

The safety and effectiveness of carotid  
revascularization with the Acculink stent  
and the CGuard stent.  
Independent randomized study

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# Objectives

The main objective of this randomized study was to compare the clinical outcomes and neuroprotection of conventional carotid stent versus the new MicroNet stent CGuard™

# Hypothesis

The study hypothesis was a significant reduction of the number of procedural and postprocedural new DW-MRI lesions after CAS with the novel CGuard™ mesh covered stent compared with the Acculink™ reference stent.



# Study design

- The SIBERIA trial was an Independent Investigator Initiated Study.
- It was a single center, open label, randomized comparison of two interventional arms.
- The study was externally monitored and imaging data were evaluated by independent core laboratory
- 100 consecutive patients were enrolled with 1y clinical FU
- DW-MRI scan at baseline, at 24-48 hour after the procedure, and at the 30-days follow-up.
- \* The study used the anti-embolic device **Emboshield NAV**, the pore diameter of the device is equal to the diameter of the cells of the Cguard stent (pore size 165  $\mu\text{m}$ )



# ENDPOINTS

Primary endpoint:

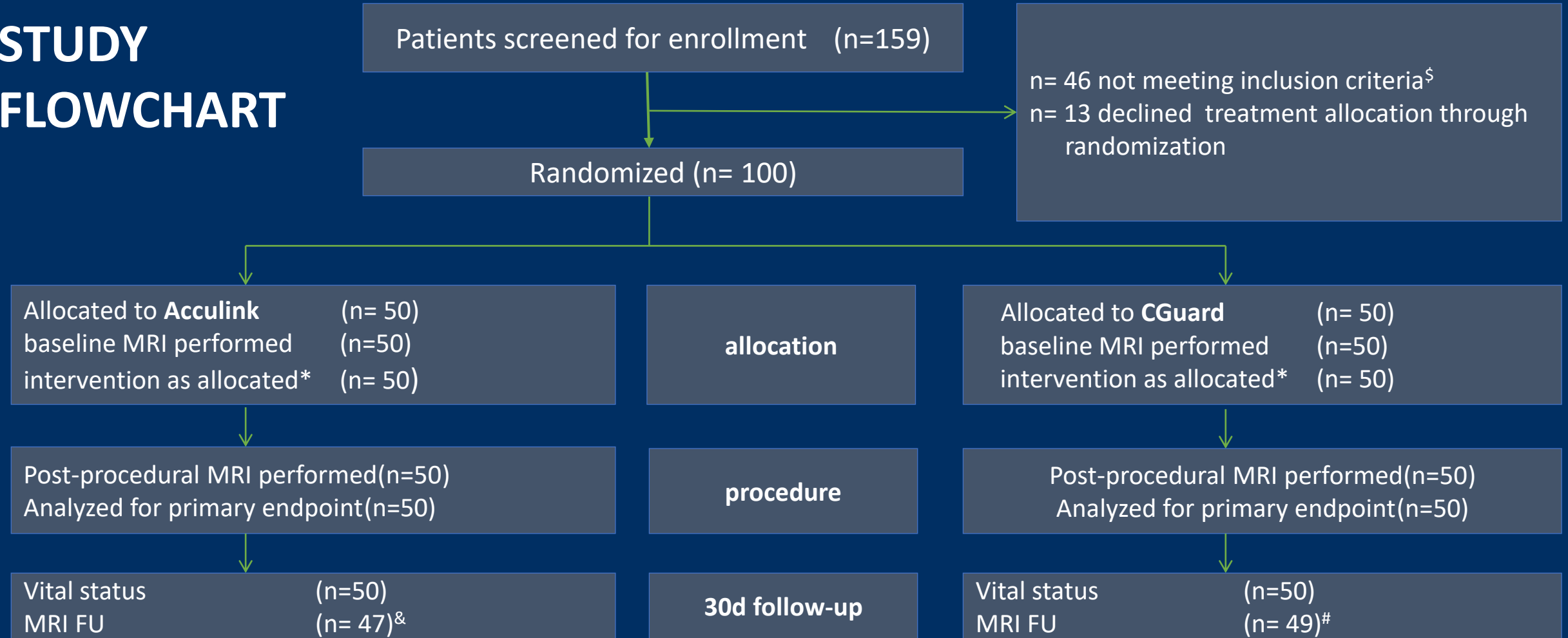
New ischemic brain lesions after the procedure of carotid stenting identified by MRI within 24-48 hours and 30 days.

Secondary endpoints:

Technical success, major neurovascular adverse events (death, stroke, myocardial infarction) developed during the procedure and within 30 days.



# STUDY FLOWCHART



\* - all CAS with EmboShield NAV6 as per the Centre routine

- \$ - atrial fibrillation (n=14)  
 - severe renal failure (n=12)  
 - restenotic lesion (n=9)  
 - MRI contraindication (n=11)

& 2 patients declined full clinical follow-up due to travel distance, MRI scanner not functional in 1 – the patient declined to visit

# 1 MRI scan Corelab-defined inevaluable due multiple artifacts



# CLINICAL AND LESION CHARACTERISTICS

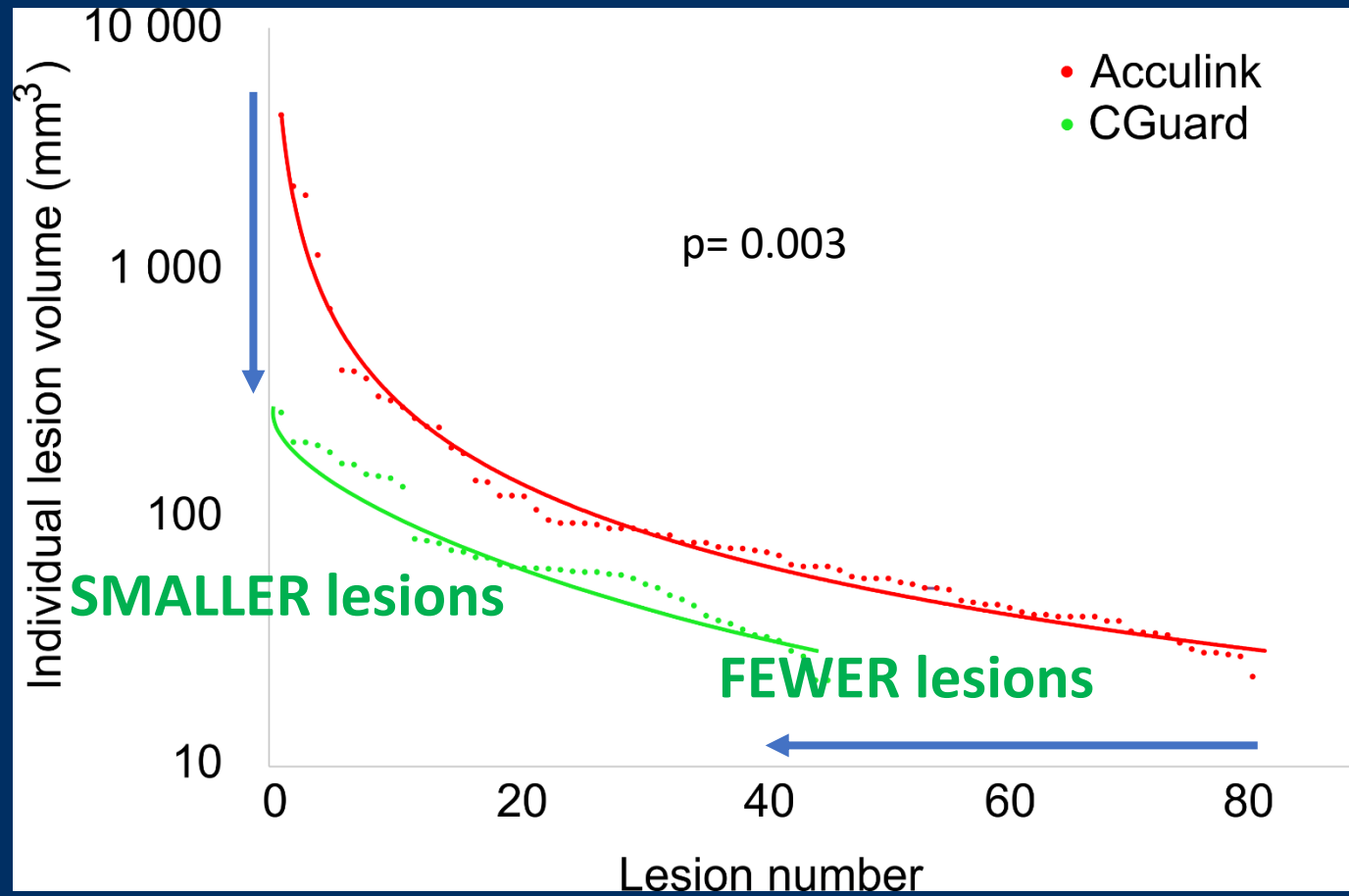
	ACCULINK n=50	CGUARD n=50	P
Age, years [range]	67 [62;72]	65 [61;69]	0.27
Gender, (male) n (%)	35 (70 %)	38 (76%)	0.65
Coronary heart disease, n (%)	42 (88 %)	39 (78 %)	0.61
Previous coronary revascularization (CABG or PCI), n (%)	25 (50 %)	22 (32 %)	0.69
Chronic heart failure, n (%)	44 (88 %)	45 (90 %)	1
Diabetes mellitus treatment, n (%)	8 (16 %)	10 (20 %)	0.79
Arterial hypertension, n (%)	49 (98 %)	48 (96 %)	1
Current smoking, n (%)	20 (40 %)	17 (34%)	0.67
Peripheral arterial disease, n (%)	17 (34%)	15 (30%)	0.83
Ipsilateral stroke ≤ 6m, n (%)	6 (12%)	11 (22%)	0.18
Ipsilateral TIA ≤ 6m, n (%)	3 ( 6.0 %)	5 (10 %)	0.46
Contralateral carotid artery stenosis ≥50%; n (%)	9 (18%)	18 (36%)	0.75
Contralateral carotid artery occlusion; n (%)	3 (6.0%)	8 (16%)	0.11
Degree of stenosis (QCA, % [range])	76 [67;88]	75 [72;89]	0.72
Affected side right, n (%)	27 (54 %)	30 (60%)	0.77



# RESULTS

## DW-MRI embolism at 48h

(raw data, external CoreLab, blinded analysis)



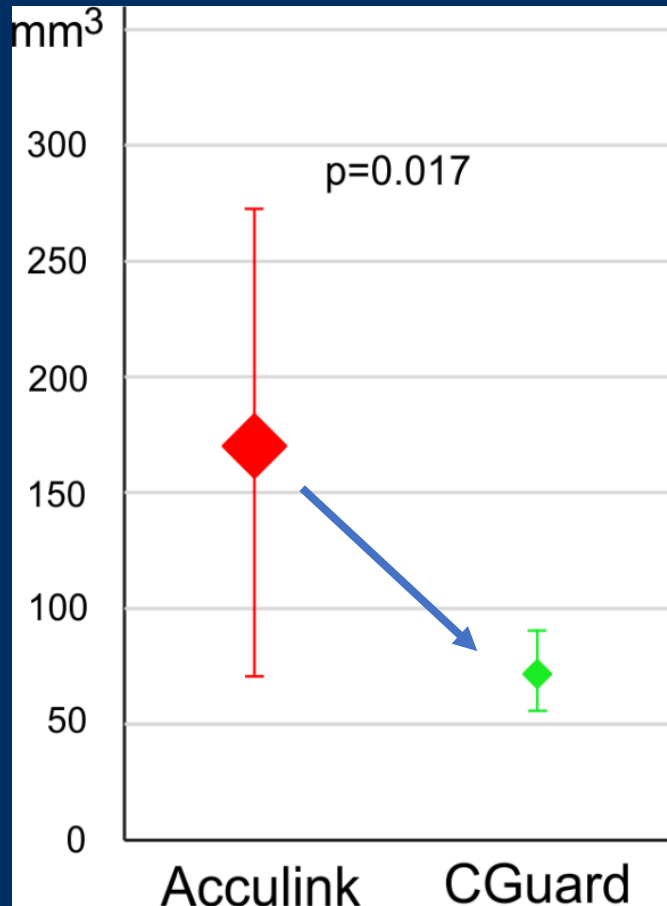


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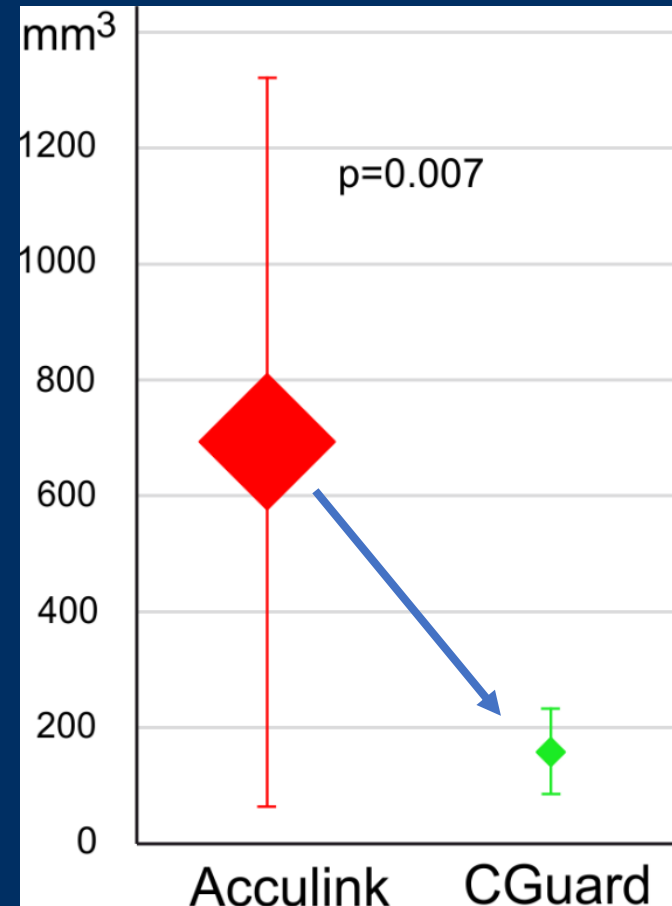
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### PRIMARY ENDPOINT



57% reduction  
in lesion  
(per-patient)  
average  
volume

### TOTAL LESION VOLUME per-patient



4.5-fold  
reduction in  
**total volume**  
of peri-  
procedural  
lesions  
(per-patient)

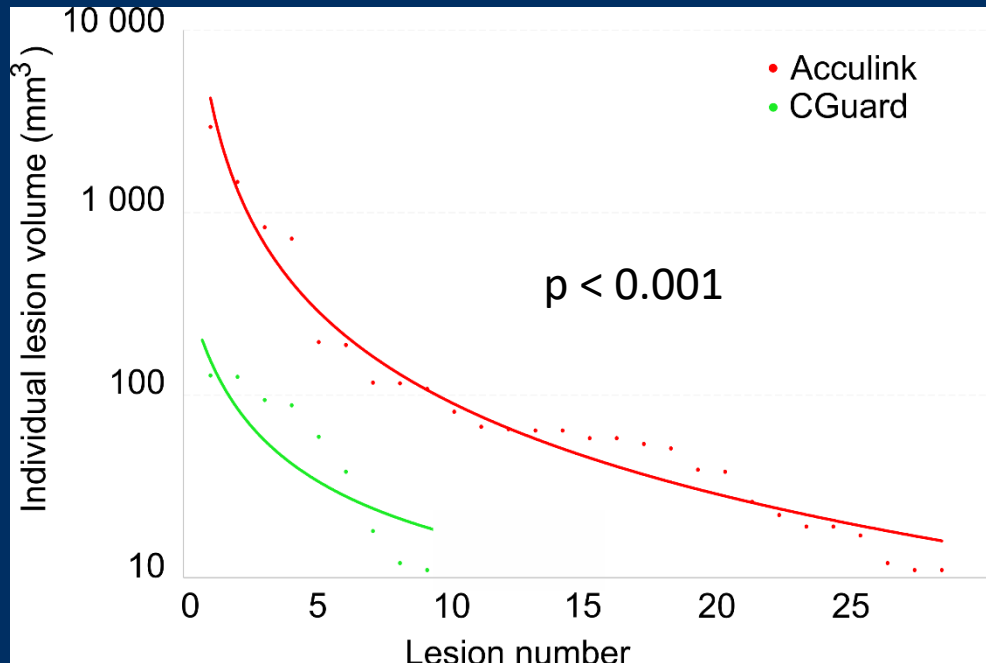
(bars are 95%CI)



# RESULTS

## MRI and Clinical outcomes at 30 days

### **PERSISTENT** Cerebral Lesions (FLAIR)



CGuard arm: No new DW-MRI lesions at 30 days

	<b>Acculink</b>	<b>CGuard</b>
Number	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
		$p = 0.030$

CGuard arm: No MACNE at 30 days

	<b>Acculink</b>	<b>CGuard</b>
Stroke	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Myocardial Infarction	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

NB. Data are for ipsilateral lesions as per the study protocol main endpoint



# CLINICAL OUTCOMES after 1 year

	ACCULINK n=50	CGUARD n=50	P
Restenosis	2 (4%)	0 (0%)	0.49
Vessel occlusion	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	1
Deaths	2 (4%)	1 (2%)	1
TOTAL MACE	10 (20%)	1 (2%)	0.2



# CONCLUSION

In a randomized, controlled, externally monitored clinical trial with independent data analysis,

**MicroNET-covered carotid stent** – in relation to a classic (single-layer) carotid stent:

- **reduced 4.5-fold the magnitude of peri-procedural silent brain infarcts volume**
- **abolished post-procedural silent infarcts** that, in contrast, were on-going with the classic stent

**These findings may impact decision-making in carotid revascularization for primary and secondary stroke prevention, including stent type selection**

