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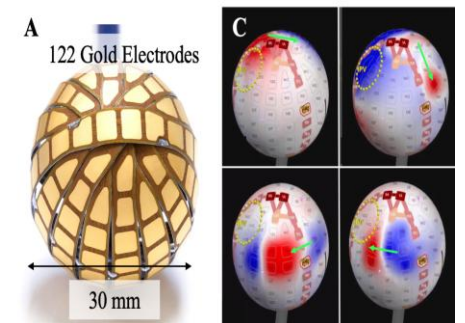
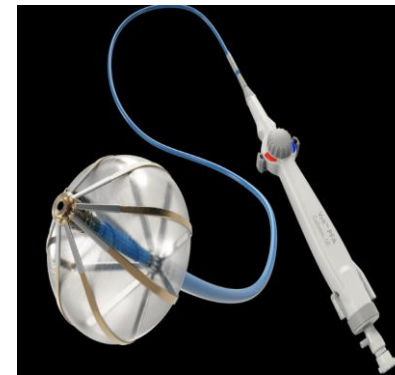
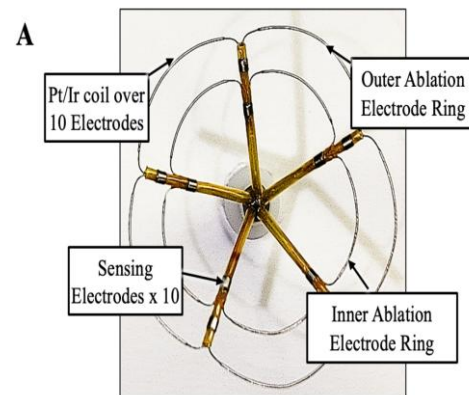
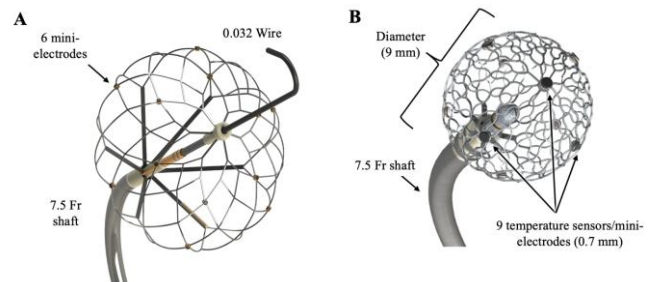
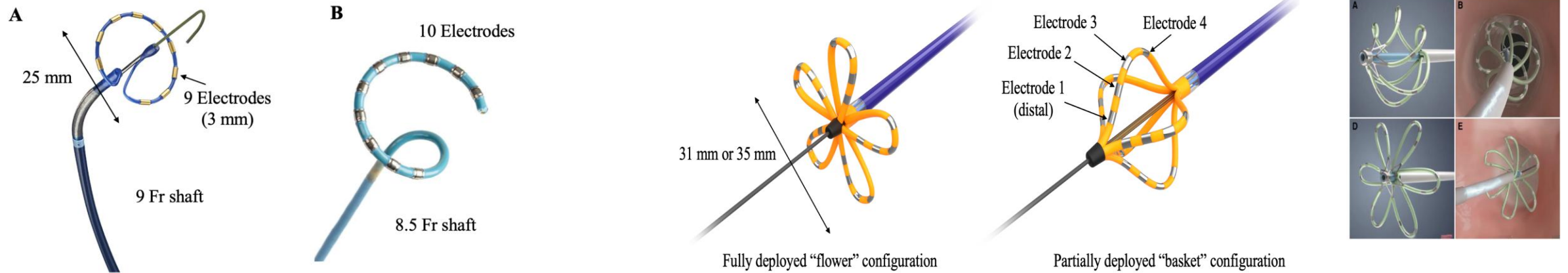


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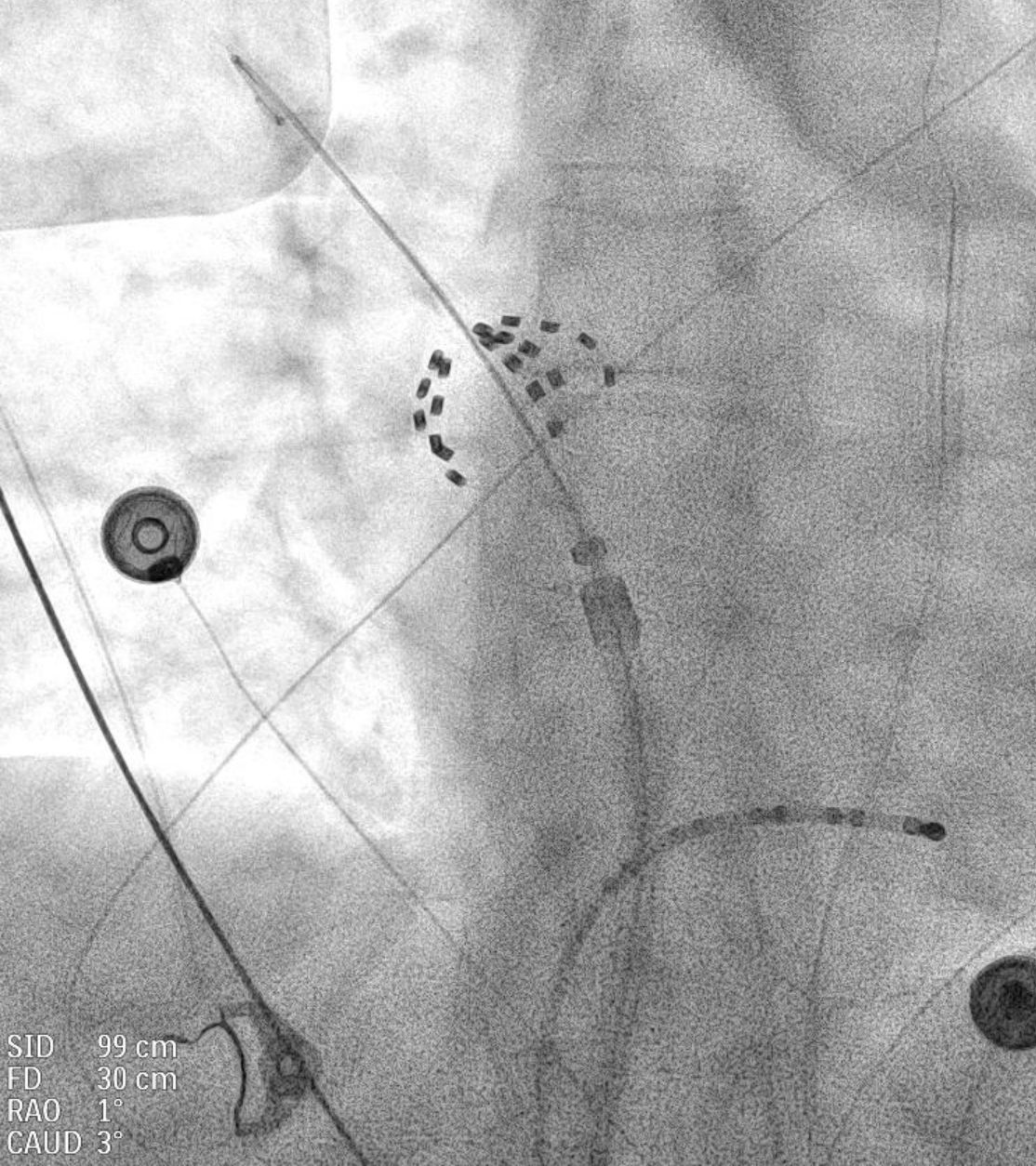
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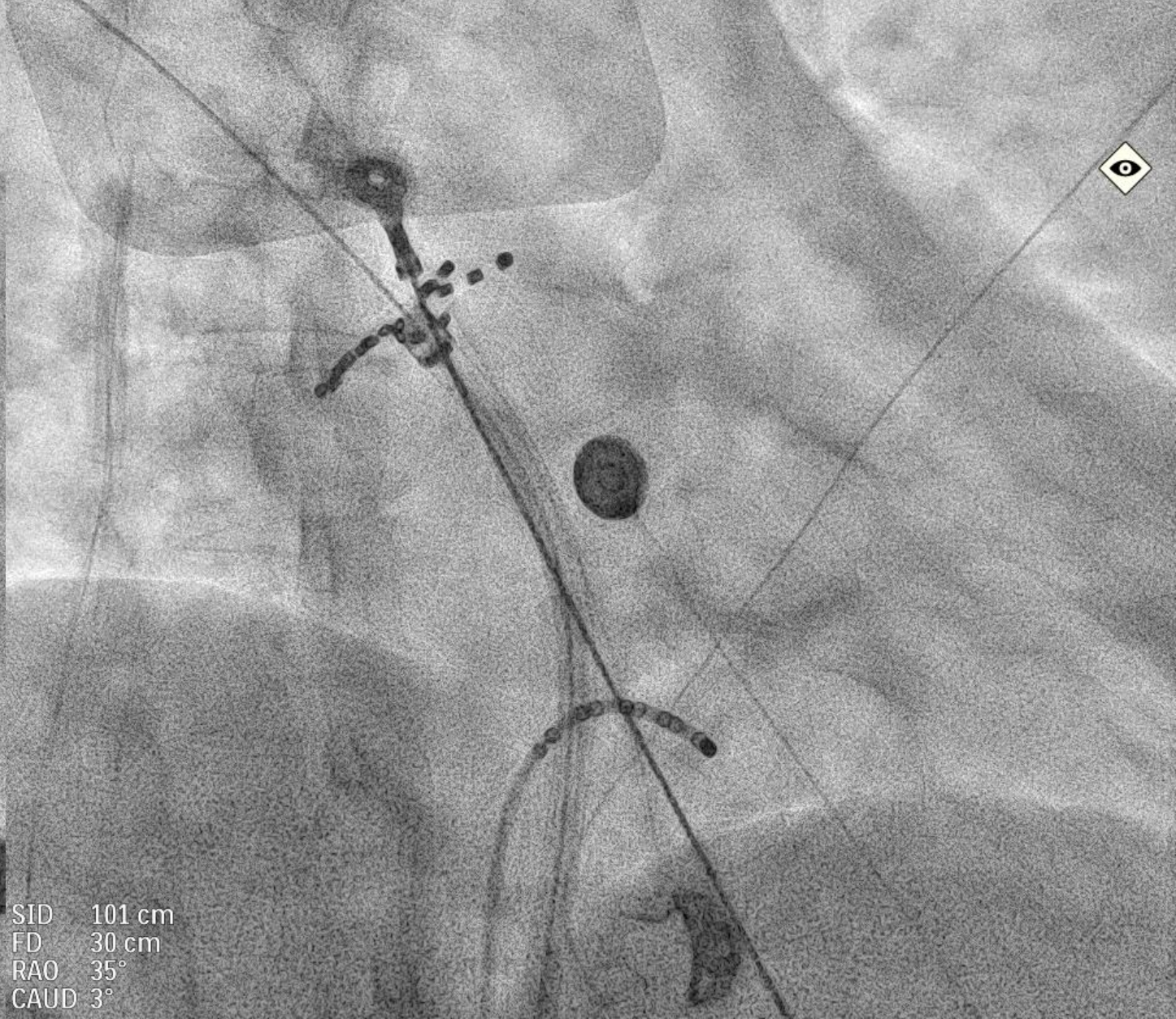


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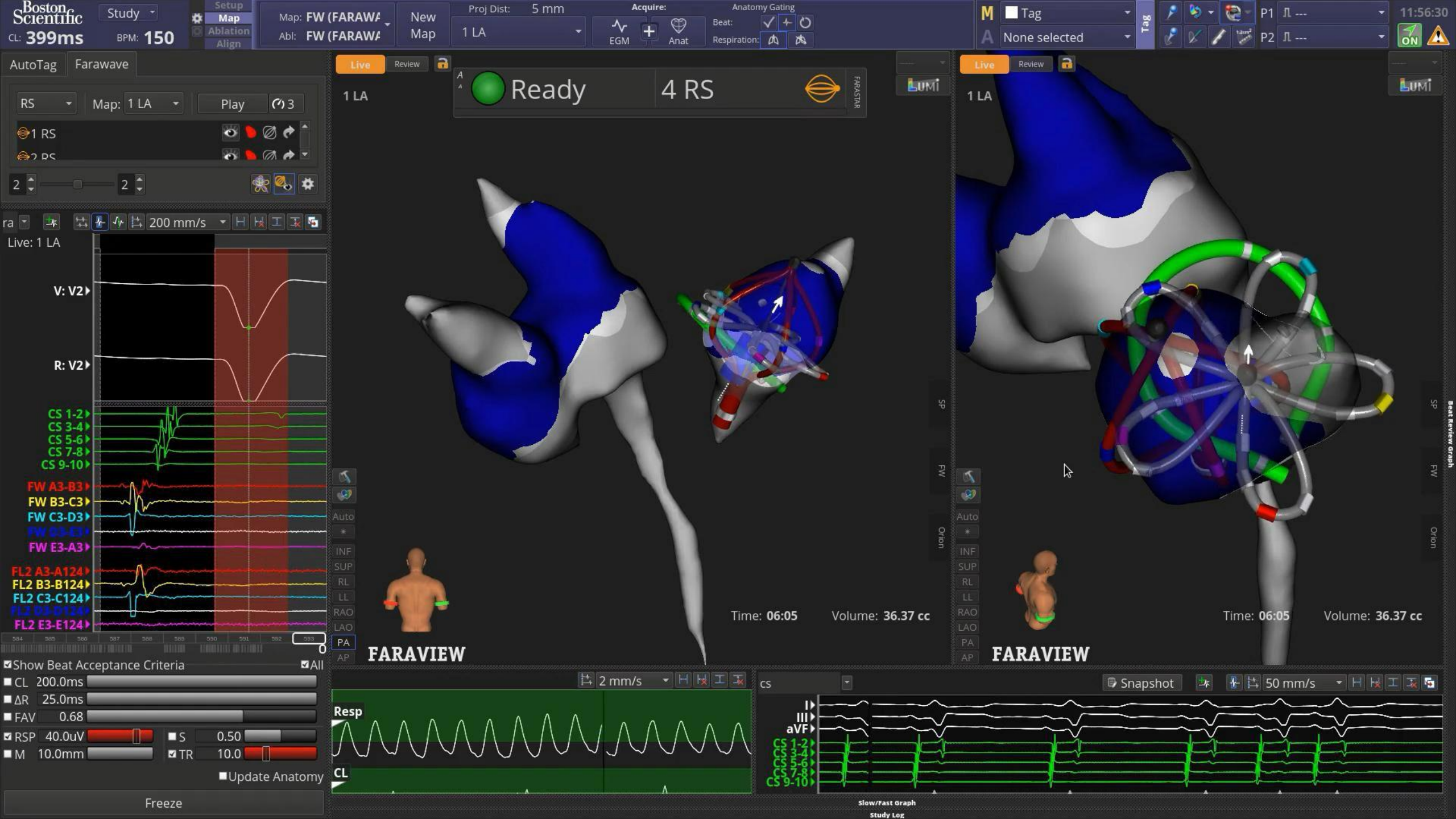
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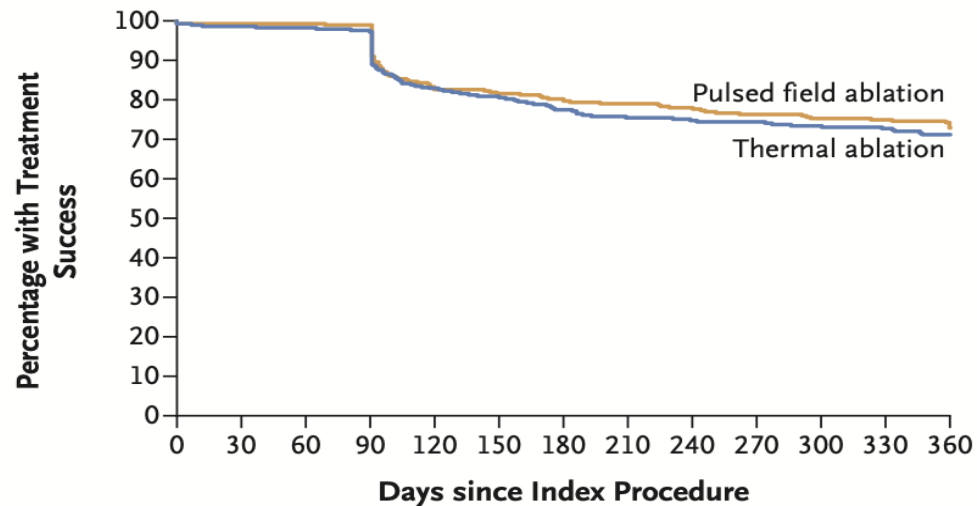




ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Pulsed Field or Conventional Thermal Ablation for Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation

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Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.*

Characteristic	Pulsed Field Ablation (N = 305)	Thermal Ablation (N = 302)†
Age — yr	62.4±8.7	62.5±8.5
Sex — no. (%)		
Male	202 (66.2)	195 (64.6)
Female	103 (33.8)	107 (35.4)
Body-mass index‡	28.3±4.6	29.0±4.8
Race or ethnic group — no. (%)§		
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	1 (0.3)
Asian	6 (2.0)	5 (1.7)
Black	4 (1.3)	11 (3.6)
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1 (0.3)	2 (0.7)
White	286 (93.8)	272 (90.1)
Unknown or declined to disclose	8 (2.6)	11 (3.6)
CHA ₂ DS ₂ -VASc score¶	1.7±1.2	1.7±1.2
Concomitant clinical conditions — no. (%)		
Coronary artery disease	32 (10.5)	51 (16.9)
Congestive heart failure: NYHA class I or II	59 (19.3)	59 (19.5)
Diabetes	33 (10.8)	32 (10.6)
Dyslipidemia	133 (43.6)	141 (46.7)
Hypertension	174 (57.0)	159 (52.6)
Sleep apnea	81 (26.6)	88 (29.1)
Previous stroke or TIA	12 (3.9)	15 (5.0)
Years since first diagnosis of paroxysmal atrial fibrillation	3.8±6.2	3.3±4.5
Any antiarrhythmic drug at baseline — no. (%)	301 (98.7)	300 (99.3)
Class I	115 (37.7)	101 (33.4)
Class II**	174 (57.0)	201 (66.6)
Class III	70 (23.0)	72 (23.8)
Class IV	79 (25.9)	66 (21.9)
Any anticoagulant — no. (%)	305 (100)	301 (99.7)
Nonwarfarin oral anticoagulant	303 (99.3)	300 (99.3)
Vitamin K antagonist	2 (0.7)	1 (0.3)

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BEAT PAROX-AF randomized clinical trial

Comparing pulsed field electroporation and radiofrequency ablation for treatment of paroxysmal atrial fibrillation: design and rationale of the BEAT PAROX-AF randomized clinical trial

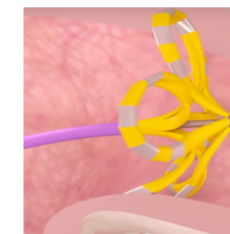
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292 patients with
drug-resistant paroxysmal AF
1:1 Randomization



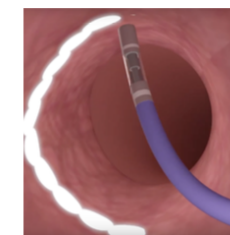
9 European clinical centres
(France, czechia, germany, austria,
belgium)

PFA PVI, high-voltage pulsed
energy (2000 V) $\geq 8x$ per vein
in two configurations
(Farapulse, boston
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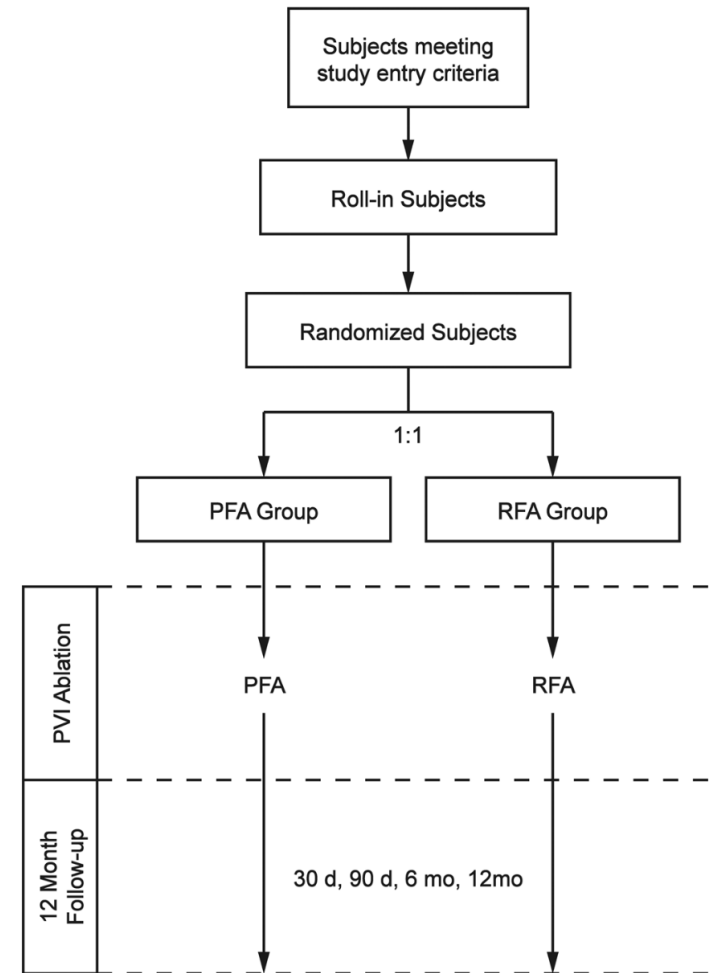
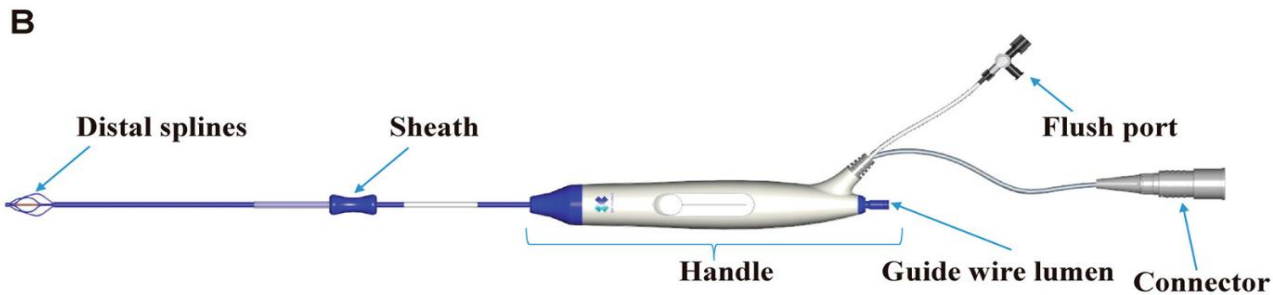
Intervention

RF PVI, using contact
force catheter (CLOSE
protocol, CARTO©,
smart touch)



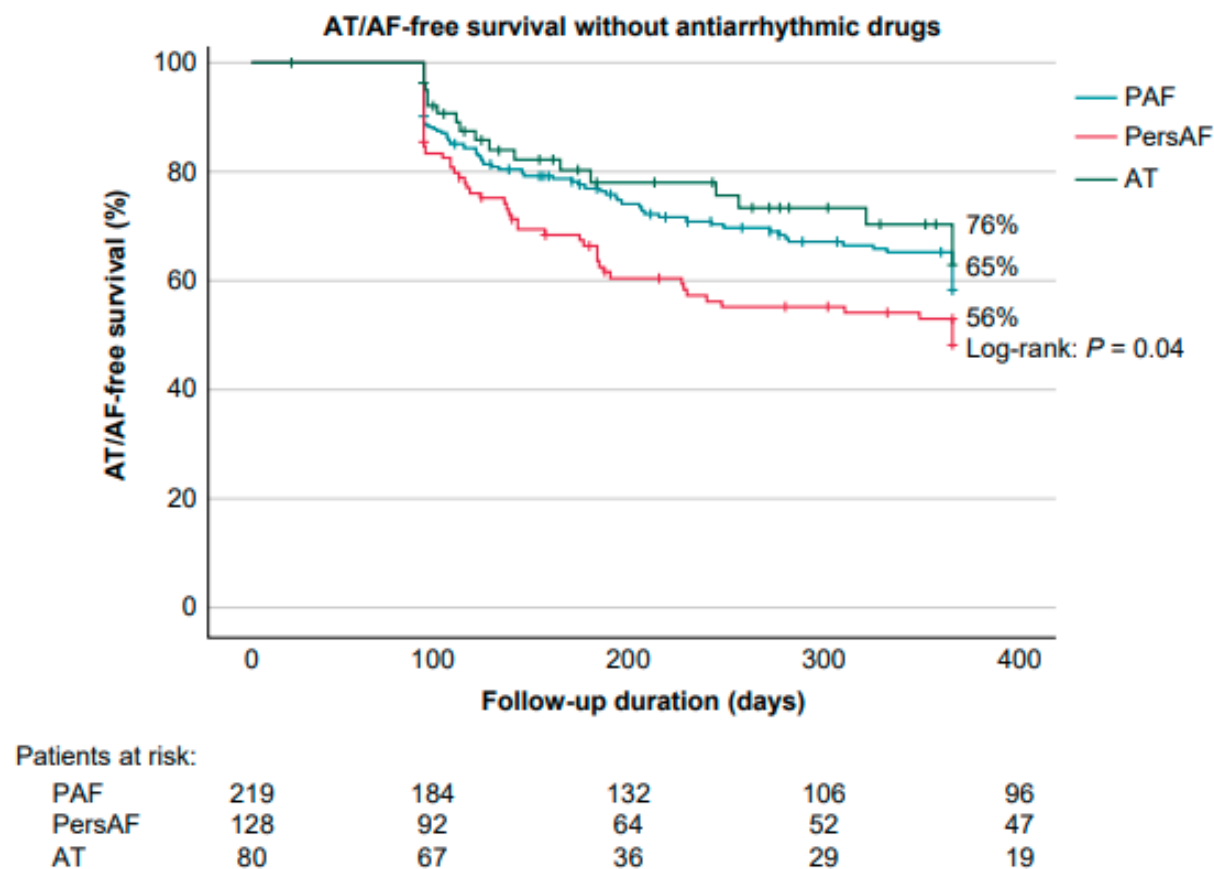
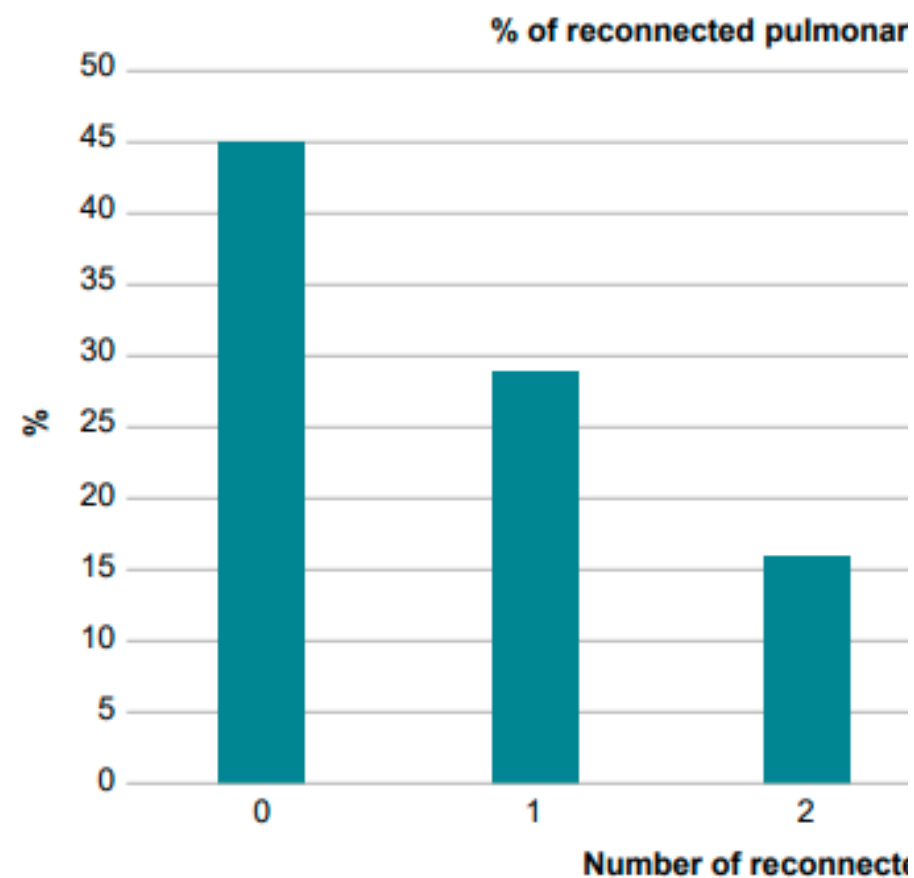
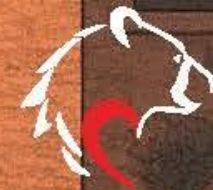
Aim and endpoint

Superiority of PFA over RF on 1-year, single-procedure, off-drug absence
of atrial arrhythmia recurrence



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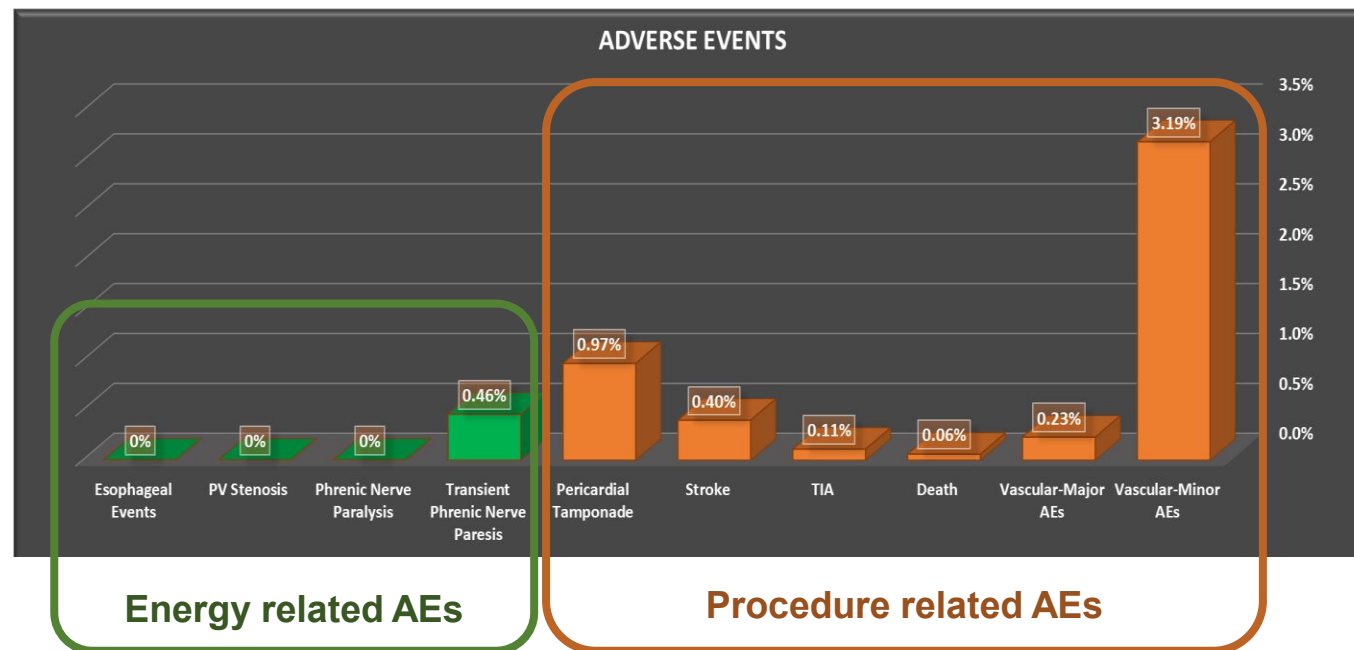
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Manifest PF. Safety

In the 1,758-patient cohort:

- Major complication rate was 1.6% (n = 29)
- Minor complication rate was 3.87% (n = 68)

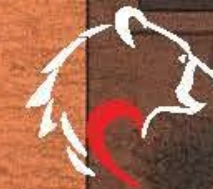


	N (%)
Major Complications	29 (1.6%)
Esophageal Fistula	0
Esophageal Dysmotility	0
Pulmonary Vein Stenosis	0
Pericardial Tamponade	17 (0.97)
Percutaneous Treatment	13 (0.74)
Surgical Treatment	4 (0.23)
Stroke	7 (0.40) *
Phrenic Nerve Injury (persistent) †	0
Vascular complications requiring surgery † Defined as persisting beyond hospital discharge.	4 (0.23)
Coronary artery spasm	1 (0.06)
Death	1 (0.06) *

	N (%)
Minor Complications	68 (3.87%)
TIA	2 (0.11)
Phrenic Nerve Injury (transient) §	
Transient Effect	8 (0.46)
Vascular	
Hematoma	43 (2.45)
Pseudoaneurysm	4 (0.23)
AV Fistula	3 (0.17)
Other	6 (0.34)
Other complications	
Hemoptysis Requiring Bronchoscopy	1 (0.06)
Persistent Dry Cough x 6 wks	1 (0.06)

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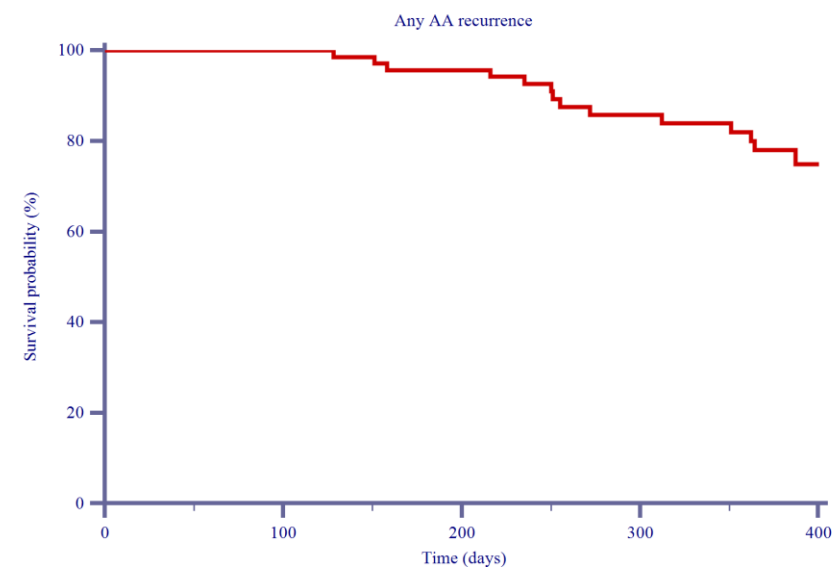
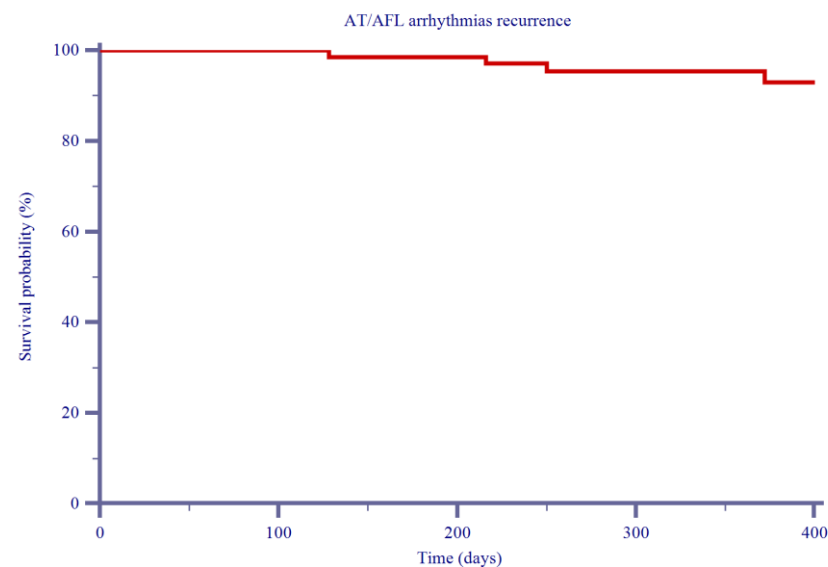
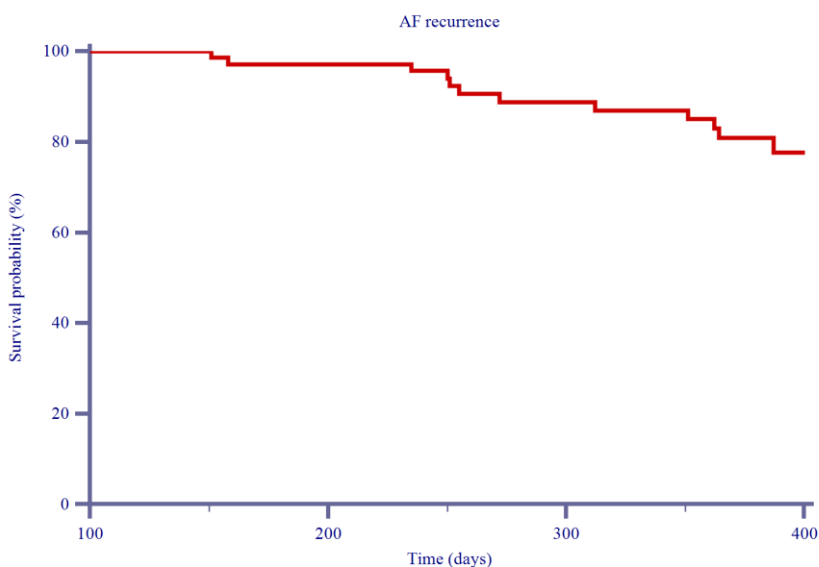
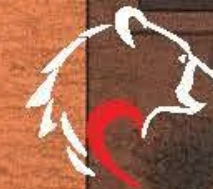
Parameter	N = 203
Age, year	64±9
Female gender	30.9%
AF type	
- Paroxysmal AF	- 42.7%
- Persistent AF	- 57.3%
- Long standing AF	- 26.3%
LVEF, %	56±9
CAD	14.2%
CKD	8.1%
COPD	3.7%
Cancer history	10.3%
Sleep apnea	4.1%
Diabetes	10.7%
Hypertension	66.5%
CHA2DS2VAs, n	2 [1-3]

Parameter	N = 203
Procedure type	
- De novo	- 87.7%
- Repeated	- 12.3%
Ablation approach	
- PVI only	- 55.7%
- Additional lesion set	- 44.3%
3D mapping	22.3%
Lab occupancy tyme, min	90 [80-100]
Skin-to-skin time, min	64 [60-75]
Fluoroscopy time, min	14 [11-19]
Radiation exposure, Gy*cm2	10 [5-26]
Total number of PFA deliveries, n	40 [32-52]
PFA deliveries at PVs, n	36 [32-40]
PFA deliveries outside PVs, n	12 [10-16]

1 (0.5%) major complication (cardiac tamponade)

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Outcome measure (n=70)	Overall	Paroxysmal	Persistent	PVI only	PVI+*
AF recurrence during blanking period (90 days)	4.3%	8%	2.2%	2.2%	4.0%
AF recurrence	17.1%	12.0%	20.0%	8.9%	32.0%
AT/AFL recurrence	5.7%	4.0%	6.7%	0.0%	16.0%
Any Atrial Arrhythmia recurrence	20%	16.0%	22.2%	8.9%	40.0%

*primarily driven by repeated ablation (50% AA recurrence in redos)

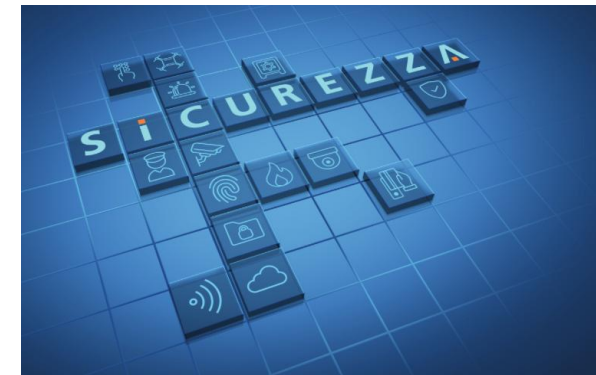


Conclusioni

Efficacia clinica simile a RF



Sicurezza maggiore per esofago, stenosi vene polmonari e nervo frenico. Ablazione della parete posteriore sicura, efficacia da valutare



Tempi di procedura e di sala ridotti





GRAZIE PER L'ATTENZIONE