



## From INROAD to SAMCRO

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### "Who cares? There is nothing to be done!!!"







# **CorMIcA** trial

Primary endpoint: SAQ



C**⊎**rM cA

#### 18% 17% 0.11 Units 0.10 Units



EQ5D

#### Treatment Satisfaction



#### Ford T, Berry C. JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2020 Jan 13;13(1):33-45



# **ChaMP-CMD trial**

CMD

Phenotype-blinded randomised crossover intervention



#### H1: Does CFR predict change in exercise time in response to therapy?



**H** FullPhysiology InDailyPractice

Control

Sinha A, Perera D. Circulation. 2024 Jan 2;149(1):36-47



# **INROAD trial**







## **Background – INROAD**

**Refractory angina (RA)** refers to long-lasting symptoms (> 3 months) due to documented reversible ischemia in the presence of obstructive CAD, which cannot be controlled by escalating anti-anginal medications, PCI or BPAC, including the treatment of CTO.



**Coronary Sinus Reduction** has been indicated for patients with refractory symptoms despite revascularization of obstructive CAD and OMT<sup>1</sup>







## Background

# Refractory angina in the absence of obstructive CAD: what is the role of **microvascular dysfunction**?



Some reports have suggested positive effects of Reducer implantation in patients with refractory symptoms secondary to disorders of the **coronary microcirculation**<sup>2</sup>



## **Mechanicistic study**



	Sham	Balloon	
Hemodynamic variable	Median (IQR)	Median (IQR)	P value <sup>b</sup>
Primary end point			
IMR, mm Hg × s	31 (23-53)	14 (7-26)	<.001
Secondary end points			
Rest			
Pa, mm Hg	103 (93-110)	101 (89-111)	.28
Pd, mm Hg	98 (85-101)	89 (84-102)	.21
Tmn, s	0.69 (0.43-1.14)	0.58 (0.44-0.82)	.37
Pcs, mm Hg	5 (2-9)	20 (13-29)	<.001
Pra, mm Hg	4 (2-7)	3 (2-8)	.63
Resistances, mm Hg × s	59 (37-87)	42 (31-68)	.005
Hyperemia			
Pa, mm Hg	92 (80-100)	89 (84-102)	.05
Pd, mm Hg	98 (88-110)	79 (75-93)	.01
Tmn, s	0.39 (0.23-0.62)	0.26 (0.17-0.46)	.008
Pcs, mm Hg	6 (3-9)	25 (13-36)	<.001
Pra, mm Hg	6 (3-8)	5 (3-8)	>.99
FFR	0.87 (0.82-0.94)	0.94 (0.88-0.94)	.003
CFR	1.70 (1.4-2.3)	2.1 (1.3-4.1)	.18
MRR	2.0 (1.4-2.7)	2.7 (1.4-5.3)	.06



Ullrich H, Gori T. JAMA Cardiol. 2023;8:979-983





## **Research question**

# To evaluate the impact of Reducer on coronary microvascular function indexes invasively assessed by measuring **IMR**, **CFR**, **RRR** in patients with RA and previous coronary revascularization.





## **INROAD Study**

### Prospective, multicenter, single-cohort, investigator-driven clinical trial

**Hypothesis** In patients with refractory angina, CS narrowing will improve microvascular function.





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#### **Patients**

Patients with refractory angina with history of obstructive CAD and prior coronary revascularization assuming antianginal medications at maximum tolerated dose.

### **Inclusion criteria**

- Age > 18 y.o.
- Diagnosis of refractory angina
- One open coronary artery (excluded RCA) where to perform invasive coronary physiology assessment
- Ability to provide informed written consent

### **Exclusion criteria**

- Recent ( $\leq$ 3 months) ACS or PCI/BPAC
- LVEF < 30%
- Severe VHD
- Inability to undergo invasive coronary physiological assessment or Reducer implantation.





## **Primary** • Change in IMR values from baseline to 4-m follow-up.

- Change in CFR and RRR values
- Change in LVEDP

#### Secondary Endpoints

- Change in angina status as assessed by CCS class and the
   Seattle Angina Questionnaire (SAQ)
  - Change in depression severity as assessed by Beck Depression Inventory (BDI).









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## **INROAD Study: Population**

Characteristic	Patients (n=24)			
CCS angina class, no. (%)				
		Characteristic	Patients (n=24)	
Ι	0 (0)	Invasive coronary		
II	7 (29.2)	angiography		
III	16 (66.6)	IMR	33.58 ± 19.18	
IV	1 (4.2)	IMR ≥ 25, no. (%)	14 (58)	
Antianginal medication, no. (	(%)	( <i>i</i> ,	_ (00)	
Beta-blockers	21 (87.5)	FFR	$0.89 \pm 0.04$	
Calcium-channel blockers	16 (66.6)	CFR	<b>2.36 ± 1.45</b>	
Nitrates	12 (50)	CED < 2 ma (0/)	12 (54)	
Ranolazine	19 (79.1)	CFR < 2, 10. (%)	13 (54)	
Ivabradine	5 (20.8)			
≥ 3 antianginal medications	17 (70.8)			





## **Results – PRIMARY ENDPOINT**

#### **IMR Violin plot**





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## **Results – SECONDARY ENDPOINTS**

	Baseline (n=21)	4-month (n=21)	Ρ		Baseline (n=21)	4-month (n=21)	Ρ
Invasive coronary physiology				LVEDP CCS	1.9 ± 2.5	10.5 ± 2.2	0.023
				Ι	0 (0)	12 (57)	< 0.001
				II	6 (28)	6 (28)	< 0.001
IMR	33.3±19.9	15.4±11.4	< 0.001	III	14 (67)	3 (15)	< 0.001
				IV	1 (5)	0 (0)	< 0.001
IMR $\geq 25$	12 (57)	4 (19)	0.016	SAQ			
CFR	2.5±1.5	4.2±2.5	0.007	Angina frequency	51.4 ± 21.2	56.3 ± 19.5	< 0.001
CFR < 2	11 (52)	4 (19)	0.039	Angina stability	40.9 ± 19.1	48.8 ± 16.6	0.003
				Quality of life	43.8 ± 20.2	48.8 ± 15.9	0.006
				Summary	$49.5 \pm 16.3$	$52.5 \pm 14.5$	< 0.001
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## **INROAD Study: Results**

### **IMR responders VS IMR non-responders**





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## **INROAD Study: Conclusions**

- **Reducer implantation** positively modulates coronary microvascular function.
- Positive correlation between improvement in microvascular function and

angina related **symptoms** and **quality of life**.

• Coronary microvascular function may be a reversible condition, indicating that

Reducer implantation could be considered as an effective interventional therapy for CMD.



## **INROAD trial**



- Elevation in backward pressure in the coronary venous system
- Slight dilation of the venules, capillaries and arterioles
- Subsequent reduction of the resistance to flow
- Improvements in IMR, CFR and RRR values.





# **The natural Reducer**





Nature Reviews Cardiology 2018, 15: 731–743





## StAndardizing the Management of patients with coronary microvascular dysfunction



## **The SAMCRO trial**





# Background

### ANOCA patients:

- higher MACE compared with normal subjects
- poor quality of life (QoL) with functional disability and limitations in activities of daily living

### The main investigations were focused on:

- prevalence of ANOCA condition
- contributing factors
- impact on QoL
- ANOCA diagnostic workflow and medical treatment

### Data regarding how to improve physical limitation, depression and overall QoL beyond the medical treatment are lacking







The aim of the SAMCRO trial is to investigate if a multidomain lifestyle intervention, based on 5 different domains, improves angina status and quality of life in ANOCA patients as compared to current standard of care







# Endpoints

### **Primary**

Seattle Angina Questionnaire (SAQ) summary score at 1 year

### Secondary

SAQ angina frequency & stability, treatment satisfaction, physical limitation, QoL domain
EQ-5D: mobility, self-care, usual activities, pain/discomfort, anxiety/depression
EQ visual analogue scale (EQ-VAS)
Beck Depression Inventory (BDI)
Compliance to the multidomain lifestyle intervention
All-cause death
Cardiovascular death
Hospital admission for any cause





All comers, prospective, randomized, multicenter, open-label study with blinded adjudicated evaluation of outcomes (PROBE)







# CMD

### **Inclusion Criteria**

- Patient admitted to hospital for CCS (with angina)
- Indication for coronary artery angiography
- Absence of obstructive CAD

Invasive diagnosis of CMD

Based on invasive coronary physiology and defined as:

- FFR > 0.80 and
- <u>CFR < 2</u> and/or
  - and/or IMR>25 and/or



• Positive vasoreactivity test with Ach

#### **Three ANOCA subtypes:**

1.Coronary microvascular dysfunction

2.Coronary vasospasm (epicardial and/or microvascular)

### **3.Mixed forms**





# **Experimental arm**

Multi-domain lifestyle intervention with 5 different kinds of interventions:

i) strict management of CV and metabolic risk factors

ii) tailoring of medical therapy on the basis of the assessment of CMD endotype

#### iii) dietary counselling

[2 visits within the 1st month with a nutritionist where personal dietary goals and patient's daily diet]

#### iv) psychological counselling

[2/3 sessions of individual supportive-expressive psychotherapy focused on 4 areas related to depression in CAD: coping with illness, dealing with emotions, change of lifestyle, shaping of social relationship]





# **Experimental arm**

#### v) exercise intervention

[early, tailored mixed program with 6 supervised physical activity sessions and a series of exercises to be performed at home, along with at least 20 mins of moderate walking]

First supervised session	Home-based sessions	Subsequent supervised session
	Home-based sessions	Subsequent supervised session
<ul> <li>Pre-test:</li> <li>measure of blood pressure</li> <li>positioning RS100 Polar heart rate monitor to constantly evaluate heart rate</li> <li>Calisthenics exercises</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>30 to 60 min of continuous moderate walking a day, at least 3 to 4 and preferably 7 days a week</li> <li>Calisthenics exercises<sup>b</sup></li> </ul>	Pre-test: • Measure of blood pressure • Positioning RS100 Polar heart rate monitor to constantly evaluate heart rate.
		Calisthenics exercises <sup>b</sup>
Start: walking on the level at 2.0 km/h		Start: walking at an updated intensity estabilished according to reached results in the previous activity session
Every 30 s: increases of 0.3 km/h up to reach a walking speed corresponding to a perceived exertion of 11–13 on the Borg scale for 1 km <sup>a</sup> .		Every 30 s: increases of 0.3 km/h up to reach a walking speed corresponding to a perceived exertion of 11–13 on the Borg scale for 1 km <sup>a</sup> .
Post-test: • Measure of blood pressure. • Counselling on physical activity and daily activities, such as gardening, or bousehold work		Post-test: • Measure of blood pressure • Counselling on physical activity and daily activities, such as gardening, or bousehold work





### "Oh no! There is so much to be done!!!"









## **Thanks for your attention!**

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