

Screening of PAH in systemic sclerosis and in *BMPR2* mutation carriers

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3. PH due to lung diseases and/or hypoxia

- 3.1 Obstructive lung disease
- 3.2 Restrictive lung disease
- 3.3 Other lung disease with mixed restrictive/obstructive pattern
- 3.4 Hypoxia without lung disease
- 3.5 Developmental lung disorders (Table P3)

4. PH due to pulmonary artery obstruction

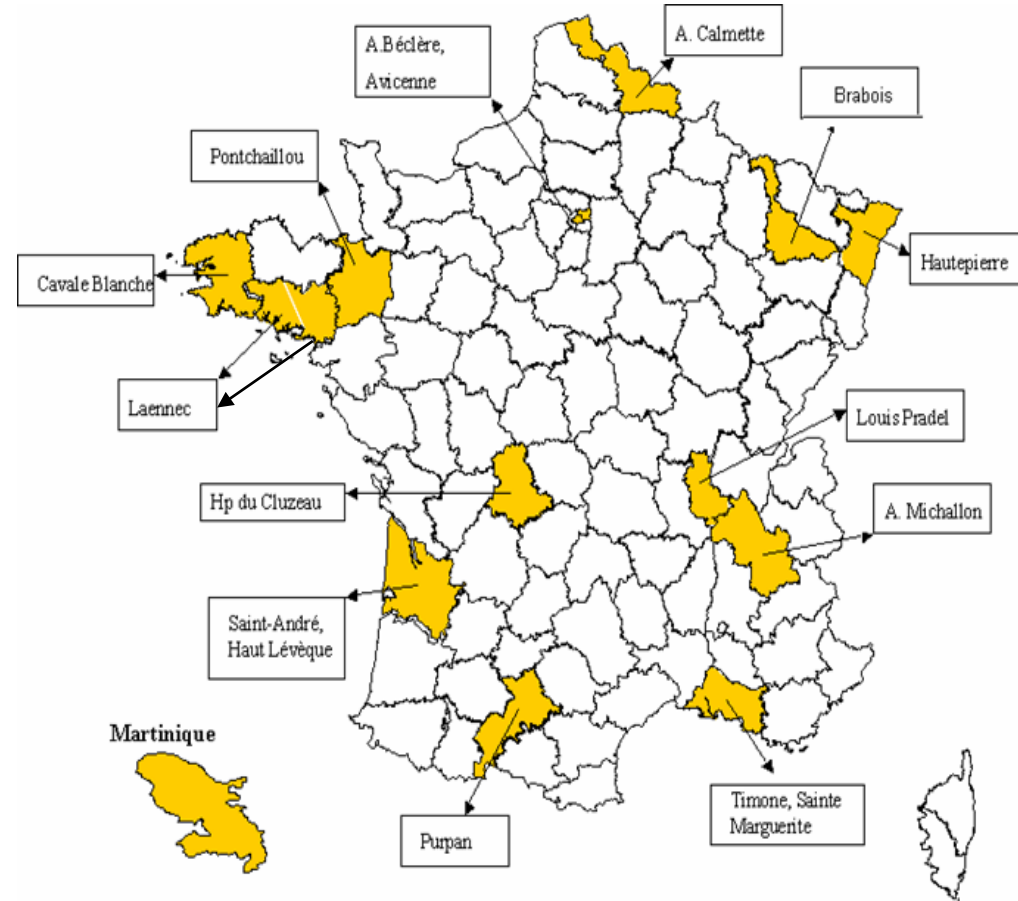
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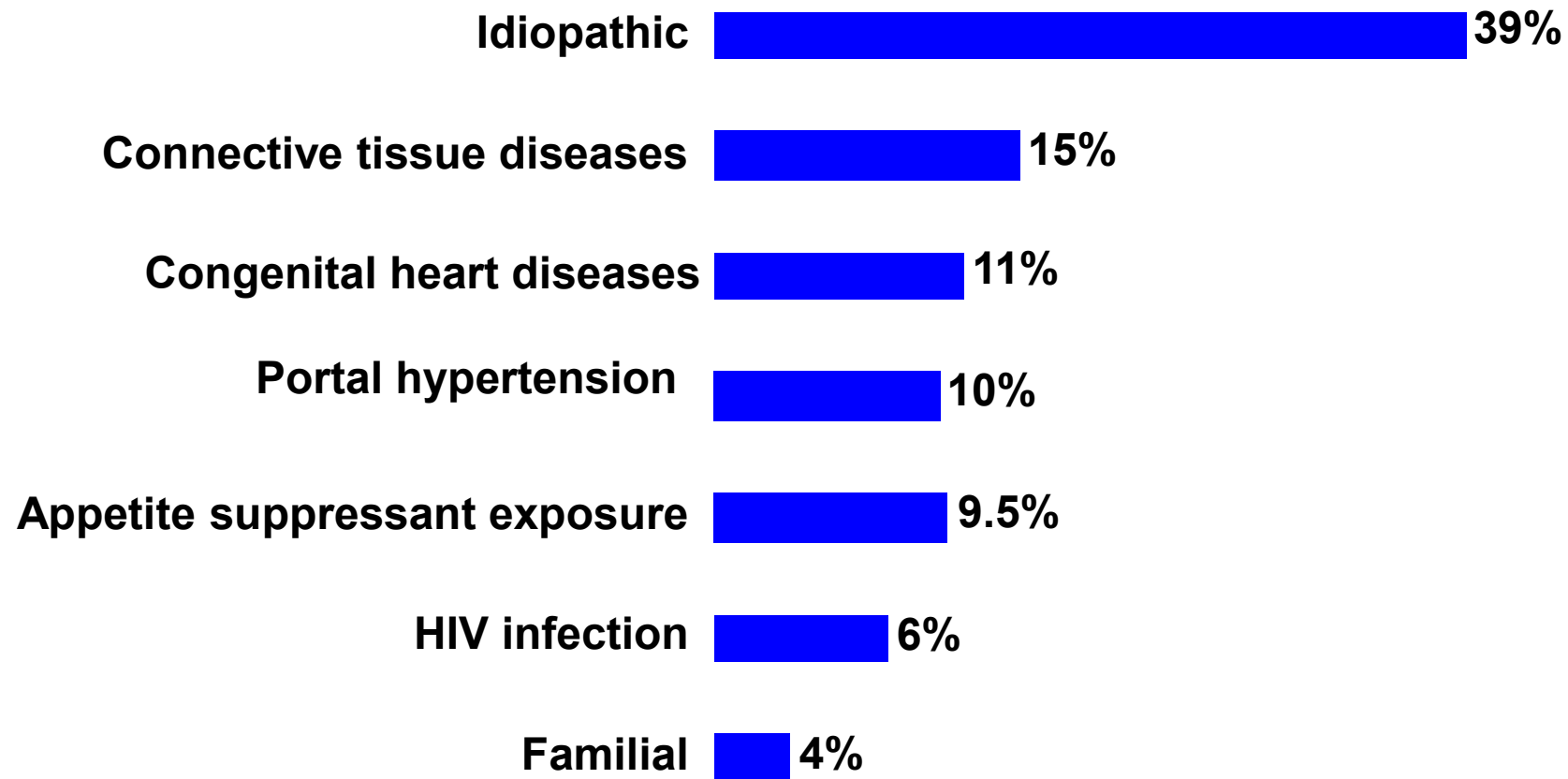
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THE FRENCH PAH REGISTRY

- National registry: 674 patients, 17 medical centres (respiratory medicine, cardiology and internal medicine) spread across France
- Adult patients (>18 years) suffering from PAH (idiopathic, familial or associated conditions)
- Prospective cohort monitored and on-site audits



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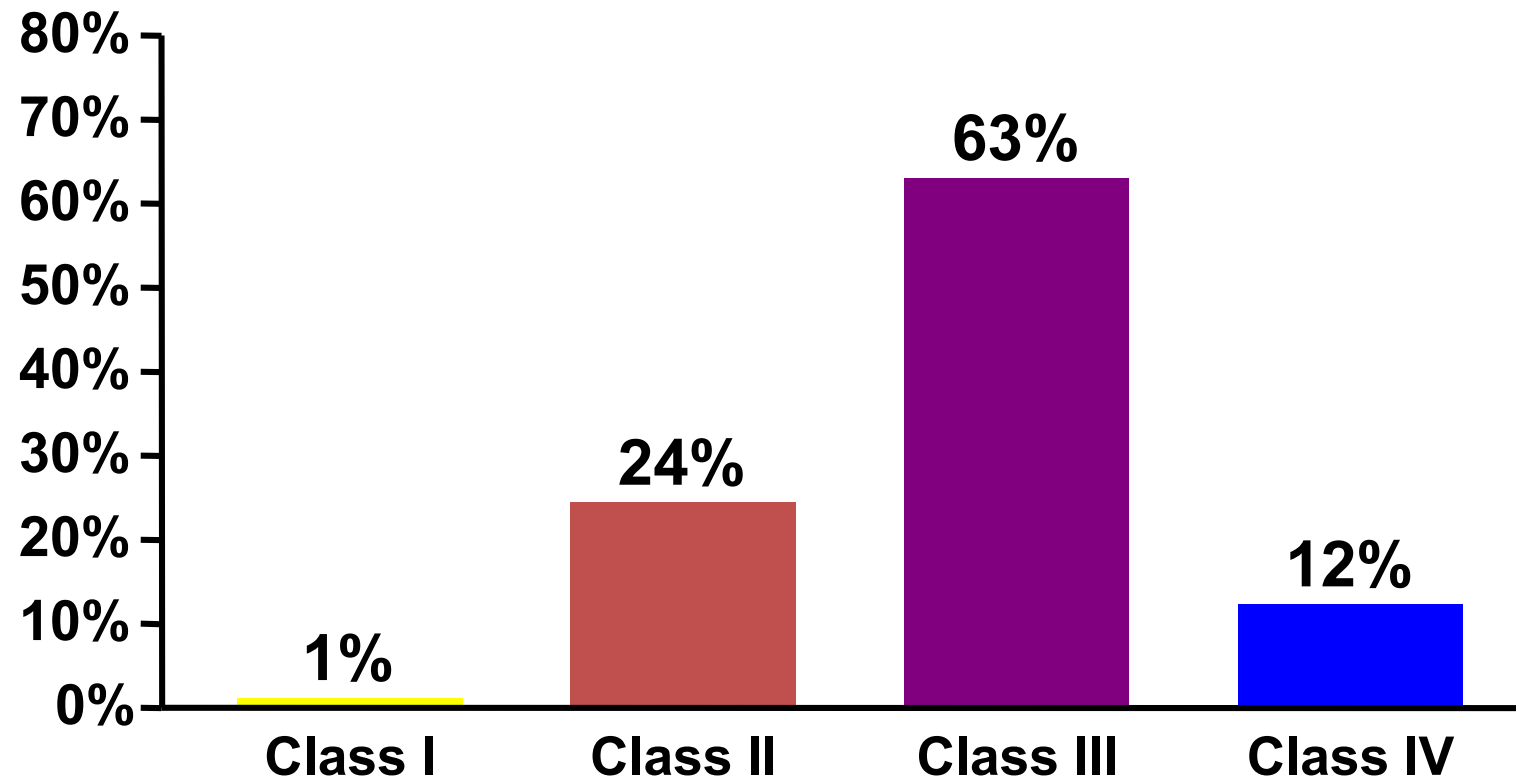


2 RISK FACTORS 4%

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NYHA FUNCTIONAL CLASSES AT DIAGNOSIS

→ Delay between onset of symptoms and diagnosis: 27 months



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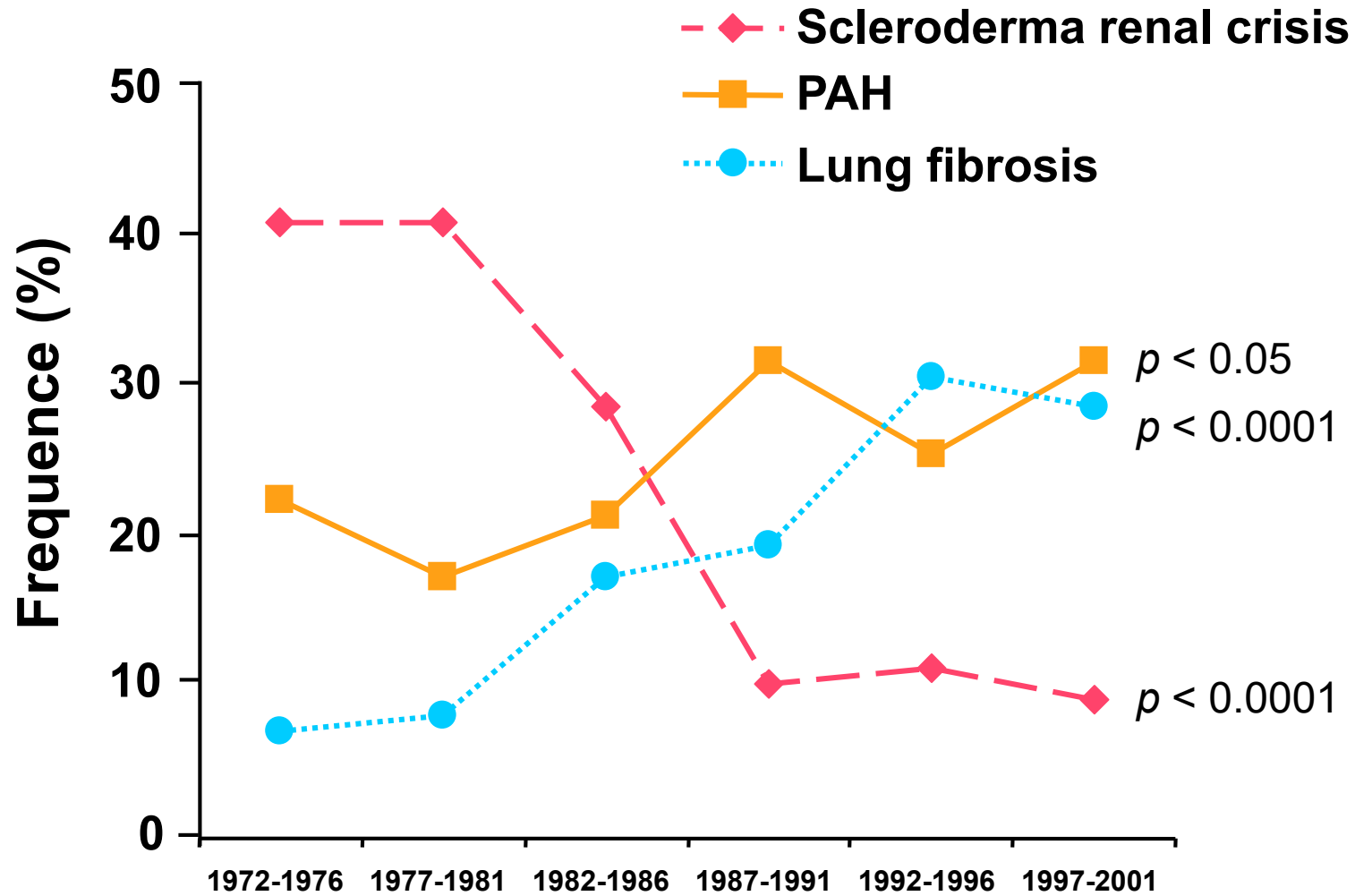
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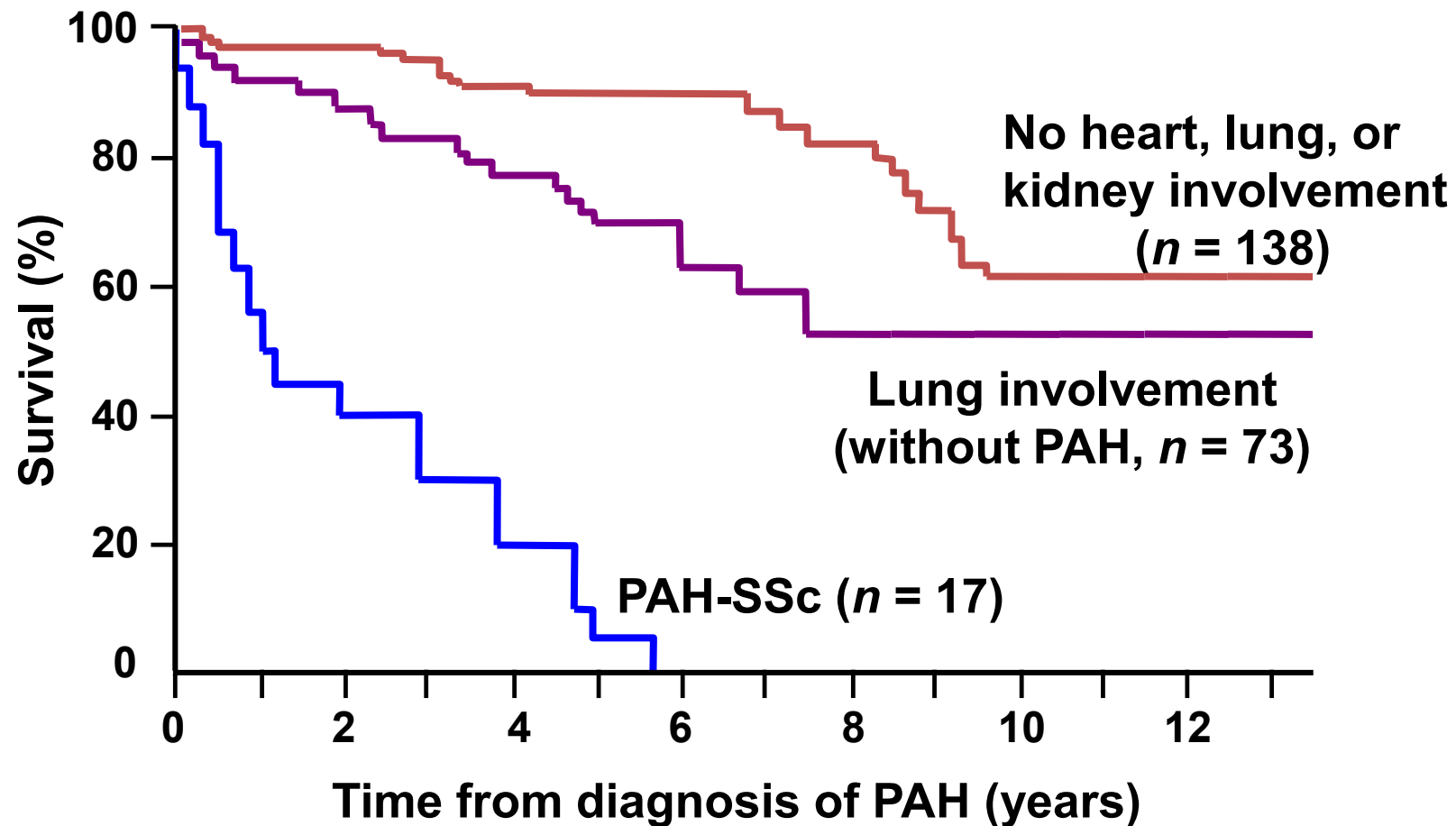
PREVALENCE OF PAH IN SSc

Reference	Methodology	Patients (N)	SSc profile	PAH definition	PAH prevalence
Ungerer 1983 USA	Prospective Monocentric 1973 to 1979	49	Proximal SSc and CREST	Mean PAP $\geq$ 20 mmHg and mean PCWP $\leq$ 12 mmHg (right heart catheterization)	16%
Murata 1992 Japan	Prospective Monocentric 1988 to 1991	71	SSc and MCTD	$V_{IT} \geq 2.5$ m/s Doppler Echo	17%
Battle 1996 USA	Prospective Monocentric	34	Diffuse or limited c SSc	sPAP $\geq$ 30 mmHg Doppler Echo	35%
Koh 1996 Canada	Prospective Monocentric 1978 to 1994	344	Diffuse or limited cutaneous SSc	RHC: PAPm $\geq$ 25 and PCWP $\leq$ 12 mmHg , OR Echo: PsVD > 35 mmHg or RV dilatation, P or T insufficiency, or paradoxical septum motion	4.9%
MacGregor 2001 UK	Prospective Monocentric 1992 to 1997	152	Diffuse or limited c SSc	PAPs > 30 mmHg Doppler Echo	13%
Mukerjee 2003 UK	Prospective Monocentric 1998 to 2002	722	Diffuse or limited c SSc	RHC: mPAP > 25 mmHg at rest or > 30 on exercise, PCWP < 15 mmHg	12 %
Hachulla 2005 France	Prospective Multicentric 2002-3	599	Diffuse or limited c SSc	RHC: mPAP > 25 mmHg at rest or > 30 on exercise, PCWP < 15 mmHg	7.85%

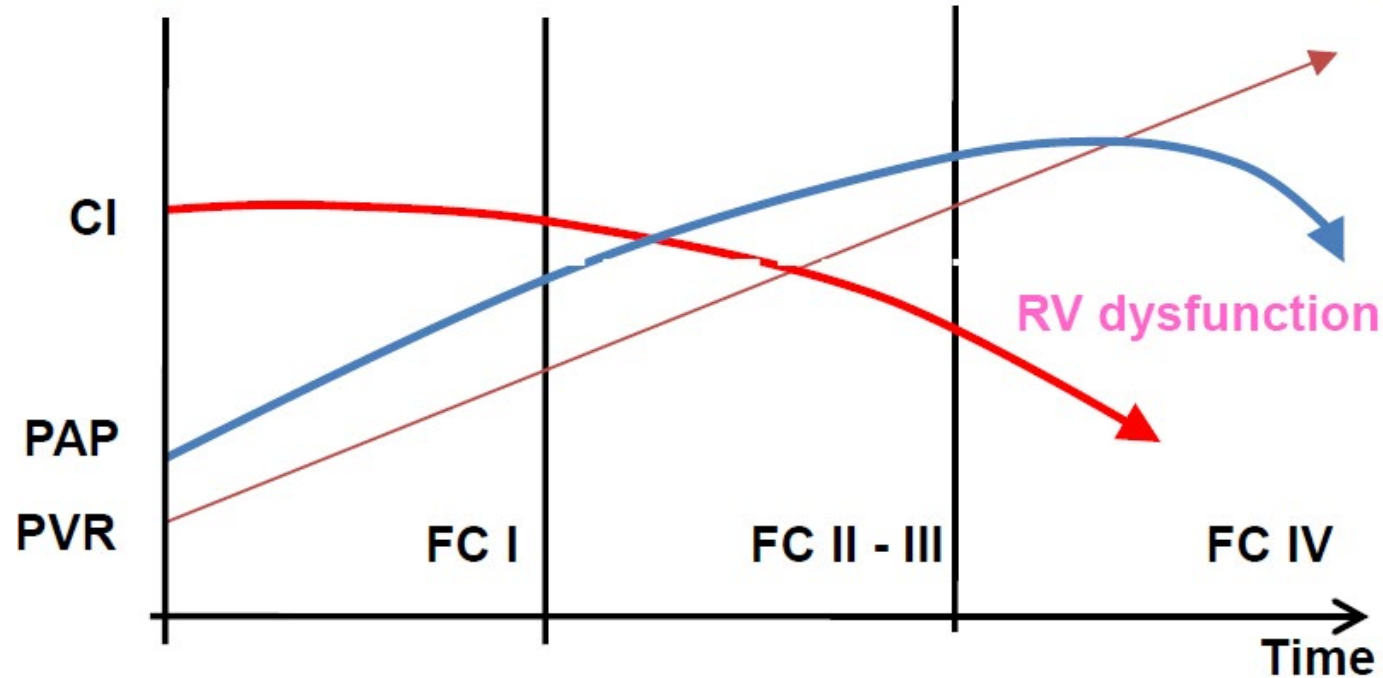
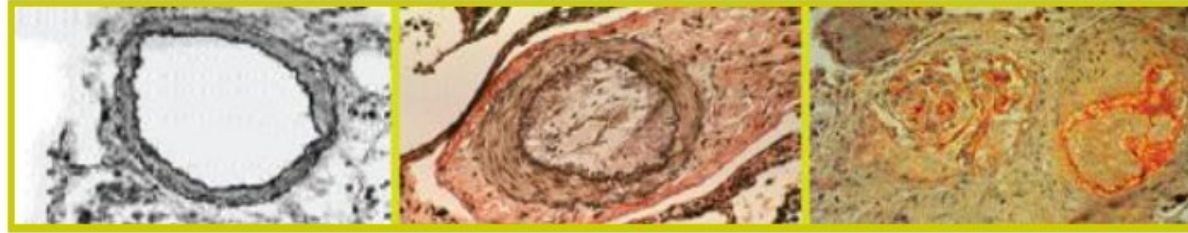
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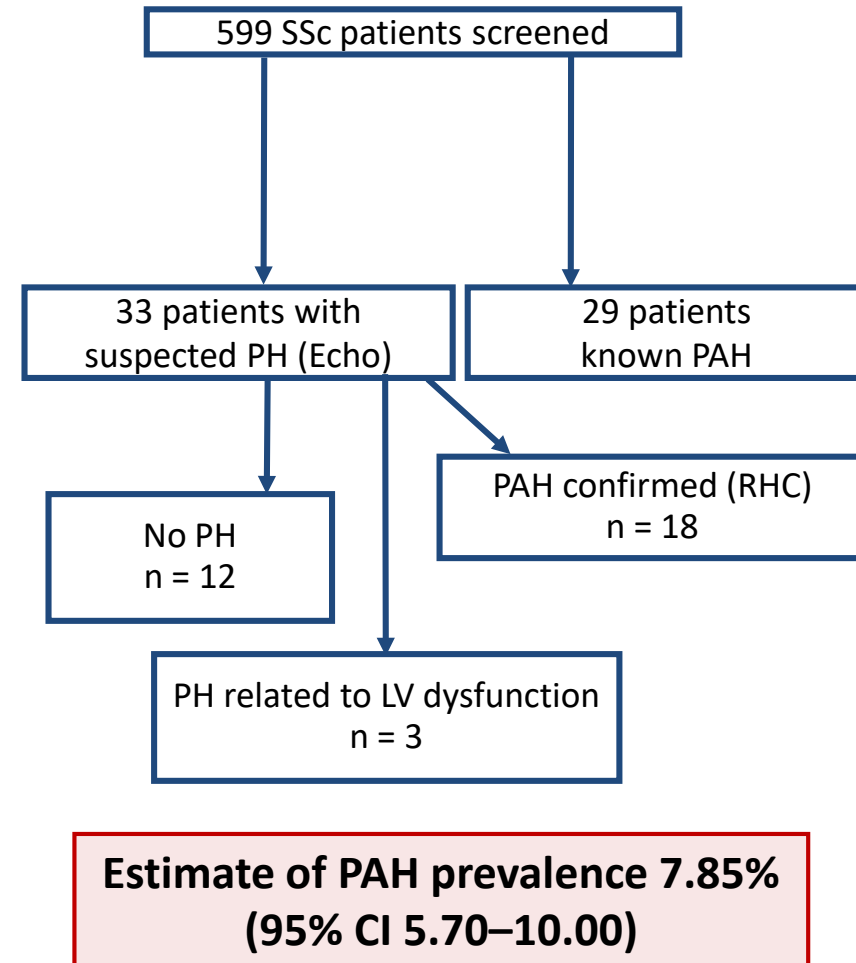
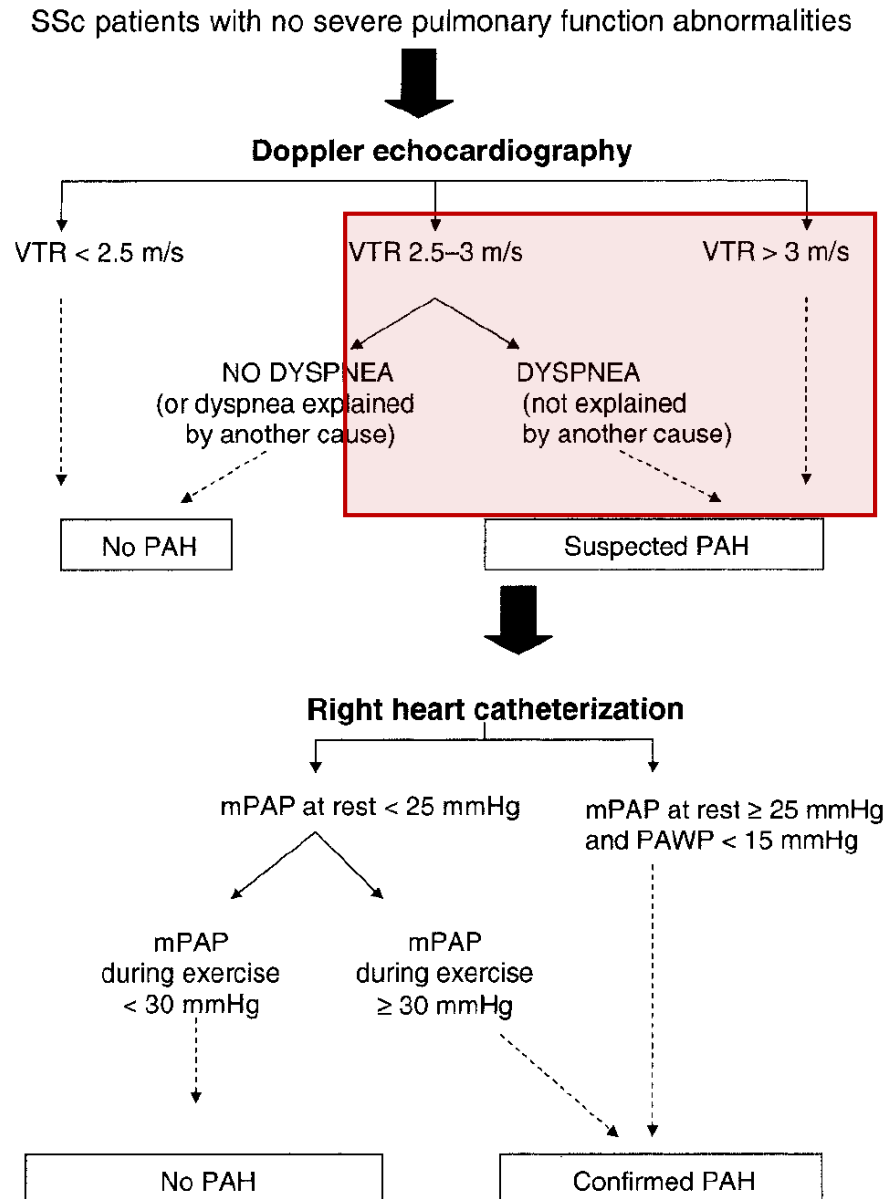


When possible, a PAH screening programme may allow early intervention and improve outcomes



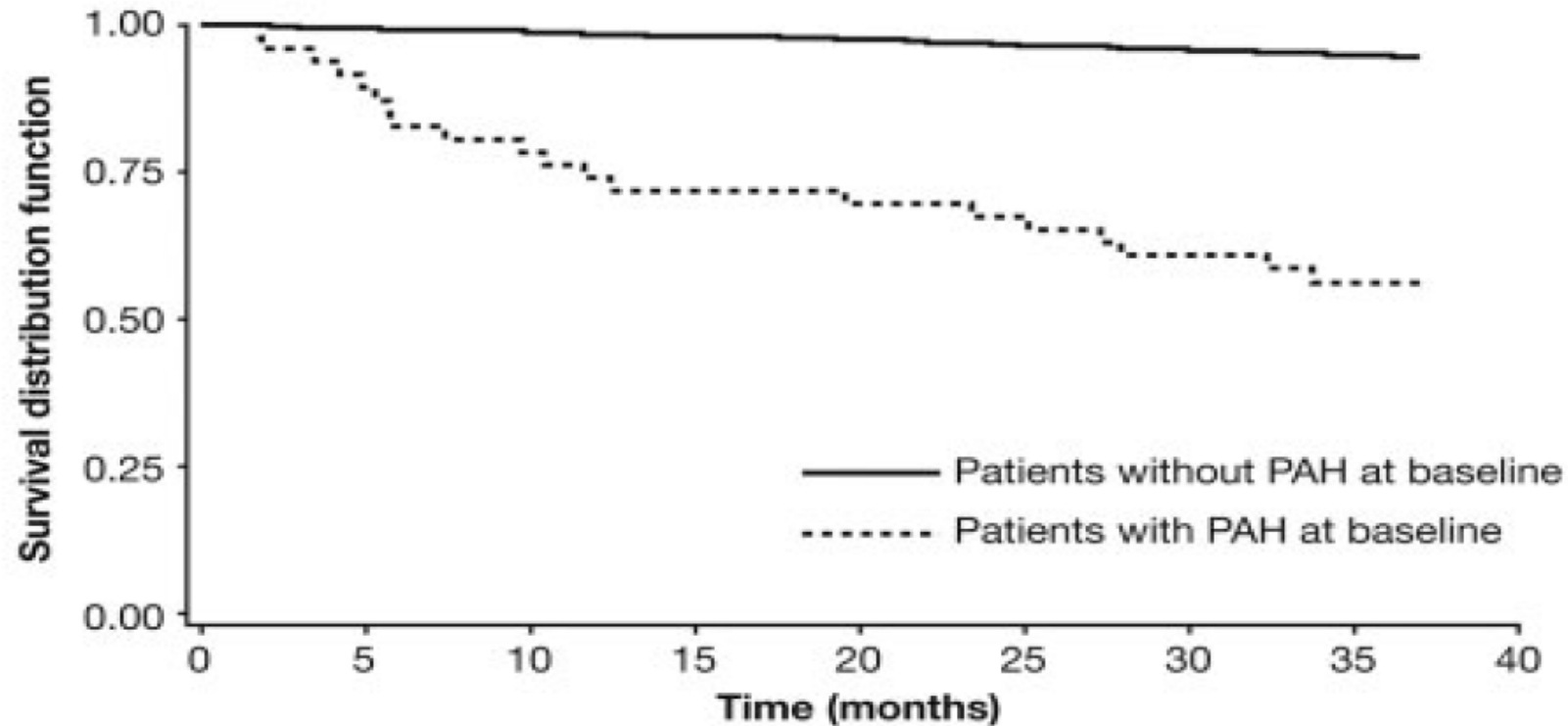
- **Echocardiography** remains central to pulmonary hypertension detection (ItinérAIR study)
- The **DETECT** study and derived algorithm have been developed to better screen for PAH in SSc (> 3-year duration & DLCO<60%)
- Using DETECT approach, screening of patients with the SSc spectrum of diseases without clinical signs and symptoms of PH would include a 2-step approach:
 - Clinical assessment for the presence of telangiectasia, anti-centromere antibodies, PFT and DLCO measurements, electrocardiogram and biomarkers (NT-proBNP and uric acid)
 - Echocardiography and consideration of RHC in patients with abnormal findings, although there is a lack of data with DLCO > 60%

Early detection of PAH in SSc

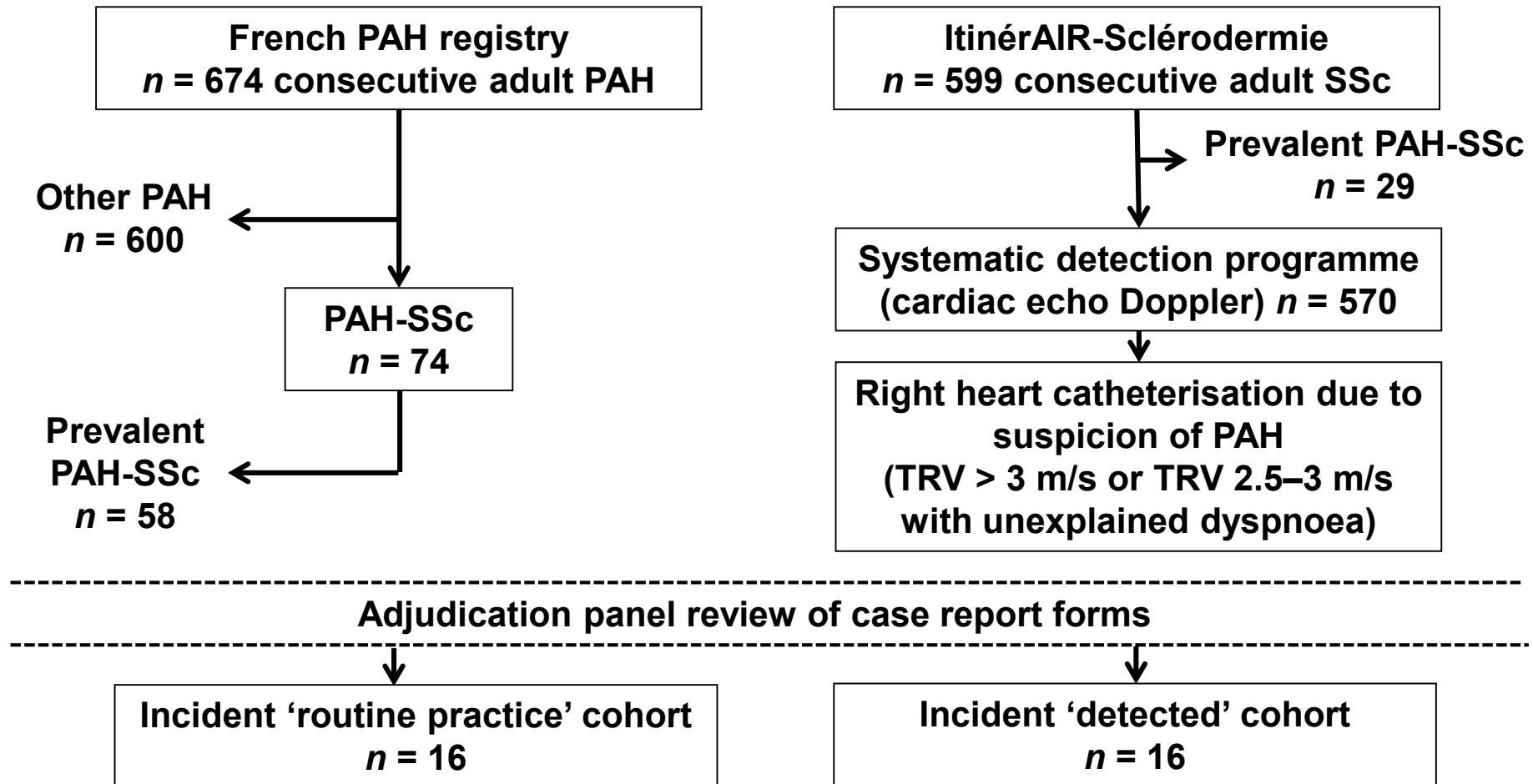


Risk factors for death and the 3-year survival of patients with systemic sclerosis: the French ItinérAIR-Sclérodermie study

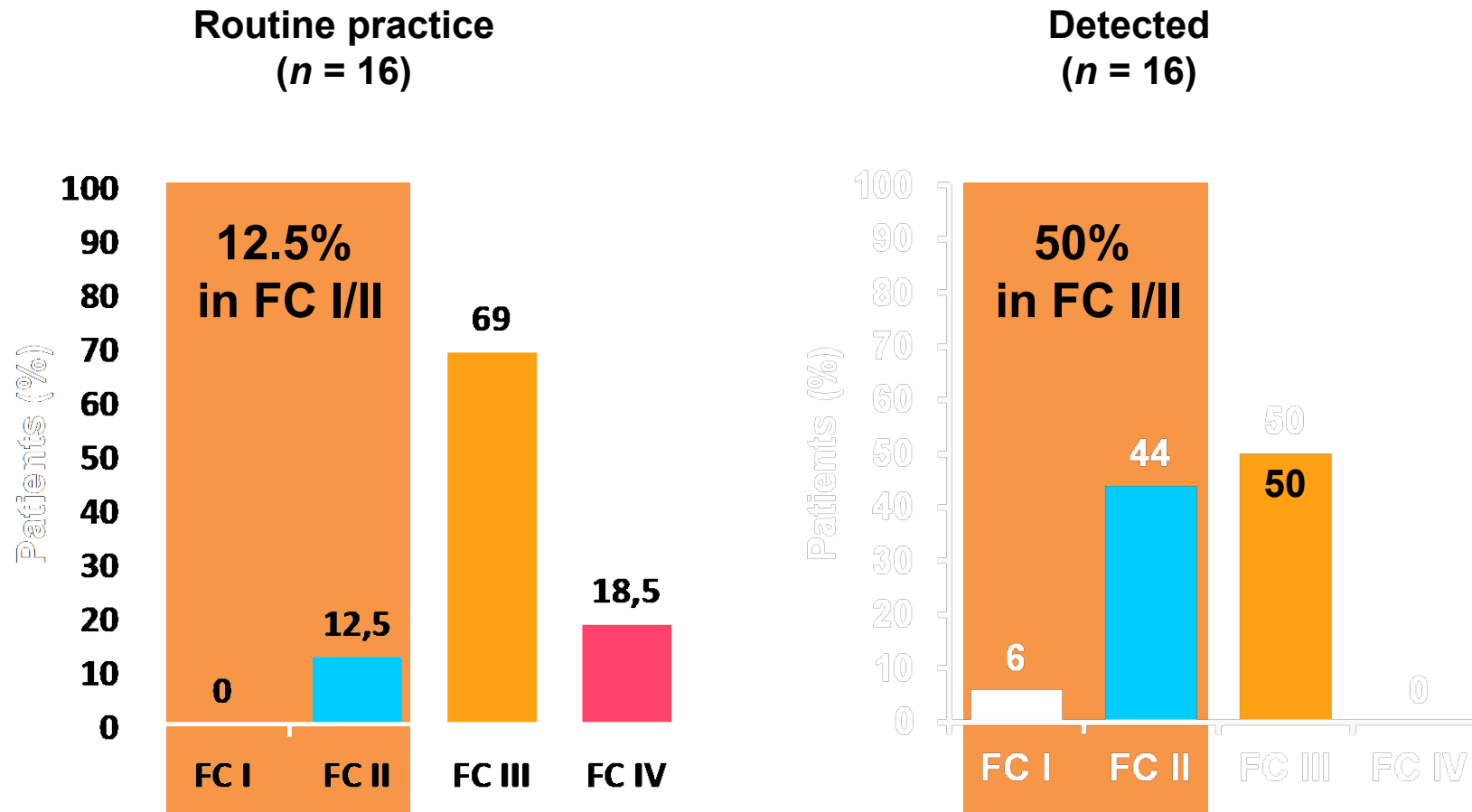
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The value of early detection: “Routine practice” and “detected” PAH-SSc patients



FC at PAH-SSc diagnosis: “Routine practice” and “detected” patients



$p = 0.036$; routine versus detected patients

FC = WHO functional class

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	Routine practice (<i>n</i> = 16)	Screened (<i>n</i> = 16)	<i>p</i>
RAP (mmHg)	10 ± 5	6 ± 3	0.020
mPAP (mmHg)	49 ± 11	34 ± 10	0.0004
mPAWP (mmHg)	9 ± 4	10 ± 3	0.28
Cardiac output (l/min)	3.59 ± 1.10	5.96 ± 1.51	< 0.0001
Cardiac index (l/min/m ²)	2.37 ± 0.81	3.42 ± 0.92	0.0028
PVRi (dynes·s·cm ⁻⁵ ·m ²)	1500 ± 602	613 ± 400	< 0.0001

mPAWP = mean pulmonary artery wedge pressure

PVRi = pulmonary vascular resistance indexed

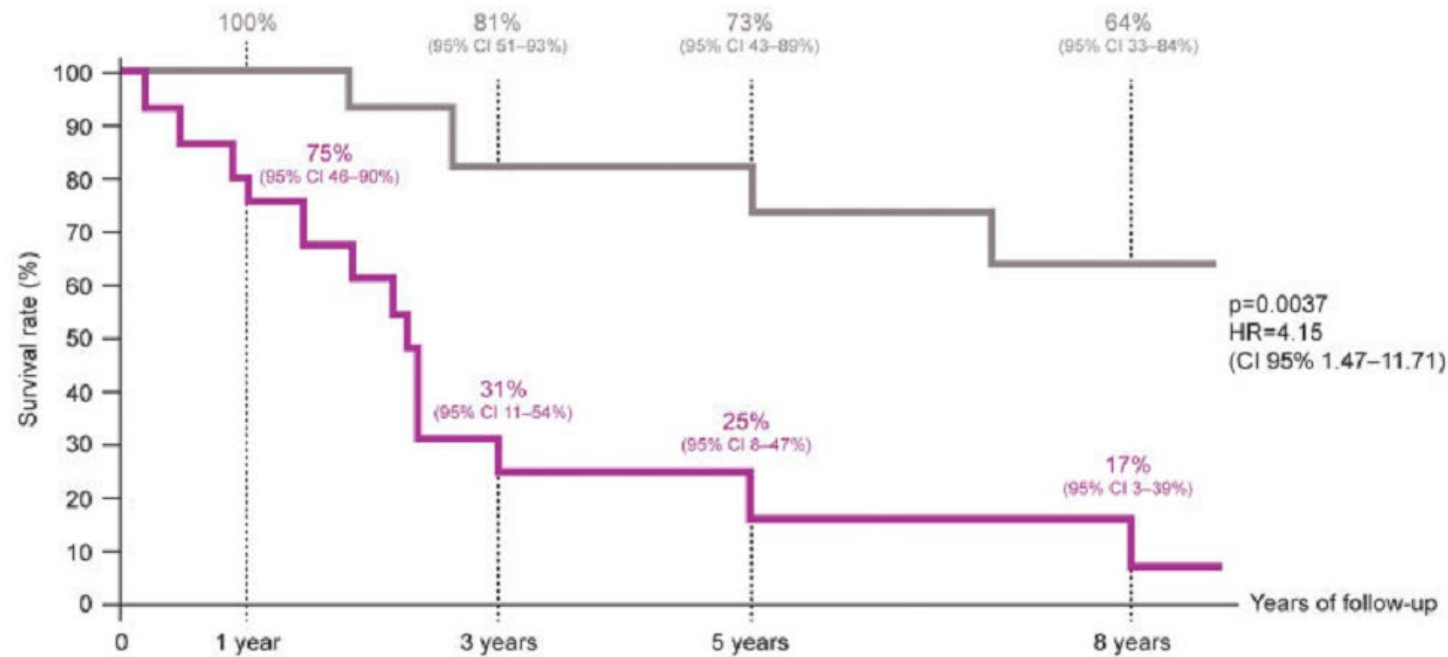
PAH therapies prescribed at PAH-SSc diagnosis: “Routine practice” and “detected” patients

	Routine practice (<i>n</i> = 16)	Detected (<i>n</i> = 16)	<i>p</i>
Conventional therapy			
Warfarin, <i>n</i> (%)	12 (75)	4 (25)	0.005
Diuretics, <i>n</i> (%)	13 (81)	3 (19)	0.0004
Digoxin, <i>n</i> (%)	1 (6)	0 (0)	1
Oxygen, <i>n</i> (%)	2 (12.5)	4 (25)	0.65
CCB, <i>n</i> (%)	2 (12.5)	2 (12.5)	1
PAH-specific therapy			
ERA, <i>n</i> (%)	13 (81)	13 (81)	1
PDE-5i, <i>n</i> (%)	6 (37.5)	3 (19)	0.43
Prostacyclin, <i>n</i> (%)	2 (12.5)	2 (12.5)	1
None, <i>n</i> (%)	2 (12.5)	3 (18)	1
Combination therapy, <i>n</i> (%)	6 (37.5)	4 (25)	1
Time from PAH-SSc diagnosis to initiation of PAH therapy (months), median (interquartile range)	0 (3)	1 (5)	0.23

Screening for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension in Patients With Systemic Sclerosis

Clinical Characteristics at Diagnosis and Long-Term Survival

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Limitations

- **Over-diagnosis**
- **Non-randomised, open-label, pragmatic study**
- **Length-time bias**
- **Lead-time bias**

Web Table X Recommendations for pulmonary arterial hypertension screening

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Resting echocardiography is recommended as a screening test in asymptomatic patients with systemic sclerosis. A combined approach (including biomarkers, PFTs and echocardiography) should be considered to predict PH in systemic sclerosis.	I	B
	IIa	B
Systemic sclerosis patients with a mean PAP ranging from 21 to 24 mmHg should be closely monitored, because of a higher risk of PAH.	IIa	B
Initial screening using the stepwise DETECT algorithm may be considered in adult systemic sclerosis patients with >3 years' disease duration and a DLCO <60% predicted.	IIb	B
Annual screening with echocardiography, PFTs and biomarkers may be considered in patients with systemic sclerosis.	IIb	B

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1st familial cases of PAH reported in 1954

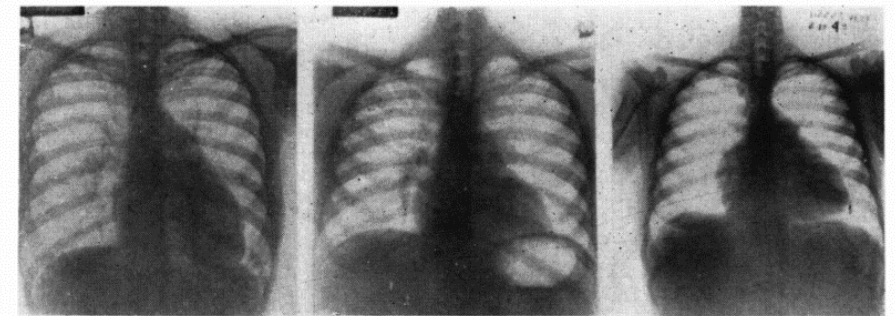
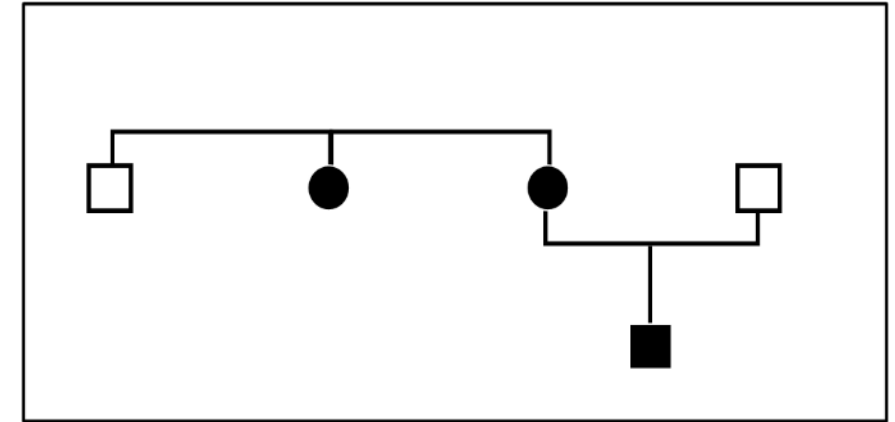
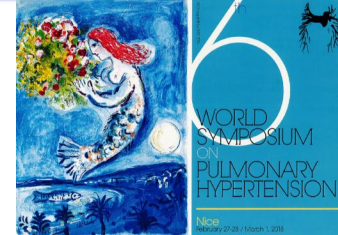


Fig. 3—Chest x-rays of three members of the same family showing prominent pulmonary artery segments, prominent hilar vessels and normal or decreased pulmonary vascular markings.



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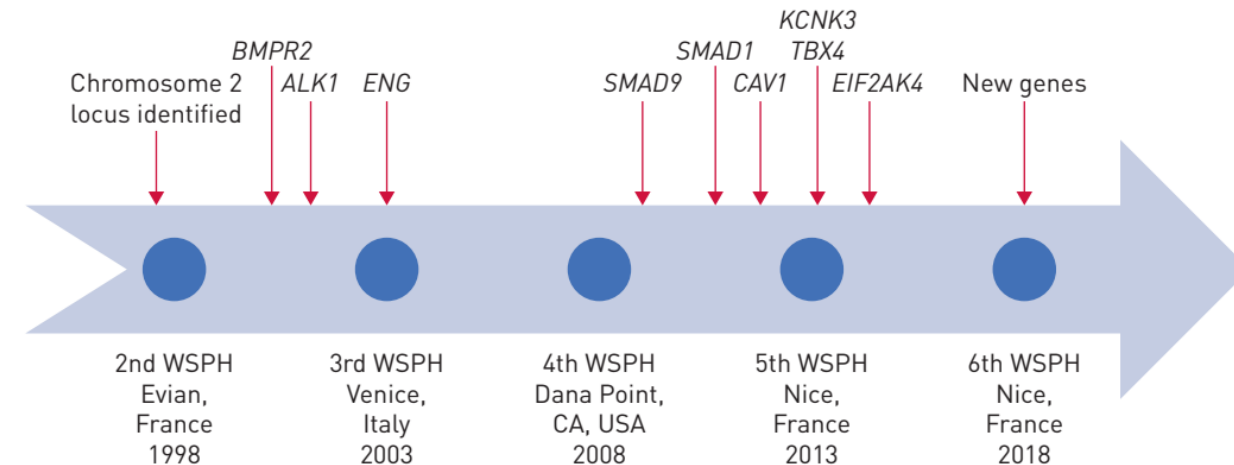
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TASKFORCE 2: Genetics & Genomics

Higher level of evidence

BMPR2 *EIF2AK4; TBX4; ATP13A3; GDF2; SOX17; AQP1; ACVRL1; SMAD9; ENG; KCNK3; CAV1*

Lower

SMAD4; SMAD1; KLF2; BMPR1B; KCNA5

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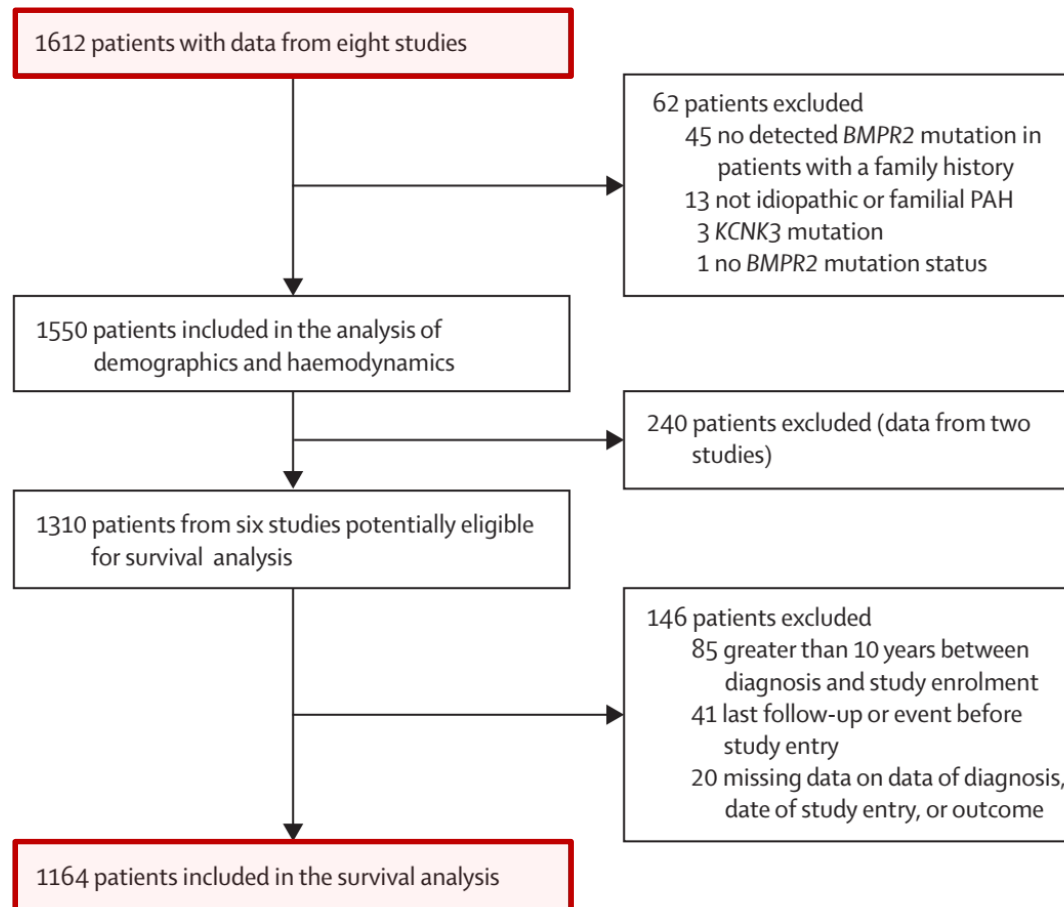
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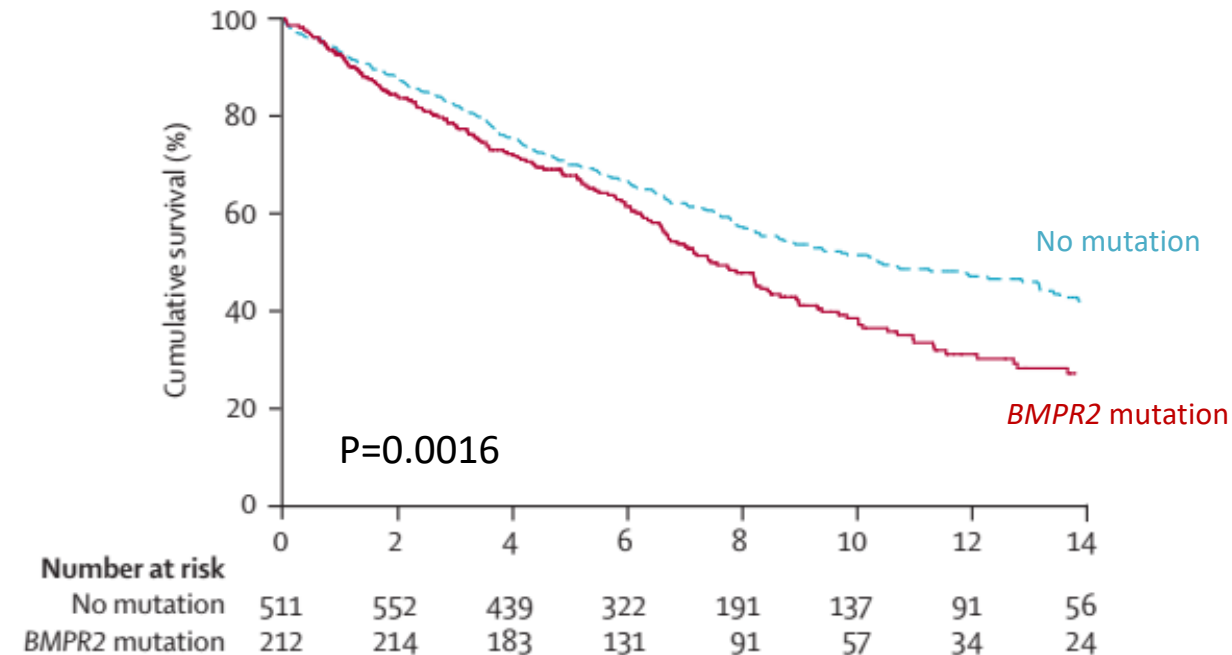
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BMPR2 mutations and survival in pulmonary arterial hypertension: an individual participant data meta-analysis

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Transplant-free Survival



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Genetic education and counselling should be performed prior to genetic testing for PAH to address the complex issues of incomplete penetrance, questions of surveillance for genetically at-risk family members, reproductive questions, concerns about genetic discrimination, as well as psychosocial issues of guilt and blame that can accompany genetically based diseases.

In France, genetic testing for PAH:

- is restricted to adults (>18 y-o) in asymptomatic relatives of PAH patients
- can be proposed in children with unexplained symptom that could be related to PAH

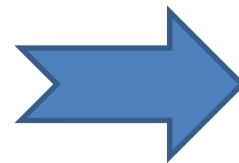
PAH patients

1st degree relatives

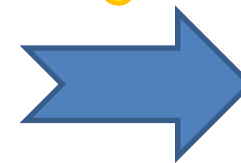


BMPR2 mutation

*Genetic
counseling*



50% of *BMPR2* mutation



PAH

Genetic testing

Recommendations in mutation carriers

2015 ESC/ERS Guidelines

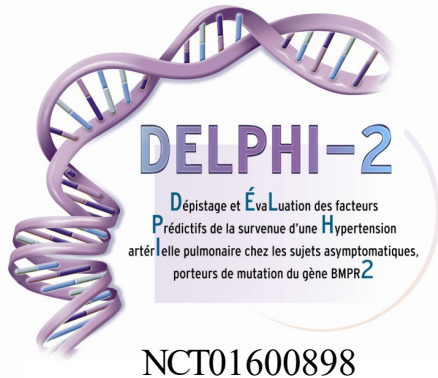
Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Resting echocardiography is recommended as a screening test in <i>BMPR2</i> mutation carriers or first-degree relatives of patients with HPAH	I	C
In individuals who test positive for PAH-causing mutations and first-degree relatives of HPAH cases may be considered to have an annual screening echocardiogram.	IIb	C
Exercise echocardiography is not recommended to predict PH in high risk population.	III	C



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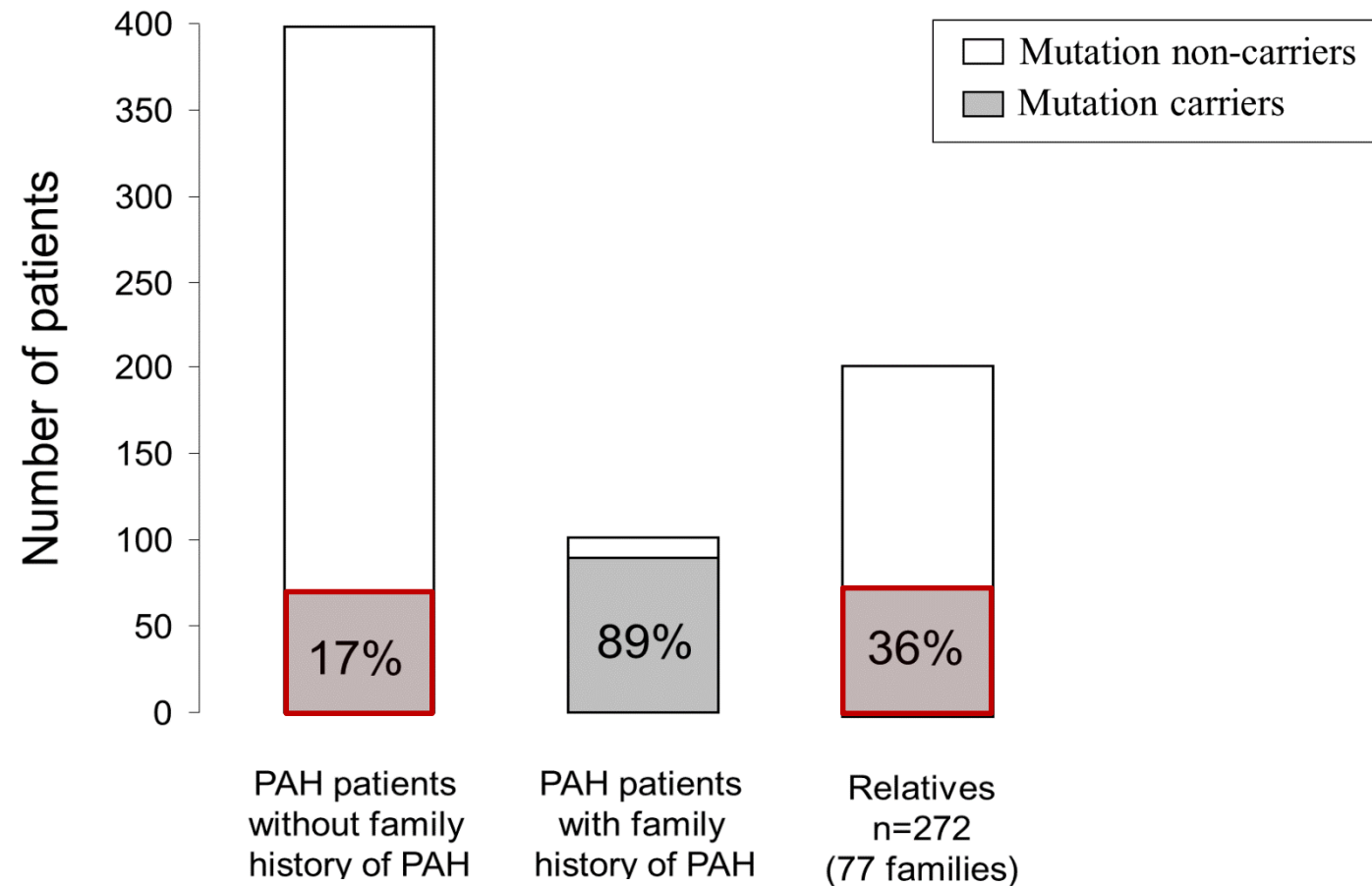
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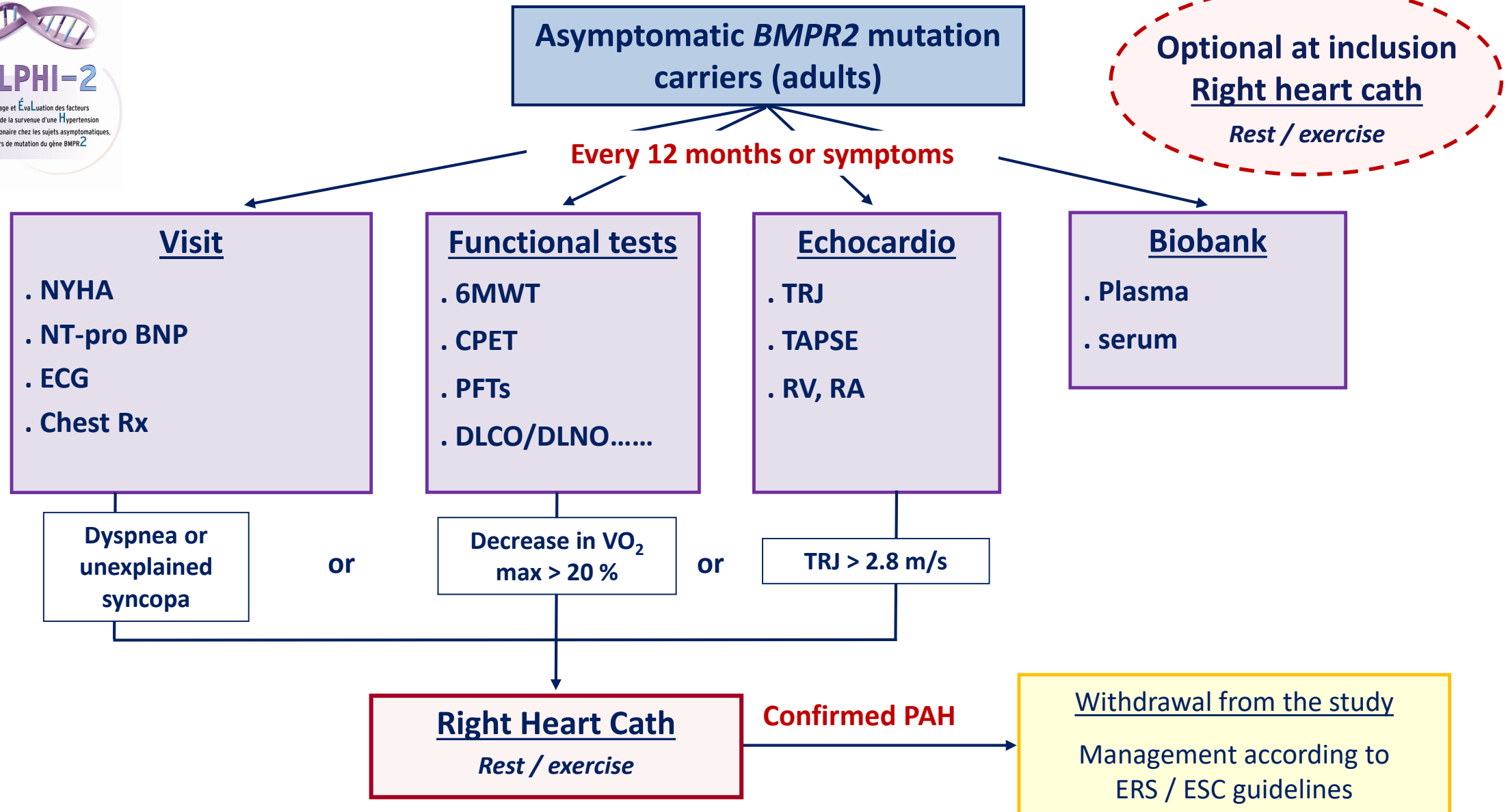
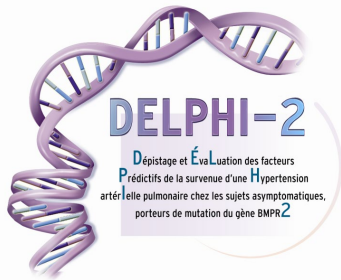
- Genetic counselling of all idiopathic, anorexiant and familial PAH patients and first-generation asymptomatic family members of patients with known genetic mutations.
- Subsequent evaluations for PAH should be offered (e.g. CPET and TTE), in mutation-positive individuals.

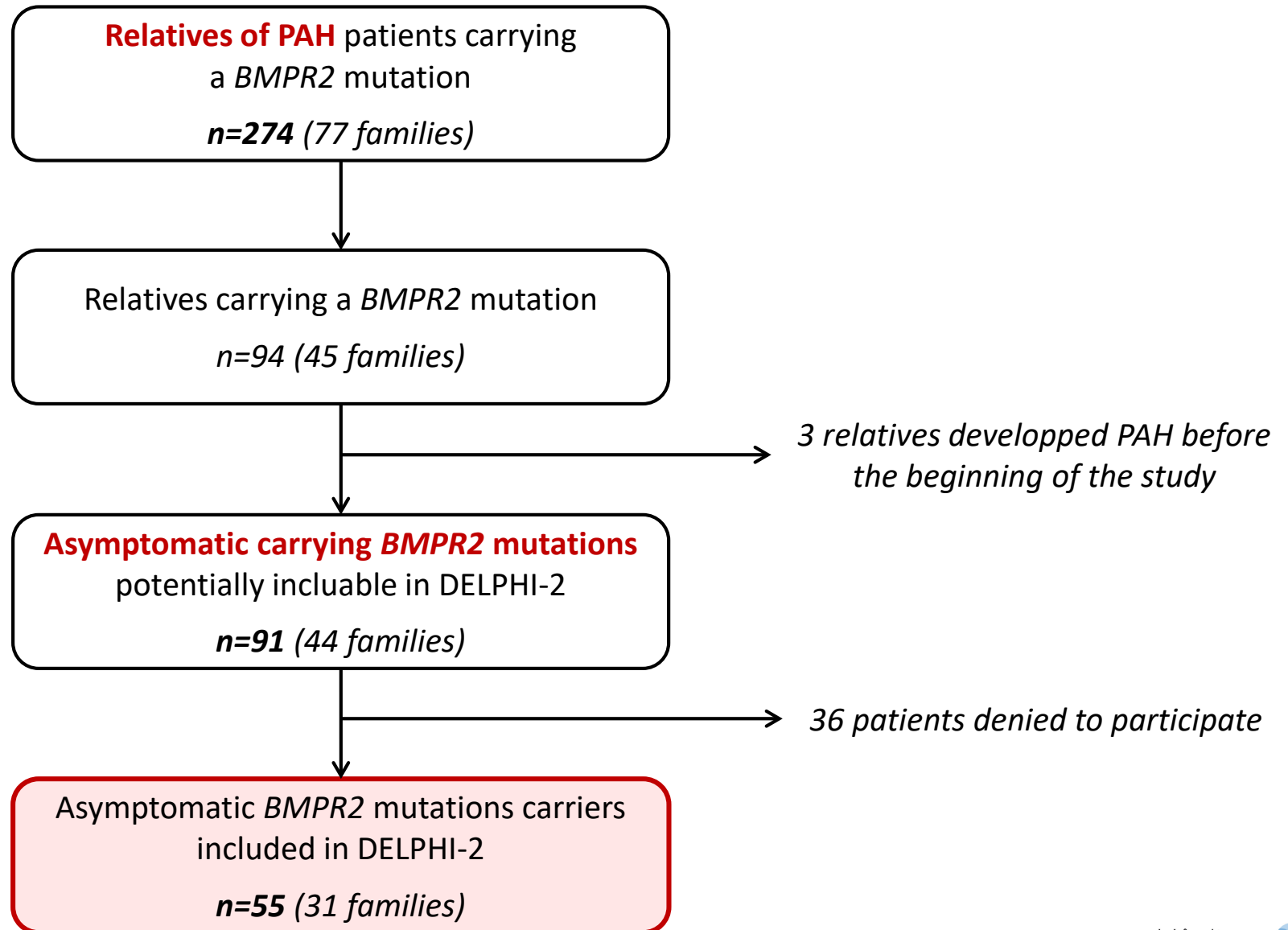
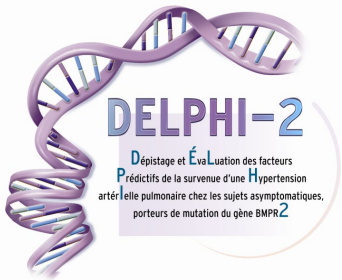


French PAH patients association

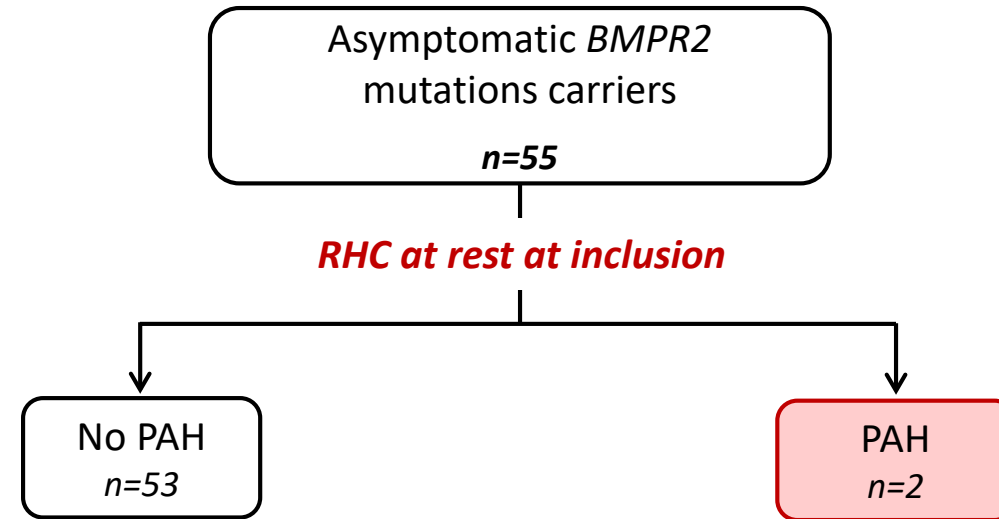
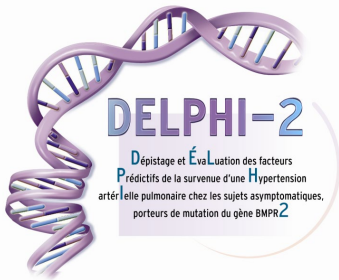
French National Program for PAH screening in asymptomatic *BMPR2* mutation carriers



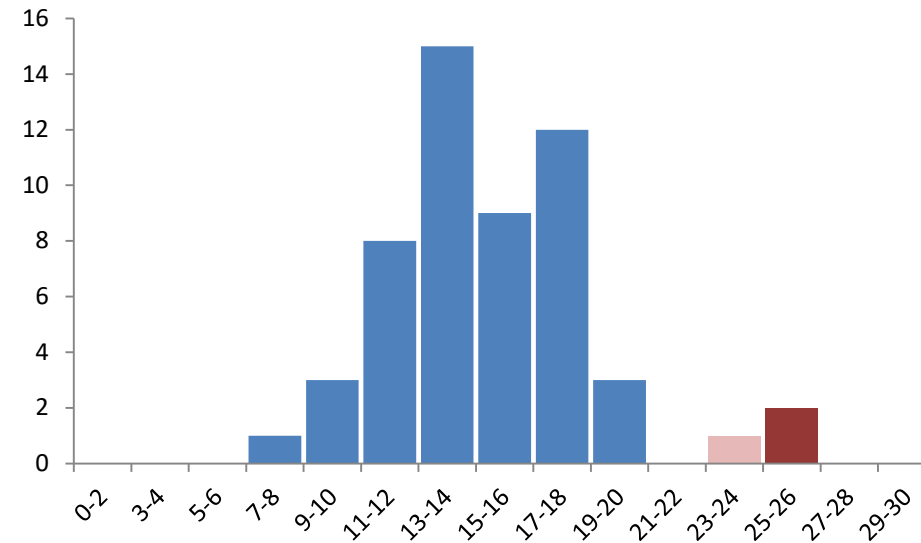


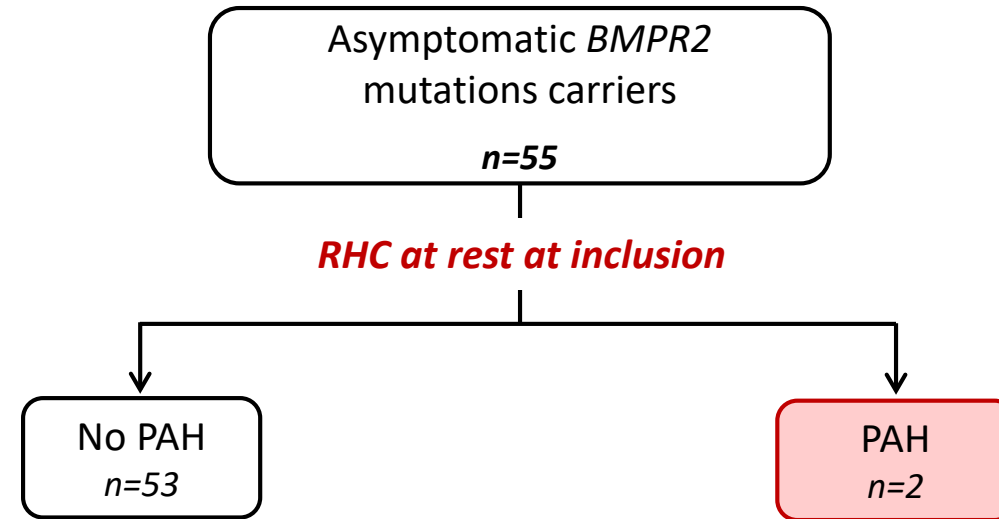
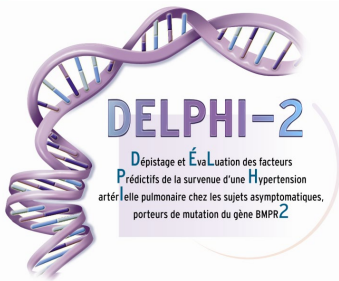


2 year follow-up
Long-term extension study



Distribution mPAP





	No PAH (n=53)	Patient 1	Patient 2
Age, years	37.1 (18 – 67.5)	25.5	78.1
Sex ratio, M/F	26/27	F	F
Tobacco exposure >5p.y	28 (52%)	Yes	No
BMI	22.5 (16.8 – 32.2)	22.0	25.2
Arterial hypertension, n(%)	10 (19%)	No	Yes
Diabetes, n(%)	3 (6%)	No	Yes
Dyslipidemia, n(%)	3 (6%)	No	No

Patient 1

	At Screening
NYHA FC	I
6-MWD, m	533
mPAP, mmHg	26
PcwP, mmHg	8
Cardiac output, L.min ⁻¹	7.27
Cardiac index, L.min ⁻¹ .m ²	4.38
PVR, WU	2.5
BNP, (normal < 80)	9
PAH therapy	-

Female 25 year-old
3 months **post-partum**

TTE : **TRV 2 m/s**
TAPSE 25 mm
considered as « normal »

CPET: VO₂ sp 72% theo
VD/VT normal
PaO₂ at exercise normal

BNP : normal

- Genetic counseling should be proposed to all first degree relatives of patients with heritable PAH due to *BMPR2* mutations to identify asymptomatic mutation carriers at risk to develop PAH
- No preventive therapy but **potential benefits**:
 - Reproductive informations and options (adoption, donor gametes, pre-implantation diagnosis)
 - Early diagnosis
- ESC/ERS guidelines recommended **annual echocardiogram** based on experts consensus
- Preliminary data from DELPHI2 program suggest that non single invasive exams may be **unable to screen PAH in asymptomatic patients**
 - ⇒ Further analysis may bring additional informations.
- Another strategy could be to **identify a subgroup with high penetrance** (female, post-partum, mutation type, biomarkers....) and to propose right heart catheterization for this high-risk population.

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