



# Mesure de la pression endocoronaire et l'imagerie: Pourquoi faut il une approche "virtuelle"?

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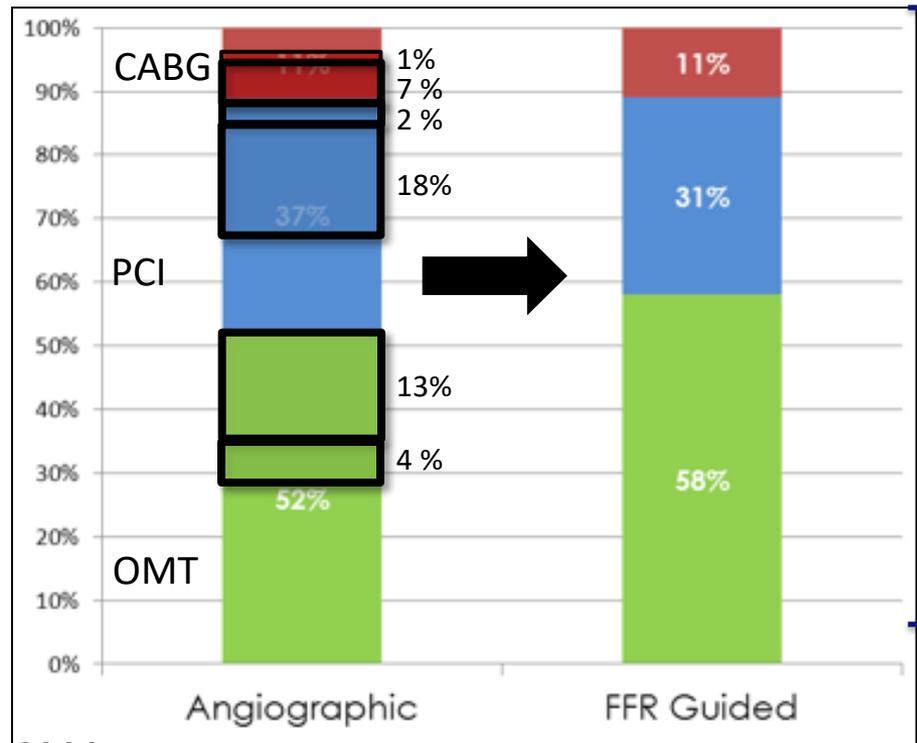
## Functional testing and intravascular imaging for lesion assessment

Recommendations	Class	Level
When evidence of ischaemia is not available, FFR or iwFR are recommended to assess the haemodynamic relevance of intermediate-grade stenosis.	I	A

# Outcome Impact of Coronary Revascularization Strategy Reclassification With Fractional Flow Reserve at Time of Diagnostic Angiography

Insights From a Large French Multicenter Fractional Flow Reserve Registry

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43% of patients changed therapy with FFR guidance



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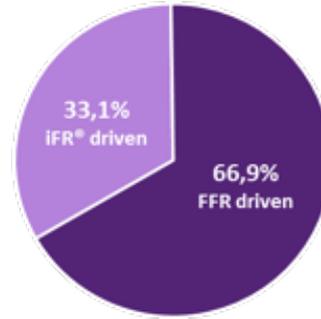


## Impact of Routine Invasive Physiology at Time of Angiography in Patients With Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease on Reclassification of Revascularization Strategy Results From the DEFINE REAL Study

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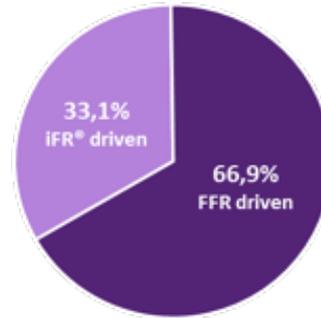
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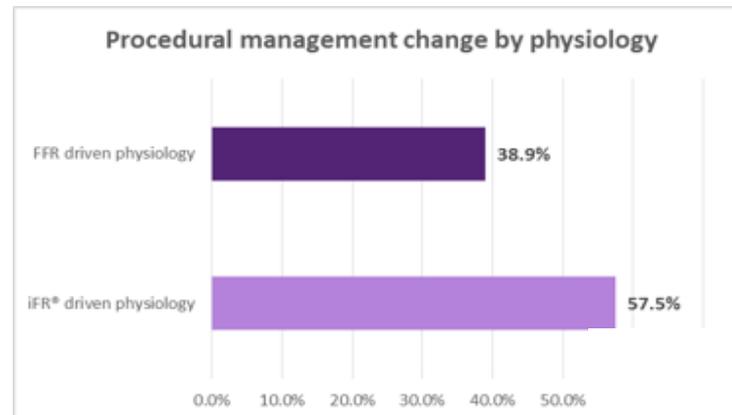


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P=0.0001

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Routine Invasive Physiology in MVD

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Multivessel PCI Guided by FFR or Angiography for Myocardial Infarction

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Initial plan:

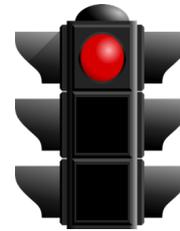
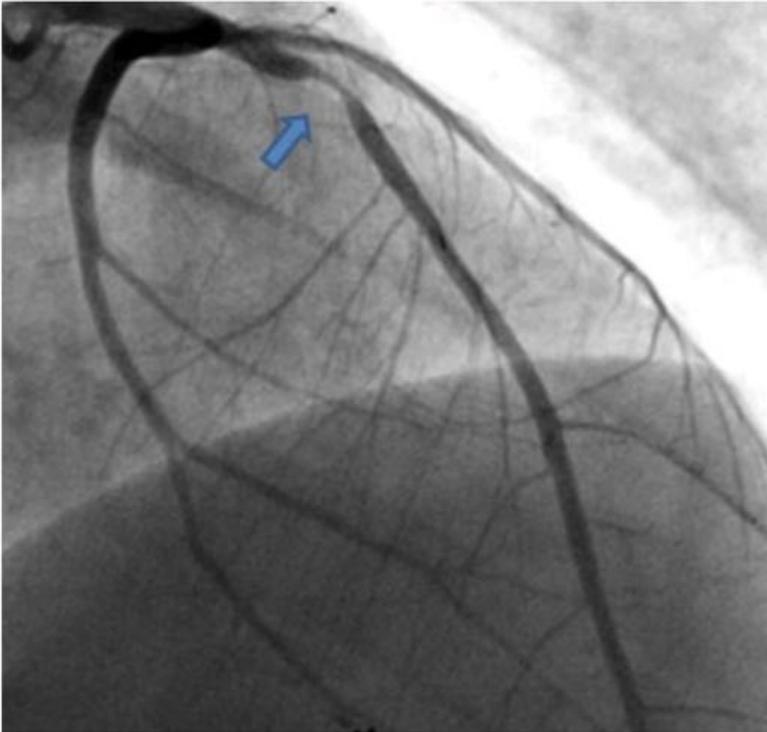
To perform FFR of non-culprit at the time of the initial  
PCI in all patients

Actual plan

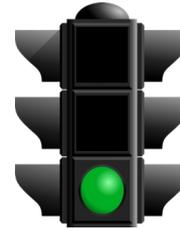
<5% of patients had FFR of additional non culprit  
during the index angiography

**Performing pressure wire  
measurements in patients with  
MVD is very rare**

## A simple case!

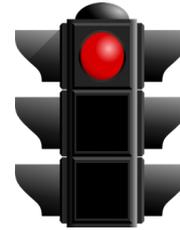
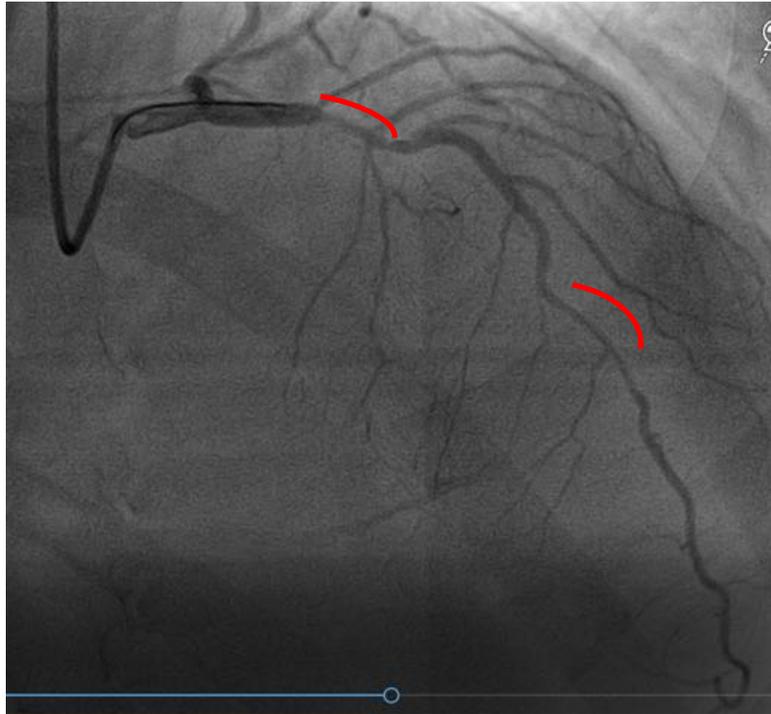


Traitement médical  
FFR > 0.81  
iFR > 0.89

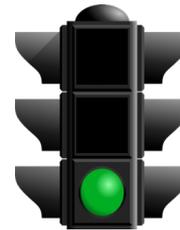


Angioplastie  
FFR ≤ 0.80  
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## Amore complexe case!



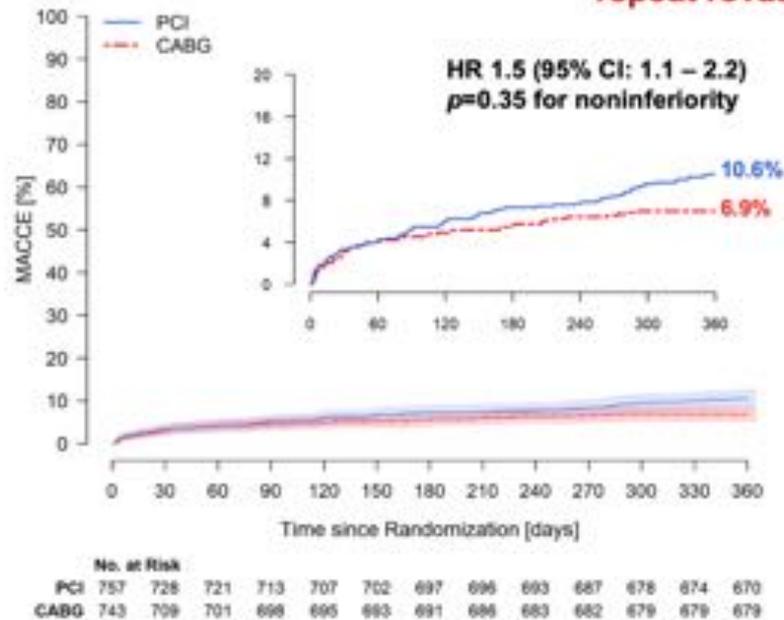
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## Primary Endpoint

MACCE (Death, MI, stroke or repeat revascularization) at 1 Year



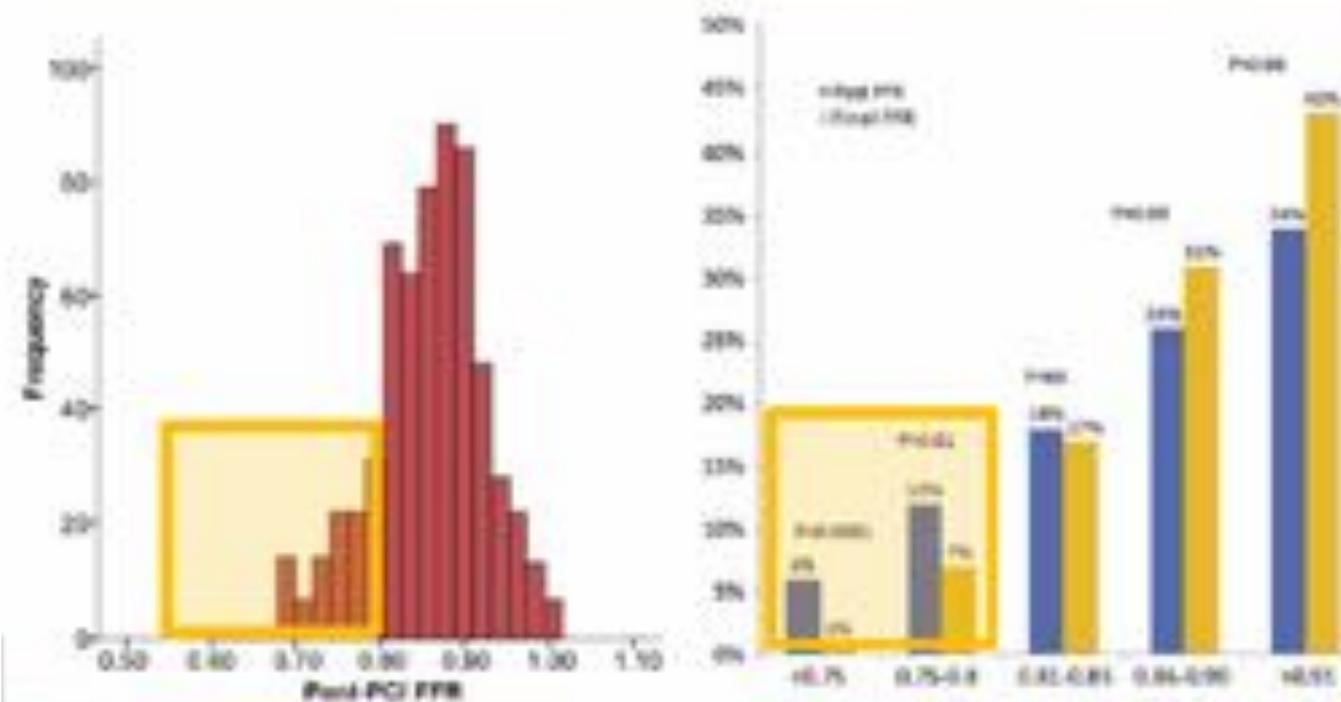
## Procedural Characteristics

Variable	PCI (n=757)
% Lesions FFR measured	82%
FFR>0.80	24%
Staged procedure	22%
Number of stents	3.7±1.9
Total stent length	80 mm
Intravascular imaging	12%
FFR measured after PCI	60%

Variable	CABG (n=743)
FFR measured prior to CABG	10%
# of distal anastomoses	3.4±1.0
Multiple arterial grafts	25%
LIMA	97%
Off-Pump surgery	24%



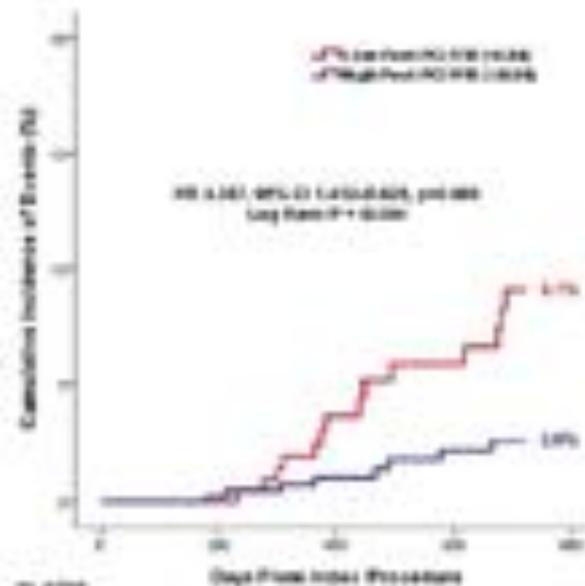
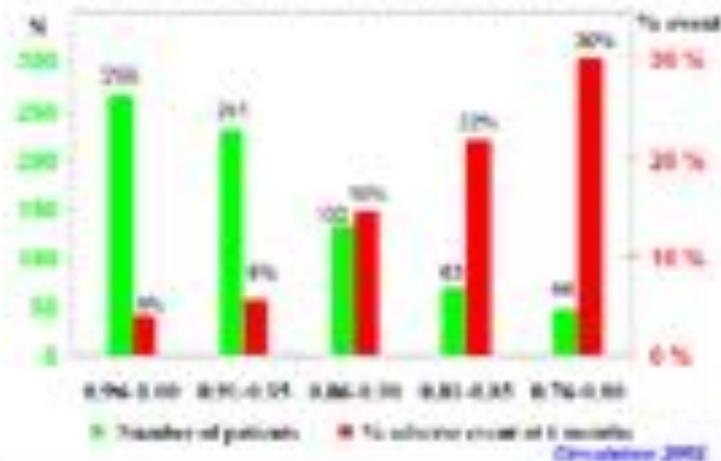
Post PCI ischemia based on FFR  $\leq 0.80$  occurs in 10-20% of cases



Lee JM, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2013;11:2099-208.  
 Agrawal SK, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2010;9:3022-31.

## Low post-PCI FFR is related to adverse events

FFR-post-STENT Registry (N = 750)  
N ADVERSE EVENTS AT 6 MONTHS



## DEFINE PCI

Patients with stable and unstable angina (N = 500)

IFR of all vessels with angiographic lesions  $\geq 40\%$  stenosis

Baseline IFR  $\leq 0.89$

Standard of care algorithm for PCI  
as per local operators  
(Intravascular imaging optional)

Successful angiographic PCI result

Blinded final IFR with IFR pullback

Guideline Directed Medical Therapy

30 day, 6 month & 1 year follow up

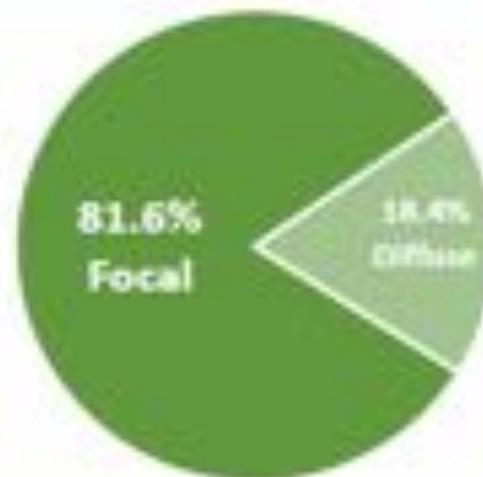
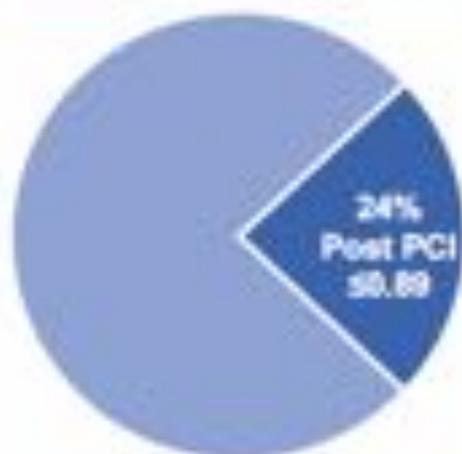
Baseline IFR  $> 0.89$

Guideline Directed  
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# Primary Study Endpoint

480 Patients with  
Angiographically Successful PCI  
and qualified IFR pullbacks

24% Residual Ischemia  
(112 patients with Post PCI  
IFR $\leq$ 0.89)

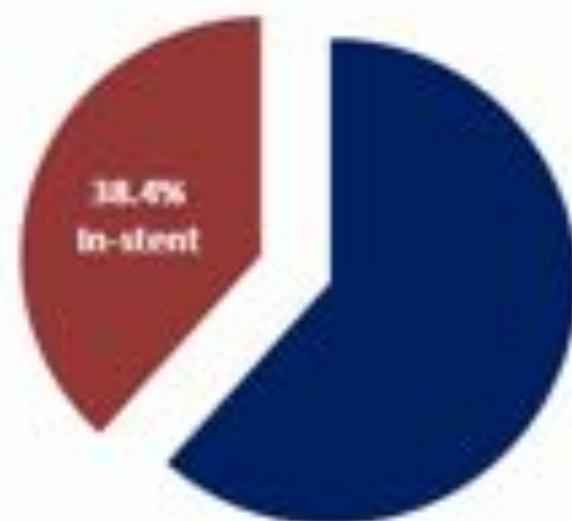
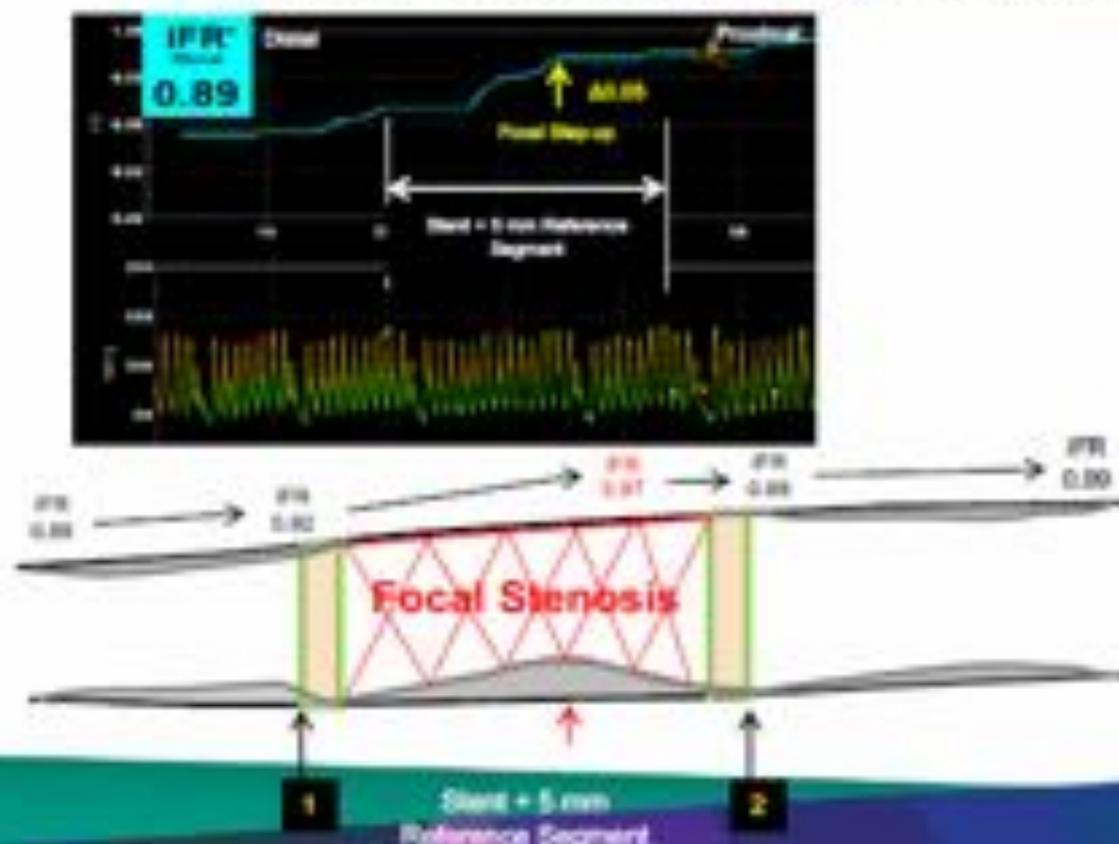


■ Post IFR $\leq$ 0.89 ■ Post IFR $>$ 0.89

Focal defined as step-up of 20.00 units in  $<$  15 mm segment.  
Diffuse defined as  $>$  15 mm segment

# DEFINE PCI Focal Residual Pressure Gradient in-stent

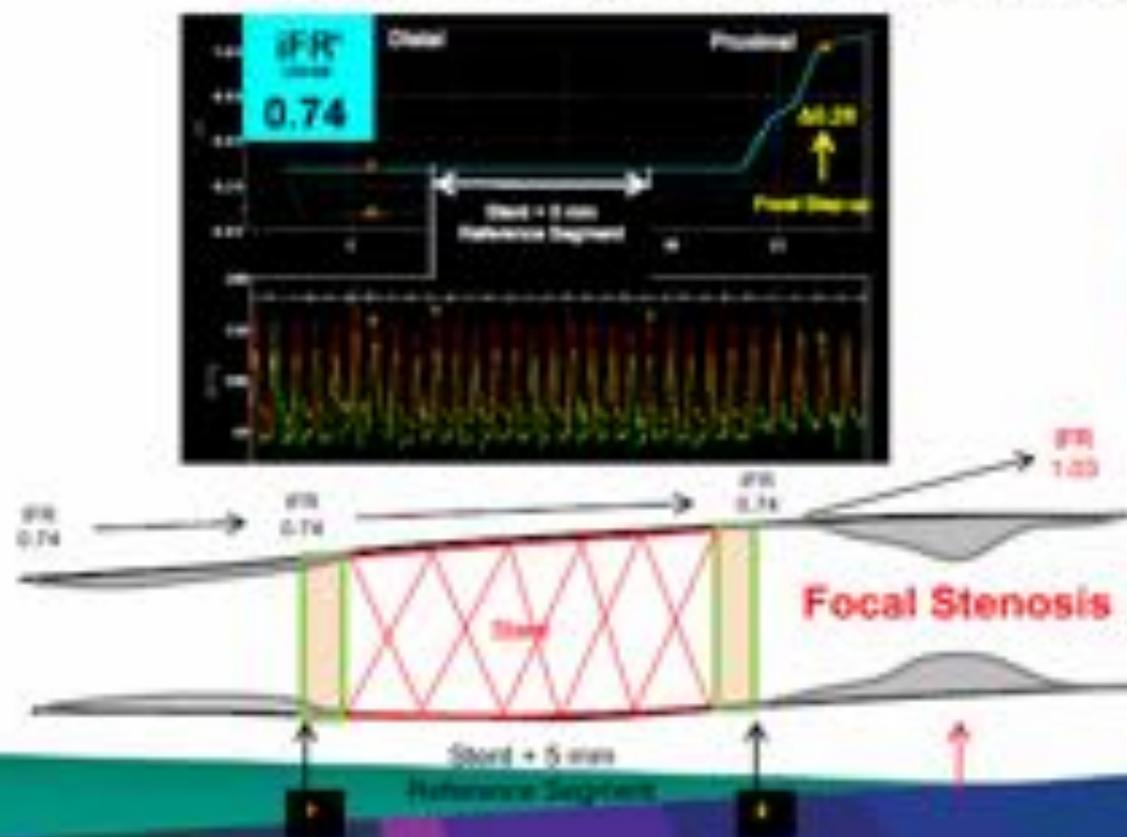
Among the 93 vessels with focal disease, there were 146 segments (stent, proximal or distal) that had significant residual pressure gradients



# DEFINE PCI

## Focal Residual Pressure Gradient Prox to stent

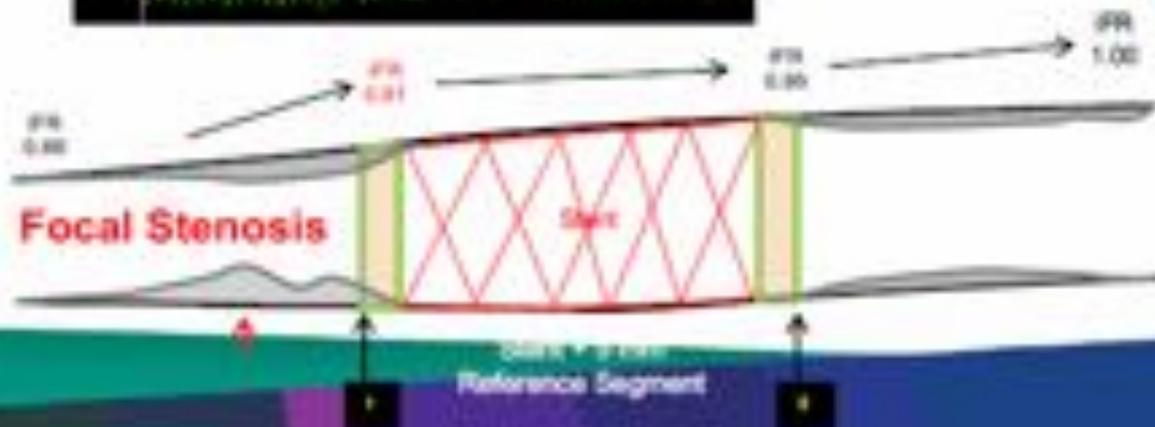
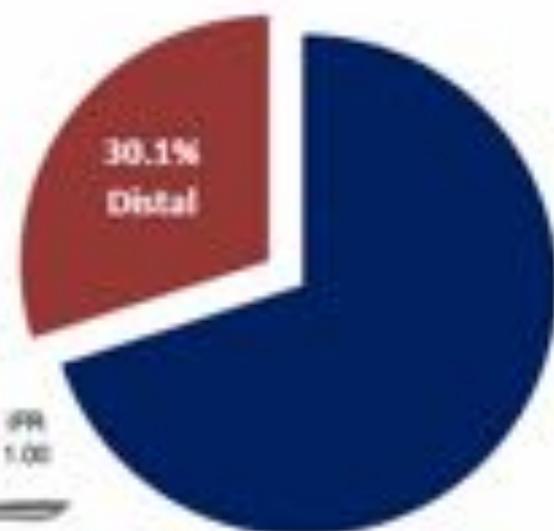
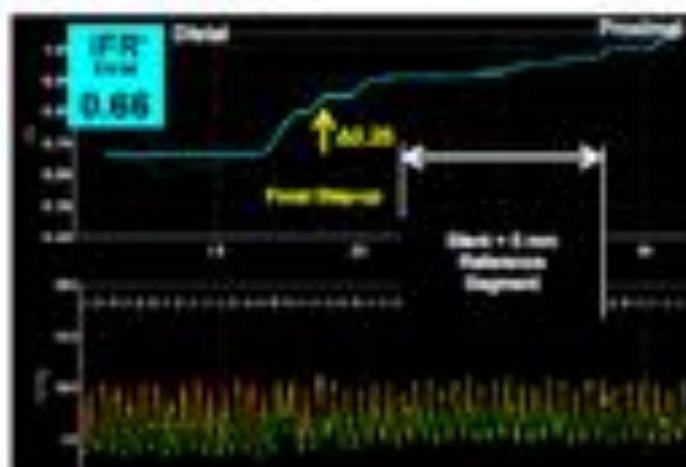
'Physiologic miss' occurred in 31.5% of focal lesions proximally



# DEFINE PCI

## Focal Residual Pressure Gradient Distal to stent

"Physiologic miss" occurred in 30.1% of focal lesions distally



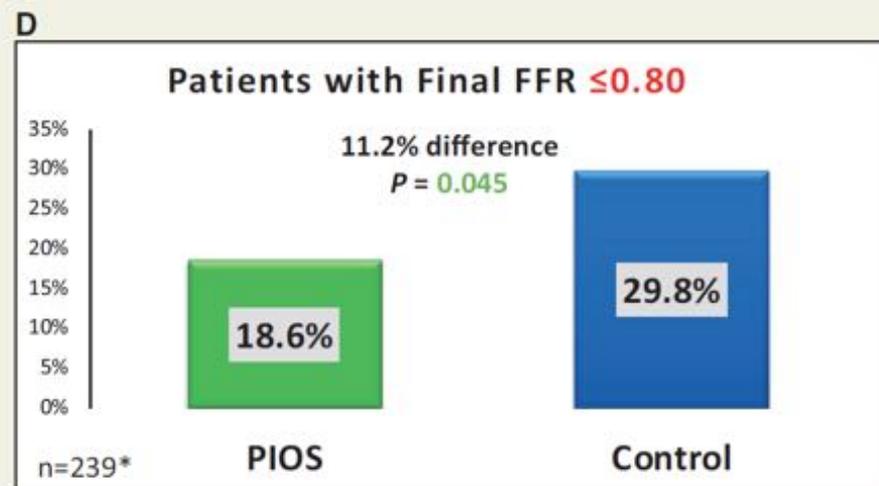
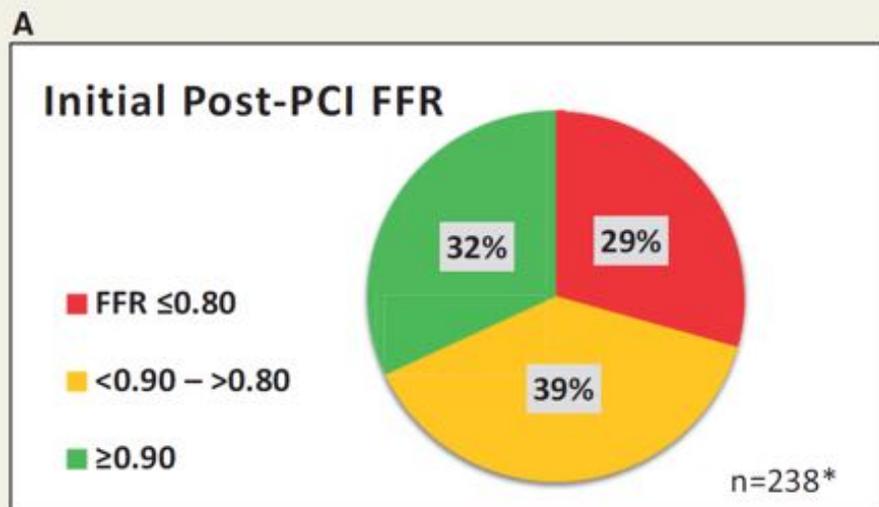
**In 10-20% of cases a vessel remains ischemic  
after an an appropriate PCI**

**In 2/3 of the cases this « ischemic » vessel  
post PCI is due to a « missed » focal lesion**

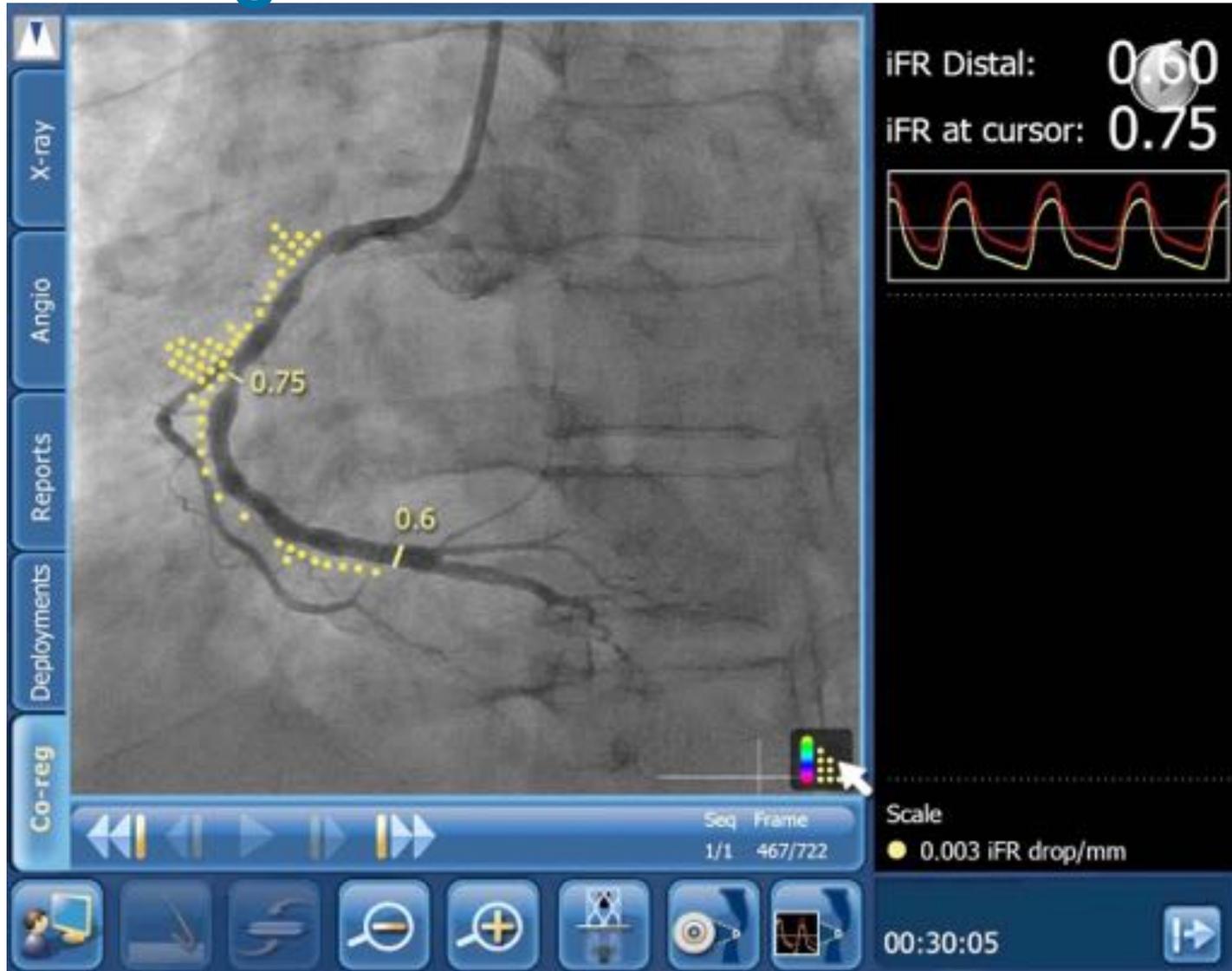
**In patients with multivessel PCI 30-50% of  
patients have « incomplete » coronary  
revascularization**

# Post-stenting fractional flow reserve vs coronary angiography for optimization of percutaneous coronary intervention (TARGET-FFR)

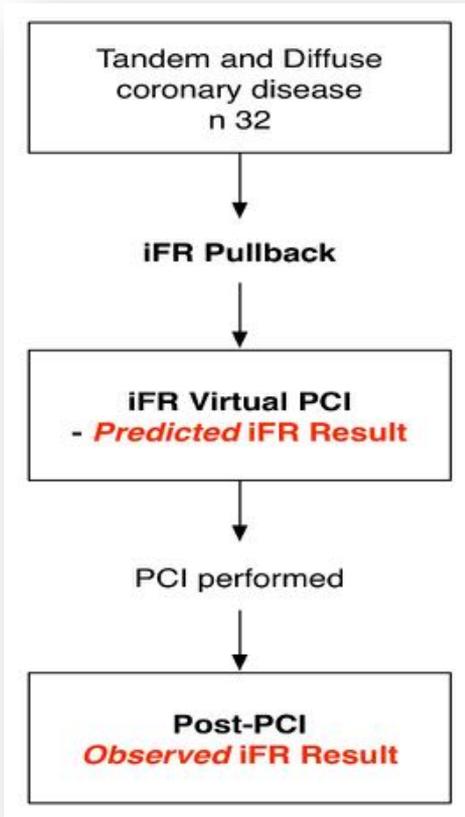
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# iFR Co-registration et Virtual PCI



# iFR PULLBACK STUDY

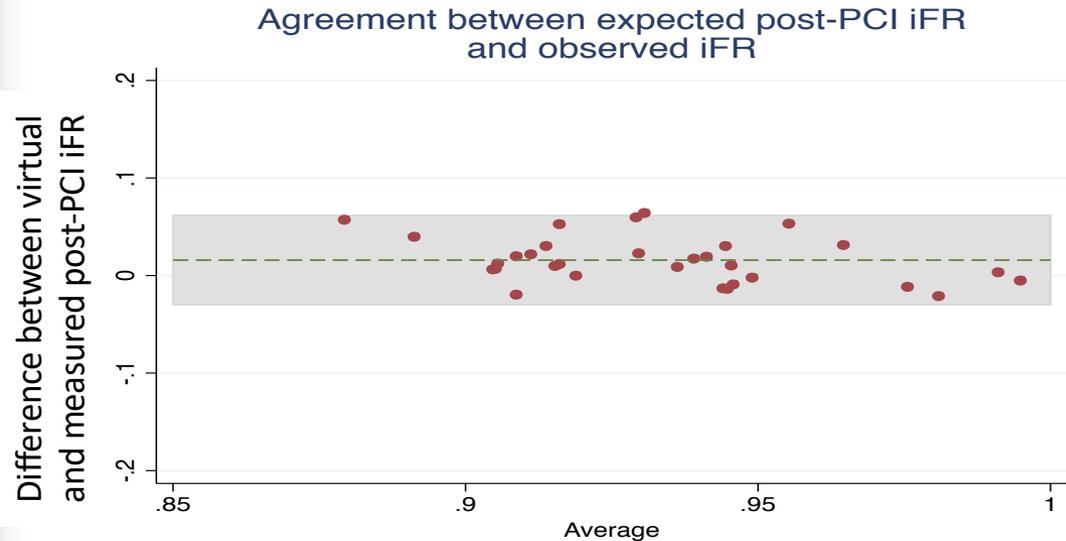


Pre-PCI iFR:  $0.78 \pm 0.03$

Predicted iFR:  $0.94 \pm 0.01$

Observed iFR:  $0.93 \pm 0.03$

} **p=0.48**



Nijjer SS, Davies J et al *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions*. 2014;7:1386–1396

## DEFINE GPS Flow



Aligned with Guideline Recommendations for PCI

Declare ALL intended target vessels & IVI use

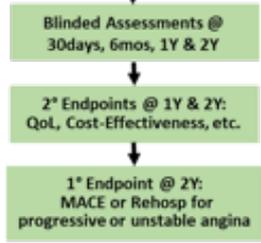
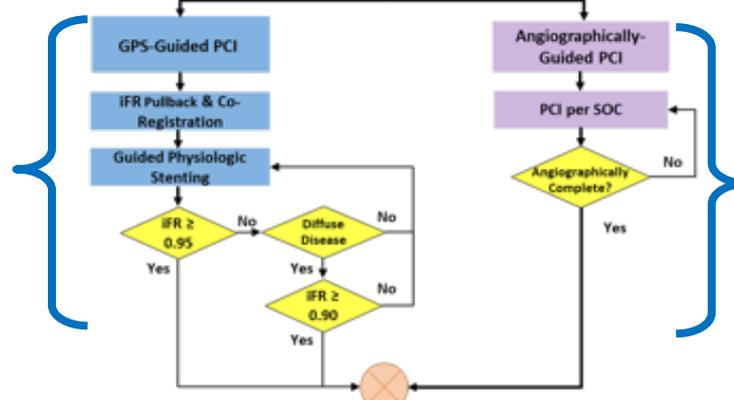
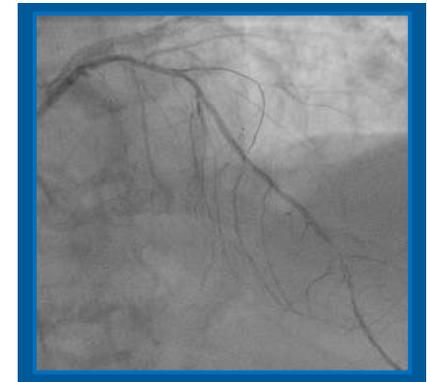
All vessels to undergo PCI must be qualified prior to randomization

Randomize

### Physiology-Guided PCI



### Standard of Care PCI

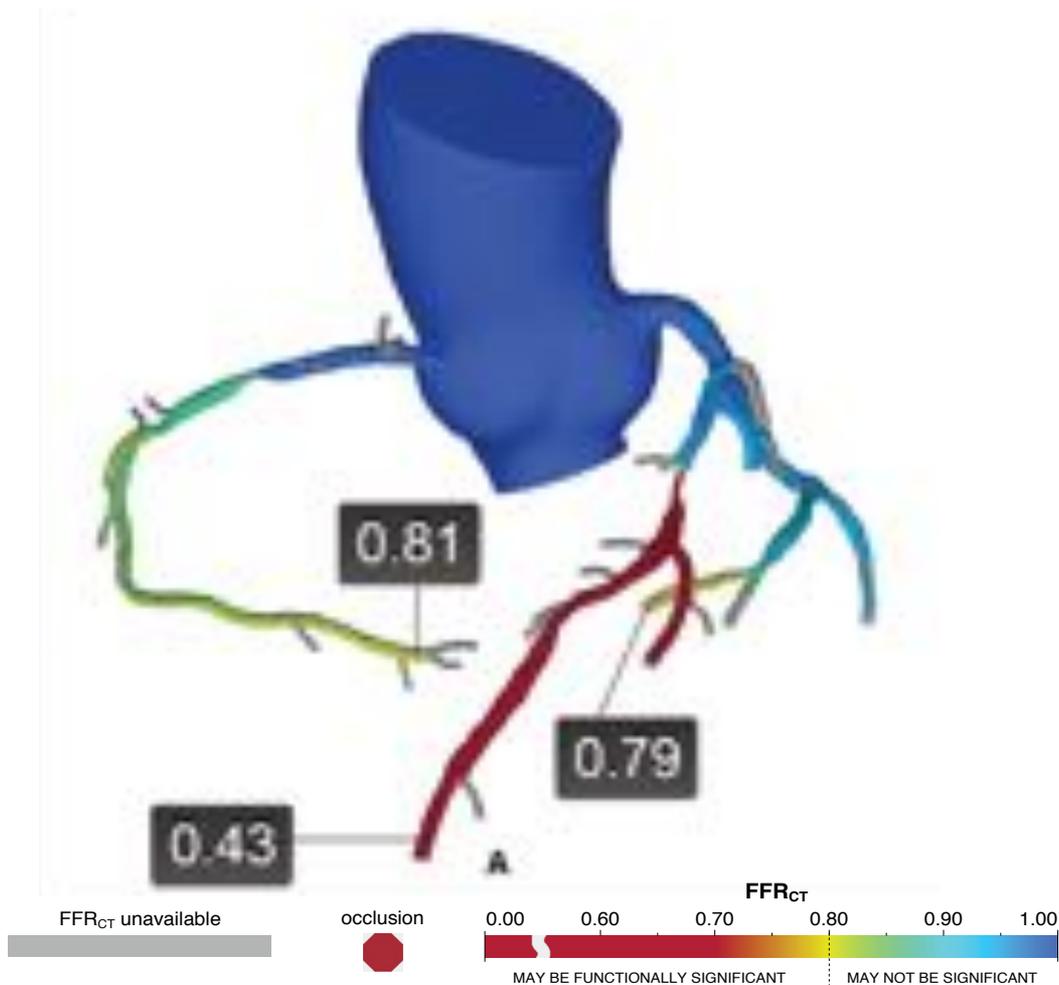


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**Further virtualization to  
« estimate » the pressure  
drop**

# Using CT to provide FFR

Multi-vessel narrowings, but functional ischemia in only a single vessel  
Clinician determined that only a single stent was required

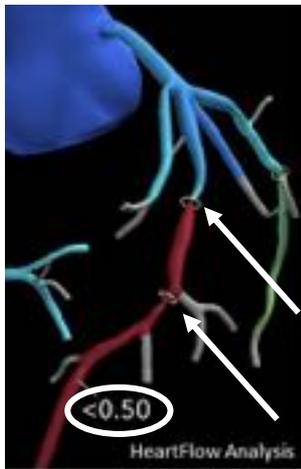


# Benefits of Obtaining information for planning With noninvasive FFR<sub>CT</sub> prior to Invasive Evaluation- The BOWIE study

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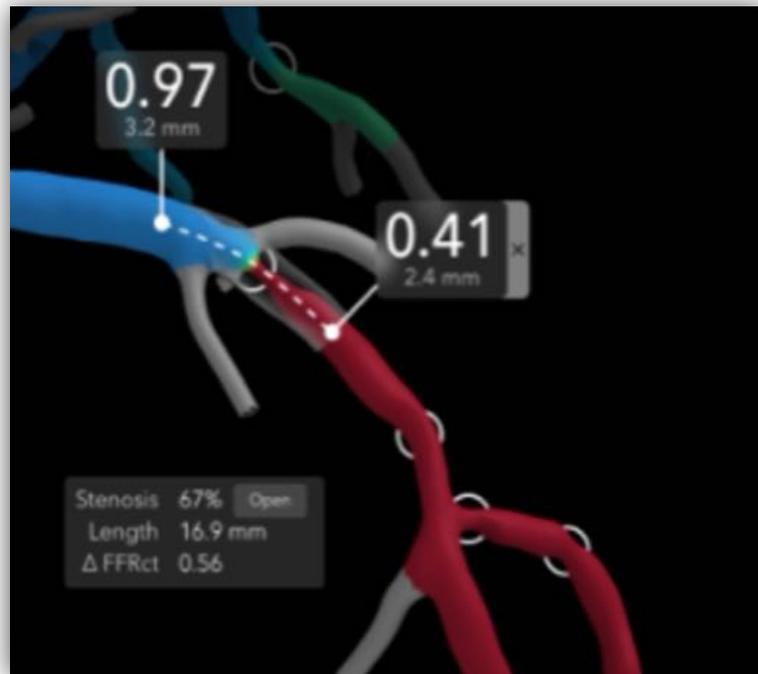
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Pre-procedure evaluation of alternate treatment strategies to optimize coronary flow

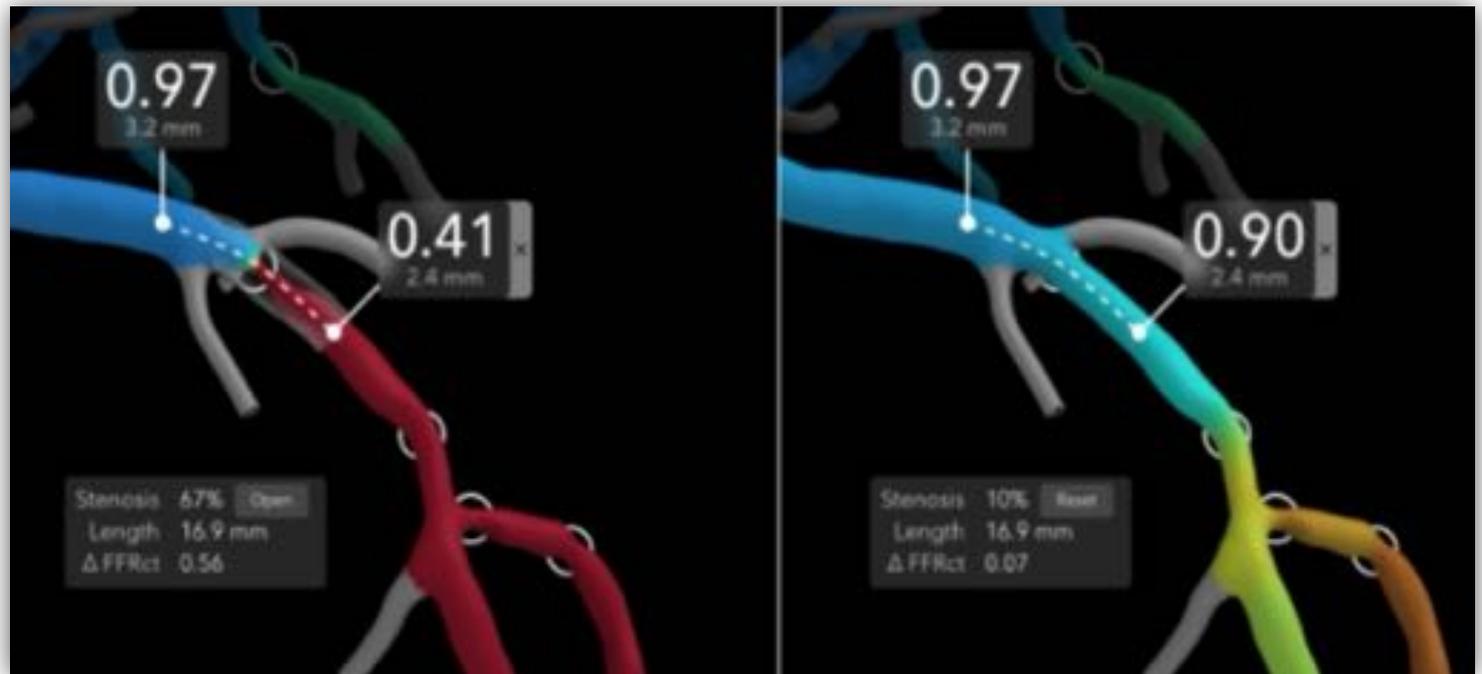


- Real-time non-invasive interactive tool
- Explore different clinical scenarios by virtually removing stenoses
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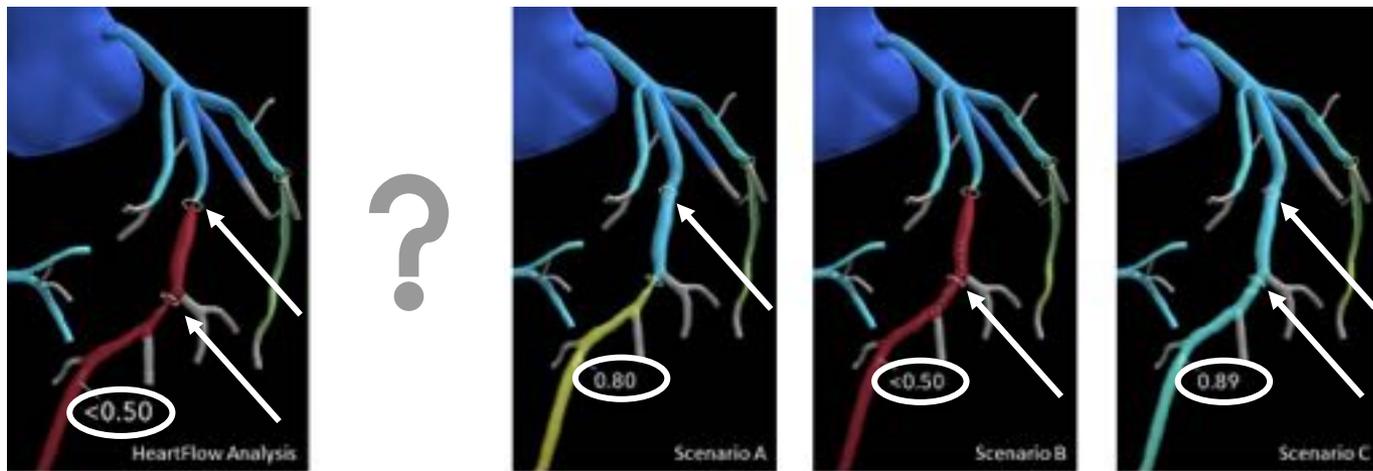


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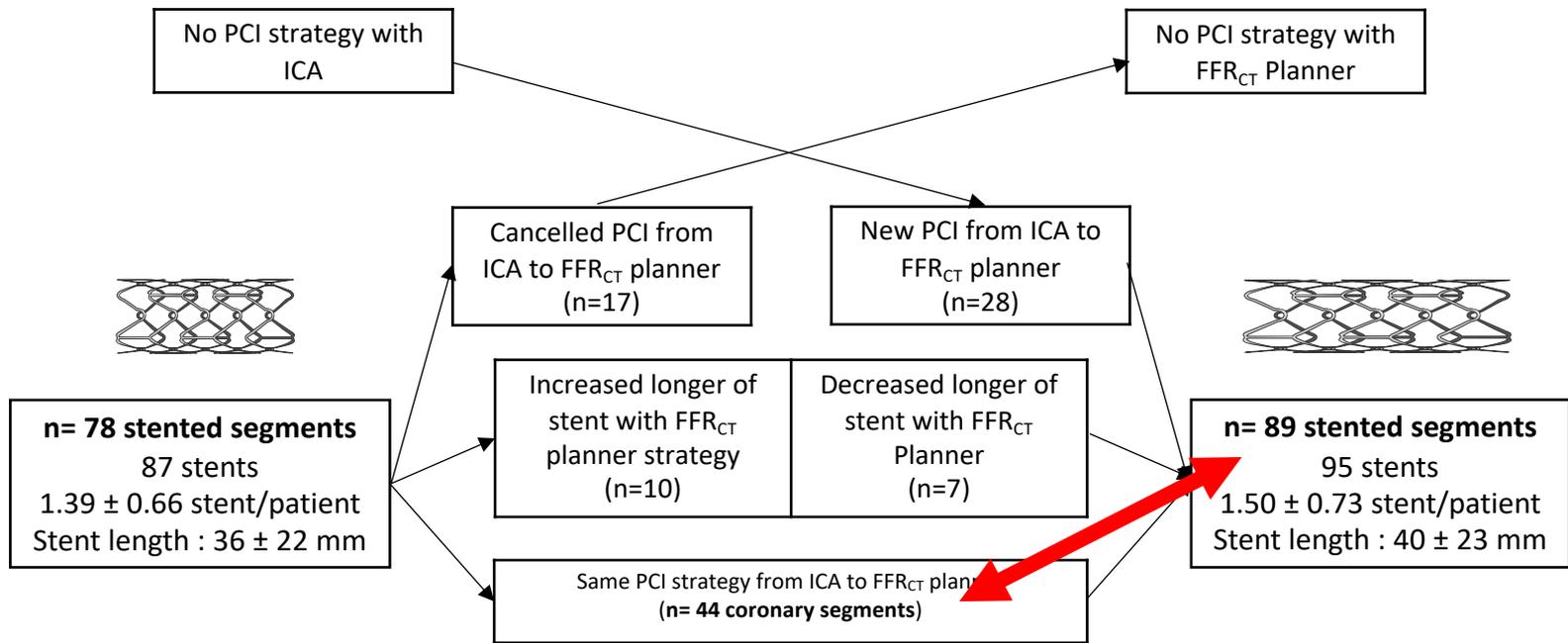
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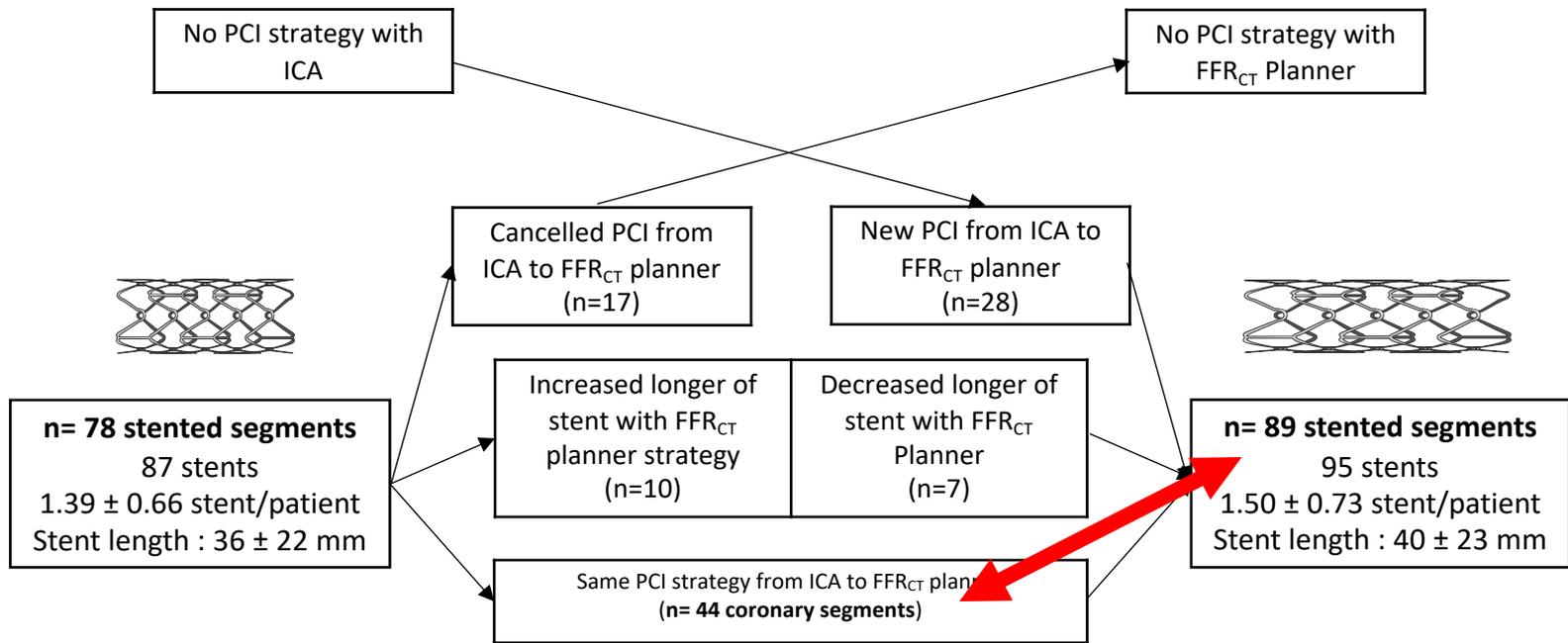
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\*Not yet commercially available, pending Regulatory Review



**ICA guided Strategy**

**FFR<sub>CT</sub> Planner guided Strategy**



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**FFR<sub>CT</sub> Planner guided Strategy**

**Change of strategy in 51% of cases**

# Quantitative Flow Ratio (QFR)

Standard Angiogram



Data Transmission System

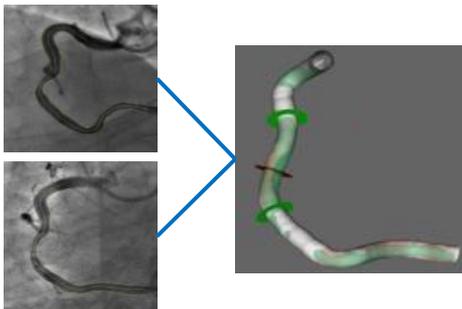


Two image runs with angle difference  $\geq 25^\circ$

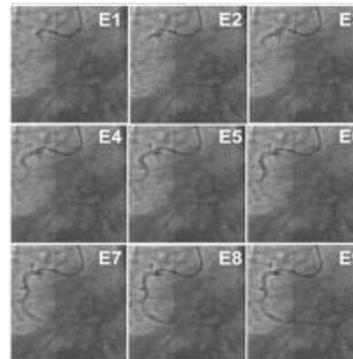


AngioPlus System

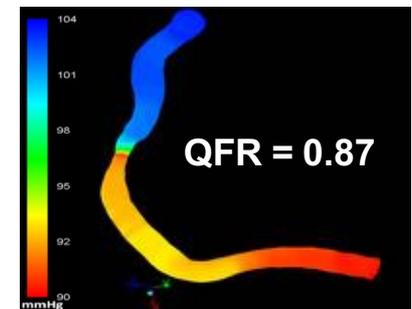
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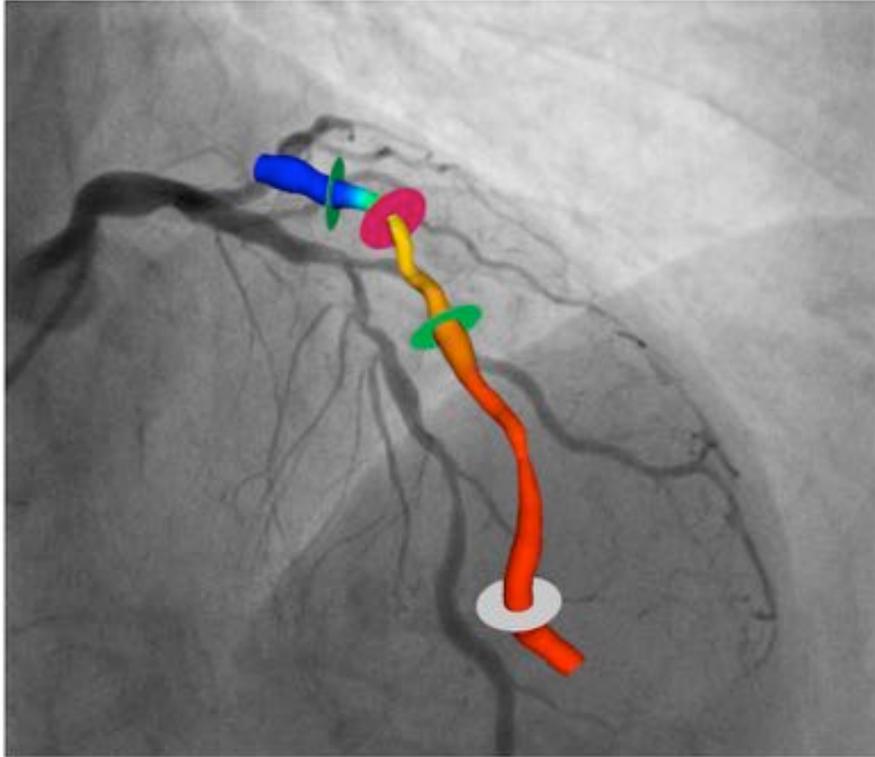
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QFR



Without Inducing Hyperemia



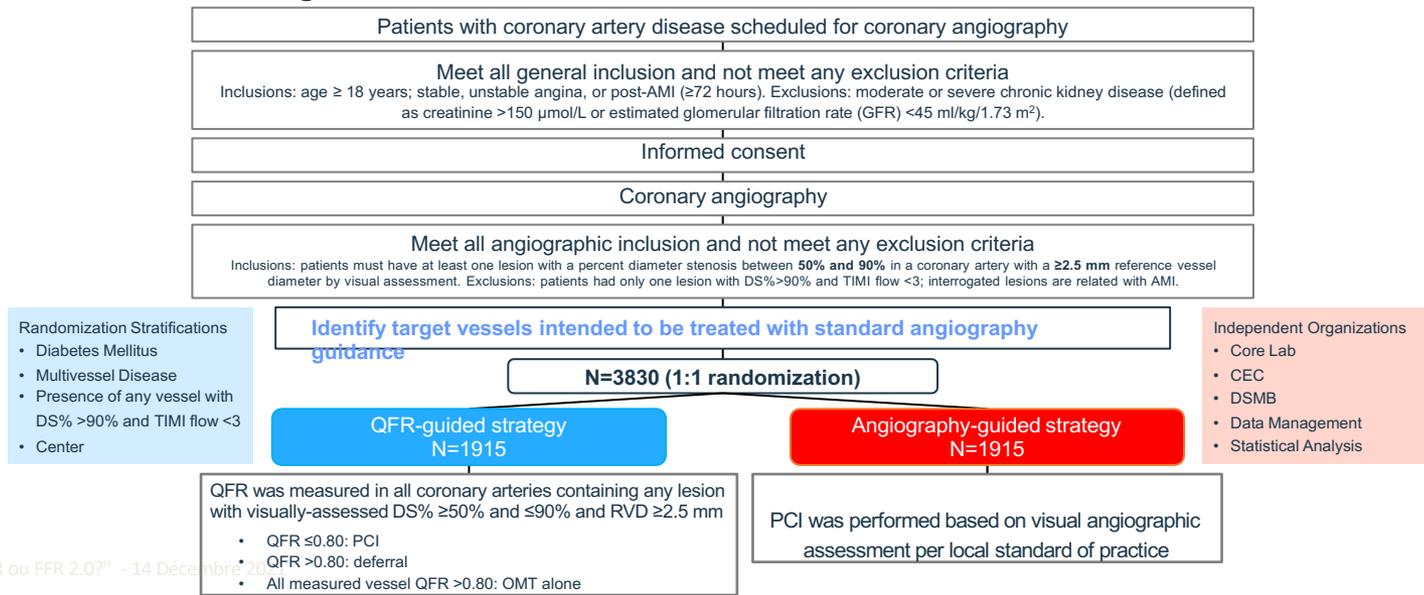
# Study Design

## Angiographic quantitative flow ratio-guided coronary intervention (FAVOR III China): a multicentre, randomised, sham-controlled trial

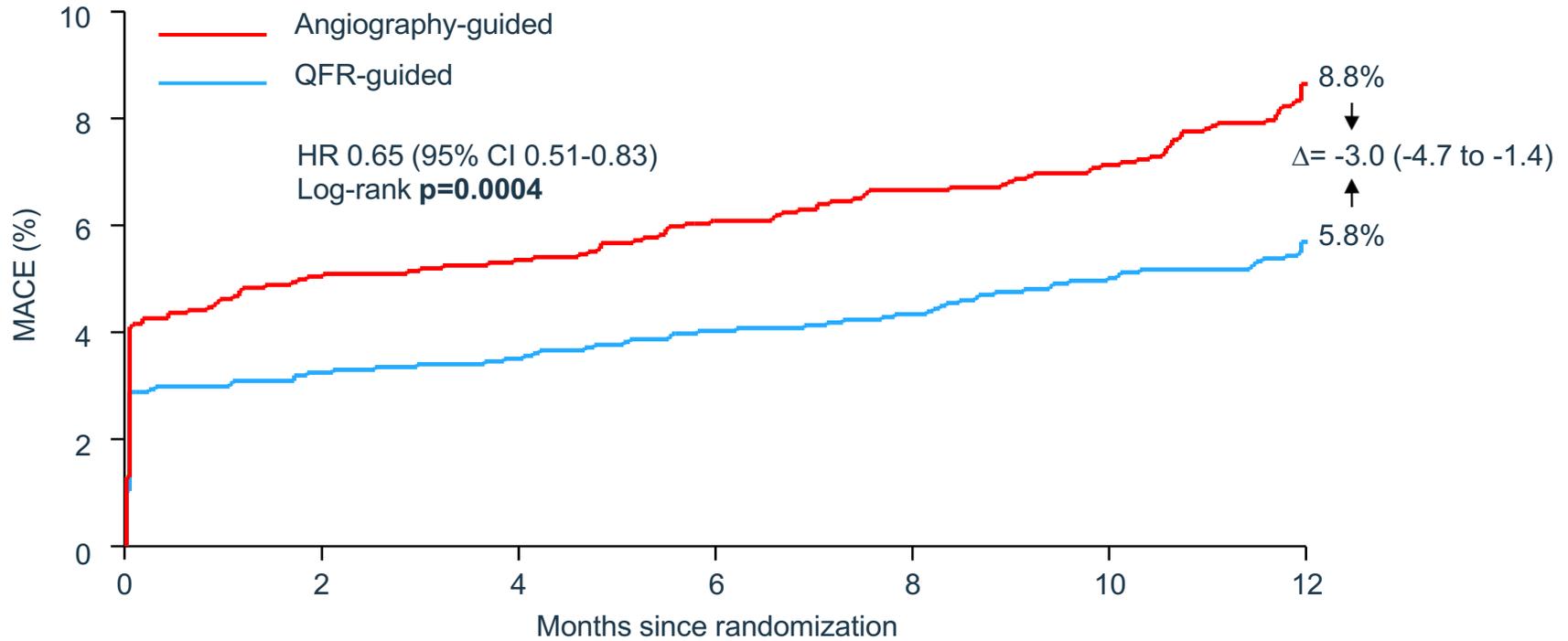


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### Investigator-Initiated, Multicenter, Sham-Controlled Blinded Randomized Trial



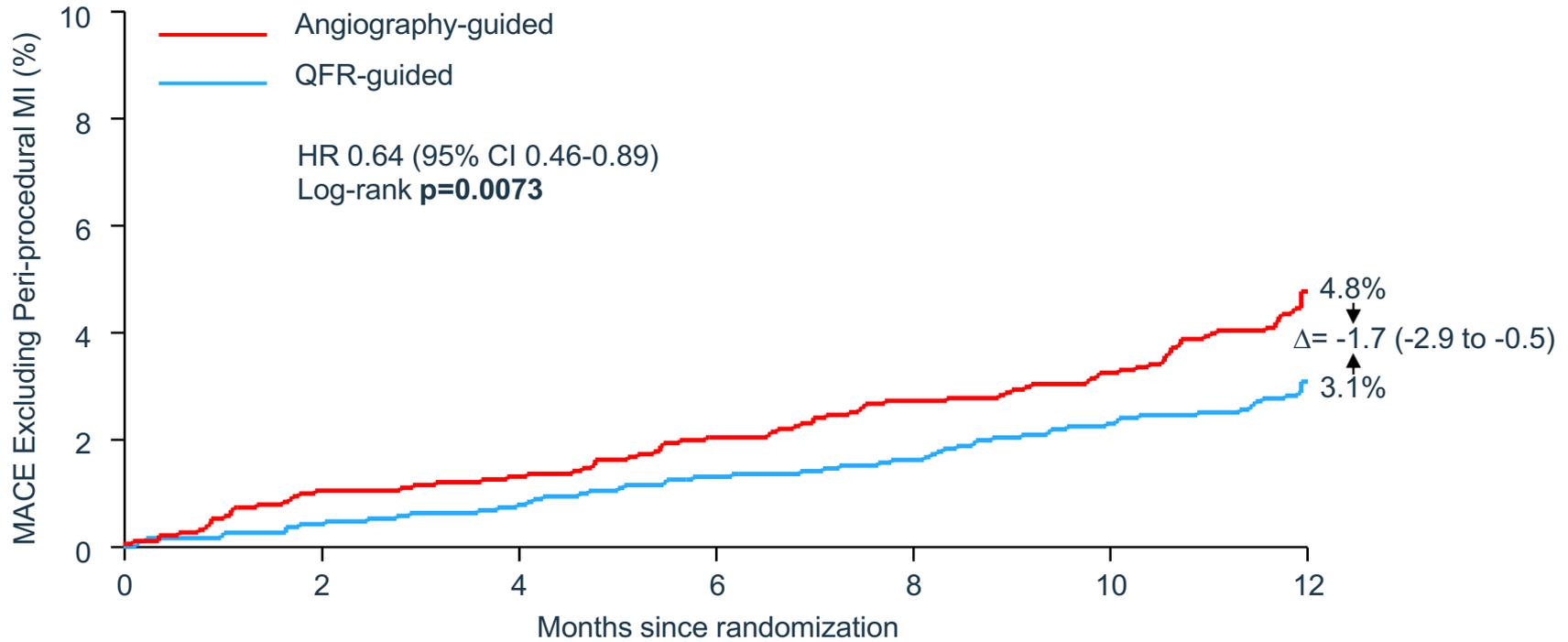
# Primary Endpoint (ITT)



No. at risk

QFR-guided	1913	1845	1840	1828	1821	1809	1795
Angiography-guided	1912	1804	1798	1783	1770	1762	1732

# Major Secondary Endpoint (ITT)



No. at risk

QFR-guided	1913	1900	1894	1881	1874	1862	1846
Angiography-guided	1912	1883	1877	1862	1847	1839	1808

## FAVOR III Europe Japan

- Stable angina pectoris or evaluation of secondary stenosis after MI
- Coronary stenosis of 40-90% by visual estimate

1:1 randomization of 2000 patients

**QFR** guiding

**FFR** guiding

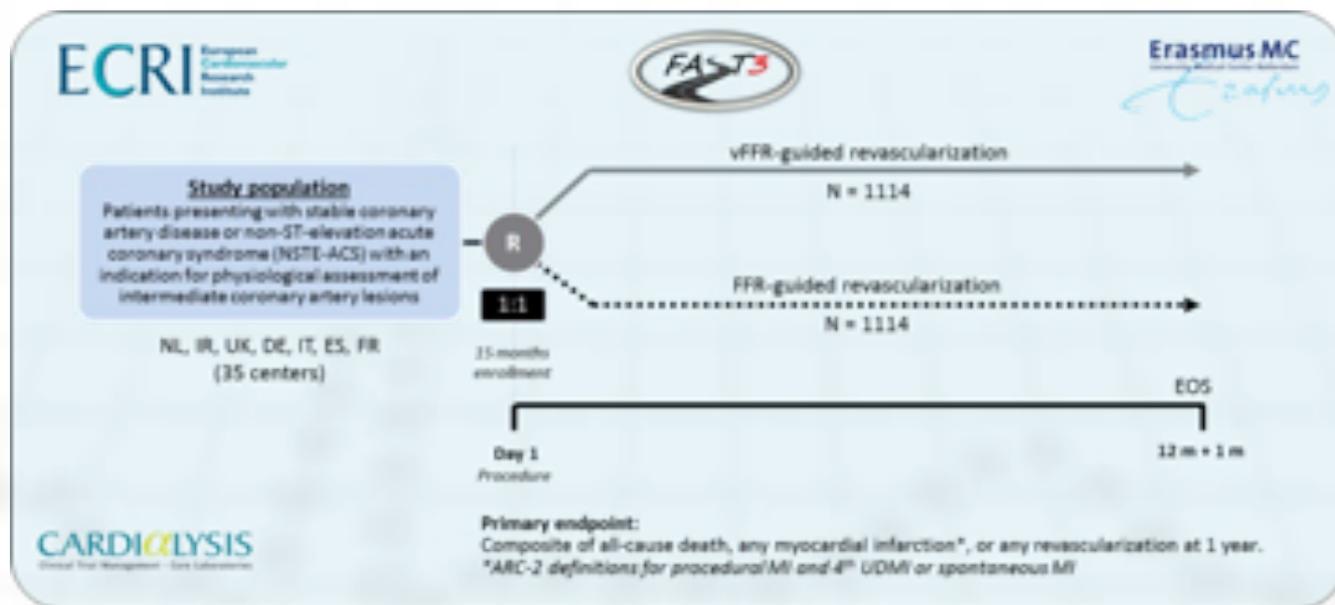
Primary endpoint: One year PoCE for non-inferiority

Two-year follow-up

Only clinical follow-up

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# Summary 1

- ✓ Invasive pressure wire (FFR/iFR) is the “gold standard” for the detection of ischemic territory vessels.
- ✓ In patients with MVD, investigation of every vessel with lesion  $> 30\%$  is critical to propose the best treatment option.
- ✓ Despite its benefit extensive one shot physiology investigation is difficult to achieve with invasive methods (in Flower MI only 5% of patients had complete FFR investigation at time of PCI).

# Summary 2

- ✓ Recent studies have shown that 20-25% vessel territories remain ischemic after an apparently appropriately conducted PCI:
  - ✓ Once the procedure is “finished” it is difficult to correct (TARGET FFR)
  - ✓ Pre-procedural pullback-derived pressure coronary mapping“
  - ✓ Combined to
  - ✓ virtual PCI”  
would be key to improve the clinical outcome of our coronary patients, in particular those with MVD.
- ➔ These approaches are difficult to achieve in most patients with current invasive techniques

## Perspective

- ✓ The recent clinical outcome study FAVOR 3 china demonstrated the benefit of the angio-based QFR versus Angiography alone in patients referred for PCI
- ✓ Additional studies will further define the role of these “virtual approaches” in patient workflow:
  - ✓ Virtual PCI (based on iFR) versus angiography: DEFINE-GPS
  - ✓ Clinical outcome studies for “Angio-based-FFR” versus FFR: FAVOR 3 Europe-Japan, FAST 3
  - ✓ Added value of FFR-CT on top CT-scan: The CROISSANT study

Thank you for your attention!



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# QCM 1

- Dans le cadre de la prise en charge d'un infarctus transmural par angioplastie primaire chez un patient multitronculaire, vous faites la FFR des vaisseaux non-coupables:
  - A) Oui, dans la même procédure
  - B) Oui, dans la même procédure (mais pas la nuit)
  - C) Oui, je remet le patient sur la table pour une nouvelle coronarographie (et un FFR) quelques jours plus tard.
  - D) jamais

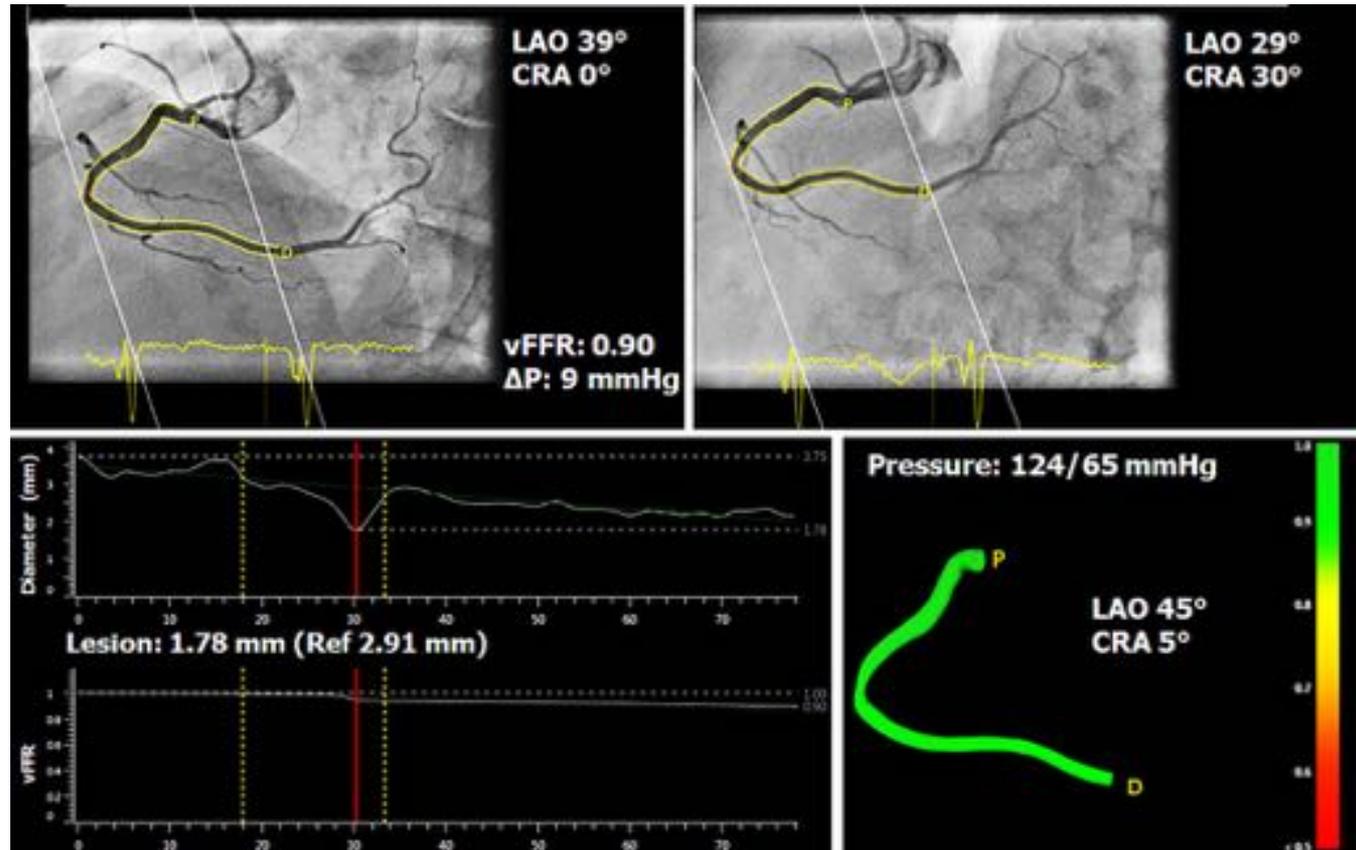
# Perspective

- ✓ Virtualization of coronary pressure drop using computational fluid dynamics derived from imaging (CT-scan or angiography) has a strong potential to provide a more complete picture of pressure drop in all coronary arteries in a single investigation.
- ✓ It has also the potential to test different PCI scenario and to predict the final “FFR” of these scenario: Virtual PCI

# Virtual FFR based on Angiography

## Required:

- 2 contrast filled angiograms
- Orthogonal views:  $\geq 30$  degrees
- Invasive aortic pressure



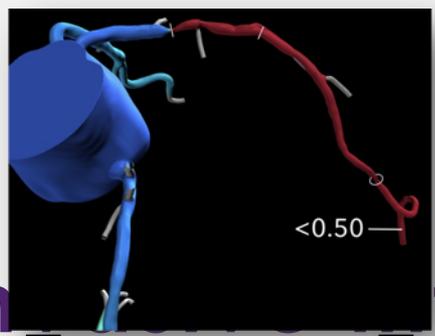
Pre-PCI

ICA



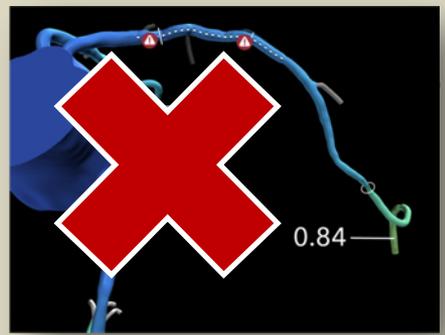
ICA-based plan  
38mm stent

FFR<sub>CT</sub> Planner

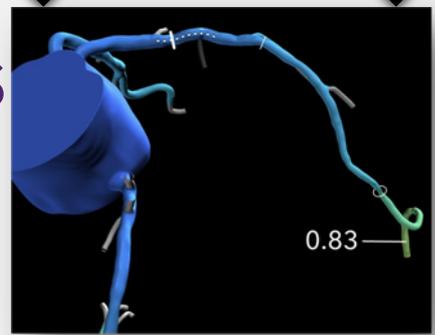


Baseline FFR<sub>CT</sub>

Post-PCI



ICA-based plan reproduced on FFR<sub>CT</sub> Planner  
38mm stent



FFR<sub>CT</sub> Plan  
15mm stent

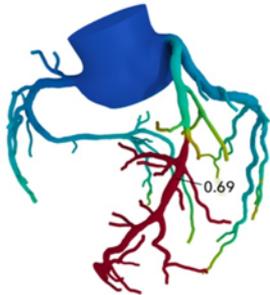
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Reduced stent length using FFR<sub>CT</sub> Planner strategy yielded similar physiologic result as ICA-based plan

# FFR<sub>CT</sub> Planner Core Components

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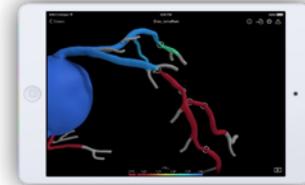
Starts with the HeartFlow Analysis



Interactive Mobile Platform

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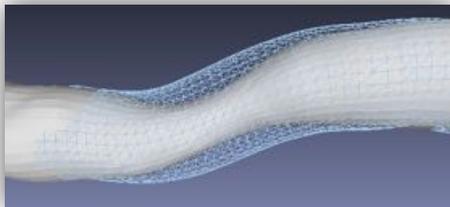
- iOS, interactive viewer



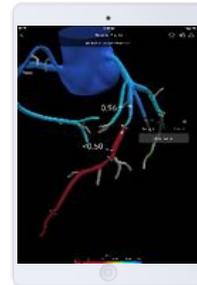
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Ideal Geometry

- Contains a second anatomic model representing the “ideal” vessel



HeartFlow Planner



Real-time FFR<sub>CT</sub> calculation

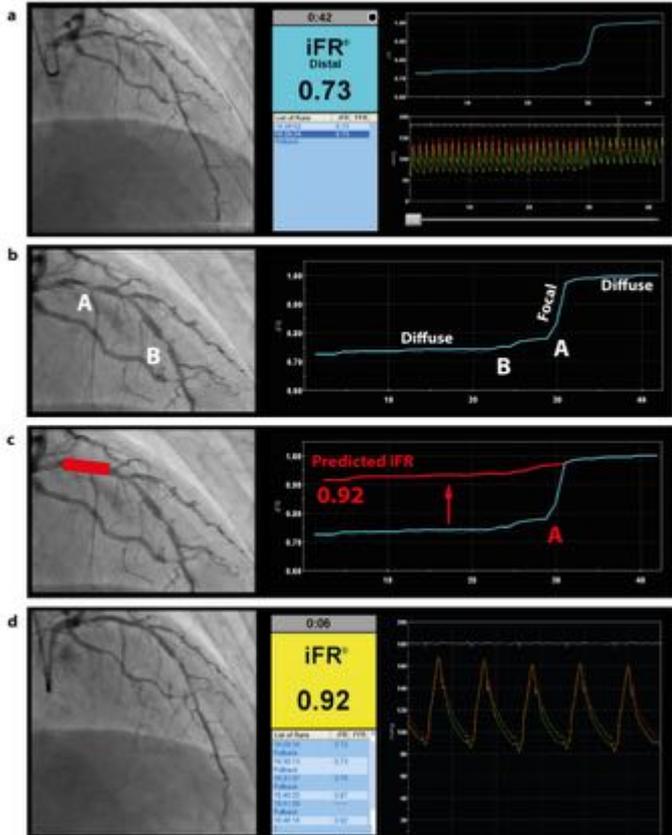
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- Modified vessel combined with updated physiology



\*Not yet commercially available, pending Regulatory Review

## iFR et lésions en série

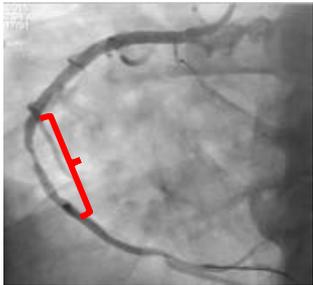
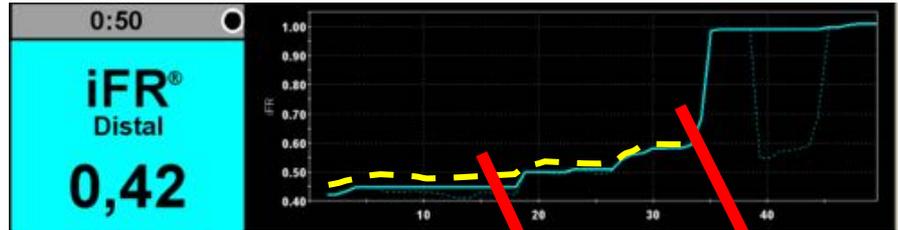


- Nombre et extension des sténoses n'impactent pas significativement le flux basal
- La perte de charge hémodynamique due à une lésion est spécifique à cette lésion uniquement
  - ✓ « Absence » de cross-talk entre les lésions en série
- Le changement du profil hémodynamique après angioplastie devient donc prévisible

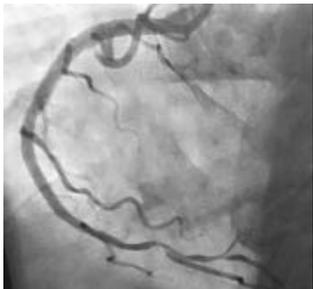
iFR pull-back



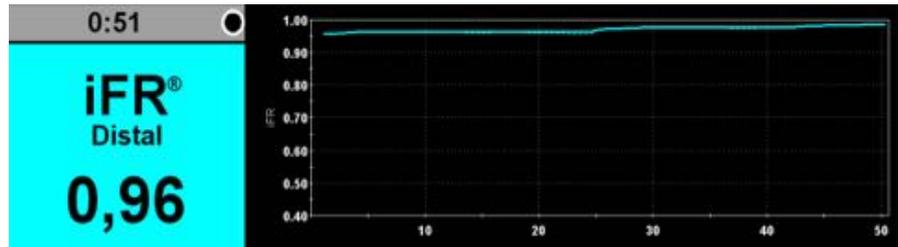
Profil de la perte de charge

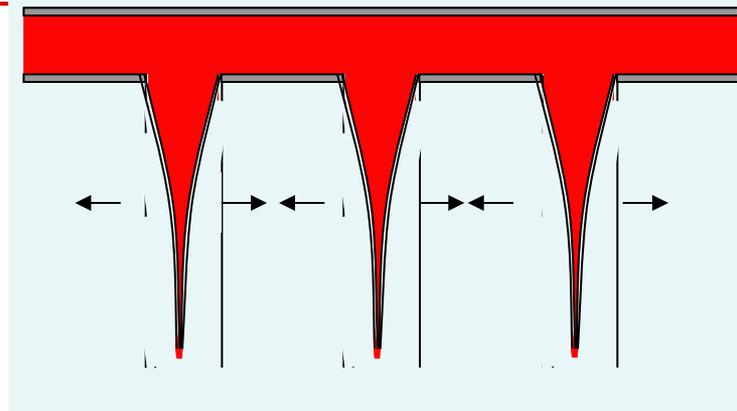


Perte de charge résiduelle après 1<sup>er</sup> stenting



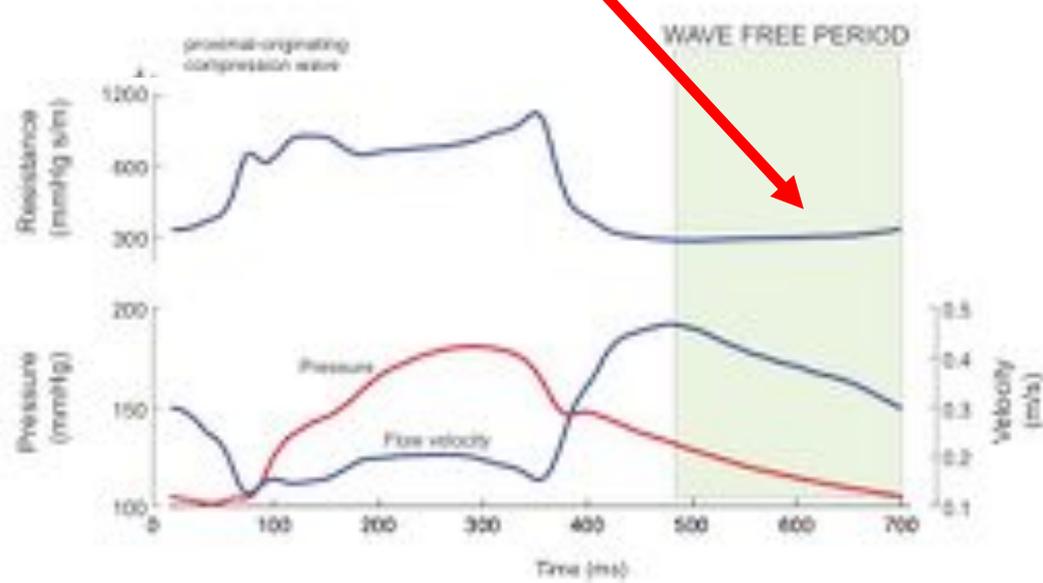
Profil hémodynamique normal





Epicardium  
Myocardium  
Endocardium

Distal  
pressure  
falling



**Homme, 78 ans**

**Bon état général**

*ATCD IDM inférieur (10 ans) – CD occluse connue non revascularisée*

*Hospitalisé pour NSTEMI avec décompensation cardiaque.*

*ETT : FEVG conservée avec séquelle inférieure.*

*Anticoagulation efficace pour une fibrillation atriale.*

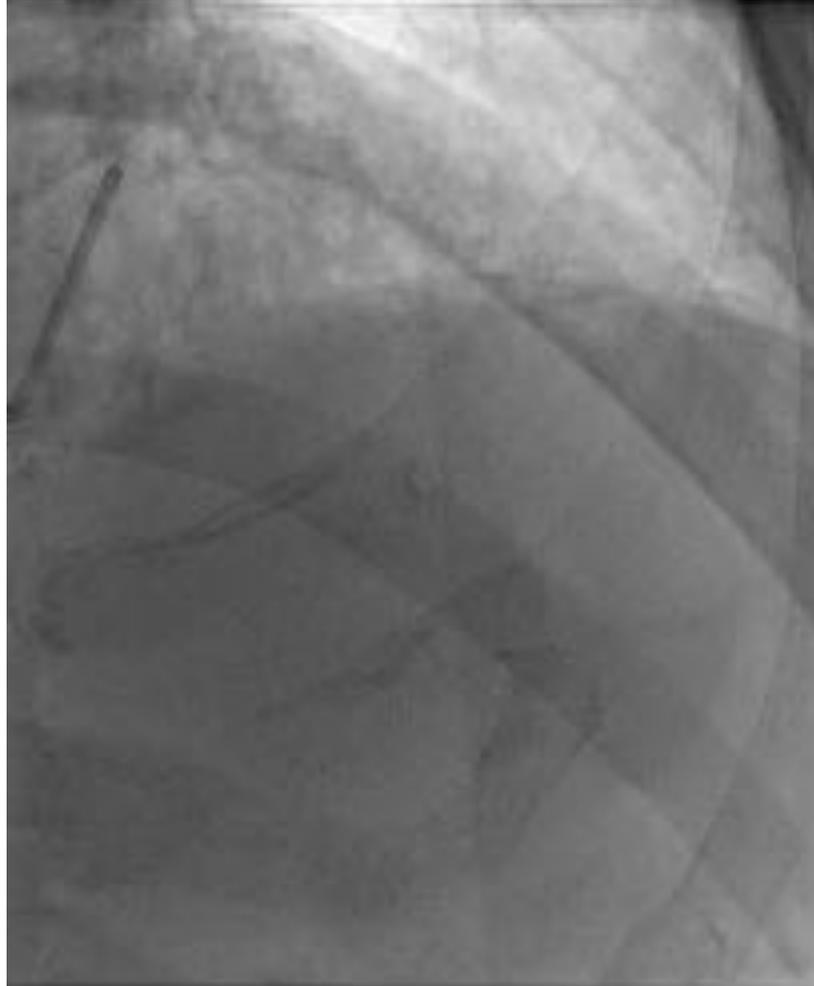
*Fonction rénale normale. Pas de diabète.*



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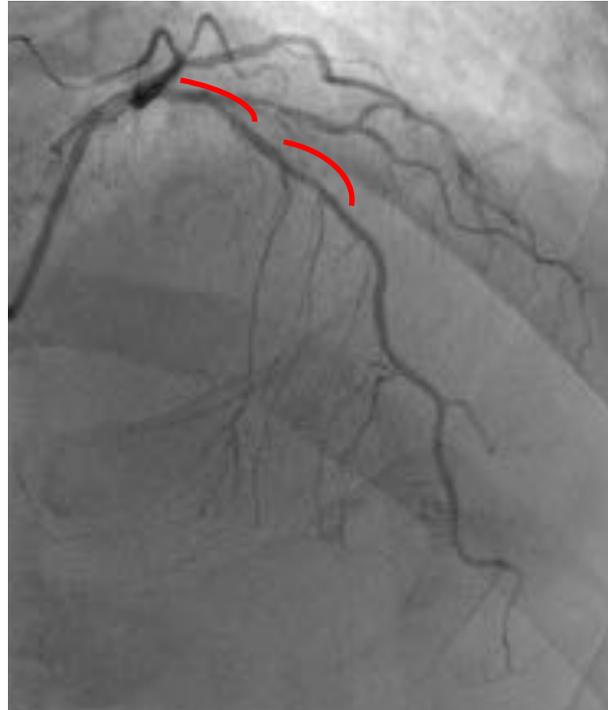
## Evaluation physiologique sur l'IVA

FFR à 0,74

iFR à 0,69

Vaisseau physiologiquement très  
ischémique

*Zone de mesure avec  
le guide de pression*

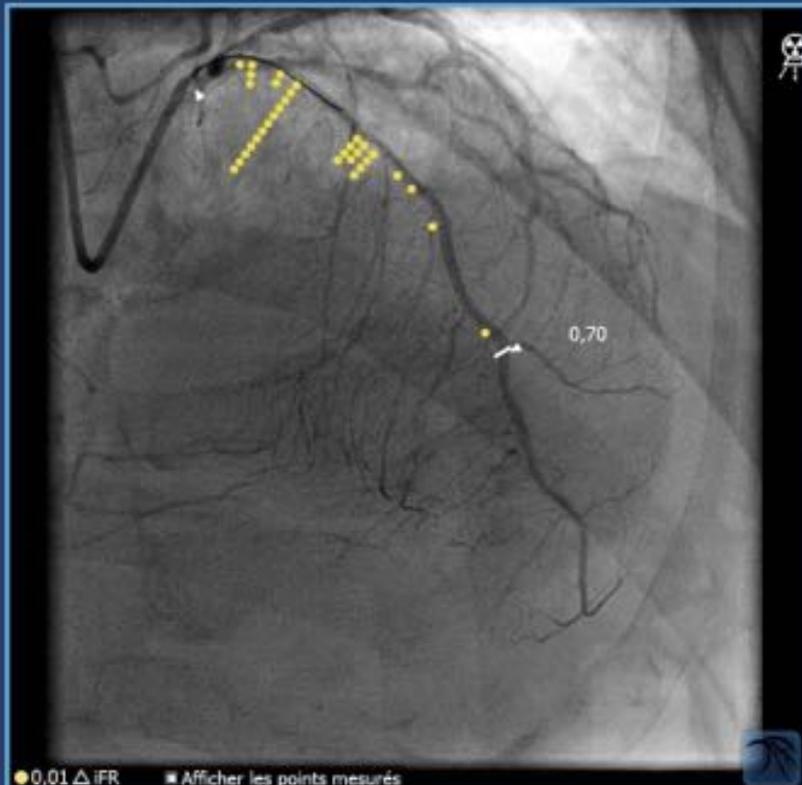


Angiographiquement :

Lésions relativement  
diffuses avec 2 zones  
distinctes

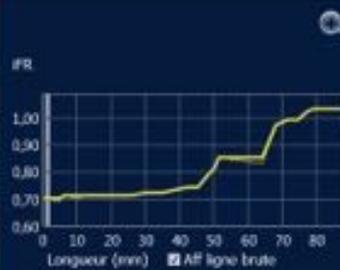


Quelle stratégie de  
revascularisation ?



iFR distal: 0,69

iFR au curseur: 0,70



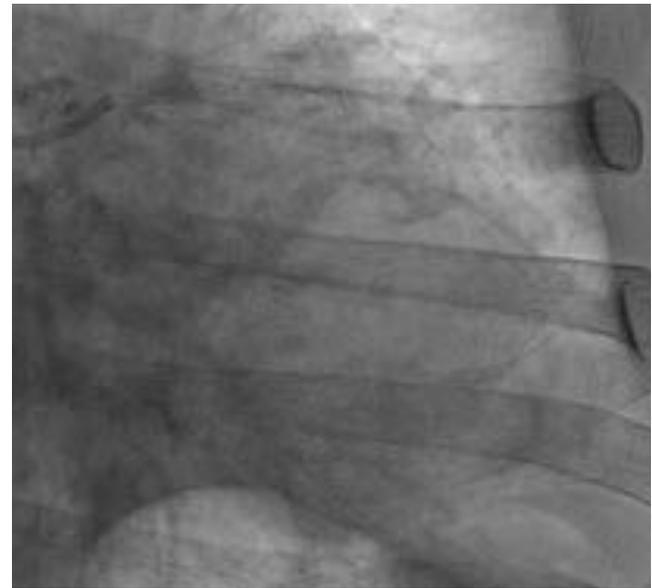
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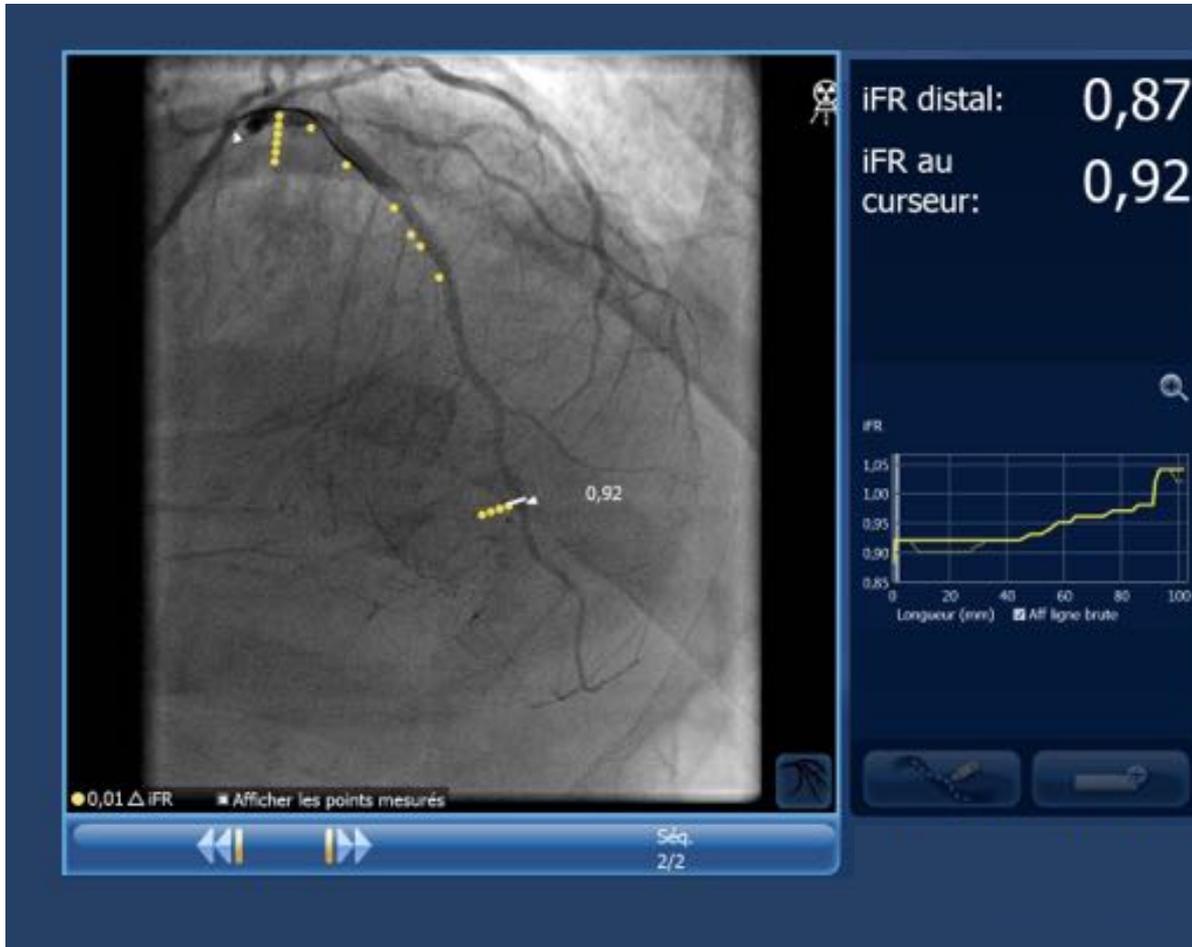
Perte de charge bien répartie entre les 2 lésions

Pour amener iFR >.9 nécessité de traiter les 2 lésions



2 stents actifs 2,75\*28mm et  
3,5\*28mm  
POT à 3,75mm, Side vers la diagonale  
et POT final.





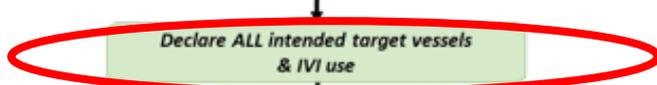
Excellent résultat  
hémodynamique avec iFR  
final au même point à 0,92.

Gain de 0,23 par la  
revascularisation

## DEFINE GPS Flow



Aligned with Guideline Recommendations for PCI



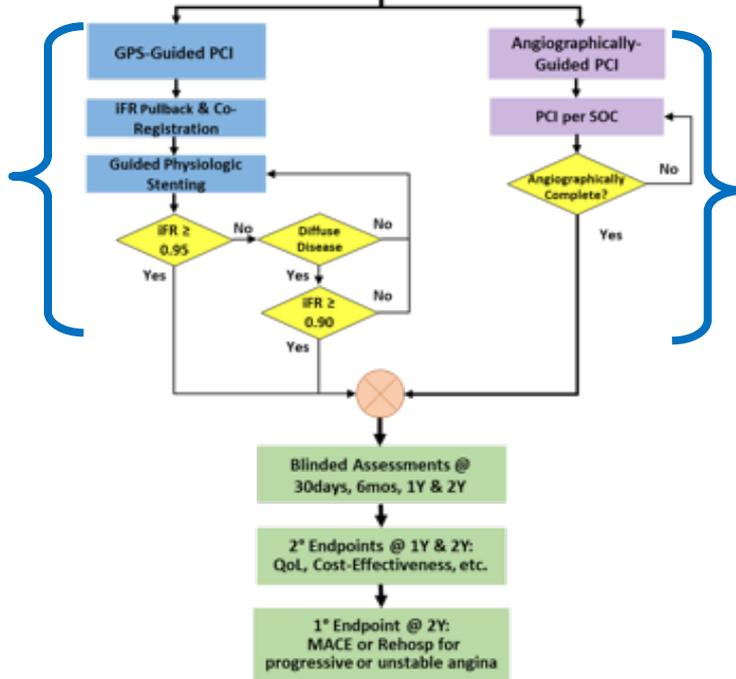
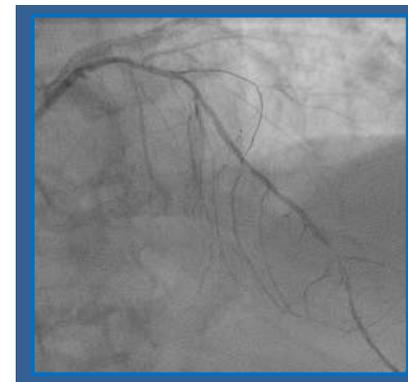
All vessels to undergo PCI must be qualified prior to randomization



### Physiology-Guided PCI



### Standard of Care PCI



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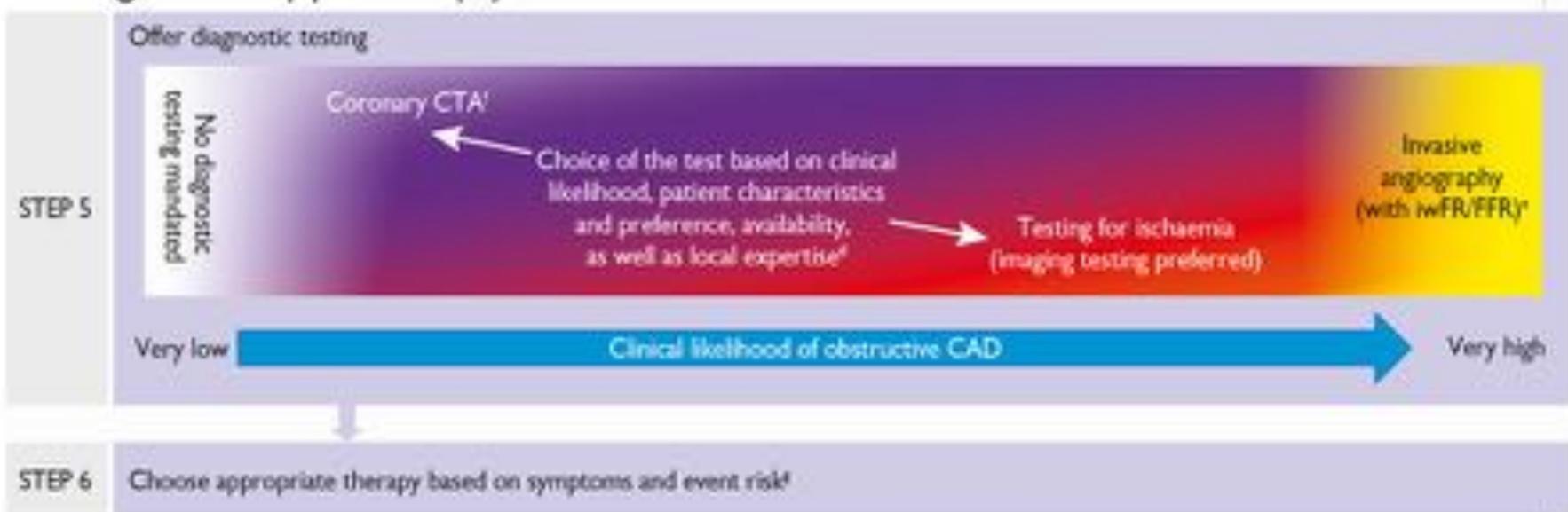
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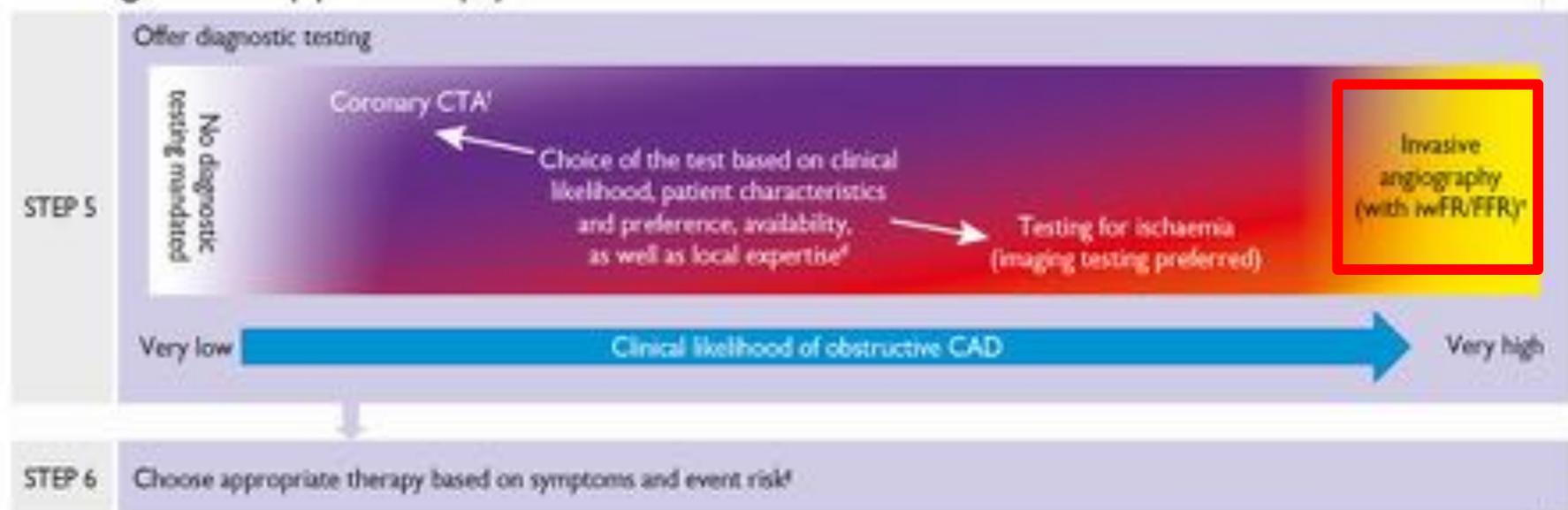
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