Case study

Low-dose and High-resolution Cardiac Imaging with Revolution™ CT

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Case 1

Detailed and Reliable Stenosis Detection in One Heart Beat

Patient history
A man in his 60s complaining of typical angina pectoris and status after TIA was referred to coronary CT angiography after an exercise test clinically positive and electrically negative.

Acquisition
One-beat cardiac acquisition:
- 160 mm axial scanning with ECG gating
- 100 kV and 270 mA
- 75% acquisition peak
- BMI: 25
- ASiR-V™1 to lower dose
- 0.28 sec rotation speed
- Heart rate: 46-48 BPM
- DLP 45 mGy-cm
- 0.63 mSv2
- Exposure time: 0.28 sec

Results

![Curved - LAD](image)

![3D - Coronary Tree](image)

![SPECT Hybrid](image)

![Coronary angiogram](image)

Conclusion
In this patient with a calcium score of 0, a subtotal occlusion of the LAD (90-99 %) could be visualized on the CT images.

Correspondingly, SPECT revealed a large reversible perfusion defect in the anterior wall. The patient underwent coronary angiogram where the diagnosis was confirmed and stenting of the lesion was performed.

“Thanks to the one-beat axial acquisition, the new iterative reconstruction technology ASiR-V and the high image quality at low kV, Revolution CT delivers cardiac CT with excellent soft plaque differentiation at very low dose in routine use.”

Dr. Ronny R. Buechel
Case 2

Rapid Exclusion of CAD with Ultra-low-dose CCTA

Patient history
A woman in her 60s, with no cardiovascular risk factors, but complaining of exercise dependent, atypical chest pain was referred to coronary CT angiography after an exercise test clinically positive and electrically negative.

Acquisition
One-beat cardiac acquisition:
- 160 mm axial scanning with ECG gating
- 80 kV and 180 mA
- BMI: 17
- ASiR-V to lower dose
- 0.28 sec rotation speed
- Heart rate: 56 BPM
- 40 cc of contrast media (320 mg I/ml) including SmartPrep phase triggering
- DLP 14 mGy-cm
- 0.19 mSv
- Exposure time: 0.28 sec

Results

Conclusion
Thanks to the 160 mm coverage and ASIR-V the exam was performed with ultra-low dose and very low iodine load to exclude CAD.

On the first 100 cardiac CT exams that we performed, we achieved an average dose of 0.5 mSv, thanks to the one-beat axial acquisition, the new iterative reconstruction technology ASIR-V and the high image quality at low kV.

Prof. Dr. Philipp A. Kaufmann
Case 3

Congenital Anomalous Course of Left Coronary Artery

Patient history
A man in his 40s with elevated coronary risk profile and atypical chest pain was referred to CT for risk stratification.

Acquisition
One-beat cardiac acquisition:
- 160 mm axial scanning with ECG gating
- 100 kV and 256 mA
- BMI: 26
- ASiR-V¹ to lower dose
- 0.28 sec rotation speed
- Heart rate: 69-72 BPM
- DLP 37 mGy-cm
- 0.52 mSv²
- Exposure time: 0.28 sec

Results

Conclusion
This congenital anomaly of the left coronary artery reveals a joint origin of the LMA and RCA from the right coronary cusp with interarterial course of the left main artery.

This rare anomaly is associated with sudden cardiac death particularly during strenuous exercise.
For further evaluation a myocardial SPECT with exercise stress testing is planned to evaluate the relevance of the finding in this particular case.

Thanks to the one-beat cardiac acquisition and ASIR-V, a confident and reproducible diagnosis of coronary arteries can be performed with very low dose, even at high heart rates.

Dr. Fran Mikulicic
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1 In clinical practice, the use of ASiR-V may reduce CT patient dose depending on the clinical task, patient size, anatomical location and clinical practice.

2 Obtained using a chest factor of 0.014*DLP

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