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# Sclérodermie systémique: Les essais thérapeutiques négatifs 2018-2019

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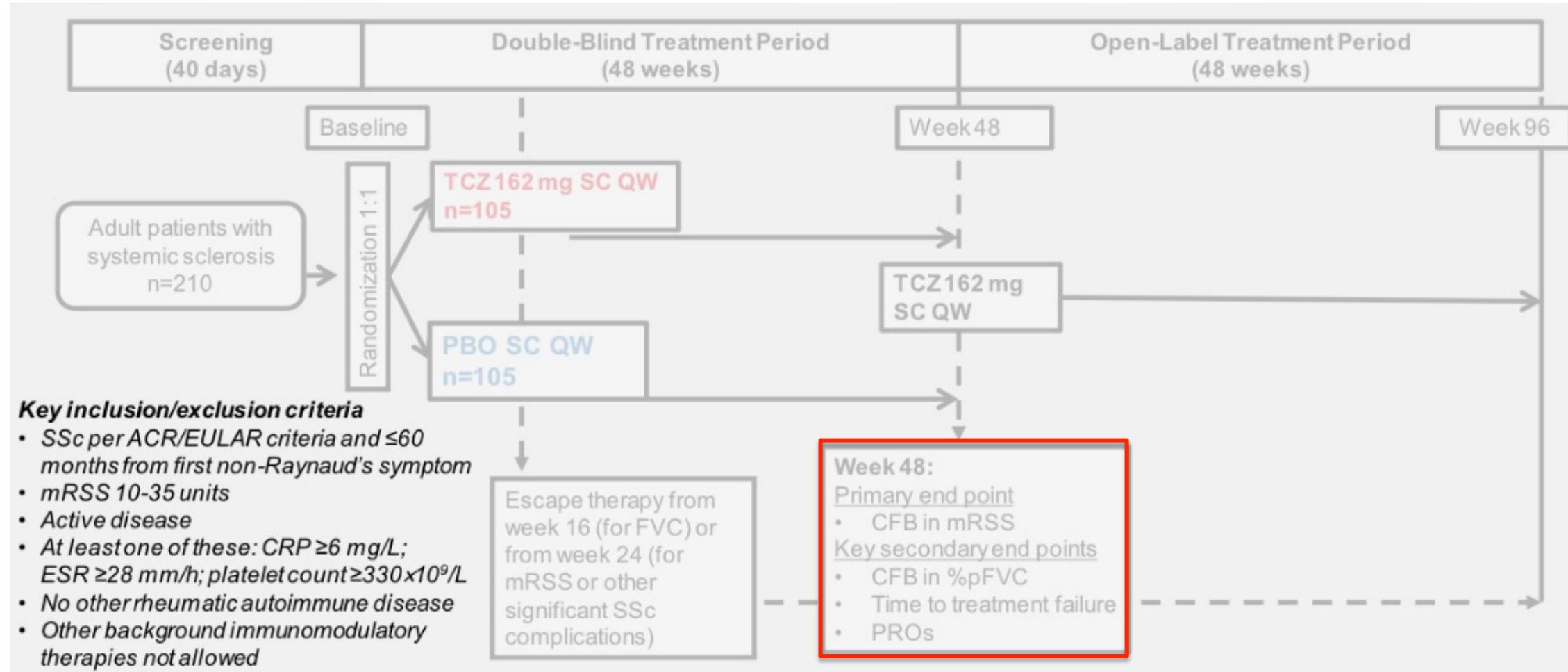
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# Conflits d'Intérêt

- Investigator for clinical trials: Roche, HGS, Astra-Zeneca, Merck Serono, Neovasc, UCB, Pfizer, GENZYME, GSK, Actelion,
- Advise: Roche, GSK, HGS, Boehringer, Astra-Zeneca
- Lectures: Abbott, Roche, Pfizer, GSK, ACTELION, GENZYME, NOVARTIS, SOBI
- Meeting guest: Abbott, Actelion, Roche-Chugaï, GSK, HGS, Pfizer, Roche, Wyeth, LFB, GENZYME, NOVARTIS, SOBI
- Grant: Sanofi-Genzyme, Pfizer, GSK, Actelion, SHIRE, MSD, LFB

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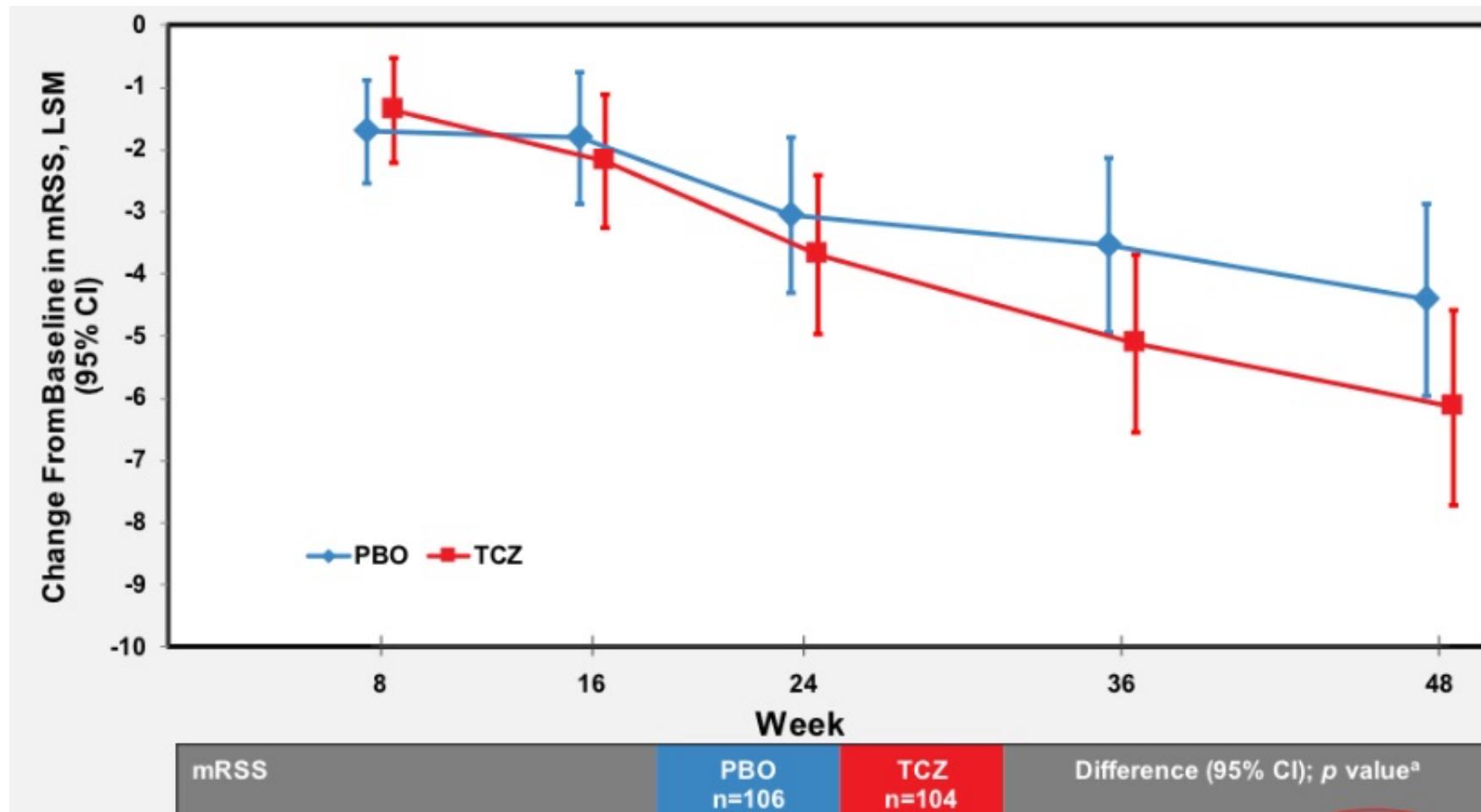
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	PBO n=106	TCZ n=104	All Patients N=210
Females, %	85	78	81
Age, years	49.3 (12.6)	47.0 (12.2)	48.2 (12.4)
Duration of SSc, months	<b>23.1 (17.0)</b>	<b>22.2 (16.0)</b>	<b>22.6 (16.5)</b>
Total mRSS	<b>20.4 (7.0)</b>	<b>20.3 (6.7)</b>	<b>20.4 (6.8)</b>
%pFVC	<b>83.9 (15.0)</b>	<b>80.3 (14.4)</b>	<b>82.1 (14.8)</b>
%pDLco	76.8 (18.6)	74.4 (19.2)	75.6 (18.9)
HAQ-DI	<b>1.3 (0.7)</b>	<b>1.1 (0.8)</b>	<b>1.2 (0.7)</b>
Patient VAS	59.3 (21.3)	54.3 (24.3)	56.8 (22.9)
CRP, mg/L	7.0 (11.1)	8.9 (14.8)	7.9 (13.1)
ESR, mm/h	34.7 (18.5)	34.8 (16.3)	34.8 (17.4)
Platelet count, 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	298.7 (96.0)	311.1 (88.2)	304.9 (92.2)
Previous or concurrent ILD, %	26	37	31
ANA positive, %	92	93	92
Anti-topoisomerase positive, %	<b>49</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>
Anti-RNA polymerase positive, %	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>
Anti-centromere positive, %	9	8	9

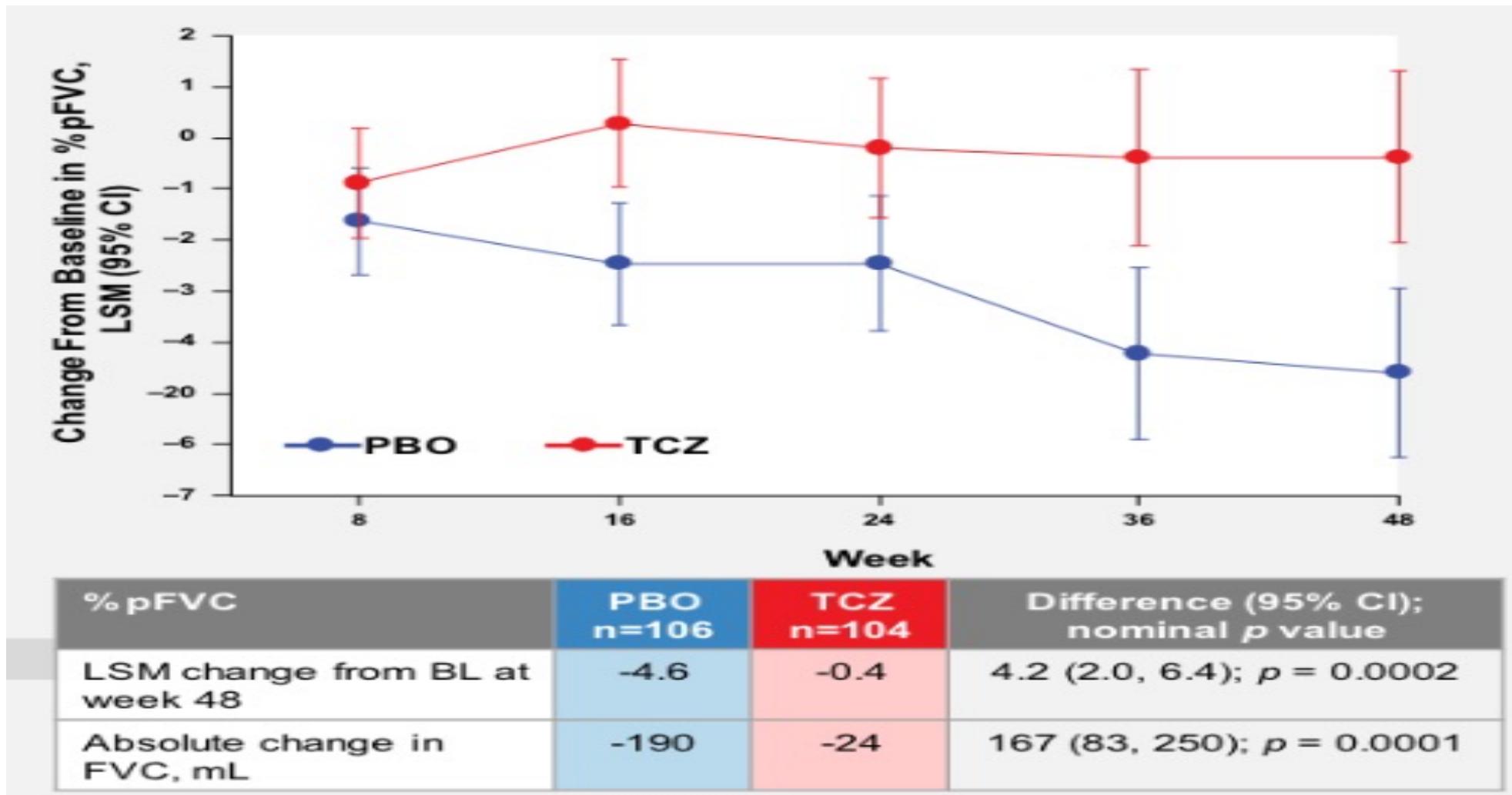
ANA, anti-nuclear antibody; HAQ-DI, Health Assessment Questionnaire–Disability Index; ILD, interstitial lung disease; %pDLco, percent predicted diffusing capacity for carbon monoxide; RNA, ribonucleic acid; SD, standard deviation; VAS, visual analog scale.

All data are mean (SD) unless stated otherwise.

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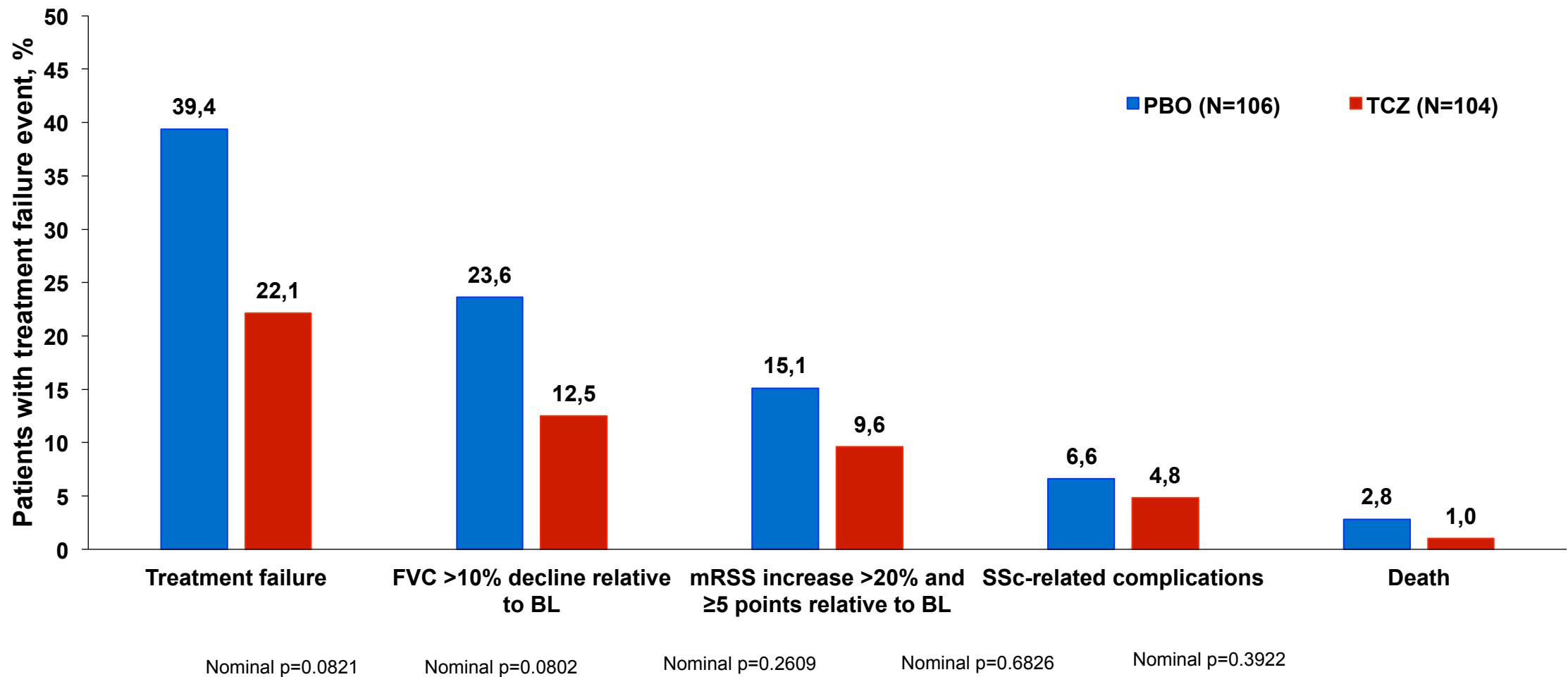


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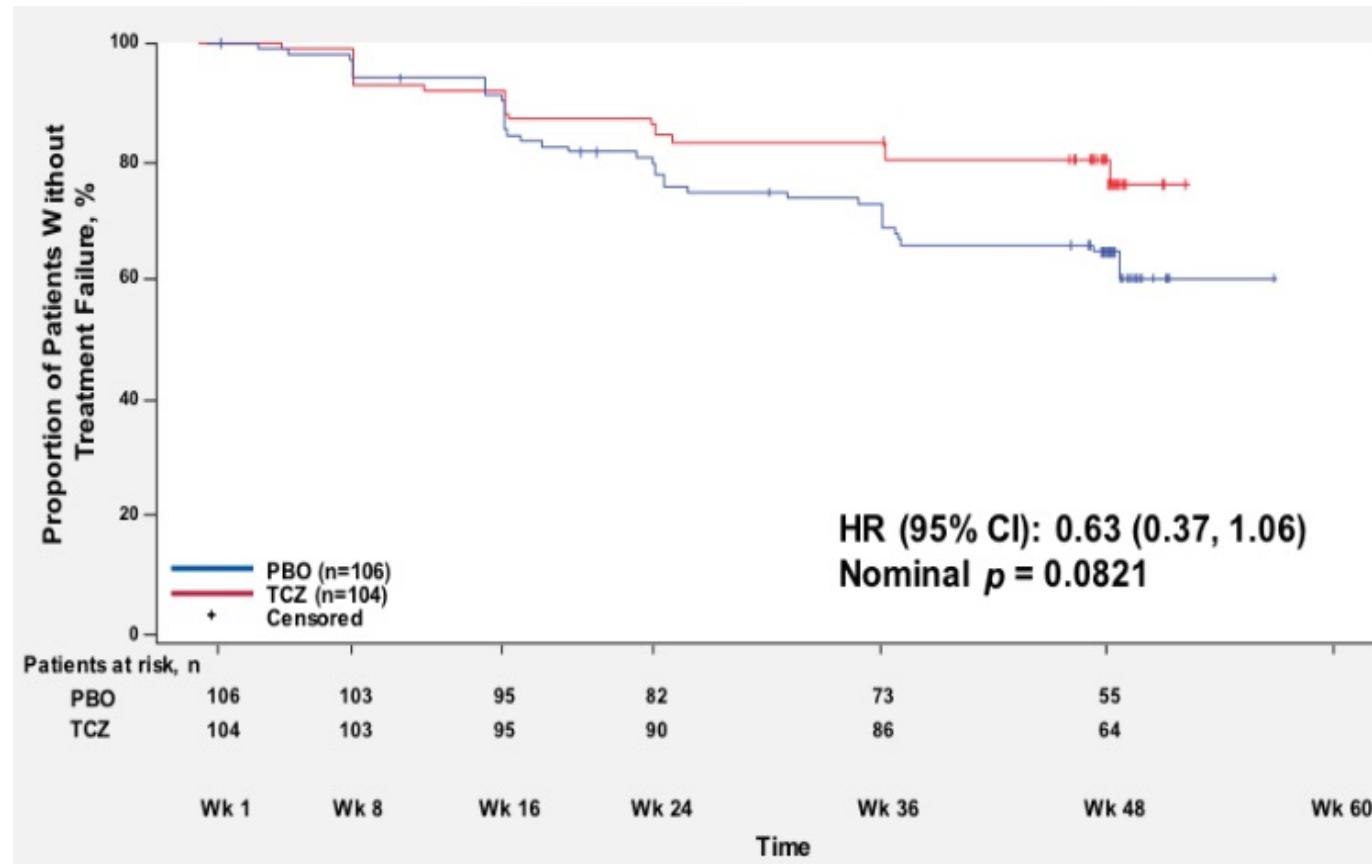
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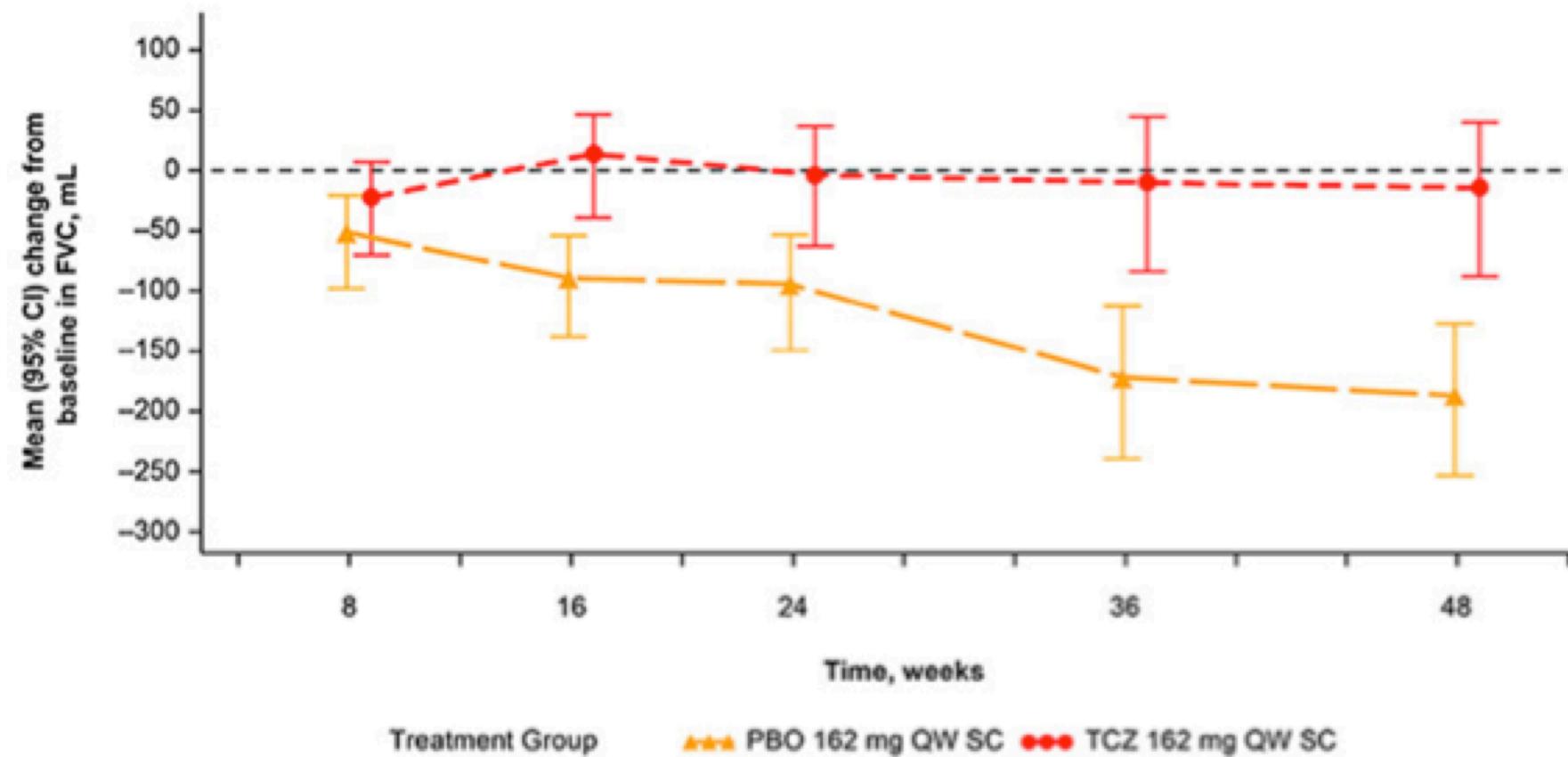


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# TCZ et SSc-PID : étude de sous-groupe de la phase 3

## Secondary endpoint



Sur les 106 patients placebo et 104 TCZ, 31 % avaient une PID

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## Safety overview

	PBO (N=106)	TCZ (N=104)
Patients with $\geq$ AE	82 (77.4)	89 (85.6)
Patients with $\geq$ SAE	18 (17.0)	13 (12.5)
Total SAEs, n	30	14
Patients with $\geq$ infection and infestation AE	53 (50.0)	54 (51.9)
Patients with at $\geq$ infection and infestation SAE	7 (6.6)	2 (1.9)
Patients who withdrew treatment because of an AE	11 (10.4)	6 (5.8)
Deaths	3 (2.8)	1 (1.0)

## Place du TCZ dans le traitement de fond de la PID

- Le tocilizumab : Il n'y a pas actuellement d'étude réalisée chez des malades avec PID établie. L'utilisation du tocilizumab dans cette indication ne peut être envisagée qu'après validation en RCP (**utilisation hors AMM**).

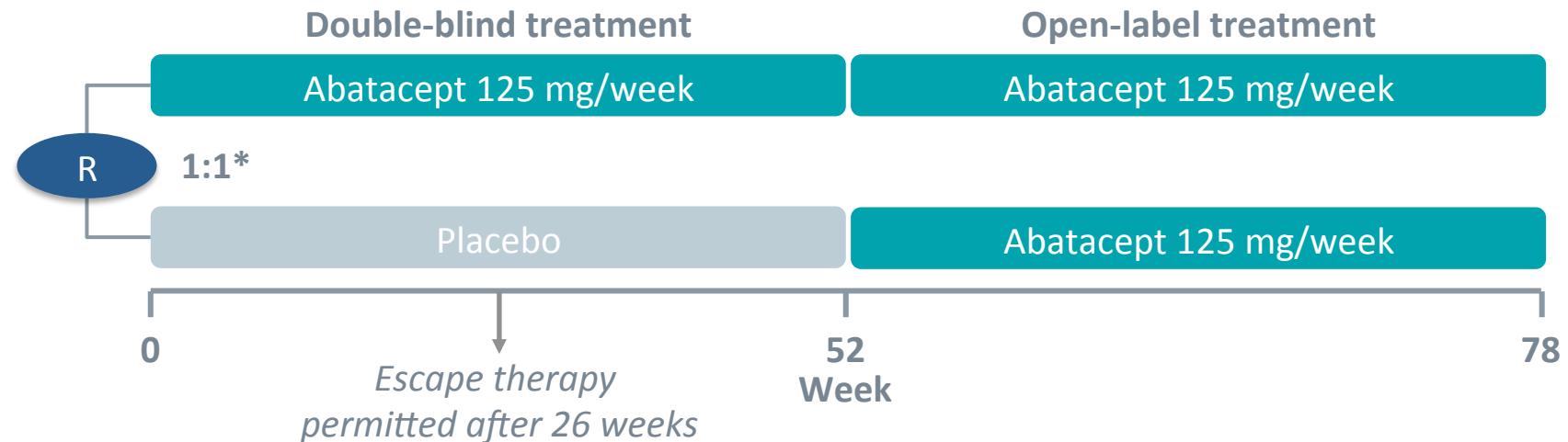
# Abatacept et SSc : résultats d'un essai randomisé, de phase 2

## ASSET

Phase II, investigator-initiated, randomised placebo-controlled trial of abatacept in patients with early dcSSc, followed by open-label treatment

### Key inclusion criteria:

- dcSSc for ≤36 months
- mRSS ≥10 and ≤35 units for patients with disease duration ≤18 months
- mRSS ≥15 and ≤45 units with evidence of active disease for patients with disease duration >18 months
- No background immunomodulatory therapy



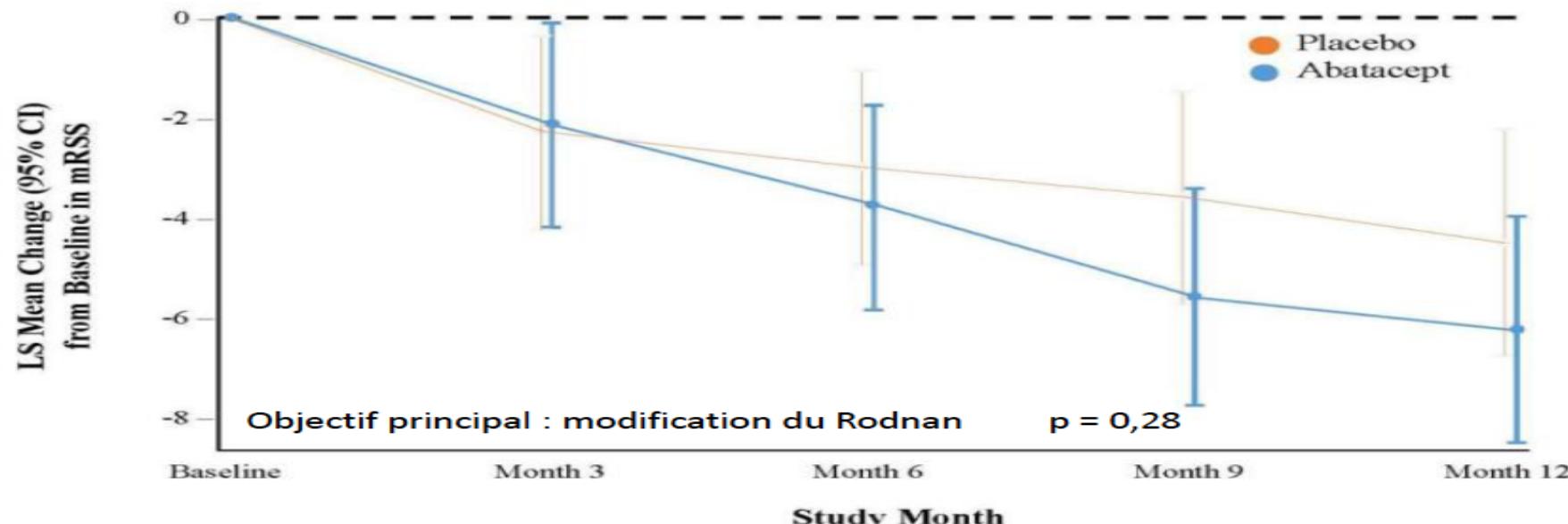
### Primary endpoint:

- Change from baseline in mRSS at week 52

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## ASSET

primary outcome: mRSS at week 52



	Placebo (N=44)	Abatacept (N=44)	Difference
LS mean (SE)	-4.49 (1.14)	-6.24 (1.14)	-1.75 (1.61)
95% CI	-6.75, -2.23	-8.50, -3.98	-4.93, 1.43
p-value			0.28

# Abatacept et SSc : résultats d'un essai randomisé, de phase 2

## ASSET

### secondary endpoints at week 52

	Placebo (N=44)	Abatacept (N=44)	Difference vs. placebo	p-value
Patient global assessment, LS mean (SE)	-0.09 (0.46)	-0.31 (0.42)	-0.22	0.73
Physician global assessment, LS mean (SE)	-0.35 (0.32)	-1.30 (0.29)	-0.95	0.03
FVC % predicted, LS mean (SE)	-4.13 (1.2)	-1.34 (1.2)	2.79	0.11
HAQ-DI, LS mean (SE)	0.11 (0.07)	-0.17 (0.07)	-0.28	0.005
CRISS, median (IQR)	0.01 (0.86)	0.68 (1.00)		0.003

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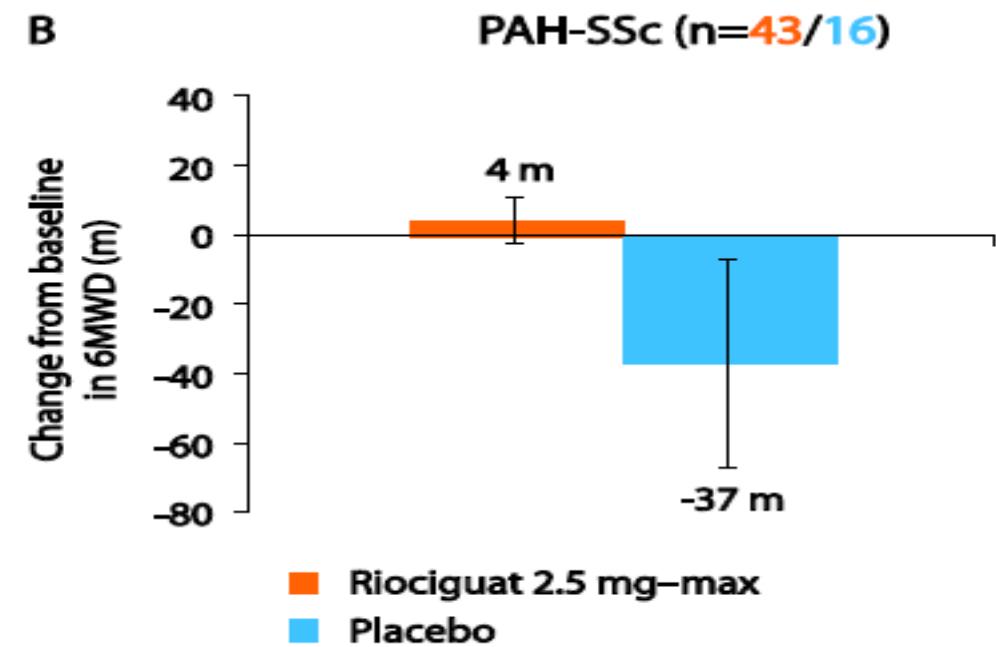
### **Step 2**

- Change in modified Rodnan Skin Score.
- Change in FVC.
- Change in HAQ-DI.
- Change in Patient Global Assessment.
- Change in Physician Global Assessment.

# Riociguat

- Riociguat a sGC stimulator: vasoactive, anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative, and antifibrotic effects in vivo and in vitro

Effects of riociguat vs placebo on 6MWD at 12 weeks in patients with PAH-SSc in PATENT-1



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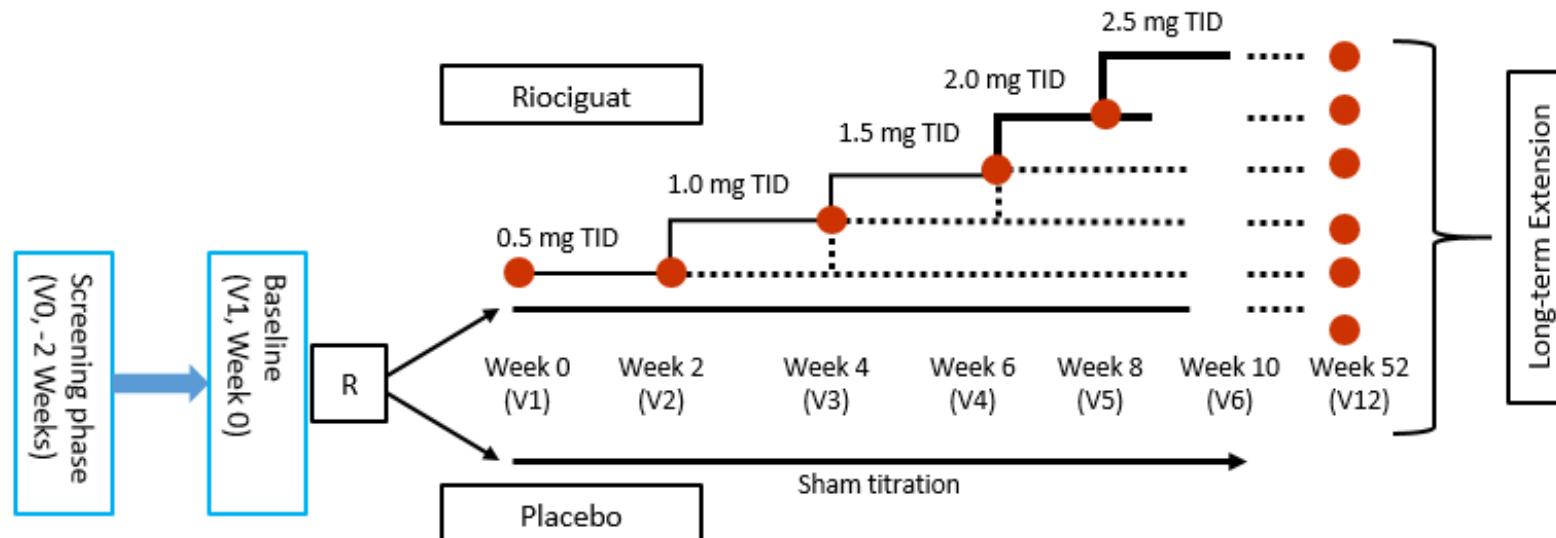
## RISE

primary outcome: mRSS at week 52

### Main treatment phase design

Inclusion criteria were:

- Diagnosis of SSc by ACR/EULAR criteria
- Diffuse cutaneous involvement
- Disease duration  $\leq$ 18 months
- mRSS  $\geq$ 10 and  $\leq$ 22 units



Abbreviations: V = visit; R = randomization; TID = 3 times a day.

Study design was based on data from the EUSTAR cohort

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## RISE

primary outcome: mRSS at week 52

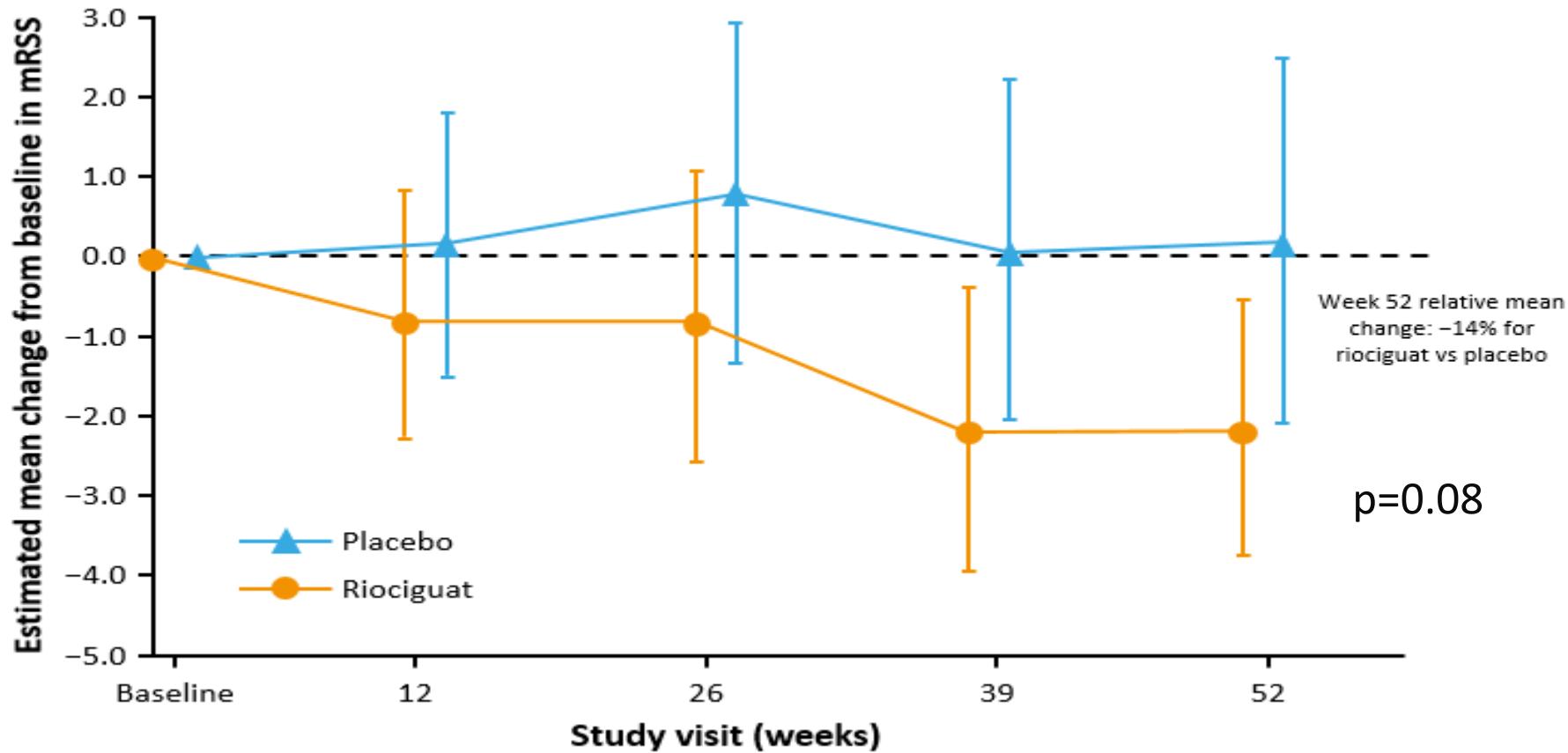
### Baseline characteristics

	Riociguat (n=60)	Placebo (n=61)
Age, years	52 (11.5)	50 (12.9)
Female, n (%)	47 (78)	45 (74)
Disease duration, months	9.5 (7.0)	8.6 (5.8)
mRSS	17 (3.4)	17 (4.1)
Percent predicted FVC	91 (19)	95 (17)
Percent predicted DL <sub>CO</sub> (Hb corr)	76 (20)	77 (17)
Digital ulcer count ≥1, n (%)	9 (15)	6 (10)
Digital ulcer count	0.3 (0.7)	0.4 (1.4)
Digital ulcer count in patients with ulcers	1.7 (1.0)	3.7 (3.2)
Anti-RNA polymerase III positive, n (%)	10 (17)	16 (26)
Anti-Scl-70 (anti-topoisomerase 1) positive, n (%)	26 (43)	23 (38)

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RISE

primary outcome: mRSS at week 52

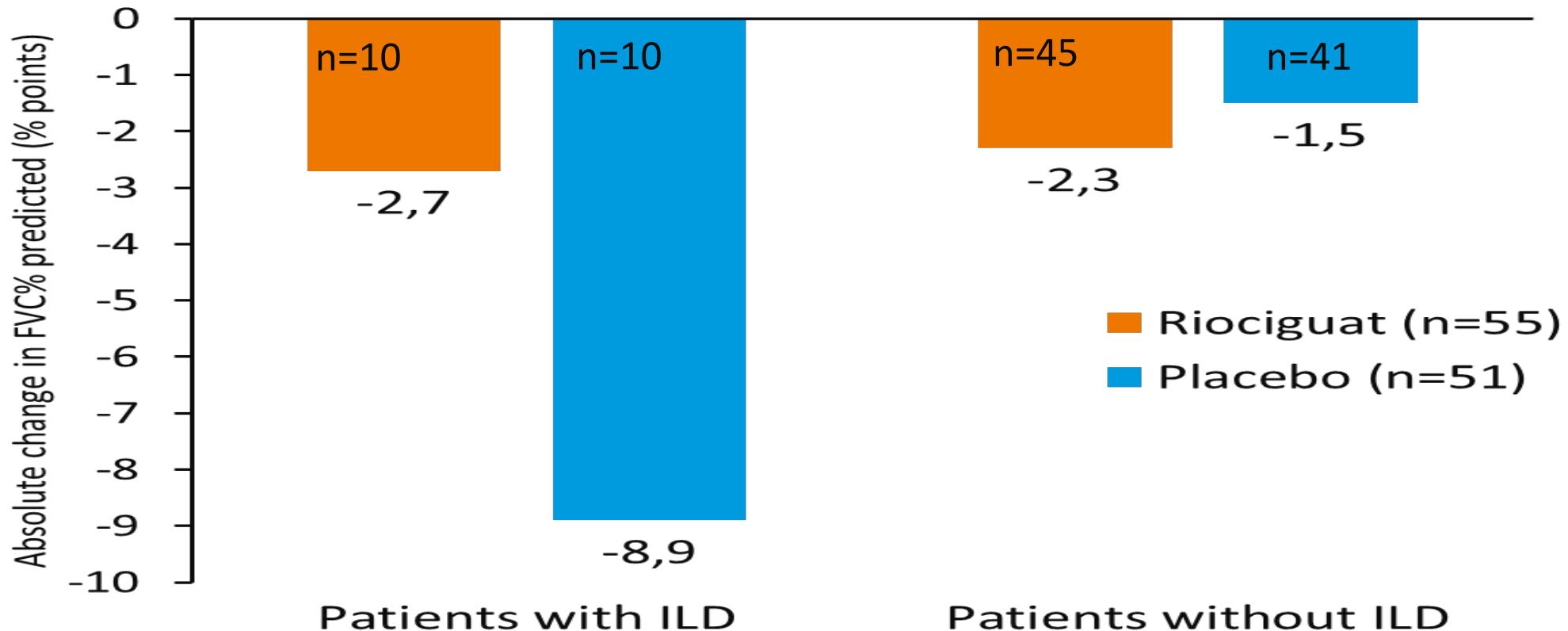


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## RISE

### Secondary outcomes

Changes in FVC% predicted in patients with vs without ILD at Week 52



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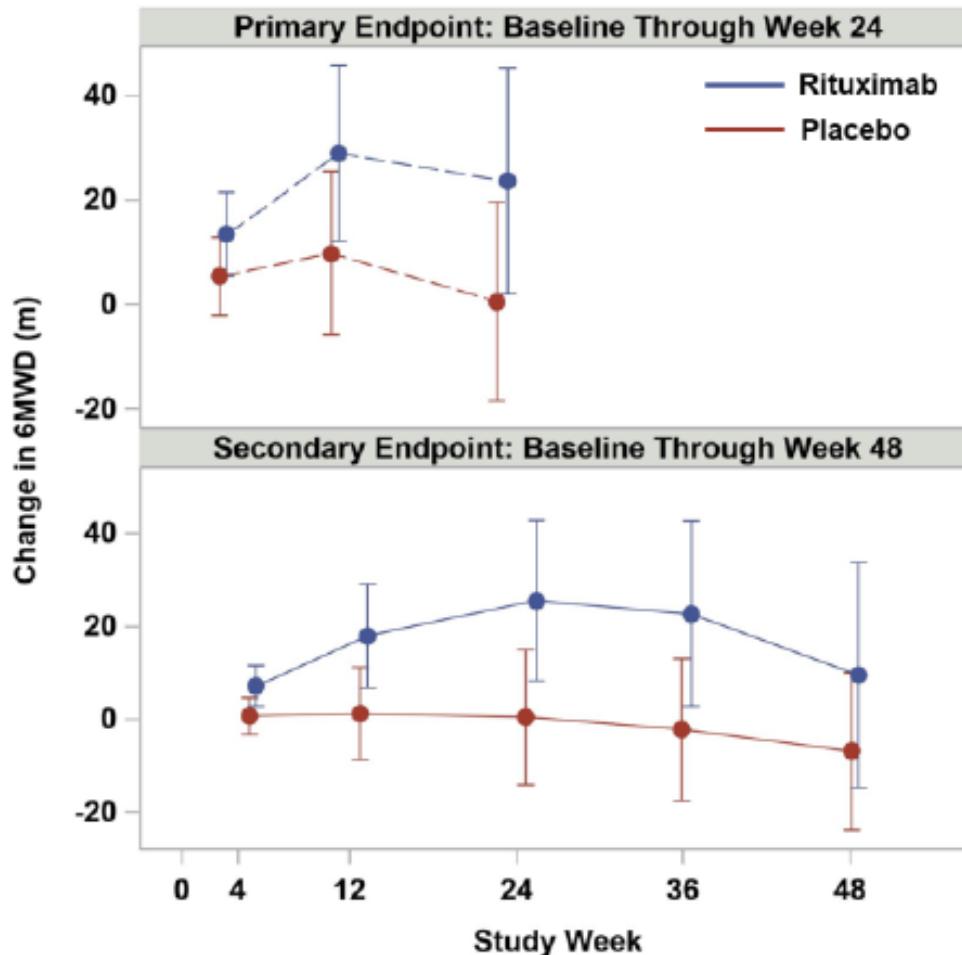
Endpoint	Mantel-Haenszel estimate of difference (95% CI)	Nominal p-value
CRISS (improver rate)	0.20% (−13.68 to 14.09)	0.977
HAQ-DI	−0.07 (−0.23 to 0.08)	0.353
Patient's Global Assessment	0.79 (−0.12 to 1.69)	0.089*
<b>Physician's Global Assessment</b>	<b>0.83 (0.11 to 1.54)</b>	<b>0.024†</b>
Percent predicted FVC	−0.20 (−3.40 to 3.00)	0.901

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## RISE Safety

Event, n (%)	Riociguat (n=60)	Placebo (n=61)
Any AE	58 (97)	55 (90)
Any study drug-related AE	40 (67)	29 (48)
Any AE related to procedures required by the protocol	4 (7)	2 (3)
<b>Any serious AE</b>	<b>9 (15)</b>	<b>15 (25)</b>
<b>Any study drug-related serious AE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 (3)</b>
Discontinuation of study drug due to AE	11 (18)	11 (18)
<b>Discontinuation of study drug due to serious AE</b>	<b>2 (3)</b>	<b>7 (11)</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>1 (2)</b>	<b>1 (2)</b>

# RTX et SSc-PAH : résultats d'un essai de phase 2



	Rituximab (n=27)	Placebo (n=27)	p-value
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>			
Change in 6MWD (m) at:			
Week 24	23.6 (11.05)	0.5 (9.71)	0.12
<b>Secondary Endpoints</b>			
Change 6MWD (m) at:			
Week 24	25.5 (8.79)	0.4 (7.43)	0.03
Week 48	9.5 (12.35)	-7.0 (8.63)	0.28

All data represent Least Squares Mean and SEM

Change in 6MWD from baseline in the modified Intent-to-Treat cohort. A repeated measures random effect model was fit to distance walked as a function of treatment, visit week, a treatment by visit week interaction, and a quadratic term for visit. Dashed lines represent the primary endpoint model using all data to Week 24. Solid lines represent secondary analysis including all data out to Week 48. Whiskers represent 95% confidence interval



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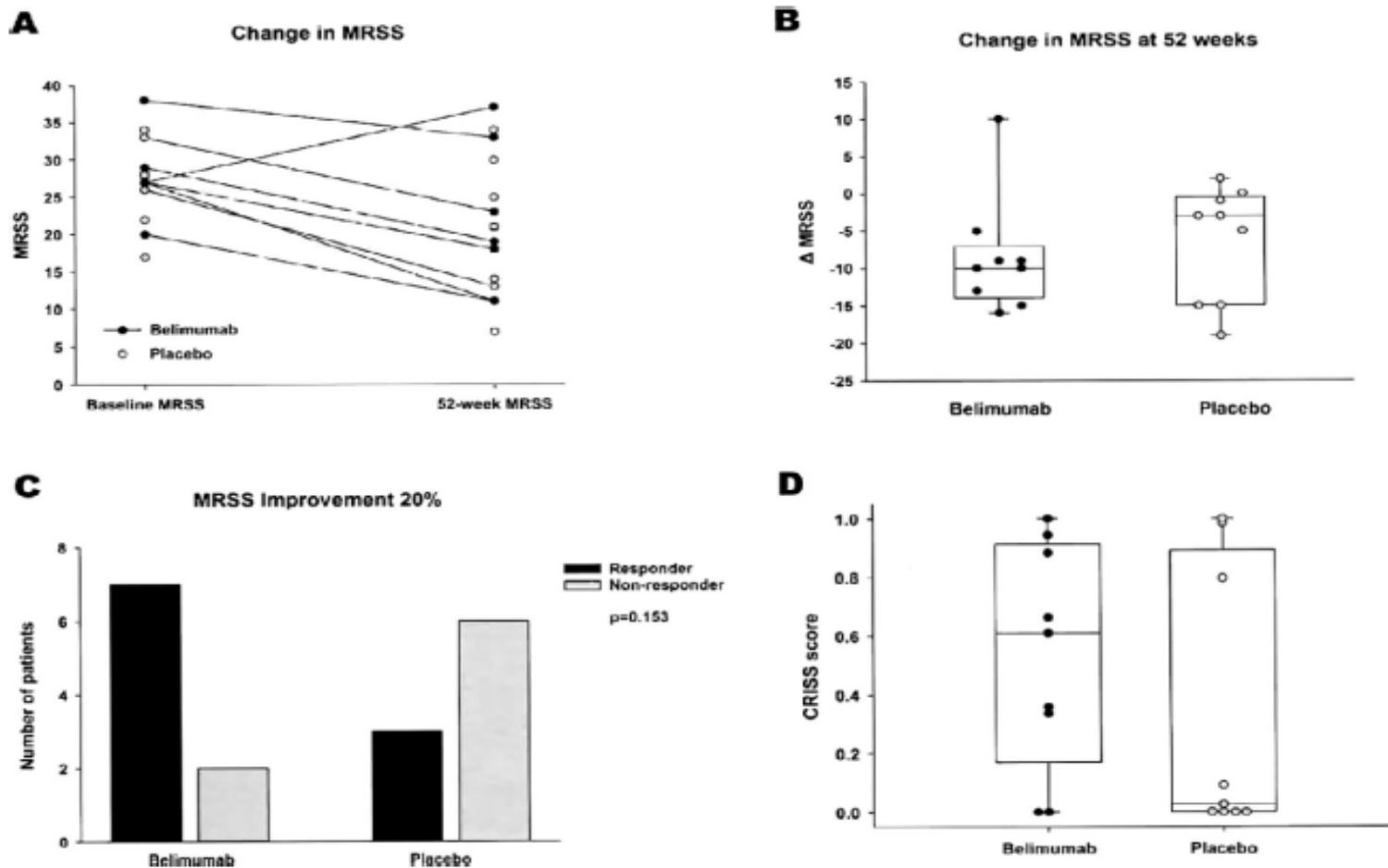
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## **Belimumab for the Treatment of Early Diffuse Systemic Sclerosis:**

**Results of a Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Pilot Trial**

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# Bélimumab et SSc : résultats d'un essai de phase 2



# Pan-PPAR agonist (IVA 337) et SSc : résultats d'un essai de phase 2

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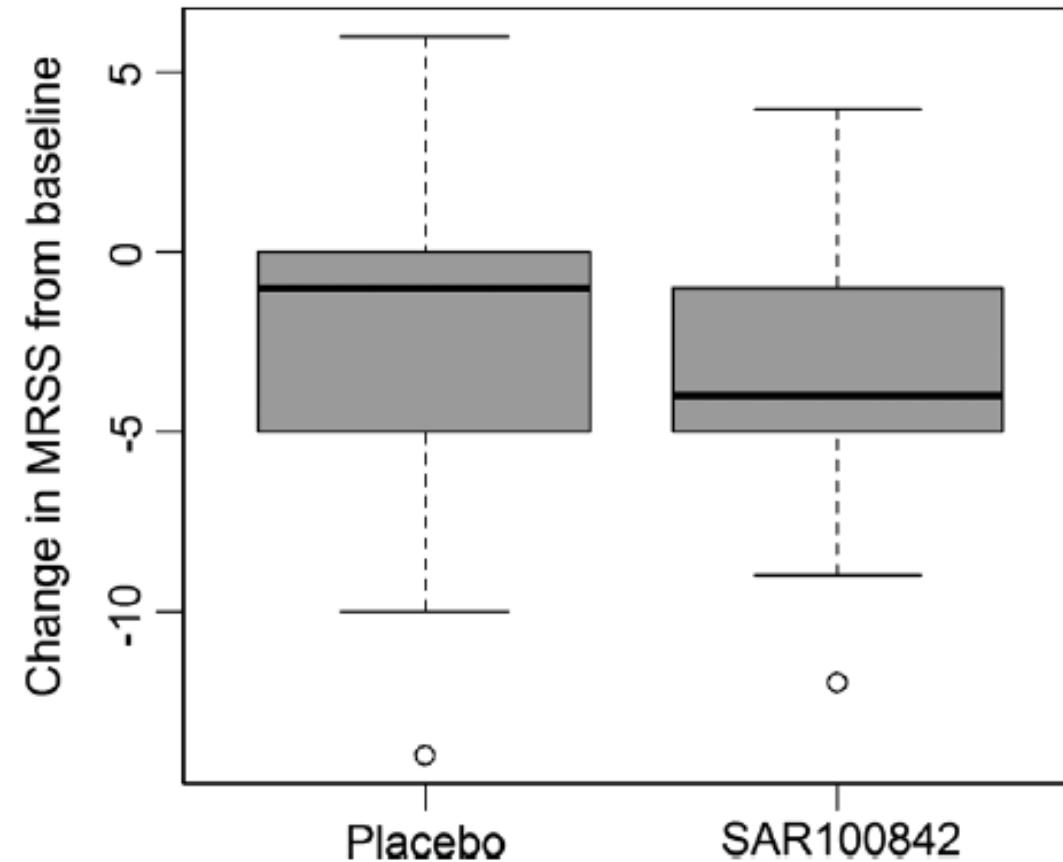
# Lysophosphatidic Acid Receptor 1 Antagonist SAR100842 for Patients With Diffuse Cutaneous Systemic Sclerosis

A Double-Blind, Randomized, Eight-Week Placebo-Controlled Study Followed by a Sixteen-Week Open-Label Extension Study

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# LPA1 Récepteur antagoniste et SSc : résultats d'un essai de phase 2

SAR100842 is a potent selective LPA1 receptor antagonist. In vivo, SAR100842 reversed dermal thickening and significantly inhibited myofibroblast differentiation and reduced collagen content in a mouse model of skin fibrosis

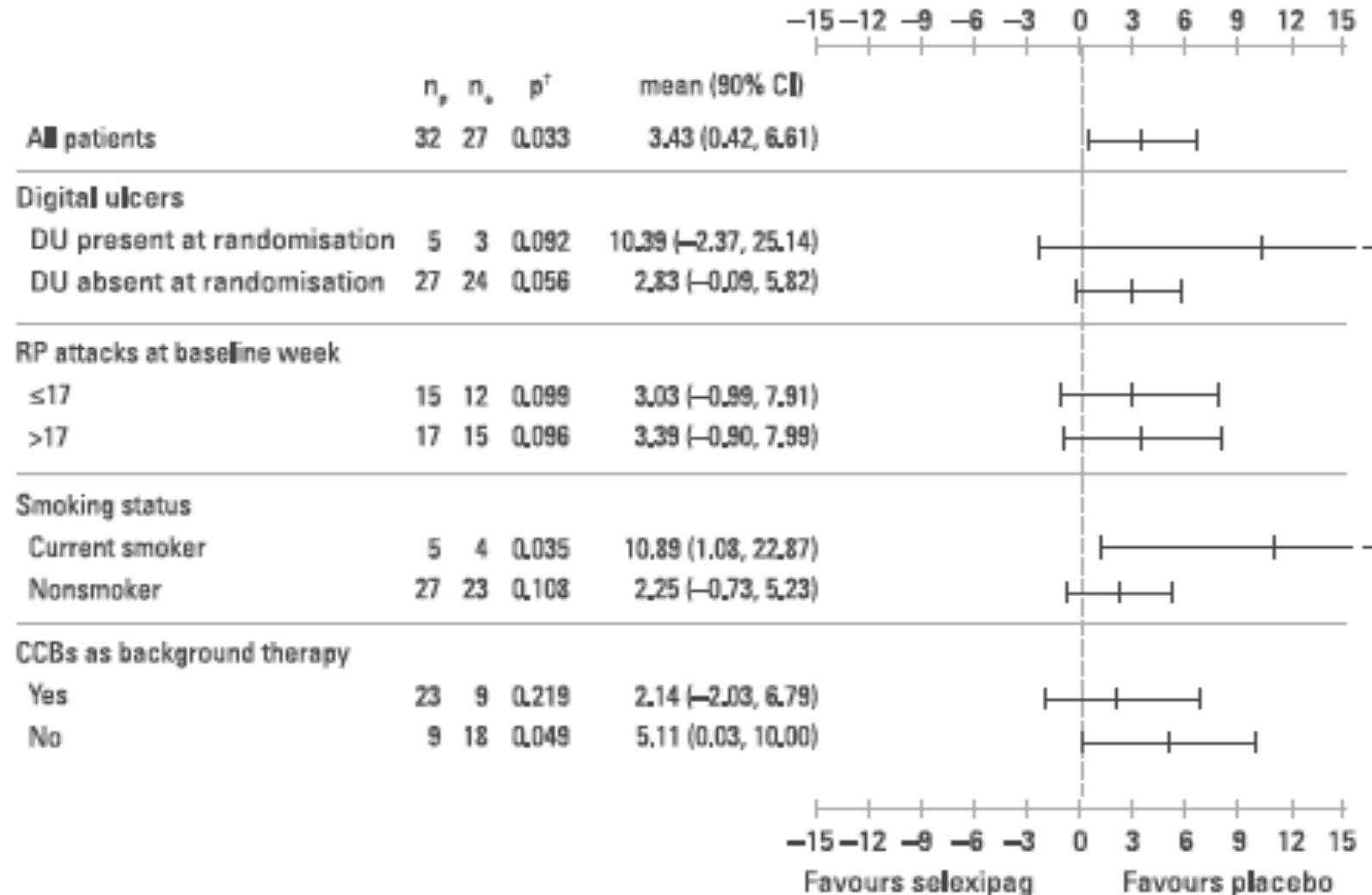


# Efficacy and Safety of Selexipag in Adults With Raynaud's Phenomenon Secondary to Systemic Sclerosis

A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Phase II Study

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# Selexipag et SSc : résultats d'un essai de phase 2



# Pomalidomide in Patients with Interstitial Lung Disease due to Systemic Sclerosis: A Phase II, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Parallel-group Study

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for SSc (18) and had dcSSc (19). Patients were included if they were age >18 years, had disease duration of <3 years since the first SSc-related symptom other than Raynaud's phenomenon (RP), and had a baseline MRSS of ≥16. Patients were excluded if their

**Results.** Mean change at Week 52 from baseline in predicted FVC% -5.2 and -2.8; mRSS -2.7 and -3.7; and UCLA Scleroderma Clinical Trial Consortium Gastrointestinal Tract (SCTC GIT 2.0) score 0.1 and 0.0, with POM and PBO, respectively. Statistical significance was not achieved for any of these 3 primary endpoints at 52 weeks.



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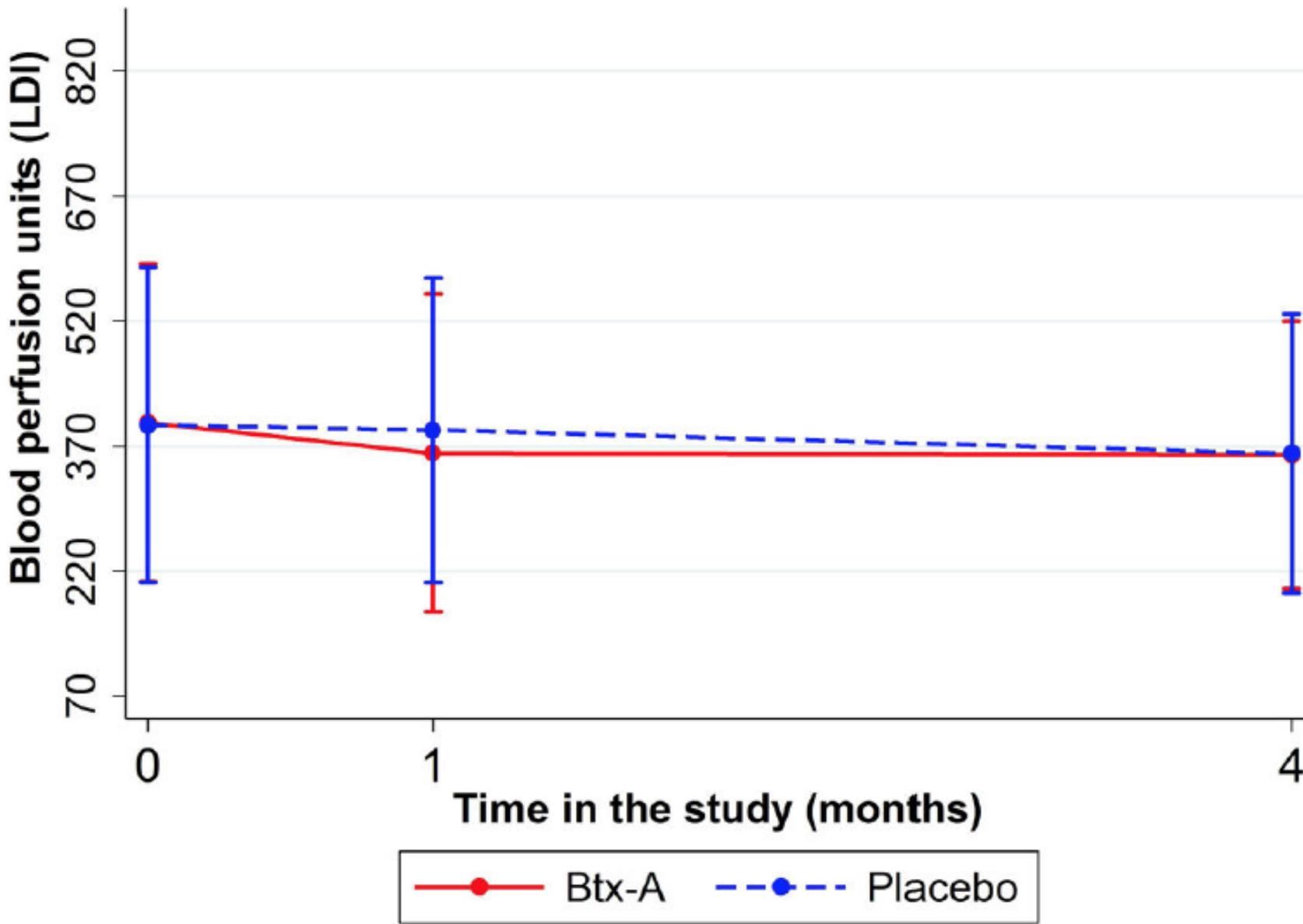
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## The Therapeutic Efficacy of Botulinum Toxin in Treating Scleroderma-Associated Raynaud's Phenomenon:

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Clinical Trial Assessing

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# Quel critère principal: CVF, CRISS?

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# Traitement de la SSc: de nombreux candidats

Candidate therapy	Target pathway	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Macitentan</li><li>• Zibotentan</li><li>• Selexipag</li><li>• Riociguat</li></ul>	<p>ET<sub>A</sub>/ET<sub>B</sub> receptor ET<sub>A</sub> receptor IP receptor agonist Guanylate cyclase agonist</p>	Vascular
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rituximab</li><li>• Basiliximab</li><li>• Tocilizumab</li><li>• Abatacept</li><li>• Rilonacept</li><li>• Pomalidomide</li><li>• Hyperimmune caprine serum anti-inflammatory</li></ul>	<p>CD20 IL-2Ra IL-6R CTLA4 IL-1 ligand anti-inflammatory</p>	Inflammatory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dasatinib, Nilotinib</li><li>• GC-1008</li><li>• FG-3019</li><li>• P144</li><li>• BIBF1120</li><li>• Anti-integrin antibodies</li><li>• LPA1 antagonists Inhibit myofibroblast differentiation</li><li>• Cannabinoid receptor blockade</li><li>• Terguride</li><li>• Riociguat</li></ul>	<p>c-Abl, c-Kit, PDGF TGF-<math>\beta</math>1, -<math>\beta</math>2, -<math>\beta</math>3 CTGF ligand TGF-<math>\beta</math> ligand (topical) VEGF, bFGF, PDGF Blocking <math>\alpha_v</math> integrin activation of TGF-<math>\beta</math> Attenuate CB2 mediated fibrosis Serotonin (5HT) receptor inhibition Guanylate cyclase agonist</p>	Fibrotic