

1 Evaluations of animal experimental tests by using the open-irrigated ELMA-catheter **RytmoLas®**

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Excerpt of abstract:

Open-Irrigated Laser Catheter RytmoLas® Produces Deep Lesions without Thrombus or Steam Pop

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RF ablation is limited by risk of thrombus and steam pop (perforation). Laser energy penetrates deep into tissue. We have tested a new saline irrigated laser catheter to create deep lesions, using a canine thigh muscle preparation.

Conclusions:

This Laser catheter with open irrigation can create deep (>10mm) lesions without thrombus or steam pop.

In the above mentioned institutions over 1000 cardiovascular laser catheter applications were performed without complications during 126 animal experimental tests in 114 dogs, 7 pigs an 5 rabbits, by using the open-irrigated ELMA-catheter **RytmoLas®**.