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# One-year Clinical Outcomes of the Bio-engineered **COMBO stent:**

**Primary Results from the 3614 All-comer  
Patients in the COMBO Collaboration**

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# Potential conflicts

- Antonio Colombo is the Principal Investigator of the MASCOT Registry dealing with the COMBO stent



# Background

- Drug-eluting stents (DES) have improved clinical outcomes in patients after percutaneous coronary interventions (PCI) compared to bare metal stents
- However, risk of *late* in-stent restenosis and *very late* stent thrombosis remains of serious concern with current DES
- A dual-therapy stent has been designed to overcome these adverse clinical outcomes after PCI



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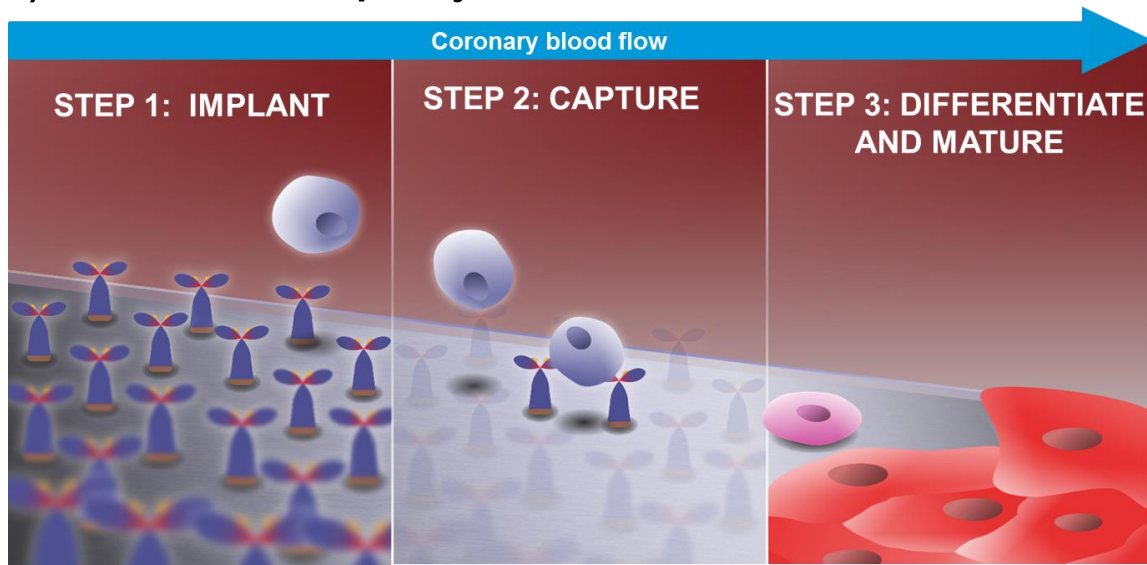
And a unique layer consisting of:

- Immobilized anti-CD34 antibodies for EPC capture



# Pro-healing layer with anti-CD34 antibodies

A bio-engineered layer attracts circulating endothelial progenitor cells (EPCs) that can rapidly differentiate into normal endothelium



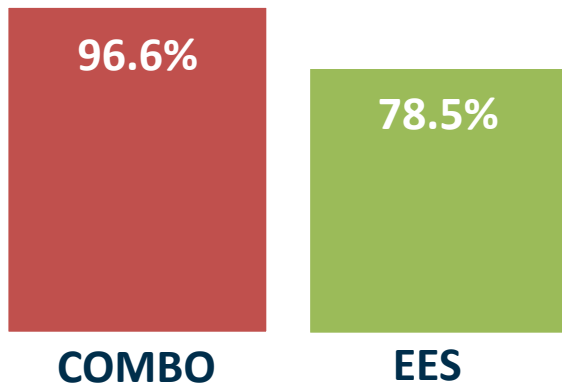
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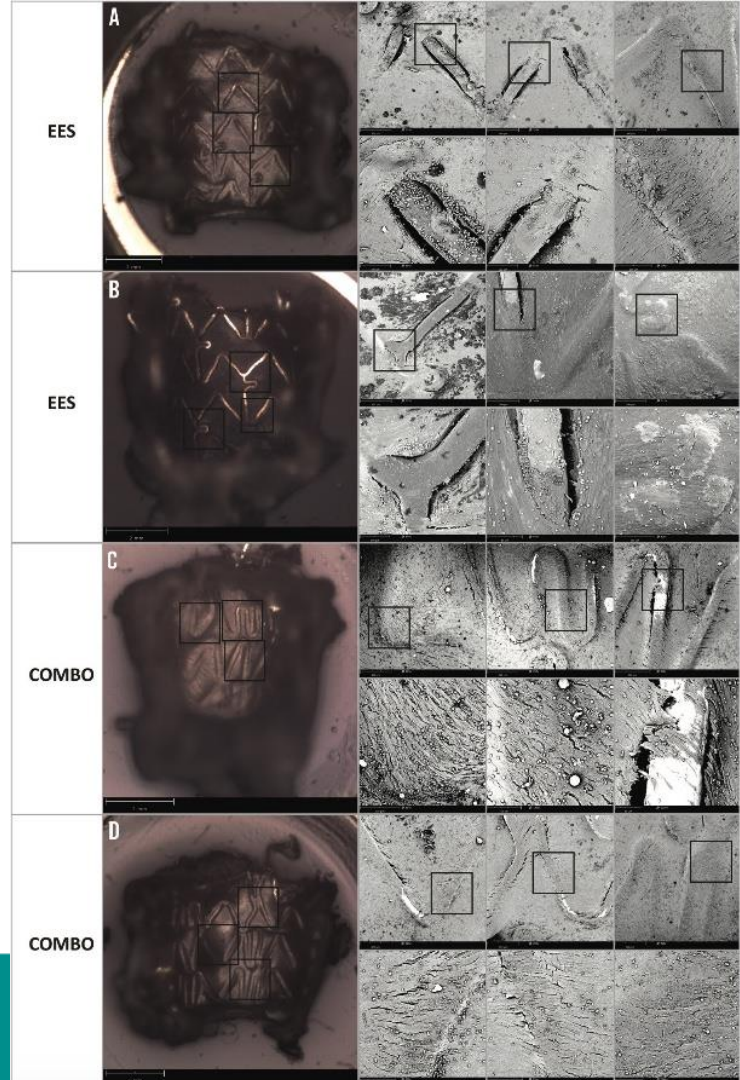
# Pro-healing layer- Pre-clinical

Pre-clinical studies confirmed rapid coverage of COMBO

$p < 0.038$



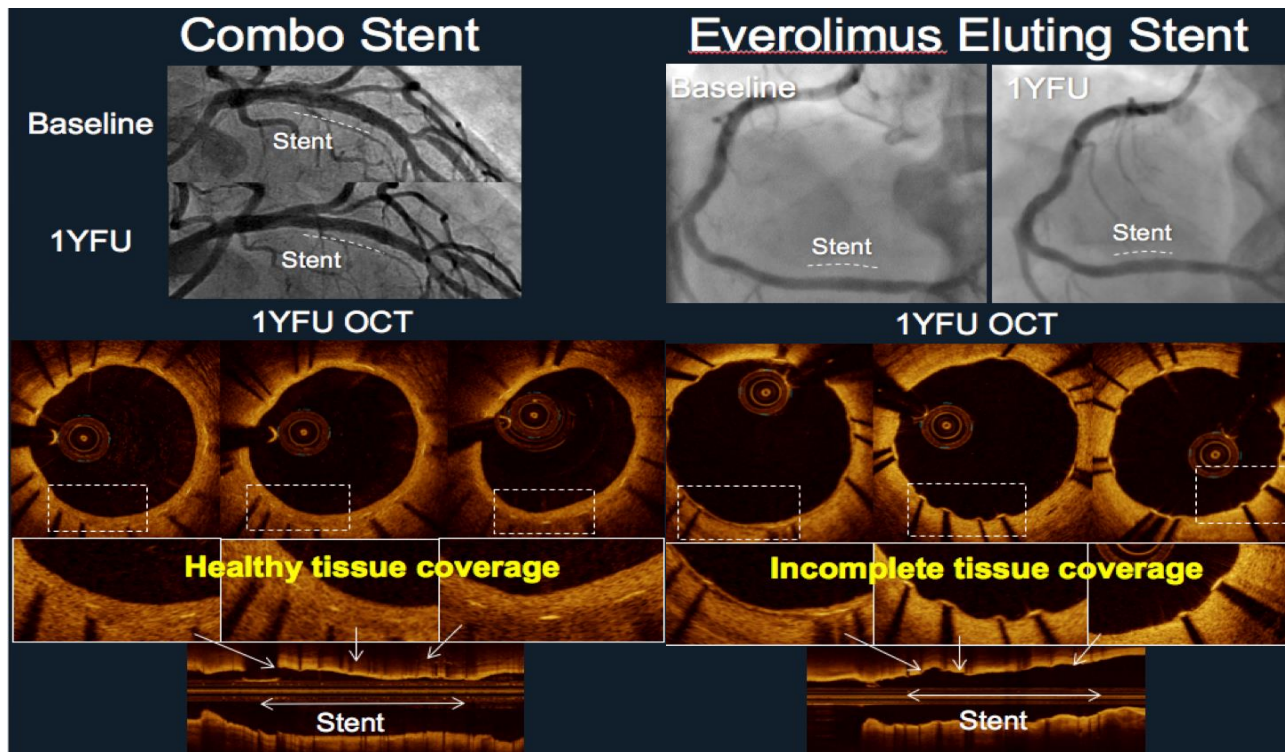
Stent strut coverage (by SEM) showed a significantly improved endothelialization of the COMBO stent ( $96.6 \pm 3.5\%$ ) compared to the EES ( $78.5 \pm 16.8\%$ ;  $p=0.038$ ) at 28 days



# Pro-healing layer – OCT confirmed

**1-year OCT healthy  
tissue strut level  
coverage**

Number of lesions/ patients	COMBO (69/61)	EES (64/60)	P- value
Mean (%) [95% CI]	91.56 [88.98, 94.13]	74.82 [70.02, 79.62]	<0.001



# Aim

To evaluate the safety and efficacy of the novel COMBO stent in a real-world, multicenter, global, all-comers patient population in routine clinical practice.



# Methods

Pooled patient-level analysis consisting of consecutive all-comers patients with attempted COMBO stent placement from:

- **MASCOT registry:** Enrollment between 2014-2016, N=2614, 61 global sites
- **REMEDEE registry:** Enrollment between 2013-2014, N=1000, 9 European sites

Patients were contacted at 30 days, 6 months and 12 months FUP by outpatient visit or telephone call for clinical follow-up. Independent monitoring+ adjudication of events were performed for data quality.



# Methods

**Both studies all inclusive except:**

**Exclusion criteria:**

- high probability of non-adherence to the follow-up requirements (due to social, psychological or medical reasons),
- currently participating in another investigational drug or device study in which a routine angiographic follow-up is planned,
- a life expectancy of <1 year or explicit refusal of participation in the registry.



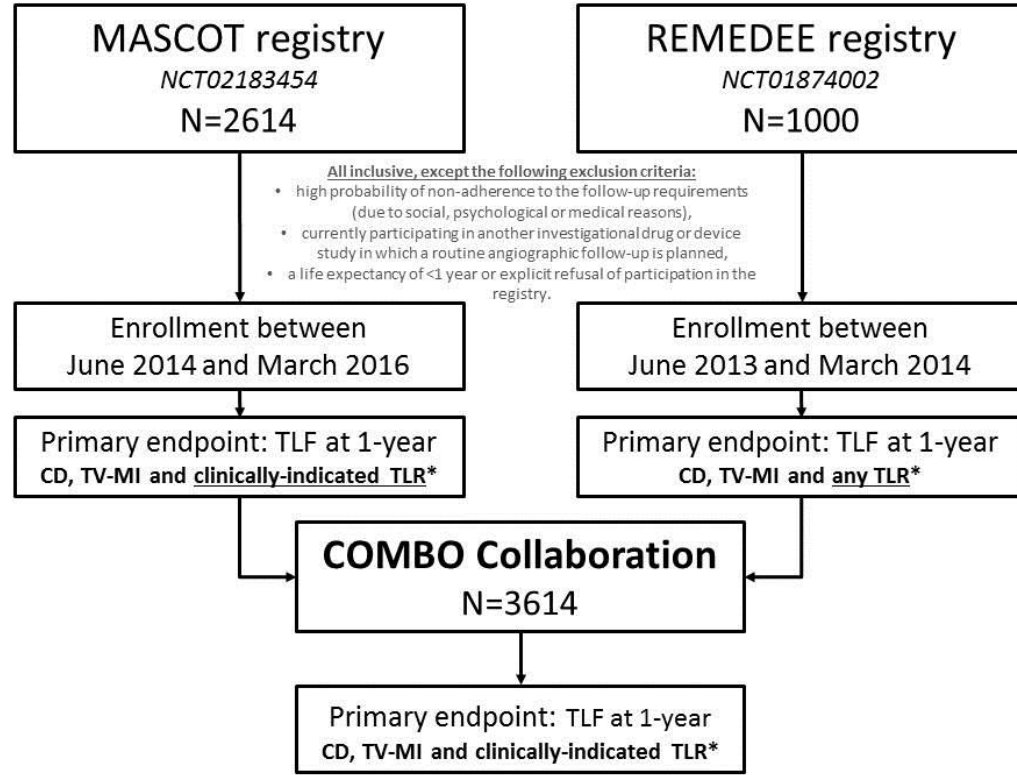
# Methods

## Role of manufacturer:

- The Academic Medical Center received an unrestricted research grant from OrbusNeich Medical BV for the conduct of the REMEDEE registry
- OrbusNeich Medical was the sponsor of the MASCOT registry

## COMBO Collaboration:

OrbusNeich Medical BV had no part in the analysis of the data or presentation of results.



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\* MASCOT used clinically driven TLR and the REMEDEE registry used any TLR in TLF. Clinically driven TLR is evaluated in this analysis.

# Methods

**Primary endpoint:** Target lesion failure (TLF),  
a composite of cardiac death, TV-MI, and clinically-driven TLR

All events were adjudicated by an independent clinical event committee.

In both trials DAPT was prescribed per local recommendations and in keeping with guidelines.



# Methods

**Statistical analysis:** Endpoints were harmonized between both registries. Variables were controlled to ascertain correct pooling of all variables where possible. Kaplan-Meier estimates at the indicated time points are displayed.

**Additionally,** predictors of TLF were assessed.





# Results – Baseline characteristics

	N=3614		
Age (yrs)	63.5± 11.2	Prior myocardial infarction	858 (23.7)
Female	861 (23.8)	Previous PCI	966 (26.7)
Diabetes Mellitus	1050 (29.3)	Previous CABG	206 (5.7)
Insulin treatment	272 (7.5)	Current smoker	1009 (27.9)
Hypertension	2422 (67.0)	Indication for PCI	
Hypercholesterolemia	2101 (58.1)	asymptomatic	295 (8.2)
Family history of CAD	1107 (30.6)	stable angina	1346 (37.2)
Congestive heart failure	224 (6.2)	STEMI	789 (21.8)
Chronic renal failure	231 (6.4)	NSTEMI	600 (16.6)
Peripheral Vascular disease	212 (5.9)	unstable angina	576 (15.9)
Previous stroke	173 (4.8)	other	6 (0.2)

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# Results – Lesion characteristics

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Pre-procedure reference vessel diameter, mm	3.1±1.5	LAD	1682 (37.9)
Lesion length, mm	19.4±11.2	LCX	1305 (29.3)
Diameter stenosis pre-procedure	86.7±17.7	LMCA	79 (1.8)
Thrombus present	624 (14.0)	Graft	24 (0.5)
If yes, was thrombus aspirated?	334 (53.5)	AHA/ACC lesion classification: A	479 (11.0)
TIMI flow pre procedure		B1	1393 (32.0)
TIMI 0	629 (14.2)	B2	1672 (38.4)
TIMI I	350 (7.9)	C	811 (18.6)
TIMI II	649 (14.7)	Total stent length	22.7±11.3
TIMI III	2787 (63.1)	Final diameter stenosis	2.8±12.5
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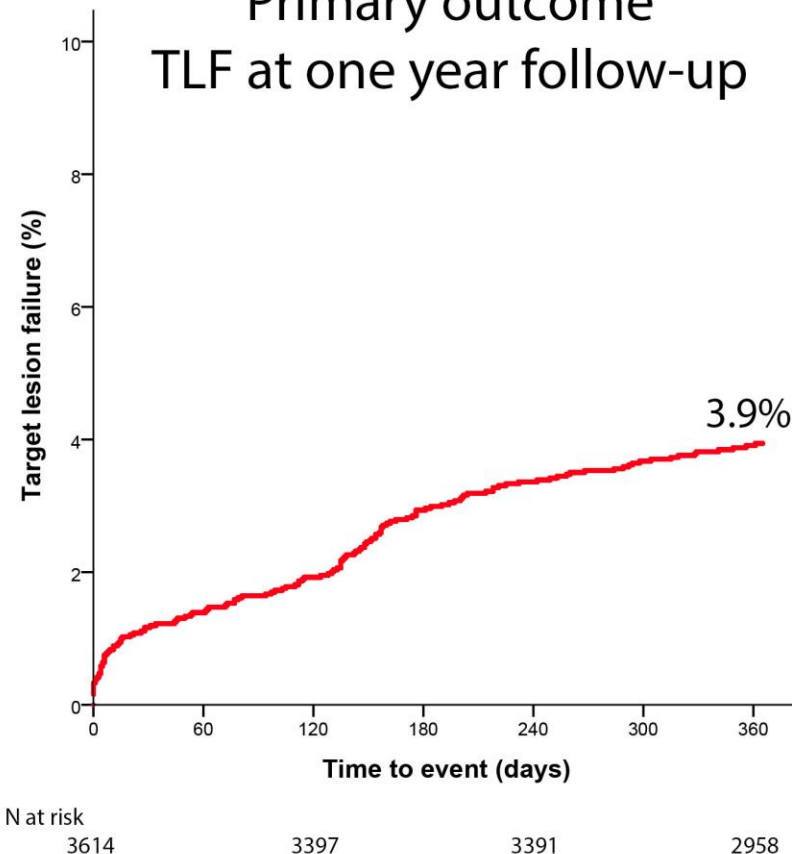
# Results – Primary endpoint

TLF at 1-year follow-up was observed in 140 patients (3.9%)

**TLF defined as:**

**Cardiac death, TV-MI\* and clinically driven TLR**

Primary outcome  
TLF at one year follow-up



**\*Third universal definition, including periprocedural MI.**

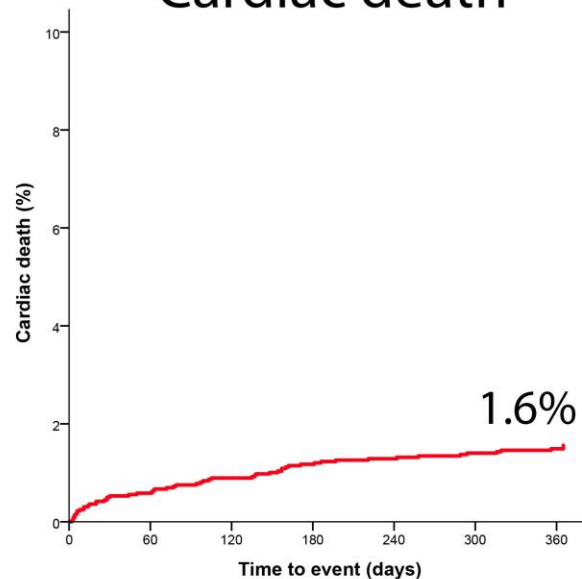
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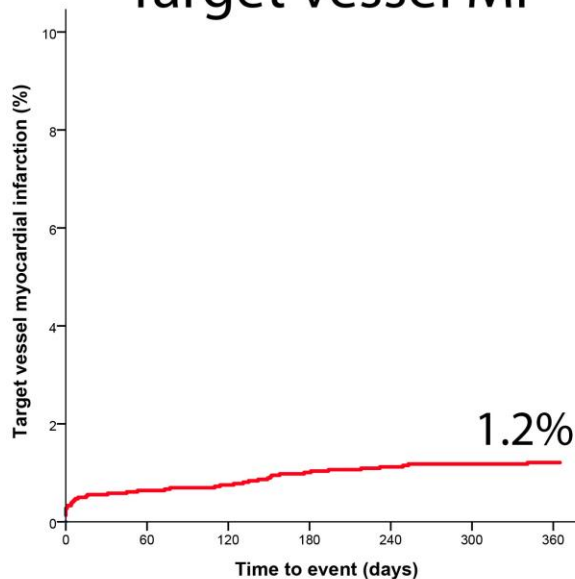
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## Cardiac death



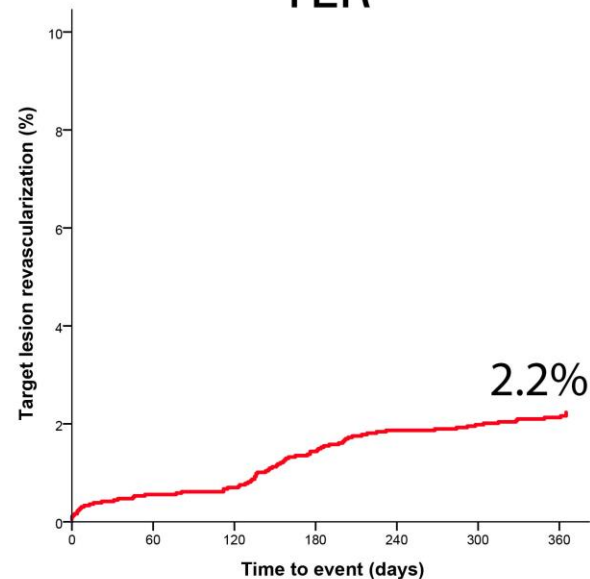
N at risk  
3614                      3527                      3462                      3059

## Target vessel MI



N at risk  
3614                      3506                      3430                      3025

## TLR



N at risk  
3614                      3505                      3404                      2999

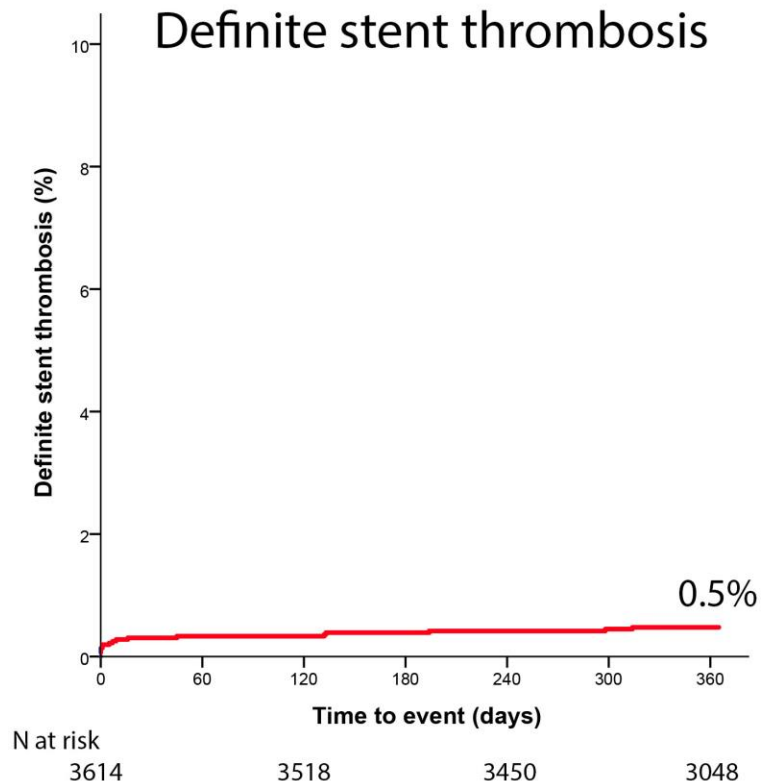


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# Results – Secondary endpoint

Very low definite ST rate:  
0.5% (n=17) at 1 year follow-up

Definite or probable ST rate:  
0.8% (n=30) at 1 year follow-up



# Results – Predictors of TLF

## univariate

PARIS thrombotic risk score model*		Univariate	Multivariate	Additional risk factors		Univariate	Multivariate
Diabetes mellitus	DM versus non-DM	1.32 (0.93-1.87) p=0.12		Female sex		0.99 (0.67-1.46) p=0.94	
	ITDM vs all others	2.08 (1.30-3.34) p<0.01	1.85 (1.14-3.01) p=0.01	Advanced age	>65 years vs ≤65 years	1.41 (1.01-1.97) p=0.04	ns
Acute coronary syndrome	ACS vs non-ACS	1.36 (0.97-1.91) p=0.08		Hypertension		0.76 (0.56-1.11) p=0.17	
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Current smoking		1.15 (0.80-1.65) p=0.46		Prior MI		1.38 (0.96-1.98) p=0.08	
Prior PCI		1.30 (0.91-1.85) p=0.15		Total stent length	>30mm vs ≤30 mm	1.09 (0.75-1.60) p=0.64	
Prior CABG		1.84 (1.06-3.19) p=0.03	ns	At least 1 B2/C lesion*		1.96 (1.34-2.86) p<0.01	1.94 (1.33-2.85) p<0.01
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**ITDM, CKD and at least 1 B2/C lesion are predictors of 1-year TLF**

# Conclusions

- In this largest cohort of patients (from two prospective independent registries; n=3614) treated with a novel bioengineered dual therapy stent:
- The COMBO stent was found safe (def/prob ST 0.8%) and effective (TLF 3.9%) at ONE year follow-up
- Future randomized trials should test safety and effectiveness of this novel stent compared to current third generation DES



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