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Valutazione dello shear stress endoteliale: solo per la ricerca?

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DISCLOSURES

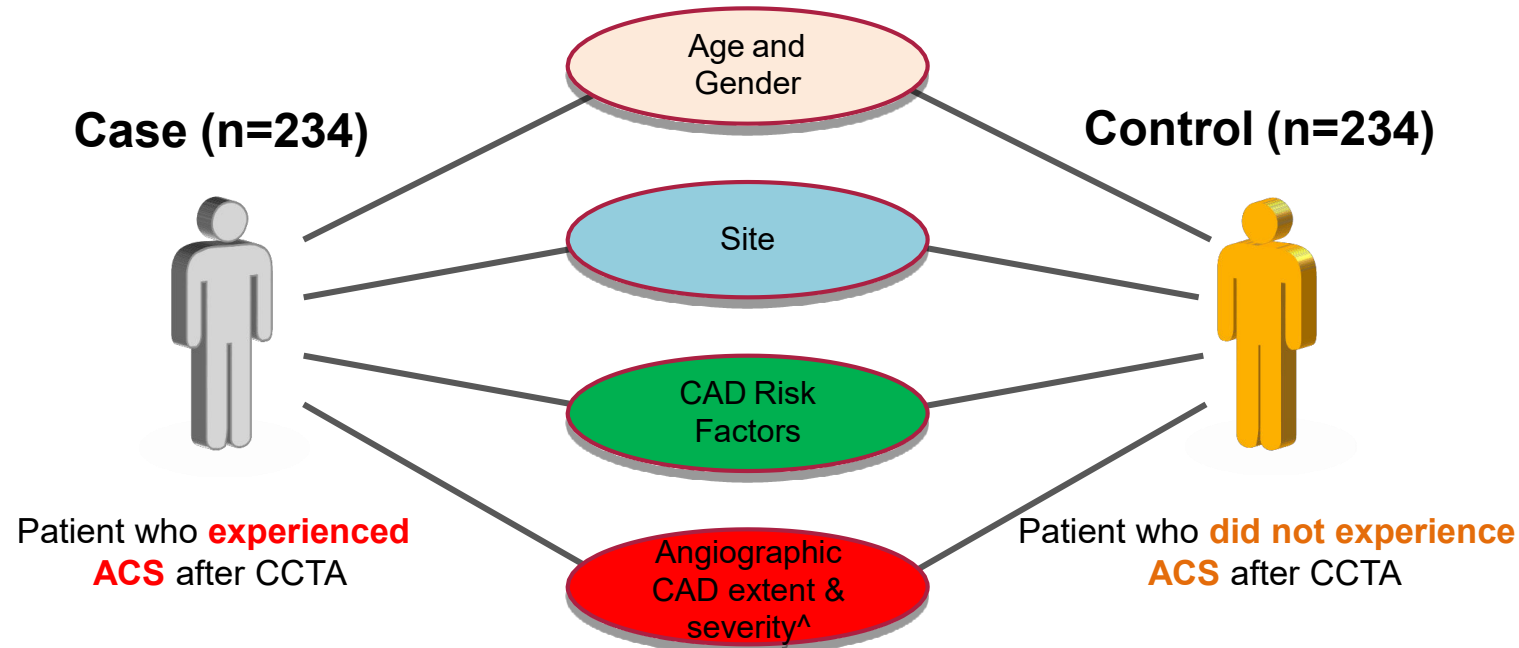
- 1) Abbott
- 2) Chiesi
- 3) Edwards
- 4) Medtronic



CLINICAL GAP

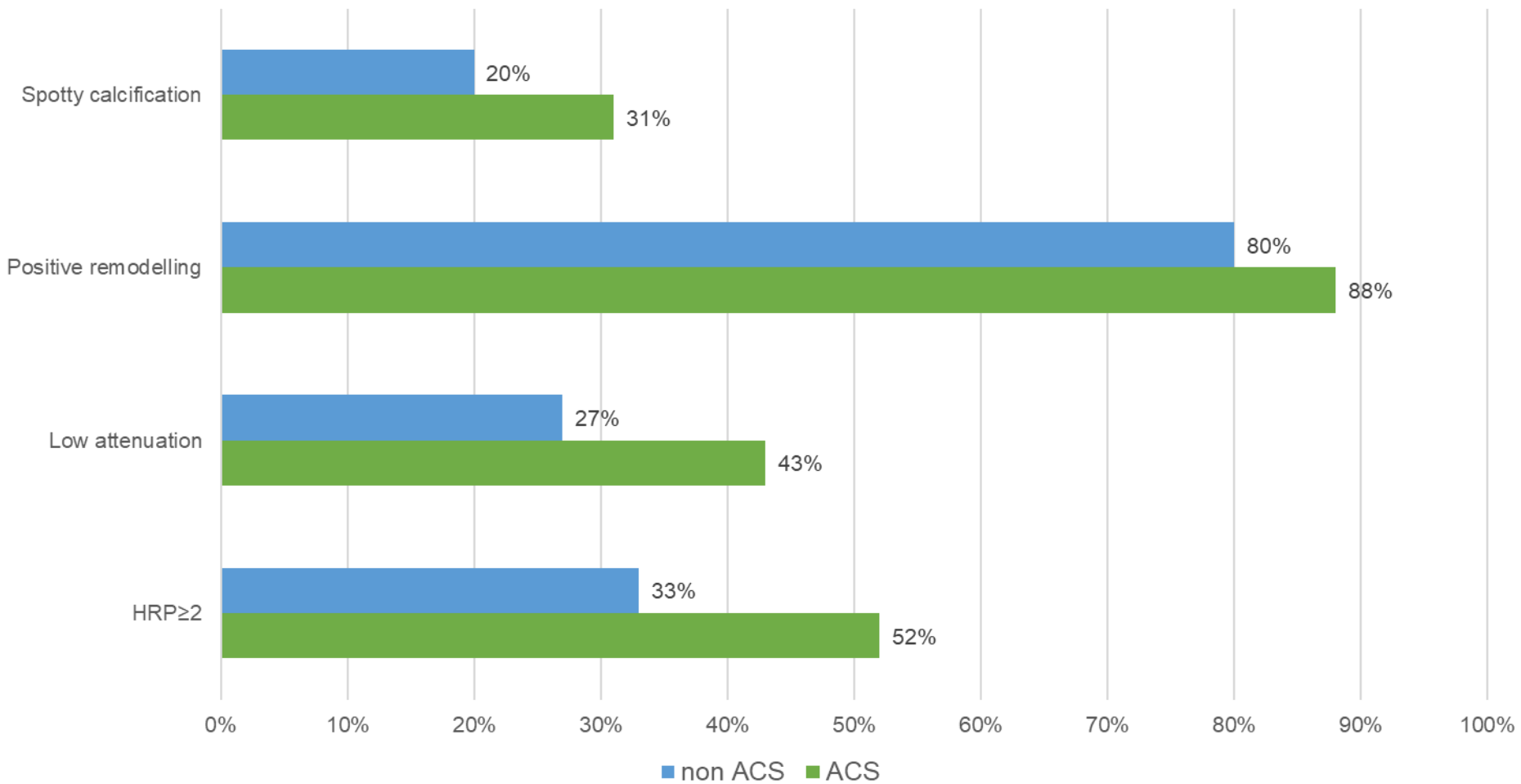
CLINICAL GAP: IDENTIFICATION OF «FUTURE CULPRIT»

ICONIC STUDY:
25.251 patients performed CT at basal and after 3.4 years



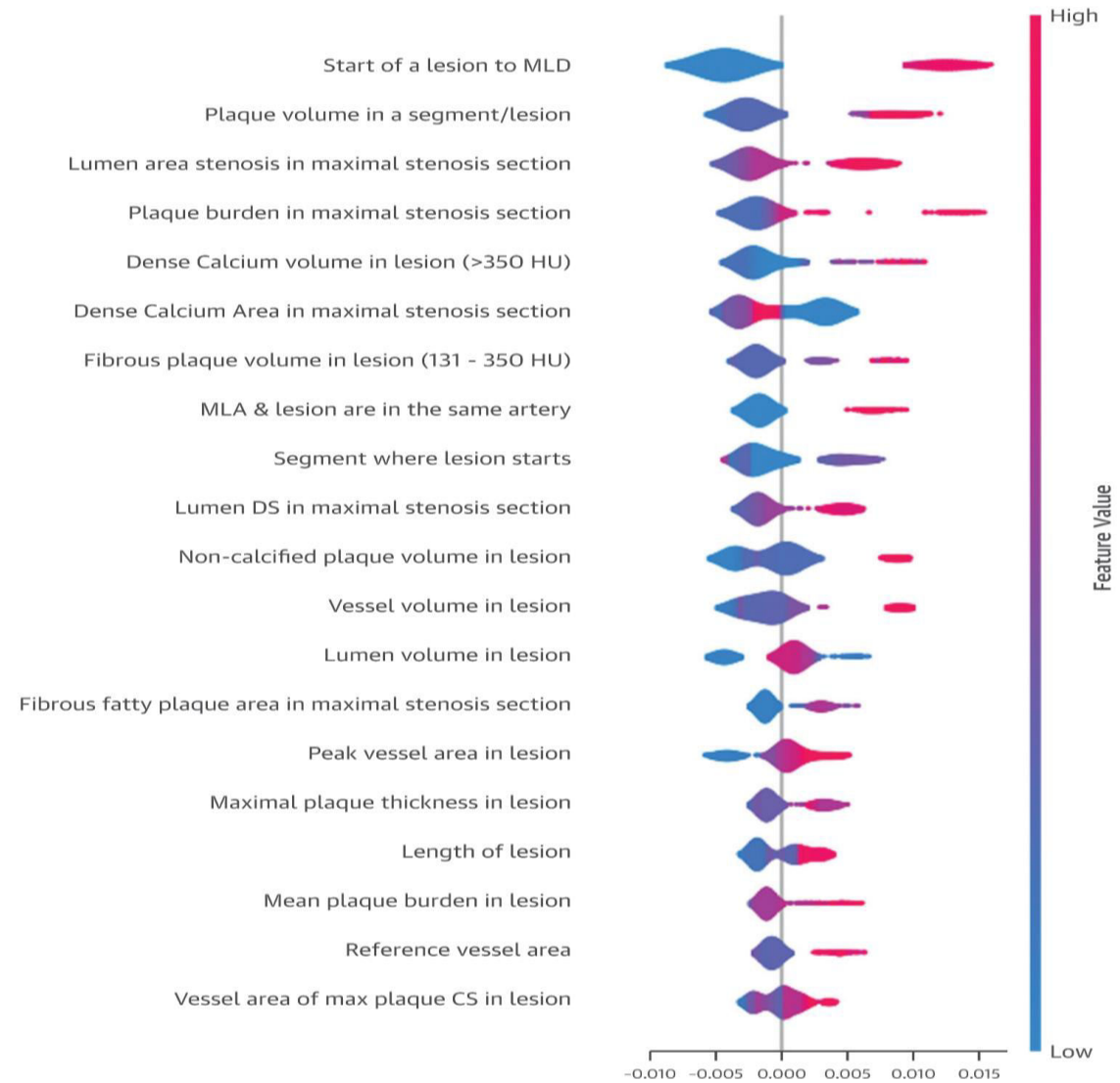
When angiographic CAD extent and severity is the same, do atherosclerotic plaque characteristics matter?

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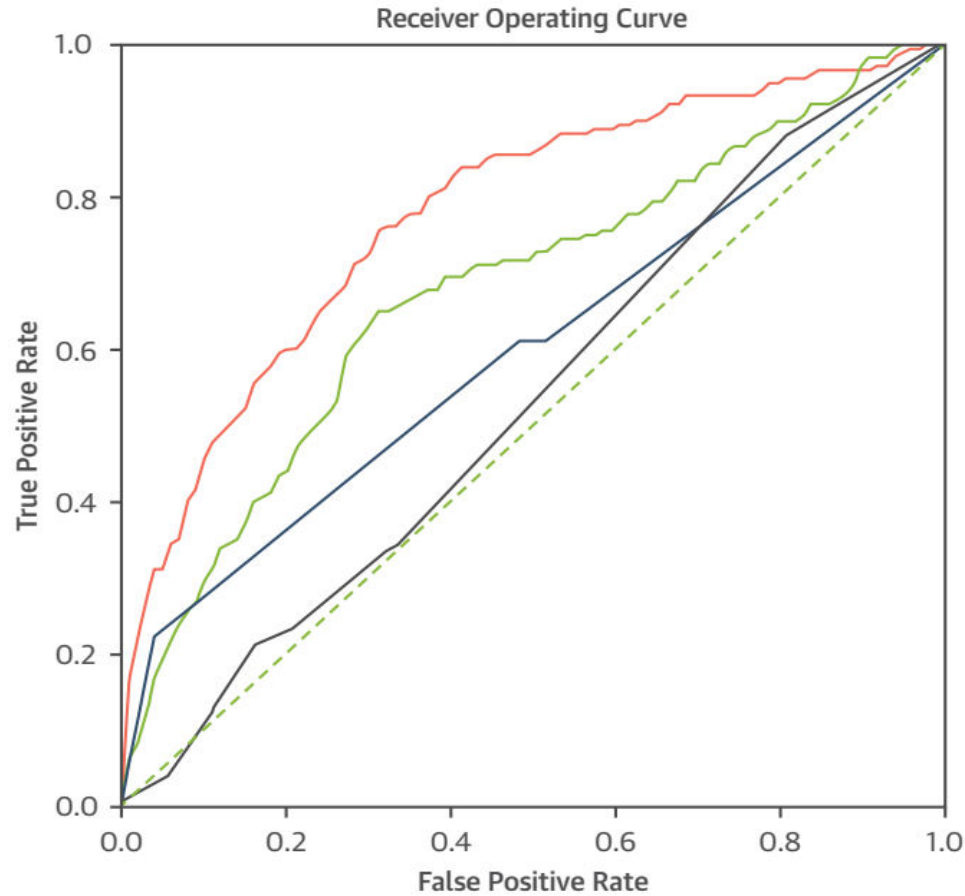
Coronary Atherosclerotic Precursors of Acute Coronary Syndromes

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A Boosted Ensemble Algorithm for Determination of Plaque Stability in High-Risk Patients on Coronary CTA

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- (0.774 ± 0.021 [0.758 - 0.790]) Machine Learning All Features
- (0.672 ± 0.013 [0.662 - 0.682]) ICONIC Lesion-Level Features
- (0.599 ± 0.000 [0.599 - 0.599]) Diameter Stenosis
- (0.532 ± 0.041 [0.563 - 0.501]) High-Risk Plaque Features

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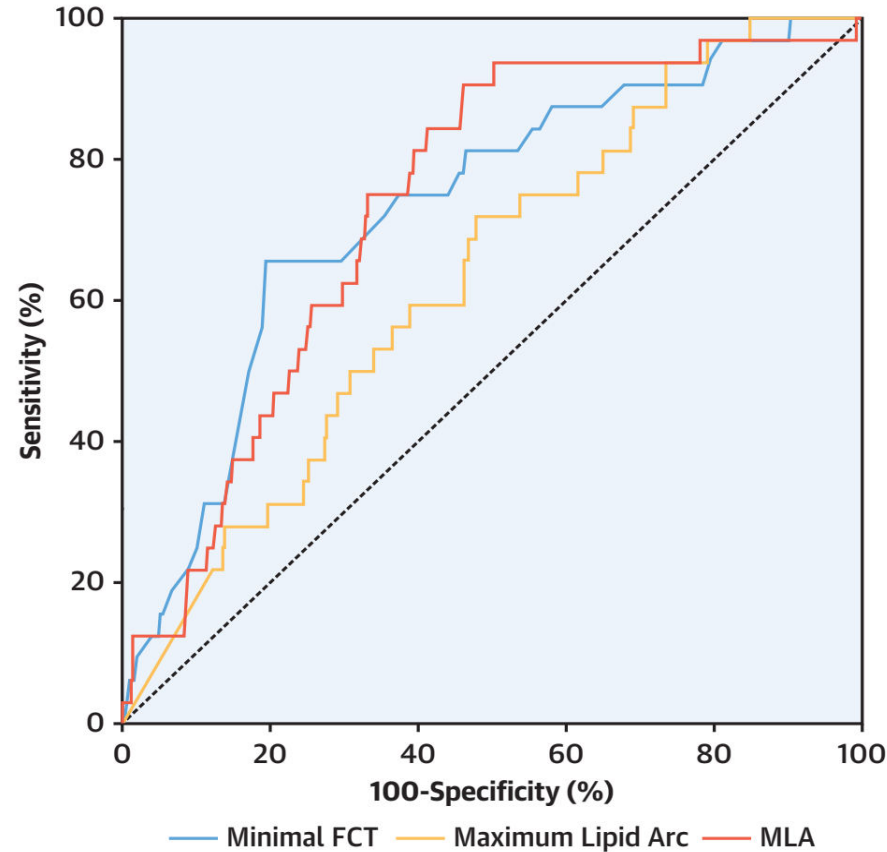
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OCT of 883 pts in non culprit arteries followed for 4 years

Patient-level models ^a with each high-risk characteristic introduced separately		
Model 1: TCFA	3.05 (1.67-5.57)	<0.001
Model 2: MLA <3.5 mm ²	3.71 (1.22-11.34)	0.021
Model 3: TCFA+MLA <3.5 mm ²	5.75 (3.12-10.61)	<0.001
Lesion-level models ^b with each high-risk characteristic introduced separately		
Model 1: TCFA	8.15 (3.67-18.07)	<0.001
Model 2: MLA <3.5 mm ²	4.33 (1.81-10.38)	0.001
Model 3: TCFA+MLA <3.5 mm ²	15.50 (6.89-34.89)	<0.001
Lesion-level models with 2 high-risk characteristics introduced simultaneously		
TCFA	7.64 (3.42-17.09)	<0.001
MLA <3.5 mm ²	4.11 (1.72-9.82)	0.002

Identification of High-Risk Coronary Lesions by 3-Vessel Optical Coherence Tomography

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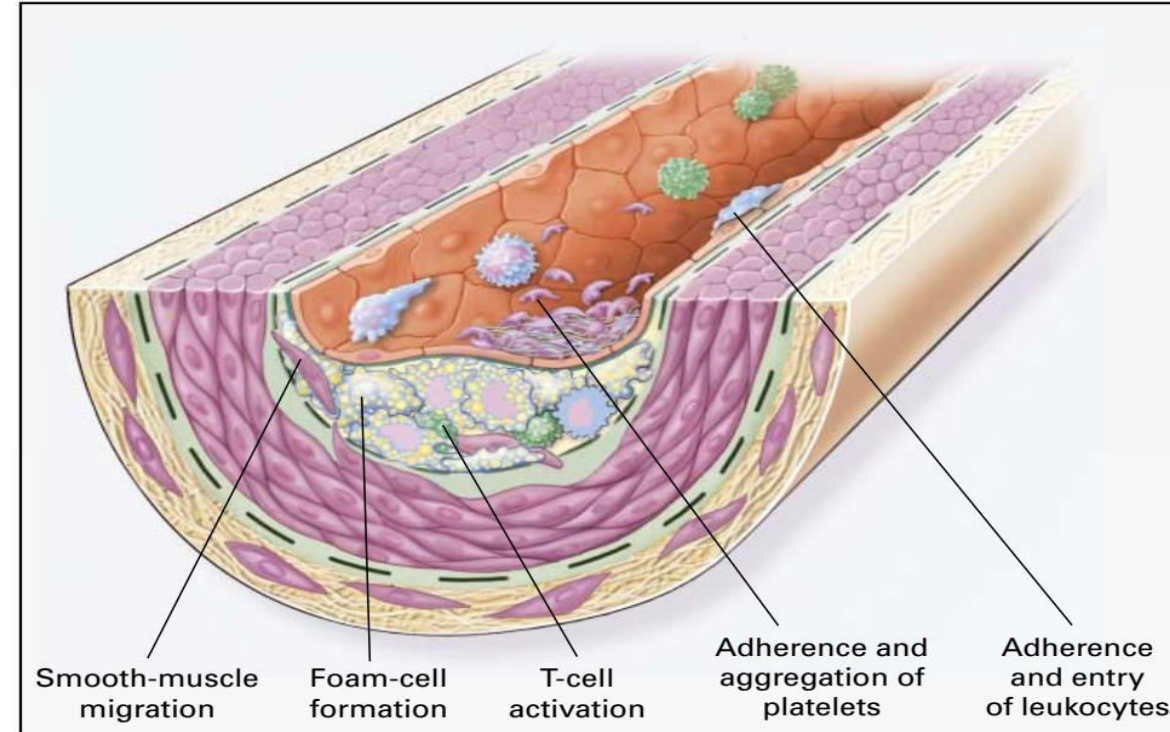
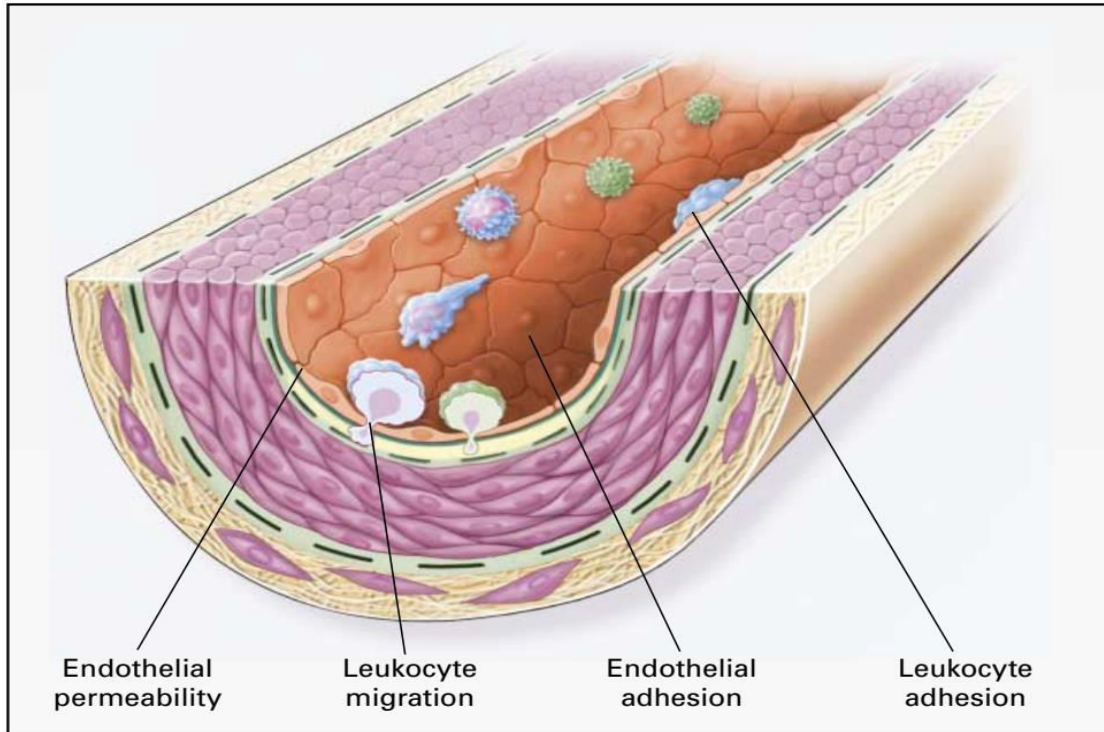
Variables	Optimal Cut-Off	AUC (95% CI)	Youden's Index	Sensitivity	Specificity	P Value
Minimal FCT, μm	66.7	0.73 (0.71-0.75)	0.46	65.6%	80.6%	<0.001
Maximum Lipid Arc, $^{\circ}$	225.7	0.63 (0.61-0.65)	0.24	71.9%	52.2%	0.003
MLA, mm^2	3.54	0.74 (0.72-0.75)	0.44	85.3%	58.8%	<0.001

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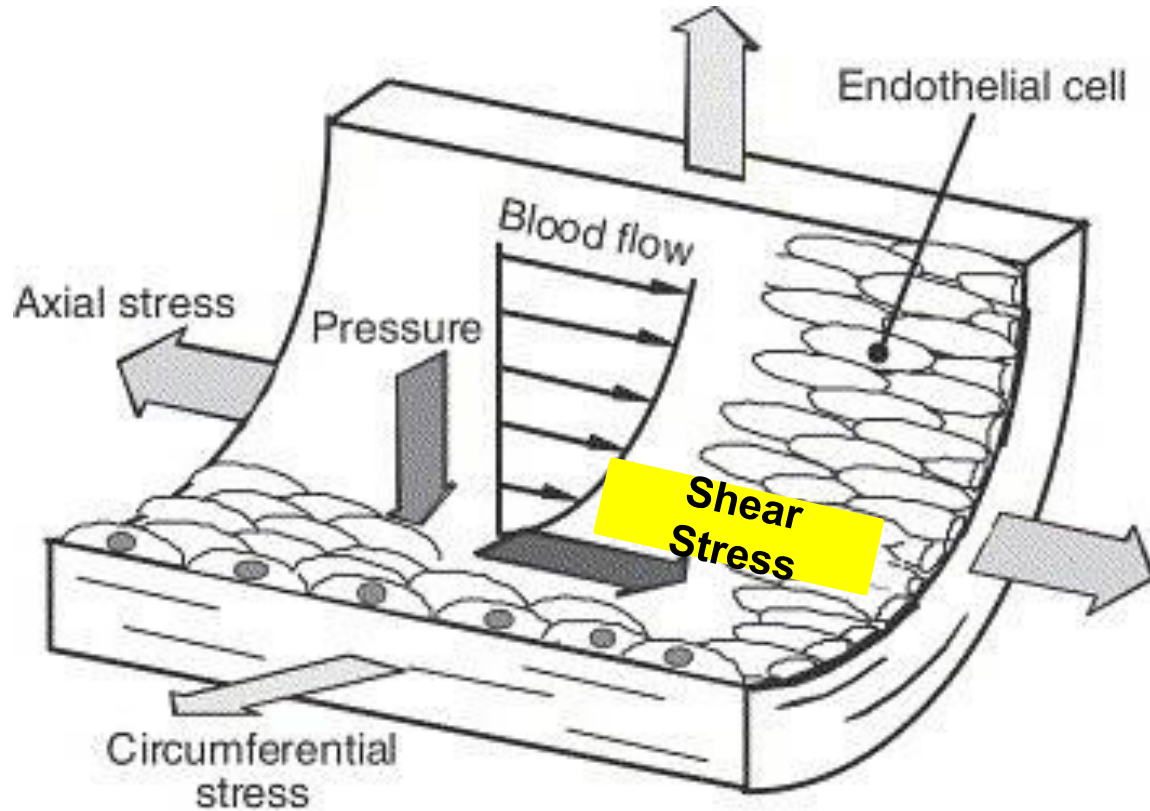


WSS DEFINITION AND MECHANISM

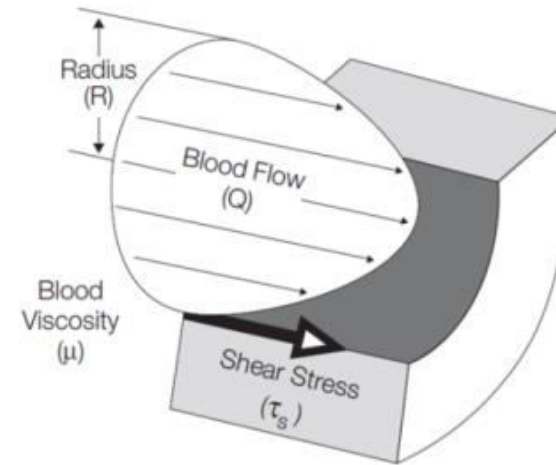
THE ROLE OF INFLAMMATION



THE ROLE OF BIOMECHANICAL FORCES



$W_{ss} = \text{tangential force/area}$
(dynes/cm²)

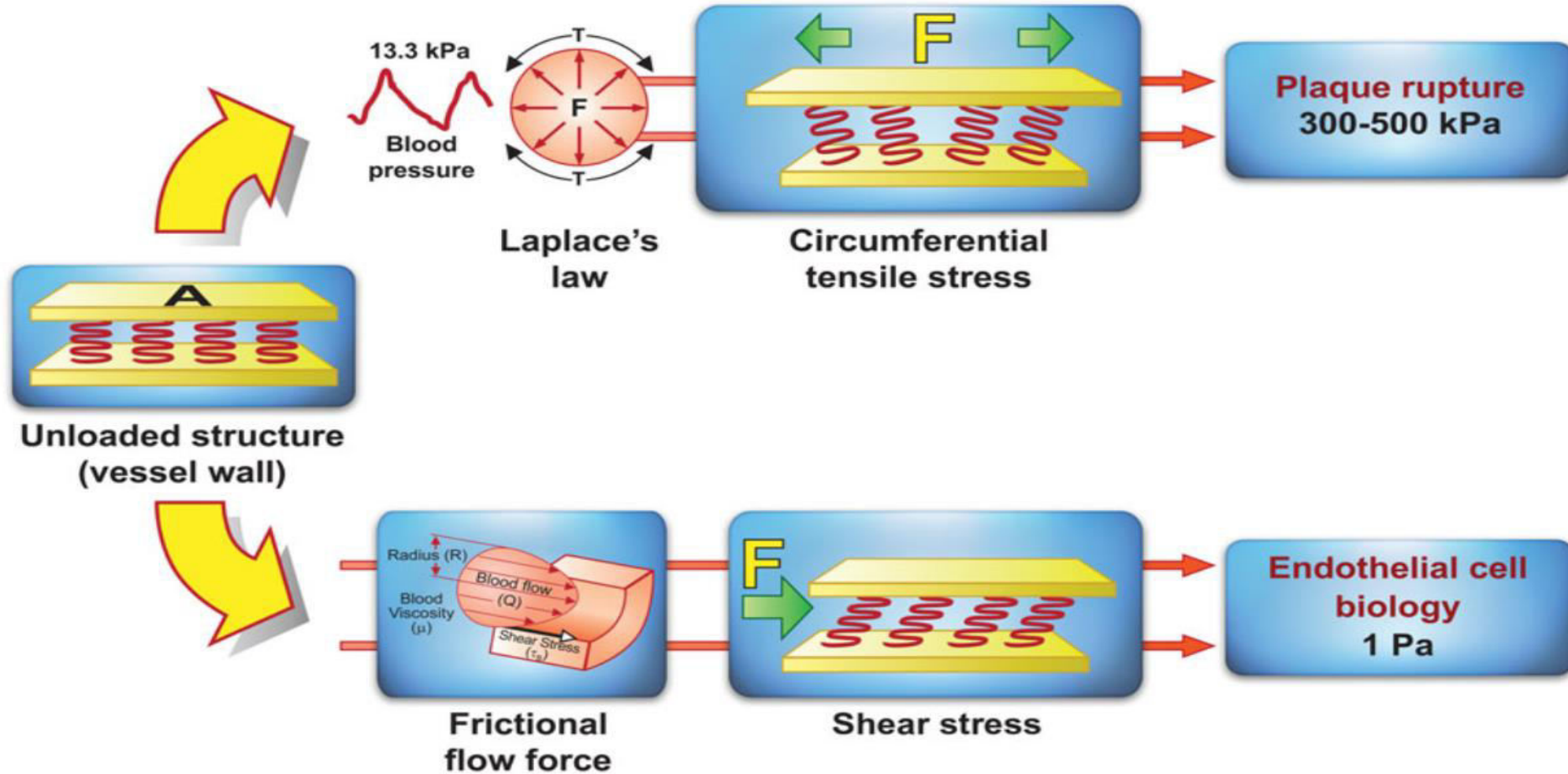


Expert recommendations on the assessment of wall shear stress in human coronary arteries: existing methodologies, technical considerations, and clinical applications

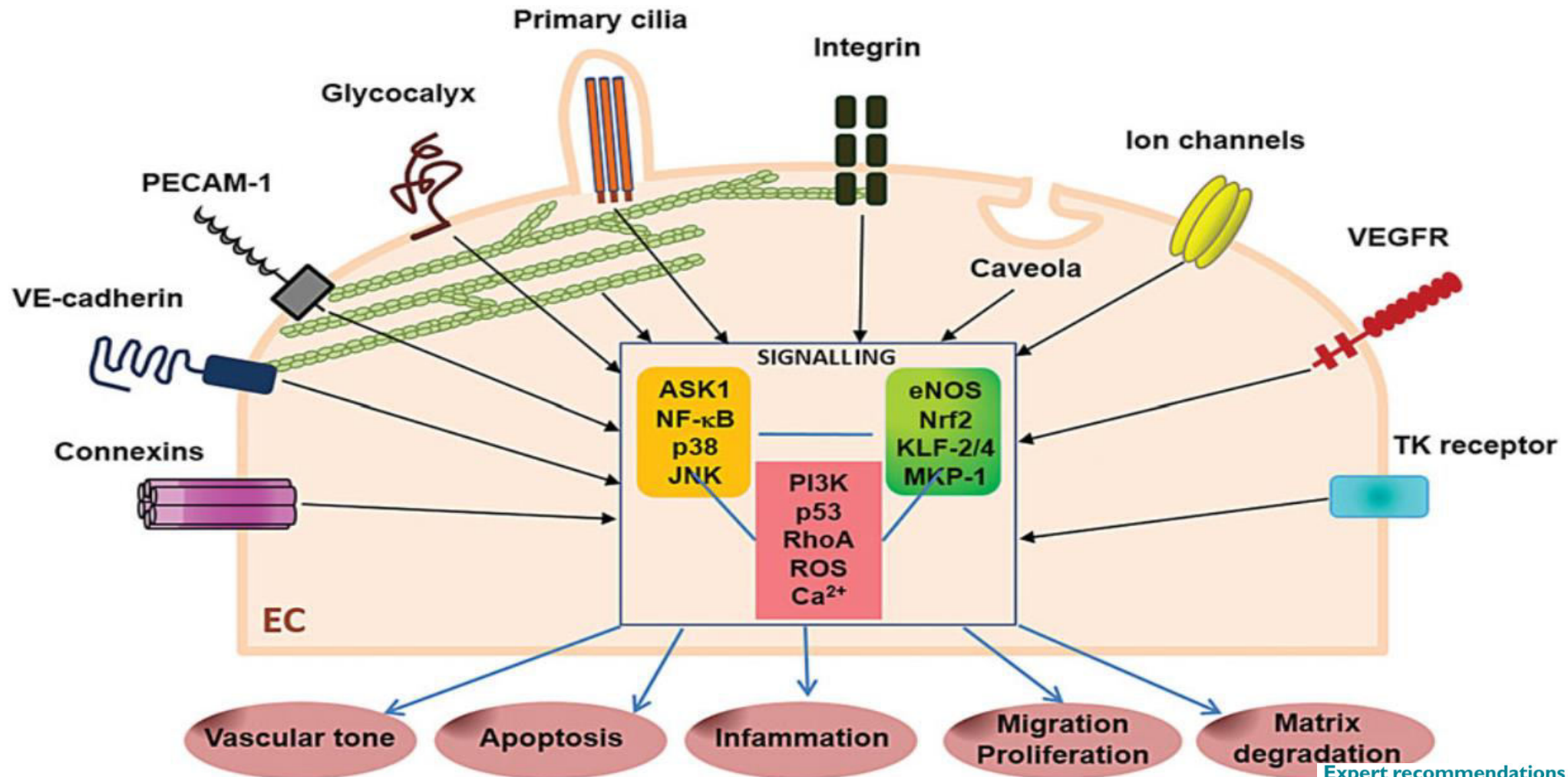
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Biomechanical parameters in the vasculature



IMPACT OF WSS ON ENDOTHELIUM



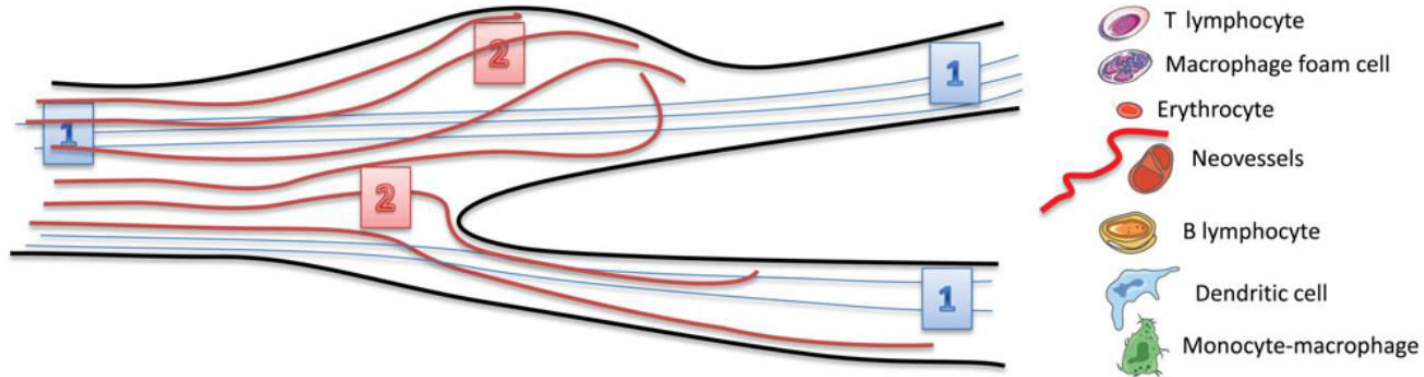
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Label	Range (Pa) ¹⁸⁻²²	Effects in:		
		Early atherosclerosis ⁴	Advanced atherosclerosis ⁴	Stented segments ^{23,24}
Oscillatory	0 ± 0.5	Athero-prone	Athero-prone	Neoathero-prone
Low	0-1			
Normal/high	1-7	Athero-protective	No consensus ^a	Neoathero-protective
Elevated	>7	NA	Erosion	NA

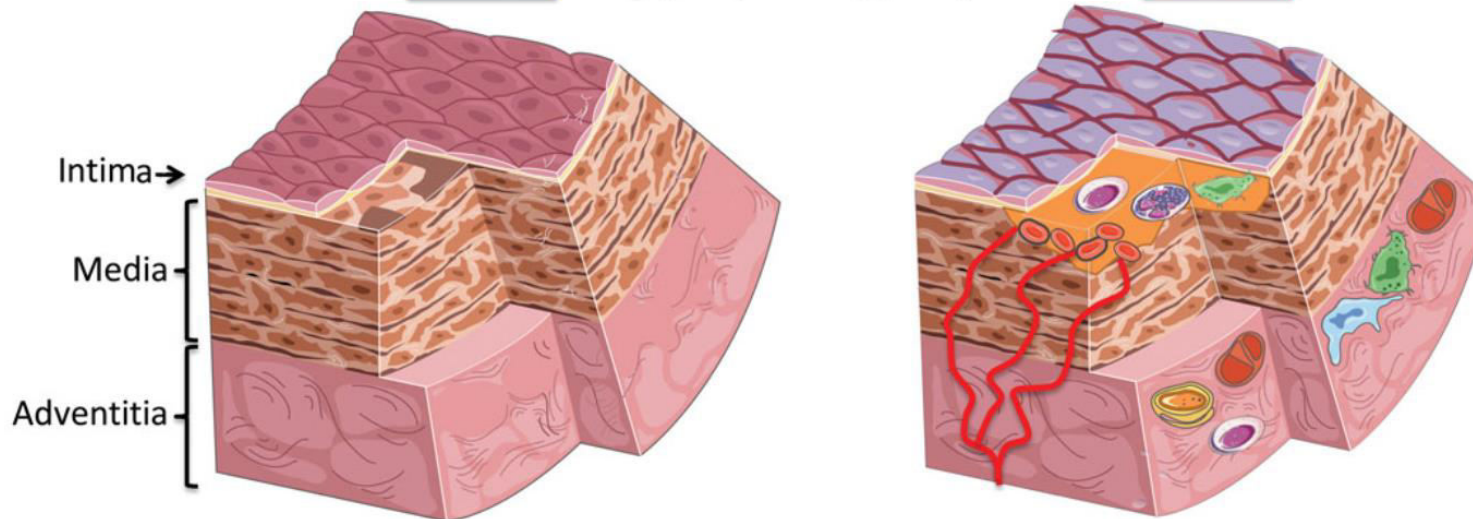
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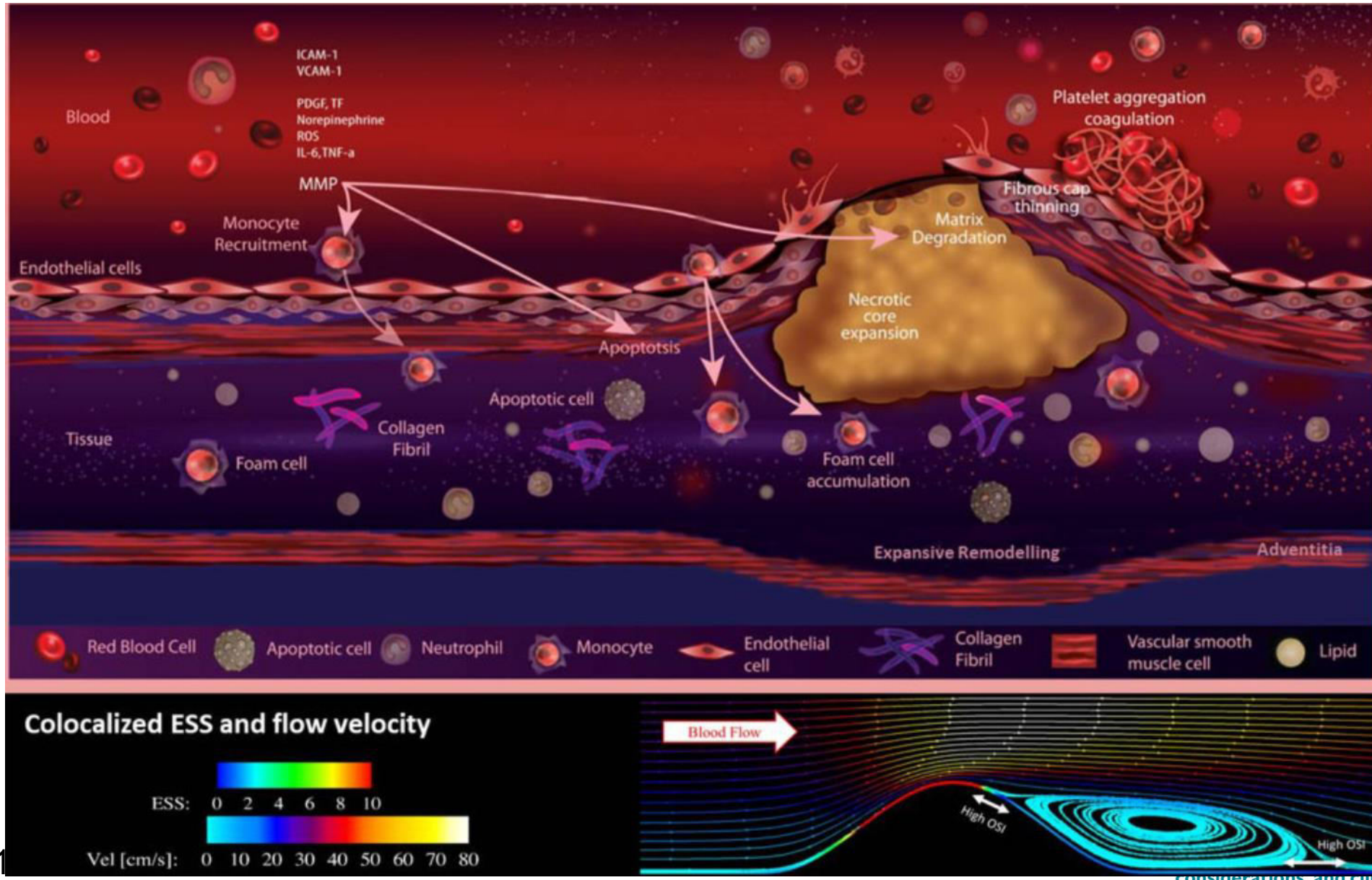
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 ↑ Shear
 ↓ Strain
 Functional endothelial barrier
 Cell survival and low turn over
 Anti-inflammatory, anti-coagulant
 Low oxydative stress

2
 ↓ Shear
 ↑ Strain
 Loosened endothelial barrier
 Cell death and high turn over
 Epigenetic modifications
 High oxydative stress and inflammation
 Neo-angiogenesis, haemorrhage, leucocyte extravasation



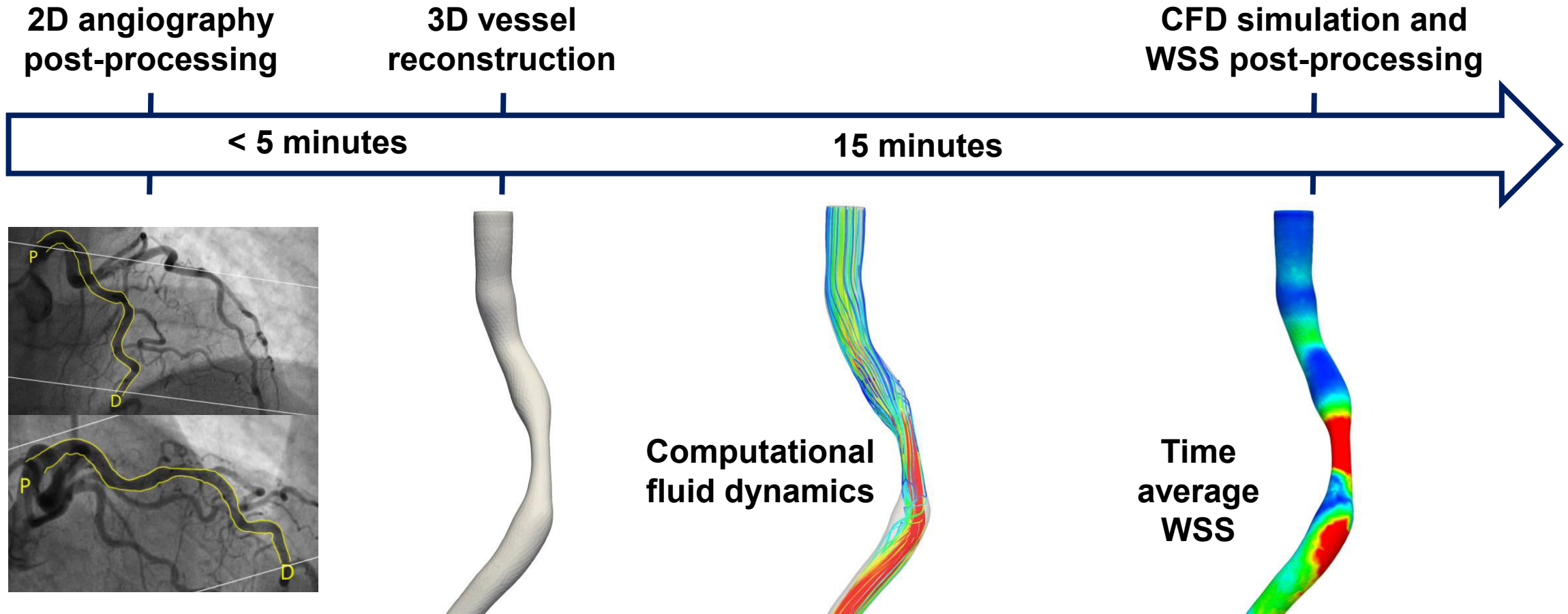
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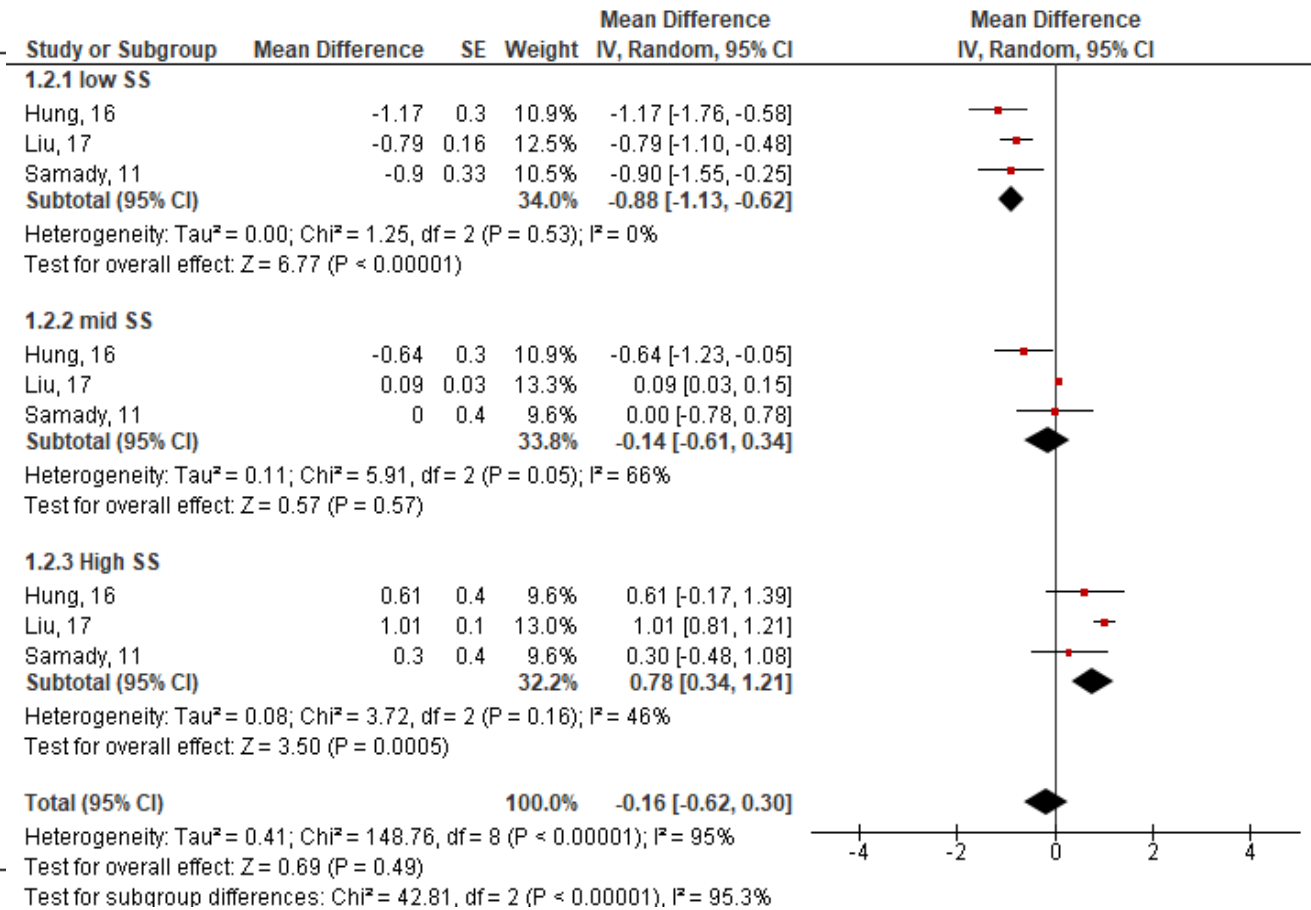
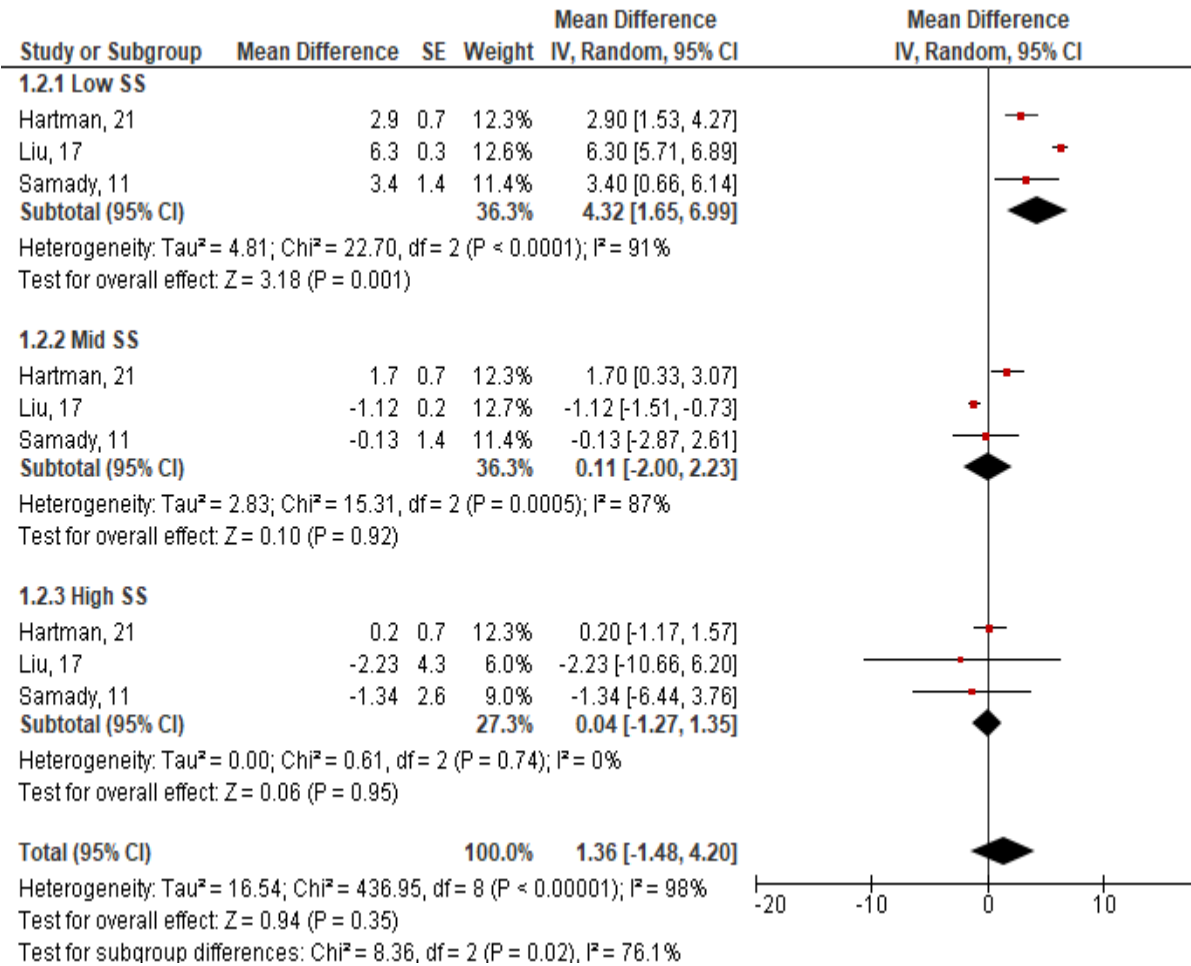
HOW TO OBTAIN WSS





PLAQUE PROGRESSION AND ROLE OF WSS

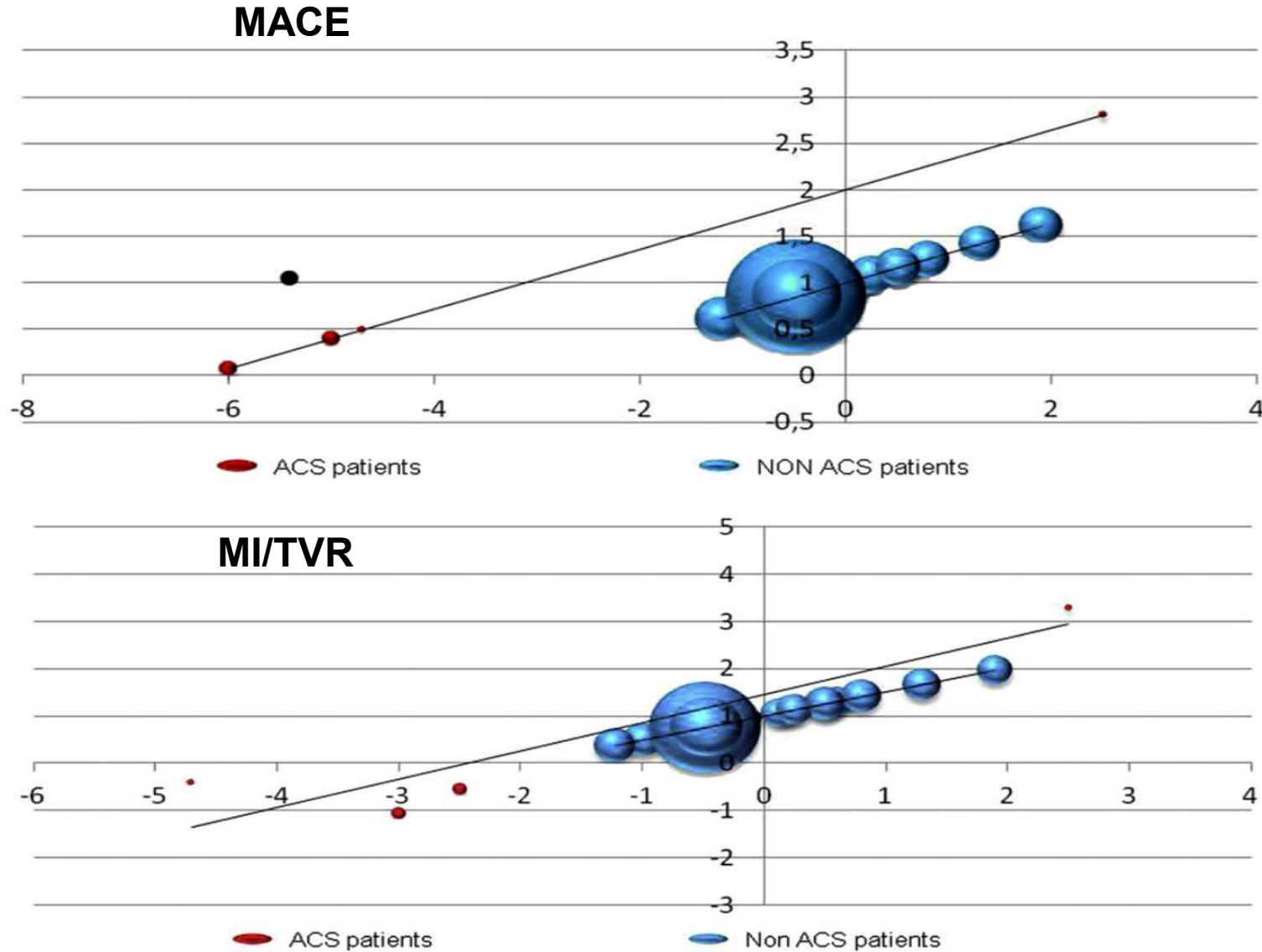
PLAQUE PROGRESSION AND ROLE OF WSS



Impact of WSS on change in plaque burden (%)

Impact of WSS on change of lumen area (mm²).

PLAQUE PROGRESSION AND CLINICAL EVENTS



WSS AND MI

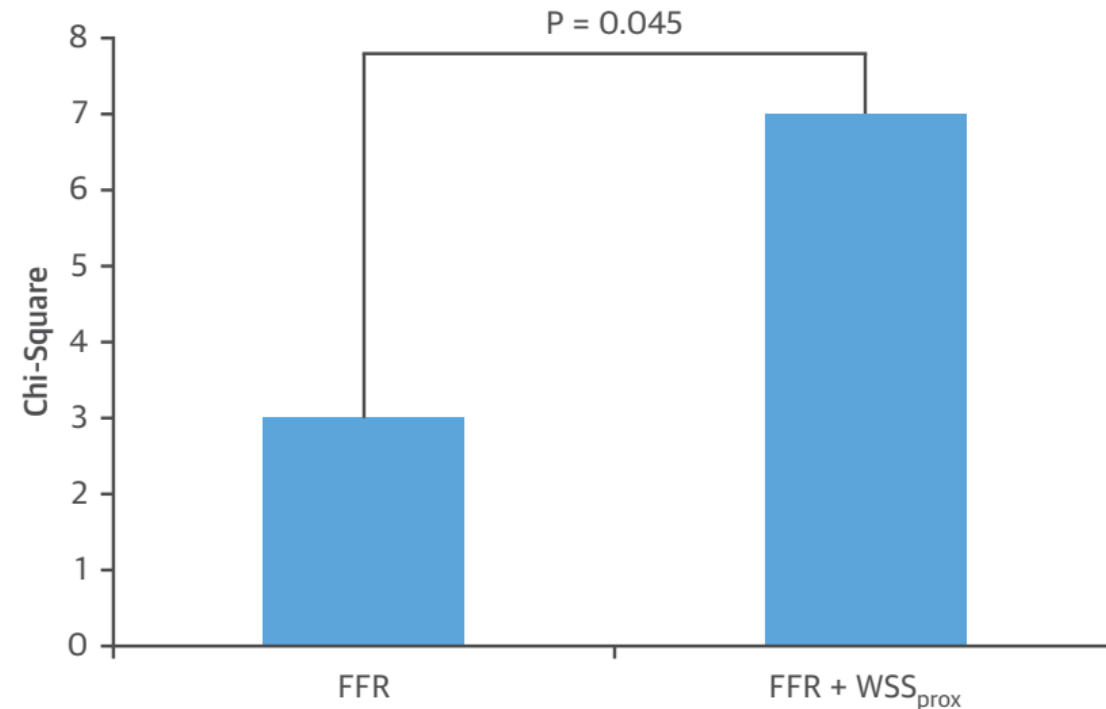
Out of 441 FAME pts
34 (8%) experienced
MI in 4 years

	MI	Non-MI	p Value
Age, yrs	63.1 ± 12.03	61.41 ± 8.94	0.546
Male	23 (79.31)	23 (79.31)	1.000
Body mass index, kg/m ²	28.23 ± 3.55	28.49 ± 4.66	0.994
Current smoker	9 (31.03)	9 (31.03)	1.000
Hypertension	24 (82.76)	24 (82.76)	1.000
Diabetes	11 (37.93)	11 (37.93)	1.000
Hypercholesterolemia	23 (79.31)	26 (89.66)	0.470
Peripheral vascular disease	7 (24.14)	7 (24.14)	1.000
Family history of CAD	15 (51.72)	17 (58.62)	0.792
History of myocardial infarction	11 (37.93)	15 (51.72)	0.429
History of PCI in target vessel	4 (13.79)	6 (20.69)	0.730
History of stroke/TIA	5 (17.24)	3 (10.34)	0.706
LVEF ≤50%	4 (13.79)	3 (10.34)	1.000
Angina class (CCS) (baseline)			0.270
I	4 (13.79)	7 (24.14)	
II	14 (48.28)	10 (34.48)	
III	4 (13.79)	1 (3.45)	
IV	0 (0)	2 (6.9)	
Asymptomatic	7 (24.14)	9 (31.03)	

High Coronary Shear Stress in Patients With Coronary Artery Disease Predicts Myocardial Infarction

WSS AND MI

Distance of lesion MLD from vessel ostium	0.981 (0.954-1.009)	0.187
Distance of proximal segment of lesion from MLD	0.965 (0.905-1.030)	0.285
Lesion length	1.014 (0.980-1.050)	0.430
DS%, per 10% increase	1.374 (1.068-1.767)	0.013
FFR	0.084 (0.006-1.159)	0.064
WSS _{prox} , per 3-Pa increase (adjusted for distance of lesion MLD from vessel ostium)	1.194 (1.022-1.395)	0.025
WSS _{prox} , per 3-Pa increase (adjusted for distance of proximal segment of lesion from MLD)	1.218 (1.060-1.399)	0.005
WSS _{prox} , per 3-Pa increase (adjusted for DS%)	1.183 (1.027-1.363)	0.020
WSS _{prox} , per 3-Pa increase (adjusted for lesion length)	1.229 (1.069-1.413)	0.004
WSS _{prox} , per 3-Pa increase (adjusted for FFR)	1.204 (1.033-1.402)	0.017



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WSS AND CLINICAL EVENTS

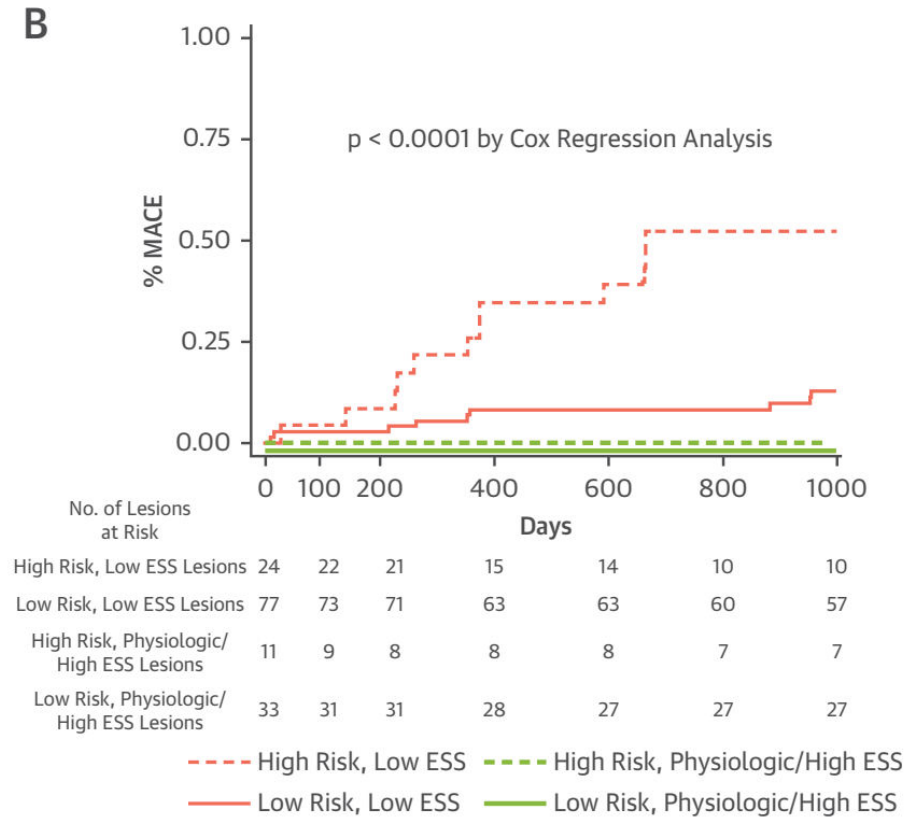
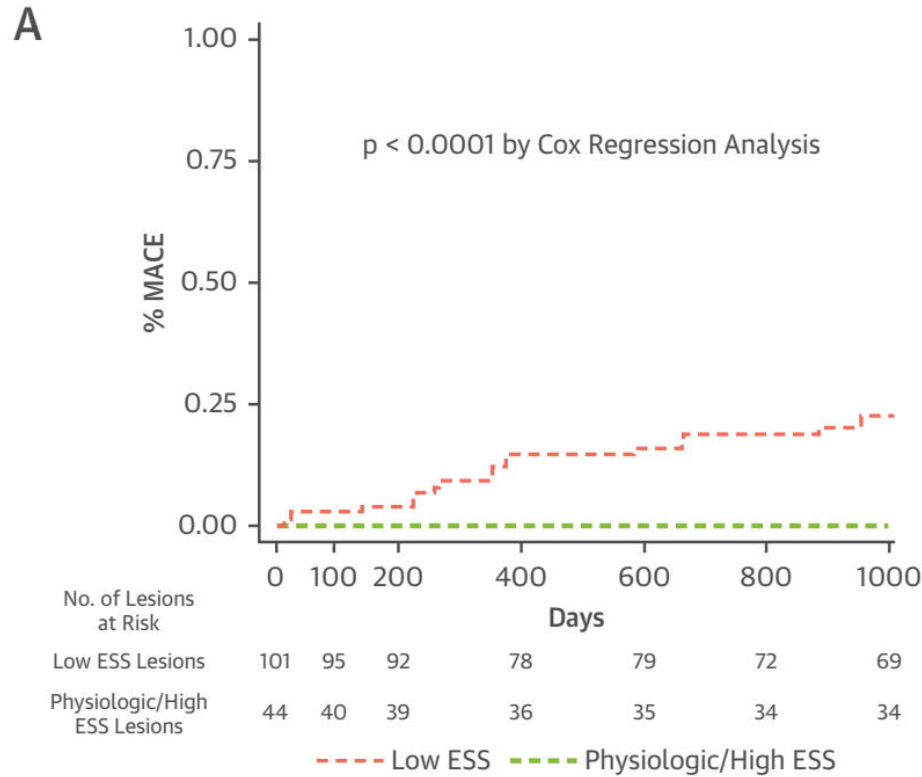
23 patients with MACE
122 without

	nc-MACE Lesions (n = 23)	nc-non-MACE Lesions (n = 122)	p Value
Lesion length, mm	33.0 ± 21.0	21.0 ± 12.0	0.02
Plaque burden, %	67.7 ± 8.0	59.0 ± 8.6	<0.001
Minimal lumen area, mm ²	4.2 ± 1.0	5.4 ± 2.0	<0.0001
Lowest local ESS, Pa	0.61 ± 0.34	1.13 ± 0.79	<0.0001
Highest local ESS, Pa	6.02 ± 2.95	4.69 ± 2.44	0.12
EEM area, mm ²	14.44 ± 3.50	14.11 ± 4.47	0.78
Lumen area, mm ²	6.66 ± 1.52	7.20 ± 2.41	0.31
Plaque area, mm ²	7.78 ± 2.29	6.91 ± 2.49	0.22
Arterial remodeling at the MLA			0.003
Constrictive	14 (60.9)	35 (28.7)	
Compensatory	9 (39.1)	87 (71.3)	
Expansive	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	
Artery-specific coronary blood flow, ml/s	1.27 ± 0.50	1.30 ± 1.30	0.81
Thin-cap fibroatheroma	13 (56.5)	63 (51.6)	0.67
Thick-cap fibroatheroma	10 (43.5)	59 (48.4)	0.67
Coronary artery			0.97
Left anterior descending	8 (34.8)	42 (34.4)	
Left circumflex	8 (34.8)	40 (32.8)	
Right	7 (30.4)	40 (32.8)	
Location in artery			0.25
Proximal	15 (65.2)	59 (48.4)	
Middle	6 (26.0)	37 (30.3)	
Distal	2 (8.7)	26 (21.3)	

Role of Low Endothelial Shear Stress and Plaque Characteristics in the Prediction of Nonculprit Major Adverse Cardiac Events

The PROSPECT Study

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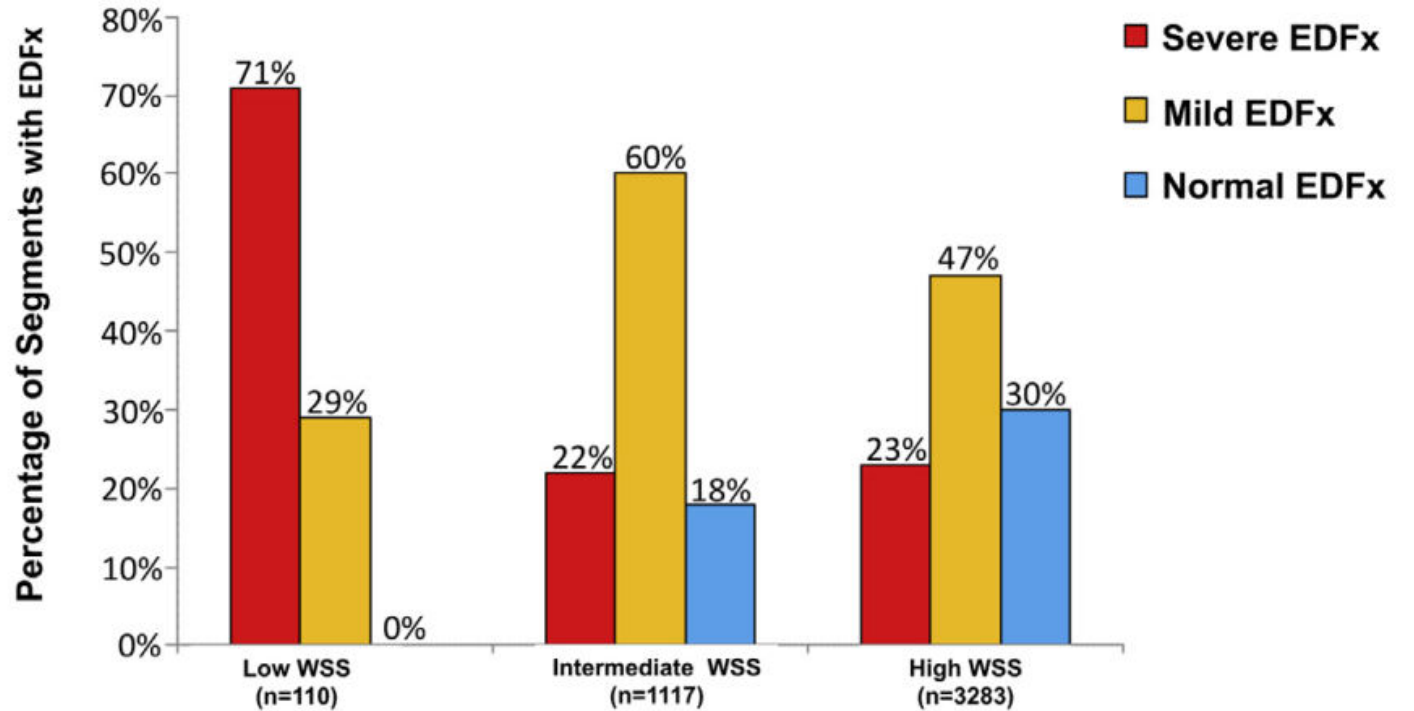
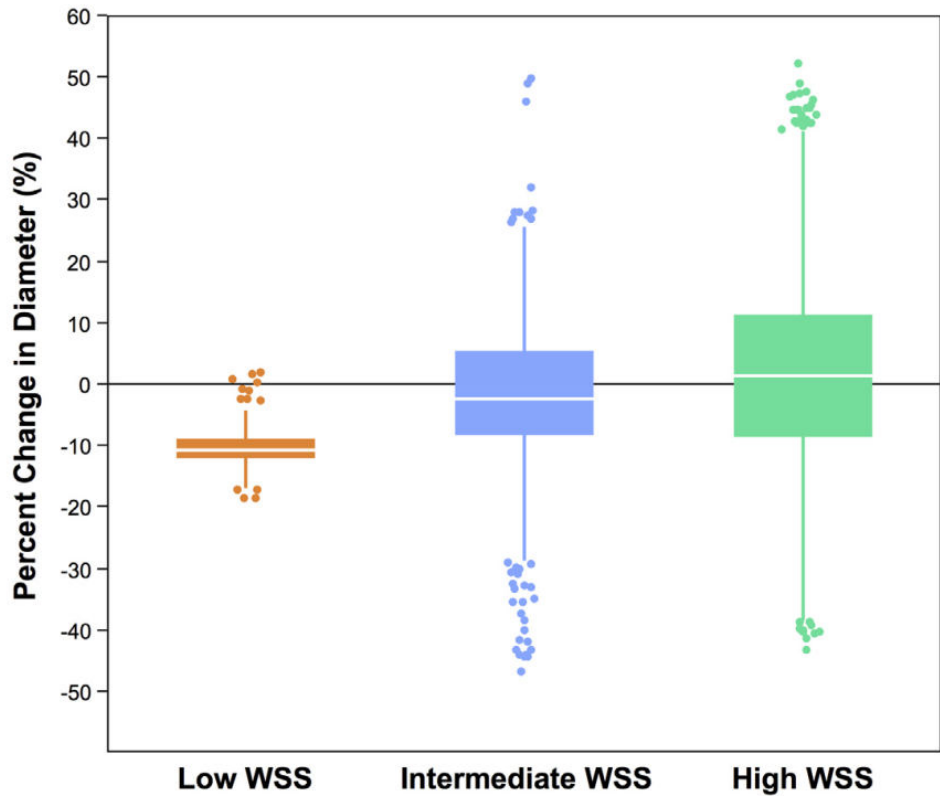
WSS AND MINOCA

54 pts with MINOCA

Age (yrs)	52.0 (44.0-66.0)
Female	32 (73)
African American	24 (55)
Cardiovascular risk factors	
Hypertension	13 (30)
Diabetes mellitus	1 (2)
Hyperlipidemia	20 (45)
Current smoker	3 (7)
Medication use	
Aspirin	23 (52)
P2Y ₁₂ inhibitor	5 (11)
Statin	20 (45)
Beta-blocker	16 (36)
Calcium-channel blocker	9 (20)
Long-acting nitrate	10 (23)
ACE inhibitor or ARB	10 (23)

Low Coronary Wall Shear Stress Is Associated With Severe Endothelial Dysfunction in Patients With Nonobstructive Coronary Artery Disease

WSS AND MINOCA



Low Coronary Wall Shear Stress Is Associated With Severe Endothelial Dysfunction in Patients With Nonobstructive Coronary Artery Disease

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

WSS has a clear physio pathologic background

Its role in plaque progression has been demonstrated

Challenges in availability in the cath lab may limit clinical impact



"That's all Folks!"