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Introduction

The aim of the present project is to

1. Utilize near infrared intra-coronary spectroscopy as an adjunctive technique during cardiac catheterization to identify potential vulnerable plaque morphology
2. Relate its presence to intermediate and long-term outcomes in patients defined as angina, myocardial infarction, death, congestive heart failure, stroke and need for revascularization over five years.
3. To compare near infrared intra-coronary spectroscopy data to that from coronary calcium scoring, angiographic findings and intracoronary ultrasound in predicting those outcomes in #2.

Body

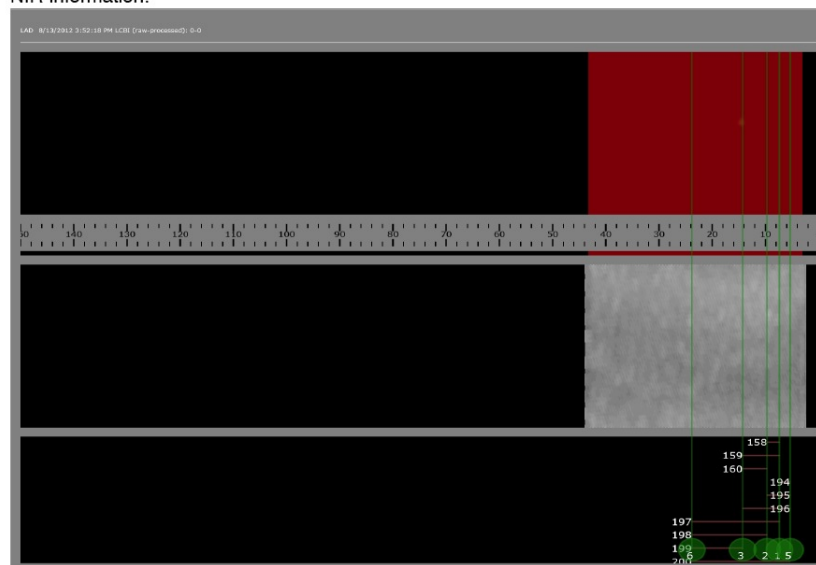
Revision and review of the original protocol was followed by institutional review board approval of the protocol with final informed consent revision effective on July 15 2013.

Staff and physician training was subsequently accomplished. As indicated in the quarterly report dated July 17, 2013, an initial cohort of run-in patients was to be studied with the intravascular ultrasound and infrared spectroscopy components. This was to gain experience with the system and to analyze the data collected during the study with respect to quality and reliability.

Representative data for several patients included in the initial experience with the system are included below. A longitudinal scan of the left anterior descending coronary artery for patient 007 is presented below. The horizontal axis represents full potential excursion of the catheter system. In this particular case only a portion of this excursion was utilized. This is represented by the red and gray portions of the scan. This patient had no discernible coronary artery disease and no discernible lipid plaque. Location of the catheter tip where the sensors are located at index points is illustrated by green lines and the corresponding location identifiers.

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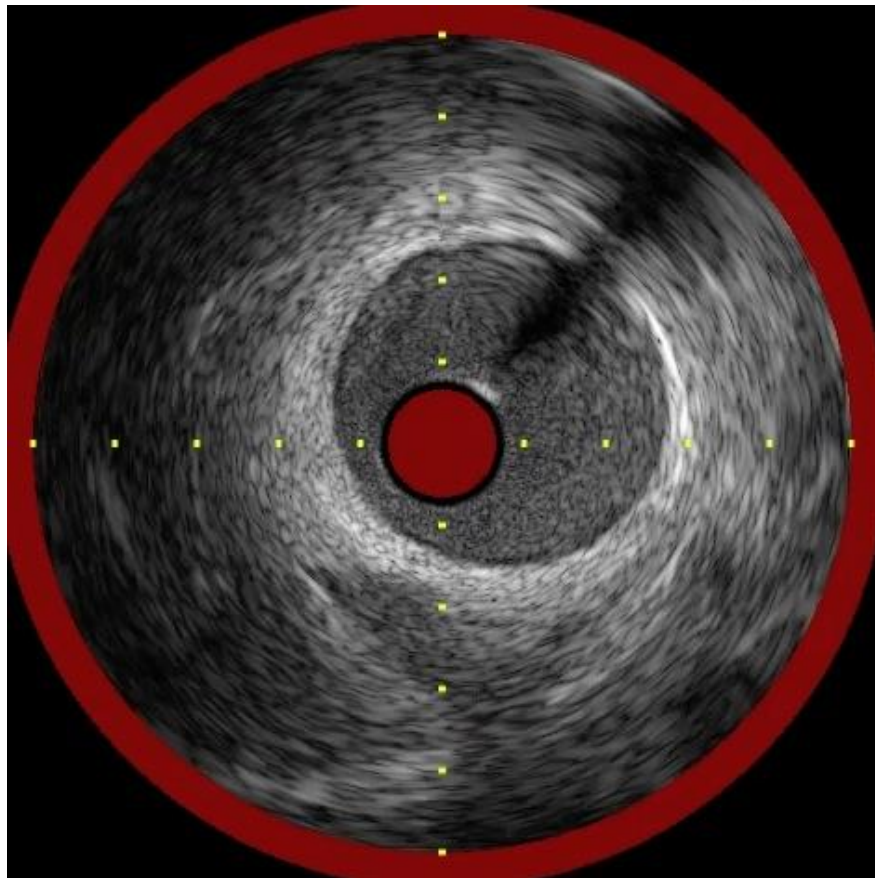
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For the same patient, longitudinal measurements are recorded as noted below. In addition, a cross-sectional view from both intravascular ultrasound and infrared spectroscopy is included below. The red ring around the ultrasound image represents real-time spectroscopy. In this case, no lipid or significant atherosclerosis is identified.

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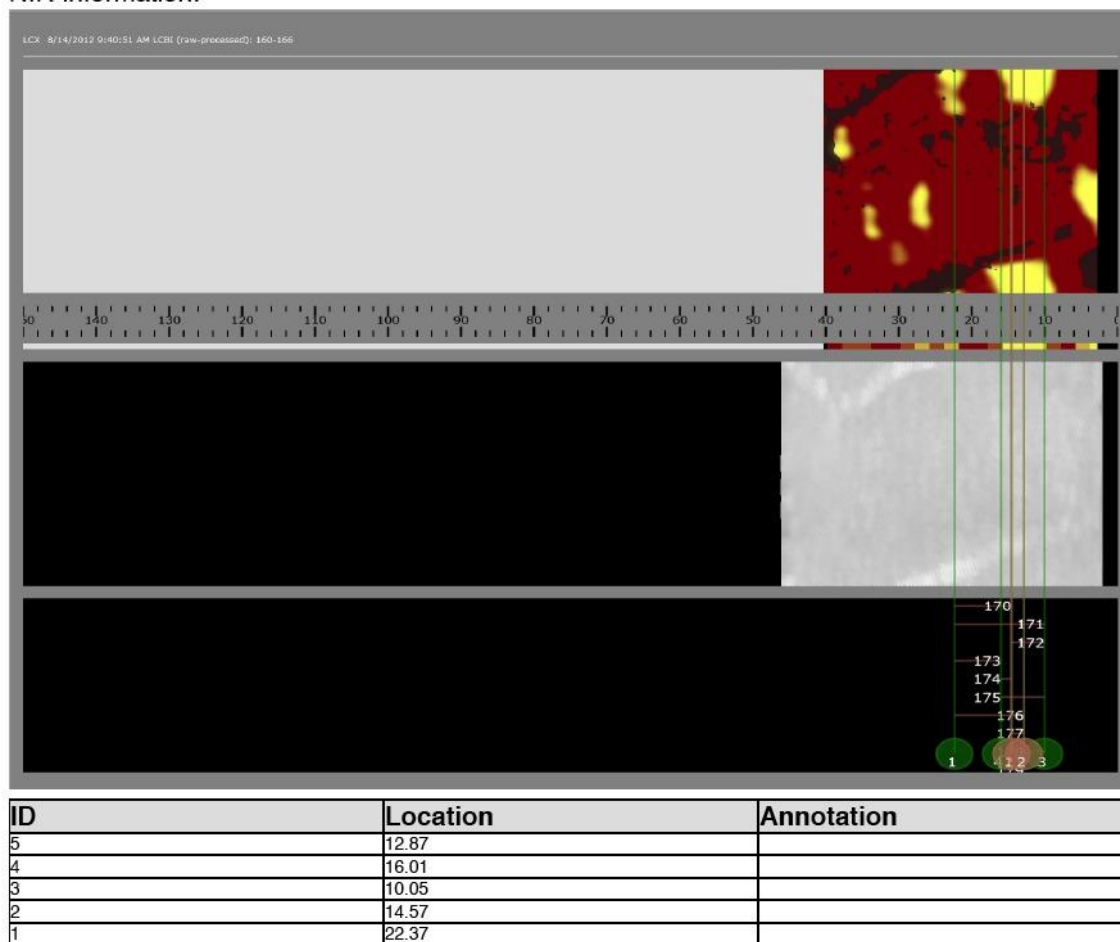
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200	23.85	5.38	18.48	



A second run-in patient is illustrated below. The horizontal scan display in this case reveals multiple yellow coded areas in the scanned sector. These represent lipid pools detected by infrared spectroscopy. In addition, this patient exhibited significant coronary artery disease.

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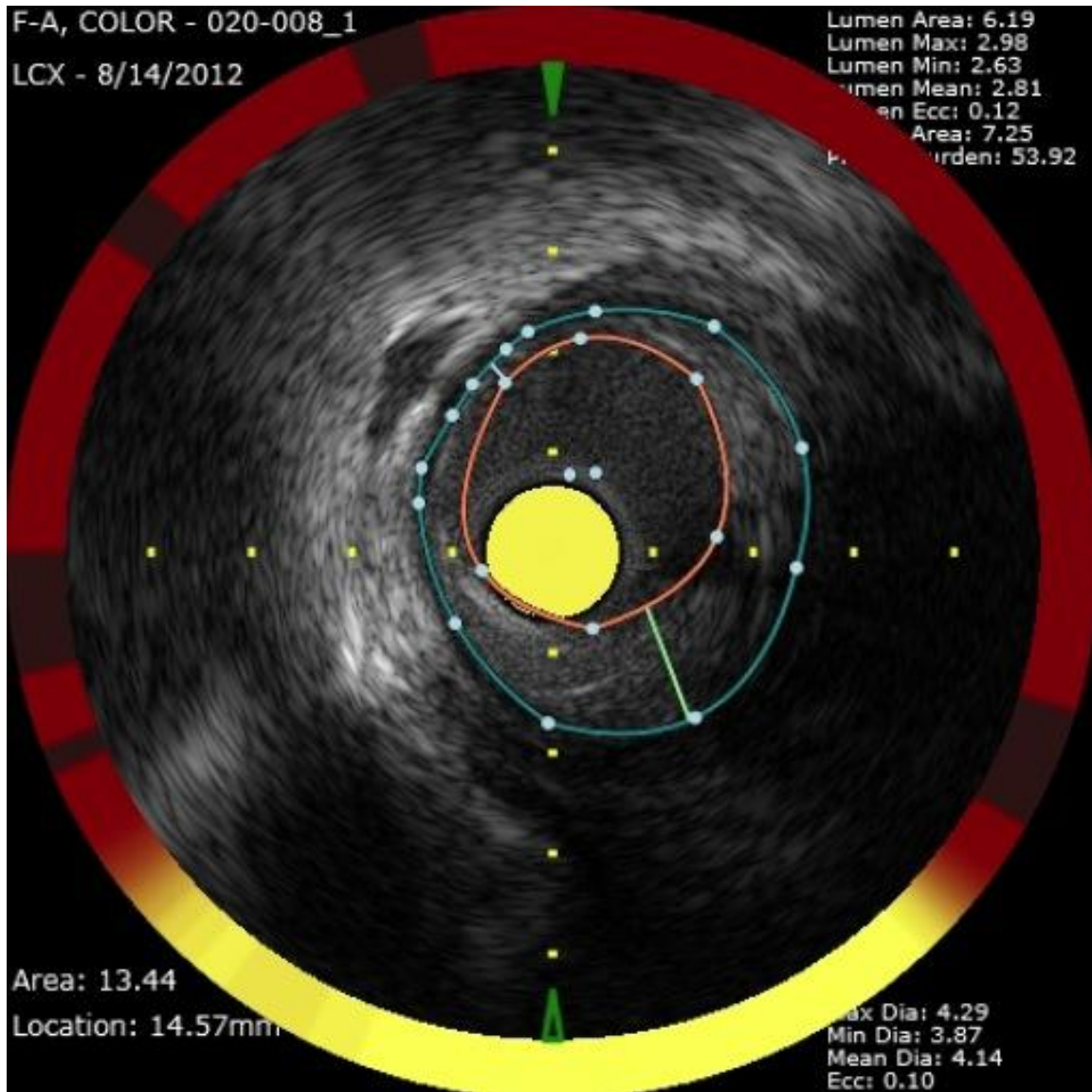


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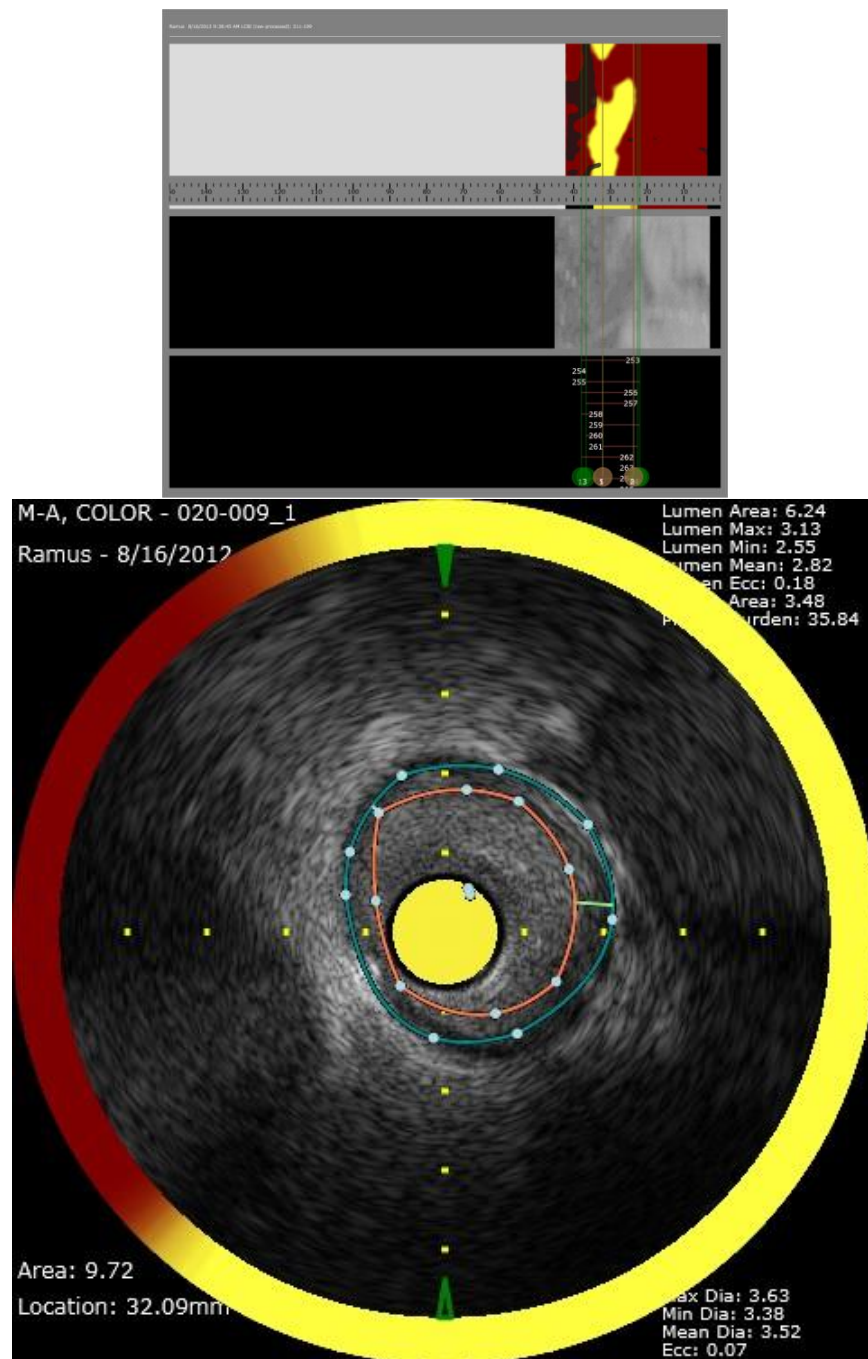
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176	12.87	22.37	9.50	
177	12.87	14.57	1.70	
178	12.87	10.05	2.81	
179	12.87	16.01	3.14	

The coronary artery disease is easily appreciated in this cross-sectional View taken from location 14.57. In this case, quantification of the intravascular ultrasound image reveals significant plaque burden oriented inferiorly. In addition, examination of the spectroscopic image reveals high lipid plaque burden in that area. This scan is taken from the proximal left circumflex coronary artery.



A third patient study is illustrated below. These data are obtained from a ramus branch of the left coronary artery. The horizontal scan illustrates a different morphology for lipid deposition than was present in the first two examples. There is a single circumferential large lipid deposit which is visualized easily. This is associated with a significant degree of atherosclerosis demonstrated on intravascular ultrasound imaging. Cross-sectional imaging at location 32.09 illustrates the almost circumferential distribution of lipid laden plaque.



As noted previously, Data was obtained for a total of 16 patients. There were no complications during these procedures.

Subjective technical evaluation of the catheter system was significant in terms of tractability and flexibility in vivo. Although data were obtained from all patients, limited interrogation of distal vessels was possible. We felt that this significantly limited the potential utility of the system and, with other operators, offered feedback to involved engineers. This has resulted in a new catheter design, pullback system, and improvements to the infrared and ultrasound console.

We have recently received new catheters and have upgraded our console. Physician and laboratory staff training is currently underway and we anticipate performing studies using the system in the near future.

Key Research Accomplishments

In the first quarter following for approval of this protocol, and initial cohort of patients has been studied. We have demonstrated the utility of simultaneous intravascular ultrasound and near infrared spectroscopy for delineating atherosclerotic lesions and associated intramural lipid.

Data collection, as indicated in the protocol, has been accomplished in all studies. No complications have ensued in run-in patients.

Technical improvements to the catheter system, pull back system, and electronics have been made.

Reportable Outcomes

None at this time.

Conclusion

Near infrared spectroscopy and simultaneous intravascular ultrasound images can be obtained safely in patients. Improvements in catheters and associated hardware should make interrogation of distal vessels possible.

Using these technologies make identification of vulnerable plaques possible the current study valuable as defined in the statement of work.

References

None

Appendices

None