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Paclitaxel-eluting peripheral dilatation balloon

# Drug Eluting Balloon (DEB)

## The therapy

### Objective

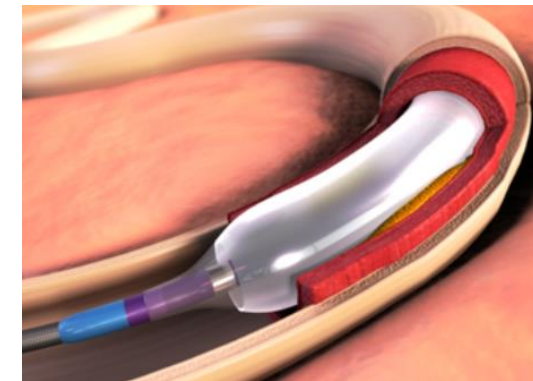
Inhibition of proliferation of smooth muscle cells and neointimal hyperplasia in the injury under treatment

### Clinical use

Cases where angioplasty with bare stent or DES is not a feasible alternative

### Benefits

- ✓ Prompt drug release without the need of polymer
- ✓ Prevents chronic inflammation
- ✓ After the procedure, nothing remains in the vessel
- ✓ Reduction of the dual antiplatelet treatment
  - Patients allergic to drugs
  - Patients expected to undergo future surgeries
  - Patients at risk of quitting treatment



# Drug Eluting Balloon (DEB)

## Key features

### NAVIGATION

### INJURY

### DOWNSTREAM

#### PROS

- Low profile
- Durability
- Light solubilization of the coating

- Fast drug absorption
- Drug uniformity and dose
- Drug retention vs. time
- Drug crystallinity



#### CONS

- Particle release
- Delamination

- Overdose
- Coating not prepared
- High adhesion to balloon
- Drug in amorphous state

- Particle loss

# Drug Eluting Balloon (DEB) Elements

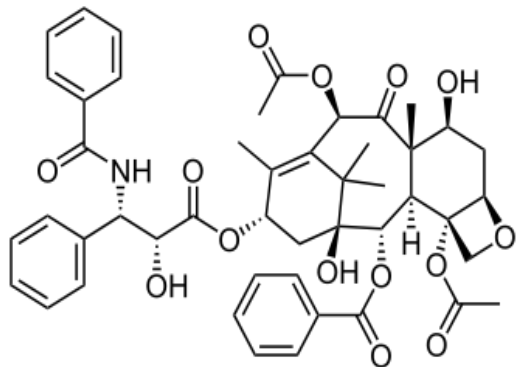
1. Drug
2. Dose
3. Excipient
4. Drug / excipient ratio
5. Balloon shape before coating
6. Crystalline structure
  - Impact on pharmacological efficacy
7. Coating technology
  - Transfertechnology
8. Catheter design
  - Pushability & trackability
  - Radiopaque markers
  - Tip
9. Inflation time
10. Available sizes and references
11. Safety, Efficacy and Pharmacokinetics
  - Preclinical study

## 1. Drug: PACLITAXEL

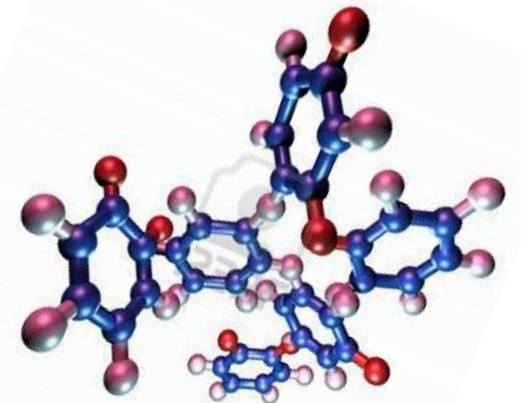
- **Strong inhibition of stenosis:** Blocks proliferation and migration of smooth muscular cells, fibroblasts and inflammatory cells. Blocks secretion of ECM (extracellular matrix).
- **Highly lipophilic:** Fast and high **absorption**. Bonds to the tissue in target locus and remains after washing. (Limus: limited lipophilicity).
- **Specific cellular receptors. Diffuses** from endothelial surface to medium and adventitia layers of arterial wall. (Limus: low number of receptors)

Paclitaxel

$C_{47}H_{51}NO_{14}$



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## 2. Dose: $3 \mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$

**Therapeutic window:** between  $1 - 9 \mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$

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$2,5 - 3,5 \mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$

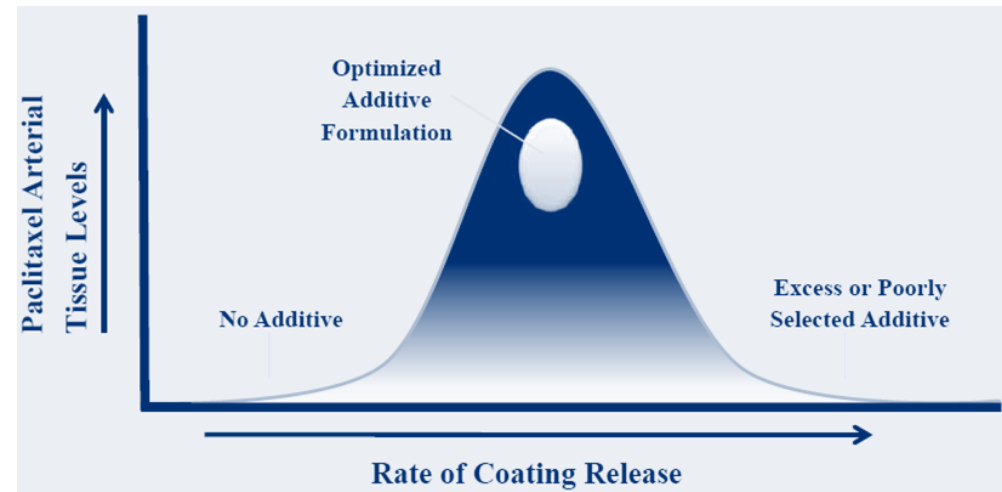
The higher the dose the higher the profile of the coated balloon

### 3. Excipient

- **Controls coating integrity and drug loss during navigation**
- **Facilitates absorption in tissues:** increases exposition and accelerates drug release and transfer to vessel wall
- **Required to achieve therapeutic dose of drug**



**Water Reduced Ester**



# Elements of the DEB System

## 4. Drug/excipient ratio

- **DRUG** / excipient higher risk of drug loss during navigation.
- drug / **EXCIPIENT** higher risk of blocking drug transfer to arterial wall

The higher the excipient ratio, the larger the amount of coating to achieve the same dose (3  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$ ). Higher balloon profile



# 5. Coating strategy



**Folded- Outside the wings**

## PROS

## CONS

**Folded-  
Inside the wings**

- ✓ Balloon wings protect the coating
- ✓ Minimization of losses during navigation

- ✗ Micropipetting. Non homogeneous coating
- ✗ Accumulation in wing corners due to capillarity
- High profiles
- ✗ High risk of delamination
- ✗ No coating preparation before balloon inflation

**Folded-  
Outside the wings**

- ✓ Uniform and homogeneous
- ✓ Gel effect: light solubilization during navigation
- ✓ Preparation for optimal transfer

- ✗ Little loss during navigation due to solubilization

**Expanded**

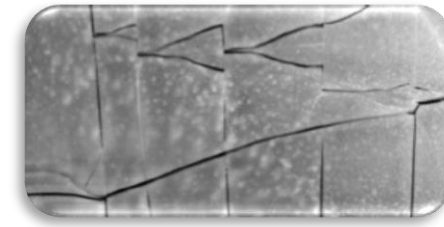
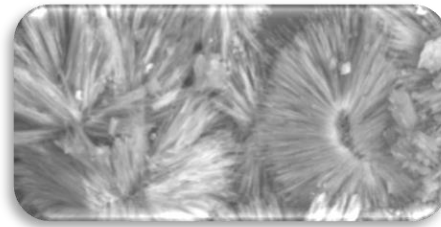
- ✓ Uniform and homogeneous.
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- ✗ Higher risk of distal embolization

Elements of the DEB system  
6. Crystalline structure

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**crystalline**

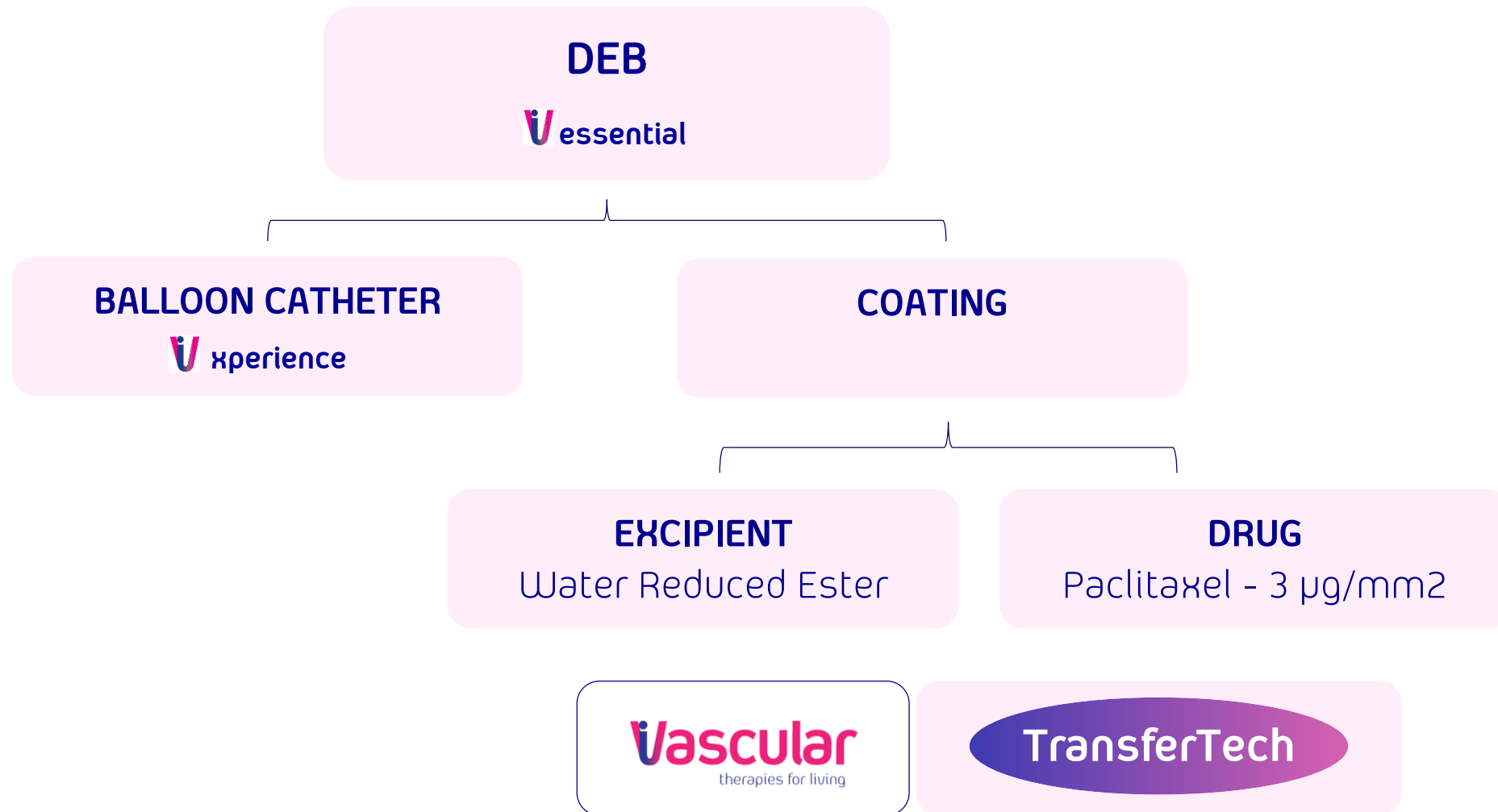


Crystalline

Amorphous

Particle release	● ● ●	● ●
Coating uniformity	● ●	● ● ●
Drug-vessel transfer	● ● ●	● ●
Drug retention vs time	● ● ●	●
Biological effectiveness	● ● ●	?

Elements of the DEB system  
7. Coating technology



## 7. Coating technology: technological features

### TransferTech

Dosage of uniform diameter nanodrops by direct ultrasonic deposition

#### ✓ Ultrathin multilayer coating:

- Increases adhesion to balloon → lower loss related to manipulation
- Improves durability → lower loss during navigation
- Improves mechanical properties

#### ✓ Homogeneous distribution of drug

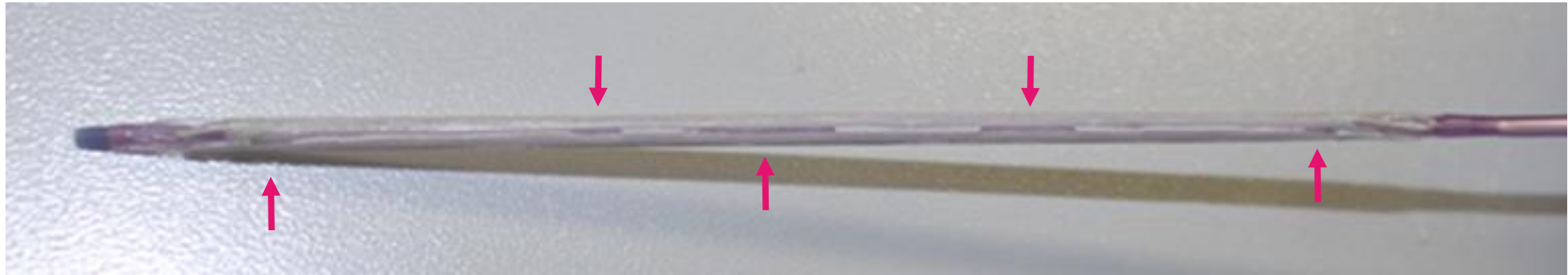
- Same dose along the entire length

#### ✓ Repeatable drug load: 2.5 – 3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$



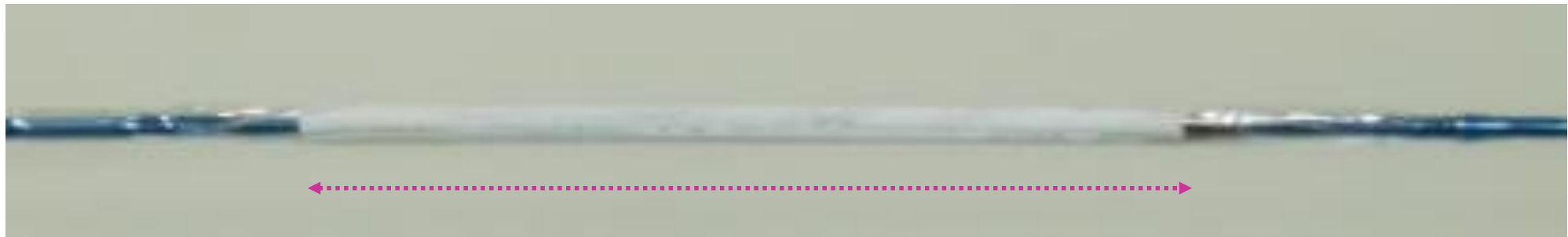
# 7. Coating technology

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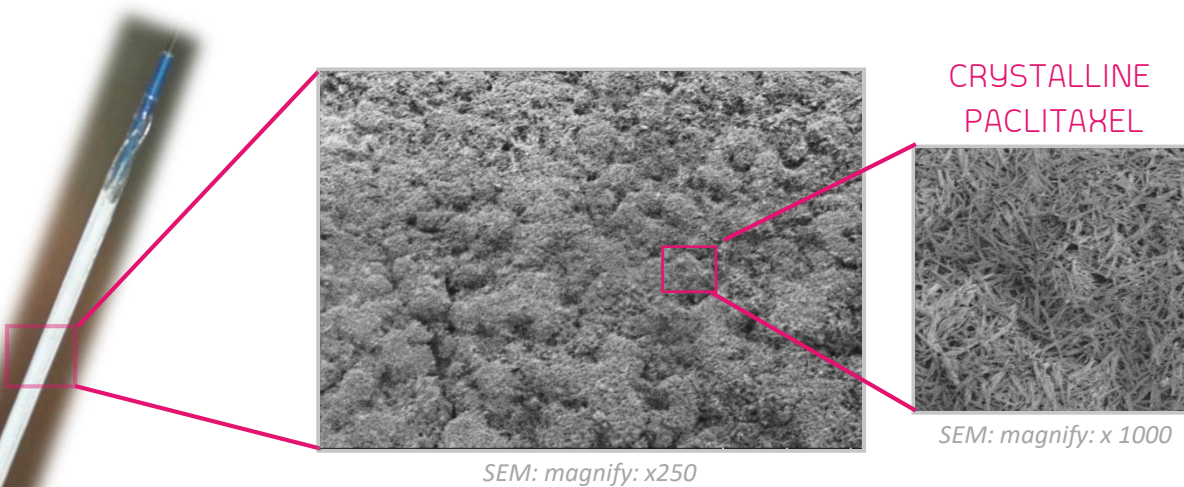
**TransferTech**



## 7. Coating technology: biological features

TransferTech

Control over drug morphology



- ✓ Paclitaxel **microcrystalline** structure
- ✓ Drug molecules not clumped
- ✓ **Minimum loss** during navigation and inflation
- ✓ **Fast absorption**: 30-60s
- ✓ Excellent drug **transfer** to arterial wall

# 7. Coating technology: benchmark

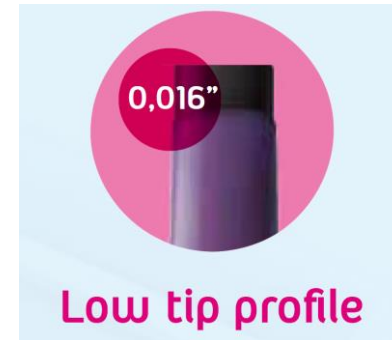
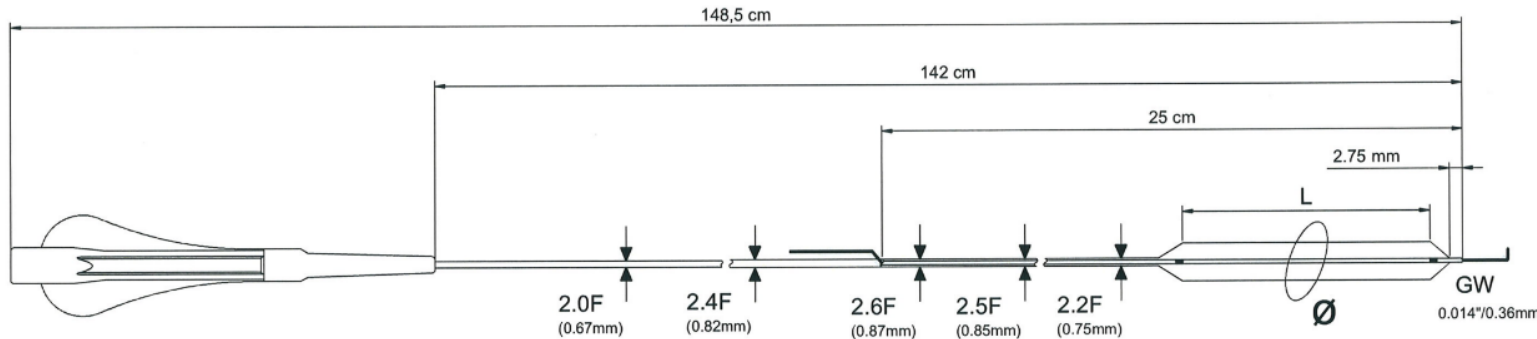
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Aachen Resonance	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	No	100/0 ✗	Expanded ✗	Crystalline ✓
B. BRAUN SHARING EXPERTISE	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	Ultravist 370	67/33 ✗	Outside ✓	Crystalline ✓
BIOTRONIK excellence for life	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	BTHC	90/10 ✓	Inside ✗	Crystalline ✓
BLUEMEDICAL	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	?	?	Inside ✗	Amorphous ✗
BAIRD	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	Polysorbate and sorbitol	?	Expanded ✗	?
CARDIONOVUM Life deserves the best	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	Shellac	50/50 ✗	Inside ✗	Amorphous ✗
COOK MEDICAL	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	No	100/0 ✗	Inside ✗	Crystalline ✓
Eurocor	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	Shellac	50/50 ✗	Inside ✗	Amorphous ✗
MEDRAD Performance. For life.™	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	Ultravist 370	67/33 ✗	Inside ✗	Crystalline ✓
Medtronic	✓	*4-5 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✗	Urea	80/20 ✓	Outside ✓	Crystalline ✓
minVASYS	✓	2.5 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	BTHC	90/10 ✓	Inside ✗	Crystalline ✓
Vascular therapies for living	✓	3 µg/mm <sup>2</sup> ✓	Water Reducer Ester	80/20 ✓	Outside ✓	Crystalline ✓

\*Data from IVascular

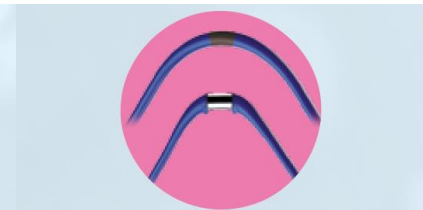
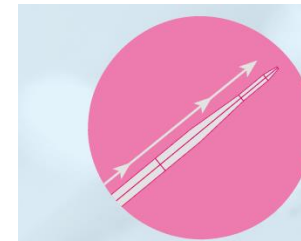
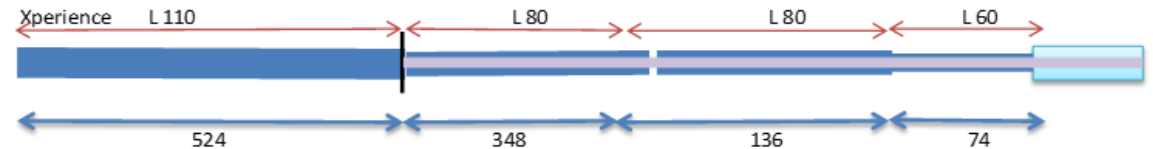


# 8. Design of the catheter: **xperience**

Rapid Exchange (RX)



- ✓ Crossability (penetration to injury)
  - Tip shape and profile
  - Balloon profile
  - Balloon flexibility
- ✓ Pushability and trackability
  - Structure of the catheter
- ✓ Kissing-balloon compatibility
- ✓ Inflation-deflation rates





# 8. Design of the catheter: xperience



Rank	Crossability Tip profile	Crossability Balloon profile	Crossability Balloon flexibility	Proximal Pushability	Trackability Distal Flex.	Kissing balloon	Deflation rates
1	xperience	xperience	xperience	x	xperience	xperience	xperience
2	x	x	x	xperience	x	x	x
3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
6	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

## 9. Inflation time

PRODUCT 1



≥ 30 s

PRODUCT 2



30-60 s

PRODUCT 3



30-45 s

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30-60 s

✓ Inflation time **comparable to the best in market**

# 10. Available sizes and references



References Working Catheter Length 142 cm						
Ballon diameter (mm)	Ballon length (mm)					
	10	15	20	25	30	40
1,5	BC DPR14 150 150 010	BC DPR14 150 150 015	BC DPR14 150 150 020		BC DPR14 150 150 030	
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Elements of the DEB system

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2.50	BC PRI4 150 250 010	BC PRI4 150 250 015	BC PRI4 150 250 020	BC PRI4 150 250 025	BC PRI4 150 250 030	BC PRI4 150 250 040
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4.50	BC PRI4 150 450 010	BC PRI4 150 450 015	BC PRI4 150 450 020	BC PRI4 150 450 025	BC PRI4 150 450 030	BC PRI4 150 450 040


# Key selling points

1. Drug: **Paclitaxel**
2. Proprietary coating technology
  - ✓ Coating: **Multilayer, ultrathin, uniform**
  - ✓ Increases: **mechanical properties, adhesion, durability**
  - ✓ Reduces: **thickness, losses, delamination**
  - ✓ Drug with crystalline structure
    - Less **detachment**
    - Better **transfer** (quick and quantitative)
    - Higher **retention**
    - Biological **efficacy**
3. **Inflation** times like the best in the market
4. Extra fast **deflation** rates

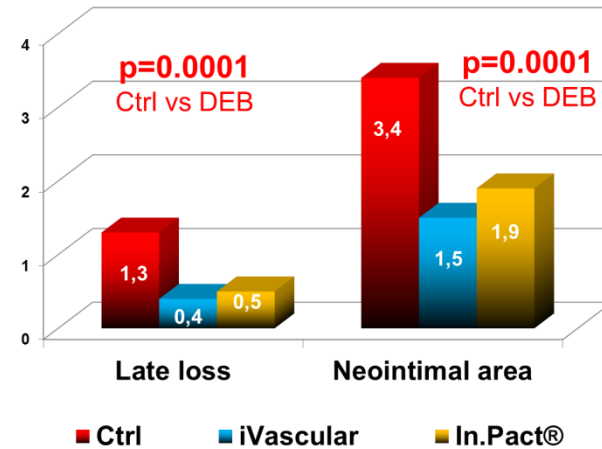
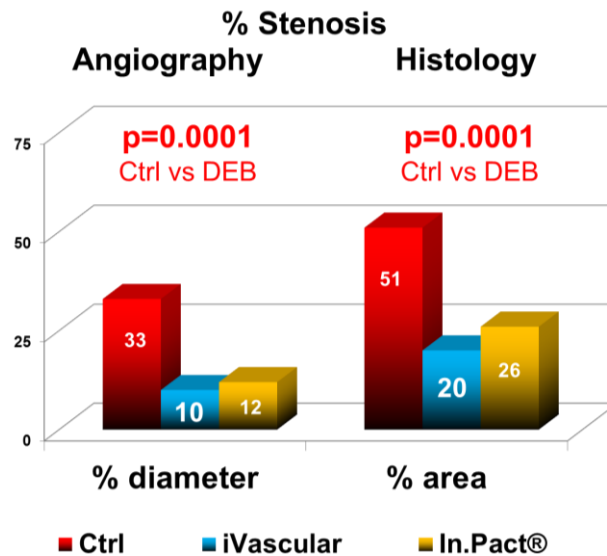
## Key selling points

5. **Conical design** of the catheter optimizes pushability in proximal section
6. Progressive increase in **flexibility** towards distal section contributes to a better **trackability**
7. Non-traumatic conical tip for more **safety** during intervention
8. Low tip profile for better **crossability of severe injuries**
9. **Tungsten radiopaque markers**: more flexibility, same visibility
10. **Wide size range**
11. **Preclinical data** proves **higher efficacy** than a control and up to 23% more than other commercial DEBs

## Method

- **Healthy arteries, swine model**
- **Domestic pigs:  $25 \pm 3$  kg; n = 17**
  - **CoCr Stent: V architect, n=51**
  - **Post-dilatation Stent (balloon-artery ratio  $1,21 \pm 0,14$ ) with:**
    - Control: Bare balloon **V oceanus** and **V xperience**
    - DEB: **V luminor 14**, **V luminor 35**, **V essential** 3  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$  paclitaxel, 
    - Commercial DEB (In.Pact®): 3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}^2$  paclitaxel, FreePac® tech
- **28-day follow-up: Angiography & Histology**
  - Restenosis: % diameter and area of stenosis, late-loss and neointimal area
  - Vascular healing parameters: injury score, inflammation, fibrin and endothelization

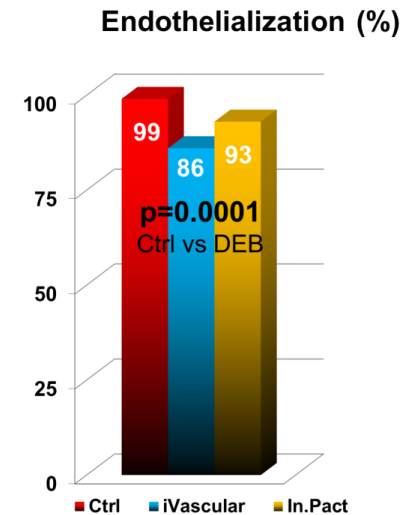
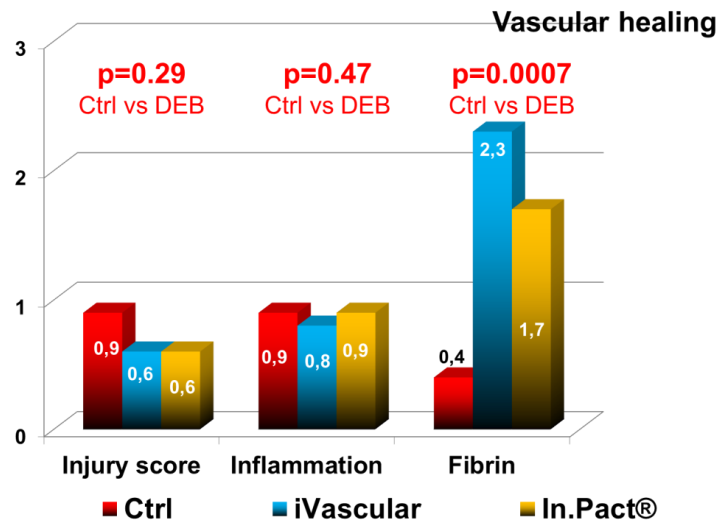
# Efficacy: restenosis



- >50% less restenosis than control
- 23% less restenosis than commercial DEB In.Pact



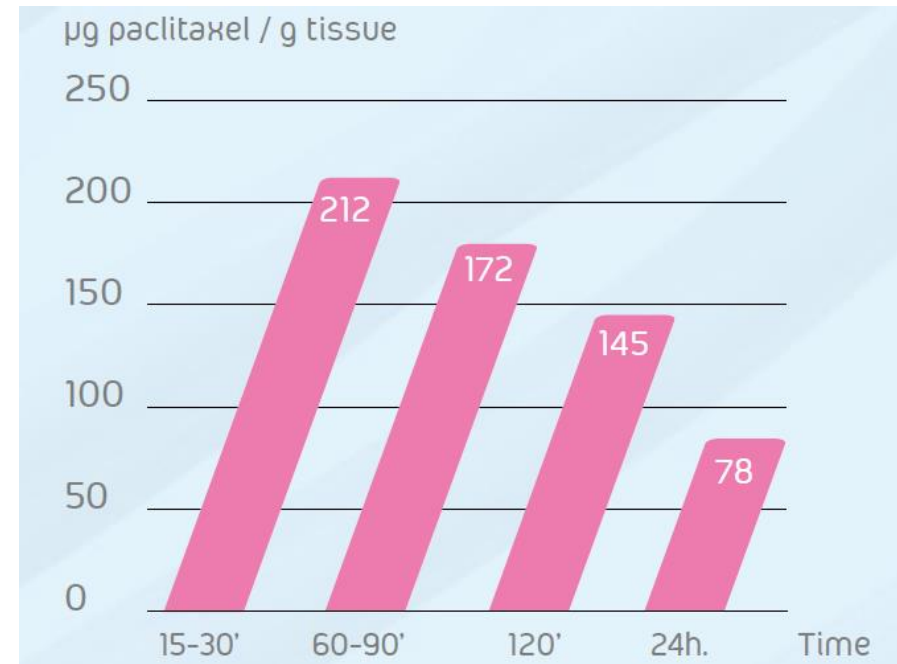
## Safety: vascular healing



- Inflammation is uniformly low in all groups
- Less endothelialization and more fibrin than control → pharmacological effect
  - No differences between DEBs

## Pharmacokinetics

- 3 extra pigs
- Sampling:
  - n= 2, 15 - 30'
  - n= 2, 60 - 90'
  - n= 2, 120'
  - n= 2, 24h
- HPLC analysis of  $\mu\text{g}$  paclitaxel / g tissue



- **Inflammation is uniformly low** in all groups
- Less **endothelization** and more **fibrin** than control → **pharmacological effect**
  - **No differences between DEBs**

# DES observational registry by J.Benezet

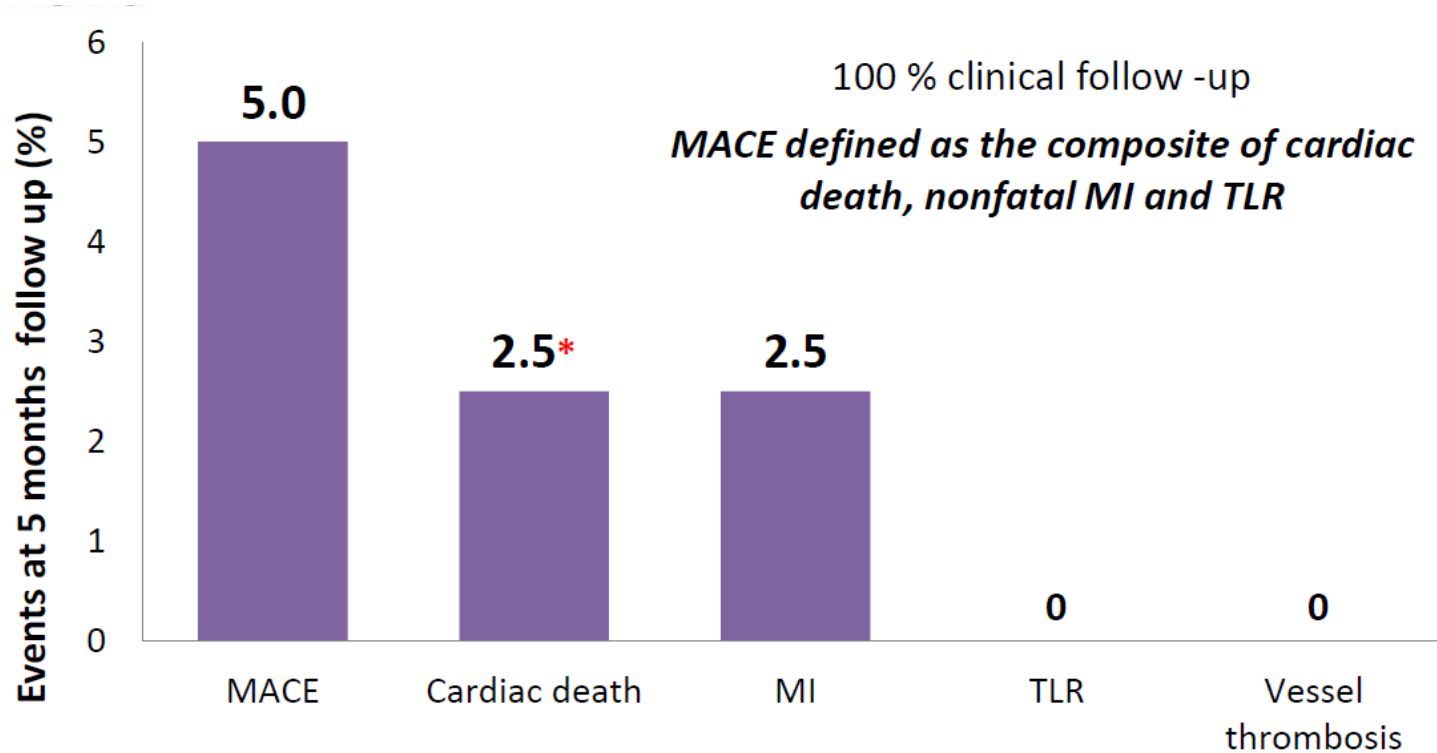
Treatment of de novo coronary lesions with a novel second generation paclitaxel coated balloon catheter:  
 5 - month clinical results

<b>Coronary Dissection</b>	<b>2 (5%)</b>
<b>Recoil</b>	<b>3 (7.5%)</b>
<b>Abrupt Closure</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Additional Stent Implantation "Bailout"</b>	<b>5 (12.5%)</b> <i>BMS 3 (7.5 %)</i> <i>DES 2 (5%)</i>
<b>Device Success (single PCB strategy)</b>	<b>87.5 %</b>
<b>Angiographic success</b> <i>Residual stenosis &lt; 20 % in the target vessel with TIMI 3 flow</i>	<b>100 %</b>
<b>Procedural success</b> <i>Angiographic success without the occurrence of MACE during the hospital stay</i>	<b>100 %</b>

**PATIENTS**
**38**
**FOLLOW UP**
**5m**

# Essential 5-month follow-up

## 5- month clinical results (n=38)



The treatment of de novo coronary lesions with the Essential® PCB had high procedural success.

The Essential® PCB system demonstrated:

- ✓ **Safety** (2.5% death / 2.5% MI)
- ✓ **Efficacy** (0 % TLR)  
at 5 month follow-up

\*One patient with atrial fibrillation died after 41 days follow up due to intracranial hemorrhage associated with antithrombotic therapy.



Thank you