

# EFFECTS OF INHALED SERALUTINIB ON RIGHT VENTRICULAR-PULMONARY ARTERIAL (RV-PA) COUPLING AND RIGHT HEART FUNCTION IN PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION (PAH)



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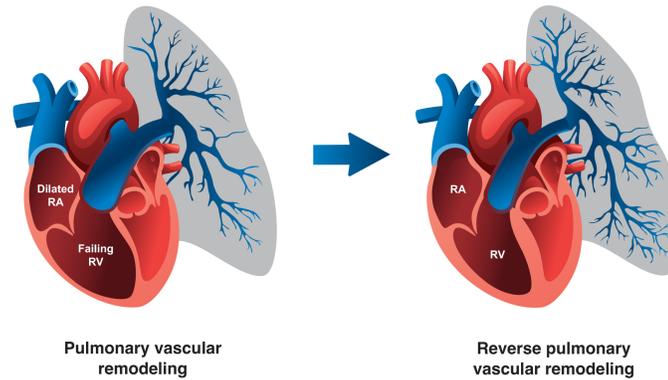
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## BACKGROUND

- Pulmonary vascular remodeling in PAH increases pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) and decreases pulmonary artery compliance (PAC)
- As a result, right ventricular (RV) afterload and RV strain are increased, leading to right atrial and RV dilation and eventual right heart (RH) failure (**Figure 1**)
- Right atrial area (RAA), right ventricular free wall strain (RVFWS), and RVFWS:systolic pulmonary arterial pressure (sPAP) ratio are important prognostic measures of RH function<sup>1,2</sup>
- Therapies that have the potential to reverse-remodel the pulmonary vasculature may prevent or reverse RH failure
- Seralutinib, a potent PDGFR $\alpha/\beta$ , CSF1R, and c-KIT inhibitor targets inflammation, proliferation and fibrosis associated with pulmonary vascular remodeling<sup>3</sup>
- The phase 2 TORREY study of inhaled seralutinib in patients with PAH met its primary endpoint of reduction in PVR at 24 weeks (NCT04456998)
- One exploratory endpoint in TORREY was the change from baseline to Week 24 in RV function measured by echocardiography

**Figure 1. Pulmonary vascular remodeling impacts RH function.**



## METHODS

- Phase 2, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter study in patients with World Health Organization (WHO) Group 1 PH, Functional Class (FC) II or III, on standard background therapies, 6-minute walk distance (6MWD)  $\geq 150$  m and  $\leq 550$  m, PVR  $\geq 400$  dyne\*s/cm<sup>5</sup>
- 2D and color Doppler echocardiography was performed at baseline, Week 12 and Week 24, and analyzed at a core laboratory in a blinded fashion
- Key parameters included RAA, RVFWS, and RVFWS:sPAP; Speckle tracking with TOMTEC software was used to calculate RVFWS
- Statistical analysis was performed using analysis of covariance (ANCOVA)

## RESULTS

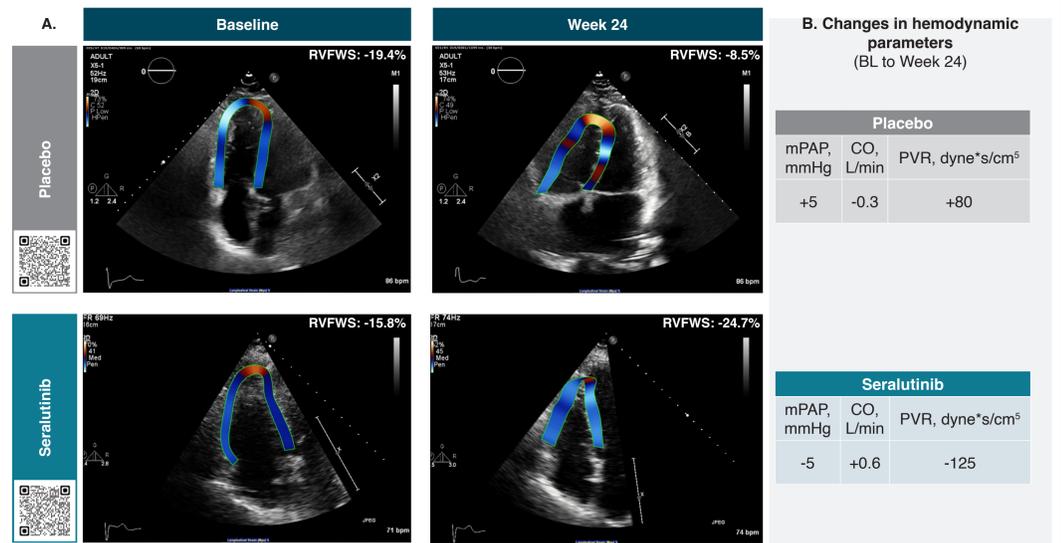
- 86 patients were randomized to study treatment at 40 sites worldwide; 80 patients completed the study
- Treatment groups were balanced except for WHO FC II/III: seralutinib, 68%/32%; placebo, 48%/52%
- For an overview of TORREY topline results,<sup>4</sup> please scan the QR code in the poster's Conclusions section

**Table 1. Baseline echocardiography parameters.**

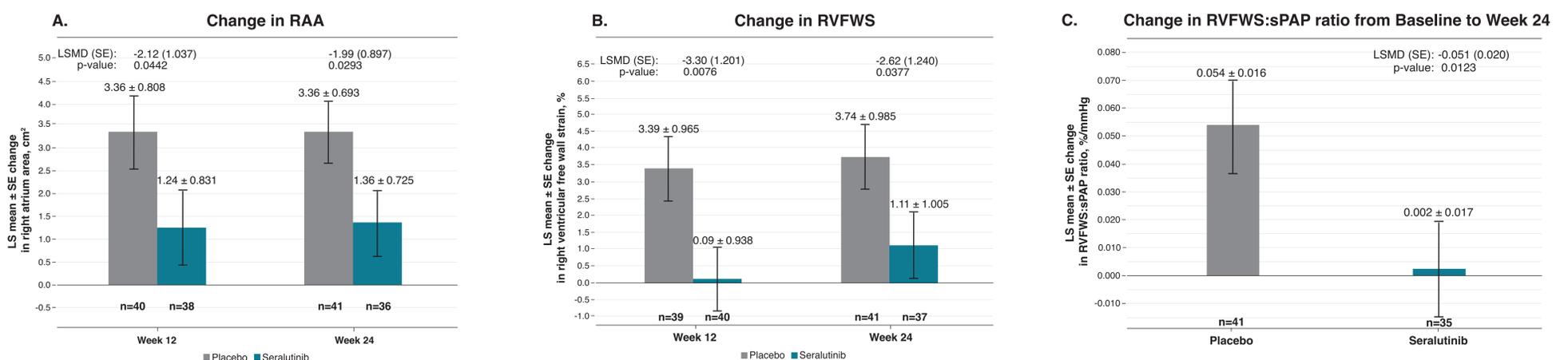
Parameter	Placebo		Seralutinib	
	n	Mean (SD)	n	Mean (SD)
Right atrial area (RAA), cm <sup>2</sup>	41	17.4 (6.80)	42	17.0 (4.33)
Right ventricular free wall strain (RVFWS), %	42	-16.2 (5.47)	44	-17.8 (4.84)
RVFWS:sPAP <sup>a</sup> ratio, %/mmHg	42	-0.2 (0.09)	44	-0.2 (0.11)
Tricuspid annular peak systolic velocity (TAS'), cm/s	37	10.6 (1.98)	43	10.8 (2.48)
Right ventricular fractional area change (RVFAC)	39	33.9 (8.81)	44	36.9 (11.67)
Tricuspid annular plane systolic excursion (TAPSE), mm	38	17.0 (3.60)	41	16.9 (4.22)
Systolic pulmonary artery pressure (sPAP <sup>a</sup> ), mmHg	42	81.9 (16.63)	44	84.8 (17.85)
TAPSE:sPAP <sup>a</sup> ratio, mm/mmHg	38	0.2 (0.06)	41	0.2 (0.09)
RV:LV basal diameter ratio	37	1.2 (0.27)	41	1.1 (0.21)
Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF), %	38	68.5 (6.19)	42	69.5 (6.64)

<sup>a</sup>sPAP values obtained from right heart catheterization.

**Figure 3. Case study: Seralutinib reduced RVFWS (A.) and improved hemodynamic parameters (B.) from baseline to Week 24 in TORREY. Scan the QR codes below to view the animated echocardiograms.**



**Figure 2. A. Seralutinib treatment resulted in a significantly lower increase in RAA vs placebo both at Week 12 (p = 0.0442) and Week 24 (p = 0.0293). B. Seralutinib prevented worsening of RVFWS both at Week 12 (p = 0.0076) and Week 24 (p = 0.0377) and C. was associated with a significant reduction of RVFWS:sPAP at Week 24 (p = 0.0123). These treatment effects support improved RV-PA coupling and RH function. In conjunction with concordant reductions in PVR and NT-proBNP, these data suggest potential favorable effects of seralutinib in PAH.**



## CONCLUSIONS

- In the phase 2 TORREY study, inhaled seralutinib treatment showed a significant benefit on right atrial area at Weeks 12 and 24 compared to placebo
- Seralutinib prevented worsening of right ventricular free wall strain at Weeks 12 and 24
- Seralutinib treatment was associated with a significant reduction of RVFWS:sPAP after 24 weeks
- These data support improved RV-PA coupling and right heart function after 24 weeks with seralutinib

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TORREY study echocardiography results