

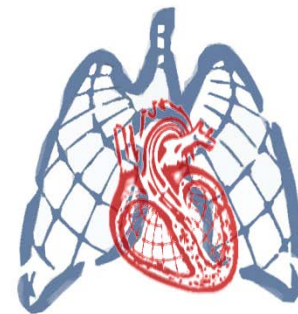
# Klinische Studien PH 2015

## Beispiel der Prostanoiden

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# Updated Clinical Classification

## 1 Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

- IPAH
- Hereditary PAH: BMPR2, ALK1, ENG, SMAD9, CAV1, KCNK3, unknown
- drugs and toxins induced
- associated with:
  - Connective tissue diseases
  - HIV infection
  - Portal hypertension
  - Congenital heart disease
  - Schistosomiasis

## 1' PVOD and/or PCH

## 1'' PPHN

## 2 Pulmonary hypertension due to left heart disease

- Systolic dysfunction
- Diastolic dysfunction
- Valvular disease
- Cong./acq. LH inflow/outflow tract obstruction and congenital CMP

## 3 Pulmonary hypertension due to lung diseases and/or hypoxia

- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Interstitial lung disease
- Other lung disease mixed obstructive/restrictive ventilatory pattern
- Sleep-disordered breathing
- Alveolar hypoventilation disorders
- Chronic exposure to high altitude
- Developmental abnormalities

## 4 Chronic Thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH)

## 5 Pulmonary Hypertension with unclear and/or multifactorial mechanisms

- Hematologic disorders: chronic hemolytic anemia, myeloproliferative disorders, splenectomy
- Systemic disorders: Sarcoidosis, histiocytosis, LAM
- Metabolic disorders: Glycogen storage disease, Gaucher disease, thyroid disorders
- Others: obstruction by tumors, fibrosing mediastinitis, Chronic Renal failure on dialysis, segmental PH

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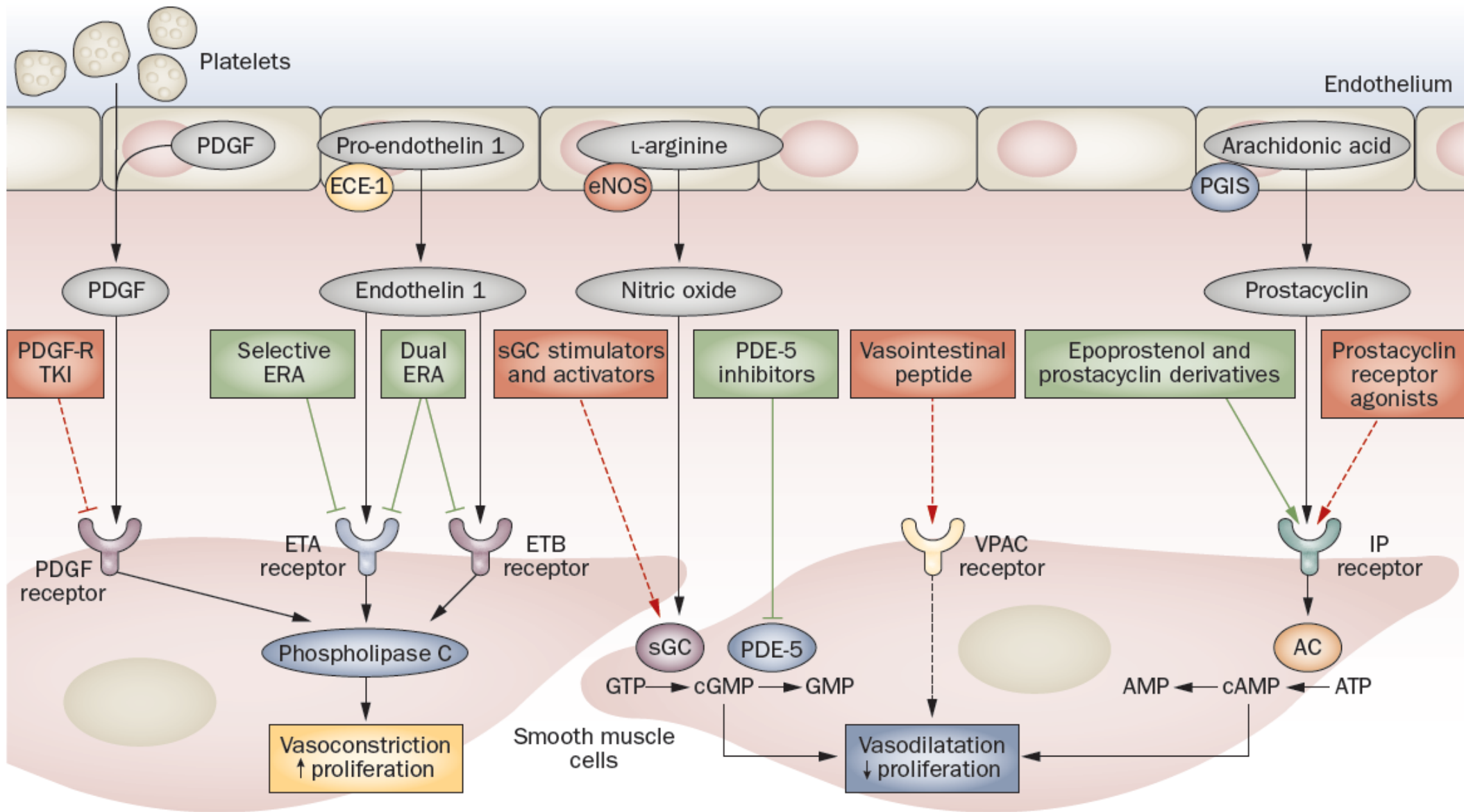
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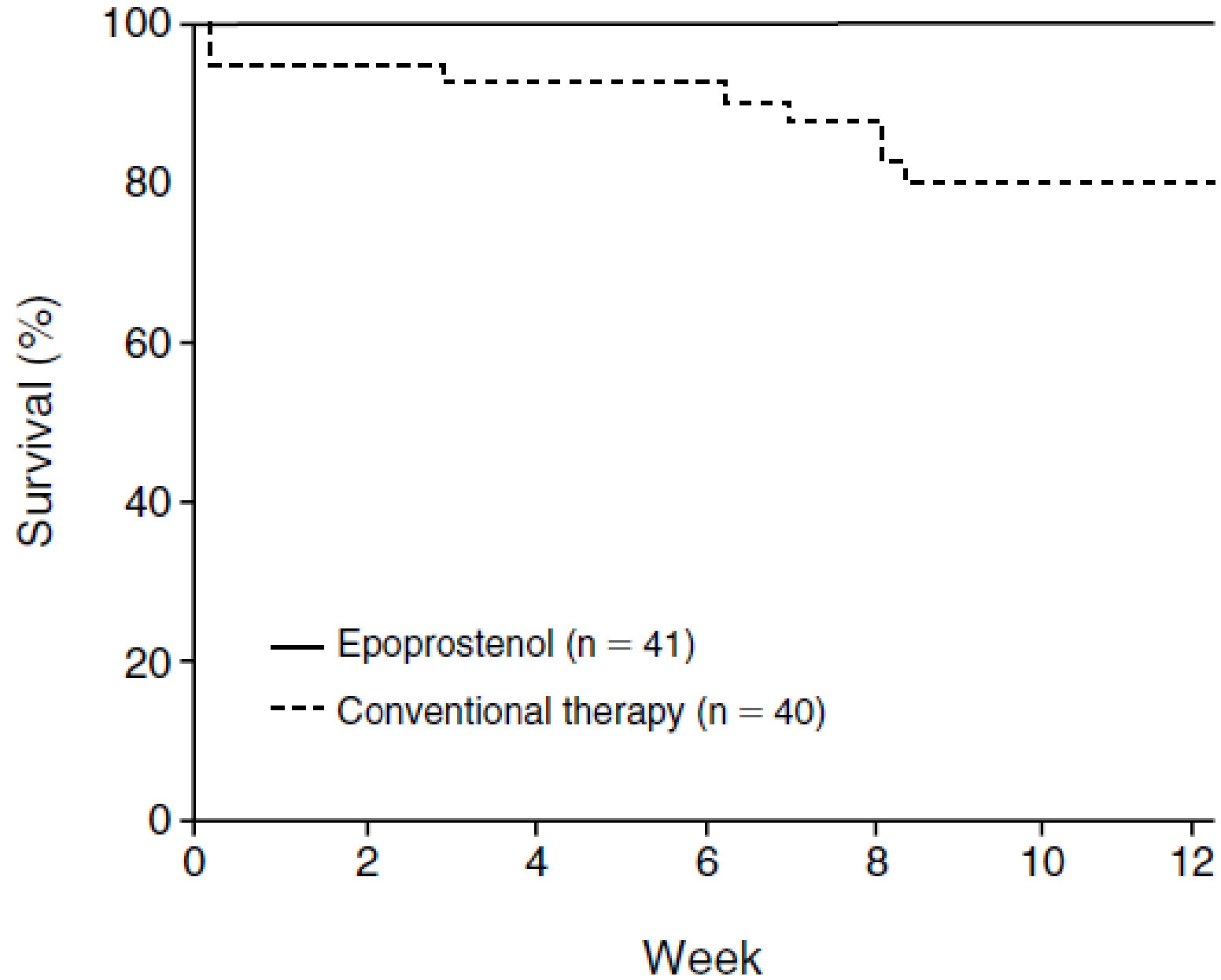
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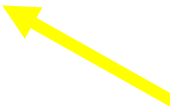
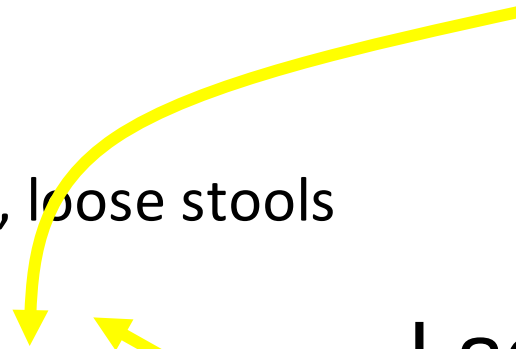


# Problems with systemic prostacyclines

- Catheter complications
  - septic events
  - discontinuation of infusion
- Systemic side effects
  - jaw pain, leg pain, headache, loose stools
  - systemic hypotension
  - ventilation/perfusion mismatch
- Tachyphylaxis
  - dose increase every 2 to 4 weeks
- Costs of therapy

Lack of  
intrapulmonary  
selectivity

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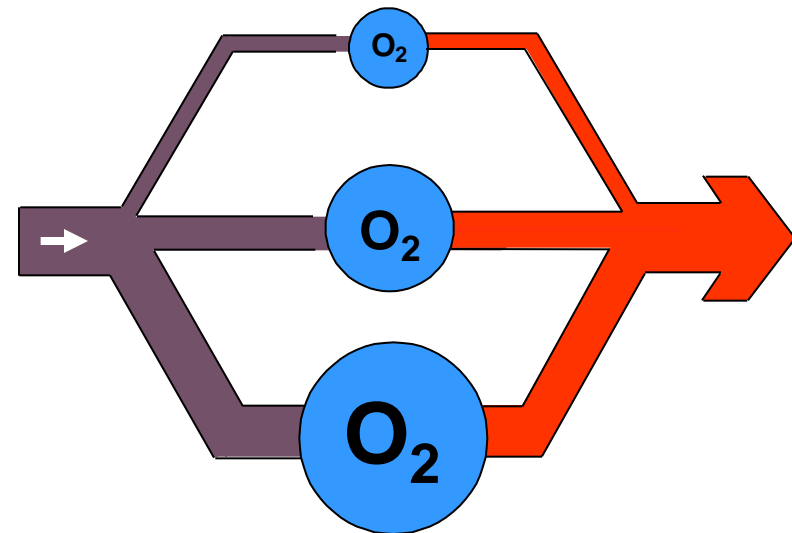
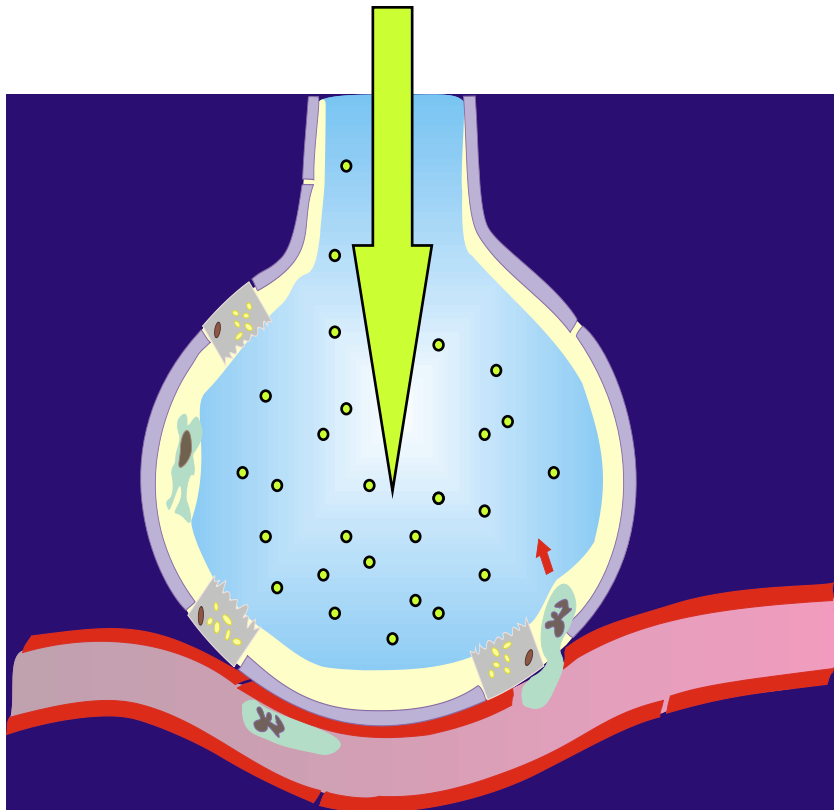


# Goals of inhalative therapy for PH

pulmonary selectivity

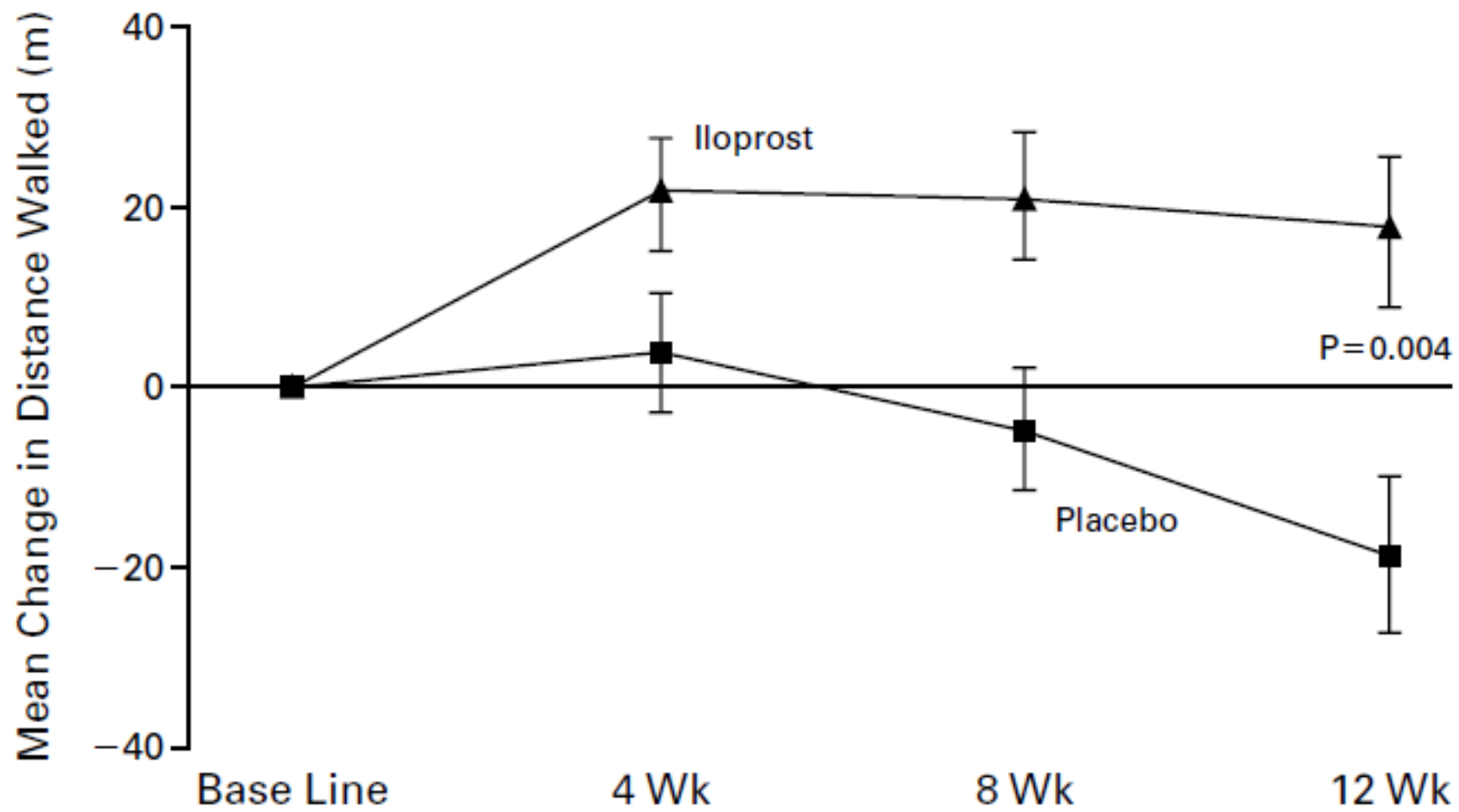
intra-pulmonary selectivity

Vasodilator

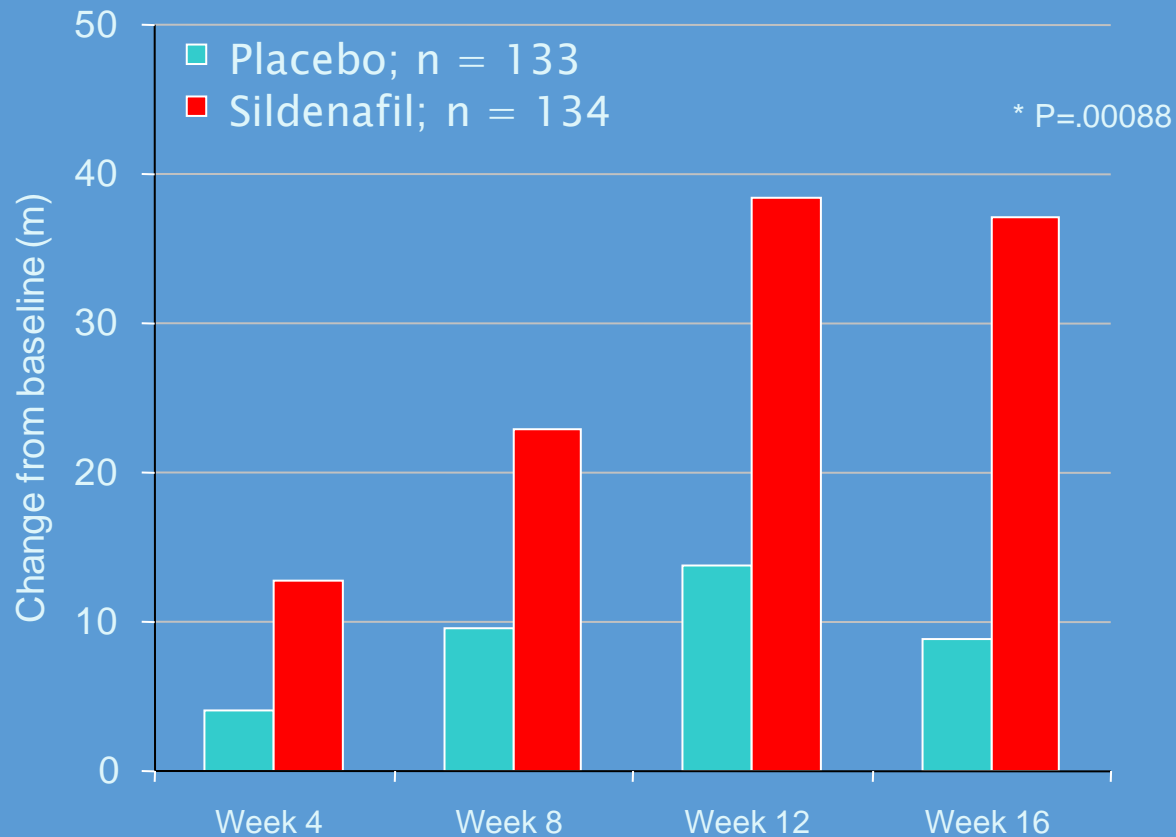


**V/Q matching**



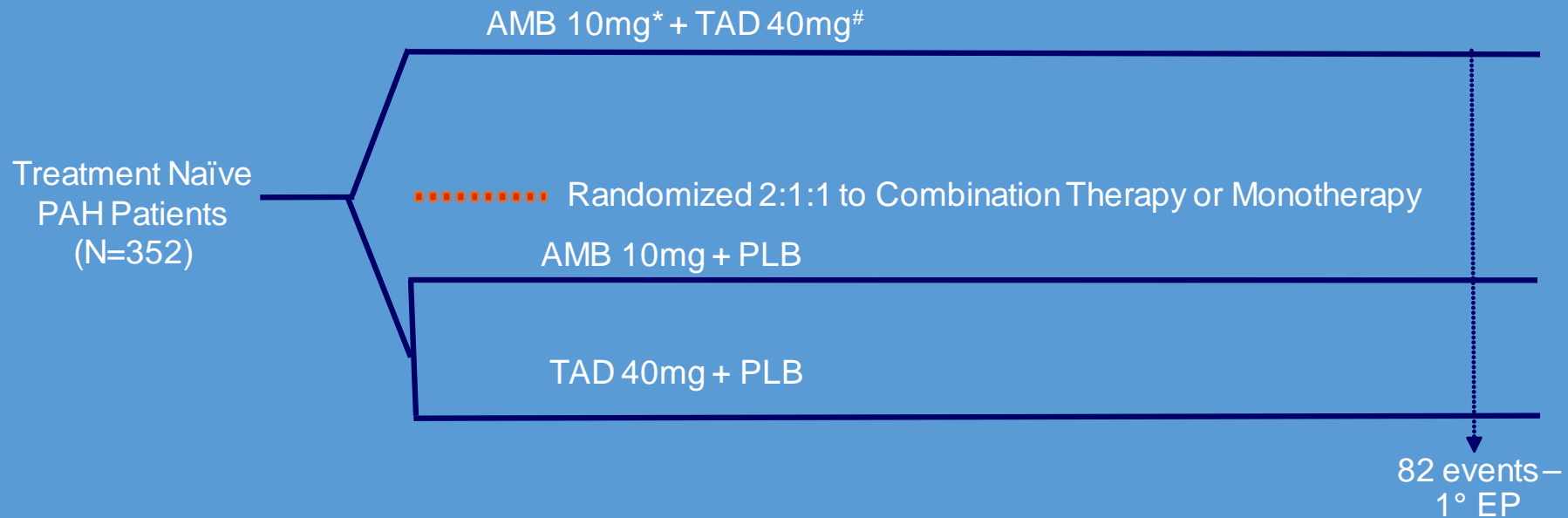


# PACES: Adding sildenafil to epoprostenol



- Significant improvement in time to clinical worsening
- 7 deaths, all in the placebo group

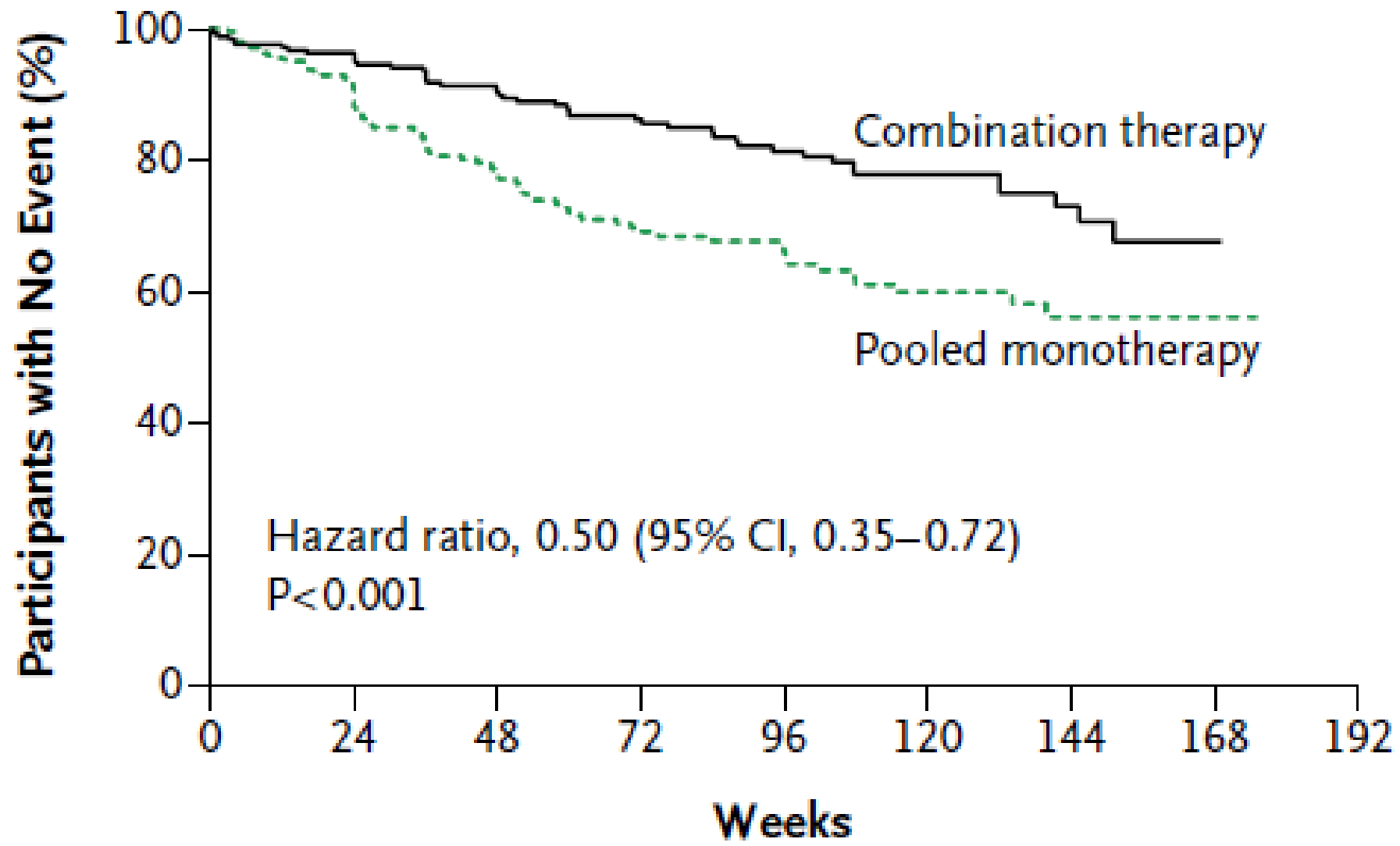
# AMBITION: Studiendesign



\*Target dose. 5mg first 8 weeks forced up titration to 10mg unless tolerability issues

# 20mg for first 4 weeks, 40mg thereafter

- **Population:** ~352 PAH patients – treatment-naïve
- **Treatment:** AMB *and* TAD vs. AMB *or* TAD
- **1° Endpoint:** Time to clinical failure
  - Death, hospitalization for PAH, disease progression, treatment failure
- **2° Endpoints – Change from baseline at Week 24:**
  - 6MWD, BDI, WHO class, BNP, etc.
- **Study Goal:**
  - Demonstrate superiority of first-line combo therapy compared to monotherapy
- **Clinic Visits:**
  - Screen, Baseline, Weeks 4, 8, 16, 24, every 12 weeks



Primary Outcome:

Time to first adjudicated morbidity or mortality event defined as:

Death or

Hospitalization for worsening of PAH or

Worsening of PAH resulting in need for lung

transplantation or balloon atrial septostomy or

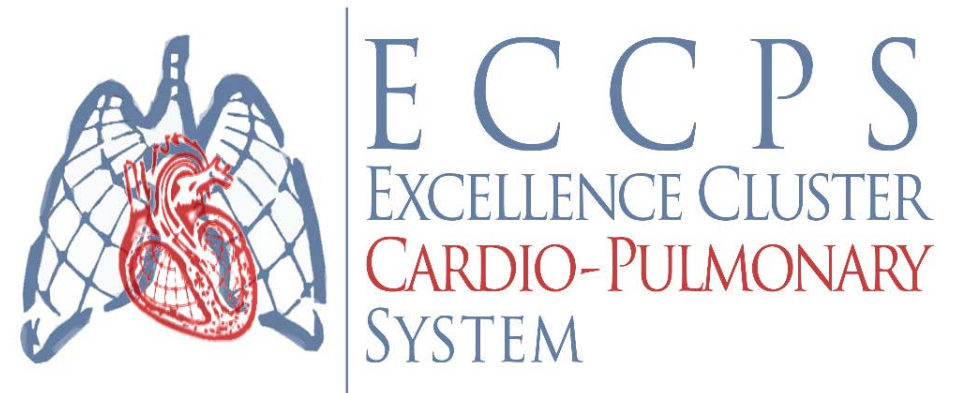
Initiation of parenteral prostanoid therapy or chronic oxygen therapy or

Disease progression..

Selexipag decreased the risk of a morbidity/mortality event versus placebo by 40% ( $p < 0.0001$ )

Comparative PK PD Study in PAH Patients (Fox vs. I-Neb)

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# 2015 ESC/ERS Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary hypertension

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# Recommendations for efficacy of drug monotherapy for PAH

Prostacyclin analogues	Epoprostenol	Intravenous <sup>e</sup>	-	-	I	A	I	A	220–222
	Iloprost	Inhaled	-	-	I	B	IIb	C	229–231
		Intravenous <sup>g</sup>	-	-	IIa	C	IIb	C	232
	Treprostinil	Subcutaneous	-	-	I	B	IIb	C	233
		Inhaled <sup>g</sup>	-	-	I	B	IIb	C	237
		Intravenous <sup>f</sup>	-	-	IIa	C	IIb	C	234
		Oral <sup>g</sup>	-	-	IIb	B	-	-	238–240
	Beraprost <sup>g</sup>		-	-	IIb	B	-	-	218
IP receptor agonists	Selexipag (oral) <sup>g</sup>		I	B	I	B	-	-	241,248

# Recommendations for efficacy of initial drug combination therapy for pulmonary arterial hypertension

Measure/ treatment	Class <sup>a</sup> -Level <sup>b</sup>						Ref. <sup>c</sup>
	WHO-FC I		WHO-FC III		WHO-FC IV		
Ambrisentan + tadalafil <sup>d</sup>	I	B	I	B	IIb	C	247
Other ERA + PDE-5i	IIa	C	IIa	C	IIb	C	-
Bosentan + sildenafil + i.v. epoprostenol	-	-	IIa	C	IIa	C	246
Bosentan + i.v. epoprostenol	-	-	IIa	C	IIa	C	198, 245
Other ERA or PDE-5i + s.c. treprostinil			IIb	C	IIb	C	-
Other ERA or PDE-5i + other i.v. prostacyclin analogues			IIb	C	IIb	C	-

# Recommendations for efficacy of sequential drug combination therapy for PAH

Measure/ treatment	Class <sup>a</sup> -Level <sup>b</sup>						Ref. <sup>c</sup>
	WHO-FC II		WHO-FC III		WHO-FC IV		
Macitentan added to sildenafil <sup>d</sup>	I	B	I	B	IIa	C	201
Riociguat added to bosentan	I	B	I	B	IIa	C	214
Selexipag <sup>e</sup> added to ERA and/or PDE-5i <sup>d</sup>	I	B	I	B	IIa	C	241, 248
Sildenafil added to epoprostenol	-	-	I	B	IIa	B	209
Treprostinil inhaled added to sildenafil or bosentan	IIa	B	IIa	B	IIa	C	237
Iloprost inhaled added to bosentan	IIb	B	IIb	B	IIb	C	230, 231
Tadalafil added to bosentan	IIa	C	IIa	C	IIa	C	211

Ambrisentan added to sildenafil	IIb	C	IIb	C	IIb	C	249
Bosentan added to epoprostenol	-	-	IIb	C	IIb	C	250
Bosentan added to sildenafil	IIb	C	IIb	C	IIb	C	251, 252
Sildenafil added to bosentan	IIb	C	IIb	C	IIb	C	252
Other double combinations	IIb	C	IIb	C	IIb	C	-
Other triple combinations	IIb	C	IIb	C	IIb	C	-
Riociguat added to sildenafil or other PDE-5i	III	B	III	B	III	B	215