Development of Ultra-High Strength Self-Expandable Bioresorbable Cover Stent

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Abstract

The research is directed to an ultra high strength self-expandable cover stent with a thin elastic bioresorbable polymer cover over the self-expanding stent platform. The biocompatible and biodegradable polymer cover is formed by spray coating over the stent. The coating formulation consists of a solvent and polymer mixture which enhances the bioresorbable cover stents strength. The ultra-high-strength cover improves stent stability and strength, reducing the risk of stent breakage. The research is self-expandable stent that can be used to cure vascular perforation, occlude pericardial effusion, thrombosis, and aneurysm. To counteract restenosis, a drug coating layer containing an anti proliferative agent may be applied to the cover stent.

Key words

Ultra high strength, Bioresorbable cover, and Self Expandable stent

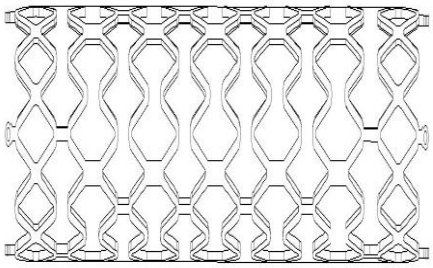
Introduction

Restenosis is the re closure of a periphery or coronary artery as a result of efforts to open a stenosed portion of the artery, such as balloon dilation, ablation, atherectomy, or laser cut treatment. Perforation and restenosis account for 20 to 50 percent of angioplasty procedures. The coagulation mechanism at the site of trauma initiates the healing response in perforation. The research relates to lessening the probability of perforation in the body vascular lumen and preventing restenosis. Perforation can be classified into three types: class I, class II, and class III. Class-I perforations are less likely to cause tamponade or ischemia, and are therefore less harmful to the patients health. The benefits of a cover stent include the prevention of tumor-in-growth and tissue hyperplasia. PTFE cover stents have been used to seal vessel perforations, however they are high-profile, non-flexible devices that can be difficult to deploy in calcified and convoluted veins. To restore arterial patency, self-expandable covered stents with covers consisting of synthetic polymers such as silicone or PU are commonly used. Bioresorbable cover stent is used to prevent long-term thrombus formation induced by the ePTFE cover on a self-expanding stent platform. The cover stent described here is strong enough to assist tissue growth while also enduring diverse mechanical pressures at the treatment location. The thickness of the produced bioresorbable cover ranges from 100 to 160 m, the cover tensile strength is greater than 13N, and the radial strength of the stent is greater than 50N. Improved circumferential strength, fracture toughness, flexibility, and puncture protection are among the benefits of using a high-strength bioresorbables cover over an expanding stent. Optimal solvent ratio, optimized bioreorbable polymer quantity, and process parameters are used to construct an extremely high strength stent with sufficient strength.

Material and Methods

Nitinol stent has a bioresorbable polymeric coating that is ultra strong and self expanding. The strut thickness on a stent can range from 160 to 200 millimeters. Spray coating is used to create the coating layer. Bioresorbable polymer and solvents make up the coating solution for a stent. For cover formation, a single polymer blend might be utilized. The cover is made of the aliphatic polyester poly L-lactide -co-e-caprolactone (PLCC) which seals the perforation and aneurysm. Water is one of the solvents, although it is not the one, used in this research. Coating can be done in 50 to 110 second with a non continuous manner and resting cycle. To make the polymer, the tapered end of the balloon is covered with the protective sheath. To remove residual solvents, utilize vacuum desiccators. PLCL covers can be thickness from 10 to 500 m. The mandrel which made from teflon is placed in a vacuum oven for a set amount of time at a set temperature. The cover stent is annealed in a vacuum of 700 mm Hg at a temperature of 10 to 150 ° C. Over the nitinol stent, the cover is constructed of PLCC polymer. The drug sirolimus is extensively used in balloons and stents for localized drug release with an anti- proliferative action to treat restenosis and rupture. Coating the outside surface with bioresorbable agent rather than just the inner surface. Controlled release of sirolimus can be achieved by covering the PLCL layer with a sirolamine and PDLLA polymer mixture. The drug coating can be done in a clean room with

temperature and humidity ranging from 19 to 22 ° C and 25 to 50 % relative humidity, respectively. Additional treatments such as plasma coating and solvent vapour annealing can be used to customize the drug release pattern and tissue residence period. The drug coated cover stent is loaded into a delivery catheter that can handle up to 7 ° F. To excite the physiological condition, the covered stent is expanded or deployed in 37 ° C distilled water. Sterilization of the loaded covered stent is done by Eto gas, gamma or e-beam radiation.



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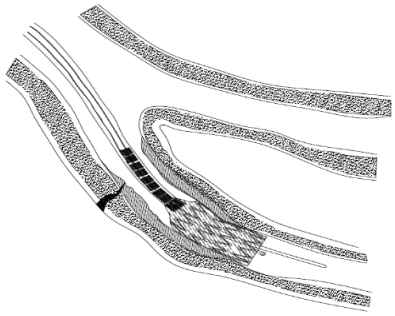

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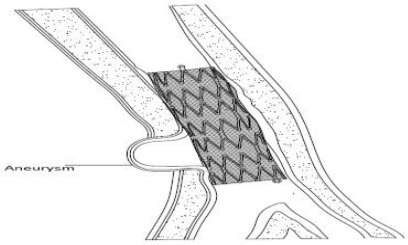

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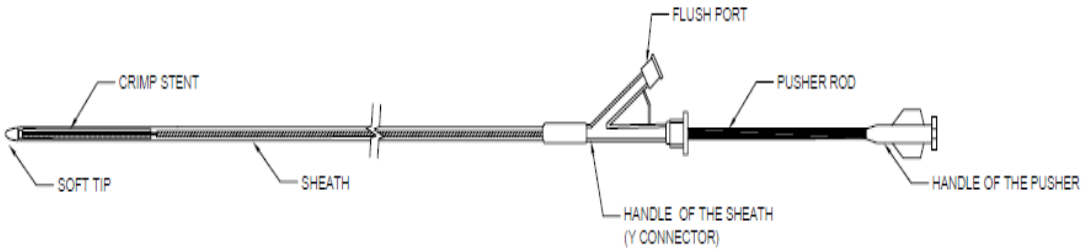

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Brief description of the drawings:

Fig.1 depicts a schematic representation of a stent design;

Fig.2 depicts a coating of stent;

Fig.3 depicts a cover stent loading procedure in a perforated lumen;

Fig.4 depicts a covered stent in a lumen with an aneurysm; and

Fig.5 depicts a covered stent with delivery.

The following parameters are included in the loading parameters table:

Sr. No	Parameters	Speed
1.	Quill speed	0.2 to 0.8 mm/sec
2.	Strut position	120 to 180 mm
3.	Final position	200 to 260 mm
4.	Load diameter	12 to 18 mm
5.	Hold diameter	9.5 to 6.5 mm
6.	Final diameter	1.90 to 2.20 mm

Result and Discussion

The bioresorbable cover stent lowers the risk of late-stage thrombosis, enhances radial strength, and provides long-term vascular patency. Self-expanding stent with a homogeneous bioresorbable coating that has smooth edges to prevent perforation from the stents edges. The bioresorbable cover stent lowers the risk of late-stage thrombosis, enhances radial strength, and provides long-term vascular patency. Additionally, the self-expandable cover has smooth edges to prevent perforation from the stents edges. The use of self-expanding stents to treat lumen stenosis is common. Uncovered SEM that has been exposed runs the danger of tumour development and perforation. Develop a covered self-expandable stent to reduce the risk of tumour growth and perforation. Due to overlapping of nitinol strut edges or vascular moment during angioplasty, it is possible to have a lesion and perforation during the insertion operation of an uncovered stent. Traumatic vascular lesions, artery perforation, aneurysm lesions, restenosis, and thrombosis are all treated with cover grafts. Covered stents, which can be self-expanding or balloon-expandable, are commonly utilized to restore vessel functioning and patency. Pericardium or other synthetic material is used to cover already available covered stents (PU, PTFE and ePTFE).

In general, a biocompatible cover that supports the formation of natural tissue while sealing the perforation and aneurysm is beneficial. Elastic polymer is preferred for cover formation because it does not tear or break during cover stent expansion. The cover stent is strong enough to assist tissue growth while also enduring diverse mechanical pressures at the treatment location. The thickness of the produced bioresorbable cover ranges from 100 to 160 m, the cover tensile strength is greater than 13N, and the radial strength of the stent is greater than 50N.

The following non-limiting tests can help you better understand the present research. Biodegradable polymer and solvent are included in the coating solution.

1. 100 mg of PLCL is dissolved in 2 mL Dichloromethane, and the final amount is increased to 10 mL using acetone (Formulation 1). For homogenization, the solution is maintained in an ultra sonication bath for 10-15 minutes. As previously stated, the coating parameters are the amount of coating solution, distance between the spray gun and the stent, mandrel rotation, nitrogen gas pressure, oscillation rate, and solution flow rate. To make the cover or graft, 7ml of coating solution is sprayed on the stent. Over the stent, an incomplete cover is produced, and the cover is not uniform. In the cover, there are holes (Figure 7).
2. PLCL is dissolved in 10 mL dichloromethane at a concentration of 70 mg/mL (DCM). For homogenization, the solution is maintained in an ultra sonication bath for 10-15 minutes (Formulation 2). The coating parameters are as stated previously. To make the cover or graft, 12ml of coating solution is sprayed on the stent. Over the stent, a uniform and clear cover is produced, with no holes visible (Figure 8). The thickness of the cover is approximately 150m. The tensile strength and radial strength of bioresorbable film at 10mm/sec are roughly 2N and 30N, respectively. Around 2N, a puncture in bioresorbable film is observed.

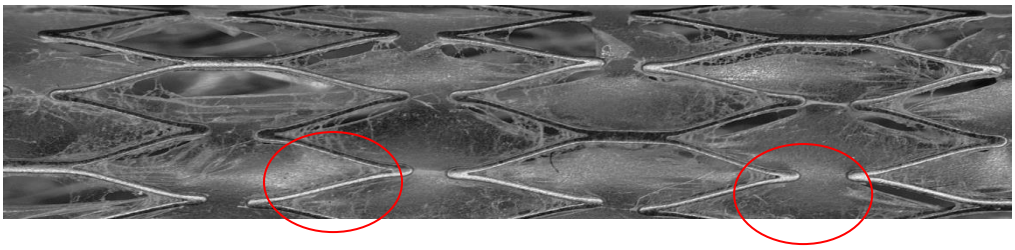

Fig.7 Incomplete cover &Holes are observed

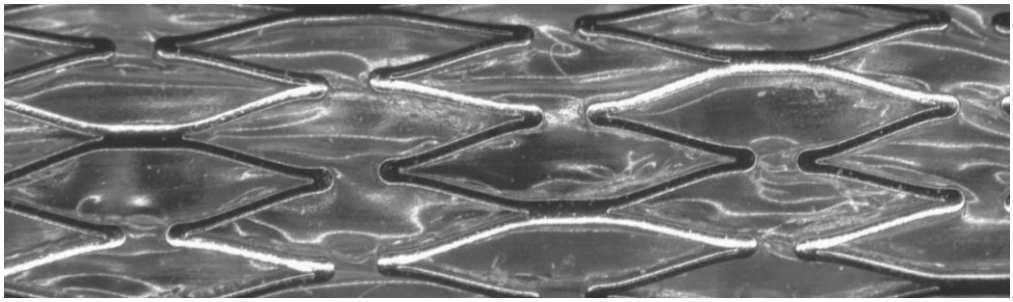

Fig.8 Uniform cover and No holes

Formulation No.	PLCL Solution (mg)	Dissolved DCM (ml)	Sonication bath time (minute)	Spray coating (mm)	Results
1.	100	2.0	10-15	7.0	Cover is not uniform and Incomplete cover is formed over stent. Holes are observed in cover.
2.	70	10	10-15	12	Uniform and transparent cover is formed. No holes are observed in cover.

Conclusion

In the peripheral vascular, the self-expandable cover stent is used to treat artery perforation, tamponade, thrombosis, and aneurysm. To counteract restenosis, a drug coating layer comprising an anti proliferative agent can indeed be placed to the cover stent. In identifying and preventing tumour growth and perforation, the covered self-expandable stent overcomes the problem of uncovered stents. The cover is strong enough to assist tissue growth while also enduring various mechanical pressures at the treatment location.

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