



COLLABORATIVE  
TRAJECTORY  
ANALYSIS  
PROJECT

- Pre-competitive
- Multi-national
- All stakeholder groups
- More effective trial design

*Collaborative Learning from Patient Data*

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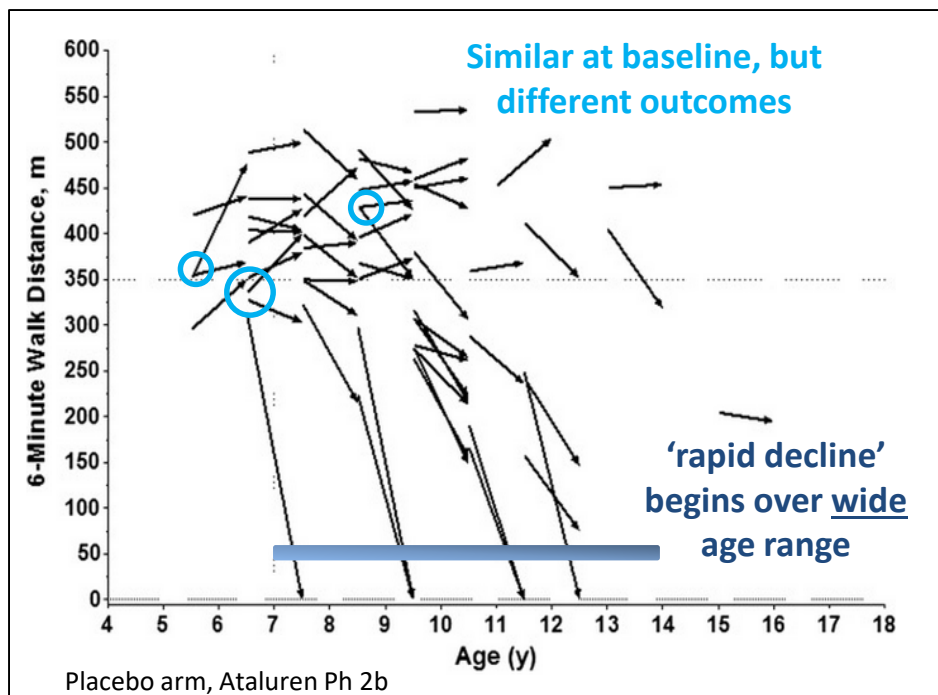


# The problem we're trying to solve

PIVOTAL TRIAL	No. Patients in the trial	Met primary endpoint?	Placebo Arm SD
Ataluren Phase 2b	174	no	88
Ataluren Phase 3	228	no	81
Drisapersen Phase 2	69	no	51
Drisapersen Phase 3	186	no	92
Tadalafil Phase 3	331	no	51

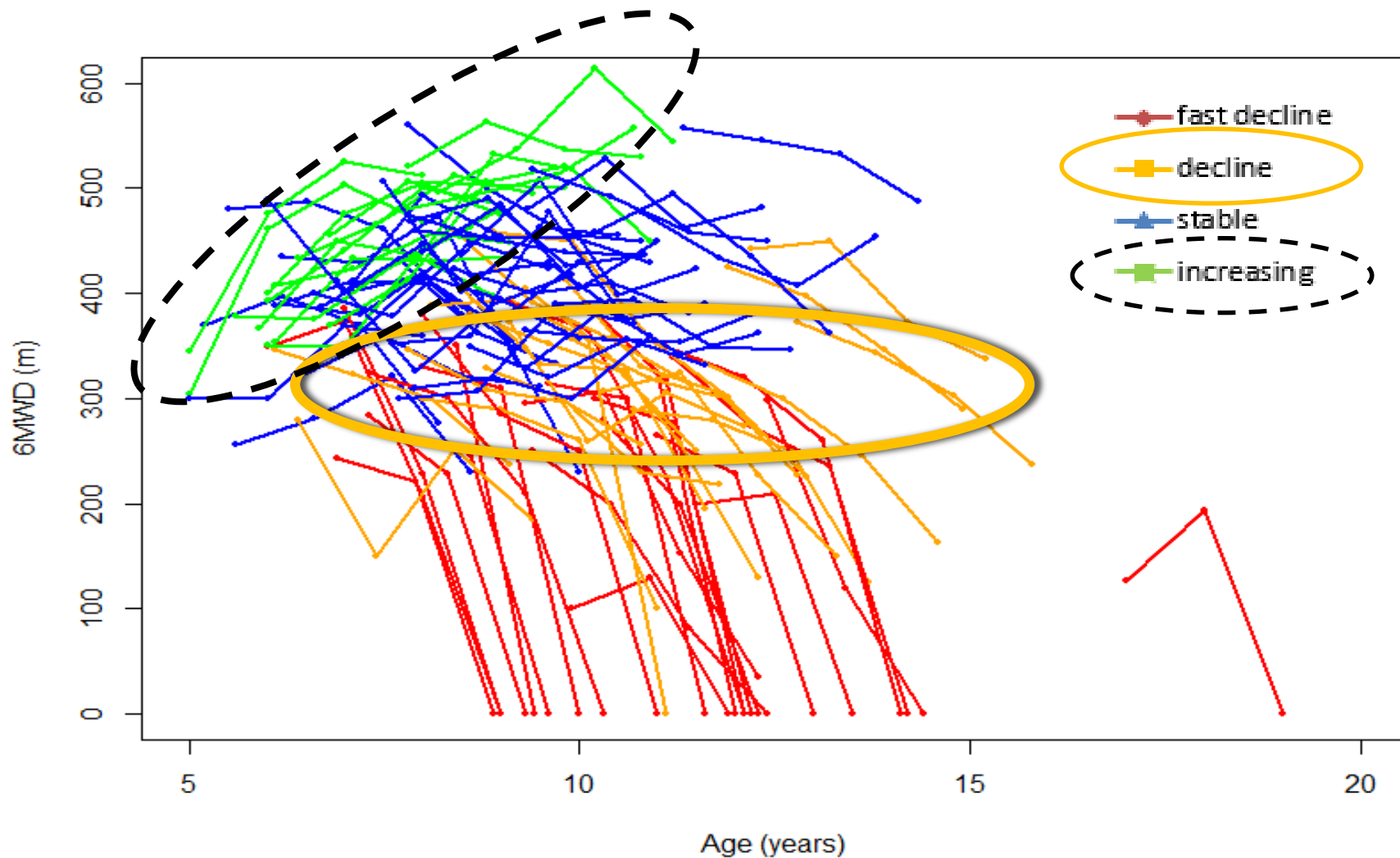
- *large numbers of patients*
- *drug effects not statistically significant*

# High variance is driven by heterogeneity in longitudinal disease progression



- Burden and disappointment for patients and families
- Uncertainty and wasted resources for drug development
- Disincentive for investors

# Can we select for patients at similar stages of disease?



# What to do?

## AIMS

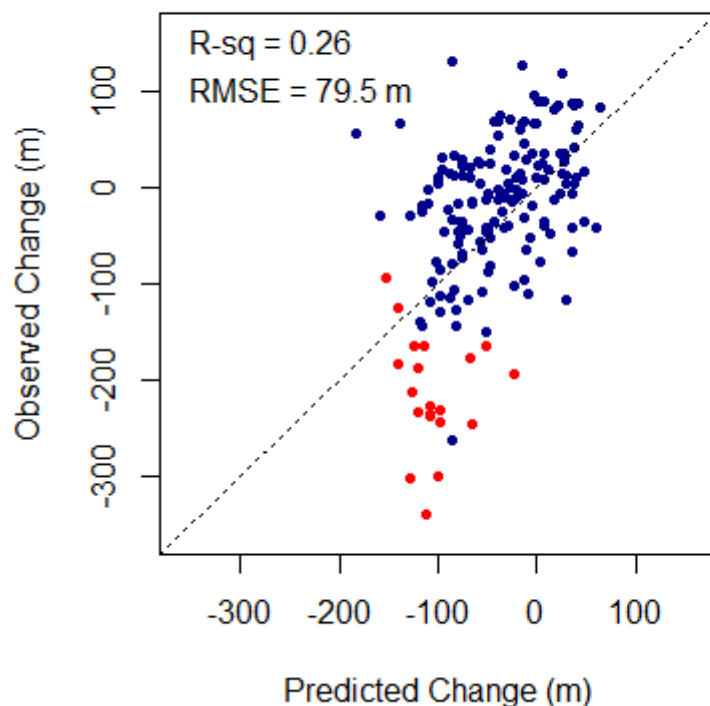
1. Reduce Variance
2. Reduce Size of clinical trials

- Select patients with a similar trajectory of progression
- Identify prognostic factors to predict (and adjust for) different trajectories

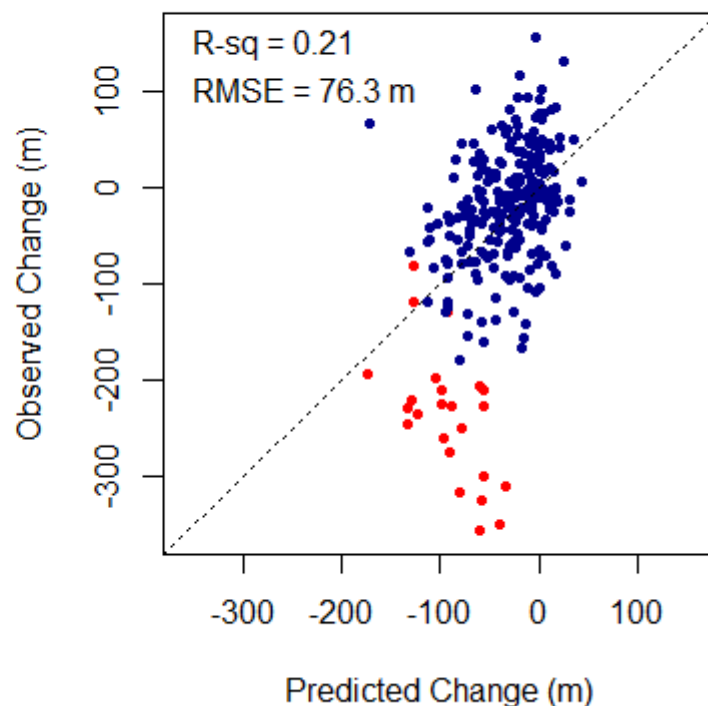
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# Conventional Prognostic Factors account for only one quarter of observed variance in 1 yr $\Delta$ 6MWD

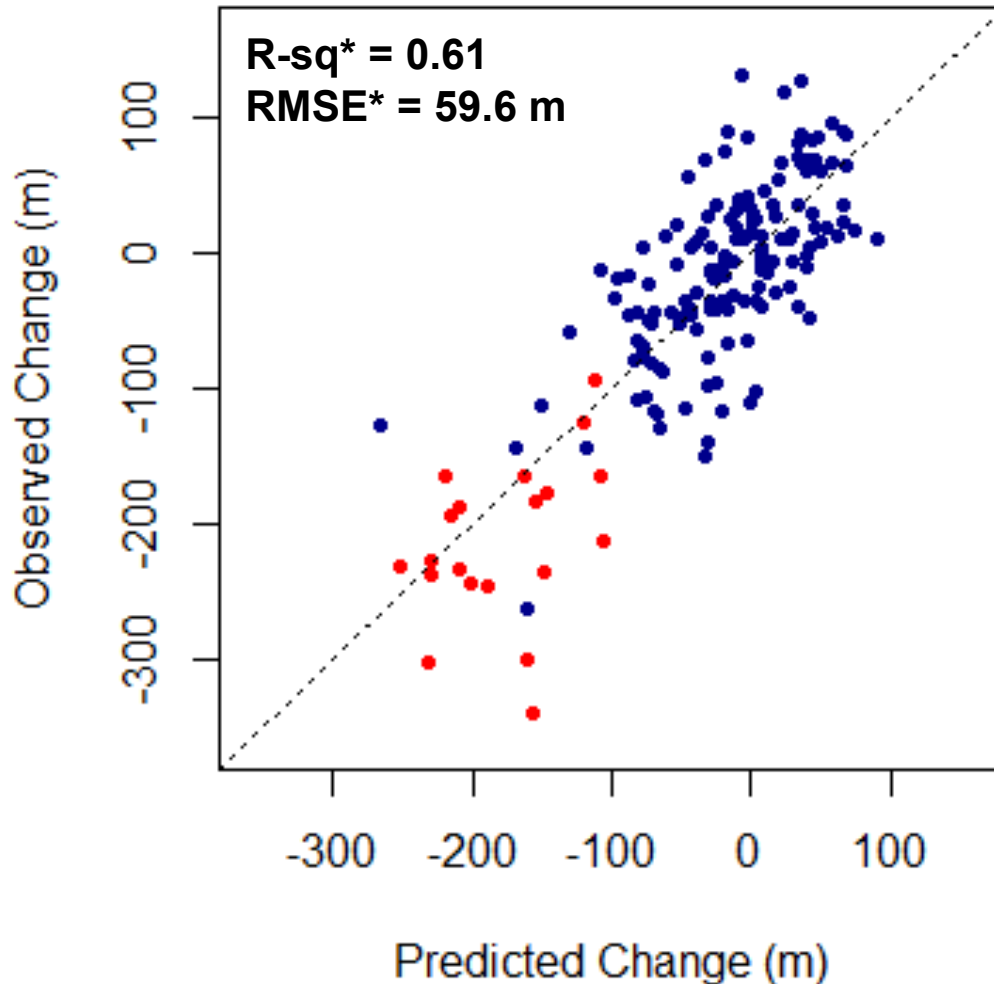
**Leuven: age + 6MWD + steroids**



**Telethon: age + 6MWD + steroids**



# Composite prognostic model more than doubles prognostic accuracy, reduces unaccounted for variance

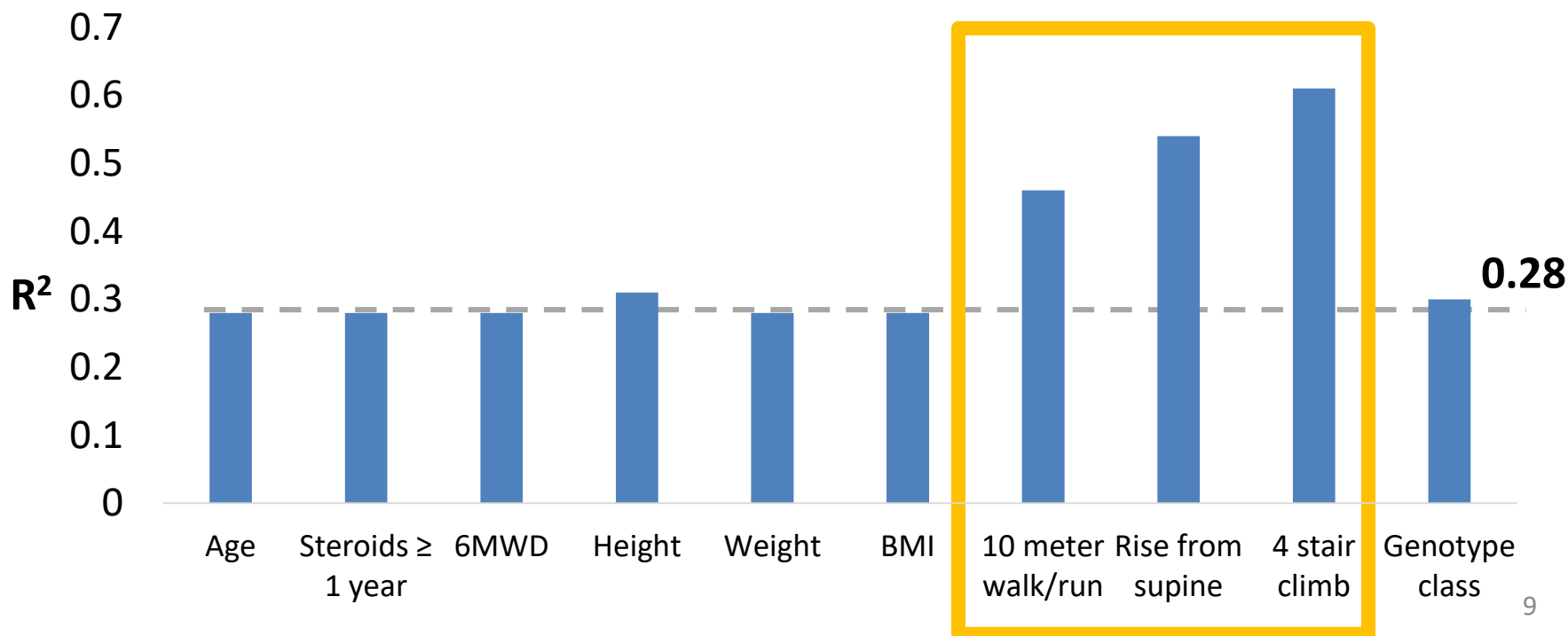


*\*Estimated using cross-validation*

# Contributions to prognostic accuracy

- The timed function tests contributed most to additional prognostic accuracy
- Genotypic class for dystrophin mutations (duplication, deletion, point mutation) did not explain significant additional variability in outcomes

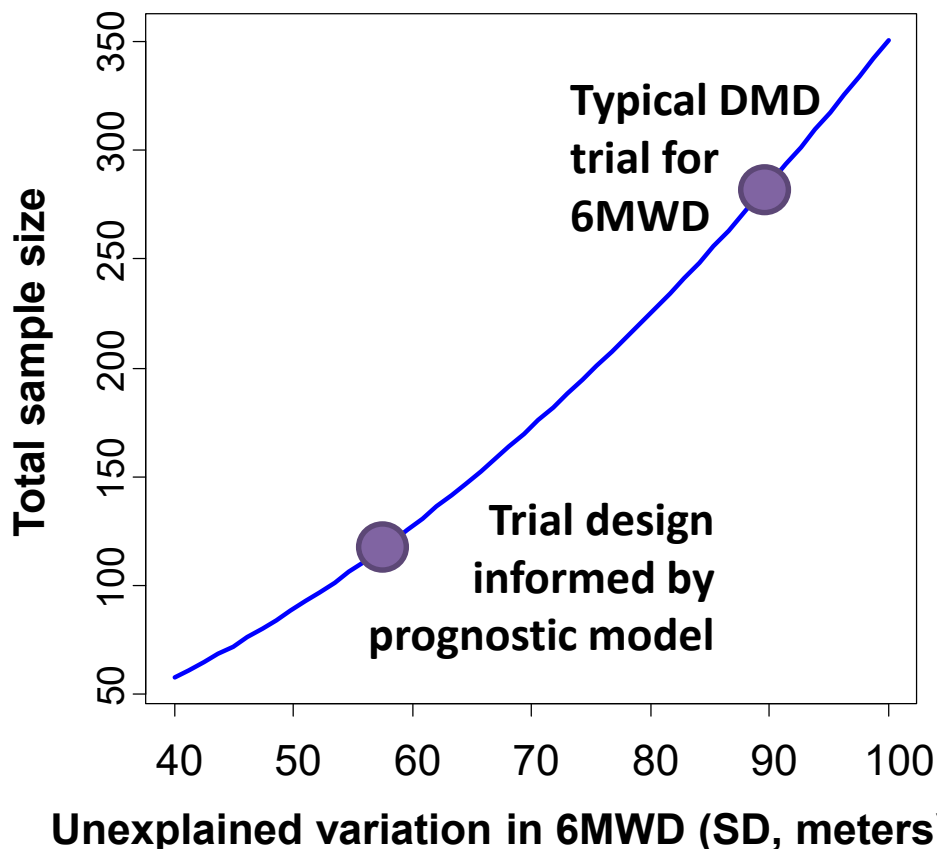
**R<sup>2</sup> after adding each baseline characteristic to age, baseline 6MWD and steroid use**



# Impact of selection/enrichment guided by a prognostic score

- An accurate prognostic model helps explain and reduce variability in outcomes
- Less unexplained variability leads to clearer trials: greater power to detect drug effects and/or smaller sample sizes
- The performance of the current prognostic model can enable smaller trials with 100s fewer patients

**Total sample sizes required to detect\* a 30 m change in 6MWD**



*\*with 80% power and equal allocation to two groups*

# What to do?

## AIMS

1. Variance Reduced
2. Reduce Size of clinical trials

- Identify prognostic factors to predict (and adjust for) different trajectories

*Can we use natural history to replace (or augment) placebo arms in clinical trials?*

# Natural History as control - Considerations

- Ambulatory tests e.g. 6MWD “is not a ‘hard’ endpoint
  - can be influenced by motivation and other factors
- *“It has been well documented that untreated historical-control groups tend to have worse outcomes than apparently similarly chosen control groups of randomized studies”*
- One could hypothesize that 6MWD outcomes **are better** in a trial setting vs. natural history in DMD due to:
  - Greater motivation or hope for improvement
  - More frequent follow-up
  - Optimized steroid therapy and physical therapy.

*How consistent is natural history versus placebo?*

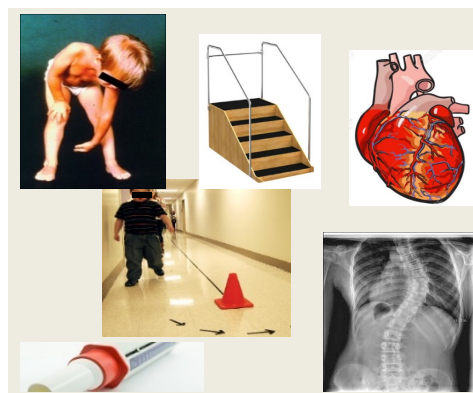
# Can we access sufficient patient data?

>2,300  
boys



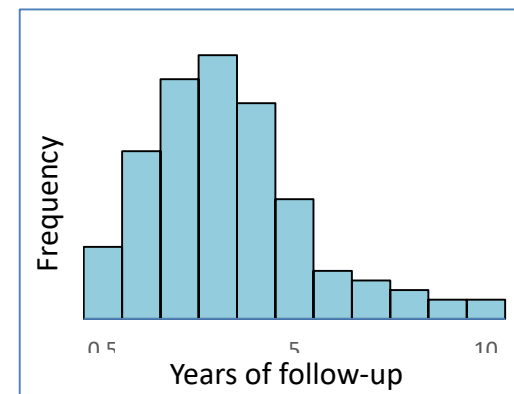
**LARGE &  
REPRESENTATIVE**

>15,000  
clinic visits



**RELEVANT &  
COMPREHENSIVE**

>1,000  
patient-years



**DISEASE PROGRESSION**

# Assess consistency – study design

## Published placebo-controlled trials using 6MWD

- Ataluren Phase 2b
- Ataluren Phase 3
- Drisapersen Phase 2
- Drisapersen Phase 3
- Tadalafil Phase 3



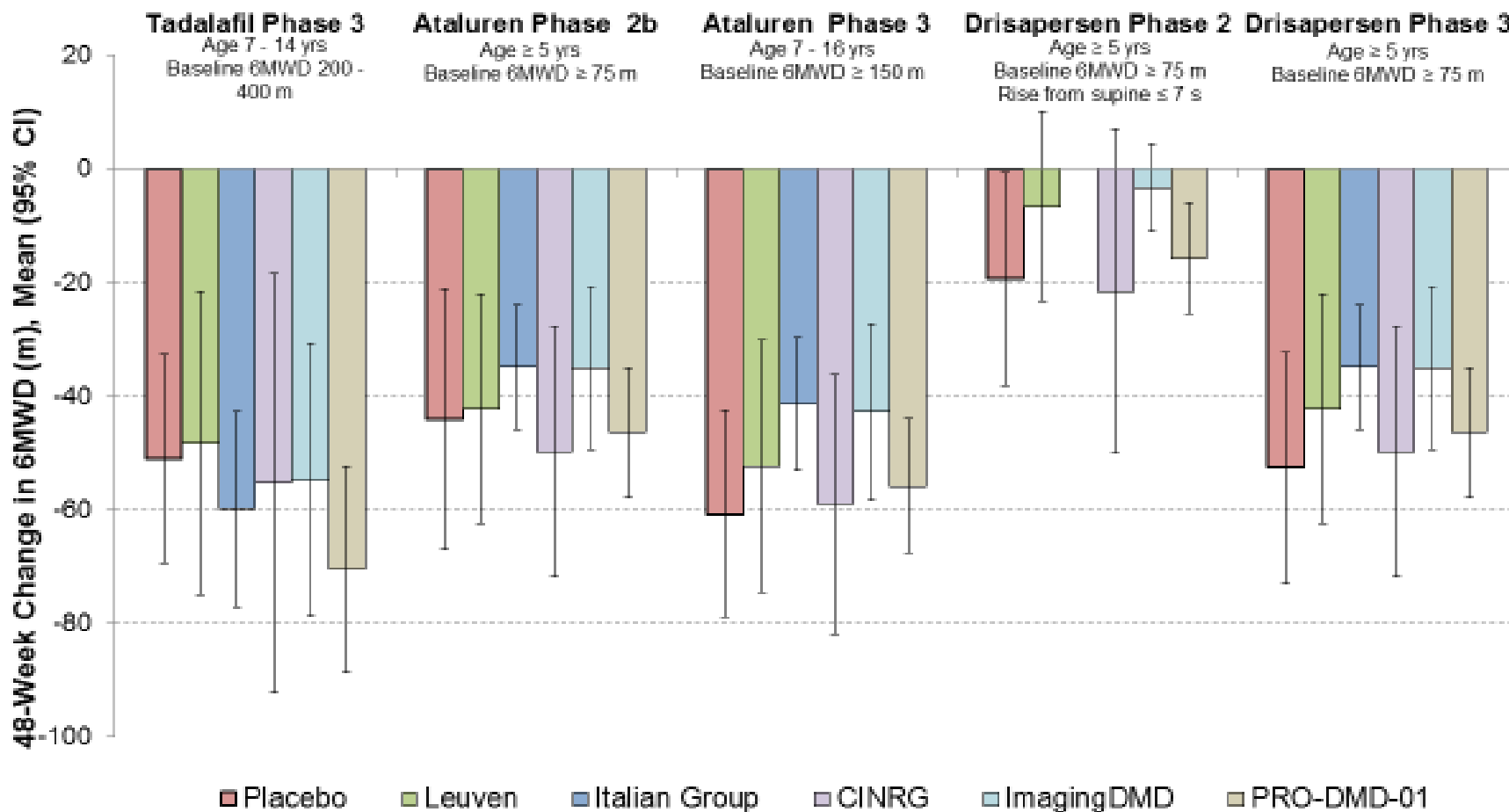
## Natural History datasets, Clinical practice, clinical registries

- Telethon Italy
- Goemans, UZ Leuven
- McDonald, CINRG
- Vandenborne, iDMD
- Muntoni, iMDEX

## Compare 1 year change in 6MWD

- from each clinical trial
- Versus each natural history using clinical trial inclusion/exclusion criteria

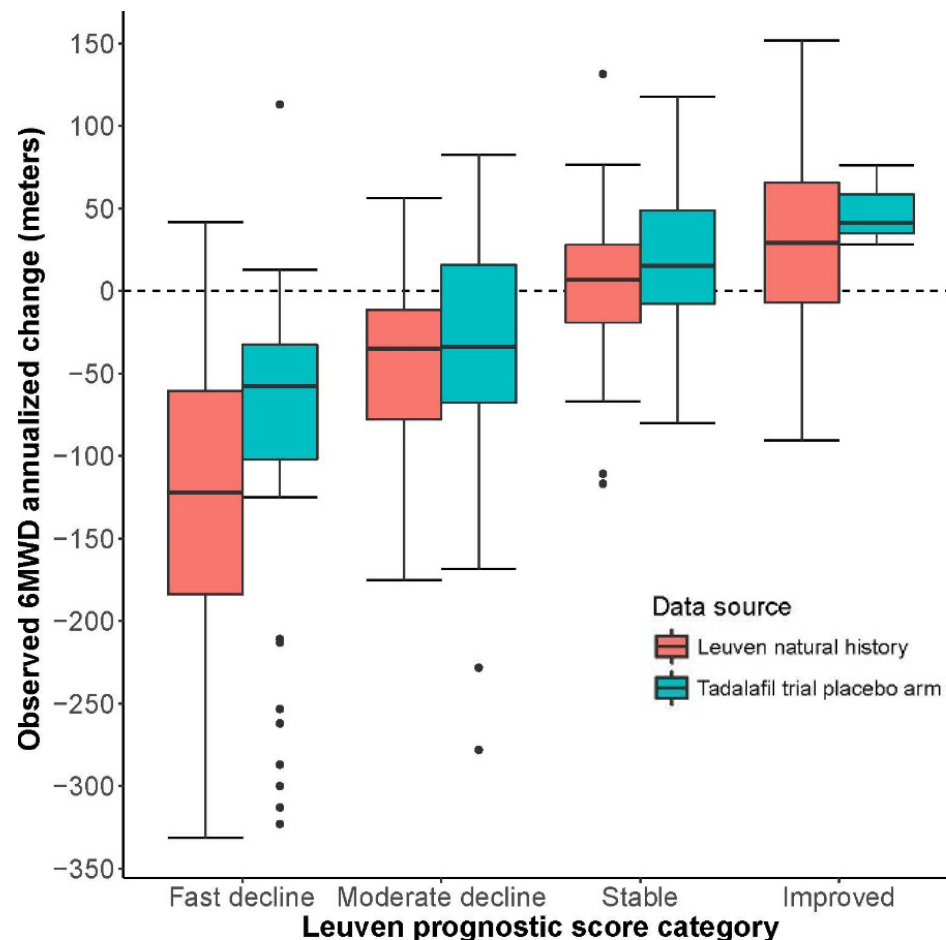
# Results



*No statistical difference between placebo and natural history*

# Prognostic model validation in placebo

- Placebo arm data from the tadalafil phase 3 trial
- No statistically significant differences in  $\Delta 6\text{MWD}$  between data sources within any baseline prognostic category (all  $p > 0.05$ ).



*No statistical difference between model performance in placebo versus natural history*

# Regulatory Feedback

- **FDA encouraged**
  - Replicate using other outcome measures
  - Use Natural History to supplement, not entirely replace, placebo
  - Work closely with drug companies to apply prognostic models
- **Review with EMA 2019**

# Summary

## AIMS

1. Reduce Variance
2. Reduce Size of clinical trials

- Prognostic model more than doubles prognostic power
  - Replicates in placebo data
- No evidence of statistical difference between natural history and placebo
- Positive Regulatory Feedback

***Better trial design, good therapies to patients sooner***

# Collaboration

- Importance of all patient clinical data
- LEARNing from patient data
- Collaborative learning
- Apples to apples analysis enabled
- Non-proprietary, neutral - Credibility with Regulators
- Teamwork, sum is greater than parts



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