i> 75.5% (1,177/1,559)	NA	NA
Post-stenting IVUS per patient	<i>Good!</i> 84.1% (384/454)	<i>Poor...</i> 4.8% (15/311)	<0.001
Post-stenting IVUS per lesion	<i>Good!</i> 76.4% (872/1,142)	NA	NA
Success rate of CTO PCI per lesion	<i>Good!</i> 87.0% (94/108)	<i>Poor...</i> 57.4% (54/94)	<0.001
Current-generation DES used	<i>Excellent!!</i> 98.4% (440/447)	<i>Poor...</i> 0% (0/315)	<0.001
	SYNERGY EES	TAXUS PES	
	(strut thickness: 74 µm)	(strut thickness: 132 µm)	
Statin at discharge	<i>Excellent!!</i> 97.3% (437/449)	<i>Good!</i> 85.4% (268/314)	<0.001

CTO: chronic total occlusion; DES: drug-eluting stent; FFR: fractional flow reserve; iFR: instantaneous wave-free ratio; IVUS: intravascular ultrasound; PCI: percutaneous coronary intervention

## Major Adverse Cardiac or Cerebrovascular Events



# The 2010-2014-2018 trilogy of ESC–EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularisation: we cannot jump three steps this way and then return to where we began



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## Components of “best practice” PCI in patients with three-vessel disease

1.	<i>Calculation of SYNTAX II score for inclusion based on calculated equipoise between PCI and CABG.</i>
2.	<i>Targeted PCI based on physiology and anatomy using combined resting and hyperemic indices of stenosis significance.</i>
3.	<i>Use of intracoronary imaging for complex procedures (intravascular ultrasound [IVUS]).</i>
4.	<i>PCI of chronic total coronary occlusion for complete revascularization.</i>
5.	<i>Use of current-generation DES.</i>
6.	<i>Optimal medical care including statin treatment at discharge.</i>



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# The importance of physiological assessment of coronary artery stenosis

## DEFER

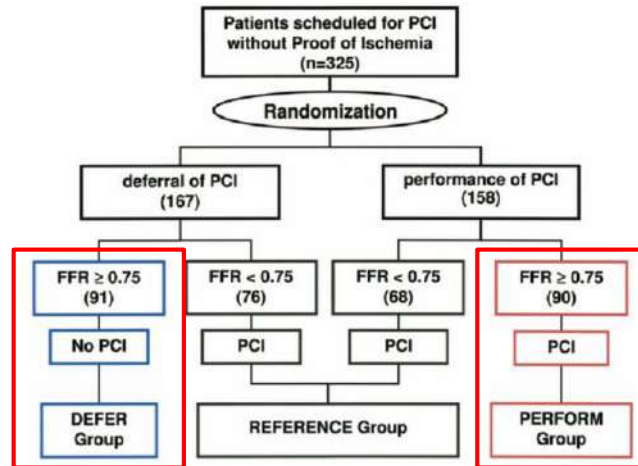
No Demonstrated Benefit of Stenting a Non-ischemic Stenosis (FFR  $\geq 0.75$ )

CLINICAL RESEARCH

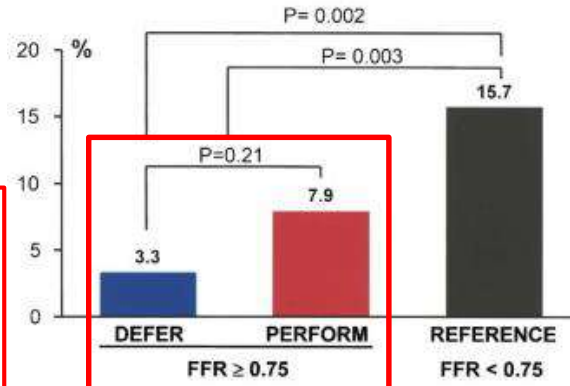
Interventional Cardiology

### Percutaneous Coronary Intervention of Functionally Nonsignificant Stenosis

5-Year Follow-Up of the DEFER Study



### Cardiac Death and Acute MI after 5 Years



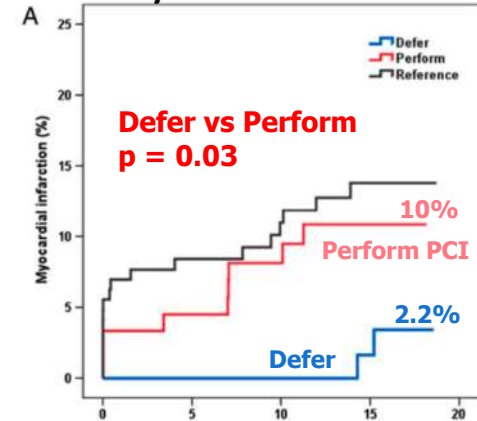
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CLINICAL RESEARCH

Coronary artery disease

Deferral vs. performance of percutaneous coronary intervention of functionally non-significant coronary stenosis: 15-year follow-up of the DEFER trial

### Myocardial Infarction



# The importance of physiological assessment of coronary artery stenosis

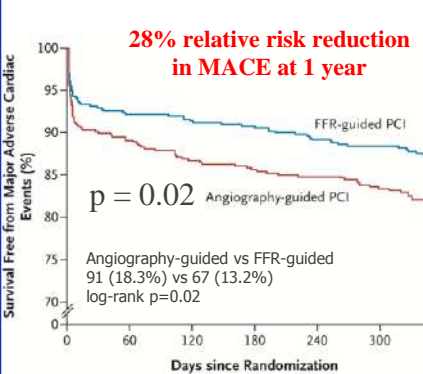
## FAME I

FFR-guided PCI Results in Fewer Stents and Fewer Events Compared to Angio-guided PCI

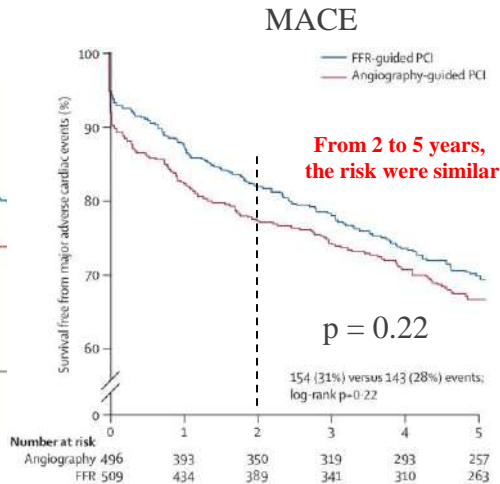
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Fractional Flow Reserve versus Angiography for Guiding Percutaneous Coronary Intervention



Fractional flow reserve versus angiography for guidance of PCI in patients with multivessel coronary artery disease (FAME): 5-year follow-up of a randomised controlled trial



Tonino PAL et al. *NEJM* 2009;360:213.

Van Nunen, LX et al. *Lancet* 2015;386(3):1853-60

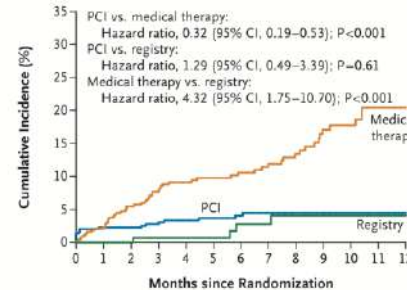
## FAME II

FFR-Guided PCI with Medical Therapy (MT) Improves Outcomes versus MT Alone

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Fractional Flow Reserve-Guided PCI versus Medical Therapy in Stable Coronary Disease



No. at Risk

Medical therapy	441	414	370	322	283	253	220	192	162	127	100	70	37
PCI	447	414	388	351	308	277	243	212	175	155	117	92	53
Registry	166	156	145	133	117	106	93	74	64	52	41	25	13

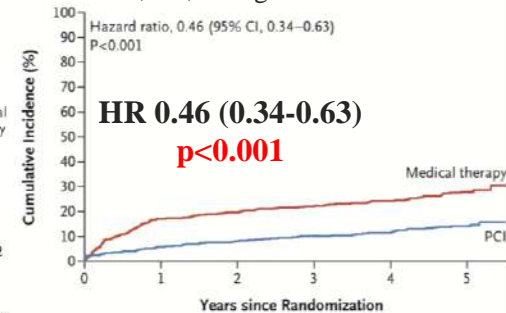
Bruyne BD et al. *NEJM* 2012;367:991.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Five-Year Outcomes with PCI Guided by Fractional Flow Reserve

death, MI, or urgent revascularization



Xaplanteris et al. *NEJM* 2018;379:250.

# All scenarios require proof of ischemia according to 2018 ESC/EACTS Guideline

## Indications for revascularization in patients with stable angina or silent ischaemia

Extent of CAD (anatomical and/or functional)		Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
For prognosis	Left main disease with stenosis $>50\%$ . <sup>c</sup> 68–71	I	A
	Proximal LAD stenosis $>50\%$ . <sup>c</sup> 62,68,70,72	I	A
	Two- or three-vessel disease with stenosis $>50\%$ with impaired LV function (LVEF $<35\%$ ). <sup>c</sup> 61,62,63,70,73–83	I	A
	Large area of ischaemia detected by functional testing ( $>10\%$ LV) or abnormal invasive FFR. <sup>d</sup> 24,63,84–90	I	B
	Single remaining patent coronary artery with stenosis $>50\%$ . <sup>c</sup>	I	C
For symptoms	Haemodynamically significant coronary stenosis <sup>c</sup> in the presence of limiting angina or angina equivalent, with insufficient response to optimized medical therapy. <sup>e</sup> 24,63,91–97	I	A

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CAD = coronary artery disease; FFR = fractional flow reserve; iwFR = instantaneous wave-free ratio; LAD = left anterior descending coronary artery; LV = left ventricular; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction.

<sup>a</sup>Class of recommendation.

<sup>b</sup>Level of evidence.

<sup>c</sup>With documented ischaemia or a haemodynamically relevant lesion defined by FFR  $<0.80$  or iwFR  $<0.89$  (see section 3.2.1.1), or  $>90\%$  stenosis in a major coronary vessel.

<sup>d</sup>Based on FFR  $<0.75$  indicating a prognostically relevant lesion (see section 3.2.1.1).

<sup>e</sup>In consideration of patient compliance and wishes in relation to the intensity of anti-anginal therapy.

C: With **documented ischemia** or hemodynamically relevant lesion defined by **FFR $\leq$ 0.80** or **iFR $\leq$ 0.89**, or  **$>90\%$  stenosis** in a major coronary vessel.

# Recommendation on functional testing

## 2018 ESC/EACTS Guideline

### Recommendations on functional testing and intravascular imaging for lesion assessment

Recommendations	Class <sup>a</sup>	Level <sup>b</sup>
When evidence of ischaemia is not available, <b>FFR or iwFR</b> are recommended to assess the haemodynamic relevance of intermediate-grade stenosis. <sup>15,17,18,39</sup>	<b>I</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>FFR-guided PCI</b> should be considered in patients with <u>multivessel disease</u> undergoing PCI. <sup>29,31</sup>	<b>IIa</b>	<b>B</b>
IVUS should be considered to assess the severity of unprotected left main lesions. <sup>35–37</sup>	<b>IIa</b>	<b>B</b>

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**Is recommended/is indicated**

**Multiple RCTs  
(DEFER, DEFINE-FLAIR,  
SWEDEHEART, )**

**Should be considered**

**Single RCT (FAME)**

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# Quantitative Flow Ratio (QFR)

Standard Angiogram



Data Transmission System

Two image runs with  
angle difference  $\geq 25^\circ$



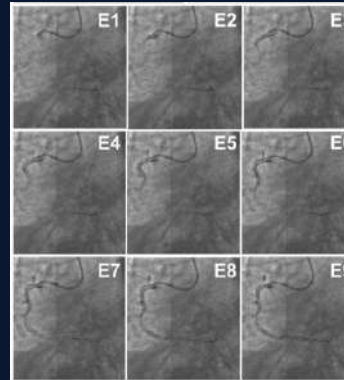
AngioPlus  
System

3D Reconstruction

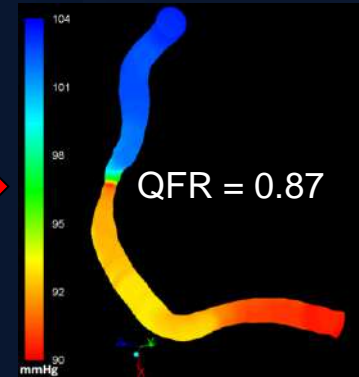


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QFR



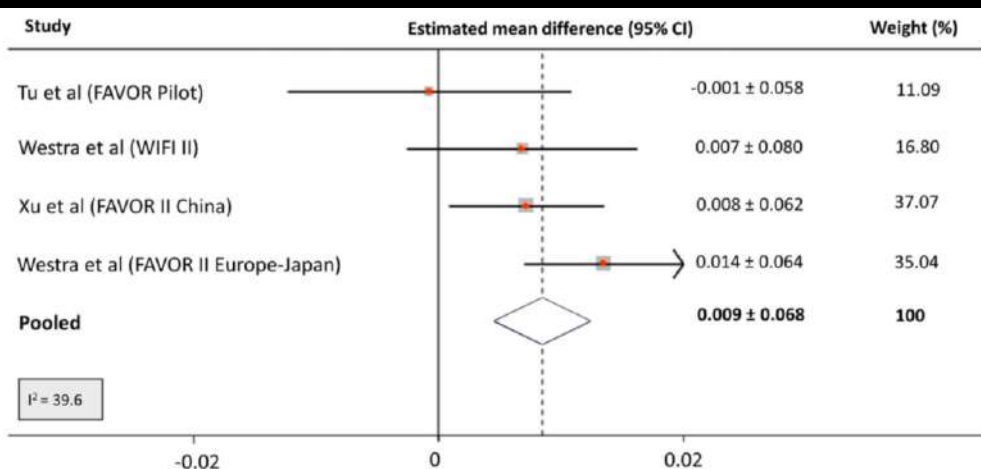
Without Inducing Hyperemia



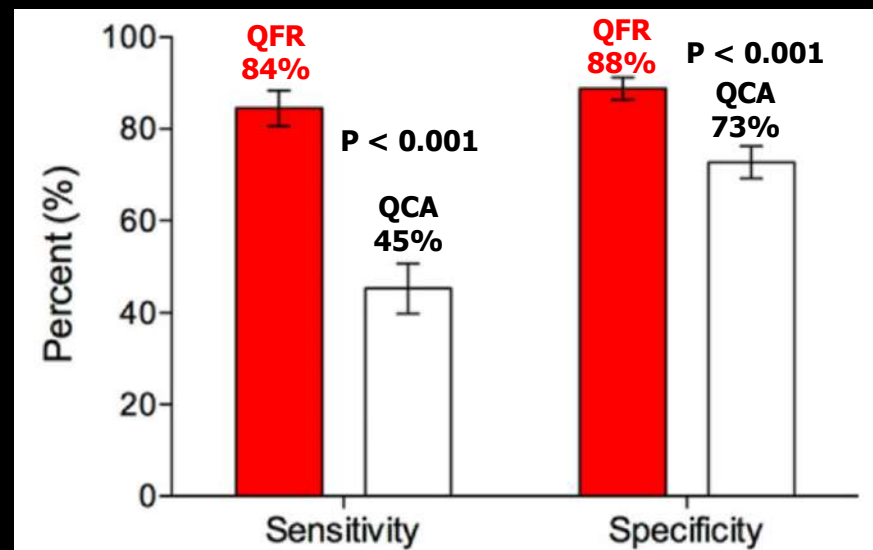
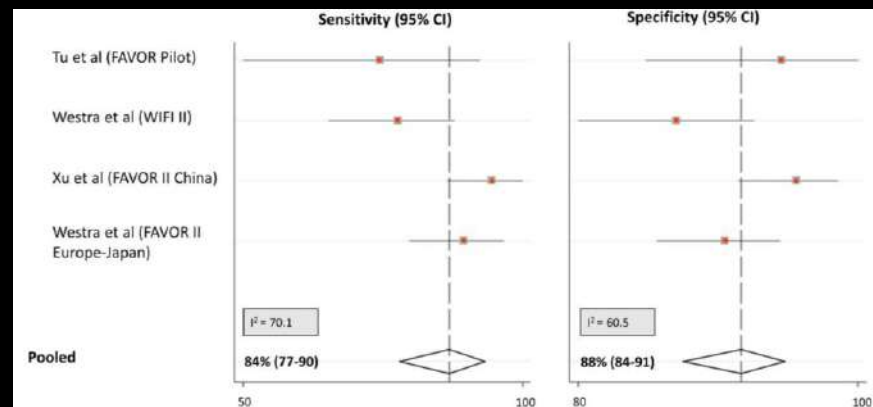
## Diagnostic performance of quantitative flow ratio in prospectively enrolled patients: An individual patient-data meta-analysis

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A individual patient-data meta-analysis from 4 studies  
 A total of 819 patients and 969 vessels



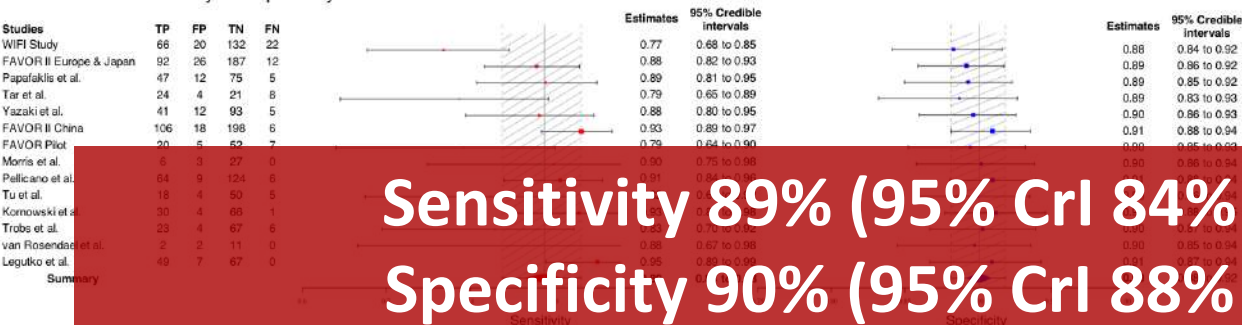
Mean agreement of QFR and FFR.



Sensitivity and specificity of QFR with FFR as a refer

# Diagnostic performance of angiography-derived FFR a systematic review and Bayesian meta-analysis

Forest Plots of Sensitivity and Specificity



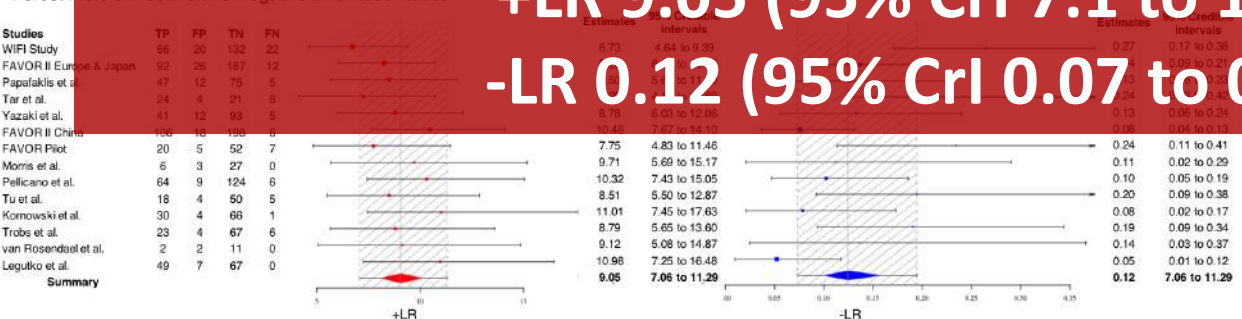
**Sensitivity 89% (95% CrI 84% to 93%)**

**Specificity 90% (95% CrI 88% to 92%)**

**+LR 9.05 (95% CrI 7.1 to 11.3)**

**-LR 0.12 (95% CrI 0.07 to 0.19)**

Forest Plots of Positive and Negative Likelihood Ratios



2735 Records identified through database search

1173 Duplicate records

1332 Records screened

1332 Records excluded after assessment of the abstract

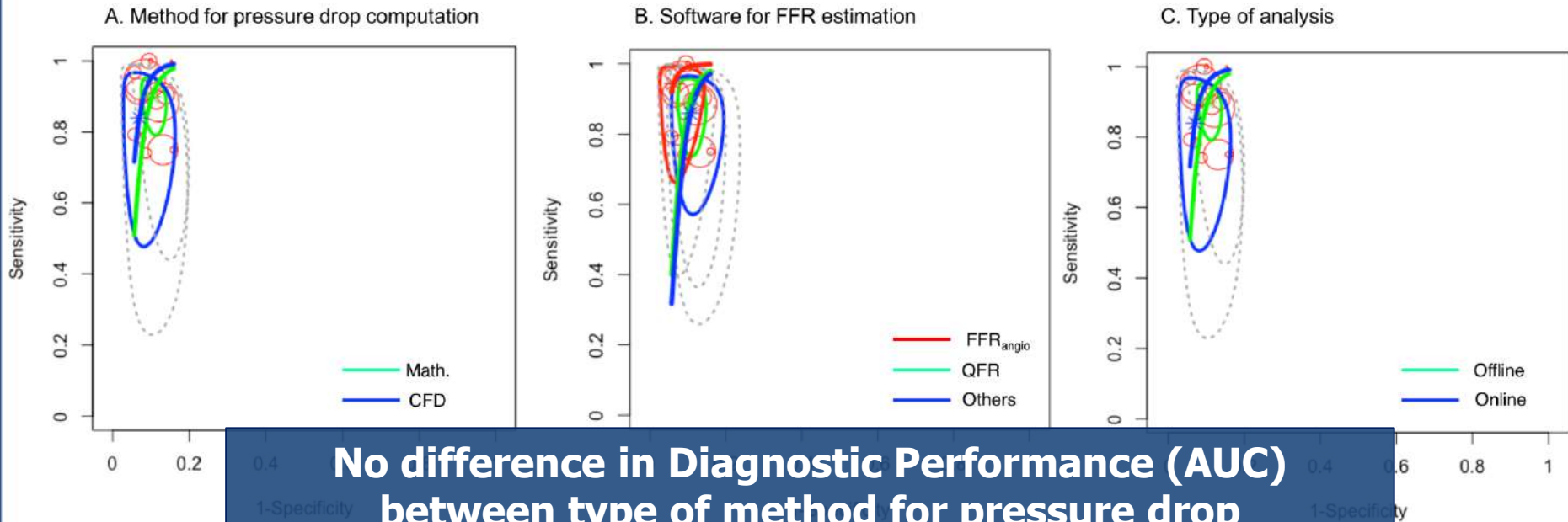
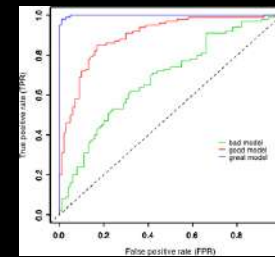
160 Full articles assessed

246 Excluded

240 No angiography-derived FFR provided.  
5 Lack of 2x2 table.  
1 No FFR provided

14 Studies included in the meta-analysis

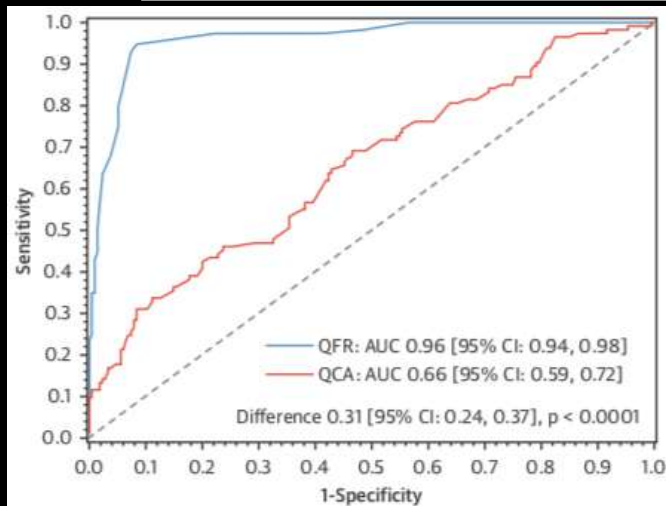
# Bayesian Meta-regression



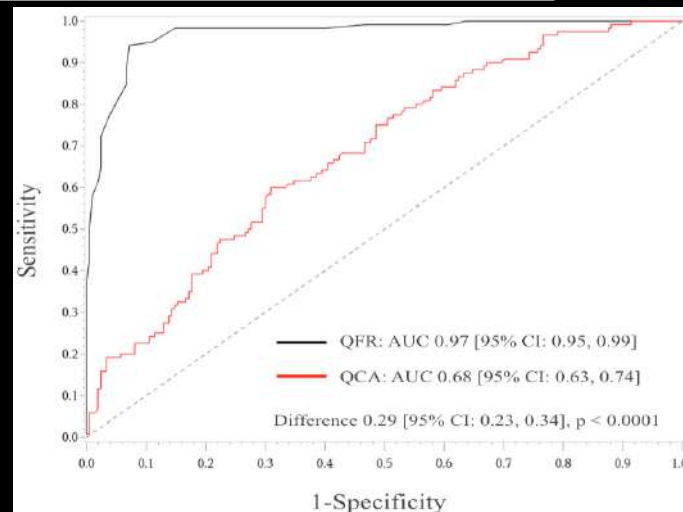
**No difference in Diagnostic Performance (AUC) between type of method for pressure drop computation, Software or online/offline analysis.**

# On-line vs Off-line QFR: Insight from FAVOR II China

ROC for the discrimination of functionally significant stenosis



**On-line**  
AUC 0.96  
Accuracy 92.7



**Off-line**  
AUC 0.97  
Accuracy 93.3

**On-line QFR showed excellent predictive value  
and comparable accuracy to Off-line.**

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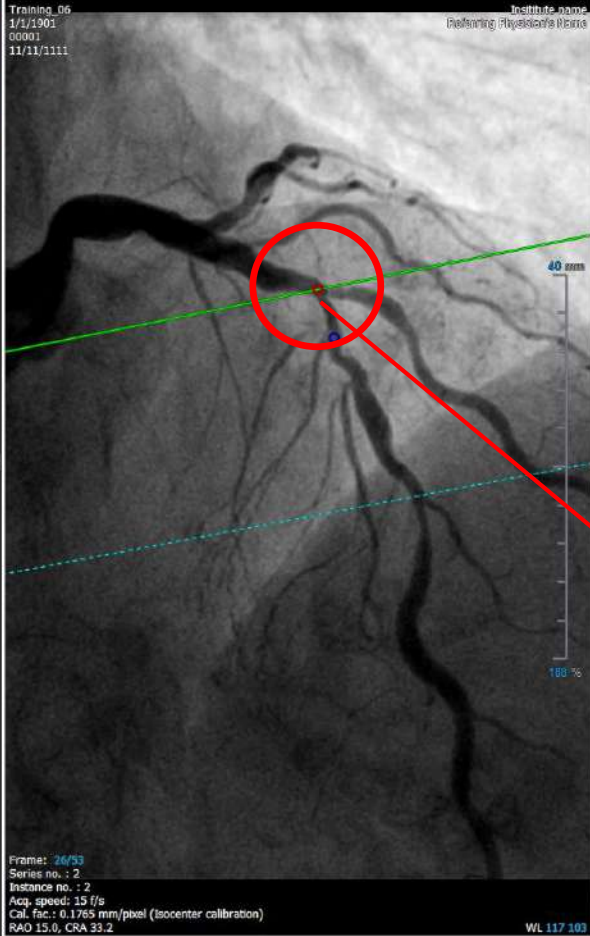
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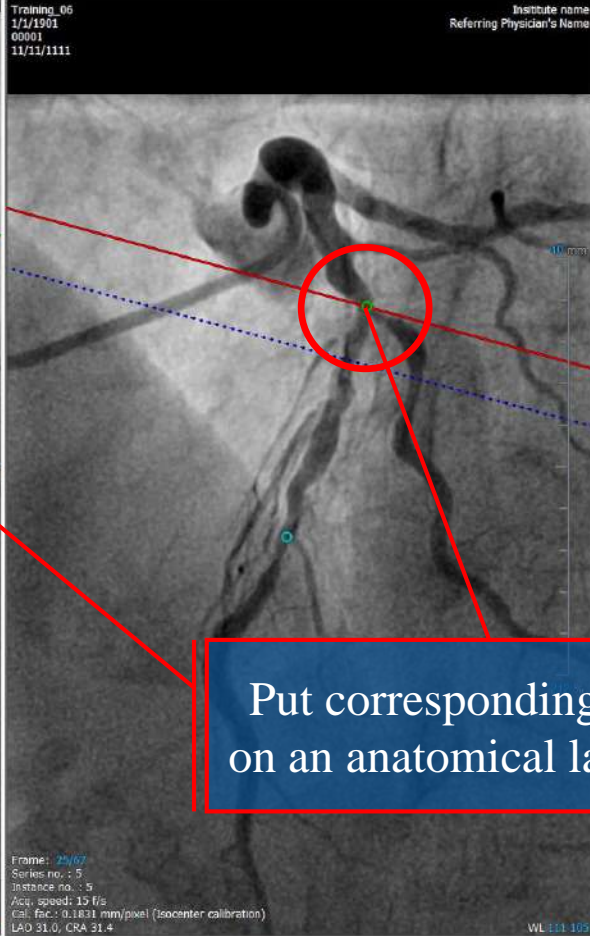


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## Properties

Label: Single vessel 01

Offset Correction

Indicate anatomical landmark in both images

☒ Indicate checkpoints

Put corresponding points  
on an anatomical landmark



Results

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Frame: 25/67  
Series no.: 5  
Instance no.: 5  
Acq. speed: 15 f/s  
Cal. fac.: 0.1831 mm/pixel (isocenter calibration)  
RAO 31.0, CRA 31.4

Frame: 25/67  
Series no.: 5  
Instance no.: 5  
Acq. speed: 15 f/s  
Cal. fac.: 0.1831 mm/pixel (isocenter calibration)  
LAO 31.0, CRA 31.4

WL 117 103

WL 111 103

40 mm

204 %

Institute name  
Referring Physician's Name

Decide the centerline  
and trace vessel wall

Series no.: 2  
Instance no.: 2  
Acq. speed: 15 f/s  
Cal. fac.: 0.1765 mm/pixel (isocenter calibration)  
RAO 15.0, CRA 33.2

Series no.: 2  
Instance no.: 2  
Acq. speed: 15 f/s  
Cal. fac.: 0.1765 mm/pixel (isocenter calibration)  
RAO 15.0, CRA 33.2

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Acquisition Guide Series Selection Properties

# 3D vessel model

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Frame:  
Series:  
Instance:  
Acq. sp:  
Cal. fac:  
RAD. 15

Training\_06  
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00001  
11/11/1111

Lesion length: 47.1 mm  
Proximal diameter: 3.3-3.4 mm  
Distal diameter: 2.4-2.7 mm

Institute name  
Referring Physician's Name

## Procedures

### Analyses

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### Lesion

Lesion length	47.1	mm
Diameter stenosis	68.1	%
Area stenosis	86.0	%
Bending angle	26	°
Diameters	Min	Max
Proximal	3.3	3.4 mm
MLD	0.9	mm
Distal	2.4	2.7 mm
Reference	2.7	mm

### Check correspondence

☐ Corresponding points

### Check reference

- ☒ Auto
- ☐ Normals
- ☐ Fixed prox. 2.5 mm

Initial lesion markers

Initial lesion markers

☐ Show 3D reference

☒ Show plaque

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Acquisition Guide Series Selection Properties

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Institute name  
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40 mm

103 %

Frame: 1/53  
Series no.: 2  
Instan  
Acq. s  
Cal. fa  
RAO 1

Frame count run:  
☒ Left ☒ Right ☐ Other

Acquisitions under hyperemic conditions  
should not be used for frame counting.

Indicate the frames in which the front of  
contrast bolus arrives at the start and  
end of the analyzed segment

Start frame

End frame

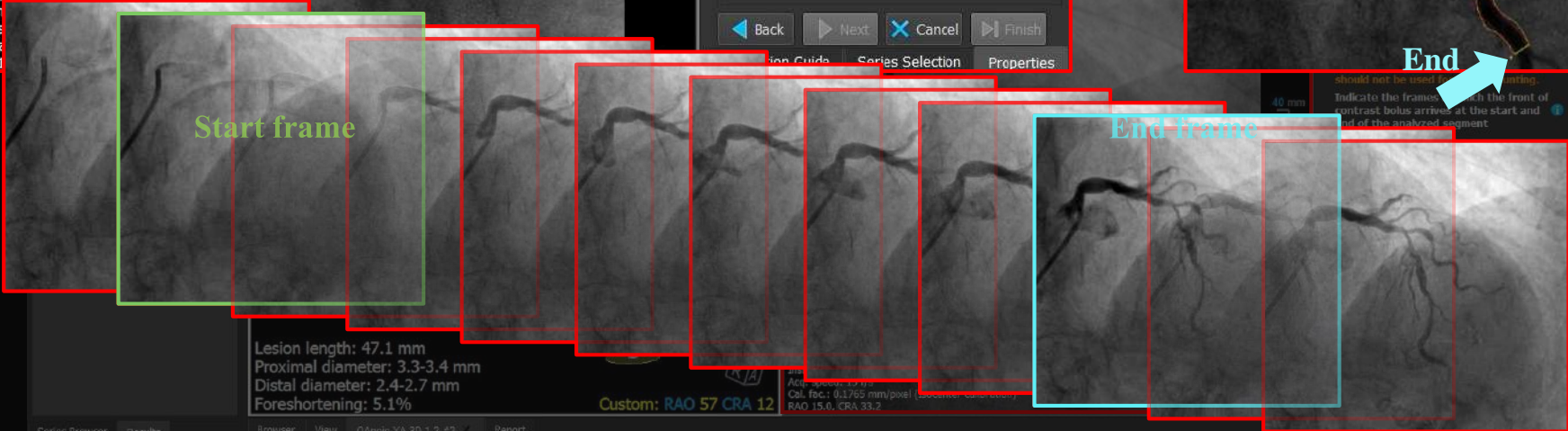
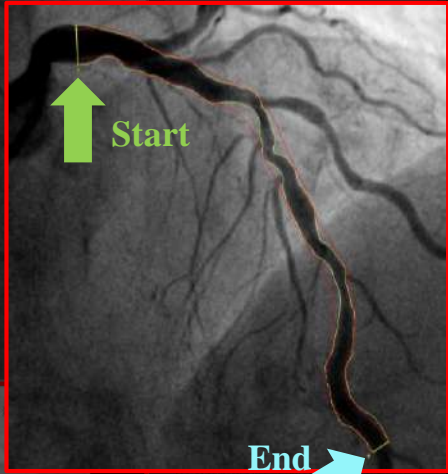
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Cancel

Finish

Frame count for  
blood flow speed



Lesion length: 47.1 mm  
Proximal diameter: 3.3-3.4 mm  
Distal diameter: 2.4-2.7 mm  
Foreshortening: 5.1%

Custom: RAO 57 CRA 12

Acq. speed: 15.0  
Cal. fac.: 0.1765 mm/posl  
RAO 15.0, CRA 33.2

# 3D vessel model with QFR

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1/1/1901  
00001

Training\_06  
1/1/1901  
00001  
Referring Physician's Name

Contrast QFR  
Vessel: 0.46 Index: 0.46

Frames: 7  
Series no.  
Endurance  
Acq. speed  
Calc. fac.:  
RAO 15.0

Training\_06  
1/1/1901  
00001  
11/11/1111

Lesion length: 47.1 mm  
Proximal diameter: 3.3-3.4 mm  
Distal diameter: 2.4-2.7 mm  
Foreshortening: 5.1%

Custom: RAO 57 CRA 12

position (mm)

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QFR

Contrast QFR

Vessel QFR	0.46
Lesion QFR	0.46
Residual Vessel QFR	0.99
Index QFR	0.46
Lesion length	47.1 mm
Diameter stenosis	68.1 %
Area stenosis	85.0 %
Bending angle	26 °
Diameters	Min Max
Proximal	3.3 3.4 mm
MID	0.6 mm
Distal	2.4 2.7 mm
Reference	2.7 mm

Revert lesion markers

Initial lesion markers

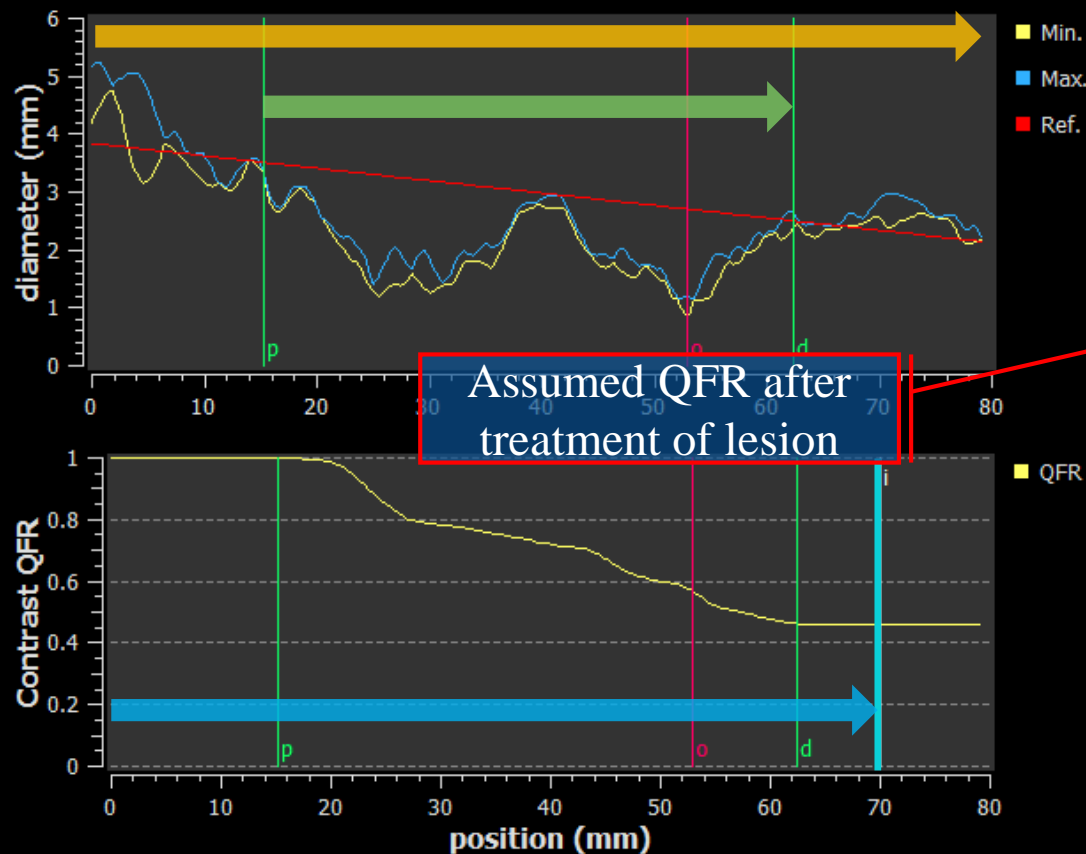
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Acquisition Guide Series Selection Properties

## Properties of QFR



### Properties QFR

#### Contrast QFR

Vessel QFR 0.46

Lesion QFR 0.46

Residual Vessel QFR 0.99

Index QFR 0.46

#### QFR of any selected point

Lesion length 47.1 mm

Diameter stenosis 68.1 %

Area stenosis 86.0 %

Bending angle 26 °

Diameters Min Max

Proximal 3.3 3.4 mm

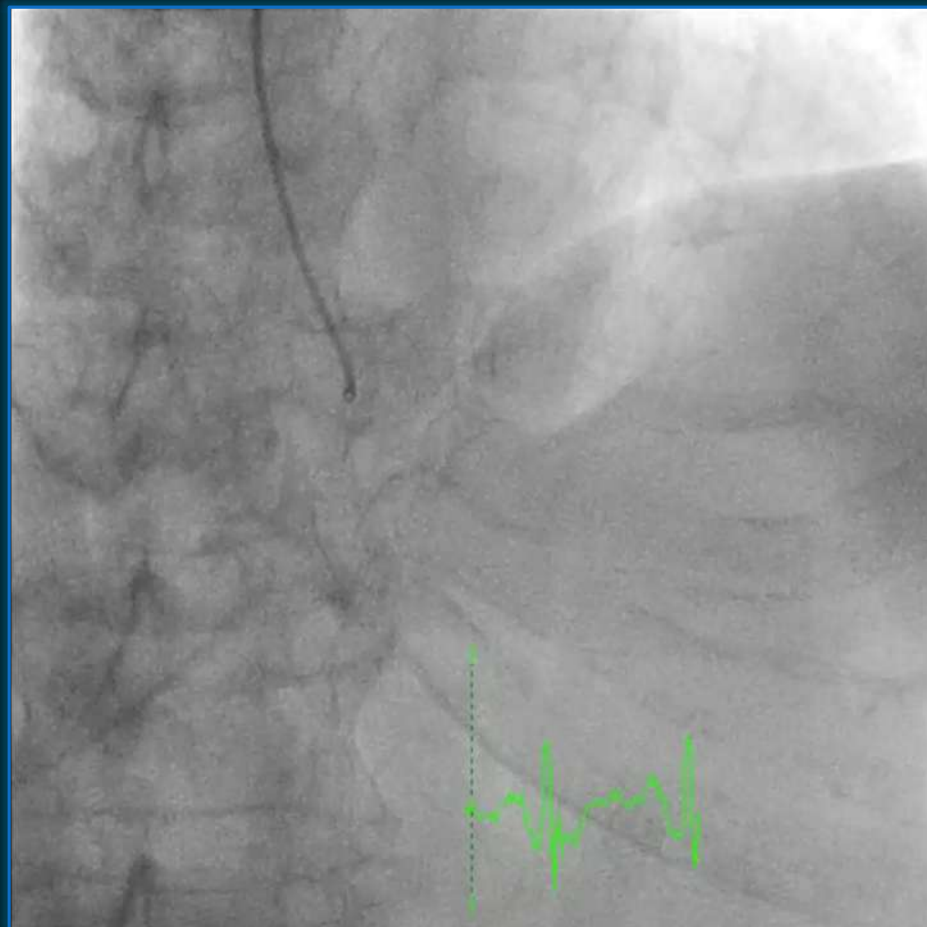
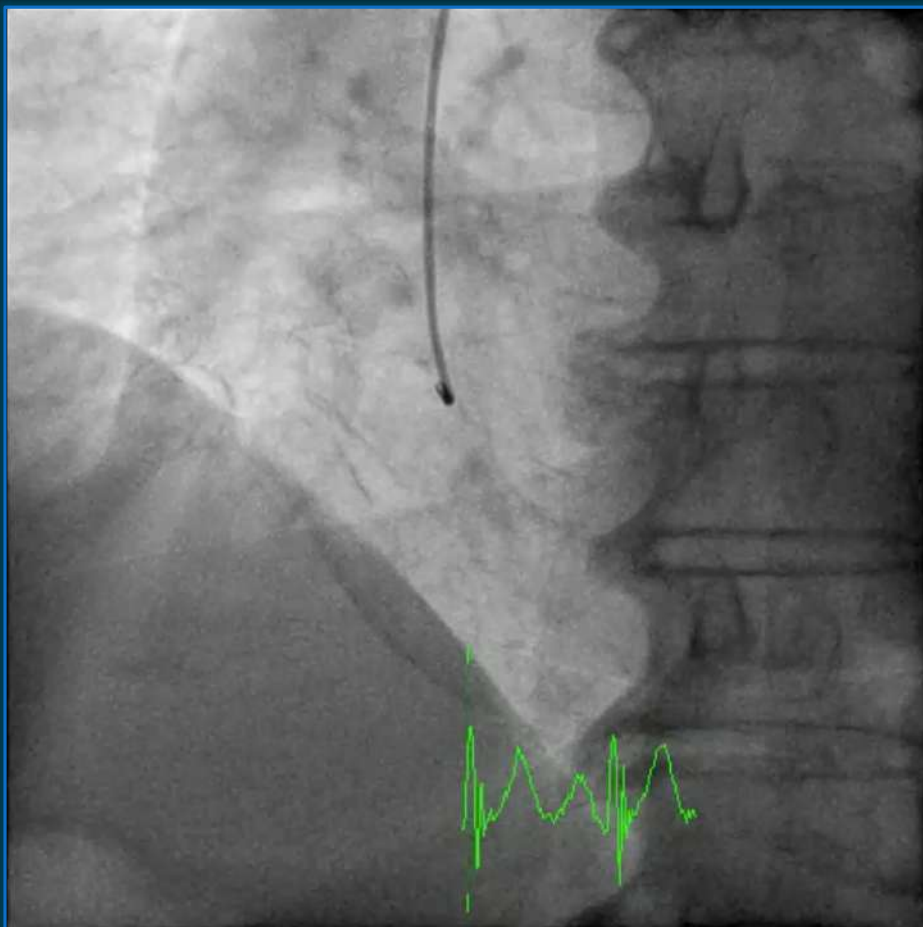
MLD 0.9 mm

Distal 2.4 2.7 mm

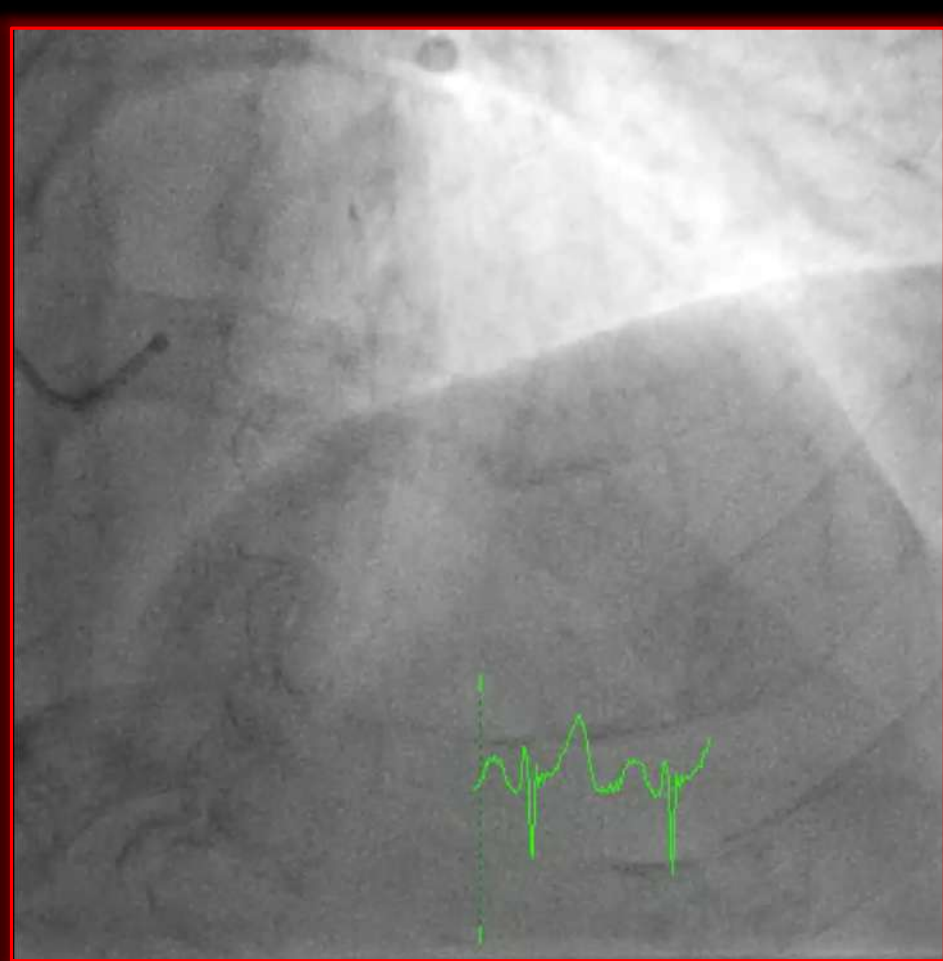
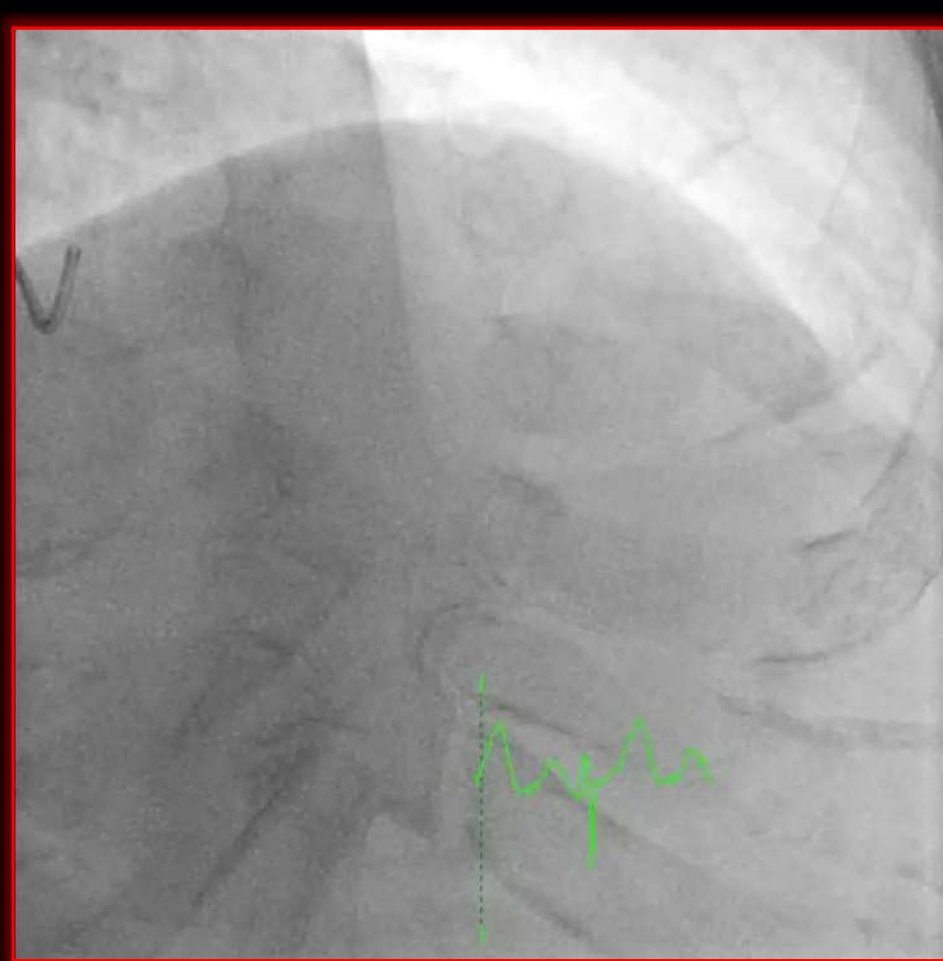
Reference 2.7 mm

# A Case from SYNTAX II trial





RCA



LAD



LCx



# Application of **QFR** for clinical practice



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# Conclusion

- In the contemporary era, physiological assessment of stenotic lesion is mandatory as one of the components of “best practice” PCI in patients with multi-vessel disease.
- Among several methods for coronary physiological assessment, QFR has shown the high sensitivity and specificity with pressure-wire measured FFR as a reference.
- The time for analysis of QFR takes approximately 5 min per lesion, which would be quite acceptable for clinical practice.
- In the MultiTALENT trial, QFR will be expected as a reliable decision guidance tool.

