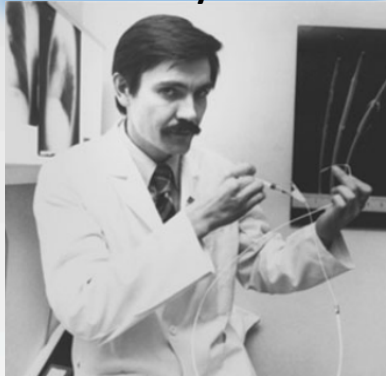


Existing Drug Coated Balloon Technology

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The ideal delivery device:

would deliver and retain adequate amounts of drug to the vessel wall for sufficient periods of time to ensure a therapeutic effect, without injury or compromising blood flow and the delivery device.

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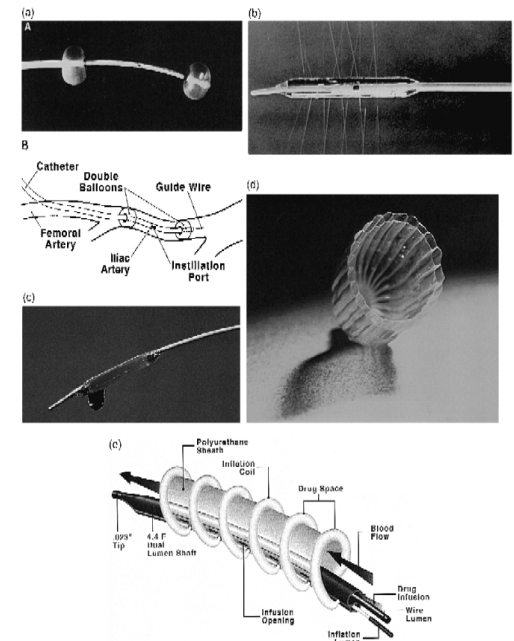
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Review
Local drug delivery systems and prevention of restenosis

David Brieger, Eric Topol *



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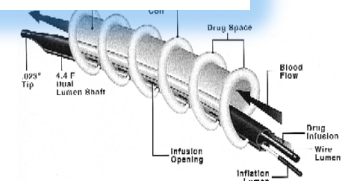
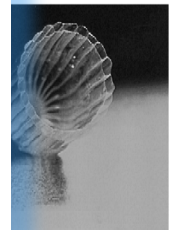
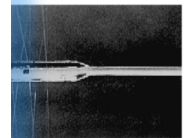
From metallic cages to transient bioresorbable scaffolds: change in paradigm of coronary revascularization in the upcoming decade?

Patrick W. Serruys*, Hector M. Garcia-Garcia, and Yoshinobu Onuma

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Review

Prevention of restenosis



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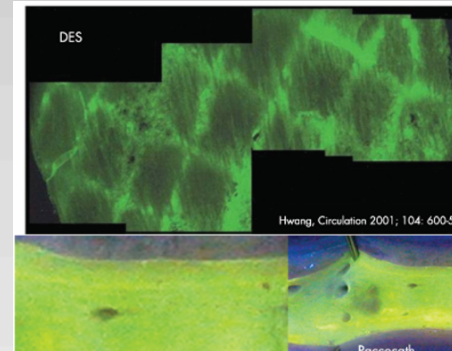
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Treatment of Coronary In-Stent Restenosis with a Paclitaxel-Coated Balloon Catheter

Bruno Scheller, M.D., Christoph Hehrlein, M.D., Wolfgang Bocksch, M.D., Wolfgang Rutsch, M.D., Dariush Haghi, M.D., Ulrich Dietz, M.D., Michael Böhm, M.D., and Ulrich Speck, Ph.D.

November 16, 2006.



Drug Eluting Stent

- Slow release
- Persistent exposure
- ~ 100 - 200 µg dose
- Polymer
- Stent mandatory

Drug Coated Balloon

- Immediate release
- Short-lasting exposure
- ~ 300 - 600 µg dose
- No polymers
- Premounted stent optional

Where are we now ?

skeptic

I use DCB when I feel that stent is not the best choice. DCB is on the shelves of my cath lab as a adjunctive and complementary tool, not to replace stents.

enthusiastic adopter

strategy of optimized angioplasty, with intension to finish procedure with DCB, with only provisional stent implantation

	population (x1000)	PCI total, n	Total PCI with DCB,n
Belgium	11299	26985	186 - 0,69 %
Denmark	5669	10386	363 - 3,5 %
Egypt	86814	104000	n.a.
France	64395	128000	n.a.
Israel	8463	21690	n.a.
Italy	59797	146420	n.a.
Kazakhstan	17557	14217	12
Macedonia	2071	3637	n.a.
Poland	38611	124876	3307 - 2,65 %
Serbia	7095	12941	174 - 1,34 %
Spain	46449	67671	2357 - 3,48 %
Sweden	9382	20744	1296 – 6,25 %
Switzerland	8327	24158	n.a.
Turkey	78741	105000	n.a.
United Kingdom	64715	97376	n.a. (PCI without stent – 8,2%)

Current trends in coronary interventions: an overview from the EAPCI registries EuroIntervention 2017;13:Z8-Z10

Currently available coronary paclitaxel DCB

Manufacturer	Balloon	Excipient	Balloon type	Dosage (µg/mm ²)	CE mark
B.Braun	SeQuent Please	iopromide	SC	3.0	2009
Boston scientific	Agent™	ATBC	SC	2.2	2014
Medtronic	IN.PACT™ Falcon	urea	SC	3.0	2009
EuroCor	DIOR II	Schellac	SC	3.0	2009
CR bard	Lutonix DCB (Moxy)	Polysorbate and sorbitol	SC	2.0	2011
Biotronic	Pantera Lux	BTHC	SC	3,0	2010
Aachen resonance	Elutax SV	-	SC	2,2	2008
iVascular	Essential	-	SC	3.0	2014
Acrostac	Genie	-	SC	NA	2007
Minvasys	Danubio	BTHC	SC	2,5	2011
Cardionovum	Primus	Shellac	SC	3.0	2012
Blue medical devices	Protégé	unknown	NC	3,0	2012

None of the devices is currently approved by the FDA for clinical use.

No class effect exists among the different paclitaxel DCBs

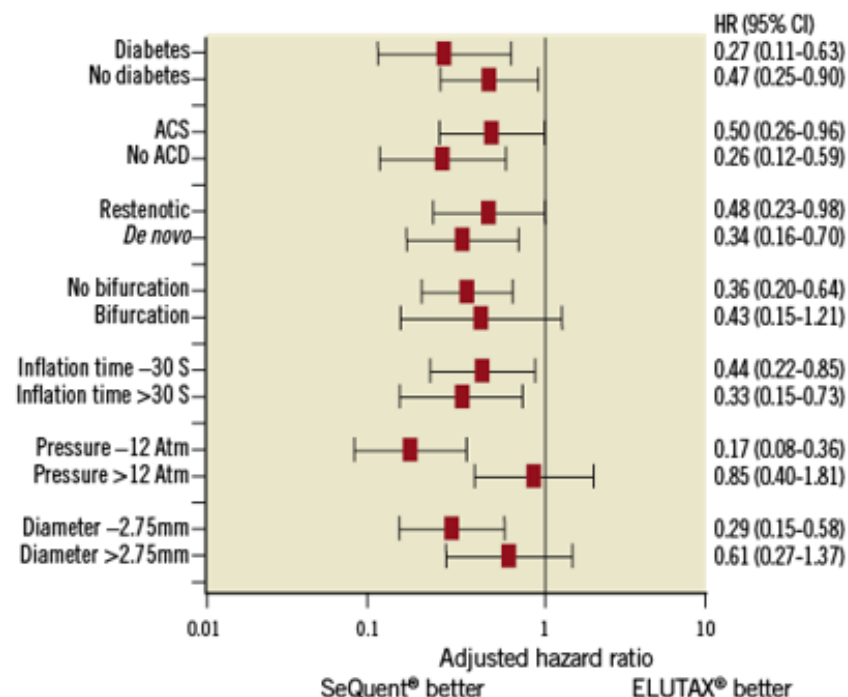
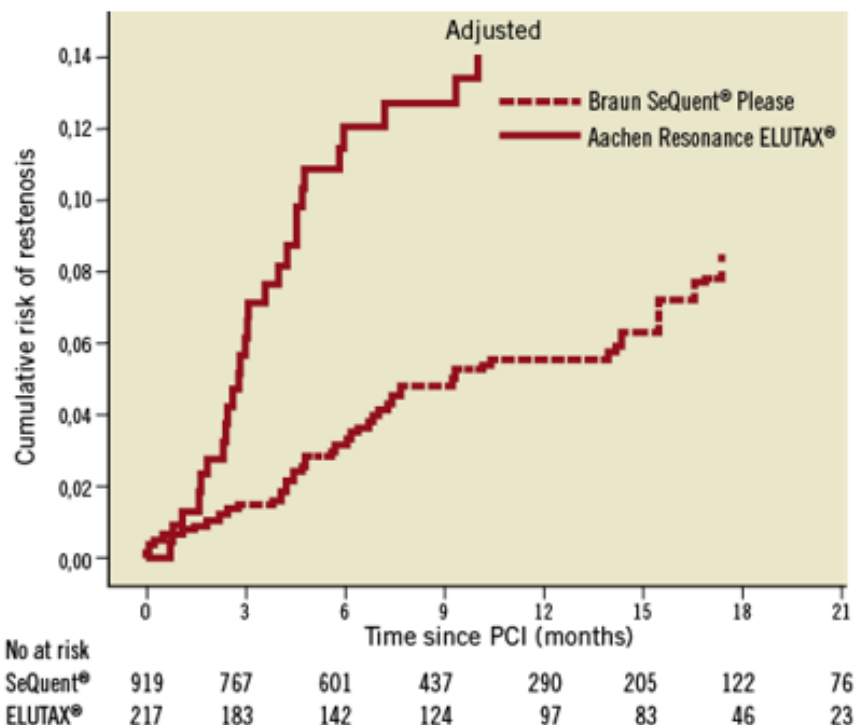


Table 2. Background characteristics of lesion type segment, treatment.

% (n=)	BSP (n=919)	ARE (n=217)
Lesion type:		
De novo	41.2	63.1
Restenosis (after POBA)	3.2	1.4
In-stent restenosis	55.6	35.5
Bifurcation	14.3	22.6

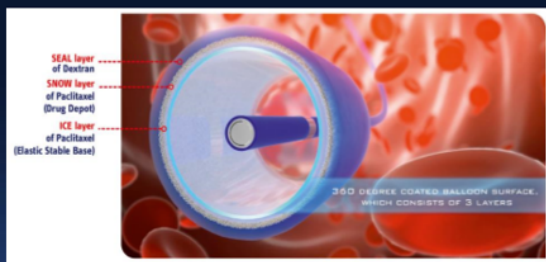
Bondesson, P. et al. Comparison of two drug-eluting balloons: a report from the SCAAR registry EuroIntervention 2012;8:444-449

Bernardo Cortese, TCT 2019. – Drug-Coated Balloons for Small Vessels: Latest Trial Evidence

Comparison of various LLL in DCB studies (SVD setting)

STU Dior I (first generation) - paclitaxel sprayed onto the surface - the drug was lost during transit and manipulation

PICCOLETO	Dior I	RCT	PTX	0.78	0.48
PEPCAD SVD	Paccocath tech.	Reg.	PTX	0.28 ± 0.53	-
BELLO	In. Pa				
Dissections after DCB	Elutax SV 70				
RESTORE SVD	Re				
FASICO NATIVES	Mag				
PICCOLETO II	Elutax SV	RCT	PTX	0.04 ± 0.28	0.17 ± 0.39



- SEAL layer made of DEXTRAN, an hydrogel with hydrophilic features, to obtain a longer drug absorption in time
- drug deployed on inflated balloon
- lower dose PTX (2.2 micrg/mm2)
- higher PTX persistence at 30 days (5-8% of the drug)

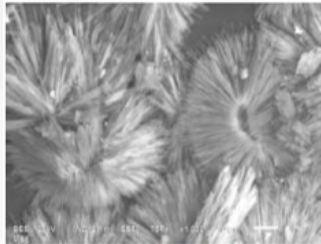
Components influencing DCB performance

Excipients -essential role -directly impact paclitaxel tissue pharmacokinetics

- iopromide
- shellac
- urea
- acetyl tributyl citrate
- polysorbate + sorbitol
- butyryl-trihexyl citrate (BTHC)
- polyethyleneglycol

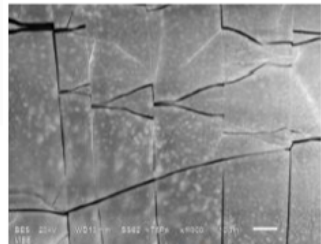
Differences in coating integrity, adhesion, vessel wall transfer and particulate matter.

Drug morphology



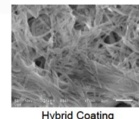
Crystalline Coating

- more insoluble forms
- more brittle coating
- prolonged retention of the drug into the vessel wall
- higher downstream particle loss
- much higher presence of the drug on the surface at 24 h and 7 and 28 days

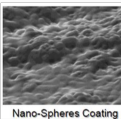


Amorphous Coating

- highly soluble forms
- more homogeneous and reproducible coating
- shorter drug retention profiles following paclitaxel delivery



Hybrid Coating



Nano-Spheres Coating

Components influencing DCB performance

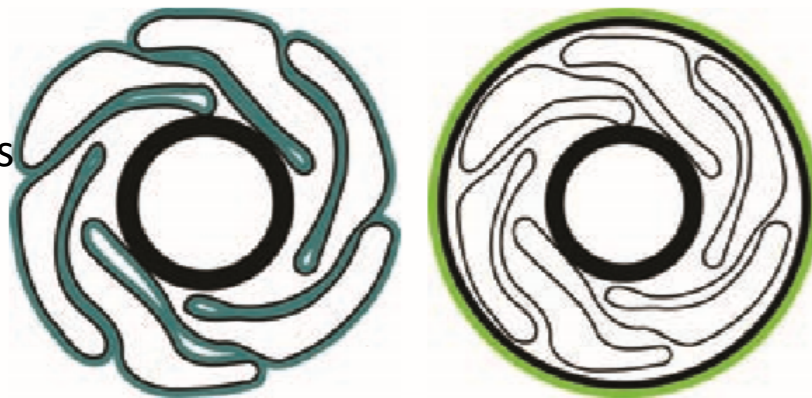
Coating methodology

dip coating
micropipette coating
spray coating

Surface properties, physical drug release and tissue uptake and particulate matter.

Coating geometry

high concentrations
within the balloon folds
and lower
concentrations at the
outer balloon



drug-coated wrapped balloon
highly elastic wrap around the
folded balloon

What is ideal DCB ? What do we expect from industry?

Balloon:

lesion crossing issue – no bulky device
deliverability – trackability – crossability - pushability

Drug:

limus vs paclitaxel

Drug carrier:

most critical, key to design of device

- uniform coating surface, robuste integrity
- no fragmentation, no fragile coating
- minimal handling damage – shelf life stability
- low in transit loss, no wash off
- particulate generation (size, solubility)
- no local toxic effects acutely and later
- faster uptake of drug and longer retention in tissue
- increased bio-availability and bio-compatibility
- low systemic doze - does not produce off-target adverse events



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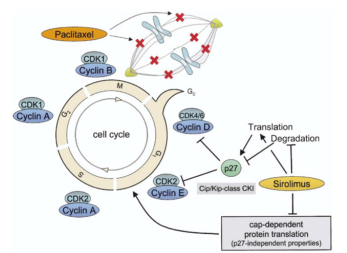
**(Siro)limus is drug of choice for coronary DES
supported by solid clinical based evidence**

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Garg S, Serruys PW. Coronary stents: current status. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2010 Aug 31;56(10 Suppl):S1-42.

Schomig A, Dibra A, Windecker S, et al. A meta-analysis of 16 randomized trials of sirolimus-eluting stents versus paclitaxel-eluting stents in patients with coronary artery disease. J Am Coll Cardiol 2007;50:1373– 80.

	Paclitaxel	Sirolimus
<p>Mode of action</p> 	<p>in mitosis (M) phase – at a stage at which cells divide – apoptotic cell death likely to occur</p> <p>cytotoxic</p>	<p>Inhibit cell in the G1 phase – initial phase</p> <p>cytostatic</p>
inhibition of SMC proliferation	++	++
inhibition of SMC migration	++	+
inhibition of EC proliferation	++	++
immunosuppressive properties	++	(+)/-
therapeutic range	<p>narrow</p> <p>apoptosis even in therapeutic range, necrosis at higher doses</p>	wide
tissue absorption	fast	slow
tissue retention	short	long
distribution in vascular wall	<p>adventitia</p> <p>(inferior role in pathophysiology of ISR)</p>	equal
impact on LLL	++	+

What is ideal DCB ? What do we expect from industry?

Attribute	Limus	Paclitaxel
Nature of drug	Less lipophilic	Higly lipophilic
Ease of coating	Very hard	Easy
Tissue absorbtion and elution	More difficult	easier

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Comprehensive animal and human data are warranted.

Preclinical work:

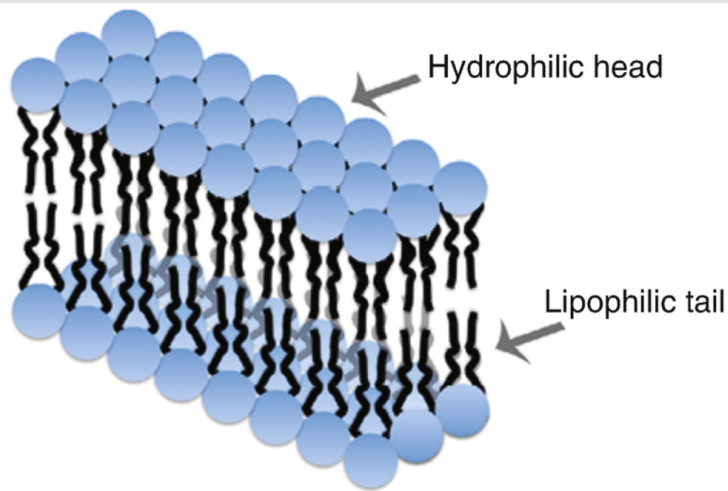
- data from in vivo and in vitro testing
- dose finding studies
- PK and histology studies
- effect of surface texture and balloon folding on drug bioavailability
- drug lost/retained during balloon transit and inflation
- drug retention in artery wall
- excipient dose studies
- local tissue dose/response to establish the lowest effective dose

Clinical studies:

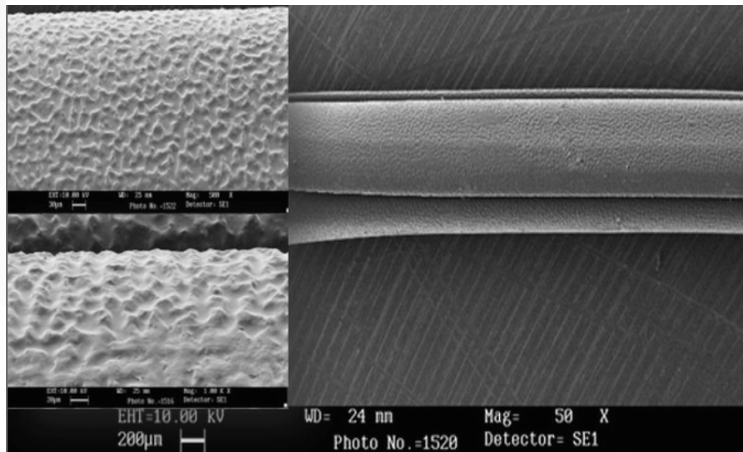
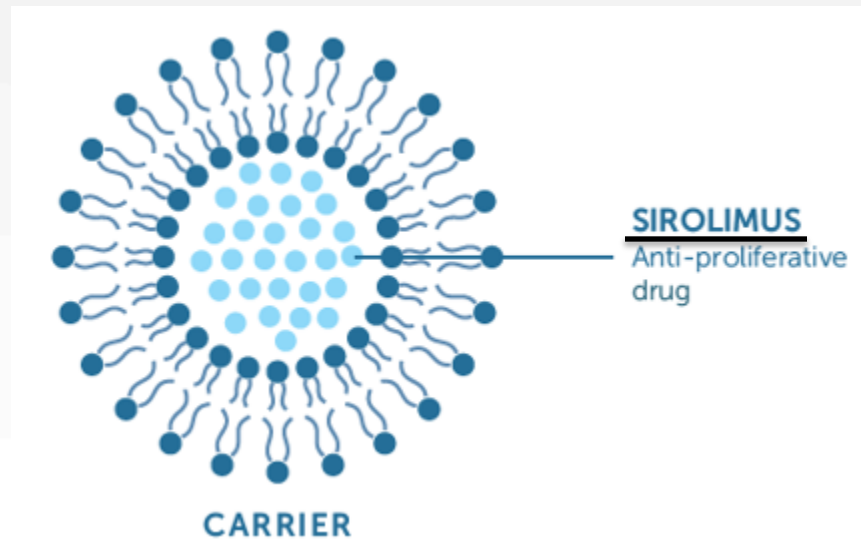
- initial assessment of device handling & performance, proof of concept, and safety
- acceptable results to justify a larger pivotal trial (RCT recommended)
- worldwide clinical experience : supportive data of DCB safety and effectiveness

Magic Touch Sirolimus-Eluting Balloon

Excipient - lipid-based component with a hydrophilic head and two lipophilic tails - membrane that encapsulates the particle and ensures needed lipophilicity



Carrier fully encapsulates the drug particles
Nano-particles are $0.35 \mu\text{m}$ – allows drug entry to intima and up to adventitia





THE EASTBOURNE REGISTRY

THE ALL-COMERS SIROLIMUS-COATED BALLOON
EUROPEAN REGISTRY

To observe and evaluate the performance of a Sirolimus-eluting Drug-Coated Balloon (SCB) for the treatment of *any type of coronary lesions*, including native vessel disease and in-stent restenosis.

- Prospective, multicenter, spontaneous clinical registry
- External validation of quality of data input
- Centralised clinical event assessment
- 2,000 real world, all comers patients, consecutive enrollment at 35 european/asiatic sites
- Clinical follow up to 36 months
- Primary Investigator B. Cortese, Chairman A. Colombo
- Prespecified interim analysis (1,000 patients enrolled)

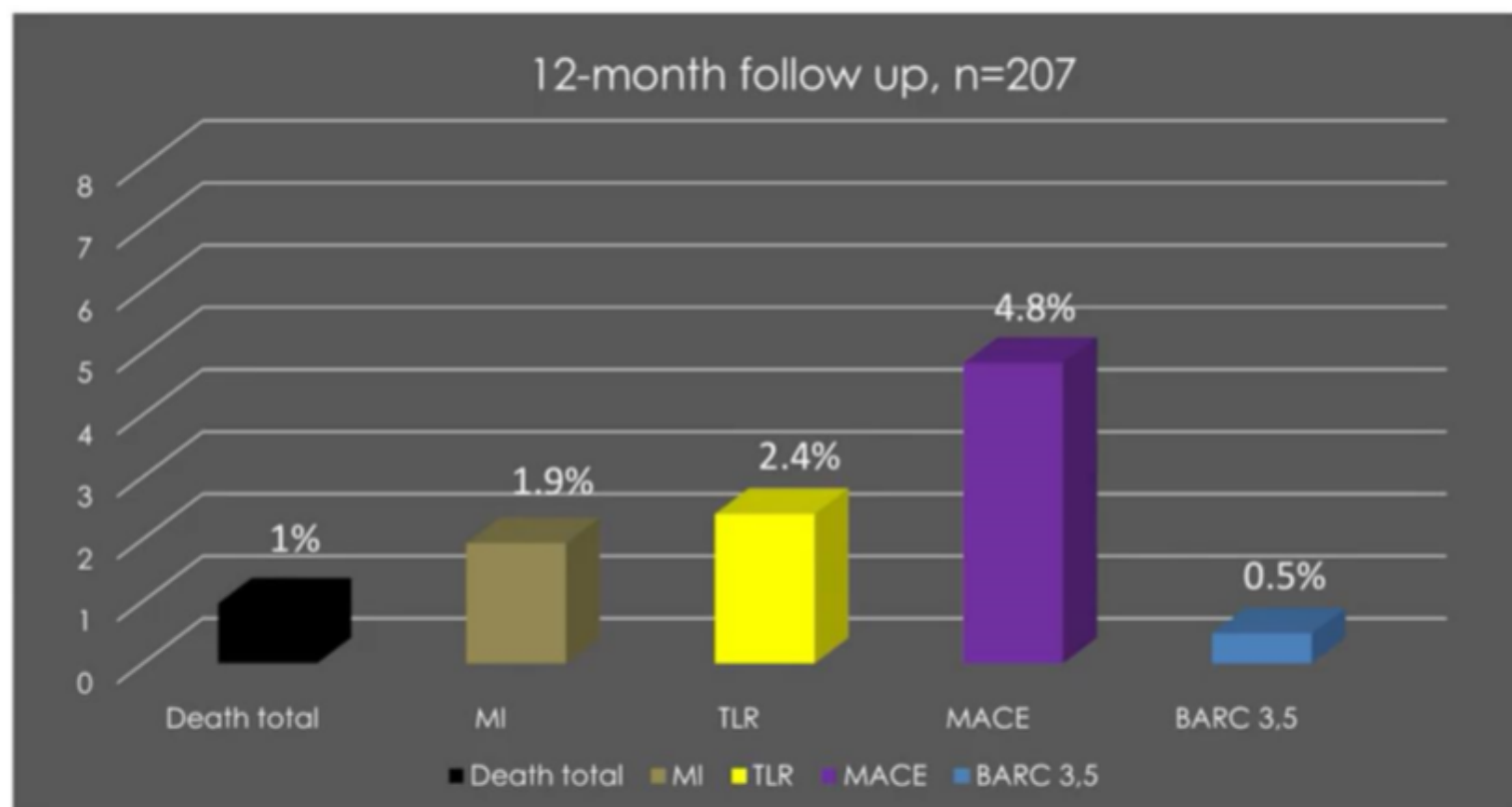


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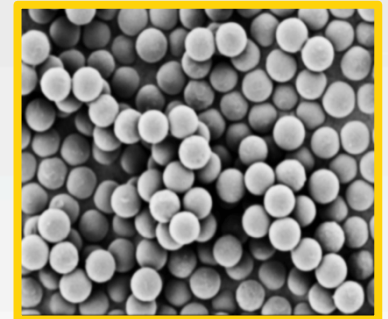
Med Alliance

SELUTION™ Sirolimus DCB



Micro-reservoirs made out of biodegradable polymer intermixed with Sirolimus:

- Controlled and sustained drug release mechanism
- Maintains therapeutic effect in tissue over long period of time



Novel Cell Adherent Technology – CAT™:

- CAT™ transfer membrane houses and protects micro-reservoirs during balloon insertion, lesion crossing and expansion
- CAT™ transfer membrane with embedded micro-reservoirs releases from balloon delivery system and adheres to vessel lumen with short balloon inflations

SELUTION DSR

Prospective, open label, multi-center RCT with angiographic endpoints

Patients with CAD with ISR **or** Bifurcation with side-branch lesion **or** distal lesions in small vessels

Large centres in countries where Paclitaxel DCB are approved and reimbursed

**SELUTION™
DCB**

145 Patients
1:1 randomization

**Paclitaxel
DCB**

Clinical FU

1 mo

3 mo

9 mo

1 yr

2 yrs

Angio FU

Optional IVUS FU

Primary endpoint: S-DCB superiority for % diameter restenosis vs P-DCB at 9 months

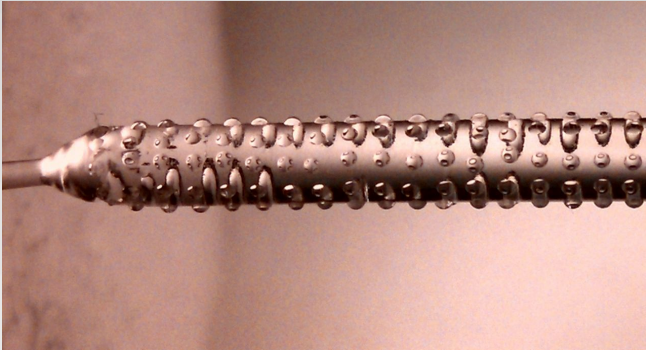
Secondary endpoints:

- LLL at 9 months
- Primary angiographic EP for each of the 3 groups
- Device success (in cath lab)
- Procedure success (at discharge)
- Freedom from TVF at 360 and 720 days
- Components of TVF at 360 and 720 days
- Freedom from angina at 360 and 720 days
- QOL & Cost-effectiveness at 360 days
- IVUS determined minimal DSA at 9 months (optional)

DAPT: 30 days in both arms (if no stent in main branch for S group)



The Virtue angioplasty balloon (Caliber Therapeutics, New Hope, Pennsylvania)



porous balloon, delivers sirolimus in a nanoencapsulated liquid formulation

SABRE trial: single-arm feasibility study, 50 ISR patient

- 100% procedural success rate
- primary safety endpoint of 30-day target lesion failure, including cardiac death, target vessel MI and clinically driven target lesion revascularization, occurred in no patients
- The primary performance endpoint was 6-month in-segment late lumen loss, which was 0.31 ± 0.52 mm
- At 6 months, binary restenosis occurred in 19.1% of patients, MACE occurred in 10.2% and diameter stenosis was a mean of $30.3 \pm 19.9\%$.

Verheye S et al. [The SABRE Trial](#) (Sirolimus Angioplasty Balloon for Coronary In-Stent Restenosis): Angiographic Results and 1-Year Clinical Outcomes. JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2017 Oct 23;10(20):2029-2037

Novel Sirolimus–Coated Balloon Catheter: In Vivo Evaluation in a Porcine Coronary Model

Yvonne Patricia Clever, Daniel Peters, Jorge Calisse, Stephanie Bettink, Madeleine-Caroline Berg, Christian Sperling, Michael Stoeber, Bodo Cremers, Bettina Kelsch, Michael Böhm, Ulrich Speck and Bruno Scheller

Circ Cardiovasc Interv. 2016;9:

Table 1. Sirolimus Coatings Studied in the Different Experiments

Coating	Dose Density, $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$	Crystal Modification	Additive
AS 1	0.9	Amorphous	Probucol
AS 7	7	Amorphous	Probucol
IIIb	7	Mixture of amorphous and crystalline form	Butylated hydroxy toluene
Vb 4	4	Crystalline	Butylated hydroxy toluene
Vb 7	7	Crystalline	Butylated hydroxy toluene

IIIb indicates less amorphous sirolimus coating; AS, amorphous sirolimus coating; and Vb, crystalline sirolimus coating.

Loss of the selected coating in the valve, guiding catheter, and blood was low ($2\pm 14\%$ of dose).

Acute drug transfer to the vessel wall was $14.4\pm 4.6\%$ with the crystalline coating, whereas the amorphous coatings were less effective in this respect.

Treatment of Coronary Drug-Eluting Stent Restenosis by a Sirolimus- or Paclitaxel-Coated Balloon



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50 patients

Novel SCB (SeQuent SCB, 4 mg/mm²) vs PCB (SeQuent Please Neo, 3 mg/mm²)

After 6months, in-segment **LLL** was

0.21 ± 0.54 mm in the PCB group versus **0.17 ± 0,55** mm in the SCB group

(p=NS; per-protocol analysis)

Clinical events up to 12 months also did not differ between the groups.

Conclusions

- DCB technology evolve toward the development of new delivery methods and new drugs
- for the broader adoption of these technologies DCB must be tested in RCT with sufficient statistical power to detect at least noninferiority against new generation DES with hard clinical endpoints