

# Prospective Randomized Comparative Study Between Vasculomimetic Supera Stent And Drug Coated Balloons For Superficial Femoral Artery Disease

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## I. Introduction:

- Prevalence of peripheral arterial disease in men >55years is 4.5%
- Superficial femoral artery and proximal popliteal occlusive disease makes the majority of it
- Therapeutic options range from conservative to endovascular procedures to surgical bypass
- In our study , we try to compare the efficacy of vasculomimetic SUPERA stents and paclitaxel coated balloons in treating superficial femoral artery disease in our limited setting and follow up.

## AIM:

Compare between the vasculomimetic SUPERA stent and drug eluting balloons for Superficial Femoral Artery(SFA) disease in terms of

- Operating time
- Intra operative challenges
- Post operative complications
- Morbidity
- Early Outcome
- Efficacy
- Cost effectiveness.

## METHODOLOGY:

- Study period: May 2016 to April 2018
- Study population:
  - Patients admitted with superficial femoral artery disease in Department of Vascular Surgery, GRH, MMC in the study period.

## KEYWORDS:

- Superficial Femoral Artery Disease, Supera Stent, DCBs

## INCLUSION CRITERIA:

- ✓ Patient presenting a score from 4 to 6 following Rutherford classification
- ✓ Patient is >18 years old
- ✓ Patient understands the nature of the procedure and provides written informed consent, prior to enrolment in the study
- ✓ De novo lesions located in the superficial femoral artery, suitable for endovascular therapy
- ✓ There is angiographic evidence of a patent deep femoral artery
- ✓ The target lesion has angiographic evidence of stenosis > 50% or occlusion
- ✓ There is angiographic evidence of at least one-vessel-runoff to the foot

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA:

- ✓ Presence of another stent in the target vessel that was placed during a previous procedure
- ✓ Previous open surgery in the same limb
- ✓ Patients with uncorrected bleeding disorders

- ✓ Patients contraindicated for antiplatelet therapy, anticoagulants or thrombolytics.
- ✓ Patients with known hypersensitivity to nickel-titanium and heparin, including those patients who have had a previous incidence of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) type II
- ✓ Female patient with child bearing potential not taking adequate contraceptives or currently breastfeeding
- ✓ Any planned surgical intervention/procedure 30 days after the study procedure
- ✓ Any patient considered to be hemodynamically unstable at onset of procedure

**SAMPLE SIZE:**

- Supera stent at 12 months patency varied between 85.6% to 89.8%
- At 12 months, the primary patency rates and TLR were both favorable for the DCB arm (primary patency, 82.2% vs. 52.4%, DCB vs. PTA, P<0.001) (ref)
- 95% - Confidence interval
- 80% - Power of the study
- Absolute error - 20
- Calculated required Sample size - 25.

**RANDOMISATION:**

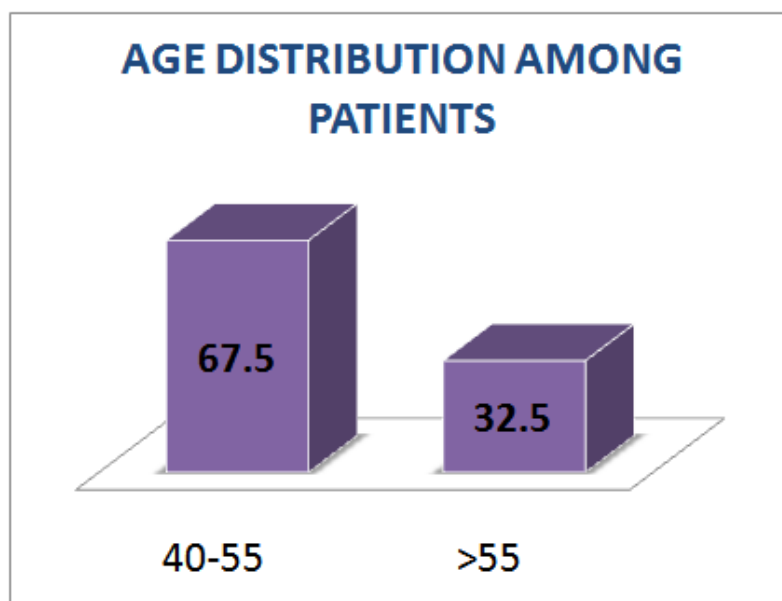
- Subjects were randomly allocated into two arms by BLOCK RANDOMISATION in order to ensure equal participants in both arms
- So 13 blocks with 4 patients in each were created
- Every 5th patients picked up their block number by lottery method
- In a period of two years the calculated required sample size of 25 in both arms could not be reached and hence a interim analysis with 20 in each arm is done

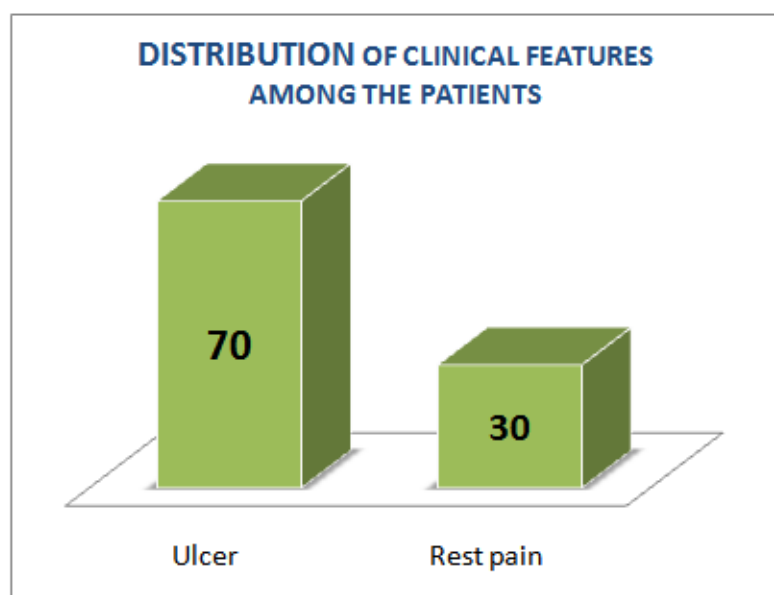
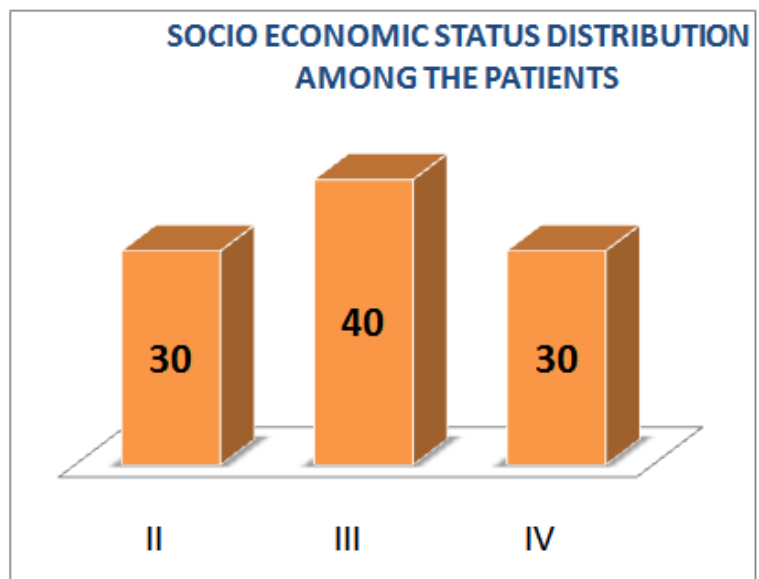
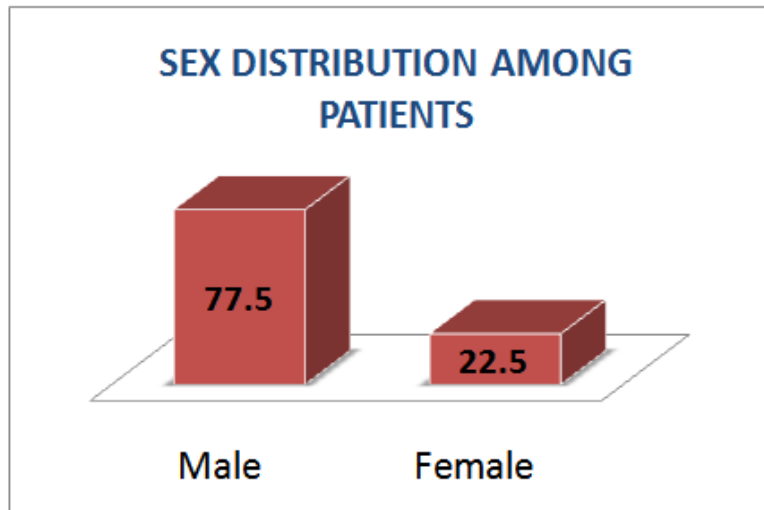
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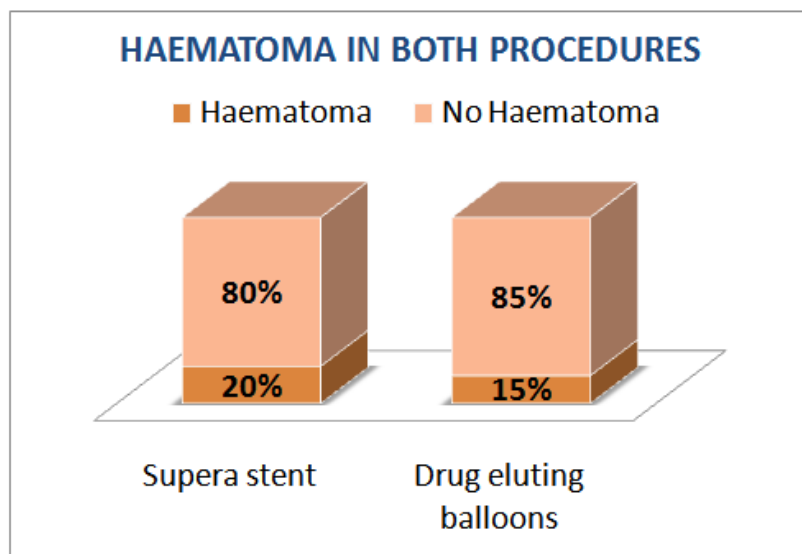
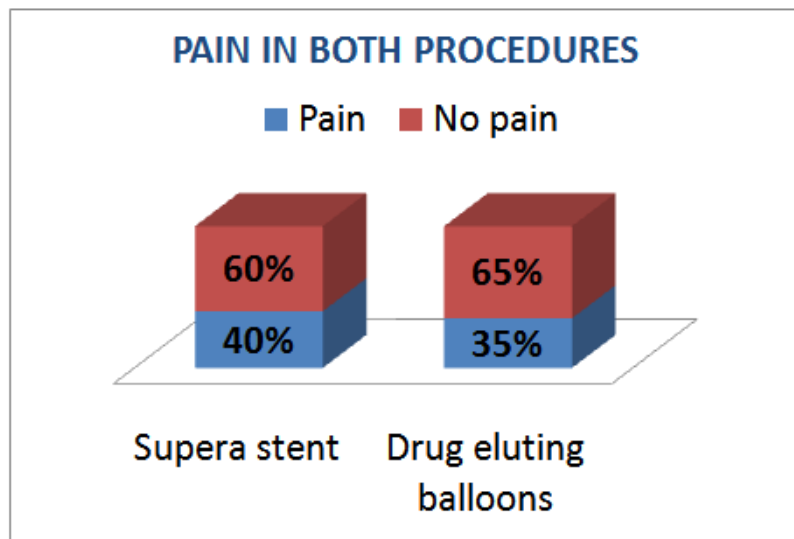
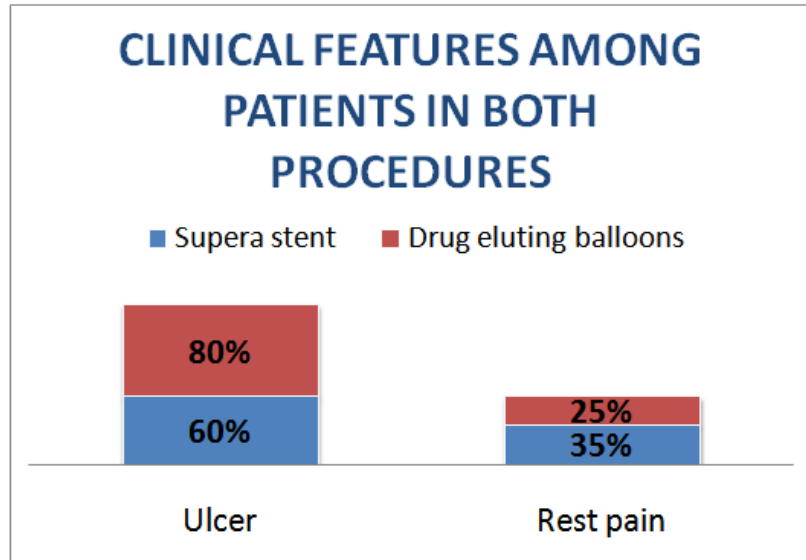
- PRIMARY
- ✓ Patency and
- ✓ Target Lesion Revascularisation(TLR)
- SECONDARY
- ✓ Complication
- ✓ Recurrence

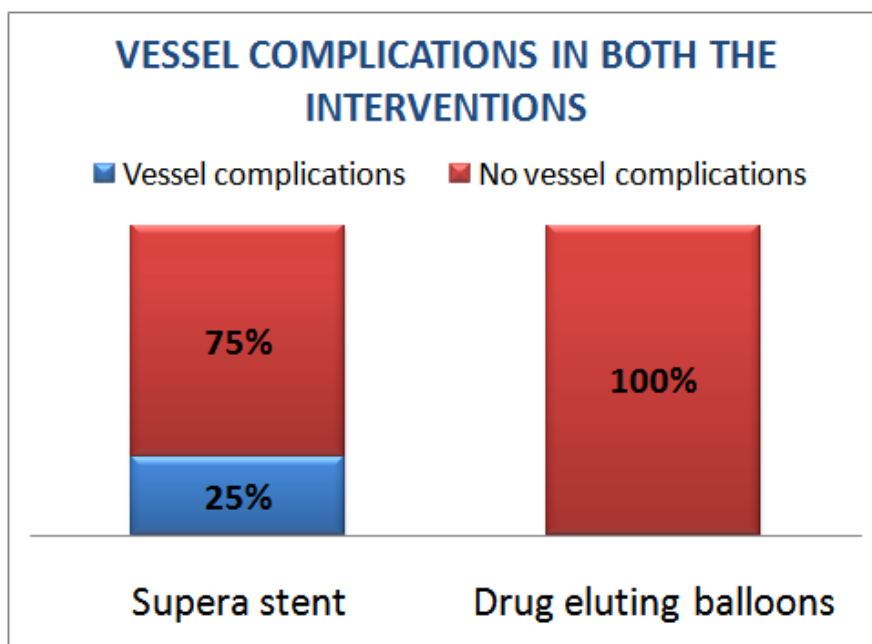
**II. Results:**

- A total of 20 patients were recruited and followed up in each of the two arms in a period of two years
- 80%(16) of them were males
- Only FIVE PATIENTS developed vessel complications
- All the 5 patients belong to the stented arm.









**TYPES OF VESSEL COMPLICATIONS:**

- 3 patients had distal embolization intra operatively while employing supera stent
- All the 3 achieved assisted primary patency by distal thrombolysis.
- 2 patients developed thrombus distally in the post op period in supera stent arm
- We had to do bypass procedure to achieve secondary patency in these two patients

	SUPER STENT	DRUG ELUTING BALLOONS	P VALUE
TIME FOR SURGERY	1.28(0.17)	1.32(0.11)	0.467
DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL	4(0.85)	4.05(0.82)	0.852
COST OF SURGERY	1.67(0.22)	1.17(0.07)	0.000

	SUPER STENT	DRUG ELUTING BALLOONS	P VALUE
PRIMARY PATENCY ACHIEVED			
NOT ACHIEVED	18(90%) 2(10%)	20(100%) 0(0.0%)	0.037
SECONDARY PATENCY ACHIEVED			
NOT ACHIEVED	20(90%) 0(30%)	20(100%) 0(0%)	

**LIMITATIONS OF OUR STUDY:**

- Short duration of study
- Smaller sample size
- Ongoing study & interim results

- DCBs cannot be used in calcified vessels and hence excluded from the study
- Multicentric Randomized Control study and meta analysis needed to emphasize the results of our study

### **III. Conclusion:**

- Between the two procedures, in limited period of follow up in our limited setting DCB's had statistically significant better outcome compared to vasculomimetic supera stent in superficial femoral artery disease.
- We have to further follow up for longer periods and conduct multi centric randomized control trials to determine the long term outcomes.

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