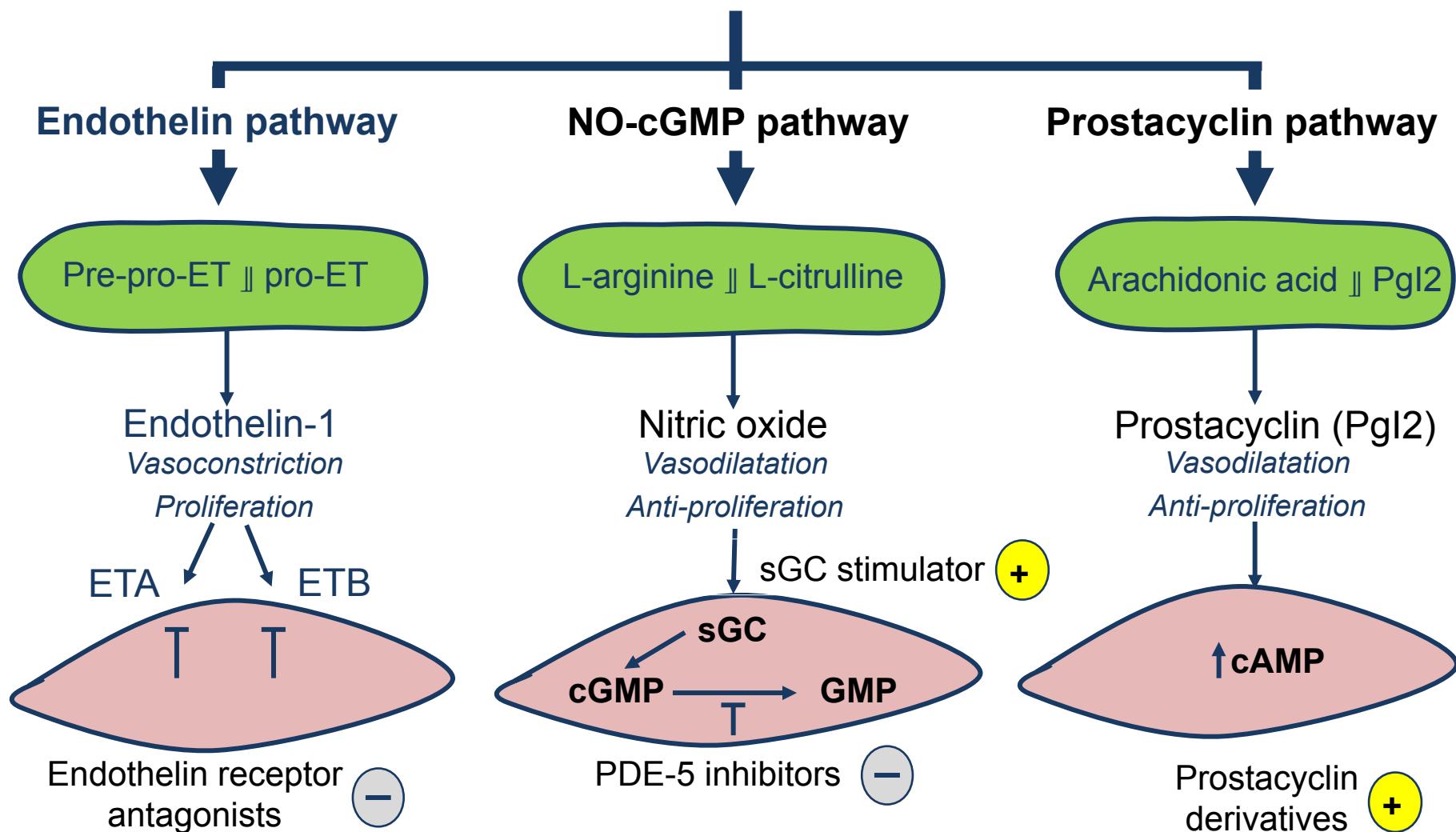


# Traitements de l'HTAP en 2014

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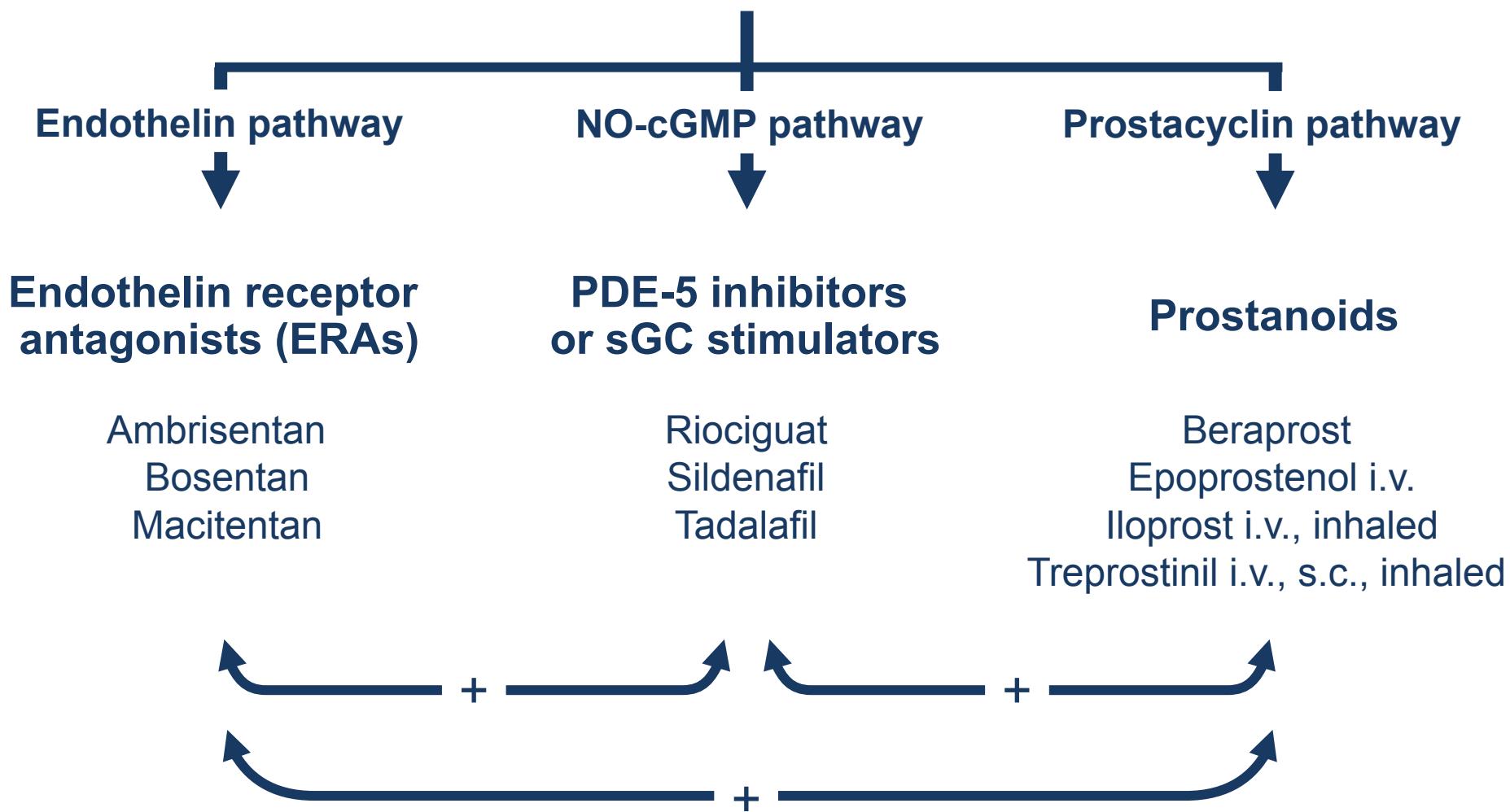
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# PAH-specific therapies target the three signalling pathways involved in PAH



Adapted from Humbert M, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2004; 351:1425-36.

# PAH-specific therapies target the three signalling pathways involved in PAH



# Overview of RCTs in PAH

Beraprost (ALPHABET, US)

Bosentan (351, BREATHE1)

Epoprostenol (3 RCT)

Sildenafil (SUPER1)

Treprostинil (UT15)

STEP

ARIES

PHIRST

SERAPHIN

PATENT

IMPRES

FREEDOM C2

FREEDOM M

SERAPH

STRIDE2

EARLY

TRIUMPH

FREEDOM C1

COMPASS-2

BREATHE2

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BREATHE5

VARDENAFIL



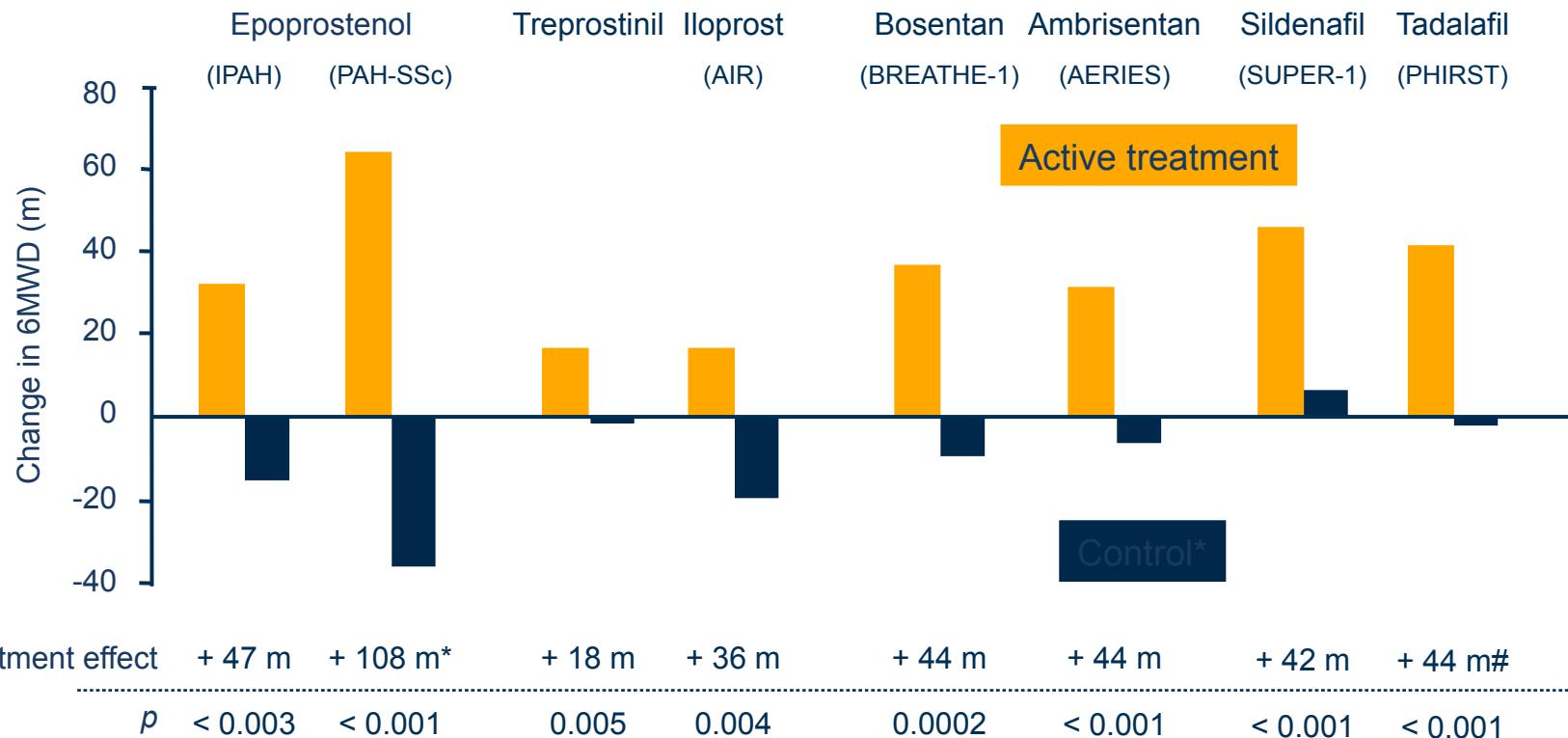
Monotherapy

Monotherapy and/or sequential combination

Initial combination

# RCTs with monotherapy in PAH

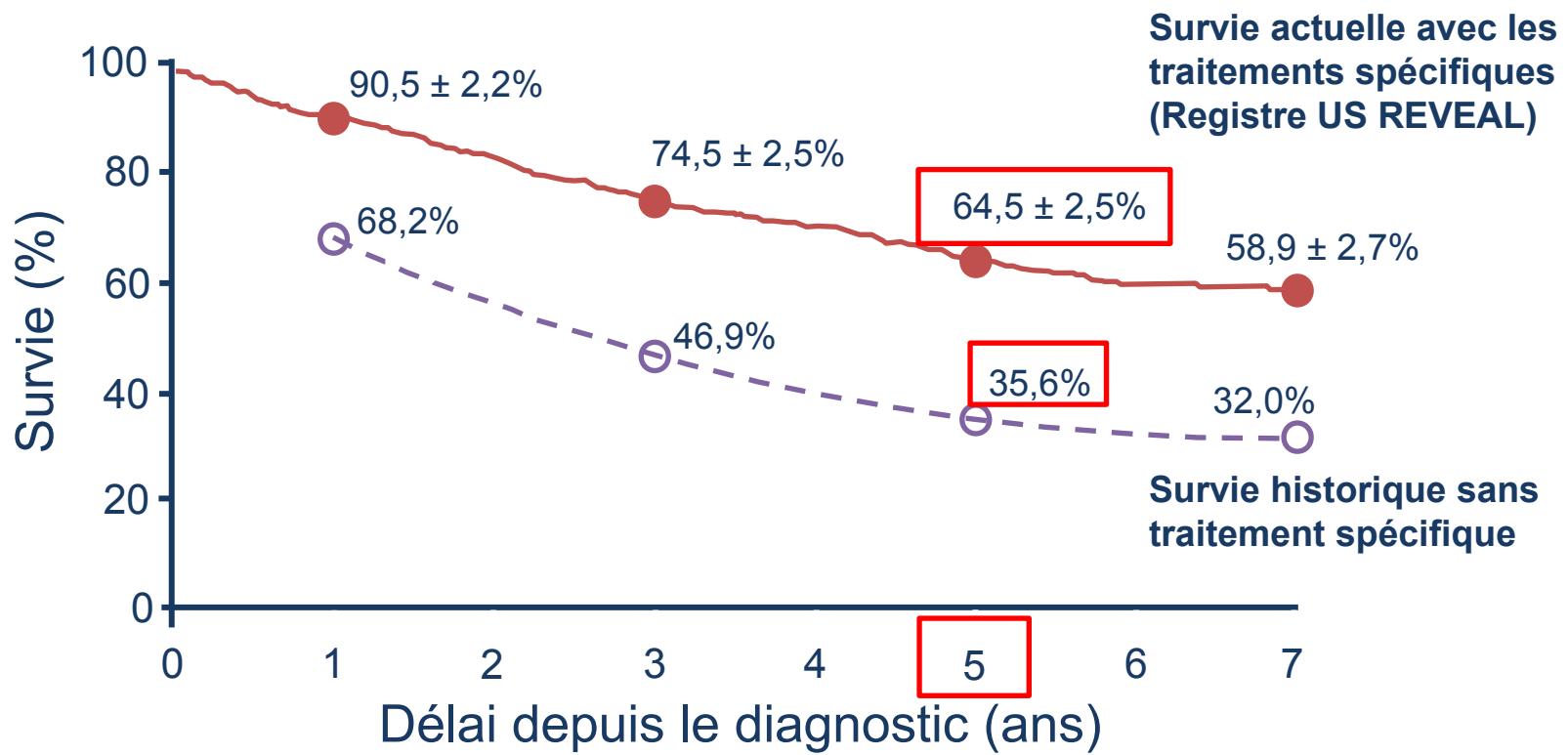
## *Improvement in exercise capacity (3-4 months)*



\* Control = placebo except for epoprostenol trials ('Conventional therapy')

#: monotherapy only

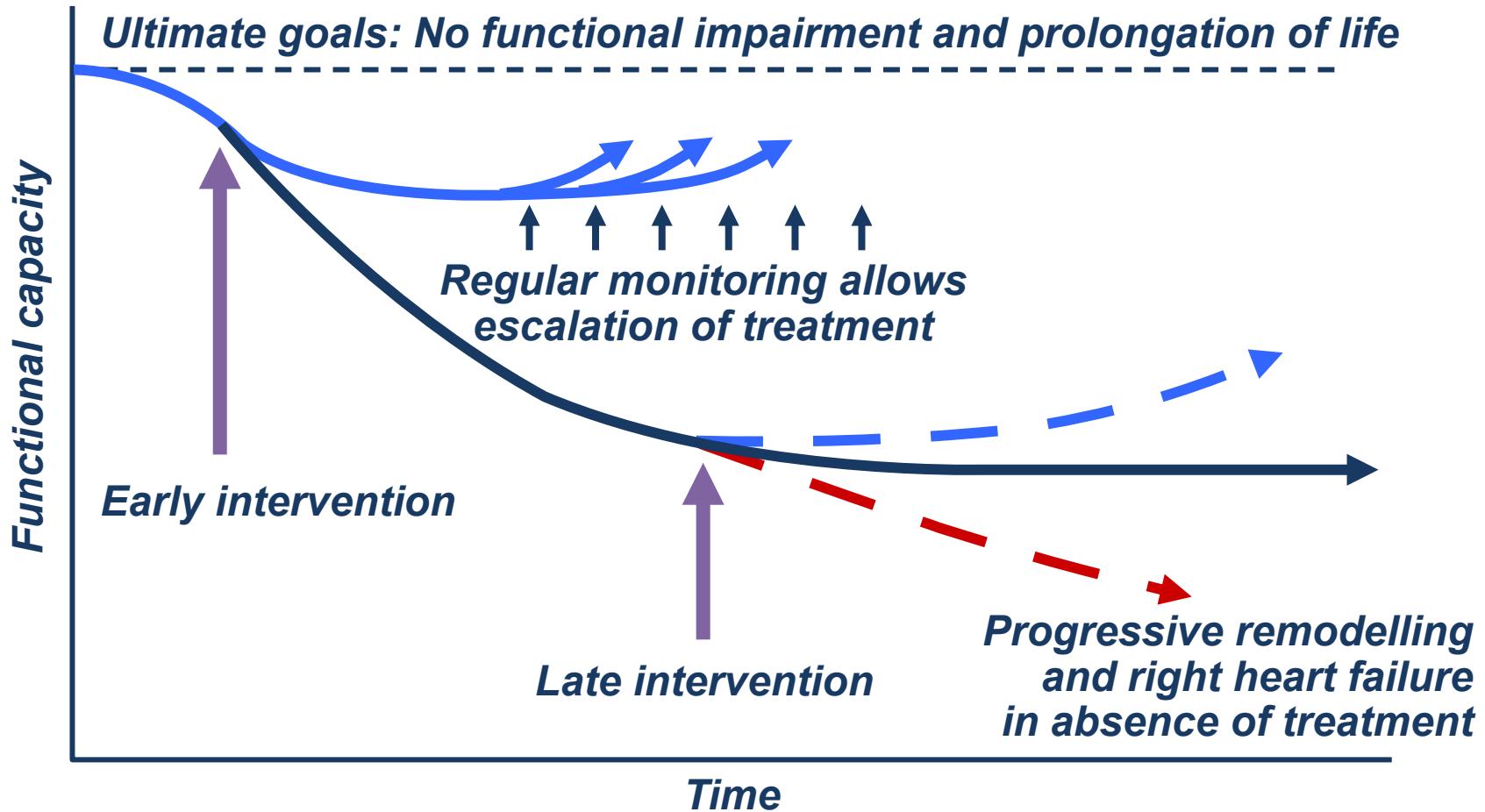
# Malgré les progrès thérapeutiques, le pronostic à long terme de l'HTAP est insatisfaisant



# Comment faire mieux ?

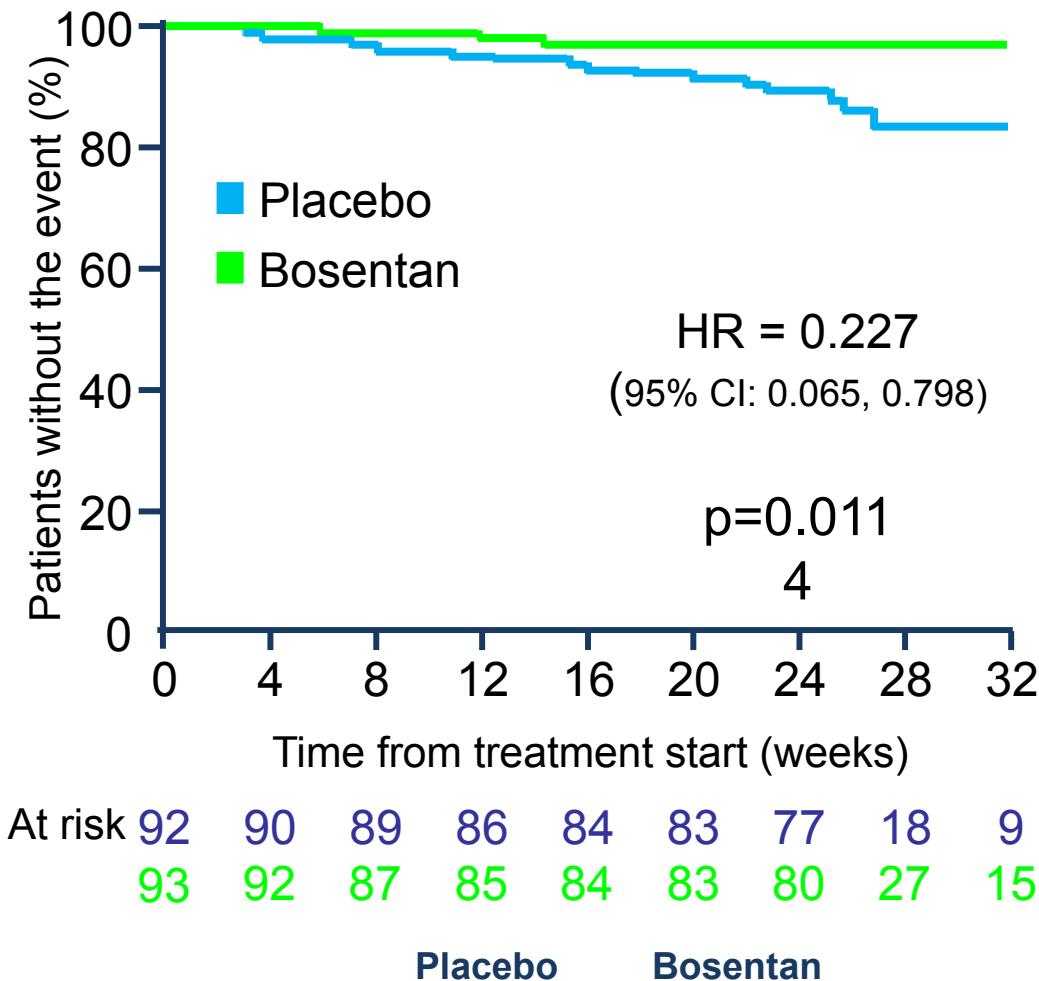
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# Traitemen<sup>t</sup> « précoce » et stratégi<sup>e</sup> « goal-oriented » dans l'HTAP



# Traiter « préocement »

## Etude EARLY: bosentan dans l'HTAP de CF II



6-MWD (m)

$431 \pm 91$

$438 \pm 86$

PVR (dyn.sec.cm $\square$ 5)

$805 \pm 369$

$839 \pm 531$

Galiè N, et al. Lancet 2008.

# Définir les objectifs à partir des facteurs pronostiques connus

Assessment parameter	Stable and satisfactory	Stable and not satisfactory	Unstable and deteriorating
Clinical evidence of RV failure	No		Yes
Rate of progression	Slow		Rapid
Syncope	No		Yes
WHO-FC	I, II		IV
6-MWD	Longer (> 500 m)		Shorter (< 300 m)
CPET	Peak VO <sub>2</sub> > 15 ml/min/kg	Only some of the “green” parameters are fulfilled (Grey zone)	Peak VO <sub>2</sub> < 12 ml/min/kg
BNP/NT-proBNP plasma levels	Normal or near-normal		Very elevated and rising
Echocardiographic findings	No pericardial effusion TAPSE > 2.0 cm		Pericardial effusion TAPSE < 1.5 cm
Haemodynamics	RAP < 8 mmHg and CI ≥ 2.5 l/min/m <sup>2</sup>		RAP > 15 mmHg or CI ≤ 2.0 l/min/m <sup>2</sup>

Adapted from Galiè N, et al. Eur Heart J 2009 and Eur Respir J 2009.

# Objectifs thérapeutiques dans l'HTAP

## *Placer la barre plus haut...*

### Treatment Goals of Pulmonary Hypertension

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Olivier Sitbon, MD, PhD††

#### Functional class

I or II

#### Echocardiography/CMR

Normal/near-normal RV size and function

#### Hemodynamics

Normalization of RV function (RAP <8 mm Hg and CI >2.5 to 3.0 l/min/m<sup>2</sup>)

#### 6-min walk distance

>380 to 440 m; may not be aggressive enough in young individuals

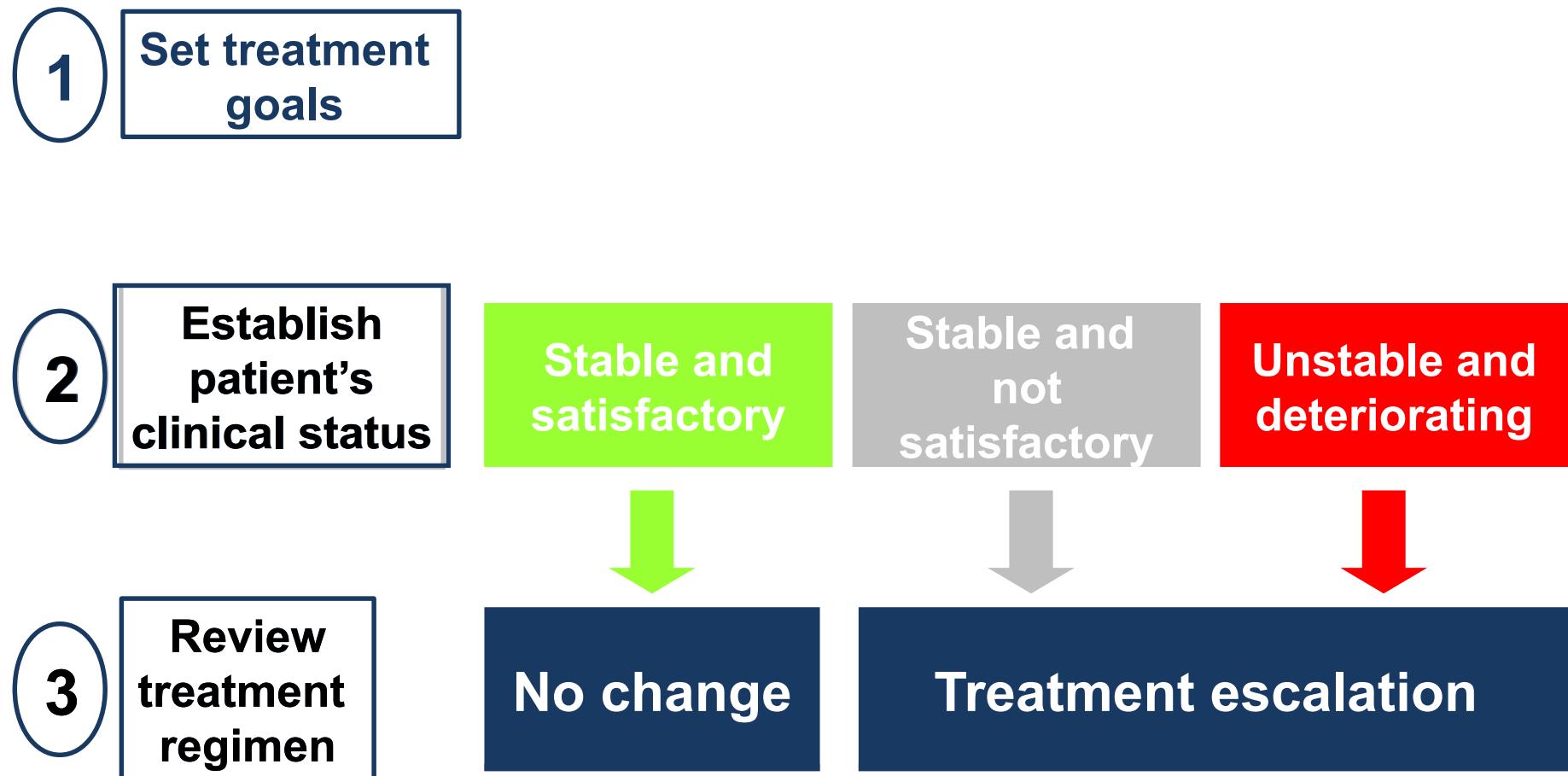
#### Cardiopulmonary exercise testing

Peak VO<sub>2</sub> >15 ml/min/kg and EqCO<sub>2</sub> <45 l/min/l/min

#### B-type natriuretic peptide level

Normal

# Stratégie « goal-oriented » dans l'HTAP

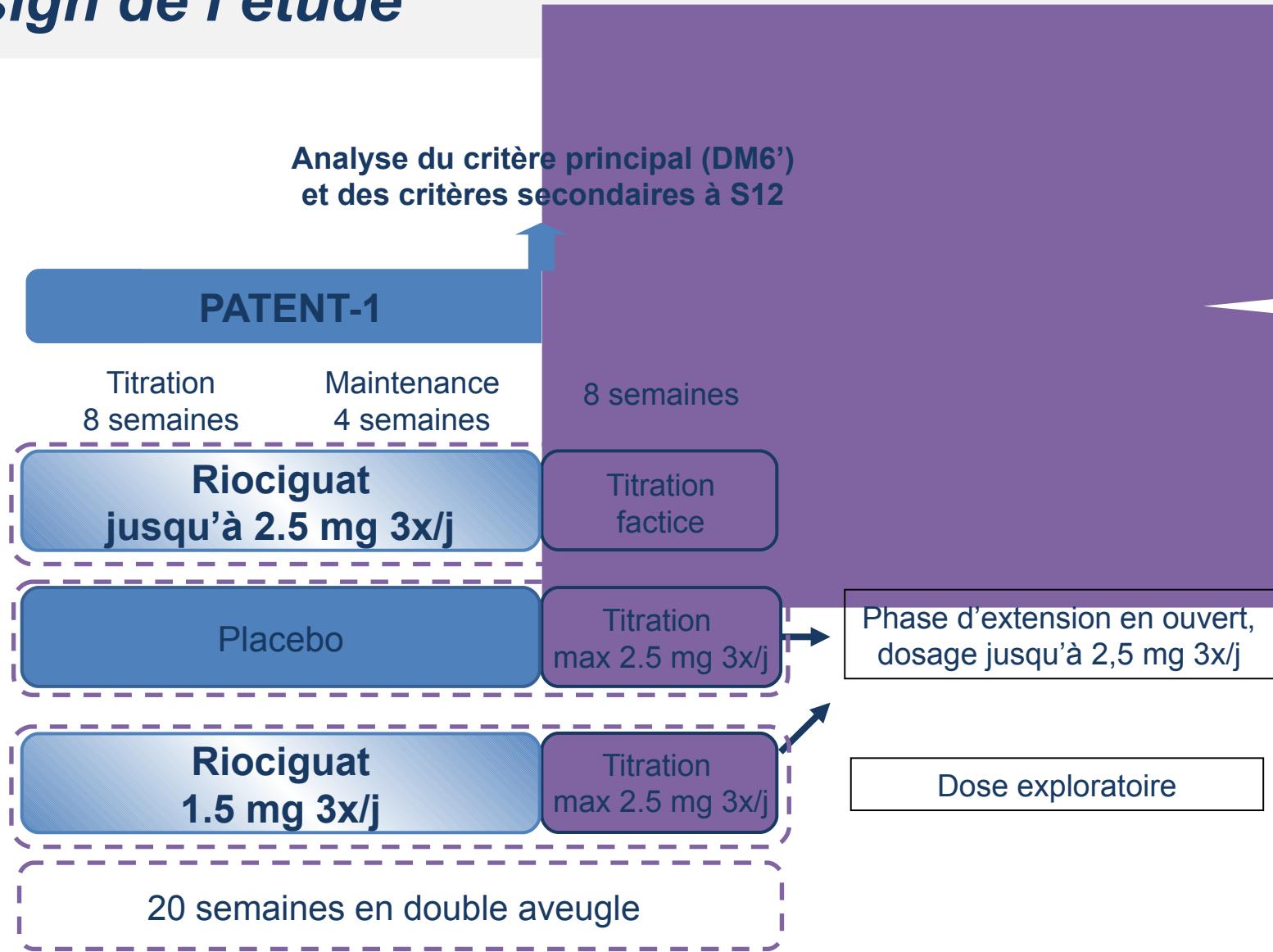


# Traitements combinés séquentiels

Drug tested	Study	Background	N	Duration (weeks)	Primary endpoint
Bosentan	EARLY	None or sildenafil (16%)	185	24	PVR +, Δ6MWD (NS)
Bosentan	COMPASS-2	Sildenafil	334	92	Morbi-mortality (NS)
Iloprost	STEP	Bosentan	67	12	Δ6MWD (NS)
Iloprost	COMBI	Bosentan	40	12	Δ6MWD (NS)
Imatinib	Phase II	Bosentan &/or sildenafil &/or prostanoids	59	24	Δ6MWD (NS)
Imatinib	IMPRES	Bosentan &/or sildenafil &/or prostanoids	202	24	Δ6MWD +
Macitentan	SERAPHIN	None, PDE5i or inhaled iloprost	742	100	Morbi-mortality +
Riociguat	PATENT	None, bosentan or prostanoids	443	12	Δ6MWD +
Selexipag	GRIPHON	None, ERA and/or PDE5i	1156		Morbi-mortality +
Selexipag	Phase II	Bosentan &/or sildenafil	43	17	PVR +
Sildenafil	PACES	Epoprostenol	264	16	Δ6MWD +
Sildenafil	NCT00323297	Bosentan	104	12	Δ6MWD (NS)
Tadalafil	PHIRST	None or bosentan (54%)	405	16	Δ6MWD (NS)
Trepostinil	Inhaled- TRIUMPH	Bosentan or sildenafil	235	12	Δ6MWD +
Trepostinil	Oral- FREEDOM C1	Bosentan &/or sildenafil	354	16	Δ6MWD (NS)
Trepostinil	Oral- FREEDOM C2	Bosentan &/or sildenafil	310	16	Δ6MWD (NS)

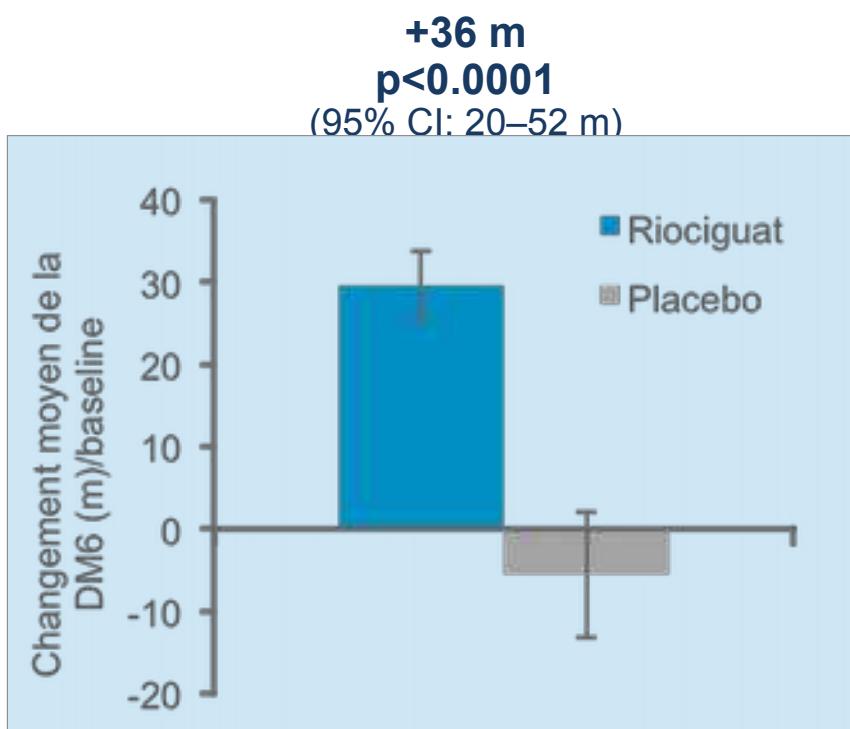
# PATENT : Riociguat dans l'HTAP

## Design de l'étude

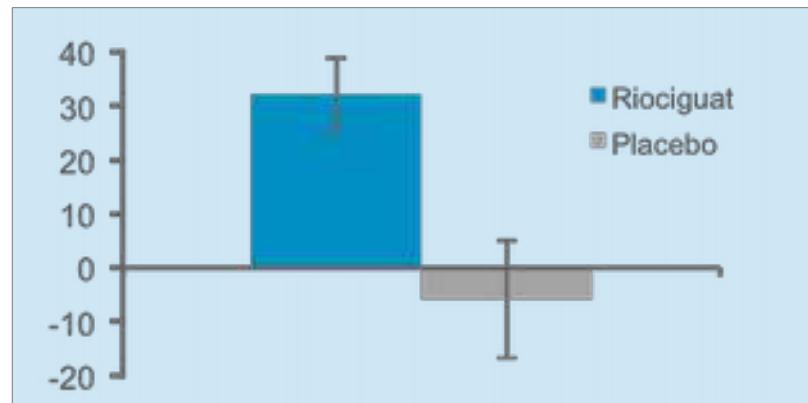


# Amélioration de la DM6 chez les patients naïfs de traitement ou pré-traités

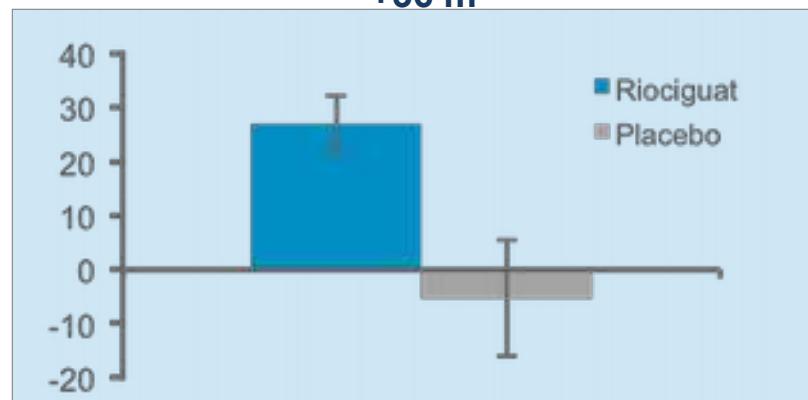
Critère principal: Population totale  
(n=254/126)



Population naïve de traitement  
(n=123/66)  
+38 m



Population pré-traitée (n=131/60)  
+36 m



# Critères de jugement dans les études cliniques dans l'HTAP

## Test de Marche de 6 mn

- Méthode simple, reproductible et valide pour évaluer les capacités d'exercice à court terme
- $\Delta\text{DM6}'$  initialement considéré comme prédictif de l'évolution
- Initialement accepté par les Autorités pour enregistrement des médicaments

## Test de Marche de 6 mn

- $\Delta\text{DM6}'$  n'est pas prédictif de la morbi-mortalité
- Etudes à court terme non adaptées pour l'évaluation des médicaments dans une maladie grave et évolutive

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2003

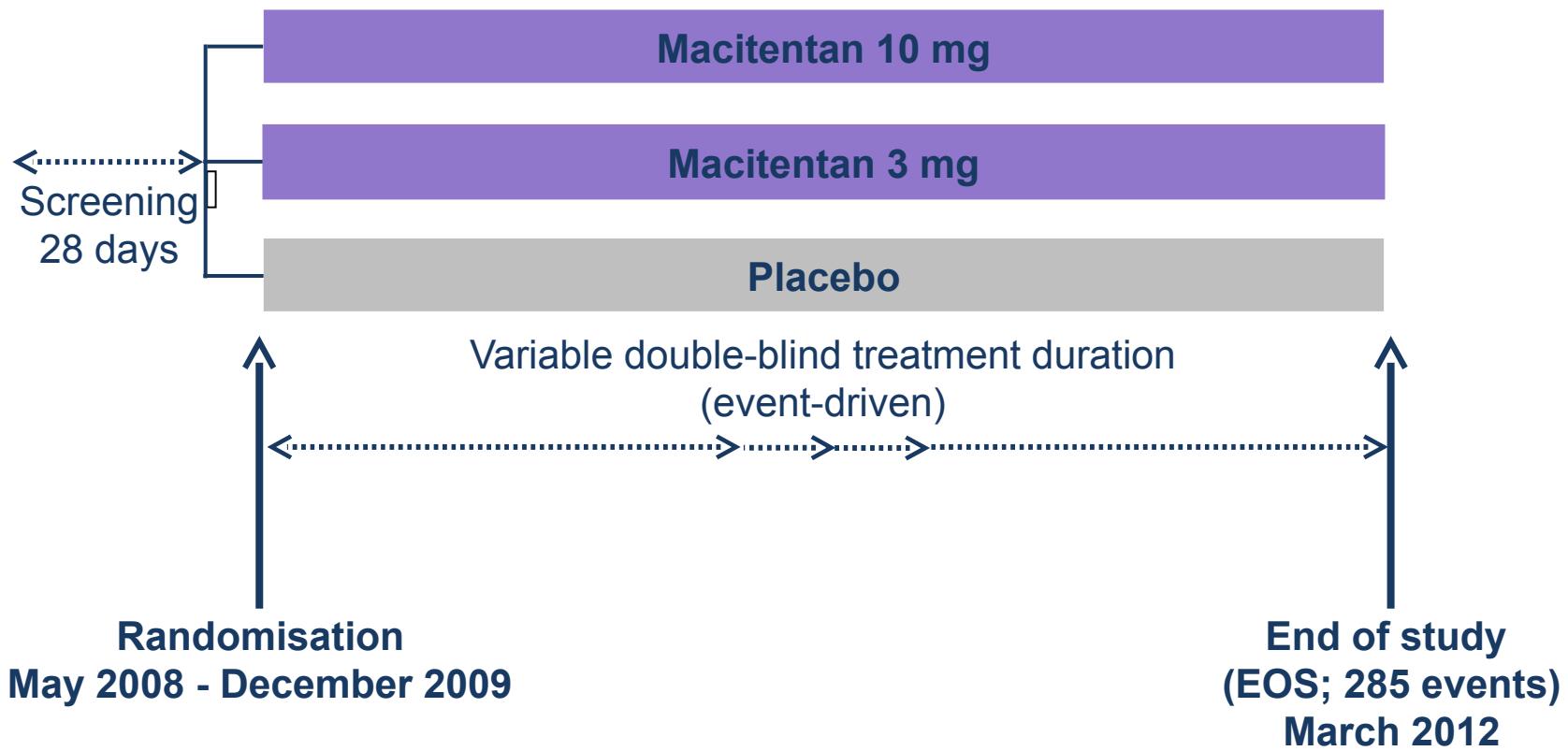
2008

2012

4th World  
Symposium  
on Pulmonary  
Hypertension

Recommandations internationales : nécessité de conduire des études de morbi-mortalité dans l'HTAP

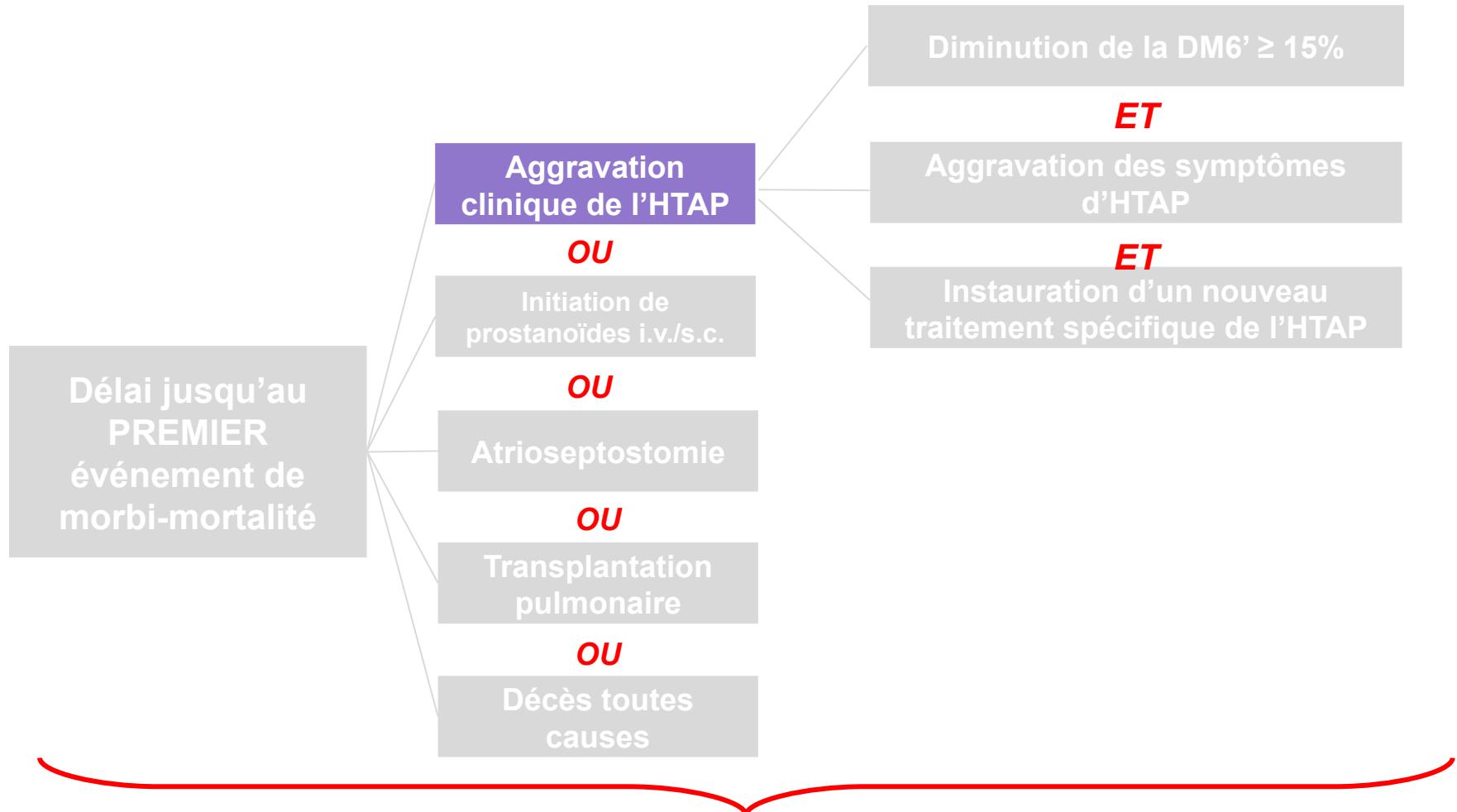
# SERAPHIN : Schéma de l'étude



Patients were censored at end of double-blind treatment

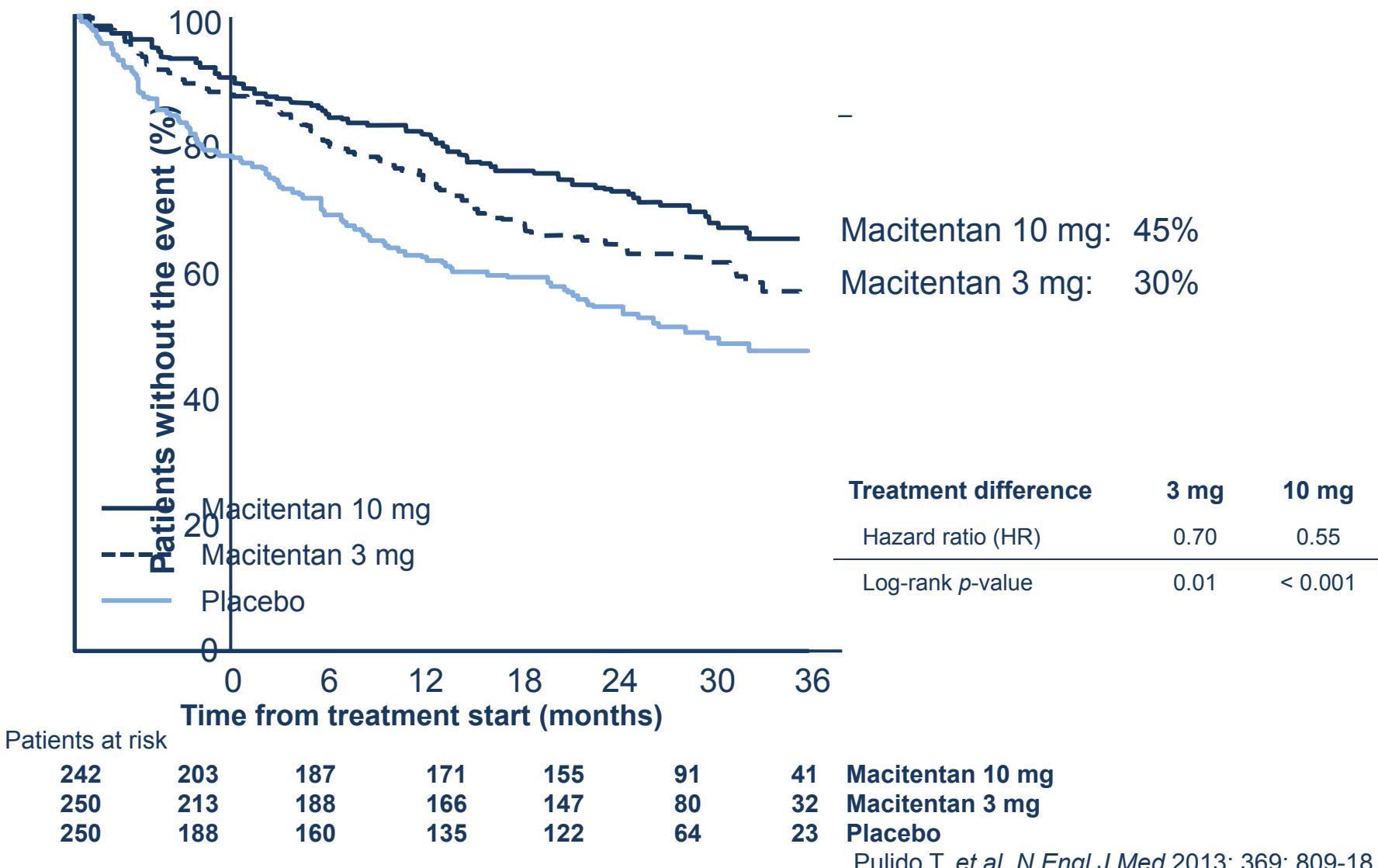
Pulido T, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2013; 369: 809-18.

# SERAPHIN : Critère principal de jugement



**Tous les événements ont été confirmés en aveugle par un comité d'adjudication indépendant**

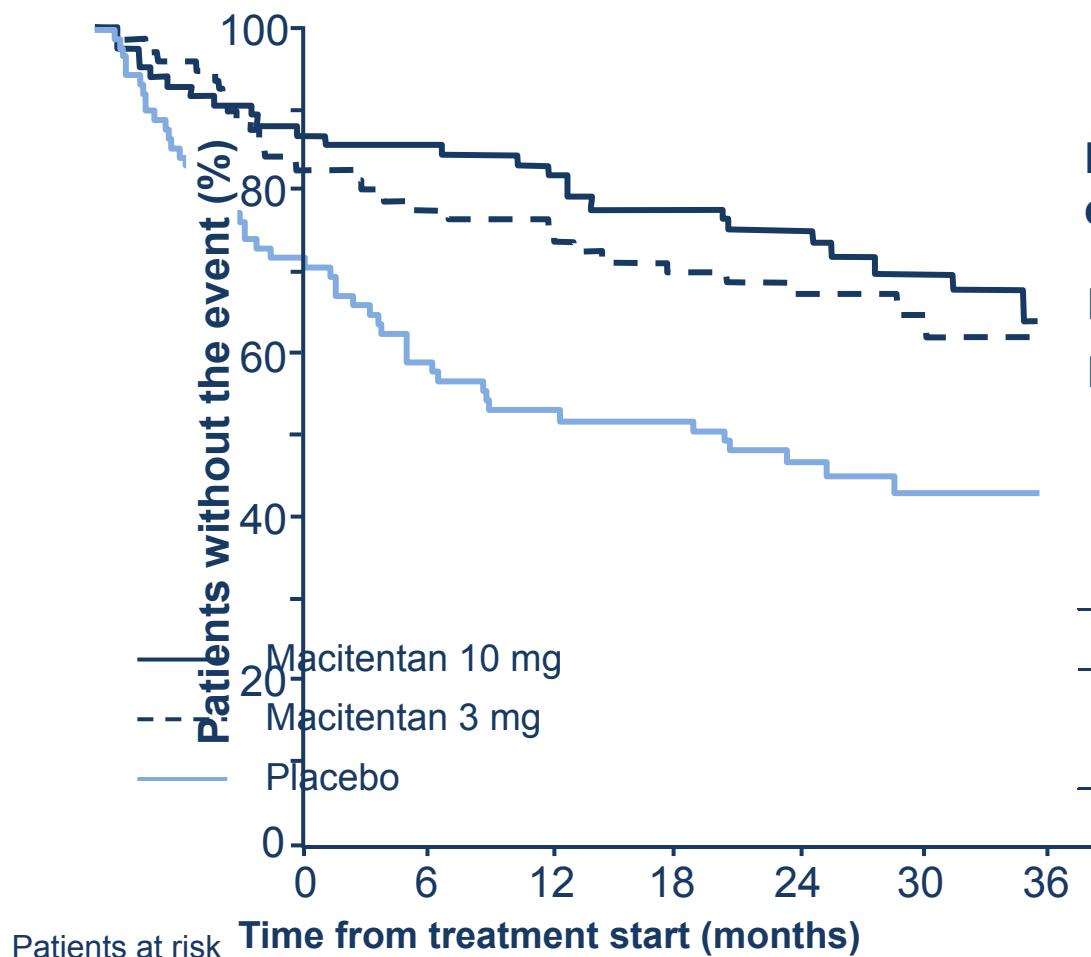
# SERAPHIN : Critère principal de jugement



# SERAPHIN : Evénements composant le critère de principal de jugement

	Placebo <i>n</i> = 250	Macitentan 10 mg <i>n</i> = 242
<b>Patients avec un événement, n (%)</b>	116 (46,4)	76 (31,4)
<b>Type de 1er événement, n (%)</b>		
Aggravation de l'HTAP	93 (37,2)	59 (24,4)
Initiation d'un prostanoïde IV ou SC	6 (2,4)	1 (0,4)
Décès toutes causes	17 (6,8)	16 (6,6)

# SERAPHIN : Patients SANS traitement spécifique préalable



Risk reduction of primary endpoint event vs placebo

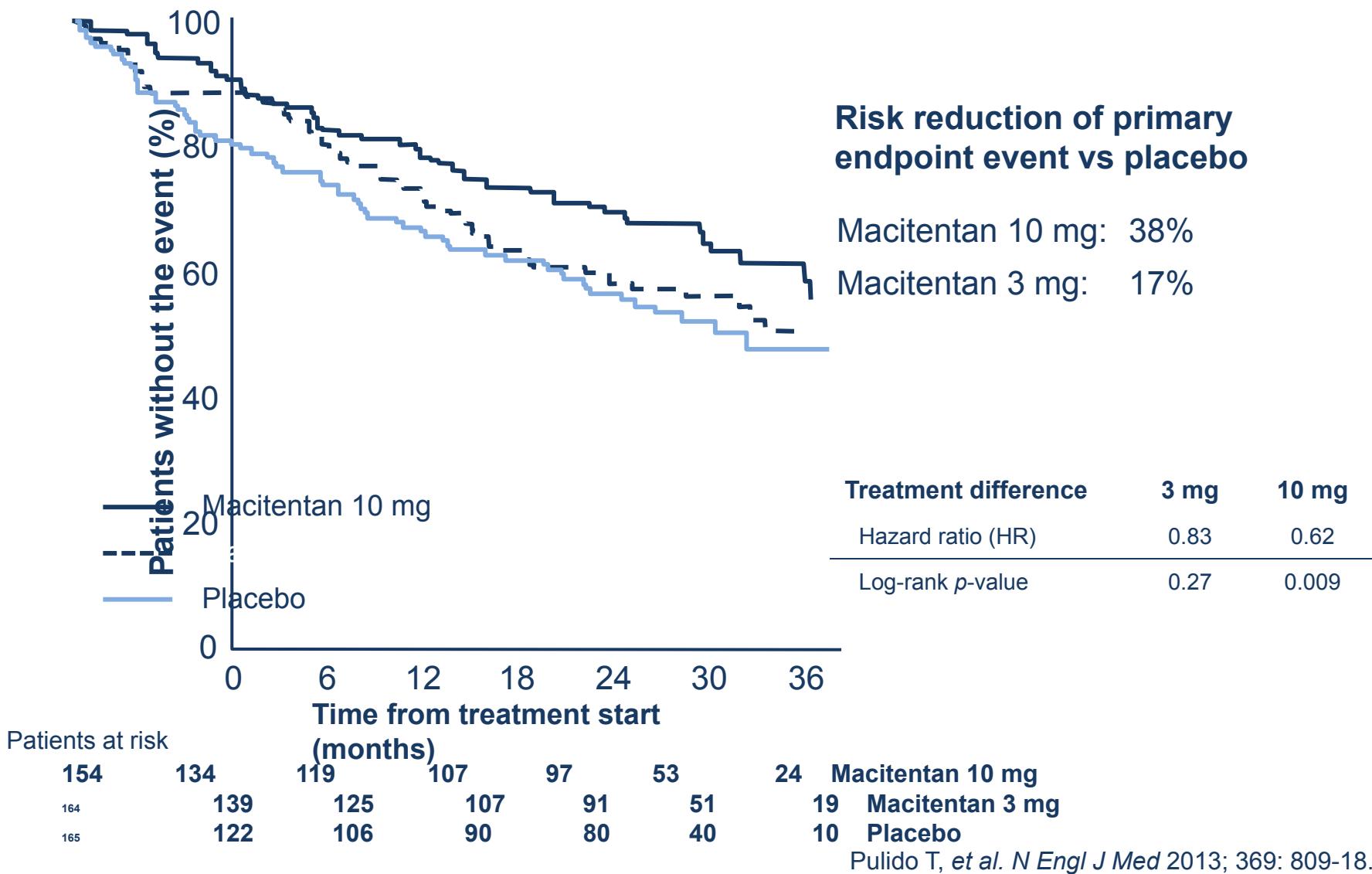
Macitentan 10 mg: 55%

Macitentan 3 mg: 47%

Treatment difference	3 mg	10 mg
Hazard ratio (HR)	0.53	0.45
Log-rank p-value	0.007	<0.001

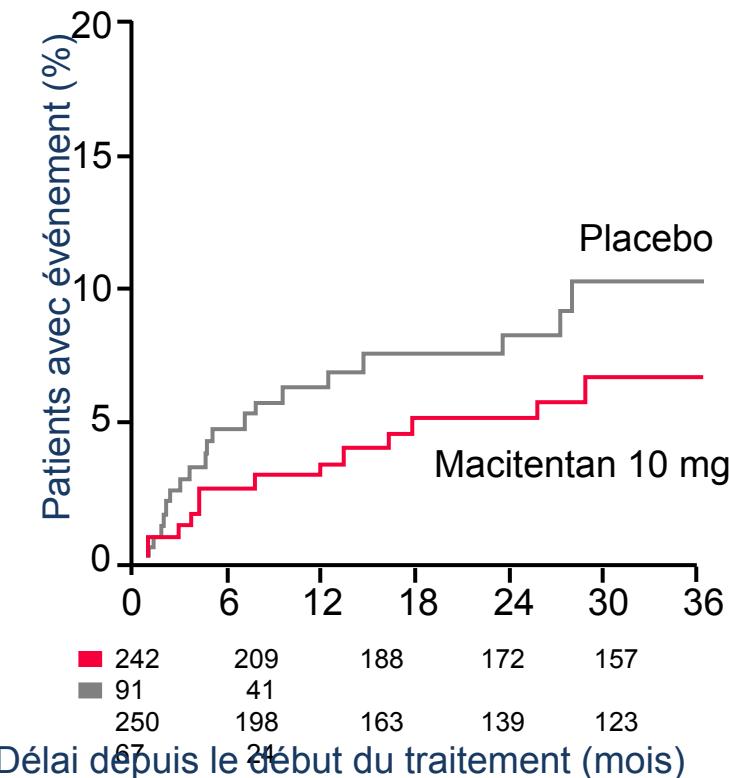
Patients at risk	Time from treatment start (months)					
88	74	68	64	58	38	17
86	74	63	59	56	29	13
96	66	54	45	42	24	13

# SERAPHIN : Patients AYANT un traitement spécifique préalable

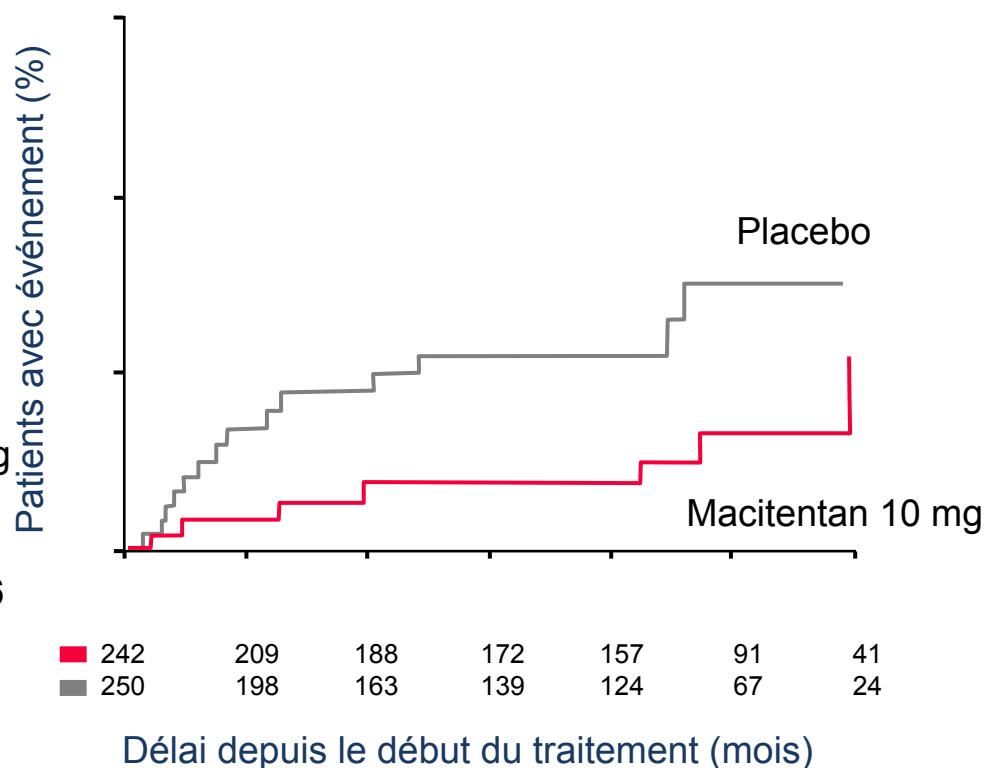


# SERAPHIN : Décès jusqu'à la fin du traitement

Décès toutes causes :  
réduction du risque de 36%  
( $p = 0,20$ )



Décès liés à l'HTAP (post hoc) :  
réduction du risque de 56%  
( $p = 0,07$ )



# **GRIPHON study (phase III): ProstaGlandin I2 Receptor agonist In Pulmonary arterial HypertensiON**

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**Actelion press release, 16 June 2014.**

NCT01106014: [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)

# Changing strategy – Initial combination therapy: What is the evidence?

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# Upfront triple combination therapy in pulmonary arterial hypertension: a pilot study

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# Upfront triple combination therapy: Effect on FC and 6MWD

Prospective, observational analysis of idiopathic or heritable PAH patients ( $n = 19$ )  
treated with upfront combination therapy (epoprostenol, bosentan and sildenafil)

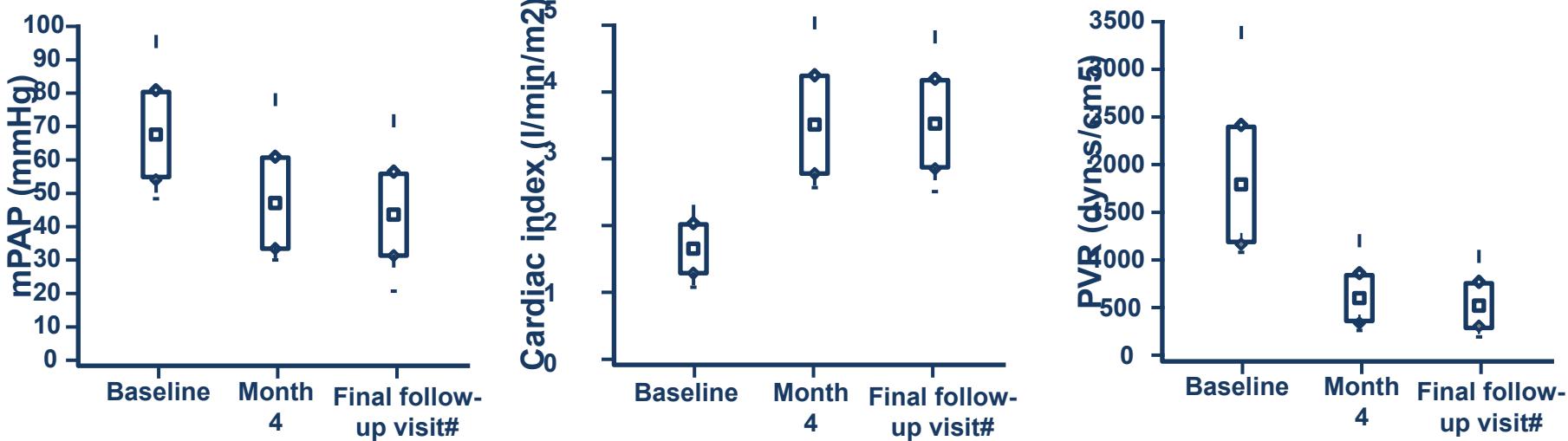


#32 ± 19 months

\* $p < 0.01$  versus baseline; \*\*  $p < 0.01$  versus 4 months

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# Upfront triple combination therapy: Effect on haemodynamics



	Baseline	Month 4	Final follow-up#
RAP (mmHg)	$11.9 \pm 5.2$	$4.9 \pm 4.9^*$	$5.2 \pm 3.5^*$
mPAP (mmHg)	$65.8 \pm 13.7$	$45.7 \pm 14.0^*$	$44.4 \pm 13.4^*$
CI (l/min/m <sup>2</sup> )	$1.66 \pm 0.35$	$3.49 \pm 0.69^*$	$3.64 \pm 0.65^*$
PVR (d.s.cm <sup>-5</sup> )	$1718 \pm 627$	$564 \pm 260^*$	$492 \pm 209^*$

# $32 \pm 19$  months

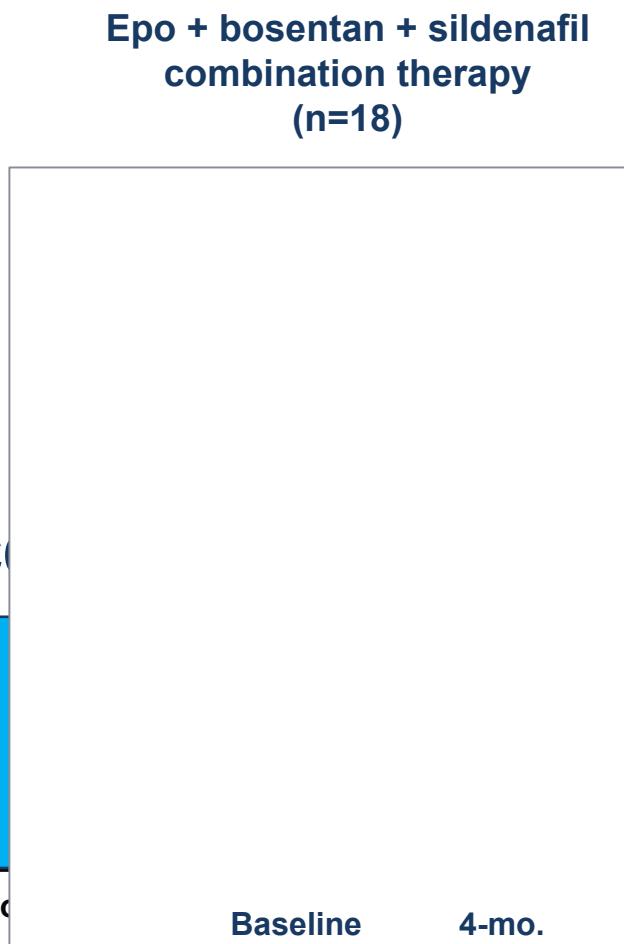
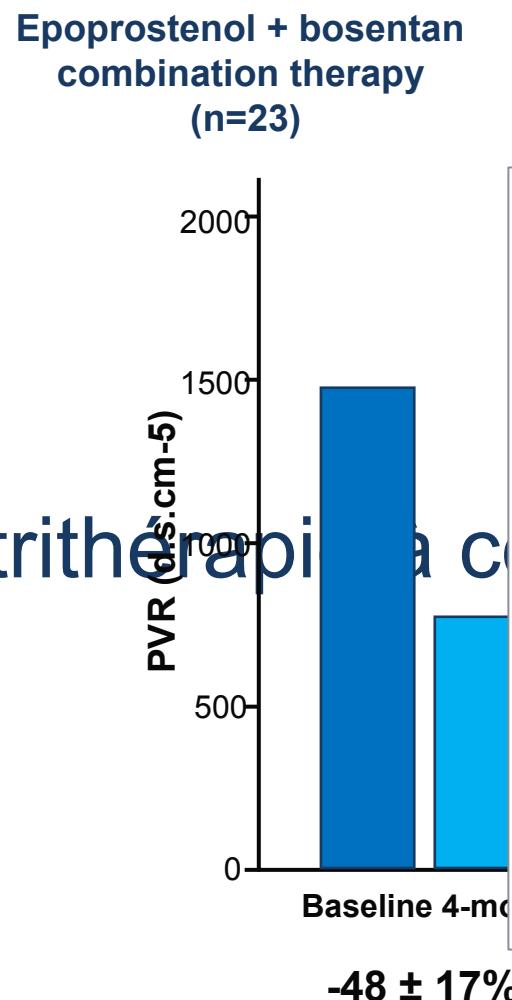
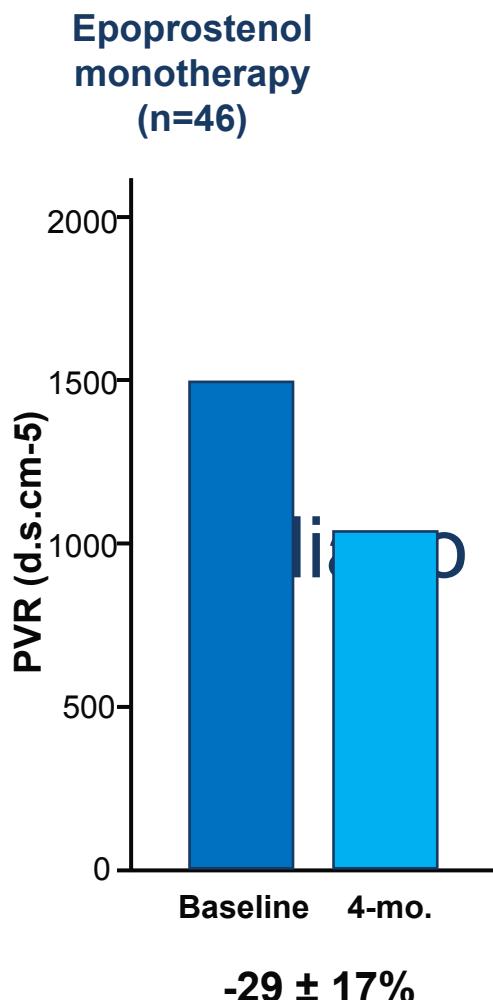
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# Upfront triple combination therapy: Long-term outcome / survival

	1-year	2-year	3-year
Actual	100%	100%	100%
Transplant-free	94%	94%	94%
Expected* [95% CI]	75% [68%-82%]	60% [50%-70%]	49% [38%-60%]

# Upfront triple combination therapy



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# The AMBITION trial

pulmonary arterial hypertension

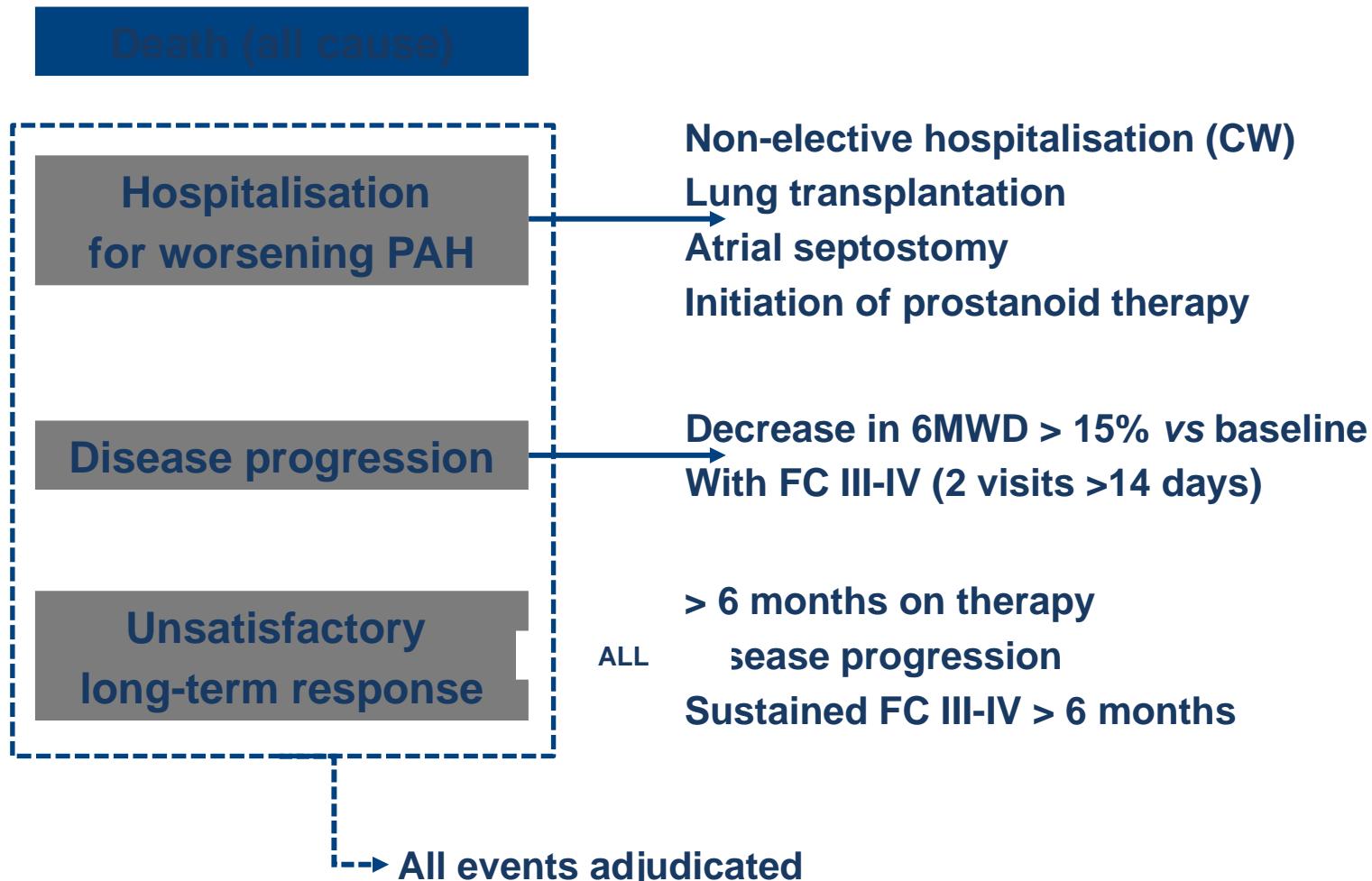
Event-driven trial



front combination therapy (ambrisentan AND tadalafil)  
vs Monotherapy (ambrisentan OR tadalafil)

# AMBITION: Primary endpoint

## *Time to first clinical failure event*



# AMBITION: Primary endpoint

## *Time to first adjudicated clinical failure event*

- First-line treatment of PAH with the combination of ambrisentan 10 mg and tadalafil 40 mg **reduced the risk of clinical failure by 50%** compared to pooled ambrisentan and tadalafil monotherapy arm (hazard ratio = 0.502; p=0.0002).
- Hospitalisation for worsening of PAH was the main component of the primary endpoint
- The combination was also statistically significant vs the individual ambrisentan and tadalafil monotherapy groups for the primary endpoint.

# Expert consensus recommendations for combination therapy have improved with increasing experience

Venice, 2003<sup>1</sup>

Dana Point, 2008<sup>2,3</sup>

Nice, 2013<sup>4</sup>

Sequential combination therapy may be considered in patients who fail to show improvement or who deteriorate on a single drug (monotherapy)

Combination therapy should be considered in patients on monotherapy with 'inadequate clinical response'

Evidence level: IIa-B

In FC IV, initial combination should be considered

Evidence level: IIa-C

In case of inadequate clinical response, sequential therapy is recommended

Evidence level: I-A

In FC III/IV patients initial combination therapy may be considered

Evidence level: IIb-C

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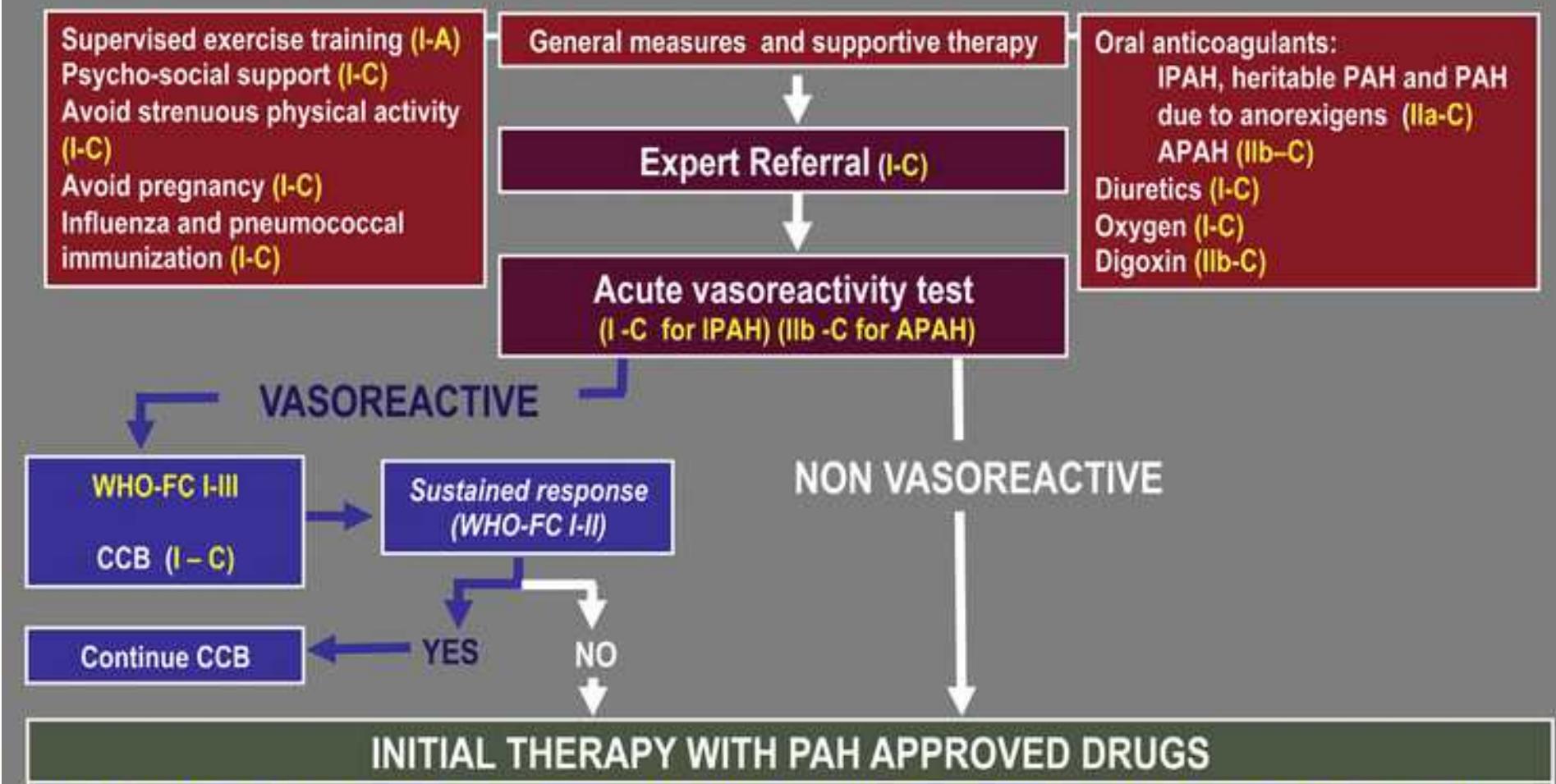
# 9 traitements approuvés dans l'HTAP

Voie de l'ET-1	Voie de la PGI2 / AMPc	Voie du NO / GMPc	
<b>Antagonistes récepteurs ET-1 (oral)</b>	<b>Prostacyclines et dérivés</b>	<b>Inhibiteurs PDE-5 (oral)</b>	<b>Activateur GC soluble (oral)</b>
<b>Bosentan (Tracleer®)</b>	<b>Epoprostenol (Flolan® et génériques, Veletri®) – IV</b>	<b>Sildenafil (Revatio®)</b>	<b>Riociguat (Adempas®)</b>
<b>Ambrisentan (Volibris®)</b>	<b>Iloprost (Ventavis®) – Inhalation</b>	<b>Tadalafil (Adcirca®)</b>	
<b>Macitentan (Opsumit®)</b>	<b>Treprostinil (Remodulin®) – SC, IV, inhalation*, oral*</b>		
	<b>Beraprost** – oral</b>		

\*Approuvé uniquement aux Etats Unis ; Non approuvé en Europe

\*\*Approuvé uniquement au Japon et en Corée du Sud

# 2013 5th WSPH – Treatment Algorithm



## INITIAL THERAPY WITH PAH APPROVED DRUGS

**YELLOW:** Morbidity and mortality as primary end-point in randomized controlled study or reduction in all-cause mortality (prospectively defined)

\*Level of evidence is based on the WHO-FC of the majority of the patients of the studies.

†Approved only: by the FDA (macitentan, riociguat, treprostinil inhaled); in New Zealand (ileoprost i.v.); in Japan and S.Korea(beraprost).

‡ Positive opinion for approval of the CHMP of EMA

Recommendation	Evidence*	WHO-FC II	WHO-FC III	WHO-FC IV
I	A or B	Ambrisentan Bosentan <b>Macitentan‡‡</b> Riociguatt Sildenafil Tadalafil	Ambrisentan Bosentan <b>Epoprostenol i.v.</b> Iloprost inhaled <b>Macitentan‡‡</b> Riociguatt Sildenafil Tadalafil Treprostinil s.c., inhaled†	<b>Epoprostenol i.v.</b>
IIa	C		Iloprost i.v. † Treprostinil i.v.	Ambrisentan, Bosentan Iloprost inhaled and i.v. <b>Macitentan‡‡</b> Riociguatt Sildenafil, Tadalafil Treprostinil s.c., i.v., Inhaled†
IIb	B		<b>Beraprost†</b>	
	C		Initial Combination Therapy	Initial Combination Therapy

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