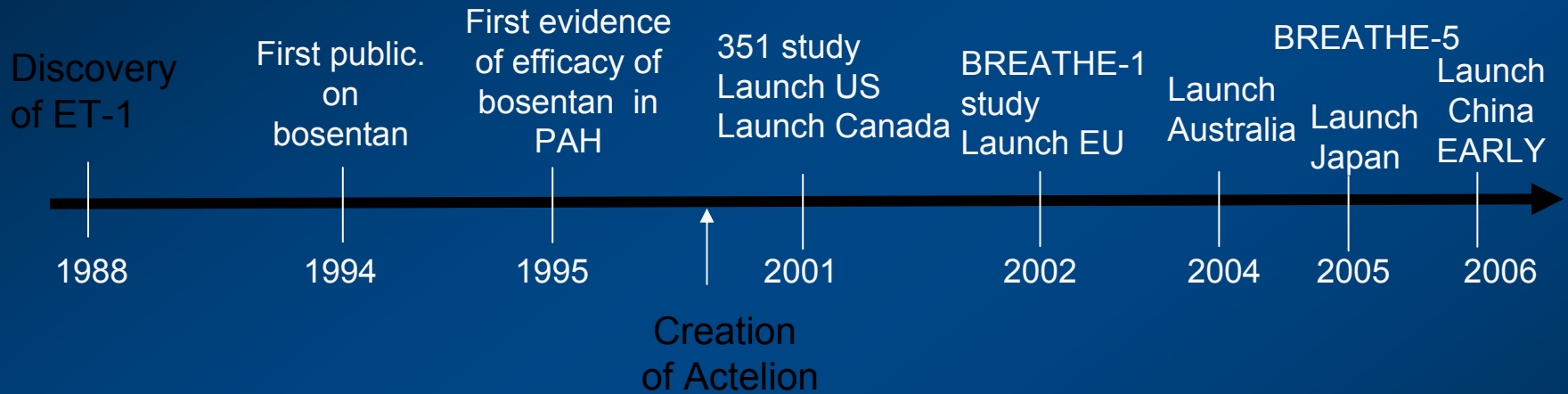


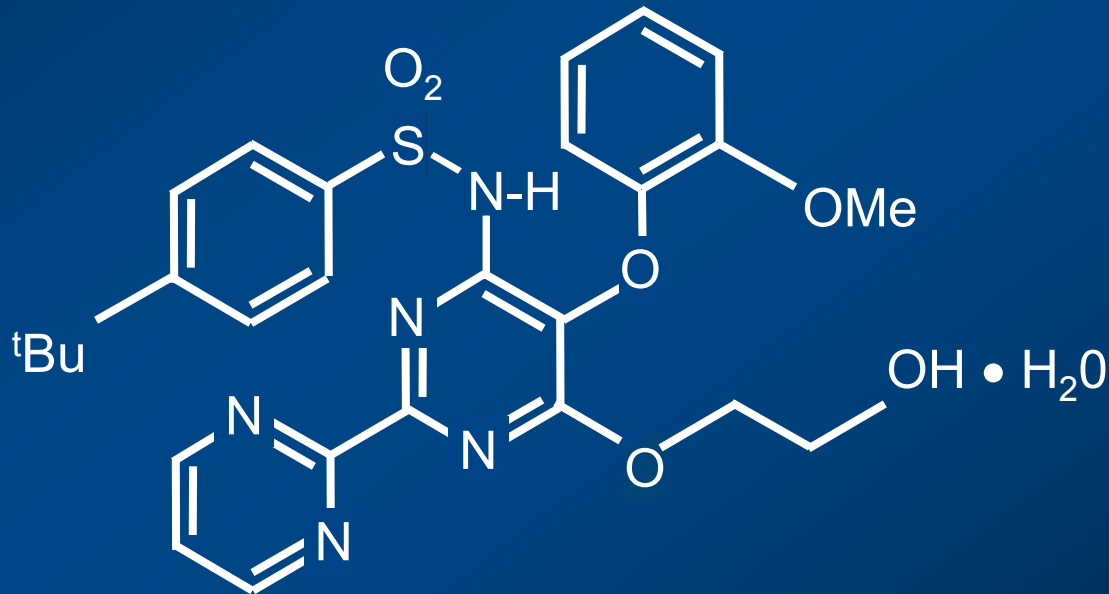
Development of Tracleer[®] (bosentan)



18 years' research in ET and ET receptor antagonists,
more than 130 manuscripts published by our group

Bosentan (Tracleer®)

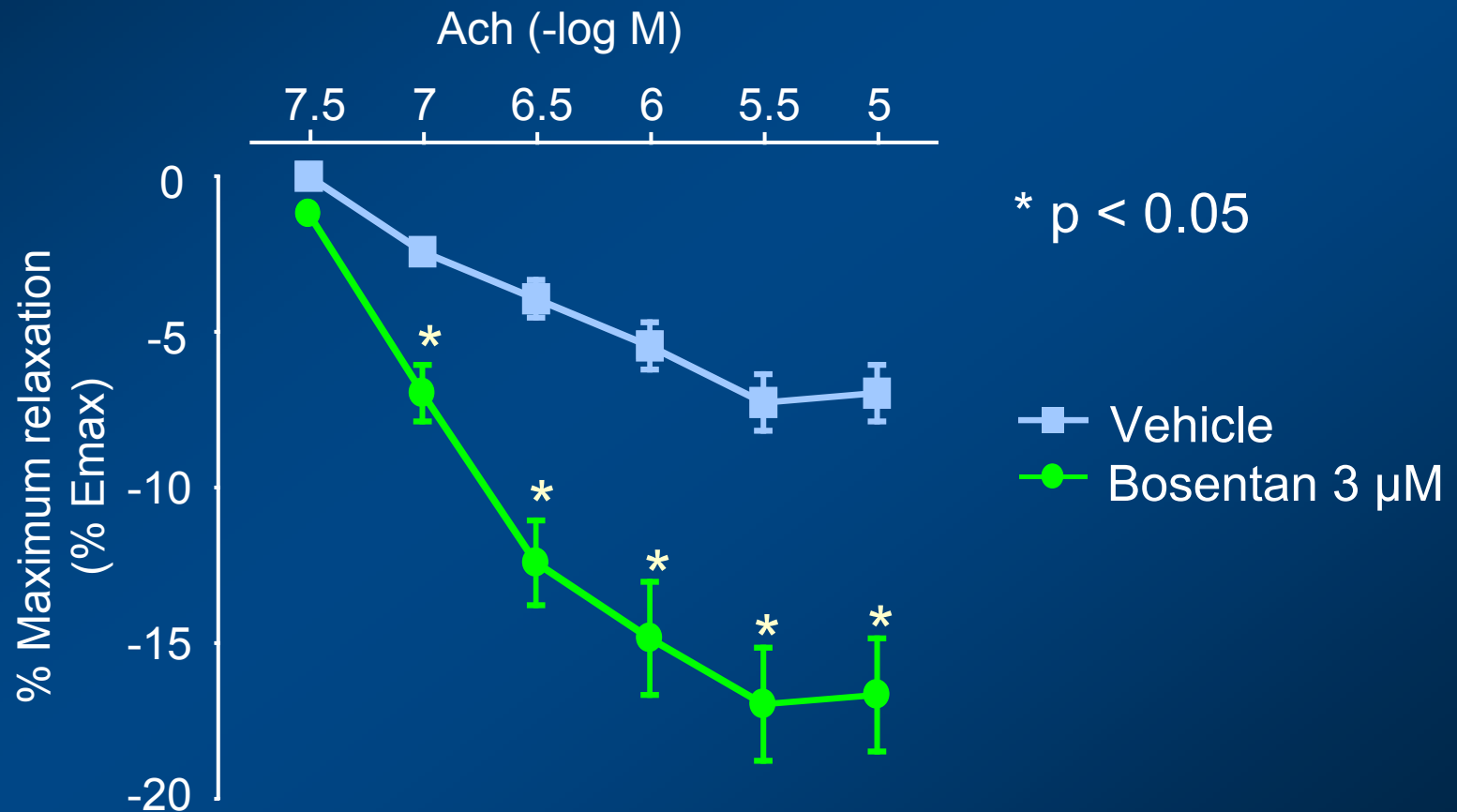
Oral dual ET receptor antagonist



Main pharmacological properties of bosentan

- Vasodilation
- Anti-hypertrophic
- Anti-fibrotic
- Anti-inflammatory

Bosentan induces vasodilation

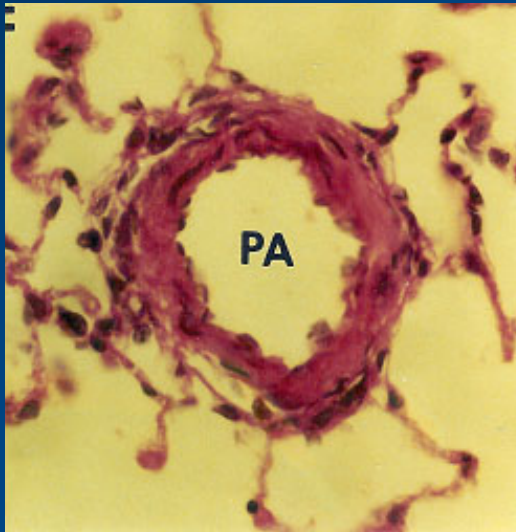


In vitro model: Human saphenous veins pre-contracted with phenylephrine

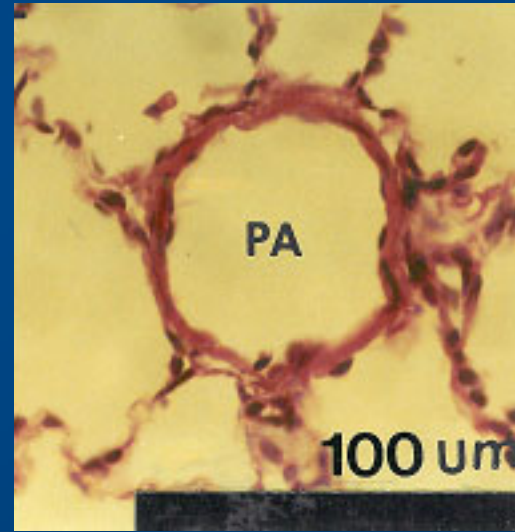
Dumont et al. J Neurosurg. 2001;94:281

Bosentan prevents and reverses vascular hypertrophy

Significant reduction in pulmonary arterial wall thickness vs. control ($p < 0.01$)



6 wks hypoxia
+ 4 wks placebo

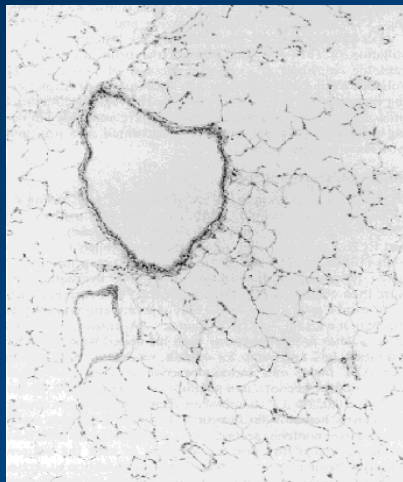


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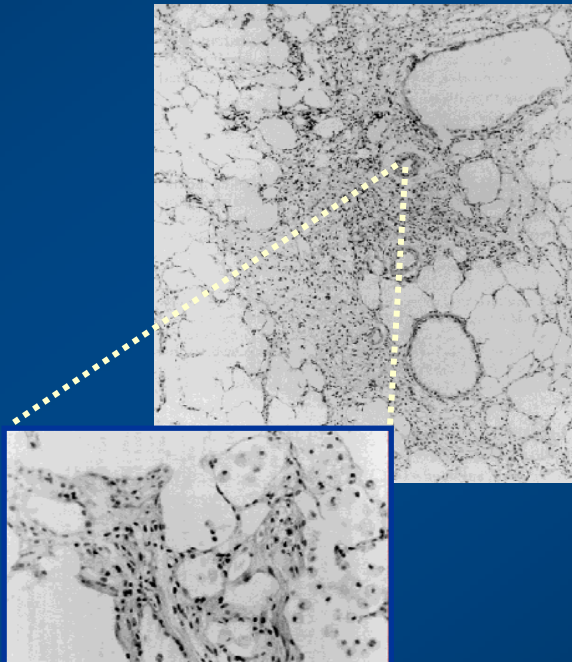
Rat hypoxic model of pulmonary hypertension

Bosentan attenuates pulmonary fibrosis

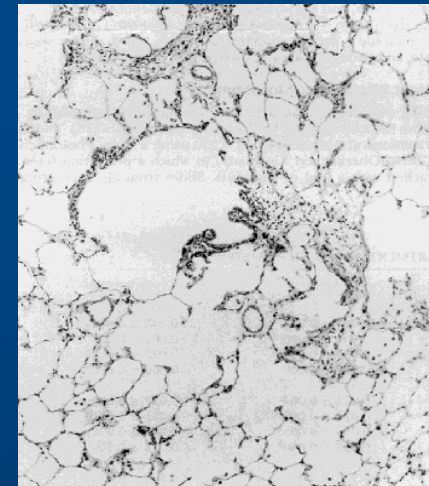
Control



Bleomycin



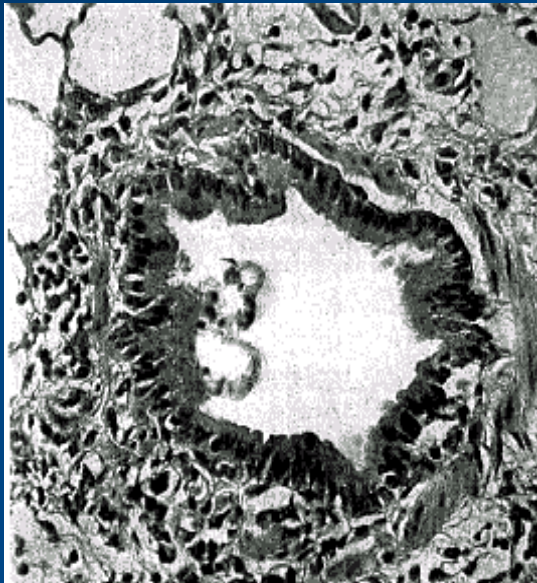
Bleomycin +
Bosentan



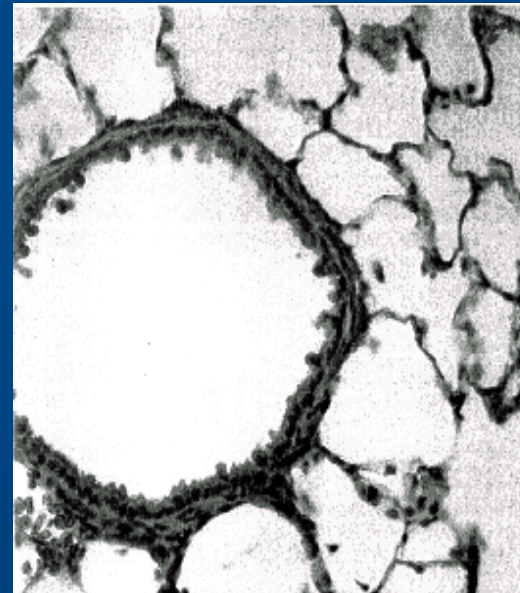
Rat model of bleomycin-induced fibrosis

Bosentan reduces inflammation

Sephadex
(Control)



Sephadex +
Bosentan



Rat model of sephadex-induced peribronchial inflammation

Bosentan Was Tested and Showed Efficacy in Animals Models of:

- Hypertension
- Acute renal failure
- Chronic renal failure
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Heart Failure
- Subarachnoid hemorrhage
- Migraine
- Cancer
- Stroke
- Septic shock
- Gastric ulcer
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Diabetes
- Organ transplant
- Cirrhosis
- Pulmonary fibrosis

Bosentan pharmacokinetics

Absorption and distribution

- Orally active
 - Bioavailability 50%, no food effect
- Highly protein bound (98%)

Elimination (half life 5.4 hours)

- Hepatic metabolism
 - Cytochrome P450 (CYP) 3A4 and CYP2C9
 - 3 metabolites – 1 pharmacologically active
- Biliary excretion
 - < 6% in urine (parent + metabolites)

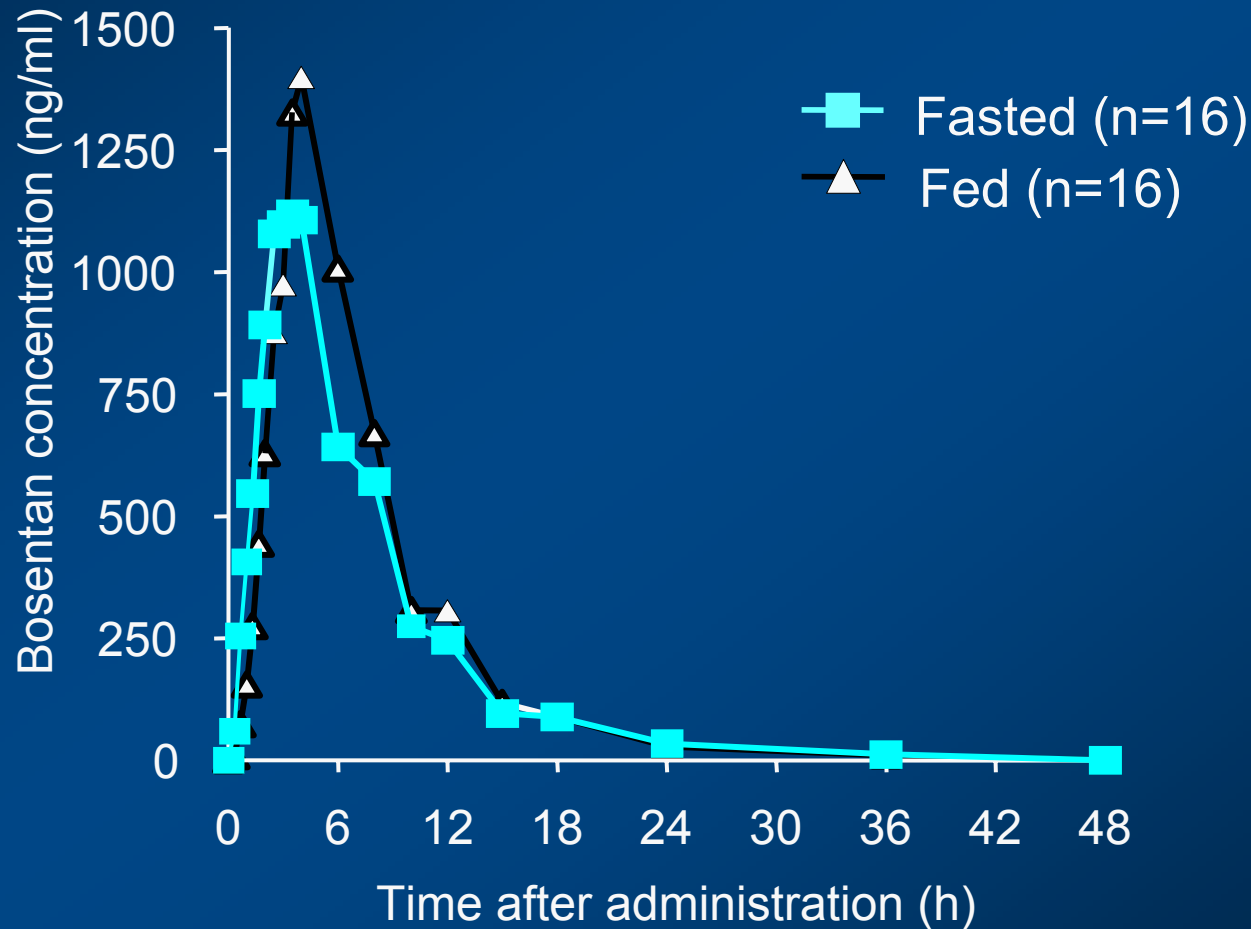
Bosentan pharmacokinetics

PK parameters following bosentan 125 mg

C_{\max}	1.3 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ (1.1-1.6)
t_{\max}	3.5h (1.7-8.0)
$t_{1/2}$	5.4 h (4.5-6.4)
$\text{AUC}_{0-\infty}$	8.0 $\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{h}/\text{mL}$ (6.3-10.0)

(n=16 healthy volunteers)

Bosentan PK is unaffected by food



Bosentan dosing in special populations

Elderly (>65 y): No dose adjustment needed

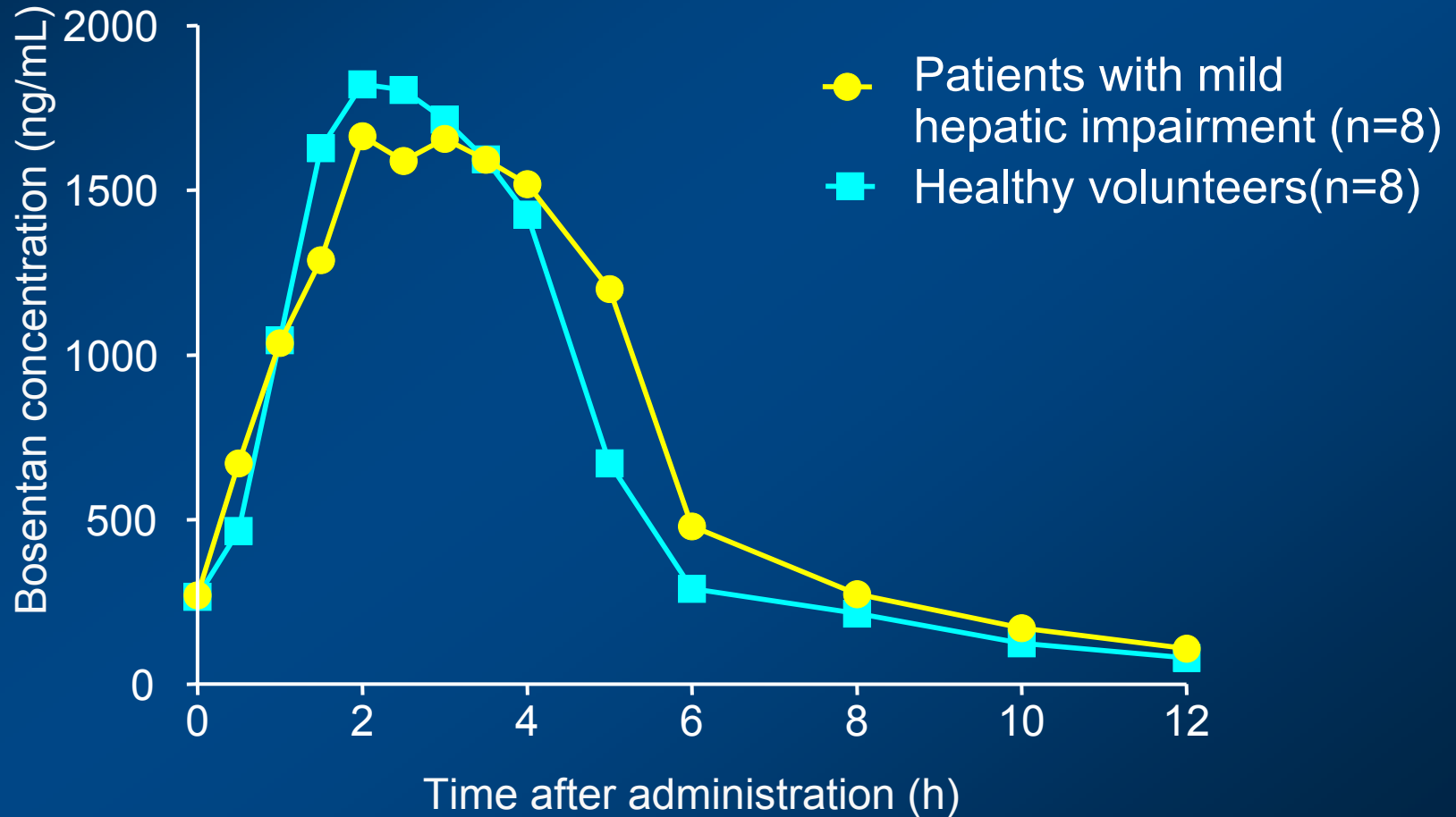
Renal impairment: No dose adjustment needed
(also with dialysis)

Hepatic impairment:

Mild: No dose adjustment needed

Moderate / Severe: Contra-indicated

No dose adjustment in mild hepatic impairment



Bosentan exposure in children with PAH

Multiple dose comparison

	Dose (mg)	AUC _τ (ng•h/ml)	C _{max} (ng/ml)
Pediatric patients:			
10 - 20 kg (n=7)	31.25	3496	685
20 - 40 kg (n=6)	62.5	5428	1136
> 40 kg (n=6)	125	6124	1200
Adult patients	125	8149	1878

Phase exploratoire

Bosentan a été testé chez l'homme dans les indications suivantes:

Migraine

Hypertension artérielle

Insuffisance cardiaque

Complications des anti-inflammatoires

Hémorragie sous arachnoïdienne

Hypertension pulmonaire

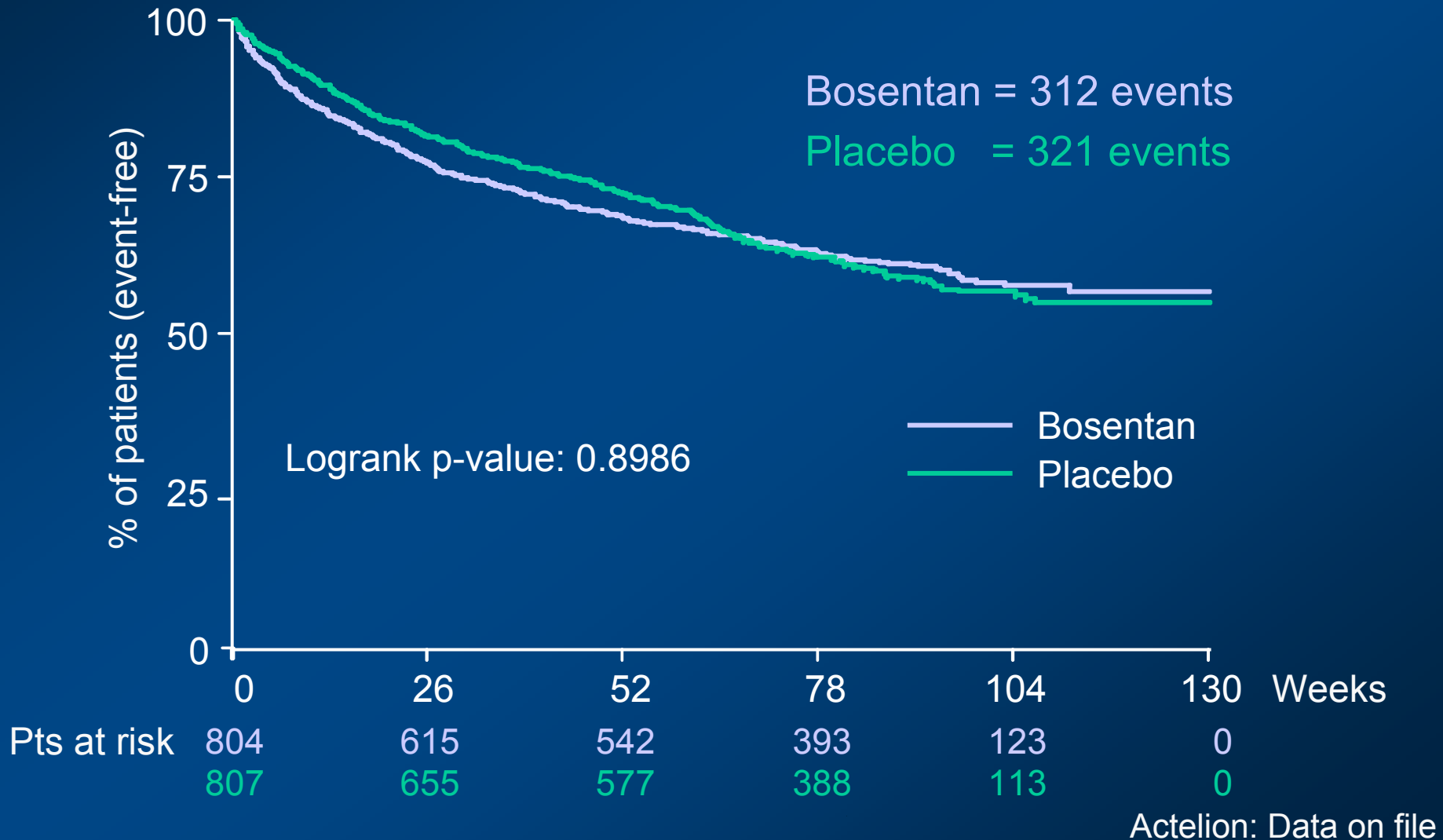
Angioplasties coronariennes

ENABLE-1 / -2: Study design



Mean follow-up = 1.5 years

ENABLE: Death or CHF hospitalization



Bosentan, a dual endothelin receptor antagonist improves exercise capacity and hemodynamics in patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension

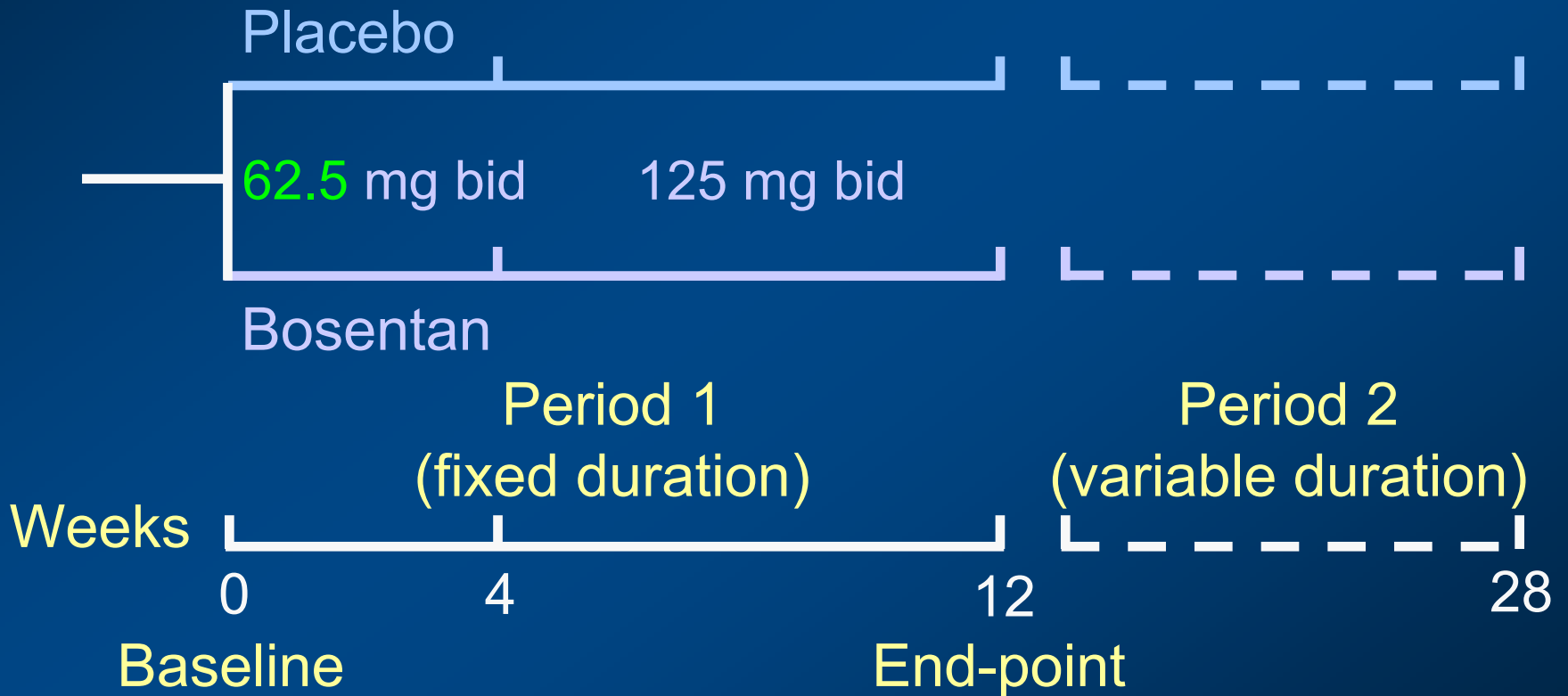
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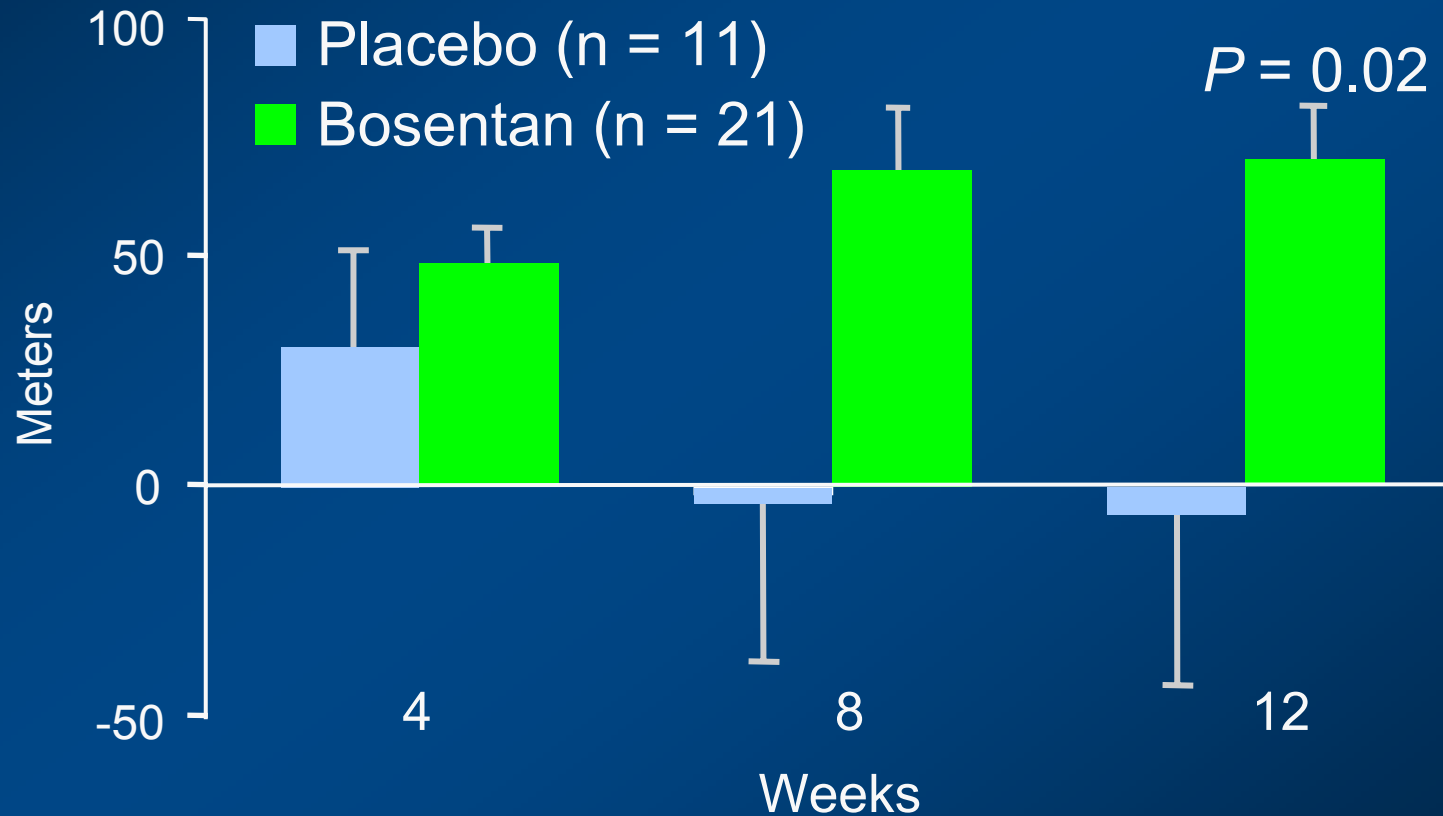
Study design

Bosentan:Placebo = 2:1



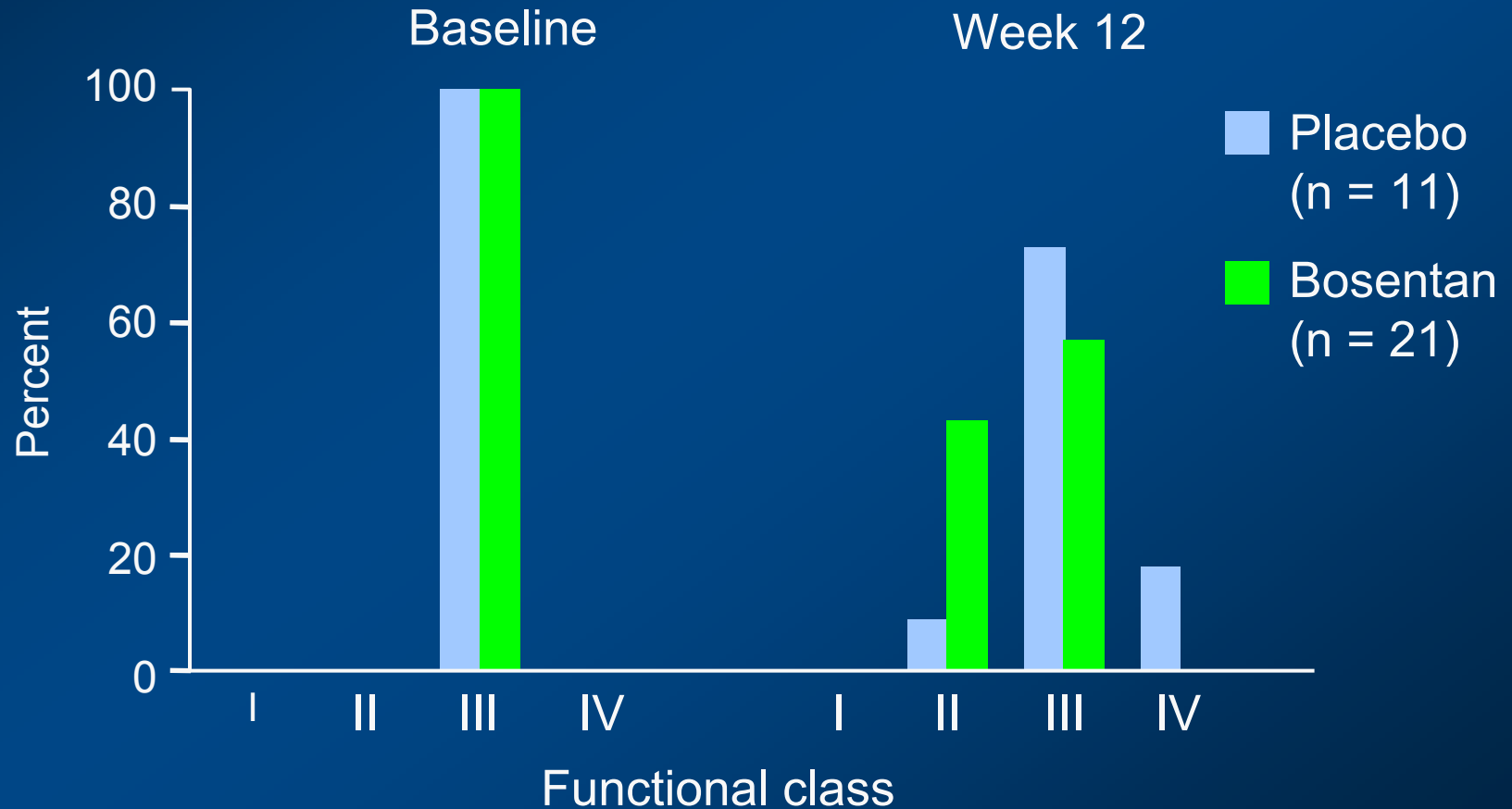
6-Minute walk test

Change from baseline over time



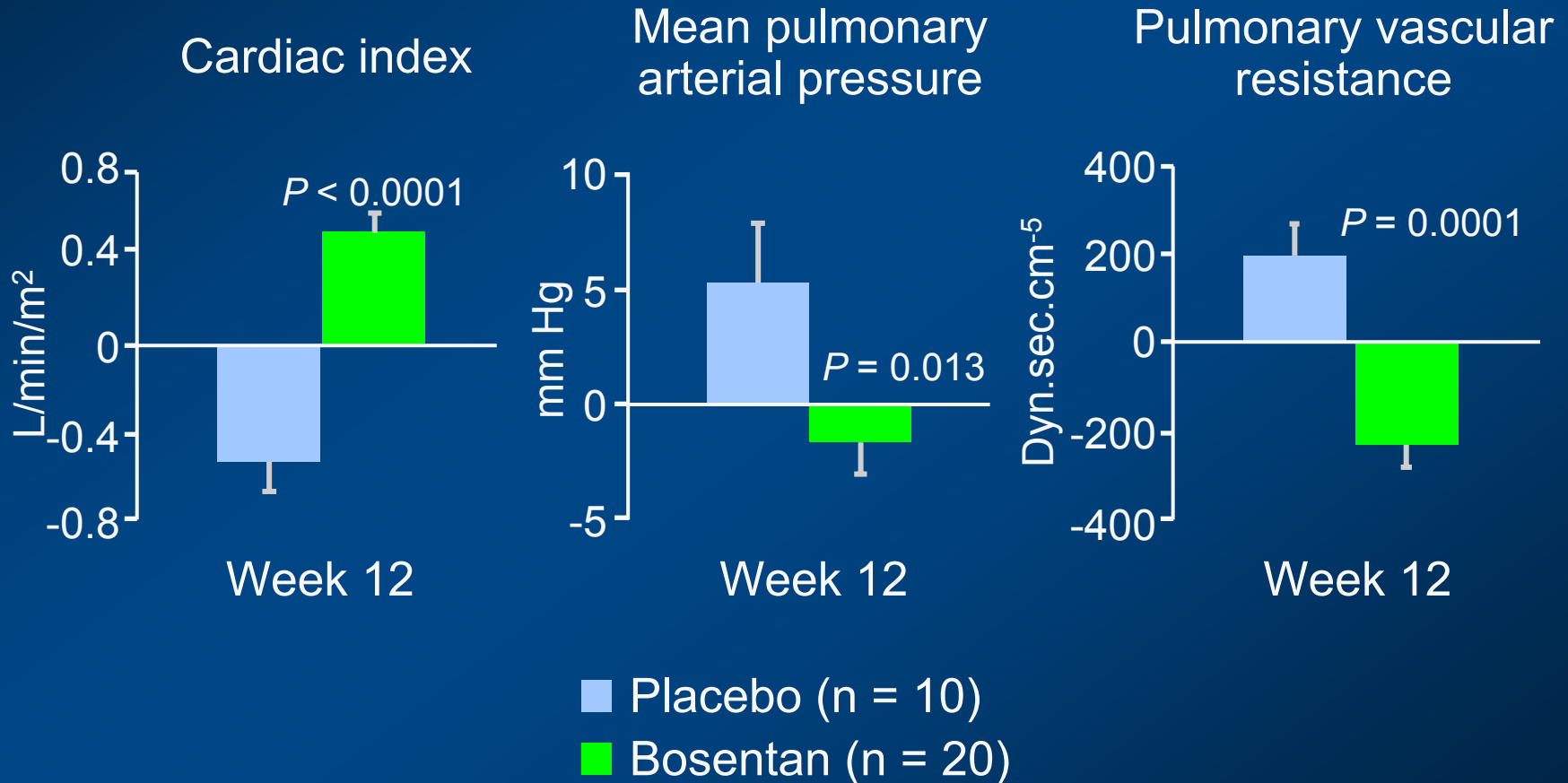
WHO functional class

Change from baseline to week 12

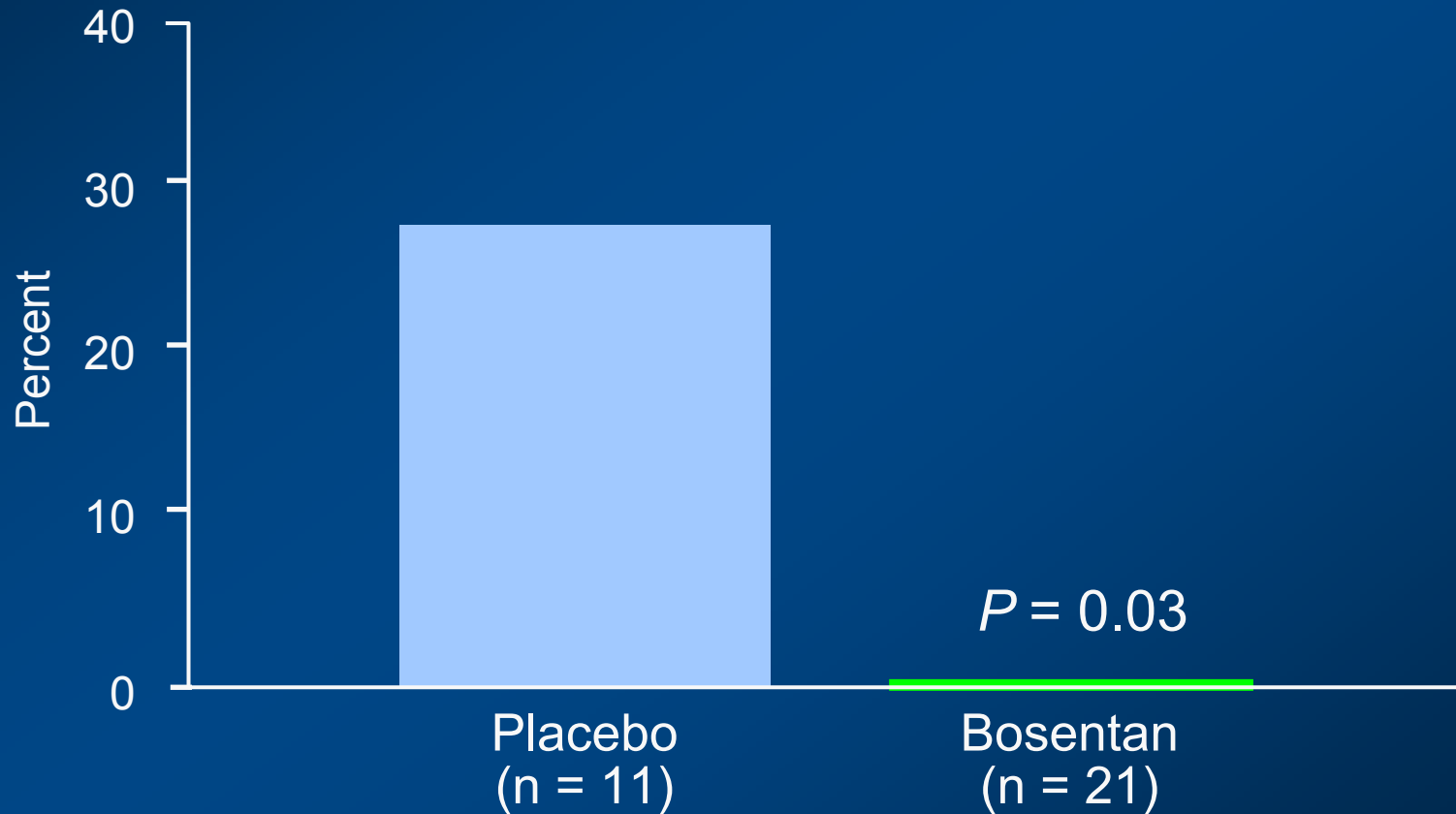


Hemodynamics

Change from baseline to week 12



Clinical worsening within 28 weeks



TRACLEER™ (bosentan)

BREATHE-1

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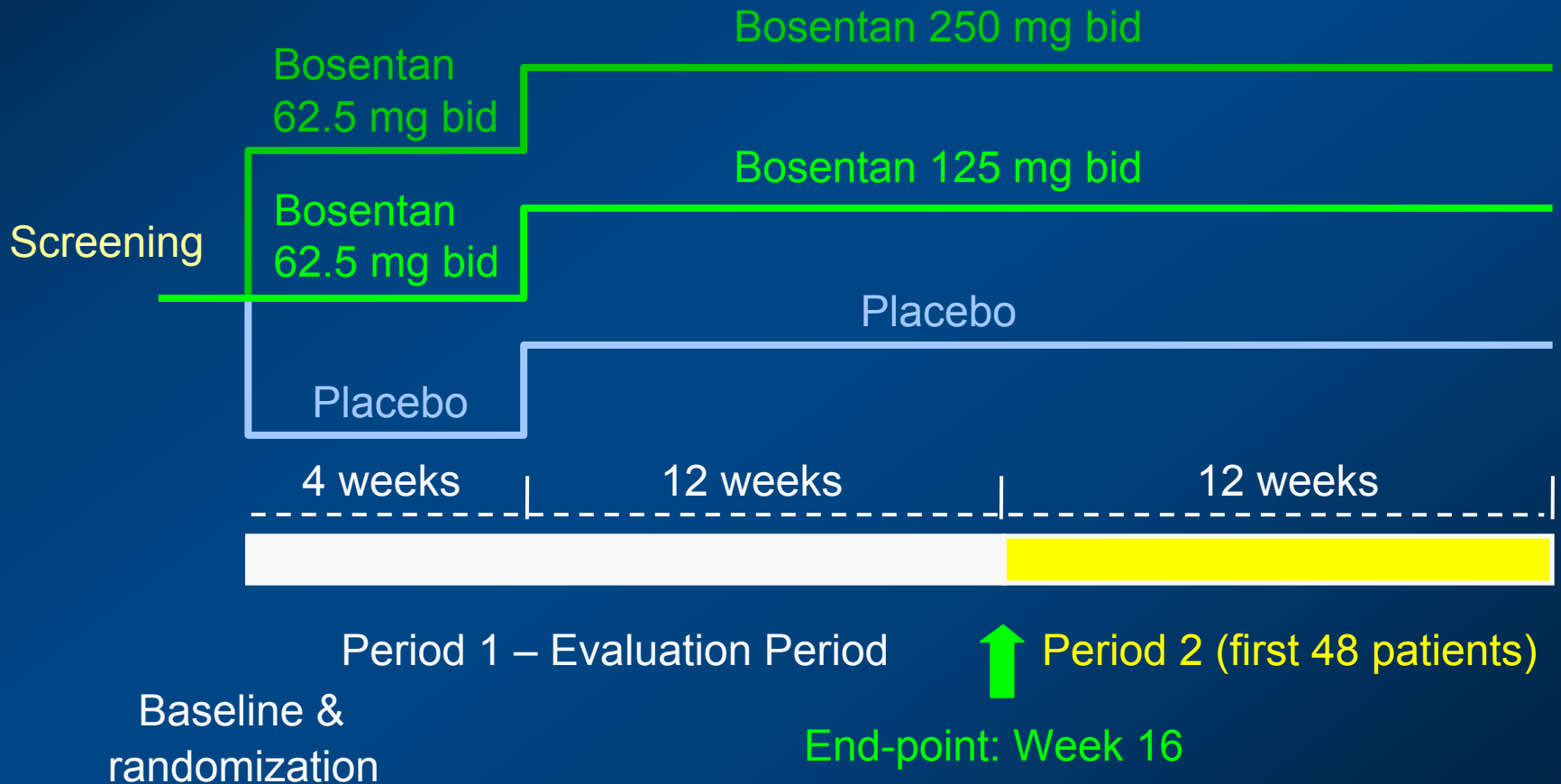
Bosentan randomized trial of endothelin receptor antagonist therapy for pulmonary hypertension:

- **11 countries, 27 sites, 213 patients**
 - **Mid-July 2000 to Dec 2000**
- **Last patient last visit: March 30, 2001**

Objectives of BREATHE-1

- To confirm the positive effects of bosentan on exercise capacity in PAH
- To evaluate the effect of bosentan on time to clinical worsening (16 and 24 weeks)
- To explore the dose response of two doses of bosentan on exercise capacity
- To evaluate the safety and tolerability of bosentan

Study design



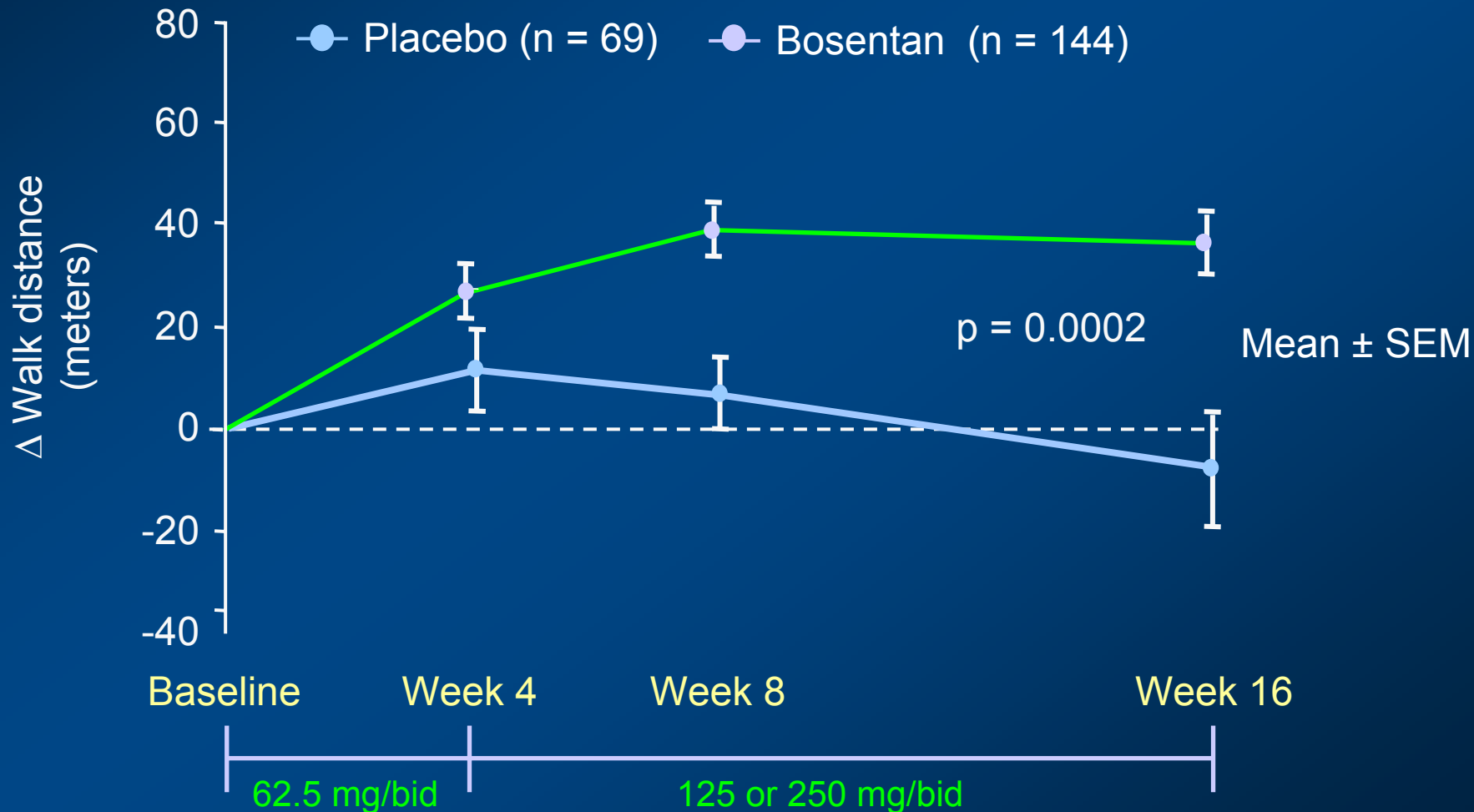
Definition of time to clinical worsening

Shortest time to either:

- **Death**
- **Premature withdrawal**
- **Hospitalization due to PAH worsening**
- **Initiation of prostacyclin therapy**

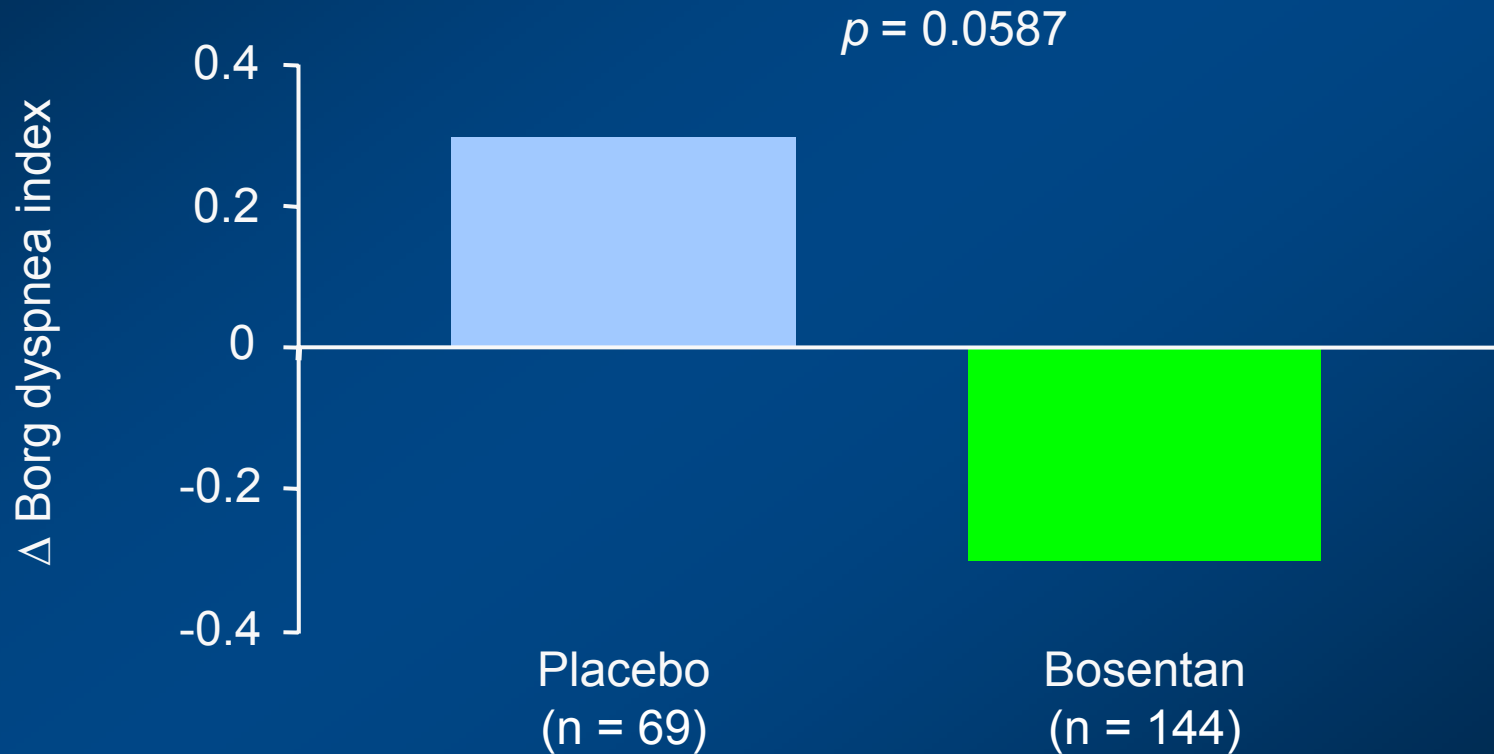
Walk test ITT

Change from baseline to week 16

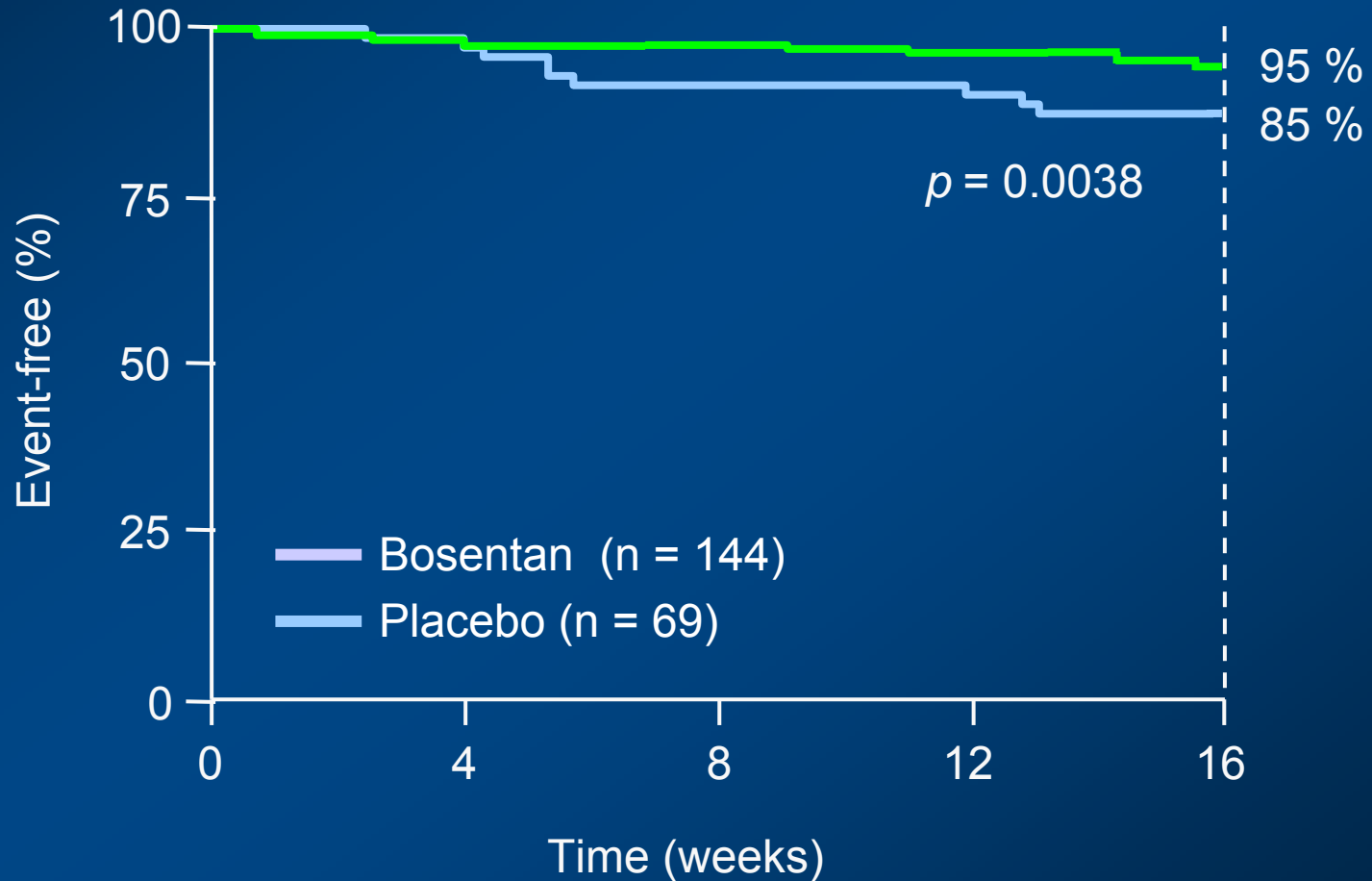


Borg dyspnea index

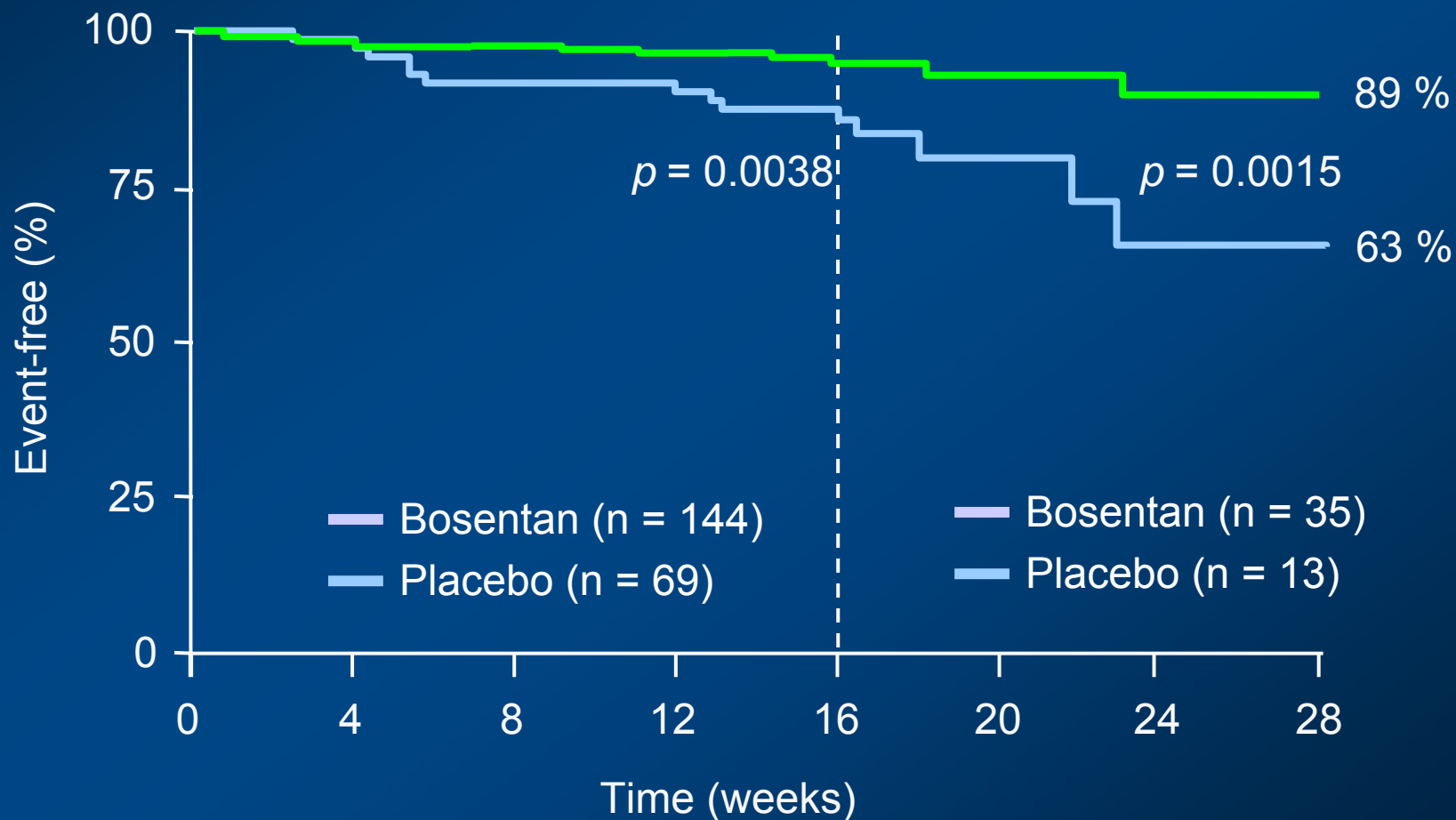
Change from baseline to week 16



Time to clinical worsening Up to 16 weeks



Time to clinical worsening Up to 28 weeks

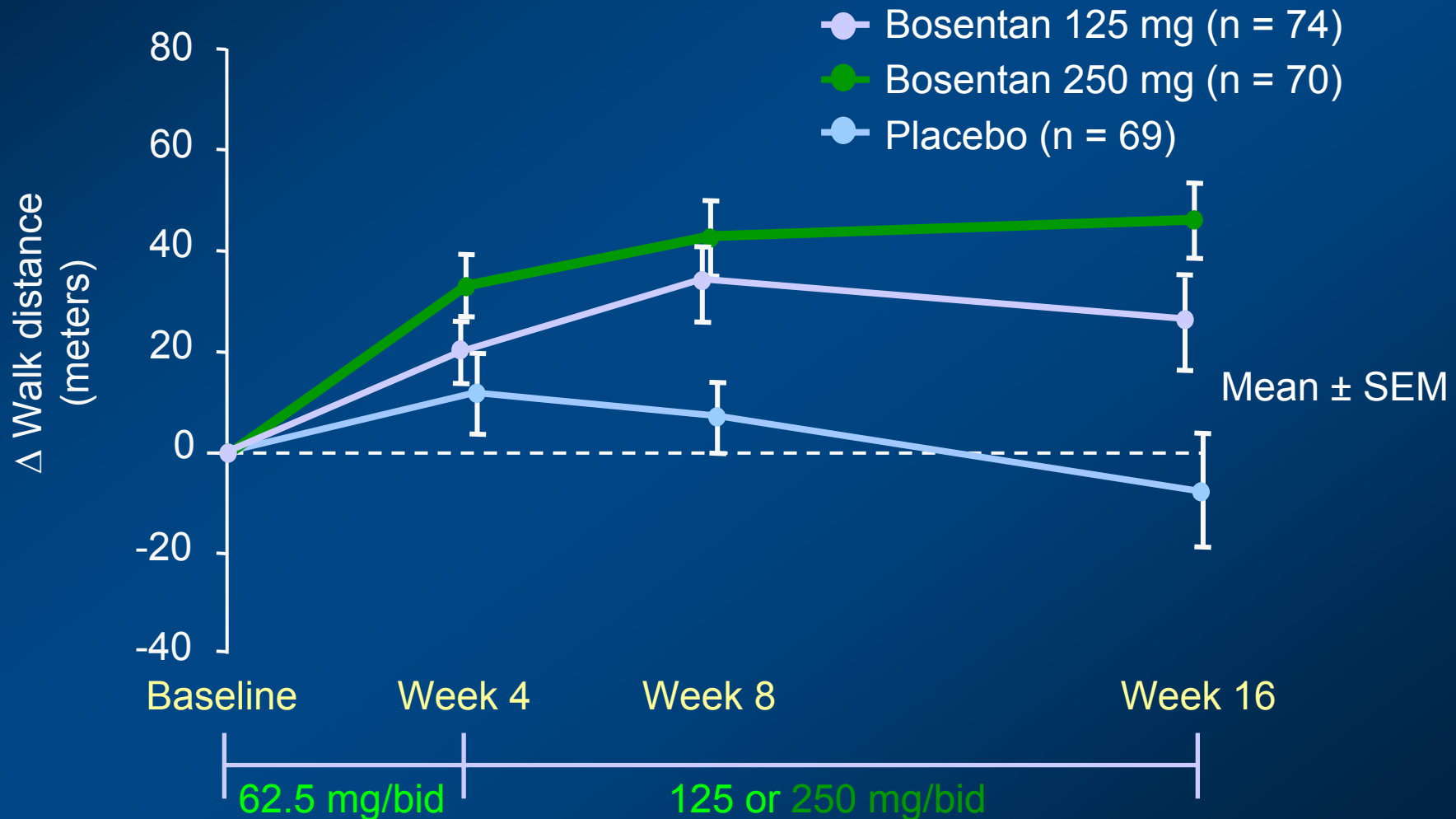


Dose response

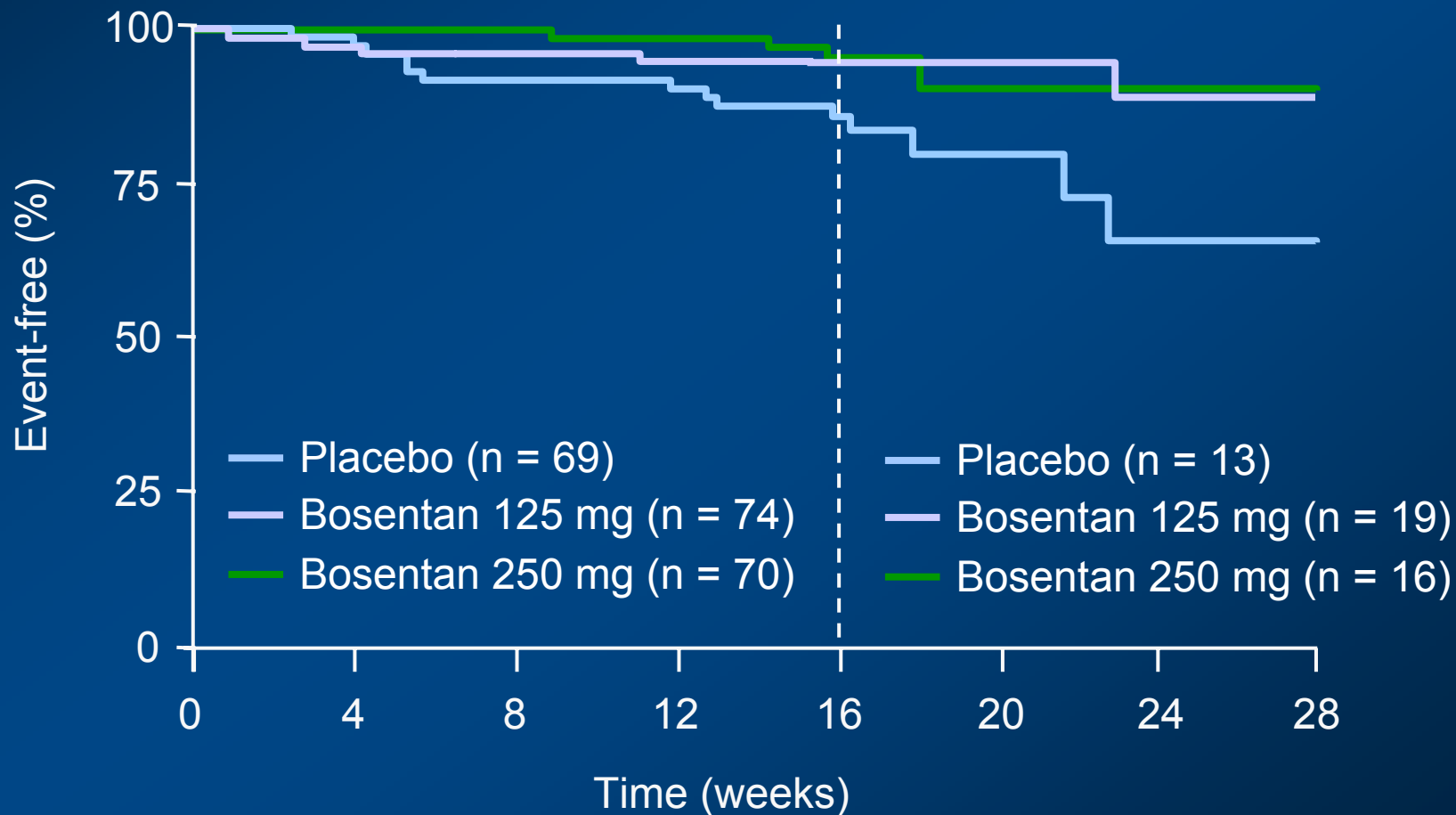
Exploratory analysis

Walk test ITT

Change from baseline to week 16



Time to clinical worsening Up to 28 weeks



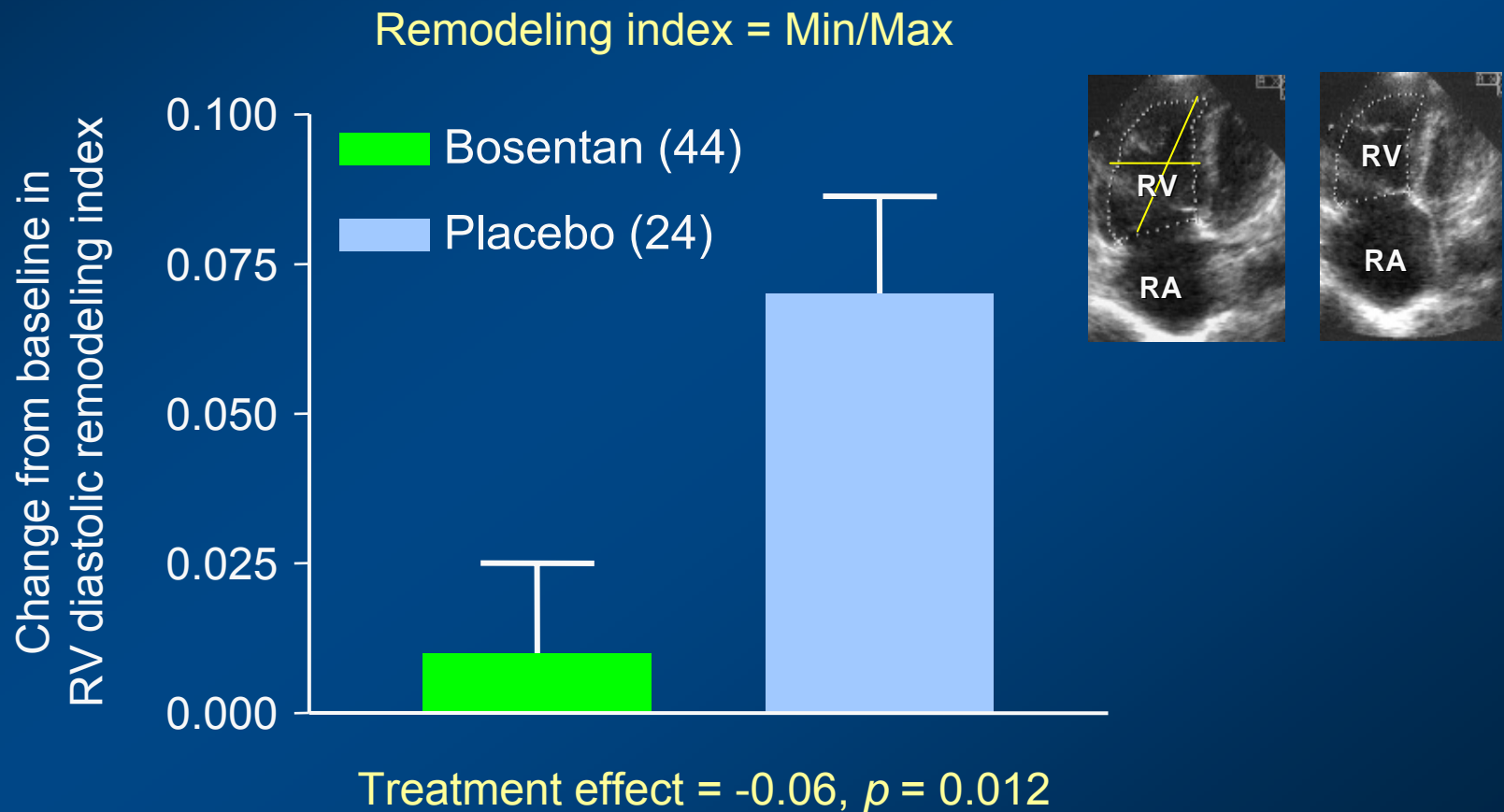
BREATHE-1 maintenance of efficacy

Walk test up to 28 weeks



BREATHE-1 echocardiographic substudy: RV diastolic remodeling index

Change from baseline to week 16



Liver function tests

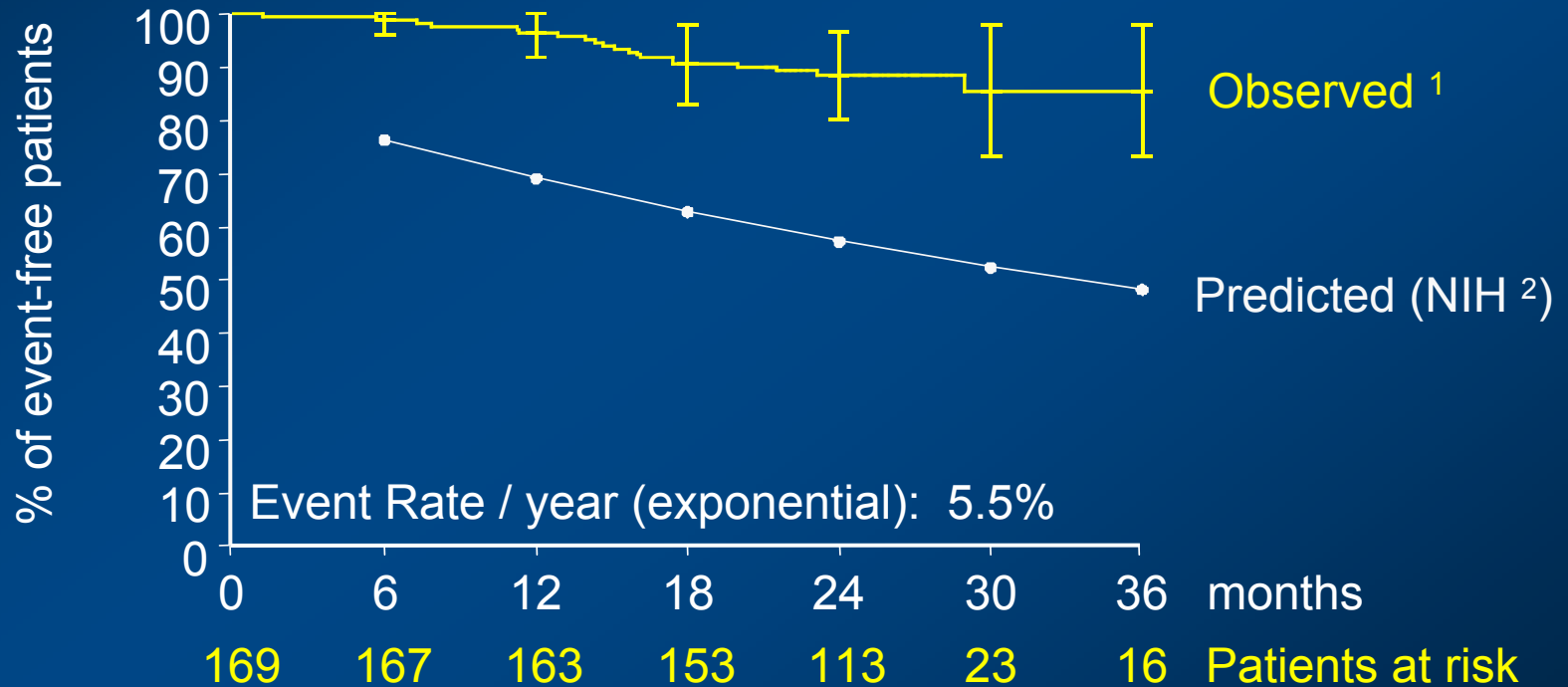
	Placebo (n = 69)	Bos. 125 mg (n = 74)	Bos. 250 mg (n = 70)
Hepatic function abnormal (investigator-reported)	2 (3%)	3 (4%)	10 (14%)
3X ULN	0 (0%)	10 (14%)	10 (14%)
8X ULN	0 (0%)	2 (2.7%)	5 (7.1%)
Transient cases	--	7 (10%)	3 (4.3%)
Permanent discontin.	--	0 (0%)	3 (4.3%)

BREATHE-1 Conclusion

Bosentan (Tracleer®) is a dual endothelin receptor antagonist which is an effective oral treatment for patients with PAH

Observed and predicted survival

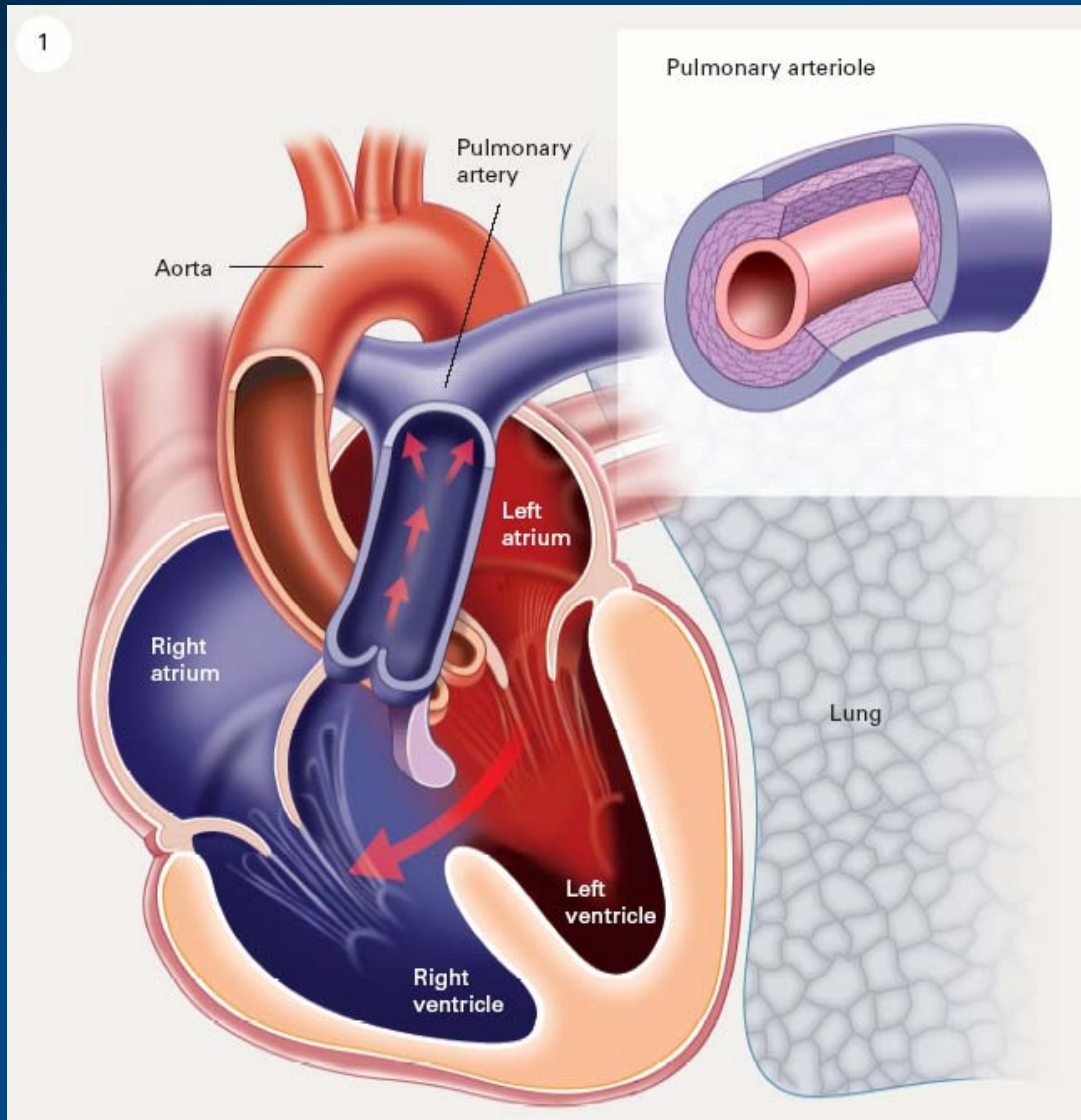
Kaplan-Meier survival estimates with 99% CI



¹ Mc Laughlin et al, Eur Resp J 2005; 25:244-249

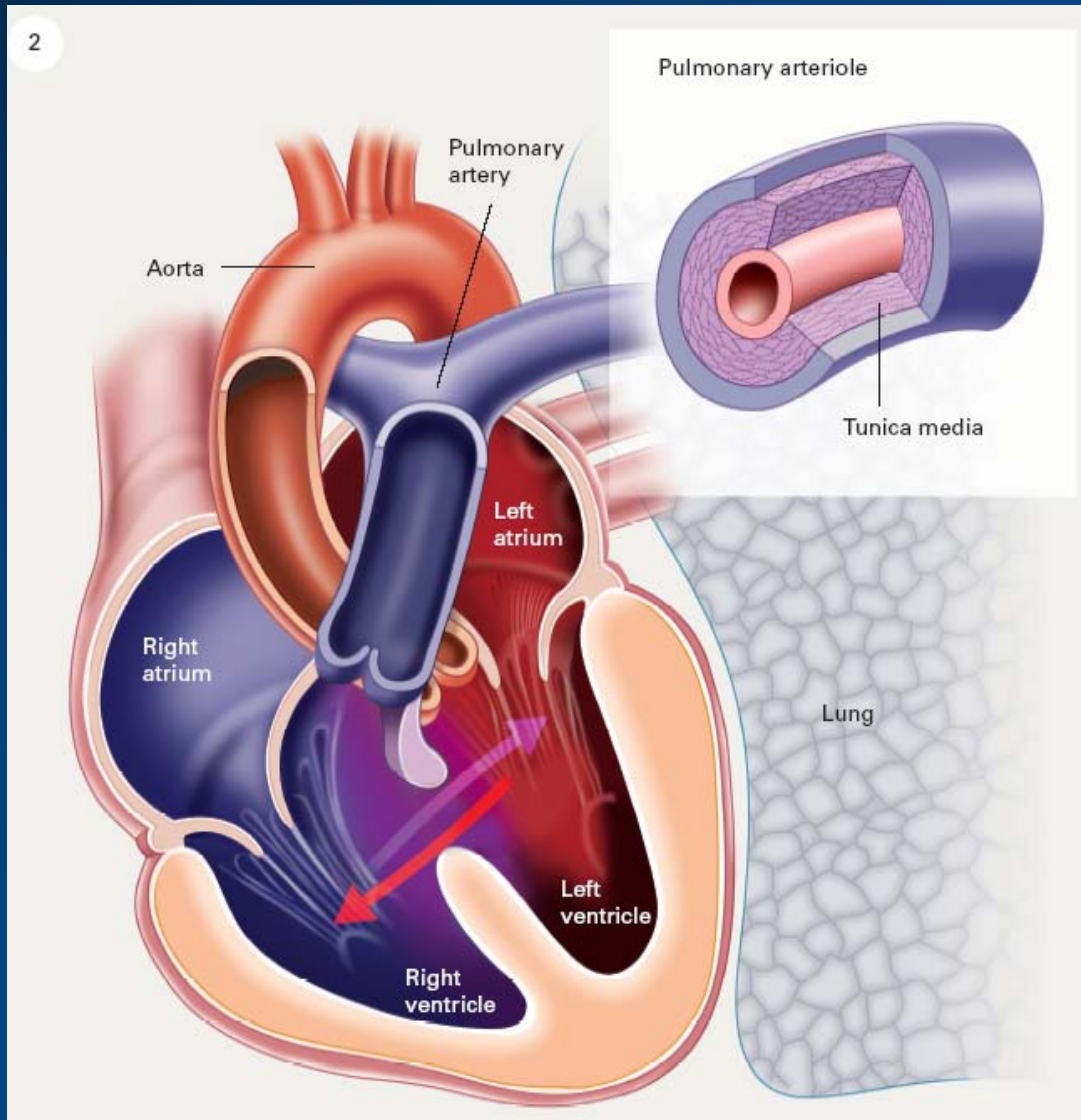
² D'Alonzo et al, Ann Intern Med 1991; 115:343

Evolution of Eisenmenger syndrome (1)



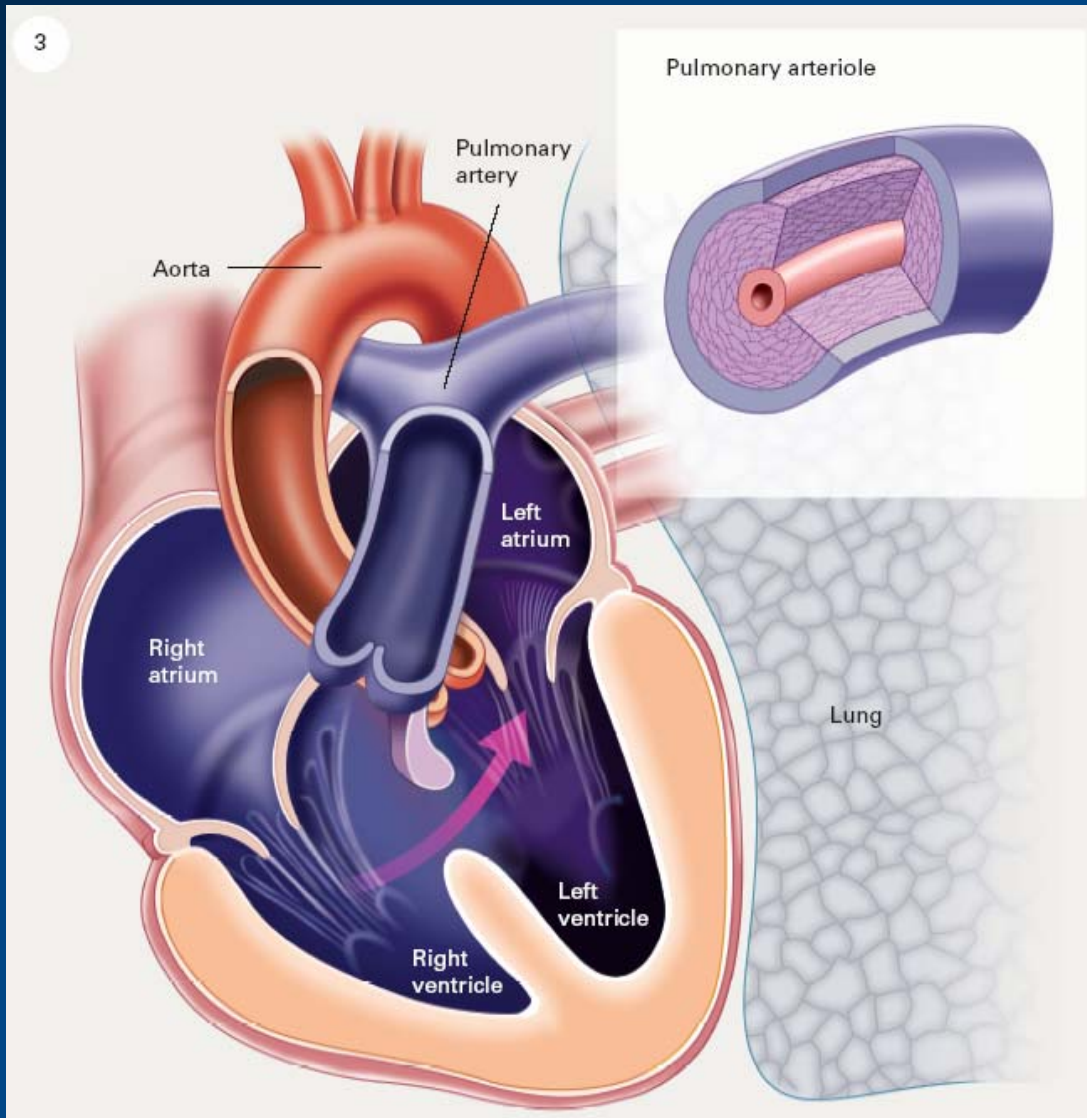
**ASD, VSD or
complex defect
increases
pulmonary blood
flow via left-to-right
shunt**

Evolution of Eisenmenger syndrome (2)



Over time,
pulmonary
resistance rises and
results in
bi-directional flow

Evolution of Eisenmenger syndrome (3)



Pulmonary artery pressure rises further with reversal of shunt: right-to-left → Eisenmenger syndrome – patient becomes cyanotic

BREATHE-5: Bosentan improves hemodynamics and exercise capacity in the first randomized placebo-controlled trial in Eisenmenger physiology

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Rationale

- **ET-1 implicated in Eisenmenger syndrome (1-3)**
- **Bosentan, a dual ERA, has been shown to be effective in treating PAH**
- **Small open-label bosentan studies have shown benefits in ES patients (4-7)**
- **Placebo-controlled study needed to clarify safety and efficacy (8)**

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(7) Schulze-Neick I, Am Heart J 2005; 150(4):716

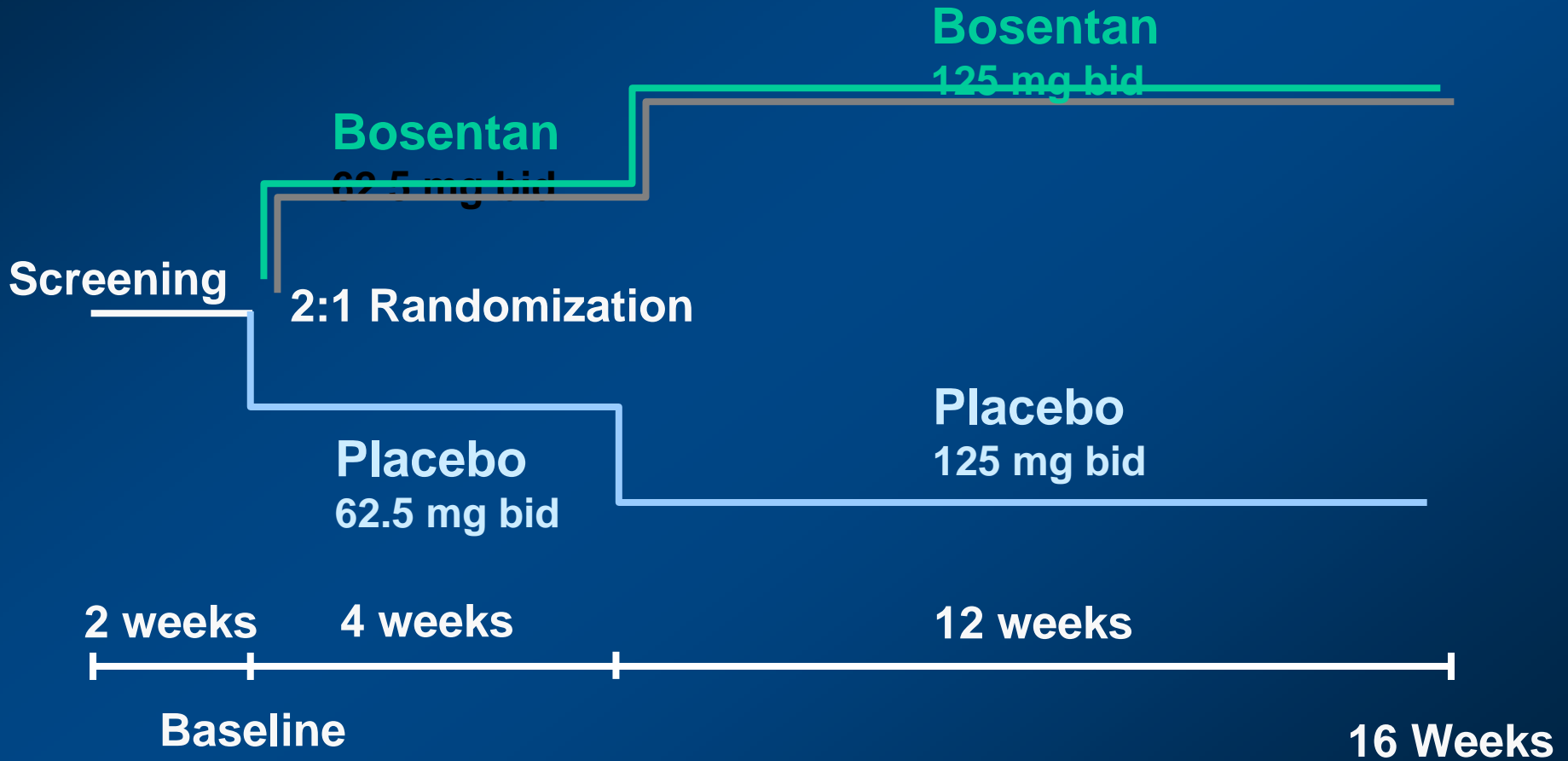
(8) Galie N et al, Circulation 2006; 114:48-54

Objectives of the study

To evaluate in a randomized controlled trial in patients with Eisenmenger syndrome the effects of bosentan on:

- Overall shunting (SpO₂)
- Cardiopulmonary hemodynamics (PVRi)
- Exercise capacity (6MWD)

Study design



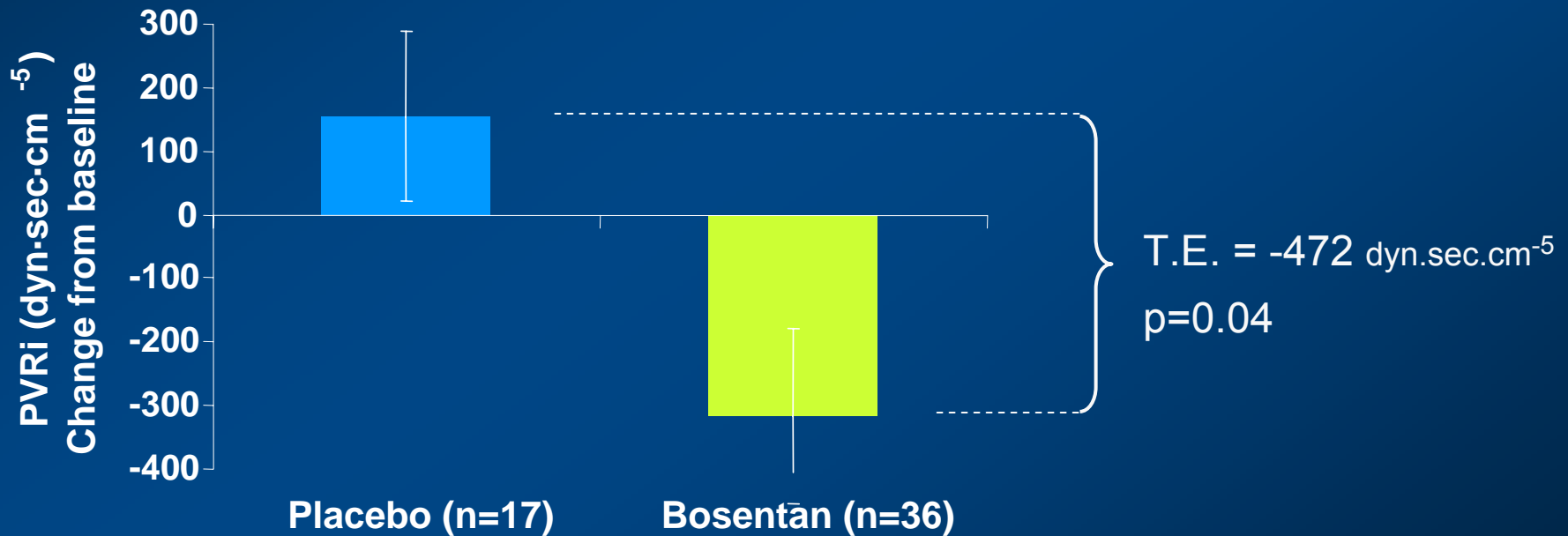
Bosentan does not reduce SpO₂

	Placebo (n=17) Mean (SE)	Bosentan (n=35) Mean (SE)
Baseline (%)	83.6 (1.2)	82.4 (0.9)
Week 16 (%)	84.0 (1.6)	83.8 (0.9)
Change from baseline	0.4 (0.9)	1.5 (0.4)

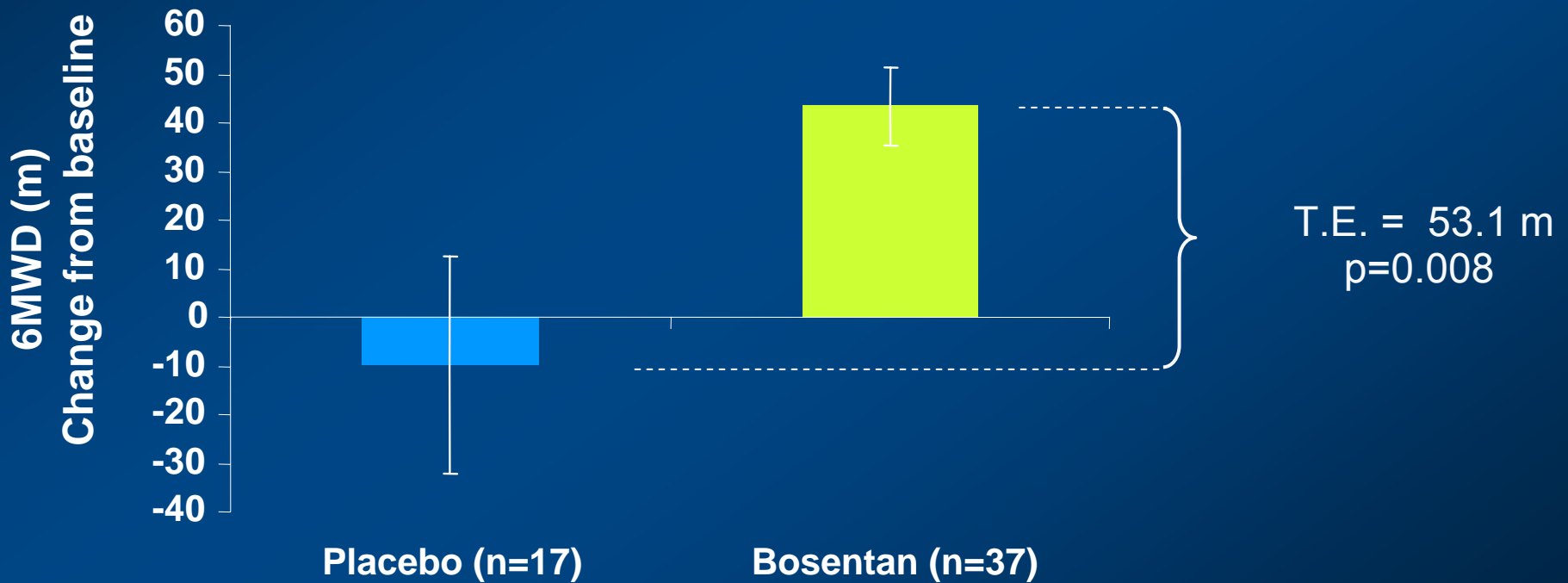
Treatment effect: + 1.0 (0.9)

95 % CI =[-0.7 , 2.8] > -5, non-inferiority shown

Bosentan reduces pulmonary vascular resistance indexed

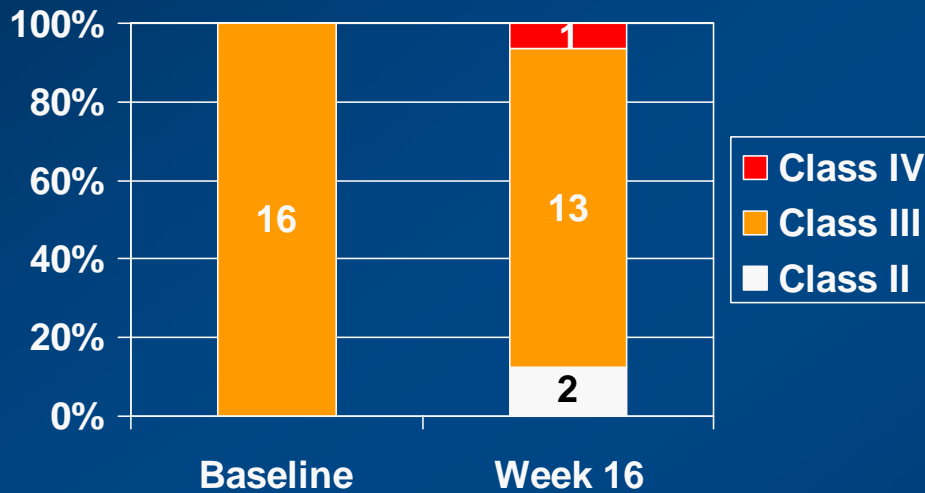


Bosentan increases exercise capacity



WHO functional class

Placebo (n= 16)



Bosentan (n= 37)

