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The Backgrounds of Sirolimus-Eluting Stent Fracture

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Background: Arrhythmia(atrial fibrillation), blood pressure, and lesion location (bifurcation) has not been evaluated as causes of stent fracture. Methods: Subjects were 204 patients, 272 lesions, who were able to undergo follow-up angiography after Sirolimus-Eluting Stent implantation (SES). Stent fracture was defined as complete separation of stent strut by late angiography. Results: Lesions with stent fracture were classified the F group (n=32) and those with no fracture the non-F group (n=240). Results: The F group had significantly longer total stent length with F group 54.0 ± 23 . 3mm and non-F group 29.5 ± 14 . 6mm (p<0.01). The F group had significantly higher blood pressure with F group $131\pm15/64\pm9$ mmHg and non-F group $122\pm15/68\pm8$ mmHg (p<0.05). Bifurcation was significantly lower in the F group with F group 19% (6/32) and non-F group 44% (105/240) (p<0.05). There were no atrial fibrillation patients in F-group. Lesion with overlapping stenting was significantly higher in the F group with F group 38% (12/32) and non-F group 16% (39/240) (p<0.05). The F group had significantly higher hinge movement with F group 38% (12/32) and non-F group 16% (39/240) (p<0.05). Conclusion: SES fracture was especially tend to occur in cases with hypertension, high hinge movement, overlapping stenting, non-bifurcation and long stenting. There was no stent fracture in atrial fibrillation cases.