# FRR or Resting Gradients: Rationale and Clinical Data



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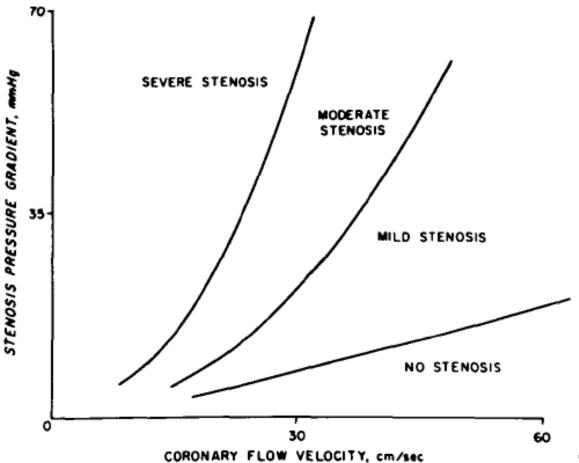
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#### Company

- Abbott Vascular
- Astra Zeneca
- The Medicines Company
- Volcano Inc.

## Pressure drop *increases* with *stenosis* severity

Pressure drop across stenosis

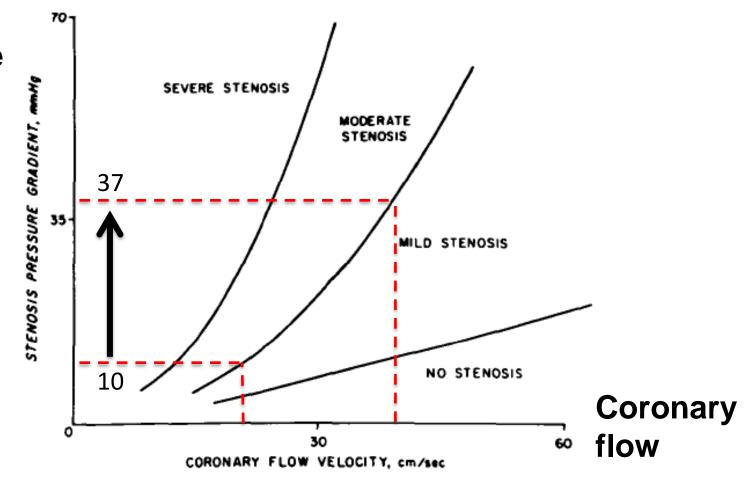


**Coronary** flow

## **Basic Principle of FFR**

'Unmask' trans-coronary gradients by increase in flow

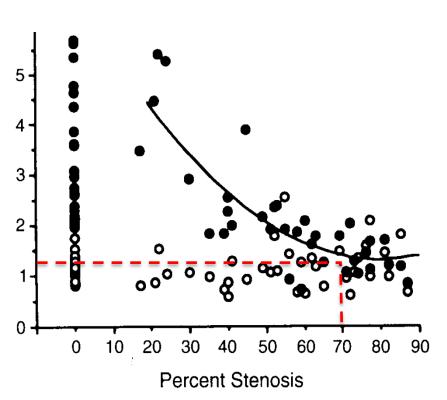
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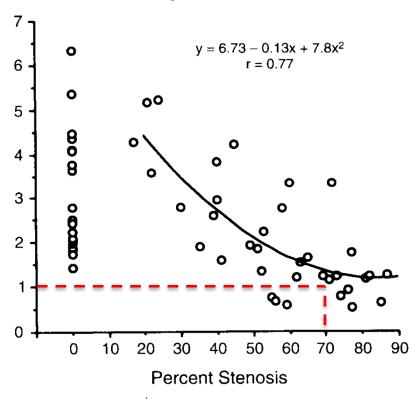
## Relationship btw. Myocardial Blood Flow and CAD Severity

Minimal Hyperemia in Presence of Stenosis >70%

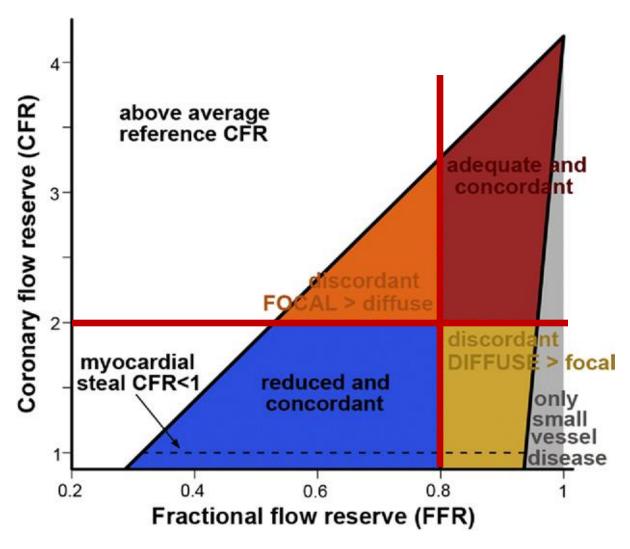
Myocardial Blood Flow



Coronary Flow Reserve

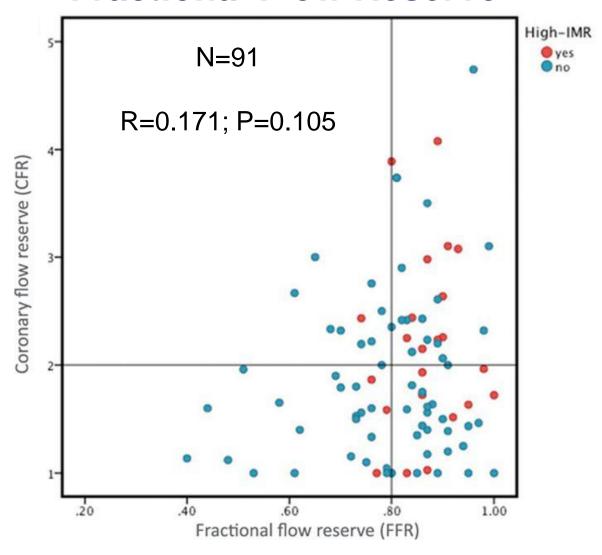


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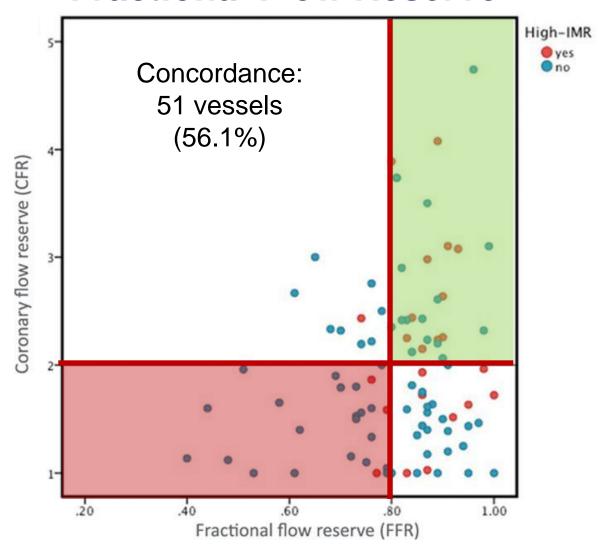


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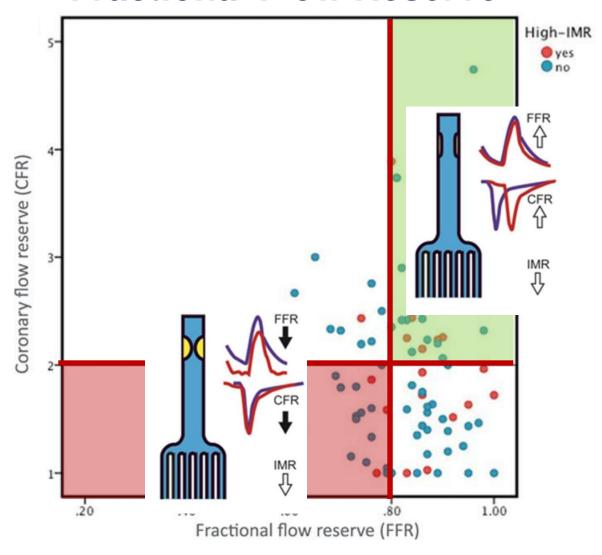
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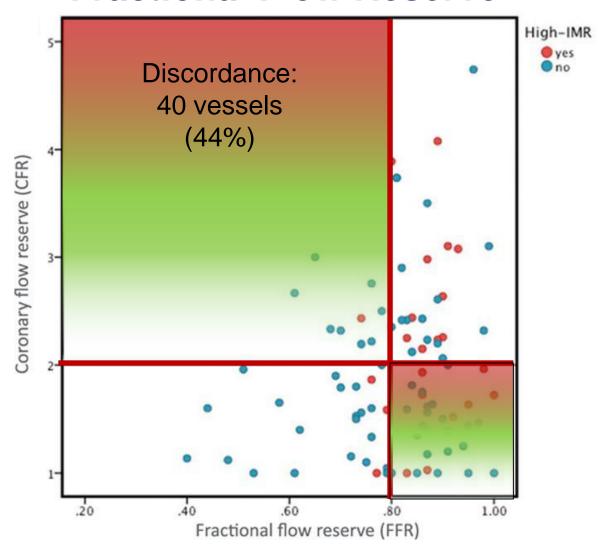
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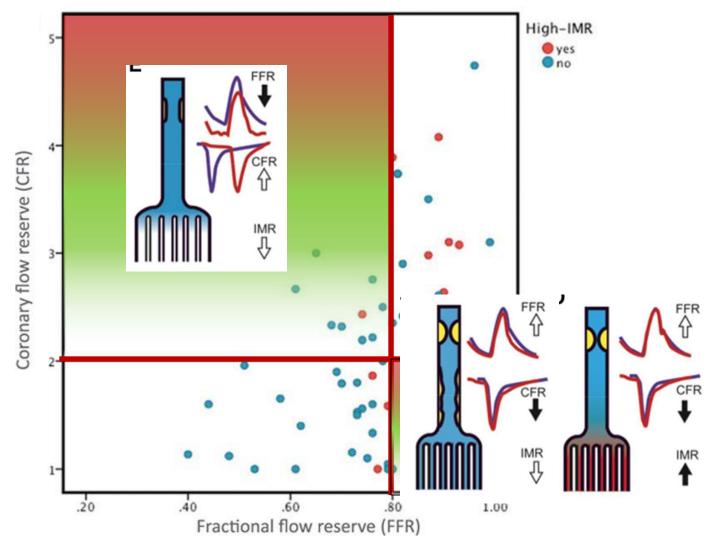
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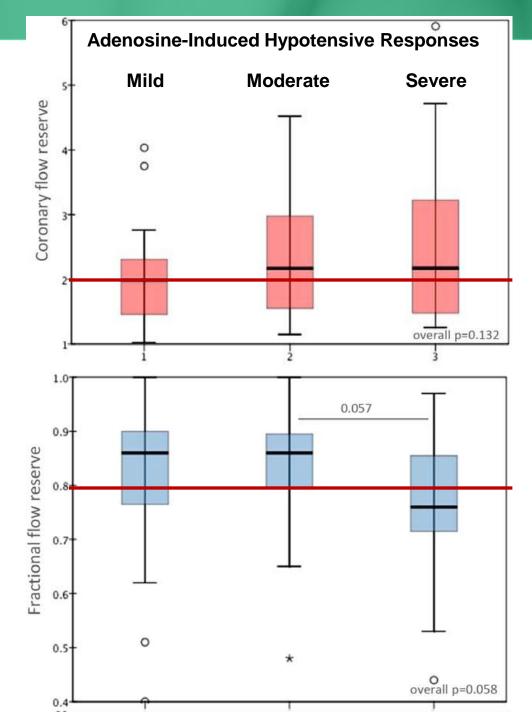


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# Variability in BP Response to Adenosine

Prevalence of vessels with FFR ≤0.80 and CFR >2 was higher (35.5% vs. 14.5%) in severe hypotensive response group

OR: 3.24

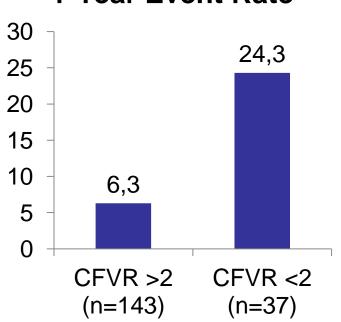
95% CI: 1.17-8.99

*P*=0.023

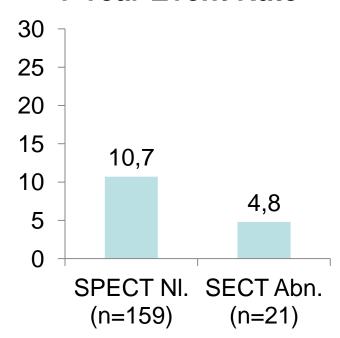
## Prognostic Value of CFR and SPECT in Intermediate Coronary Lesions

PCI deferred in 182 intermediate lesions based on CFR and SPECT and pt. followed for death/MI/PCI for 1 year

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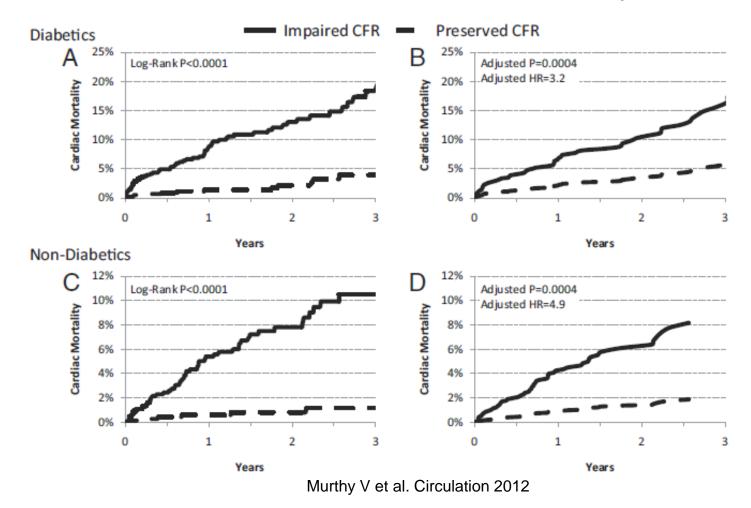


Multivariate analysis revealed CFVR as the only significant predictor for cardiac events

CFVR RR: 3.9 (1.7 to 9.1), p < 0.05SPECT RR: 0.5 (0.1 to 3.2), p = NS

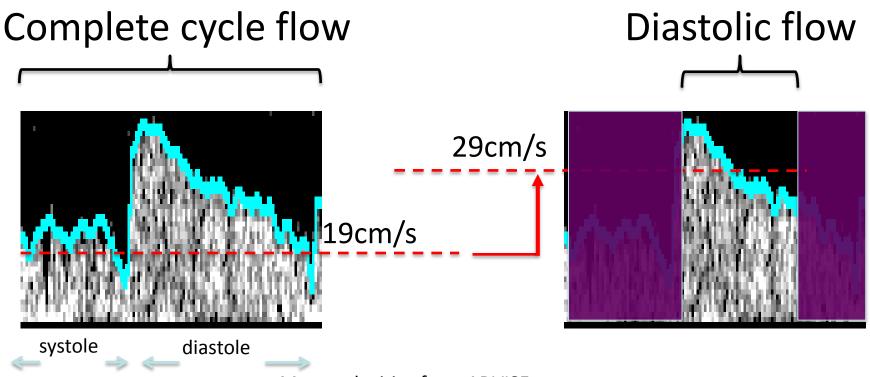
## **Association Between Coronary Vascular Dysfunction and Cardiac Mortality**

A total of 2783 consecutive patients underwent quantification of CFR by PET and were followed for a median of 1.4 years



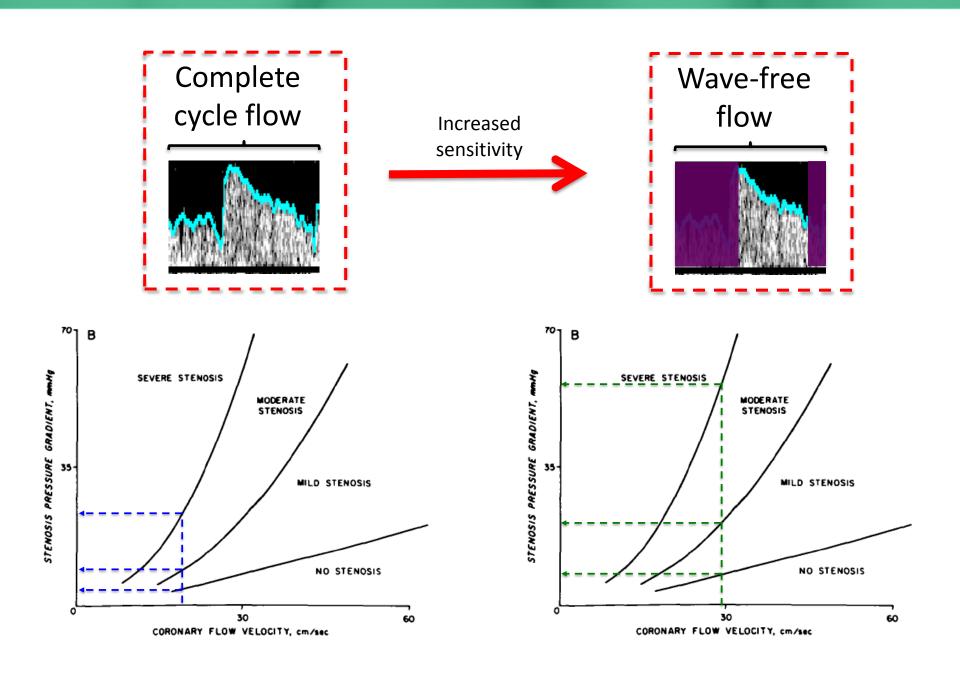
## Instant wave-free ratio (iFR)

Detect trans-coronary gradients by using physiologically increased flow during diastole



Mean velocities from ADVISE

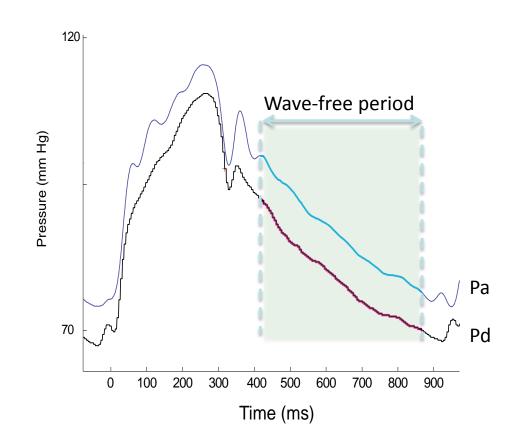
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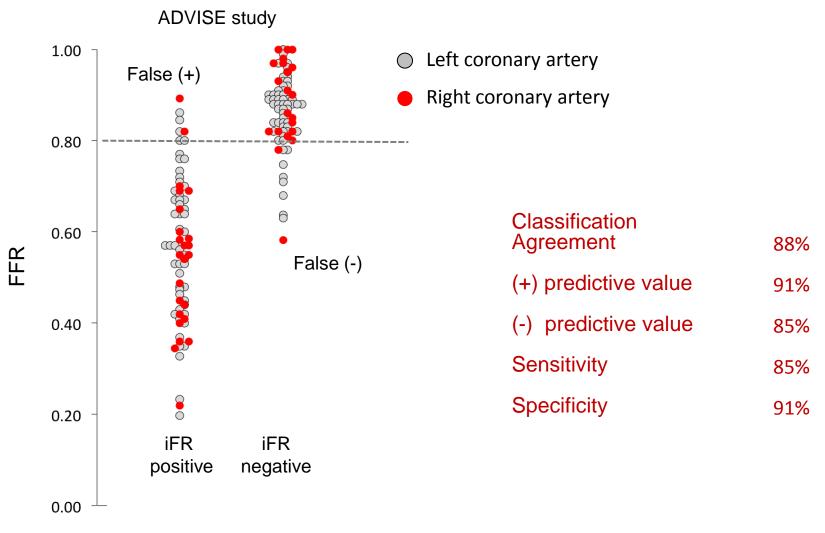
### iFR = instantaneous wave-free ratio

### Definition:

Instantaneous pressure ratio, across a stenosis during the wave-free period, when resistance is naturally constant and minimised in the cardiac cycle



### iFR closely correlated to FFR in some studies

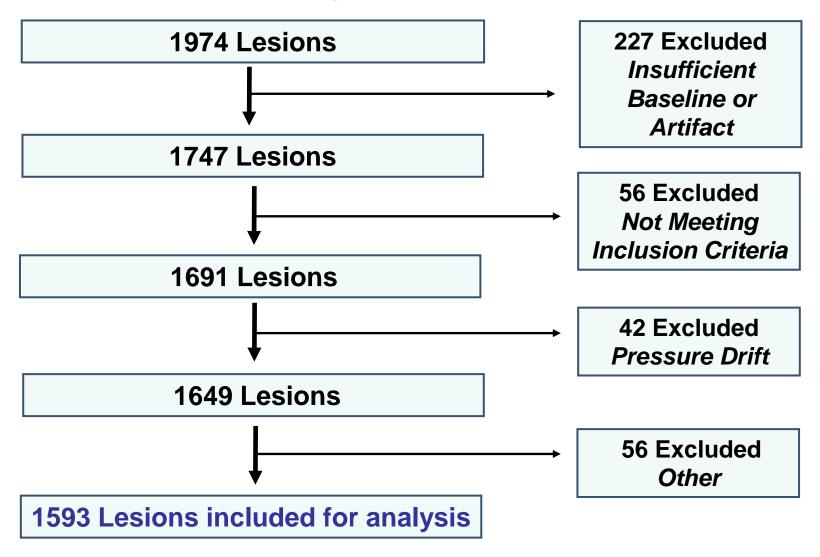


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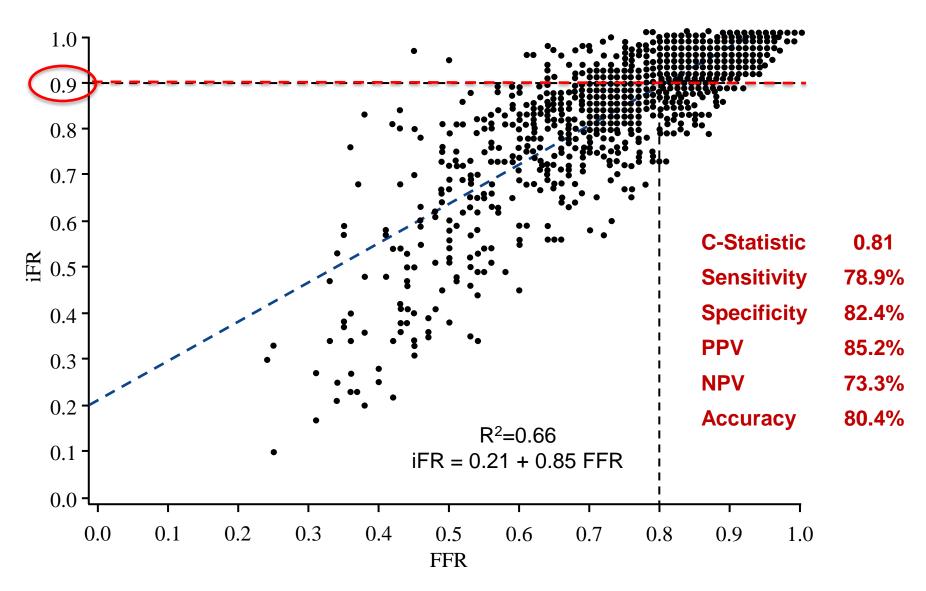
## **RESOLVE Study**

- Given conflicting reports, we have formed a collaborative group of independent investigators to perform a large-scale analysis of the diagnostic agreement between iFR and FFR
- Core lab analysis by the Cardiovascular Research Foundation of all published iFR studies as well as consecutive cases from select sites
- Volcano supplied proprietary iFR algorithm to CRF core laboratory

### **Study Flow Chart**

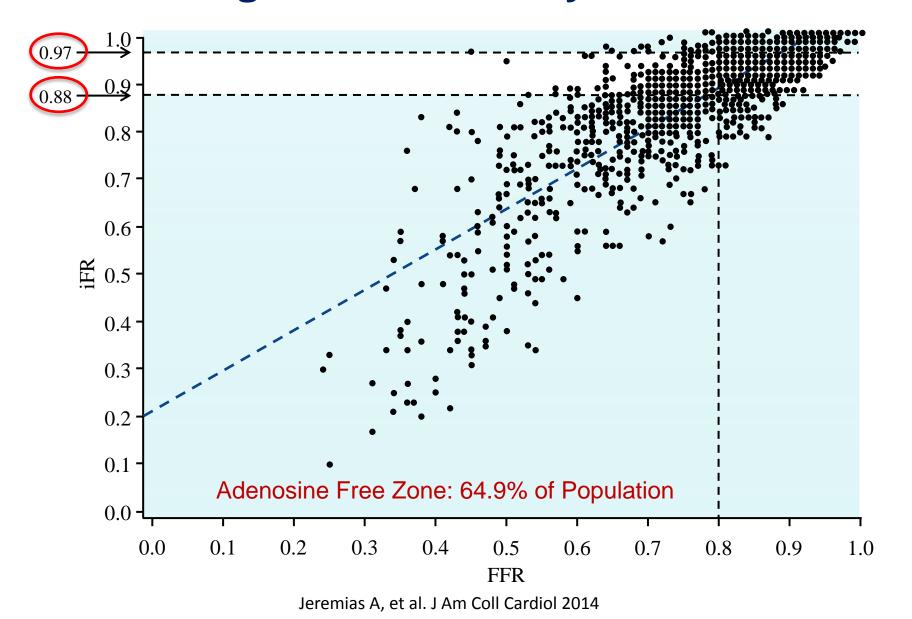


### Correlation iFR vs. FFR

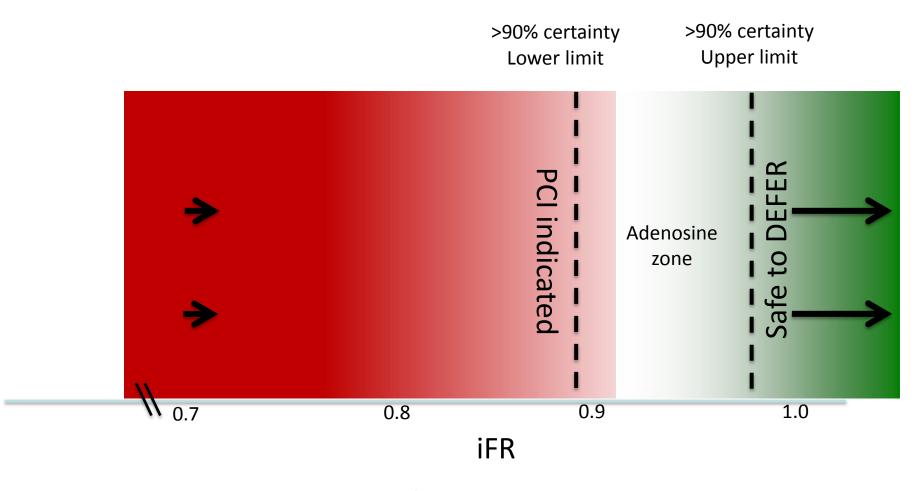


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### ≥90% Diagnostic Accuracy for iFR vs. FFR

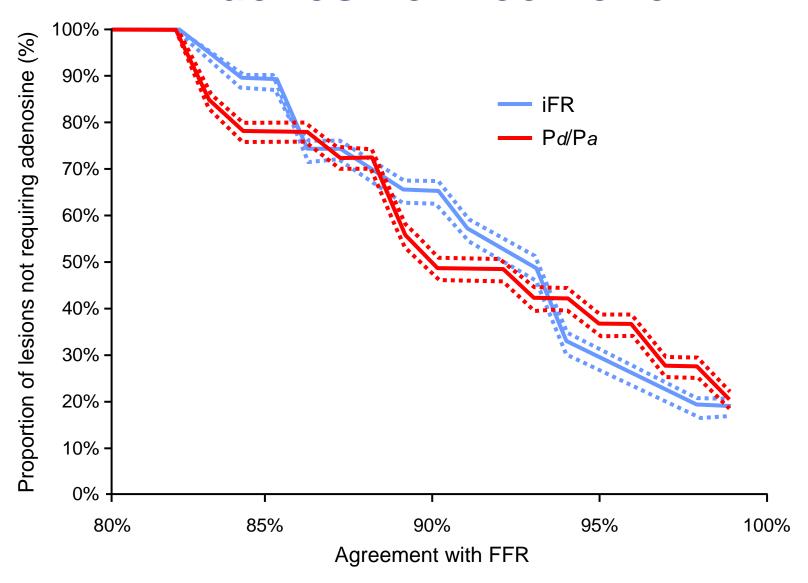


## **Hybrid iFR-FFR Approach**



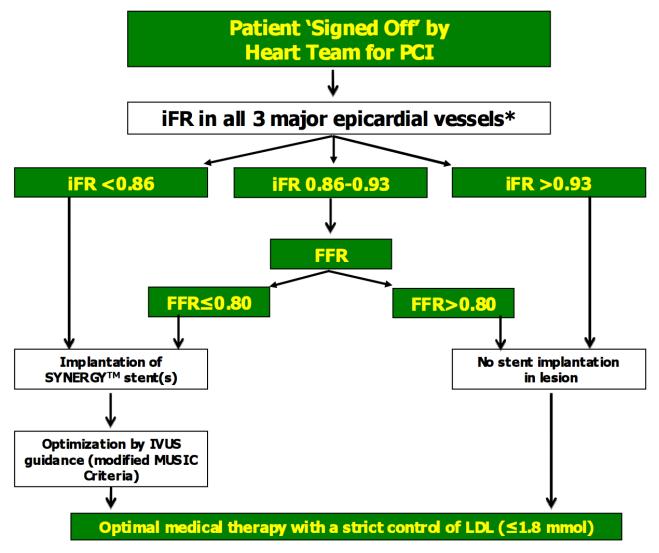
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### **Adenosine Free Zone**



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### iFR Clinical Implementation – SYNTAX II Trial



<sup>\*</sup>FFR with adenosine, iFR/FFR in side branches, all at discretion of the operator

### **Conclusions**

- Despite reasonable statistical correlation with FFR, iFR and Pd/Pa accuracy is only ~80% which is insufficient for clinical decision making
- A hybrid iFR/FFR approach can increase the accuracy to ≥90%, sparing adenosine use in ~60% of the population
- Outcome studies like SYNTAX II will show if this is a clinically feasible approach
- However, given limitations of adenosine in clinical practice, iFR may prove equivalent/superior to FFR – 2 randomized trials ongoing comparing iFR and FFR directly