

# **Biolimus-Eluting Stents With Biodegradable Polymer Versus Bare Metal Stents in Acute Myocardial Infarction: the COMFORTABLE AMI Trial**

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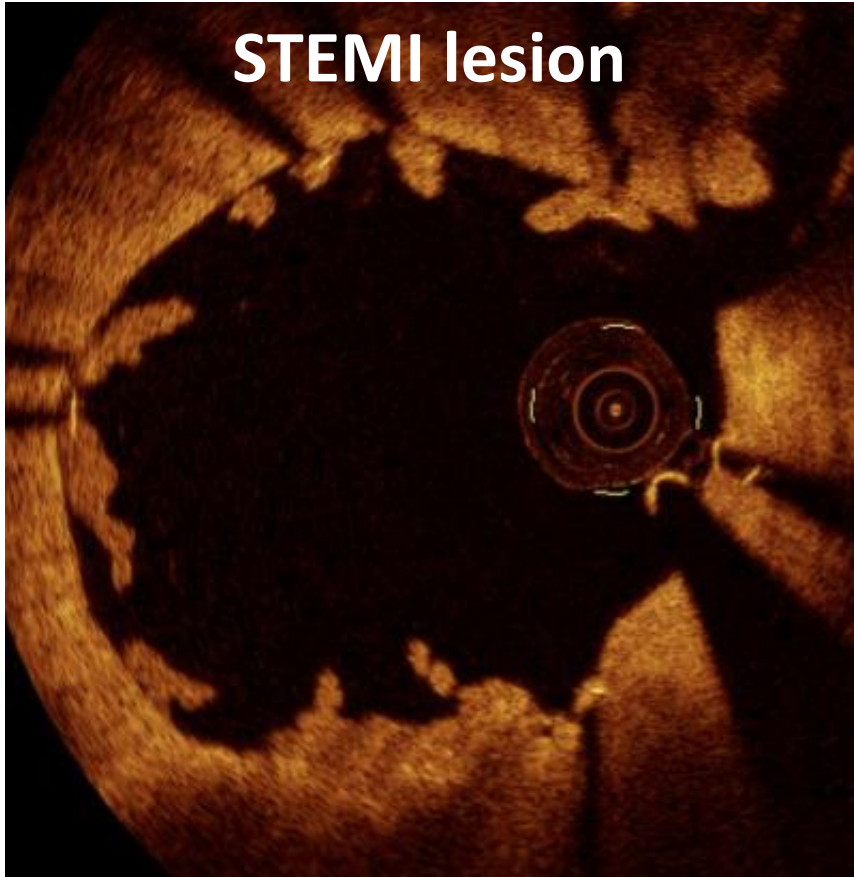
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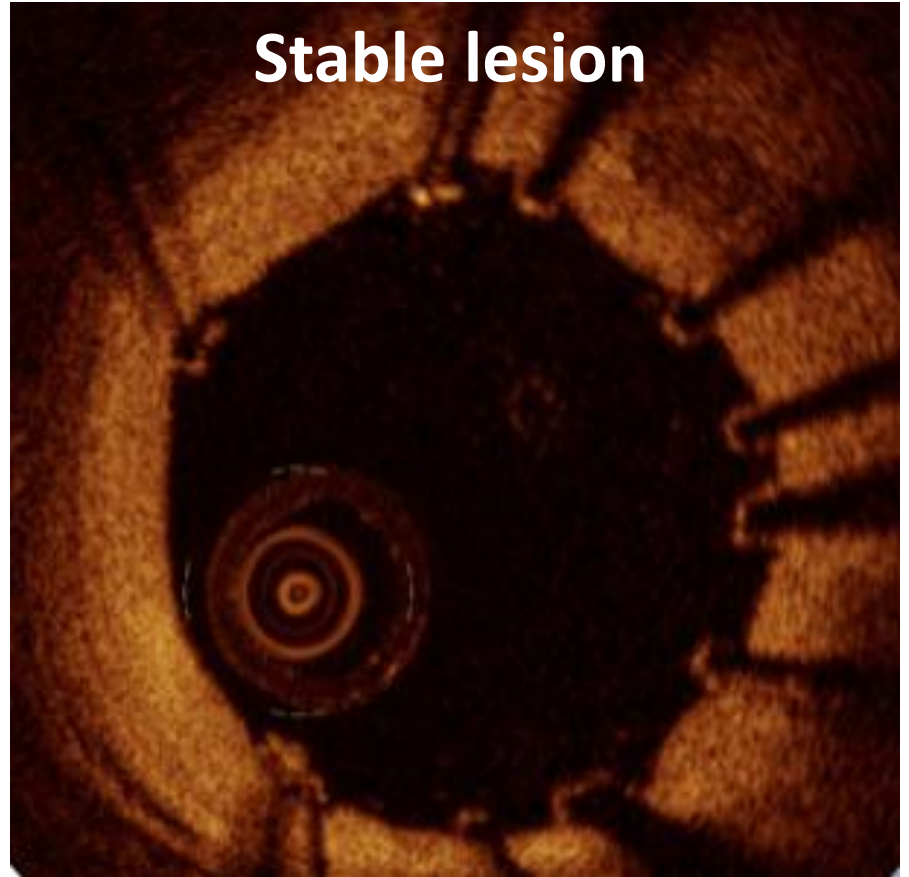
# COMFORTABLE AMI – BACKGROUND I

**STEMI lesion**



- Necrotic core, lipid pool
- High thrombus load

**Stable lesion**



- Fibrous tissue
- Thrombus absent

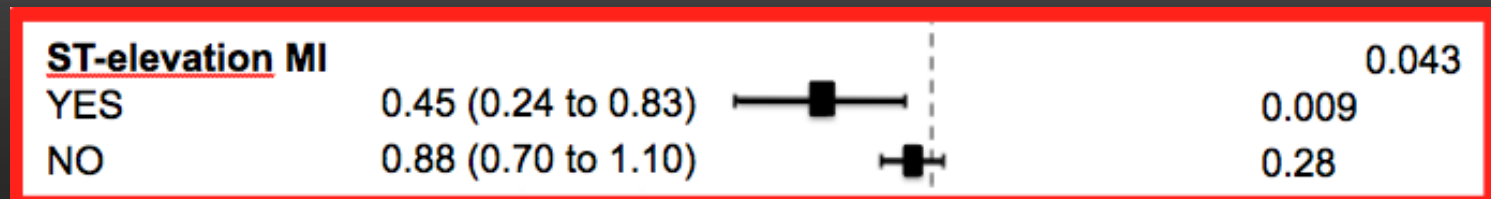
# COMFORTABLE AMI – BACKGROUND I

## 1. Use of DES remains controversial in STEMI

- Vessel healing of culprit lesions in AMI patients delayed following implantation of early generation DES (Virmani et al. Circulation 2010)
- Two-fold increased risk of very late stent thrombosis and myocardial infarction following implantation of early generation DES (Kalesan B, *EHJ* 2012; De Luca et al, *Arch Int. Med.* 2012)

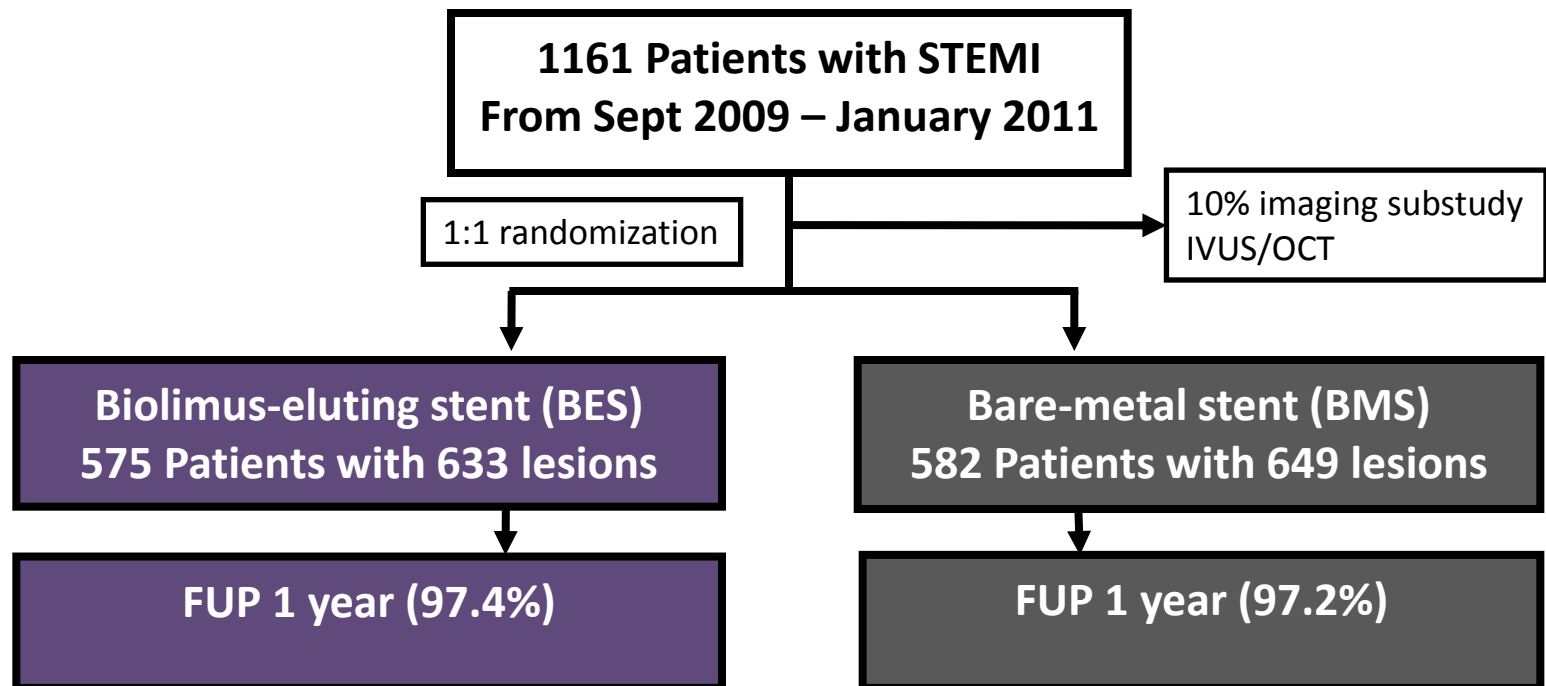
## 2. LEADERS data

- Biodegradable Polymer BES (BioMatrix™) has shown non-inferiority @1 year and superiority @4 years
- A stratified analysis suggested a particular benefit of BES in STEMI patients

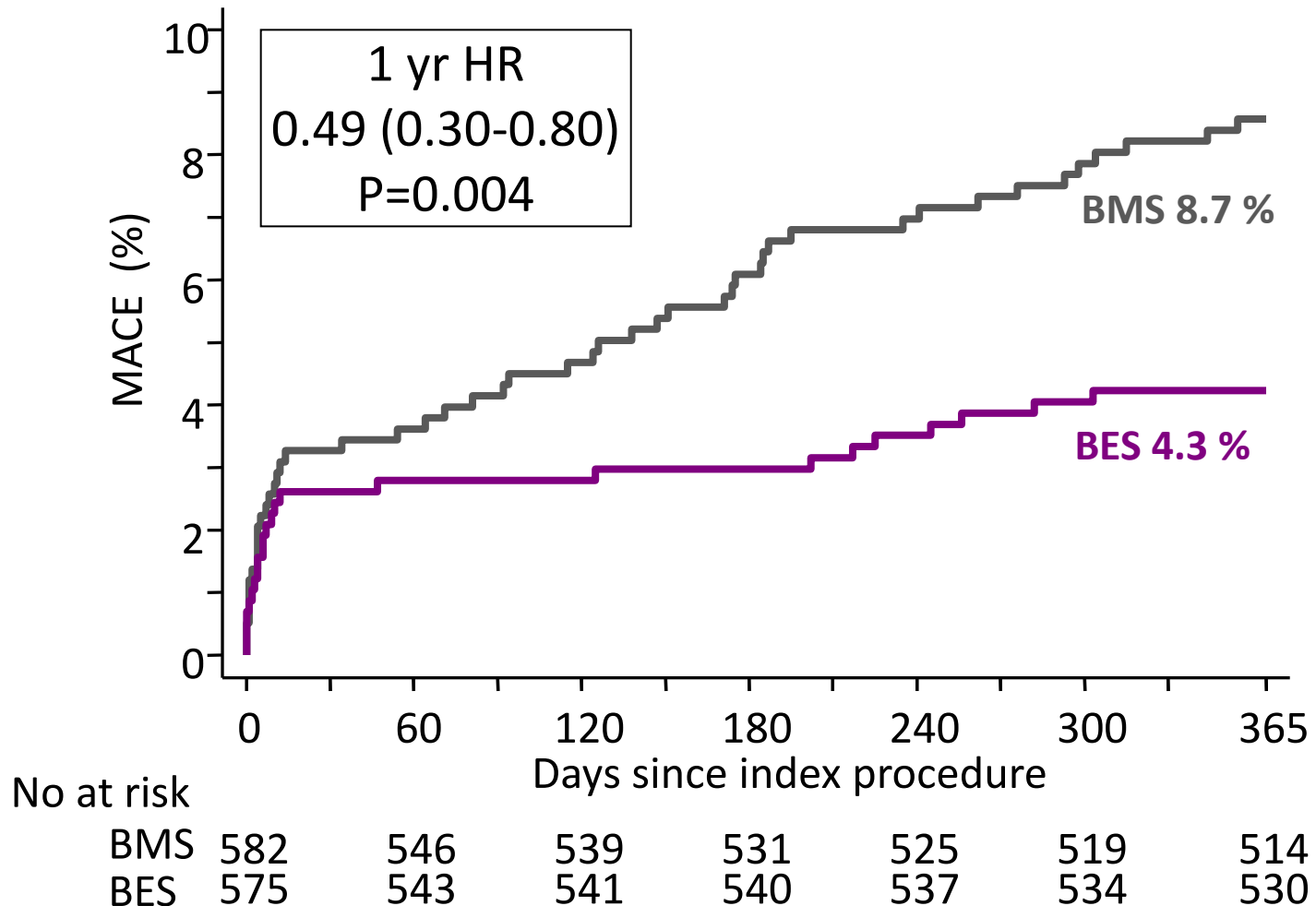


# *Hypothesis, Design, Study Flow*

- Hypothesis:** Biodegradable polymer BES (BioMatrix™) is superior to a BMS of identical design (Gazelle™)
- Design:** Randomized, assessor blinded, international trial conducted at 11 sites in Europe and Israel
- Eligibility:** Inclusion criteria were broad in order to reflect routine clinical practice

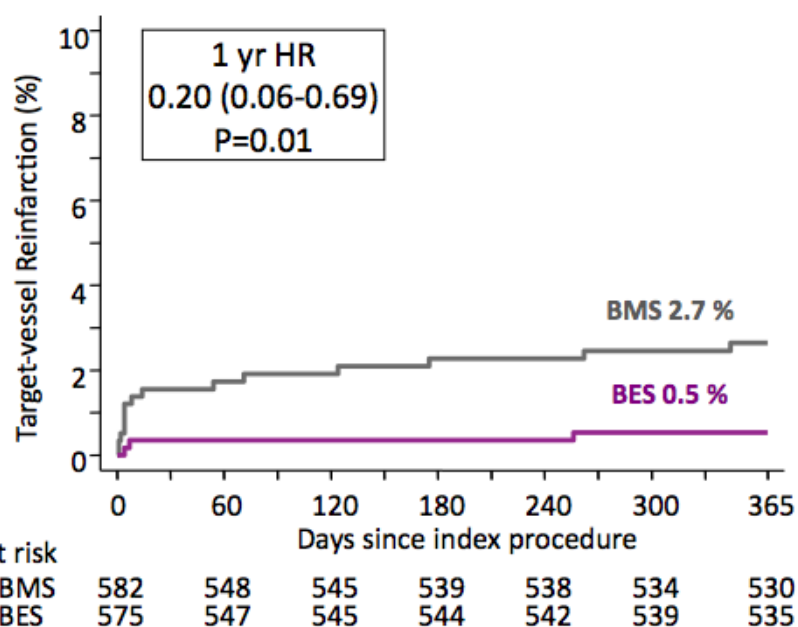


# *Primary Endpoint – MACE* *@ 1 Year*

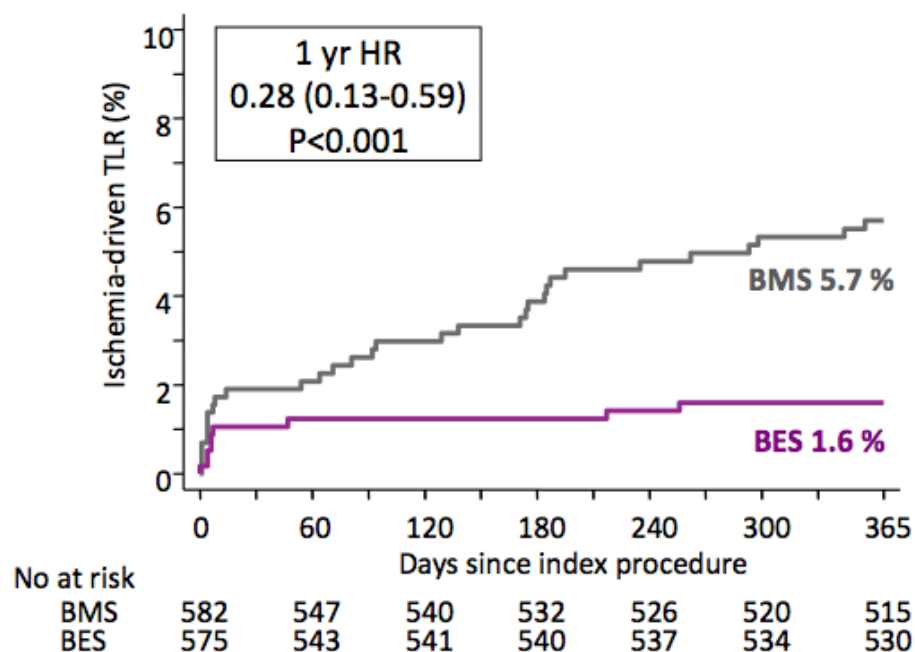


Clinical outcomes were adjudicated by an independent and blinded CEC

## 2nd Endpoint – TV-Reinfarction



## 2nd Endpoint – ID-TLR



Patients on any DAPT at 1 year  
BES 90.0% vs. BMS 88.1%, p=0.30

## *Summary – Take home message*

- First RCT investigating biodegradable polymer stent platform in STEMI patients.
- Biodegradable polymer BES (BioMatrix™) are superior to BMS in reducing major adverse cardiac events among STEMI patients at one year with a NNT of 24.
- The difference in favour of biodegradable polymer BES is driven by both, a lower risk of TV-reinfarction and TLR.
- Efficacy advantages of biodegradable polymer BES over BMS were substantial (RRR 72%).
- Safety advantage of a DES over a BMS has not been observed in previous RCTs comparing DES and BMS among STEMI patients.