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- **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Presentation of possibilities and limitations of ultrasound based diagnosis in

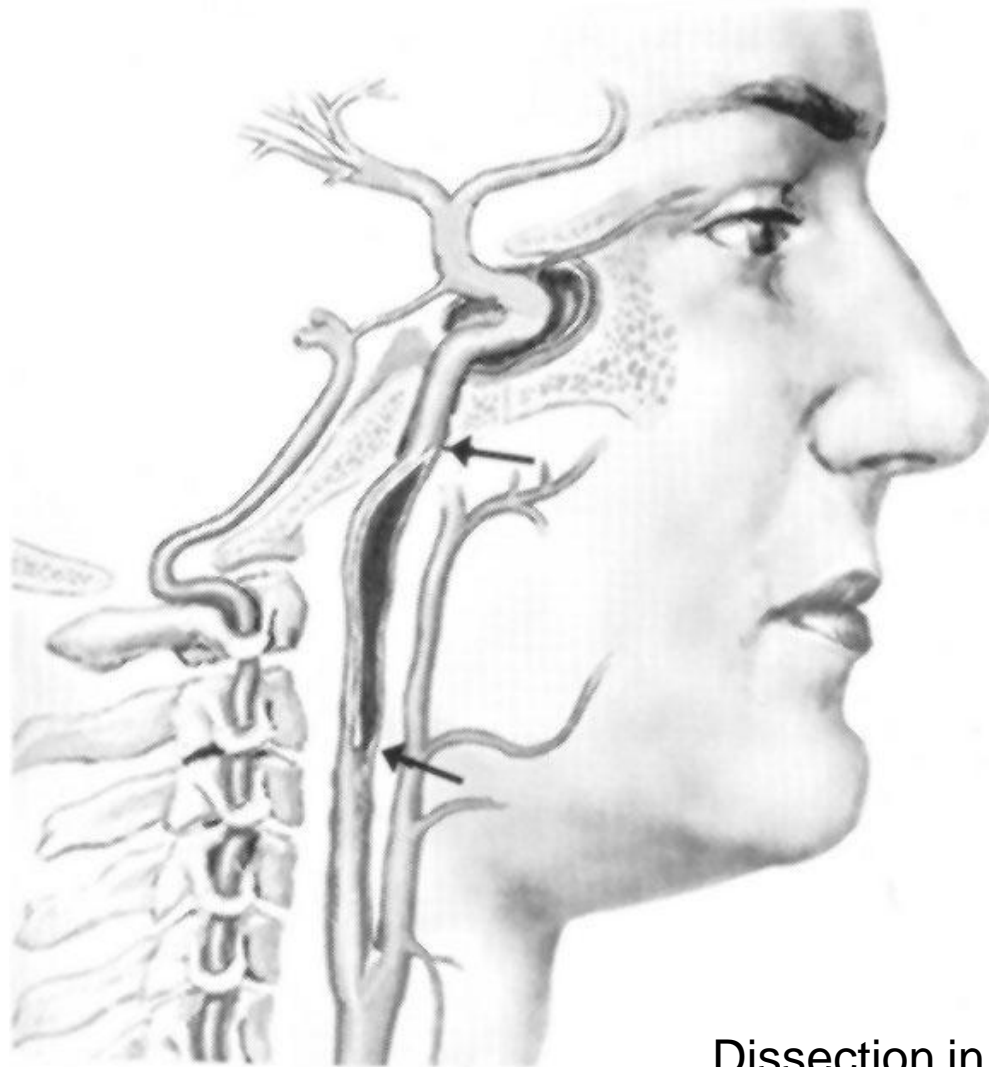
Dissection

SAH

follow up after stenting

Arteritis

Presentation and discussion of illustrative cases

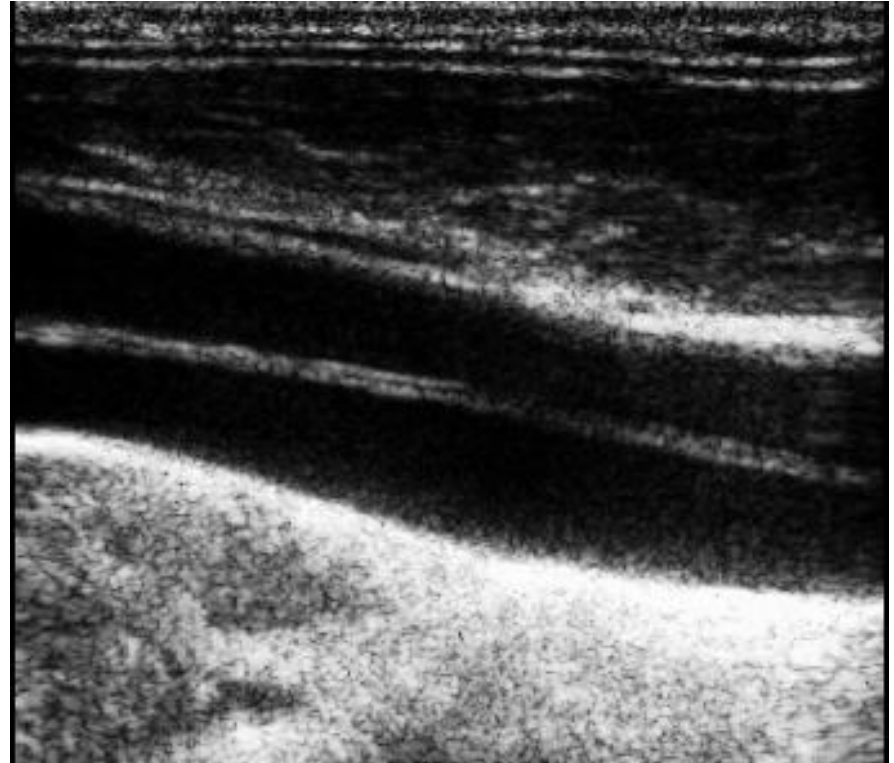
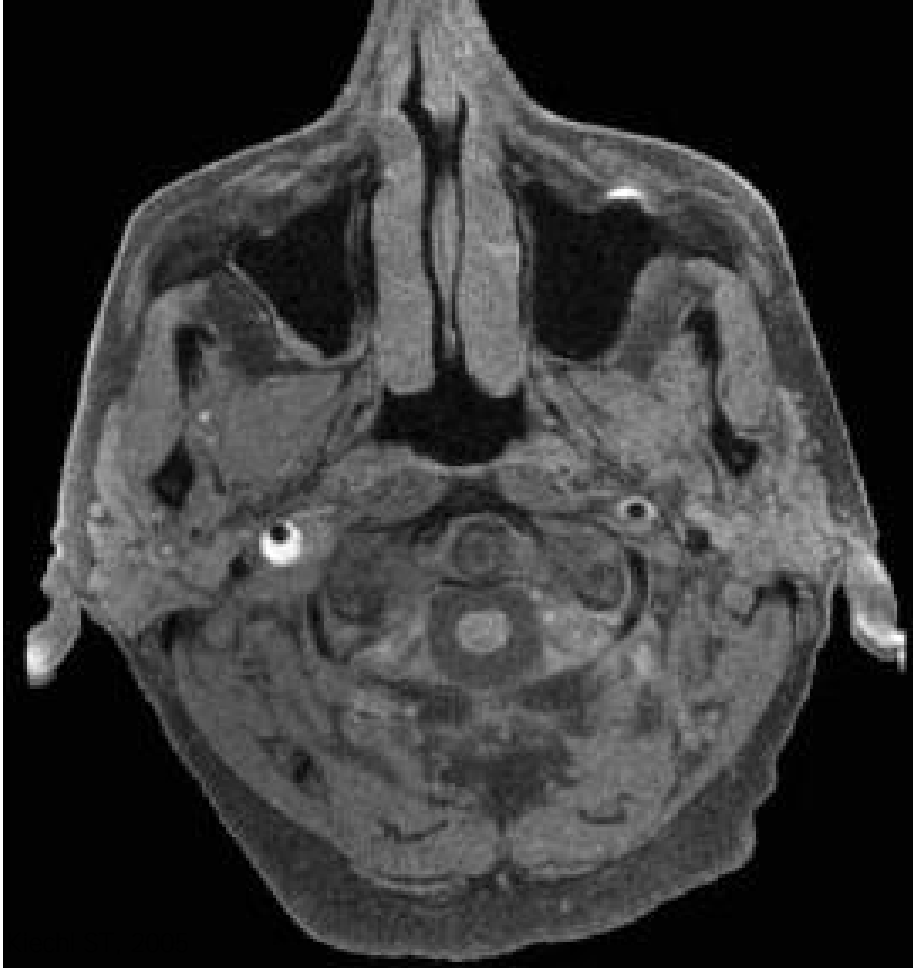


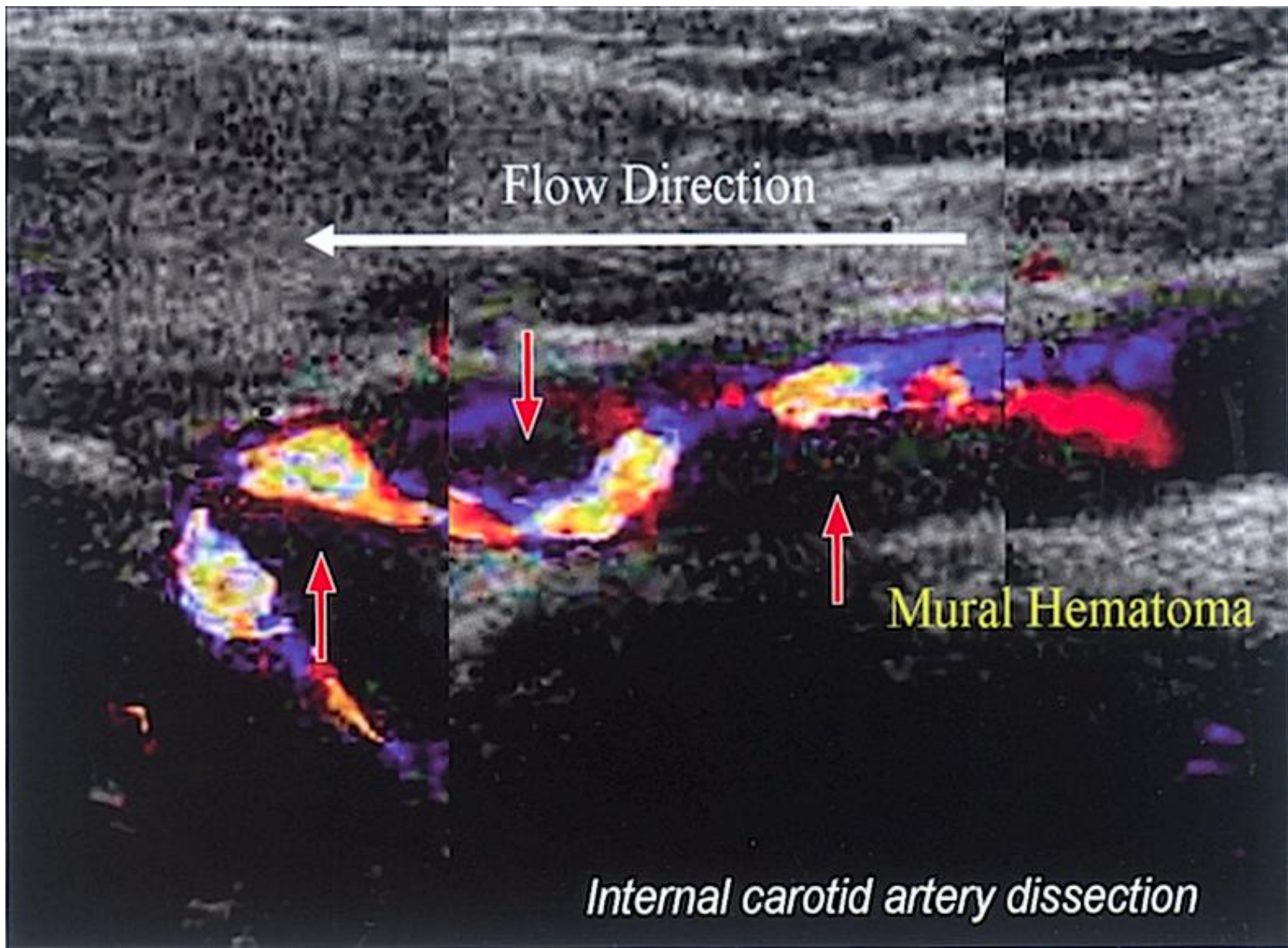
ICA Dissection

Dissection in 9.9% of
juvenile stroke patients
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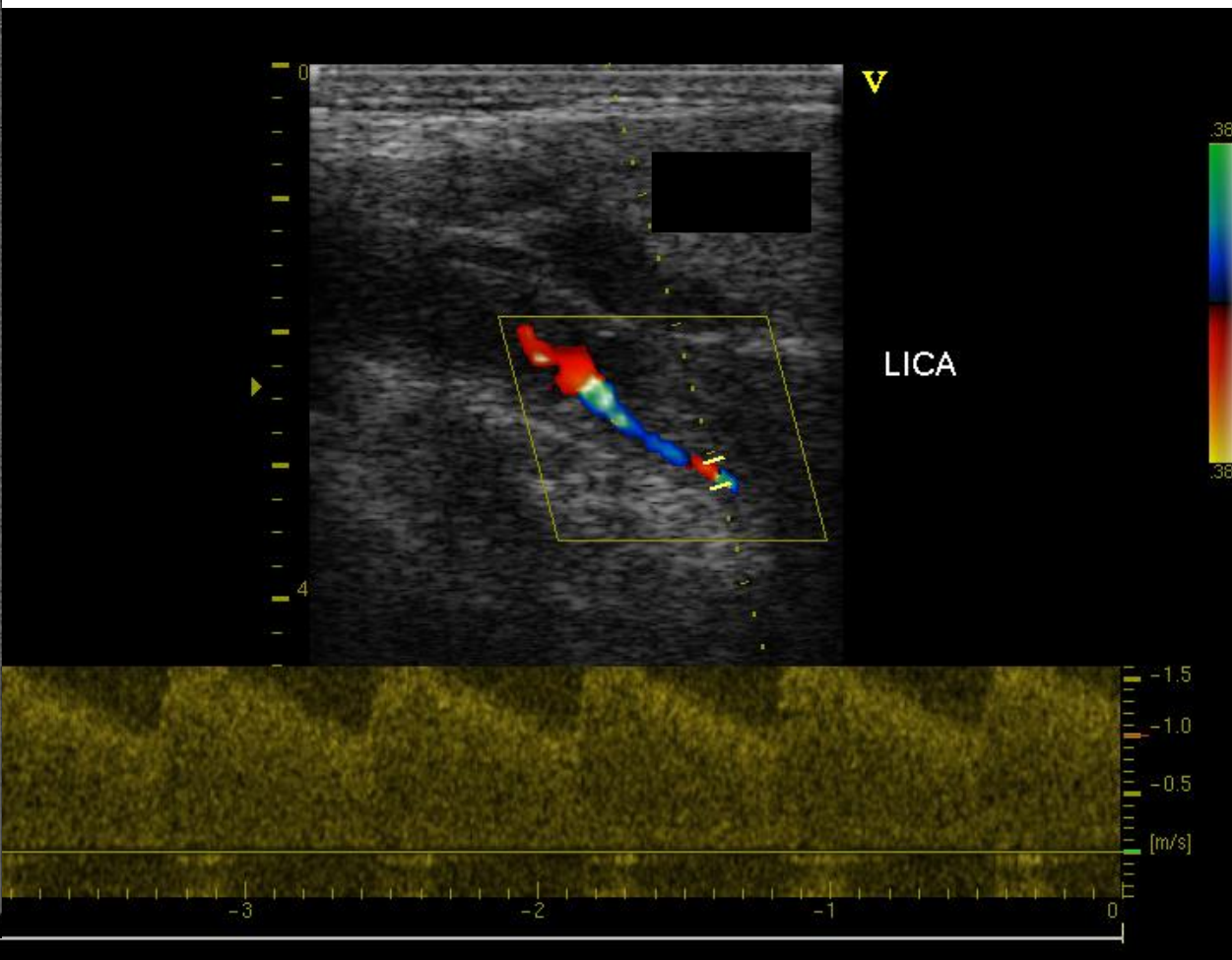
Rolfs et al, Stroke 2013: 44:340-49)

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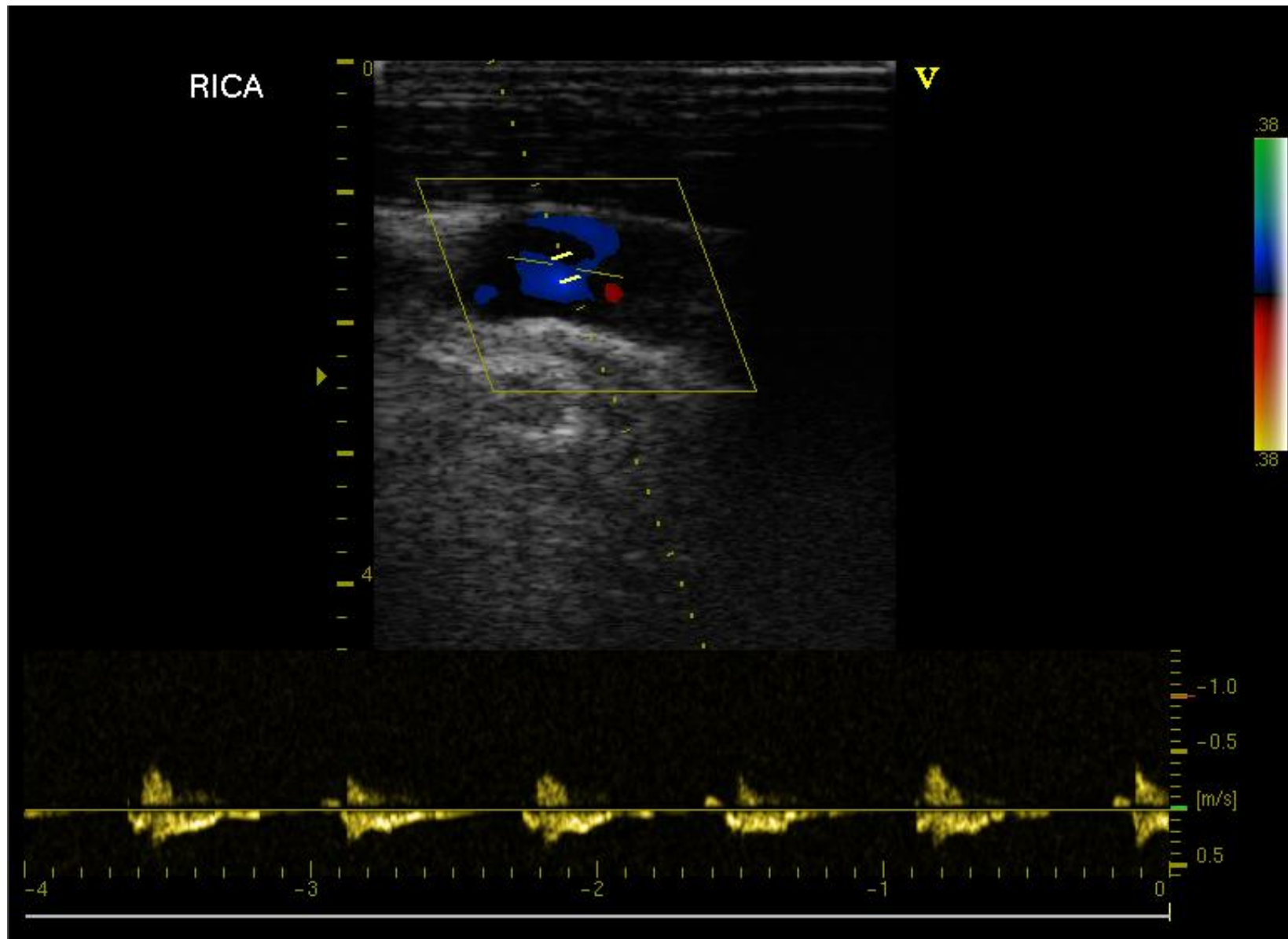


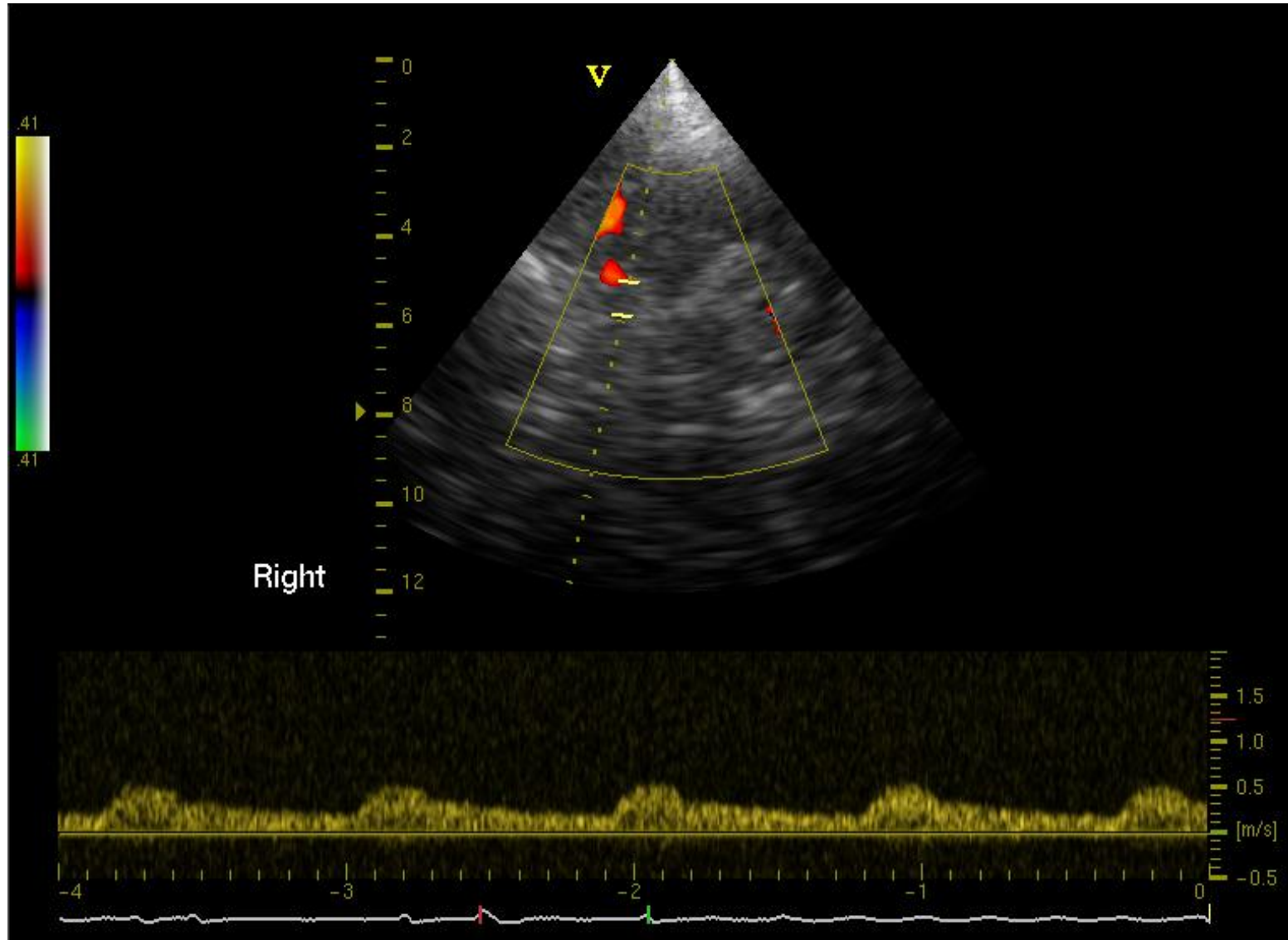


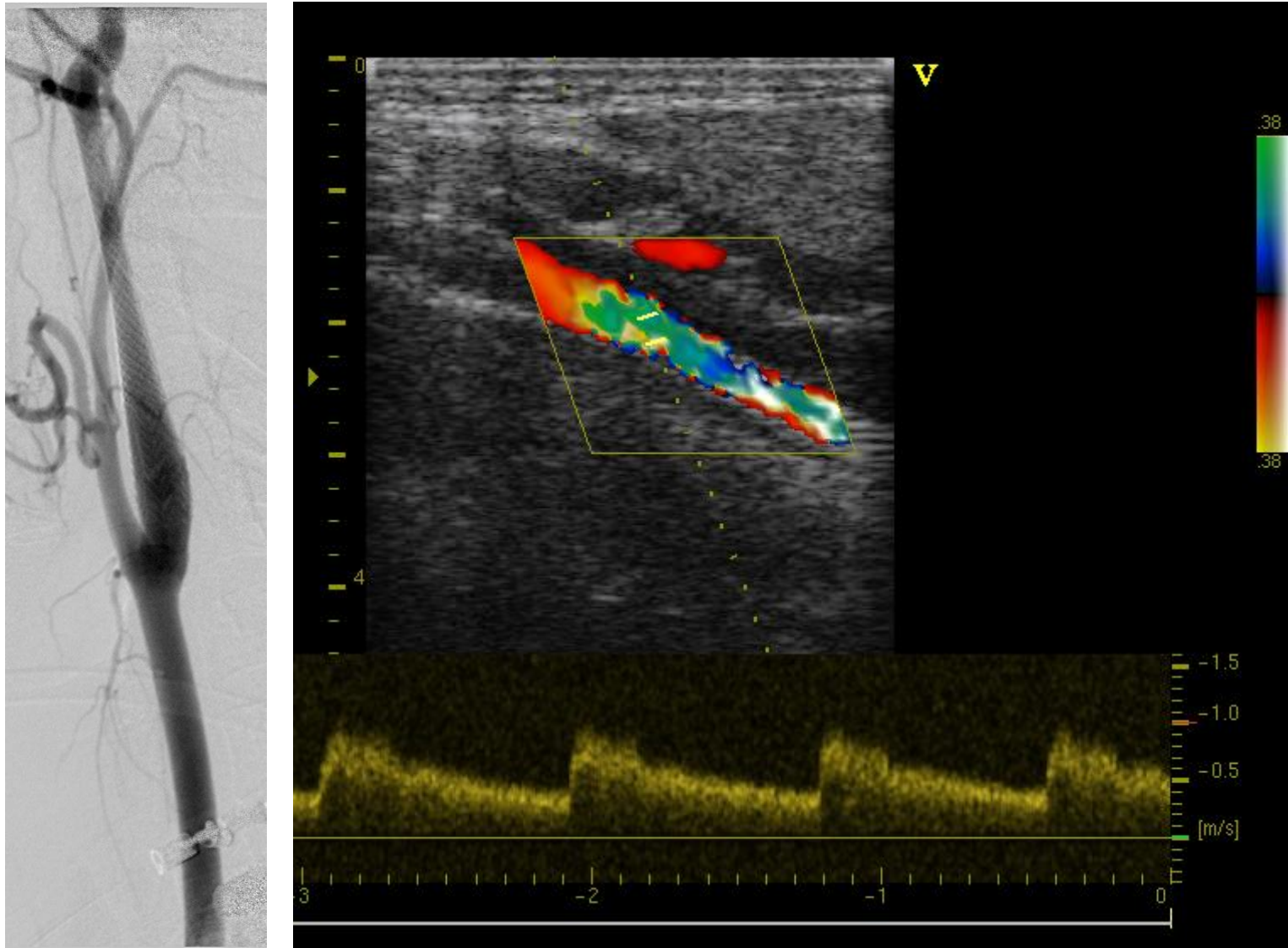
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SYMPTOMATIC ICA DISSECTION WITH PSEUDOANEURYSM







SYMPTOMATIC ICA DISSECTION WITH PSEUDOANEURYSM AFTER STENT-PTA

Table 3. Color duplex ultrasound findings at presentation and one-year follow-up in 200 spontaneous carotid dissections¹

	Presentation (n = 200) n (%)	Follow-up (n = 188) n (%)
Atherosclerotic carotid artery plaque	15 (8)	19 (10)
Cervical ICA-vessel wall thickened and hypoechogenic	48 (24)	0
Second lumen	4 (2)	0
Dissecting aneurysm	1/17 (6)	1/17 (6)
Normal	24 (12)	110 (59)
Stenosis		
≤50%	16 (8)	17 (9)
51–80%	18 (9)	3 (2)
81–99%	75 (38)	17 (9)
Occlusion	77 (34)	41 (22)
Intracranial stenosis or occlusion ²	45 (23)	0

From: Handbook on Cerebral Artery Dissection; Baumgartner et al, Karger 2005



DISSEKTION HVART.: EVT



From: Seifert T, Klein E, Legat-Wallner S, Krenn U, Brussee H, Lueger A, Niederkorn K, Fazekas F. J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry. 2008 Apr;79(4):480-1.

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Negative ultrasound findings in patients with cervical artery dissection

Negative ultrasound in CAD

Table 2 Ultrasound findings in 86 patients with CAD

	Internal Carotid artery	Vertebral artery	All
Ultrasound findings			
Vessel occlusion	25 (29.1%)	12 (13.9%)	37 (43%)
Vessel stenosis	22 (25.6%)	16 (18.6%)	38 (44.2%)
Normal findings	9 (10.5%)	2 (2.3%)	11 (12.8%)

VASOSPASM

- Occurs in approximately 70% of persons with ruptured aneurysms
- Rare with non-aneurysmal hemorrhages
- Appears after 3-4 days, peaks at 7-10 days, and resolves over 2-4 weeks
- Can be localized or involves several arteries
- Release of factor at the time of bleeding that induces contraction of the lumen and decreased blood flow

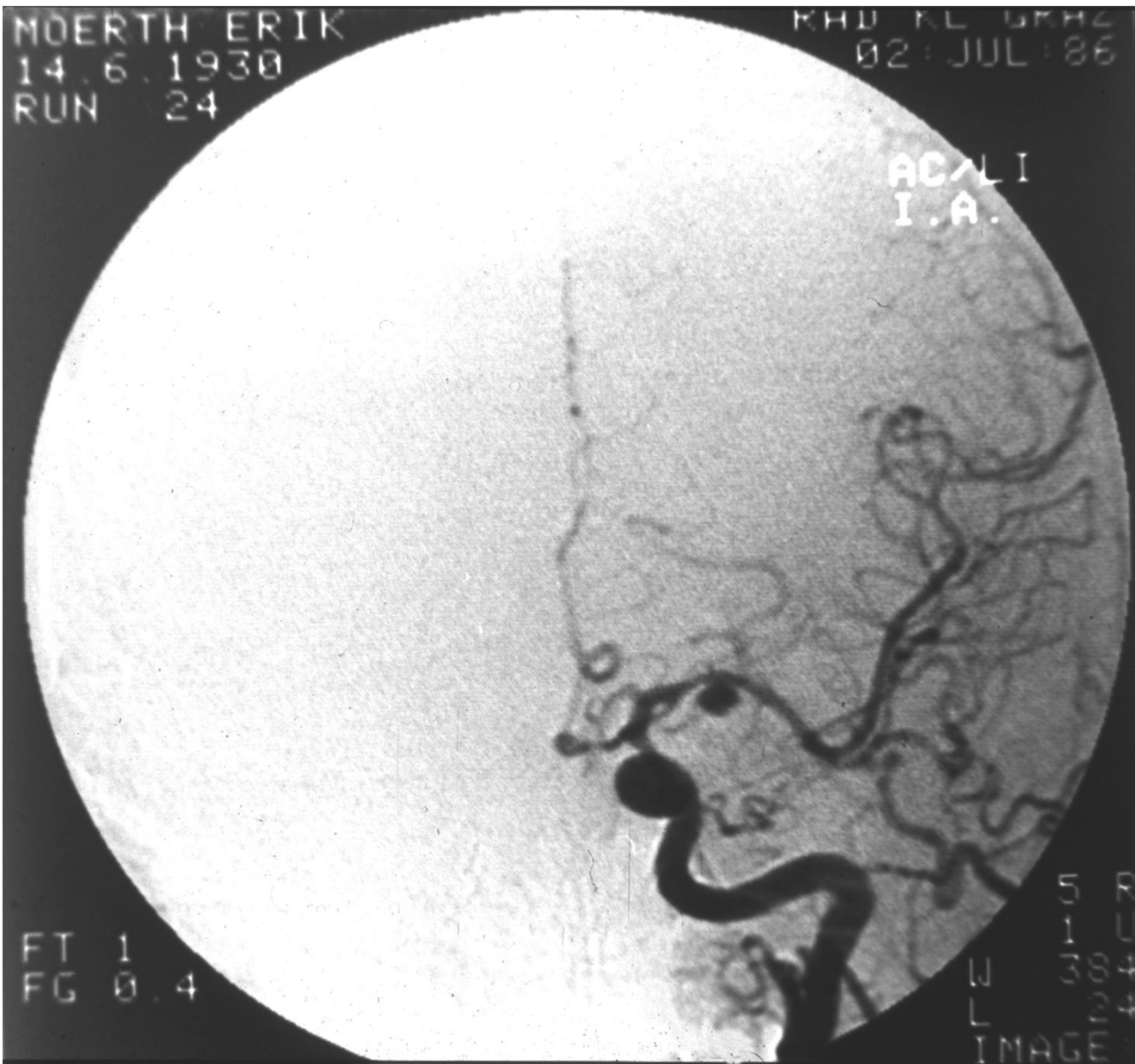
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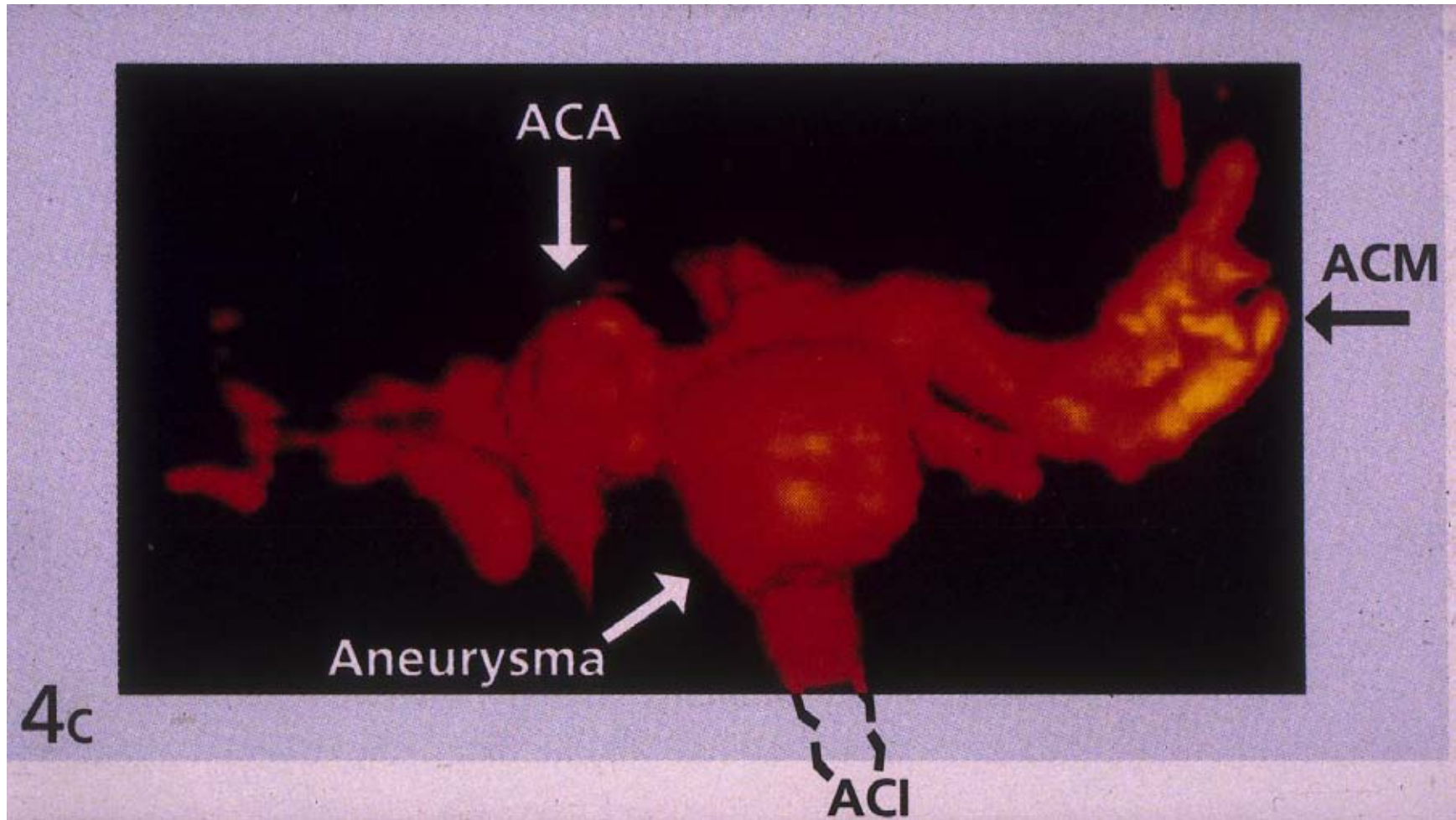
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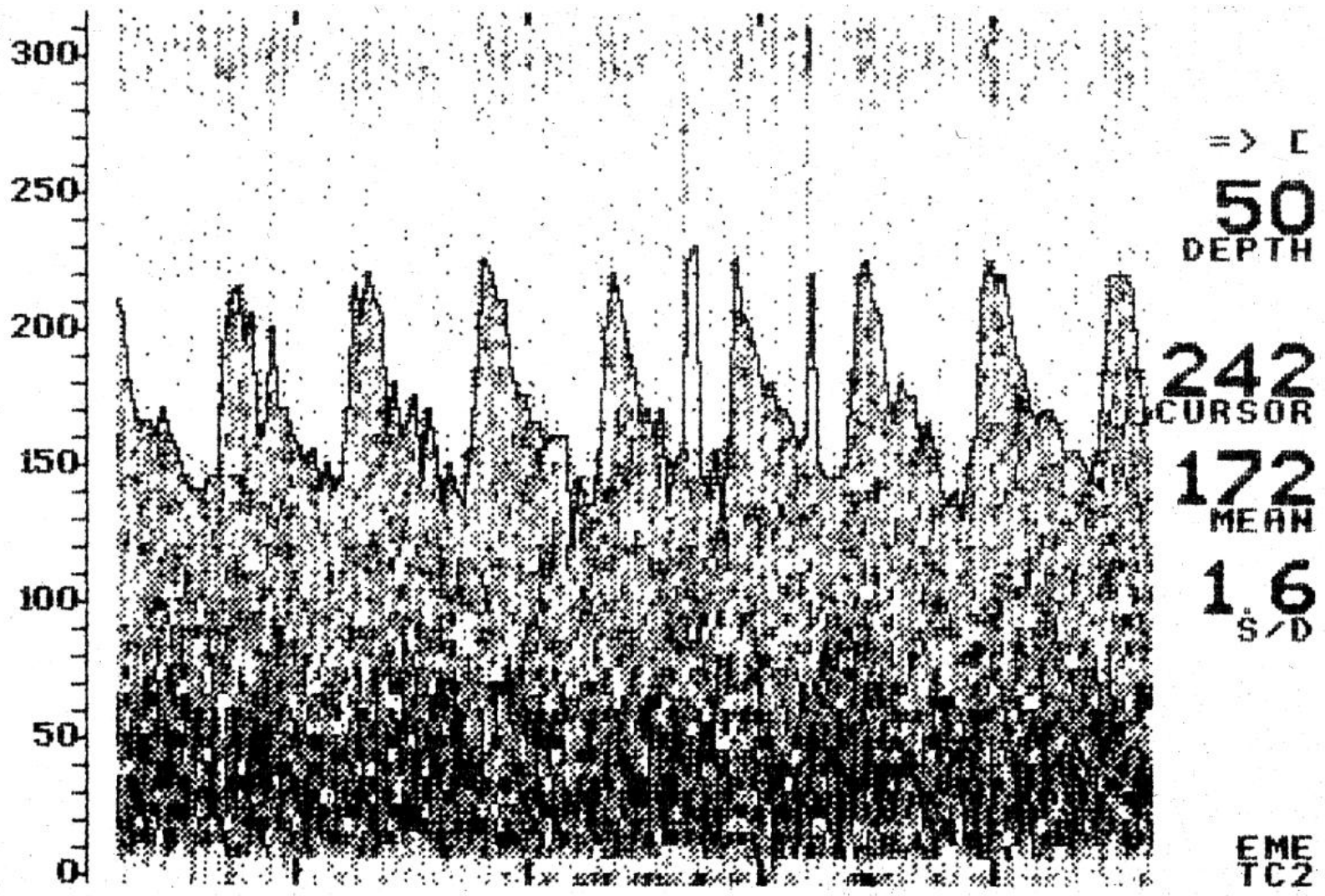
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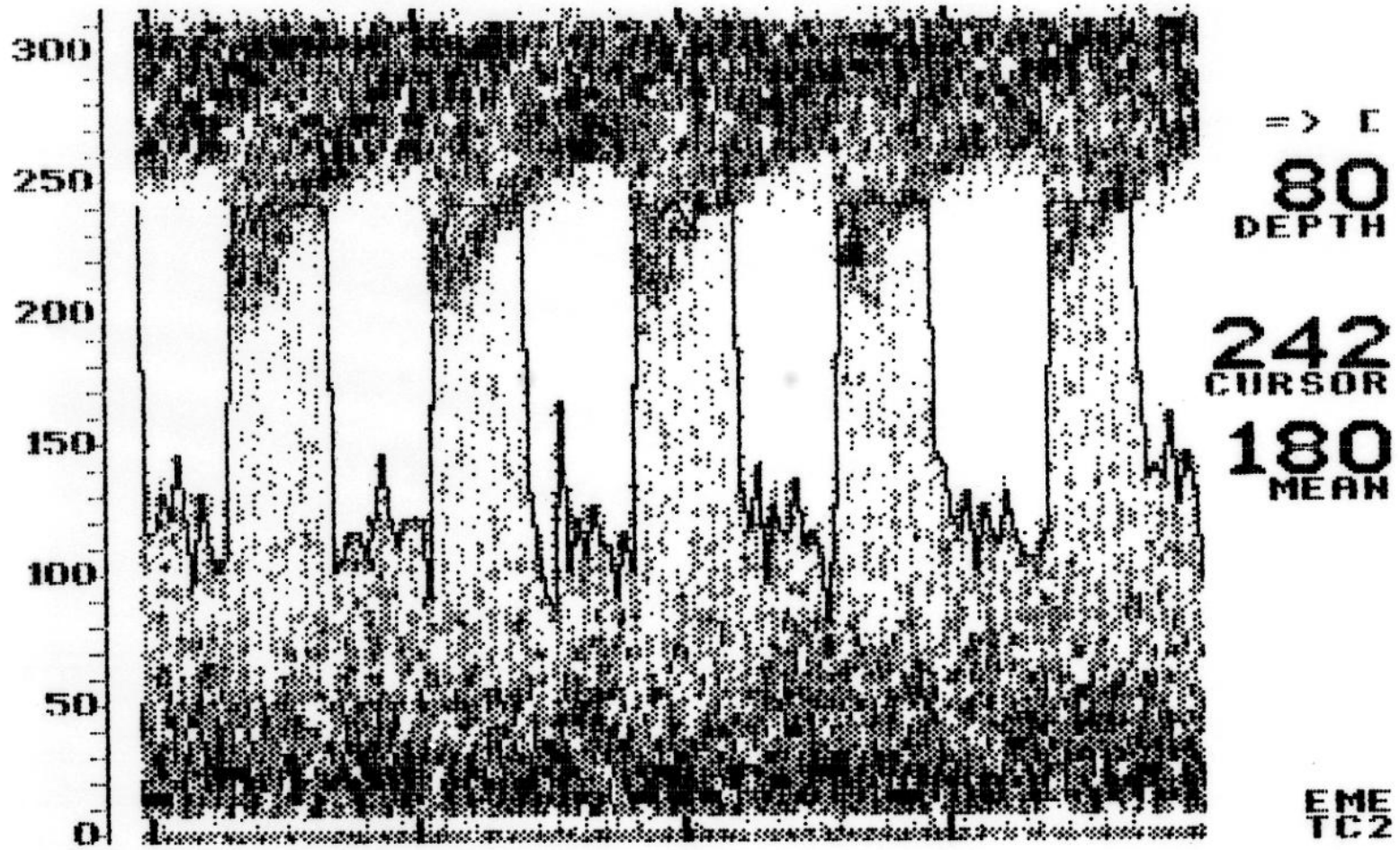
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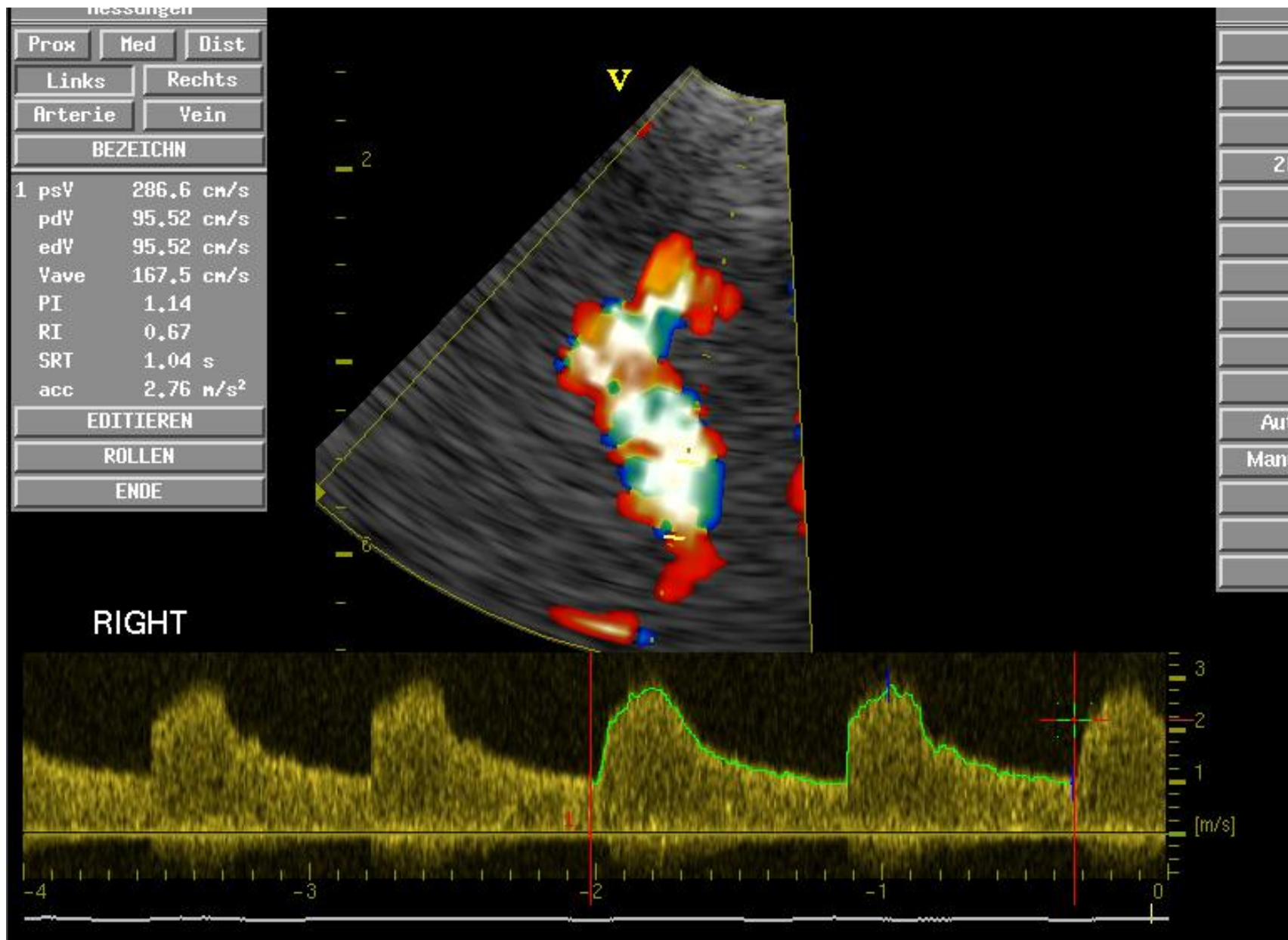


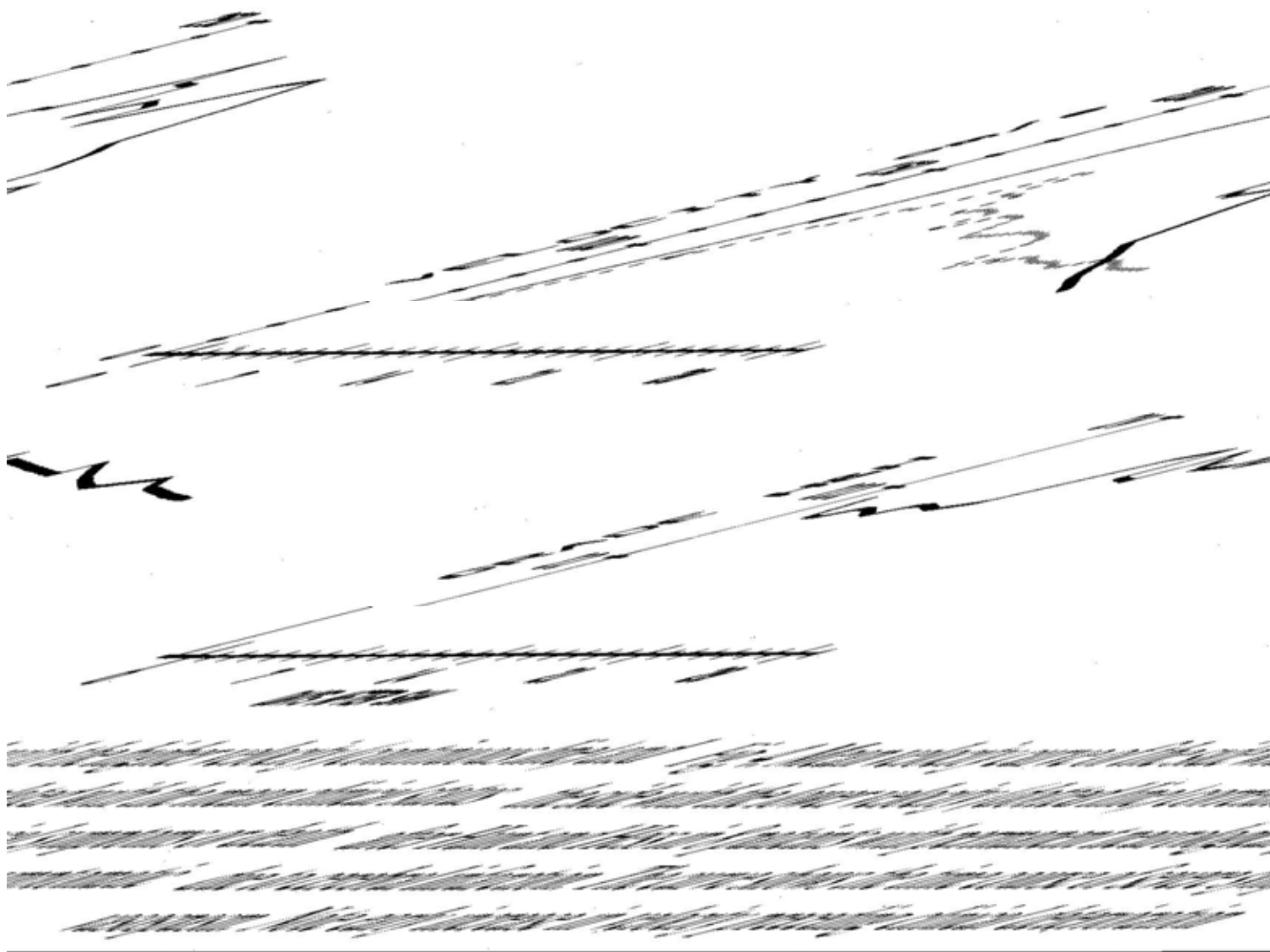
VASOSPASM MCA



VASOSPASM ACA

MCA VASOSPASM





From: Harders AG, **Gilsbach** JM.
J Neurosurg. 1987 May;66(5):718-28.

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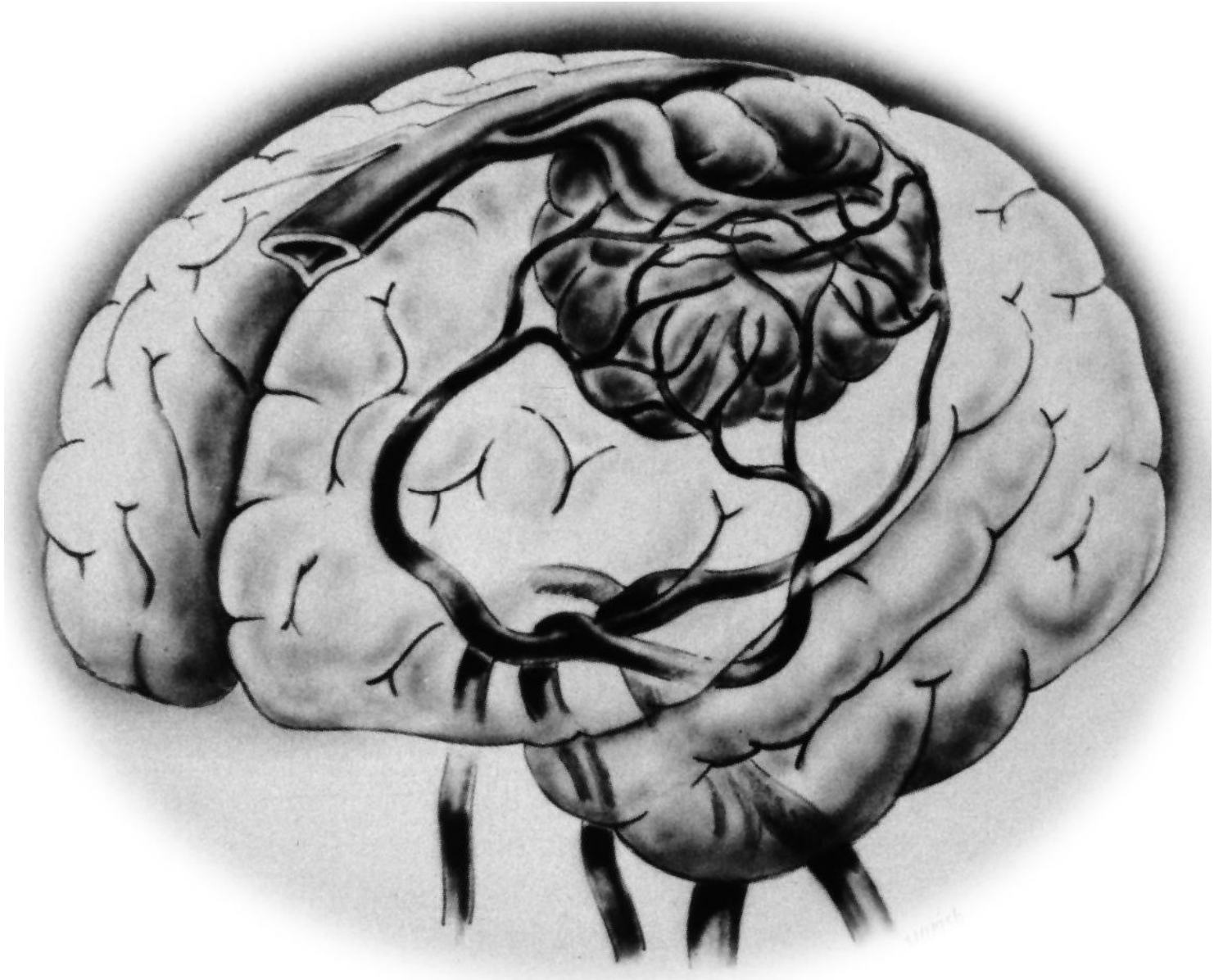
Detection of vasospasm

- Sensitivity (MCA) 80-90%, (ACA) 15%, (VB) 77%
- Specificity (MCA) 90%, (ACA) 95%, (VB) 80%
- MCA mean vel >120 mild, > 200 cm/sec severe vasospasm
- TCD not useful for distal vasospasm

Transcranial Doppler Findings in Meningitis According to Pathogenic Agent*

MCA Velocity (p)	No. (%)		
	Bacterial	Viral	Unclassified
Significantly increased (<.05)	32 (77)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Normal (>.05)	9 (23)	26 (100)	43 (100)

* MCA indicates middle cerebral artery



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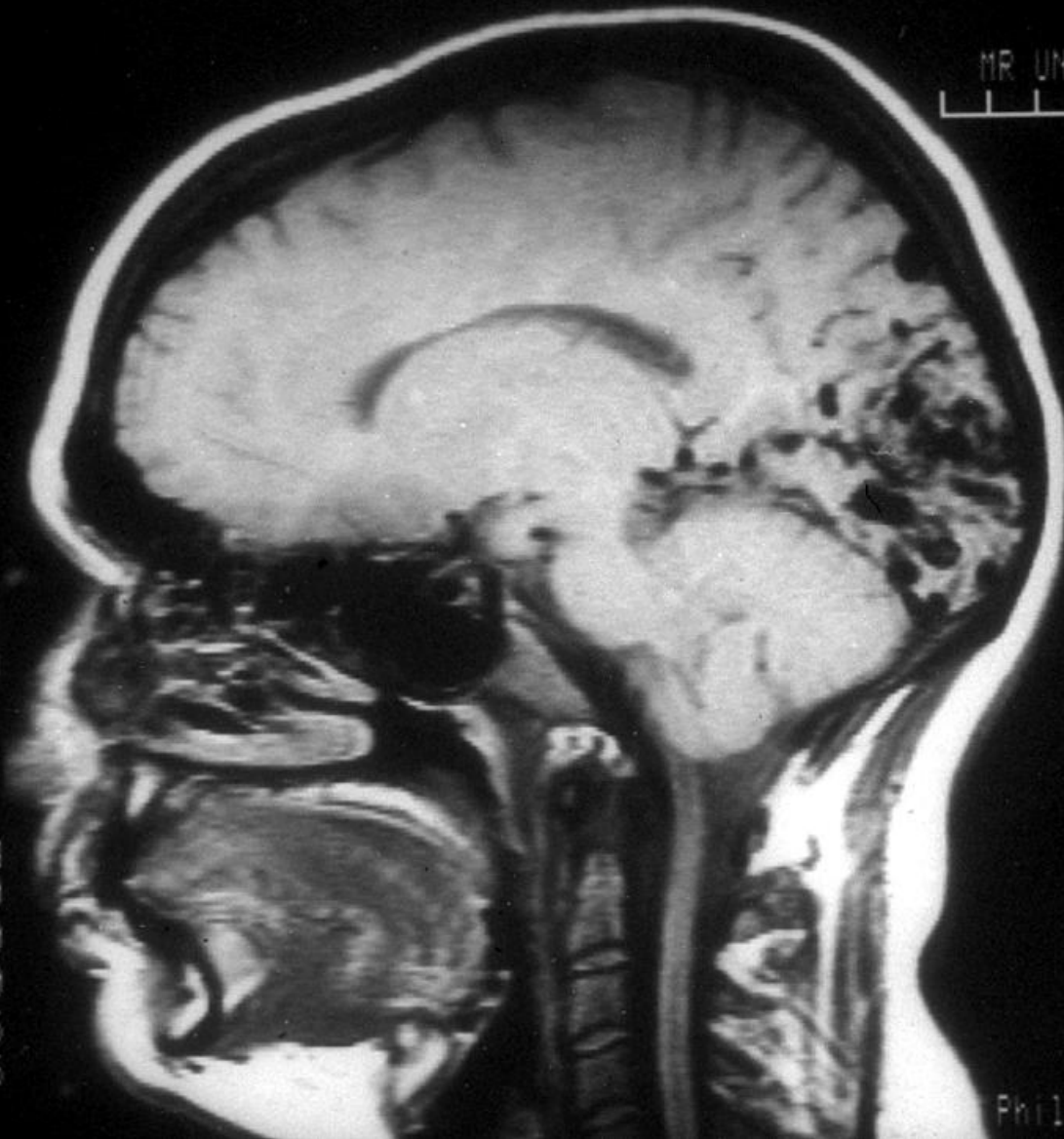
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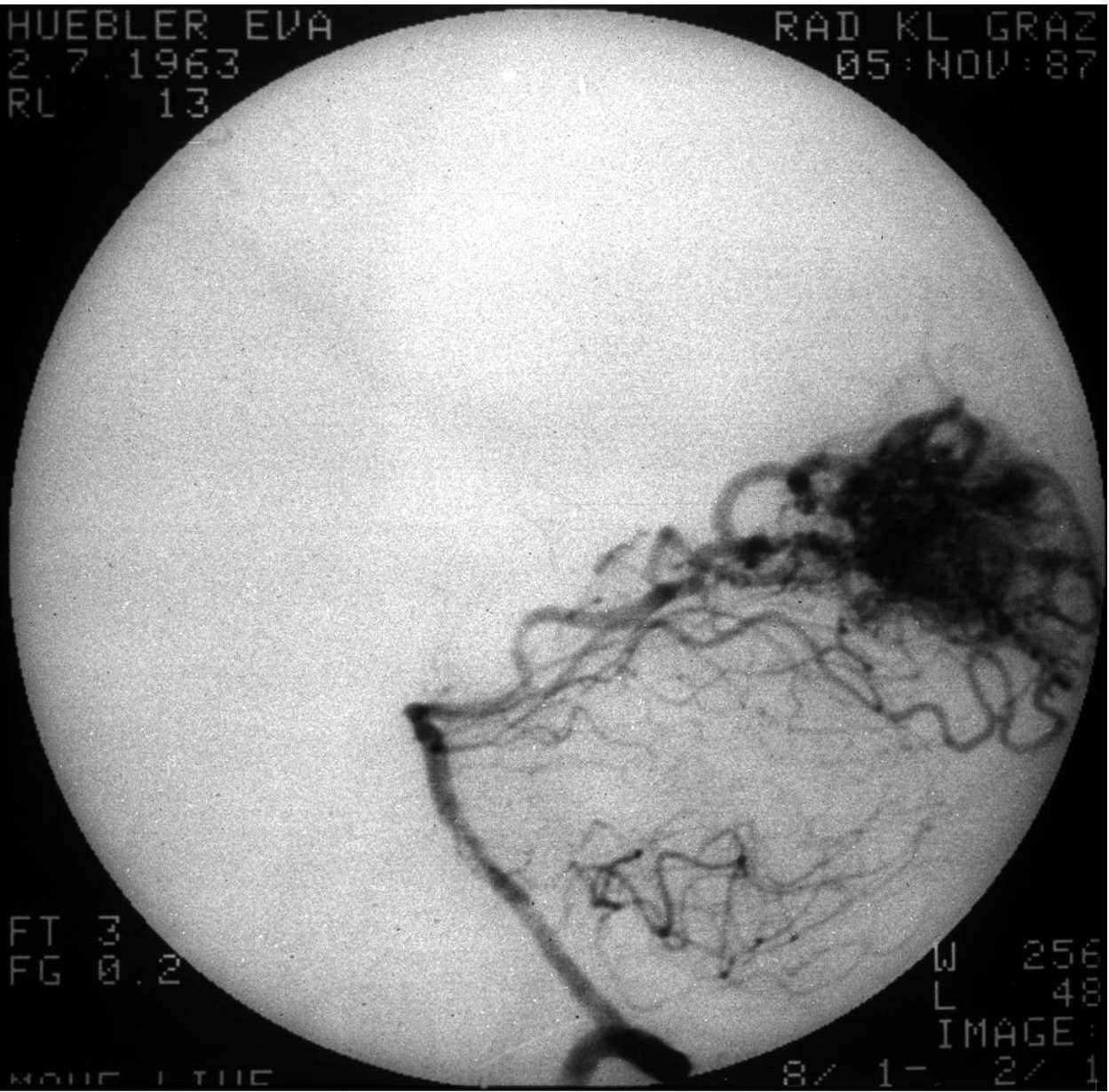
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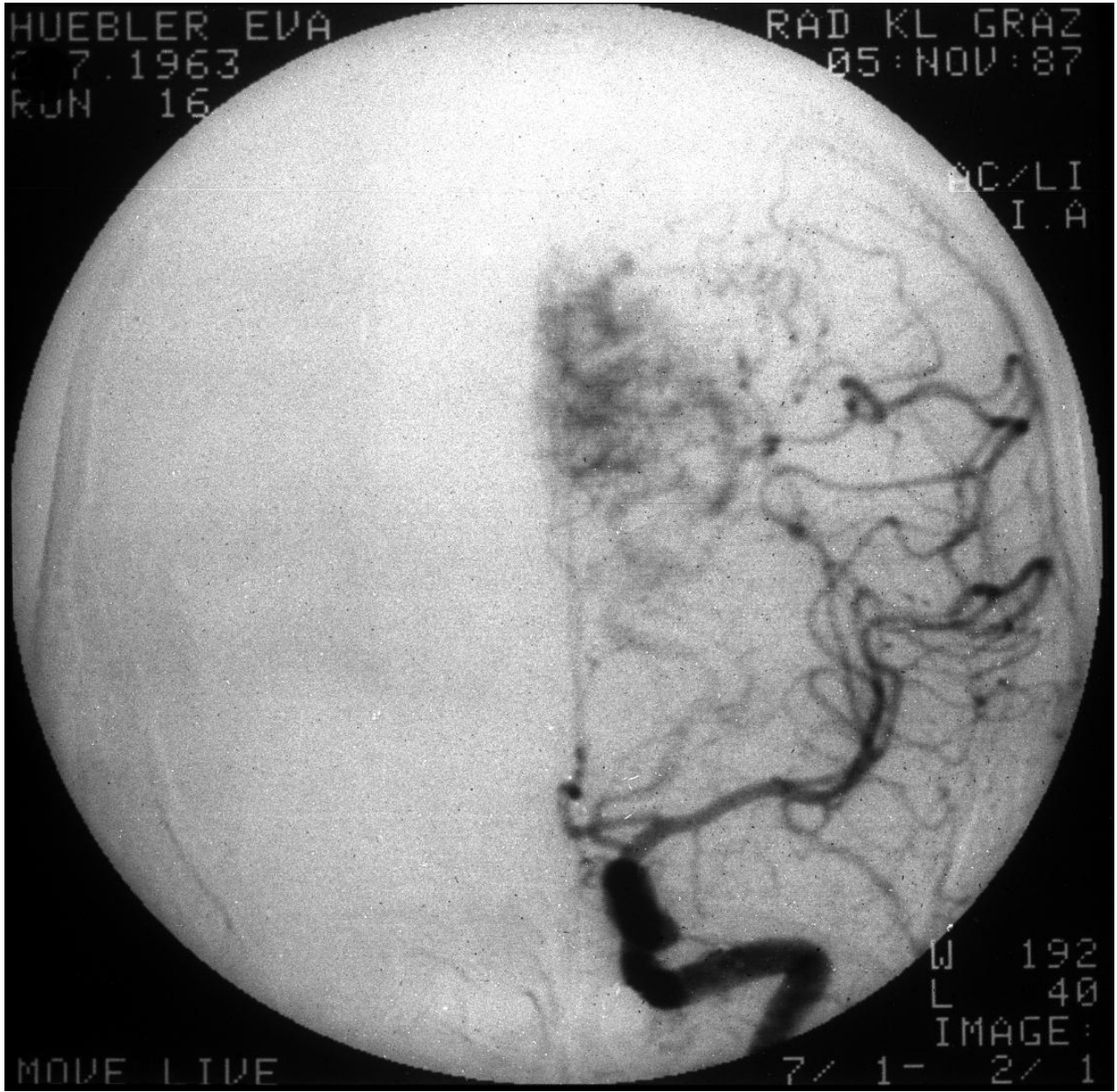
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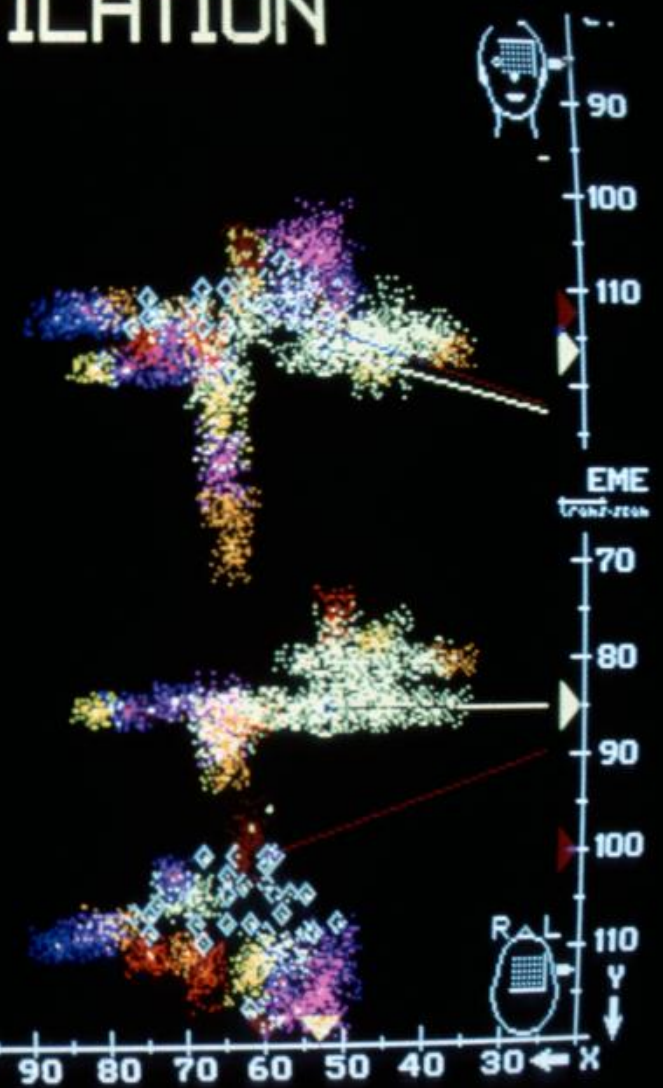
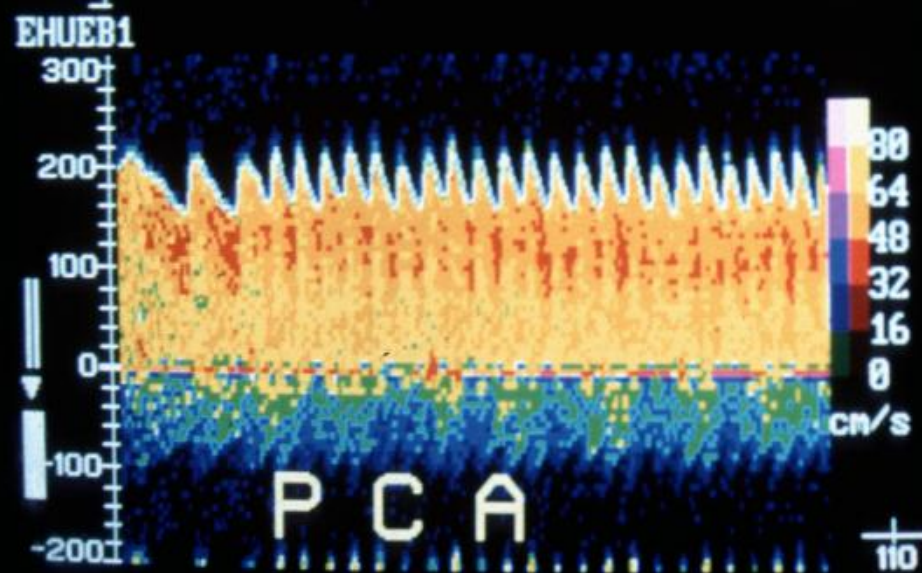
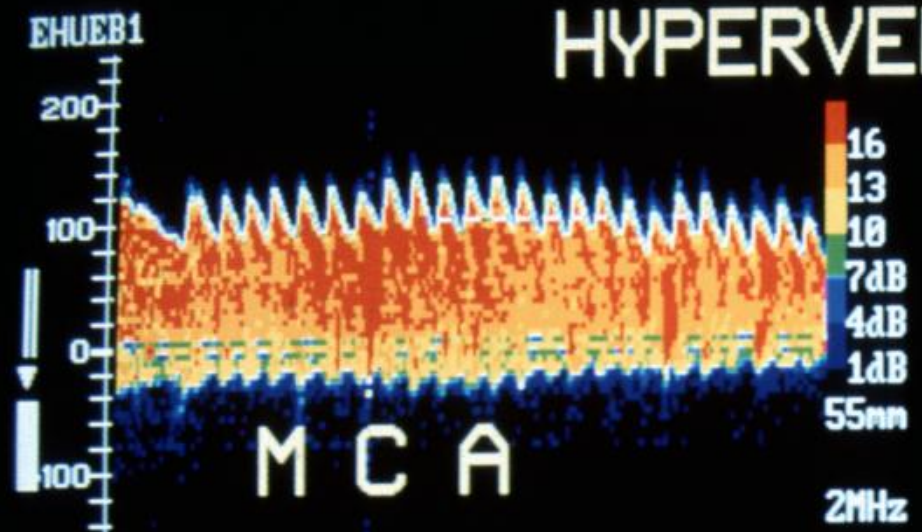


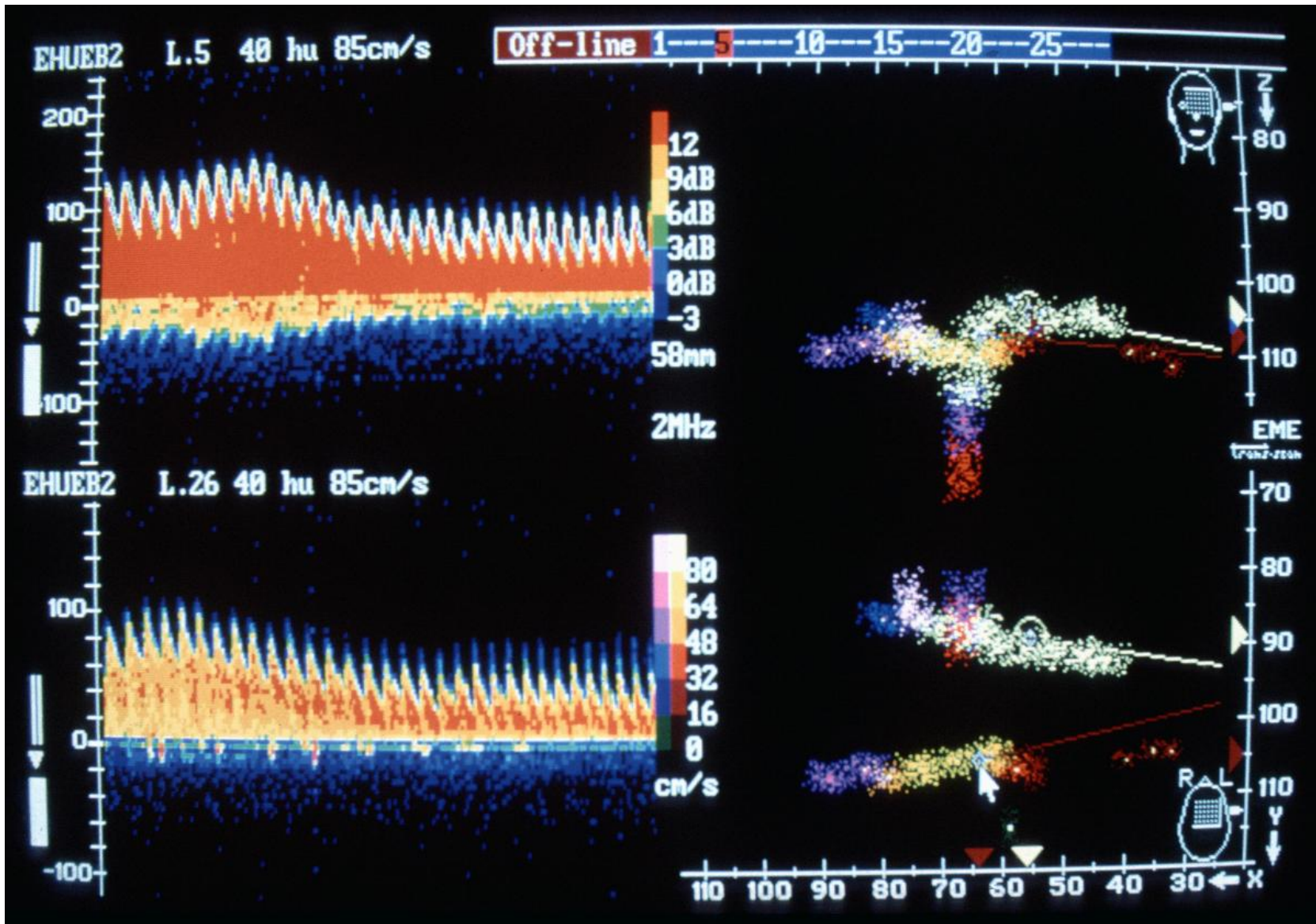
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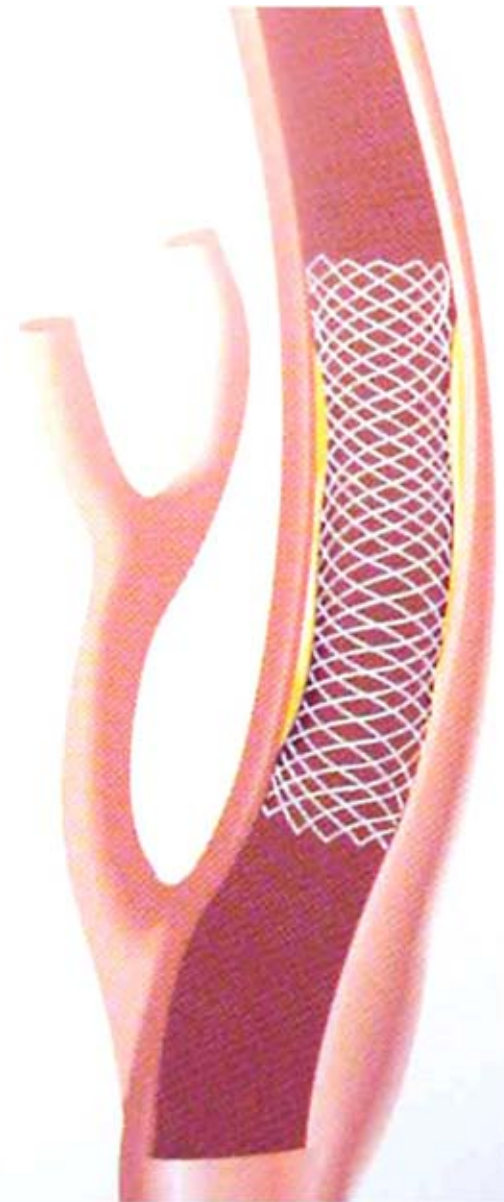
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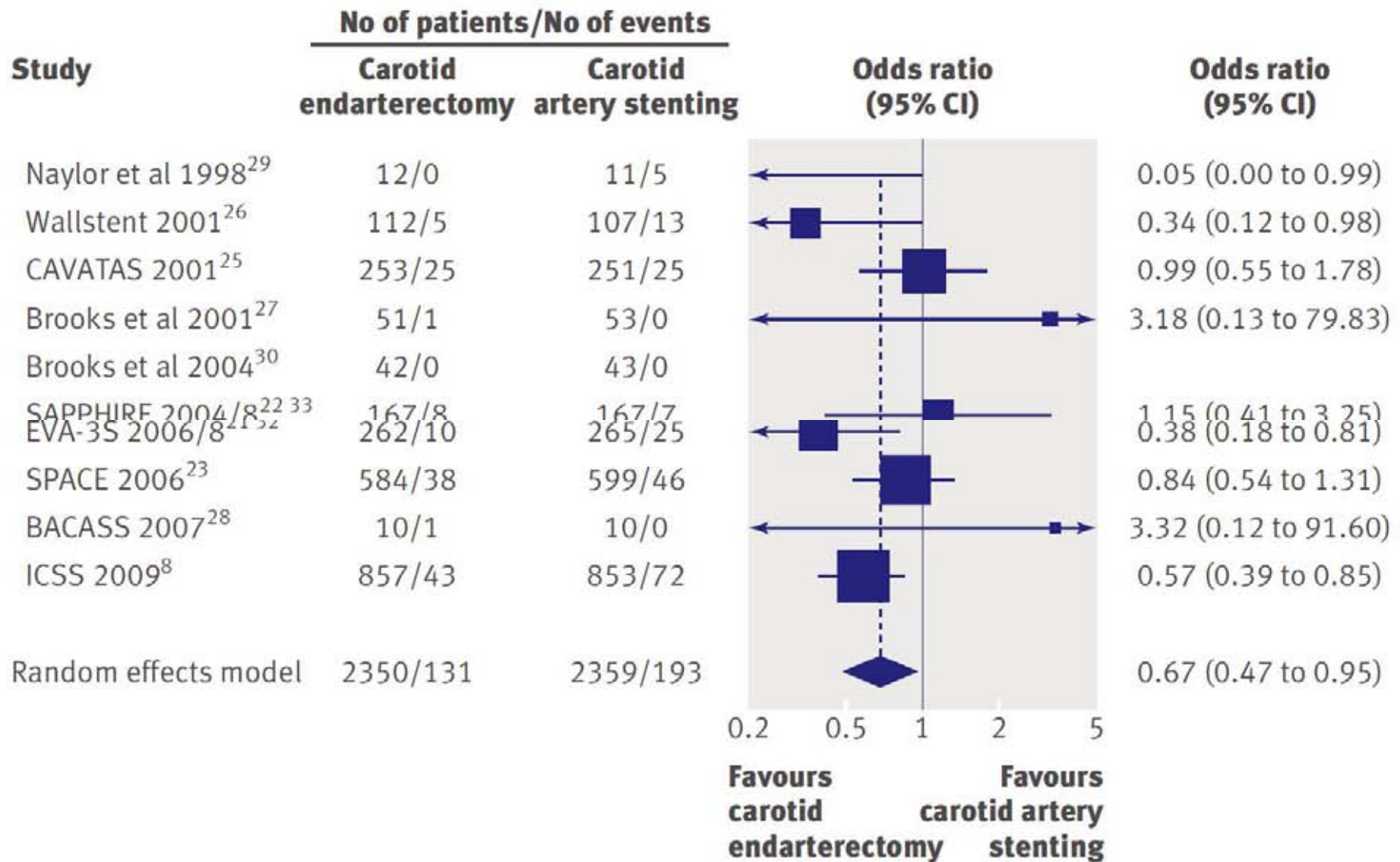




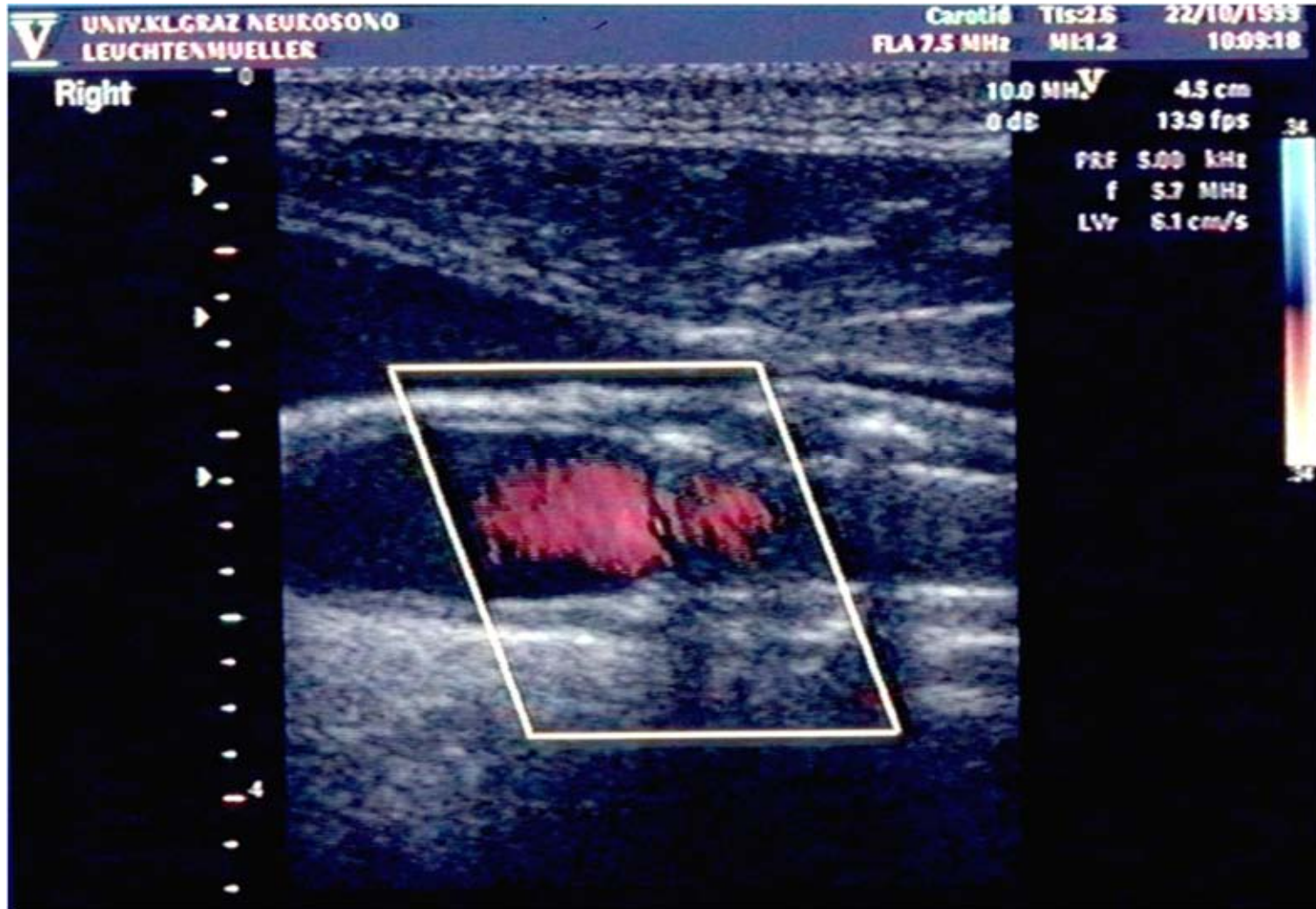
CAROTID STENTING



30 d Stroke and Death risk



ICA BIFURCATION AFTER STENT-PTA



Result

ICA + CCA

S pre-interventional stenosis distribution (angio):

Category 0 = 6 (2,2%); Category 1 = 18 (6,5%)

Category 2 = 253 (91,3%)

Residual Stenosis

(sonographical) day 1 post Stent:

N= 277

Categ. 0 (0-49%): 244 (88,0%)

Categ. 1 (50-69%): 22 (7,9%)

Categ. 2 (70-99%): 11 (4,1%)

Categ. 3 (Occlusion): 0 (0,0%)

Re-Stenosis

(1-6 months follow-up)

N= 218

Categ. 0: 203 (93,1%)

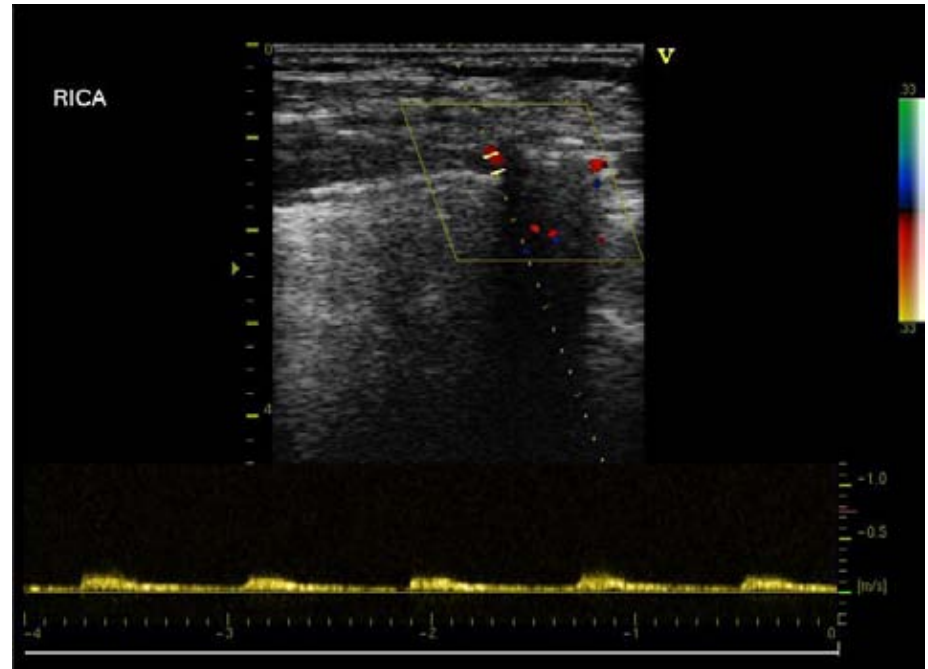
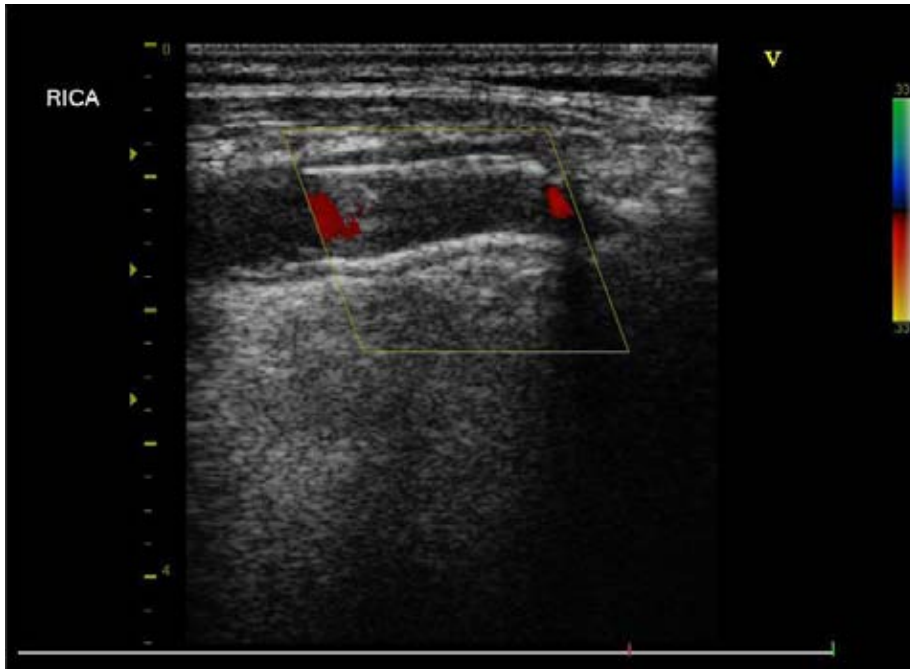
Categ. 1: 6 (2,8%)

Categ. 2: 7 (3,2%)

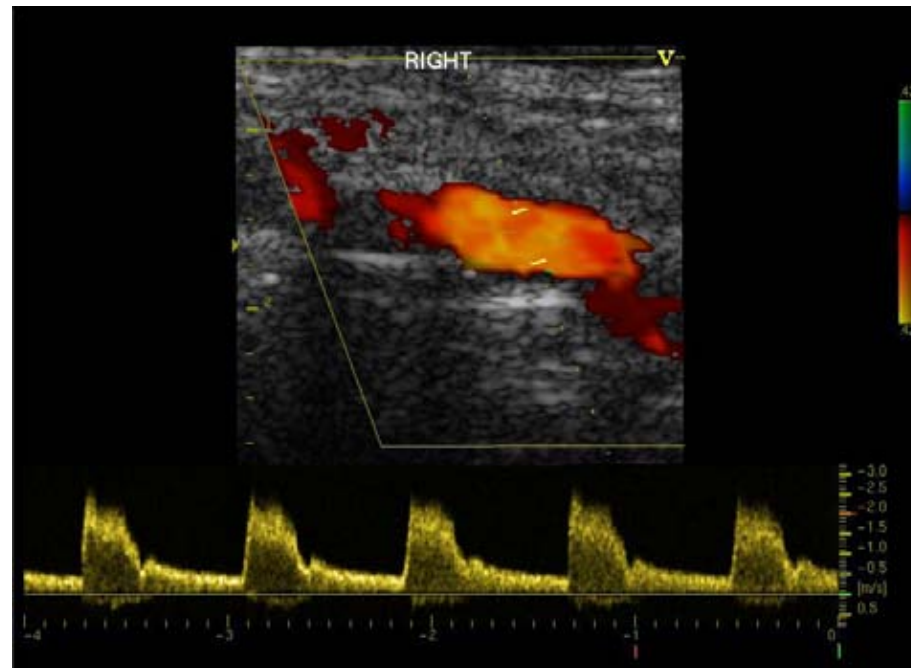
Categ. 3: 2 (0,9%)

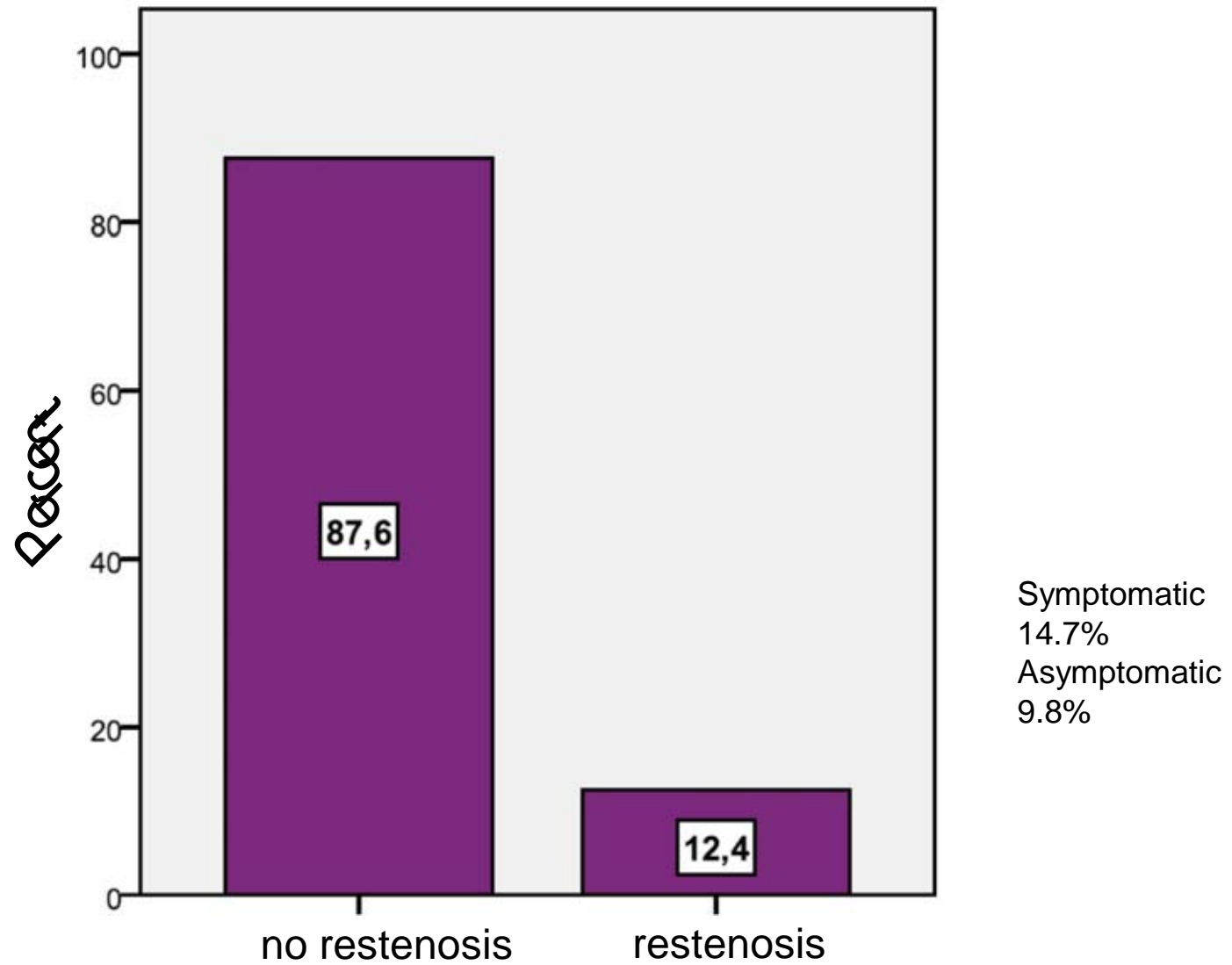
Residual stenosis -sonographical and clinical assessment

	Preproced.	Day 1	Day 30	Month 3	Month 6	Protect.	Stent
Cat. 0 N=161							
Cat. 1 N=13	70%	60%	50-60	50-60	50-60	no	W
	90%	50%	0	0	0	Accunet	AC
	90%	50-60%	x	x	x	0	W
	80%	50-60%	=	=	=	S	AC
	80%	50-60%	=	=	=	0	W
	80%	50%	x	x	x	N	W+AC
	70%	50%	=	=	=	N	AC
	90%	60%	Stroke,MI (died)	x	x	N	AC
	90%	50-60%	50%	50-60%	50-60%	0	W
	80%	60%	TIA	50%	60-70%	A	W
	>80%	50%	=	60%	60%	A	W
	70%	50%	=	=	=	A	P
	>90%	50%	=	=	=	0	W
Cat. 2 N=9	80%	70-80%	x	=	=	A	W
	80%	70%,TIA	x	70%	70%	E	W
	80%	Thromb,Stroke	0%	=	=	A	W
	>90%	70%, Stroke	70%	=	0% Redil.	N	AC
	80%	60-70%	0	0	0	no	W+AC
	severe(2)	severe (2)	x	X	X	no	Neuroform
	70-80%	60-70%	=	died (Pneumonia)	X	Epifilter	Silver
	70-80%	60%	50%	50%	50%	Spider	Precise/Yo
	70-80%	50%	50%	50%	X	Spider	Exact
Cat. 3 (0)							

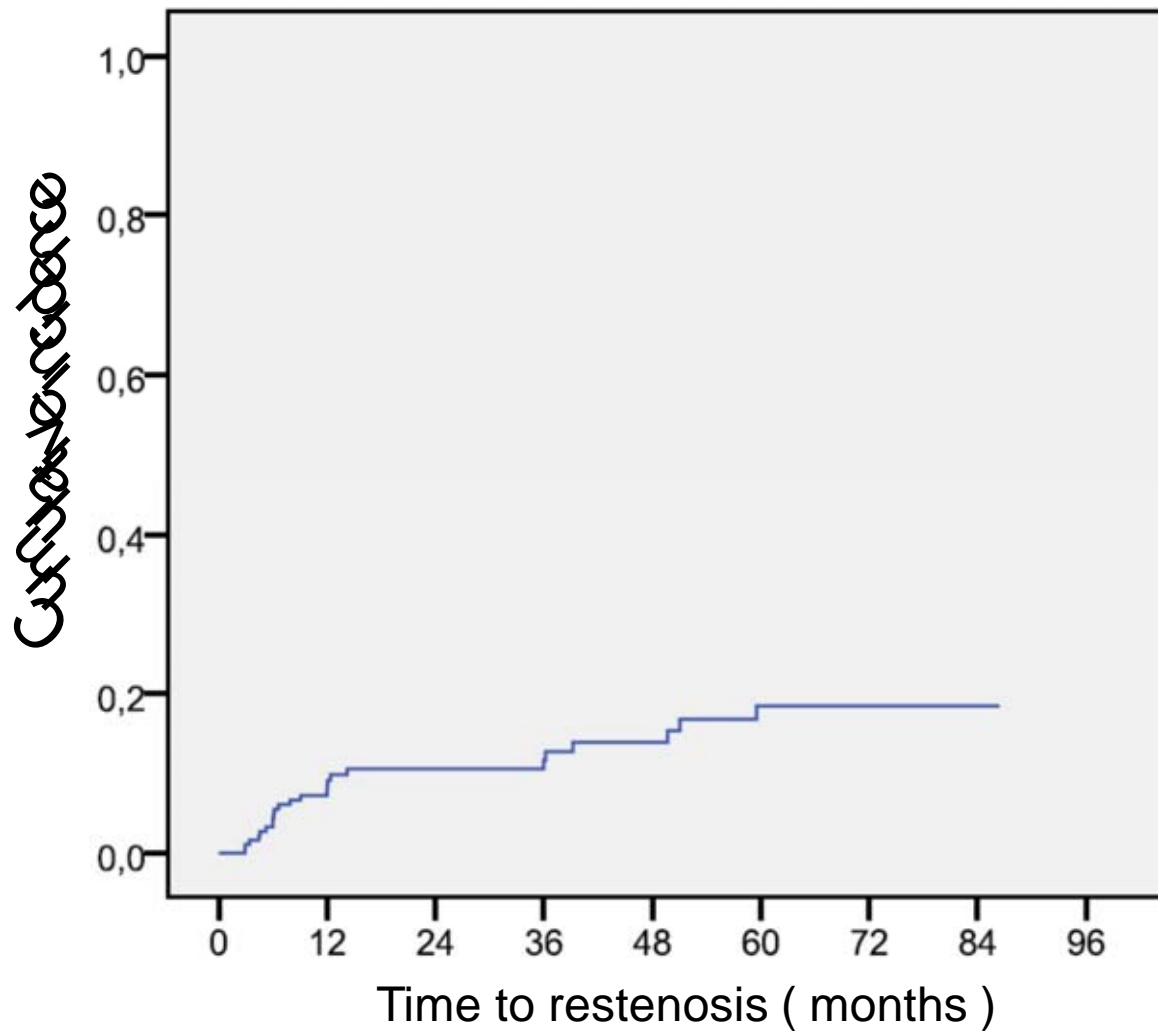


PARTIAL STENT
THROMBOSIS-
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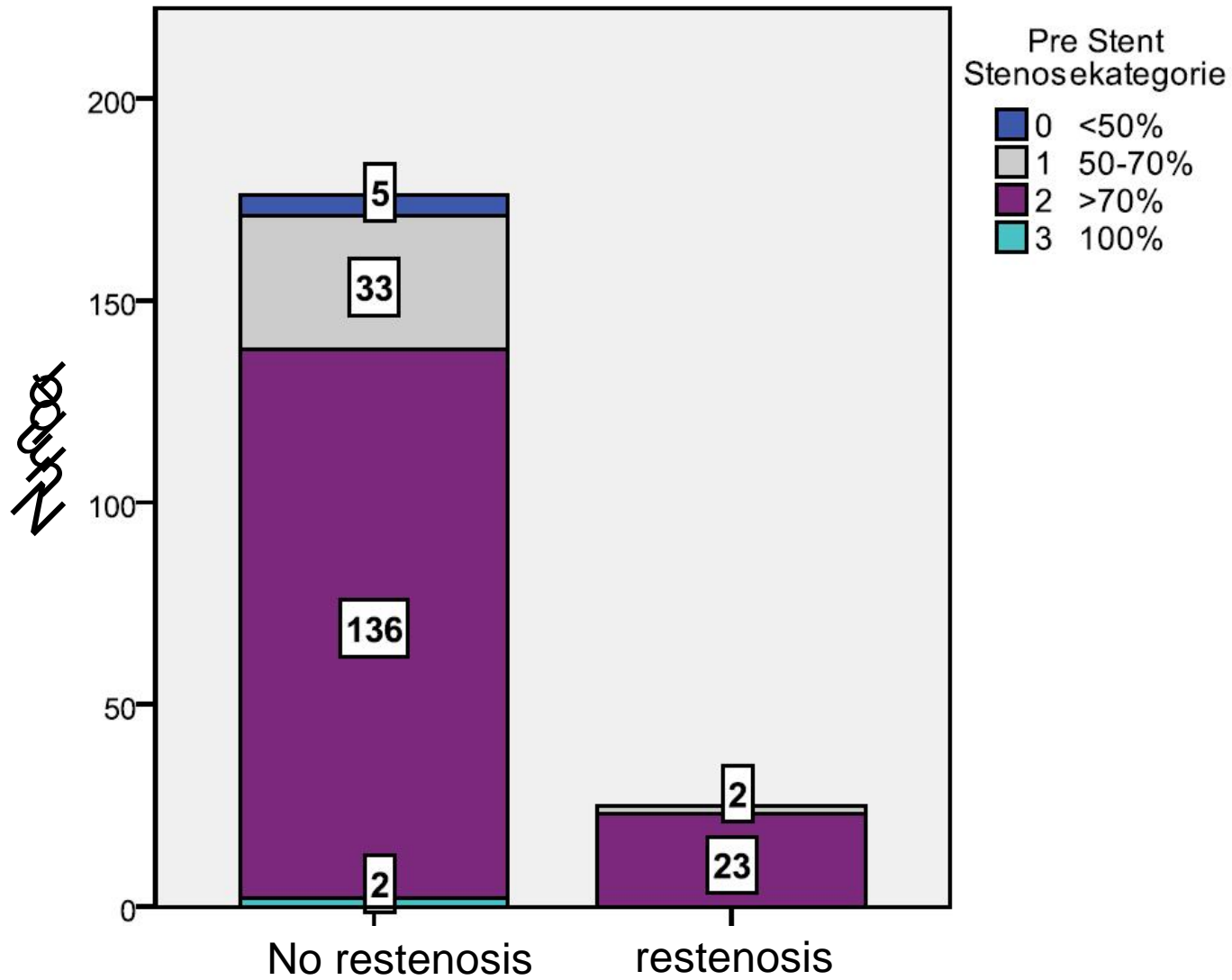




CAS Stenting, N= 201, mean FU time 37 mo; mean time to resten. 14 .5 mo



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SPACE- Restenoses at 24 months

	CAS	CEA	OR (95% CI)
Intention-to-treat	54 / 607 (8.9%)	23 / 589 (3.9%)	2.40 (1.46 - 3.97)
Per-protocol	54 / 573 (9.4%)	23 / 563 (4.1%)	2.44 (1.48 - 4.04)

Two (both after CAS) were symptomatic !

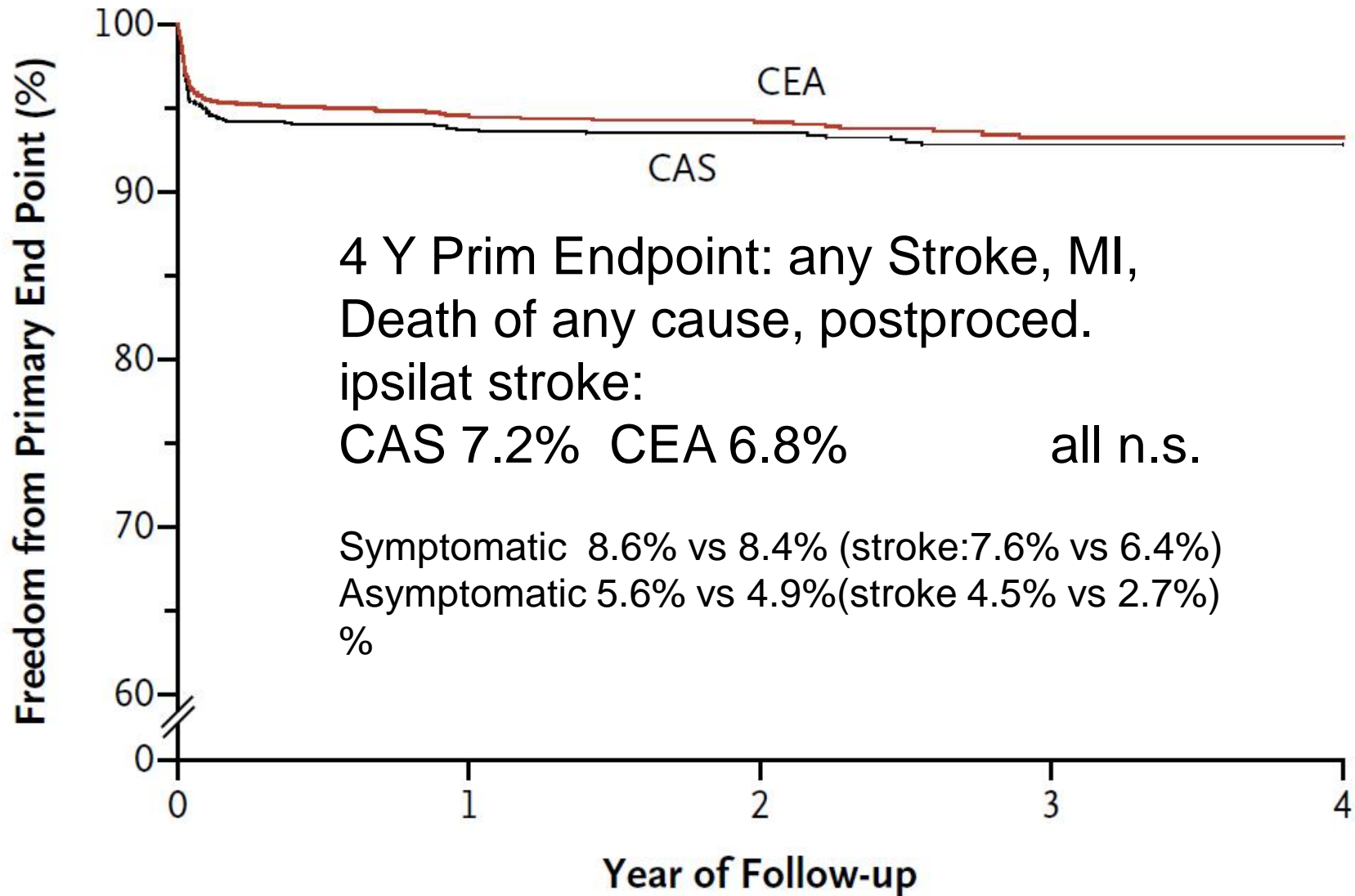
CREST-Risk Factors for All Restenosis Patients

2 y FU Sten/Occl, CAS 6.0(0.3%)% vs TEA 6.3(0.5%)

Factor	No Restenosis (n=2071)	Restenosis (n=120)	Multivariable Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
Female sex (%)	33,1	46,7	1,83 (1,3-2,7)
Diabetes (%)	29,4	50,0	2,22 (1,5-3,3)
Dislipidemia(%)	84,9	93,3	1,97 (0,9-4,3)

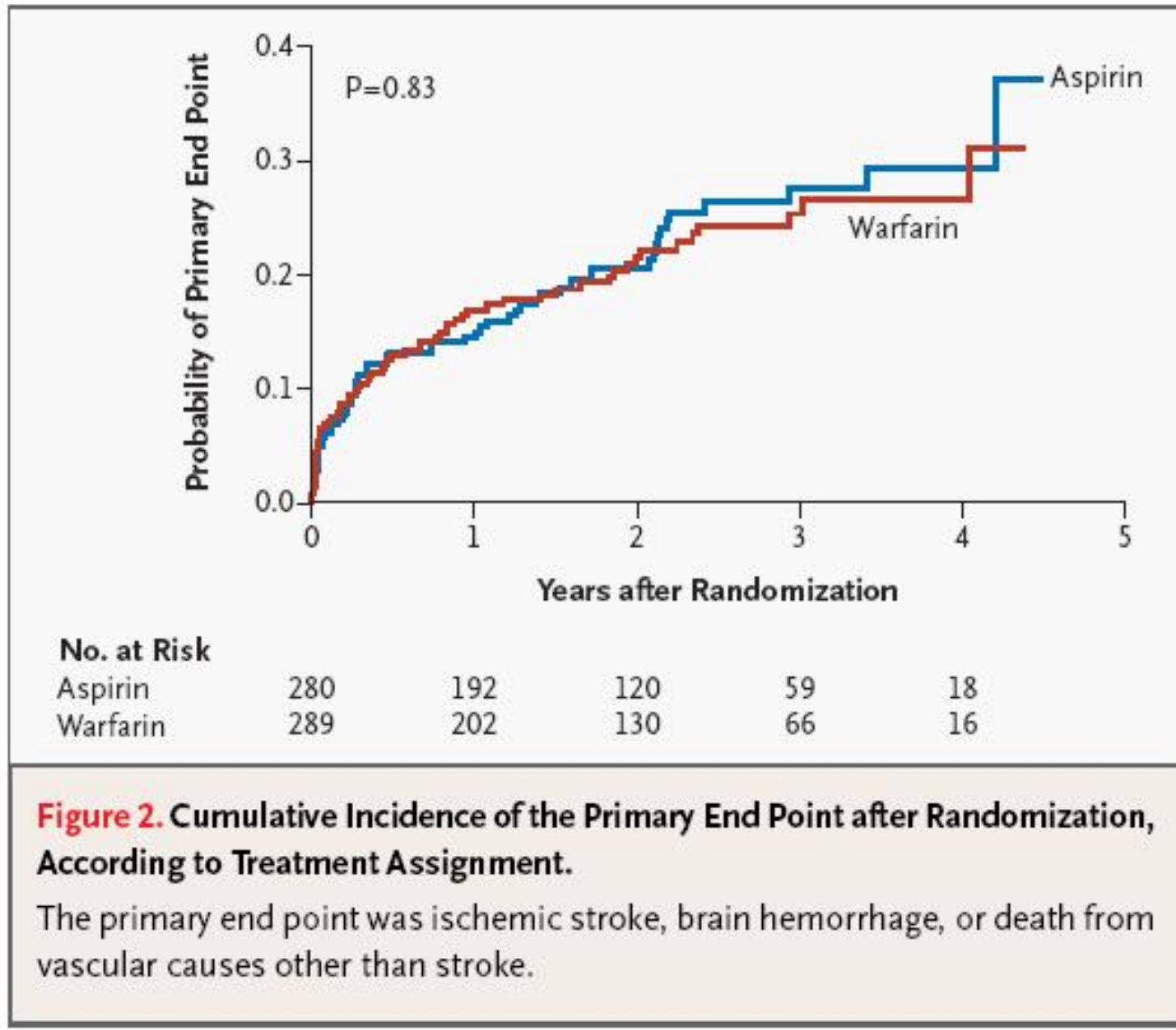
Interestingly, smoking increased the risk of restenosis in endarterectomy patients but appeared protective in the stenting group

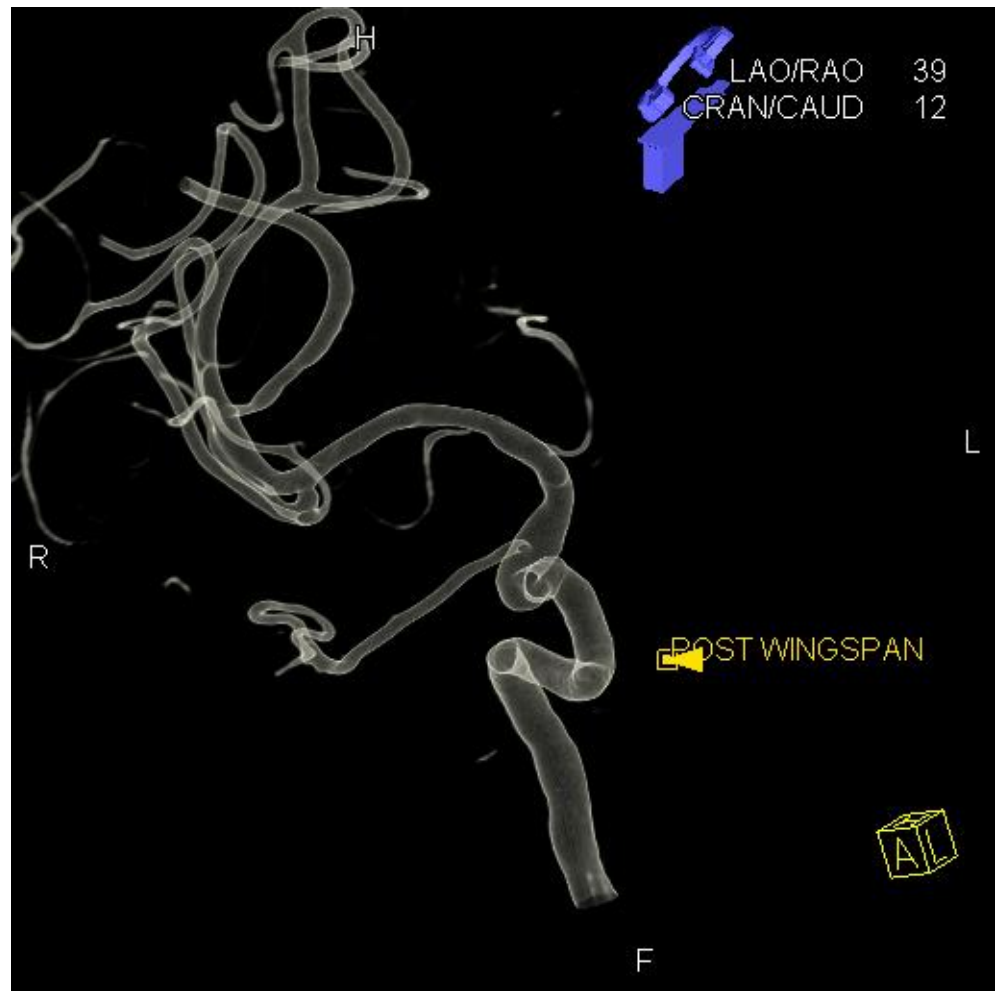
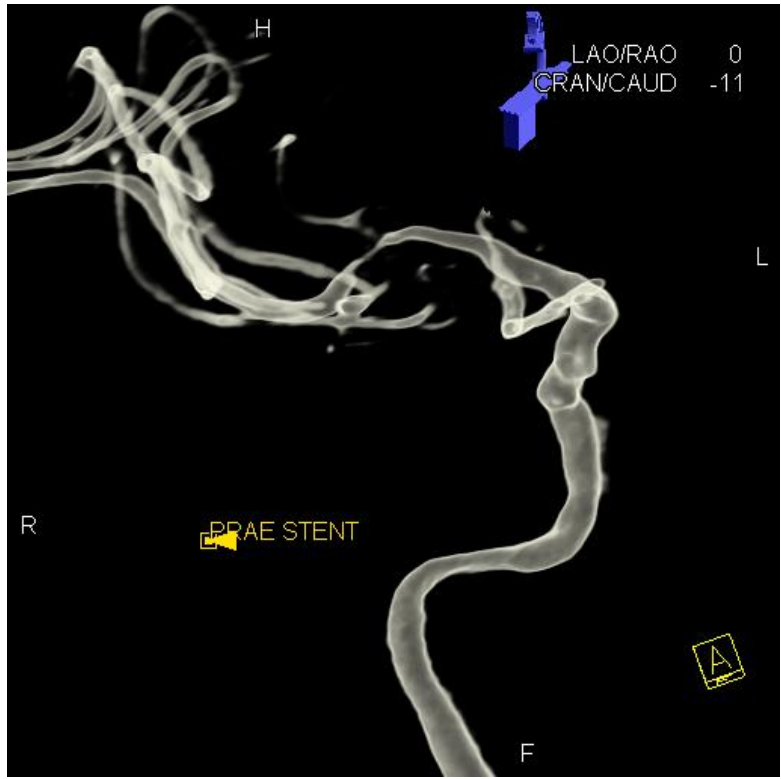
B. Lal, International Stroke Conference (ISC) 2012: Abstract #3. Presented February 1, 2012.



No. at Risk

CAS	1262	1100	787	460	162
CEA	1240	1099	770	430	145

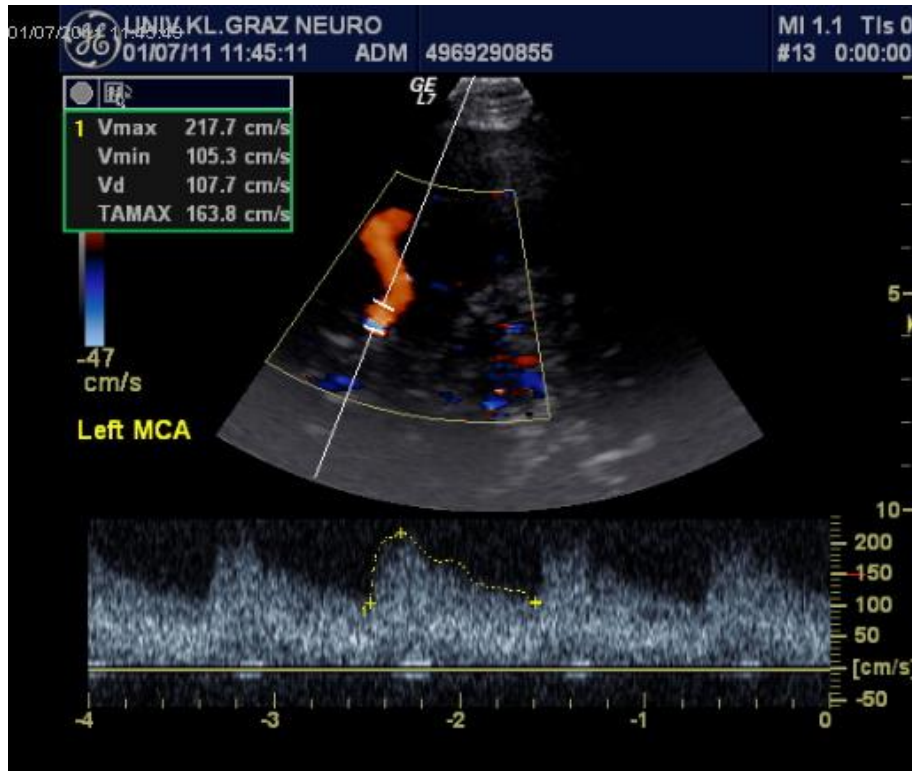




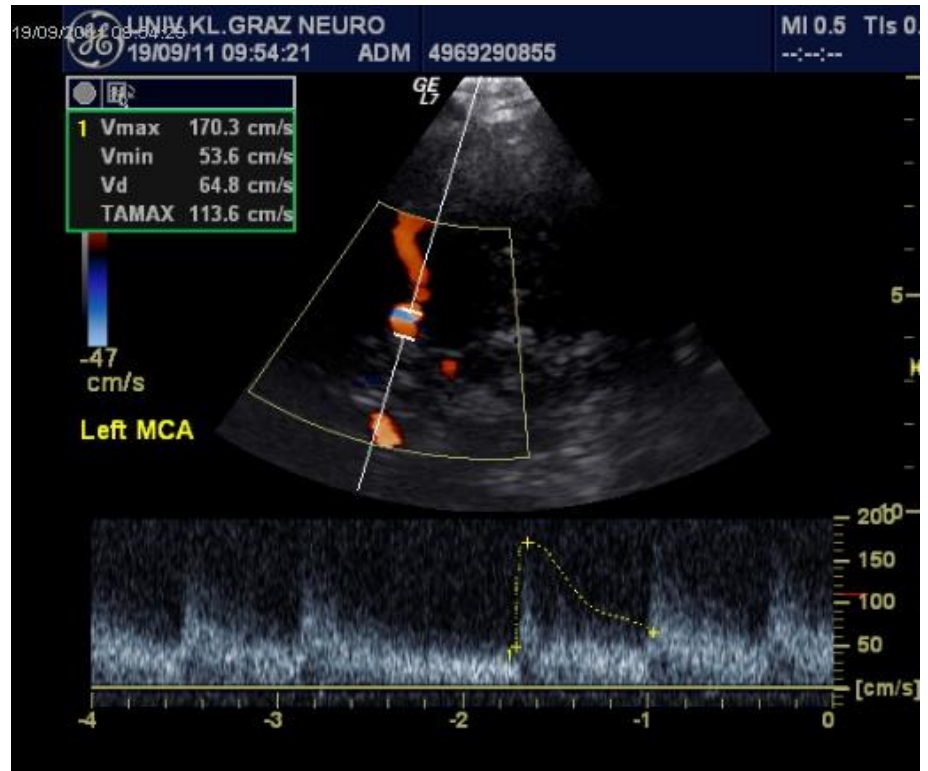
The NIH registry on use of the Wingspan stent for symptomatic 70–99% intracranial arterial stenosis

Results: A total of 129 patients with symptomatic 70% to 99% intracranial stenosis were enrolled. The technical success rate was 96.7%. The mean pre and post-stent stenoses were 82% and 20%. The frequency of any stroke, intracerebral hemorrhage, or death within 30 days or ipsilateral stroke beyond 30 days was 14.0% at 6 months (95% CI = 8.7% to 22.1%). The frequency of $\geq 50\%$ restenosis on follow-up angiography was 13/52 (25%).

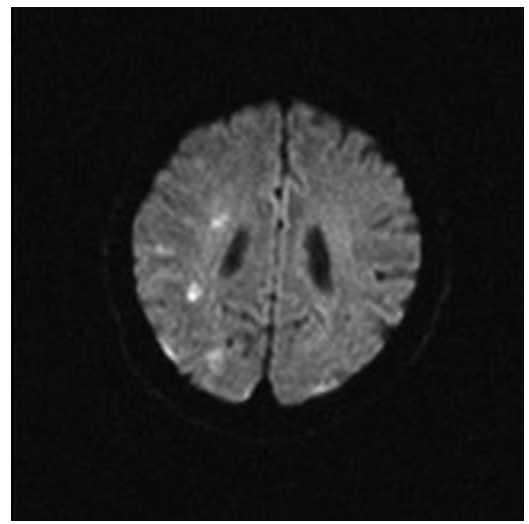
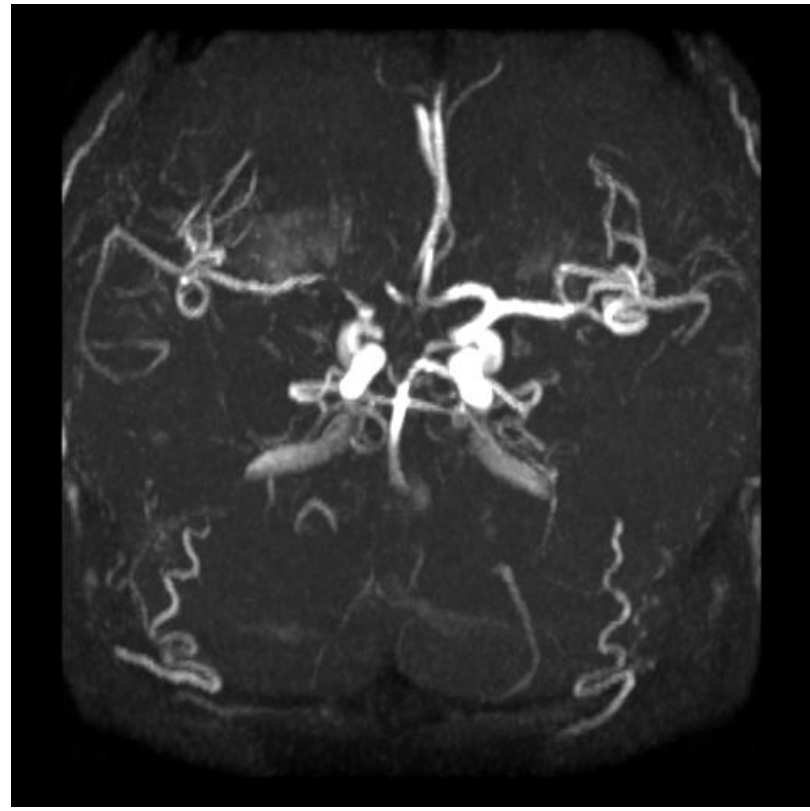
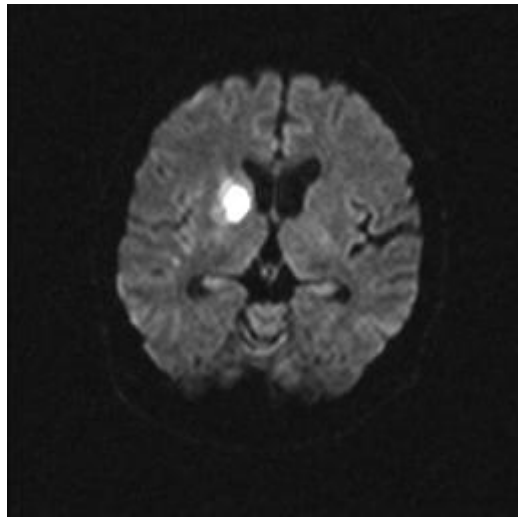
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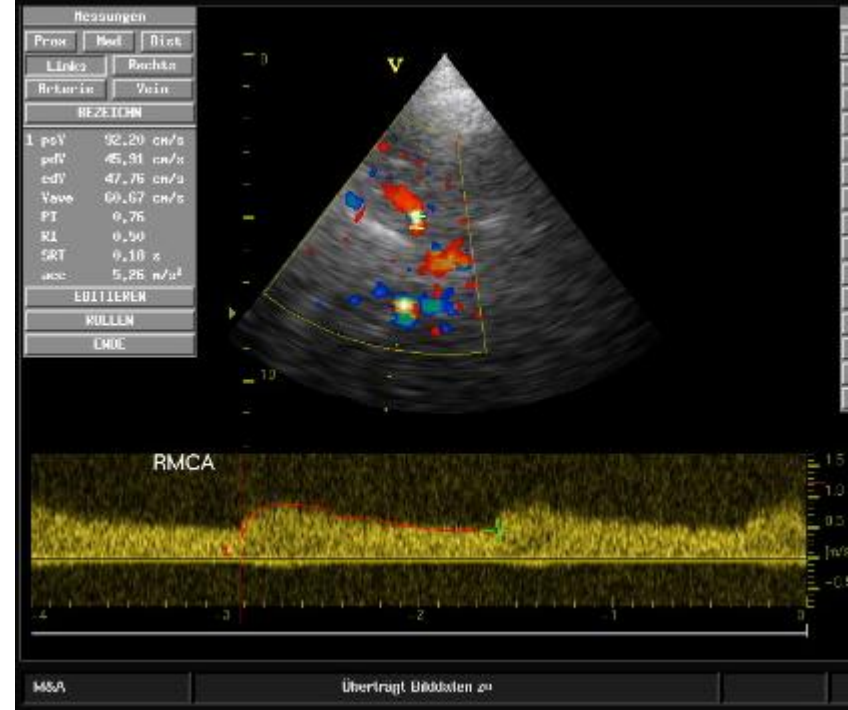
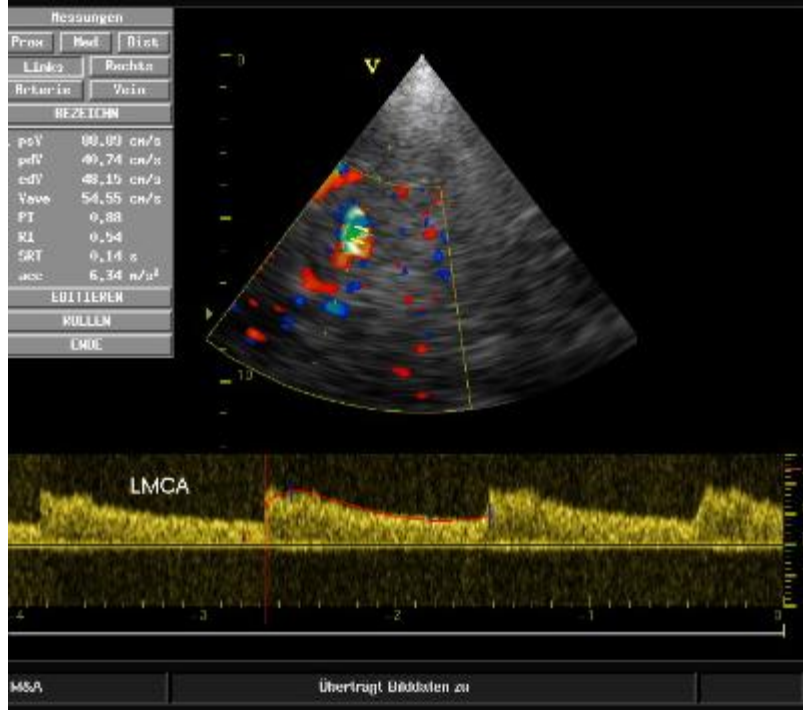
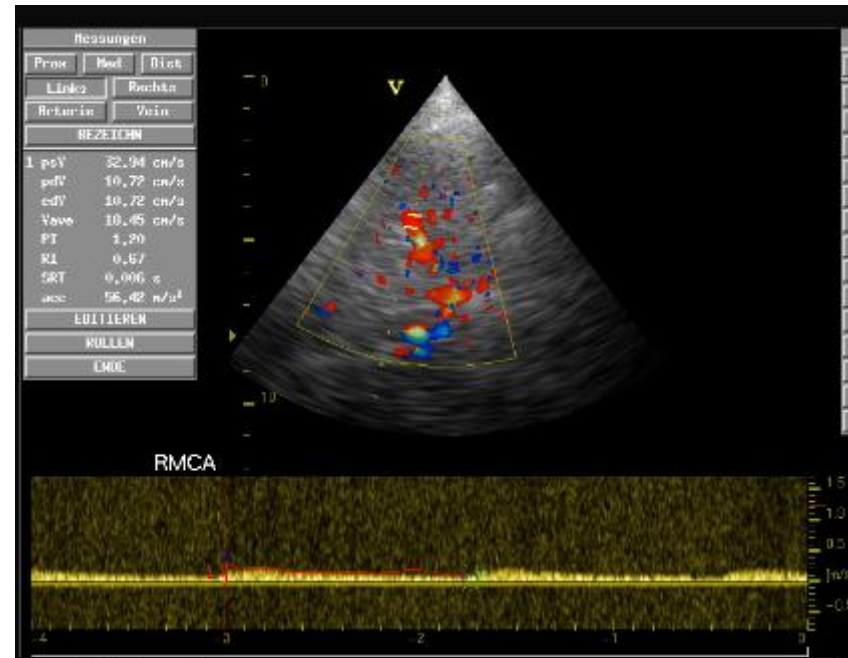
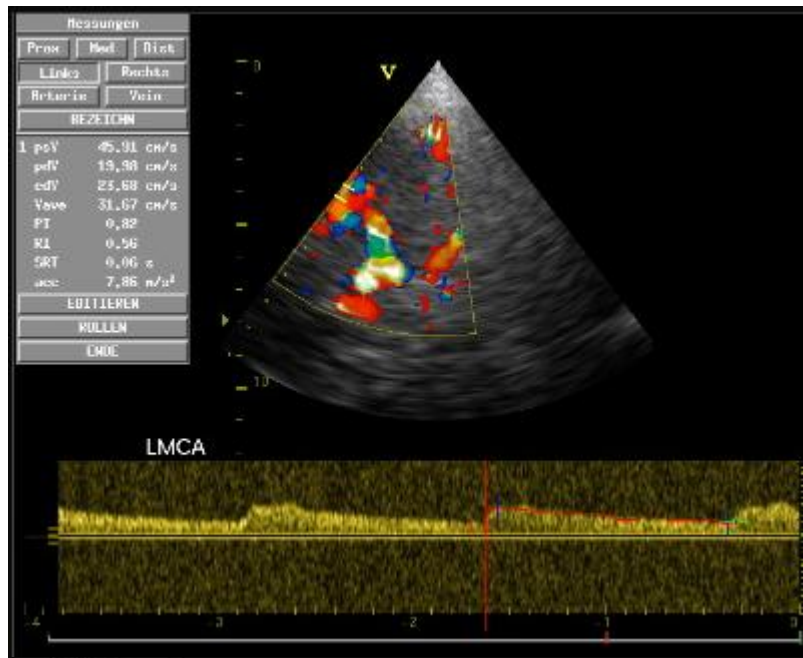


Restenosis 22mo

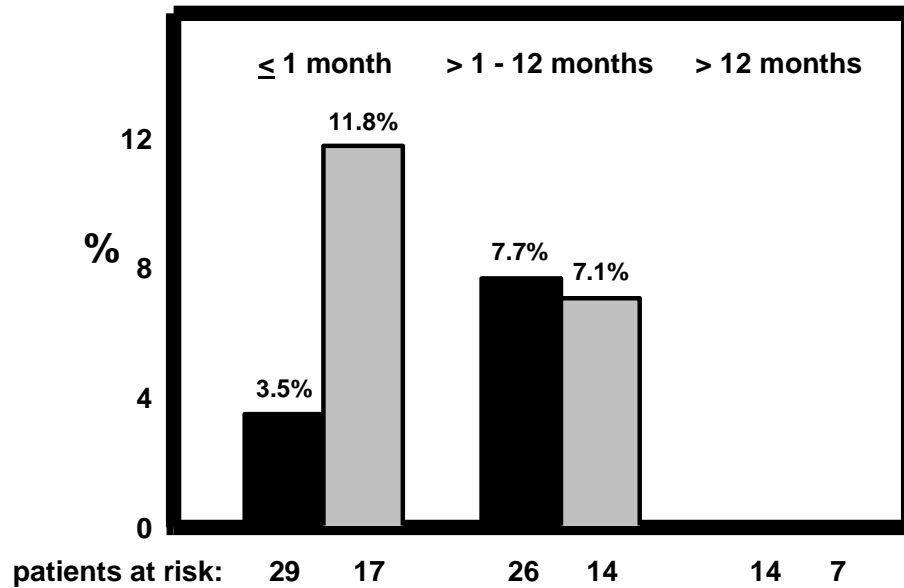


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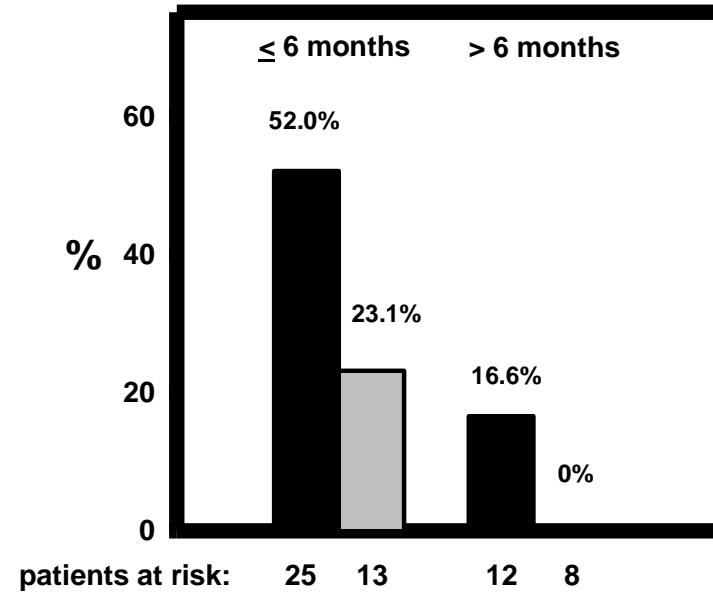




Clinical outcome



Restenosis



vertebral artery ostial stenosis
 vertebrobasilar intracranial stenosis

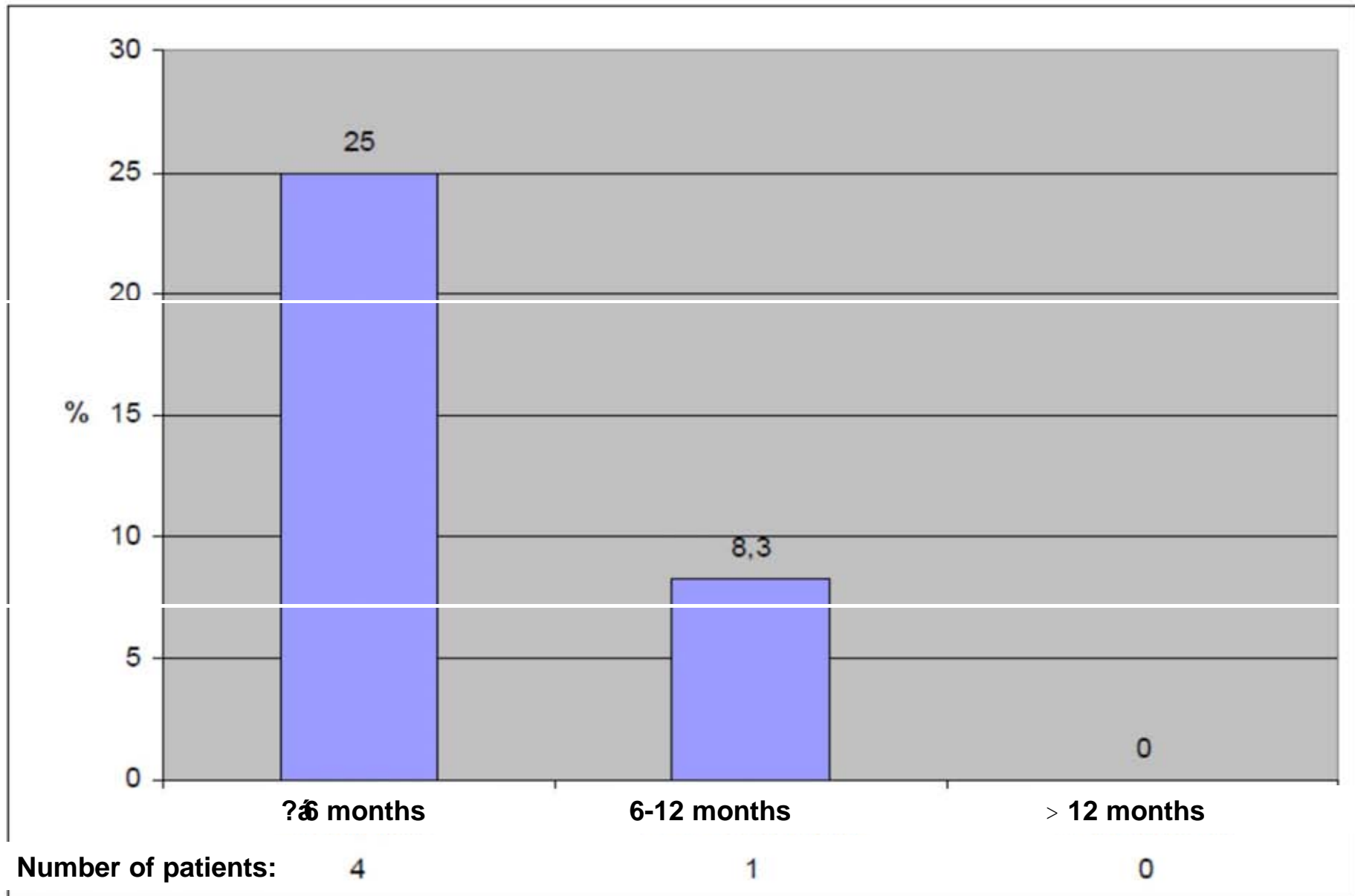
FU Intervals: +/-1d, 30d, 3/6/12/18/24 mo, yearly

Seifert-Held T. et al ; European Journal of Neurology 16 (2009), p. 31-36

Intracranial ICA Stenosis

Patient number	21
Tandem stenosis (extra- +intracranial) n (%)	11 (52,4%)
Mean age (years)	68,5 (39-86)
Male/Female n	17 / 4
Qualifying event:	
TIA, n (%)	7 (33,3%)
completed stroke, n (%)	14 (66,7%)
Mean follow up in months (range)	16,1 (3-61)

Restenosis rate



Stenting in symptomatic intracranial stenosis

- **Outcome:**

- ∅ **Endovascular treatment:**

- Stenting: **90** vessels, Ballon dilatation: **3vessels**
 - Technical success rate **98,9%**
 - Mean Follow-up **2,6 years**

- **Complications:**

	24h (N=93)	6-Mo (N=85)	Last Follow-up (N=93)
Restenosis/occlusion	7 (7,5%)	14 (16,5%)	12 (12,9%)
Re-Events:			
- Ipsilateral Stroke	4 (4,3%)	9 (10,6%)	21 (22,6%)
/death	-	2 (2,4%)	5 (5,4%)
Re-interventions	-	6 (7,1%)	17 (18,3%) Erst-Reeingriff: 11 Monate

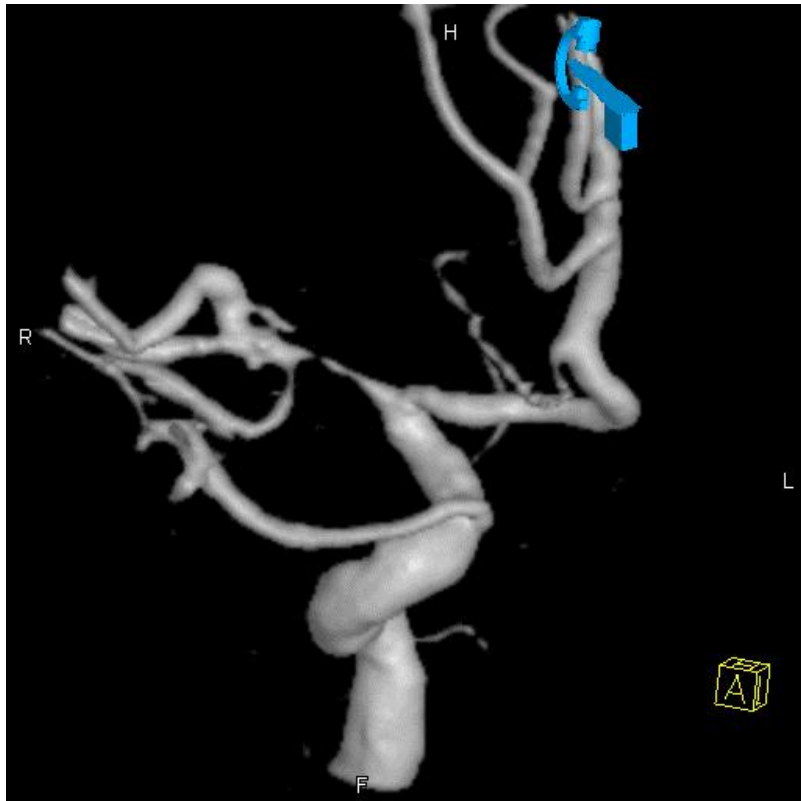
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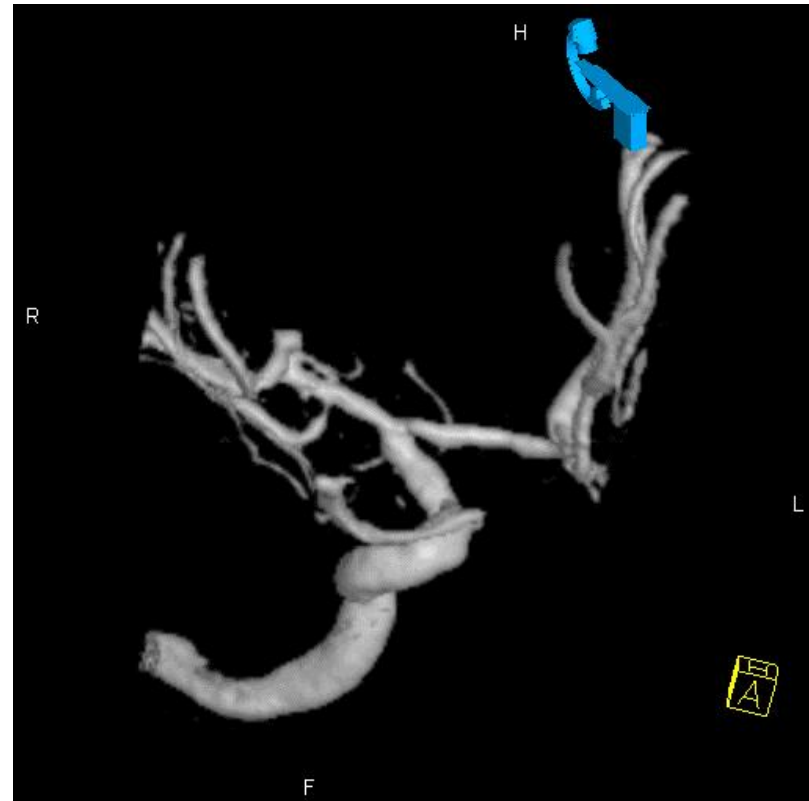
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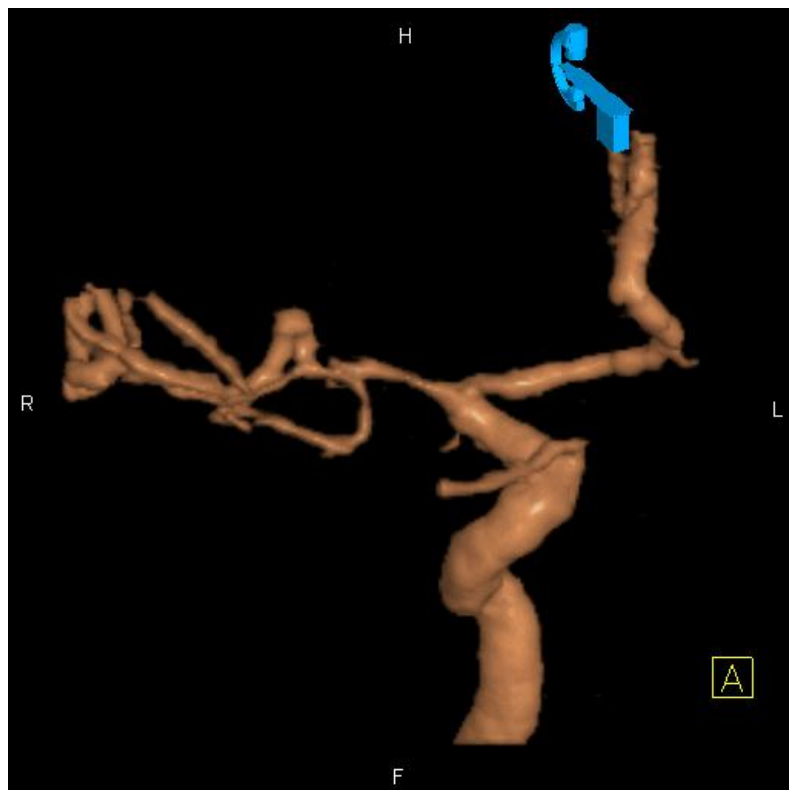


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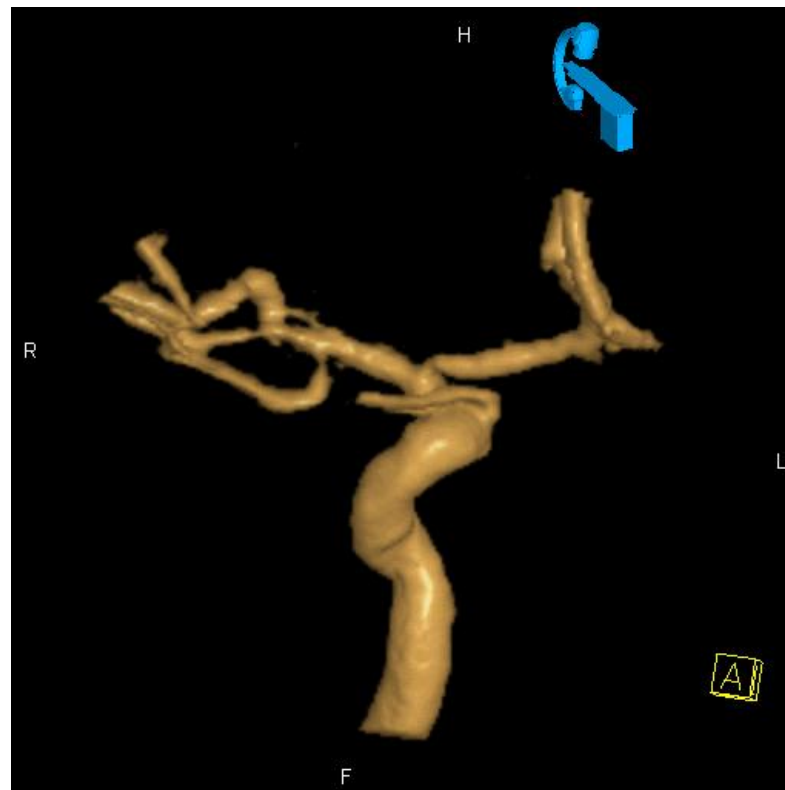


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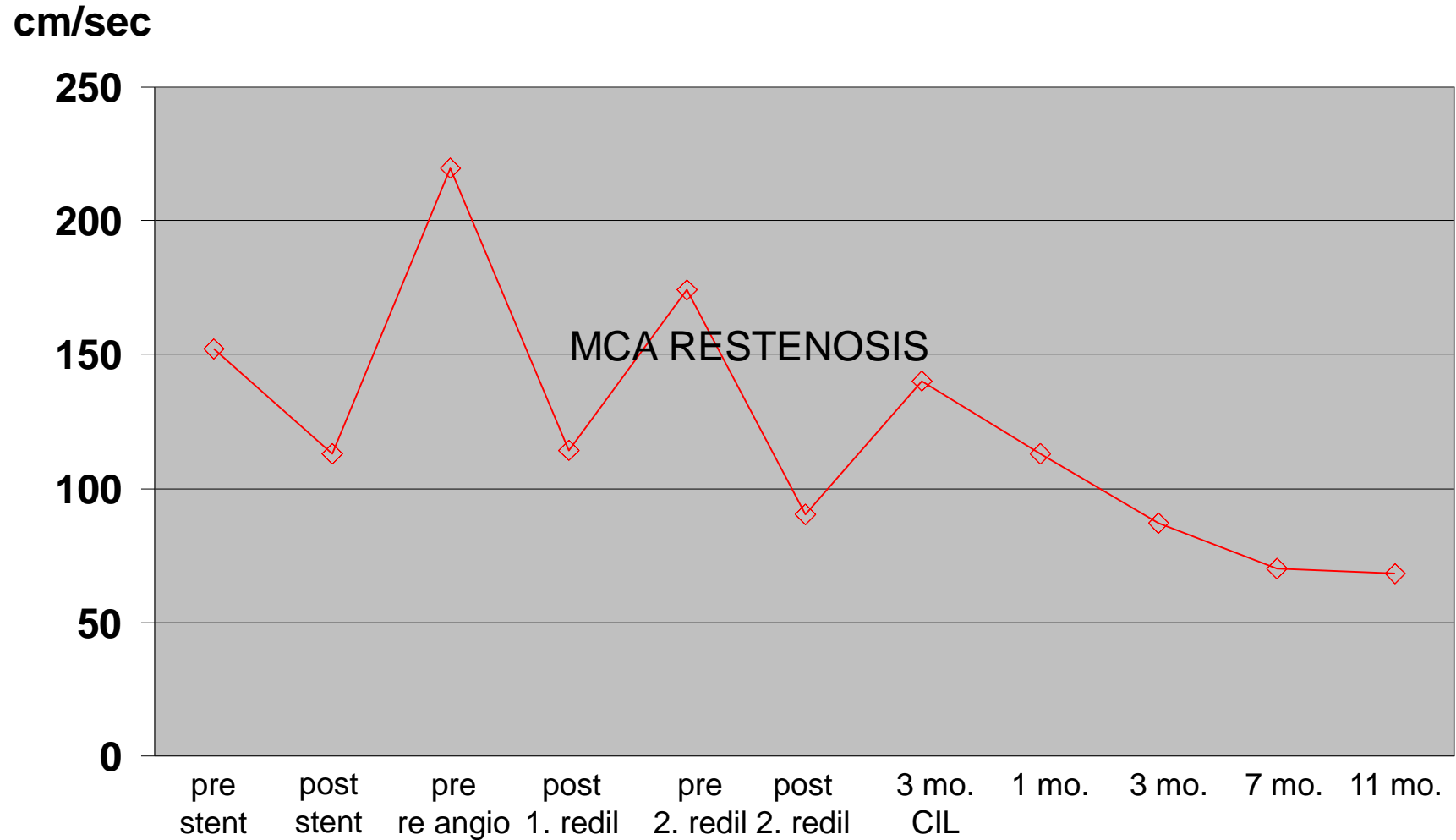
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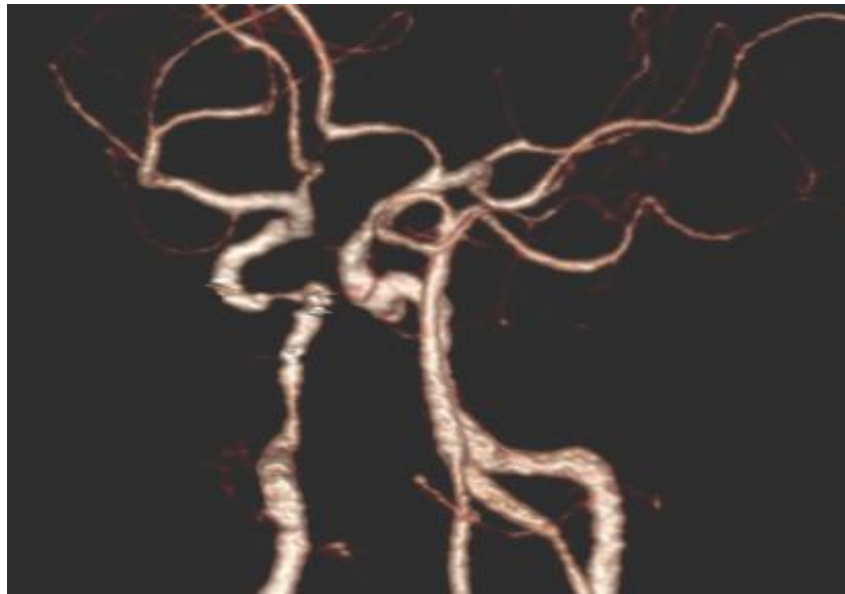
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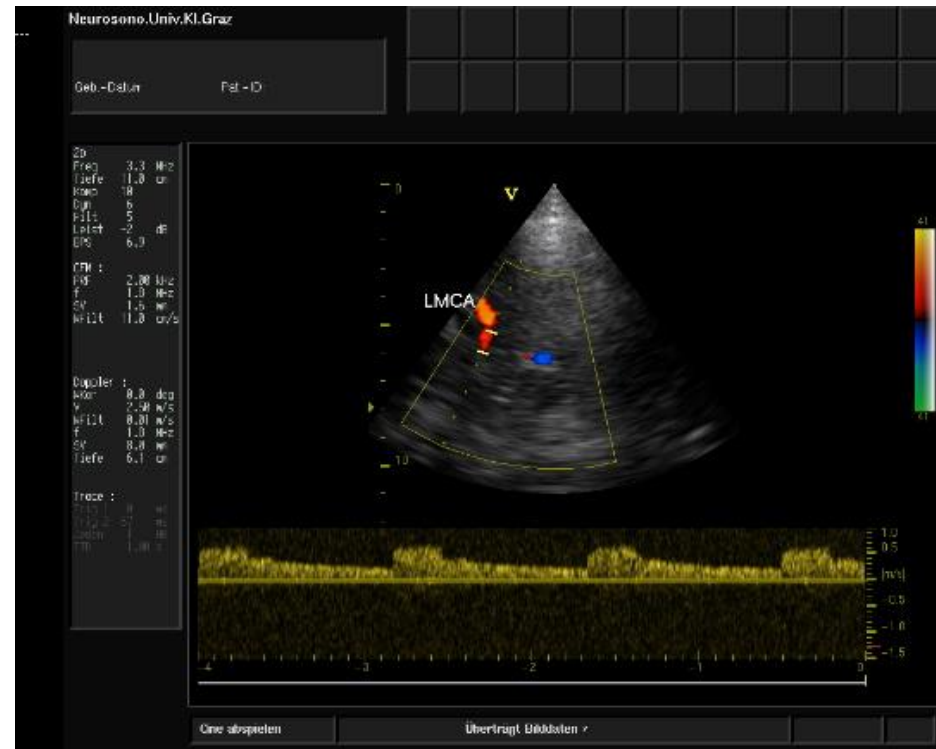
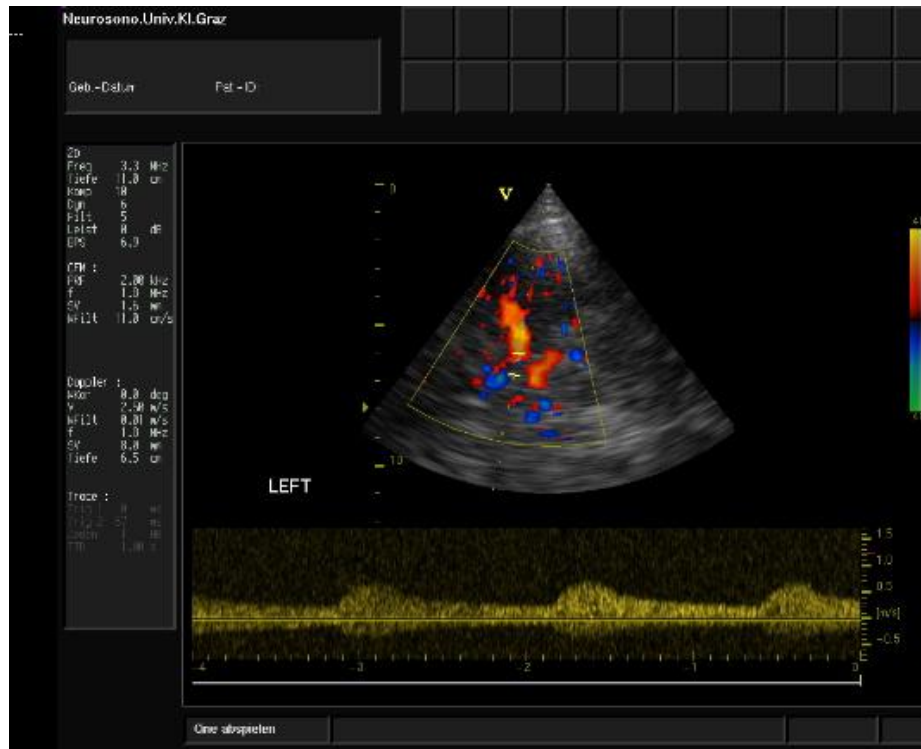
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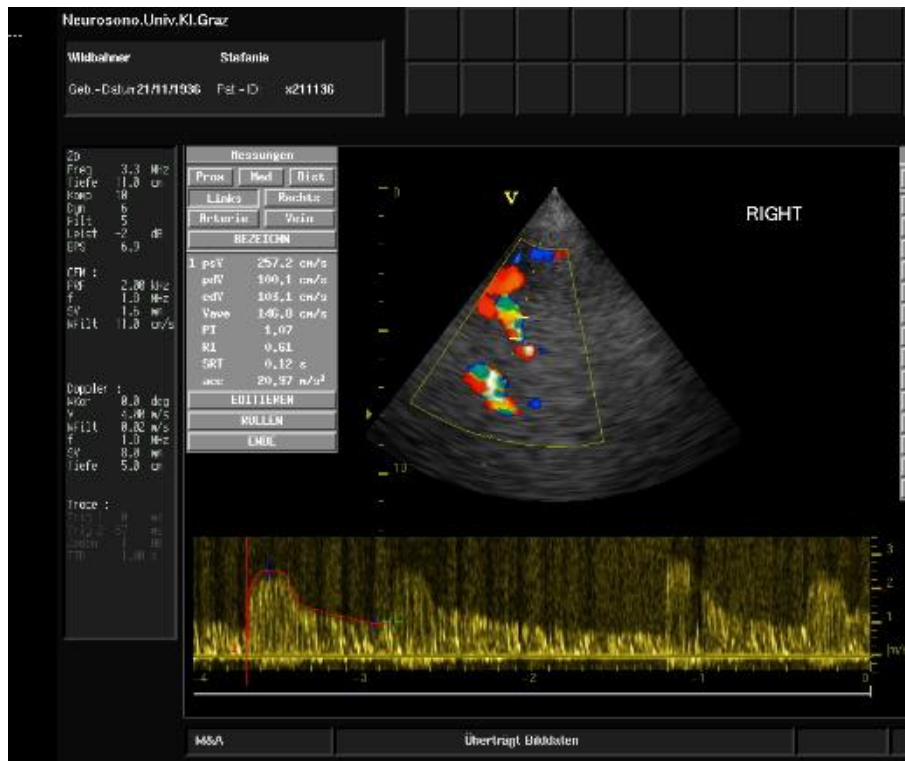
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68 y/o male, ICA
Restenosis, MCA
improved after Cil
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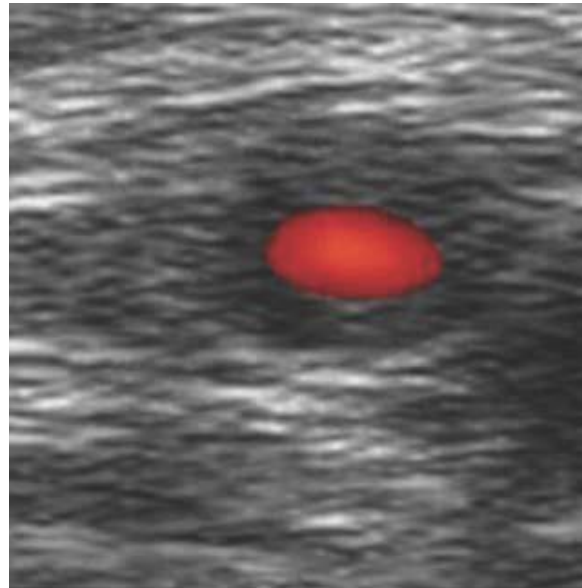




75 y/o female, MCA resten.(mean vel 148), right after 12 mo Cil +ASS (mean vel 90)

- *INTRACRANIAL STENOSES (+V1/2):*
- US and MRA SCREENING
- therapeutic decision
- only after i.a. DAS/CTA(?)
- US ok for FU

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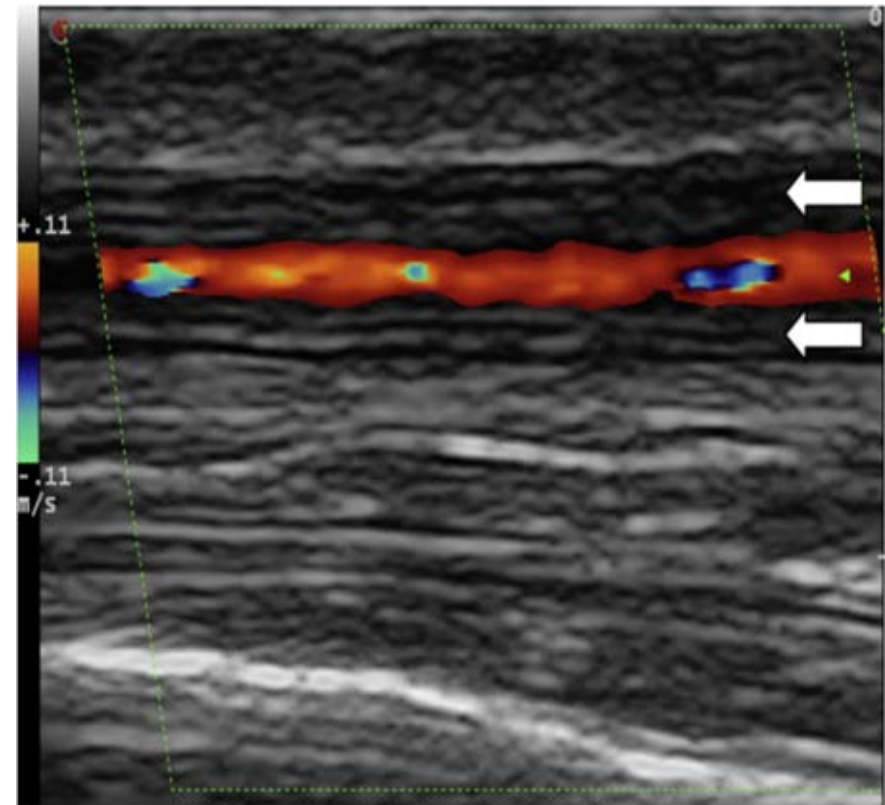
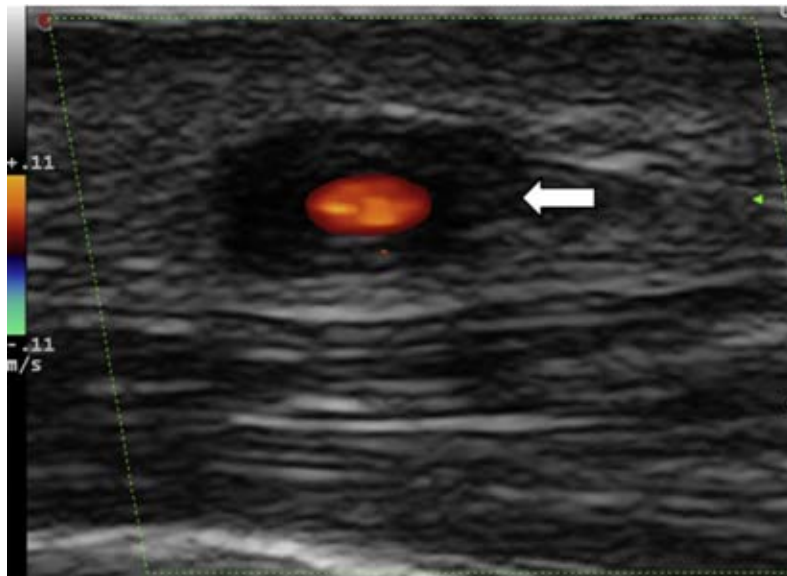


Temporal artery with halo sign

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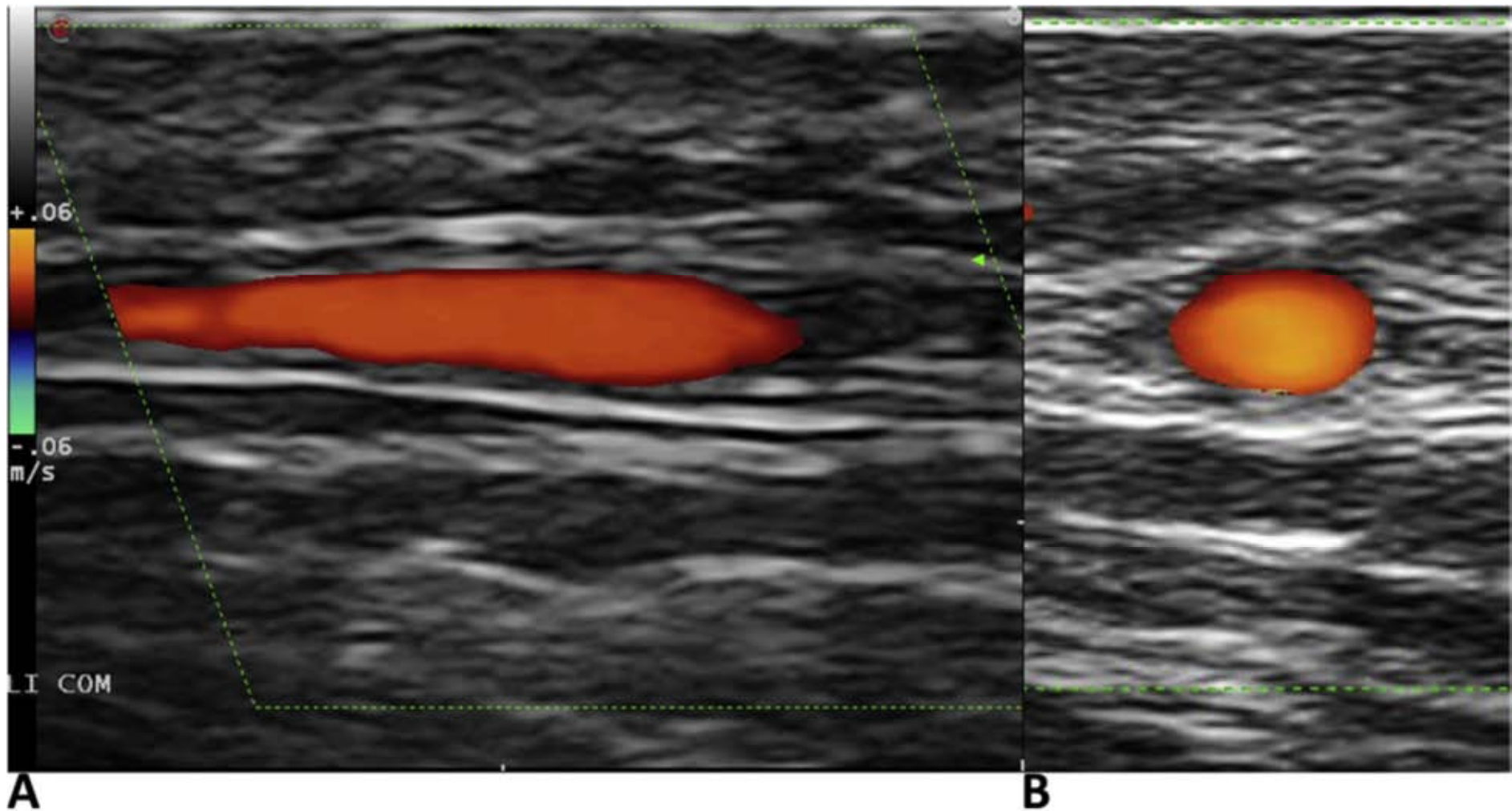
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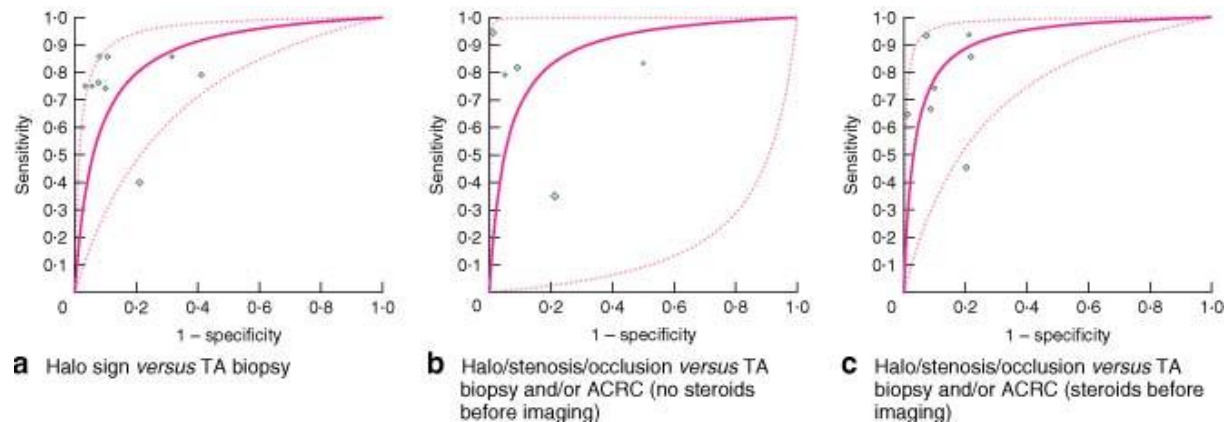
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NORMAL TEMPORAL ARTERY

Role of ultrasonography in the diagnosis of temporal arteritis



RESULTS:

There were 17 eligible studies containing 998 patients. When the halo sign on duplex imaging was compared with TA biopsy, the sensitivity was 75 (95 per cent confidence interval 67 to 82) per cent and the specificity was 83 (78 to 88) per cent. There was no heterogeneity across the eligible studies.

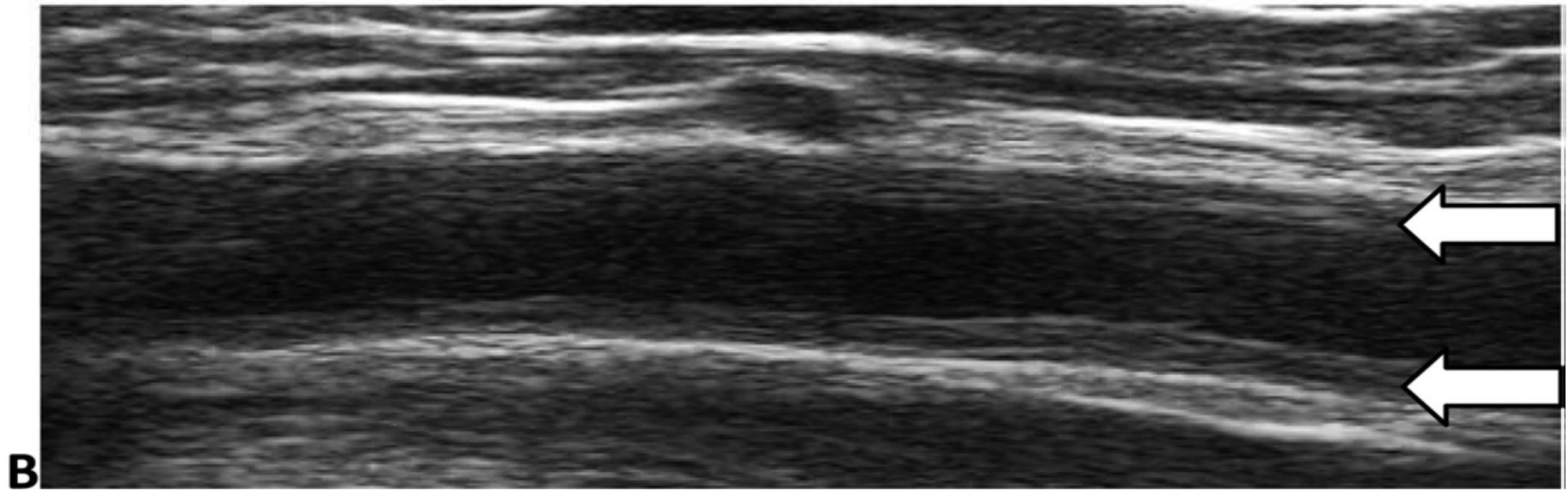
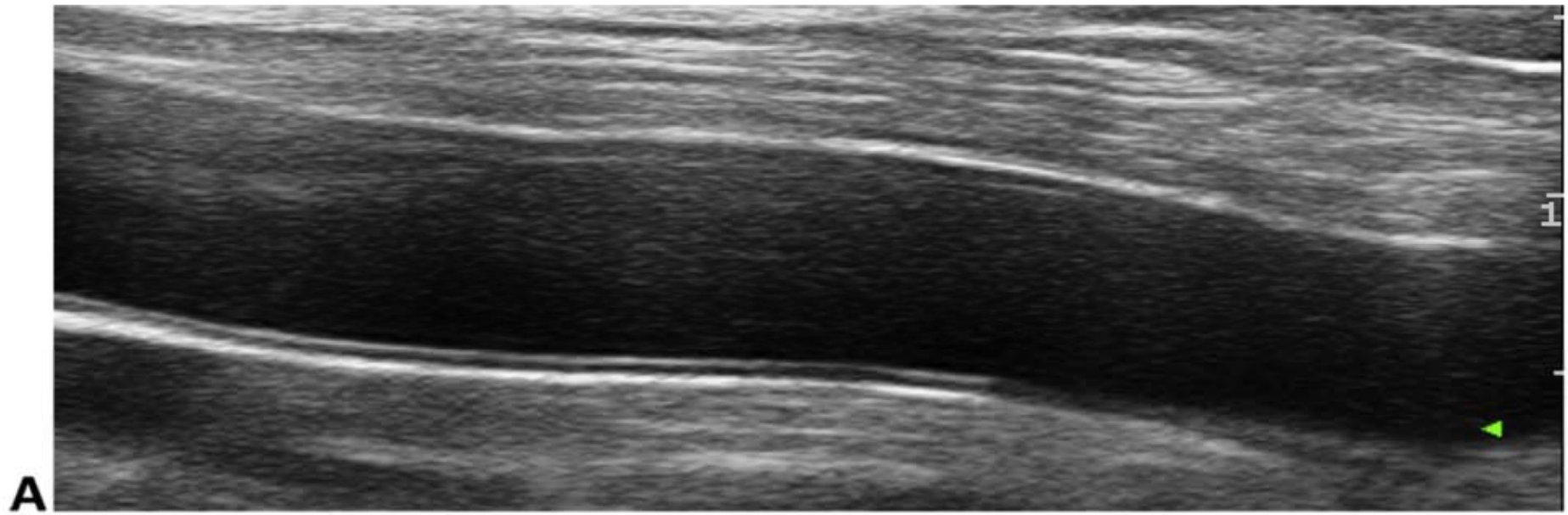
CONCLUSION:

Duplex ultrasonography was relatively accurate for diagnosing temporal arteritis. It should become the first-line investigation, with biopsy reserved for patients with a negative scan.

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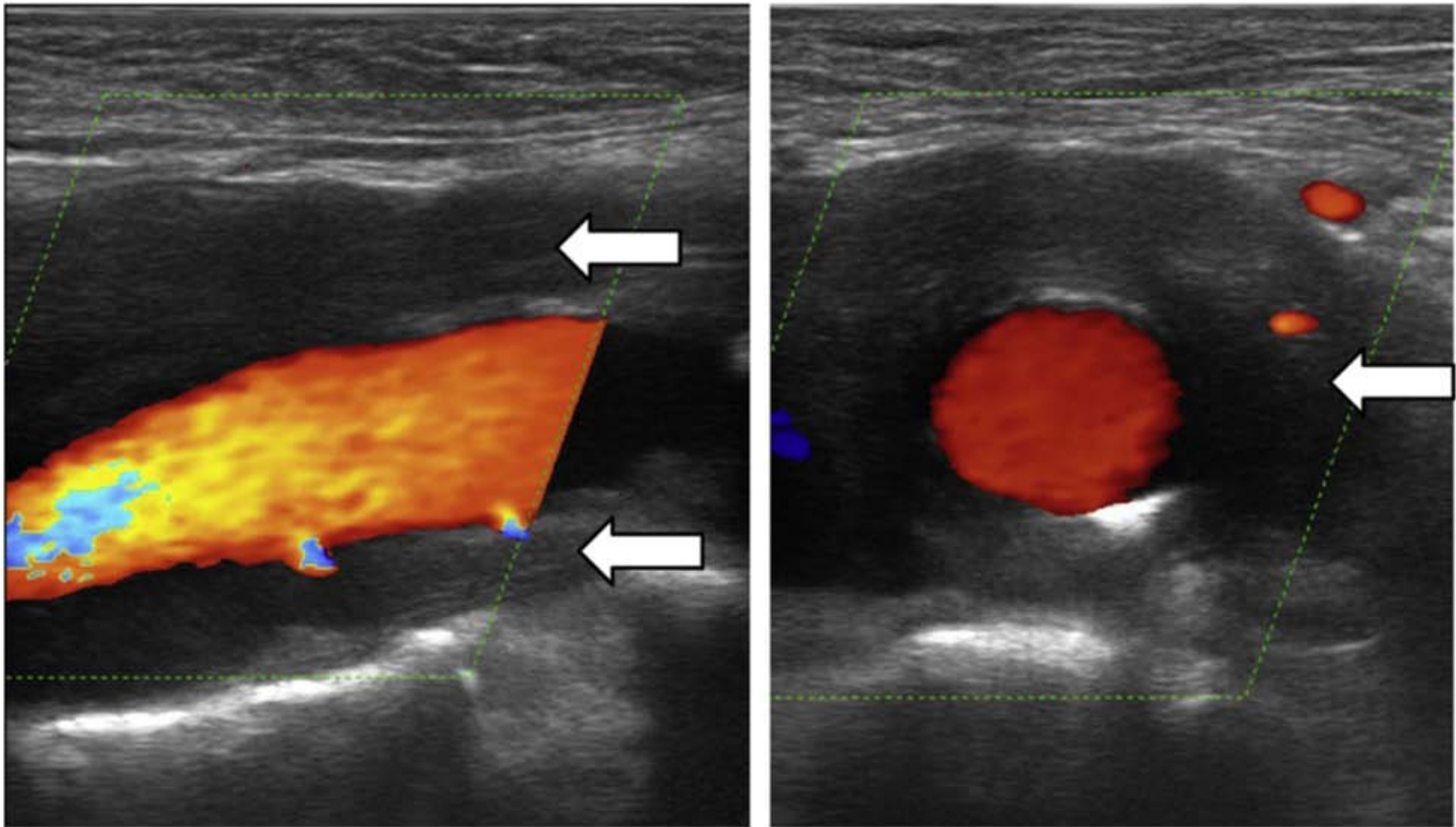


Fig. 8. Longitudinal (A) and transverse colour Doppler ultrasound images of abdominal aortitis. The arrows indicate the vasculitic wall swelling. The patient presented with pyrexia of unknown origin.

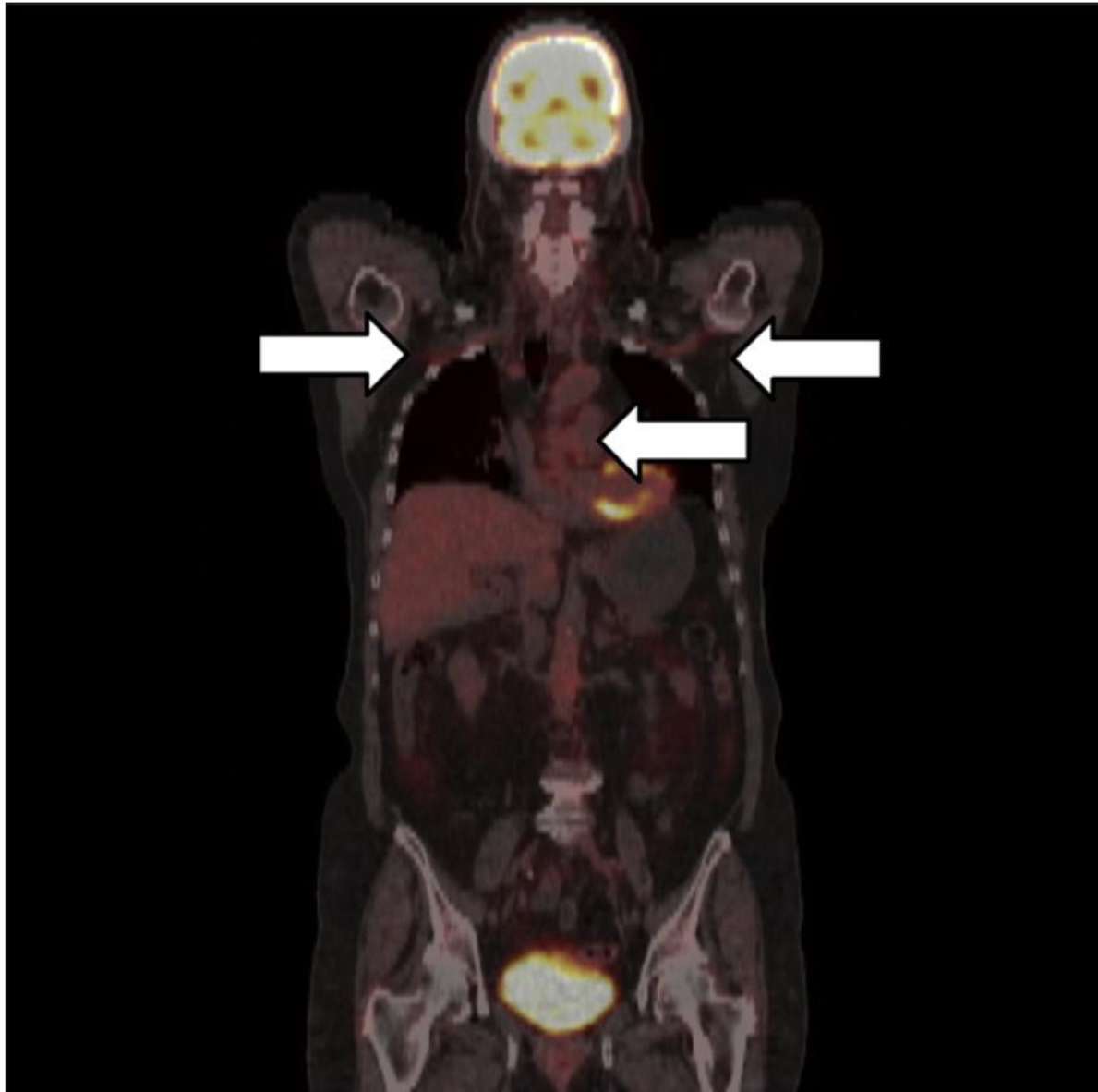


Fig. 7. Fusion image of PET-CT showing vasculitis of the ascending aorta, the subclavian and axillary arteries in large-vessel GCA. Courtesy Prof. Dr. Stefan Dresel, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, Helios Klinikum Berlin-Buch, Germany.

Table 1

Comparison of imaging techniques in the diagnosis of large-vessel vasculitides.

Diagnostic test	Economical	Non-invasive	Depicting artery wall	Depicting aorta	Intervention	Temporal arteries
Angiography	+	-	-	++	++	-
Ultrasound	++	++	++	(+)	-	++
CT	+	+	++	++	-	-
CT-angio	+	+	-	++	-	-
MRI	+	+	++	++	-	++
MR-angio	+	+	-	++	-	+
PET	-	+	-	++	-	-

Practice points

Imaging for small-vessel vasculitides:

- Imaging studies are important for determining disease extension and disease activity.
- However, the diagnosis should be confirmed histologically.
- Imaging is important for follow-up and for deciding if the disease is in remission.

Imaging for medium-vessel vasculitides:

- Echocardiography is an essential part of the initial diagnosis in Kawasaki disease for the detection of coronary artery aneurysms.
- Angiography or MRA may show aneurysms of intestinal arteries in polyarteritis nodosa; however, findings are not specific for the disease.

Imaging for large-vessel vasculitis:

- Several imaging techniques show pathognomonic findings in case of active GCA, Takayasu arteritis or aortitis: ultrasound, MRI, MRA, CT, CTA and PET.
- Imaging studies show homogeneous, circumferential wall swelling and smoothly tapered luminal narrowing.
- Angiography is to date mainly used for interventions in complicated large-vessel vasculitis.

Imaging for temporal arteritis:

- Ultrasound and MRI show characteristic homogenous wall swelling of temporal arteries in active disease.
- The findings disappear after days or weeks with treatment.
- In experienced centres ultrasound or MRI replace temporal artery histology in patients with typical clinical and imaging findings.
- Extracranial arteries such as the proximal arm and leg arteries and the aorta are commonly involved.

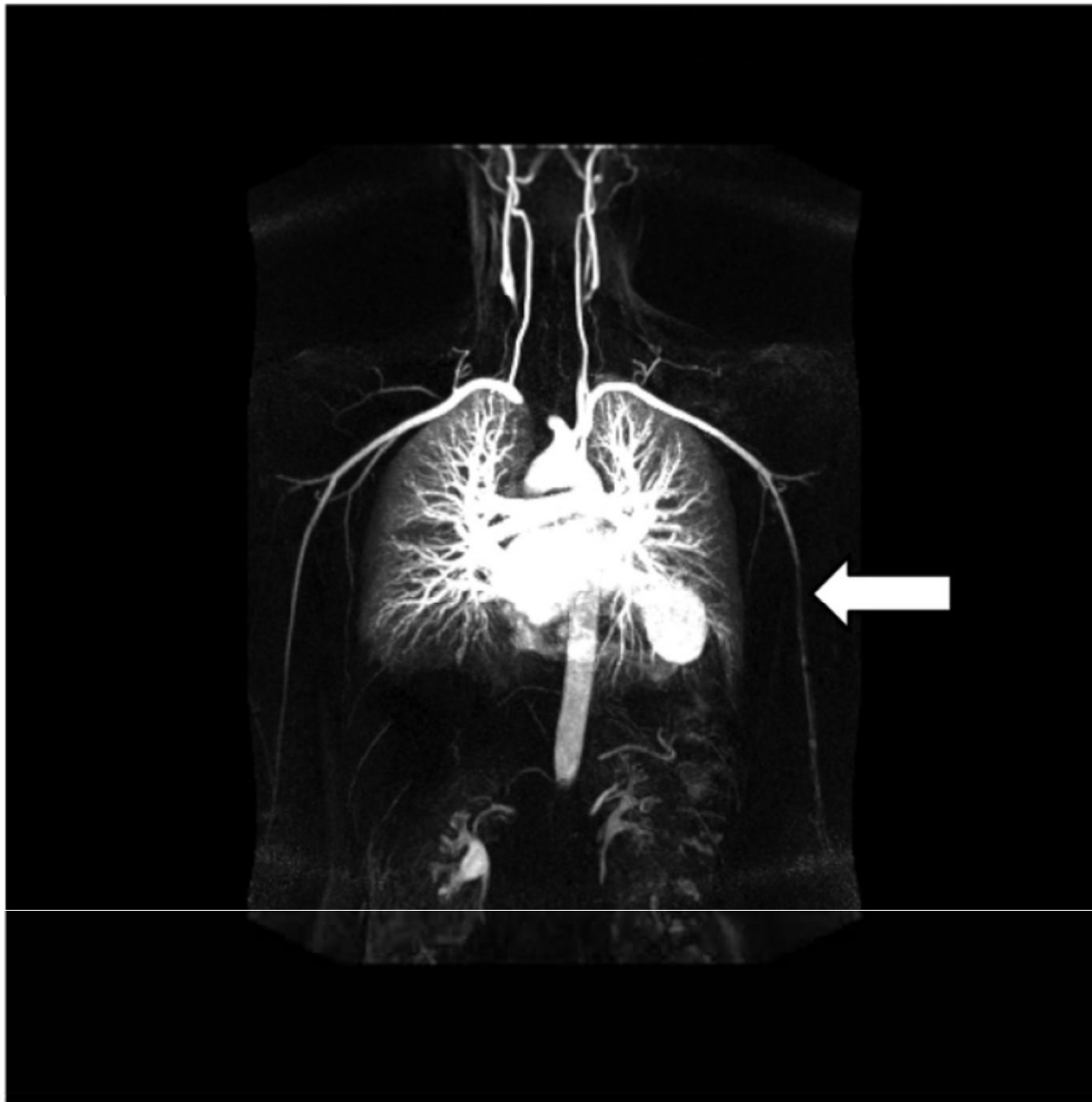


Fig. 5. MR-angiography with suspected vasculitis of the left brachial artery. The arrow indicates a smoothly tapered luminal narrowing in large-vessel GCA. Courtesy Dr. Petra Bock, Dept. of Radiology, Evangelische Lungenklinik Berlin-Buch, Germany.