

Effectiveness and Safety of Iptacopan in Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH) Patients with Persistent Anemia After C5 inhibition: The Real-World Experience of the French Early Access Program

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INTRODUCTION

- PNH is a **rare disorder** characterized by hemolytical anemia and thrombosis, and is associated with bone marrow failure.
- Iptacopan, a **first-in-class oral proximal complement inhibitor**, targets **Factor B** in the alternative pathway and thus controls both intra- and extravascular hemolysis.
- In the **Phase III APPLY-PNH trial** (1), iptacopan achieved **meaningful increases** in hemoglobin (Hb) levels compared to anti-C5 therapy and reduced transfusion needs.
- In France, iptacopan is available through an **Early Access Program** (EAP) to treat adults with PNH who remain anemic despite C5 inhibition (C5i) treatment for at least 6 months.

The aim of this study is to describe effectiveness and safety data in **real-world clinical practice in France**.

METHODS

- The program effectively launched on **19 June 2024** with **2 profiles of patients**:
 - Previously treated via compassionate access (CA) : **CA patients***
 - Initiating treatment: **EAP patients**
 - Posology: **200 mg twice daily**.
 - Data collection time points: at treatment request (baseline), after 15 days (D15) and 2 months (M2) of treatment, and every 2 months thereafter.
- Key inclusion criteria**
- Adult patient** (≥18 years) with confirmed PNH and PNH clone size ≥ 10%.
 - Patient with **persistent hemolytical anemia** (hemoglobin level **<10 g/dL**) despite C5i treatment for at least 6 month.
 - Vaccination against neisseria meningitidis and streptococcus pneumoniae at least 2 weeks prior to treatment initiation.

Key exclusion criteria

- Hypersensitivity to iptacopan or excipients.
- Active encapsulated bacterial infections.

RESULTS

EAP: Latest Progress Update

As of June 2nd, 2025, 47 patients were included in the EAP across 17 sites in France (**Figure 1**).

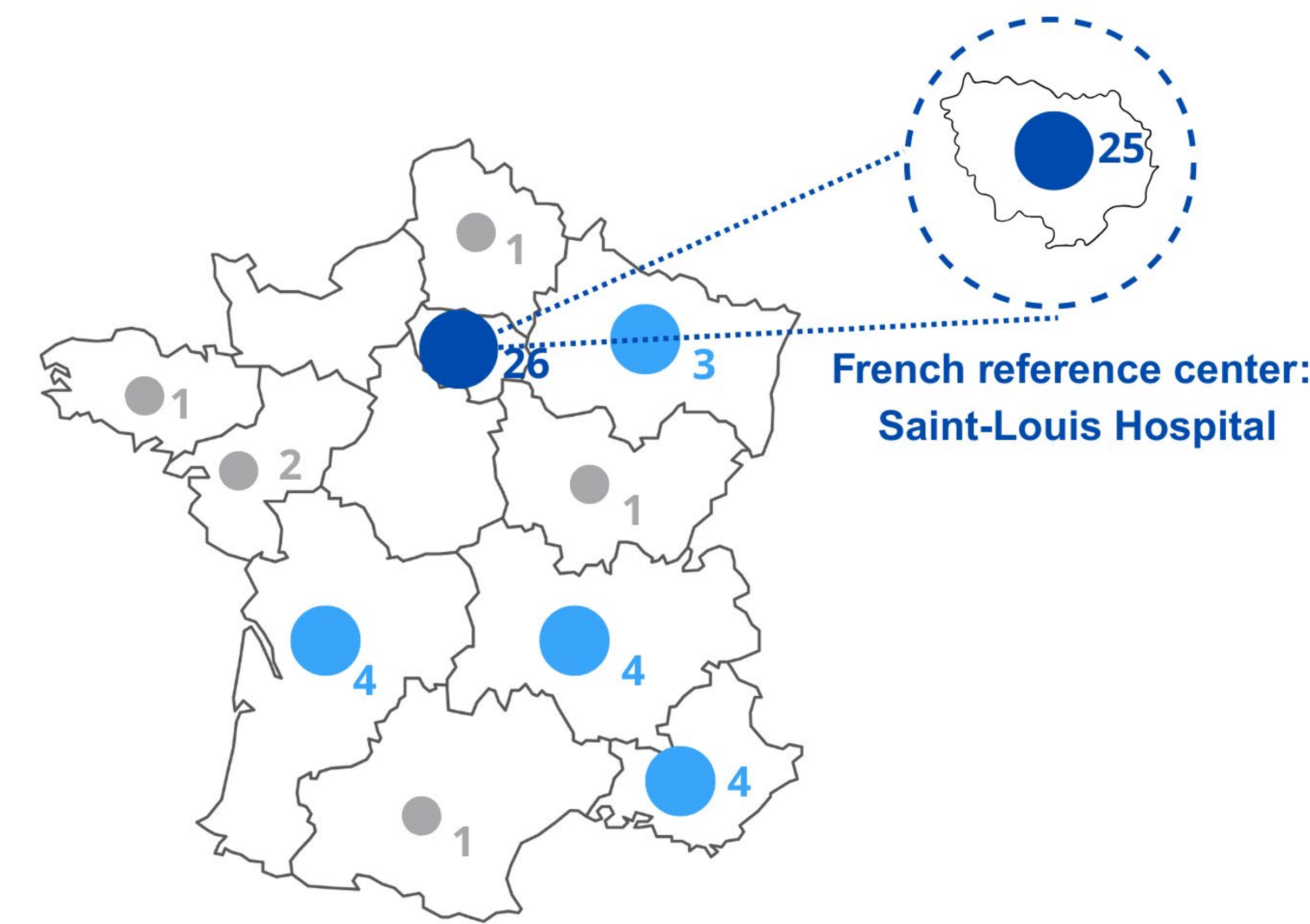


Figure 1. Included patients (N=47) by region

Preliminary Findings

Disposition and exposure to iptacopan

Between June 19th, 2024, and November 8th, 2024 (1st regulatory report cutoff date):

- 29 patients** were included in the program:
 - 4 CA patients*
 - 25 EAP patients (**Table 1**).
- Mean treatment exposure **was**:
 - 5,3 ± 2,8 months for CA patients***
 - 0,9 ± 0,8 months for EAP patients.**

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Baseline characteristics	EAP patients N=25
Age, mean (SD)	49.3 ± 19.4
Female, n (%)	16 (64.0%)
History of thrombotic event, n (%)	7 (28.0%)
Transfusion dependence in previous 12 m, n(%)	13 (52.0%)
↪ Number of transfusions, mean (SD)	10.2 ± 11.5

Table 1. Patients' characteristics at baseline

CA patients*: 3 females, 1 male; mean age 37.5 ± 2.6 years. Two patients had prior thrombotic events; one patient had 12 transfusions in the previous 12 months.

Rapid hemoglobin increase and normalization with iptacopan

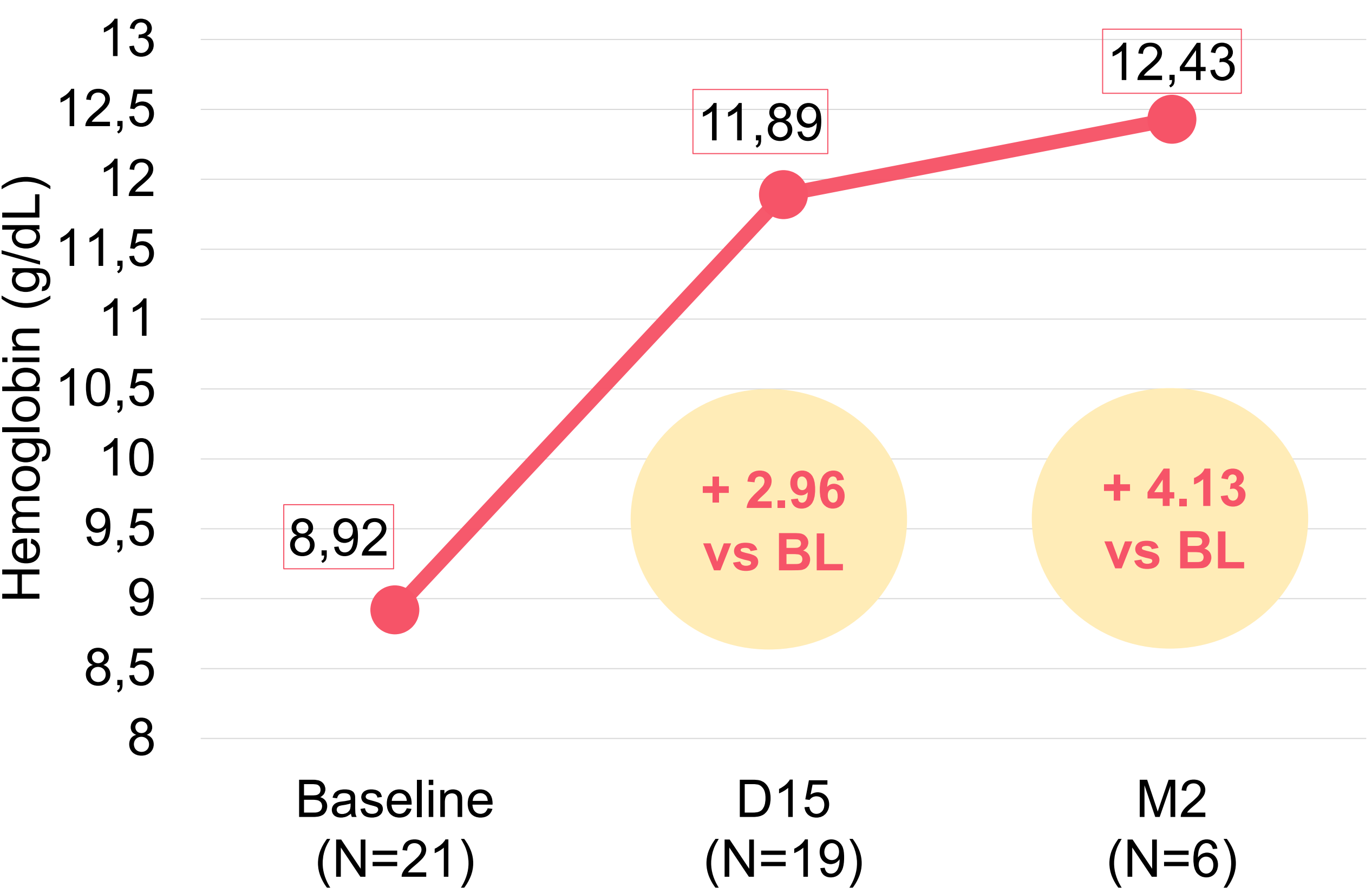


Figure 2. Mean Hb level over time of EAP patients

For the 4 CA patients*, Hb levels (12.47 g/dL ± 0.90 at baseline) remained stable (-0,07 ± 0,59 g/dL at M4).

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Transfusion independence with iptacopan

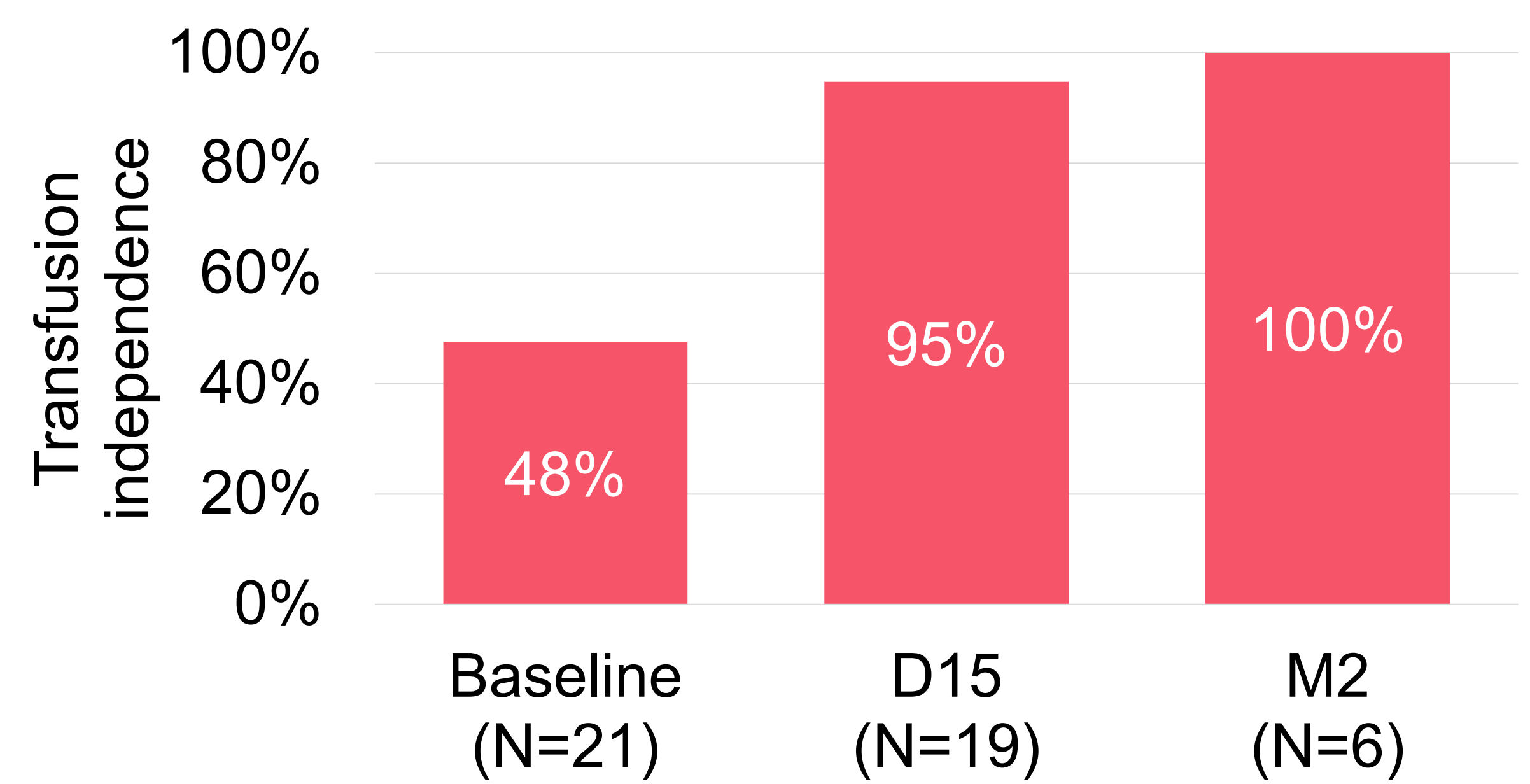


Figure 3. EAP patients with transfusion independence

For CA patients*: At baseline: 75% (3/4) - At D15, M2 and M4: 100 % (4/4) were transfusion independent.

Safety profile with iptacopan

- No treatment interruptions or permanent discontinuations were reported.
- No thromboembolic event or hemolytic crisis occurred.
- One non serious bacterial infection (a cystitis due to Klebsiella) was documented; it did not lead to treatment modification or discontinuation.

KEY FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

Initial results of the French EAP show :

- Rapid hemoglobin increase**: iptacopan led to a clinically meaningful rise in hemoglobin levels within 15 days.
- Reduced transfusion needs**: iptacopan markedly improved transfusion independence.
- Excellent tolerability**: no treatment discontinuations occurred, and no new safety signals were identified.

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