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## Small black holes in optical frequency domain imaging matches intravascular neoangiogenesis formation in histology

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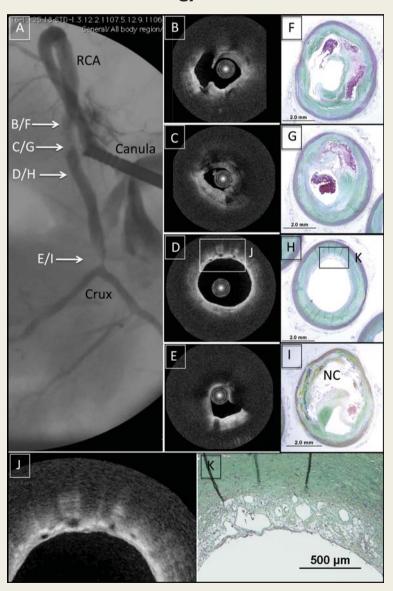
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A 46-year-old white man with a family history of heart disease and myocardial infarction complaints recently about indigestion and was found unresponsive in bed.

Post-mortem angiography ( $Panel\ A$ ) showed an intraluminal haziness in the area of the mid-RCA (B/F and C/G) followed by a wide-open artery (D/H) and a severe luminal stenosis before the crux (E/I). Optical frequency domain imaging (OFDI; Terumo, Tokyo, Japan) ( $Panels\ B-D$ ) and corresponding histology ( $Panels\ F-H$ ) presented a ruptured plaque and a non-occlusive luminal thrombus and only mild circumferential luminal narrowing. Sections at the crux of the heart demonstrated a severe narrowing with an intact thin cap fibroatheroma ( $Panels\ E\ and\ I$ ) with a large necrotic core (NC).

Several small (50–300  $\mu$ m) black holes were observed in OFDI (*Panel D*) with a centrifugal sound enhancement (*Panel J*). Histology confirmed intravascular neoangiogenesis formation in the corresponding sections (*Panels H* and *K*).

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