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# IMR in Stable Patients

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- To evaluate the etiology of chest pain/abnormal stress test in a patient with angiographically appearing normal coronaries
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- Research purposes



# Case Example (April 13, 2015):

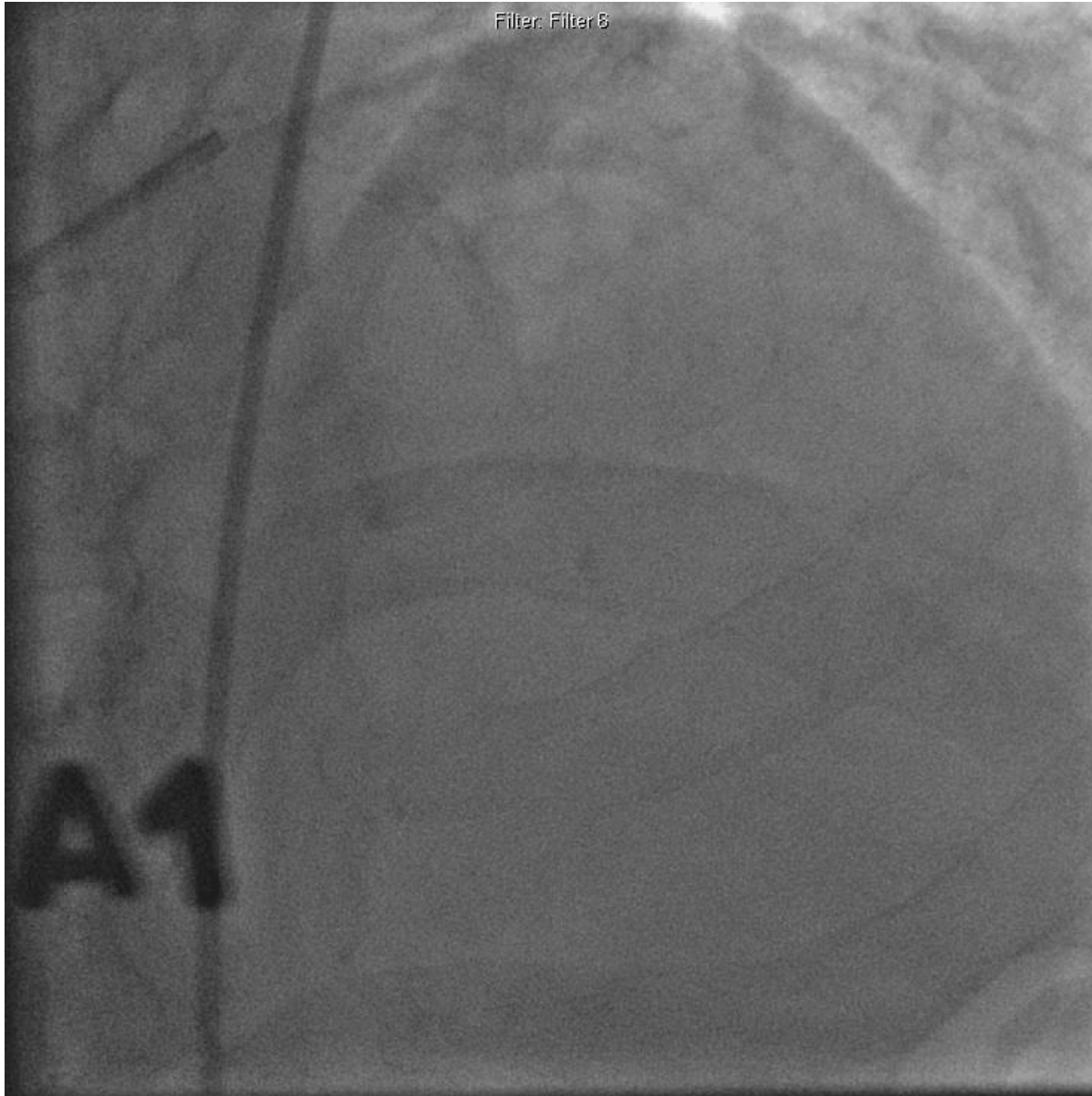
- 72 year old retired naval officer
- HTN and dyslipidemia
- PCI of proximal LAD in 2006
- Some relief of angina
- Recent worsening angina
- Multiple stress tests (mild apical ischemia) and coronary angiograms



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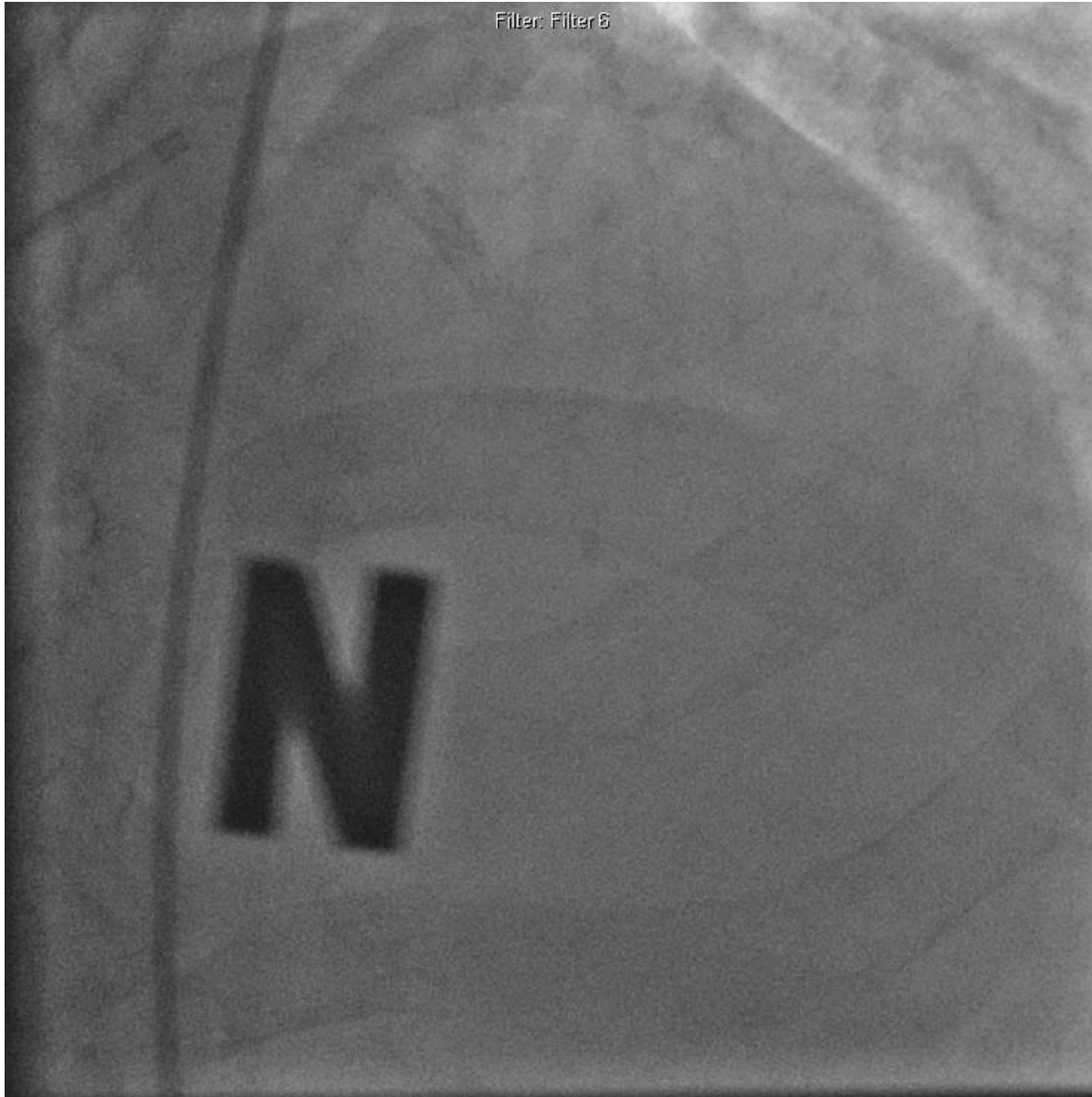


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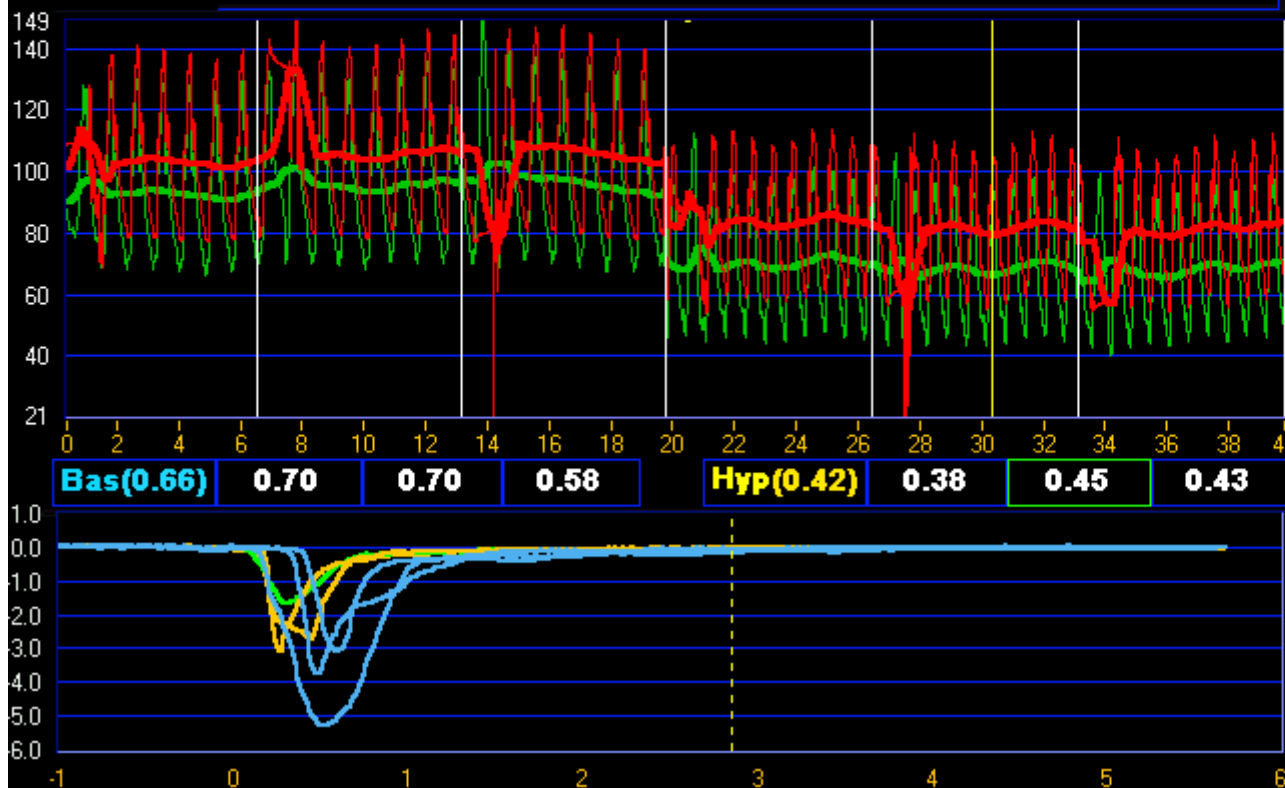




# IMR of LAD = 28

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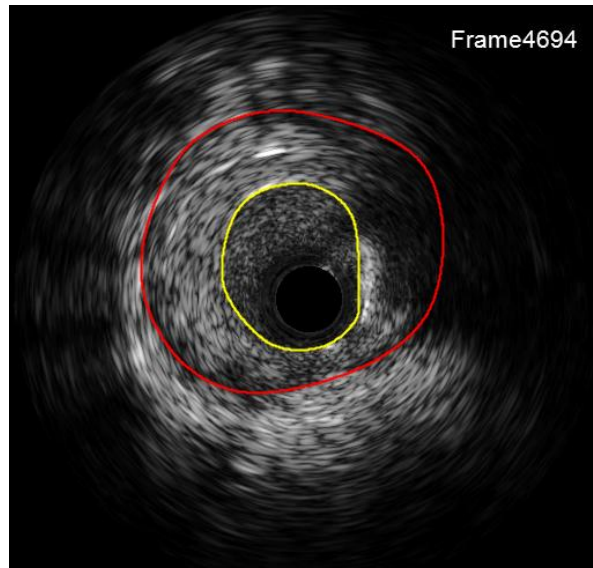


**80**  
Pa mean  
**66**  
Pd mean  
**0.83**  
FFR  
**1.6**  
CFR  
**-0.03**  
dT  
**2.9**  
CURSOR

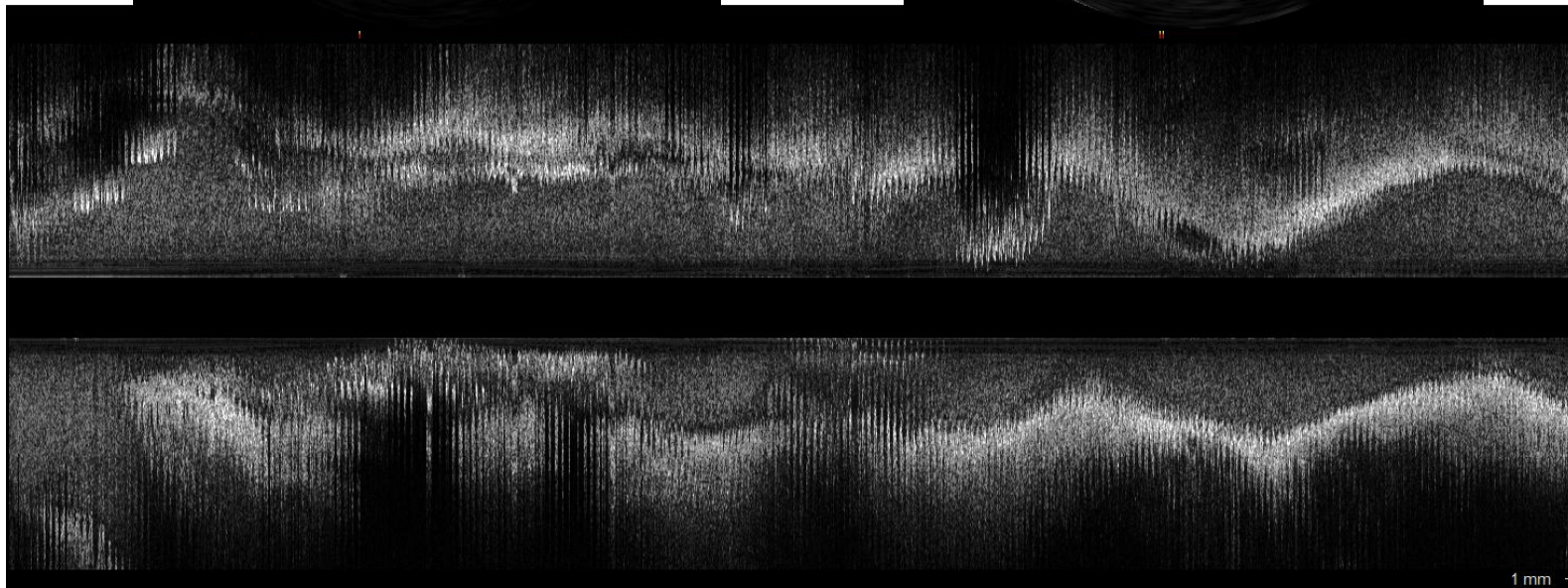
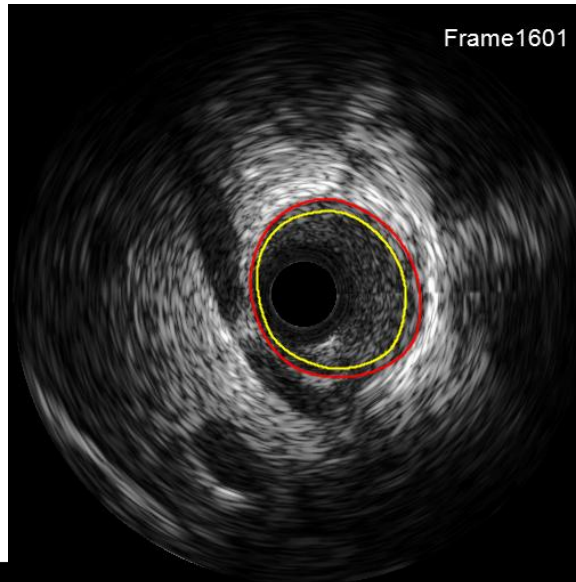
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**MSA = 4.3 mm<sup>2</sup>**



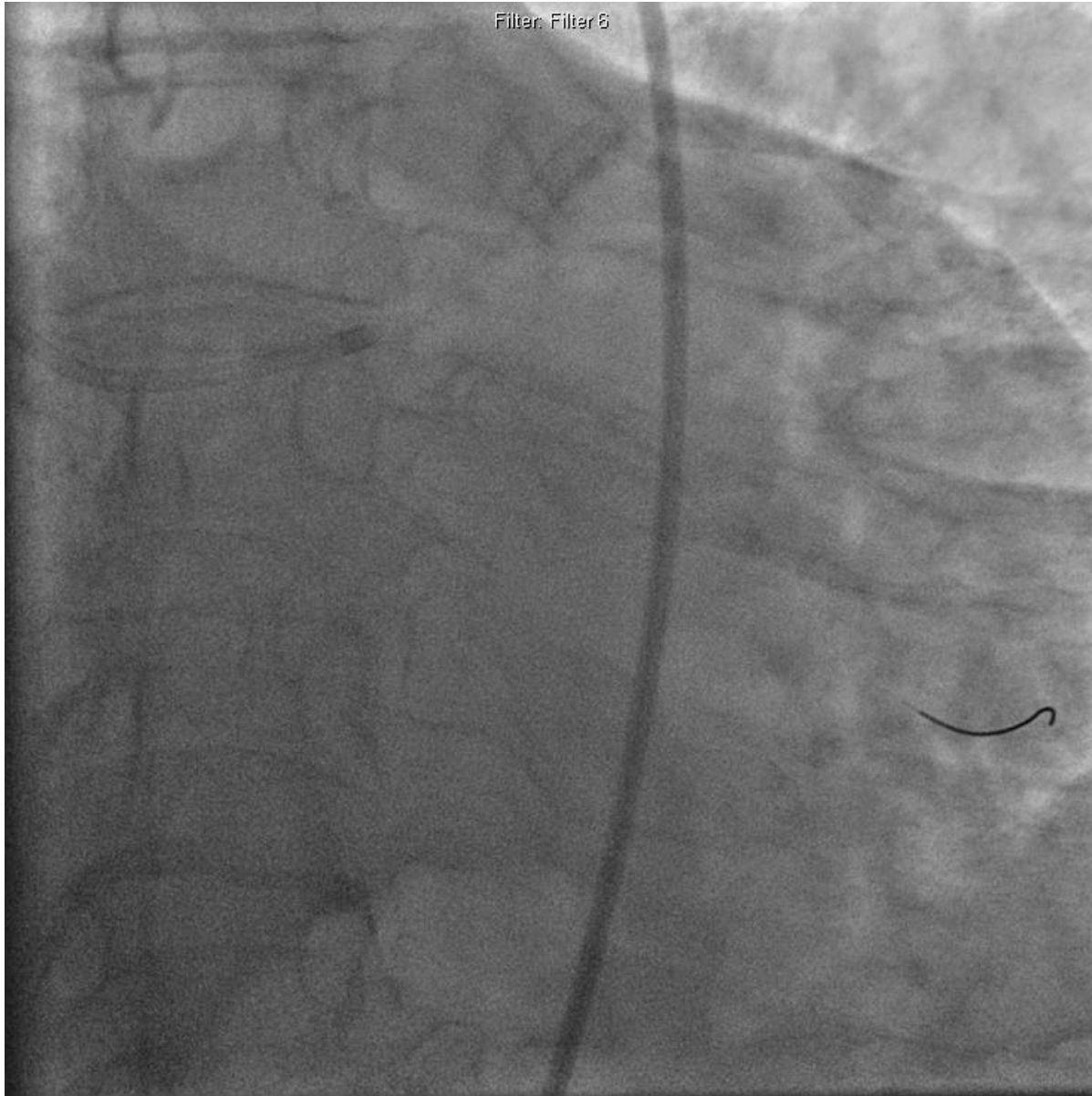
**Myocardial Bridge**



**IVUS of LAD**



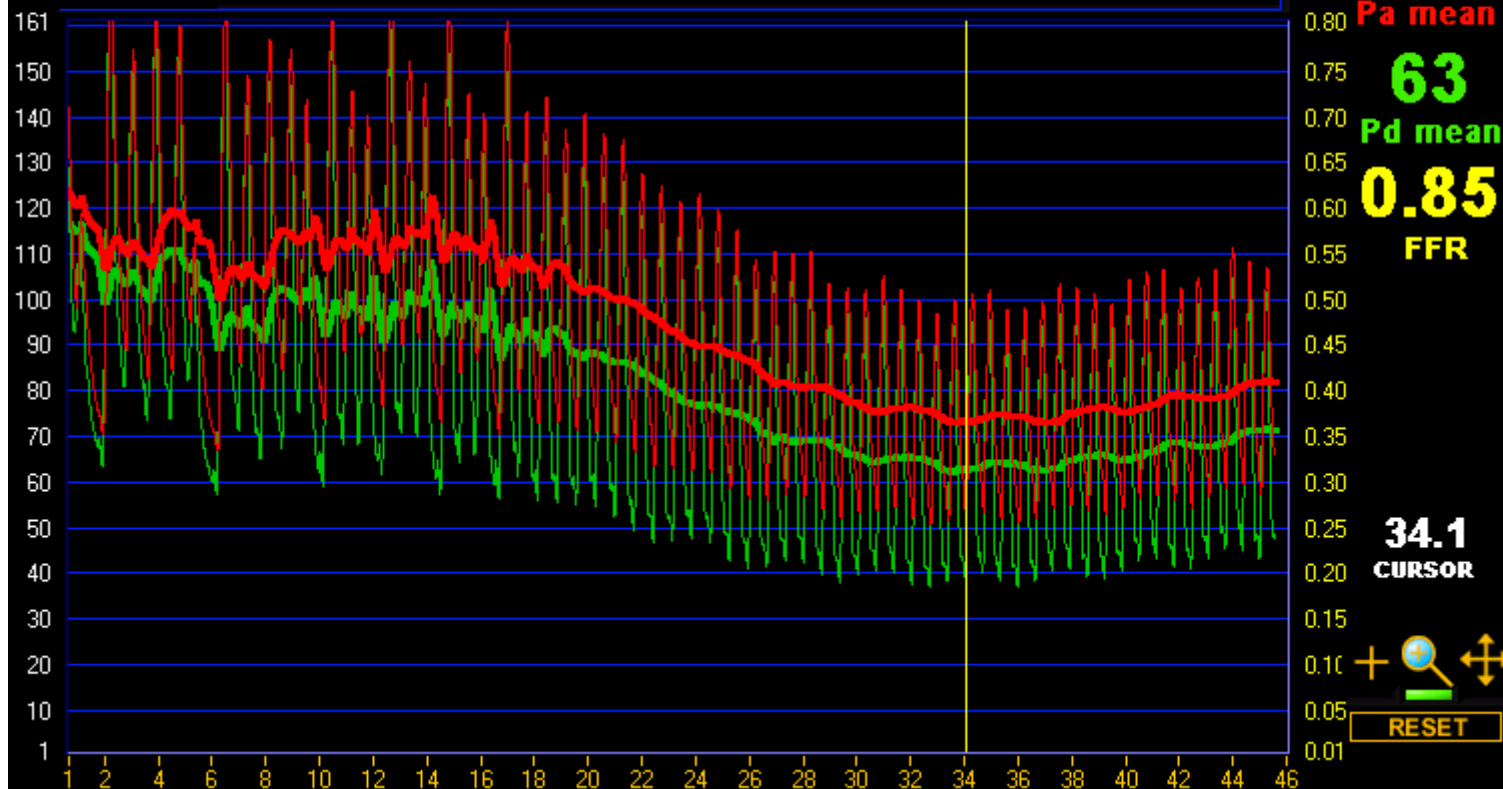
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FFR OM = 0.85



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# Case Summary:

- No significant endothelial dysfunction/spasm
- Moderate restenosis of the LAD stent with mild diffuse epicardial atherosclerosis, which is not functionally significant
- Short mild bridging which is not significant
- Evidence for microvascular dysfunction
- Moderate OM disease which is not functionally significant
- Treatment plan: Augment medical therapy (statin, ACE I, carvedilol, calcium blocker, nitrate)



# Chest Pain and “Normal Coronaries”

- 139 patients referred for coronary angiography because of symptoms and/or abnormal stress test and found to have “normal” appearing coronaries
- FFR, IMR, CFR, IVUS and acetylcholine challenge were performed down the LAD





# Chest Pain and “Normal Coronaries”

Patient Characteristic	n=139
Age (years)	54 ±11
Female	77%
Hypertension	53%
Diabetes	23%
Dyslipidemia	63%
Tobacco Use	8%



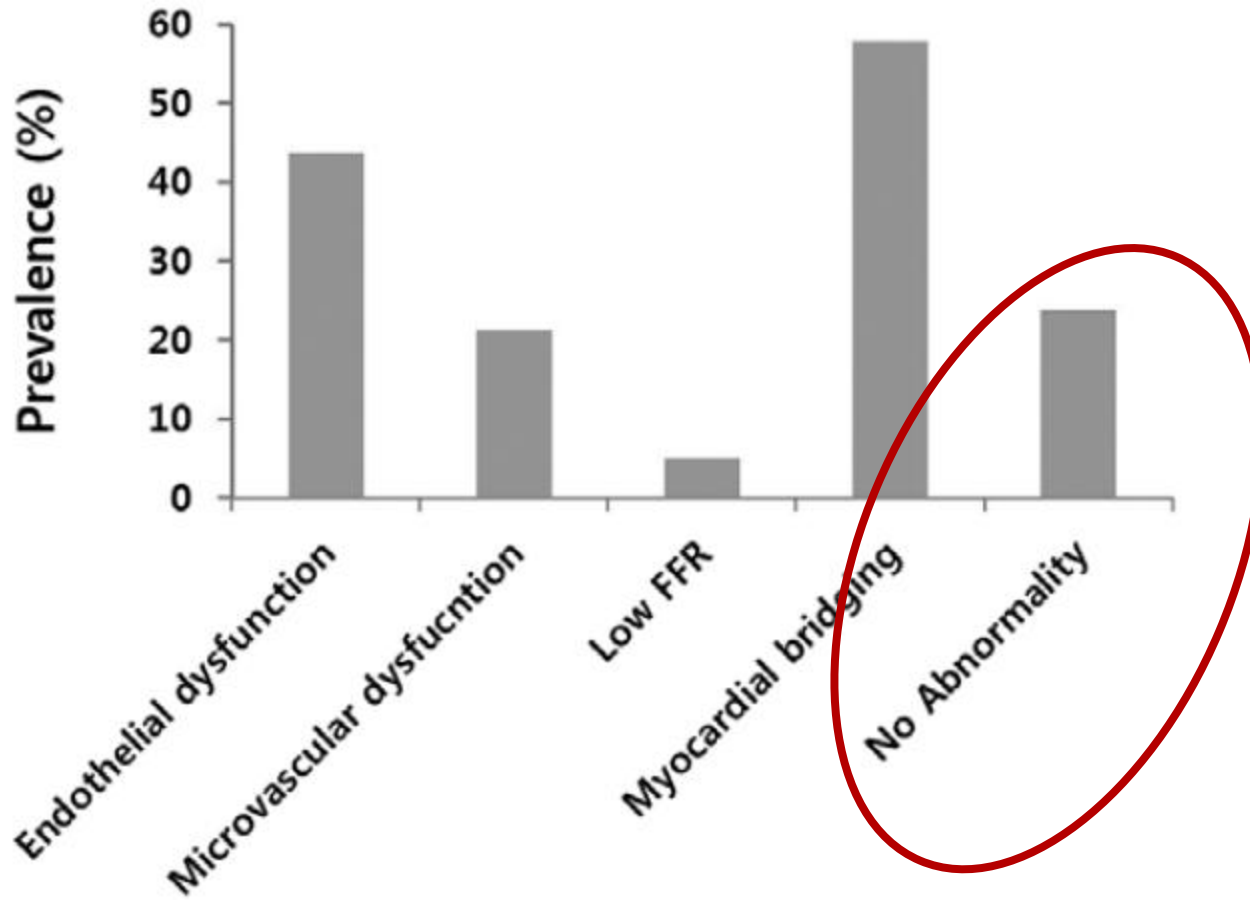
# Chest Pain and “Normal Coronaries”

- The mean IMR was  $19.6 \pm 9.1$
- Microvascular dysfunction was present in 21% (defined as  $\text{IMR} \geq 25$ )
- Patients with microvascular dysfunction were older and more often hypertensive and diabetic



# Chest Pain and “Normal Coronaries”

*77% of patients had at least one occult coronary circulatory abnormality*



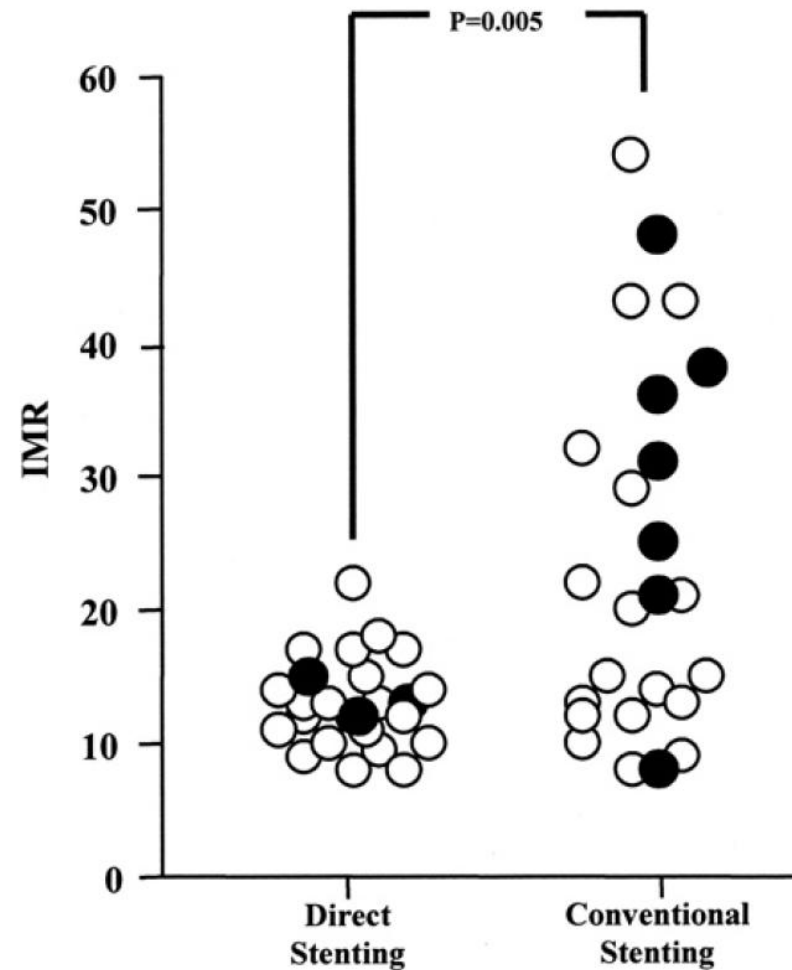
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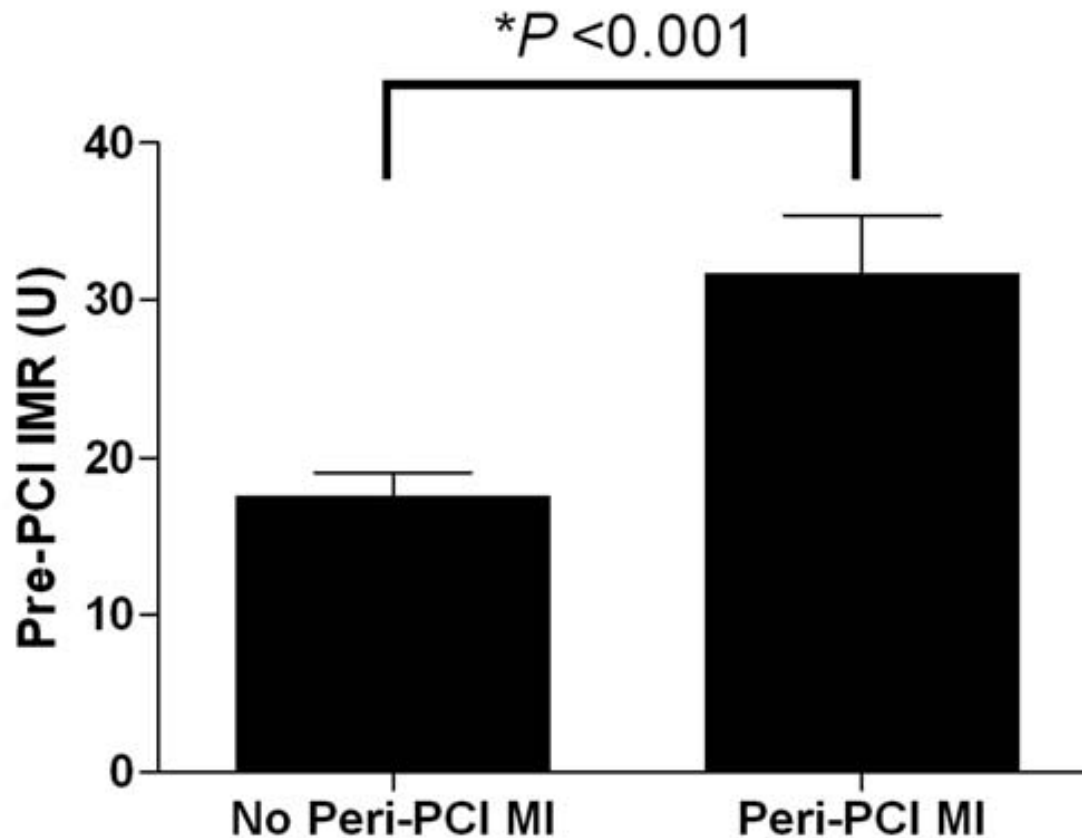
# IMR after PCI in Stable Patients

- 50 patients randomized to conventional stenting with predilatation versus direct stenting
- IMR measured after PCI and correlated with troponin release
- In the 10 patients with elevated Tn post PCI, IMR was  $24.7 \pm 13.3$  vs.  $16.9 \pm 10.2$ ,  $p=0.04$ .



# IMR *Before* PCI in Stable Patients

*IMR measured before PCI in 50 stable patients undergoing LAD PCI*





# IMR *Before* PCI in Stable Patients

*IMR measured before LAD PCI in 50 stable patients*

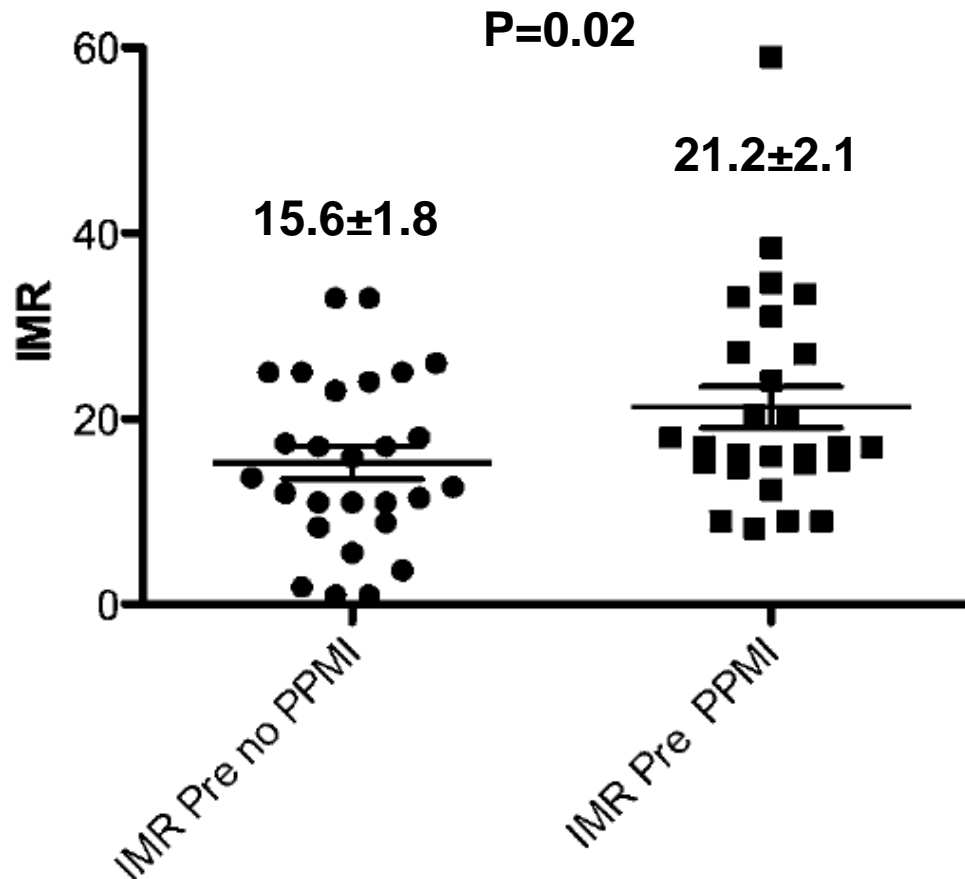
## Multivariable Regression Analysis

Variable	<i>P</i>	Odds ratio	95% Confidence interval
IMR	0.002	1.25	1.08 – 1.43
Beta-blocker	0.064	13.97	0.97 – 200.56
Post-dilation	0.072	0.09	0.01 – 1.24
Total inflation time	0.115	1.01	0.99 – 1.03
Stent length	0.35	1.08	0.92 – 1.27



# IMR *Before* PCI in Stable Patients

*IMR measured before PCI in 54 stable patients*



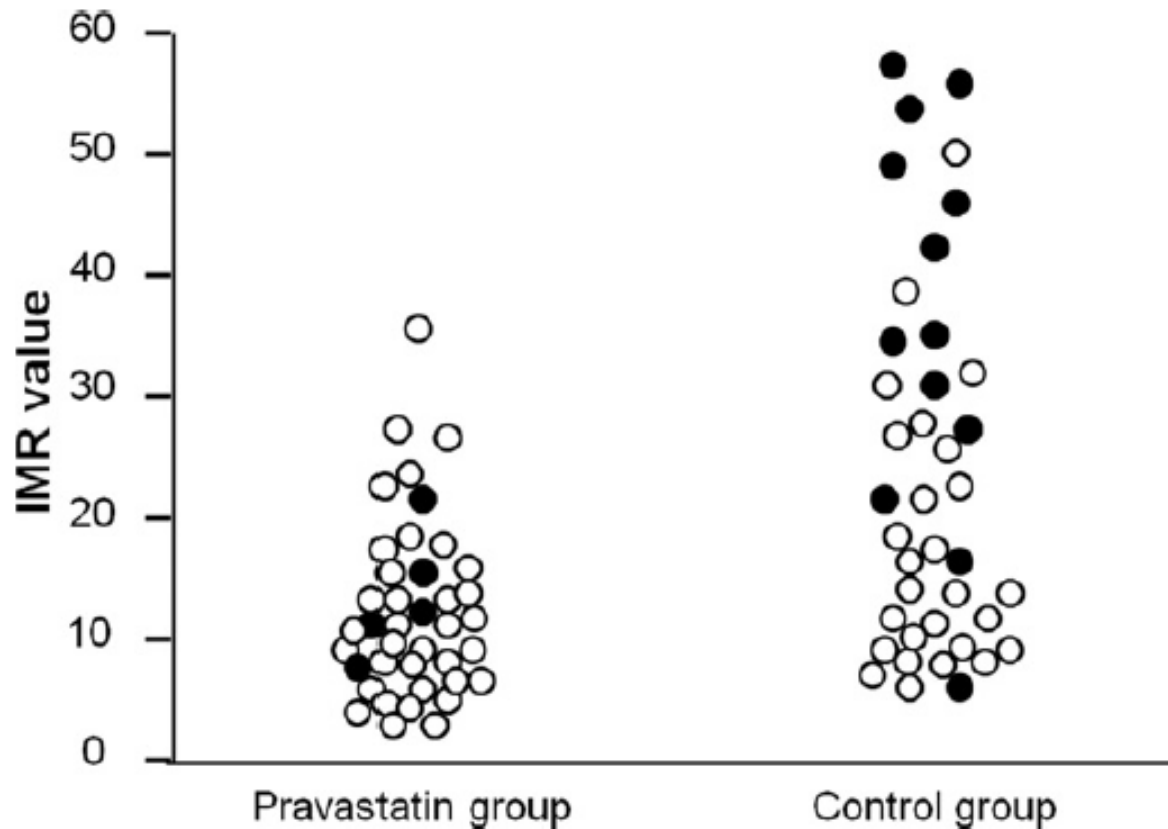
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# IMR post Statin Therapy

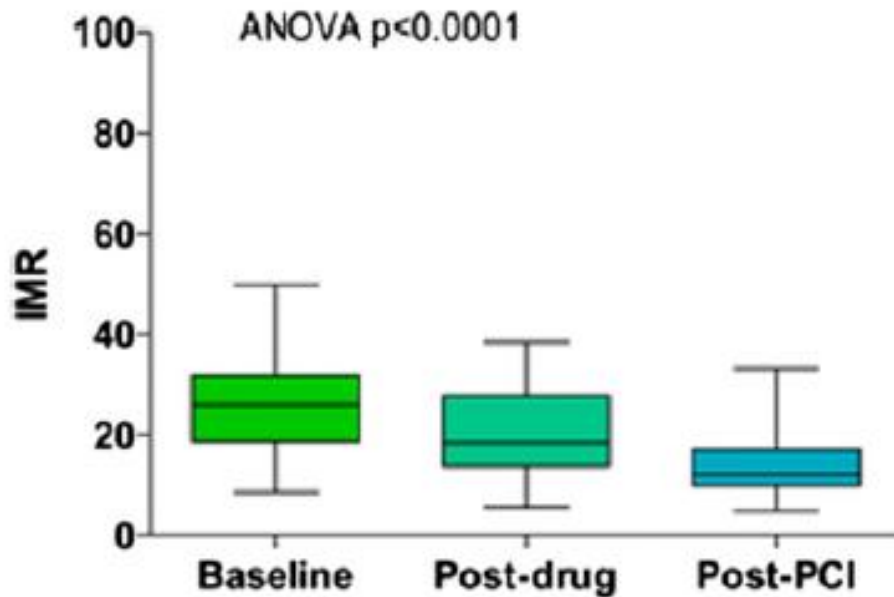
***IMR measured after PCI in 80 patients randomized to either 1 month pretreatment with pravastatin or placebo***



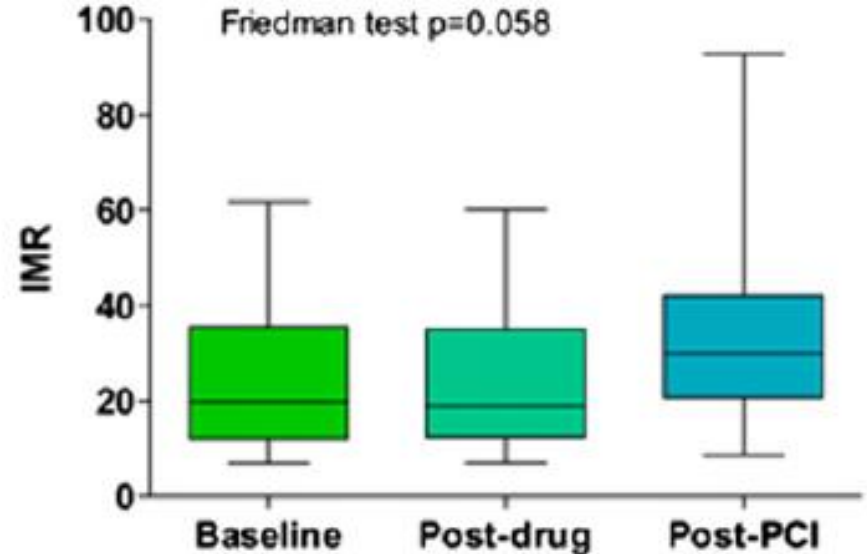
# IMR post ACE Inhibitor Therapy

*40 patients randomized to IC enalaprilat or placebo prior to PCI*

**Enalaprilat**

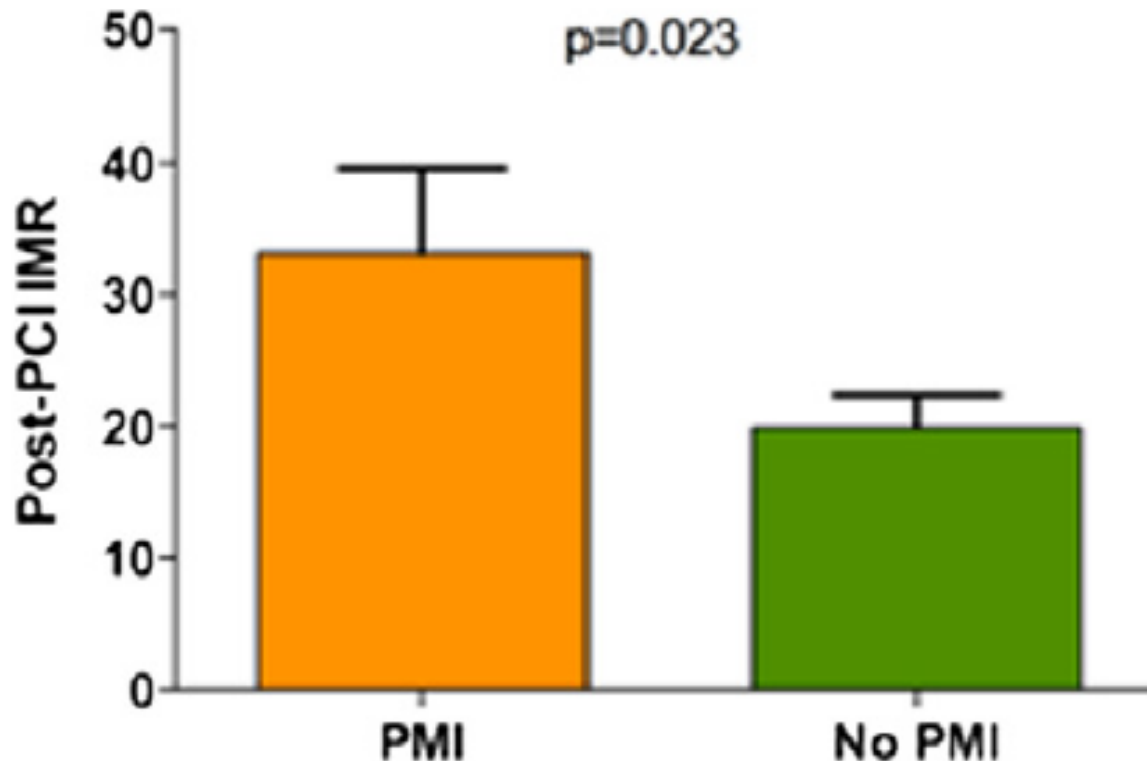


**Placebo**



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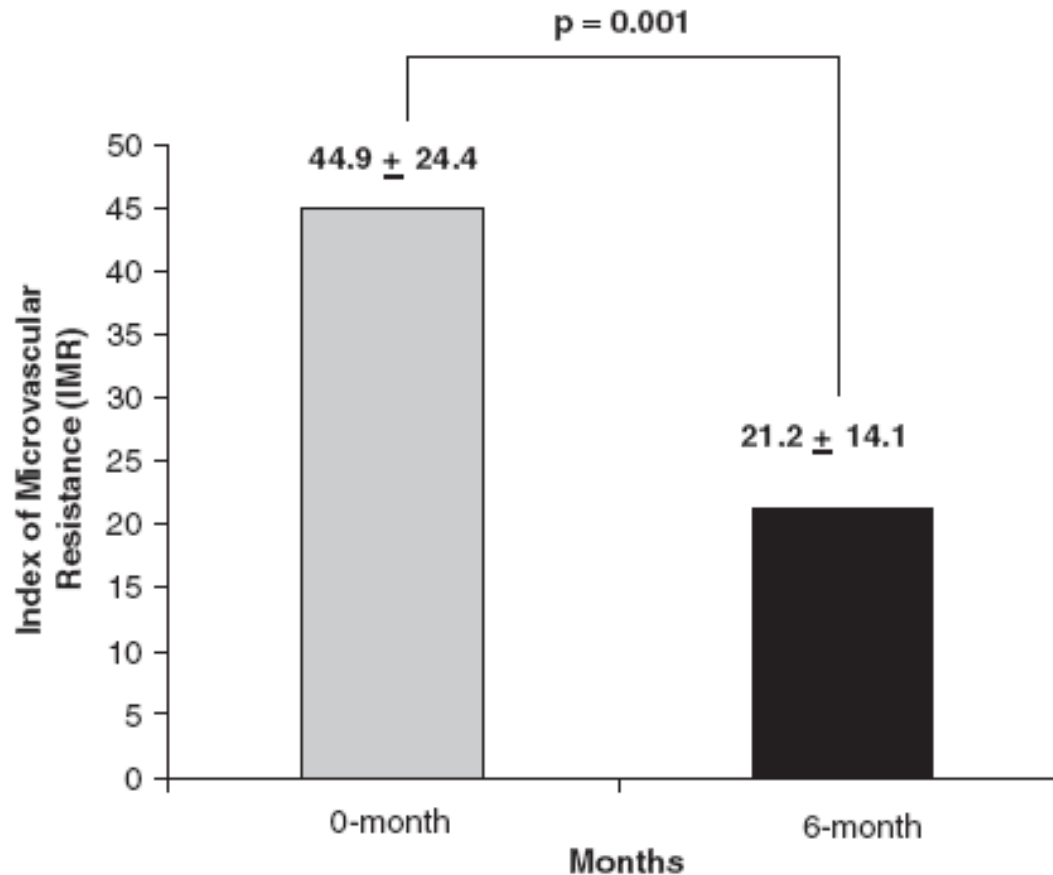
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# IMR post Stem Cell Therapy

*IMR measured in 15 patients with ischemic cardiomyopathy before and 6 months after intracoronary stem cell delivery*



# Conclusions:

- Measurement of FFR and IMR can help to diagnose the etiology of chest pain/abnormal stress test in patient with angiographically normal appearing coronaries.
- IMR measured at the time of PCI can predict peri-procedural myocardial infarction.
- IMR is a useful research tool for evaluating the efficacy of various therapies.

