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Πνευμονική υπέρταση στην αριστερή καρδιακή νόσο

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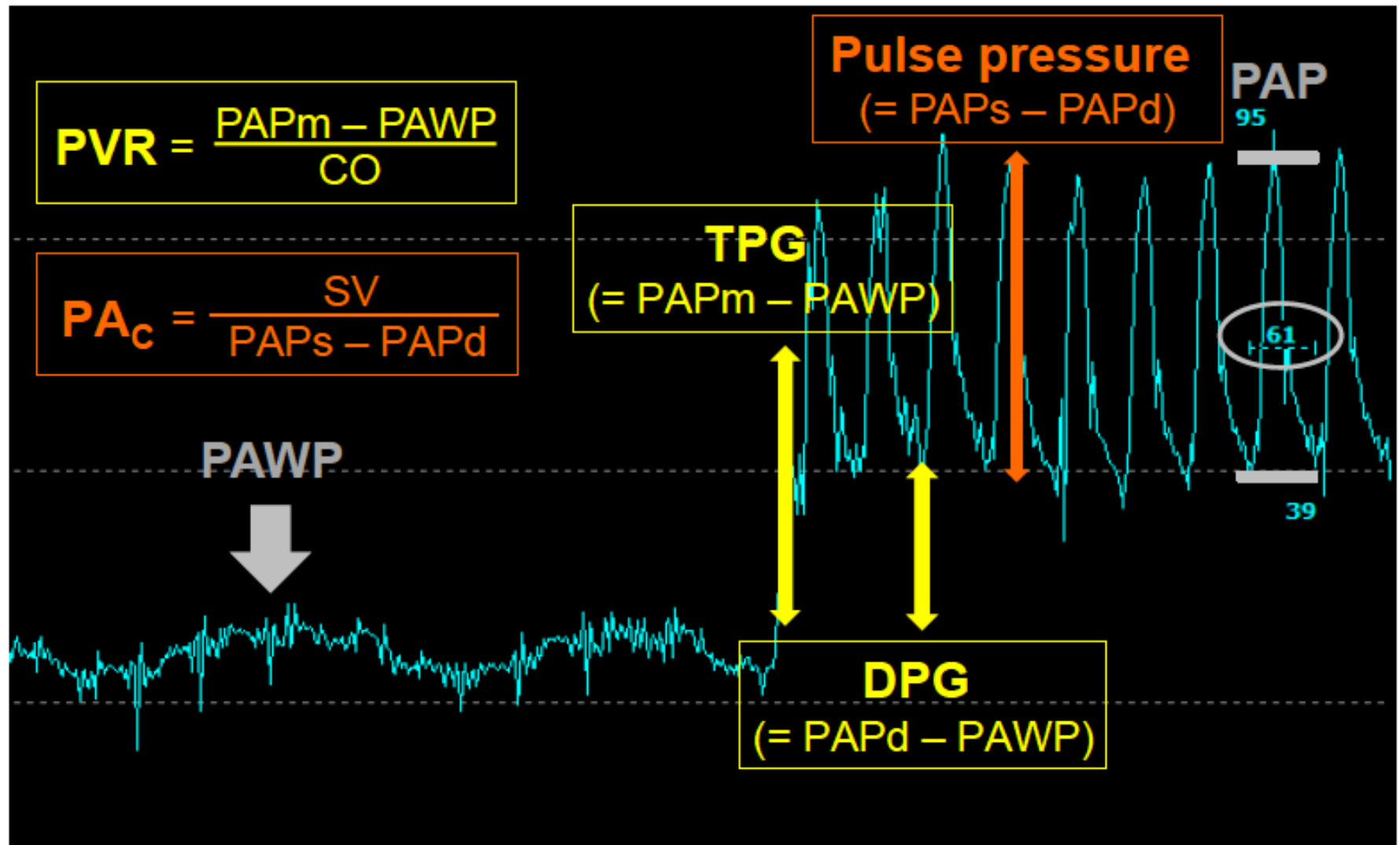
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Calculated parameters



Haemodynamic definitions of group 2 PH: Isolated post capillary vs combined post and precapillary

Debate and controversy on which variable would be best

- 1) As a marker of pulmonary vascular disease and
- 2) To predict outcome

Definition	Characteristics ^a	Clinical group(s) ^b
PH	PAPm ≥ 25 mmHg	All
Post-capillary PH	PAPm ≥ 25 mmHg PAWP > 15 mmHg	2. PH due to left heart disease 5. PH with unclear and/or multifactorial mechanisms
Isolated post-capillary PH (Ipc-PH)	DPG < 7 mmHg and/or PVR ≤ 3 WU ^c	
Combined post-capillary and pre-capillary PH (Cpc-PH)	DPG ≥ 7 mmHg and/or PVR > 3 WU ^c	

CO = cardiac output; DPG = diastolic pressure gradient (diastolic PAP – mean PAWP); mPAP = mean pulmonary arterial pressure; PAWP = pulmonary arterial wedge pressure; PH = pulmonary hypertension; PVR = pulmonary vascular resistance; WU = Wood units.

^aAll values measured at rest; see also section 7.

^bAccording to Table 4.

^cWood Units are preferred to dynes.s.cm⁻⁵.

**WORKING
DIAGNOSIS[#]**

PAH
(Nice group 1)

consider other causes of PH:

- recurrent PE
- left sided valvular disease
- chronic lung disease
- systemic-to-pulmonary shunt

PH-LHD

(Nice group 2)

— HFpEF

— HFrEF

PAWP >15 mmHg

DPG <7 mmHg

DPG ≥7 mmHg

Ipc-PH

isolated
postcapillary PH

Cpc-PH

combined pre- and
postcapillary PH

PVR

**consider additional
hemodynamic variables:**

- PVR
- CO
- TPG
- DPD
- PA compliance

12% - 38%

Gerges-M et al. ESC 2014
Tampakakis-E et al. JACC Heart Fail 2015

ESC/ERS 2015: Hemodynamic Definitions of Pulmonary Hypertension

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^aAll values measured at rest; see also section 8.0.

^bAccording to Table 4.

^cWood Units are preferred to dynes.s.cm^{-5} .

ESC/ERS 2015: Hemodynamic Definitions of Pulmonary Hypertension

- Patients with PH-LHD from a tertiary center
- n=1506; PAPm ≥ 25 mmHg, PAWP > 15 mmHg
- Stratified by DPG ($< / \geq 7$ mmHg) and PVR ($\leq / > 3$ WU)

	DPG < 7 mmHg	DPG ≥ 7 mmHg
PVR ≤ 3 WU n (%)	858 (57.0) [#]	44 (2.9)
PVR > 3 WU n (%)	388 (25.8)	216 (14.3) [¶]

➤ Based on the combination of DPG and PVR, **432/1506 patients (28.7%)** were **non-classifiable** as lpc-PH or Cpc-PH using the current definition in the 2015 ESC/ERS Pulmonary Hypertension guidelines

➤ **RV/PA coupling:**

• DPG < 7 mmHg, PVR > 3 WU	n=76	Ees/Ea = 1.4 ± 0.3
• DPG ≥ 7 mmHg, PVR > 3 WU	n=41	Ees/Ea = 1.1 ± 0.3 ($p < 0.001$)

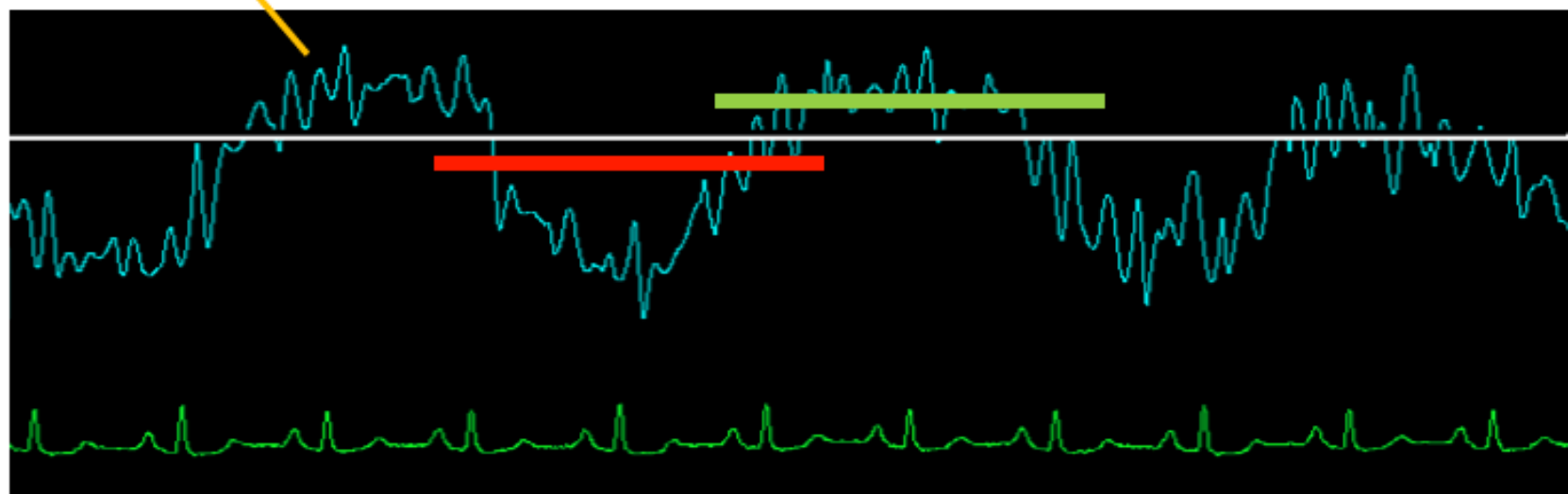
Hemodynamic assessment

Gaps in evidence / standardization

Where to read PAPm and PAWP?

PAWP

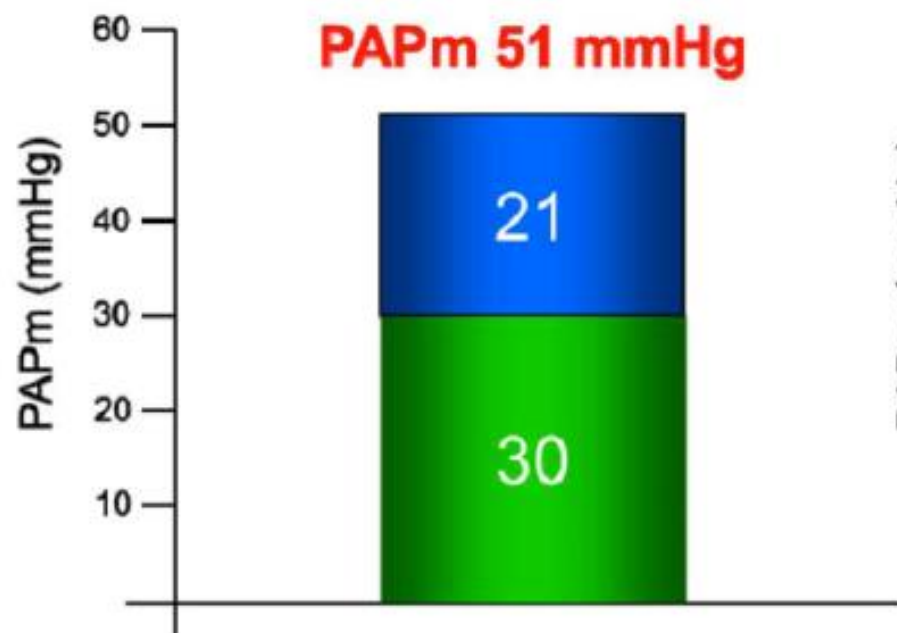
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threshold



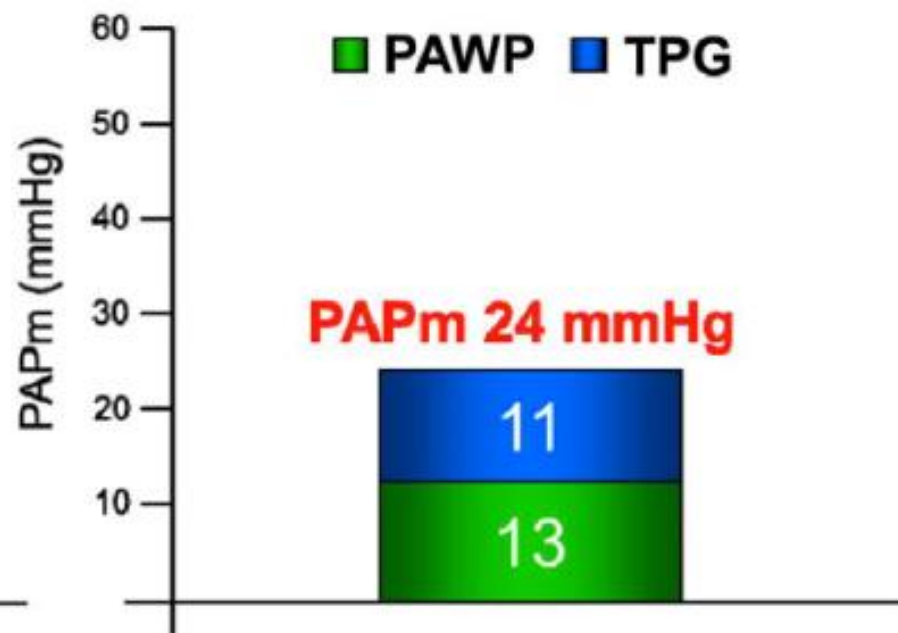
The same patient – PH referral **center A**: PAH
PH referral **center B**: PH-LHD

Differentiating between pre- and post-capillary PH: The impact of diuretics.....

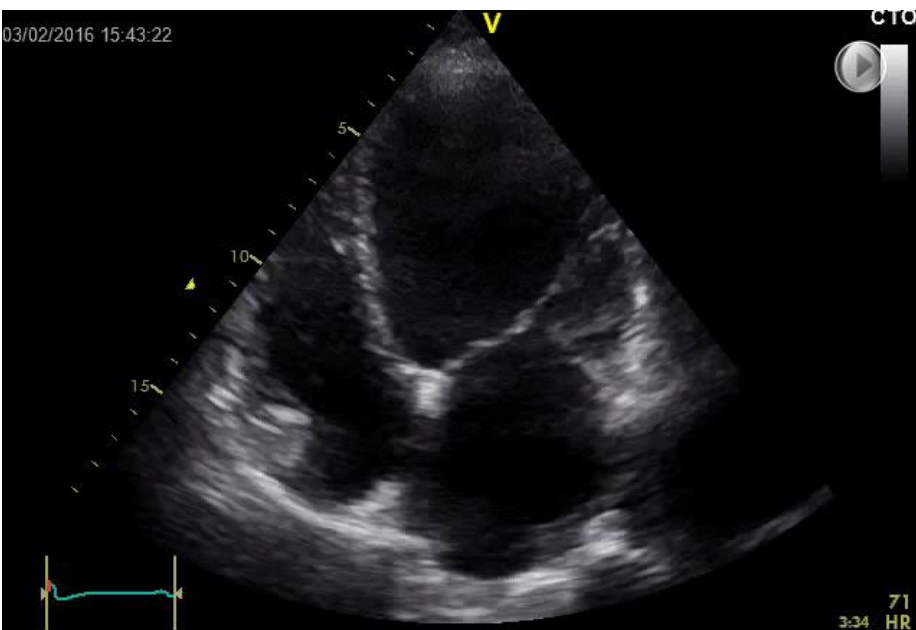
70 year-old patient
HFpEF, volume overload
Body weight 80 kg



Same patient 6 days later
after volume depletion
Body weight 73 kg



HFrEF



Independent and Additive Prognostic Value of Right Ventricular Systolic Function and Pulmonary Artery Pressure in Patients With Chronic Heart Failure

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(J Am Coll Cardiol 2001;37:183–8)

- Patients candidates to heart transplantation
- Large population
- Extensive diagnostic work-up
 - Hemodynamic
 - Right ventricular function

Prognostic determinants of survival

Variable	Hazards Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	p Value
RVEF (per each 5-U decrement)	1.26	1.10–1.46	0.001
NYHA functional class (III or IV vs. II)	2.7	1.4–5.1	0.003
LVESDI (per each 5-mm increment)	1.20	1.04–1.40	0.013
Mean PAP (per each 5-mm Hg increment)	1.10	1.0–1.21	0.047

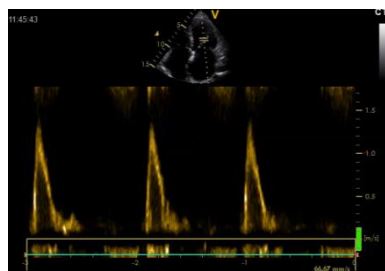
HFpEF



74 year-old lady with chronic Afib
RVSP=38mmHg

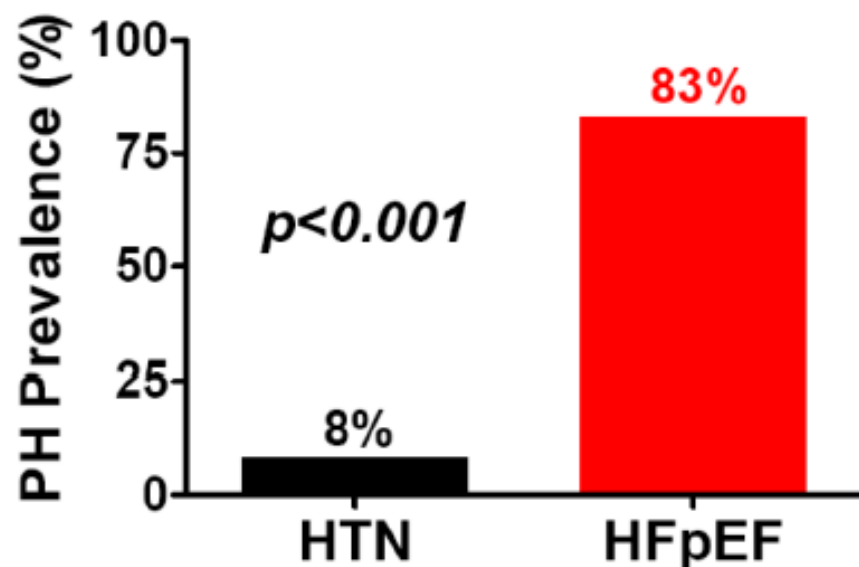


62 year-old lady with chronic Afib
RVSP=78mmHg
Negative V/Q scan
Normal lung function

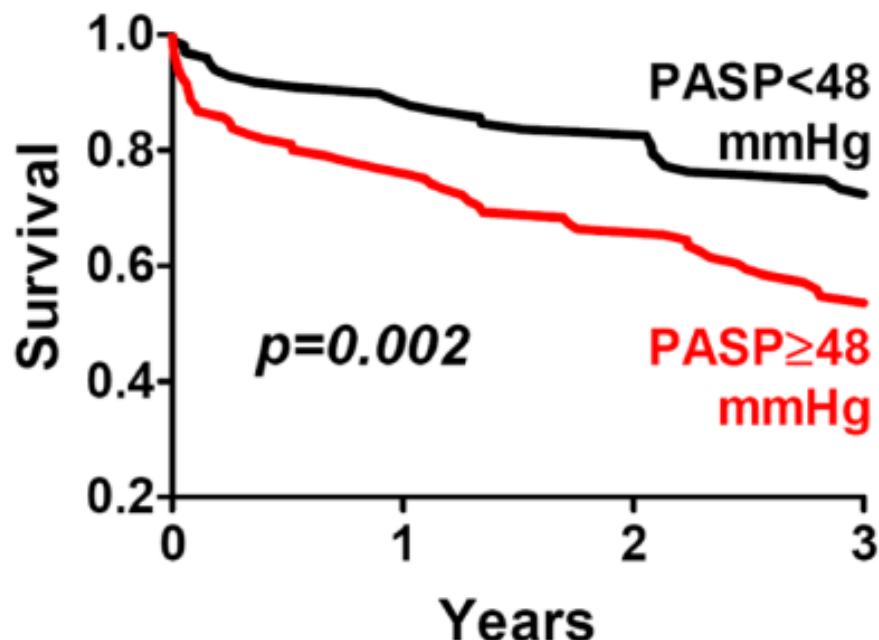


Epidemiology and Prognostic Impact of PH in Diastolic Heart Failure

Prevalence

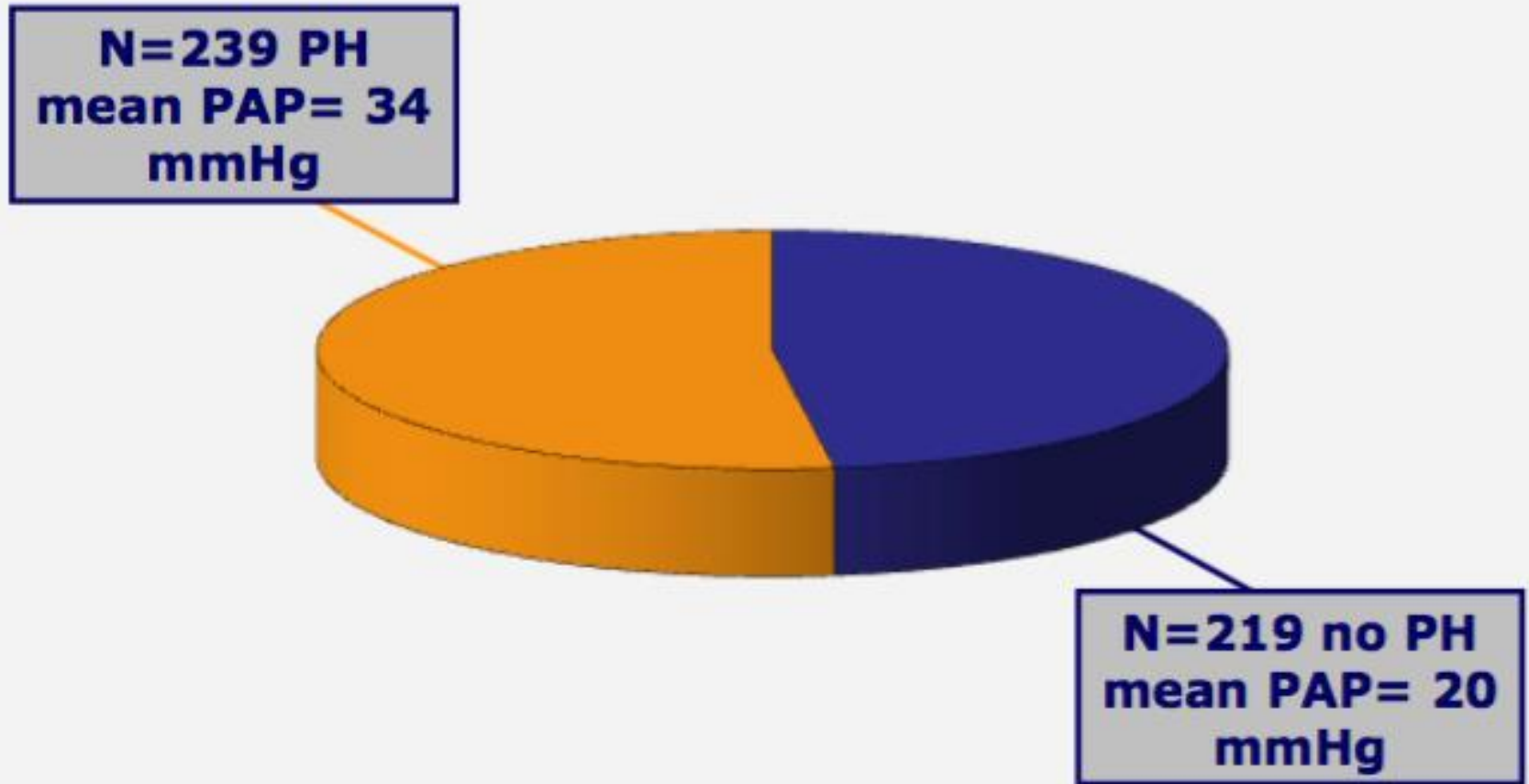


Survival



HFpEF: PASP > 35 mmHg present in 83% (median PASP 48 mmHg)
PVH does not fully account for the severity of PH in HFpEF

Emerging concepts in PH HFpEF. Prevalence by RHC



- 455 HFpEF patients studied
- mPAP determined by right heart cath.

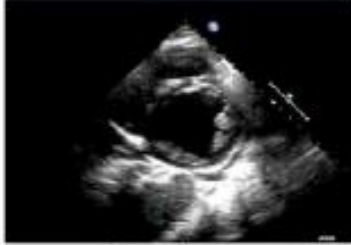
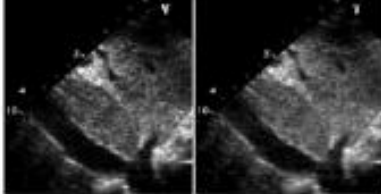
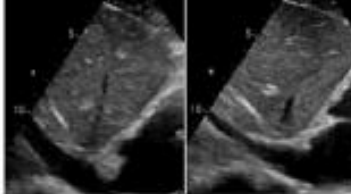
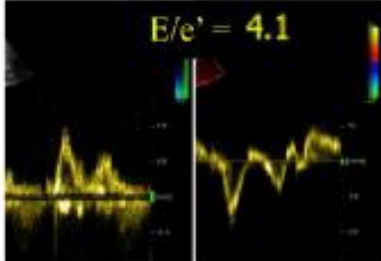
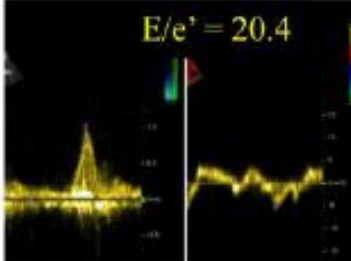


Importance of "phenotyping"

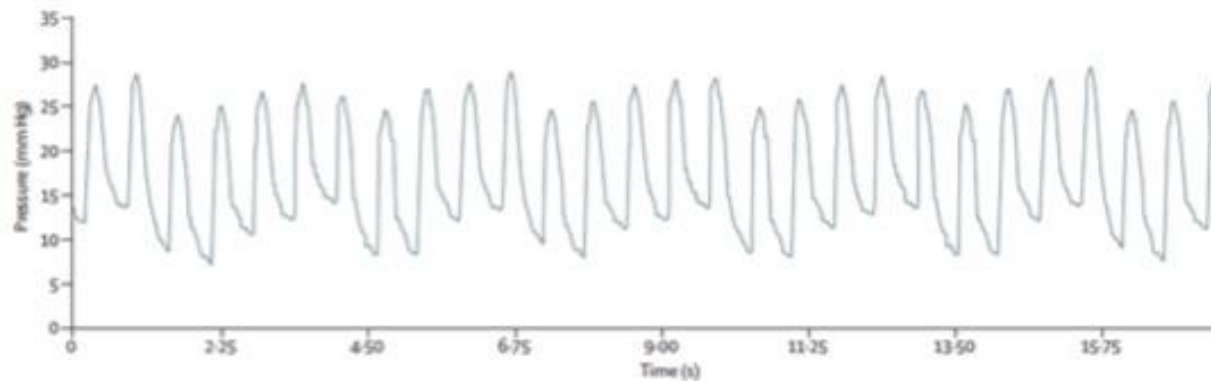
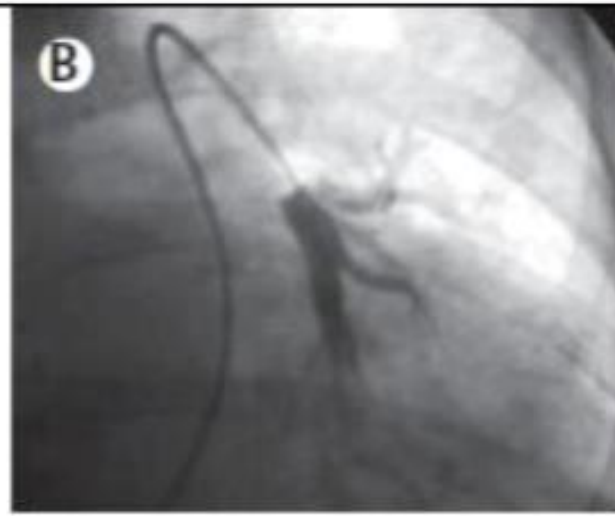
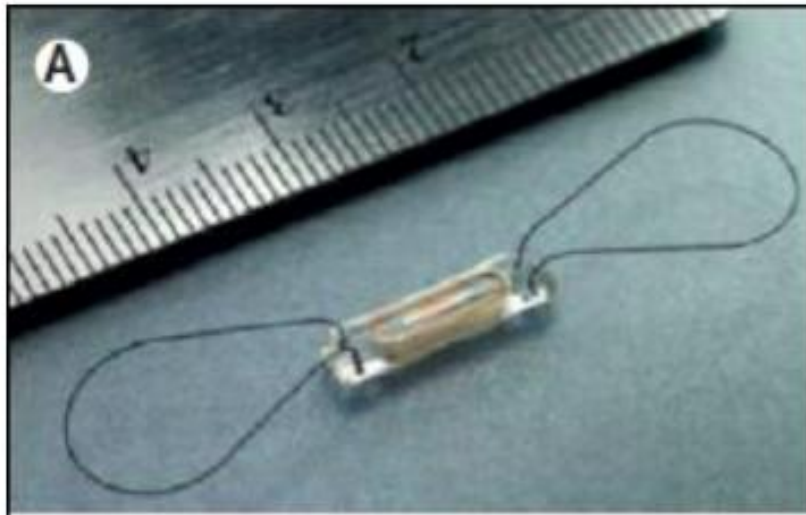
Examples of key factors suggestive of Group 2 PH

Clinical presentation	Echocardiography	Other features
Age >65 years	Structural left heart abnormality • Disease of left heart valves • LA enlargement (>4.2 cm) • Bowing of the IAS to the right • LV dysfunction • Concentric LV hypertrophy and/or increased LV mass	ECG • LVH and/or LAH • AF/Afib • LBBB • Presence of Q waves
Symptoms of left heart failure	Doppler indices of increased filling pressures • Increased E/e' • >Type 2–3 mitral flow abnormality	Other imaging • Kerley B lines • Pleural effusion • Pulmonary oedema • LA enlargement
Features of metabolic syndrome	Absence of • RV dysfunction • Mid systolic notching of the PA flow • Pericardial effusion	
History of heart disease (past or current)		
Persistent atrial fibrillation		

Echocardiographic Prediction of Pre- Versus Postcapillary PH

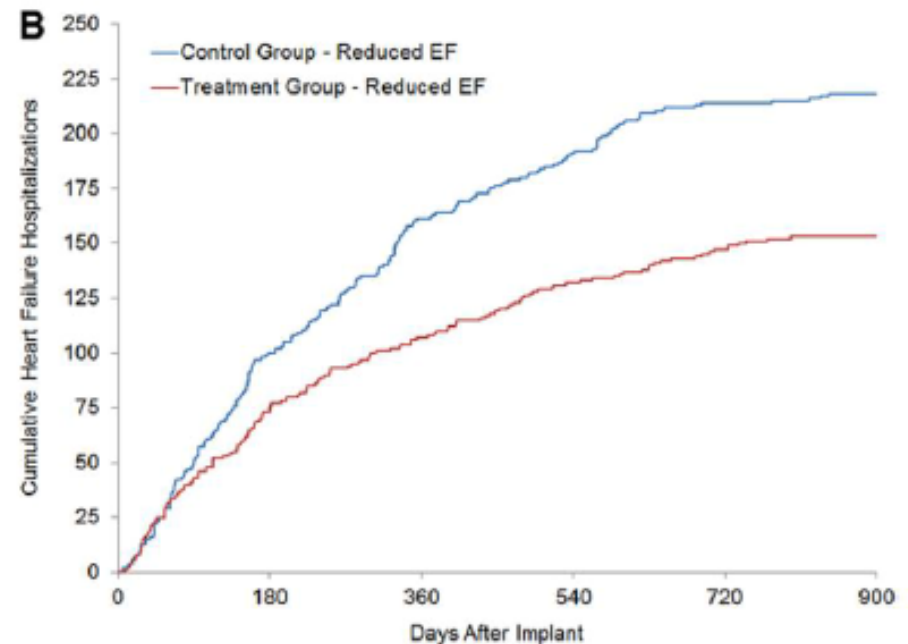
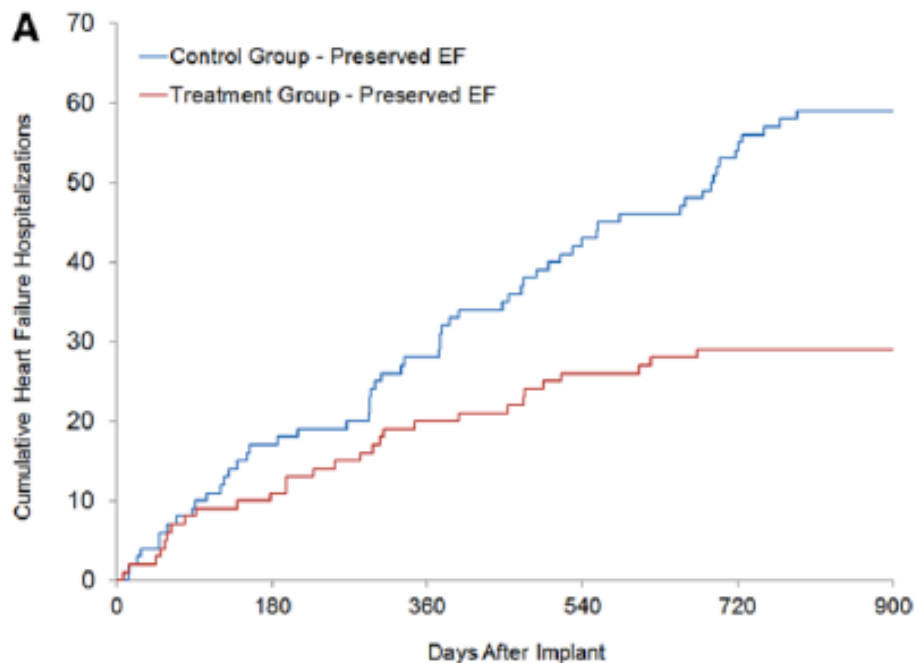
	Pre-	Post-	
Right > left heart chambers; RV forming heart apex			Left > right heart chambers; LV forming heart apex
LV EI ≥ 1.2			LV EI < 1.2
Dilated and fixed IVC			Normal and collapsible IVC
E/e' ratio < 10			E/e' ratio ≥ 10

Wireless pulmonary artery haemodynamic monitoring in CHF: a randomised controlled trial

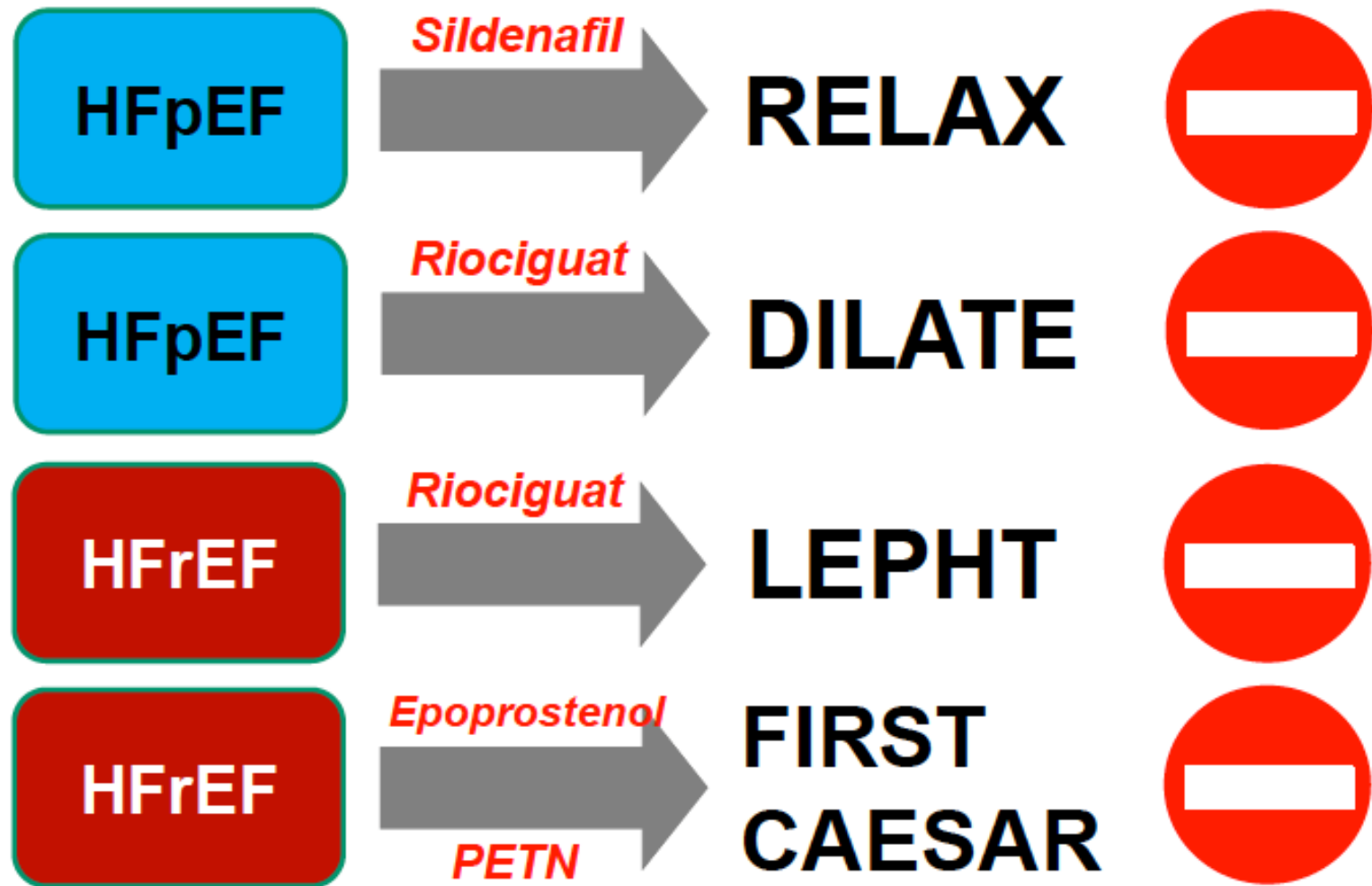


Wireless PAP Monitoring in HFpEF: Guidance to Reduce Decompensation

- CardioMEMS Heart Sensor
- Hemodynamically guided HF management vs. standard of care
- HFpEF patients: Hospitalizations 50% lower after 17.6 months
- Response to elevated PAP: more diuretics and vasodilator therapies

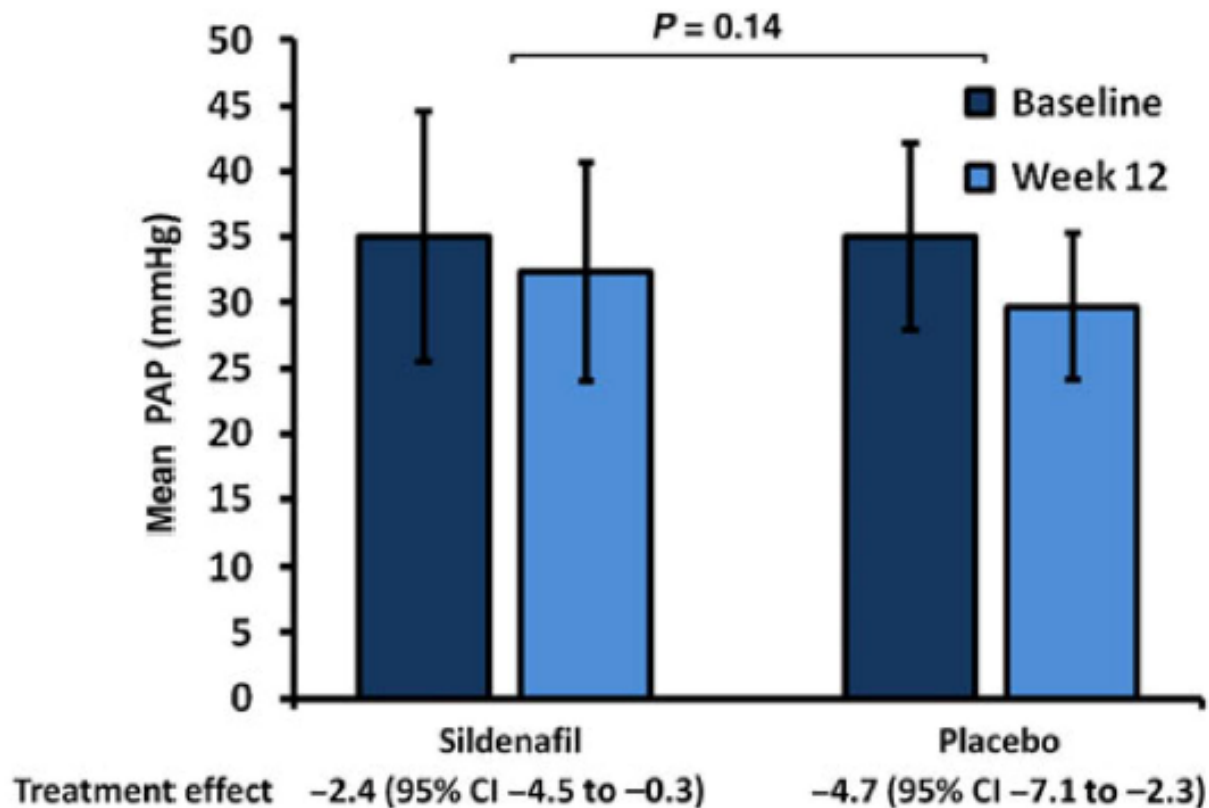


Recent Trials in Heart Failure and PH

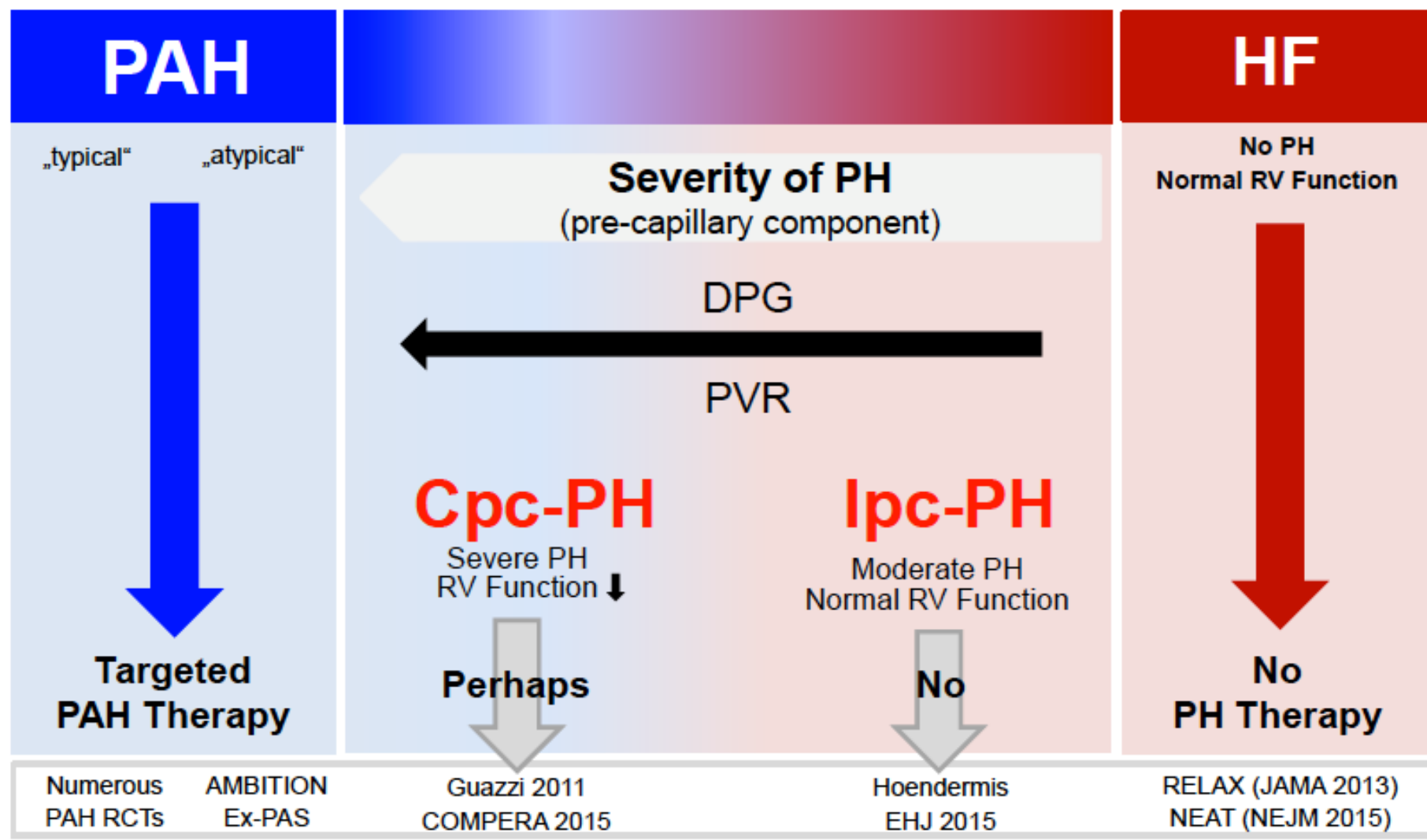


Sildenafil in Patients with HFpEF and lpc-PH

A double-blind, randomized controlled Study (n=52)
(HFpEF, PH, mean PAPm 35 mmHg, mean DPG 1 mmHg, mean PVR 2.4 WU)

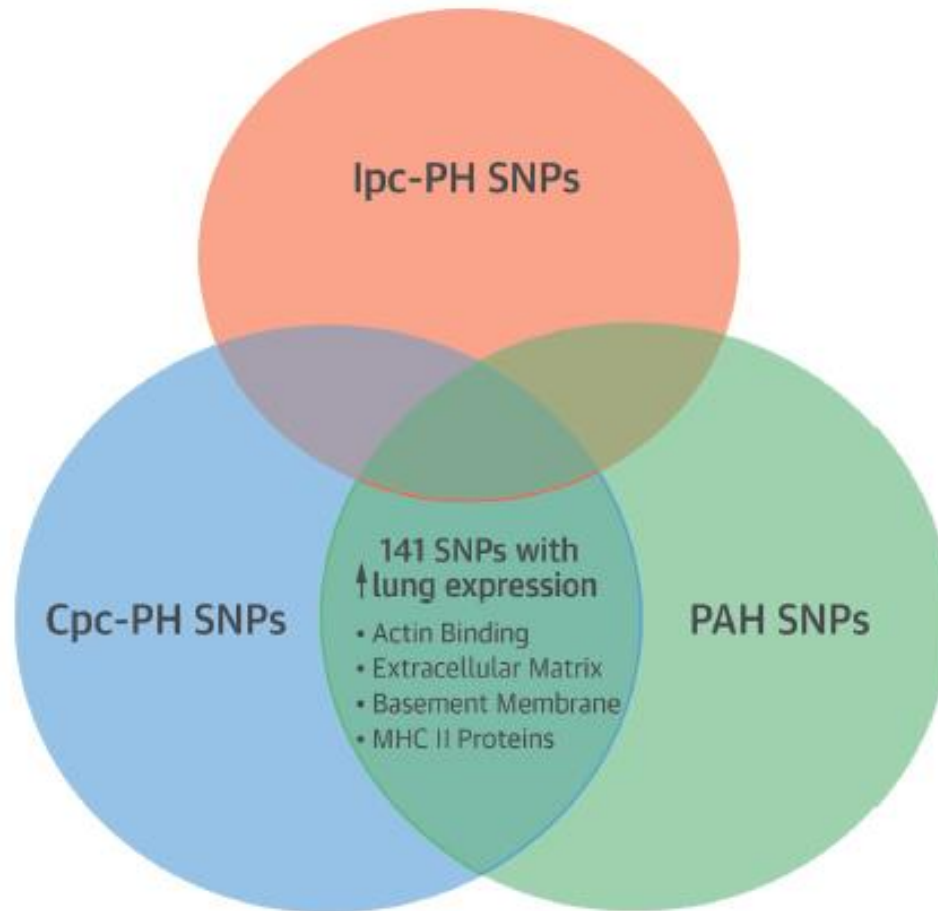


PAH vs. PH in Heart Failure: Spectrum of Phenotypes and Therapeutic Consequences



Cpc-PH: Combined post- and pre-capillary PH
Ipc-PH: Isolated post-capillary PH

Genetic similarities



Macitentan in pulmonary hypertension due to left ventricular dysfunction

	Macitentan	Placebo	Total
Subjects n	31	32	63
NYHA functional class n (%)			
II	5 (16.1)	10 (31.3)	15 (23.8)
III	26 (83.9)	22 (68.8)	48 (76.2)
Median (IQR) 6MWD m	300 (216–435)	305 (207–380)	300 (215–410)
Median (IQR) NT-proBNP pg·mL⁻¹	1458 (830–2700)	1756 (992–3503)	1515 (959–2921)
Median (IQR) pulse rate[#] beats·min⁻¹	80.0 (71.0–84.0)	74.5 (62.0–82.0)	77.0 (67.0–84.0)
Median (IQR) blood pressure[¶] mmHg			
Systolic blood pressure	129.0 (120.0–138.0)	133.0 (119.0–147.5)	130.0 (120.0–140.0)
Diastolic blood pressure	77.0 (70.0–87.0)	72.0 (69.0–80.0)	75.0 (70.0–83.0)
Median (IQR) haemodynamic parameters			
PVR dyn·s·cm ⁻⁵	450.0 (296.0–590.0)	483.5 (362.0–738.5)	462.0 (341.0–695.0)
mPAP mmHg	44.0 (40.0–54.0)	48.5 (38.5–53.5)	47.0 (40.0–54.0)
mRAP mmHg	13.0 (10.0–17.0)	12.5 (10.0–16.5)	13.0 (10.0–17.0)
PAWP mmHg	20.0 (18.0–21.0)	20.0 (16.0–23.0)	20.0 (17.0–22.0)
TPR dyn·s·cm ⁻⁵	762.0 (571.0–1143.0)	882.5 (664.5–1191.0)	813.0 (591.0–1158.0)
Cardiac index L·min ⁻¹ ·m ⁻²	2.40 (2.10–3.00)	2.20 (1.90–2.60)	2.35 (1.90–2.70)
Cardiac output L·min ⁻¹	4.90 (3.70–5.80)	4.15 (3.80–5.05)	4.60 (3.70–5.60)
TPG mmHg	27.0 (21.0–33.0)	27.5 (21.5–33.5)	27.0 (21.0–33.0)
DPG mmHg	10.0 (8.0–15.0)	10.0 (8.0–13.5)	10.0 (8.0–14.0)
Mixed venous oxygen saturation %	72.0 (61.0–73.0)	61.0 (49.0–65.0)	64.5 (59.0–72.0)

	Macitentan	Placebo	Treatment effect % (95% CI) [#]	p-value [¶]
Subjects n	31	32		
Significant fluid retention or worsening in NYHA functional class from baseline*	7 (22.6)	4 (12.5)	10.08 [–15.07 to 33.26]	0.34
Significant fluid retention	7 (22.6)	3 (9.4)	13.21 [–11.96 to 36.21]	0.18
Increased body weight from baseline by ≥5% or ≥5 kg due to fluid overload	3 (9.7)	0 (0)		
Parenteral administration of diuretics	5 (16.1)	3 (9.4)		
Worsening in NYHA functional class from baseline[§]	1 (3.2)	2 (6.3)		

Pulmonary Hypertension Phenotypes: „Typical“ and „atypical“ IPAH versus CpcPH-HFpEF

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Pre-Capillary, Combined, and Post-Capillary Pulmonary Hypertension



A Pathophysiological Continuum

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Pre-Capillary, Combined, and Post-Capillary Pulmonary Hypertension



A Pathophysiological Continuum

TABLE 1 Baseline Characteristics

	All Patients (N = 786)	Typical IPAH (n = 421)	Atypical IPAH (n = 139)	Typical vs. Atypical IPAH p Value	PH-HFpEF (n = 226)	Typical IPAH vs. PH-HFpEF p Value	Atypical IPAH vs. PH-HFpEF p Value
Age, yrs	66.6 ± 15.0	61.5 ± 17.3	71.3 ± 9.2	<0.001	73.2 ± 8.3	<0.001	0.434
Female	467 (59.4)	250 (59.4)	77 (55.4%)	1.000	140 (61.9)	1.000	0.686
BMI, kg/m ²	28.1 (24.5–32.6)	26.0 (23.3–29.8)	32.2 (28.3–36.0)	<0.001	29.6 (25.7–34.0)	<0.001	0.002
WHO-FC				0.089		<0.001	0.315
I/II	91 (11.8)	71 (17.4)	12 (8.8)		8 (3.6)		
III	540 (70.3)	275 (67.6)	96 (70.6)		169 (75.1)		
IV	137 (17.8)	61 (15.0)	28 (20.6)		48 (21.3)		
6MWD, m	289.5 ± 121.8	319.0 ± 123.5	250.5 ± 104.2	<0.001	260.0 ± 115.0	<0.001	0.787
RAP, mm Hg	9.8 ± 5.4	8.5 ± 5.2	8.9 ± 4.8	0.615	12.9 ± 4.8	<0.001	<0.001
PAPm, mm Hg	46.0 ± 11.9	46.9 ± 13.3	43.9 ± 10.7	0.025	45.7 ± 9.4	0.437	0.326
PAWP, mm Hg	12.5 ± 6.0	9.3 ± 3.4	10.0 ± 3.6	0.186	19.9 ± 4.4	<0.001	<0.001
TPG, mm Hg	33.5 ± 13.1	37.6 ± 13.6	33.9 ± 11.1	0.006	25.8 ± 9.1	<0.001	<0.001
Cardiac index, l/min/m ²	2.2 ± 0.8	2.3 ± 0.8	2.2 ± 0.8	0.629	2.2 ± 0.7	0.653	0.988
PVR, Wood Units	9.6 ± 6.7	10.8 ± 6.0	9.8 ± 10.6	0.309	7.0 ± 3.4	<0.001	<0.001
SvO ₂ , %	62.2 ± 9.0	62.1 ± 9.9	62.7 ± 9.0	0.804	62.1 ± 6.9	0.999	0.863
BNP, pg/ml	269 (127–541)	287 (119–543)	200 (115–469)	1.000	310 (186–638)	0.963	0.312
NT-proBNP, pg/ml	1,738 (621–3,891)	1,435 (541–3,888)	1,683 (478–2,815)	1.000	2,196 (1,125–4,285)	0.021	0.066
Arterial hypertension	66.5	43.2	98.6	<0.001	91.9	<0.001	0.021
CAD	32.0	15.7	59.7	<0.001	46.4	<0.001	0.049
Diabetes mellitus	30.6	10.7	74.8	<0.001	41.2	<0.001	<0.001
AF	28.9	10.7	42.4	<0.001	54.4	<0.001	0.187
BMI >30 kg/m ²	37.6	23.5	65.2	<0.001	47.1	<0.001	0.002

TABLE 2 Targeted PH Therapies

	All Patients	Typical IPAH	Atypical IPAH	Typical vs. Atypical IPAH p Value	PH-HFpEF	Typical IPAH vs. PH-HFpEF p Value	Atypical IPAH vs. PH-HFpEF p Value
PH treatment initiated within first 3 months							
n	786	421	139		226		
ERA	22.6	31.4	22.3	0.157	6.6	<0.001	<0.001
PDE5i	82.4	76.7	81.3	0.870	93.8	<0.001	0.001
PCA	1.7	2.6	0.7	0.931	0.4	0.197	1.000
2 or more PH drugs	11.7	17.8	7.9	0.013	2.7	<0.001	0.112
Anticoagulation	63.0	56.3	69.8	0.016	71.2	0.001	1.000
PH treatment at 1 year							
n	396	207	81		108		
ERA	36.4	48.3	35.8	0.195	13.9	<0.001	0.002
PDE5i	80.6	83.6	75.3	0.391	78.7	0.857	1.000
PCA	4.5	5.8	4.9	1.000	1.9	0.452	1.000
2 or more PH drugs	30.6	44.4	25.9	0.014	7.4	<0.001	0.003
Anticoagulation	67.5	62.8	71.6	0.513	73.4	0.184	1.000

TABLE 3 Discontinuations of PH Therapies

	All Patients (N = 786)	Typical IPAH (n = 421)	Atypical IPAH (n = 139)	Typical vs. Atypical IPAH p Value	PH-HFpEF (n = 226)	Typical IPAH vs. PH-HFpEF p Value	Atypical IPAH vs. PH-HFpEF p Value
PDE5i ever	696 (88.5)	359 (85.3)	120 (86.3)	1.000	217 (96.0)	<0.001	0.003
Patients with follow-up	618	306	106		206		
PDE5i discontinuations	79 (12.8)	27 (8.8)	14 (13.2)	0.578	38 (18.4)	0.005	0.795
Side effects	23 (3.7)	8 (2.6)	4 (3.8)	1.000	11 (5.3)	0.454	1.000
Efficacy failure	33 (5.3)	9 (2.9)	3 (2.8)	1.000	21 (10.2)	0.003	0.071
Other*	25 (4.0)	11 (3.6)	7 (6.6)	0.801	7 (3.4)	1.000	0.745
ERA ever	322 (41.0)	225 (53.4)	61 (43.9)	0.188	36 (15.9)	<0.001	<0.001
Patients with follow-up	281	190	56		35		
ERA discontinuations	56 (19.9)	28 (14.7)	13 (23.2)	0.462	15 (42.9)	0.001	0.188
Side effects	36 (12.8)	18 (9.5)	10 (17.9)	0.286	8 (22.9)	0.117	1.000
Efficacy failure	9 (3.2)	4 (2.1)	1 (1.8)	1.000	4 (11.4)	0.066	0.210
Other†	11 (3.9)	6 (3.2)	2 (3.6)	1.000	3 (8.6)	0.447	1.000

TABLE 4 Response to Targeted PH Therapy

	Typical IPAH	Atypical IPAH	Typical vs. Atypical IPAH p Value	PH-HFpEF	Typical IPAH vs. PH-HFpEF p Value	Atypical IPAH vs. PH-HFpEF p Value
6MWD, m						
Baseline	320 (234 to 417)	250 (175 to 332)	<0.001	270 (165 to 345)	<0.001	1.000
12 months	414 (324 to 460)	310 (240 to 379)	<0.001	330 (194 to 380)	<0.001	1.000
Change from baseline in 6MWD, m						
Mean ± SD	52 ± 101	58 ± 84	1.000	33 ± 82	0.453	0.904
Median (IQR)	50 (1 to 00)	60 (10 to 75)		29 (−10 to 74)		
WHO-FC I/II						
Baseline	17.4	8.8	0.056	3.6	<0.001	0.164
12 months	39.5	26.2	0.208	23.0	0.026	1.000
Improvement of WHO-FC	34.5	36.9	1.000	36.8	1.000	1.000
Change from baseline in NT-proBNP/BNP, %	−42.6 (−77.1 to 17.4)	−35.9 (−69.9 to 13.8)	1.000	−13.7 (−40.6 to 32.2)	0.031	0.248

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Pulmonary Hypertension in Typical PAH, Atypical PAH, and HFpEF

"Typical IPAH"

"Atypical IPAH"

PH-HFpEF

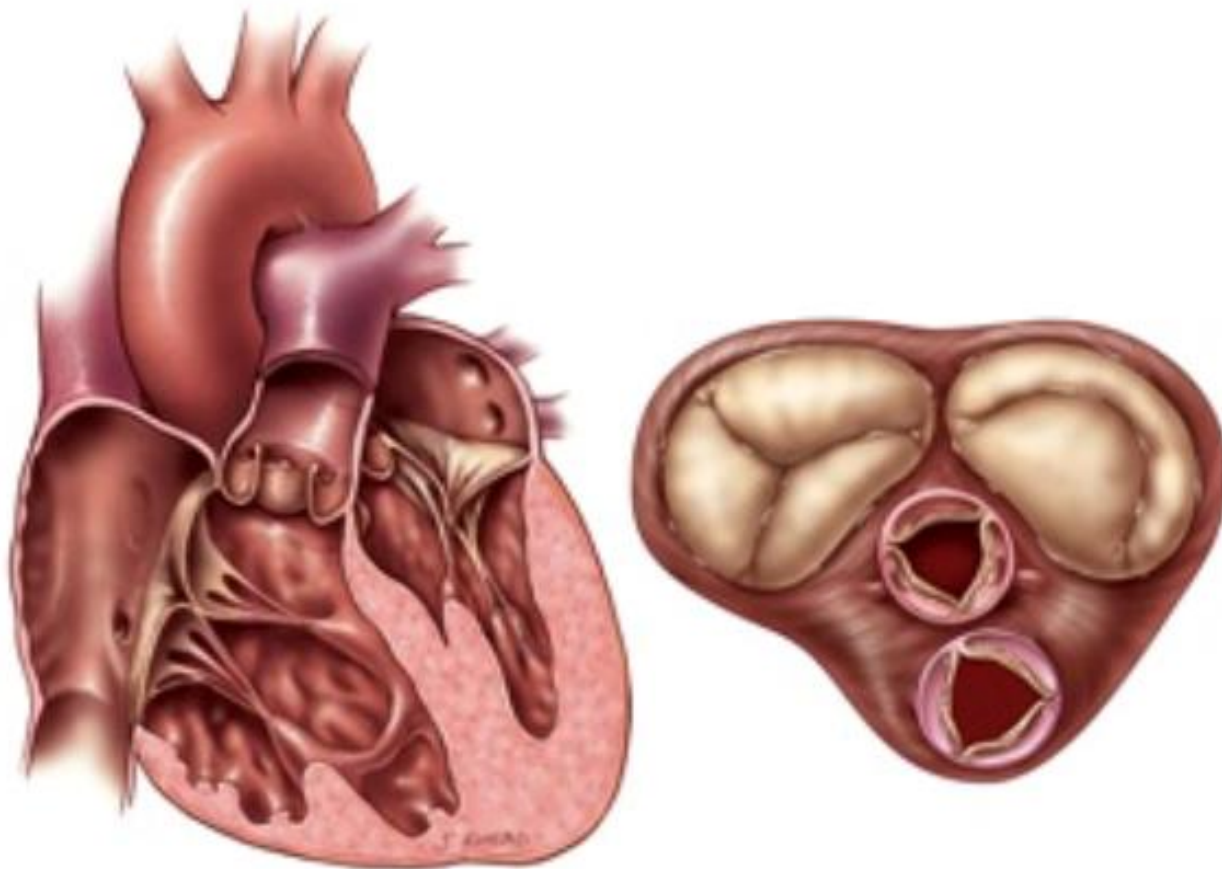
Declining Precapillary Component of PH: TPG, DPG, PVR

Increasing Risk Factor Profile: Age, Obesity, Hypertension, Diabetes, CAD, AF,

Declining Efficacy of Targeted PAH-therapy?

Increasing Side Effects of Targeted PAH-therapy?

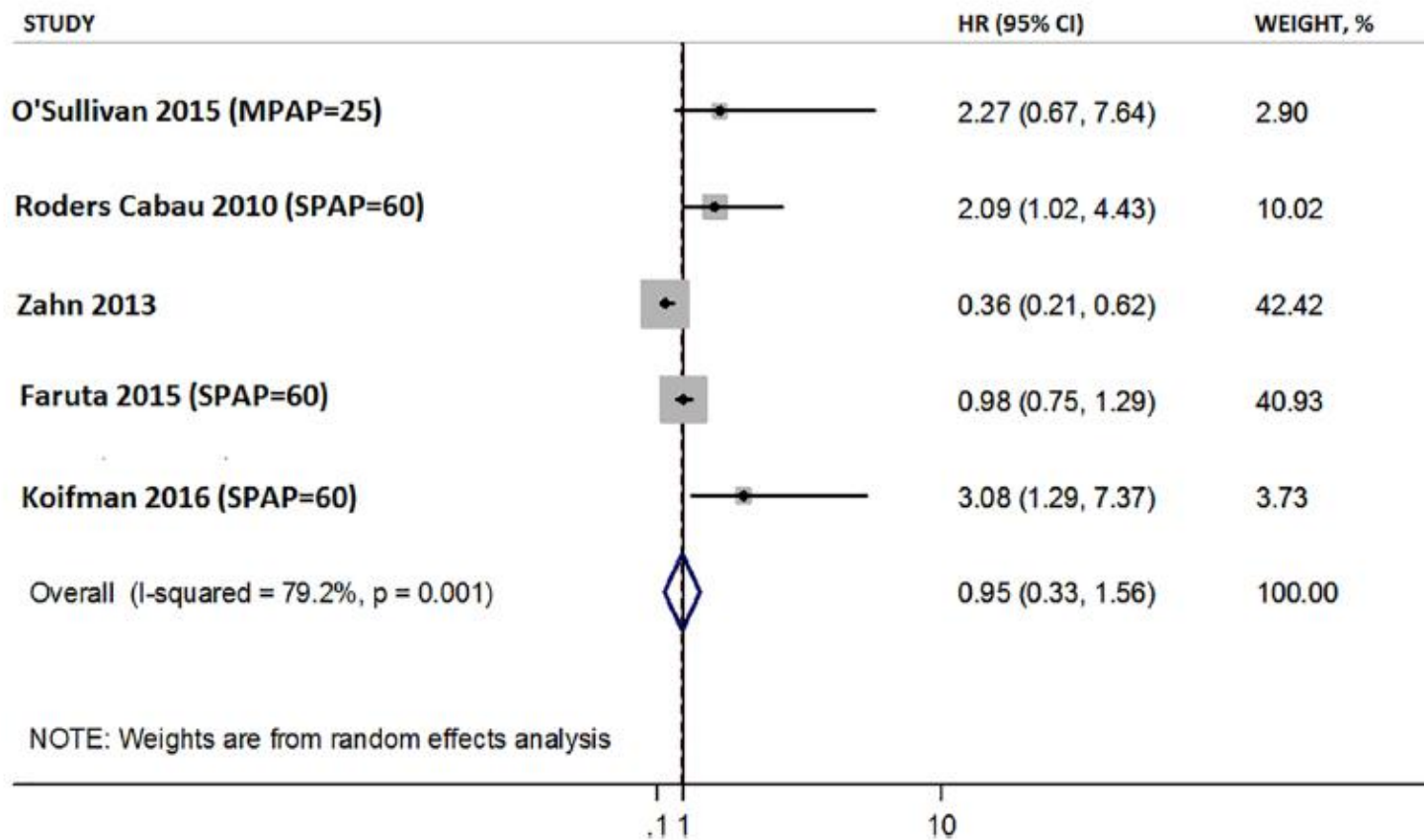
VALVULAR HEART DISEASE



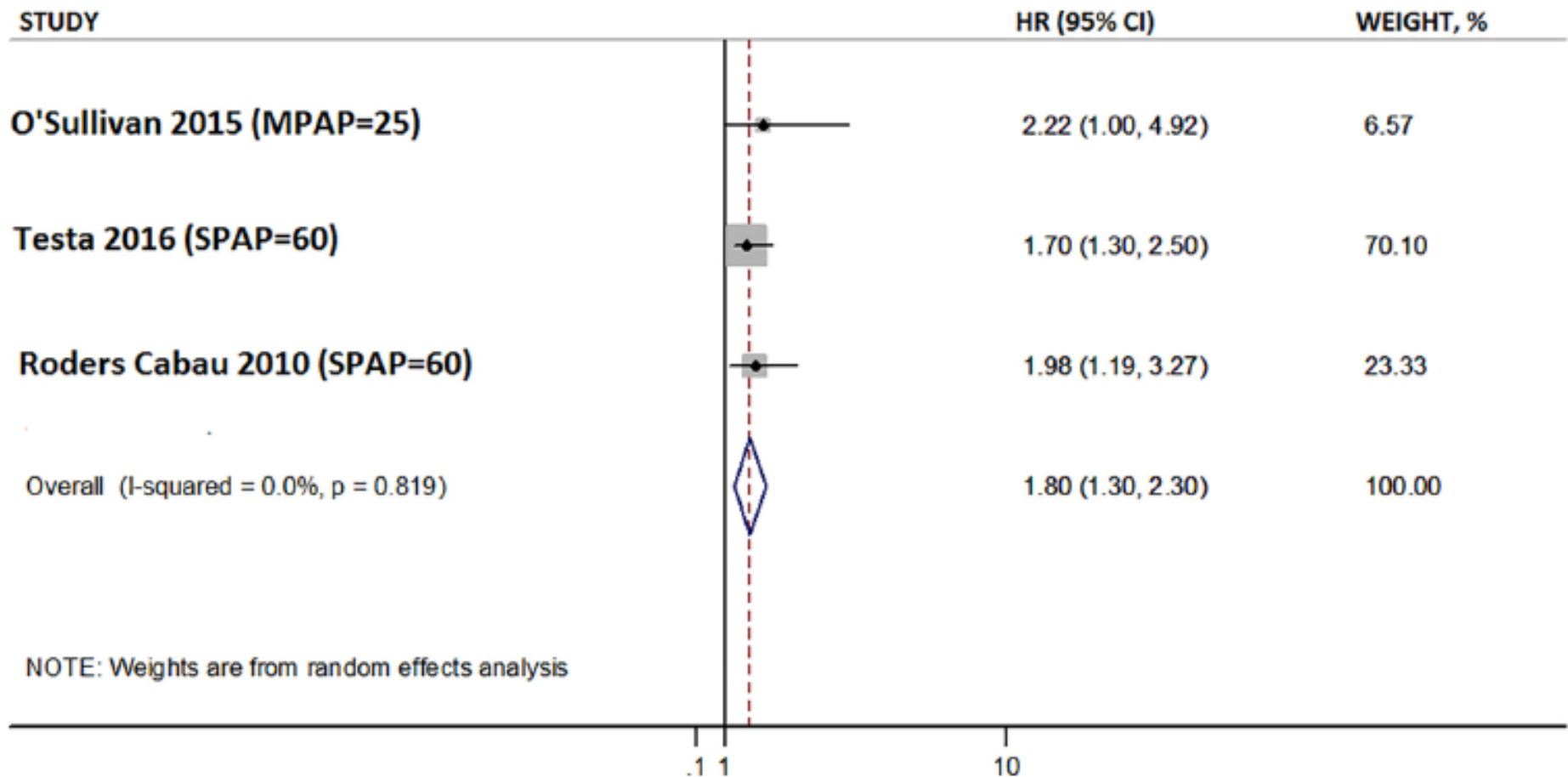
The predictive value of baseline pulmonary hypertension in early and long term cardiac and all-cause mortality after transcatheter aortic valve implantation for patients with severe aortic valve stenosis: A systematic review and meta-analysis☆☆☆

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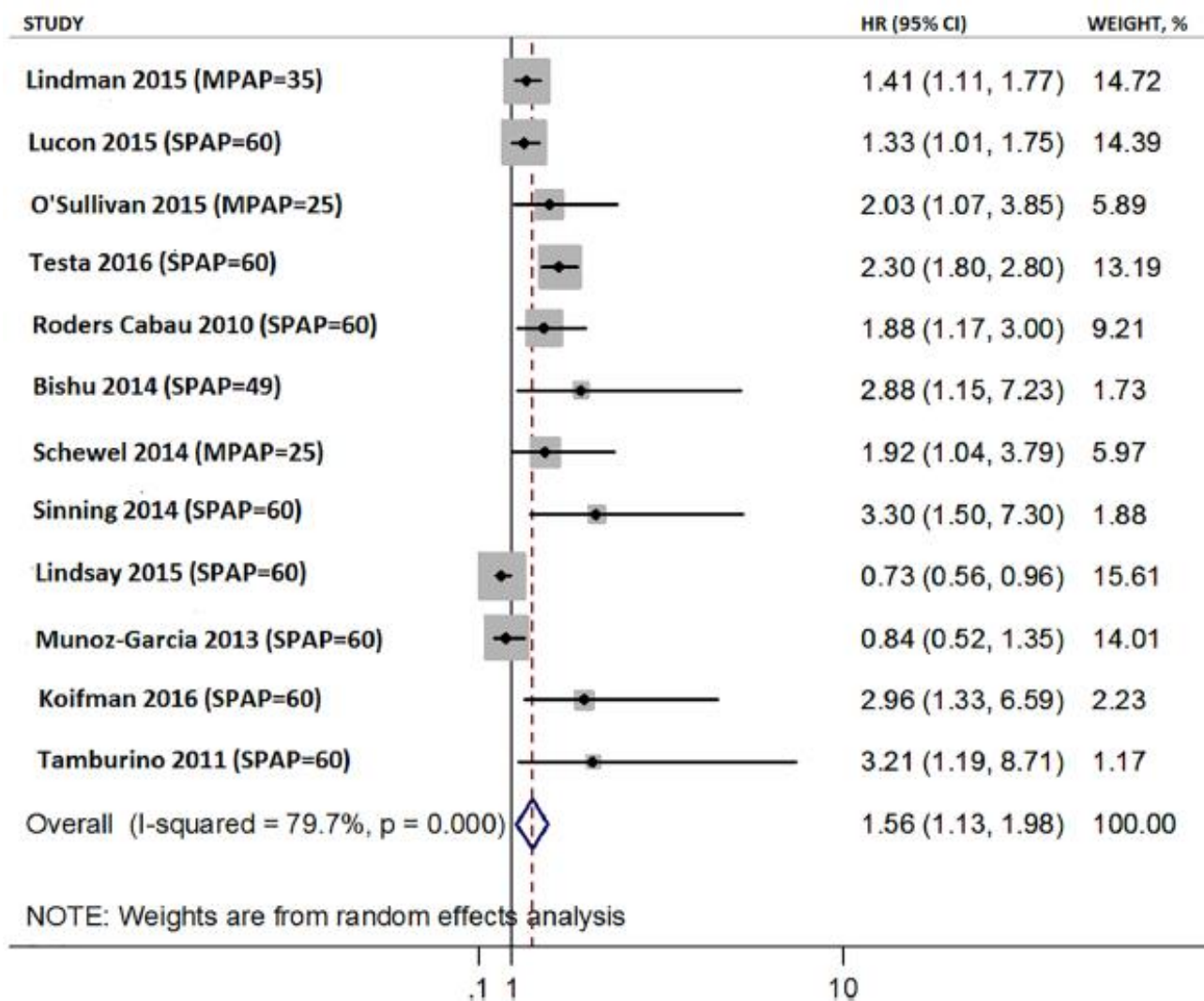
Early mortality after TAVI



Late cardiac mortality after TAVI



Late overall mortality after TAVI

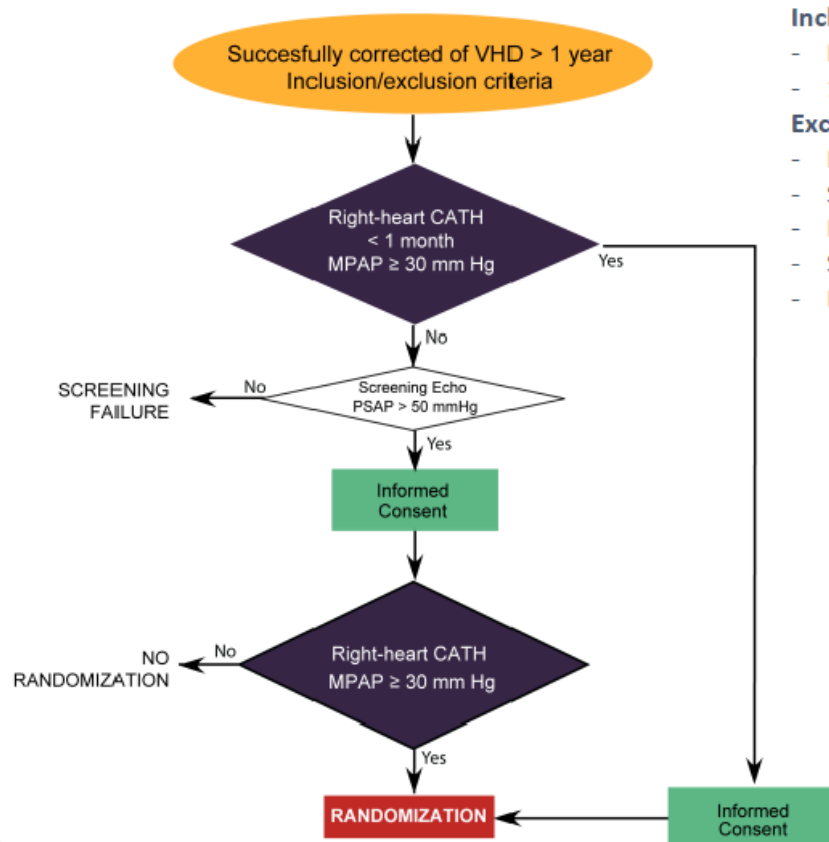


Effect of Sildenafil on Clinical Outcomes in Patients with Corrected Valvular Heart Disease and Residual Pulmonary Hypertension.

The **S**ildenafil for **I**mproving **O**utcomes after **V**alvular **C**orrection (SIOVAC) Trial.

Javier Bermejo, on behalf of the SIOVAC investigators

The SIOVAC Design

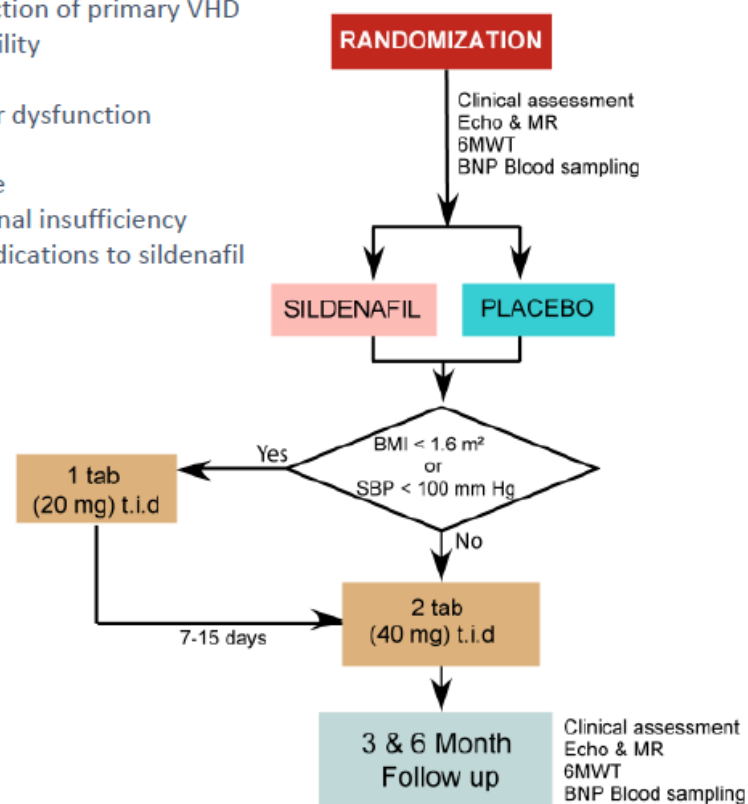


Inclusion Criteria:

- Full successful correction of primary VHD
- 1 month clinical stability

Exclusion Criteria:

- Prosthesis or valvular dysfunction
- SBP < 90 mmHg
- Previous MI or stroke
- Significant liver or renal insufficiency
- Established contraindications to sildenafil

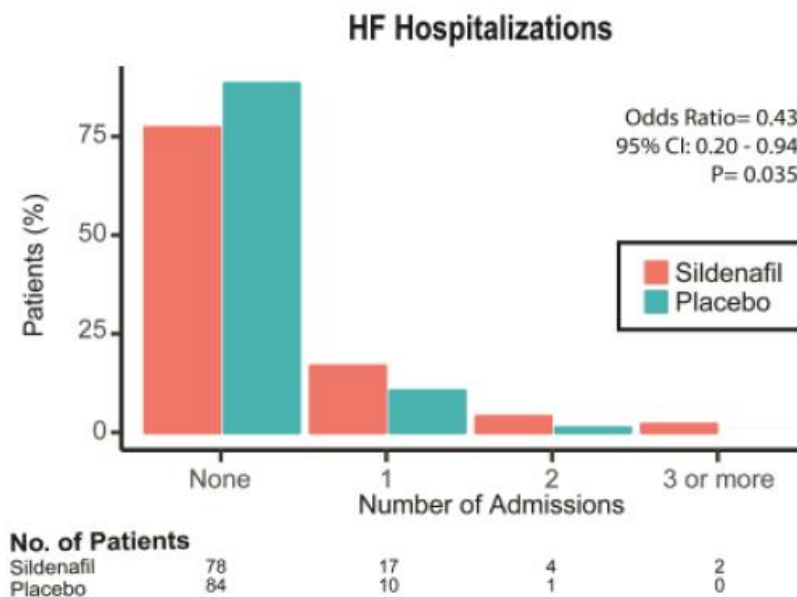
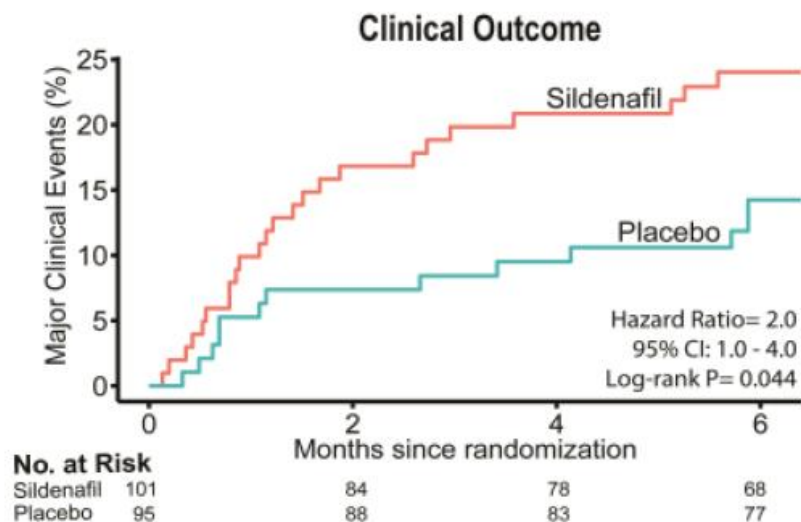


Key Catheterization Data

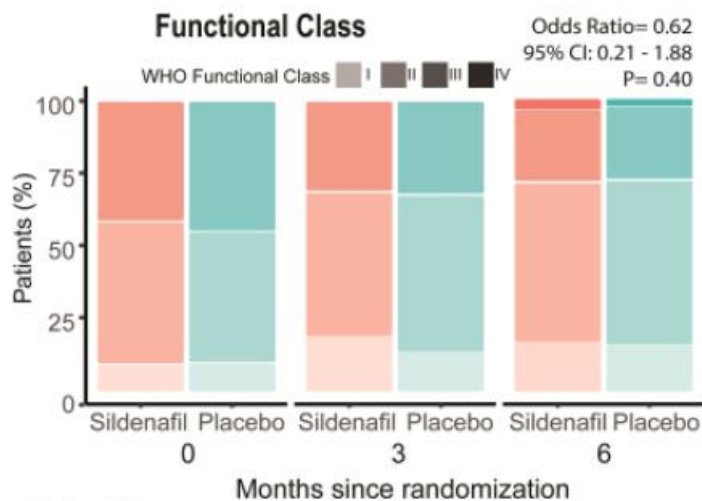
	SILDENAFIL (N= 104)	PLACEBO (N= 96)	TOTAL (N= 200)
Mean Pulmonary Artery Pressure (mm Hg)	40 (34, 46)	37 (34, 44)	38 (34, 44)
Mean Wedge Pulmonary Pressure (mm Hg)	23 (19, 26)	22 (19, 26)	22 (19, 26)
Cardiac Index ($L \cdot min^{-1} \cdot m^{-2}$)	2.8 (2.4, 3.2)	2.8 (2.3, 3.4)	2.8 (2.4, 3.3)
Transpulmonary Pressure Gradient (mm Hg)	16.0 (13.0, 22.0)	15.0 (12.0, 20.0)	16.0 (12.0, 21.2)
Diastolic Transpulmonary Pressure Gradient (mm Hg)	2.0 (0.0, 6.0)	3.0 (0.0, 7.0)	3.0 (0.0, 6.2)
Pulmonary Vascular Resistance (Wood Units)	3.4 (2.4, 4.6)	3.1 (2.2, 4.9)	3.3 (2.3, 4.9)

Median (IQR)

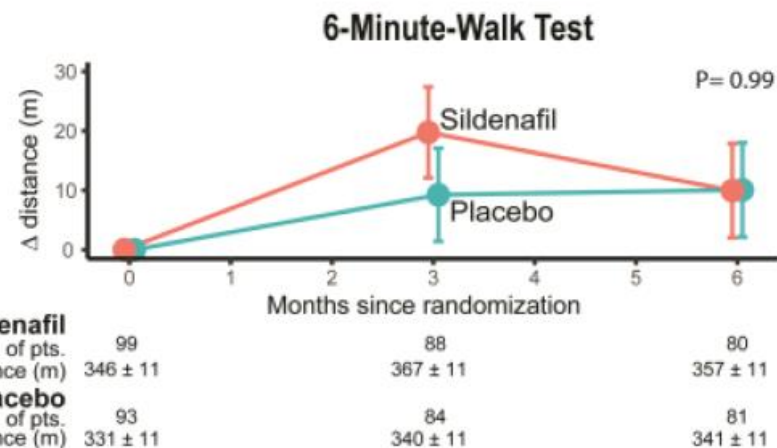
Key Secondary Endpoints



Key Secondary Endpoints



Sildenafil				
OMS Functional Class I	8	17	14	
II	51	48	50	
III	42	29	22	
IV	0	0	2	
Placebo				
OMS Functional Class I	8	11	13	
II	44	51	51	
III	43	29	22	
IV	0	0	1	



Management of pulmonary hypertension in left heart disease

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Optimization of the treatment of the underlying condition is recommended before considering assessment of PH-LHD (i.e. treating structural heart disease).	I	C
It is recommended to identify other causes of PH (i.e. COPD, SAS, PE, CTEPH) and to treat them when appropriate before considering assessment of PH-LHD.	I	C
It is recommended to perform invasive assessment of PH in patients on optimized volume status.	I	C
Patients with PH-LHD and a severe pre-capillary component as indicated by a high DPG and/or high PVR should be referred to an expert PH center for a complete diagnostic work-up and an individual treatment decision.	IIa	C
The importance and role of vasoreactivity testing is not established in PH-LHD, except in patients who are candidates for heart transplantation and/or LV assist device implantation.	III	C
The use of PAH approved therapies is not recommended in PH-LHD.	III	C

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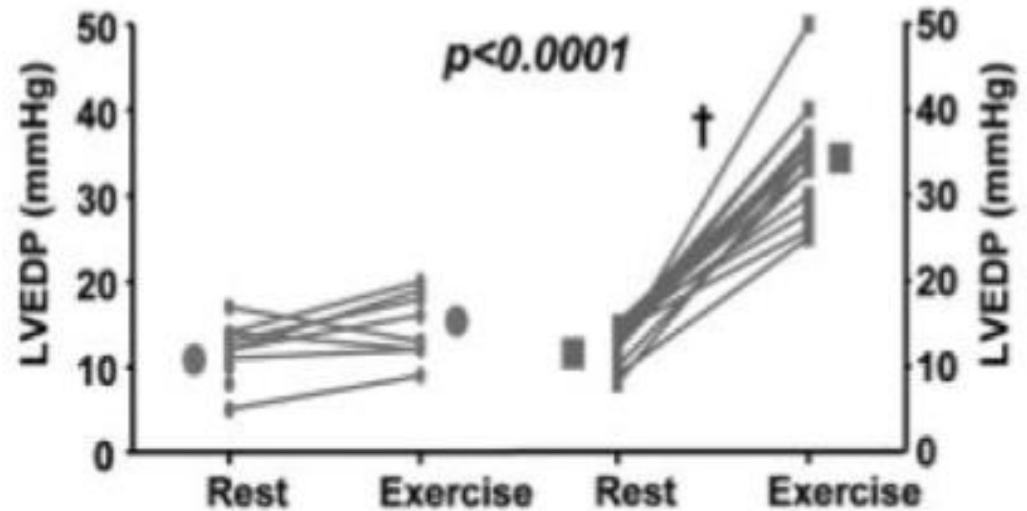
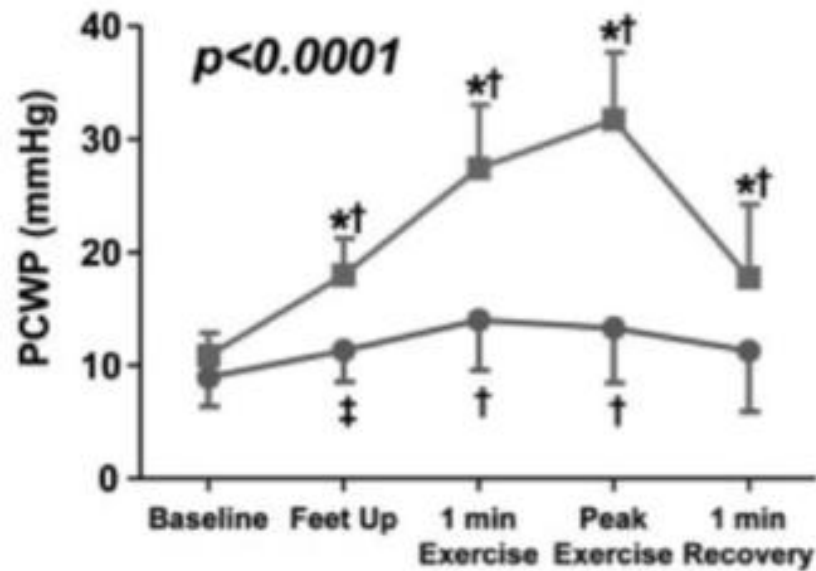


PH diagnosis by exercise hemodynamics in HFpEF

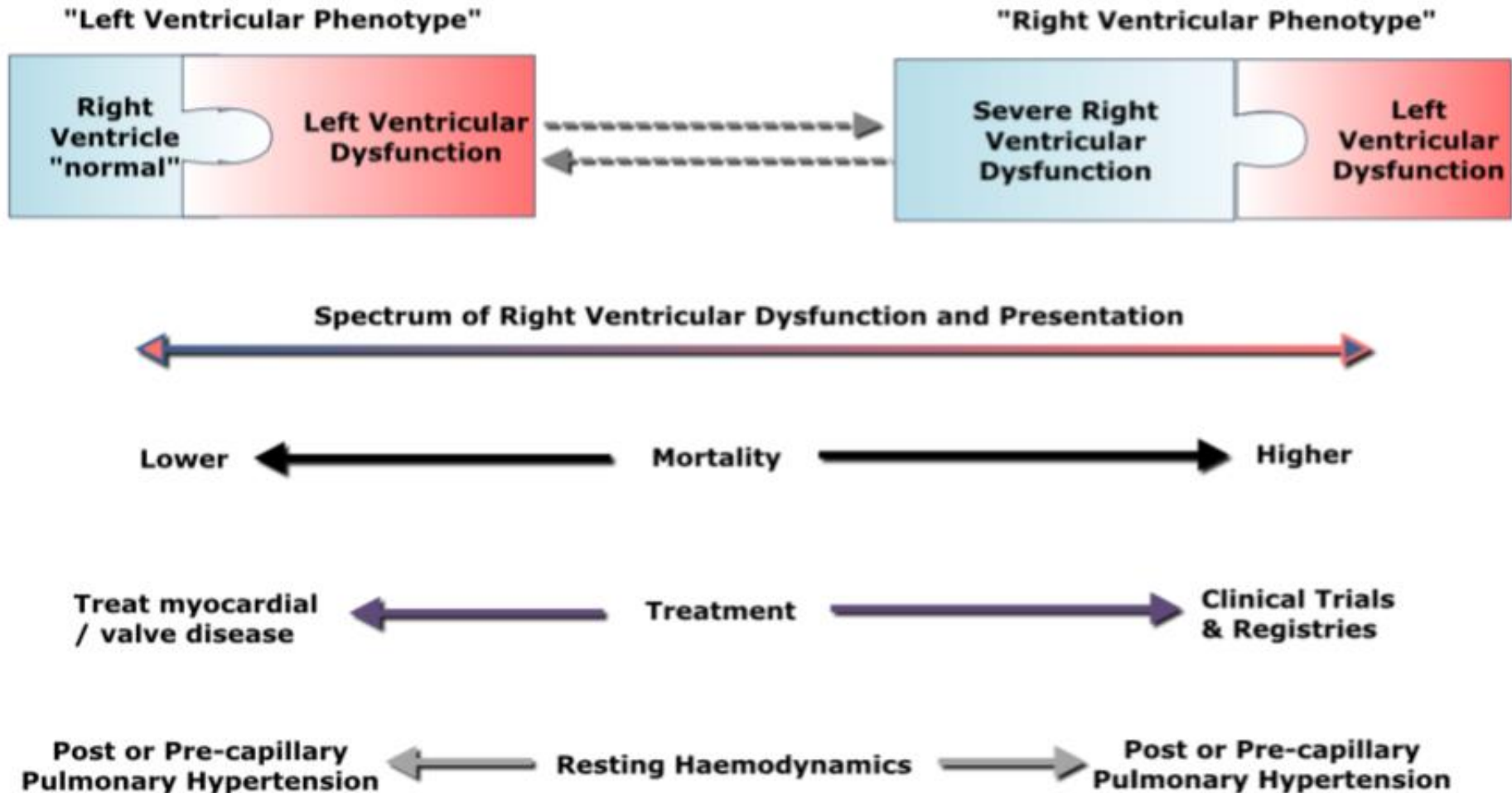
- 55 patients with exercise dyspnoea, normal BNP assay; normal resting haemodynamics and euvolemic
- PCWP > 25 mmHg at peak exercise as main criteria for PH diagnosis



RIGHT and LEFT HEART catheterisation during supine exercise



Heart Failure: Left vs. Right Ventricular Phenotype



Many thanks



TPG versus DPG

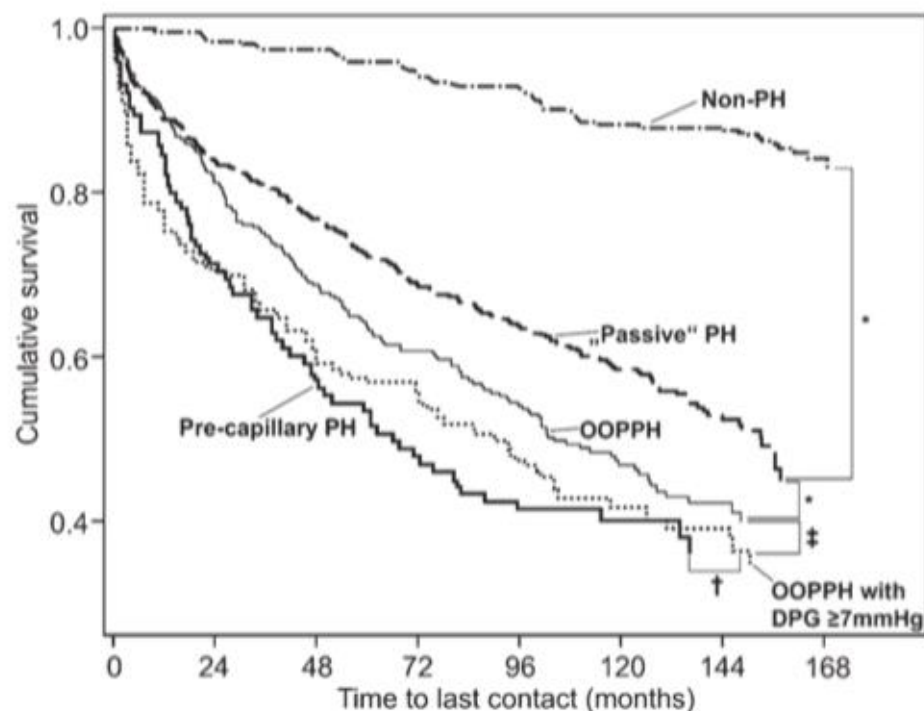




Diastolic Pulmonary Vascular Pressure Gradient

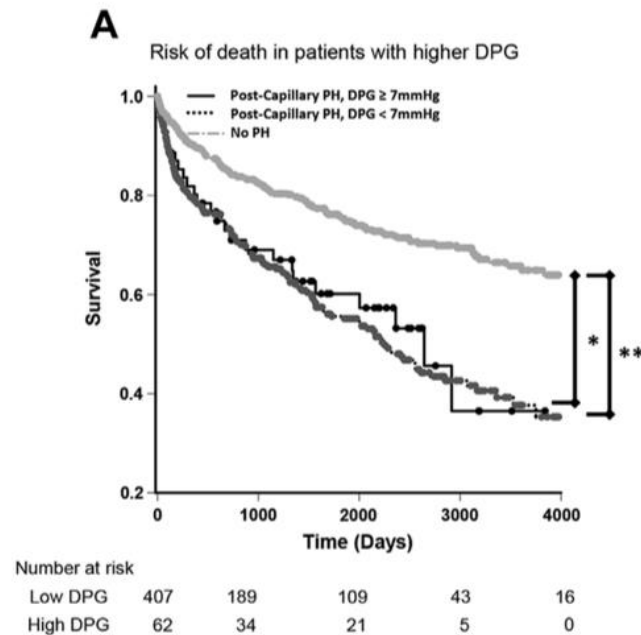
A Predictor of Prognosis in “Out-of-Proportion” Pulmonary Hypertension

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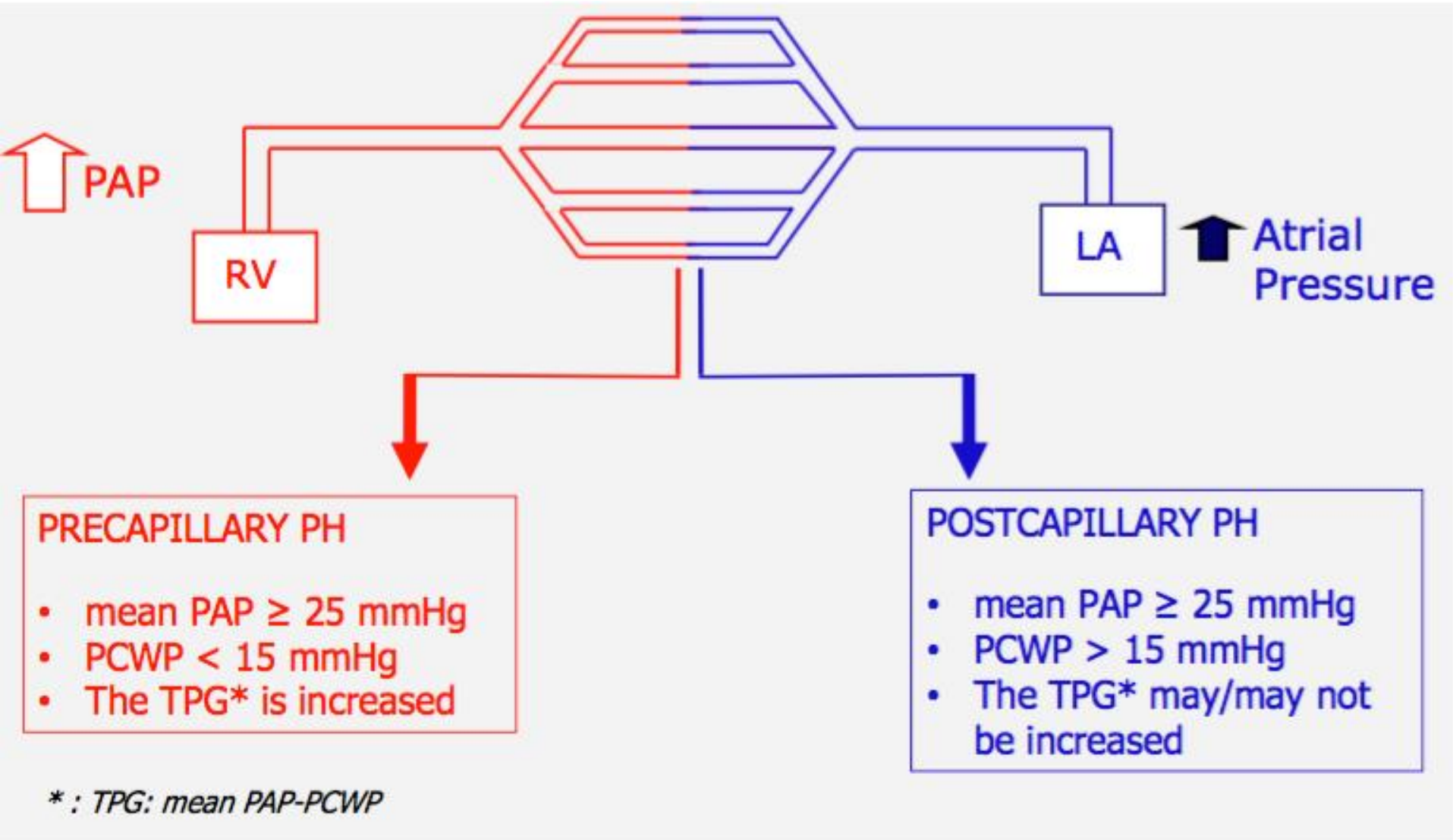


The Diastolic Pulmonary Gradient Does Not Predict Survival in Patients With Pulmonary Hypertension Due to Left Heart Disease

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PH due to left heart disease (group 2)



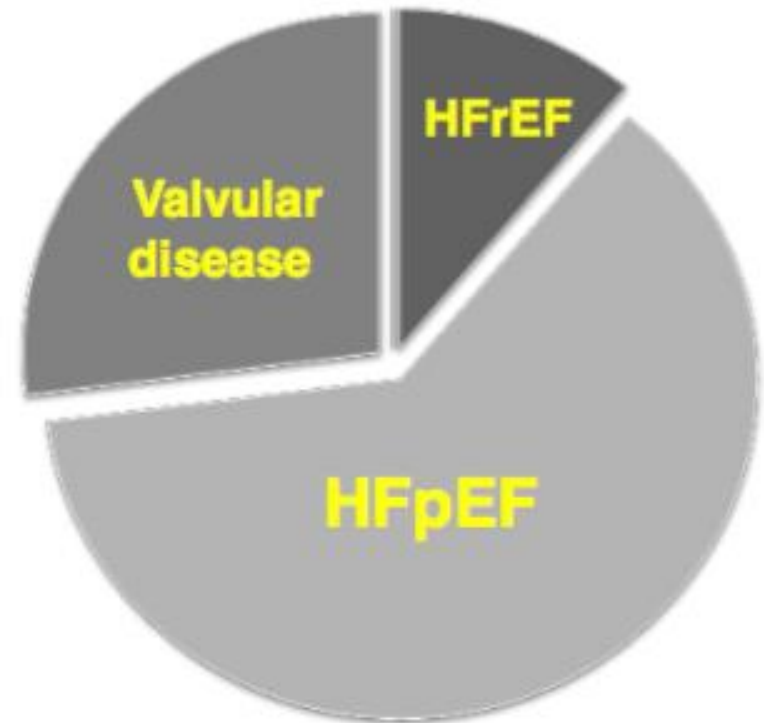
Spectrum of group 2 PH. ASPIRE registry

1344 consecutive PAH and PH treatment-naïve cases diagnosed between 2001-2010

157 patients with Group 2 PH



	HFrEF	HFpEF	Valv. Dis.
PCWP, mmHg	24	22	26*§
mean PAP, mmHg	43	37	48*
mean RAP, mmHg	17	15	14



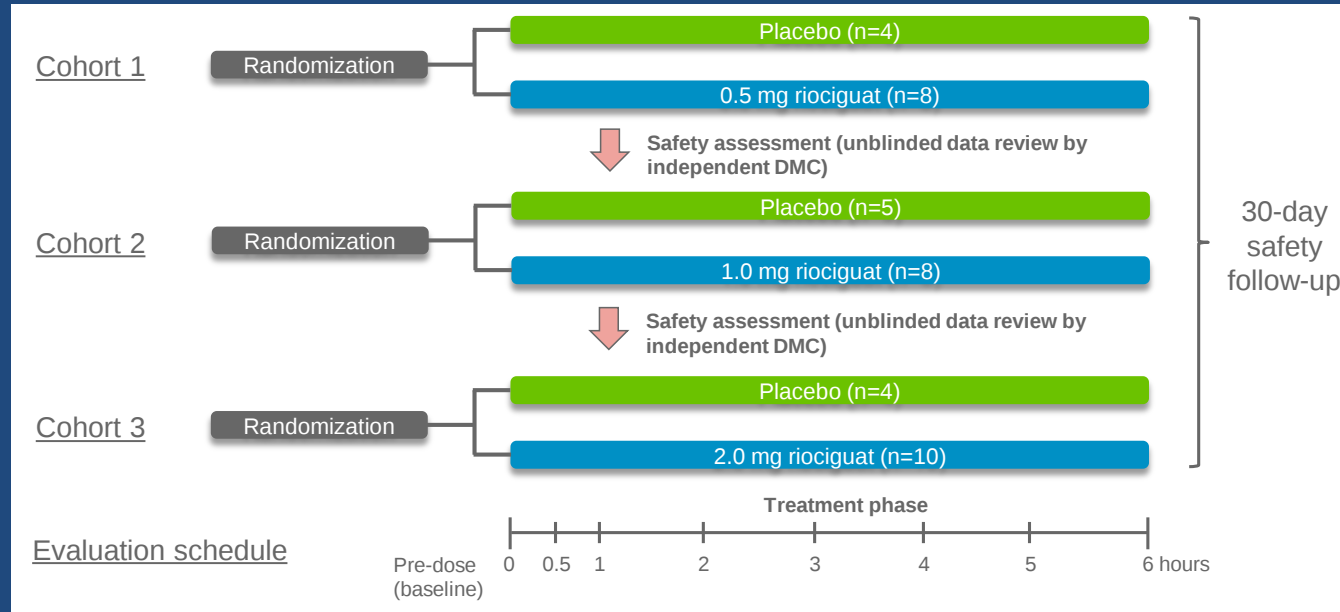
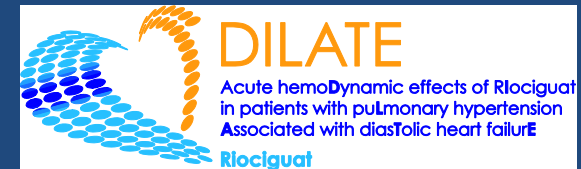
Left ventricular systolic dysfunction associated with pulmonary hypertension riociguat trial (LEPHT)

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Acute hemodynamic effects of riociguat in patients with pulmonary hypertension associated with diastolic heart failure (**DILATE-1**): A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, single-dose study

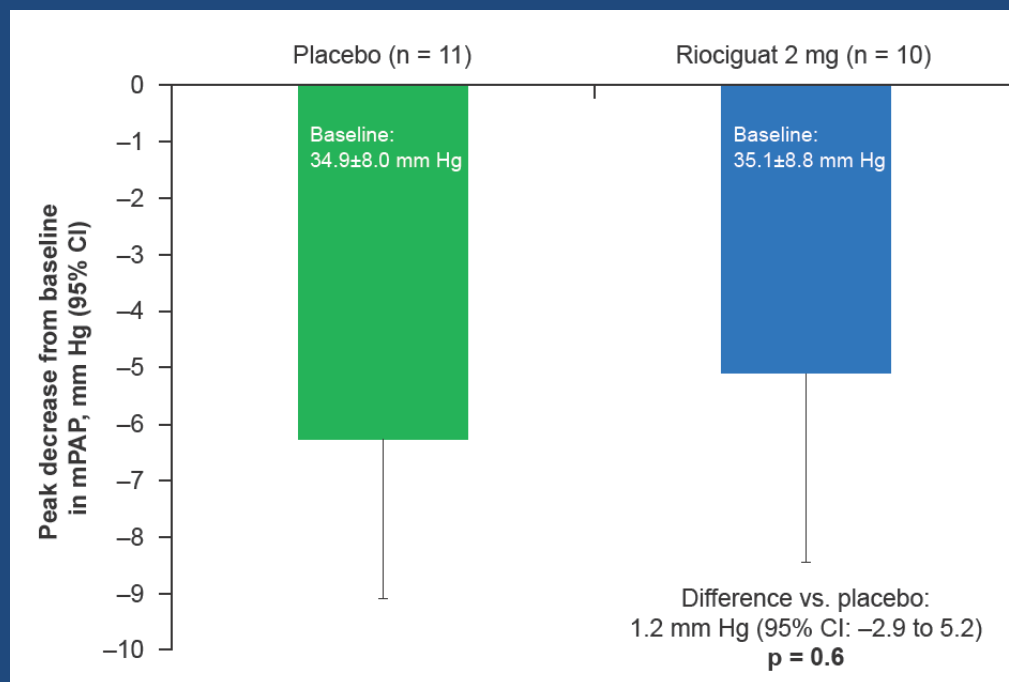
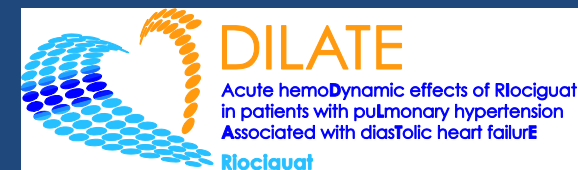
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DILATE: Study design



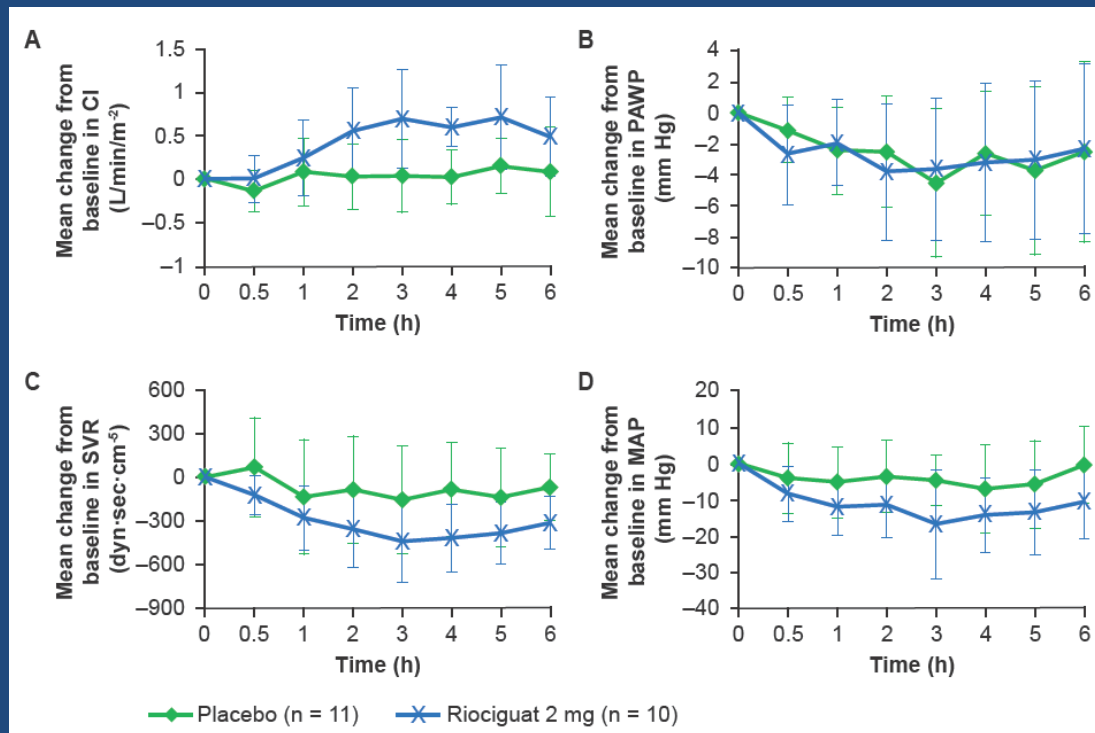
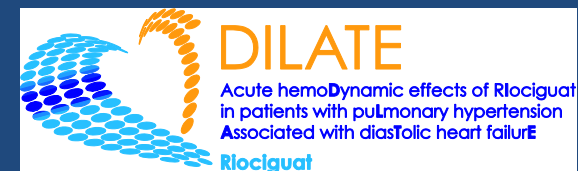
Study design of the DILATE-1 study. Study medication was administered orally as a **single dose** of a film-coated tablet of riociguat (0.5 mg, 1 mg, or 2 mg) or matching placebo.

DILATE: Peak decrease in mPAP



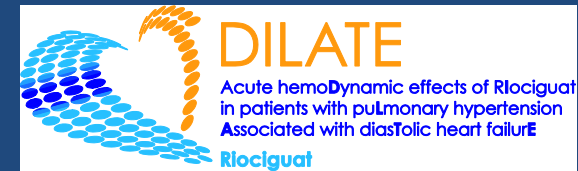
Peak decrease in mean pulmonary artery pressure (mPAP) from baseline up to 6 h after administration of study drug in the riociguat 2 mg group vs. placebo (primary endpoint). The difference between treatment groups was analyzed by a two-group, two-sided t-test. The treatment difference (95% confidence interval) and p-value are also shown

DILATE: Hemodynamics



Mean change from baseline in selected hemodynamic parameters in the 6 h following administration of study drug. (A) cardiac index (CI); (B) pulmonary arterial wedge pressure (PAWP); (C) systemic vascular resistance (SVR); and (D) mean arterial pressure (MAP)

DILATE: Results III



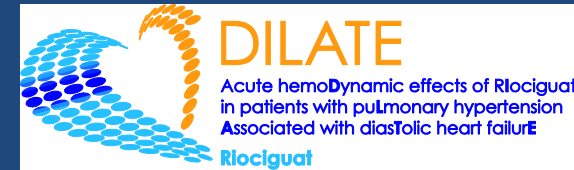
Echocardiography

- Compared with placebo, riociguat 2 mg decreased left atrial area, with a trend towards statistical significance ($P=0.06$), and significantly decreased right ventricular end-diastolic (RVED) area ($P=0.04$).

Exploratory biomarkers

- Plasma levels of NT-proBNP, asymmetric dimethylarginine, ST2, and Galectin-3 revealed significant variability and no significant changes vs. placebo.

DILATE: Conclusions



- Single doses of riociguat were **well-tolerated** and showed **favorable hemodynamic and echocardiographic effects** in patients with HFpEF and PH.
- The ventricular filling required to establish an increased SV was not accompanied by increased PAWP, indicating that riociguat might improve diastolic function via a change in relaxation and/or distensibility of the LV.
- Chronic, large-scale, placebo-controlled studies are required to further assess the long-term clinical safety and efficacy of riociguat started at lower doses and carefully up-titrated in this population.