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DRUG ELUTING BALLOON ANGIOPLASTY IN ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA FAILURE

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7. Treatment of stenosis and thrombosis in AV fistulae and AV grafts

Guideline 7.1. For venous outflow stenosis percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) is the first treatment option (Evidence level III).

Guideline 7.2. Thrombosed autogenous and graft fistulae should be treated either by interventional radiology or surgery. Individual centres should review their results and select the modality that produces the best results for that centre (Evidence level III).





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Recommendations for further research

Development of better catheter and balloon designs and (drug-eluting) stents may improve the outcome of interventional access treatment.





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Recommendations for further research

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5.1. Tratamiento de la estenosis

Recomendaciones

- (•) **NUEVA R 5.1.1)** Se sugiere el tratamiento quirúrgico en las estenosis yuxtaanastomóticas de las fistulas arteriovenosas nativas, siempre que no requiera la colocación de un catéter venoso central
- (•) **NUEVA R 5.1.2)** Se sugiere el tratamiento de las estenosis yuxtaanastomóticas venosas de las fistulas arteriovenosas protésicas mediante angioplastia o tratamiento quirúrgico indistintamente
- NUEVA R 5.1.3)** Se sugiere inicialmente el tratamiento mediante angioplastia de la estenosis no yuxtaanastomóticas de la fistula arteriovenosa nativa por ser menos invasiva que la cirugía
- R 5.1.4)** Se recomienda la realización de una fistulografía ante la sospecha clínica de una estenosis venosa central
- (•) **NUEVA R 5.1.5)** Se recomienda tratar solo las estenosis de venas centrales que sean sintomáticas
- (•) **NUEVA R 5.1.6)** Se recomienda como primera opción de tratamiento en las estenosis centrales la terapia endovascular mediante angioplastia transluminal percutánea con balón
- (•) **NUEVA R 5.1.7)** Se sugiere limitar la utilización de stents a casos seleccionados de fracaso técnico de la angioplastia y recidiva frecuente de la estenosis, y se recomienda no utilizarlos en confluente venosos
- NUEVA R 5.1.8)** En las estenosis del arco de la vena cefálica se sugiere el tratamiento inicial mediante angioplastia; asimismo se puede considerar el tratamiento mediante la colocación de endoprótesis vasculares o mediante la transposición quirúrgica de la vena cefálica





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Vascular Access Guidelines: Summary, Rationale, and Controversies



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Future Direction

Guidelines and protocols will continue to evolve with improved understanding of access pathophysiology, better tools for endovascular therapy, and better training opportunities for all stakeholders.



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BACKGROUND



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REVIEW

The eternal tale of dialysis access vessels and restenosis: are drug-eluting balloons the solution?

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ABSTRACT

In dialysis access fistulas and grafts, percutaneous transluminal angioplasty (PTA) is frequently followed by restenosis development, which results in repeated periodical re-interventions. The technique of drug-eluting balloon (DEB) angioplasty has shown promising results in the treatment of femoropopliteal arteriosclerotic lesions. In contrast to arteriosclerotic arteries, dialysis access vessels host unfavorable hemodynamics due to the direct conduction of high-pressure fluid into a low-pressure system. Hence, the beneficial effect of DEB angioplasty may be limited in this system. However, a first prospective randomized trial on 40 patients with arteriovenous fistula or graft stenoses exhibited a significantly higher 6-month primary patency of the treated lesions after DEB angioplasty than after uncoated balloon angioplasty



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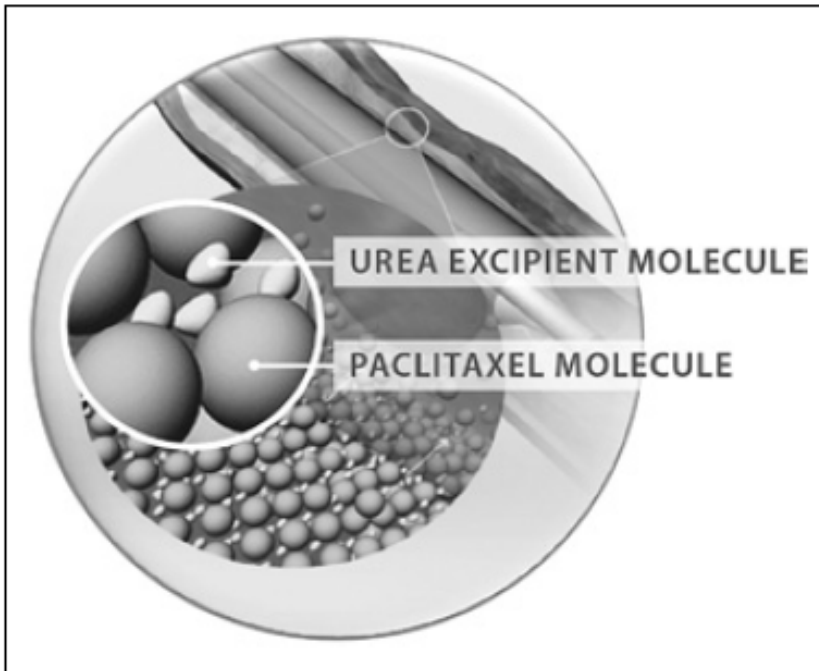
Endothelial cells are supposed to terminate intimal proliferation by releasing nitric oxide (NO) and heparin sulfate, which both have shown to inhibit smooth muscle cell growth *in vitro* (11-13). NO decreases the synthesis of collagen by VSMCs and the recruitment of circulating inflammatory cells, which have the potential to release growth factors as well (14, 15). However, after repeated mechanical injury, endothelial cells lose their ability to synthesize NO (16). Ongoing mechanical stress and injuries are frequent features in artificial vascular environments such as arterial bypasses and hemodialysis fistulas and grafts.





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transfer (62). The coating of a DEB usually consists of the drug itself, most commonly paclitaxel, and an excipient such as urea, iopromide, or shellac designed to attach the drug to the balloon and to permit a uniform penetration of the drug into the vessel wall (Fig. 3) (58, 63, 64). A variety of excipients have already been tested; however, no consensus has yet been achieved regarding the optimal drug carrier matrix for DEBs (65). In a recent animal experiment, phospholipid-based nano-spheres revealed potential to transfer great amounts of an anti-proliferative drug to all layers of the vessel wall with consecutive high tissue concentrations that persisted days after application (66).





RANDOMIZED TRIAL

Paclitaxel-Coated Balloon Angioplasty vs. Plain Balloon Dilation for the Treatment of Failing Dialysis Access: 6-Month Interim Results From a Prospective Randomized Controlled Trial

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Methods: The enrollment criteria for this non-inferiority hypothesis trial included clinical signs of failing dialysis access with angiographic documentation of a significant venous stenotic lesion in patients with AVF or AVG circuits. From March to December 2010, 40 patients (29 men; mean age 64.1 ± 14.3 years) were randomized to undergo either PCB dilation (n=20) or standard BA (n=20) of a stenosed venous outflow lesion. Regular

Conclusion: PCB angioplasty improves patency after angioplasty of venous stenoses of failing vascular access used for dialysis.

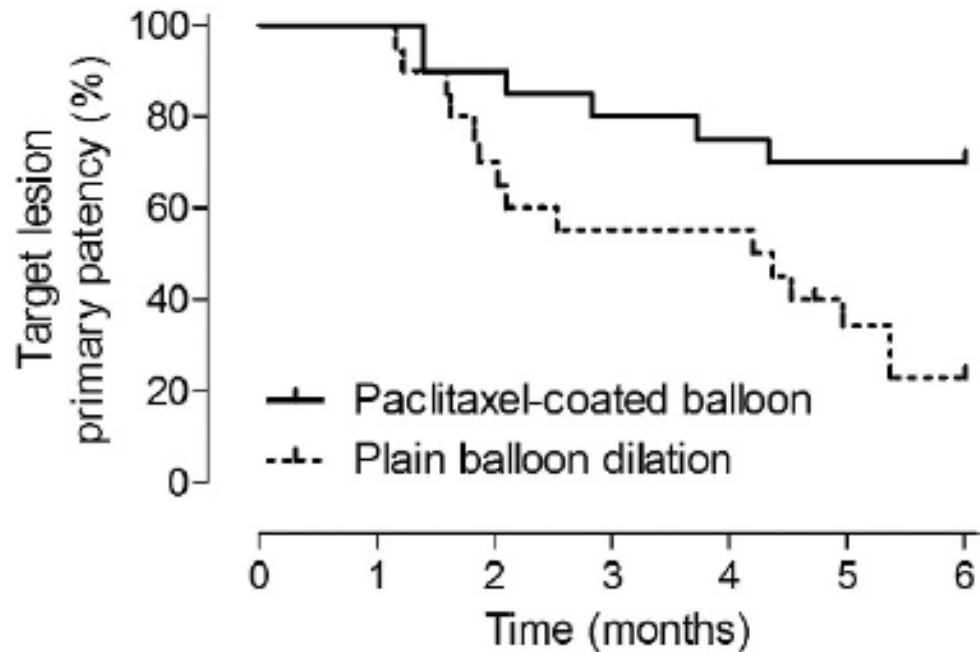
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unadjusted HR=0.27 [95%CI: 0.13–0.58]; Cox adjusted HR=0.23 [95%CI: 0.10–0.50]). ICER was 2198 Euros (€) per primary patency year of dialysis access gained. INB was 1068€ (95%CI: 31–2105€) for a willingness-to-pay (WTP) threshold of 5000€ (corresponding acceptability probability >97%).

Conclusion: DEB angioplasty may be a cost-effective option that significantly improves patency after angioplasty of venous stenoses of failing vascular dialysis access. Further large-scale randomized trials are warranted.



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IN-STENT STENOSIS

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Paclitaxel drug-eluting balloons to recurrent in-stent stenoses in autogenous dialysis fistulas: a retrospective study

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Results: From 1 September 2010 to 1 December 2013, we treated 625 AVF stenoses with endovascular techniques. In 86 of these stenoses, DEBs were used. Of the 86 DEB interventions, 37 were included for this study, 49 were excluded. In the study group, there was a significant difference in "re-intervention-free percentage at 12 months" before and after DEB: 19% vs. 69%. The hazard ratio for "DEBpresent" vs. "DEBabsent" was 0.23 (95% CI 0.14 to 0.36, p<0.001).

Conclusions: This retrospective study suggests that DEBs significantly reduce re-intervention on recurrent in-stent AVF stenoses.



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IN-STENT STENOSIS

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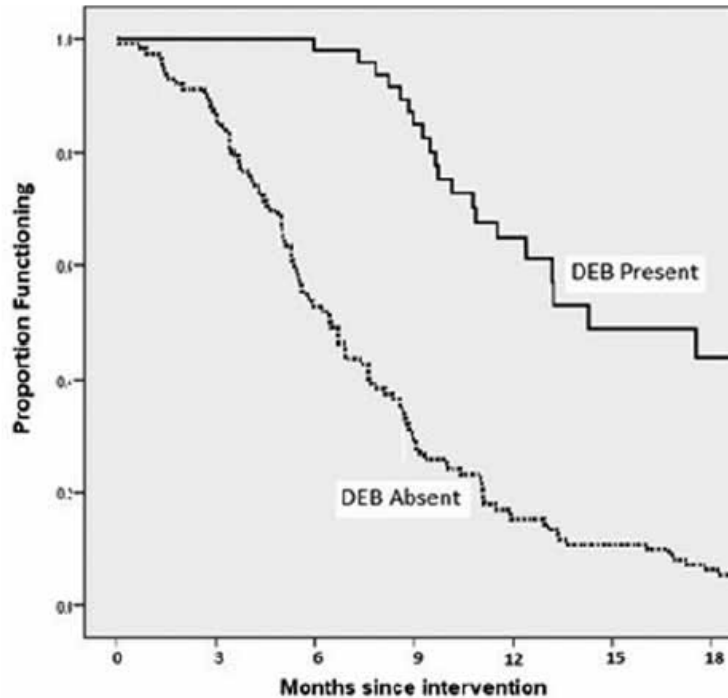


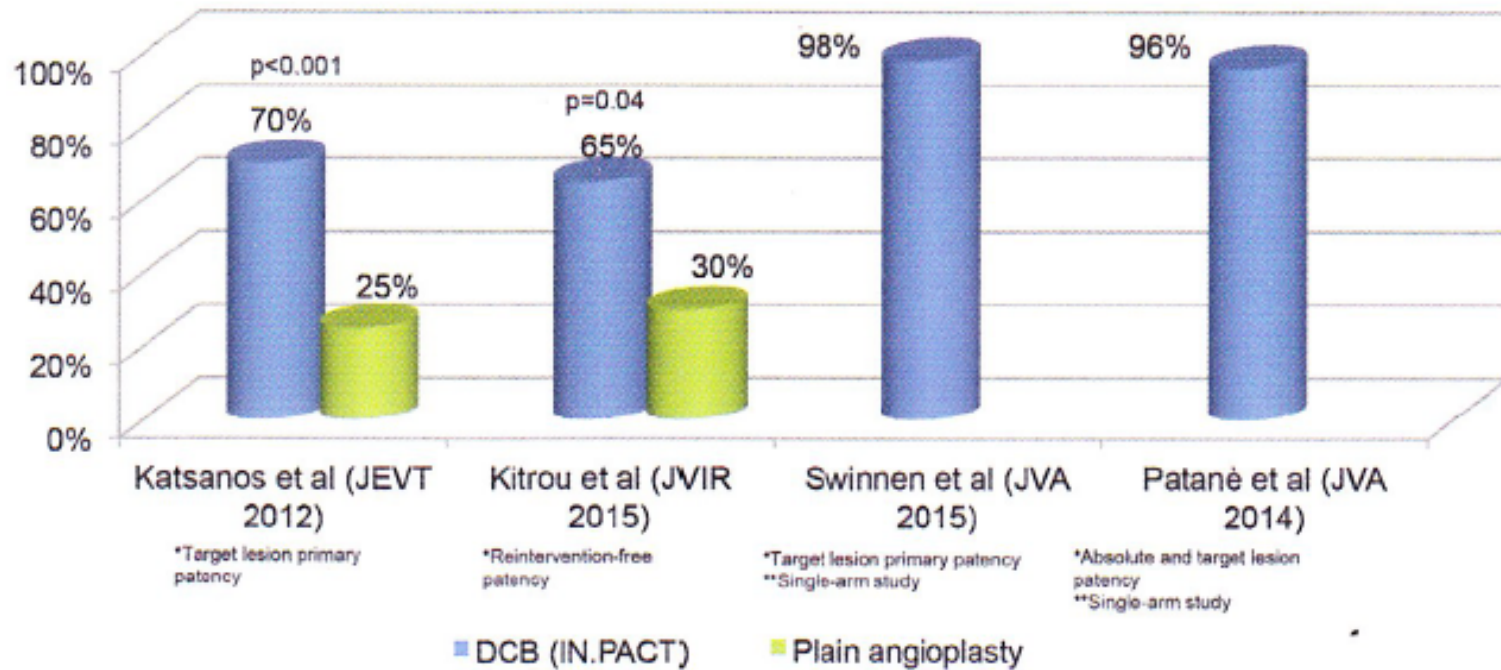
Fig. 3 - The marginal proportional hazards model for drug-eluting balloon present vs. absent across the multiple recurrences observed for each lesion. The hazard ratio for DEB present vs. absent was 0.23 (95% CI 0.14 to 0.36, $p < 0.001$).





SUMMARY

Drug-Coated Balloon in AV access – Primary patency at six months



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DECISIONAL ALGORITHM

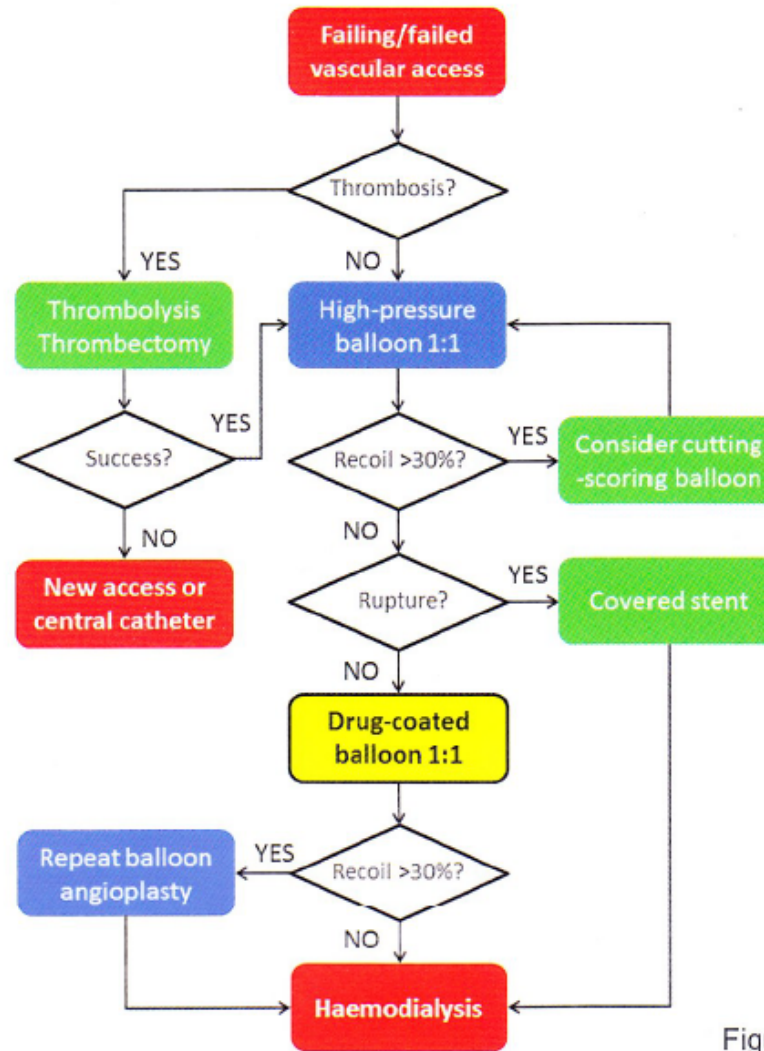


Figure 1

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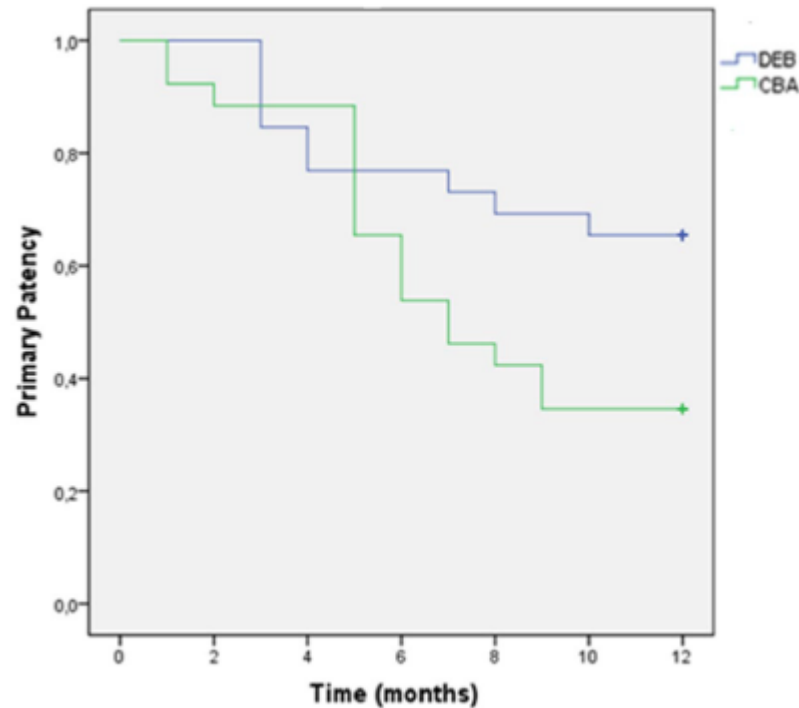


FREEWAY DCBs 2016

The primary patency of drug-eluting balloon versus conventional balloon angioplasty in hemodialysis patients with arteriovenous fistula stenoses

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Drug-coated balloons reduce the risk of recurrent restenosis in arteriovenous fistulas and prosthetic grafts for hemodialysis

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OUR FREEWAY STUDY



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Aim of this study was to evaluate the early and mid-term outcomes of drug-coated balloons (DCBs) in hemodialysis patients with recurrent stenosis of arteriovenous fistula, paying particular attention to their impact to the risk of new restenosis and the time to the new restenotic lesion



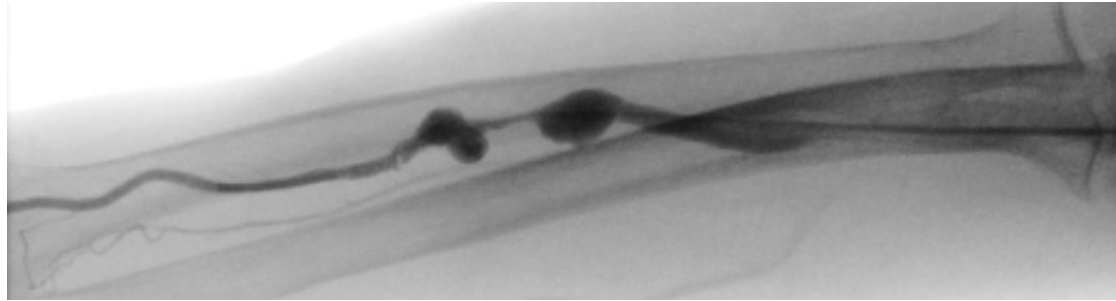
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METHODS



- ✓ Between July 2013 and December 2016 27 hemodialysis patients with recurrent stenosis of arteriovenous fistula underwent endovascular treatment with a DCB at our center
- ✓ All patients were previously treated at the target lesion with a standard balloon angioplasty (BA)
- ✓ All data concerning the procedures were prospectively collected in a dedicated database with about 80 fields





STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

- ✓ The intervals in months between the standard BA and the procedure with DCB (time BA-DCB) and between the procedure with DCB and the new restenotic lesion (time DCB-restenosis) were evaluated and compared with T-test
- ✓ Estimated outcomes at 2 years in terms of survival, primary patency, primary assisted patency, secondary patency, and freedom from target lesion restenosis were assessed with Kaplan-Meier curves
- ✓ Statistical significance was defined at the $P < .05$ level



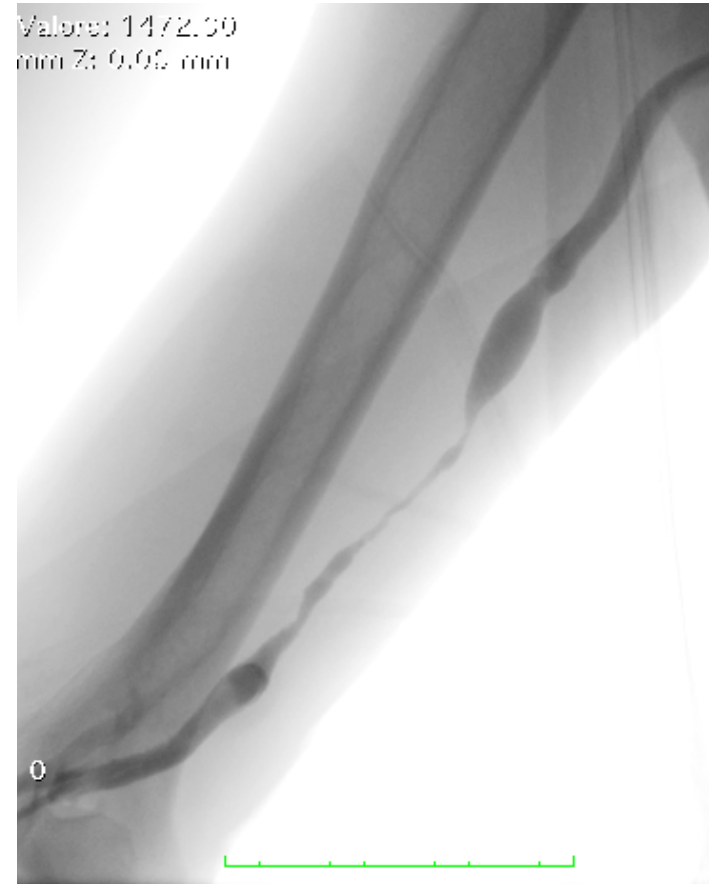


RESULTS - AVF

Most of patients were males (15, 55.6%) with a mean age of 66.1 years (range 13-90)

Arteriovenous fistula was distal in 8 cases (29.6%), mid-arm in 3 cases (11.1%), and proximal in 16 cases (59.3%)

In 4 cases (14.8%) a prosthetic graft was present





RESULTS - INTRAOPERATIVE

- ✓ In all patients a predilatation was performed (in 2 cases with cutting balloon)
- ✓ Intraprocedural technical success was obtained in 96.3% of the cases
- ✓ In one patient the procedure was interrupted due to acute recoil and massive bleeding at the access site





FOLLOW-UP - ABSENCE OF TLR



✓ During the follow-up (mean duration 13.6 months, range 2-33) 13 patients (48.1%) developed a new restenotic lesion with an estimated 2-year absence of TLR of 30.2%

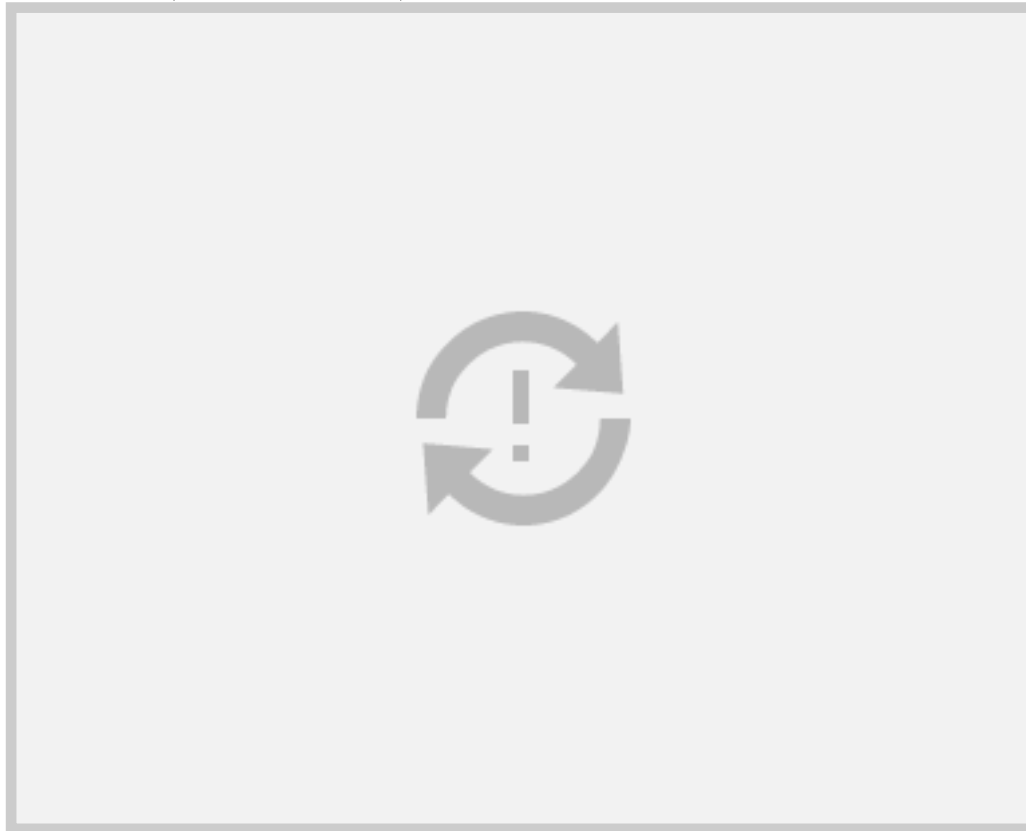




FOLLOW-UP - RESTENOSIS



- ✓ Mean time BA-DCB was 4.8 months, and the mean time DCB-restenosis was 7.6 months with a statistically significant difference at T-test ($P < 0.001$)





FOLLOW-UP - 2-YEAR OUTCOMES





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FOLLOW-UP - 2-YEAR OUTCOMES





CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ In our experience DCBs were effective in the treatment of recurrent stenosis in hemodialysis patients with failing arteriovenous fistula
- ✓ During the follow-up about half of patients had no new restenosis at the target lesion
- ✓ Furthermore, the time to a new restenosis was much longer compared to recurrence of stenosis after standard balloon angioplasty





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TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- ✓ The great difference in terms of primary, primary assisted and secondary patencies at 2 years demonstrates that a rigorous collaboration between nephrologists and interventional radiologists/vascular surgeons is mandatory to avoid the failure of the vascular access





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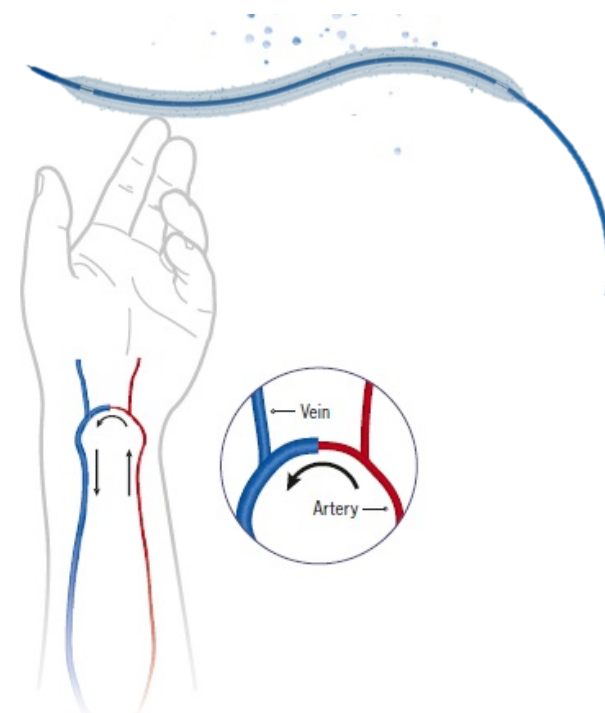
AV Fistula Registry

- 33 lesions
- DEB dilatation with mandatory predilatation
- Planned follow-up by ultrasound: 3-4 months
- St. Joseph Hospital Berlin

AV Fistula Registry

BASELINE LESIONS (N=33)

ACCESS TYPE	
AV-Fistula (Cimino)	30.3 %
AV-Fistula Basilic	6.1 %
AV-Fistula Cephalic	18.2 %
AV-Graft	45.5 %
Target Lesion Location	
Arterial	6.1 %
Venous	90.9 %
Anastomosis	3.0 %
Lesion Characteristics	
Reference Vessel Diameter [mm]	5.80 ± 0.76
Lesion Length [mm]	16.17 ± 11.67



AV Fistula Registry

PROCEDURAL DATA

	Pre-Intervention	Post-Intervention
Minimal Lumen Diameter [mm]	1.97 ± 0.69	4.58 ± 0.62
Stenosis Percentage	84.09 %	30.88 %

FOLLOW UP 120 ± 49 days

REVASCULARIZATIONS DURING FOLLOW UP

FOLLOW UP (N=18)	
Re-Intervention	11.0%

FLOW COMPARISON (DUS)

	Discharge	Follow-Up (N=18)
Flow [ml/min]	806 ± 307	703.68 ± 255



Thank you for your attention



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