



# **The DCB Dose Difference: A Comparison of Drug in Tissue of Different .018 DCBs**

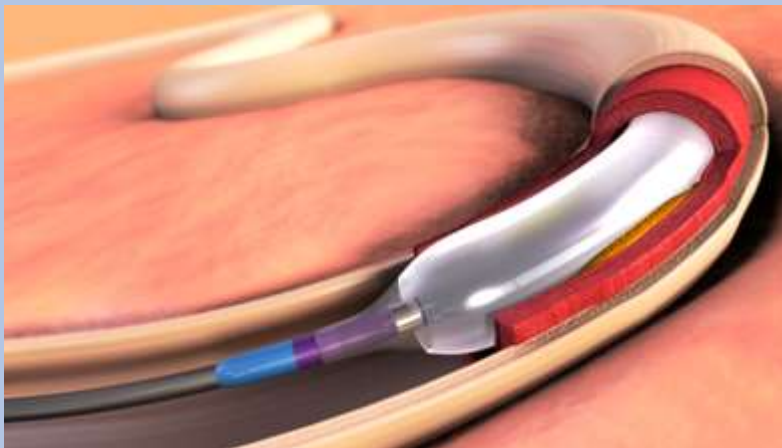
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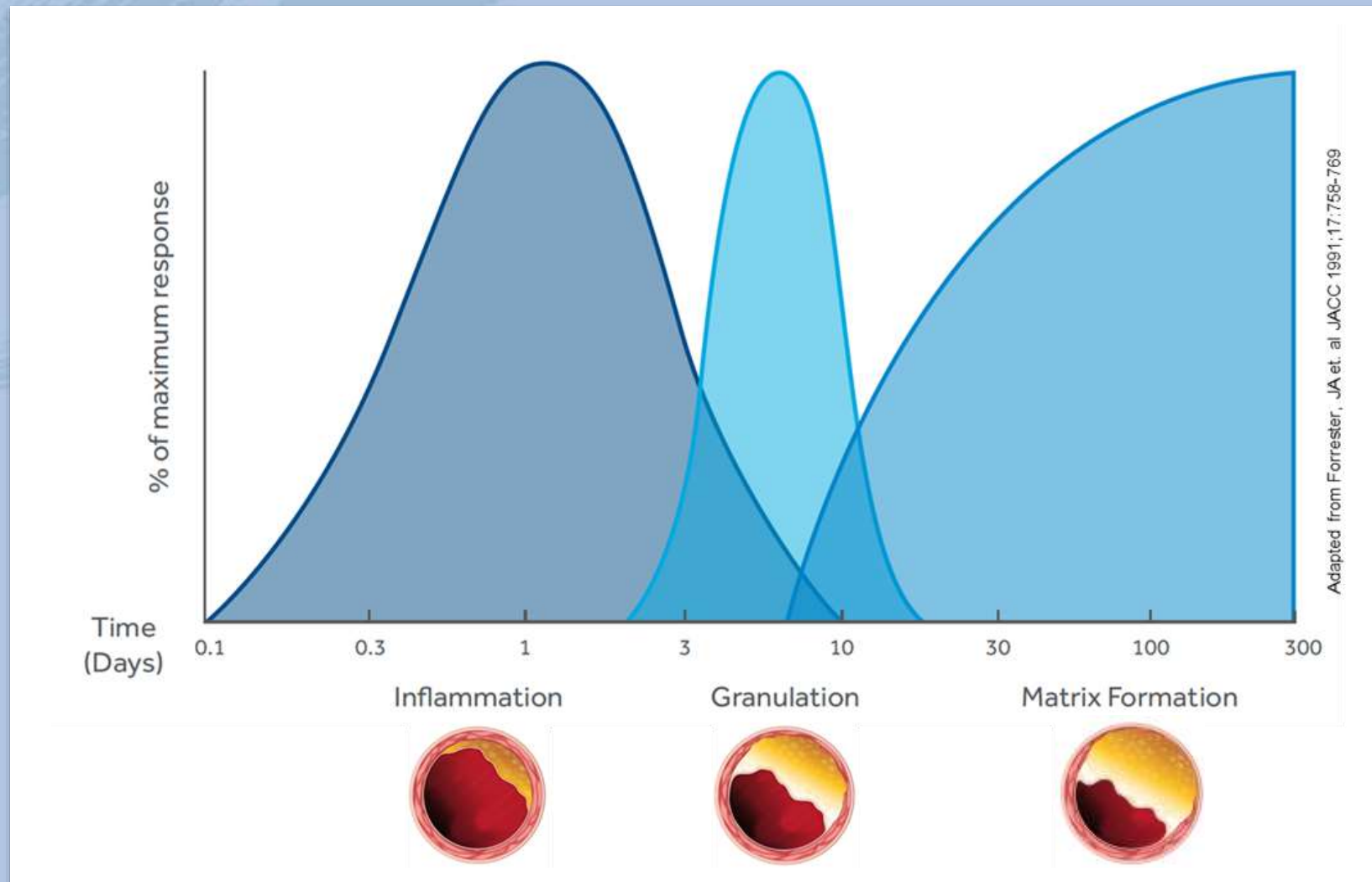
# Background

- Peripheral vascular interventions (including angioplasty, atherectomy, and stenting) may restore luminal flow; however, they also incite local injury.
- Vascular wall injury initiates inflammatory, migratory, proliferative and extracellular matrix deposition processes which can lead to neointimal hyperplasia and restenosis.



# Biology of Restenosis Cascade in Arteries

## *Inflammation, Granulation & Extracellular Matrix Formation*



# Anti-restenotic Drugs in Endovascular Intervention

- Although there is clear evidence of improved patency using anti-restenotic drugs combined with angioplasty balloons and stents<sup>1,2</sup>, much remains unknown about mechanism of action
- Effects of anti-restenotic drug dose, coatings, and excipient choices to optimally prevent restenosis should be further evaluated

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# Mechanisms of Action

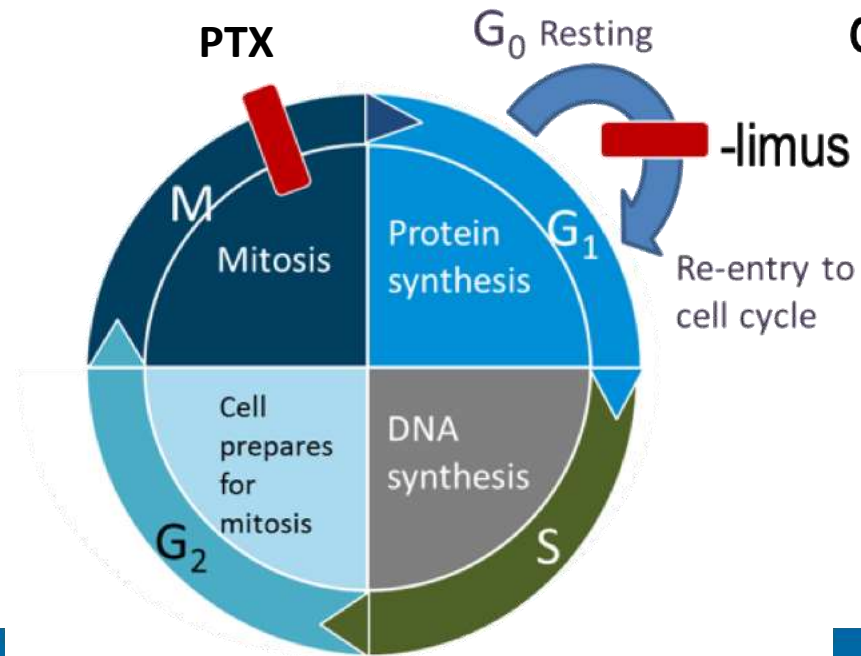
## *Conventional Knowledge*

**Paclitaxel (Cytotoxic)**  
*Interferes with cell division*

**Cytotoxic** drugs halt cell division,  
inducing apoptosis

Rapid transfer (via excipient)  
allows acute delivery,  
especially beneficial if  
no artificial reservoir is present

➔ DCB



**Limus (Cytostatic)**  
*Interferes with cell growth*

**Cytostatic** drugs hold a cell in G<sub>0</sub>  
phase, arresting growth

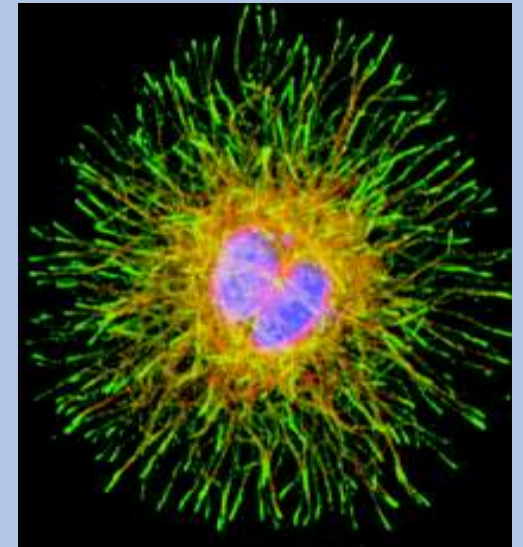
Prolonged elution (via polymeric  
'reservoir') allows sustained delivery,  
especially beneficial when  
stent is present

➔ Coronary DES

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## *Additional Effects of Paclitaxel*

- Paclitaxel inhibits microtubule function and is cytotoxic if it acts on the cell during mitosis = apoptosis<sup>1,2</sup>
- However, only 10% of cells are dividing at any point in time
- In the remaining surviving cells, microtubules are involved in:<sup>1,2,3</sup>
  - » Cell Motility & Migration
  - » Protein Transport
  - » **Protein Secretion/Extracellular Matrix (ECM)**
  - » Angiogenesis



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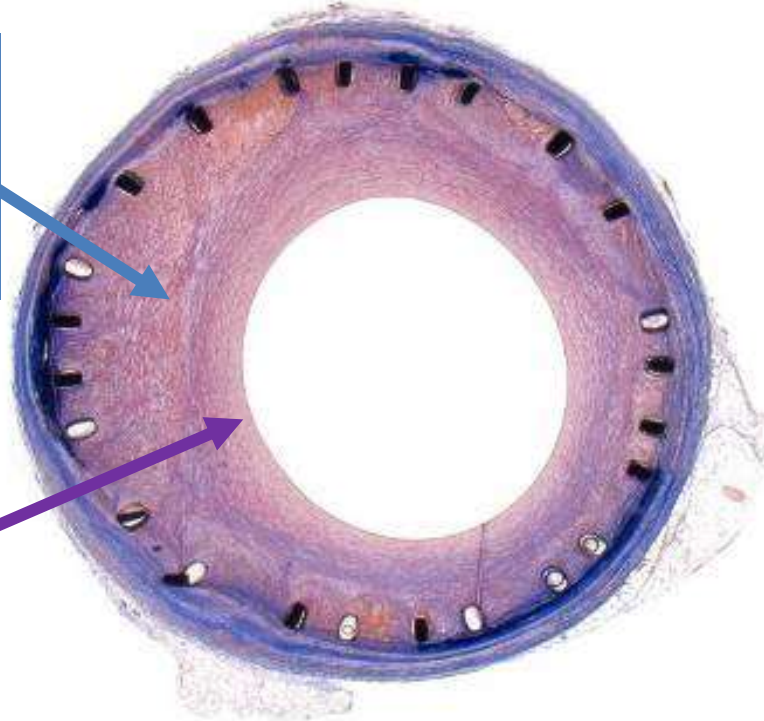
# Vessel Response to Stent Injury

## *Paclitaxel Modulates Healing*

### Uninhibited Healing

Secretory SMCs + ECM layers are thick

Healthy contractile SMCs

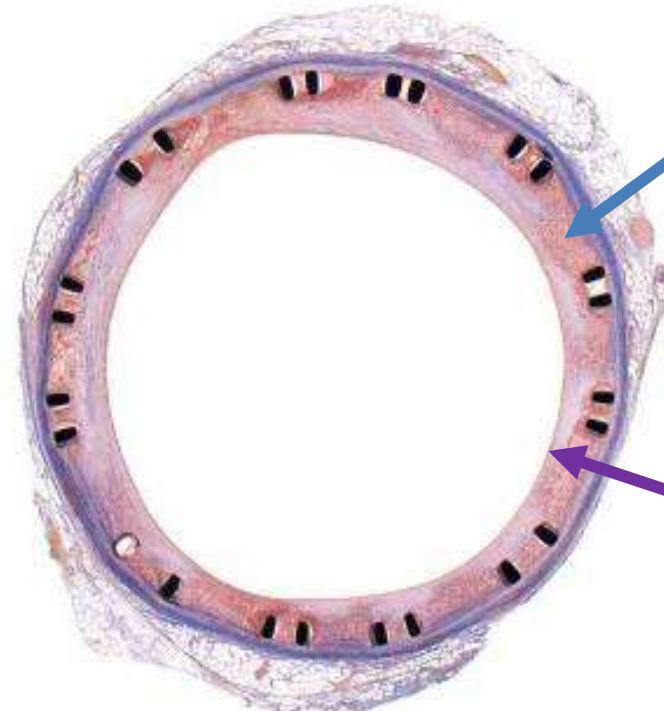


Non-coated Balloon

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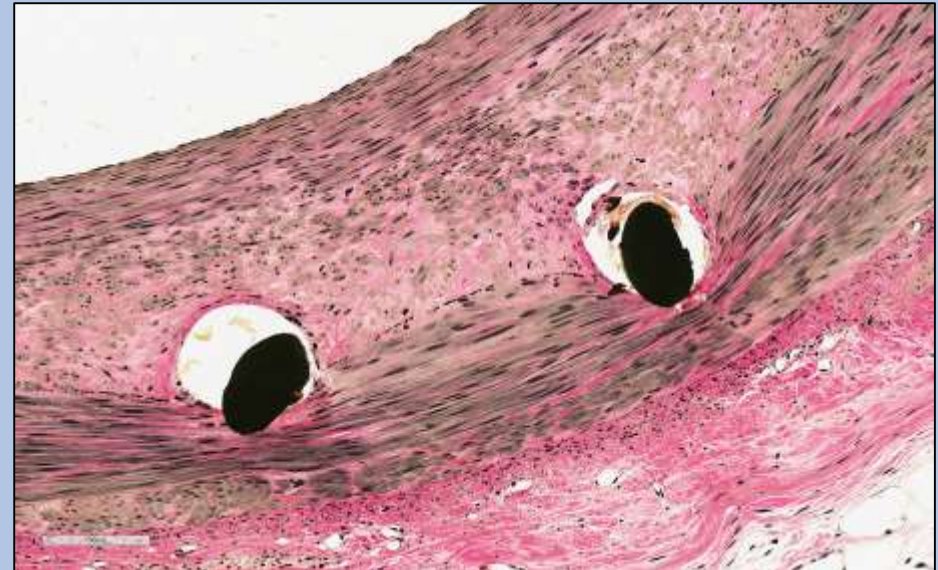


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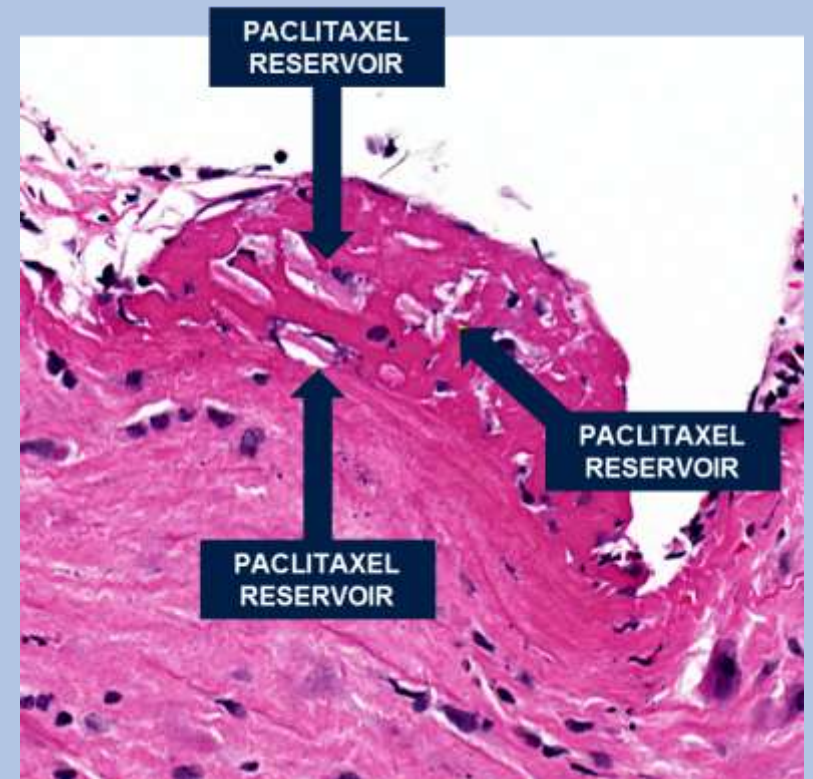
# Factors for Successful Revascularization

- Acute lumen gain with restoration of normal flow
- Durable result by combating the restenosis cascade (drug elution)
- Modulate the healing response – facilitate smooth muscle cells to produce mature competent tissue
- Mature competent tissue will prevent recurrence of atherosclerosis



# Drug Elution to Achieve Mature Competent Tissue

1. **Right drug** (lipophilic, fast diffusion and tissue uptake, broad mechanism of action)
2. **Right amount of drug** (dose)
3. **Effective drug transfer** (balloon, coating, and excipient)
4. **Right drug formulation** (crystalline drug reservoirs, amorphous dissolvable)
5. **Right duration of drug in the vessel** to modulate the healing response



How can we confirm drug efficacy?

# In-stent Restenosis (ISR) Porcine Model Study

**Purpose:** To compare suppression of ISR between two 0.018” Drug-coated Balloons (DCB): the IN.PACT Pacific DCB and the Ranger DCB

**Model:** Yucatan mini swine model of ISR

## Device Specifications:

	Ranger DCB	IN.PACT Pacific DCB
Drug	Paclitaxel	Paclitaxel
Dose	2 $\mu$ g/mm <sup>2</sup>	3.5 $\mu$ g/mm <sup>2</sup>
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Balloon Platform	0.018”	0.018”

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# ISR Porcine Model Study: Methodology & Analysis

## Methodology

**Create** ISR model in swine peripheral vasculature by injuring the target artery with angioplasty followed by a stent implantation



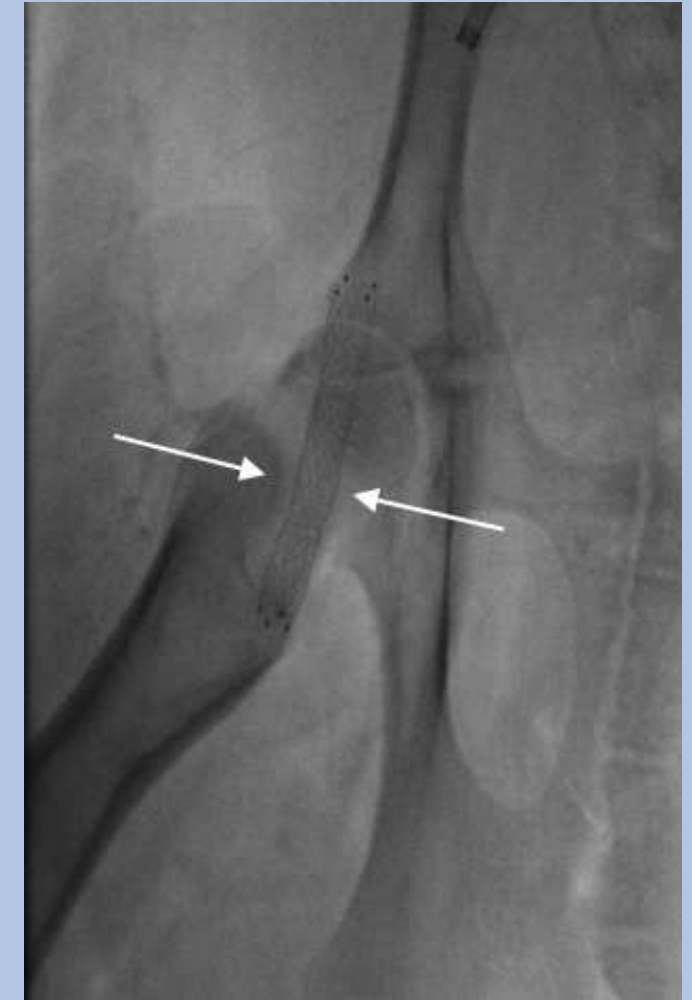
**Day 0** (after 28 days maturation): Treat the stented sites with DCB;  
Perform angiographic imaging



**Day 90** (IPP/Ranger): Perform interim angiographic imaging;  
Measure suppression of restenosis as compared to Day 0



**Day 120** (IPP/Ranger): Perform terminal angiographic imaging;  
Measure suppression of restenosis as compared to Day 0;  
Obtain sample tissues for drug content analysis



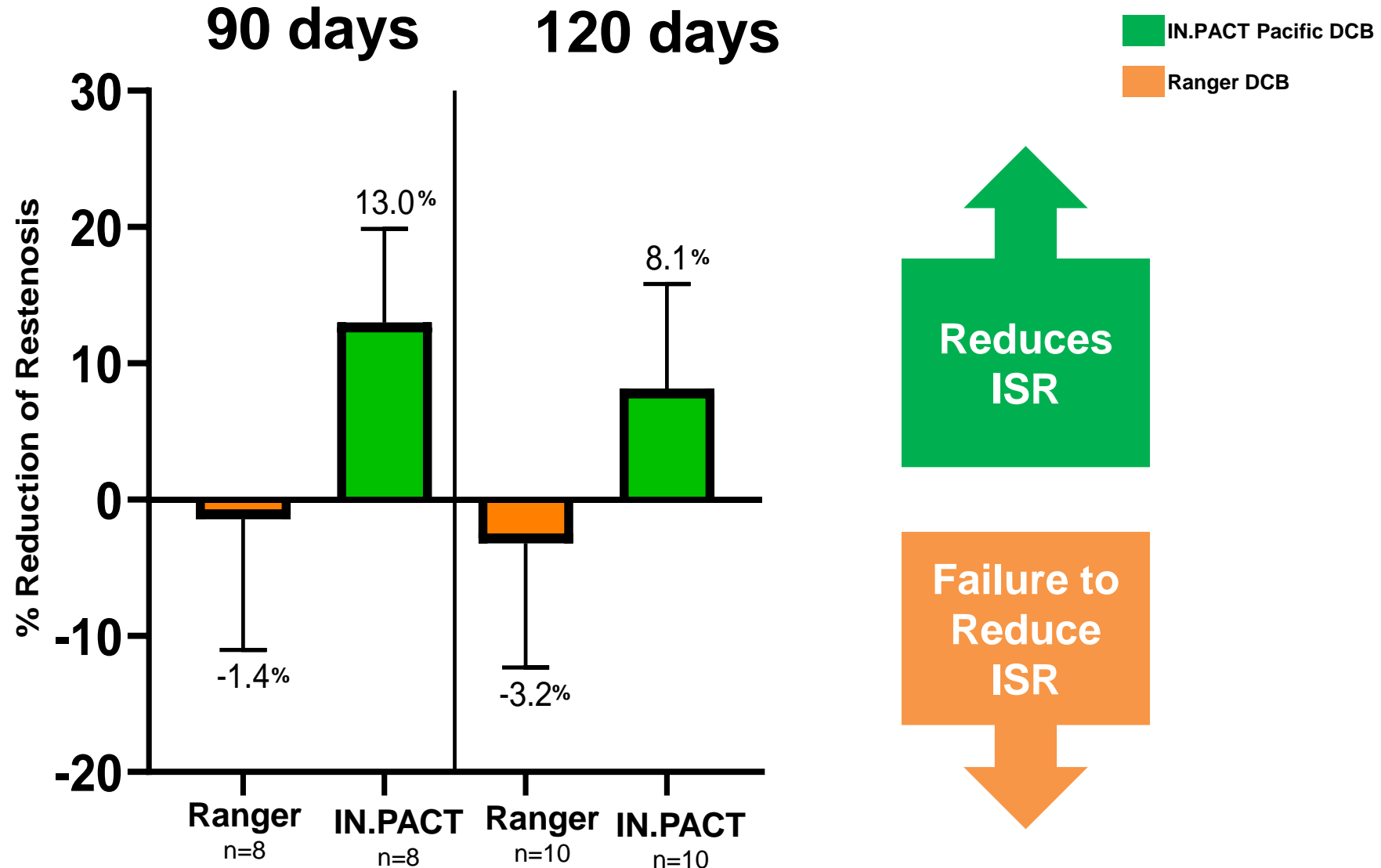
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## Restenosis Analysis

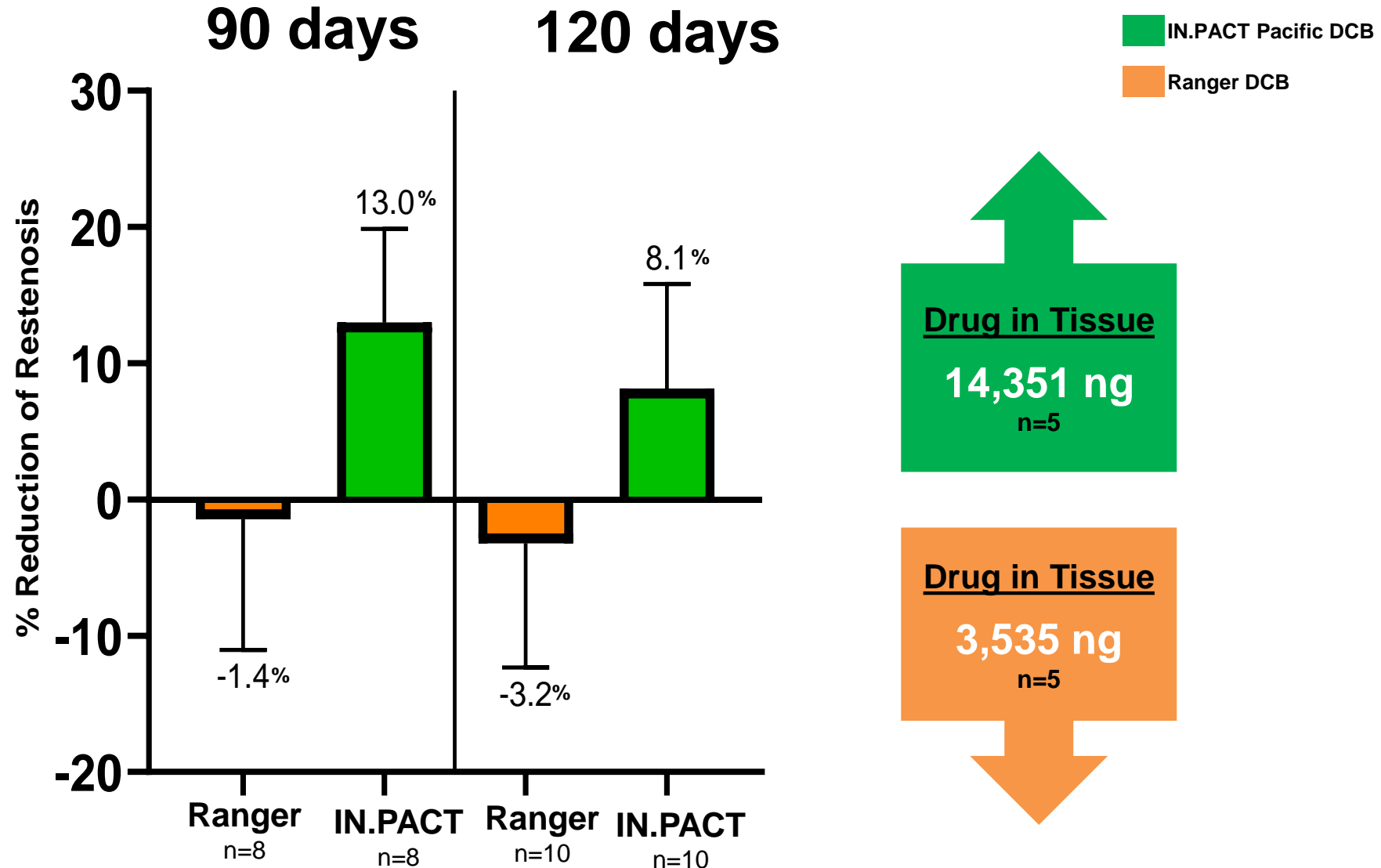
Determine % Reduction of Restenosis as compared to baseline (Day 0)

$$\% \text{ Reduction of Restenosis} = \frac{(\text{Day 0 Restenosis} - \text{Day x Restenosis})}{\text{Day 0 Restenosis} \times 100}$$

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# Summary

- The IN.PACT DCB platform offers a unique formulation (drug/dose/excipient) that effectively inhibits in-stent restenosis through 120 days in an animal model as compared to the Ranger DCB
  - IN.PACT DCB demonstrated an 8.1% **reduction of ISR** through 120 days
  - Ranger DCB demonstrated a 3.2% **increase of ISR** through 120 days
- This study demonstrates the mechanisms behind DCB drug formulation (including input dose) driving long term effectiveness
- Also explains the superior long-term patient outcomes seen in IN.PACT DCB studies
- Further study of inhibitory/healing mechanisms are needed and each DCB must be considered on its own merit



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