



Are Long Stents Still the First Choice in Long SFA CTO ?

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Heavy smoker
Diabetic
Hypertension

Bilateral claudication <50 mt
Rt > Lt

Worsening of the symptoms in the last 6 mos

ABI: Rt 0.5
Lt 0.7

Medical therapy:

- Statins 40 mg/d
- Oral hypoglycemic drug
- Aspirin



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USCD: occlusion of the Rt SFA
occlusion of the Lt SFA

CTA



Retrograde Lt CFA access
US guidance

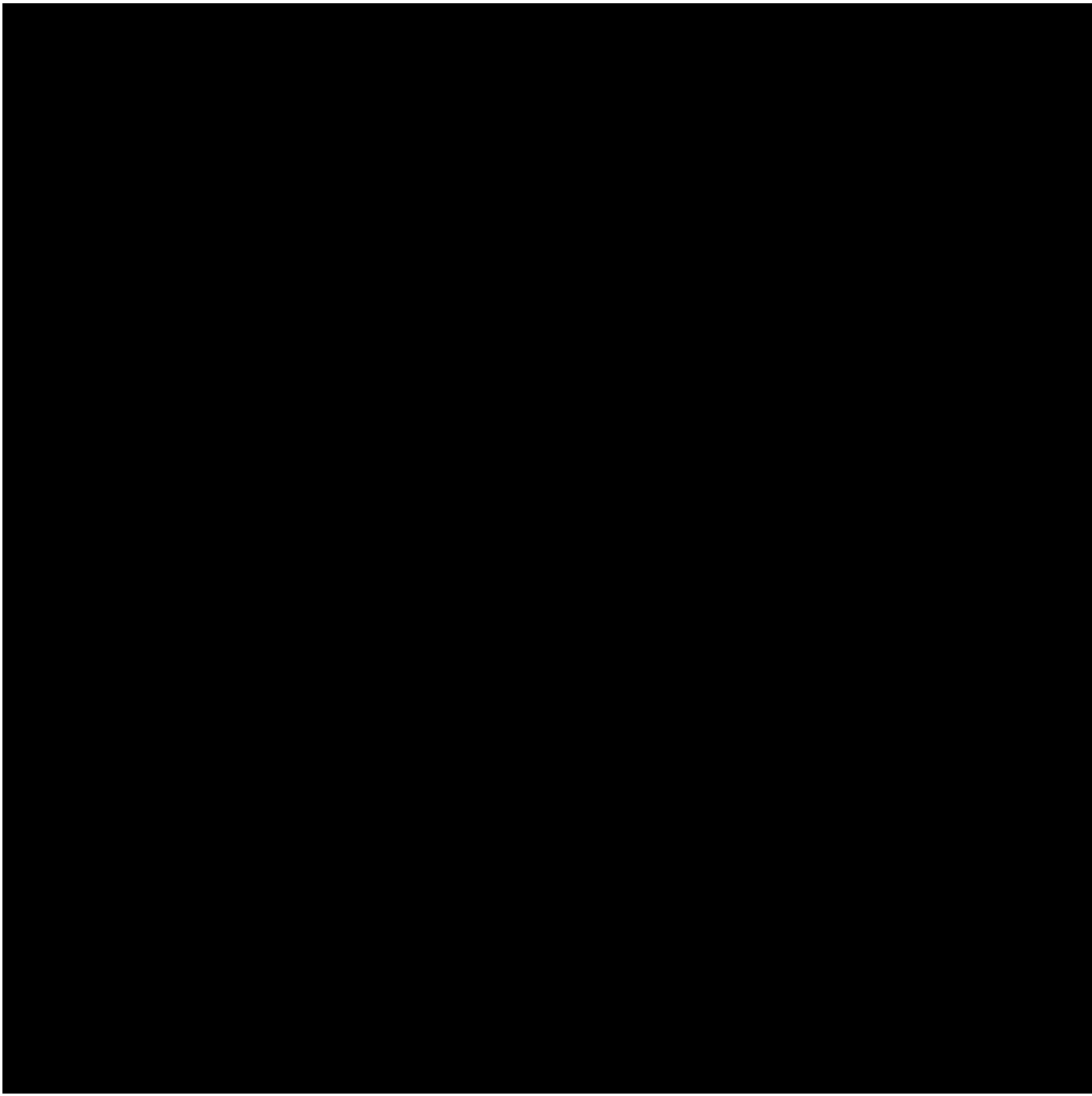
Cross-over

- 6 Fr / 45 cm Destination
(Terumo)
- 0.035» hydrophilic GW
(Terumo)
- 4Fr / 65 cm RIM catheter
(Cordis)

TASC D: >20 CM

Calcium grade: 2A (180° / <3cm)



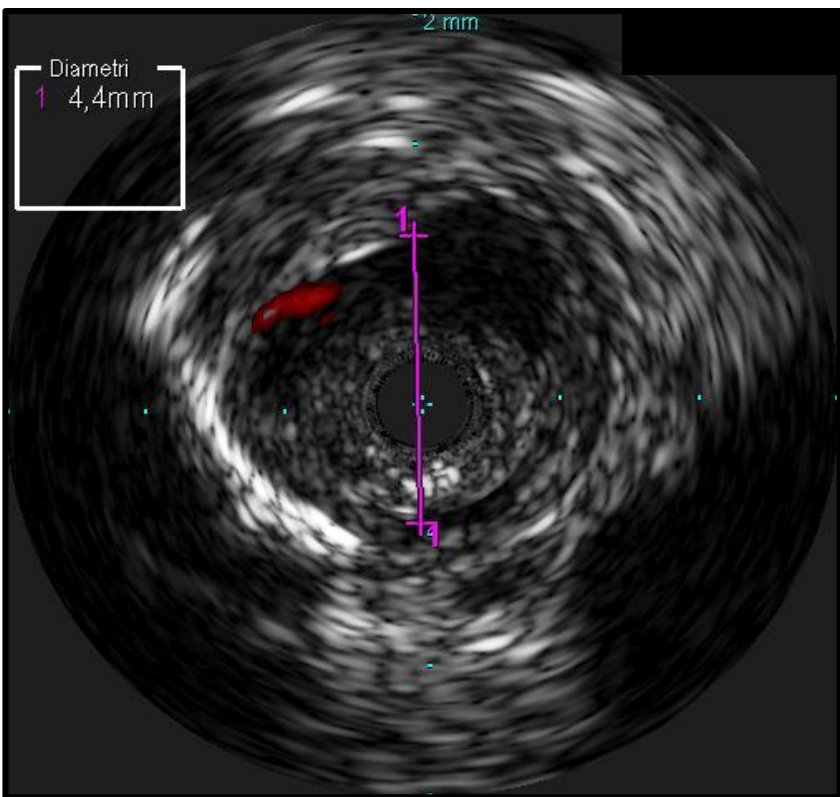


- 4Fr CXI support catheter
(Cook)
- 0.035» hydrophilic GW
(Terumo)

Pre –dilatation
Admiral
Ø 4 mm
(Medtronic)



Pre -dilatation
Admiral
Ø 4 mm
(Medtronic)



In.Pact Admiral
Ø 5 mm
(Medtronic)

Inflation Time: 3 min

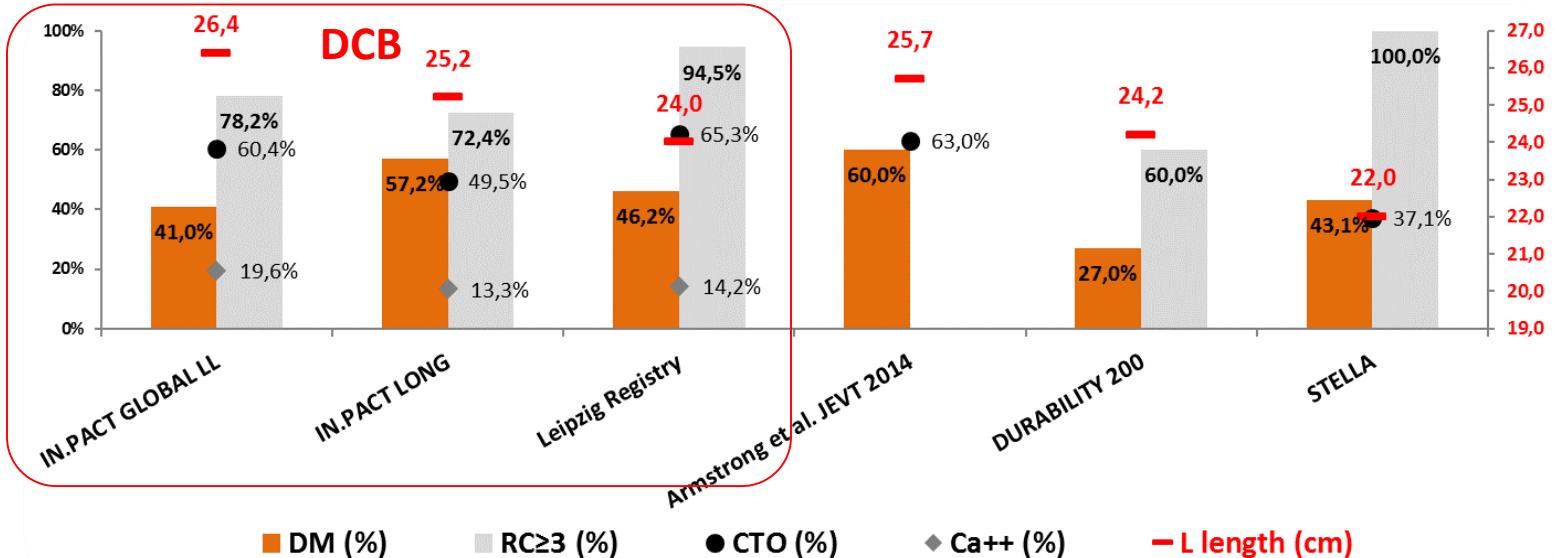


DCB in Long Lesions

6 trials with fem-pop lesions > 20 cm

- 3 DCB (In.Pact) trials (2 with independent corelab adj.)
- 3 BMS trials

baseline characteristics

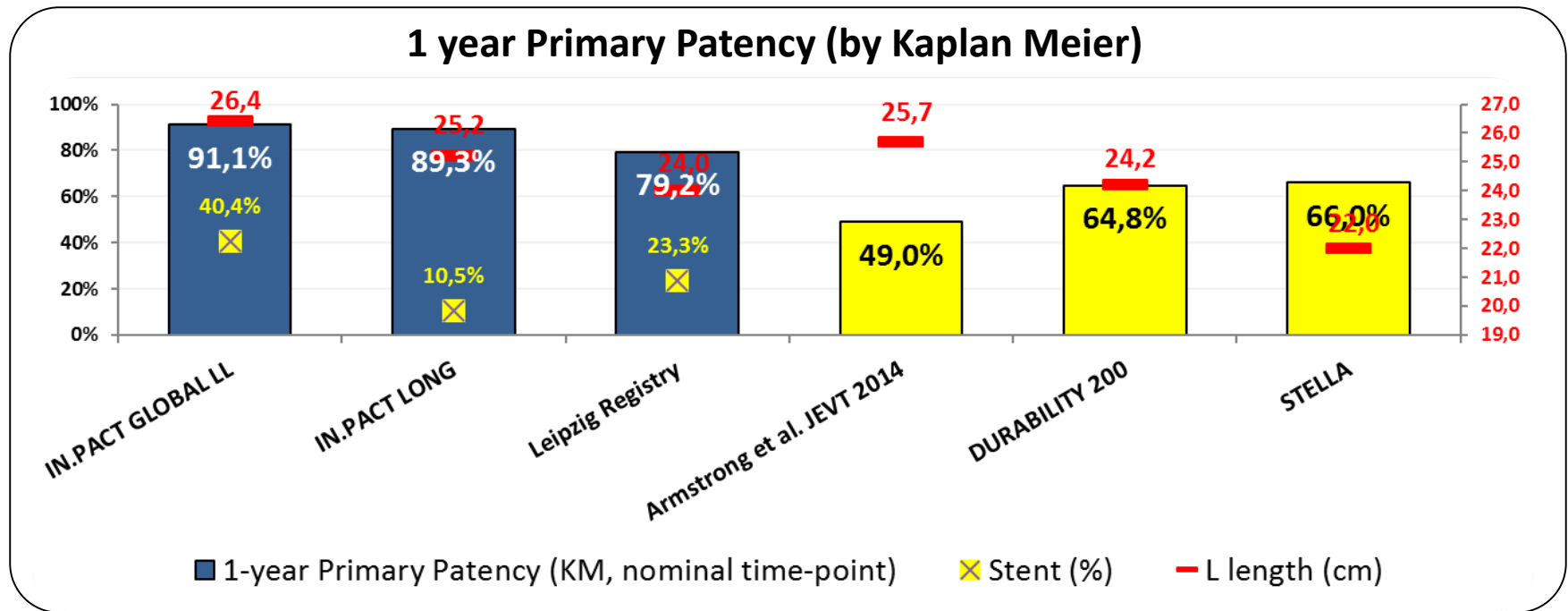


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What about Long Lesions?

Long lesions may trigger higher (10~40%) provisional stent rates, however a DCB + prov. Stent strategy does better than 100% elective (long) stenting



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2-Year Results of Paclitaxel-Coated Balloons for Long Femoropopliteal Artery Disease

Evidence From the SFA-Long Study

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- Investigator initiated, multicenter prospective, single-arm study
- Independent Clinical Events Committee

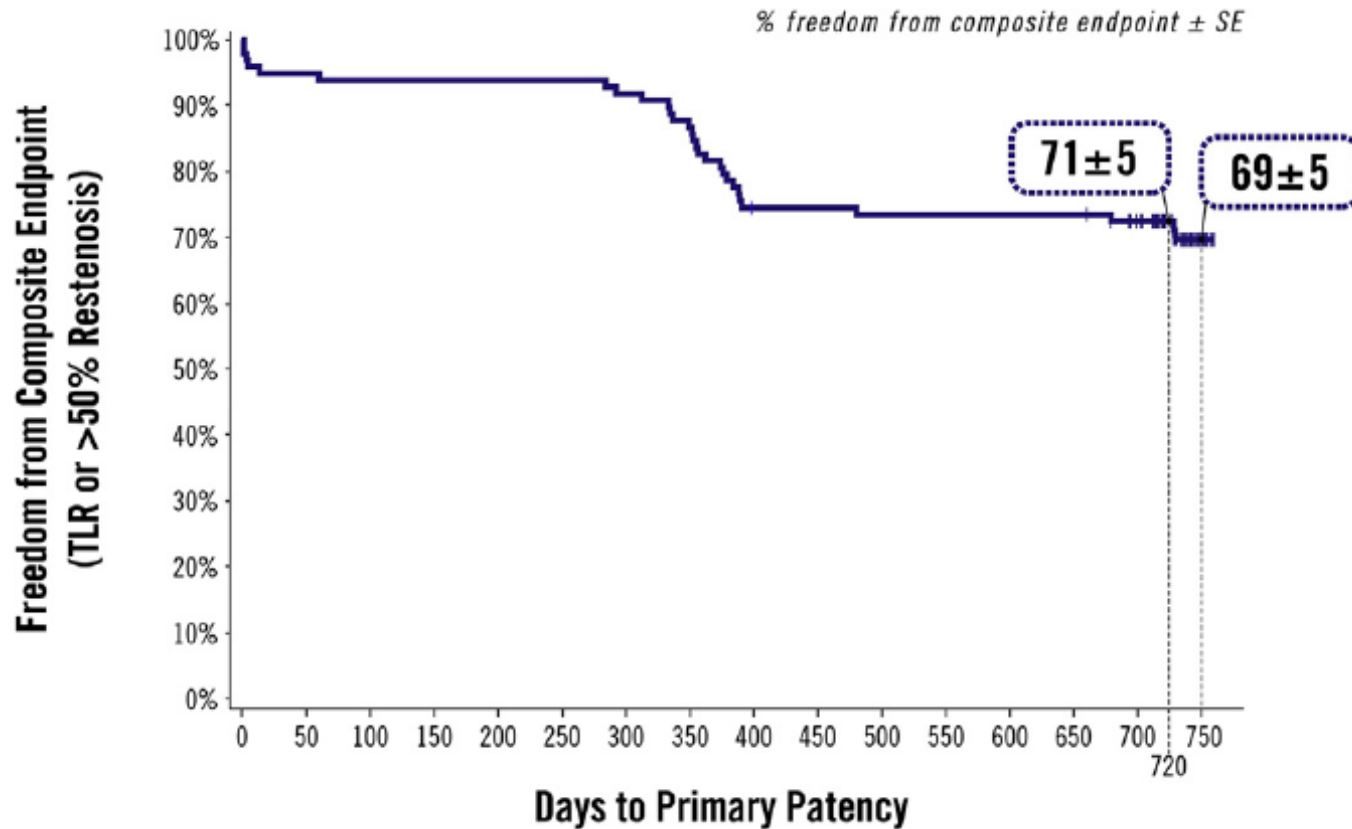
- **N = 105**
- Rutherford 2 to 4
- RVD: 4 – 7 mm
- Stenosis or occlusion \geq 150 mm
- Multiple lesions with <3cm distance
- 1 patent crural vessel



- **Treated lesion length = 251±71 mm**
 - **Pre.dilatation:** uncoated balloon; 0.5-1 mm undersized; inflation time 2 min
 - **DCB:** In.Pact Admiral (Medtronic) 1:1 RVD; inflation time 3 min; 3-12 atm
 - **Post-dilatation:** uncoated balloon >3min or spot stenting (persistent stenosis >50% or dissection)
- **Post-dilatation: 49.6%**
- **Stent rate: 10.9%**
 - flow limiting dissection: 6.7%
 - persistent stenosis: 8.6%



In.Pact SFA Long: 2-year Primary Patency



Lesion length: 251.71 \pm 78.9 mm



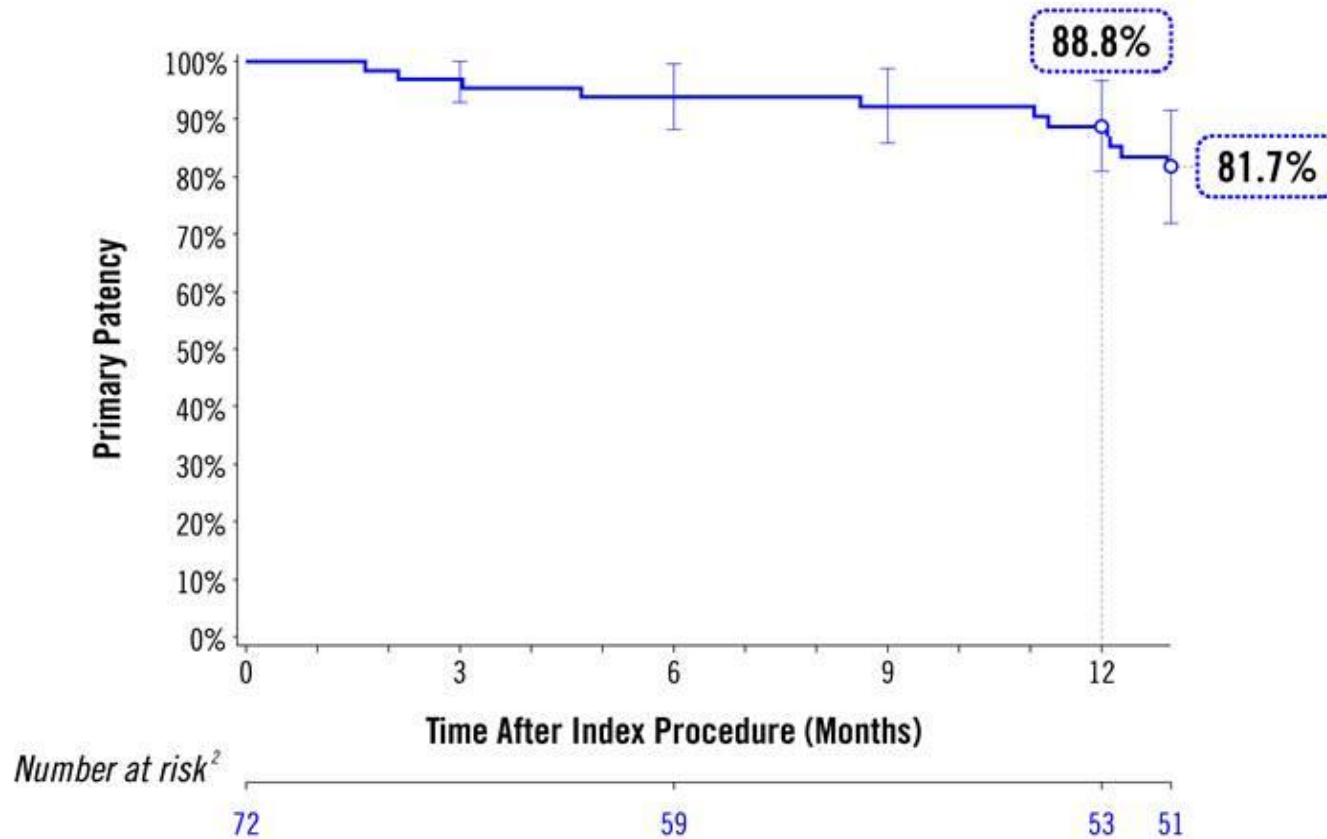
IN.PACT Global (LL&CTO) + Severe Calcium

IN.PACT Global IMG Cohorts N=72 Subjects N=81 Lesions	
<u>Lesion Type:</u> % (n)	
De novo	81.5% (66/81)
Restenotic (non-stented)	18.5% (15/81)
Lesion Length (cm ± SD)	24.73 ± 10.82
Total Occlusions % (n)	60.3% (47/78)
Calcification¹ % (n)	100% (78/78)
Severe Grade 4 % (n)	56.4% (44/78)
TASC	
A-B	24.7% (19/77)
C-D	75.3% (58/77)
RVD (mm ± SD)	5.180 ± 0.600
Diameter Stenosis (% ± SD)	90.9 ± 15.0
<u>Dissections after pre-dil:</u>	
0	46.9% (38/81)
A-C	40.7% (33/81)
D-F	12.4% (10/81)

1. Calcium definition used by both the study sites and core laboratory



IN.PACT Global (LL&CTO) + Severe Calcium Primary Patency¹



1. Freedom from core laboratory-assessed restenosis (duplex ultrasound PSVR ≤ 2.4) and clinically-driven target lesion revascularization through 12 months (adjudicated by a Clinical Events Committee blinded to the assigned treatment)
2. Number at risk represents the number of evaluable subjects at the beginning of the each 30-day window



Drug-Coated Balloons vs. Drug-Eluting Stents for Treatment of Long Femoropopliteal Lesions

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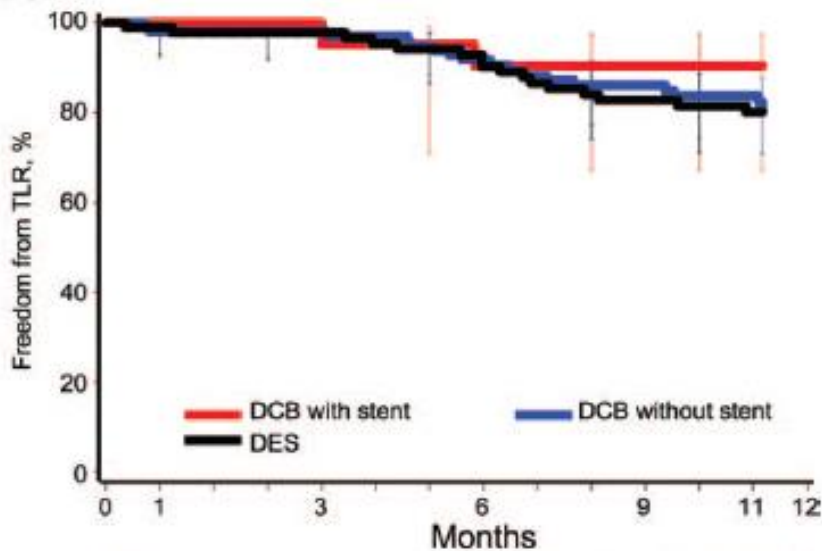
Retrospective dual center study

228 patients DCB: 131 DES: 97 (after propensity score stratification)

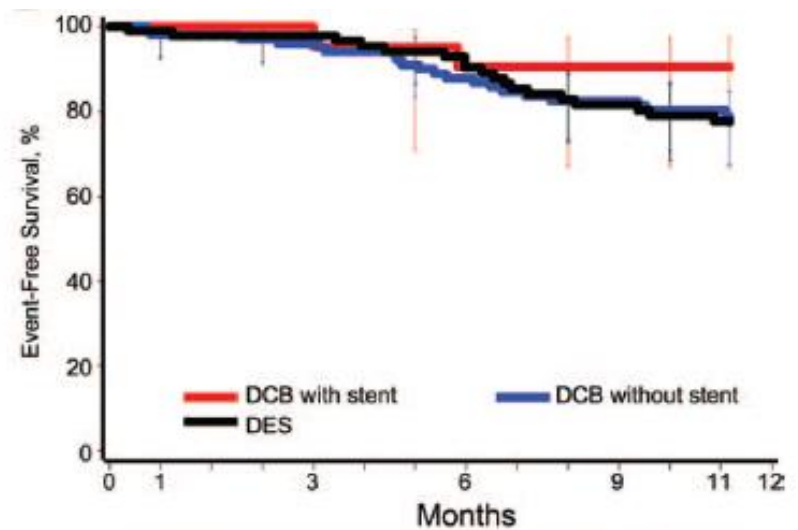
Lesion length (mm)
DCB: 194.46±86.3 [100–450]
DES: 195.06±64.5 [100–350]

p=0.948





Months	0	1	3	6	9	11	12
At risk							
DCB with provisional stent	24	23	23	21	20	19	19
DCB without provisional stent	107	102	100	97	89	74	66
DES	97	97	94	82	76	66	61



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“The 1-year outcome of DCB and DES angioplasty in long femoropopliteal lesions compares well with currently published outcomes for the bypass surgery gold standard treatment of these challenging lesions. Due to its ease of use and no scaffold left behind, DCB angioplasty with or without provisional bare nitinol spot stenting might be preferred over DES implantation.”







Pressure Gradient >30 mmHg





Admiral 5x40 mm
(Medtronic)

Inflation time: 3 min



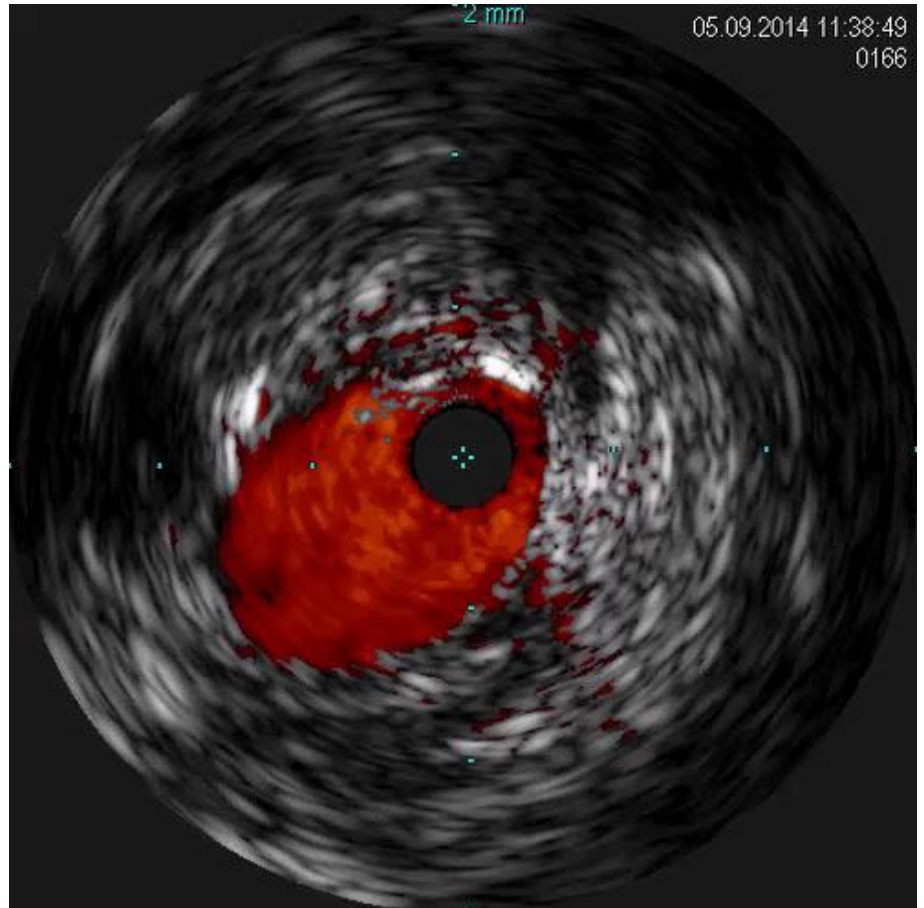


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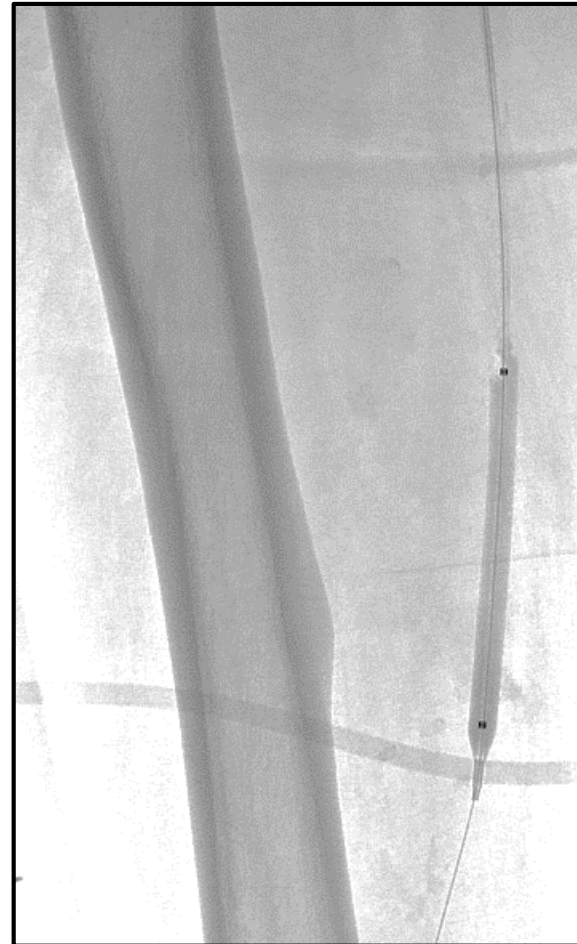
Optimal PTA

Effect of Short vs Long Balloon Inflation Times on the Morphologic Results¹

	Inflation Time (sec)		P-Value
	30	180	
Major dissection (grades 3 or 4)	16	5	.010
Minor or no dissection (grades 1 and 2)	21	32	.010
Further interventions (Stent, repeat dilatation, dilation with larger diameter)	20	9	.017
Residual stenosis (>30%)	12	5	.097
Complication (embolization, thrombosis)	1	1	-
Mean ankle-brachial index (before, after intervention)	0.66, 0.87	0.65, 0.84	

- Inflation times of 180 seconds improve immediate infrainguinal PTA results vs. a short dilation strategy
- Significantly fewer major dissections and a modest reduction of residual stenoses are observed
- Significantly fewer continued interventions

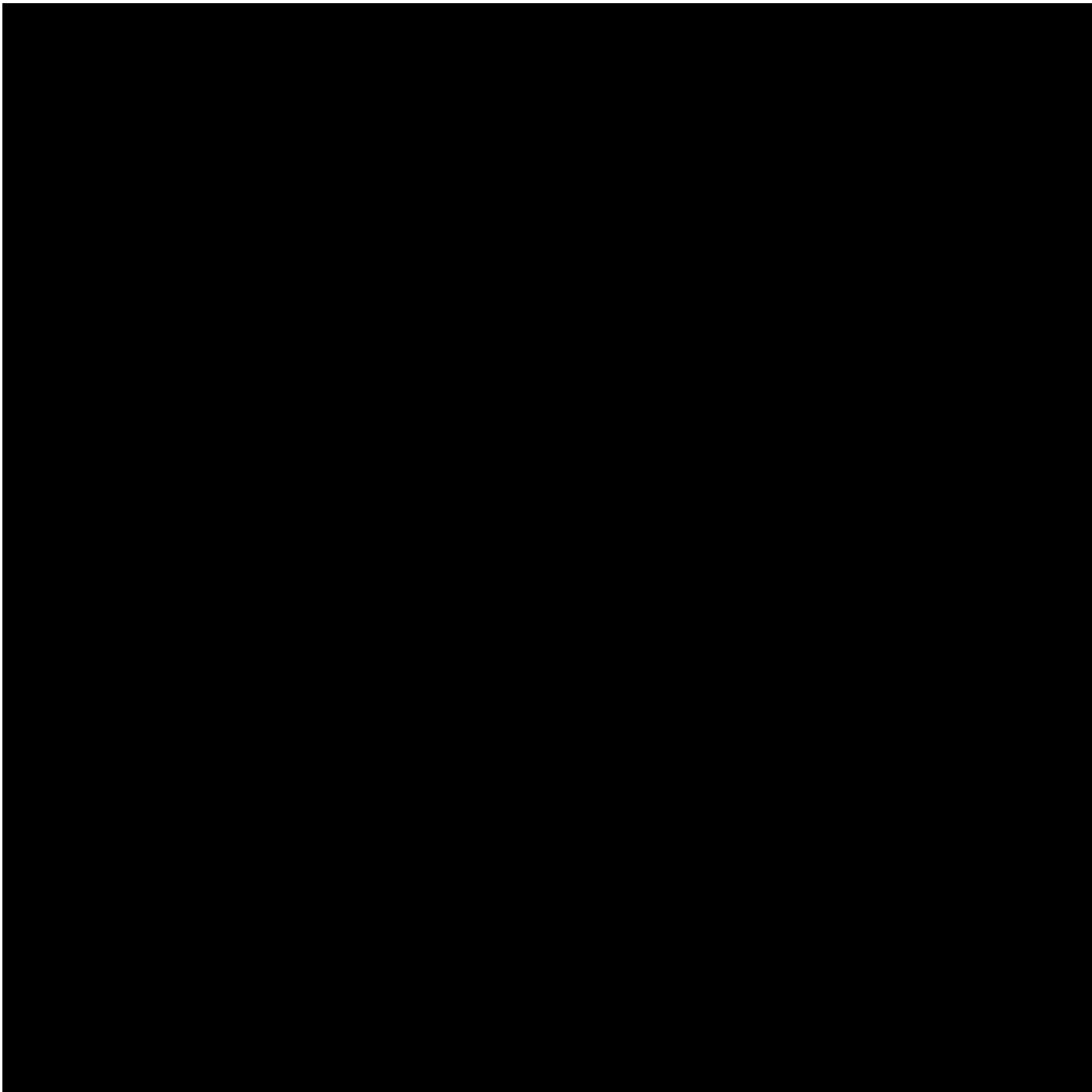




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(Medtronic)

Inflation time 5 min





Post – treatment therapy:

- Clopidogrel 65mg/die 4 weeks
- Aspirin

Clinical evaluation:

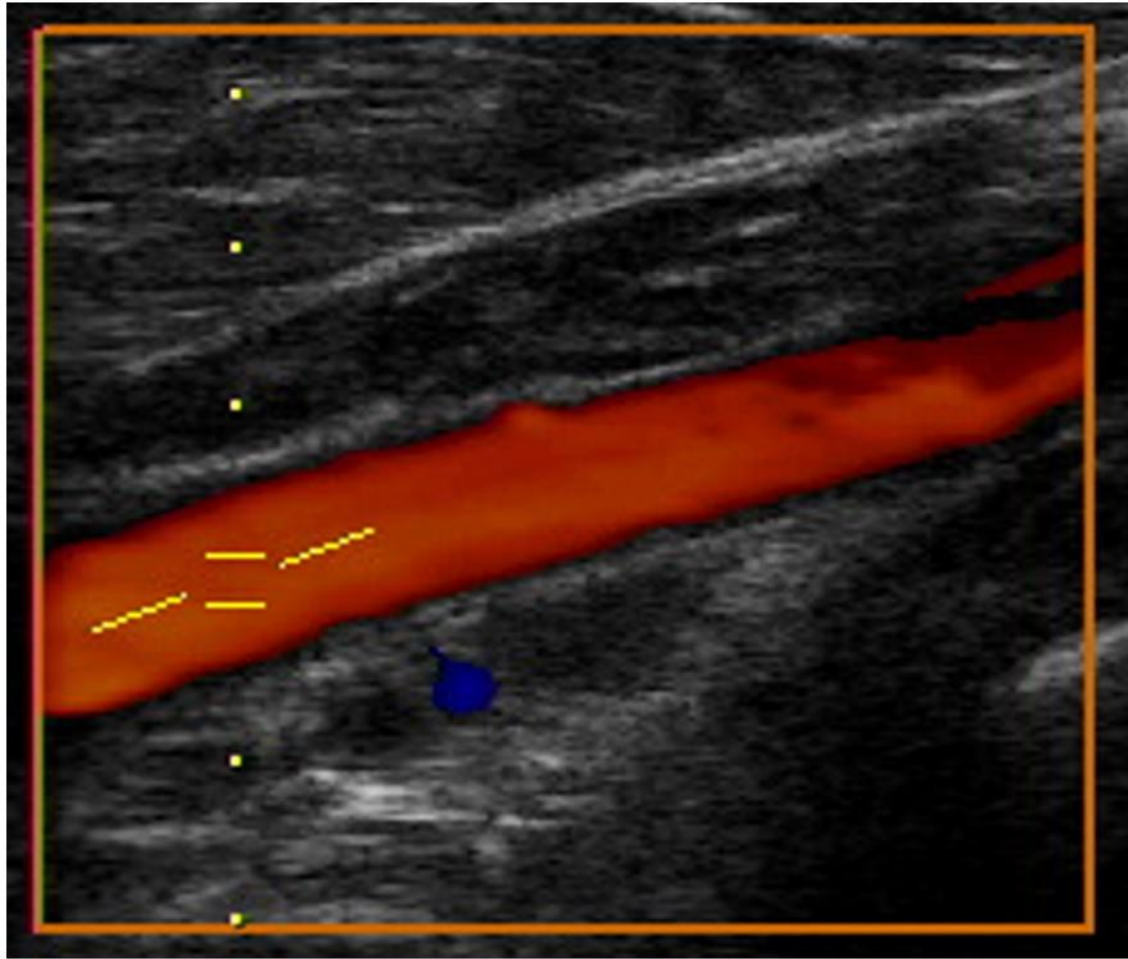
Lt claudication <50 mt

Recanalization Lt SFA 4 weeks later

2-y F.U.

ABI Rt: 0.85 Lt 0.85





2 y F.U.



Conclusions

- DCB shows excellent results in the fem-pop region when compare to standard PTA
- Continuous development in drug eluting devices
- DCB appears to be the new standard for femoral-popliteal intervention
- Level 1 Evidence support the role of DCBs as frontline therapy for fem-pop disease
- Overarching principle = DCB with “intention not to stent”
- Vessel preparation in complex lesions mandatory for both DCB and DES
- DCB command re-learning of PTA, call for more patience, longer time and high attention in interpretating final results. Not as easy and quick as a stent





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