

**Results from Part A of the Hemoglobin Oxygen Affinity Modulation to Inhibit HbS Polymerization (HOPE) Trial (GBT440-031), a Placebo-Controlled Randomized Study Evaluating Voxelotor (GBT440) in Adults and Adolescents with Sickle Cell Disease**

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- Bluebird Bio
- Protagonist

# Voxelotor, a Novel Inhibitor of HbS Polymerization

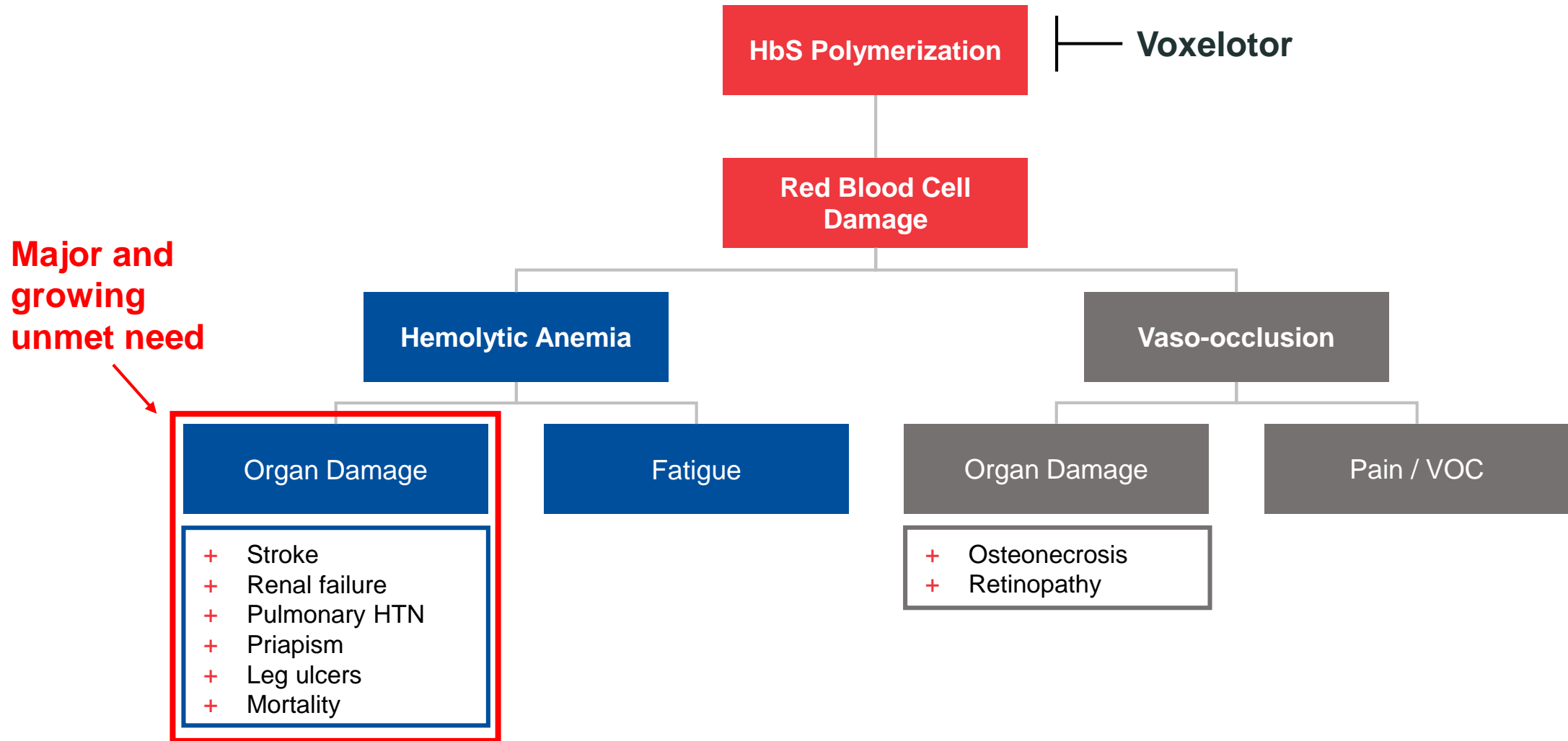
- Novel mechanism that inhibits HbS polymerization and RBC sickling, the underlying pathophysiologic mechanism of SCD
- Preclinical and clinical studies to date demonstrated:
  - Improved red blood cell deformability and decreased blood viscosity<sup>1</sup>
  - Rapid, sustained, and clinically meaningful increases in Hb and reduction of hemolysis<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Favorable safety profile with once-daily oral dosing<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Improved blood oxygen carrying capacity and tissue oxygen delivery<sup>4,5</sup>
- Potential to modify morbidity and mortality by improving anemia and hemolysis

Hb, hemoglobin; HbS, sickle hemoglobin; RBC, red blood cell; SCD, sickle cell disease.

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# Voxelotor Acts Upstream: Potential to be Disease Modifying



HTN, hypertension; VOC, vaso-occlusive crisis.  
Adapted from Eaton WA, Bunn HF. *Blood* 2017;129(20):2719-2726.

# HOPE Study Design—Part A

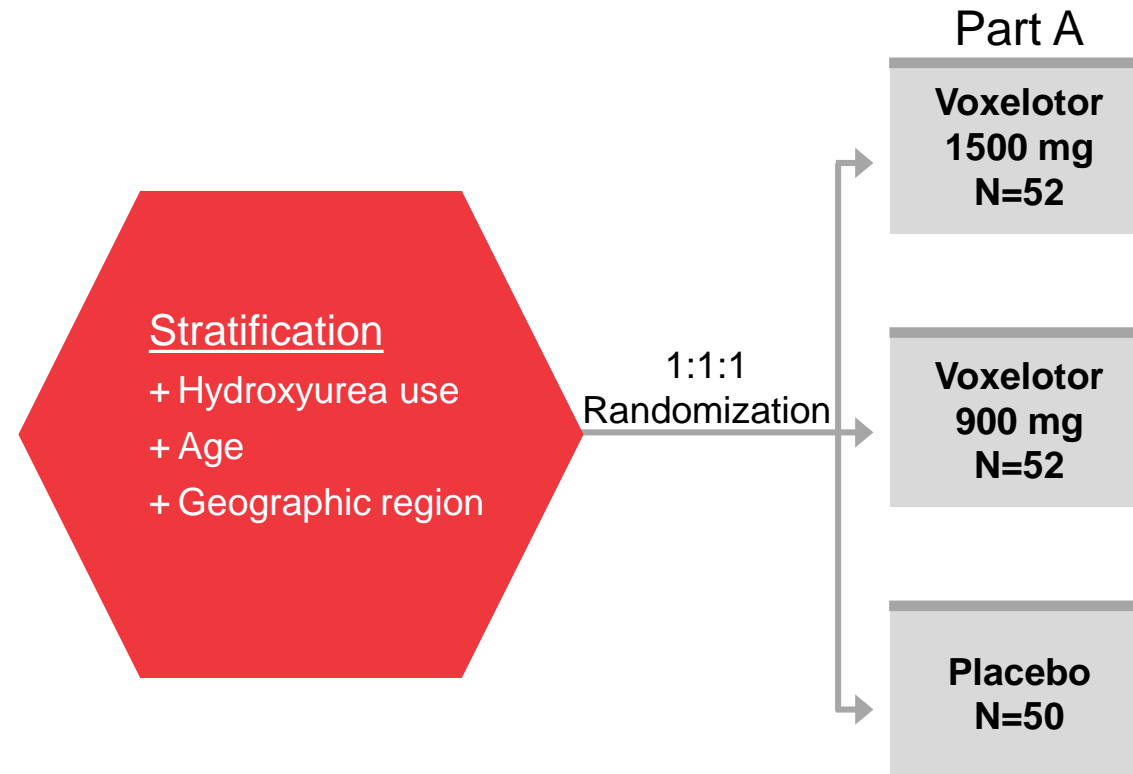
Key Eligibility Criteria
+ 1-10 VOCs in prior year
+ Hb $\geq$ 5.5 to $\leq$ 10.5 g/dL
+ $\geq$ 12 years old
+ Concomitant hydroxyurea allowed

Primary Endpoints
+ Proportion of patients who achieve a $>$ 1 g/dL Hb improvement
+ Safety

Key Secondary Endpoints
+ Hemolysis measures
+ VOC
+ Patient-reported outcome



- Part A included 154 treated patients through Week 24
- Primary analysis of all patients (n=271) is planned in early 2019

# Baseline Characteristics

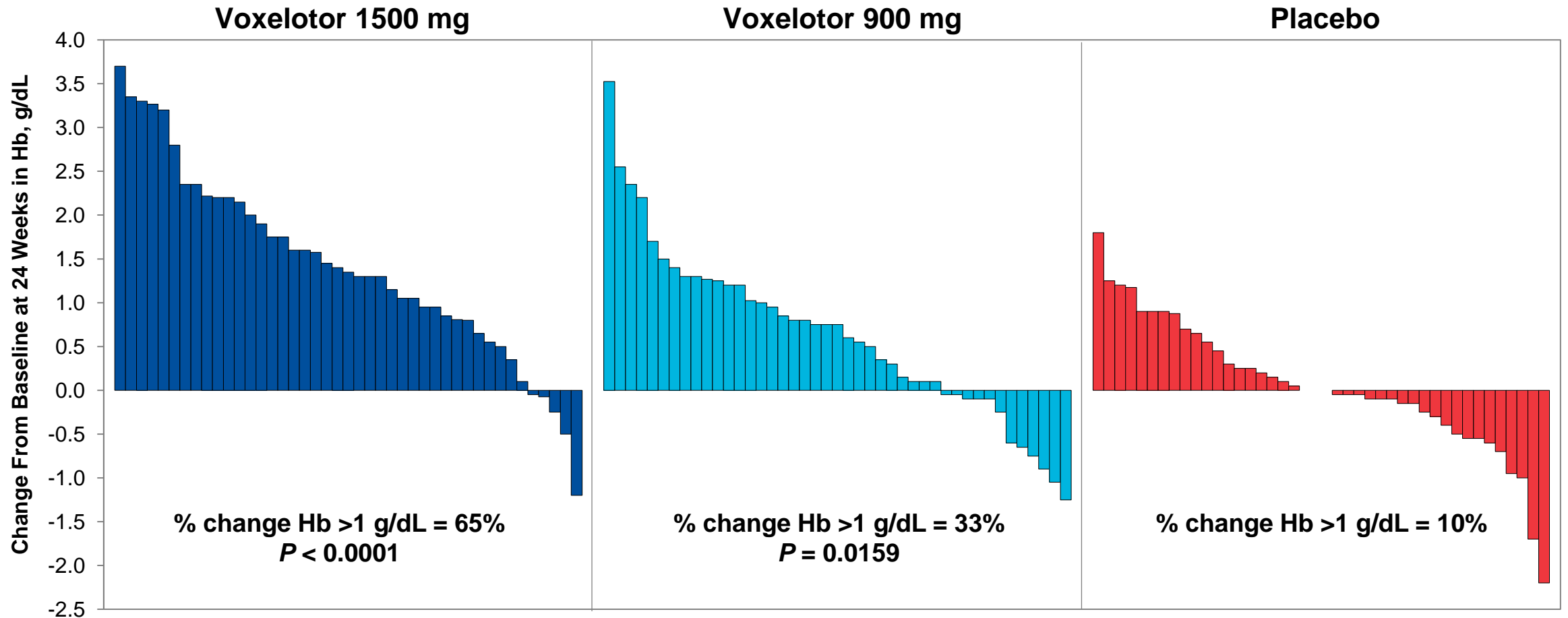
Treatment	Voxelotor 1500 mg N=52	Voxelotor 900 mg N=52	Placebo N=50
Median age, years (range)	23 (12, 59)	26 (13, 59)	26 (12, 52)
12 to < 18 years, n (%)	8 (15)	7 (13)	6 (12)
18 to 65 years, n (%)	44 (85)	45 (87)	44 (88)
Male, n (%)	16 (31)	24 (46)	25 (50)
Region, n (%)			
North America	21 (40)	22 (42)	20 (40)
Europe	7 (13)	6 (12)	7 (14)
Other <sup>a</sup>	24 (46)	24 (46)	23 (46)
Genotype, n (%)			
HbSS/HbSβ <sup>0</sup> thalassemia	48 (92)	49 (94)	45 (90)
HbSC	1 (2)	1 (2)	2 (4)
Other <sup>b</sup>	3 (6)	2 (4)	3 (6)
Current hydroxyurea use, n (%)	32 (62)	35 (67)	32 (64)
Median baseline hemoglobin, g/dL (range)	8.6 (5.9, 10.8)	8.3 (6.3, 10.8)	8.5 (6.1, 10.4)
VOC episodes in previous 12 months, <sup>c</sup> n (%)			
1	23 (44)	21 (40)	22 (44)
2-5	25 (48)	27 (52)	24 (48)
6-10	4 (8)	4 (8)	4(8)

<sup>a</sup>Other regions: Lebanon, Turkey, Oman, Egypt, Kenya, Jamaica.

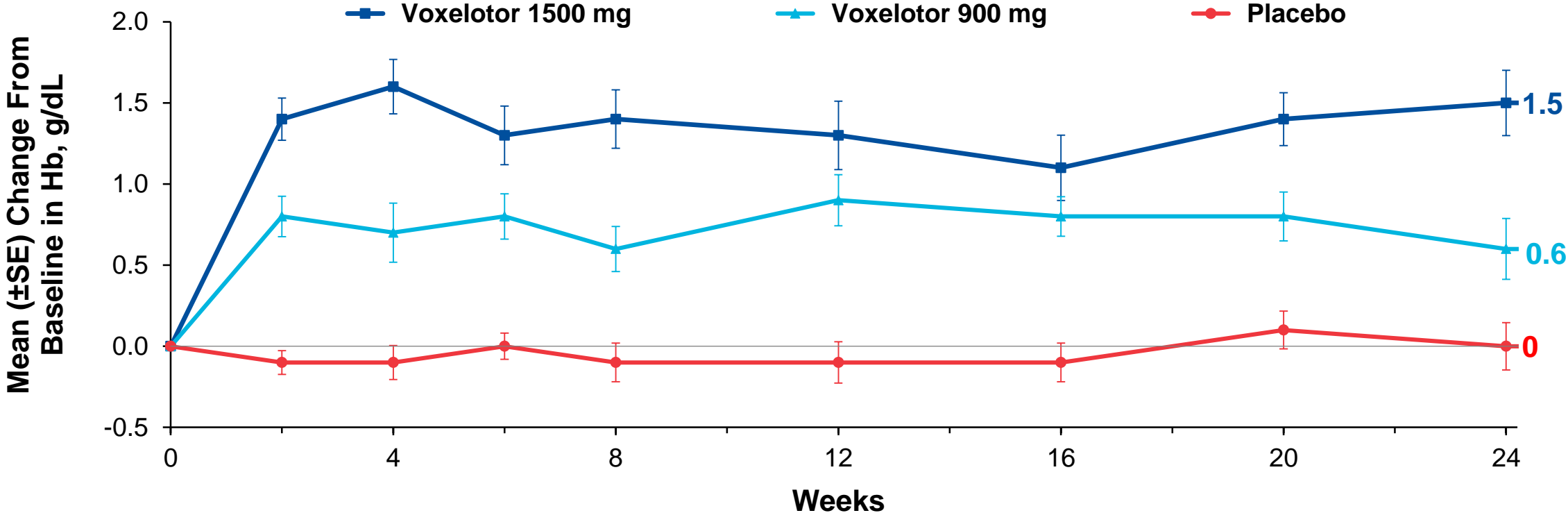
<sup>b</sup>Other genotypes include: HbSβ<sup>+</sup> thalassemia, other sickle cell syndrome variant.

<sup>c</sup>Baseline VOC defined as document episode of ACS or acute painful crisis that required prescription or healthcare professional-instructed use of analgesics for moderate to severe pain.

# 65% of Patients Receiving Voxelotor 1500 mg Achieved >1 g/dL Increase in Hemoglobin



# Voxelotor Demonstrates a Rapid, Robust, and Sustained Improvement in Anemia at Target Hemoglobin Occupancy



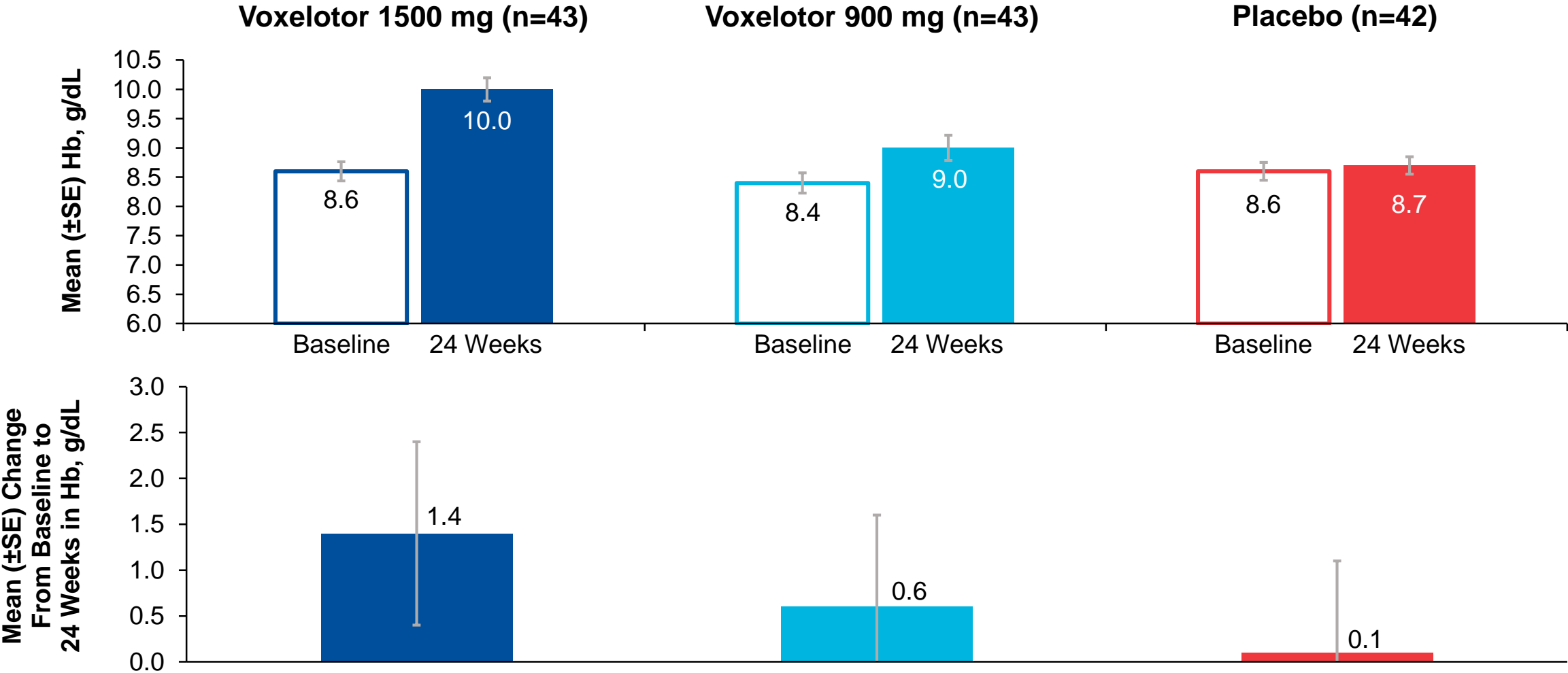
Value	Voxelotor 900 mg	Voxelotor 1500 mg
% Hb occupancy <sup>a</sup> (C <sub>min</sub> )	13.8% (46.5)	25.3% (32.8)

SE, standard error

<sup>a</sup>Hb occupancy geometric mean (%CV) = calculated % of RBC Hb bound by voxelotor.

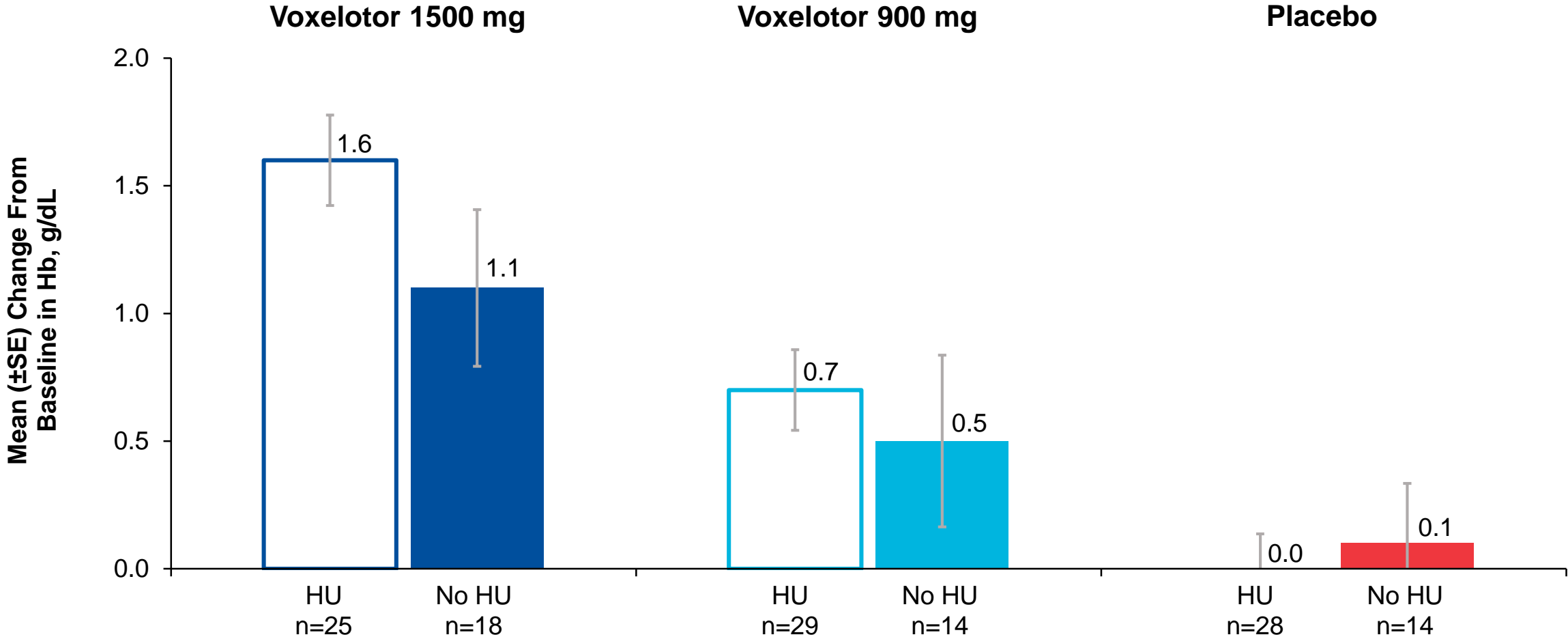


# Voxelotor 1500 mg Increased Hemoglobin to Mean of 10 g/dL, Consistent With Substantial Improvement in Anemia



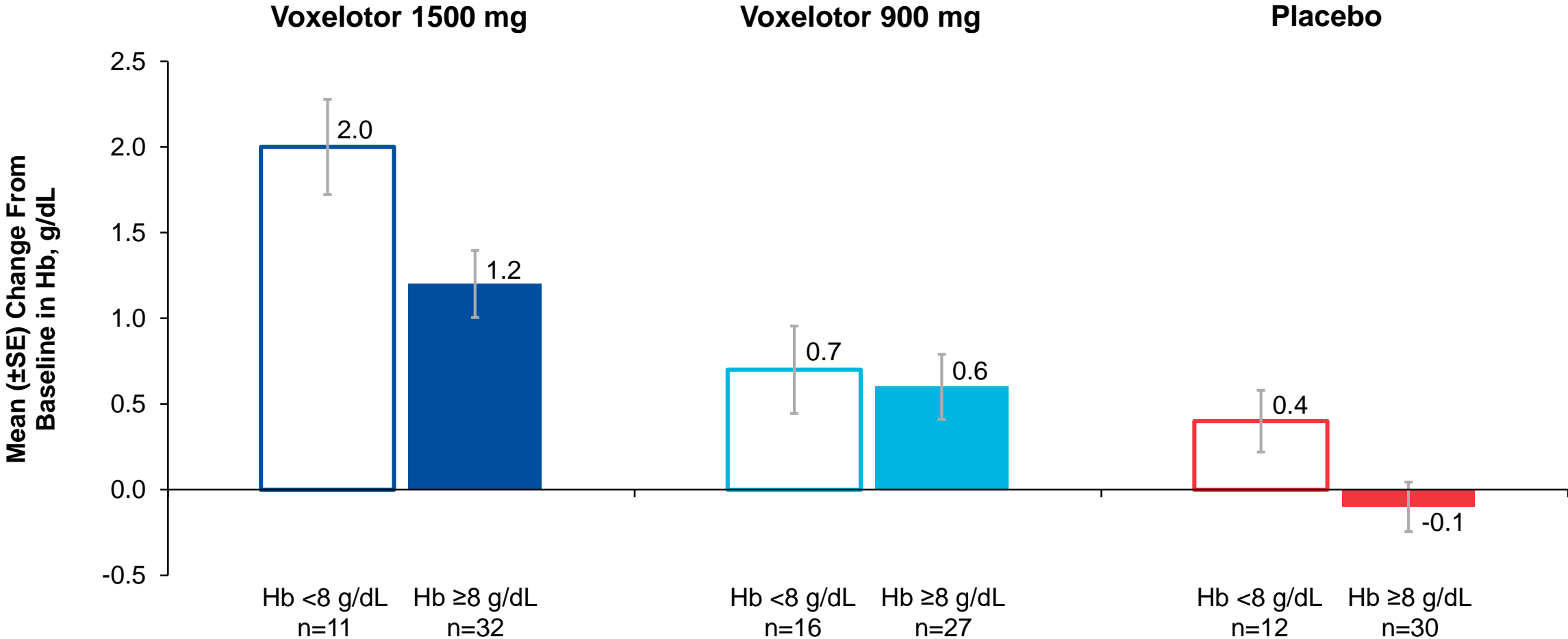
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# Hemoglobin Improvement With or Without Hydroxyurea (HU)



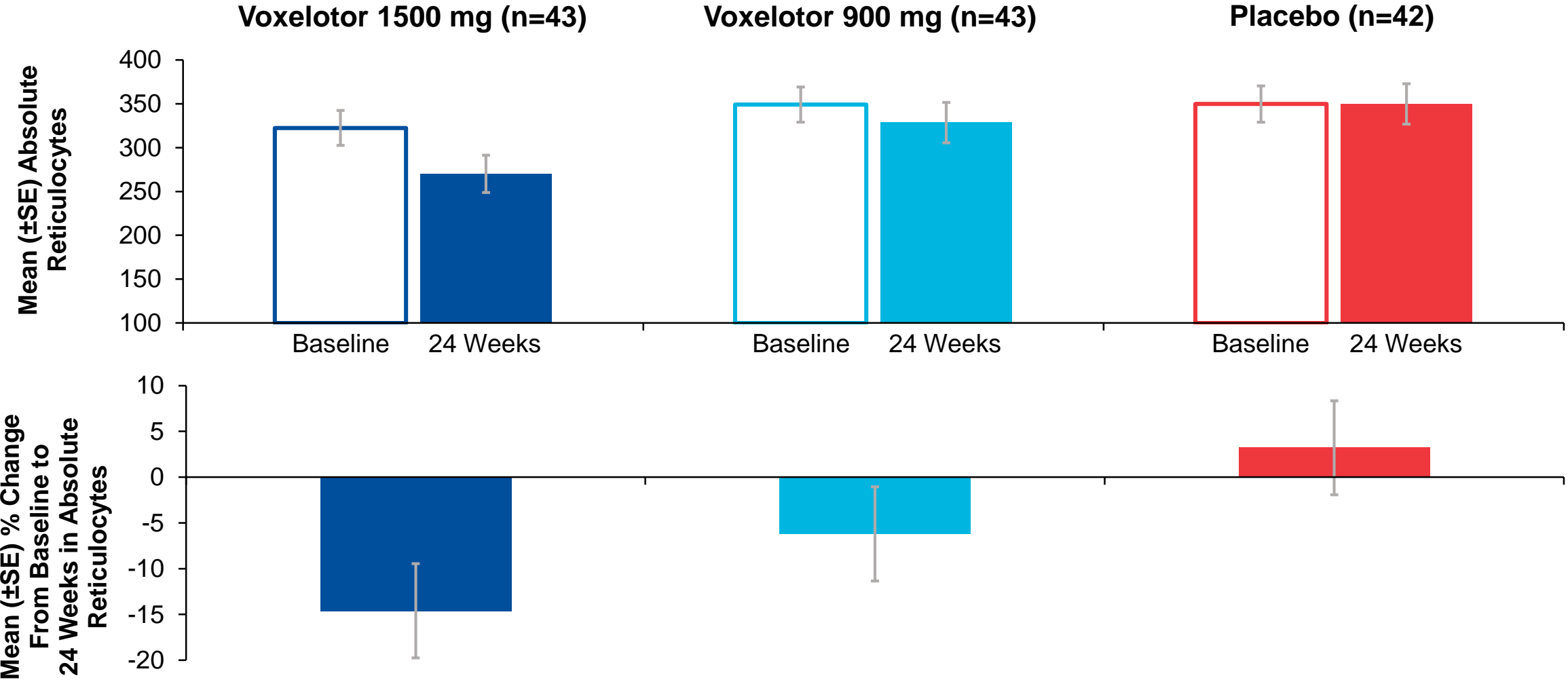
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# Hemoglobin Improvement Regardless of Baseline Anemia Severity



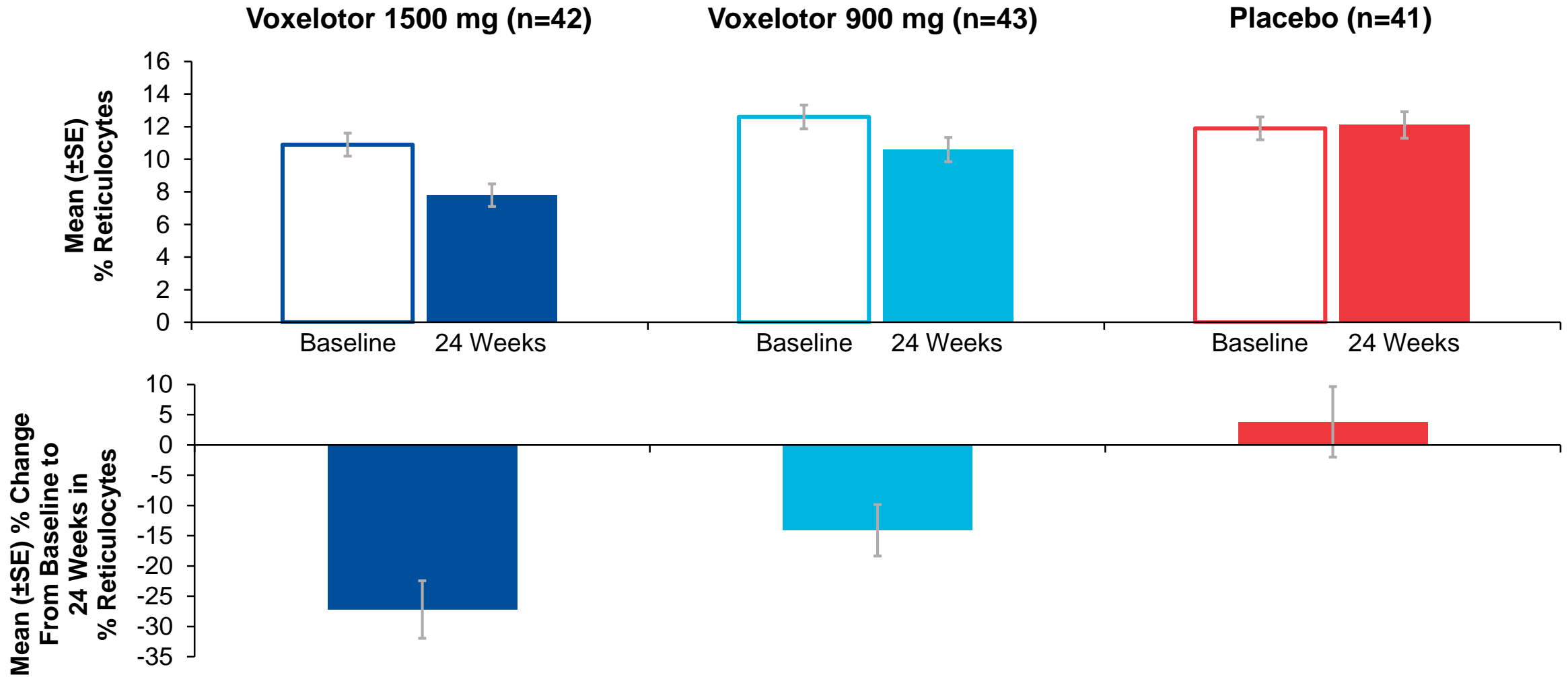
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# Absolute Reticulocyte Count Improvement Consistent With Decreased Hemolysis



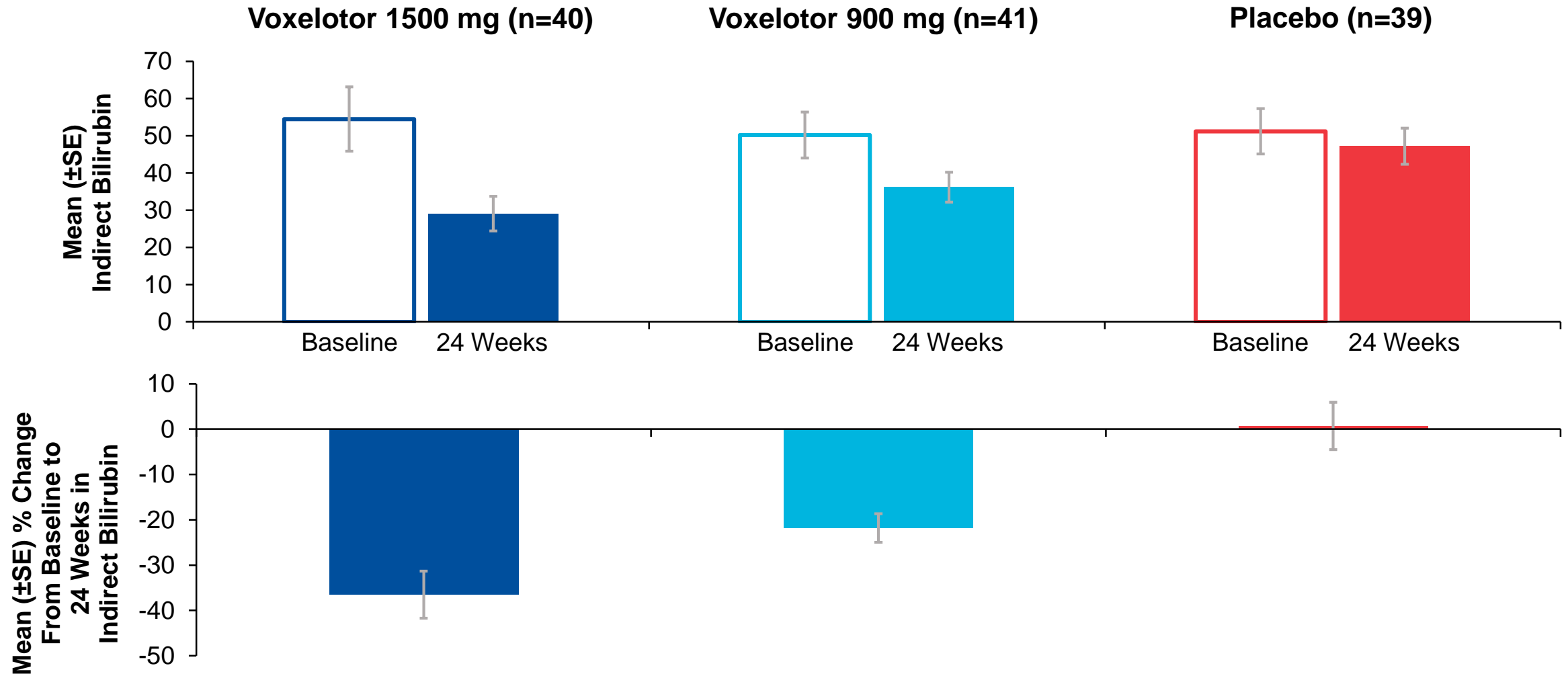
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# Percent Reticulocyte Count Improvement Consistent With Decreased Hemolysis



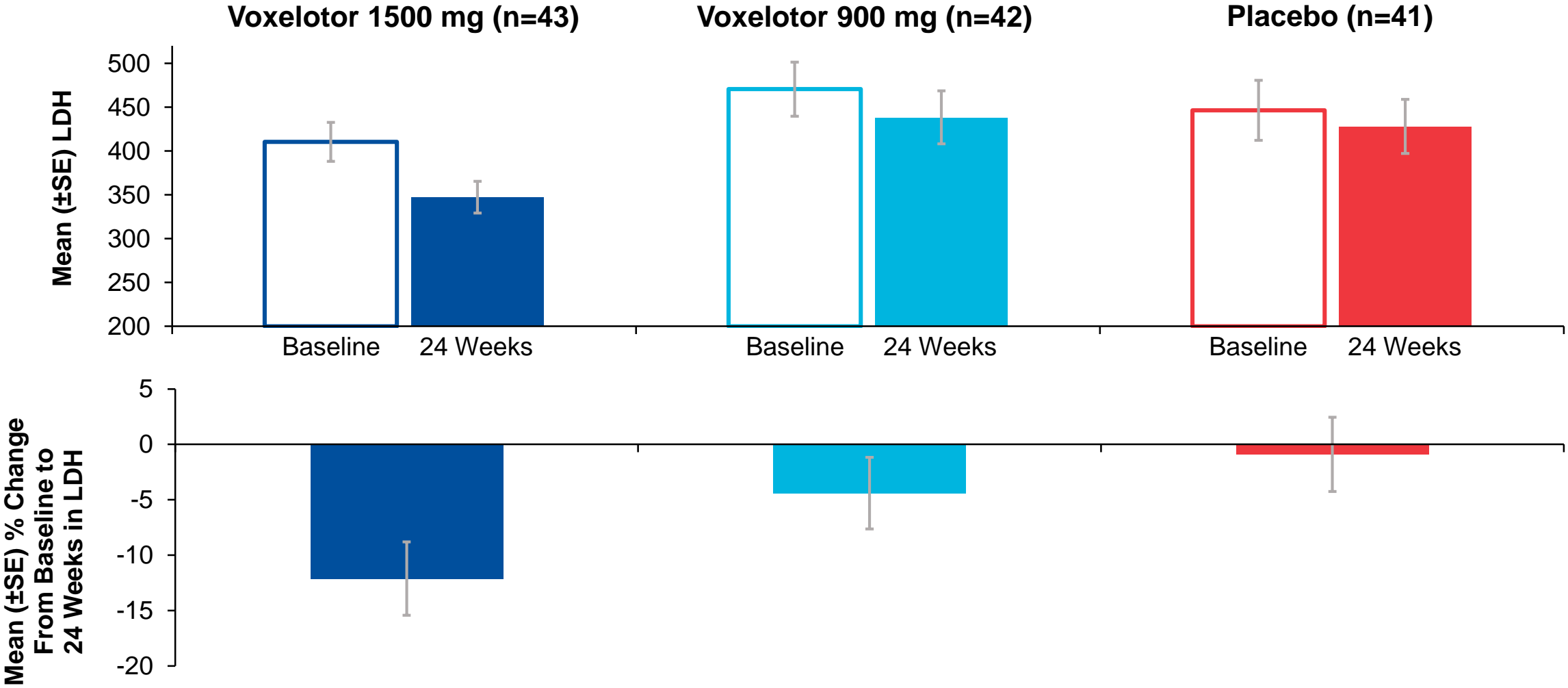
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# Indirect Bilirubin Improvement Consistent With Decreased Hemolysis



Baseline = average of screening and day of randomization; 24 Weeks = average of Weeks 20 and 24.

# LDH Improvement Consistent With Decreased Intravascular Hemolysis



LDH, lactate dehydrogenase.  
Baseline = average of screening and day of randomization; 24 Weeks = average of Weeks 20 and 24.

# Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events

	Voxelotor 1500 mg N=52	Voxelotor 900 mg N=52	Placebo N=50
Any AE	48 (92%)	46 (88%)	47 (94%)
Grade ≥3	29 (56%)	31 (60%)	27 (54%)
AE leading to treatment discontinuation	5 (10%)	3 (6%)	2 (4%)
SAE (not including VOC or ACS)	25 (48%)	29 (56%)	24 (48%)
Fatal SAE	0	0	1 (2%)



# Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Occurring in $\geq 10\%$ of Subjects

Preferred Term, n (%)	Voxelotor 1500 mg N=52	Voxelotor 900 mg N=52	Placebo N=50
Patients with $\geq 1$ event (not including SCD events)	48 (92)	46 (88)	47 (94)
Diarrhea	11 (21)	10 (19)	5 (10)
Headache	15 (29)	6 (12)	13 (26)
Upper respiratory tract infection	7 (13)	11 (21)	5 (10)
Arthralgia	9 (17)	7 (13)	5 (10)
Nausea	8 (15)	8 (15)	6 (12)
Abdominal pain	7 (13)	6 (12)	4 (8)
Fatigue	5 (10)	7 (13)	6 (12)
Pain	5 (10)	7 (13)	4 (8)
Vomiting	7 (13)	5 (10)	7 (14)
Back pain	5 (10)	6 (12)	4 (8)
Pain in extremity	4 (8)	7 (13)	8 (16)
Pyrexia	4 (8)	6 (12)	2 (4)
Pneumonia	3 (6)	6 (12)	6 (12)
Urinary tract infection	5 (10)	4 (8)	7 (14)
Cough	5 (10)	2 (4)	3 (6)

# Fewer VOC With Substantial Increase in Hemoglobin

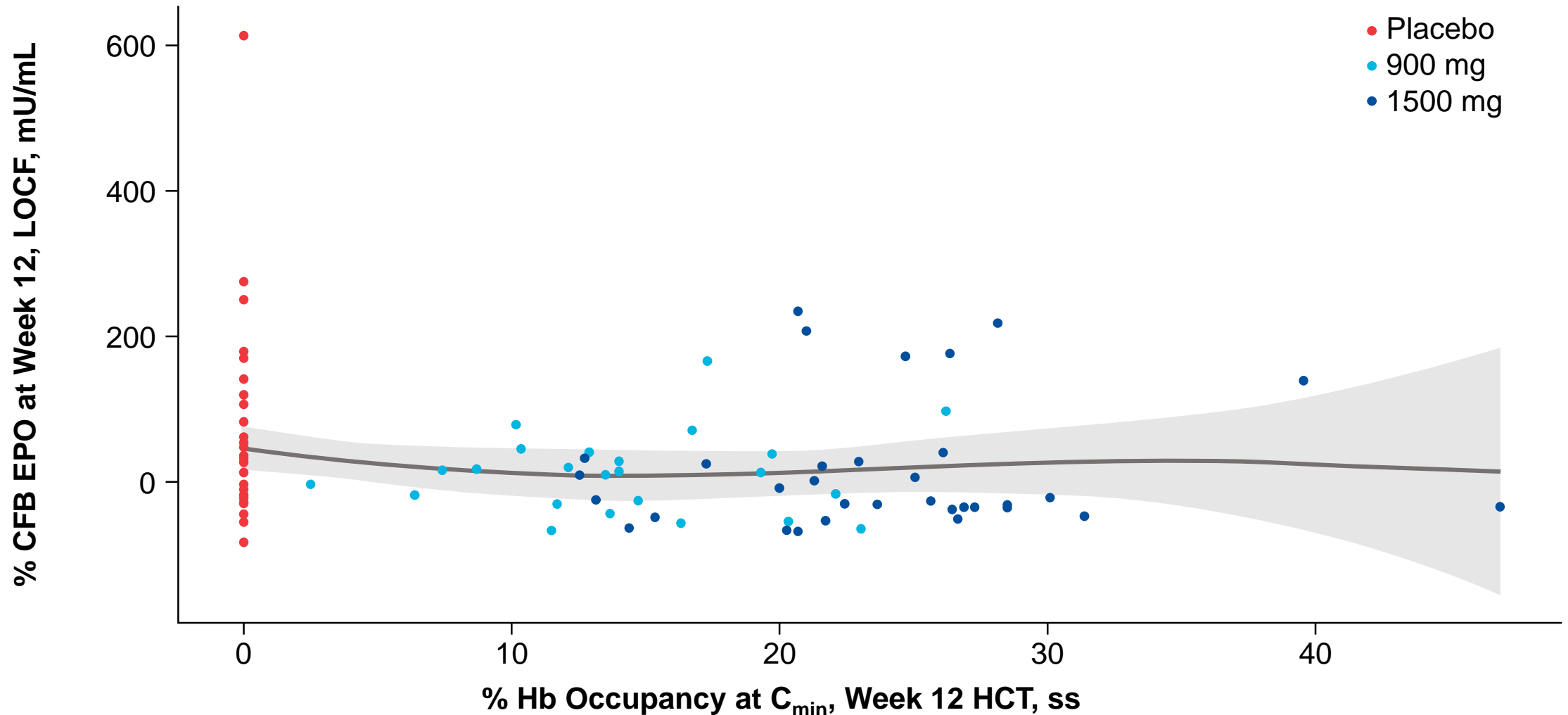
	Voxelotor 1500 mg N=52	Voxelotor 900 mg N=52	Placebo N=50
No. of VOC (No. of participants with $\geq 1$ VOC)	109 (36)	113 (34)	131 (35)
VOC incidence (per person-year)	2.77	2.85	3.41

VOC definition includes ACS

- Moderate to severe pain lasting  $\geq 2$  hours
- No explanation other than VOC
- Requires medication prescribed/directed by a healthcare professional
- Patient was seen in medical facility or contacted site within 1 business day

Median follow up = 41.6 weeks for all patients (N=154)

# No Treatment-Related Increase in Erythropoietin, Indicating Preserved Tissue Oxygenation



# Conclusions

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- Rapid, robust, and sustained improvement in hemoglobin and hemolysis
- Voxelotor 1500 mg dose demonstrated:
  - Hemoglobin increase of >1 g/dL in 65% of patients
  - Anemia improvement irrespective of baseline anemia severity or HU use
- Voxelotor was safe and well tolerated
- Fewer VOC with substantial increase in hemoglobin
- Preserved tissue oxygenation as indicated by reduction in reticulocyte counts and stable erythropoietin levels

**Voxelotor has the potential to modify the morbidity of chronic organ damage associated with SCD by improving anemia and hemolysis**

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