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# First Report of the Resolute Onyx 2.0-mm Zotarolimus-Eluting Stent for the Treatment of Coronary Lesions With Very Small Reference Vessel Diameter

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It is unclear whether the excellent outcomes with drug-eluting stents (DES) observed with smaller reference vessel diameter are also seen with extremely small diameters. In this first report of a DES with a dedicated size to treat lesions with reference vessel diameter <2.25 mm, the Resolute Onyx 2.0-mm zotarolimus-eluting stent was associated with a low rate of target lesion failure and late lumen loss, without a signal for stent thrombosis. This novel-sized DES appears to be a feasible option for the treatment of coronary lesions in extremely small vessels.



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# Percutaneous Treatment of Extremely Small Coronary Vessels: Does Size Matter in Terms of Performance?

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# Accuracy of Fractional Flow Reserve Measurements in Clinical Practice: Observations From a Core Laboratory Analysis

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A total of 763 patients with 4,946 fractional flow reserve (FFR) and distal coronary artery pressure/ aortic pressure (nonhyperemic) measurements were analyzed by an independent core laboratory (CL) and compared with site-reported FFR values. Patients with signal drift (defined as distal coronary artery pressure/aortic pressure (nonhyperemic) <0.97 or >1.03; n=108 [17.5%]) and either ventricularization or distortion of the aortic waveform (n = 390 [9.3%]) were excluded by the CL. Among the remaining patients, there was an excellent correlation between site-reported and CL-calculated FFR, with a mean difference of 0.003  $\pm$  0.020 by Bland-Altman analysis.

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On the basis of an analysis of 1,107 consecutive patients undergoing successful percutaneous coronary intervention for coronary chronic total occlusions, 36.7% of patients required the "full metal jacket" (stent length  $\geq$ 60 mm without gap, average stent length 76.8  $\pm$  14.6 mm) procedure. Despite concerns related to the long stent length, the clinical performance of the full metal jacket procedure with a drug-eluting stent was acceptable (median 5.1 years, target lesion failure in 16.0%). Despite procedural success, persistent luminal narrowing at the distal reference segment increased the future likelihood of target lesion failure. The information provided by our study will be important considering the potential clinical benefits of successful chronic total occlusion recanalization.

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### Full Metal Jacket: Is it En Vogue?

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Comparison of Stenting Versus Bypass Surgery According to the Completeness of Revascularization in Severe Coronary Artery Disease: Patient-Level Pooled Analysis of the SYNTAX, PRECOMBAT, and BEST Trials

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The authors compared long-term survival between patients with severe coronary artery disease undergoing coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) and those undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) achieving complete revascularization (CR) or incomplete revascularization. Compared with patients undergoing CABG with CR, those undergoing PCI with incomplete revascularization had a higher risk for mortality. However, there was no significant difference between patients undergoing CABG with CR and those undergoing PCI with CR regarding long-term survival. Therefore, the ability to achieve CR should enter into the decision algorithm for choice of revascularization strategy.

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