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## **ACIST JAPAN LAUNCHES ACIST HDi® High Definition IVUS**

High-Definition Resolution, Faster Pullback and Innovative Touch Screen Display Advances IVUS

Technology in Japan

**Eden Prairie, Minn. (February 21, 2017)**—ACIST Japan, A Bracco Group Company (Junichi Osawa, Bunkyo-ku Tokyo), showcased High Definition IVUS at the CCT 2016 (Complex Cardiovascular Therapeutics) conference.

Junichi Osawa, President of ACIST Japan, stated "We built our presence in Japan by providing the first variable rate contrast injector that simplifies the delivery of contrast in the Cath Lab. Now, with HDi, ACIST has reinvented IVUS technology with improved image quality, a touch panel interface, a highly deliverable high-definition catheter and faster pullback speed vs. competitors. HDi's improved image quality is due to a combination of its proprietary 60 MHz transducer and powerful state-of-the-art signal processing. We are proud to offer this new imaging option to Japanese interventionalists as part of the ACIST portfolio of leading technologies."

Dr. Junko Honye from Kikuna Memorial Hospital (Yokohama city, Kanagawa) stated "HD IVUS with 60MHz can be easily learned and used in a multitude of cases and patient types. With HD IVUS from ACIST, IVUS imaging has entered a new era of advanced resolution and ease of use."

At a live case featured at ARIA (Alliance for Revolution and Interventional Cardiology Advancement), Dr. Hiroyoshi Yokoi from Fukuoka Sanno Hospital, (Fukuoka-city, Fukuoka) noted "The high speed pullback is extremely helpful to physicians who use IVUS for PCI on a daily basis. I believe HDi will have a significant impact on the imaging field."

ACIST now offers a full portfolio of unique and technologically advanced diagnostic modalities in Japan and throughout the world. These unique offerings include the ACIST CVi® variable rate contrast injection system, ACIST RXi® Rapid Exchange FFR and the ACIST HDi® High Definition IVUS. Together, this portfolio underscores ACIST's mission to develop, market and iterate technologies that simplify procedures and improve patient care in the Cardiac Cath Lab.

## **About ACIST**

ACIST Medical Systems, Inc. is a pioneering interventional and diagnostic technology company with a portfolio of advanced products, including the world's first Rapid Exchange FFR and High Definition IVUS systems. It is also a global market leader in advanced contrast imaging systems for cardiovascular angiography and radiology imaging. Through these products, ACIST is demonstrating its commitment to bringing unique and innovative technologies that simplify cardiovascular procedures and empower



clinicians to treat patients with superior care. As part of the Bracco Group, ACIST benefits from the resources of a multinational conglomerate with broad expertise in cath lab technology and a dedication to continuous advancement. Headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, USA, ACIST has worldwide presence with over 300 direct employees and facilities in Silicon Valley, Maastricht, Shanghai and Tokyo. To learn more about ACIST, visit <a href="https://www.acist.com">www.acist.com</a>.

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