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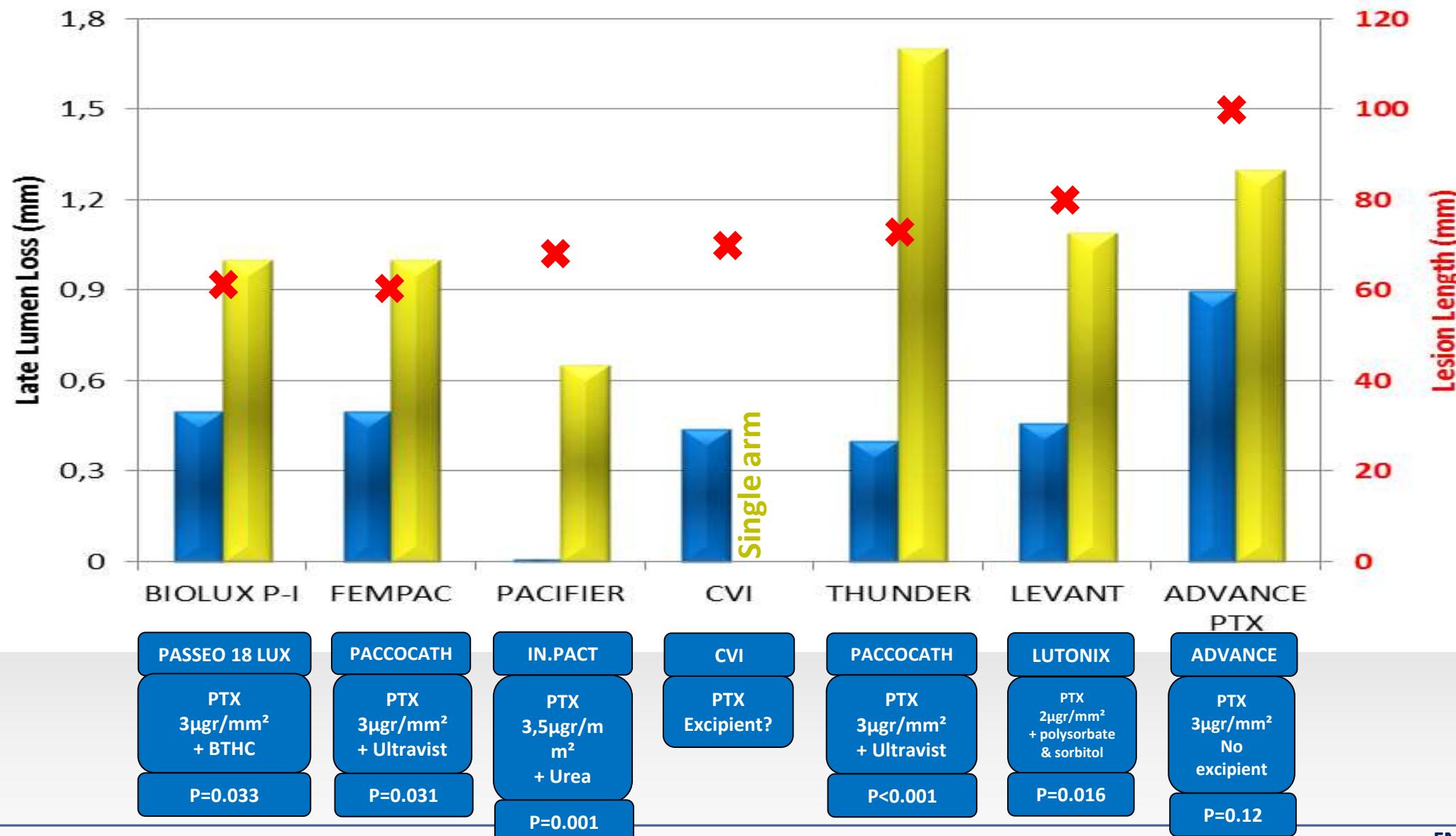
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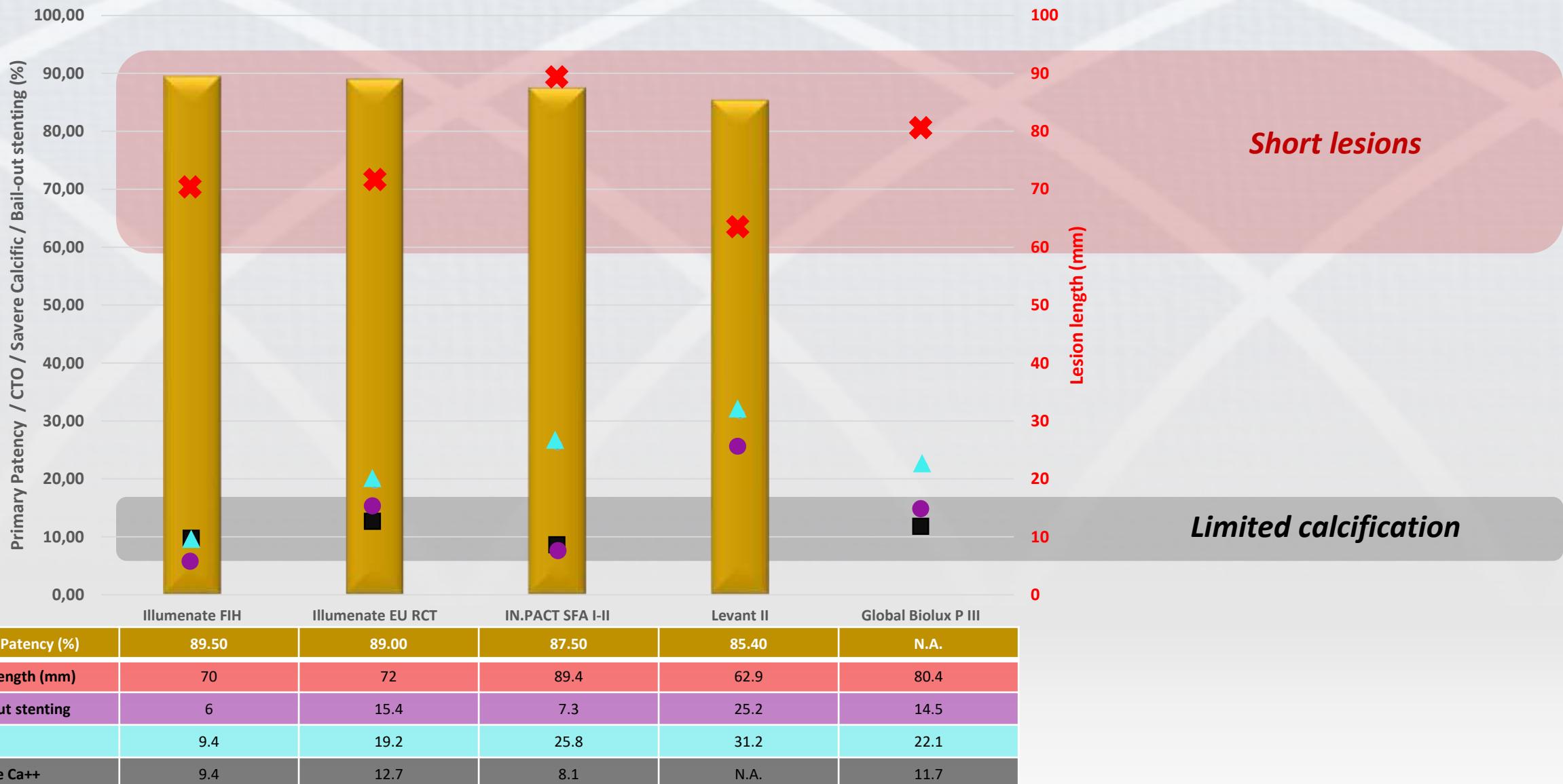
DCB-treatment works... Proof of concepts

DCB

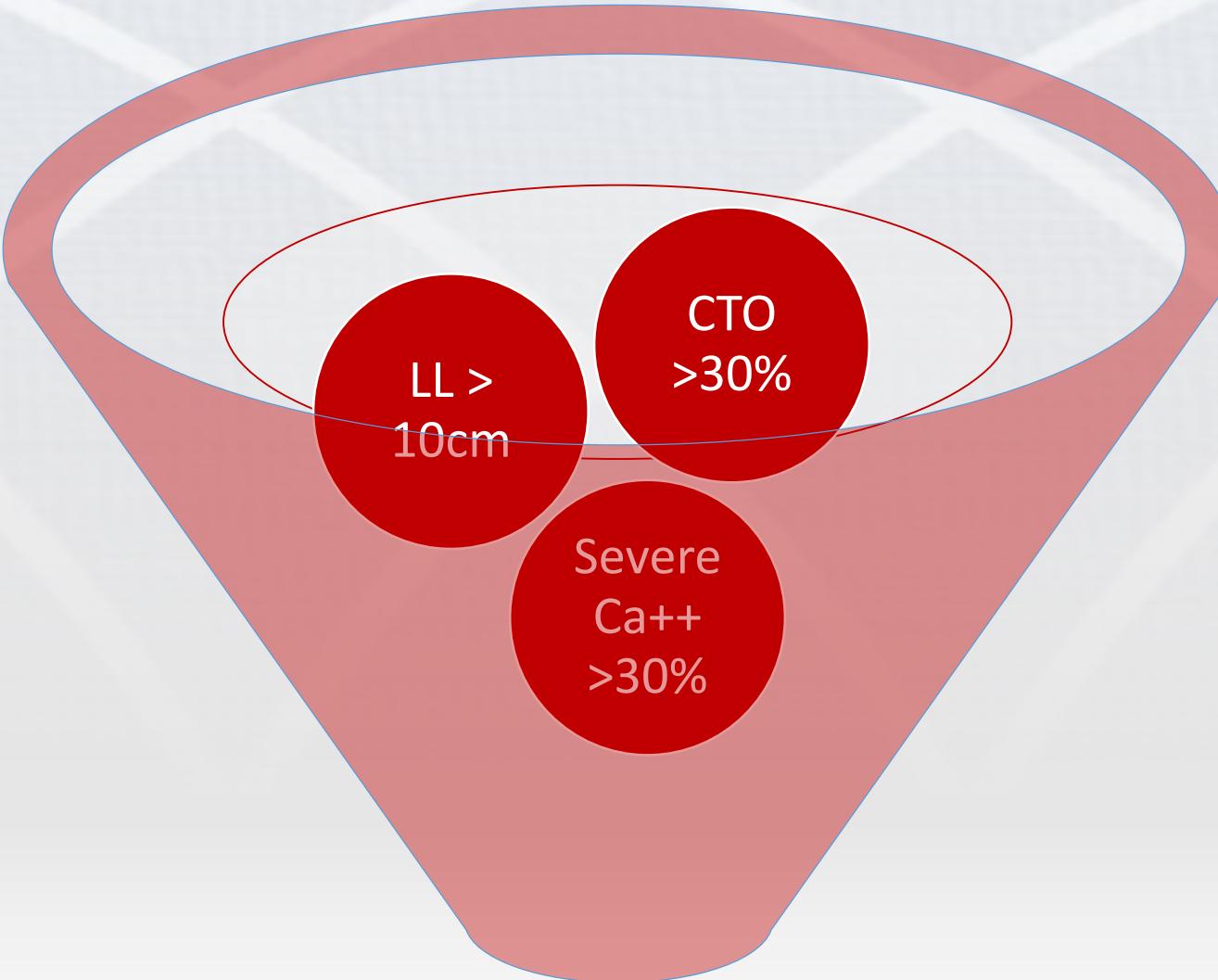
POBA



1-Year Patency Rates of DCB (in ideal circumstances)



However in “Real Life”

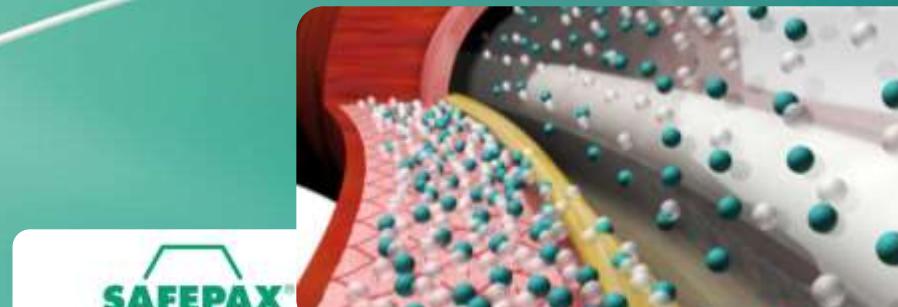


REFLOW study



A study investigating the Efficacy of the LEGFLOW
Paclitaxel-Eluting for the treatment of long
femoropopliteal lesions(TASC C&D)

Legflow Drug Coated Balloon



Study design



- **Study Objective:**

To evaluate the performance of the **LEGFLOW Paclitaxel-Eluting** Peripheral balloon catheter for the treatment of **long femoropopliteal lesions (TASC C&D)**.

- **Primary Endpoint:**

Primary Patency at 12 months, defined as absence of a hemodynamically significant stenosis on duplex ultrasound (systolic velocity ratio ≤ 2.4) at the target lesion and without reintervention.

Participating centers



- **BELGIUM**

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- D. Scheinert – Universitätsklinikum Leipzig

Inclusion criteria



ReFlow

101 out of 120 patients enrolled (84%)

Main inclusion criteria

- Rutherford classification from 2 to 5
- De novo lesion in the femoropopliteal arteries, suitable for endovascular therapy
- Total target lesion length > 150mm

Study overview



Timeline

Baseline disch 1 M 6 M 12 M

Medication



Physical examination



Rutherford



ABI



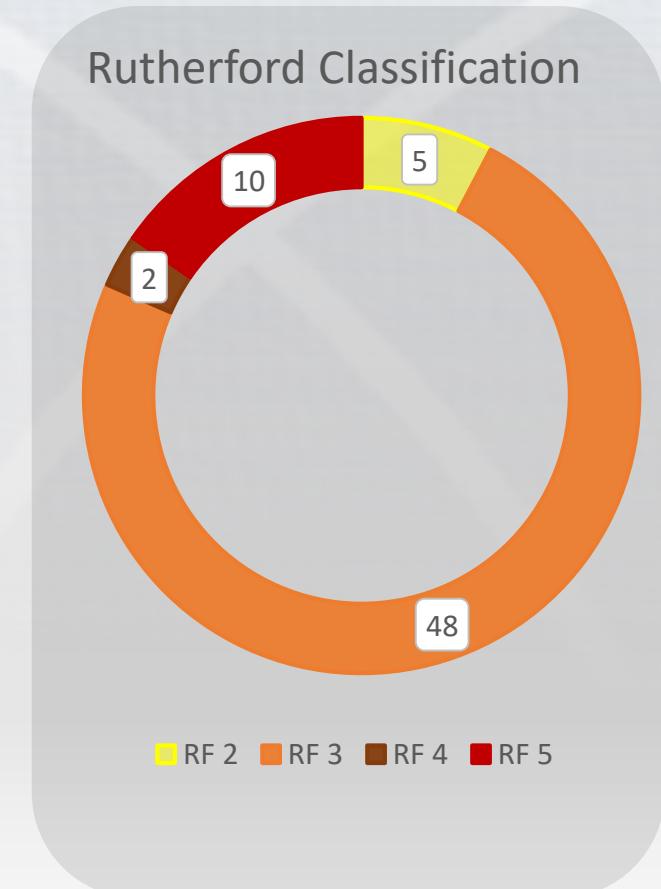
Core Lab Ultrasound



Patient Demographics



	N = 65 out of 120
Male (%)	43 (66.15%)
Age (min – max)	70.01 (35.05 – 89.27) years
Nicotine abuse (%)	39 (60.00%)
Hypertension (%)	49 (75.38%)
Diabetes mellitus (%)	20 (30.77%)
Renal insufficiency (%)	9 (13.85%)
Hypercholesterolemia (%)	36 (55.38%)
Obesity (%)	13 (20.00%)



Procedural characteristics



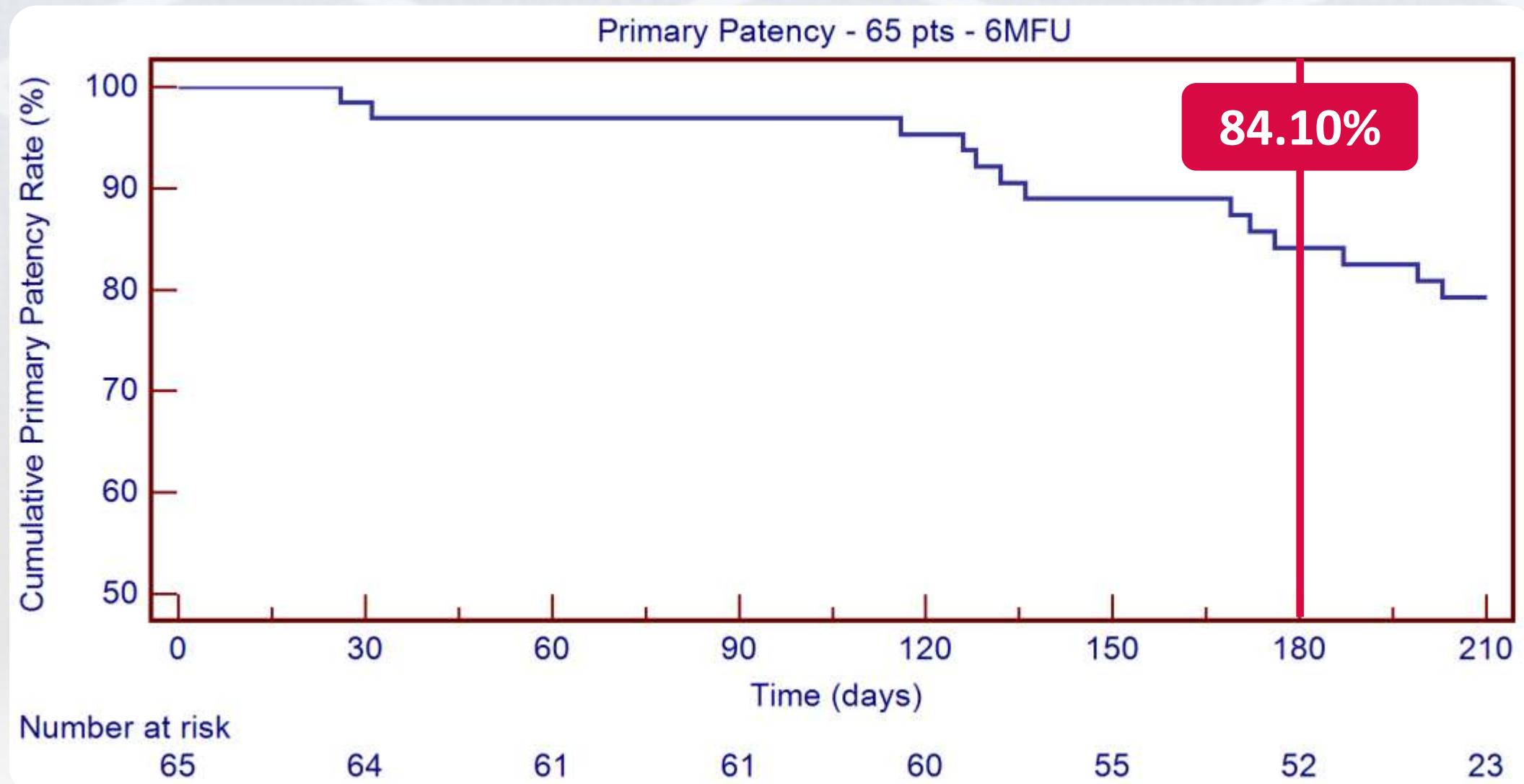
	N = 65 out of 100
Procedure time (min-max)	49.06 (20-115) minutes
Scopy time (min – max)	11.70 (3 – 38.50) minutes <small>*missing information for 1 patient</small>
Contrast (min – max)	96.89 (25 – 195) mL
Cross-over performed (%)	37 (56.92%)
Inflow Lesion (%)	5 (7.69%)
Outflow lesion (%)	14 (21.54%)

Lesion Characteristics

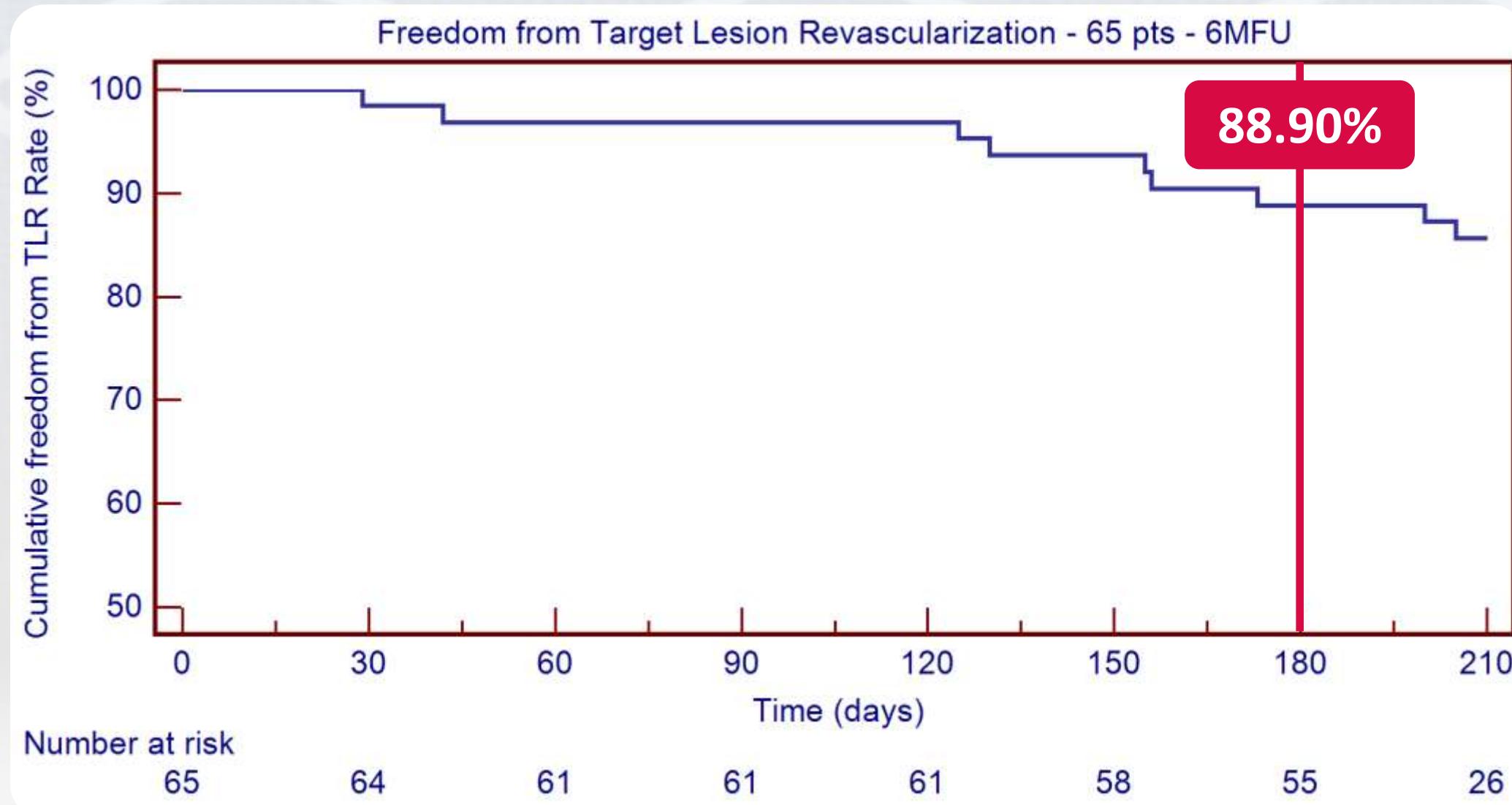


	N = 65 out of 100
Lesion length (min – max)	218 (150 – 390) mm
Ref Vessel Diameter (min – max)	5.37 (4.5 – 6.0) mm
Pre-dilatation (%)	41 (63.08%)
1 DCB (%)	16 (24.62%)
2 DCB's (%)	37 (56.92%)
3 DCB's (%)	12 (18.46%)
Post-dilatation (%)	14 (21.54%)
Bail-out stenting (%)	13 (20.00%)
Occlusion (%)	25 (31.25%)
Calcified lesion (%)	43 (53.75%)

6-month Primary Patency – 65 pts



6-month Freedom from TLR – 65 pts



6-month Rutherford evolution – 65 pts



Evolution of Rutherford Classification



Conclusion



- Preliminary results suggest that the LEGFLOW DCB is a valid and **effective** alternative to treat “**real-life**” long, complex and calcified femoropopliteal lesions
- Awaiting for the final 12-month results



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