

4EVER

Investigator-initiated trial investigating the safety of the full 4F EndoVascular trEatment appRoach of infra-inguinal arterial stenotic disease at 24-months¹

Conclusions

Pulsar™ stents are safe and effective for treating SFA disease with excellent performance and clinical outcomes:

- Primary Patency (PP)* and Freedom from Target Lesion Revascularization (FTLR) are in line with other documented bare metal/passive coated stents in lesions with similar characteristics²
- PP is in line with Zilver PTX (drug-eluting stent) despite longer average lesion length
- Sufficient chronic outward force and compression resistance demonstrated by the favorable 24-month PP, even in calcified lesions and total occlusions

Study design

Prospective, non-randomized, multi-center, controlled study.

120 patients with 6, 12, 24-month follow-up. Devices: Fortress™, Astron™ Pulsar™, Pulsar™-18, Passeo™-18 and Cruiser™-18.

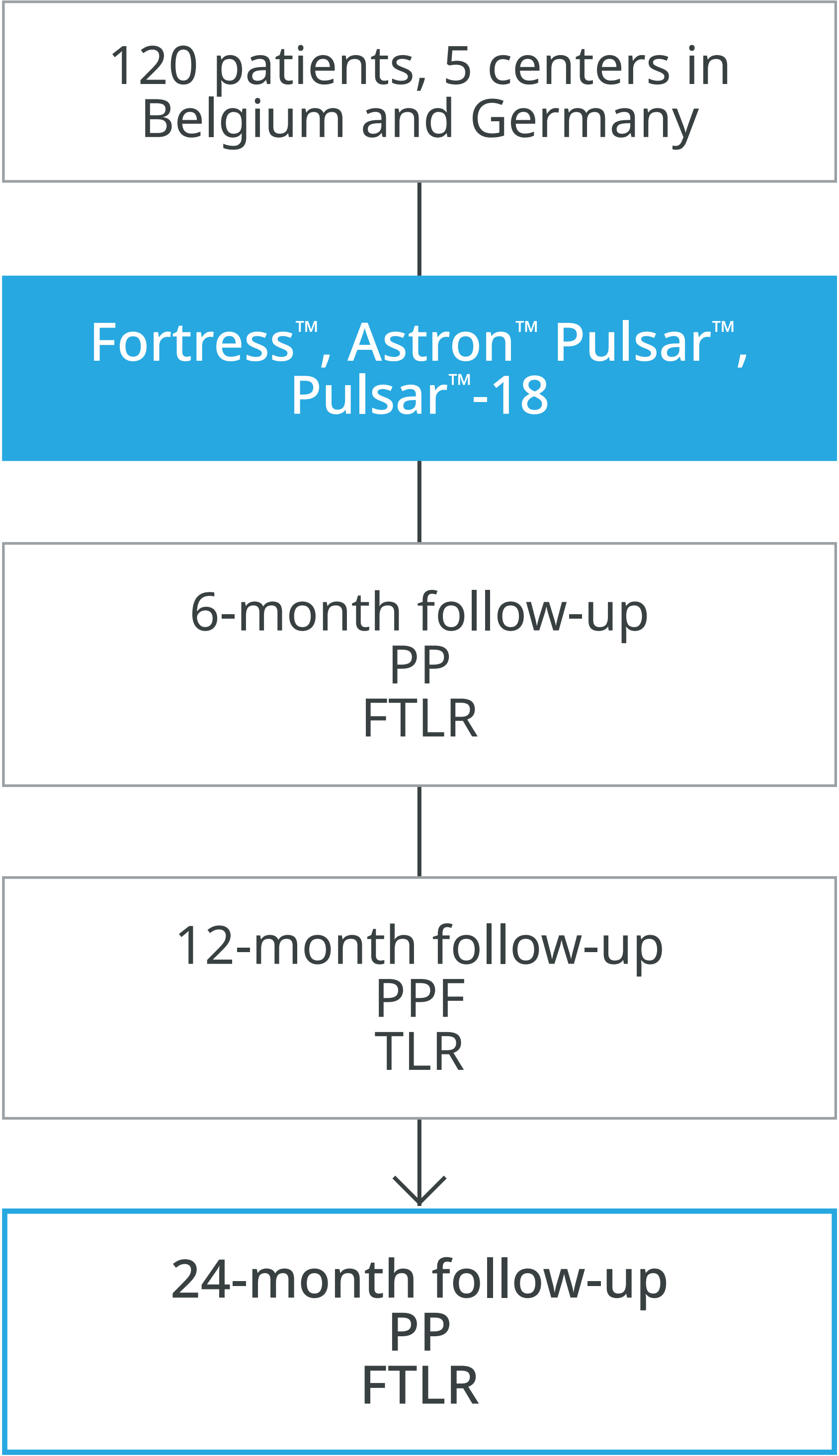
Endpoints

Primary endpoint

- PP* at 12 months

Secondary endpoints (selected)

- PP* at 6 and 24 months
- FTLR 6, 12 and 24 months
- Technical success
- Puncture site complication rate
- Stent fracture rate at 12 and 24 months
- Clinical success at 6, 12 and 24 months



PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS	N=120	
Age, yrs**	71±9.7	47–90
Male	82	68.3 %
Nicotine abuse (current)	50	41.7 %
Hypertension (controlled)	78	65.0 %
Diabetes mellitus	43	35.8 %
Renal insufficiency	13	10.8 %
Hypercholesterolemia	66	55.0 %
Obesity	39	32.5 %

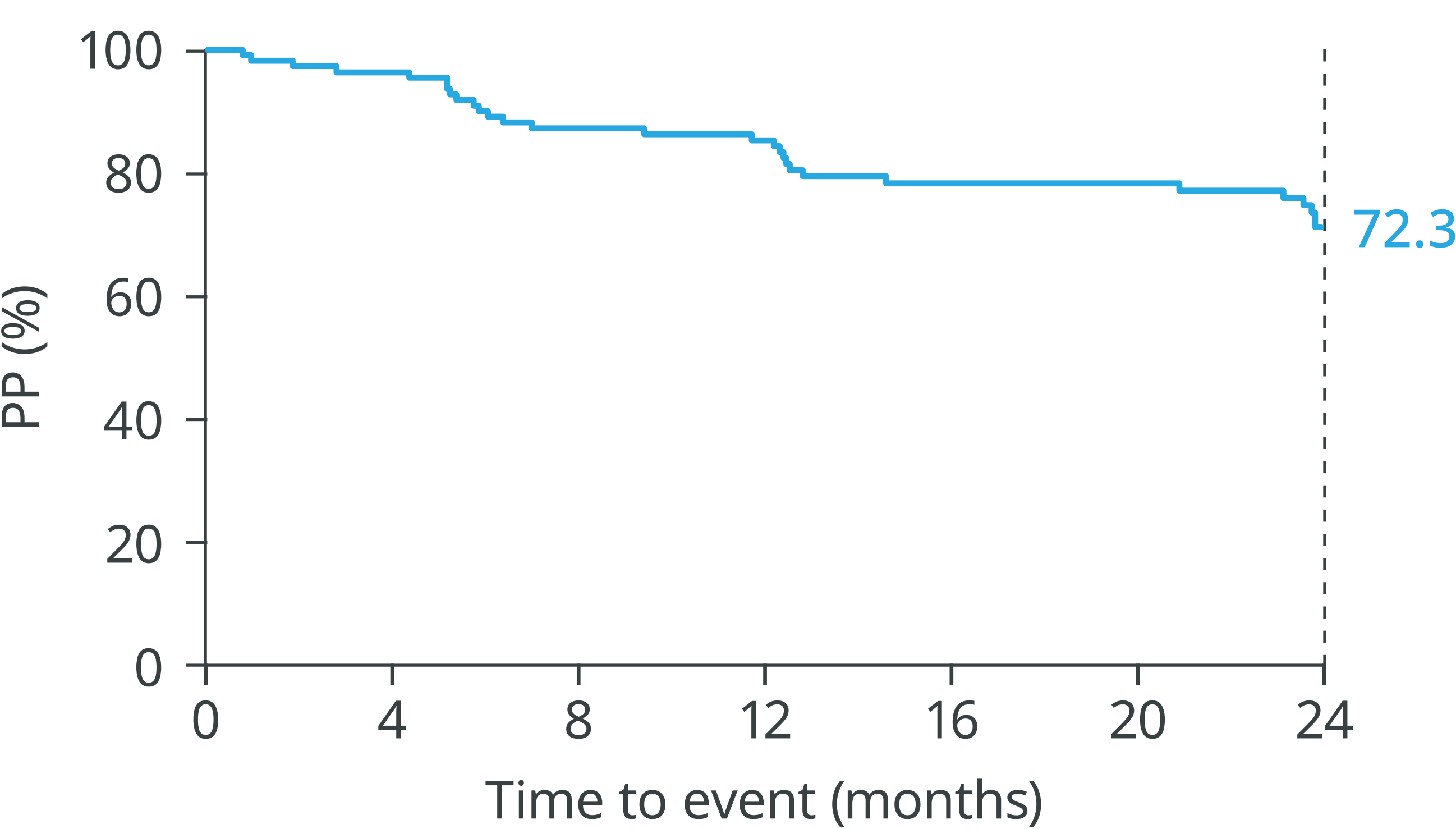
LESION CHARACTERISTICS	N= 120	
Lesion length (mm)**	71±45.9	10–220
Popliteal involvement	5	4.17
Total occlusions	25	20.8 %
Ulcerated lesion	3	2.5 %
Calcified lesion	37	30.8 %
Presence of thrombus	2	1.7 %

* Defined as freedom from >50 % restenosis as indicated by duplex ultrasound PSVR <2.5
** Data shown as mean±SD

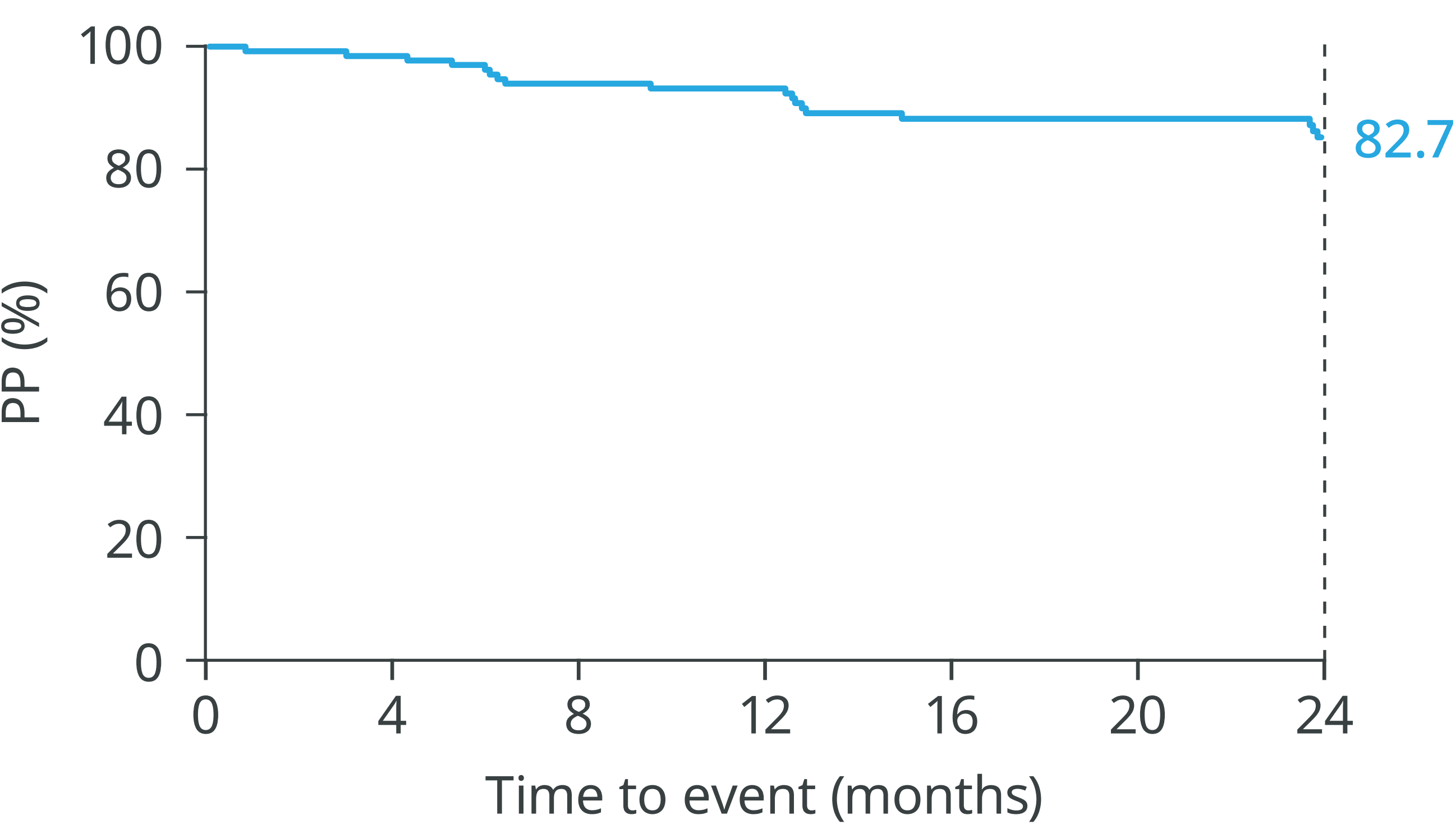


RESULTS	12 MONTHS ¹	24 MONTHS ³	P-VALUE
PP (overall)	81.4 %	72.3 %	
Astron™ Pulsar™	85.2 %	76.2 % (Δ -9.0 %)	
Pulsar™-18	73.4 %	69.7 % (Δ -3.7 %)	
Calcified vs. non-calcified	80.2 % vs. 82.0 %	66.8 % vs. 76.7 %	0.659 0.485
FTLR	89.3 %	82.7 %	
Astron™ Pulsar™	91.1 %	82.3 % (Δ -8.8 %)	
Pulsar™-18	85.2 %	85.1 % (Δ -0.1 %)	
Rutherford Classification change (+/0/-)	(2/3/91) of 96 patients	n/a	

24-month PP



24-month FTLR



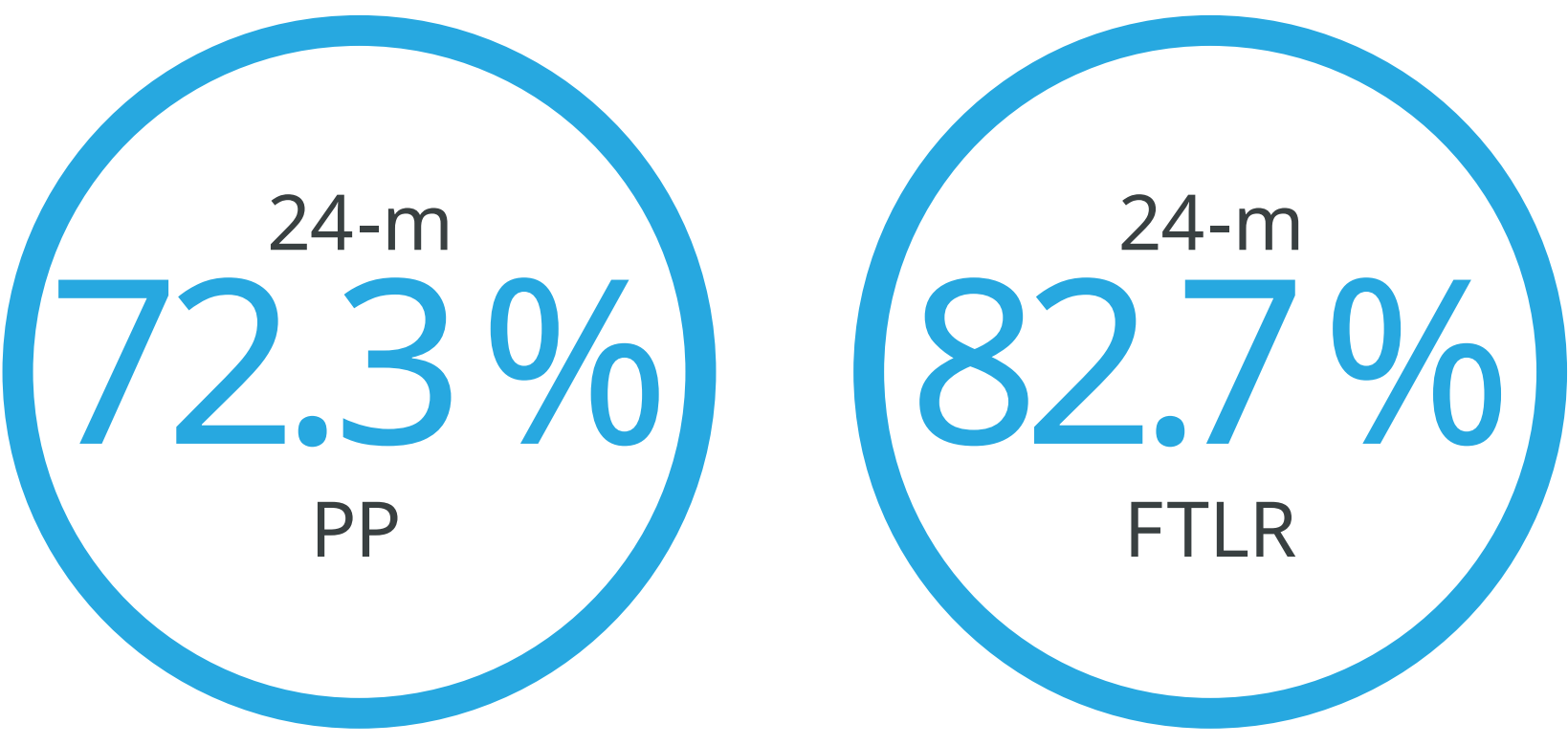
24-month PP and FTLR in perspective

	A.L.L.	PP	FTLR	TOTAL OCCLUSIONS
ZILVER PTX ⁴	6.6 cm	74.8 %	86.6 %	32.8 %
4EVER (Pulsar™-18)¹	10.8 cm	69.7 %	85.1 %	32.6 %
4EVER (Astron™ Pulsar™, Pulsar™-18)³	7.1 cm	72.3 %	82.7 %	20.8 %
STROLL ⁵	7.7 cm	74.9 %	80.3 %	23.6 %
DURABILITY II ⁶	8.9 cm	66.0 %	n/a	48.1 %
SUPERA ⁷	9.0 cm	84.7 %	n/a	30.8 %

Key points

No significant difference between calcified vs. non calcified lesions at both 12 months and 24 months

Key outcomes



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