

What are the Targets to Further Improve Coronary Stent Technologies:

A Look into Emerging Technologies

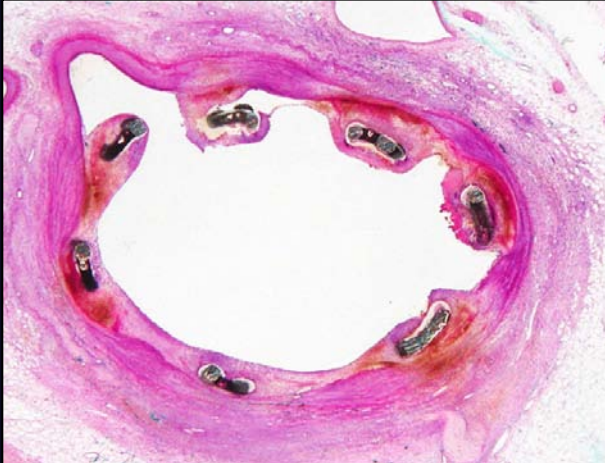
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Technological Strategies to Improve Vessel Healing Following DES Implantation

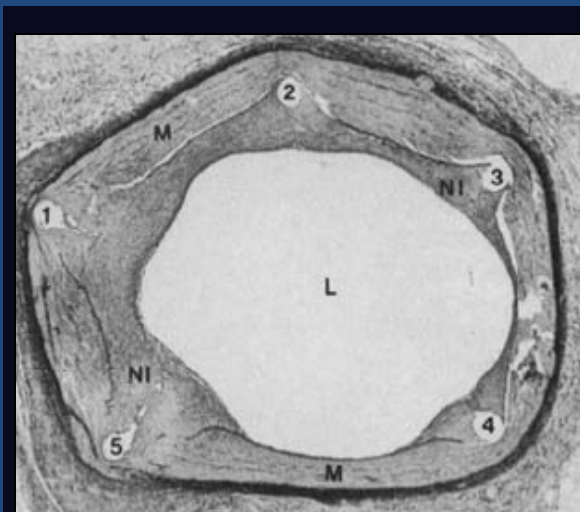
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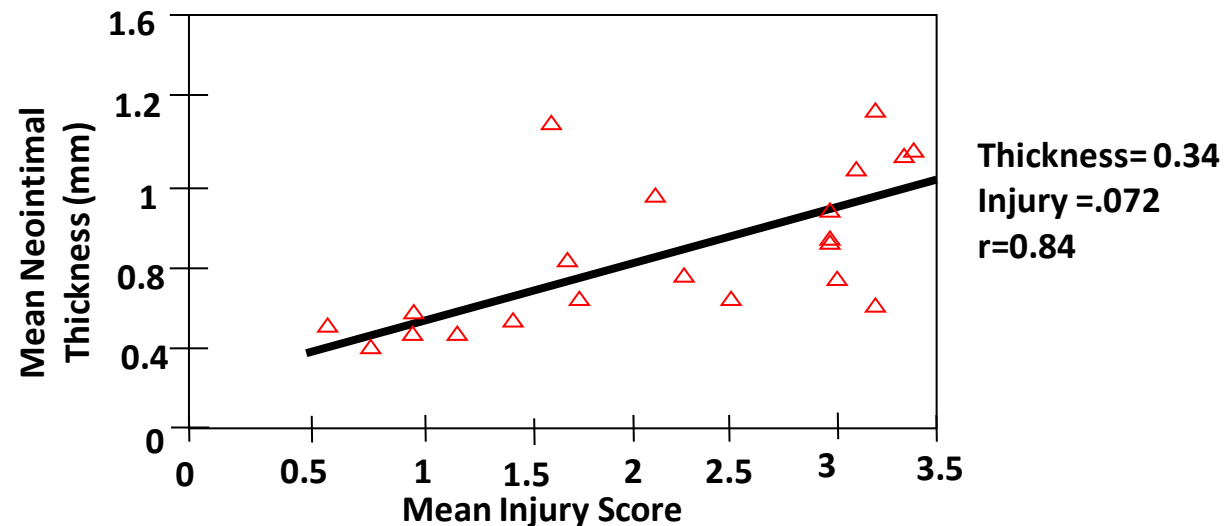
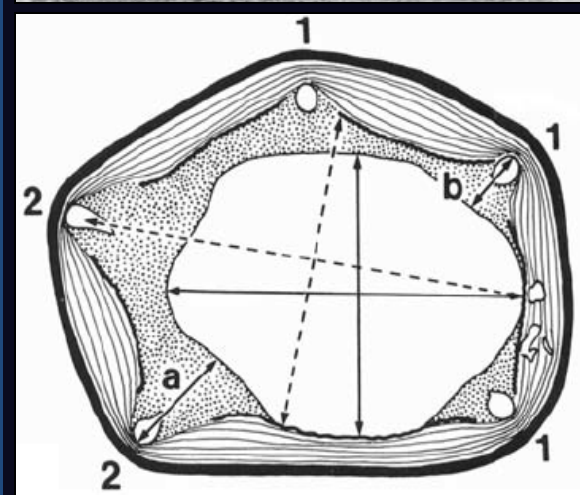
- Stent design
- Mechanism of expansion
- Strut thickness

Impact of Vessel Injury on Vascular Healing and Restenosis



Restenosis and the Proportional Neointimal Response to Coronary Artery Injury: Results in a Porcine Model

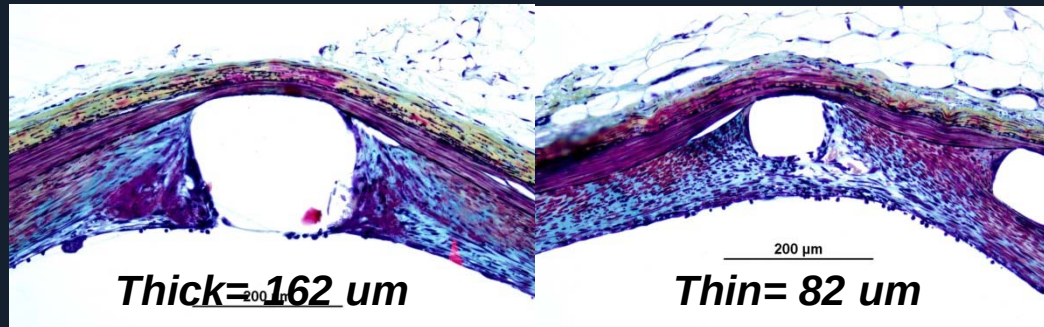
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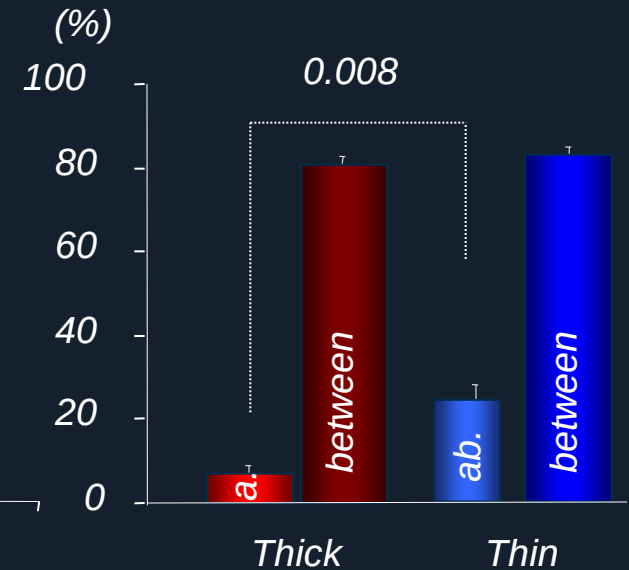
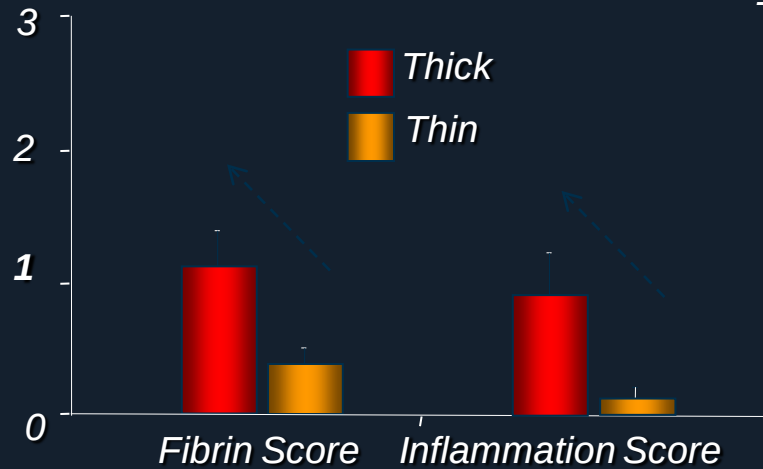
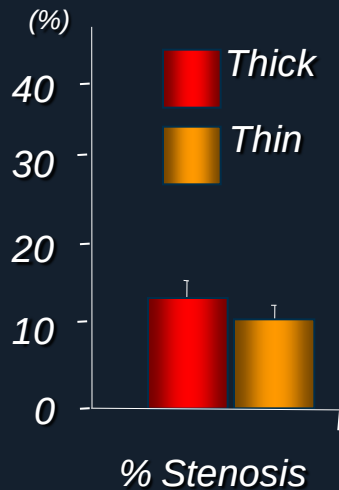
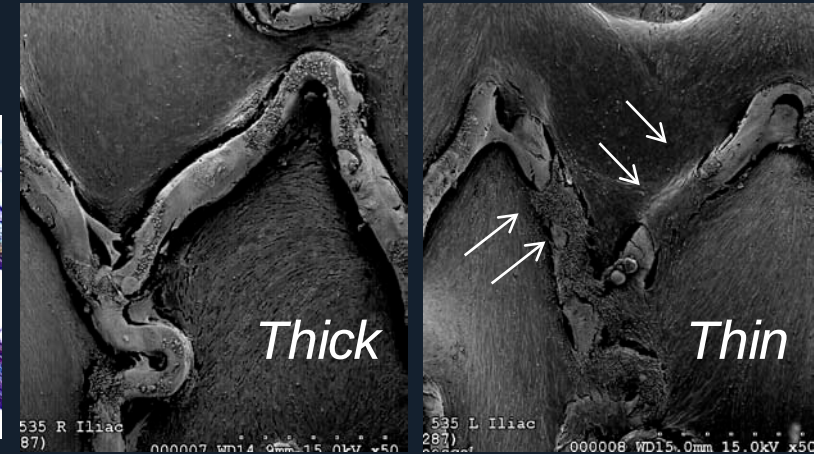
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Strut Thickness Influences Neointimal Formation and Inflammation

Enhanced surface coverage and healing in struts ~80 micron thickness



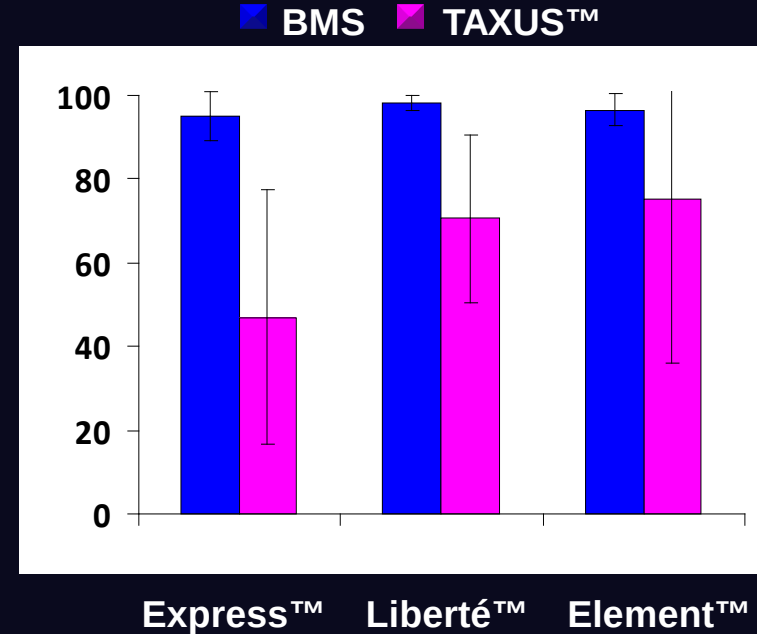
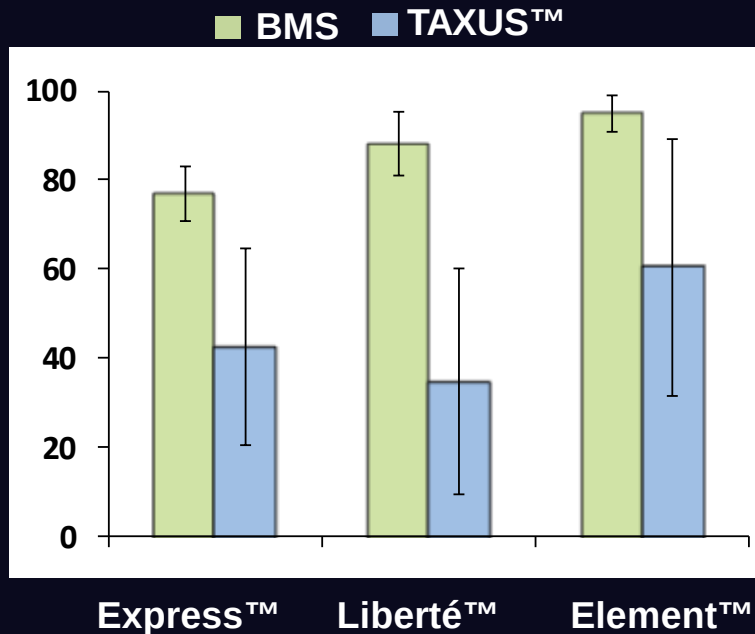
SEM of 7-Day Implants



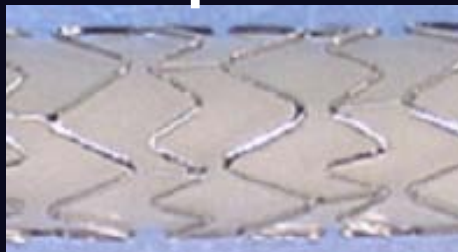
Delayed Healing Caused by Drug Elution is Mitigated by Platform Modification

%Strut Coverage at 14 days in Rabbits

%Strut Coverage at 21 days in Rabbits

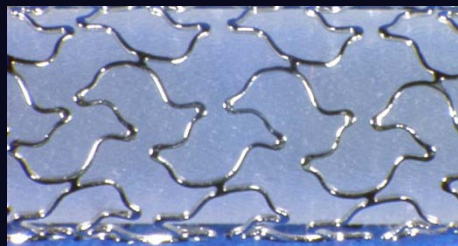


Express



Strut Thickness = 132µm

Liberte



Strut Thickness = 97µm

Element



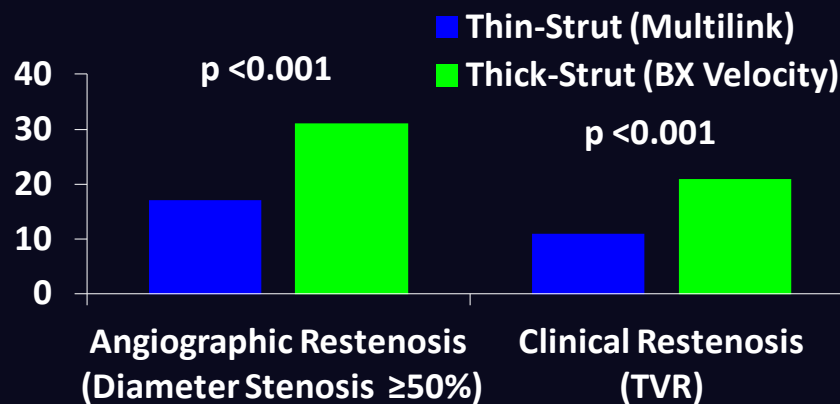
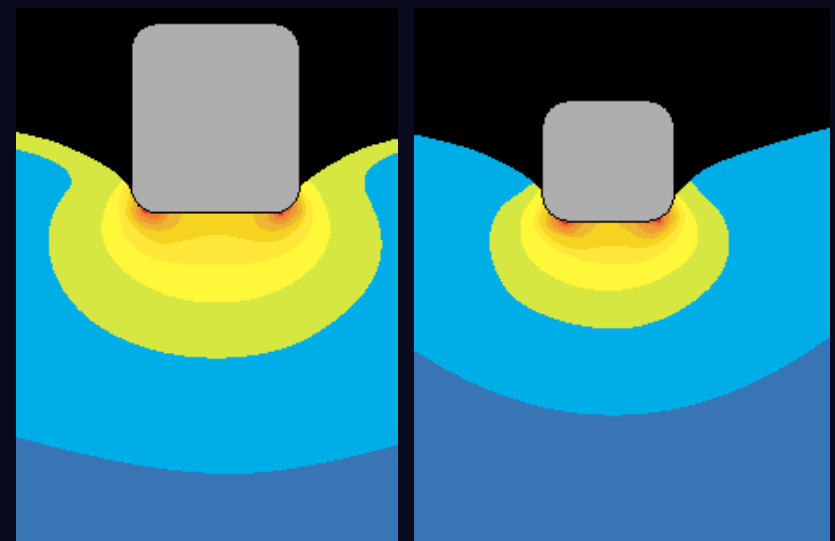
Strut Thickness = 81µm

Intracoronary Stenting and Angiographic Results: Strut Thickness Effect on Restenosis Outcome (ISAR-STEREO-2) Trial

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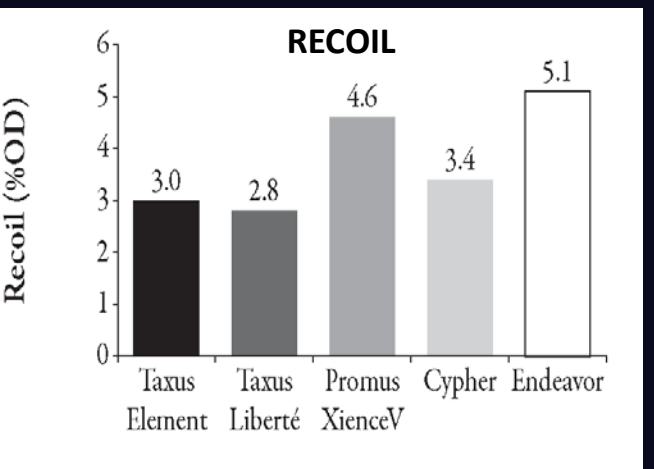
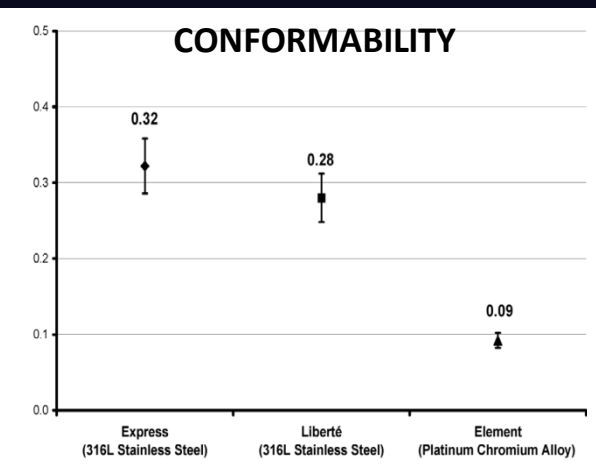
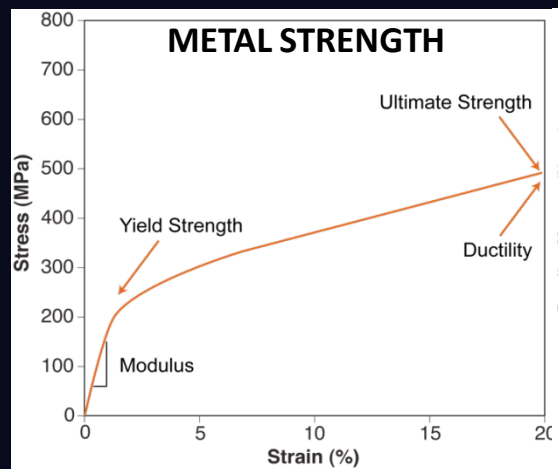
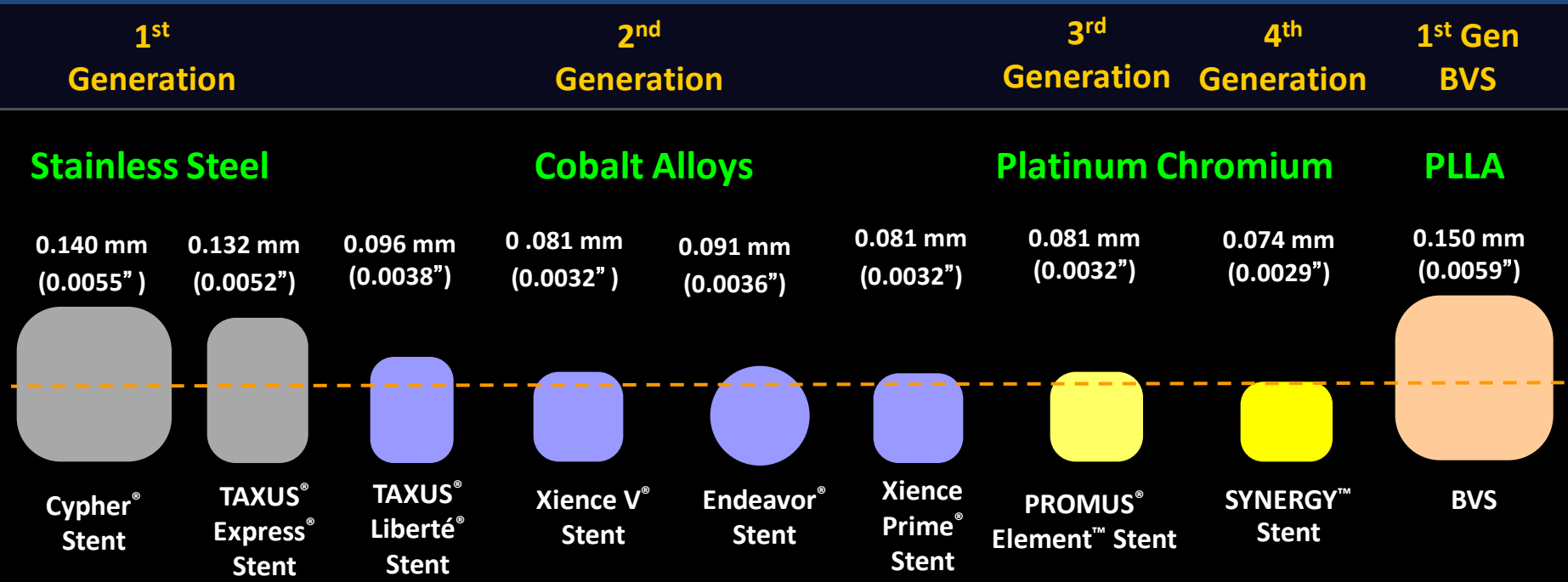
	Thin-Strut (n = 309)	Thick-Strut (n = 302)	p Value
B2/C Lesions	255 (82)	213 (70)	< 0.001
Chronic Occlusions, n (%)	15 (5)	26 (9)	0.06
Restenotic Lesions, n (%)	10 (3)	13 (4)	0.49
Lesion Length, mm	13.9 ± 7.8	14.1 ± 7.8	0.77
Vessel Size, mm	2.93 ± 0.50	2.91 ± 0.51	0.68
Diameter Stenosis, %	68.2 ± 18.9	70.8 ± 20.4	0.11



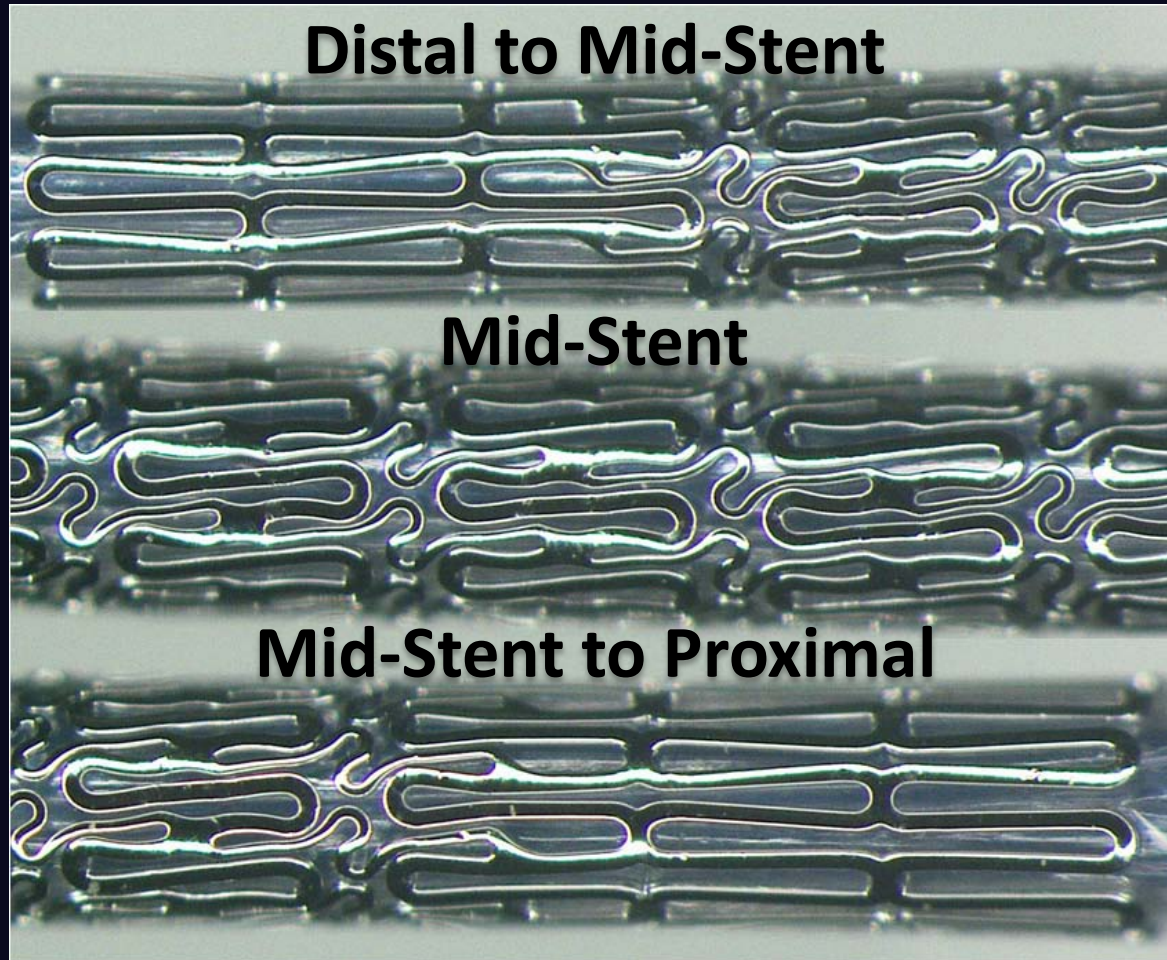
	Thin-Strut (n = 229)	Thick-Strut (n = 236)	p Value
MLD, mm	1.96 ± 0.76	1.70 ± 0.83	< 0.001
DS, %	33.4 ± 21.5	42.4 ± 24.1	< 0.001
LL, mm	0.93 ± 0.61	1.19 ± 0.69	< 0.001
LL index	0.51 ± 0.37	0.65 ± 0.44	< 0.001
Restenosis, n (%)	41 (17.9)	74 (31.4)	< 0.001

Progression in Stent Platform Design

Strut Thickness and Biomaterials



Mitsu (Meril LifeSciences) Ultra-Thin (40 Microns) DES CoCr Platform



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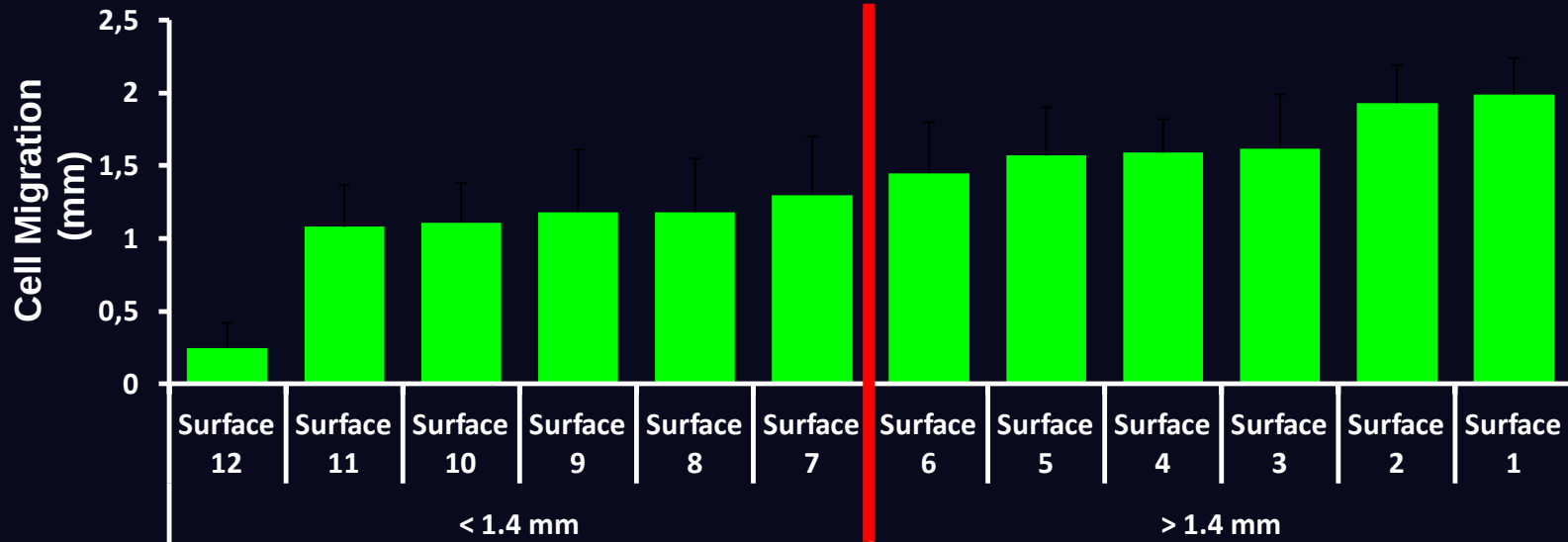
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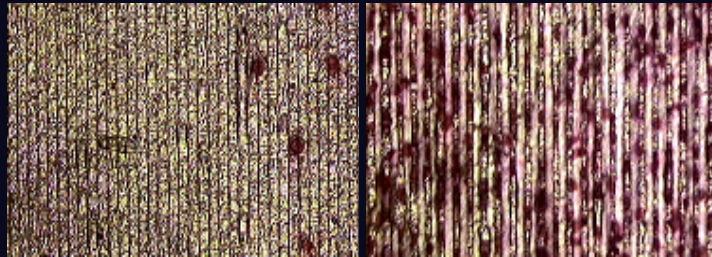
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Endothelial Cell Migration Correlates with Surface Coverage and Morphology



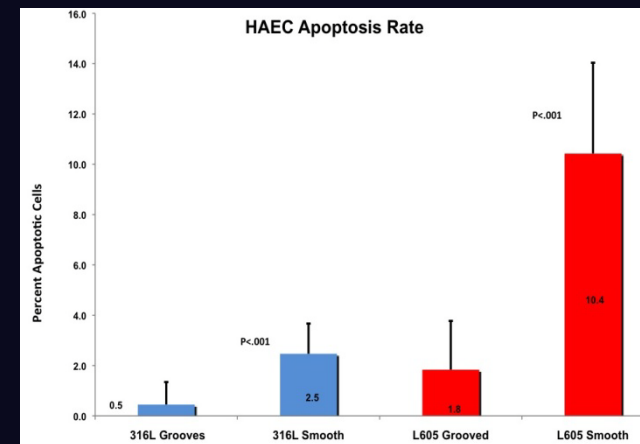
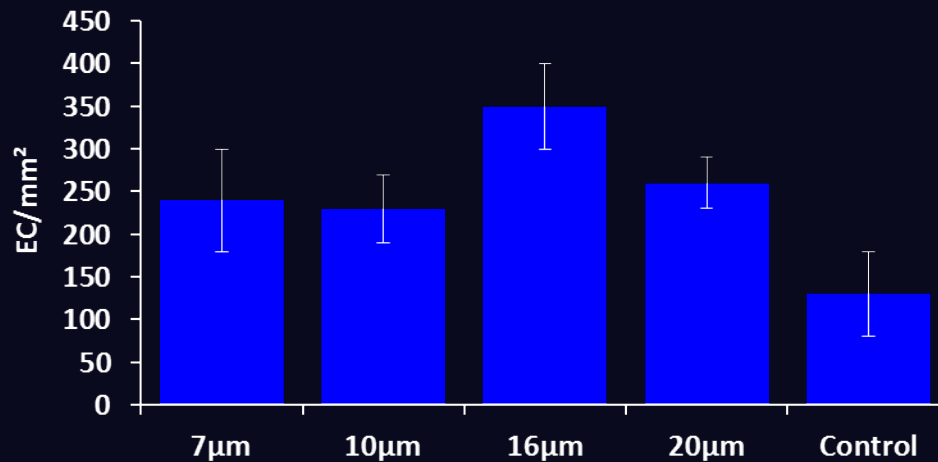
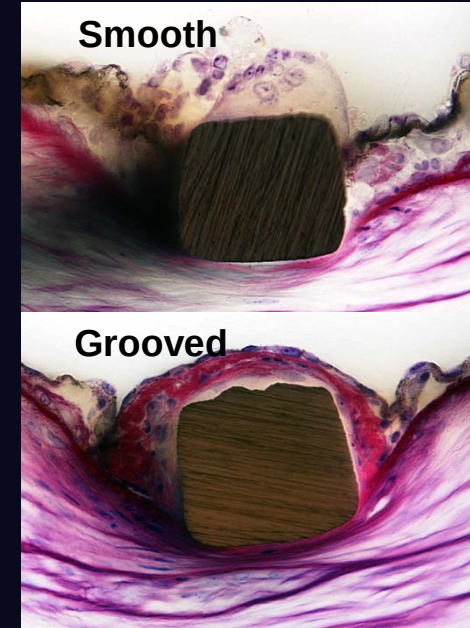
Metallic Surface	Cell Migration (mm)	Cell Morphology	Cell Size	Cell Confluence	Cell Concentration
Surface 1	1.99 ± 0.25	++	Normal	++	++
Surface 2	1.93 ± 0.26	++	Normal	++	++
Surface 3	1.62 ± 0.37	++	Normal	++	++
Surface 4	1.59 ± 0.23	++	Normal	++	++
Surface 5	1.57 ± 0.33	++	Normal	++	++
Surface 6	1.45 ± 0.35	++	Normal	++	++
Surface 7	1.3 ± 0.4	+	Elongated	-	+
Surface 8	1.18 ± 0.37	-	Elongated	+	+
Surface 9	1.18 ± 0.43	-	Elongated	-	+
Surface 10	1.11 ± 0.27	+	Elongated	+	-
Surface 11	1.08 ± 0.29	+	Elongated	-	-
Surface 12	0.25 ± 0.17	-	Elongated	-	-

Endothelial Migration on Surfaces with Different Sized Grooves



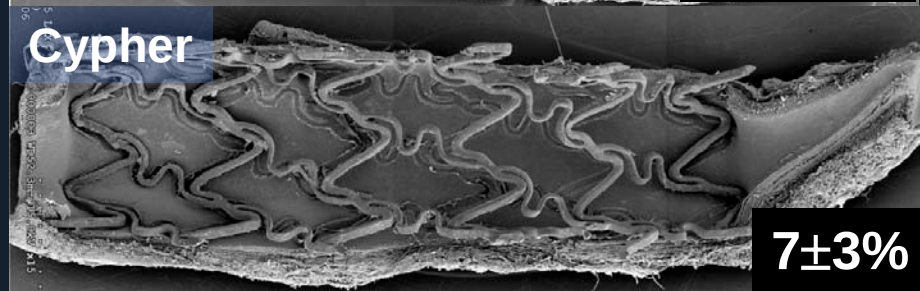
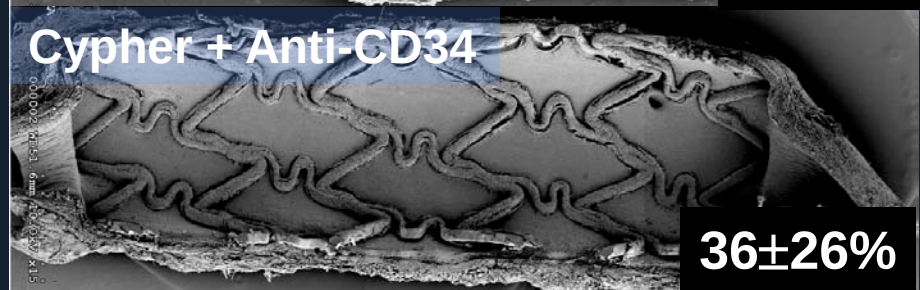
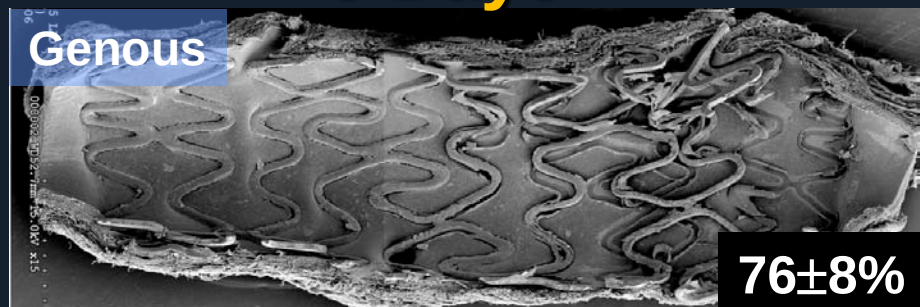
10 μm

20 μm



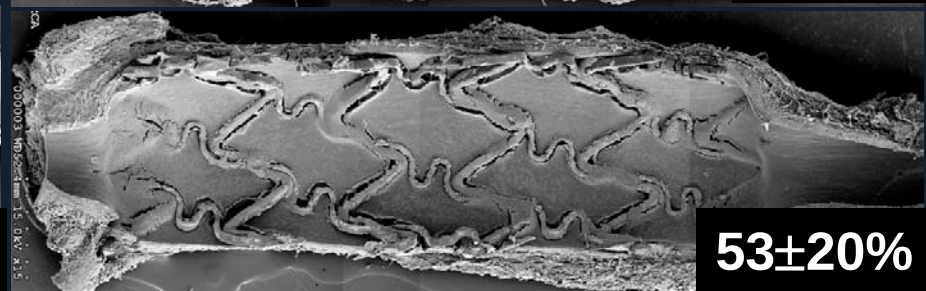
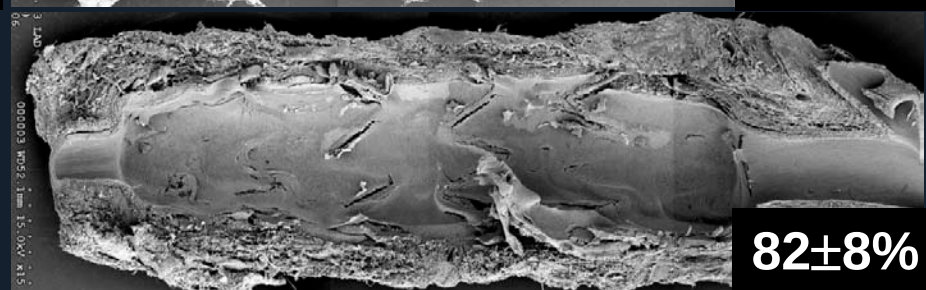
Anti-CD34 Antibodies on Cypher Stents Enhance Surface Coverage

3 Days



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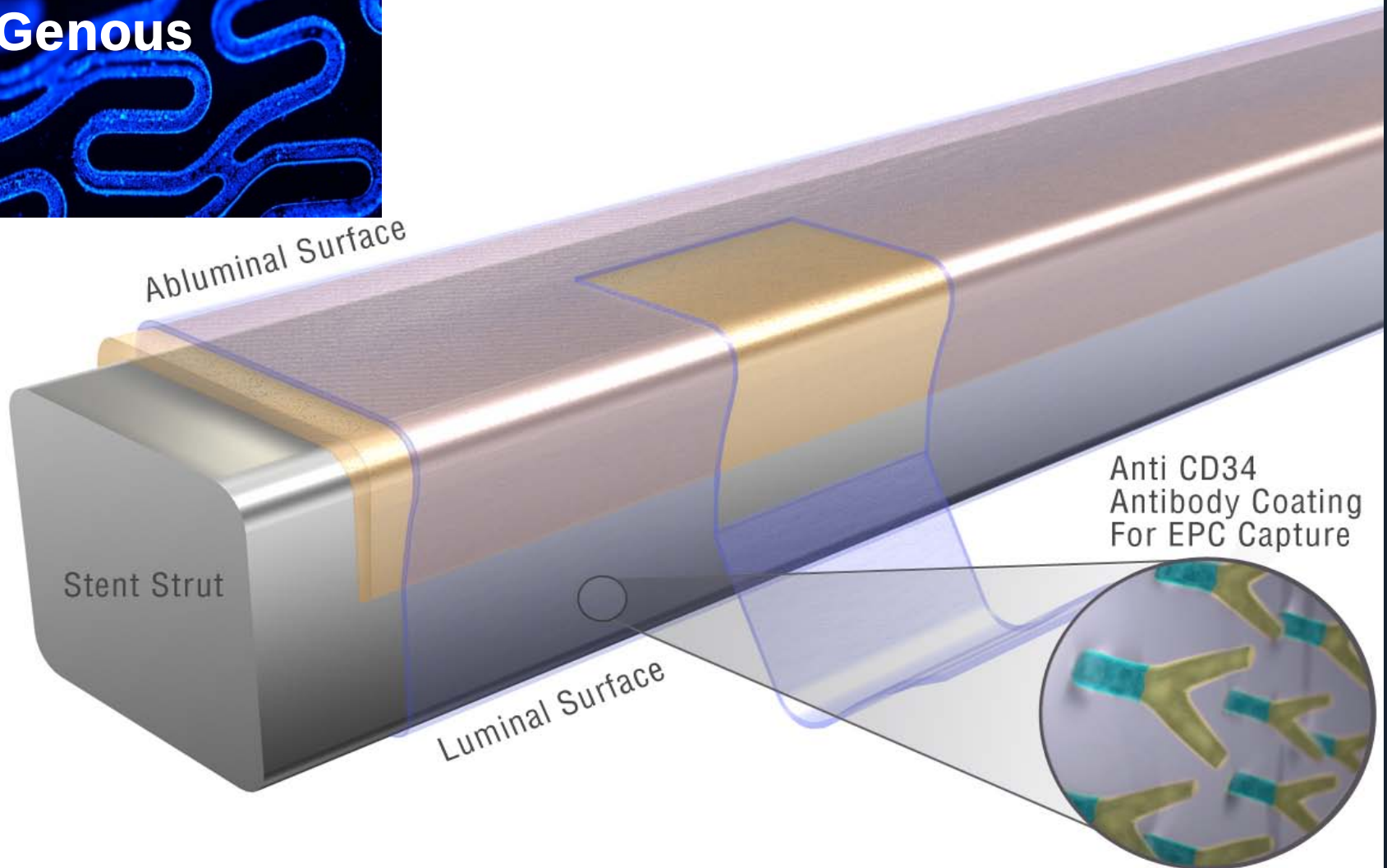
14 Days



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Combo Bio-engineered Sirolimus Eluting Stent

Genous

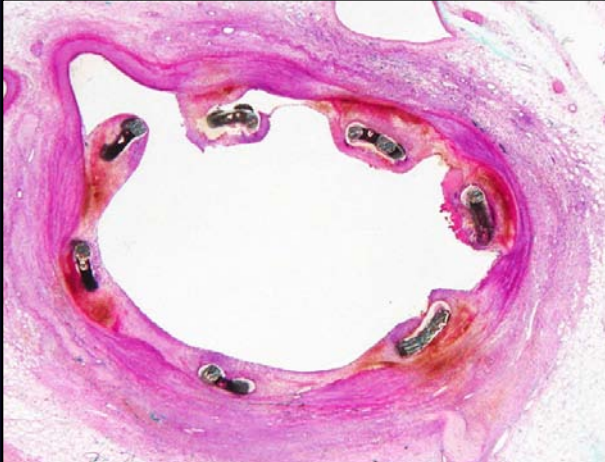


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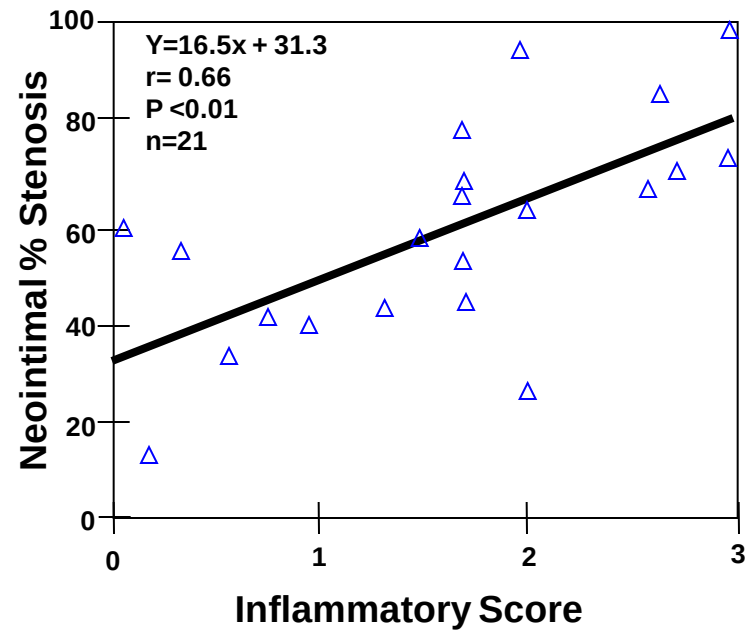
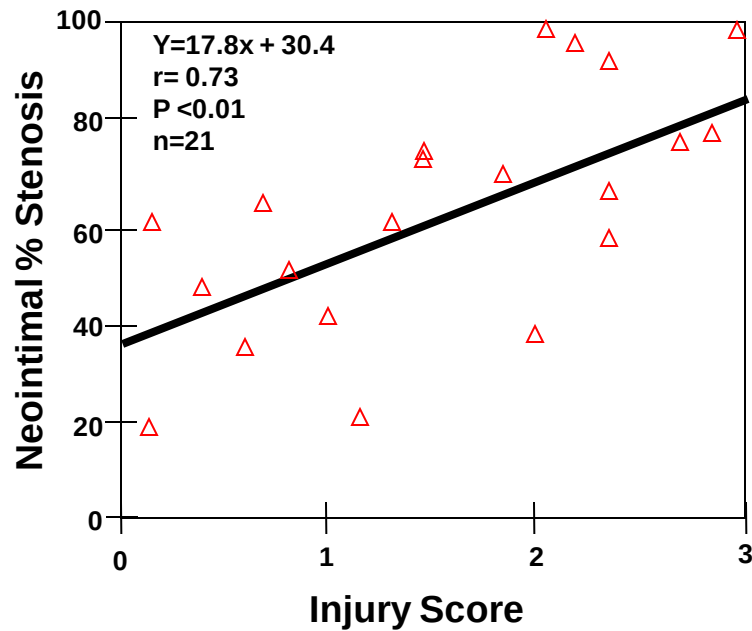
Polymeric carrier modification

- Amount, location, type
- Bioresorbable carriers

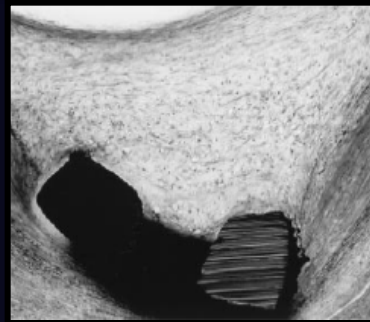
In-Stent Restenosis: Contributions of Inflammatory Responses and Arterial Injury to Neointimal Hyperplasia

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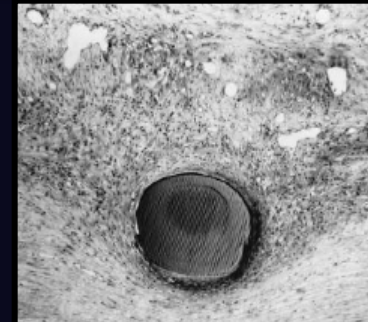
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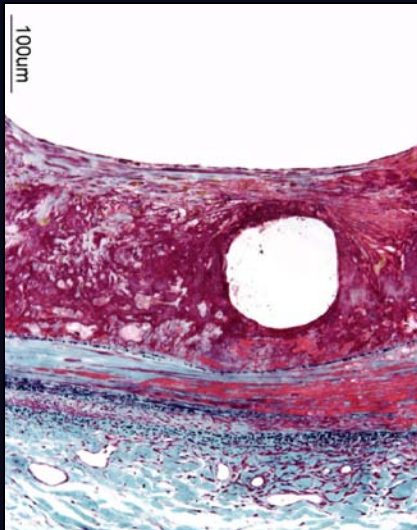
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Evolution of Durable Polymers

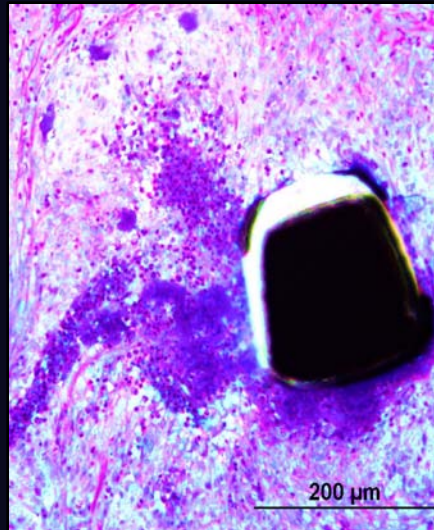
Biocompatibility and Thrombogenicity

First Generation Durable Polymers

TAXUS Liberte



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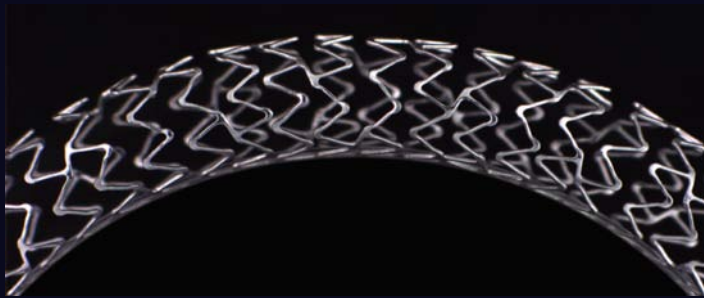
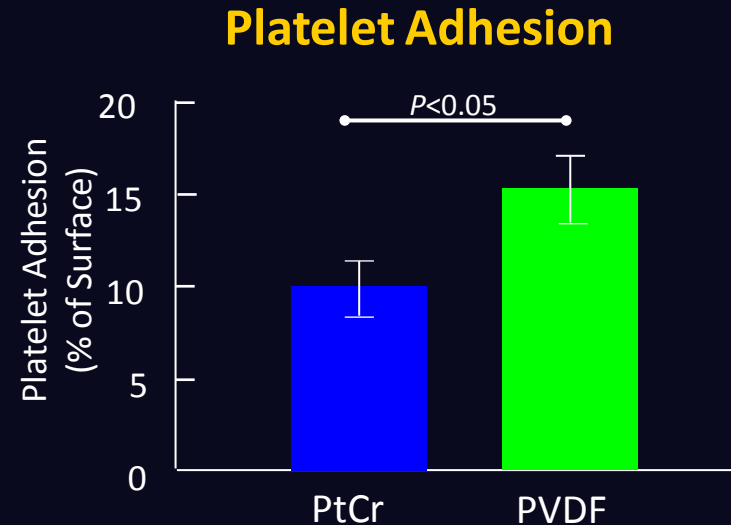
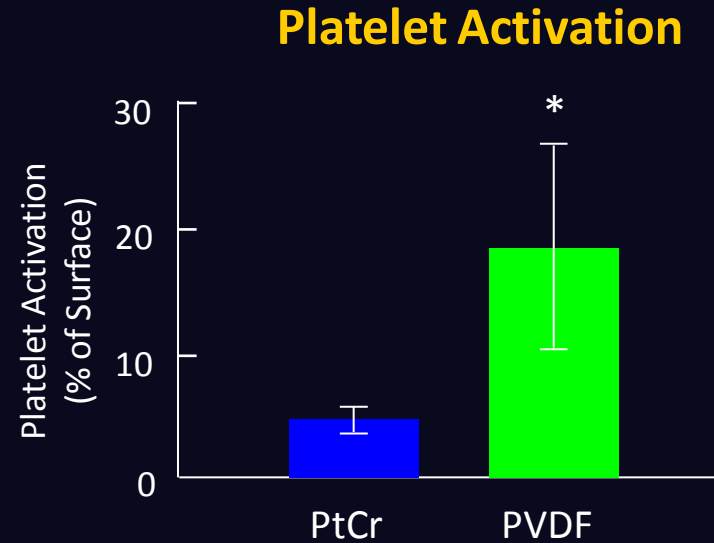
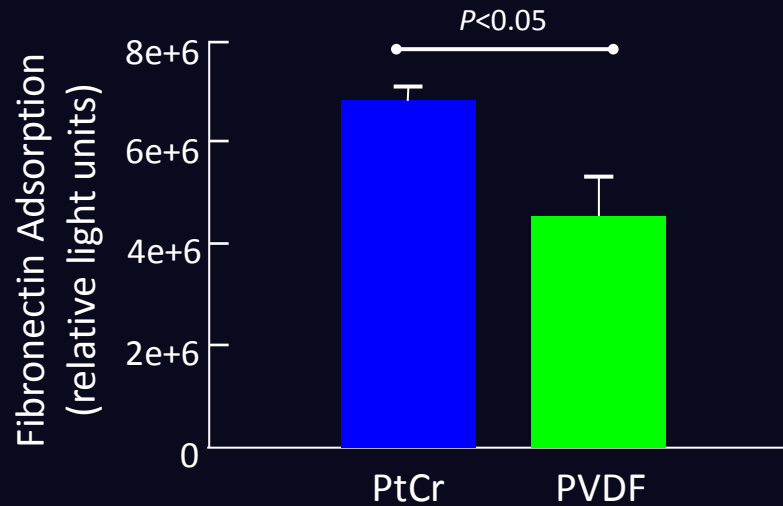


Emerging Polymers

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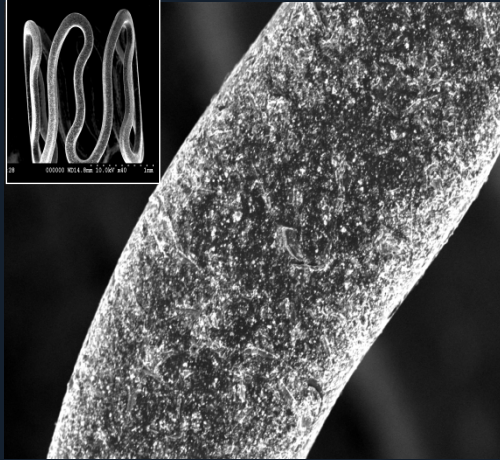


Impact of PVDF on Protein Adsorption and Platelet-Surface Interaction

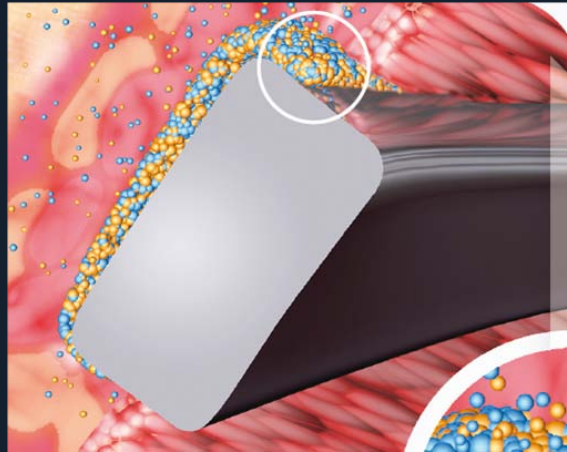


Bioabsorbable Polymer DES

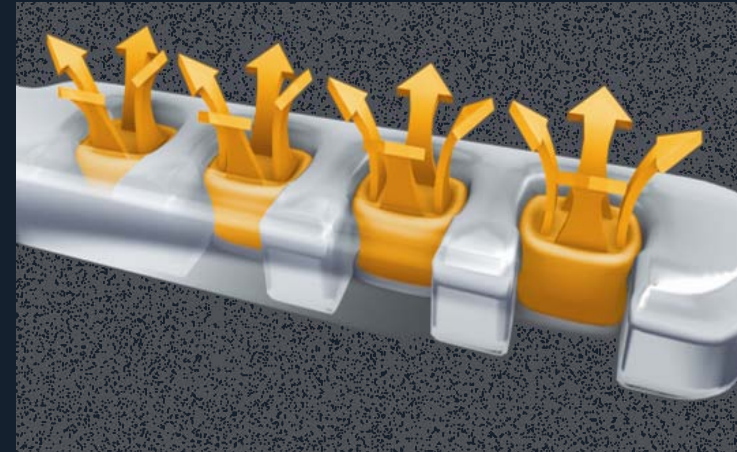
Sirolimus – ISAR TEST



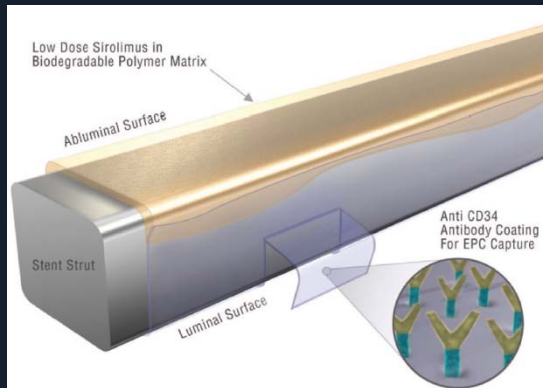
**Biolimus A9 – BioMatrix
Nobori, Axxess, XTENT**



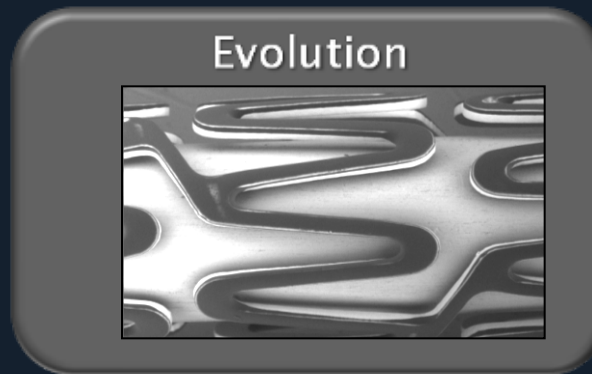
Sirolimus – NEVO



**Sirolimus – Genous
Bioengineered R Stent**



**Everolimus – BSC
(Synergy)**

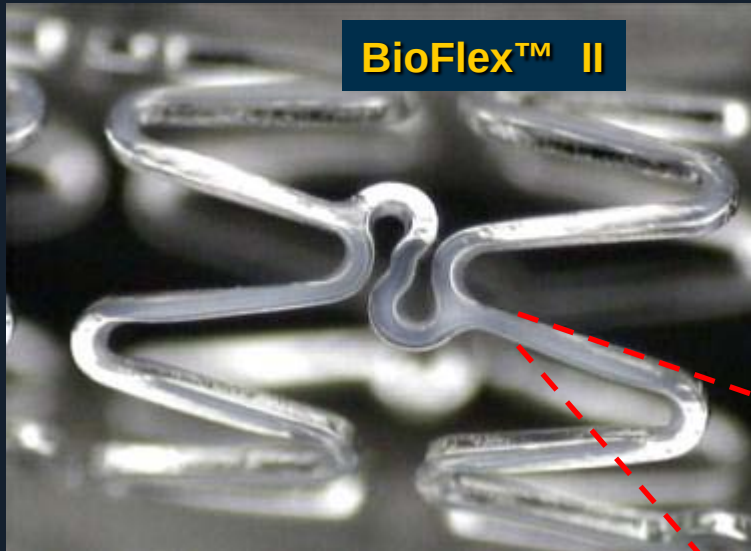


**Sirolimus – Meril
(Biomime)**



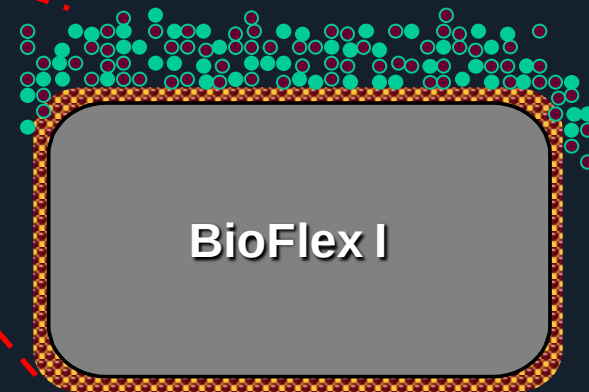
Bioresorbable Polymers as Drug Carriers

BioMatrix™ Stent Platform

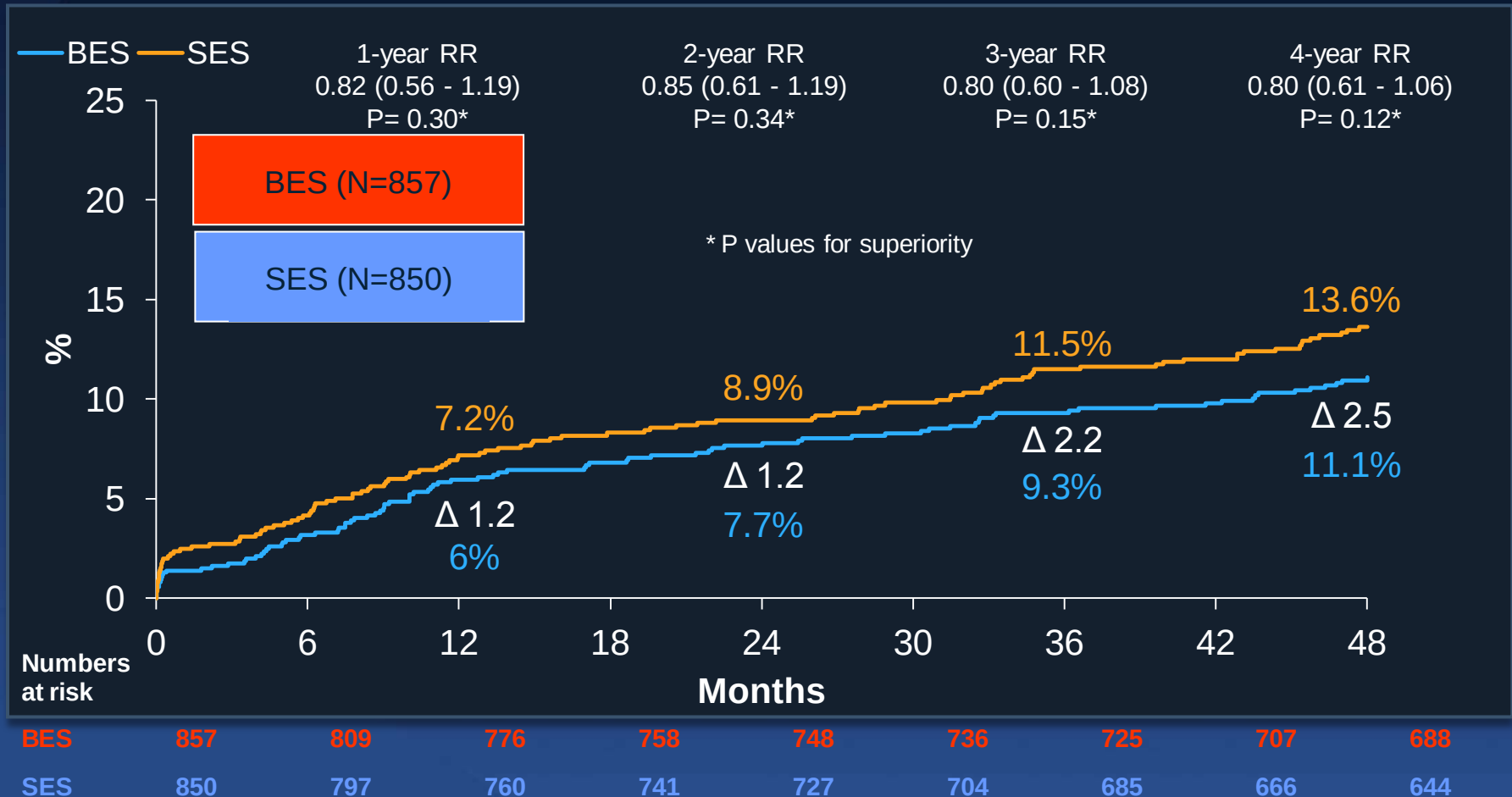


Biodegradable Drug/Carrier:

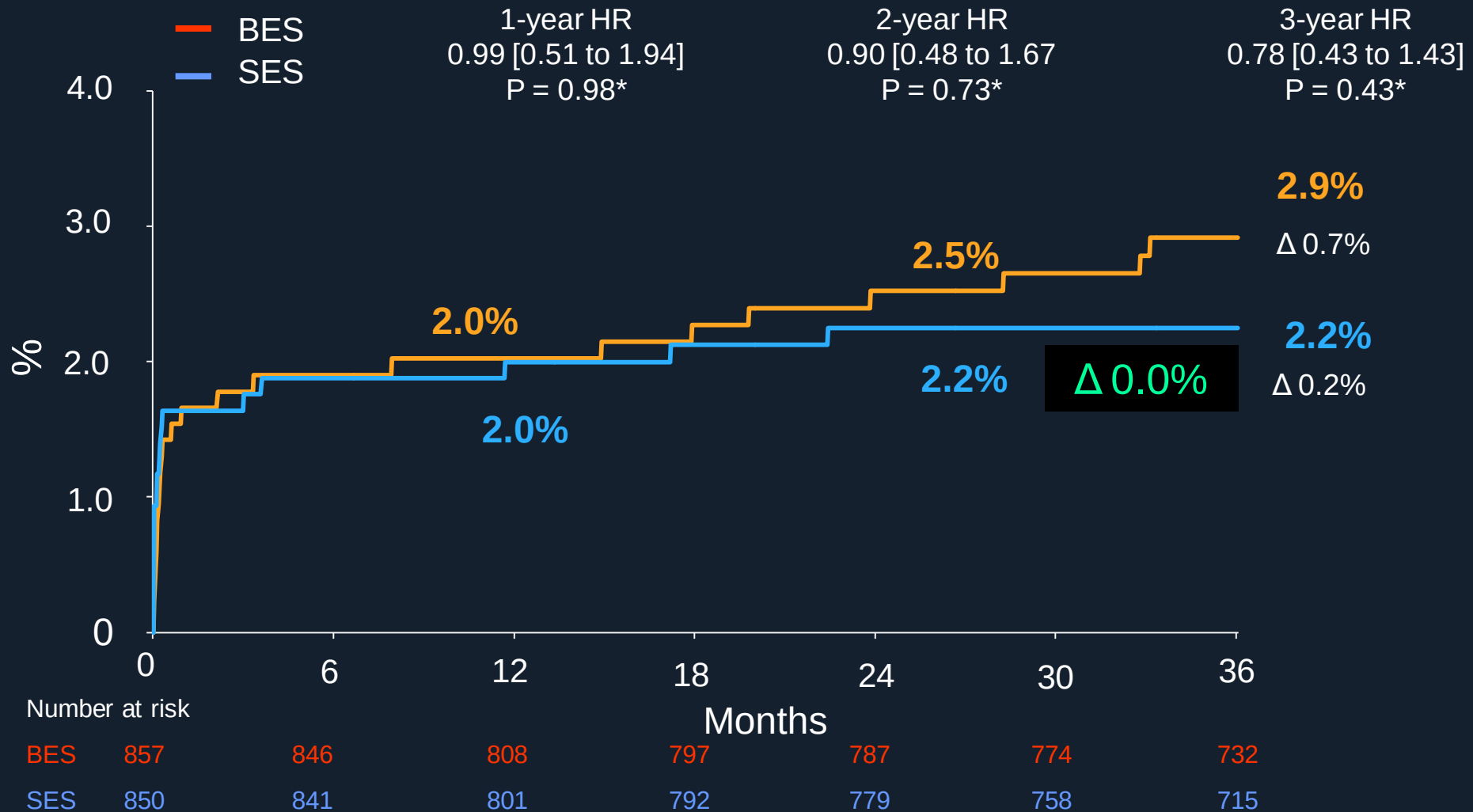
- Biolimus A9® / Poly Lactic Acid 50:50
- 15.6 µg/mm drug = 250 µg /16mm
- 500 mcg drug+polymer)
- Abluminal surface only
- 10 microns coating thickness
- Degrades in 9 months



Clinically-Indicated TVR in the Leaders Trial (BES versus SES)

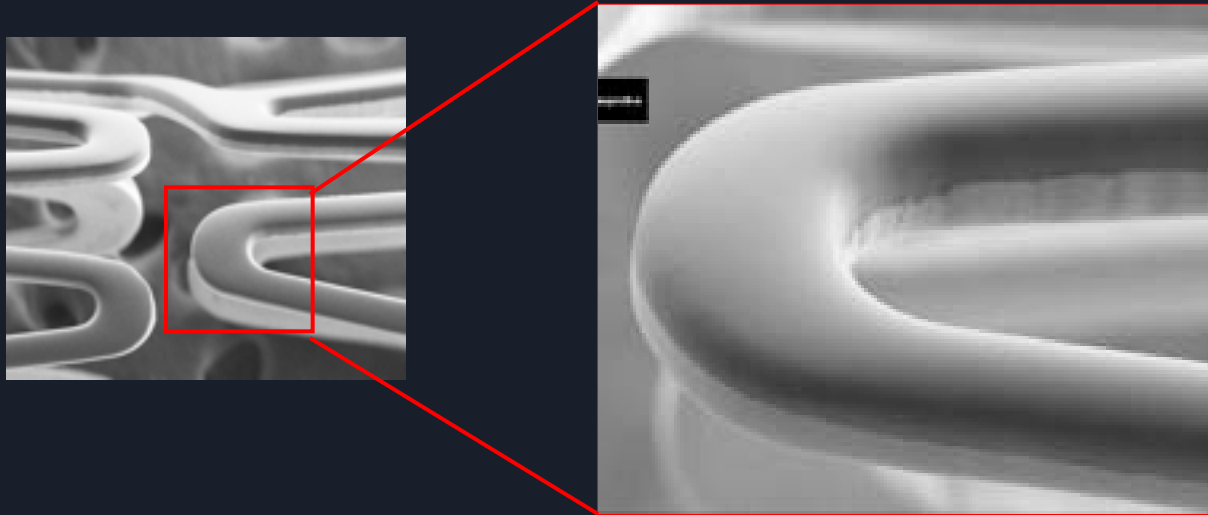


Definite ST Through 3 Years in the Leaders Trial (BES versus SES)



SYNERGY™ Stent Platform

Abluminal Bioabsorbable Polymer



Bioabsorbable polymer
(PLGA)

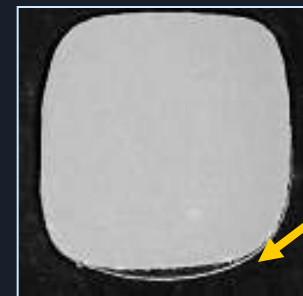
Applied only to the
abluminal surface
(rollcoat)

Thin strut PtCr Stent

Current Durable
Polymer

Abluminal Bioabsorbable
Polymer

Durable Permanent
Polymer
+
Drug
360° Around
Stent

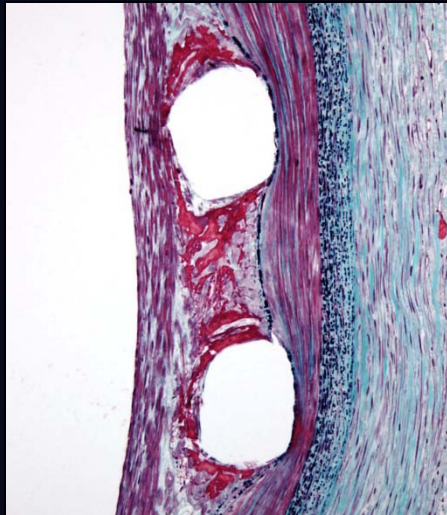


PLGA Bioabsorbable
Polymer (3 µm)
+
Everolimus*
on Abluminal Side
of Stent

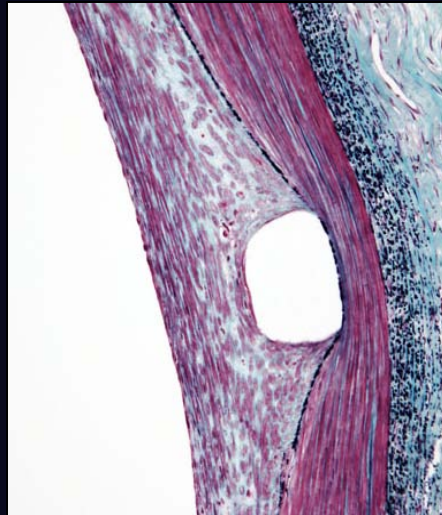
**2 doses of everolimus evaluated: one similar to
PROMUS™ stent and one that is half the dose*

Long Term Vascular Healing of Fourth Generation Drug Eluting Stents

30 Days

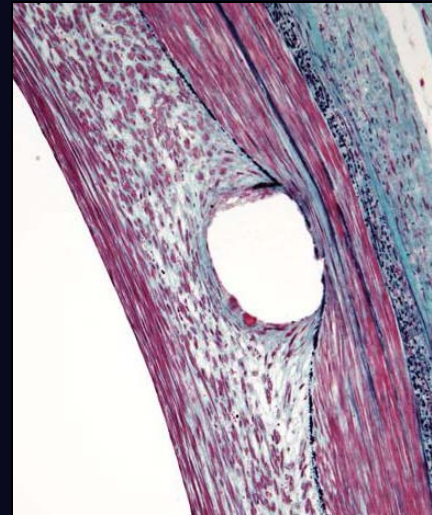


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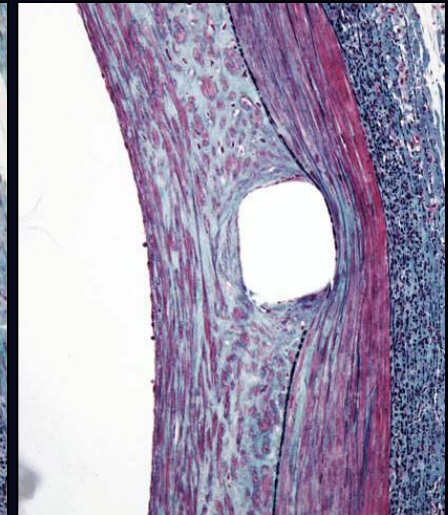


Bare Element

90 Days



SYNERGY™



Bare Element

Short term healing effect due to the anti-proliferative effect of Everolimus on cell proliferation

Long term healing effect following the inhibitory effect leaving behind only BMS platform

EVOLVE Study Design EVOLVE

SYNERGY™ Stent Primary Endpoint

Single-Blind, Non-Inferiority Design

Patients with de novo native coronary lesions
≤28 mm length, RVD 2.25-3.5mm, %DS ≥50

Exclusions: LM disease, CTO, AMI or recent MI



Randomized 1:1:1 at 29 sites
(EU, Australia, New Zealand)



SYNERGY™ Stent
(81µm PtCr platform)
PROMUS™ Dose (N=97)

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½ PROMUS™ Dose (N=97)

PROMUS Element™ Stent
(N=97)

Primary Clinical Endpoint: TLF* at 30 days

Primary Angiographic Endpoint: In-stent Late Loss at 6 months

Additional analyses: IVUS at baseline & 6 months

Angiographic Outcomes at 6 Months in the Evolve Trial (Synergy DES)

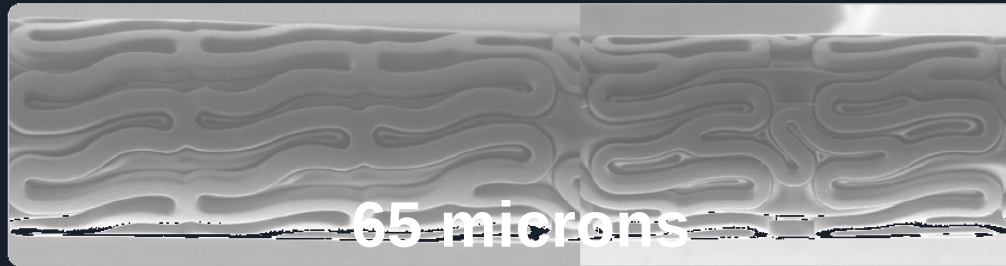
In-stent values	PROMUS Element N=98	SYNERGY N=94	P value	SYNERGY ½ Dose N=99	P value
MLD	2.29 ± 0.50	2.41 ± 0.42	0.08	2.45 ± 0.44	0.02
Late Loss	0.15 ± 0.34	0.10 ± 0.25	0.19	0.13 ± 0.26	0.56
Diameter stenosis	8.95 ± 14.97	6.59 ± 9.90	0.18	7.27 ± 9.47	0.34
Binary restenosis	3.2%	0.0%	0.25	0.0%	0.25

Assessed by QCA

Values are mm or percent

Intent-to-treat; P values are versus PROMUS Element

Biomime Sirolimus Based DES Program (Meril Life Sciences)



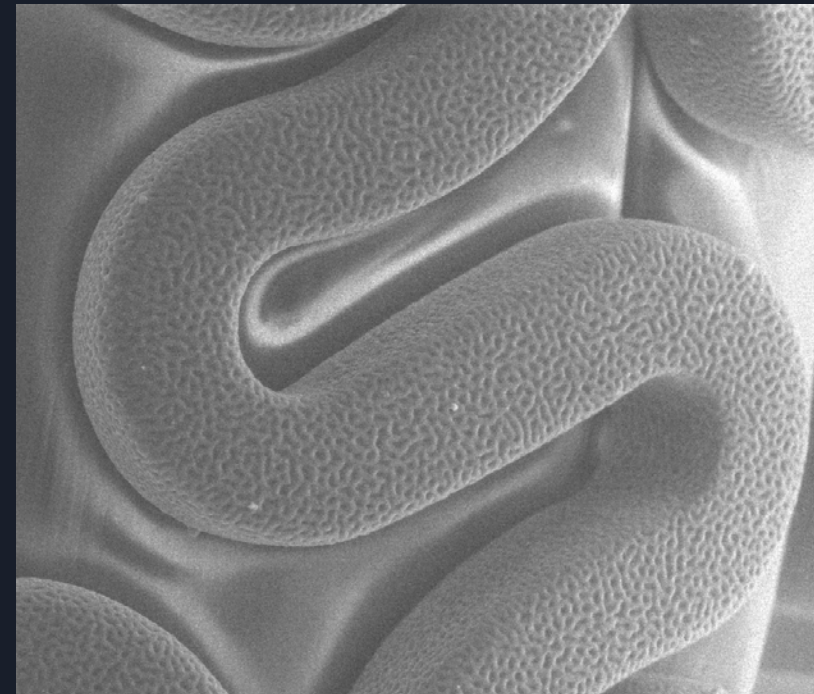
Crimped Stent



Mid-segment Expansion



Fully Expanded Stent



HV	mag	det	10/16/2008	WD	pressure	100 μ m
15.00 kV	350 x	LFD	11:36:30 AM	10.2 mm	110 Pa	BIOMIME

PLLA + PLGA

Sirolimus
1.25 μ g/mm²

MeriT-2 Trial (250 Patients): Key Results

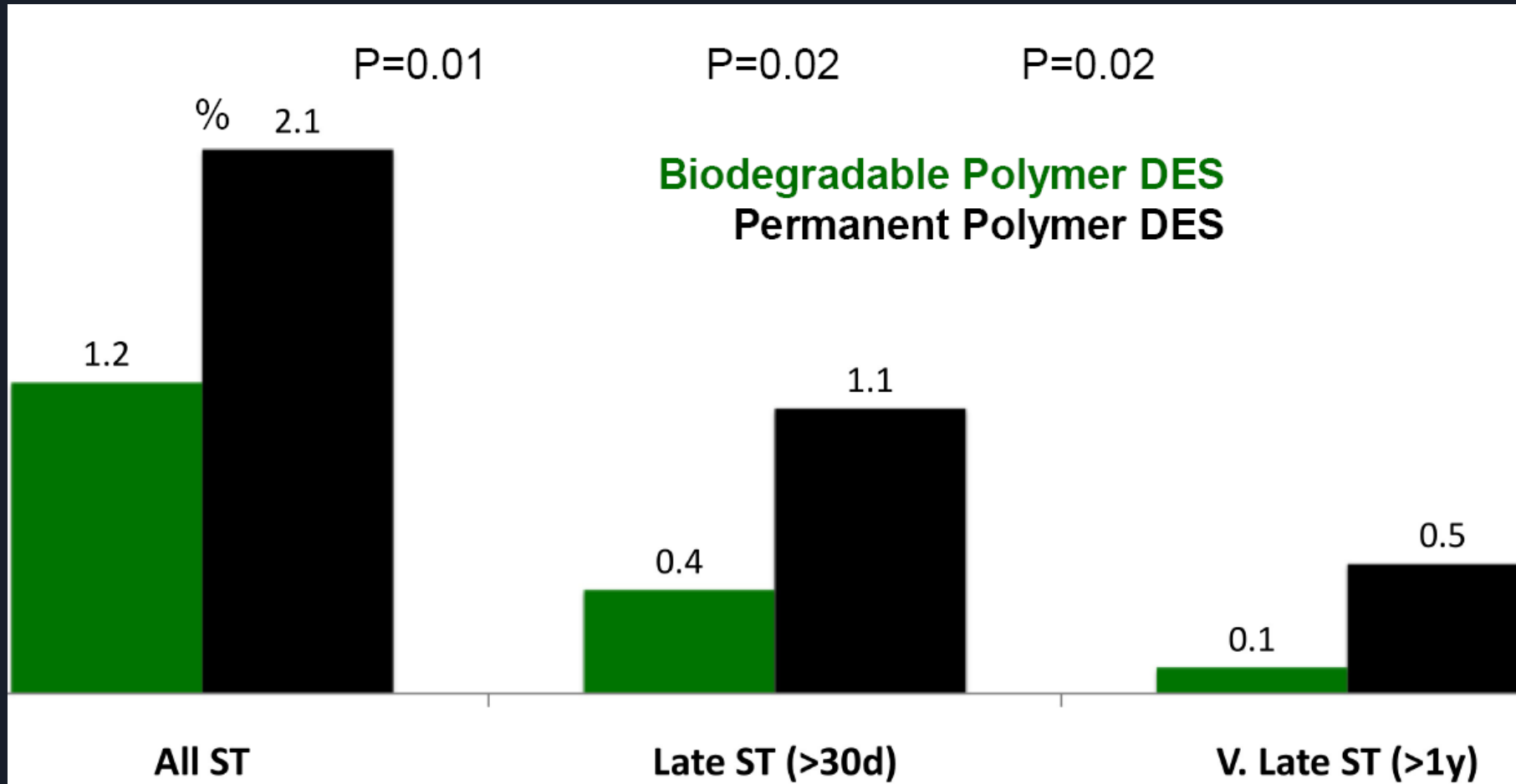
Follow-Up Time Point	Patients Available	Death		MI		Revascularization TLR / TVR	
		Cardiac	Non-Cardiac	Q-Wave	Non-Q-Wave	Re-PCI	CABG
30-days	248 (99%)	0 (0%)	1* (0.4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
6-m	237 (96%)	2 [#] (0.8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (1.3%)	0 (0%)
8-m	231 (93%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	9 ^{\$} (3.9%)	1 (0.4%)
1-year	211 (86%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Cumulative 1Y MACE 16 (7.6%)		2 (0.8%)	1 (0.4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	12 (5.2%)	1 (0.4%)
Acute ST (0h – 1D)		Sub-Acute ST (>1D – 30D)		Late ST (>30D – 1Y)		V. Late ST (> 1Y)	
1*/250 (0.4%)		1 [#] /250 (0.4%)		0 (0%)		1/211 (0.5%)	

Angiographic Follow Up (97 patients, 8 Months):

- **Late Loss:** In-segment: 0.13 [0.09, 0.31], In-stent: 0.15 [0.09, 0.33]
- **Binary Restenosis:** In-segment: 6 / 132 (4.5%), In-stent: 1 / 132 (0.8%)

Biodegradable Polymer DES versus Permanent Polymer Sirolimus DES

ISAR-TEST 3, ISAR-TEST 4, LEADERS (n= 4052)

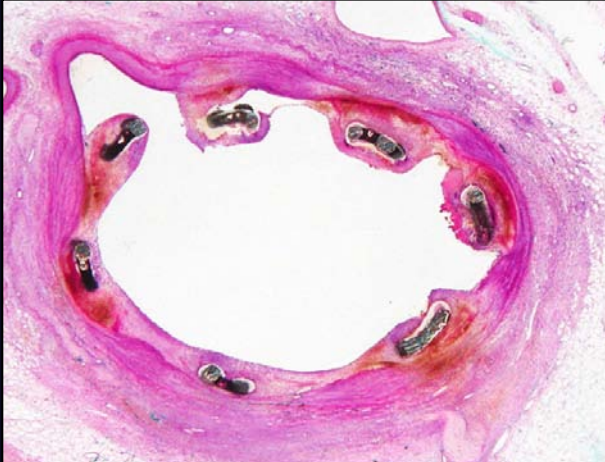


Strategies to Improve Vessel Healing Following DES Implantation?

DES: Controlled drug release (polymer based)

Cellular drug effect

New issue= delayed healing and stent thrombosis



Minimize Injury at the time of implantation

- Stent design
- Mechanism of expansion
- Strut thickness

Adluminal stent surface modification

- Material biocompatibility
- Surface modification

Polymeric carrier modification

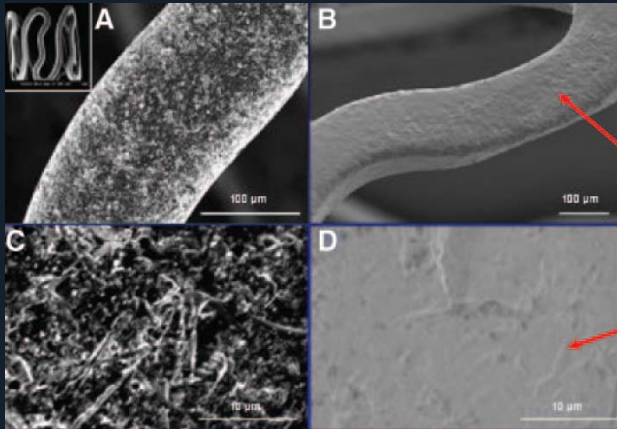
- Amount, location, type
- Bioresorbable carriers

Polymer-free delivery systems

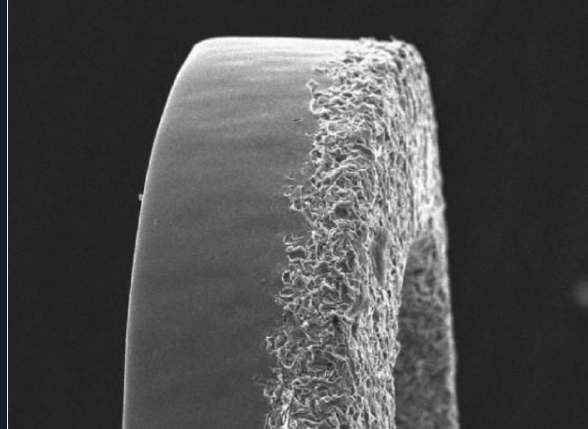
- Surface versus filled stents
- Local drug delivery (DEB)

Polymer-Free DES Platforms

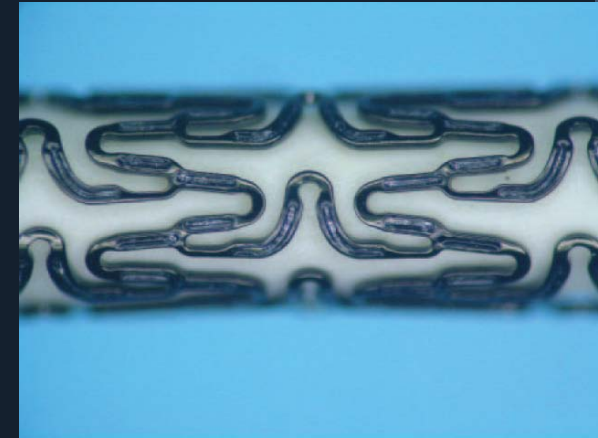
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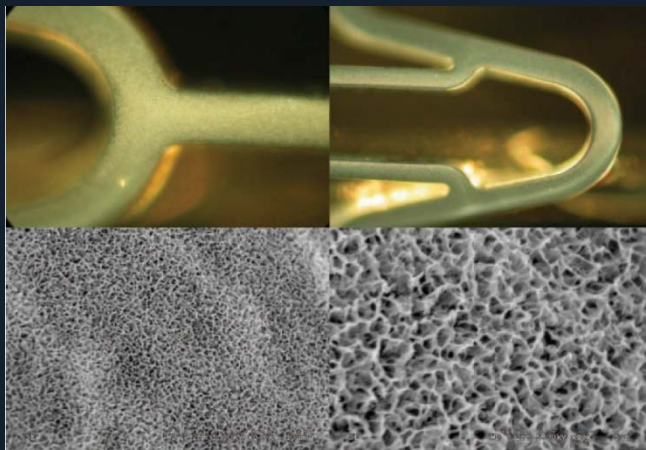
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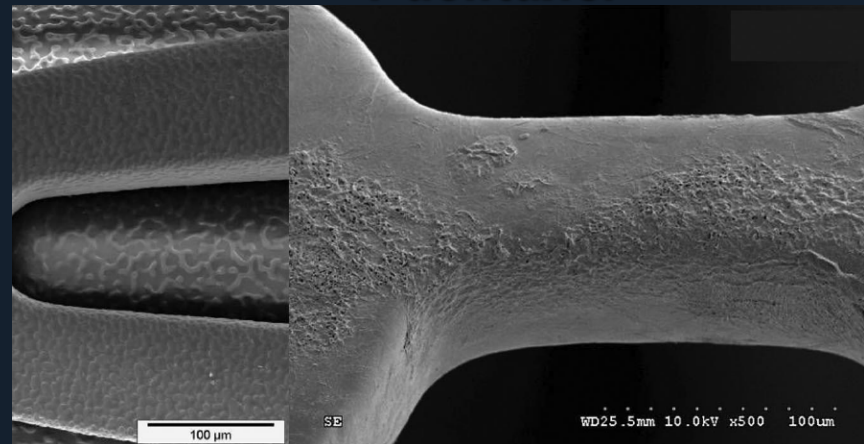
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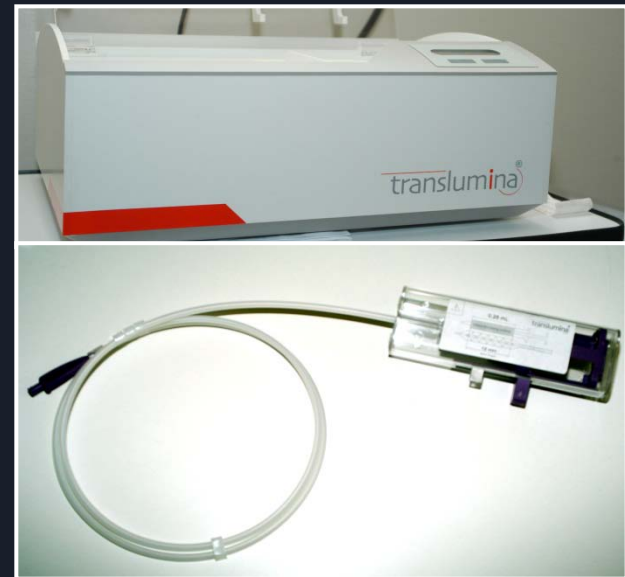
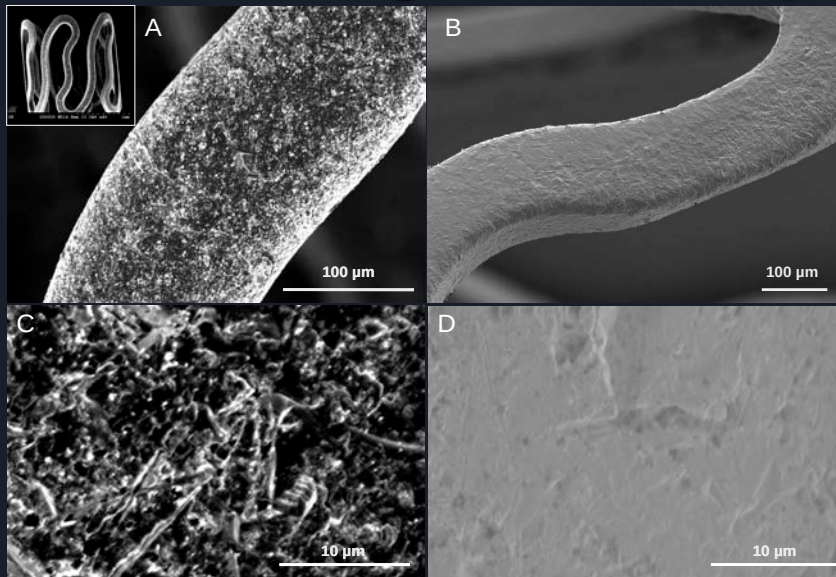


ISAR : Individualized Drug–Eluting Stent System to Abrogate Restenosis Project

Design, development and clinical implementation of novel microporous DES without permanent polymer

- ISAR Generation 1 (No polymer at all)
- ISAR Generation 2 (Biodegradable polymer)
- ISAR Generation 3 (Dual-drug, no polymer)

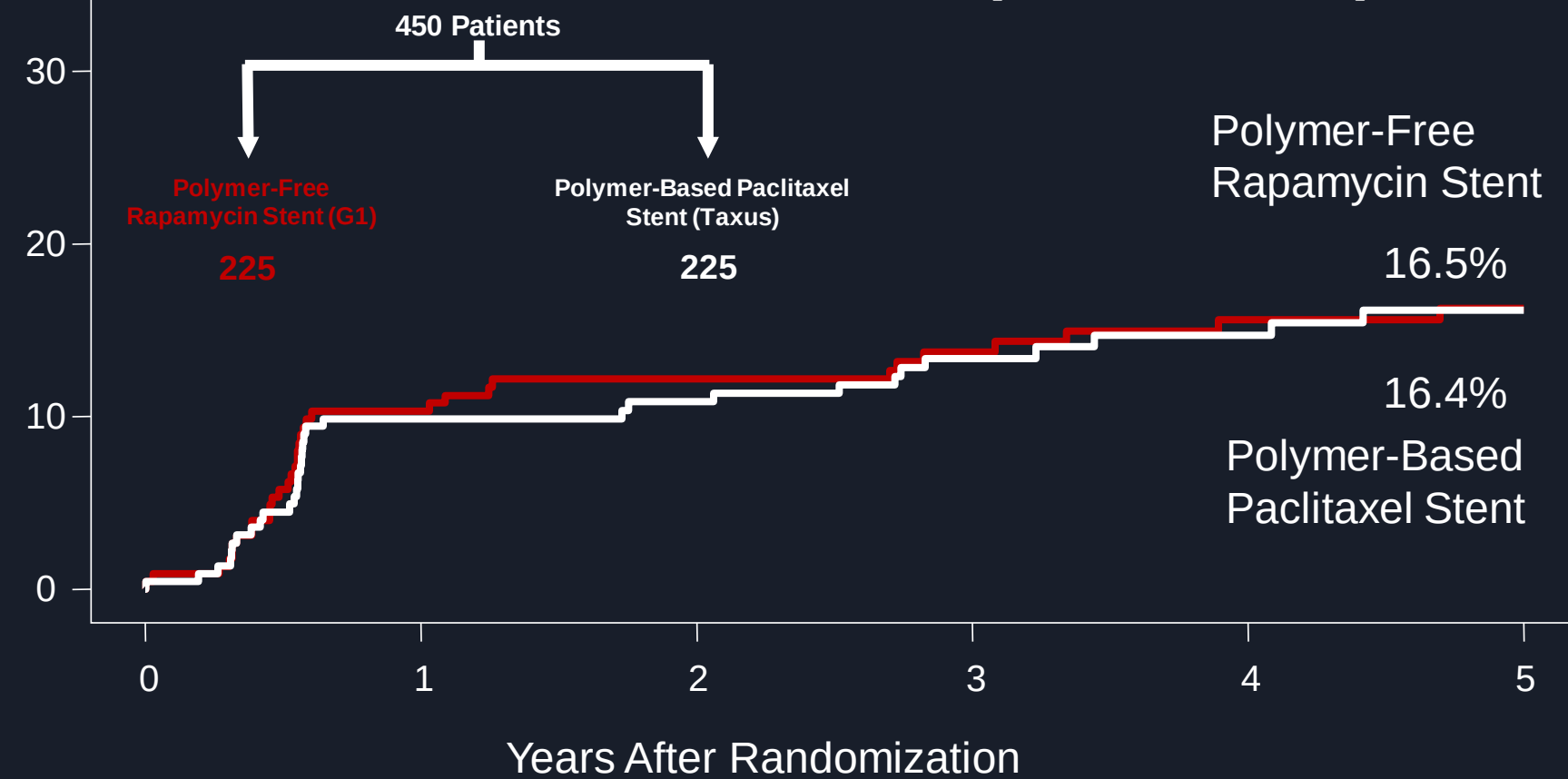
Before Coating After Coating



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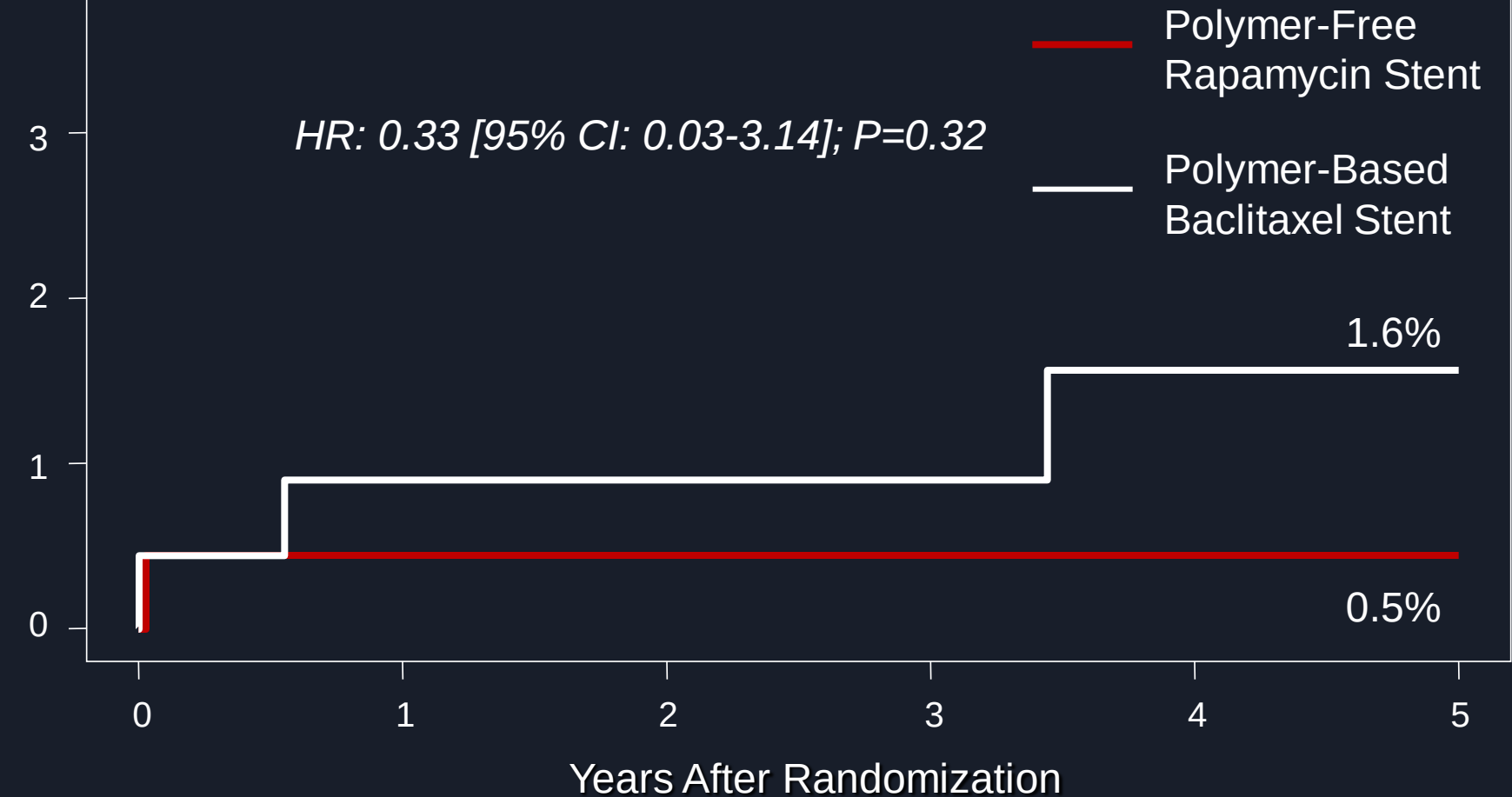
5-Year Target Lesion Revascularization

HR: 1.03 [95% CI: 0.64-1.66]; P=0.89



ISAR-TEST:

5-Year Stent Thrombosis

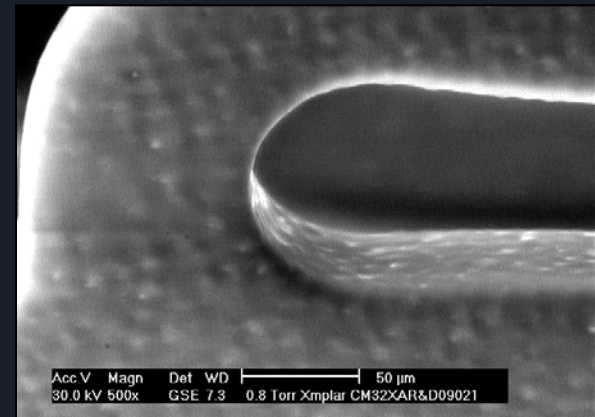
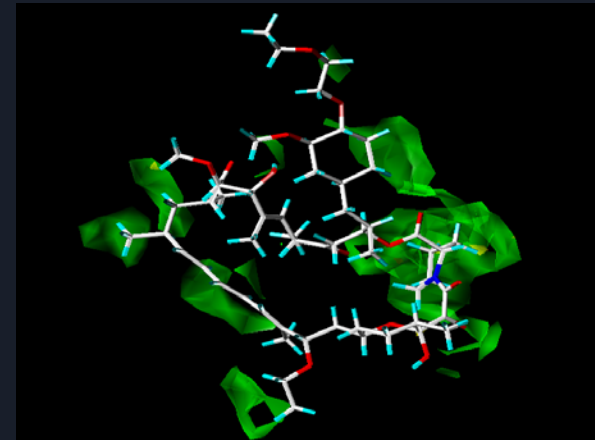
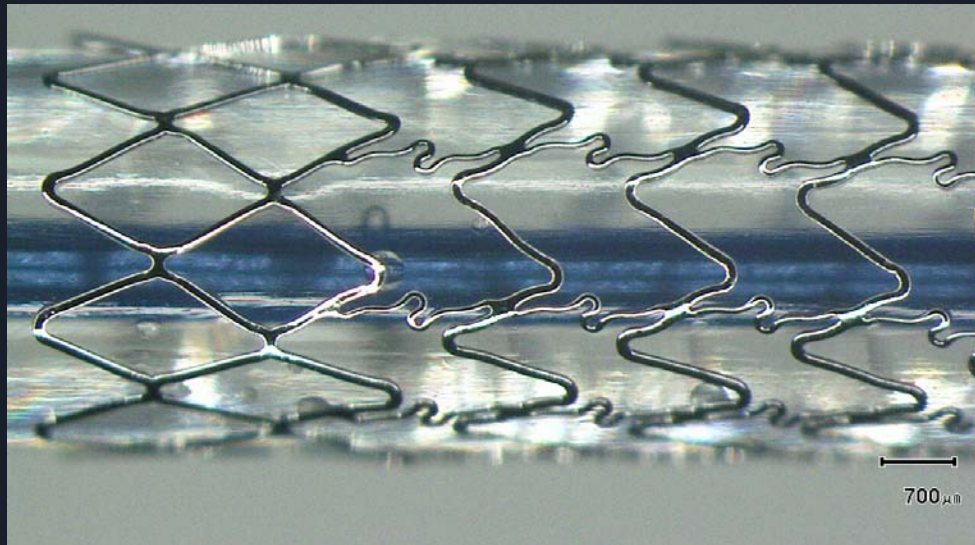


Nanocoating DES Technology

Polymer Free Drug Delivery

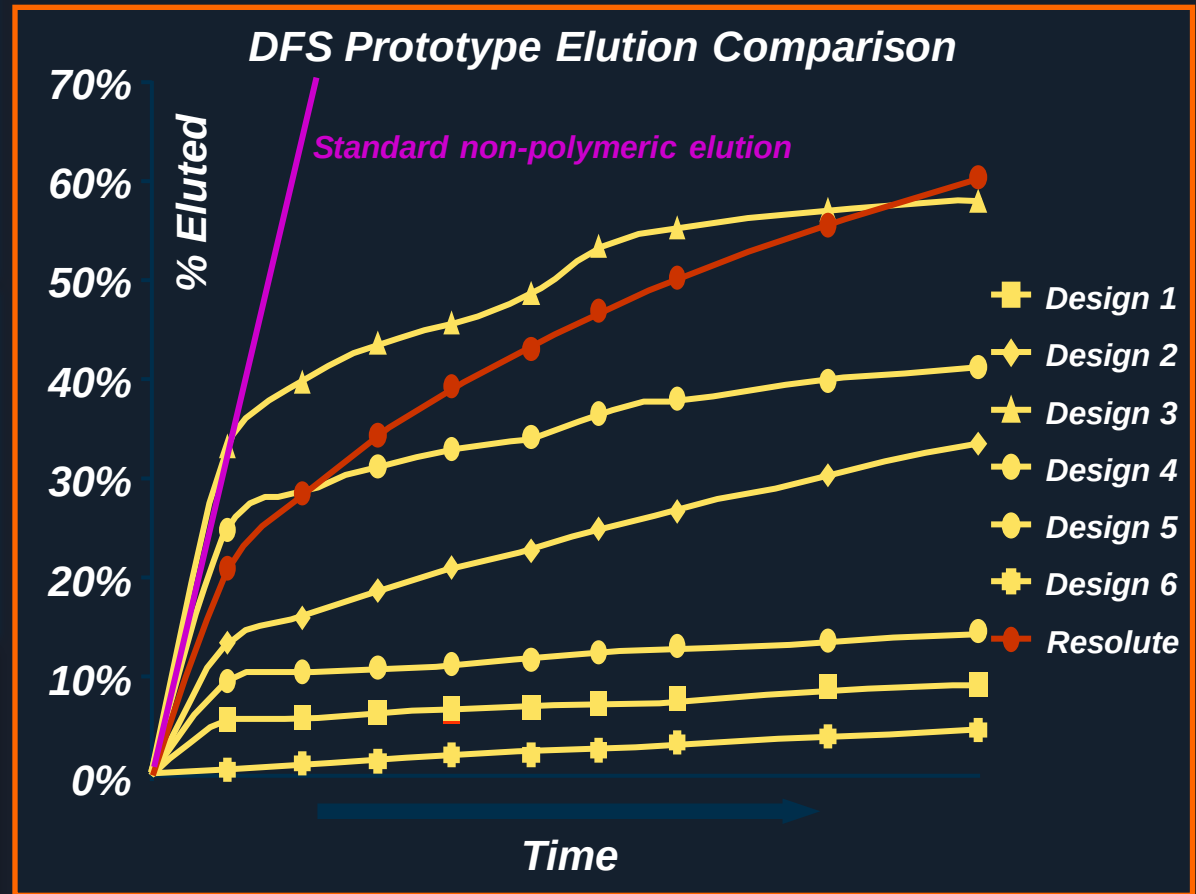
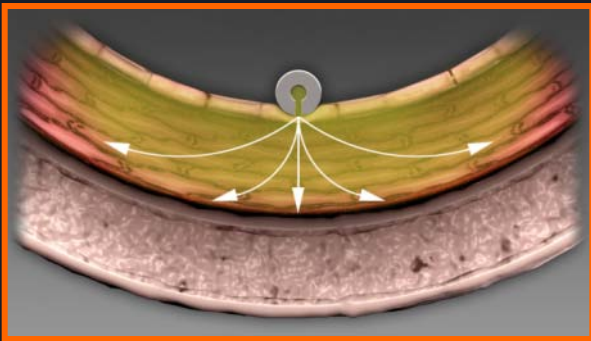
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Drug Filled Stent (DFS) Technology

Polymer Free Drug Delivery



Conclusions

- Despite the excellent clinical results achieved with current generation DES, the potential for technological improvement still remains
- DES technologies continue to evolve by decreasing strut size, polymeric load and the use of more biocompatible polymers
- DES using bioabsorbable polymers (as drug carriers) have demonstrated similar clinical efficacy compared to 2nd generation DES However, their potential to decrease LST needs to be tested in large head to head RCTs
- The absence of polymer beyond the drug delivery period creates the potential to reduce the dependency on DAPT for long-term safety while maintaining best-in-class DES efficacy