

Can Legflow improve treatment of long femoropopliteal lesions: The REFLOW outcomes

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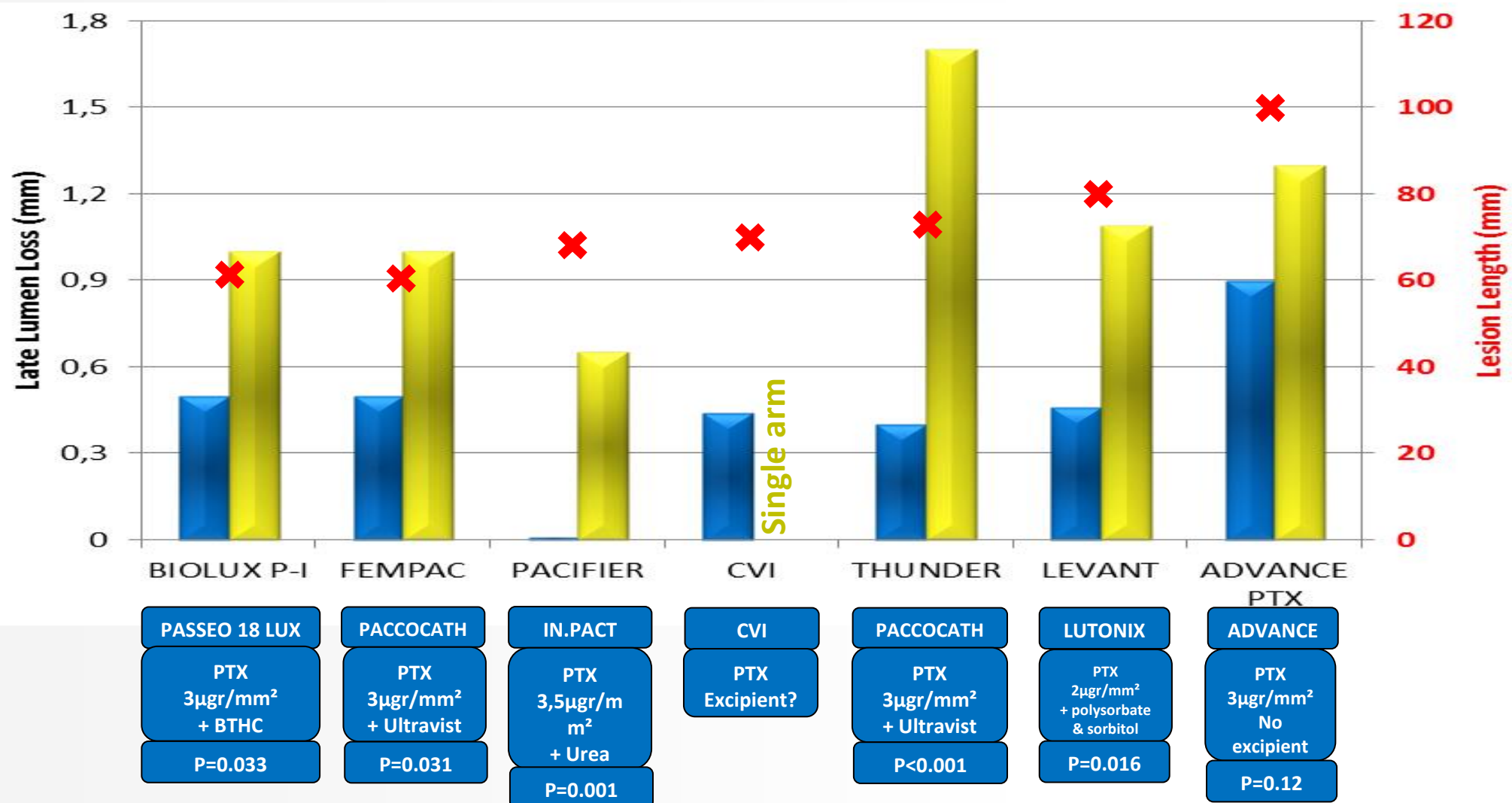
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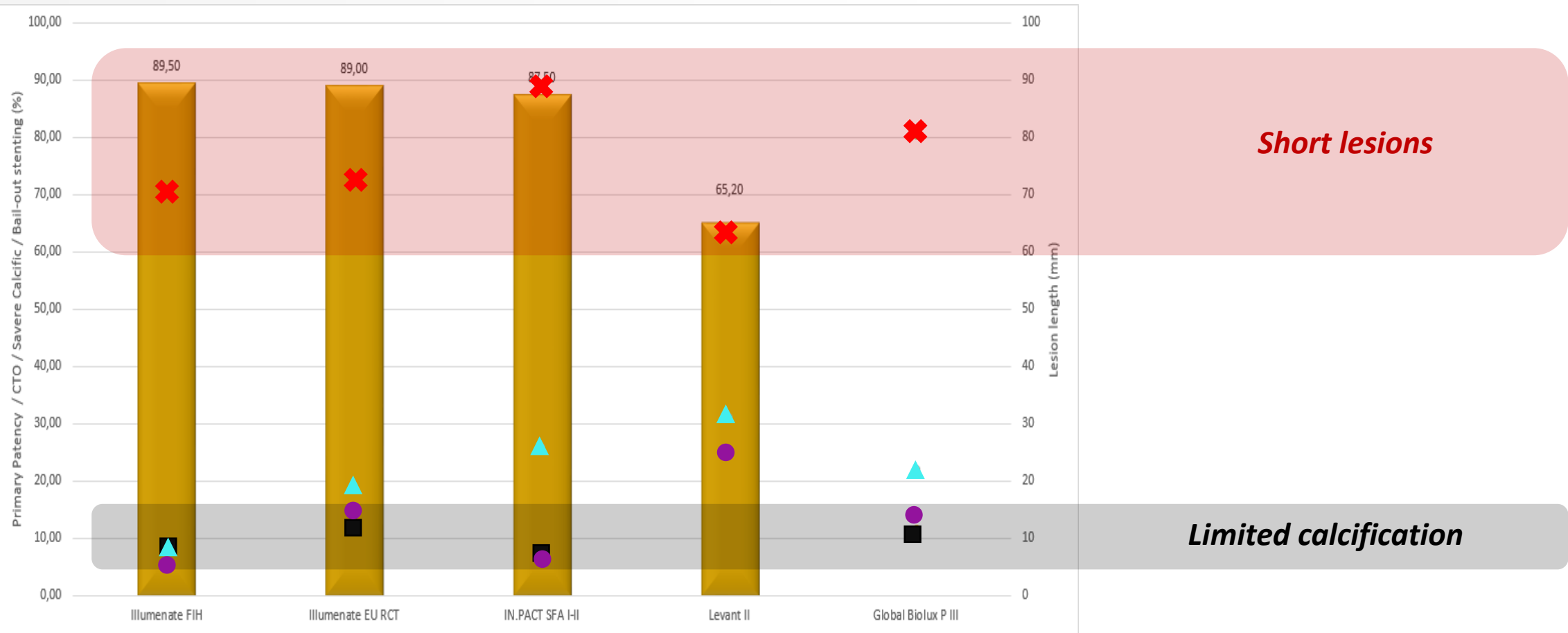
DCB-treatment works... Proof of concepts

DCB

POBA

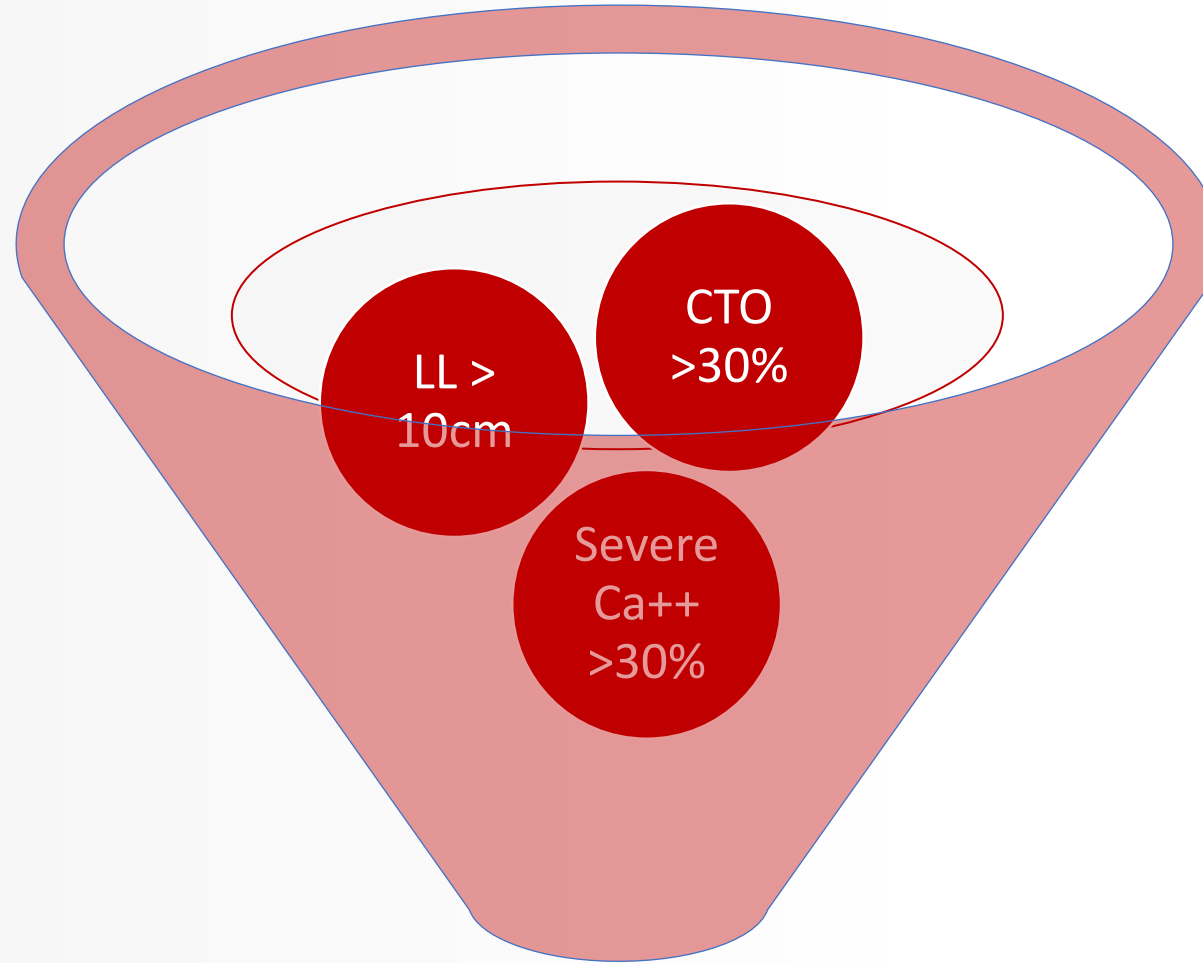


1-Year Patency Rates of DCB (in ideal circumstances)



Primary Patency (%)	89.50	89.00	87.50	65.20	N.A.
✗ Lesion Length (mm)	70	72	89.4	62.9	80.4
● % Bail-out stenting	6	15.4	7.3	2.5	14.5
▲ % CTO	9.4	19.2	25.8	31.2	22.1
■ % Severe Ca++	9.4	12.7	8.1	N.A.	11.7

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



SAFEPAx[®] 3rd generation, unique paclitaxel non-crystalline matrix system

SAFEPAx[®] matrix system, proprietary formulation of Lipophilic and Polymeric Ammonium Salt based excipient for PTX DCBs

Minimum wash off rate

Prevents PTX crystallization on the balloons surface

CARDIONOVUM
portfolio

LEGFLOW[®] RX/OTW

Peripheral Balloons Dilatation Range.
Platforms: 0.014" 0.018" 0.035"

APERTO[®] OTW

Hemodialysis Shunt Balloon, up to 20 bar
Platform: 0.035"

RESTORE[®] DEB

Paclitaxel Releasing PTCA Balloon Catheter
Platform: 0.014"

Drug:
PTX (3.0µg/mm²)

Restenosis
prevention

Excipient:
Ammonium Salt

Drug retention
Prevents crystallization

Amorphus
Coating Technology

Homogeneous coating
and minimal mass effect

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COATING CLASSES

OLD: CRYSTALLINE

NEW: AMORPHOUS

Device

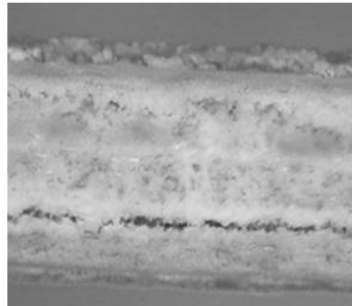


The surface is white-
dusty

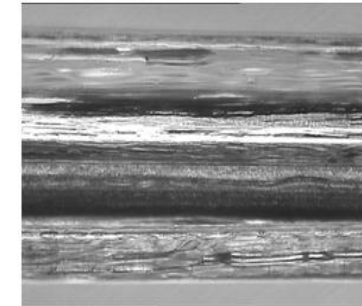


Transparent
surface, no brittle
powder

Optical
Image
Measuring
(100x)



Crystalline
Hydrophilic Coating
DCB



CARDIONOVUM
DCBs

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Coating look



Sugar cube
(crystalline sugar).



Honey
(non-crystalline sugar)

Matrix



Crystalline

Crystalline excipients (ex: Hurea, Sorbitol, etc.) and crystalline PTX: they built a rigid crystals shape (white crust formed by crystals of PTX +excipient)



Amorphous

Polymeric excipients (ex: Ammonium salt) and non-crystalline PTX: “melt” PTX in an elastic matrix.
A Polymeric excipient is made by very long molecules chain without a specific and rigid shape

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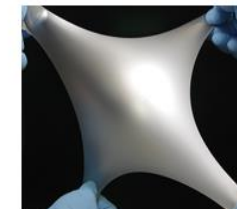
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Mechanical stress response



Crystalline coating is affected by mechanical stress due to the rigid structure of crystalline excipients.



Amorphous coating is not affected by mechanical stress due to the elastic, polymeric excipients



During inflation, early DCBs generations coating is affected by flaking.

COMPETITORS



During inflation, Safepax (Amorphous coating) is not affected by flaking. Ammonium Salt prevents any crystallization on the balloon surface.

Cardionovum® has the highest coating stability (paclitaxel loss during handling & wash-off) of DCBs without compromising performance¹

CARDIONOVUM

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**

- M. Bosiers, K. Deloose, J. Callaert - AZ Sint-Blasius, Dendermonde
- P. Peeters, J. Verbist, W. Van den Eynde - Imelda Hospital, Bonheiden
- L. Maene, R. Beelen - OLV, Aalst
- K. Keirse - RZ Heilig Hart, Tienen
- J. Hendriks, P. Lauwers – University Hospital Antwerp, Edegem

- **GERMANY**

- G. Torsello – St. Franziskus-Hospital Münster
- D. Scheinert – Universitätsklinikum Leipzig

Inclusion criteria

120 out of 120 patients enrolled (100%)

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

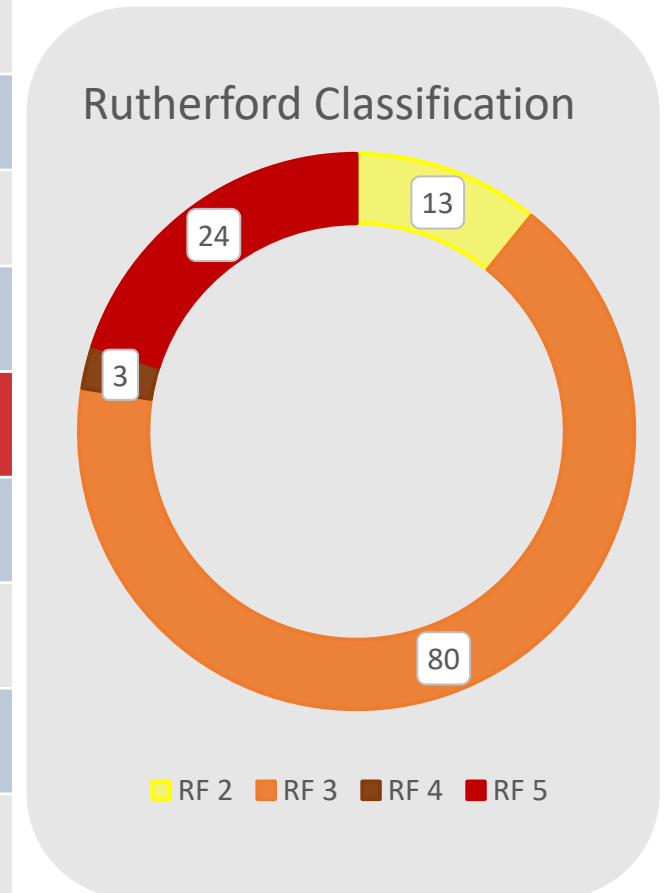


Timeline	Baseline	Disch	1M	6M	12M	24M
Medication	■	■	■	■	■	■
Physical examination	■		■	■	■	■
Rutherford	■		■	■	■	■
ABI	■	■	■	■	■	■
Core Lab Ultrasound			■	■	■	■
Color Flow Ultrasound						■

Patient Demographics



	N = 120
Male (%)	65.80% (79/120)
Age (min – max)	71.06 (35.05 – 93.16) years
Nicotine abuse (%)	56.67% (68/120)
Hypertension (%)	77.50% (93/120)
Diabetes mellitus (%)	30.00% (36/120)
Renal insufficiency (%)	15.00% (18/120)
Hypercholesterolemia (%)	53.30% (64/120)
Obesity (%)	19.20% (23/120)



Procedural characteristics


	N = 120
Procedure time (min-max)	52.17 (19-165) minutes
Scopy time (min – max)	7.32 (1.7 – 39.24) minutes <small>*missing information for 2 patients</small>
Contrast (min – max)	88.09 (9 – 195) mL
Cross-over performed (%)	83.33% (100/120)
Inflow Lesion (%)	10.83% (13/120)
Outflow lesion (%)	21.67% (26/120)

Lesion Characteristics

	N = 120
Lesion length (<i>min – max</i>)	216.08 (<i>150 – 390</i>) mm
Ref Vessel Diameter (<i>min – max</i>)	5.40 (<i>4.05 – 6.00</i>) mm
Pre-dilatation	64.20% (77/120)
1 DCB (%)	25.83% (31/120)
2 DCB's (%)	57.50% (69/120)
3 DCB's (%)	16.67% (20/120)
Post-dilatation (%)	22.50% (27/120)
Bail-out stenting (%)	35.00% (<i>42/120</i>)
Occlusion (%)	45.00% (<i>54/120</i>)
Calcified lesion (%)	67.50% (<i>81/120</i>)

Paclitaxel --> mortality?

Risk of Death Following Application of Paclitaxel Stents in the Femoropopliteal Artery of the Leg: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

Konstantinos Katsanos , Stavros Spiliopoulos, Panagiotis Kitrou, Miltiadis Krokidis, and

Originally published 6 Dec 2018 | <https://doi.org/10.1161/JAHA.118.011245> | Journal of the American Heart Association

Recommendations

Based on the FDA's review of available data and the advisory panel conclusions, the FDA recommends that health care providers consider the following:

- Continue diligent monitoring of patients who have been treated with paclitaxel-coated balloons and paclitaxel-eluting stents.
- When making treatment recommendations, and as part of the informed consent process, consider that there may be an increased rate of long-term mortality in patients treated with paclitaxel-coated balloons and paclitaxel-eluting stents.
- Discuss the risks and benefits of all available PAD treatment options with patients. For many patients, alternative treatment options to paclitaxel-coated balloons and paclitaxel-eluting stents provide a more favorable benefit-risk profile based on currently available information.
- For individual patients judged to be at particularly **high risk for restenosis** and repeat femoropopliteal interventions, clinicians may determine that the **benefits** of using a paclitaxel-coated device **outweigh the risk** of late mortality.
- In discussing treatment options, physicians should explore their patients' expectations, concerns, and treatment preferences.
- Ensure patients receive optimal medical therapy for PAD and other cardiovascular risk factors as well as guidance on healthy lifestyles including weight control, smoking cessation, and exercise.
- Report any adverse events or suspected adverse events experienced with the use of paclitaxel-coated balloons and paclitaxel-eluting stents.

**Weight
andom)**

20.6%

1.5%

3.7%

8.9%

9.4%

21.4%

2.6%

9.9%

2.9%

1.7%

14.2%

3.2%

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Study

Ev

ZILVER-PTX¹⁹
FINN-PTX¹⁸
IN.PACT SFA⁸²
FEMPAC²⁹
LEVANT I²⁷
LEVANT II²⁶
CONSEQUENT³⁰
ILLUMENATE EU³²
ISAR-STATH⁵¹
ISAR-PEBIS⁵⁵
ACOART I⁴⁰
IN.PACT SFA JAPAN⁴¹

Fixed effect model

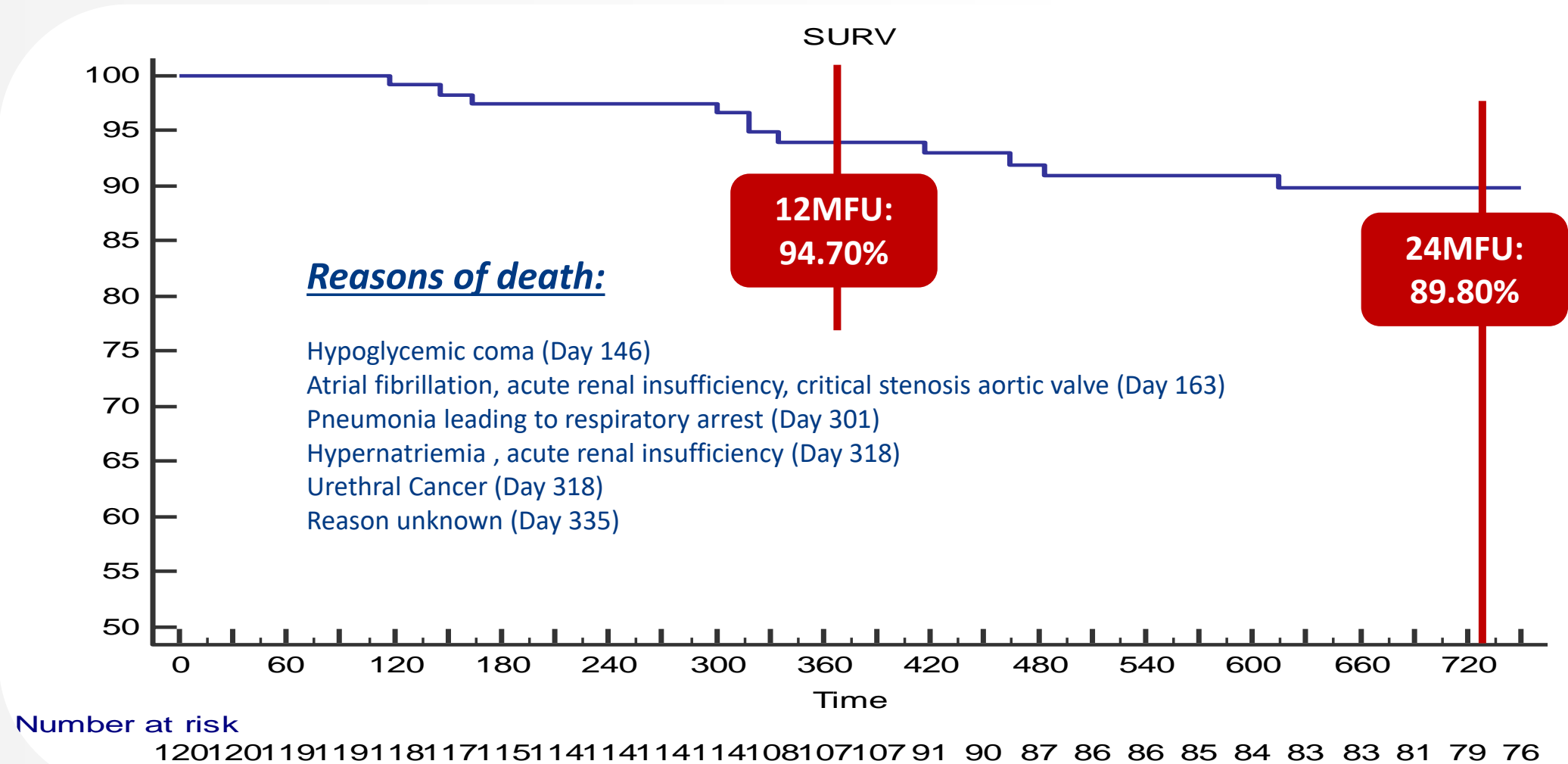
Random effects model

Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 0\%$, $\tau^2 = 0$, $p = 0.80$

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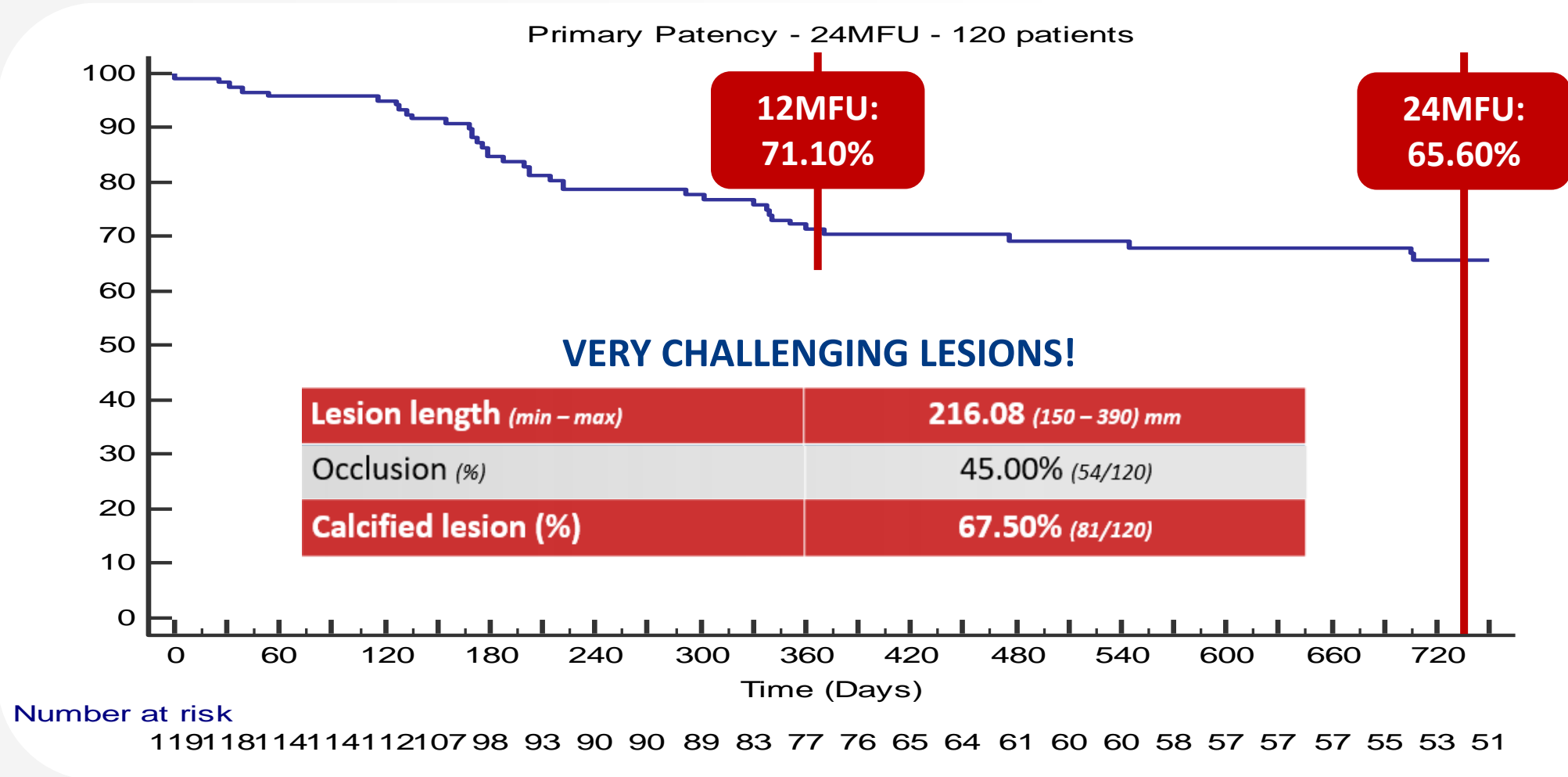


24-month Survival Rate in 120pts

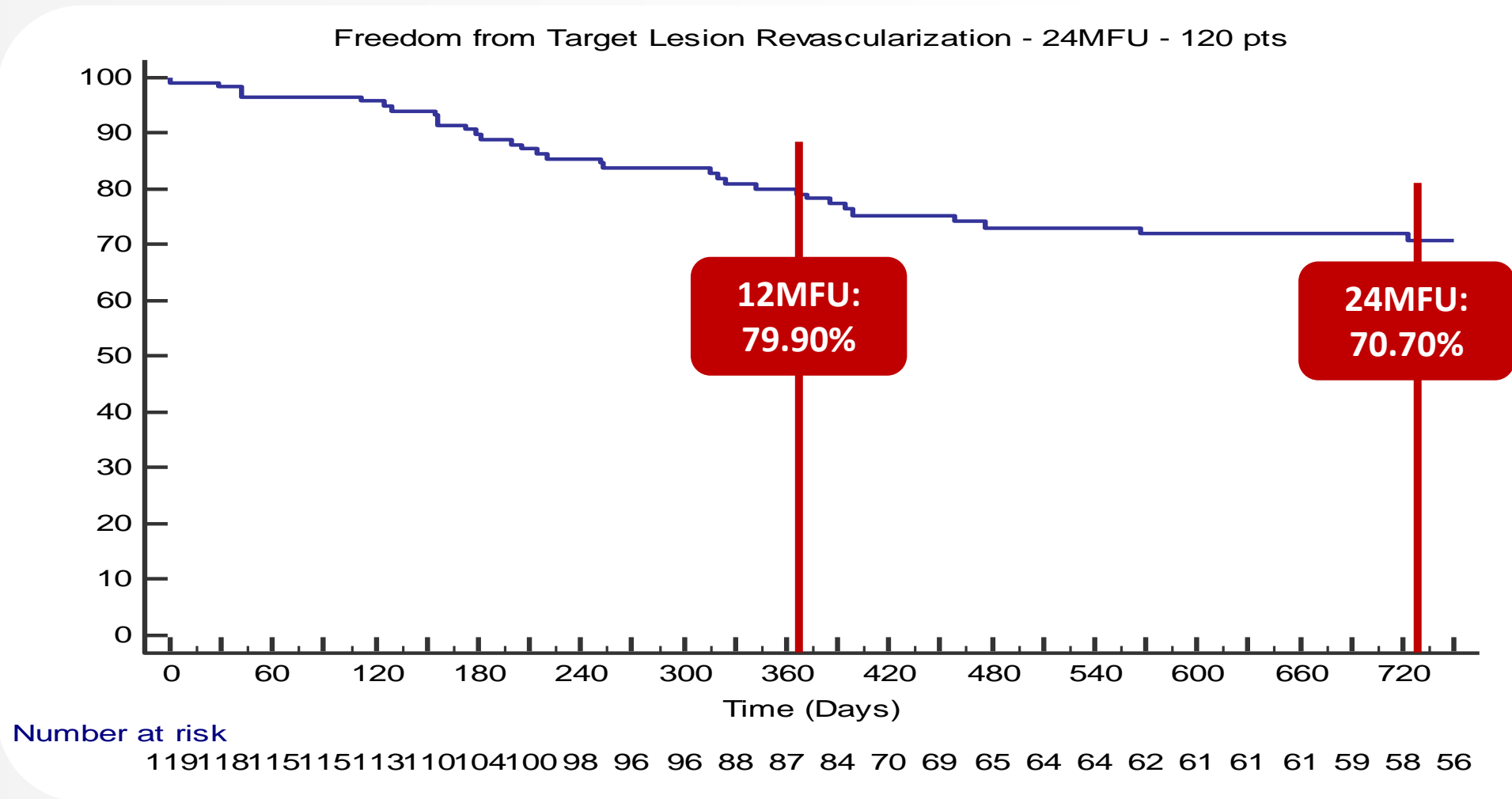




24-month Primary Patency in 120 pts



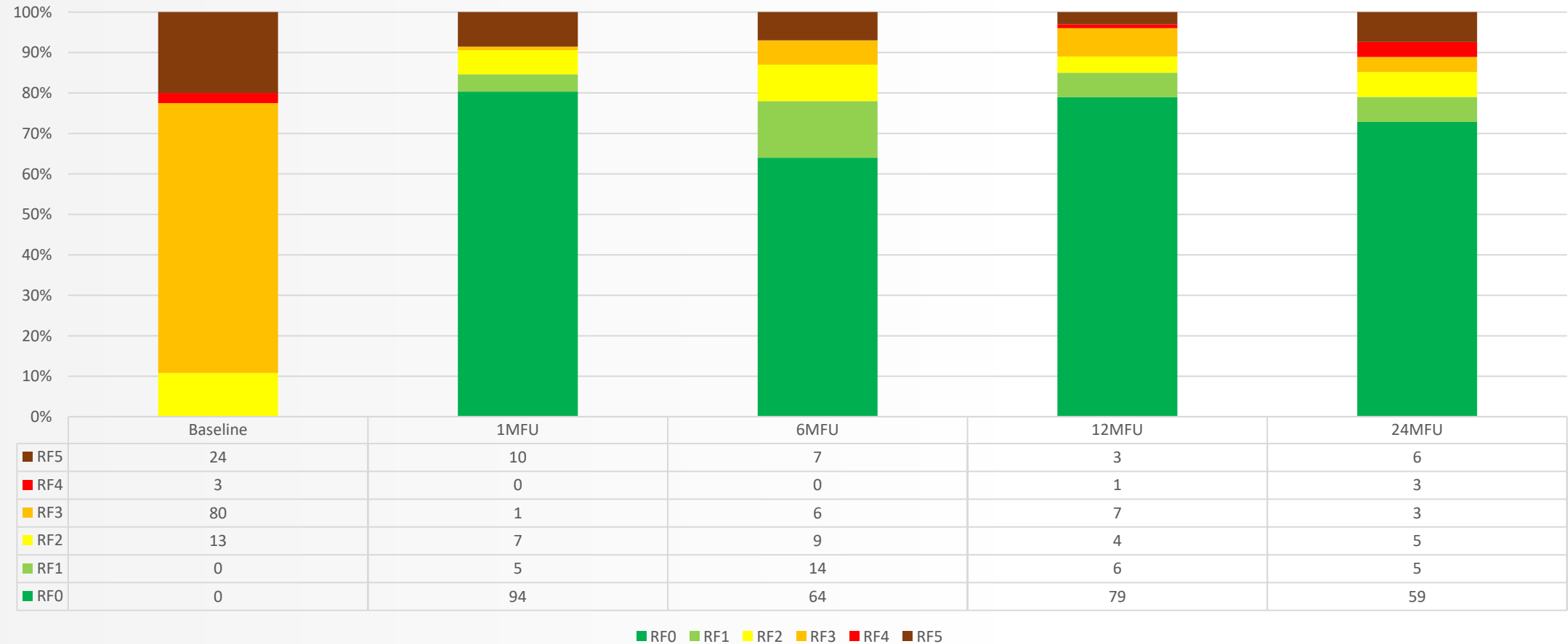
24-month Freedom from TLR in 120 pts



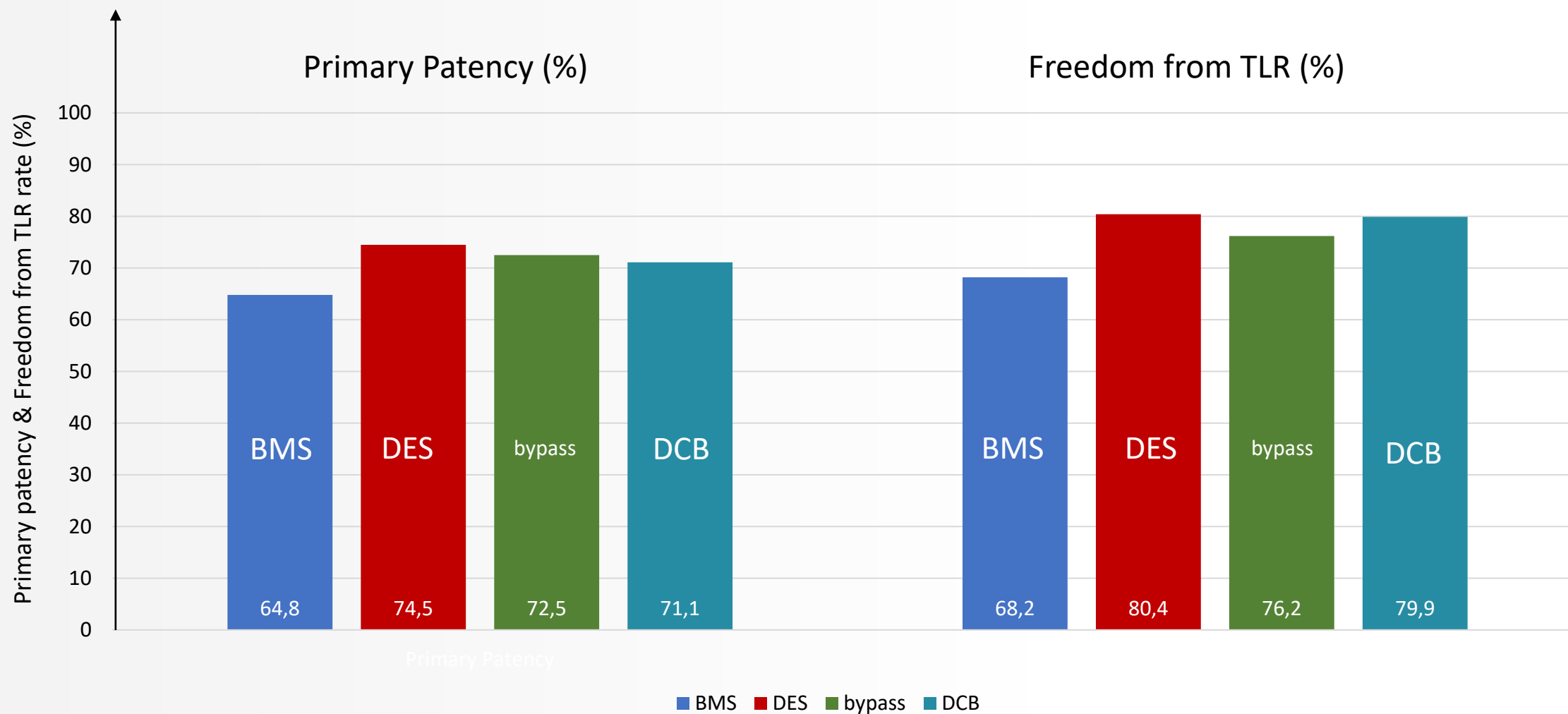
24-month Rutherford evolution – 120 pts



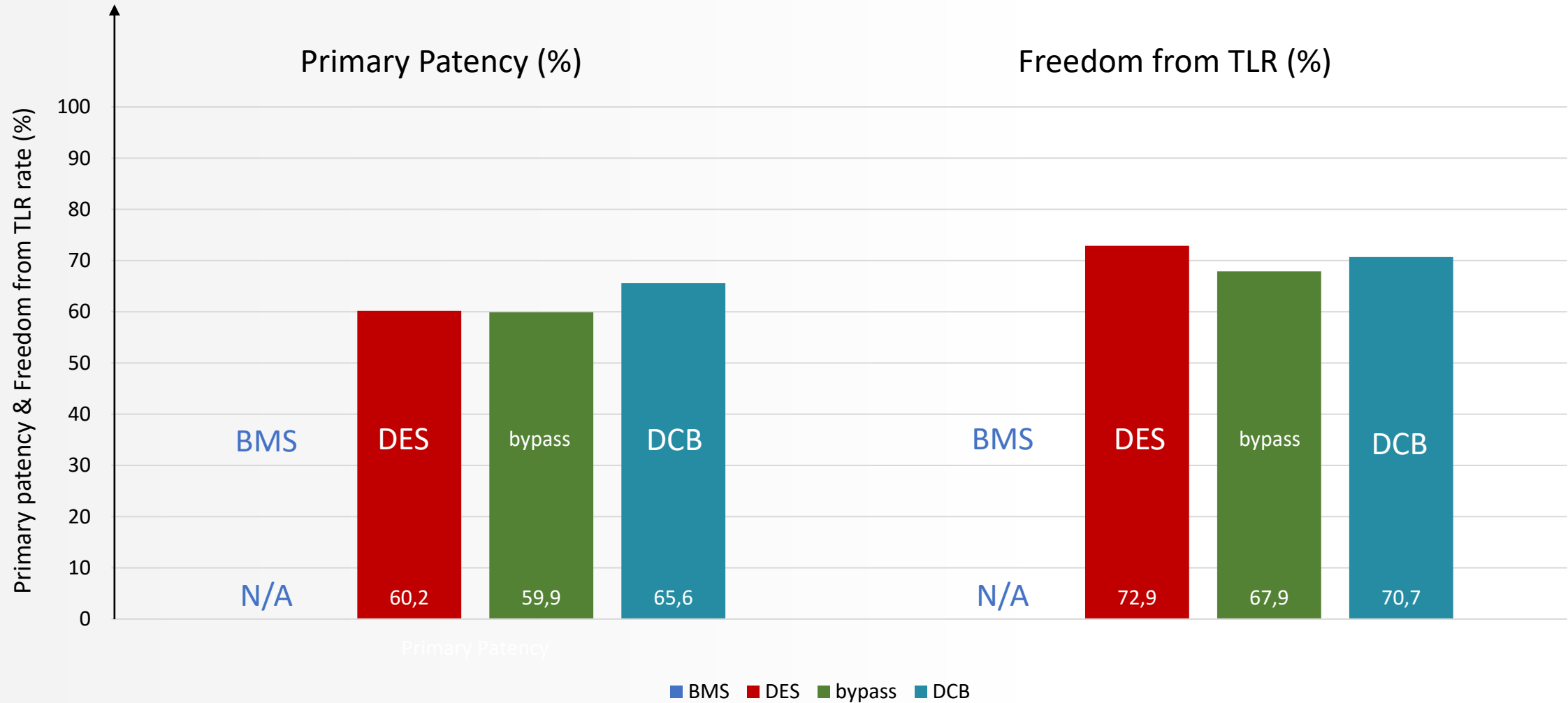
Evolution in Rutherford Classification



12m REFLOW results in perspective (lesions >20cm)



24m REFLOW results in perspective (lesions >20cm)



Conclusion

- Final 12- & 24-month results suggest that the LEGFLOW DCB is a valid and **effective** alternative to treat “**real-life**” long, complex and calcified femoropopliteal lesions
- With a 89.80% survival rate at 24-month, the LEGFLOW DCB proves it's **safety**