# Step-by-step approach for antegrade wire escalation and antegrade dissection/re-entry techniques



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# The J-CTO (Multicenter CTO Registry in Japan) Score as a Difficulty Grading and Time Assessment Tool



#### Case Selection Guided by the J-CTO Score



#### Four wire crossing strategies in CTO



#### **Proportion of the final successful strategy**



#### **Final strategy depends on J-CTO score**



Final strategy per J-CTO score

#### **Algorithm for CTO crossing**



Brilakis et al., JACC CVI, 2012

#### The Main Algorithm for CTO Crossing



Hardingg et al., JACC CVI, 2017,

#### **Essentials for antegrade wiring**

• Anatomy: dual injection or CT angiography

Use of microcatheter

• Wire escalation

• Multiple angle projection (to identify the wire and target vessel positions)

#### Various types of CTO lesions and different strategies



Wire tip to find loose tissue track

Wire to track soft tissue to distal vessel

Puncture proximal cap

Wire CTO if short + good distal visibility

#### **Required Wire Properties**





1:1 Torque Response

#### XTA / XTR / Fighter / Whisper





#### Algorithm for Antegrade Wire Escalation

Proximal Cap	Visible channel Low penetration force wire with polymer jacket and tapered tip	Tapered proximal cap Low penetration force wire	Blunt proximal cap Intermediate penetration force wire			
CTO body	If a high penetration-force wire has been used to the puncture proximal cap step down to a lower penetration-force wire unless occlusion short with unambiguous course.					
Distal Cap	Escalation from softer me	ore steerable wire to a hig wire may be required.	gher penetration-force			

#### Guidewires Commonly Used for CTO Crossing

Wire Category	Wire Name	Polymer Jacket	Tapered Tip (inch)	Tip Load (gf)	Manufacturer
Low penetration force	Fielder XT*	1	0.009	0.8	Asahi Intecc
	Fielder XT-R*	1	0.010	0.6	Asahi Intecc
	Fielder XT-A*	1	0.010	1.0	Asahi Intecc
	Pilot 50	✓	×	1.5	Abbott Vascular
	Fighter	1	0.009	1.5	Boston Scientific
	Hornet	×	0.008	1.0	Boston Scientific
	Gaia 1st	×	0.010	1.7	Asahi Intecc
	Cross-it 100XT	×	0.010	2.0	Abbott Vascular
Intermediate penetration	Pilot 150	1	×	2.7	Abbott Vascular
force	Pilot 200*	1	×	4.1	Abbott Vascular
	Gladius	1	×	3.0	Asahi Intecc
	Miracle 3	×	×	3.0	Asahi Intecc
	Ultimate 3*	×	×	3.0	Asahi Intecc
	Gaia 2nd*	×	0.010	3.5	Asahi Intecc
	Cross-it 200	×	0.011	3.0	Abbott Vascular
High penetration force	Conquest Pro*	✓	0.009	9.0	Asahi Intecc
	Conquest Pro 12*	1	0.009	12.0	Asahi Intecc
	Gaia 3rd*	×	0.012	4.5	Asahi Intecc
	Hornet 10	×	0.008	10.0	Boston Scientific
	Hornet 14	×	0.008	14.0	Boston Scientific
	PROGRESS 200T	×	0.009	13.0	Abbott Vascular
	Miracle 12	×	×	12.0	Asahi Intecc

\*Most commonly used guidewires

Hardingg et al., JACC CVI, 2017,

#### **Typical antegrade wire escalation technique**



#### **IVUS catheters used for CTO intervention**

Company	Catheter	Tip to Transducer	Scan Type	Image
Volcano	Eagle Eye Platinum ST	2.5mm	Electronic scan type	← 2.5mm
Volcano	Eagle Eye Platinum	10mm	Electronic scan type	← → 10mm
TERUMO	Navi Focus WR	9mm	Mechanical Scan type	9.0mm
Boston	OptiCross	20mm	Mechanical Scan type	← → 20mm



#### **ADR device**



### **Reentry using Stingray**



### Randomized Comparison of a CrossBoss First Versus Standard Wire Escalation Strategy for Crossing Coronary Chronic Total Occlusions

#### The CrossBoss First Trial

**CONCLUSIONS** As compared with wire escalation, upfront use of the CrossBoss catheter for antegrade crossing of coronary chronic total occlusions was associated with similar crossing time, similar success and complication rates, and similar equipment use and cost. (J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2018;11:225–33) © 2018 the American College of Cardiology Foundation. Published by Elsevier. All rights reserved.

#### Technical procedural success : 87.8% and 84.1% *Stingray success rate:* 63% (51/81)

WHAT IS NEXT? New devices and crossing techniques are needed to further improve the success rates and procedural efficiency and reduce the complication rates of coronary chronic total occlusion interventions.

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## Long mRCA CTO

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#### Sion wire for loose channel tracking

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#### Wire escalation to Gaia 1st

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#### Additional escalation to Gaia 2<sup>nd</sup>

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#### **CrossBoss for controlled dissection 1**

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### **CrossBoss for controlled dissection 2**

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### Wire escalation to Gaia 3rd

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#### Successful guidewire and microcatheter passage

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### mRCA ISR CTO, very tough proximal cap

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#### **Conquest pro with CrossBoss for ADR**

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#### **No progression of CrossBoss**

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#### **Gaia 1<sup>st</sup> and Corsair microcatheter**

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#### Successful guidewire and microcatheter delivery

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#### Llong LAD CTO with OM collateral to dLAD

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#### **Collateral channel from RCA to mLAD**

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#### Fielder XT-A in a false lumen

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#### Wire escalation to Gaia 1<sup>st</sup> and Redirection, but hard to enter the dLAD

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#### When you are sure that the wire is in the true lumen $\rightarrow$ Tip injection confirmed true lumen at mLAD

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#### Small balloon angioplasty to mLAD

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#### Tracking with parallel guidewires (Runthrough in the false lumen and Gaia 1<sup>st</sup> for the tracking)

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#### IVUS to recheck the correct pathway (Vessel size and anatomy of septal and diagonal branches)

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#### **Dual injection to identify the target lesion anatomy**

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#### Slow advancing the Gaia 1<sup>st</sup> wire

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#### **Checking the route in a different angle**

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#### **Freely moving wire to the dLAD**

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#### Antegrade flow to dLAD was obtained.

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#### Sometimes, we need more than 3 parallel wires

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#### Failed to enter the true lumen

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#### Wire escalation to Conquest pro to puncture the distal cap

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#### **Ambiguous LAD ostium on dual injection**

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#### There is proximal stump on a different projection

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Unstable Guiding support  $\rightarrow$  a wire in LCX

Target entry site: small dimpling at LAD ostium

#### Soft wire tracking through the dimpling

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#### After three time false lumen wiring with the soft wire, an escalated wire go into the true lumen

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#### Summary (Chain of Success)

![](_page_52_Figure_1.jpeg)

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