Chronic Total Occlusion





Trials and Guidelines





Algorithm for crossing CTO from Asia Pacific CTO club



Harding et al. JACC cardiovascular intervention Vol. 10, No. 21, 2017

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Algorithm for antegrade wire escalation

Proximal Cap	Visible channel Low penetration force wire with polymer jacket and tapered tip ↓ Intermediate penetration force wire	Tapered proximal cap Low penetration force wire Intermediate penetration force wire	Blunt proximal cap Intermediate penetration force wire m High penetration force wire
CTO body	If a high penetration-force wire has been used to the puncture proximal cap step down to a lower penetration-force wire unless occlusion short with unambiguous course.		
Distal Cap Escalation from softer more steerable wire to a higher penetration-force wire may be required.			



Harding et al. JACC cardiovascular intervention Vol. 10, No. 21, 2017

Coronary Artery CTO Revascularization Criteria

Chronic total occlusion of 1 major epicardial coronary artery, without other coronary stenoses		CCS angina class (*appropriate use score, 1-9)		
Noninvasive testing	Maximal anti-ischemic medication	ASx	I, II	III, IV
Low-risk	No	l(1)	l(2)	I(3)
findings	Yes	l(1)	U(4)	U(6)
Intermediate-risk	No	l(3)	U(4)	U(6)
findings	Yes	U(4)	U(5)	A(7)
High-risk	No	U(4)	U(5)	A(7)
findings	Yes	U(5)	A(7)	A(8)
	* 1-3 : Inappropriate	e, 4-6 : Uncerta	ain, 7-9 : A	ppropriate



Patel et al. JACC Vol. 59, No. 9, 2012



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Patients with PCI-eligible CTO Lesions



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Composite of Death, MI, Stroke and any Revascularization after 3-year



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Seung-Whan Lee et al. Circulation Vol. 139, No. 14, 2019



EURO-CTO



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EURO-CTO: Study flowchart



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Primary safety endpoint at 36 months







Primary safety endpoint at 36 months

	OMT	PCI	Р
	(N=137)	(N=259)	(log rank)
Patients with any adverse event	27 (20.1)	27 (10.7)	0.019
Safety events	4 (2.9)	13 (5.0)	0.32
Cardiovascular death	2 (1.5)	7 (2.7)	0.42
Non-fatal MI	2 (1.5)	6 (2.3)	0.56
Ischemia-driven revascularization	25 (18.2)	19 (7.3)	0.0035
Target revascularization	23 (16.8)	10 (3.9)	0.0002
Cerebrovascular event	1 (0.7)	5 (1.9)	0.27
Stent thrombosis	0	1 (0.4)	





OPEN-CTO

utcomes, Patient health status, and Efficiency iN Chronic Total Occlusion hybrid procedures

- 1. Patients with at least one CTO vessel
- 2. 18 years and older
- 3. Patients is scheduled for a PCI for at least one CTO with TIMI antegrade flow of 0

Investigator-initiated multicenter, single-arm registry (12 centers with 1000 patients)

- Observational studyHybrid approach
- 1, 6 and 12 month outcomes
- 1. Health status
- 2. Resource use
- 3. Depression
- 4. Rehospitalization
- 5. Survival
- 6. Cost





OPEN-CTO Health Status Trajectory after CTO-PCI



Grantham JA, CTO Summit 2017





OPEN-CTO Health Status Trajectory after CTO-PCI





Hirai et al. Circ Cardiovasc Interv. 2019;12:e007558



PROGRESS CTO score

Proximal cap ambiguity (1 point)

Absence of "interventional" collaterals (1 point)

Moderate/ severe tortuosity (1 point)

Circumflex CTO (1 point)



Poor cap visualization or absence of clearly tapered stump



collateral

2 bends>70 degrees or 1 bend>90 degrees



(PROGRESS CTO) Complications Score

The PROGRESS CTO complication score is a useful tool for prediction of periprocedural complications in CTO PCI.



Danek BA, Karatasakis A et al J Am Heart Assoc. 2016;5:e004272

Christopoulos et al. JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2016 Jan 11;9(1):1-9.





Recovery of Left Ventricular Function in Coronary Chronic Total Occlusion















EXPLORE: MRI-Assessed LVEF at 4 months



J. Henriques, TCT 2015



Impact of CTO on Outcomes: BARI 2D



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Damluji et al, Am J Cardiol 2016;117:1031



Impact of OMT after Failed vs. Successful CTO-PCI



PH Lee et al, J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2016;9:530-8

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AD Hoc vs Planned CTO-PCI



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Sandoval et al. J Invasive Cardiol. 2019 Jan 15



Multivariable analysis for technical success

Variable		OR	95% CI	P-Value
Ad hoc CTO-PCI	-+	0.98	0.60-1.59	.92
Age [per 10-year change]	-	0.96	0.91-1.02	.17
Adequate Distal Landing Zone	H=-I	1.13	0.84-1.53	.42
Bifurication at Distal Cap		0.54	0.41-0.72	<.001
Calcification (moderate to severe)	+++	0.76	0.56-1.01	.06
Interventional Collaterals	H=4	2.05	1.55-2.69	<.001
Lesion Length (per 10 mm change)	0.0	0.98	0.96-1.01	.20
Prior Heart Failure	⊢ ••1	0.79	0.59-1.06	.12
Prior Myocardial Infarction		0.75	0.56-0.99	.04
Proximal Cap Ambiguity	H	0.42	0.32-0.56	<.001
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Sandoval et al. J Invasive Cardiol. 2019 Jan 15



Retrograde approach for CTO-PCI



Dimitri K et al, Circ Cardiovasc Interv. 2016;9:e003434.





COMET-CTO



Figure 1. Patients' flow diagram. PCI indicates percutaneous coronary intervention; OMT, optimal medical therapy; and FUP, follow-up.



Stefan A. Juricic et al, Int Heart J 2021



COMET-CTO



OMT baseline OMT FUP PCI baseline PCI FUP

Figure 2. SAQ subscale changes. QoL indicates quality of life; PL, physical limitation; AS, angina stability; AF, angina frequency; TS, treatment satisfaction; PCI, percutaneous coronary intervention; OMT, optimal medical therapy; and FUP, follow-up. Δ : difference between f-up and baseline mean values.

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Juricic, et al, Int Heart J 2021



Canadian Multicenter Chronic Total Occlusion Registry Ten-Year Follow-Up Results of Chronic Total occlusion Revascularization

- The primary data source from Canadian Multicenter CTO registry (2008.4 ~ 2009.7)
- Revascularization decisions were determined by local routine care

•All PCIs were performed in 3 centers

Prospective multicenter cohort study
Revascularization group was divided into CTO revasc vs no CTO revasc

- Primary outcome
 - All-cause mortality
- Secondary outcomes
 - Hospitalizations for ACS or HF
 - Revascularization, a composite of TVR or non-TVR beyond 90 days post index procedure



Strauss et al, Circ cardiovascular 2021



All-cause mortality







Adverse clinical events at 10 years

Adverse outcome	Total	CTO revasc (n=458)	No CTO revasc (n=1166)
Mortality, %	32.6 (30.3- 35.0)	22.7 (19.0-26.9)	36.6 (33.8-39.5)
Revasc (PCI), %	10.6 (9.2-12.2)	11.1 (8.4-14.2)	10.5 (8.8-12.4)
Revasc (CABG), %	11.1 (18.3-22.3)	3.6 (2.2-5.7)	14.0 (12.1-16.1)
Revasc (PCI/CABG), %	20.3 (18.3- 22.3)	14.0 (11.0-17.4)	22.8 (20.4-25.3)
Hospital (ACS), %	14.7 (12.9- 16.5)	10.0 (7.4-13.1)	16.6 (14.4-18.9)
Hospital (HF), %	11.9 (10.3-13.6)	9.6 (7.0-12.6)	12.8 (10.9-14.8





Cumulative incidence of later revascularization





Strauss et al, Circ cardiovascular 2021



Cumulative incidence of ACS hospitalization



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Strauss et al, Circ cardiovascular 2021



Periprocedural Risk Prediction Scores in CTO

• Studies included (5 publications) with 8 CTO PCI specific scores (to October 26, 2022)

- (1) Angiographic coronary artery perforation
- (2) Major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE)
- (3) All-cause mortality
- (4) Perforation requiring pericardiocentesis
- (5) Acute myocardial infarction
- (6) Perforation requiring any treatment
- (7) Contrast-induced acute kidney injury



PROGRESS-CTO complication scores and the

CTO PCI complication scores	Events	Variables	Points assigned	Risk score, complication risk
PROGRESS-CTO complications score	n = 44 (2.8%)	Age >65 years	+ 3	0–2, 0.2%
(score range: 0–6)	MACE: composite of death,	Lesion length ≥23 mm	+ 2	3-4, 2.0%
	MI, stroke, urgent repeat revascularization (re-PCI or surgery), or pericardiocentesis	Retrograde strategy	+ 1	≥5, 6.6%
OPEN-CLEAN perforation score	n = 89 (8.9%)	Prior CABG	+ 1	0-1, 2.2%
(score range: 0-7)	angiographic perforation	Occlusion length	+ 1	2, 3.3%
		20-59 mm	+ 2	3, 4.4%
		≥60 mm	+ 1	4, 8.2%
		LVEF <50%	+ 1	5, 14.9%
		Age:	+ 2	6-7, 30.9%
		50-<70 years	+ 1	
		≥70 years		
		Calcification		
PROGRESS-CTO MACE (score	n = 215 (2.05%)	Age ≥65 years	+ 1	0, 0.4%
range: 0-7)	MACE: composite of death,	Female gender	+ 2	1, 0.7–0.9%
,	MI, stroke, urgent repeat	Moderate-severe	+ 1	2, 1.1–1.9%
	revascularization (re-PCI or	calcification	+ 1	3, 1.6–2.6%
	surgery), or	Blunt/no stump	+ 1	4, 2.6-4.7%
	pericardiocentesis	Antegrade dissection	+ 2	5, 4.4–6.1%
		and re-entry		6, 7.2–9.3%
		Retrograde strategy		7, 11.7%
PROGRESS-CTO Mortality (score	n = 47 (0.45%) all-cause	Age ≥65 years	+ 1	0, 0.05%
range: 0-4)	mortality	Moderate-severe	+ 1	1, 0.1–0.2%
		calcification	+1	2, 0.3-0.5%
		LVEF ≤45%	+1	3, 0.5–1.1%
		Antegrade dissection	+1	4, 1.9–2.4%
		and re-entry		
		Retrograde strategy		CVRF

PROGRESS-CTO complication scores and the

CTO PCI complication scores	Events	Variables	Points assigned	Risk score,complication risk
PROGRESS-CTO pericardiocentesis (score range: 0–5)	n = 83 (1.08%) perforation requiring pericardiocentesis	Age ≥65 years Moderate-severe calcification Female gender Antegrade dissection and re-entry Retrograde strategy	+ 1 + 1 + 1 + 1	0, 0.2% 1, 0.4-0.6% 2, 0.6-1.6% 3, 1.3-3.6% 4, 2.8-7.2% 5, 8.7%
PROGRESS-CTO Acute MI (score range: 0−3)	n = 66 (0.63%) acute MI	Prior CABG Atrial fibrillation Blunt/no stump	+2 + 1 + 1 + 1	0, 0.2 1, 0.4-0.5% 2, 1.1-1.2% 3, 2.8%
PROGRESS-CTO perforation score (score range: 0–5)	n = 503 (4.9%) perforation requiring any treatment	Age ≥65 years Moderate-severe calcification Blunt/no stump Antegrade dissection and re-entry Retrograde strategy	+ 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 2	0, 0.7% 1, 0.9-1.6% 2, 1.7-2.9% 3, 3.0-5.0% 4, 6.4-8.0% 5, 11%
Contrast-induced acute kidney injury score* (score range: 0-16)	n = 17 (2.7%) absolute increase in serum creatinine of ≥0.5 mg/100 ml over baseline values within 48–72 h after contrast exposure	Age ≥75 years LVEF <40% Serum creatinine >1.5 mg/100 ml Serum albumin (g/L) ≤30 >30−40	+ 4.5 + 3.5 5 + 2 + 1 0	<4, 0−0.8% 4−7, 5.3%−8.2% ≥7, 13−31%

CTO PCI-specific periprocedural complication risk scores

CTO PCI Complication Scores	Risk Score, Complication Risk
PROGRESS-CTO complications score	0−2 (low risk) 3−4 (moderate risk) ≥5 (high risk)
OPEN-CLEAN perforation score	0−2 (low risk) 3−4 (moderate risk) 5−7 (high risk)
PROGRESS-CTO MACE	0−2 (low risk) 3−4 (moderate risk) 5−7 (high risk)
PROGRESS-CTO mortality	0 (low risk) 1−2 (moderate risk) 3−4 (high risk)
PROGRESS-CTO pericardiocentesis	01 (low risk) 2−3 (moderate risk) 4−5 (high risk)
PROGRESS-CTO acute MI	01 (low risk) 2 (moderate risk) 3 (high risk)
PROGRESS-CTO perforation score	01 (low risk) 2–3 (moderate risk) 4–5 (high)
Contrast-induced acute kidney injury score	<4, (low risk) 4−6 (moderate risk) ≥7, (high risk)


Chronic Total Occlusion : Devices





Guidewires for CTO





Features required for CTO wires

Penetration force for penetrating proximal fibrous cap and advancing into true lumen

Pushability for crossing chronic occlusions and complex lesions with heavy calcifications and tough fibrous tissues

Steerability for easy manipulate in various directions with good torque transmission

Shaping Memory of the tip





Choice of CTO Guidewire



Hydrophobic wire	Hydrophilic wire
Better tactile response Good for older, fibro-calcific lesions Good for initial piercing of fibrous cap	Good for less chronic total occlusion ; softer May find microchannels easier Follow path of least resistance ; easier to go extra-luminal





Hallmarks of a CTO Guidewire



Coatings Body : Hydrophilic for tracking Body and tip : Hydrophobic for torque response



Polymer Jacket Type to Reduce the Resistance







Guidewire Selection Stiff wires

Miracle 4.5g, 6g (Asahi Intec) for standard step-up strategy Miracle 3g → Miracle 4.5g → Miracle 6g → Miracle 12g or Conquest

Miracle 12g (Asahi Intec) for so tight CTO to penetrate proximal or distal cap to crash tight plaque within CTO to puncture from pseudo to true lumen

Conquest Pro (Asahi Intec) for <u>so tight CTO</u> to penetrate proximal or distal cap to penetrate tight plaque within CTO to puncture from pseudo to true lumen





Guidewire Selection

Miracle 12g is more controllable

to penetrate proximal cap to advance in the tight CTO with bending, to puncture from pseudo to true lumen

Conquest should be used

only when the appropriate direction can be seen to penetrate distal cap to puncture from pseudo to true lumen

Conquest should not be used

to seek the true lumen or advance for long distance





Guidewire Selection for CTO Steps for Success

Become familiar with one or two wire sets

Over-the wire balloon or Transit catheter

Frequent wire changes

Frequent reshaping of wire tip

Stepwise approach

Penetration of proximal cap

Wire passage through the body of the CTO

Penetration of the distal cap





Controlled Drilling



Clinical application: Inside *calcified and fibrotic CTO* segment, *ISR*, *Long CTO* segment





Penetration



Penetrating the obstruction aiming at the target. The direction of the guide wire is more precisely controlled. Tapered tip guide wires permit higher penetrating forces.

Clinical Application: Penetrate *proximal and distal cap*, *False to true lumen (IVUS)*, Change wire direction (2nd wire in *parallel wire technique*)





Sliding-Microchannel tracking



Very lubricious polymer covered guide wires are used to slide through narrow lesions or functional occlusions.

Clinical Application: Tracking *micro channels* (visible and invisible)





Collateral tracking



Recommended Guide Wires Tapered Polymer Tip Guide Wire ASAHI FIELDER XT Straight Polymer Tip Guide Wire ASAHI FIELDER FC ASAHI FIELDER

When an antegrade approach to the CTO fails or is contraindicated, the CTO can sometimes be approached from the retrograde direction. Flexible polymer covered guide wires are recommended for navigation through septals.

Clinical Application: Retrograde techniques, CART, Reverse IVUS guided CART





Chronic Total Occlusion



Miracle 12 / MIRACLE bros 12 Intermediate / MEDIUM



PENETRATION TECHNIQUE Conquest / CONFIANZA

Miracle 6 / MIRACLE bros 6

Conquest Pro / CONFIANZA PRO Conquest Pro 12 / CONFIANZA **PRO 12** Miracle 12 / MIRACLE bros 12



SLIDING TECHNIQUE Fielder, Fielder FC, Fielder XT



RETROGRADE APPROACH Fielder, Fielder FC, Fielder XT





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Access wires classified by core design

_	Stainless Steel	Nitinol	
Shaping Ribbon	High Torque F2	BMW Universal-2* Cougar	Abbott Asahi
Core-to-tip	Pro-Water Marvel Advance	Run-Through BMW Elite	Boston Sci Medtronic Terumo
Compound tip	Sion Blue Samurai		



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Approach to antegradetrue-to-true wiring contemporary wire modulation







Directed Penetration wires progressive tip load, progressive torsional rigidity

Conventional 0.014 Hi-Torque Standard Miracle Bros Halberd

Tapered tip coil Confianza Cross-It XT Hornet (0.008")

Stiff Jacketed Pilot 200 Gladius







2nd/3rd Gen Directed Penetration wires



Gaia	Тір Туре	Diam	Load	0
Gaia 1st	Coil-in-coil	0.010	1.7 gm	
Gaia 2nd	Coil-in-coil	0.011	3.5 gm	
Gaia 3rd	Coil-in-coil	0.012	4.5 gm	



Collateral Crossing wires

low tip load, atraumatic tip shape, lubricity

Fielder FC	0.014"
Pilot 50	0.014"
Fielder XT-A	0.009"

0.8gm 1.0gm 1.0gm



Sion 0.8gm Sion Black 0.8gm

0.014" multi-element composite core







Big Tips Are for Waiters!



0.007" microchannel

0.014" tip



0.007" microchannel





ASAHI Neo's Fielder







ASAHI FIELDER FC PTCA Guide



Device description

: Polymer covered guide wire with extra support for effortless movement in tortuous anatomy

Stiffness

: Tip Load = 0.8 g





Fielder XT wire



One-Piece Core Wire

: Supports the entire guidewire from the proximal to the distal end. This design transmits the guidewire torque fully from one end to the other.

Tapered Tip

: 0.009" (0.25mm) tapered tip facilitates trackability in tortuous vessels such as fine septal channels with corkscrew aspect.

Flat Core Tip

: Provides flexibility and excellent shaping memory.

Smooth Tapered Core

: Enhances support performance which provides excellent guidewire trackability.





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The ASAHI FIEDLER™ FC & XT

 ASAHI FIELDER[™] FC maintains a softer tip, more intermediate support*

• ASAHI FIELDER[™] XT maintains a softer tip,



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The ASAHI FIEDLER[™] FC & XT







Beyond Fielder XT







Fielder XT-A & Fielder XT-R







Fielder XR Series: Performance comparison







Fielder XR Series: Performance comparison



Fielder XT-A has better performance to cross the occluded lesion.





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Fielder XR Series: Performance comparison



Fielder XT-R has better performance for the channel tracking.





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ASAHI Wires:

Miraclebros & Confianza

Miraclebros 3g Miraclebros 4.5g Miraclebros 6g Miraclebros 12g

Confianza 9g CP(Confianza Pro) 9g CP(Confianza Pro) 12gExcellent trackability, 1:1 torque, and tactile response

Incremental tip stiffness and wire support (Miraclebros line)

Smallest tapered tip design (Confianza & CP, 0.009")



Miracle Series





ASAHI ULTIMATE bros3



- Long hydrophilic coating maintains high maneuverability, allowing improved wire manipulation in heavy stenosed lesions.
- Fine shaping improves vessel selectivity and reduces the risk of false lumen expansion.




Miracle-Ultimate Series



Penetrate with greater tip stiffness





ASAHI SION Family



- Unique GW structure ; Double-coil structure
- 0.014" Coil type workhorse GW
- Good torque response "No whip" motion
- Tip Durability
- Full Hydrophilic coating
- Tip Load 0.7g





ASAHI SION Family







Composite Core of SION Family Double coil structure

- Smooth tracking of side branch vessel
 - : No-whip motion
- Retention of maneuverability after crossing severe tortuousity
 Enhanced tip durability and shape retention







Difference in Torque Whip



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ASAHI SION







ASAHI SION BLUE







ASAHI SUHO 03







Development Concept





Composite core



Line-up addition to the SION series utilizing the advantages of both products





Polymer jacket





SION black Structure

Total Length 190cm







Shaping of the Wire Tip









Tip flexibility (gf)





ASAHI Gaia Family



Various models for different situations and/or lesions

ASAHI Gaia First	Diameter : 0.26mm (0.010") - 0.36mm (0.014") Tip load : 1.7gf
ASAHI Gaia Second	Diameter : 0.28mm (0.011") - 0.36mm (0.014") Tip load : 3.5gf
ASAHI Gaia Third	Diameter : 0.30mm (0.012") - 0.36mm (0.014") Tip load : 4.5gf

Coated with hydrophilic coating which enhances smooth controllability inside the micro catheter





ASAHI Gaia Family Basic Structure



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ASAHI Gaia concept Chronic Occlusion







ASAHI Gaia micro cone-tip

The ball tip was made smaller to increase its penetration efficacy while maintaining tip flexibility.







Penetration efficacy

ASAHI Gaia series : Maintains flexibility while keeping penetration efficacy



Penetration efficacy

Ease of entering the lesion

 \rightarrow It is possible to calculate penetration efficacy with the outer diameter of the tip and the tip load.

 \rightarrow The Gaia GW possesses more penetration efficacy with its smaller outer diameter tip and higher tip load.



Outer diameter of the tip

outer diameter of tip thinner





ASAHI Gaia specification/structure/performance







Tip Structure Composite core : Double Coil Structure

Composite core

Strong torque and tip flexibility are possible by implementing the ACTONE double coil structure.

Suppresses whip motion.











ASAHI Gaia Next Series



Product	Catalog No.	Diameter	Coating	Usable length	Coil Iength	Radiopaque length	Tip shape	Label color	Clip color
ASAHI Gaia <mark>Next 1</mark>	AH14R019P	0.36 / 0.27mm (0.014 / 0.011inch)	Hydrophilic coating (SLIP-COAT®) 40cm	190cm	15cm	15cm	1mm pre-shape		
ASAHI Gaia Next 2	AH14R020P	0.36 / 0.30mm (0.014 / 0.012inch)	Hydrophilic coating (SLIP-COAT®) 40cm	19 <mark>0c</mark> m	15cm	15cm	1mm pre-shape		
ASAHI Gaia <mark>N</mark> ext 3	AH14R021P	0.36 / 0.30mm (0.014 / 0.012inch)	Hydrophilic coating (SLIP-COAT®) 40cm	19 <mark>0cm</mark>	15cm	15cm	1mm pre-shape		



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Gaia Tip ~ 1mm Pre-shape

The most distal 1mm (approx.) shaped during production, saving the operator the difficulty of manual shaping.

: Possible to increase the angle to create a more acute curve manually

: Possible to change re-shape the tip depending on procedural conditions

Pre shape 1mm – approx.45°

Retains shape memory during procedure







ASAHI Gaia specification/structure/performance Comparison of Lubricity





ASAHI Gaia specification/structure/performance Comparison of Support

Flexible shaft design makes it easier to follow through tortuous vessels and to operate without a delay in torque











ASAHI CONQUEST Family PTCA Guide Wires







Conquest (Confianza) Pro 9 & 12







ASAHI CONQUEST Family Conquest Pro 8-20



- Tip load = 20.0 g
- Tip radiopacity = 17cm
- Tip outer diameter = 0.008 inch (0.20 mm)
- SLIP COAT coating over the spring coil
- PTFE coating over the shaft
- Finest and stiffest guidewire in the current series





ASAHI Gaia vs. Conquest Pro Core thickness cause differences in penetrability



Conquest Pro core design image







ASAHI Gaia vs. Conquest Pro Core thickness cause differences in penetrability







ASAHI RG3



- Optimal wire strength, hydrophilic coating and 0.26 mm shaft provide superior inside-catheter pushability
- With the inner wall damage possibility reduced in tortuous vessels as well, the risk of complication is minimized





Wire for Circumferential Technique for Reverse CART Technique

Silicon Coating: 160cm
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Structure of RG3 (RetroGrade300)







HI-TORQUE ADVANCETM & ADVANCE LITETM

DURASTEEL[™] high tensile strength core material provides durability and superb torque control

Core-to-tip design offers precise steering and tip control

SMOOTHGLIDE[™] technology on Proximal

Wire for smooth device interaction

RESPONSEASE[™] transitionless core grind provides excellent tracking and 1:1 torque response

Support Catheter for CTO





Cosair Pro



Product	Catalog No.	Outer diameter			Inner d	iameter	Usable	Recommended
		Tip	Distal shaft	Proximal shaft	Tip	Shaft	length	GW
ASAHI Corsair Pro	CSR135-26P	0.42mm (1.3Fr)	0.87mm (2.6Fr)	0.93mm (2.8Fr)	0.38mm 0.45mm (0.015inch) (0.018inch)		135cm	0.36mm (0.014inch)
	CSR150-26P	0.42mm (1.3Fr)	0.87mm (2.6Fr)	0.93mm (2.8Fr)	0.38mm (0.015inch)	0.45mm (0.018inch)	150cm	0.36mm (0.014inch)

- High visibility at the lesion part
- High tracking ability into the lesion
- Entire tip is visible under fluoroscope




Cosair Pro XS



Dreduct	Catalog No	Outer diameter			Inner diameter		Usable	Recommended
Product		Tip	Distal shaft	Proximal shaft	Tip	Shaft	length	GW
ASAHI	CSR135-215	0.44mm (1.3Fr)	0.71mm (2.1Fr)	0.95mm (2.9Fr)	0.38mm (0.015inch)	0.48mm (0.019inch)	135cm	0.36mm (0.014inch)
Corsair Pro XS	CSR150-21S	0.44mm (1.3Fr)	0.71mm (2.1Fr)	0.95mm (2.9Fr)	0.38mm (0.015inch)	0.48mm (0.019inch)	150cm	0.36mm (0.014inch)



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ASAHI Corsair Microcatheter



- Tip Fexibility : Tapered Soft Tip
- Pushability, Trackability, Support : SHINKA Shaft
- Lubricity : Hydrophilic Polymer Coating
- Visibility & Maneuverability : Tapered Soft tip and Tungsten Braiding
- Visibility & Maneuverability
- Rigidity and Pushability : Reinforced Tapered Shaft





ASAHI Corsair Microcatheter



- Tapered Soft Polyurethane Tip
- 20cm Screw Head Structure
- Hydrophilic Polymer Coating
- PTFE Inner Layer













PTFE inner layer









Dimensions of Corsair Catheter







Tip of Corsair Catheter





A- Tip entry profile0.42mm (0.016")B- Shoulder O.D.0.87mm (0.034")





Rotation Resistance Reduction



By adding the torque rotation, it reduces the friction within the vessel and enhances propulsion.





Tip Injury Calcified Lesion / Stent Strut



Braided tip; visual exam and x-ray







Tip Injury



To take turns CWR and CCWR To avoid too much rotation (>10)





ASAHI SASUKE



	Catalon		Outer Diameter		Inner D	lameter	Ucable	Recommended Guide Wire	Hydrophilic
Product	No.	Tip	Distal Shaft	Proximal Shaft	Тір	Shaft	Length		Coating Length
ASAHI SASUKE	SA145-33N	0.50mm (1.5Fr)	0.84mm / 1.08mm (2.5Fr / 3.3Fr)	1.05mm (3.2Fr)	0.40mm (0.016inch)	0.43mm (0.017inch)	145cm	0.36mm (0.014inch)	38cm

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CRUSADE R



□Overview of the Catheter



		Outer Diameter			Inner Diameter		Effective	Hydrophilic	Compatible
	Catalogue Number	Tip Entry	Distal Shaft	Proximal Shaft	Distal Shaft	Proximal Shaft	Length	Coating Length	GW Outer Diameter
•	CR1414140SD	1.4Fr(0.45mm)	2.9Fr (0.96mm)	3.2Fr(1.06mm)	0.0165" (0.42mm)	0.0177" (0.45mm)	140cm	27cm	0.014" (0.36mm)





TERUMO's Progreat 2.2 Fr. <Super Selective>



Excellent Trackability Excellent Handling Enough Flow rate





TERUMO'S Progreat 2.0 Fr. <Super Selective>



Outer surface : Hydrophilic coating (Except 60mm from proximal end)

Catheter Size: 2.0 - 2.7Fr. (Distal-Proximal) Inner diameter: 0.49mm/0.019inch Length: 100cm,110cm,130cm, 150cm Max. Injection Pressure: 750psi Hydrophilic coating





TERUMO's FineCross MC



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ASAHI Tornus



- Braided stainless steel catheter for greater support and pushability
- Imm distal radiopaque marker for easy visualization of the distal tip
- Tapered threaded tip
- Excellent flexibility for tortuous anatomy







The metal catheter consists of 8 stainless steel ropes formed in a spiral str ucture.



-Combined 8 wires enable high torque performance.

• Spiral structure gives high penetration power by counter-clockwise rotation.

•Helical cut surface provides stronger anchor effects.

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ASAHI Tornus Structural Feature 2

The tapered structure with 150mm from the distal tip.















ASAHI Tornus Magnified Torus Tips







ASAHI Tornus & Tornus 88Flex







Tornus Pro

Superior lesion crossability & flexible shaft













Unpolished shaft

Maximizes the screw effect to pass through tight lesions.



Tornus Pro(Unpolished)



Tornus (Polished)







Non-mirror finishing process on the tip

Deletion of mirror finishing process at the tip prevents fro m slipping and bouncing back at the tight lesions.



Tornus Pro: Without mirror finishing process



Tornus: With mirror finishing process





Crusade Microcatheter Double Lumen Catheter



Superior Shaft Maneuverability

Optimized configuration and materials enable superior shaft maneuverability. Distal shaft with slender flexible tip Flexible and strong proximal shaft

- Superior GW Movement
- A "double layer lumen" allows superior GW movement.
- Easy to Estimate the Length of Lesion

Two radiopaque markers on the RX lumen make it easy to estimate the length of the lesion.





Chronic Total Occlusion : Current Techniques





J-CTO SCORE SHEET

	Variables and definitions	
Tapered	Blunt Entry with any tapered tip or dimple indicating direction of true lumen is categorized as "tapered".	Entry shape Tapered (0) Blunt (1) poin
Calcification	Regardless of severity, 1 point is assigned if any evident calcification is detected within the CTO segment.	Calcification Calcification Absence (0) Presence (1)
Bending>45degr	CTO segment. Any tortuosity separated from the CTO segment.	Bending>45 Absence (0) Presence (1)
Occlusion lengt	h Using good collateral images, try to measure "true" distance of occulusion, which tends to be shorter than the first impression.	Occl.Length □ <20mm (0 □ ≥20mm (1
Re-try lesion Is this Re-try (2 nd attemp	t) lesion ? (previously attempted but failed)	Re-try lesion
Category of difficulty	(total point) itermediate (1)	Total points

TO CODE C



Isehara, kyoto, et al., JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2011; 4:213-21.



Asia Pacific CTO club new algorithm





Harding et al. JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2017 Nov 13;10(21):2135-2143.



Algorithm for CTO crossing



Harding et al. JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2017 Nov 13;10(21):2135-2143.



Complexity of CTO

	Level of PCI complexity			
	Easy	Complex		
Age of CTO	< 6 months	> 12 months		
Occlusion length	< 20 mm	> 20 mm		
Calcification at CTO	None/moderate	Severe		
Occlusion Stump	tapered	Blunt or absent		
Tortuosity at CTO	None/minimal	Moderate/severe		
Visibility of the distal vessel	Good/excellent	Poor		
Tortuosity proximal to CTO	Minimal/moderate	Severe		
Ostial location	Yes	No		
CTO at proximal/mid LCX	No	Yes		
Expected guiding catheter support	Good	Poor		
Renal insufficiency	Yes	No		
Previous attempts	No	Yes		
Expected patient tolerance	Good	Poor		





Patient Selection and Predictors of Success Angiographic Lesion Morphology



Tapered Stump



Functional occlusion



Stump absent







Pre or Bridging Post-branch occlusion collaterals absent

> **Favor Procedural Success**



Occlusion at side-branch

Bridging collaterals present

Does Not Favor Procedural Success







Where should we go? too many ways! confused







Roadmap to CTOs









New Devices

The CrossBoss[™] CTO Catheter Design



The Stingray[™] CTO Re-entry System Design









The Hybrid Algorithm for CTO PCI






Antegrade Approach





Guidewire Operator Techniques

DRILLING (controlled)

PENETRATION

SLIDING





Simple Technique

Conventional technique Drilling strategy



When the tip of a wire encounters hard tissue, the wire is advanced and retracted repeatedly to find soft part of CTO and is pushed through it

New technique Penetrating strategy



Stiff wire is used from the start of the procedure and advanced in the planned direction through hard tissue

Ochiai M et al, Ital Heart J 2005;6:489-493





Antegrade CTO Wiring Techniques



Uncontrolled drilling FAILURE!





Antegrade CTO Wiring Techniques Controlled Drilling (90 degree arc)







Antegrade CTO Wiring Techniques Penetration Techniques







Antegrade CTO Wiring Techniques Sliding Techniques







Simple Technique

Conventional technique Drilling strategy Intermediate GW Not cross Standard GW Not cross Stiffer GW (0.014 inch) Not cross **Other stiffer GWs** Not cross Stiff Tapered GW

Stiff Tapered +/-Hydrophilic coating

Not cross

New technique

Penetrating strategy

Intermediate GW





Deflecting Tip Wire





- Double-bend method. In addition to the first small curve (2 mm) made at the tip of a wire to find a true lumen, a larger shallow curve (4-5 mm) is added to cope with the curvature of the blood vessel. It is possible to use or extend the second curve at the tip of a microcatheter.
- When the parallel wire technique is used, it is possible to advance the second wire along a different channel by making the first or second curve different from that of the first wire





CTO Guidewires – Tip Shaping







Antegrade CTO Wiring Techniques







Deflecting Tip Wire

For penetrating the entry point

For reentering to the true lumen from the subintima





Creation of Re-entry



Easy to make re-entry



Difficult to make re-entry





Deflecting Tip Wire Case Example







Wire technique for locating another channel Tip Shape is Key !







Single wire manipulation



Parallel wire technique







Wire Manipulation

Both hands easier than single hands manipulation







Anchor balloon technique



Fujita S, Tamai H et al; Cather Cardiovasc Interv. 2003;59:482-8.





Anchor Technique







Child in Mother Catheter Technique



Lemos PA et al, EuroIntervention. 2013 May 20;9(1):148-56.





Child in Mother Catheter Technique



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Concept of Parallel Wire Technique







Parallel Wire Technique







Parallel Wire Technique







Side Branch & Parallel Wire Technique







Parallel Wire Technique Escalation of Wire

Miracle 3.0 gram

Miracle 3.0 gram/Conquest Pro

Conquest Pro/Conquest Pro 12 gram

Conquest Pro 12 gram/Coquest Pro 12 gram

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See-saw wiring technique

- Two support catheter at a time
- Roles of two wires be exchangeable
- Using parallel wire method with two support catheters
- Operator is able to move each of the two wires independently
- Introduces fluid (blood) into the otherwise dry occlusion site, triggering the hydrophilic mechanism, preventing wires from sticking to each other





See-saw Wiring Parallel Wire Method with Double Support Catheters







See-saw Wiring



These guide wires can exchange their roles each other very easily





Side Branch Technique







Double lumen catheter : Crusade





Distal Tip



GW Inlet(OTW Lumen)



Figure 5. An illustration of the Crusade microcatheter.



Double lumen catheter Crusade



Bifurcation lesion

Fielder XT wire





Parallel Wire Technique Double lumen catheter (Crusade)







STAR Technique







Retrograde Approach





- *if anterograde approach is applied* -






- *if retrograde approach is applied* -







Procedure Sequence of Retrograde Approach

1st step : Connection channel crossing

Branch selection
 Wiring through target collateral

2nd Step :Micro-catheter delivery to distal CTO

3rd Step : Retrograde wiring in CTO lesion

1)Retrograde guide-wire crossing
 2)Kissing wire technique
 3)Reverse CART technique





Principles with collateral channels (CC)

• 1. Septal CCs

Safer than epicardial CCs: try first

- Straight is better, tortuosity is more an issue
- You CAN wire invisible CCs

• 2. Epicardial CCs

- Larger size is important
- Tortuosity less an issue

 Lower threshold post CABG if course is outside the AV groove: unlikely tamponade in case of CC perforation





Septal "surfing" technique

• Involves placing

1. workhorse wire in proximal CC

2. microcatheter (Corsair or FineCross),

- 3. "surf" with a Sion or Fielder FC for low resistance connection (no wedged tip injection)
- Help crossing even invisible CCs

 Recipient vessel angle not visible is much less an issue





Epicardial CC wiring

Adding a second tiny bend more proximal may help

Sion has emerged as the wire of choice

Keep wire free and moving

Follow the path of least resistance





Classification Retrograde Procedures

Dilatation of CTO Body	Direction of Wire Crossing	
	Retrograde	Antegrade
(+)	Reverse CART	CART
(-)	Retrograde Wire Crossing	Kissing Wire







Sumitsuji et al. JACC Intv 2011; 9:941–51

Ç CVRF

Standardized Retrograde Procedure with Corsair









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Concept of CART technique

- Controlled Antegrade and Retrograde subintimal Tracking



 Make connection between antegrade and retrograde subintimal space utilizing behavior of subintimal dissection.
 Antegrade wire automatically gets into distal true lumen.











Concept of CART technique

- Controlled Antegrade and Retrograde subintimal Tracking -



- Easy to get into CTO retrogressively
- Easy to navigate through CTO with relatively soft wire exchangeable
- Promising way to get a distal lumen (no subintimal dilatation outside CTO)
- Guarantee for getting true lumen at distal end of CTO despite any lesion morphology

Surmely JF. J Invasive Cardiol. 2006 Jul;18(7):334-8.





Retrograde Approach Different strategies after crossing a guidewire

- Kissing guidewire
- Just landmark
- CART & reverse CART
- Retrograde true lumen tracking
- Retrograde proximal true lumen puncture
- Catching the retrograde guidewire





Concept of Kissing Wire Technique





M Ochiai, WCC 2006



Femoral or Radial approach





Femoral Or Radial Approach in Treatment of Coronary Chronic Total Occlusion

• Patients screened for FORT CTO (n=800)



Sevket Gorgulu et al, J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2022;15:823-830



Femoral Or Radial Approach in Treatment of Coronary Chronic Total Occlusion



CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Main Findings of Femoral or Radial Approach in the Treatment of Coronary Chronic

CTO = chronic total occlusion; F = femoral; F/F = femoral/femoral; F/R = femoral/radial; FORT CTO = Femoral or Radial Approach in the Treatment of Coronary Chronic Total Occlusion; R = radial; R/R = radial/radial.



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IVUS assisted Procedure





IVUS guided intralesional rewiring

Antegrade

• Retrograde

··· tomorrow

Integration of IVUS and Angiogram

Use IVUS information for wire control

Histology

- Intimal plaque
- Subintimal space





IVUS guided rewiring

- Longitudinal position for optimal rewiring
- Direction of rewiring in IVUS
- Direction of rewiring in Angiogram
- Wiring
- Confirm wire position by IVUS





Keys to Success of IVUS-guided Rewiring

- Correct reading IVUS information
 - Based on histology
- Integration IVUS and Angiogram
 Position and Direction
- Rewiring with Angiogram (Fluoroscopy)
- Confirm Wire Position by IVUS
- Patience





IVUS roles for Wire Cross

ANTE-grade

- Identifying <u>entry point of CTO segment</u>
- Support wire penetration from false to true lumen

RETRO-grade

- Support for wire cross
- in <u>Retrograde Wire Cross</u>
- in <u>Reverse CART</u>
- in Reverse CART with Stenting

Review

• Wire tracking route





IVUS Guided Identification of the Entry







Evaluate the Position of Retrograde Wire







IVUS Guided Technique for Looking For the Entry





Serial IVUS Findings: CTO PCI with DES

40 CTOs systematically assessed Distal vessel enlargement (positive remodeling) was seen No variability with subintimal vs. luminal approach Late stent malapposition seen in 42.5% (throughout segments)







IVUS Guided Technique for Looking For the True Lumen





How to IVUS Guide Wire Crossing Technique

- Advance the guidewire into the subintimal space
- Subintimal space is enlarged with a 1.5mm balloon catheter along with the guidewire
- IVUS catheter is advanced into the subintimal space
- Stiff guidewire is advanced into the true lumen
- Wire manipulation under IVUS imaging





OCT-guided technique Comparison of IVUS and OCT specifications



IVUSResolution(axial)
(lateral)100 - 150 mm
150 - 300 mmFrame rate30 frames/sDynamic range40 - 60 dB



OCT 10 - 15 mm 25 - 40 mm 15 frames/s 30 frames/\$/2 lateral resolution) 90 - 110 dB





DECISION-CTO

Optimal Medical Therapy With or Without Stenting For Coronary Chronic Total Occlusion

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Background

- Benefits of successful CTO-PCI include reduced angina frequency and improvements in quality of life, left ventricular ejection fraction, or survival.
- However, CTO-PCI can lead to procedure-related complications. In addition, the evidence for CTO-PCI was obtained from observational studies, most of which compared successful and failed CTO-PCI without a control group receiving optimal medical treatment.





DECISION CTO Trial

Design

- DESIGN: a prospective, open-label, randomized trial
- OBJECTIVE: To compare the outcomes of OMT alone with PCI coupled with OMT in patients with CTO.
- PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
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 Asan Medical Center, Seoul, Korea

Clinicaltrials.gov, Identifier: NCT01075051

Clinicaltrials.go





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Korea	Hangang Sacred Heart Hospital, Seoul	Min-Kyu Kim
Korea	Sam Anyang Hospital, Anyang	II-Woo Suh
Taiwan	Shin Kong Hospital	Jun Jack Cheng



Major Inclusion Criteria

- Silent ischemia, stable angina, or ACS
- De novo CTO located in a proximal to mid epicardial coronary artery with a reference diameter of ≥2.5 mm
- CTO was defined as a coronary artery obstruction with TIMI flow grade 0 of at least three months' duration based on patient history.




Major Exclusion Criteria

• CTO located in

- Distal coronary artery
- 3 different vessel CTOs in any location
- 2 proximal CTOs in separate coronary artery
- left main segment
- In-stent restenosis
- Graft vessel
- LVEF < 30%
- Severe comorbidity



Original Power Calculation

Non-inferiority Design for Primary Endpoint

- Assumed primary event rate: 17% at 3 years
- A noninferiority margin : event rate ratio 0.7
- A one-sided type I error rate : 0.025
- Power : 80%
- Dropout rate: 5%
- Assumed sample size: 1,284 patients





Study Procedures (1)

- Patients who were assigned to PCIs underwent CTO-PCI using DES within 30 days after randomization using standard procedures.
- In cases of failed CTO-PCI, additional attempts were allowed within 30 days after the index procedure.
- The use of specialized devices or techniques, and the choice of drug-eluting stent type were left to the operator's discretion.





Study Procedures (2)

- Revascularization for all significant non-CTO lesions within a vessel diameter of ≥2.5 mm for patients with multi-vessel coronary artery disease was recommended.
- Patients were prescribed guideline derived optimal medical treatment including aspirin, P2Y12 receptor inhibitors (>12months in case of PCI), beta-blocker, CCB, nitrate, ACEi/ARB, and statin.
- Blood pressure and diabetic control, smoking cessation, weight control, and regular exercise were recommended.





Premature Termination of Trial

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- All analyses were performed according to the intention-to-treat principle. Further sensitivity analyses were performed in the per-protocol and as-treated population.
- Hazard ratios (HRs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were estimated using Cox proportional hazard models, with robust standard errors that accounted for clustering effect of stratified randomization.
- Noninferiority test using the Z-test with 95% CI of difference in the 3year event rate.
- Survival curves were estimated using Cox model and the Kaplan-Meier method
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- All P-values and CIs were two-sided. SAS software version 9.3 was used for all statistical analyses.

Primary End Point

At 3 year, a composite of

- Death from any cause
- Myocardial infarction

Periprocedural MI: CK-MB > 5 times UNL

Spontaneous MI: any cardiac enzyme elevation

- Stroke
- Any repeat revascularization





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Study Flow

834 patients randomized from 2010.3.22 to 2016.10.10

19 withdrew consents

398 allocated to OMT

310 treated with OMT
72 treated with PCI: 72
5 treated with OMT after failed PCI
11 had incomplete data

417 allocated to PCI

346 treated with PCI
29 treated with OMT
36 treated with OMT after failed PCI
6 had incomplete data

1-year FU 348/357 (**97.5%**)

3-year FU 215/231 (**93.1%**)

5-year FU 87/99 (**87.9%**) 1-year FU 344/354 (**97.2%**)

3-year FU 218/238 (**91.6%**)

5-year FU 85/102 (**83.3%**)

CVF

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Baseline Characteristics

ITT Population

	No-CTO PCI (N=398)	CTO-PCI (N=417)	P value
Age (years)	62.9±9.9	62.2±10.2	0.32
Male sex	319 (81.6%)	344 (83.3%)	0.59
BMI, kg/m²	25.5±3.3	25.6±3.5	0.59
Hypertension	238 (60.9%)	262 (63.4%)	0.50
Diabetes mellitus	134 (34.3%)	132 (32.0%)	0.54
Hypercholesterolemia	217 (55.5%)	249 (60.3%)	0.19
Current smoker	102 (26.1%)	125 (30.3%)	0.22
Previous PCI	75 (19.2%)	64 (15.5%)	0.20
Previous MI	34 (8.7%)	45 (10.9%)	0.35
Previous CABG	5 (1.3%)	4 (1.0%)	0.93
Renal dysfunction	5 (1.3%)	6 (1.5%)	0.99
LVEF, %	57.6±9.1%	57.3±9.8%	0.68



Baseline Characteristics

ITT Population

	No CTO-PCI (N=398)	CTO-PCI (N=417)	P value
Clinical presentation	(11-000)	()	0.79
Stable angina	290 (75.0%)	300 (72.7%)	
Unstable angina	76 (19.4%)	84 (20.3%)	
AMI	22 (5.6%)	29 (7.0%)	
Location of CTO			0.67
LAD	163 (41.7%)	185 (44.8%)	
LCX	42 (10.7%)	42 (10.2%)	
RCA	186 (47.6%)	186 (45.0%)	
Multivessel disease	288 (73.6%)	302 (73.2%)	0.83
SYNTAX score	20.8±9.5	20.8±9.2	0.99
J-CTO score	2.2±1.2	2.1±1.2	0.16
Number of total stents	2.0±1.4	2.4±1.3	<0.001
Total stent length, mm	53.6±39.4	71.2±40.5	<0.001

Lesion and Procedural Characteristics

ITT Population

	C	TO lesion		Non-	CTO lesion		
Variable	MT strategy (n=398)	PCI strategy (n=417)	Ρ	MT strategy (n=398)	PCI strategy (n=417)	Ρ	
Number of lesion ^b				07 (25 0)	107 (26.2)	0.59	
1	Nic	nt annlicable		97 (25.0) 127 (32 7)	107 (20.2) 145 (35 5)		
		MT Strate	gу	PCI Strate	egy P	value	
CR (non-CTO vs.)		302 (77.2%	%)	325 (78.7	%)	0.67	
Residual SS (non-CTO	vs.)	3.7 ± 5.4	ļ	4.0 ± 5.9	9	0.42	
Total stent length, mm	53.6 ± 39.4	71.3 ± 40.5	≤0.001	44.2 ± 28.0	41.1 ± 25.9	0.26	
Stent diameter, mm	3.1 ± 0.4	3.1 ± 0.3	0.18	3.2 ± 0.4	3.2 ± 0.4	0.88	
Stents			0.31			0.14	
Early generation DES	4 (5.5)	13 (3.7)		10 (5.2)	7 (3.3)		
Newer generation DES	69 (94.5)	335 (96.3)		18 (94.8)	206 (96.7)		
IVUS use	7 (9.6)	203 (58.3)		108 (56.5)	114 (53.8)	0.58	
Fluoroscopy time, minutes	37.2 ± 35.7	42.0 ± 34.0	0.09				
Total contrast amount, ml	337 ± 177	341 ± 157	0.78				



CTO PCI Characteristics

Attempted PCI	N=459
CTO PCI success	418 (91.1%)
Retrograde approach	113 (24.6%)
Lesion passaged wire	
Low penetration force wire	117/418 (28.0%)
Intermediate to high penetration force wire	301/418 (72.0%)
CTO technique	
Single wire technique only	309/418 (73.9%)
Parallel wire technique	72/418 (17.2%)
IVUS-guided wiring	25/418 (6.0%)
CART technique	55/418 (13.2%)
Additional back-up support	
Corsair	91/418 (21.8%)
Microcatheter other than Corsair	230/418 (55.0%)
Over-the-wire balloon	6/418 (1.4%)



Noninferiority Test for Primary End Point at 3-Year

ITT Population

Estimated 3-year Event Rate OMT: 19.6% PCI: 20.6%

Prespecified non-inferiority margin: 0.7



Event Rate Ratio of 3-year MACE rate (PCI/OMT)





Primary End Point ITT Population (Death, MI, Stroke, Any Revascularization)



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^aAdjusted for age, BMI, hypercholesterolemia, previous stroke, renal dysfunction, atrial fibrillation, clinical presentation, location of CTO, number of diseased vessels, and stratifying covariates.



Clinical Endpoints

	MT Strategy	PCI Strategy	Crude HR	Р	Adjusted HR*	Р
	(n=398)	(n=417)	(95% CI)	value	(95% CI)	value
Primary endpoint Death, MI, stroke, or any revascularization	89 (22.4)	93 (20.3)	1.03 (0.77-1.37)	0.86	1.10 (0.69-1.24)	0.54
Secondary endpoints						
Death	21 (5.3)	15 (3.6)	0.70 (0.36-1.37)	0.30	0.85 (0.42-1.72)	0.65
Cardiac cause	14 (3.5)	8 (1.9)	0.56 (0.24-1.34)	0.19	0.63 (0.24-1.63)	0.34
Noncardiac cause	7 (1.8)	7 (1.7)	0.99 (0.35-2.82)	0.99	1.16 (0.36-3.77)	0.80
Myocardial infarction	34 (8.5)	47 (11.3)	1.31 (0.85-2.04)	0.23	1.42 (0.90-2.23)	0.13
Periprocedural MI	30 (7.5)	41 (9.8)	1.30 (0.81-2.07)	0.29	1.36 (0.84-2.20)	0.22
Spontaneous MI	7 (1.8)	7 (1.7)	0.83 (0.28-2.48)	0.74	0.87 (0.27-2.77)	0.82
Stroke	10 (2.5)	6 (1.4)	0.57 (0.21-1.58)	0.28	0.97 (0.32-2.96)	0.96
Any revascularization	42 (10.6)	46 (11.0)	1.08 (0.71-1.65)	0.71	1.09 (0.71-1.68)	0.70
CTO vessel	30 (7.5)	33 (7.9)	1.01 (0.67-1.79)	0.73	1.06 (0.64-1.76)	0.81
Non-CTO vessel	23 (5.8)	29 (7.0)	1.24 (0.72-2.14)	0.44	1.31 (0.74-2.32)	0.36
Death, MI, or stroke	61 (15.3)	66 (15.8)	1.07 (0.75-1.51)	0.72	1.26 (0.88-1.80)	0.21
Cardiac death, MI, stroke, or any revascularization	82 (20.6)	86 (20.6)	1.02 (0.76-1.39)	0.88	1.08 (0.80-1.48)	0.61
Death, spontaneous MI, stroke, or any revascularization	69 (17.3)	64 (15.3)	0.91 (0.65-1.30)	0.59	1.01 (0.71-1.42)	0.98

^{*}Adjusted for age, BMI, hypercholesterolemia, previous stroke, renal dysfunction, atrial fibrillation, clinical presentation, location of CTO, number of diseased vessels, and stratifying covariates.

Primary End Point (Death, MI, Stroke, Any Revascularization)

Per-protocol population

As-treated population



^aAdjusted for age, BMI, hypercholesterolemia, previous stroke, renal dysfunction, atrial fibrillation, clinical presentation, location of CTO, number of diseased vessels, and stratifying covariates.

Death from any cause



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Death from any cause



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Myocardial Infarction







Myocardial Infarction











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Repeat Revascularization



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Repeat Revascularization



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QOL Measure Scores

Within group changes from baseline to 1 month



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Between group differences over time

	PCI strategy	MT strategy	Difference between PCI and MT strategy (95% CI)*	P value
SAQ physical lir	mitation			
1 mo	90.00 ± 15.66	88.38 ± 17.11	-3.354 (-5.6051.104)	0.004
6 mo	92.22 <u>+</u> 13.61	91.80 <u>+</u> 14.32	-1.813 (-4.089 – 0.464)	0.118
12 mo	93.06 ± 11.96	91.77 ± 15.12	-2.309 (-4.710 - 0.092)	0.059
24 mo	94.84 ± 12.72	93.69 ± 12.74	-1.920 (-4.301 - 0.462)	0.114
36 mo	94.52 ± 12.86	93.54 ± 14.98	-1.813 (-4.827 - 1.201)	0.237
SAQ angina free	luency			
1 mo	94.63 ± 10.54	93.31 ± 13.78	-2.635 (-4.604 - 0.665)	0.009
6 mo	96.00 ± 10.13	95.44 <u>+</u> 9.98	-1.037 (-2.911 – 0.837)	0.277
12 mo	94.55 ± 11.18	95.33 ± 10.19	-0.154 (-2.163 - 1.855)	0.880
24 mo	97.31 ± 7.13	97.18 ± 7.65	-0.427 (-1.978 - 1.125)	0.589
36 mo	98.21 ± 5.32	97.38 ± 7.20	-0.981 (-2.480 - 0.518)	0.199
SAQ quality of li	ife			
1 mo	66.16 ± 19.87	64.26 ± 19.65	-3.075 (-6.135 – -0.016)	0.049
6 mo	72.08 <u>+</u> 17.54	69.74 <u>+</u> 17.48	-3.336 (-6.4440.227)	0.036
12 mo	72.19 ± 19.06	71.89 ± 16.6	-1.458 (-4.745 - 1.829)	0.384
24 mo	77.37 ± 17.43	75.91 ± 17.77	-2.136 (-5.738 - 1.465)	0.244
36 mo	78.26 ± 17.39	77.53 ± 16.69	-1.213 (5.004 - 2.577)	0.529

*The difference between the PCI and MT strategy groups was adjusted for baseline values. Negative values indicate better outcomes with PCI strategy.



Substantial Improvement (%) of Angina over Time

Increase from baseline score of 10 points or more



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Subgroup Analysis

Subgroup	OMT no. of patients with	PCI n event/total no. (%)	Hazard ratio (95% Cl)	p value for Interaction
Overall	81/387 (20.9)	86/411 (20.9)	⊢⊣⊣ 0.95 (0.70−1.28)	
Age				0.51
≥ 65 y	43/172 (25.0)	48/174 (27.6)	⊢⊢⊣ 0.85 (0.56−1.29)	
< 65 y	38/215 (17.7)	38/237 (16.0)	⊢−− 1.05 (0.67−1.64)	
Sex				0.65
Male	63/315 (20.0)	71/342 (20.8)	⊢⊣ 0.91 (0.65−1.28)	
Female	18/72 (25.0)	15/69 (21.7)	⊢−−−−−−−−−−1.07 (0.54−2.13)	
Diabetes				0.45
Yes	29/133 (21.8)	32/132 (24.2)	└───────────────────────────────	
No	52/254 (20.5)	54/279 (19.4)	⊢−− 1.03 (0.70−1.50)	
Previous myocardial ir	nfarction			0.77
Yes	6/34 (17.6)	9/45 (20.0)	⊢−−−−0.83 (0.30−2.34)	
No	75/353 (21.2)	77/366 (21.0)	⊢⊣ 0.96 (0.70−1.32)	
Acute coronary syndro	ome			0.18
Yes	29/97 (29.9)	26/113 (23.0)	H <mark>−−</mark> −1164 (0.88−3.05)	
No	52/290 (17.9)	60/298 (20.1)	⊢ <mark>–</mark> ⊣ 0.82 (0.57−1.19)	
Typical chest pain				0.56
Yes	65/278 (23.4)	64/311 (20.6)	⊢⊣ 0.91 (0.64−1.29)	
No	16/109 (14.7)	22/100 (22.0)	<mark>⊢ <mark>–</mark> 1,63 (0.85−3.11)</mark>	
Ejection fraction				0.44
≥ 50%	60/321 (18.7)	63/332 (19.0)	⊢ <mark>–</mark> ⊣ 0.91 (0.64−1.30)	
< 50%	21/66 (31.8)	23/79 (29.1)	⊢−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−	
Multi-vessel disease				0.39
Yes	69/286 (24.1)	69/301 (22.9)	⊢⊢ 1.01 (0.72−1.41)	
No	12/101 (11.9)	17/110 (15.5)	⊢−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−−	
CTO located in the left	t anterior descending a	artery		0.98
Yes	29/161 (18.0)	34/183 (18.6)	→ 0.93 (0.57−1.53)	
No	52/226 (23.0)	52/228 (22.8)	⊢ <mark>⊢</mark> ⊣ 0.94 (0.64−1.38)	
			iter PCI Better	

CVRF

Per Protocol Analysis





Noninferiority Test for Primary End Point at 3-Year

Per-Protocol Population



Event Rate Ratio of 3-year MACE rate (PCI/OMT)

Lower 1-sided 97.5% CI





Primary End Point (Death, MI, Stroke, Any Repeat Revascularization)



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As Treated Analysis





Noninferiority Test for Primary End Point at 3-Year

As-Treated Population



Lower 1-sided 97.5% CI




Primary End Point (Death, MI, Stroke, Any Repeat Revascularization)



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Primary End Point (Death, MI, Stroke, Any Repeat Revascularization)



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Intention-to-Treat Analysis

	CTO-PCI (n=417)	No CTO-PCI (n=398)	Crude HR (95% CI)	P value
Primary endpoint Death, MI, stroke, or any revascularization	93 (22.3)	89 (22.4)*	1.03 (0.77-1.37)	0.86
Secondary endpoints				
Death	15 (3.6)	21 (5.3)	0.70 (0.36-1.37)	0.30
Cardiac cause	8 (1.9)	14 (3.5)	0.56 (0.24-1.34)	0.19
Noncardiac cause	7 (1.7)	7 (1.8)	0.99 (0.35-2.82)	0.99
Myocardial infarction	47 (11.3)	34 (8.5)	1.39 (0.90-2.15)	0.14
Periprocedural MI	41 (9.8)	30 (7.5)	1.37 (0.816-2.18)	0.19
Spontaneous MI	7 (1.7)	7 (1.8)	0.88 (0.30-2.57)	0.82
Stroke	6 (1.4)	10 (2.5)	0.61 (0.23-1.65)	0.33
Any revascularization	46 (11.0)	42 (10.6)	1.14 (0.75-1.73)	0.55
CTO vessel	33 (7.9)	30 (7.5)	1.13 (0.69-1.84)	0.63
Non-CTO vessel	29 (7.0)	23 (5.8)	1.34 (0.77-2.31)	0.30
Death, MI, or stroke	66 (15.8)	61 (15.3)	1.07 (0.75-1.51)	0.72
Cardiac death, MI, stroke, or any revascularization	86 (20.6)	82 (20.6)	1.02 (0.76-1.39)	0.88
Death, spontaneous MI, stroke, or any revascularization	64 (15.3)	69 (17.3)	0.91 (0.65-1.30)	0.59



The Assigned and Actually Treated Strategies





Primary endpoint analyses Stratified by the assigned and actual strategy



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The Assigned and Actually Treated Strategies

	Estimated 3 Year Event Rate (Standard Error)	Adjusted HR (95% CI)	P Value
PCI to PCI	19.0% (2.1)	0.91 (0.61-1.34)	0.62
PCI to OMT	29.3% (5.8)	1.37 (0.80-2.34)	0.25
OMT to PCI	9.5% (4.2)	0.45 (0.19-1.09)	0.077
OMT to OMT	21.9% (3.3)	1 (Reference)	





Conclusion

- The DECISION-CTO trial is the first randomized clinical trial to compare the strategy of OMT alone with that of PCI in patients with coronary CTO.
- The ITT analysis showed that OMT as an initial strategy was non-inferior to PCI with respect to the primary endpoint of the composite of death, MI, stroke, or any revascularization at 3 years.
- The measures of health-related quality of life in the OMT and the PCI groups were comparable throughout the follow-up period





Conclusion

- However, SAQ angina frequency subscale is much better in terms of improvement more than 10 points in PCI arm, which suggest PCI strategy is more beneficial effect in angina control in CTO patients.
- However, despite statistical no difference, we did not provide firm conclusion for role of medical treatment strategy in the CTO patients due to early termination and lower enrolment than anticipated.
- There is a signal for role of medical treatment, but further randomized clinical trials are necessary.



