

1 SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

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3 **Quantitative Intravascular Biological Fluorescence-Ultrasound Imaging of**

4 **Coronary and Peripheral Arteries *In Vivo***

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SUPPLEMENTAL METHODS AND RESULTS

Supplemental Information S1. Characterization of cNIRF-IVUS system in vitro

NIRF resolution and sensitivity. To investigate the NIRF resolution and the sensitivity of the cNIRF-IVUS system, a tube filled with a NIR fluorophore (AlexaFluor 750) was fixed at an arbitrary angle to the cNIRF-IVUS catheter. Such a phantom allowed measurements of the NIRF signal from precisely controlled distances. First, the NIRF sensitivity was assessed as function of the distance in saline or blood (**Supp. Fig. 1a**). As expected, due to higher absorption and scattering, the sensitivity drop was sharper in blood (red line). Nevertheless, 200 nM of NIR fluorophore was detectable at distances < 2 mm. while the sensitivity limit of the system was designated to SNR=2.5. Next, NIRF resolution was measured through calculation of the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the NIRF signal from the fluorescent tube (**Supp. Fig. 1b**, red and blue dots). The angular resolution at 1 mm distance in blood is 24° . These data are in line with results reported previously (1).

Ultrasound resolution. The ultrasound resolution of the cNIRF-IVUS system is determined by the geometry and frequency of the ultrasound transducer. A copper wire (100 μm diameter) was imaged at different distances using the 9F/15MHz and 4.5F/40MHz cNIRF-IVUS catheters to measure the lateral and axial ultrasound resolutions (**Supp. Fig. 1b**). At a typical imaging distance of 2 mm, the 4.5F/40MHz catheter demonstrated $\sim 2 \times$ better lateral resolution compared to the 9F/15MHz catheter: 270 μm and 500 μm , respectively (green and magenta triangles). The axial resolution was not affected by distance and was measured to be 150 μm and 240 μm for the 4.5F/40MHz and 9F/15MHz catheters, respectively. These results are similar to those reported for commercial 40 MHz IVUS systems (2): 100 μm axial, 250 μm lateral.

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Supplemental Information S2. Method of NIRF signal correction for blood attenuation

We assumed that that the fluorescence is generated at the luminal border of the arterial wall based on prior data demonstrating that plaques provide markedly less attenuation of NIRF signals compared to blood (3). Thus, it could be considered, that the excitation light and emitted fluorescence propagate only through attenuating blood between the vessel wall and optical fiber. Therefore, detected optical power P can be modelled by the equation

$$P = P_0CR/\alpha(r), \tag{Eq. 1}$$

where P_0 is the illumination power at the tip of the fiber, C is the unknown concentration of the fluorophore within illuminated volume, R is a constant related to optical properties of the imaged fluorescent probe such as absorption coefficient and quantum yield, and, finally, $\alpha(r)$ is the blood related distance-dependent light attenuation function. From Eq. 1, the fluorophore concentration can be found as

$$C = \frac{P\alpha(r)}{P_0R}. \tag{Eq. 2}$$

As evident from Eq. 2, parameter P_0R scales the concentration linearly if no quenching occurs. In practice, system calibration for P_0R is required for the specific probe imaged. Otherwise, the measured concentration C may only be represented in arbitrary units. Therefore, calibration was done by relating the NIRF signal to the known imaging distance and concentrations of the fluorophore for *in vivo* phantom measurements (i.e. **Supp. Fig. 2b**).

1 In case of measurements in saline, the function $\alpha(r)$ can be modelled by the Beer-Lambert law.
2 However, light propagation through blood is diffusive due to photon scattering, and therefore the
3 Beer-Lambert law is not applicable. We instead used the theory introduced by Twersky for
4 transmission measurements (4), which is often applied to model light transmission through blood
5 in biological applications (5–7). The Twersky theory describes the light intensity transmitted
6 through blood in terms of its optical and physiological parameters, allowing the distance-
7 dependent attenuation in blood to be expressed as:

$$\alpha(r) = e^{-r(\mu_{a1} + \mu_{a2})} (e^{-B\omega(1-\omega)2r} + q(1 - e^{-B\omega(1-\omega)2r})), \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

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11 where μ_{a1} and μ_{a2} are the absorption coefficients of blood at the excitation and emission
12 wavelengths, respectively, that can be derived from the extinction coefficients provided in
13 Bosschaart et al. (8) ω is the fractional hematocrit of blood. B represents scattering, and q is a
14 constant parameter related to the detection system. Here, B and q were defined empirically by
15 curve fitting the experimental data to the expression given in Eq. 3.

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17 It should be considered that noise in the detected signal P might be amplified by the correction
18 formula (Eq. 2) and lead to spurious signals. Therefore, we employed a regularization function β
19 that suppresses correction for signals below the noise level to minimize their subsequent
20 amplification:

$$C = P\beta\alpha(r)/P_0R \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

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1 β is a function of the detected signal P and could be described by Eq. 5.

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$$\begin{cases} \beta = 32 \left(\frac{P}{P+P_{noise}} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2, & \text{if } P \leq 3P_{noise} \\ \beta = 1 - 32 \left(\frac{P}{P+P_{noise}} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2, & \text{if } P > 3P_{noise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{Eq. 5})$$

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5 where P_{noise} is the noise level of the detected signal. Once the distance-dependent attenuation
6 function $\alpha(r)$ is found (i.e. **Supp. Information S3**), Eq. 4 can be used for attenuation correction
7 of the NIRF signals.

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9 ***Supplemental Information S3. cNIRF-IVUS measurements of distance-related blood***
10 ***attenuation ex vivo and in vivo.***

11 Given the success of intravascular NIRF imaging of coronary-sized arteries through blood, we
12 hypothesized that blood attenuation in vivo might be less severe than attenuation measurements
13 derived from ex vivo blood attenuation properties. Therefore, rather than relying on the *ex vivo*
14 attenuation values measured or found in the literature, we derived a new correction algorithm
15 exclusively based on *in vivo* blood attenuation measurements obtained from living swine (see
16 below).

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18 *Ex vivo* cNIRF-IVUS measurements of blood attenuation. To determine the distance-attenuation
19 function $\alpha(r)$ *ex vivo*, we employed the setup shown in **Supp. Fig. 2a**, in which measurements
20 were performed while submerged in saline or *ex vivo* blood. cNIRF-IVUS image acquisition was
21 performed at an angle to a fluorescent tube. By correlating ultrasound-measured distances with

1 NIRF intensities, the attenuation function $\alpha(r)$ was computed (**Supp. Fig. 2e**) for saline (blue
2 dots) and swine blood *ex vivo* (green dots).

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4 *In vivo* cNIRF-IVUS measurements of blood attenuation. To define the distance-attenuation
5 function $\alpha(r)$ *in vivo*, we analysed cNIRF-IVUS signals obtained from the vessel wall of a living
6 swine (MGH IACUC Protocol #2012N000066) injected locally with a NIR fluorophore
7 (AlexaFluor 750). Experimental procedures are described in the manuscript Methods section
8 entitled “Validation of cNIRF-IVUS *in vivo*” and illustrated in **Fig. 2**. The NIRF *in vivo* readouts
9 are presented in **Supp. Fig. 2e** (red dots). As evident from the **Supp. Fig. 2e**, NIR light
10 attenuation by *in vivo* blood was significantly less than that observed by *ex vivo* blood. This
11 finding could be related to differential oxygenation levels of blood (9,10), the presence of blood
12 flow *in vivo* (10–12), and/or the effect of absorption flattening (13,14). The Twersky model fits
13 the curve corresponding to *in vivo* blood measurements with $R^2=0.98$ when parameters $q=0.32$
14 and $B=24.9$. In this work we assumed blood absorption to be consistent throughout the arterial
15 circulation. One potential limitation to this approach is that the optical properties of blood can
16 very influenced by the blood velocity variations present in different arterial beds, with slower
17 blood velocity resulting in higher light absorption. According to published data (10), blood flow-
18 based variations in optical attenuation are relatively small and do not exceed 12%. Therefore, the
19 computed distance-attenuation function $\alpha(r)$ is anticipated to reasonably correct *in vivo* NIRF
20 signals acquired from both the carotid and coronary arteries.

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22 To validate the developed distance-correction algorithm we performed a test cNIRF-IVUS scan
23 using the setup shown in **Supp. Fig. 2a**. The raw NIRF image of a fluorescent tube containing a

1 constant NIR fluorophore concentration before correction is shown in **Supp. Fig. 2c**,
2 demonstrating a decrease in NIRF signal as the catheter distance increases in relation to the tube.
3 Sequentially, distance-correction was applied to the raw NIRF image using the distance-
4 attenuation model $\alpha(r)$ measured in saline. As expected, distance correction allowed recovery of
5 uniform NIRF signal intensities over the entire pullback, consistent with the known constant
6 concentration of NIR fluorophore in the capillary tube (**Supp. Fig. 2d**).

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8 The results of **Supp. Fig. 2c** and **d** confirm the ability to perform distance-related attenuation
9 correction of fluorescence intensities given that the attenuation function $\alpha(r)$ is known.
10 However, it was unknown if the cNIRF-IVUS system could be employed to dynamically
11 characterize blood attenuation of optical signals during an *in vivo* experimental measurement.
12 For this reason, we investigated the sensitivity of cNIRF-IVUS to variations in hematocrit (HCT)
13 levels *in vivo*, using a phantom consisting of a flexible fluorescent tube containing AlexaFluor
14 750 placed next to the catheter as shown in **Supp. Fig. 2b**. The overall diameter of the tube –
15 catheter phantom was 2.6 mm, i.e. small enough to insert it to the aorta of living pig through a 9F
16 introducer.

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18 Furthermore, we showed that cNIRF-IVUS can detect changes in the attenuation of blood (**Supp.**
19 **Fig. 2f**) due to, for example, haematocrit variations. *In vivo* measurements of the phantom
20 arrangement were performed under normal, physiological HCT levels (blue dots **Supp. Fig. 2f**),
21 and then repeated following sequential dilution of blood with intravenous normal saline boluses
22 that resulted in a lower HCT=25% (green dots in **Supp. Fig. 2f**). HCT levels were confirmed by
23 independent HCT blood analysis (MGH Core Laboratory). Lines in **Supp. Fig. 2f** represent fits

1 to the Twersky model. The ability to obtain real-time individualized blood correction curves can
2 be used to more accurately quantify NIRF under varying physiological conditions. The algorithm
3 is only applicable to a hybrid system, whereby exactly co-registered measurements of
4 fluorescence intensity (by NIRF) and of distance (by IVUS) are introduced in a global
5 minimization problem, which solves for blood attenuation and aids in building a per-vessel
6 distance calibration curve corresponding to the *in vivo* settings.

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8 Phantom measurements confirmed the ability of the cNIRF-IVUS system to track signal
9 attenuation related to blood absorption. To investigate if blood-attenuation changes can be
10 monitored *in vivo* during intravascular measurements and adjusted without use of a phantom, we
11 analysed cNIRF-IVUS imaging data from healthy blood vessels. **Supp. Fig. 3** presents cNIRF-
12 IVUS data obtained *in vivo* from an intact artery after systematic administration of a NIR
13 fluorescent agent. We discovered a low-frequency varying fluorescence intensity component
14 (**Supp. Fig. 3a-c**) that inversely correlates with the catheter – vessel wall distance (**Supp. Fig. 3**).
15 This signal is attributed to the background wall fluorescence and could be employed to
16 dynamically estimate blood attenuation measurements *in vivo*. **Supp. Fig. 3a** and **b** show
17 representative examples of the fluorescence distribution in an uninjured vessel. Note, here that
18 the dynamic range of the colormap was scaled to make NIRF signal variations visible. **Supp.**
19 **Fig. 3c** displays a NIRF-IVUS cross-sectional image in polar coordinates, where the vessel wall
20 and catheter are outlined by red and magenta lines, respectively. By plotting the fluorescence
21 intensity values normalized for beam size at a corresponding distance, we obtained the
22 attenuation function $\alpha(r)$ *in vivo* (**Supp. Fig. 2**). These measurements confirm the ability of
23 cNIRF-IVUS to retrieve the attenuation function $\alpha(r)$ *in vivo* without *a priori* knowledge of the

1 blood parameters present in the imaging catheter environment. This strategy can be employed to
2 dynamically monitor against changes of blood attenuation, such as due to blood hematocrit or
3 oxygen state variations.

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5 ***Supplemental Information S4. cNIRF-IVUS imaging of a healthy vessel.***

6 To confirm the specificity of the in vivo NIRF fluorescence signal, normal healthy arteries were
7 imaged with the 4.5F/40 MHz cNIRF-IVUS catheter. The imaging protocol utilized was
8 identical to that described in “Intravascular cNIRF-IVUS in vivo imaging of arterial disease” in
9 the manuscript.

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11 **Supp. Fig. 4a** and **b** show cNIRF-IVUS images of a normal LAD coronary artery in a healthy
12 pig without administration of NIR fluorophore. NIRF background signal concentration was
13 calibrated relative to AlexaFluor750 look-up table. Quantitative analysis of the detected *in vivo*
14 NIRF signal in a normal coronary artery demonstrated a low NIRF background signal that was
15 ~35-fold less than that measured in an animal injected with NIRF fluorophore into the artery
16 wall shown in **Fig. 2**, and ~100-fold less NIRF signal than measured for targeted NIRF fibrin
17 imaging of an implanted coronary stent in **Fig. 4**. **Supp. Fig. 4c** and **d** display cNIRF and IVUS
18 image from the non-injured distal femoral artery of a pig following systemic administration of
19 ICG (0.25 mg/kg), with *in vivo* cNIRF concentration signals quantitatively calibrated for ICG.
20 **Supp. Fig. 4e** and **f** present typical cNIRF-IVUS cross sectional images. Note, in contrast to the
21 focal high *in vivo* NIRF signals observed in **Fig.2**, **Fig 3**, and **Fig. 4**, low diffuse NIRF signal
22 with no distinctive NIR fluorescence pattern was detected from all uninjured and uninjected
23 arteries, confirming the specificity of the *in vivo* NIRF fluorescence signal.

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Supplemental Information S5. Validation of angioplasty induced injury model.

In addition to the experiments described in “*In vivo cNIRF-IVUS imaging of peripheral arterial injury induced by angioplasty*” in the main paper, the angioplasty vascular injury model was further validated with additional *in vivo* imaging studies performed in the femoral artery using the 4.5F/40MHz cNIRF-IVUS catheter and detailed histological correlation (N=2; **Supp. Fig. 5**). After obtaining antegrade intra-arterial access with a 6 French introducer sheath in the common iliac artery, vascular injury was performed in the distal femoral artery using a 4.0 × 20mm angioplasty balloon inflated to 10 atm for 1 min three times. Subsequently, ICG (0.25 mg/kg) was administered intravenously, followed by Evans blue (EB; 50 ml of 5% solution) 30 min later, to assess impaired endothelial permeability. Ninety minutes after ICG injection, 40 mm cNIRF-IVUS pullbacks were performed in triplicate across the injured zone. After sacrifice, the injured vessel was harvested on ice and multichannel *ex vivo* fluorescence microscopy (FM) (Kodak ImageStation 4000, Carestream Health) performed for white light (WL), autofluorescence (FITC, excitation/emission 470/535 nm), Evans Blue (Cy5, excitation/emission 630/700 nm), and ICG (Cy7, excitation/emission 740/790 nm). The tissue was then freshly frozen in optimal cutting temperature compound and serial 7µm cryostat sections obtained. Tissue cross-sections were evaluated by fluorescence microscopy (Nikon Eclipse 90i) for autofluorescence, Evans Blue, and ICG. Matched adjacent histological cross-sections were stained for elastin with Verhoeff-Van Gieson (VVG; Elastic Stain Kit HT254; Sigma-Aldrich) to identify disruptions of the elastic lamina, followed by immunohistochemistry to detect endothelial damage (CD31 clone LCI-4, 1:100 dilution; Santa Cruz Biotechnology) using a MACH2 labeled AP polymer secondary visualized with Vulcan fast red chromagen (Biocare

1 Medical). Co-registration between cNIRF-IVUS, standalone IVUS, and histological cross-
2 sections was performed using fiducial markers.

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4 ***Supplemental Information S6. Imaging of fibrin deposition on coronary artery stents.***

5 To further understand the *in vivo* cNIRF-IVUS imaging experiments on NIRF fibrin-coated
6 coronary artery stents described in “*In vivo* intracoronary cNIRF-IVUS of fibrin deposits on
7 coronary stents”, we performed additional fluorescence imaging and histology analyses. Clinical
8 grade bare metal stents (Veriflex) were coated with a NIR fluorescent fibrin probe (FTP11) by
9 incubating overnight in experimental blood clots generated with human fresh frozen plasma
10 (Partners Institutional Review Board #2004P001401), CaCl₂, thrombin, and FTP11. Two non-
11 overlapping 2.75 × 12 mm clinical bare metal stents coated with the FTP11-containing clots
12 were implanted in the right coronary artery of a normal, healthy pig, guided by x-ray
13 angiography and IVUS. At sacrifice, the coronary artery was isolated on ice, and the stents were
14 immediately harvested for digital photography and FRI (Kodak ImageStation 4000, Carestream
15 Health) with white light (WL), autofluorescence (FITC, excitation/emission 470/535 nm), and
16 FTP11 (Cy7, excitation/emission 740/790 nm). The stents were then longitudinally opened by
17 cutting through the stent and tissue with sharp scissors, and the stent material manually extracted.
18 The tissue was freshly frozen in optimal cutting temperature compound, and sectioned into 7µm
19 sections with a cryostat. Tissue cross-sections were evaluated by fluorescence microscopy
20 (Nikon Eclipse 90i) for autofluorescence (FITC channel) and FTP11 (Cy7 channel), and matched
21 adjacent cross-sections stained with Carstairs’ stain for fibrin visualization.

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23 ***Supplemental Information S7. In vivo cNIRF-IVUS imaging of inflammatory atherosclerosis.***

1 To demonstrate cNIRF-IVUS system to image inflammation, a key driver of plaque
2 complications, we employed a modified New Zealand White rabbit atherosclerosis model (MGH
3 IACUC Protocol #2013N000015) that generates highly-inflamed, aortic plaques (15). Following
4 2 weeks of high-cholesterol diet (4.7% coconut oil-based, 1% total cholesterol; Research Diets
5 Inc.), the rabbit underwent aortic balloon-injury (3F Fogarty; Edwards Lifesciences) and
6 continued on 1% high-cholesterol diet for 4 weeks followed by 4 weeks of normal cholesterol
7 chow. At 8 weeks post-injury, the rabbit was imaged with cNIRF-IVUS 24 hours after
8 intravenous injection of a protease-activatable imaging reporter (Prosense VM110, 4 mg/kg IV;
9 PerkinElmer). The day of imaging, the rabbit was anesthetized with ketamine (35 mg/kg) and
10 xylazine (3.5 mg/kg), a 5F sheath was placed in the carotid artery and heparin (IV 100 U/kg) was
11 administered. A 70mm cNIRF-IVUS pullback through blood was performed with rotation speed
12 of 120 rpm revealing two areas (12-30mm and 38-50mm at **Supp. Fig. 7a** and **Supp. Fig. 7d**) of
13 elevated NIR fluorescence signal with a 7mm lower NIRF signal region in between. The same
14 fluorescence distribution was observed on the *ex vivo* FRI image of the resected artery (**Supp.**
15 **Fig. 7e**). Representative cross-sectional cNIRF-IVUS images are shown in **Supp. Fig. 7b** and
16 **Supp. Fig. 7c**.

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Supplemental Figure 1. Characterization of the NIRF and IVUS signal profiles for cNIRF-IVUS catheters. **(a)** NIRF sensitivity as function of detector-to-target distances measured in blood (red dots) and saline (blue dots). Note, the sensitivity limit of the system was designated to SNR=2.5. **(b)** Lateral resolution of the NIRF and ultrasound detectors measured as function of detector-to-target distance. Red dots represent NIRF resolution in blood, blue dots – NIRF resolution in saline, green triangles – ultrasound resolution of the 4.5F/40MHz catheter, purple triangles – ultrasound resolution of the 9F/15MHz catheter.

Supplemental Figure 2. Measurements of distance attenuation and validation of correction model described in S3. **(a)** Setup arrangement for measurements of $\alpha(r)$ in saline or *ex vivo* blood. **(b)** Setup arrangement for *in vivo* validation of cNIRF-IVUS ability to reveal attenuation changes in blood using a fluorescent tube phantom. NIRF signal from a tube with AlexaFluor 750 detected over increasing catheter-target distance before **(c)** and after **(d)** distance correction (color scale bar: red = high NIRF; blue = low NIRF). **(e)** Distance attenuation model measured in saline (blue), *in vivo* blood (red), and *ex vivo* blood (green). **(f)** Light attenuation due to blood with normal (blue) and low (green) level of haematocrit (HTC) measured *in vivo* with cNIRF-IVUS. Lines represent fits to Twersky model.

Supplemental Figure 3. Attenuation function derived from *in vivo* measurements without *a priori* knowledge of blood parameters. **(a)** NIRF image of a healthy vessel after systemic administration of a NIR fluorescence agent. **(b)** Representative NIRF-IVUS cross-sectional image of a normal, healthy artery segment. **(c)** NIRF-IVUS cross-section converted to polar

1 coordinates was used to calculate a thickness of blood through which fluorescence was detected.
2 Red and magenta lines outline the catheter and vessel lumen boundaries, respectively. **(d)** Plot of
3 NIRF signal normalized for beam size as a function of the catheter-to-vessel wall distance. All
4 scale bars are 1mm.

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6 **Supplemental Figure 4.** cNIRF-IVUS images of healthy control arteries *in vivo*. Longitudinal
7 view IVUS image of a non-injected swine LAD coronary artery **(a)** and distal femoral artery **(c)**
8 of a pig after systemic administration of AlexaFluor 750 and ICG, respectively. Corresponding
9 background cNIRF signals **(b)** and **(d)** were acquired simultaneously with IVUS images.
10 Representative cross-sectional cNIRF-IVUS fusion images **(e)** and **(f)** of a LAD coronary artery
11 at pullback position 1 and 2 at (a) and (b). cNIRF signals are calibrated to AlexaFluor 750 (b, e,
12 and f) and ICG (d) concentrations. All scale bars are 1mm.

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14 **Supplemental Figure 5.** cNIRF-IVUS imaging of angioplasty-induced vascular injury. **(a)**
15 Longitudinal view IVUS image reveals topography of the femoral artery after balloon injury. **(b)**
16 The corresponding cNIRF image map demonstrates elevated *in vivo* NIRF ICG signal focally at
17 the location where balloon injury was performed, with negligible NIRF signal (blue/black
18 pseudocolor) in the flanking non-injured regions. A cross-sectional IVUS image **(c)** at the
19 location of the red dotted line in (a) and (b) shows no apparent vascular injury. **(d)** The fusion
20 cNIRF-IVUS cross-sectional image identifies a focal area of increased NIRF ICG signal
21 (yellow/green pseudocolor at 11 o'clock). **(e)** and **(f)** Multichannel fluorescence microscopy of a
22 tissue cross-section from the location corresponding to the cNIRF-IVUS image shown in (d).
23 The region of the white dotted box in (f) is presented in a magnified view in (e). ICG uptake (red

1 pseudocolor) associated with Evans Blue (EB, green pseudocolor) signal distinct from
2 autofluorescence (AF, blue pseudocolor) tissue background signal, indicating that the mechanism
3 of ICG entry into the arterial wall was related to an impaired endothelial barrier. White
4 arrowheads in (e) highlight a region of vascular injury from the angioplasty balloon. Scale bars
5 are (e) 250 μm and (f) 500 μm . Histological staining of adjacent matching sections to (e) and (f)
6 confirmed that ICG accumulation occurred where there was (g) disruption of the internal elastic
7 lamina (VVG, Verhoeff Van Gieson; black arrowheads indicate injured zone; scale bar, 250 μm)
8 and (h) denudation of overlying endothelium (pink = positive CD31 immunostaining; black
9 arrowheads indicate injured zone; scale bar, 100 μm). A control, non-injured femoral artery
10 demonstrated (i) no ICG signal uptake by fluorescence microscopy, that was (j) associated with
11 an intact endothelial layer by CD31 immunohistochemistry. Scale bars in (i) and (j) are 200 μm .

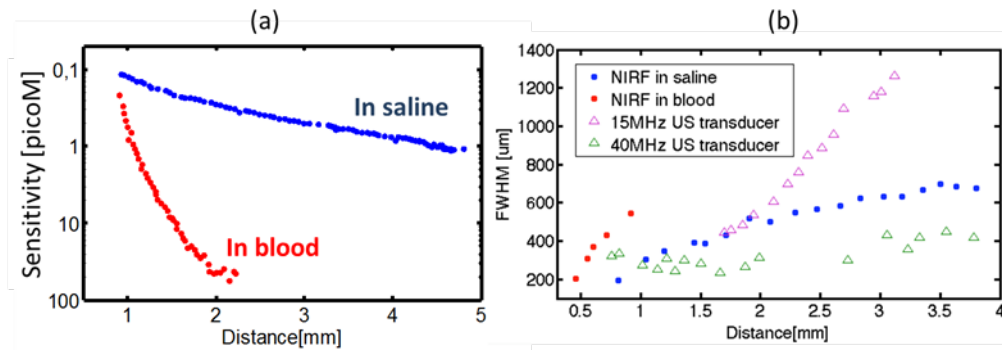
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13 **Supplemental Figure 6.** *Ex vivo* imaging of fibrin deposits on coronary stents. (a) Angiogram of
14 the right coronary artery (RCA) demonstrate the implanted stents (red lines). Below a
15 photograph (b) of the resected coronary artery paired with fluorescence reflectance imaging
16 (FRI) (c) for FTP11-fibrin NIRF signal (red pseudocolor) that reveals heterogeneous, stent-
17 associated high NIRF-fibrin signal. (d) and (e) demonstrate two representative zones of
18 fluorescence microscopy (FM; FTP-11 fibrin = red pseudocolor, autofluorescence (AF) = green
19 pseudocolor) paired with (f) and (g) showing histological Carstairs staining for fibrin (red =
20 fibrin positive) after manual stent removal. High FTP-11 signal associated with the lumen and
21 areas surrounding stent strut voids (asterisk) due to FTP11- fibrin coated stent deposition.
22 Carstairs reveals overlying areas of platelet-rich thrombus that formed *in vivo* after stent
23 implantation with no detectable NIRF-fibrin signal.

1 **Supplementary Figure 7.** *In vivo* cNIRF-IVUS imaging of inflammation in atherosclerosis. **(a)**
2 Fused longitudinal ultrasound (black and white) and cNIRF images of the rabbit atheroma.
3 Representative cNIRF-IVUS cross-sectional images in the pullback position 1 and 2 are shown
4 in **(b)** and **(c)**, with lower left magnified insets demonstrating evidence of atherosclerosis at
5 position 1 in (b). Scale bars, 1 mm for all images. The cNIRF image of inflammatory plaque
6 protease activity **(d)** correlated with the *ex vivo* fluorescence reflectance image (FRI) of the
7 resected artery **(e)**.
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SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES

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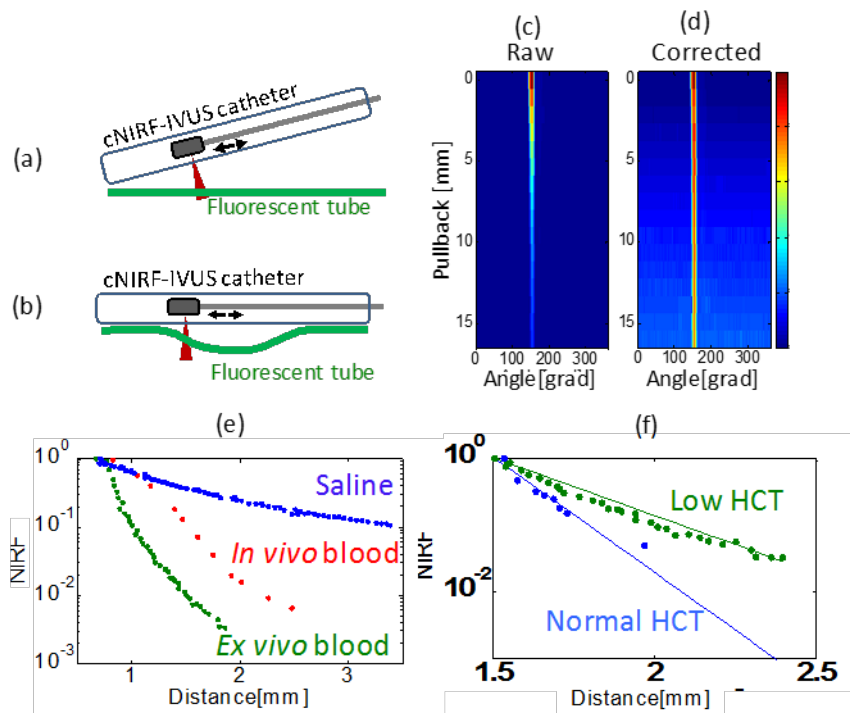
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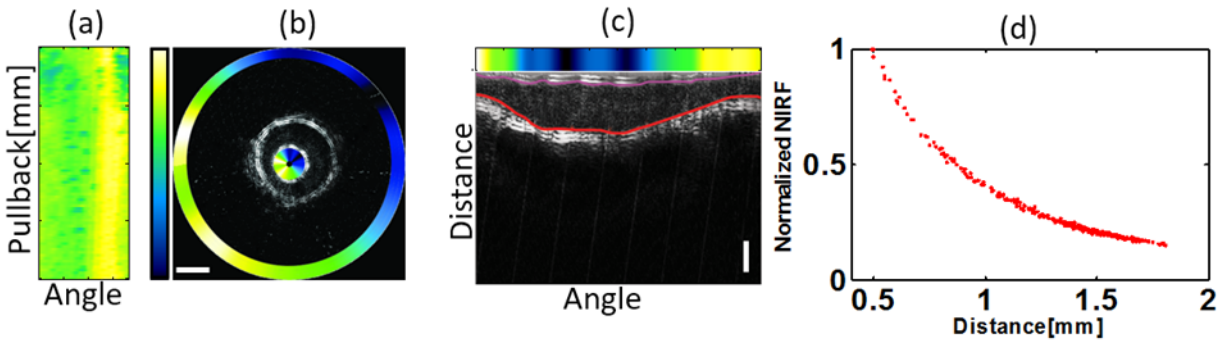
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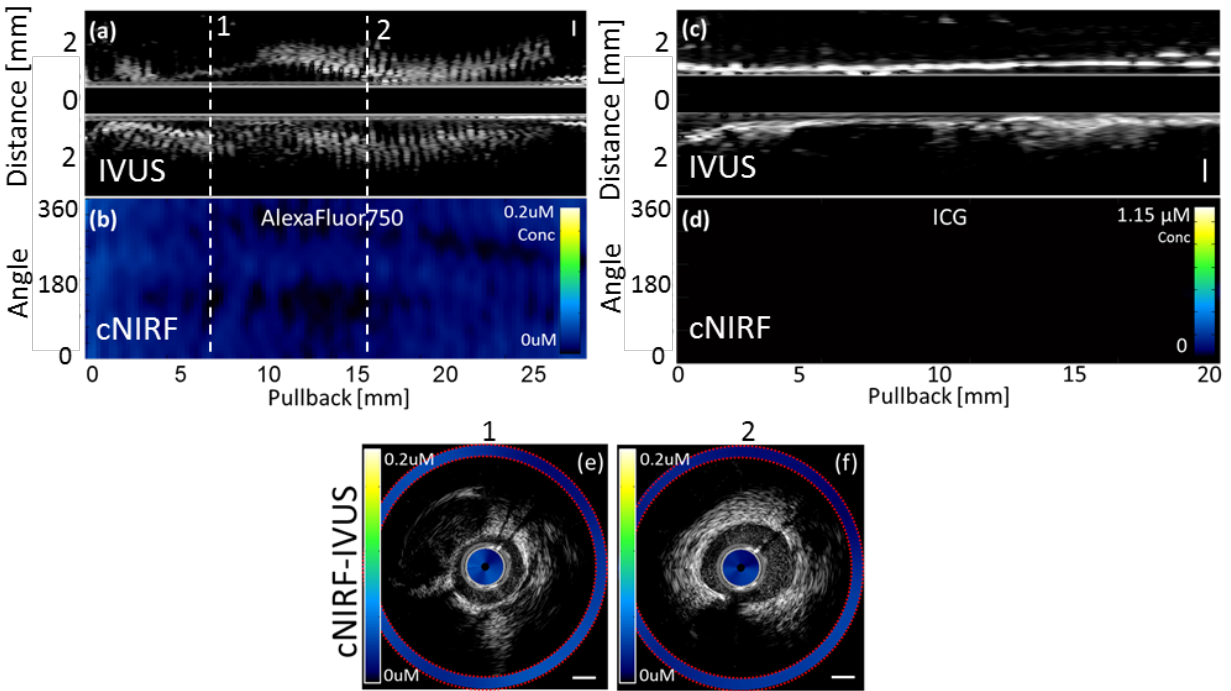
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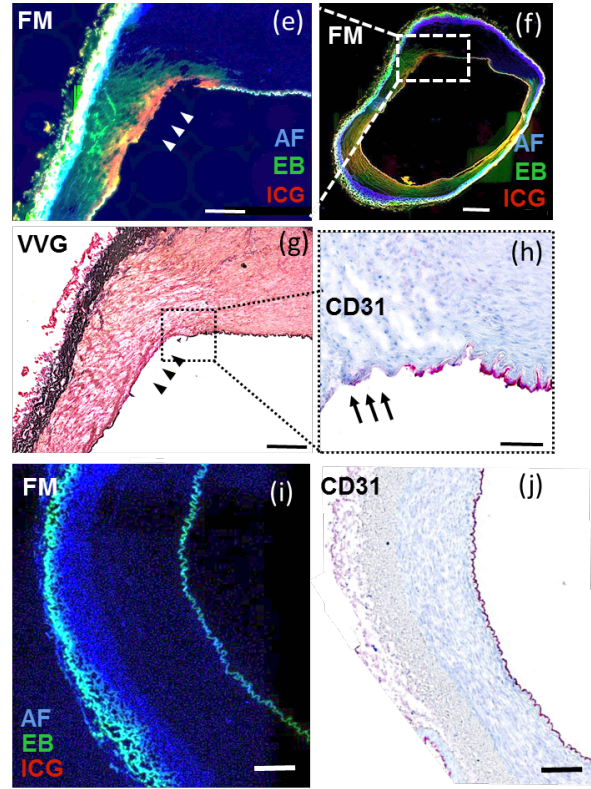
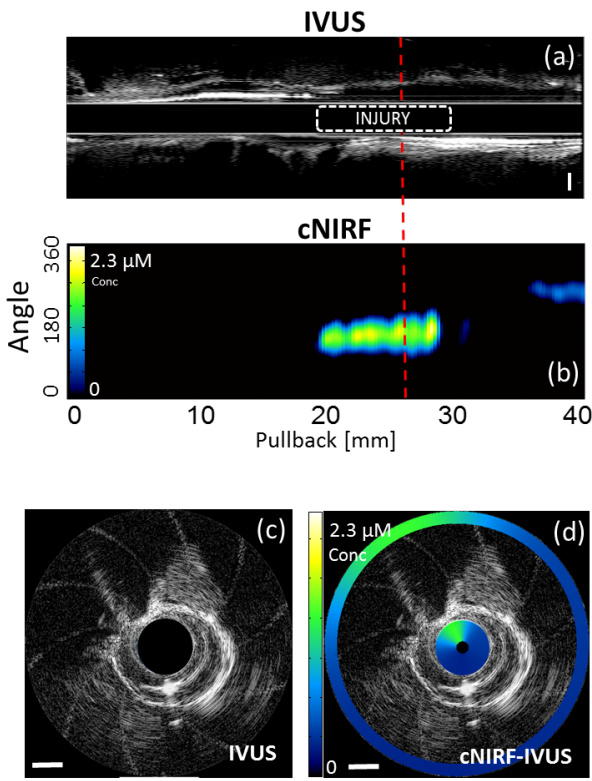
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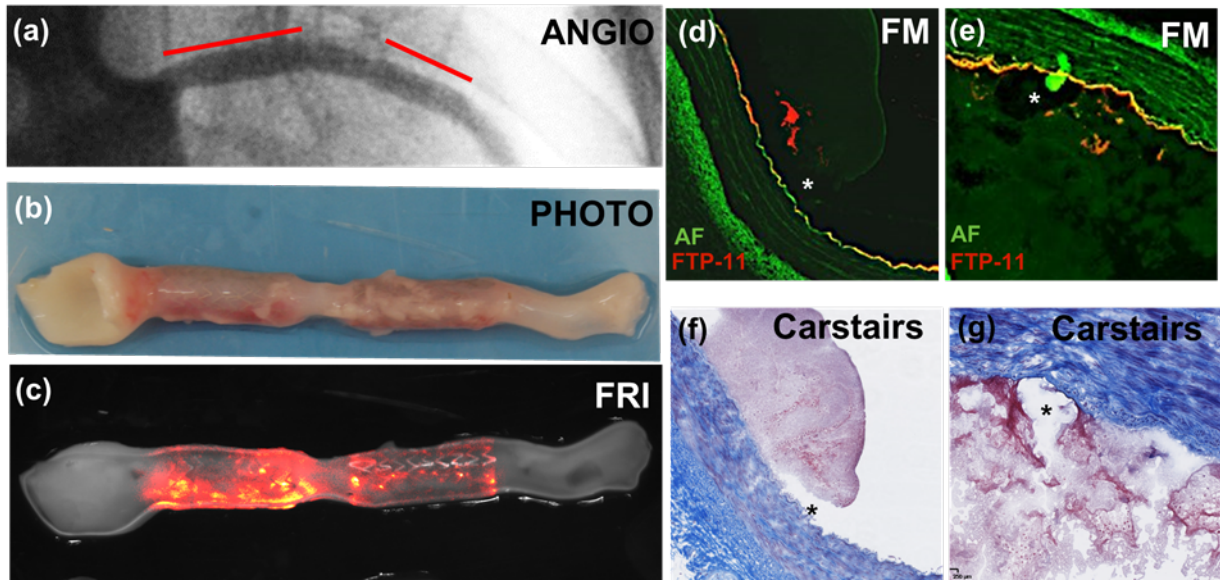
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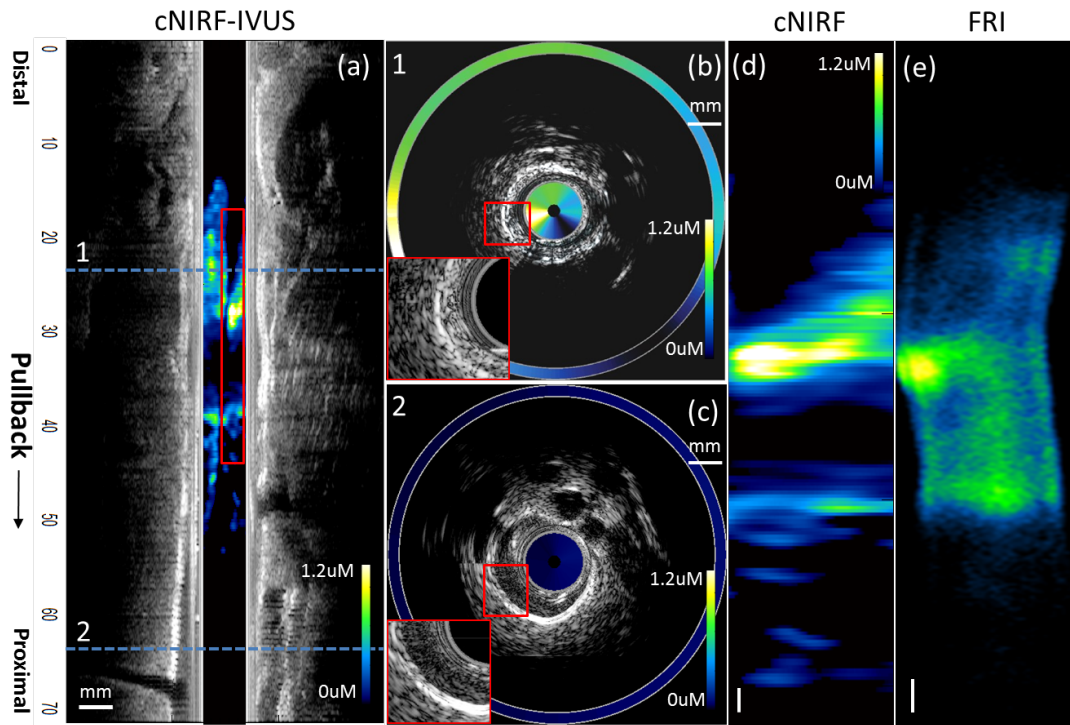
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