

# Stratégies thérapeutiques de l'HTP thromboembolique chronique

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# Tailored management of CTEPH according to the type of lesions

## Proximal fibrotic lesions:

Main, lobar, segmental pulmonary arteries

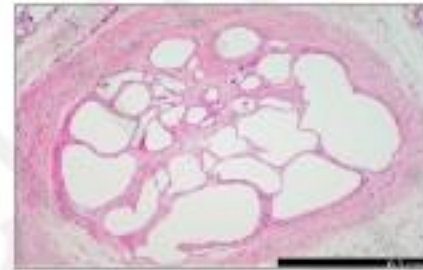


PEA

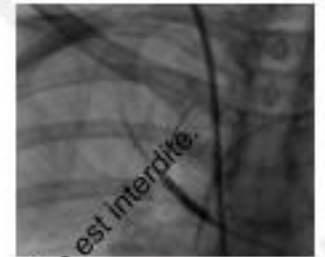


## Distal fibrotic lesions:

Sub-segmental and more distal PA up to 3 mm diameter



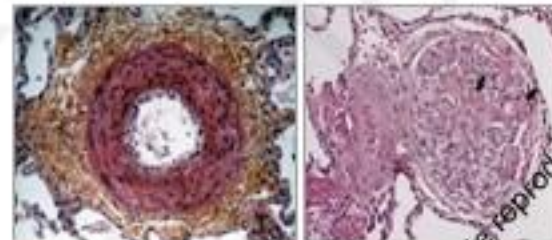
BPA



## Small vessels disease

(similar to those found in IPAH):

Thickening of small PA wall (0.1 to 0.5 mm diameter)

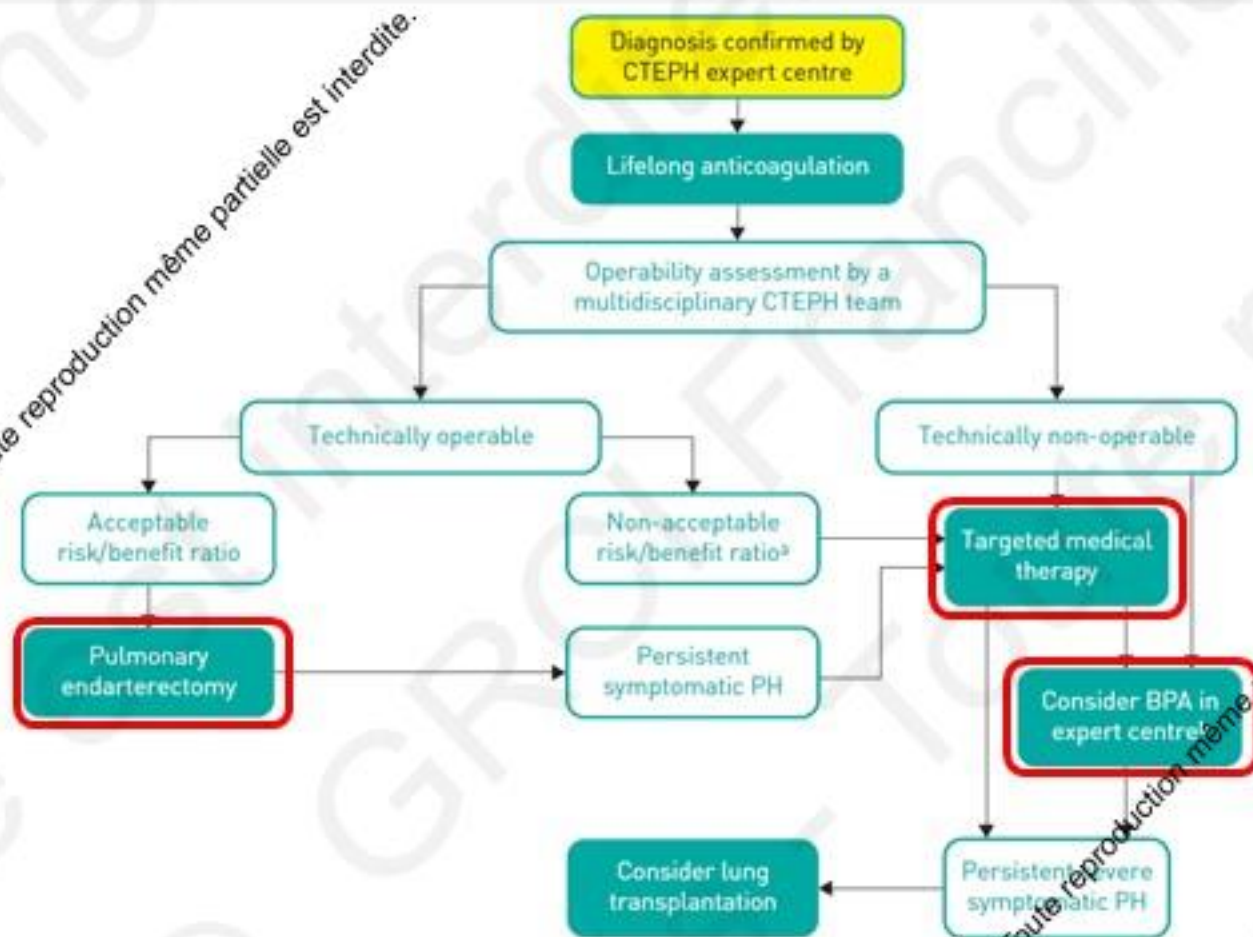


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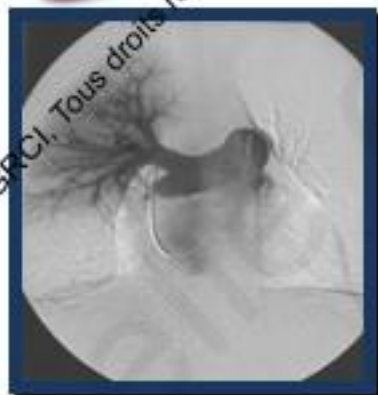
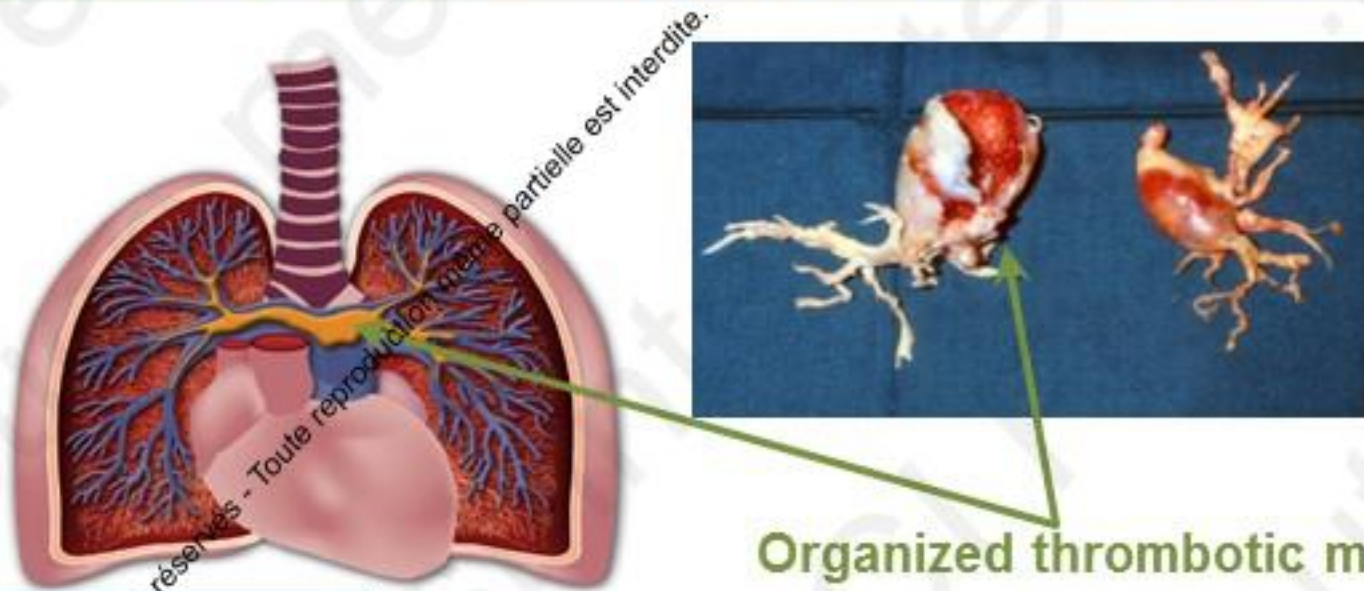
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## Combining different treatment modalities in CTEPH

- Current modalities for the treatment of CTEPH
  - Surgery (PEA)
  - Angioplasty (BPA)
  - Medical therapy (PAH-targeted drugs)
- Combined modalities
  - PEA + medical treatment
    - before surgery ("bridging therapy")
    - after surgery ("persistent PH")
  - BPA + medical treatment
  - PEA + BPA

# Pulmonary endarterectomy (PEA) is the treatment of choice for operable patients with CTEPH



- Presence of proximal lesions
- Good correlation between obstruction and level of PVR
- No comorbidities

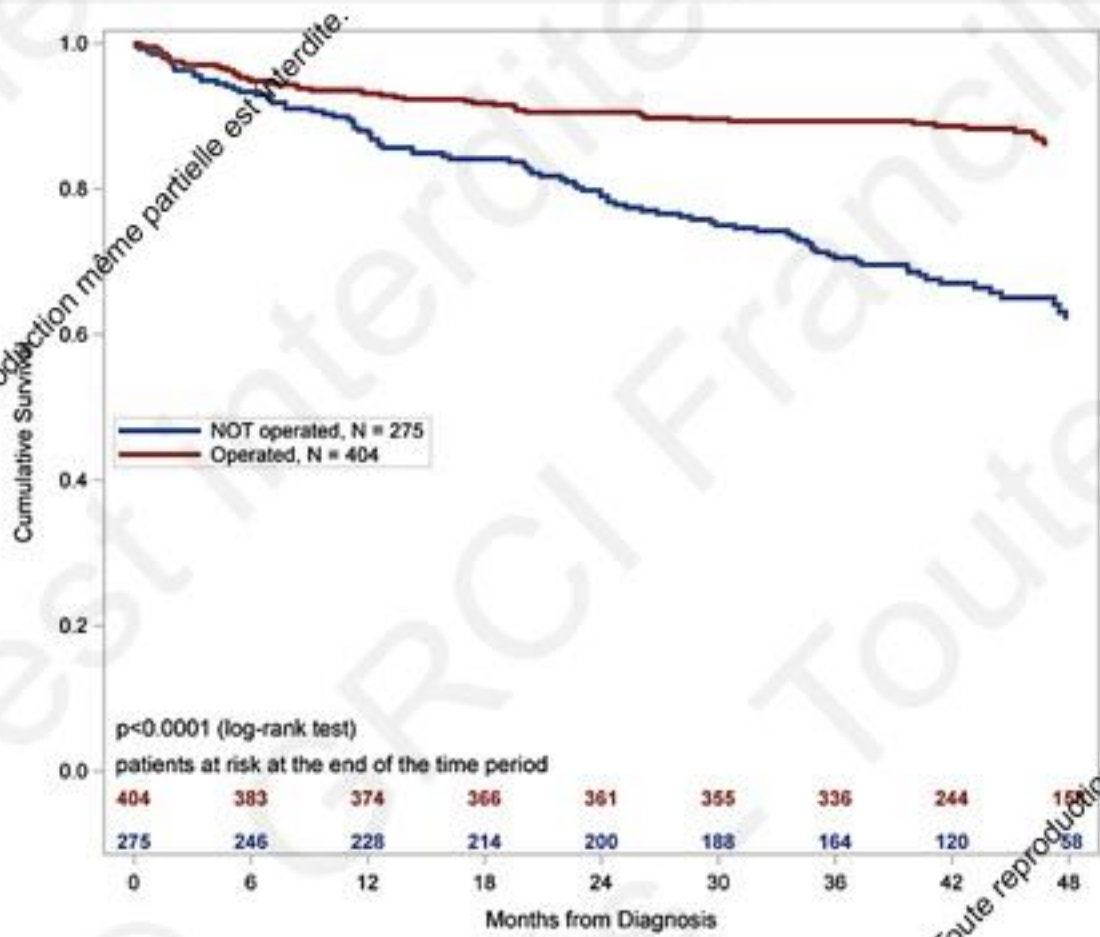
## PEA outcomes: major haemodynamic improvement

Study	N	Before PEA PVR (dyn.s.cm <sup>-5</sup> )	After PEA PVR (dyn.s.cm <sup>-5</sup> )	Treatment effect
Corsico AG, et al. <i>AJRCCM</i> 2008	157	1140	349	-69%
Freed DH <i>JTCVS</i> 2011	314	805	301	-63%
Madani MM <i>Ann Thorac Surg</i> 2012	500	719	253	-65%
Mayer E <i>JTCVS</i> 2012	386	698	235	-66%
Skoro-Sajer N <i>Thorax</i> 2014	110	770	280	-64%
Cannon JE <i>Circulation</i> 2016	880	830	317	-62%

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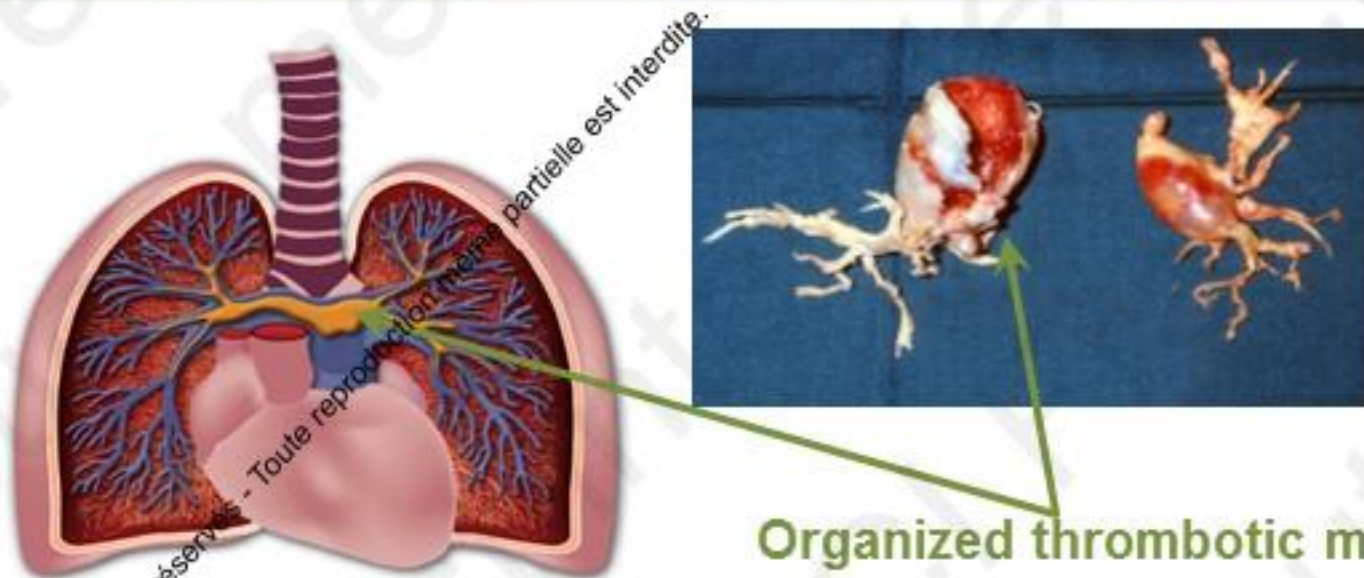
# Survival in operated and not-operated CTEPH patients



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Organized thrombotic material

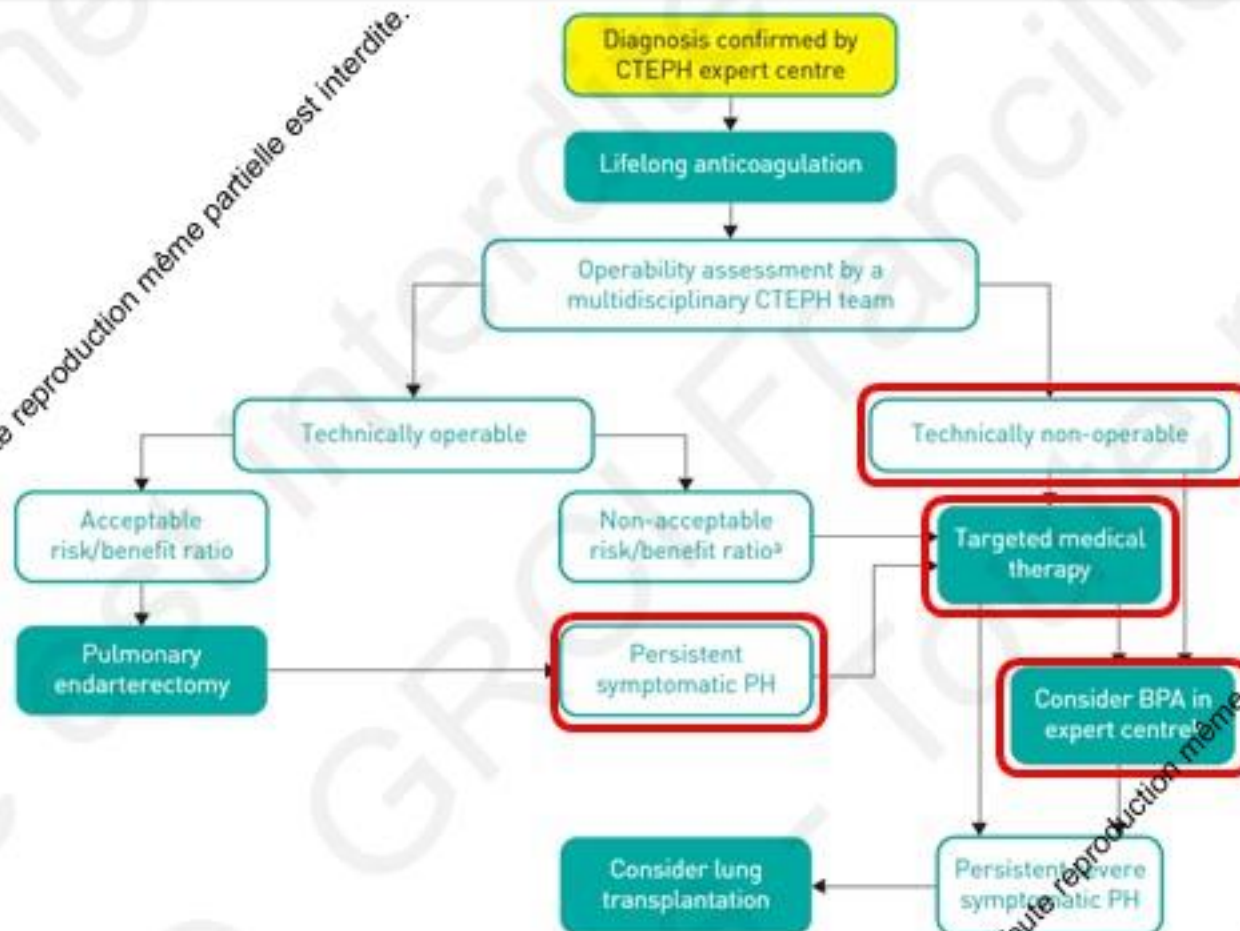
- Peri-operative mortality <5% in experienced centers but increasing when pre-operative  $PVR > 800-1200 \text{ dyn.s.cm}^{-5}$  (1,2)
- 35–40% are not amenable for PEA (distal lesions, comorbidities)
- Some patients have persistent PH after PEA

## Persistent / residual PH following PEA

- Due to incomplete resection, distal vasculopathy, inaccessible lesions, or re-occlusion
- Most important cause of postoperative morbidity and mortality
- No consensus on the definition

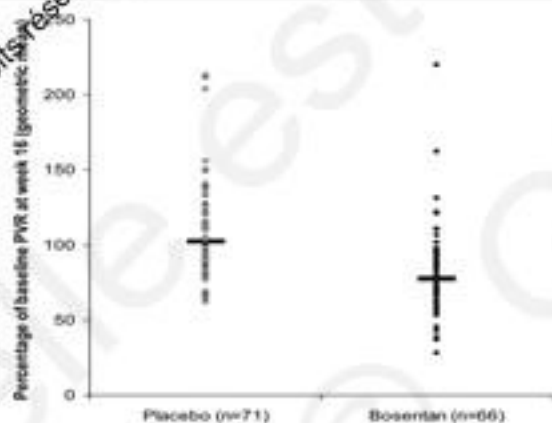
Reference	N	Criteria	Prevalence
Mayer E, <i>J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg</i> 2011	386	mPAP >25 mmHg end ICU	17%
Freed DH, <i>J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg</i> 2011	314	mPAP >30 mmHg at 3 mo	31%
Madani MM, <i>Ann Thorac Surg</i> 2012	500	PVR >500 dyn.s.cm <sup>-5</sup> end ICU	6%
Skoro-Sayer N, <i>Circulation</i> 2009	103	PVR >550 dyn.s.cm <sup>-5</sup> end ICU	14%
Corsico AG, <i>Am J Respir Crit Care Med</i> 2008	157	PVR >500 dyn.s.cm <sup>-5</sup> at 4	24%

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## RCT with bosentan in CTEPH

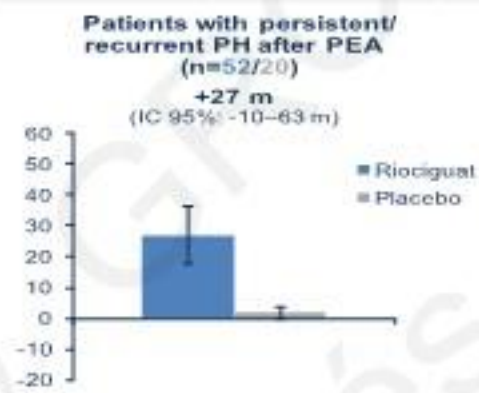
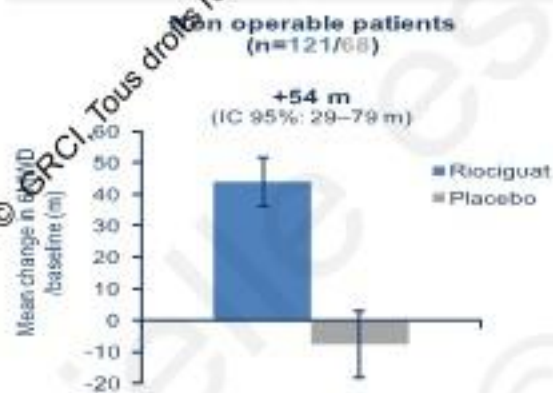
	Treatment	Patients (n)	Study duration	Primary endpoint	Secondary endpoints
BENEFIT	Bosentan vs placebo	157 Inoperable (n=113) Persistent PH after PEA (n=44)	16 wks	$\Delta$ PVR -24% (p=0.0001)  $\Delta$ 6-MWD +2.2 m (p=0.54)	<b>Positive:</b> TPR; CI; Borg scale; $\Delta$ NT-pro-BNP  <b>Negative:</b> FC; TTCW; QoL (SF-36)



FC: Functional class; 6-MWD: 6-min walk distance; CI: Cardiac Index; NT-pro-BNP: N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide; QoL: Quality of Life; TPR: Total Pulmonary Resistance pulmonary; PVR: Pulmonary Vascular Resistance; TTCW: Time to clinical worsening

# RCT with riociguat in CTEPH

	Treatment	Patients (n)	Study duration	Primary endpoint	Secondary endpoints
CHEST	Riociguat vs placebo	261 Inoperable (n=189) Persistent PH after PEA (n=72)	16 wks	$\Delta$ 6MWD <b>+46 m</b> (95%CI: 25-67m) <b>(p&lt;0.0001)</b>	<b>Positive:</b> PVR; NT-pro-BNP; FC; Borg scale; QoL (ED-Q5)  <b>Negative:</b> TTCW; QoL (LPH)



FC: Functional class; 6-MWD: 6-min walk distance; NT-pro-BNP: N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide; QoL: Quality of Life; PVR: Pulmonary Vascular Resistance; TTCW: Time to clinical worsening; LPH: Living with PH questionnaire; ED-Q5: EuroQol five dimensions questionnaire.

## RCT with macitentan in CTEPH

	Treatment	Patients (n)	Study duration	Primary endpoint	Secondary endpoints
MERIT-1	Macitentan* vs placebo*	80  All Inoperable	24 wks	$\Delta$ PVR at week 16 -16%  (p=0.04)	Positive: $\Delta$ 6MWD at week 24 <b>+34 M (p=0.03)</b> $\Delta$ CI at week 16; $\Delta$ NT-pro-BNP at week 24  Negative: FC; Borg scale

\*At baseline, 61% of patients were receiving PAH targeted therapy:

- 96% were on PDE-5i
- 24% were on oral /inhaled prostanoids

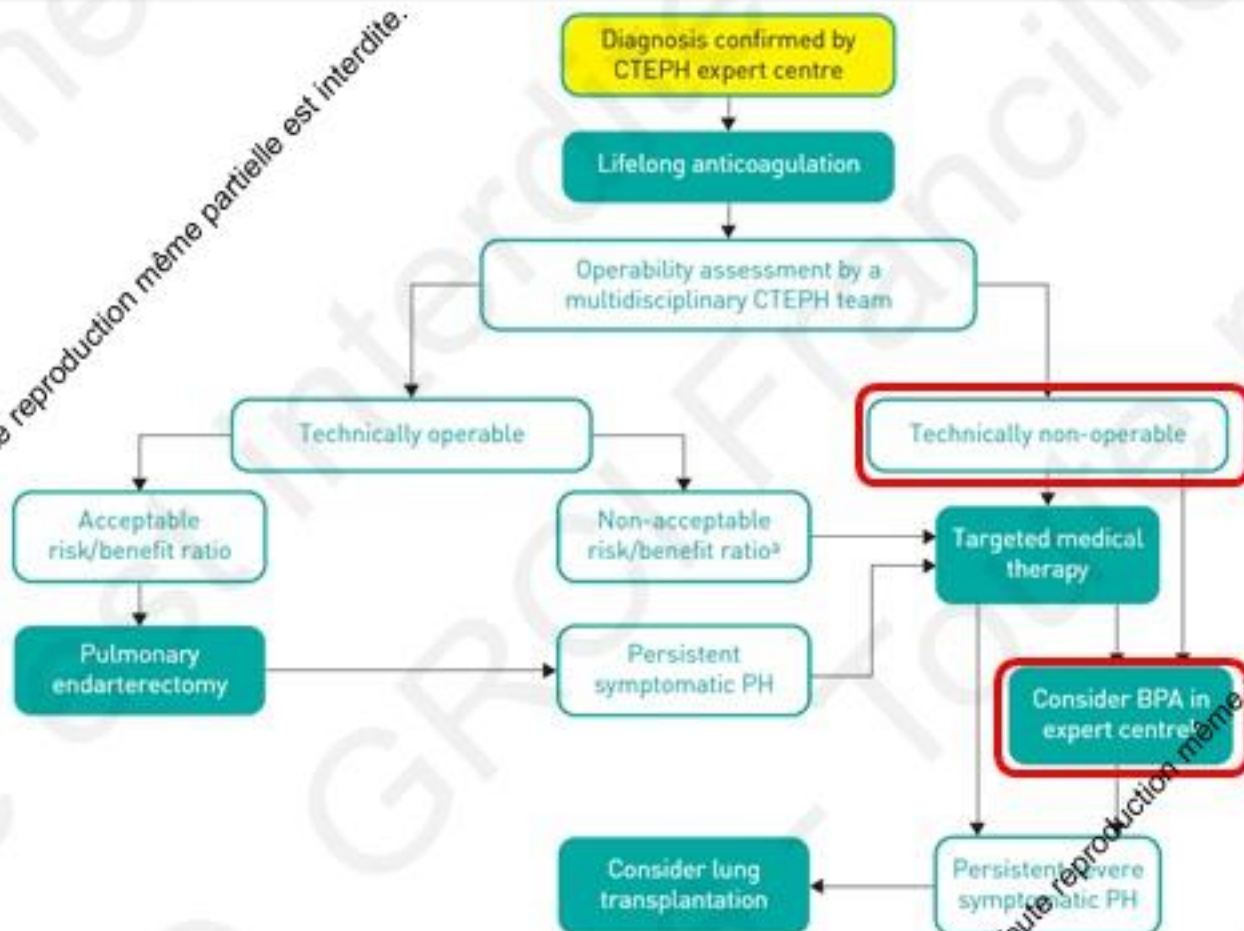
FC: Functional class; 6-MWD: 6-min walk distance; CI: Cardiac Index; NT-pro-BNP: N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide; PVR: Pulmonary Vascular Resistance.

## Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) in inoperable CTEPH or persistent PH after surgery

Study	Drug	Patients (n)	Inoperable / Persistent PH post PEA (%)	Study duration	Primary endpoint	Primary EP met	Secondary EP met
BENEFIT	Bosentan <sup>1</sup>	157	72 / 28	16 weeks	6-MWD PVR	No Yes	(TTCW) No
-	Sildenafil <sup>2</sup>	71	53 / 47	12 weeks	6-MWD	No	(PVR) Yes
CHEST-1	Riociguat <sup>3</sup>	261	72 / 28	16 weeks	6-MWD	Yes	(PVR) Yes (TTCW) No
MERIT-1	Macitentan <sup>4</sup>	80	100 / 0	24 weeks	PVR	Yes	(6-MWD) Yes

- 4 RCTs showed beneficial effects of PAH medications on hemodynamics in inoperable CTEPH but only 2 demonstrated an improvement in 6-MWD (MERIT-1 and CHEST-1)
- No effect on TTCW
- Only one approved medical therapy (riociguat) for inoperable CTEPH or residual postoperative PH

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## Balloon pulmonary angioplasty (BPA) series

Author	Year	Study	Patients (n)	Medical treatment before BPA
Kataoka	2012	Prospective	29	100%
Mizoguchi	2012	Observational	68	100%
Andreassen	2013	Observational	20	10%
Inami	2014	Retrospective	136	85%
Taniguchi	2014	Retrospective	29	100%
Fukui	2014	Retrospective	20	75%
Aoki	2016	Prospective	24	92%
Roik	2016	Prospective	11	66%
Inami	2016	Retrospective	170	91%
Kurzyna	2017	Observational	56	80%
Ogo	2017	Retrospective	80	61%
Ogawa	2017	Retrospective	308	72%

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## Haemodynamic effects of BPA

	N	Before BPA PVR (dyn.s.cm <sup>-5</sup> )	After BPA PVR (dyn.s.cm <sup>-5</sup> )	Treatment effect
Mizoguchi, 2012	8	942±367	327±151	-65%
Sugimura, 2012	12	672±236	310±73	-54%
Andreassen, 2013	20	704±320	472±288	-33%
Fukui, 2014	20	889±365	490±201	-45%
Taniguchi, 2014	29	763±308	284±128	-63%
Aoki, 2016	24	517	268	-48%
Ogawa, 2017	308	854±451	360±222	-58%

## Complications of BPA

- Complications after BPA are frequent (10% of sessions and 38% of patients)
- Main complications are pulmonary artery injuries: PA ruptures, PA dissection, PA perforations, Pulmonary injury (mortality≈1%)
- Correlation between the rate of complications and hemodynamic severity

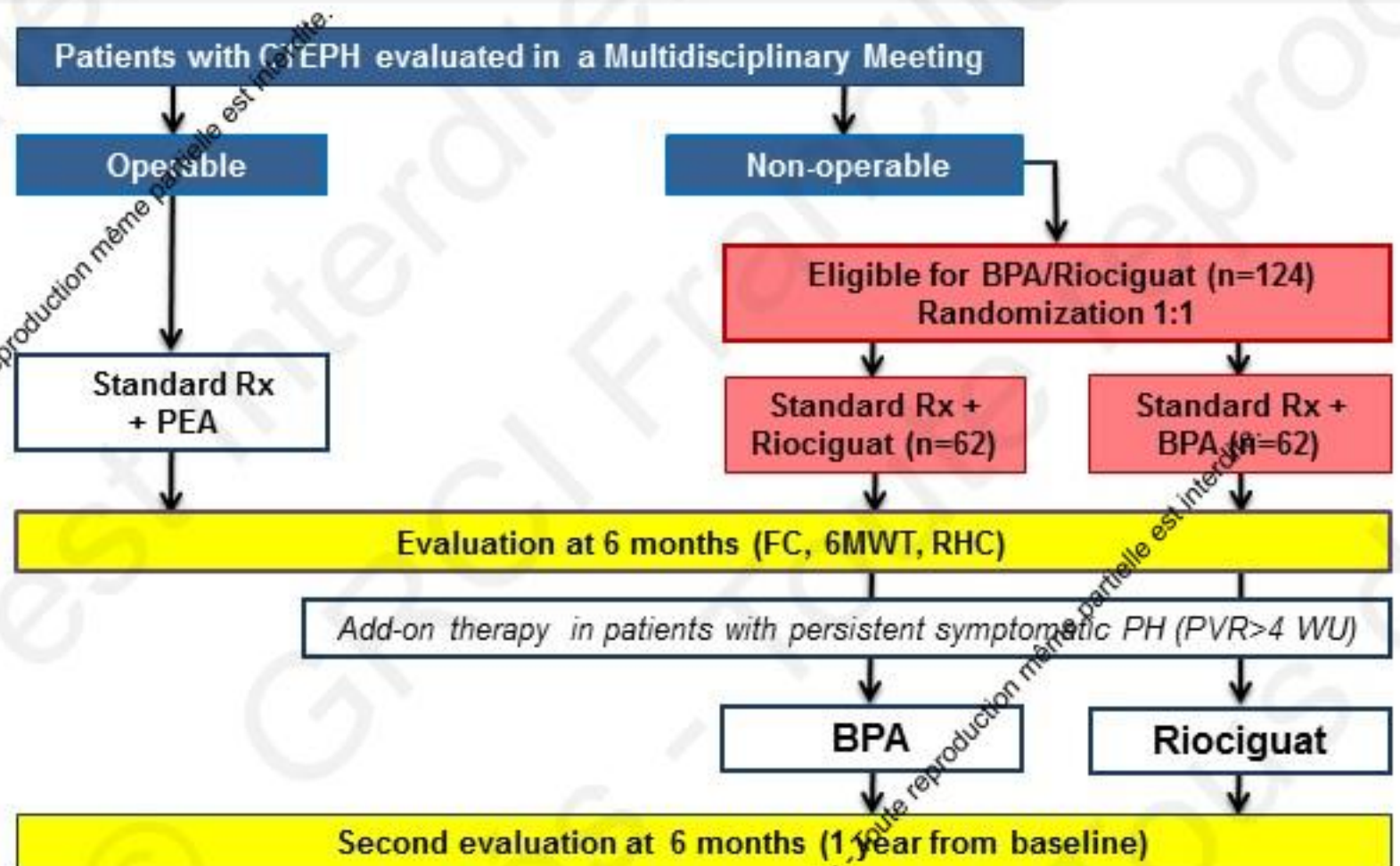
Inami et al (1)	Pulmonary injury +	Pulmonary injury -	p
mPAP (mmHg)	42 (38-50)	33 (28-41)	0,0001
PVR (WU)	9,2 (7-14,6)	6,1 (3,9-8,7)	0,0001
CI (L/min/m <sup>2</sup> )	2,5 (1,9-2,7)	2,6 (2,4-3,3)	0,006

(1) Inami T et al, *Int J Cardiol* 2016; (2) Inami T et al, *JACC Cardiovasc Interv* 2015.

## **RACE** study: **R**iociguat vs balloon pulmonary **A**ngioplasty in non-operable **C**hronic thrombo**E**mbolic pulmonary hypertension

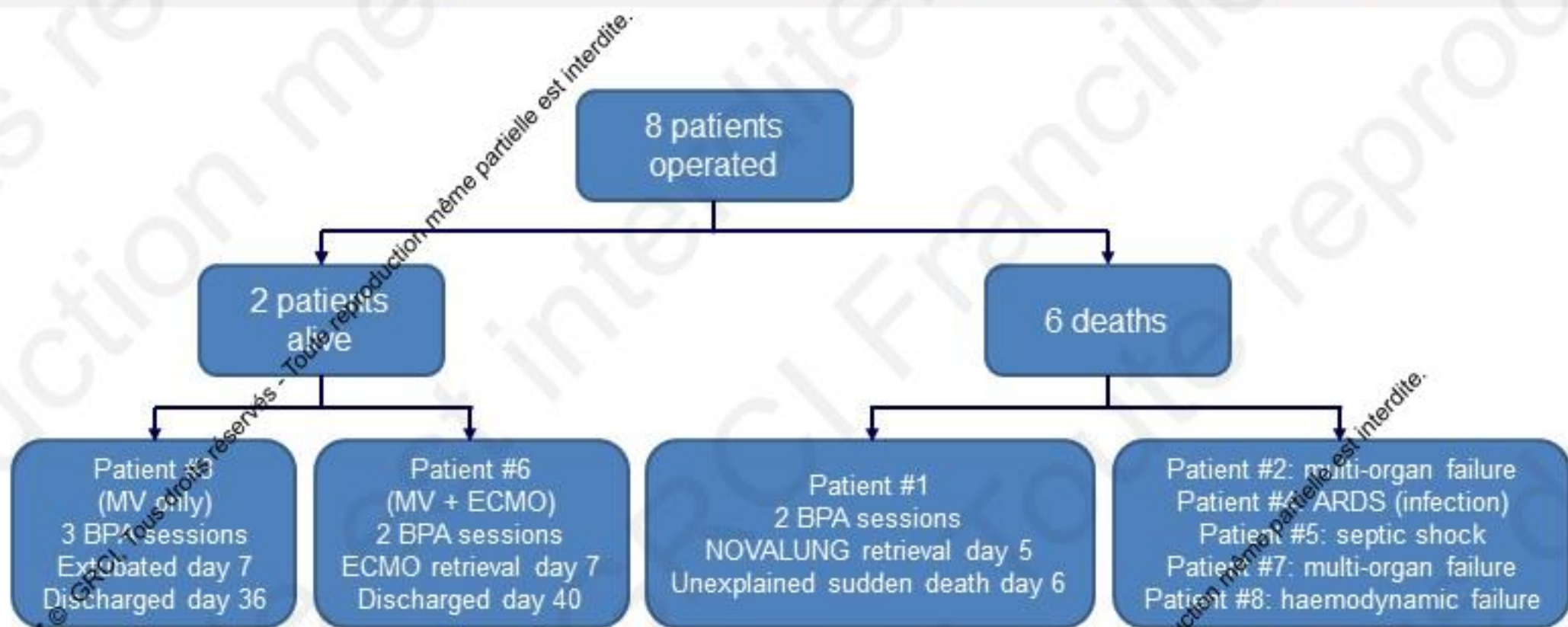
- Multicenter open-label, randomized, parallel groups study to assess the efficacy and safety of riociguat vs BPA in patients with inoperable CTEPH
- 20 PH centres in France / 2 BPA centres
- Primary endpoint
  - Change in PVR at week 26 expressed as a percentage of baseline value
- Hypothesis
  - Decrease by 50% in BPA group and 30% in riociguat group
  - 62 newly diagnosed treatment-naïve patients in each group
- Inclusion period: 3 years

## RACE: Study design



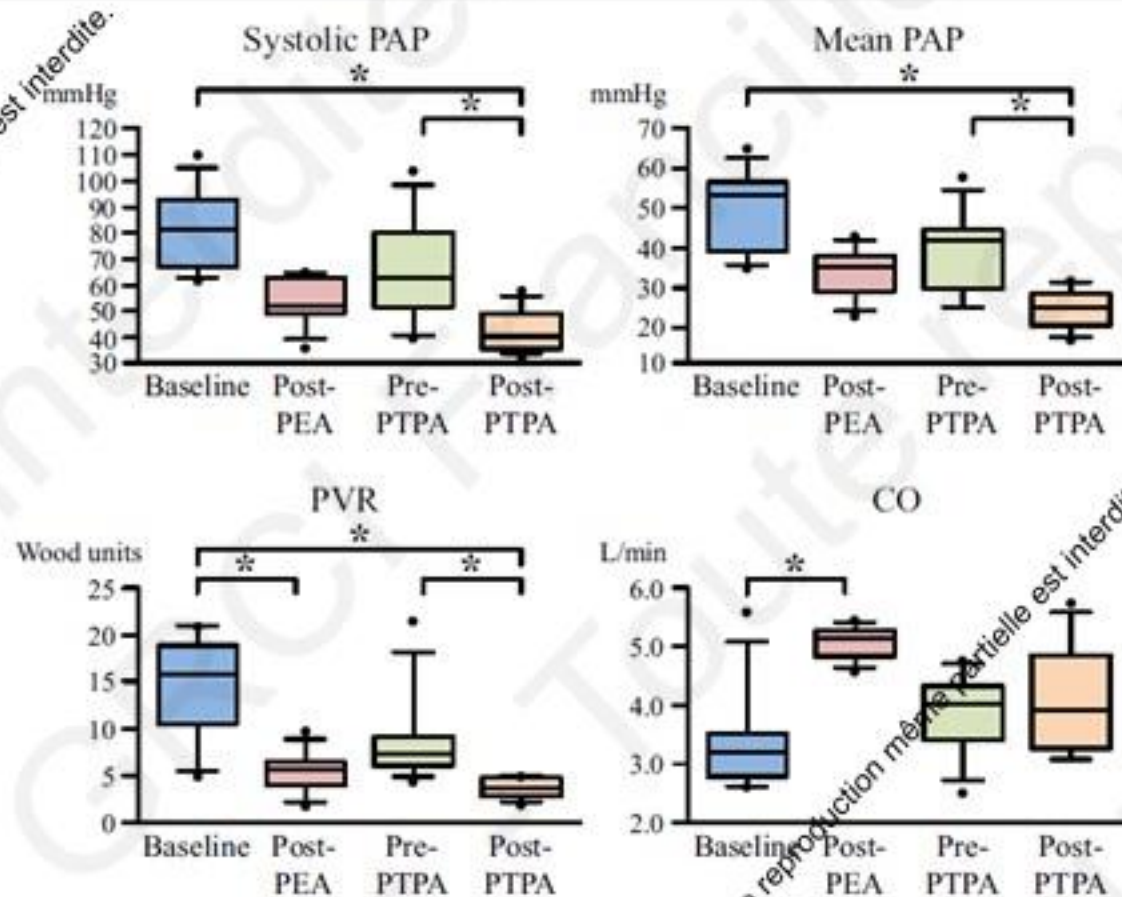
# Rescue BPA after PEA

Paris-Sud University – Marie Lannelongue Hospital experience (n=8)



## BPA a long time after PEA

- n= 9
- 4.1 (2.7-7.9) years after PEA



## Conclusion

- Surgery (PEA) remains the treatment of choice in operable cases.
  - Increased mortality when PVR are elevated ( $> 800 \text{ dyn.s.cm}^{-5}$ )
  - Persistent PH is frequent after surgery
- Medical therapy must be considered in non operable CTEPH or in persistent PH after surgery (riociguat is the only agent approved).
- Balloon pulmonary angioplasty is an appealing technique
  - Medical therapy as a bridge to BPA is widely used despite the absence of RCTs. The RACE study will provide important data.
  - The role of combination of PEA and BPA is more questionable
    - After PEA, "Rescue BPA" immediately after surgery has poor prognosis
    - In contrast, the results of BPA long time after PEA are very encouraging