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### Conflicts of Interest

PM is a recipient of public grants for basic and clinical research in atherosclerisis and cardiovascular regeneration. PM has acted as a proctor, an advisory board member, and a consultant for Abbott Vascular, InspireMD, and Medtronic. PM is an initiator and Principal Investigator in Investigator-Run Clinical Studies in Cardiovascular Interventional Medicine.

DCM and PM are Co-PIs in the CGuardians FDA IDE Clinical Trial

## The **MOST** 'open' amongst open-cell stents (metallic FRAME) & the **MOST** 'close' amongst close-cell stents (MicroNet mesh)



UNIQUE mechanical properties

RESPECT of anatomy

FULL apposition





NORMAL healing





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# OK... "but" .... long-term?

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# CARENET: 5y data



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MicroNET-covered stents for embolic prevention in patients undergoing carotid revascularisation: twelve-month outcomes from the PARADIGM study



Normal healing No restenosis/thrombosis concern

Prior to CAS, 6/106 (5.6%) external carotid arteries (ECAs) were occluded on the target lesion side, whereas 3/100 (3.0%; severe ECA stenosis prior to CAS in all) occluded at CAS. No ECA occlusion occurred between CAS and 30 days and there was no new ECA occlusion at 12 months (post-procedural ECA occlusion rate 0%).

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and 12 months after the procedure. Individual patient/artery data for all study subjects.

A Mazurek et al. EuroIntervention 2020

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#### 30-day follow-ups:

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#### ORIGINAL STUDIES

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# HIGHLY-CALCIFIC Carotid Artery Stenosis

# Endovascular Reconstruction

(from PARADIGM-AC)



# **Challenging lesion subsets**

# THROMBUS

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# CGuard MicroNET Stent to treat acute ischaemic stroke



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**Final result** 



FLOW REVERSAL is a <u>MUST</u> in ENDO Tx of these lesions

> NB. COMPLETE Effective Lesion Exclusion confirmed on IVUS (normal lumen)

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CLINICALLY and ANATOMICALLY

# **EFECTIVE**

ENDOVASCULAR RECONSTRUCTION

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## The CREST Study stent

Human carotid artery treated using a conventional stent; OCT



## **MicroNet-Covered Stent**

### Human 3D OCT, symptomatic lesion





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\* All CAS with EmboShield NAV6 as per the Centre routine

- \$ Reasons for not meeting inclusion criteria were: atrial fibrillation (n=14), severe renal failure (n=12), restenotic lesion (n=9), and unsuitability for MRI examination (n=11)
- & 2 patients declined on-site follow-up due to travel distance, at the follow up visit the MRI scanner was not functional in 1 (the patient declined re-visit)

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Randomized Controlled Trial of conventional versus Micronet-covered stent use in percutaneous neuroprotected carotid artery revascularization:

Peri-procedural and 30-day diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance (DWI) imaging and clinical outcomes

HEAD-TO-HEAD 100 consecutive increased-risk patients (25% symptomatic) **RANDOMIZED 1:1** 

Distal EPD (Emboshield) in all MicroNET-Covered open-cell nitinol frame 2nd generation stent





Conventional (workhorse) open-cell nitinol 1st generation stent

### **Post-Procedural Cerebral DW-MRI** Ipsilateral Lesions by Volume – RAW DATA







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**Standard FDA Inclusion/Exclusion criteria for Clinically Symptomatic or Asymptomatic CS** (anatomic *or* clinical high-risk for CEA)

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# High-Risk Lesions beyond the Carotids


# Thrombus-containing/high-embolic risk lesions in <u>iliacs</u> or subclavians



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## **Ostial CCA lesions**

#### (note adequate radial force and placement percision need)



Lady 68 yo, retinal TIAs followed by retinal stroke while on OMT (mother to cathlab nurse)



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Precise Stent 5.0x30mm (implanted 2005) increasing " in-stent restenosis" → 2016 SYMPTOMATIC







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## **<u>Aneurysms</u>**: Physiological Healing (Flow-Divertion)





### 43 yo Man, h. symptomatic





## C-HEAL STUDY



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## Immediate result





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## ANEURYSM Total Exclusion @ 72h

## Reconstruction of NORMAL ANATOMY

Acute Result Maintained @6mo CT Angio Control

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Reconstruction of NORMAL ANATOMY

Patient <u>CURED</u>





#### MicroNet-Covered Stent System



CARMEN Collaborators Meta-Analysis

#### **CARMEN** Systematic review and meta-analysis flowchart (PRISMA)



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### Stent type comparisons: Pooled populations characteristics

	FGS	SGS	р	Open-cell FGS	Close-cell FGS	p open vs close	p open vs SGS	p close vs SGS
No of studies	98	14	-	29	12	-	-	-
No of patients	65,891*	2,152*	-	20,676*	7,598*	-	-	-
Age [mean] ± SD	70.1 (2.8)	71.9 (2.5)	0.02	70.4 (3.2)	69.3 (3.4)	0.60	0.32	0.13
Male [%]	68%	73%	0.046	68%	66%	0.92	0.12	0.15
Symptomatic [%]	45%	41%	0.40	43%	50%	0.61	0.94	0.45
Diabetic [%]	34%	32%	0.43	35%	36%	0.71	0.88	0.61
CAD [%]	51%	47%	0.55	48%	55%	0.59	0.98	0.98
AF [%]	6%	3%	0.37	3%	ND	-	0.99	-
Contralateral occlusion [%]	10%	16%	0.22	10%	12%	0.87	0.63	0.99
FGS – first generation stents; SGS – second generation stents (mesh/dual-layer)								

\*Data per total number of patients as per published patient characteristics

#### 30-day Death/Stroke/MI



#### 30-day Stroke



#### **12-month Ipsilateral Stroke/Restenosis**



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#### **12-month Restenosis**



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FGS



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#### **30-day Stroke**



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## CGuard MicroNet-covered Stent Expanding Clinical Evidence

CGUARDIANS **TOP-GUARD C-HEAL OPTIMA PARADIGM-EXTEND FLOW-GUARD** 

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CGuard in transcervical Flow reversal CAS

Flow-diverter aneursym exclusion-and-healing

Intravascular evaluation of sympt. plaque exclusion

Multi-centric H risk All-comers with indication, No exclusions

MicroNET stent in high-risk lesions beyond carotid bif.

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