

# Randomised Comparison of Simultaneous Data from two Different Pressure Wires:

## the COMET trial

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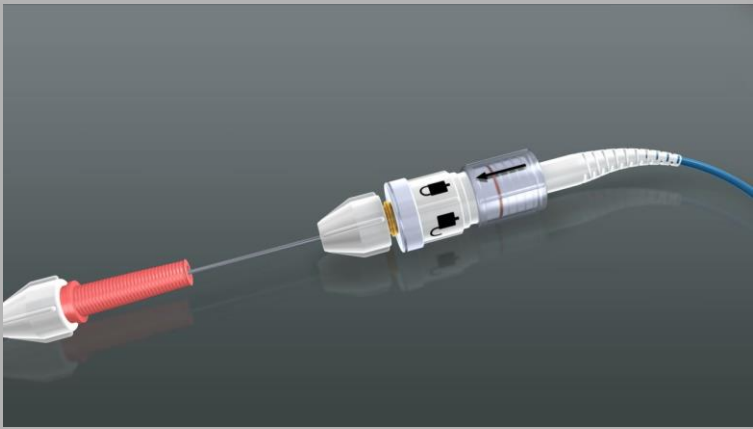
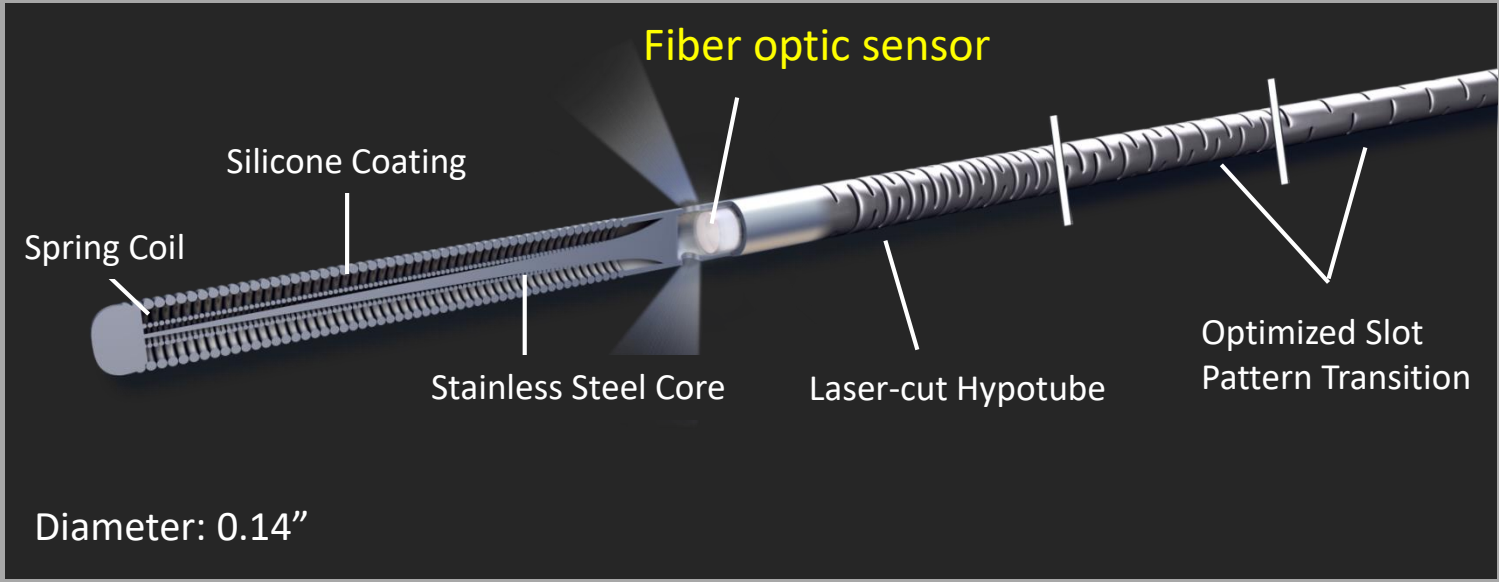
## Background & Aim

- The evidence base for the use of FFR in the diagnosis and management of patients with chest pain is robust
- Despite this, the uptake of pressure wire (PW) for routine assessment of coronary lesions remains low
- The most established PW systems available in clinical practice are the products of St Jude Medical (SJ) & Volcano Phillips
- Recently, the Boston Scientific *COMET*<sup>TM</sup> wire received CE Mark and has entered routine clinical practice
- There are, as yet, no suitably powered randomised trials using the PW systematically at the stage of diagnostic angiography and comparing outcome with management based upon angiography alone.
- This is the gap that will be filled by the 1100 patient RIPCORDER2 UK trial, which is using the *COMET*<sup>TM</sup> wire.

The aim of the COMET trial was to assess, in a novel, randomised fashion, the diagnostic performance & drift for *COMET*<sup>TM</sup> (BS) & St Jude (SJ) PW in a study that allocates patients to simultaneous paired readings using 3 groups:

(a) BS-BS; (b) SJ-SJ; (c) BS-SJ\*

\*(Group C sub-randomisation for wire to be passed first)



## Primary Hypothesis

Is the magnitude of the difference observed in paired simultaneous recordings of coronary pressures any different with the use of BS & SJ PW when compared to 2 x SJ PW ?

### Statistical Considerations

100 patients – measuring FFR in 1.5 vessels per case = 150 vessels examined

In each vessel: Baseline Pd/Pa + FFR = 300 paired observations (ie 100 in each group)

For the primary outcome (Magnitude of delta SJ/SJ v Magnitude of delta BS/SJ):

assuming a control delta of 0.01 (SD 0.03) for 2 groups, each of 100 paired sets

we have 90% power to detect a difference of 0.0135

Precision Method:

For an observed mean difference of 0.01

Associated 95% CI for this point estimate would be (0.0041 - 0.016):

# Method

- ✓ Ethical approval granted for written informed consent in cases in whom FFR is clinically indicated
- ✓ Elective & NSTACS
- ✓ Web based randomisation after diagnostic angiography
- ✓ 2 centres (Southampton & Liverpool)
- ✓ Patients randomised to one of 3 paired wire options:
  - BS - BS      n of Patients = 37    n of Paired Readings = 90
  - SJ - SJ      n of Patients = 34    n of Paired Readings = 90
  - BS - SJ      n of Patients = 35    n of Paired Readings = 108

*(BS/SJ sub-randomised for wire to be passed first)*
- ✓ For each vessel, 4 simultaneous pressure recordings were taken with the wires at exactly the same position...
  1. Equalisation at the guide catheter tip
  2. Baseline Pd/Pa at the target measurement site in the distal vessel
  3. FFR at the target measurement site (steady state maximum hyperaemia using iv adenosine)
  4. Final Pd/Pa at the guide catheter tip (for estimation of “drift”)
    - BS Drift estimation in 142 vessels; SJ Drift estimation in 137 vessels

## Primary Outcome

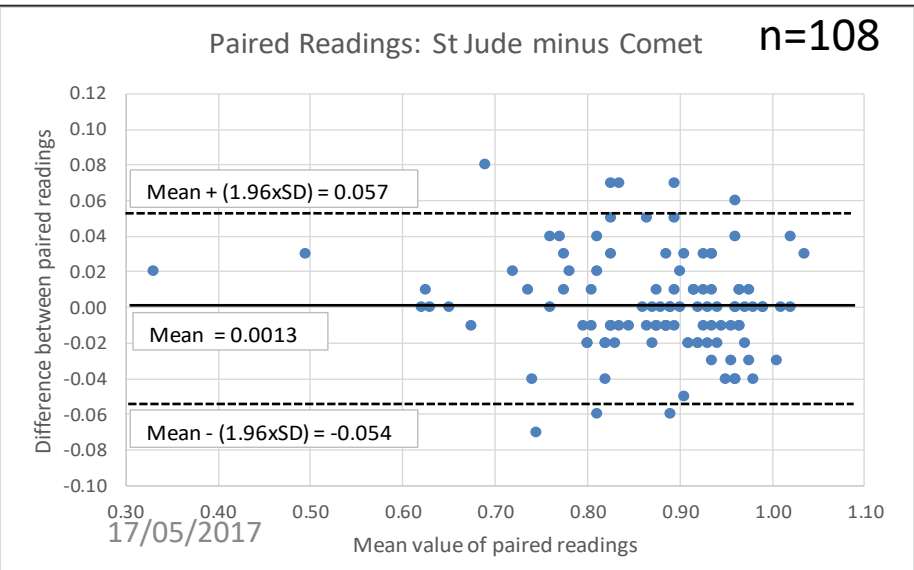
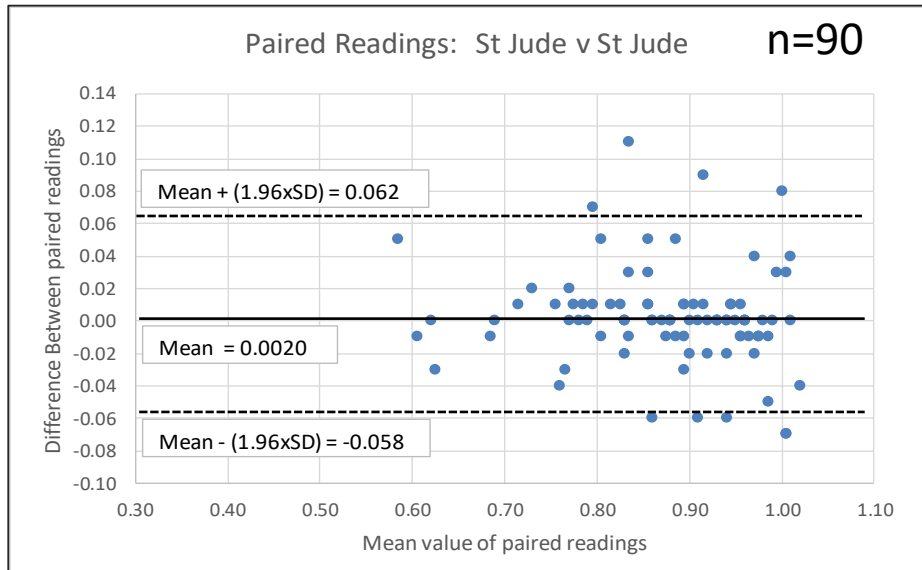
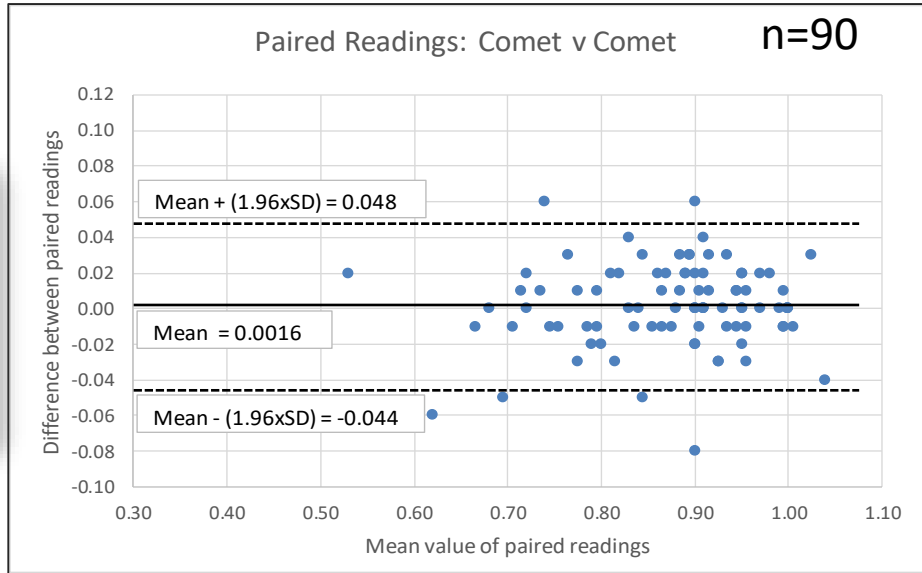
Observed absolute  $\Delta$

(irrespective of sign - Median and IQR)

BS-SJ Median = 0.01 IQR (0.01 – 0.0225)

SJ-SJ Median = 0.015 IQR (0.01 – 0.03)

(p = 0.61 Mann-Whitney test)



# Results - Drift

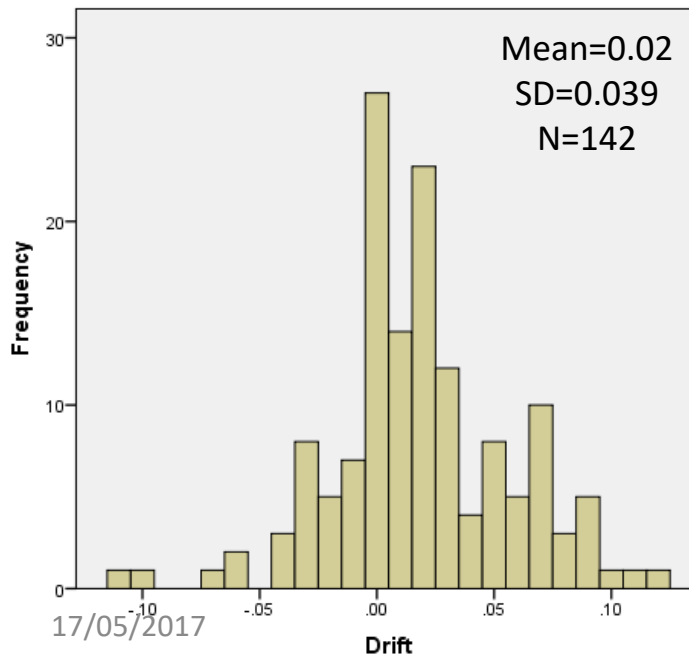
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Observed absolute  $\Delta$  from Pd/Pa=1.0 at equalisation  
(irrespective of sign - Median and IQR)

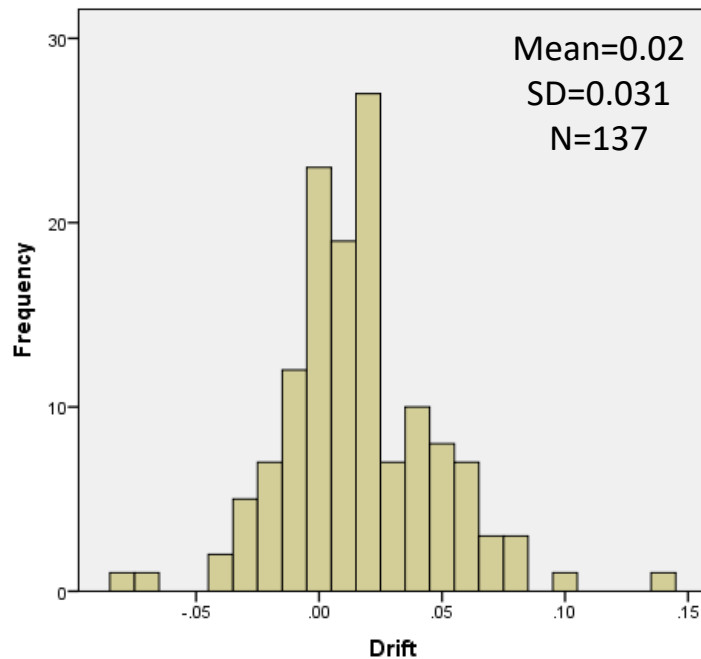
Boston	Median = 0.02	IQR (0.01 – 0.05)
St Jude	Median = 0.02	IQR (0.01 – 0.04)

(p = 0.14 Mann-Whitney test)

Boston Comet



St Jude





## SUMMARY

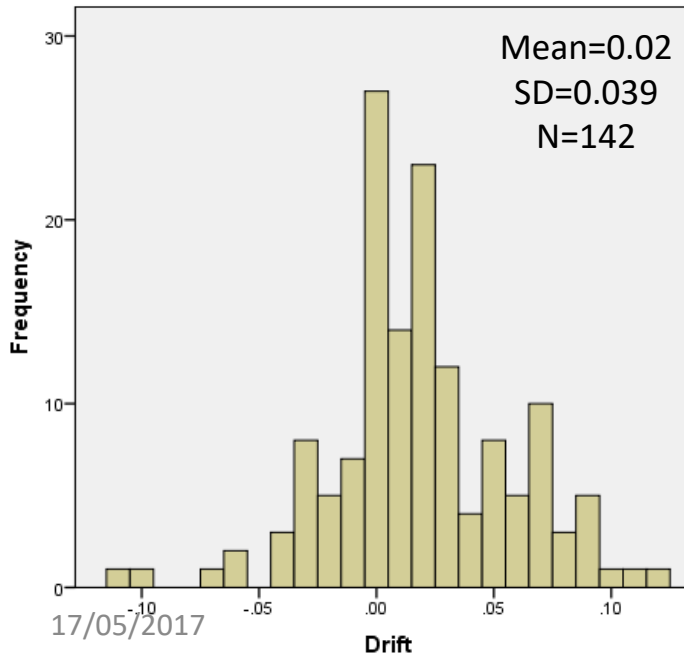
- ✓ We have used a novel method for comparison of 2 diagnostic devices
- ✓ The magnitude of the difference between BS & SJ wires is no greater than between a pair of SJ wires
- ✓ Both types of PW tested in this trial exhibit a small degree of drift, but there is no significant difference between the magnitude of this drift observed using either wire

## CONCLUSION

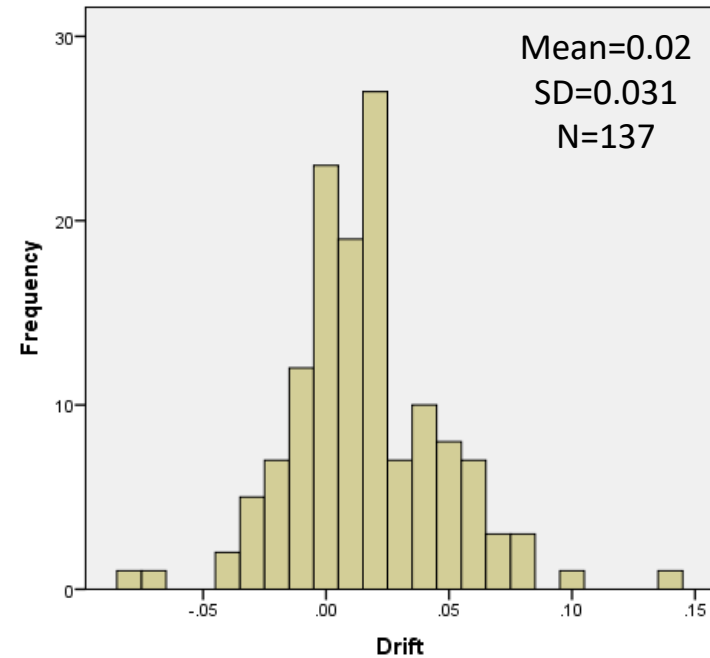
There is no significant difference in performance between the COMET & SJM PW

# COMET Trial.... The Known Unknowns

### Boston Comet



### St Jude



How much drift is too much?  
Should we routinely measure drift?  
If so, what should we do about it?

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