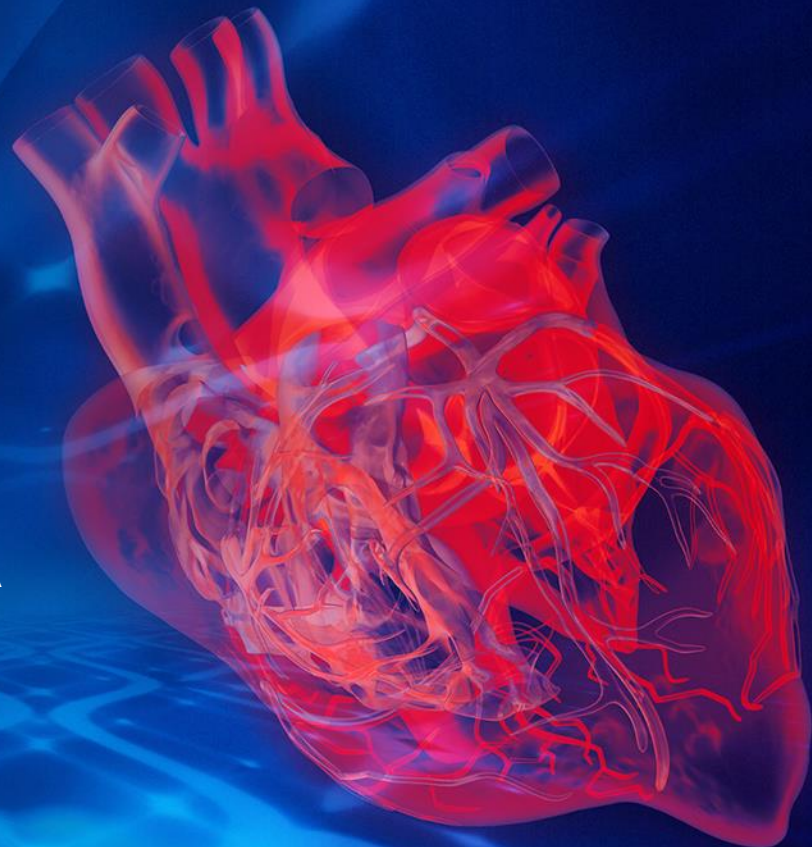


# TRISCEND II Trial: A Randomized Trial of Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Replacement in Patients with Severe Tricuspid Regurgitation

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# Background

- Although historically underappreciated, the importance of severe tricuspid regurgitation (TR) in leading to debilitating symptoms and poor outcomes is being increasingly recognized
- Treatment options for TR are limited, with medical therapy being suboptimal and surgery having high rates of morbidity and mortality
- There is an unmet need for transcatheter solutions that provide treatment options at lower risk and result in improved outcomes

# EVOQUE Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Replacement System

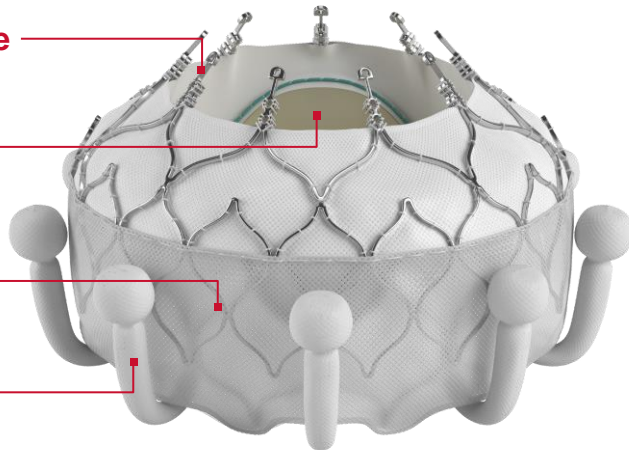
## EVOQUE Valve

Nitinol self-expanding frame

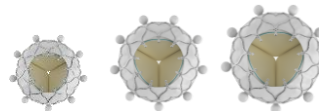
Bovine pericardial tissue

Intra-annular sealing skirt

9 ventricular anchors



Available in three sizes



44 mm

48 mm

52 mm

## EVOQUE Delivery System

Transfemoral

28 Fr outer diameter

3 planes of movement



# EVOQUE Tricuspid Valve Replacement System Received FDA Breakthrough Designation

## FDA Breakthrough Designation

Designed to provide patients with timely access to new devices for life-threatening or irreversibly debilitating conditions

May accept greater uncertainty if probable benefits outweigh probable risk of harm

*Contains Nonbinding Recommendations*

## Breakthrough Devices Program Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

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### I. Introduction<sup>1</sup>

This guidance document describes policies that FDA intends to use to implement section 515B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 360c-3), as created by section 3051 of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act (Cures Act) (Public Law 114-255) and amended by section 901 of the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-52) (the “Breakthrough Devices Program”). The Breakthrough Devices Program is a voluntary program for certain medical devices and device-led combination products<sup>2</sup> that provide for more effective treatment or diagnosis of life-threatening or irreversibly debilitating diseases or conditions. It is available for devices and device-led combination products which are subject to review under a premarket approval application (PMA), premarket notification (510(k)), or De Novo classification request (“De Novo request”). This program is intended to help patients have more timely access to these medical devices by expediting their development, assessment, and review, while preserving the statutory standards for premarket approval, 510(k) clearance, and De Novo marketing authorization, consistent with the Agency’s mission<sup>3</sup> to protect and promote public health.

The Breakthrough Devices Program supersedes the Expedited Access Pathway (EAP), which was launched in 2015. The Breakthrough Devices Program contains features of the EAP as well as the Innovation Pathway (first piloted in 2011; the pilot is now discontinued), both of which were intended to facilitate the development and expedite the review of breakthrough technologies. Due to consistency in vision and designation criteria between the precursor EAP Program and the Breakthrough Devices Program, FDA now considers devices granted designation under the EAP to be part of the Breakthrough Devices Program.

<sup>1</sup> The Office of Combination Products (OCP) and the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) were consulted in the preparation of this guidance.

<sup>2</sup> A combination product is defined in 21 CFR 312. For purposes of this guidance, device-led combination products refer to combination products subject to review under a premarket approval application (PMA), premarket notification (510(k)), or De Novo classification request.

<sup>3</sup> Statement of FDA Mission can be found at <https://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WhatWeDo/>

# TRISCEND II: Two-Part Study Design Based on the Breakthrough Designation






**'First 150'**  
First 150 patients  
randomized and treated

**Total Cohort**

**N = 400**  
All-randomized  
patients

Enrolled, follow-up ongoing

## Primary Endpoints

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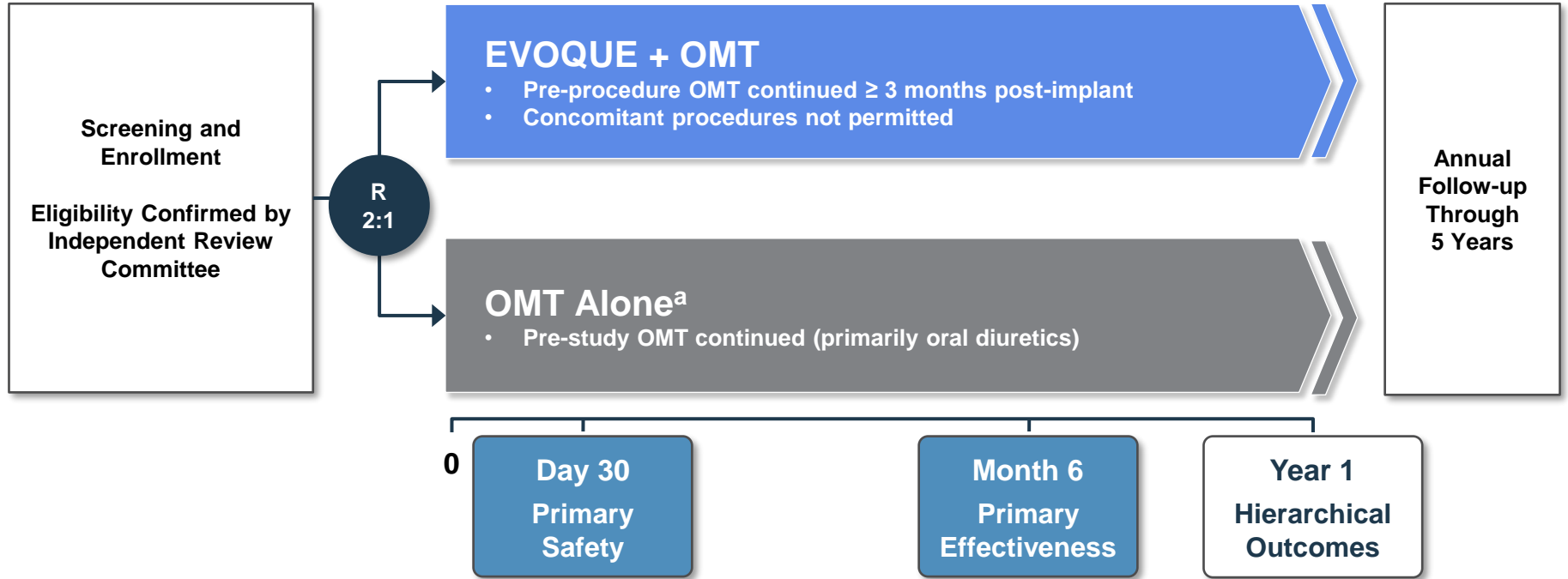
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# TRISCEND II Trial Design



<sup>a</sup>Patients randomized to OMT alone may be eligible for treatment with the EVOQUE system following 1- or 2-year follow-up visits.  
OMT, optimal medical therapy; R, randomization



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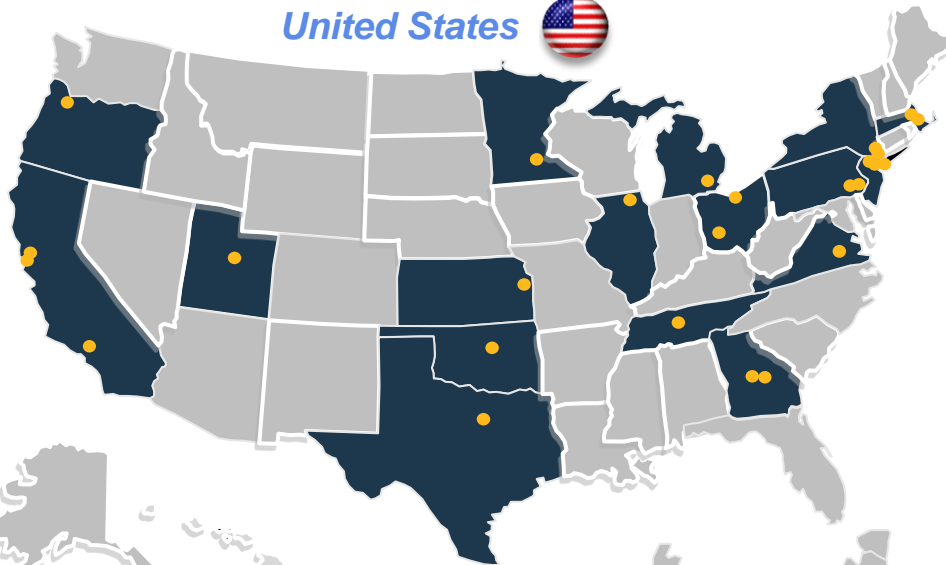
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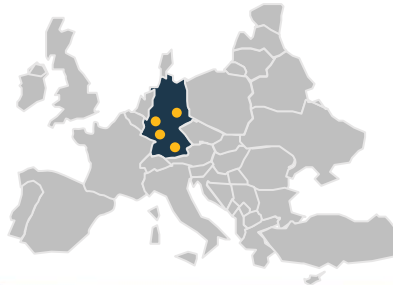
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United States



Germany



## United States

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	• Kaiser Permanente San Francisco		• Montefiore Medical Center
GA	• Stanford University	OH	• NYU Langone Health
	• Emory University Hospital		• The Christ Hospital
IL	• Piedmont Heart Institute	OK	• Cleveland Clinic
	• Northwestern Medical Center		• Oklahoma Heart Institute
KS	• Cardiovascular Research Institute of Kansas	OR	• Oregon Health & Science University
	• Brigham and Women's Hospital		• Lankenau Heart Institute
MA	• Massachusetts General Hospital	PA	• University of Pennsylvania
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MI	• Henry Ford Hospital	TX	• Baylor Heart Hospital Plano
MN	• Mayo Clinic	UT	• Intermountain Medical Center
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# Key Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria Allowed for Identification of Patients with at Least Severe TR

## Inclusion Criteria

- Age  $\geq$  18 years
- Signs / symptoms of TR or prior heart failure hospitalization
- Receiving OMT at the time of TR assessment
- Functional and/or degenerative TR graded as at least severe on a TTE
- Local Heart Team determines patient is appropriate for tricuspid valve replacement

## Exclusion Criteria

- Anatomy precluding proper implant
- Life expectancy  $<$  12 months (365 days)
- LVEF  $<$  25%
- Evidence of severe right ventricular dysfunction
- Any of the following pulmonary pressure parameters
  - PASP  $>$  60 mmHg by echo Doppler
  - PASP  $>$  70 mmHg by RHC
  - PVR  $>$  5 Wood units by RHC
- Previous tricuspid surgery or intervention
- Trans-tricuspid pacemaker or defibrillator lead
  - Implanted in RV within last 90 days
  - Pacemaker dependent without alternative option
  - Secondary prevention ICD with therapy delivered
- Severe aortic, mitral and/or pulmonic valve stenosis and/or regurgitation
- Unable to walk at least 100 m in a 6-minute walk test

# 30-Day Primary Safety Composite Endpoint

## Events Occurring $\leq$ 30 Days

- Cardiovascular mortality
- Myocardial infarction
- Stroke
- New need for renal replacement therapy
- Severe bleeding (fatal, life-threatening, extensive, or major)
- Non-elective TV re-intervention, percutaneous or surgical
- Major access site and vascular complications
- Major cardiac structural complications (access-related)
- Device-related pulmonary embolism
- Arrhythmia and conduction disorder requiring permanent pacing

All events  
adjudicated by  
independent clinical  
events committee

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Composite MAE  
rate compared to  
pre-specified  
performance goal  
of **70%**

# Performance Goal Derived from MAE Rate in Isolated TV Replacement Surgery from Medicare FFS Claims

Stepwise hierarchical analysis based on level of severity

Patients with multiple MAEs counted once

30-Day MAE	%
Death	7.6
Cardiogenic shock	15.6
Myocardial infarction	1.2
Stroke	1.4
AKI with dialysis	3.0
Cardiac tamponade	1.1
Pulmonary embolism	8.0
Permanent pacemaker	12.3
Severe bleeding & transfusion	9.2
Prolonged ventilation	6.1
Pneumonia	4.4

Expected MAE Rate\*: **43.8%**  
95% CI: **41.6% - 46.0%**

\*MAEs relevant for transcatheter treatment

# 6-Month Co-Primary Effectiveness Endpoints

1

## TR Grade Reduction

- Proportion of patients with TR  $\leq$  moderate

2

## Hierarchical Composite Endpoint (pre-specified hierarchy)

1. KCCQ overall summary score improvement of  $\geq 10$  points
2. NYHA functional class improvement of  $\geq 1$  class
3. 6MWD improvement of  $\geq 30$  meters

# Pre-Specified Analysis Methods for Co-Primary Effectiveness Endpoints

1

## TR Grade Reduction

- Pooled 1-sided z-test

2

## Hierarchical Composite Endpoint (pre-specified hierarchy)

- **Finkelstein-Schoenfeld Method:**  
Compares all possible patient pairs between treatment groups for composite endpoint
  - **P-value:** Test of significance
  - **Win Ratio:** Assessment of the effect size

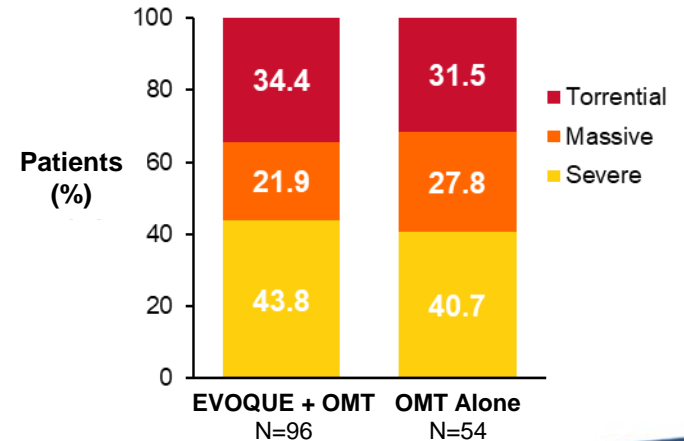


# Baseline Characteristics

	EVOQUE + OMT N=96	OMT Alone N=54
Age, years	79.4 ± 7.7	78.2 ± 8.3
Female, %	82.3	75.9
NYHA class III-IV, %	79.2	70.4
KCCQ overall score, points	49.1 ± 21.5	49.7 ± 22.3
STS score, mitral valve replacement, %	10.2 ± 5.7	9.4 ± 4.5
Left ventricular ejection fraction, %	55.1 ± 8.6	52.4 ± 11.6
Atrial fibrillation, %	97.9	96.3
Hypertension, %	91.7	87.0
COPD, %	19.8	16.7
Stroke, % <sup>a</sup>	19.8	5.6
Renal disease, ≥ stage II, %	50.0	57.4
Ascites, %	15.6	20.4
HF hospitalization in past 12 months, %	31.3	31.5
Pacemaker/ICD, %	36.5	42.6
Prior valve surgery/intervention, %	31.3	31.5
Coronary artery bypass graft, %	10.4	24.1

TR Etiology by Core Lab <sup>b</sup>	EVOQUE + OMT N=96	OMT Alone N=54
Primary, % <sup>c</sup>	14.6	13.0
Secondary, % <sup>d</sup>	77.1	70.4
Mixed, %	7.3	14.8
Indeterminate, %	1.0	1.9

## TR Severity by Core Lab<sup>b</sup>



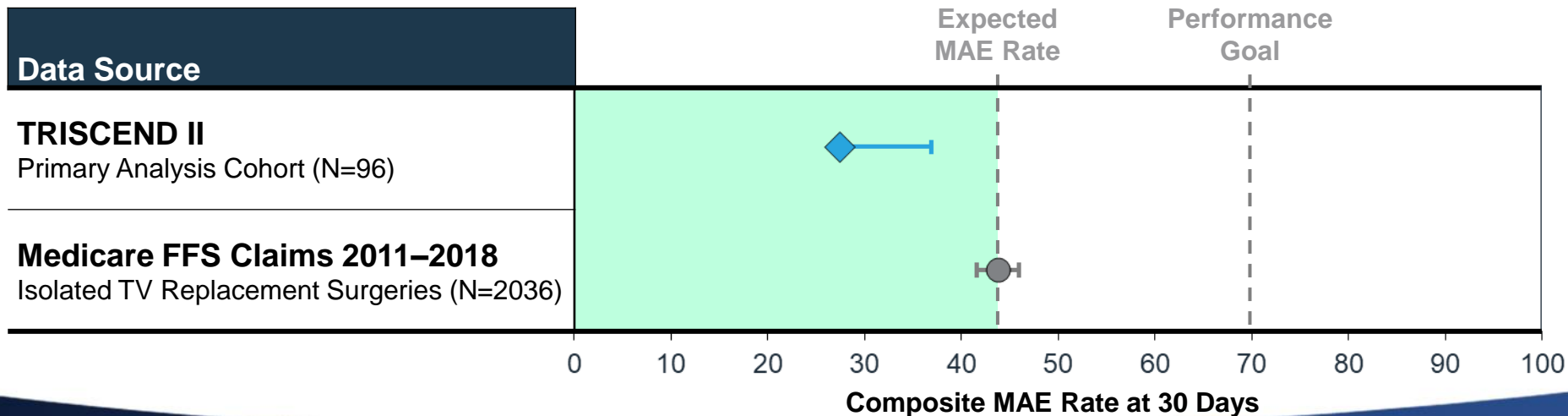
# EVOQUE System Procedure Characteristics

	EVOQUE + OMT N=96
Patients with study valve implanted	95.8% <sup>a</sup>
Procedure time (minutes)	115.2 ± 48.5
Device time (minutes)	65.0 ± 29.6
Percutaneous access	100%
Right femoral vein	83.3%
Left femoral vein	16.7%
Conversion to surgery	2.1% <sup>b</sup>
Length of hospital stay (days)	4.0 [2.0, 8.0]
Discharged to home	90.6%

%, mean ± SD, median [IQR]. <sup>a</sup>Four procedures aborted due to challenging imaging or anatomy. <sup>b</sup>Two patients required open surgery to repair right ventricular perforation and were discharged with EVOQUE valve in place.

# TRISCEND II Met Primary Safety Endpoint

	Total Events (N)	EVOQUE + OMT Patients (%) N=96 <sup>a</sup>	One-Sided 97.5% Upper Confidence Bound
<b>Composite MAE at 30 days</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26 (27.4%)</b>	<b>36.9%</b>

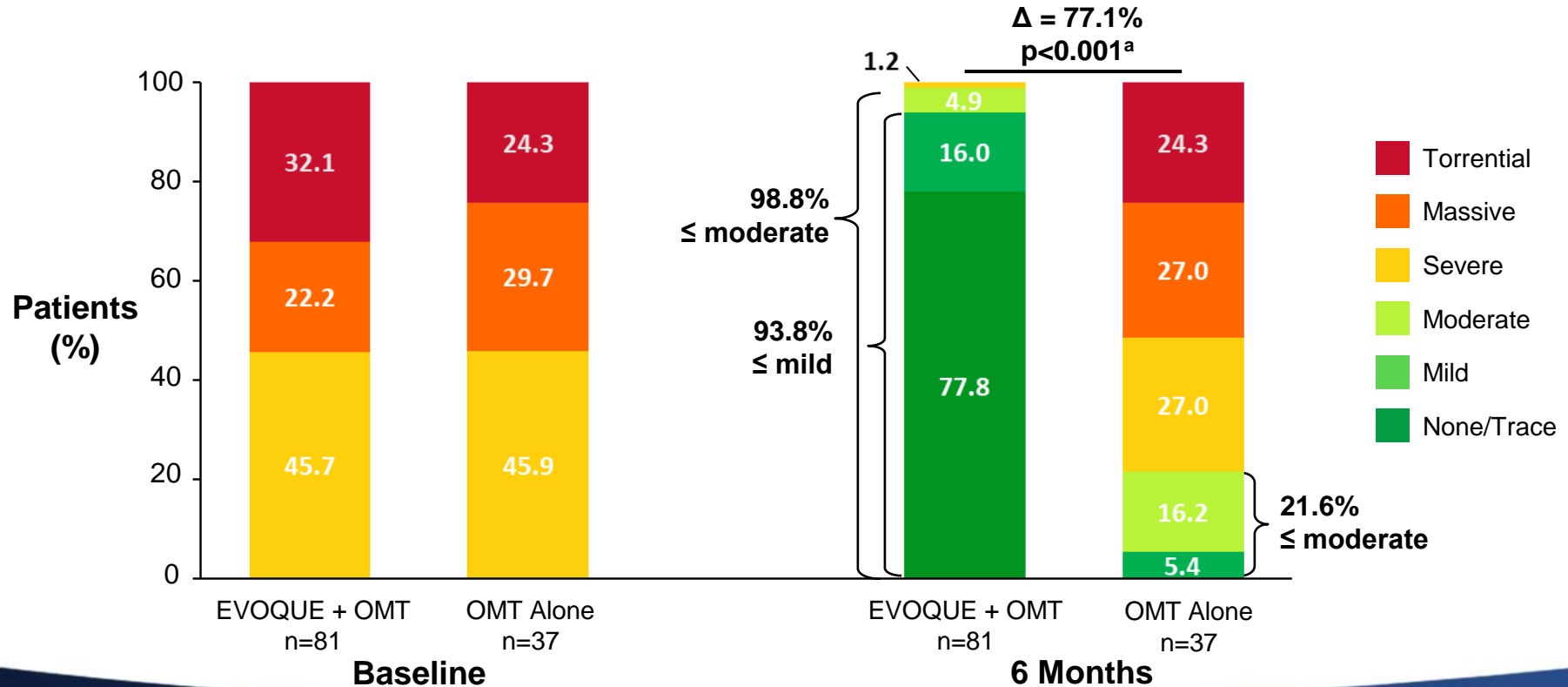


# Primary Safety Endpoint at 30 Days

CEC-Adjudicated Major Adverse Events	EVOQUE + OMT N=95 % (n)
Cardiovascular mortality	3.2 (3)
Myocardial infarction	1.1 (1)
Stroke	0.0 (0)
New need for renal replacement therapy	1.1 (1)
Severe bleeding <sup>a</sup>	10.5 (10)
Non-elective TV re-intervention	0.0 (0)
Major access site and vascular complication	3.2 (3)
Major cardiac structural complication	2.1 (2)
Device-related pulmonary embolism	1.1 (1)
Arrhythmia and conduction disorder requiring permanent pacing	14.7 (14)
<b>Composite MAE Rate<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>27.4 (26)</b>

<sup>a</sup>Severe bleeding as defined by the Mitral Valve Academic Research Consortium. <sup>b</sup>Patients may have had more than 1 event. CEC, clinical events committee; MAE, major adverse event; OMT, optimal medical therapy; TV, tricuspid valve

# Significant Reductions in TR Grade with EVOQUE System at 6 Months



Graph shows paired data. Echocardiographic core lab: Baylor Scott & White The Heart Hospital Plano, Plano, TX, USA. <sup>a</sup>Pooled Z-Test with continuity correction to be compared with one-sided significance level of 0.025. OMT, optimal medical therapy; TR, tricuspid regurgitation

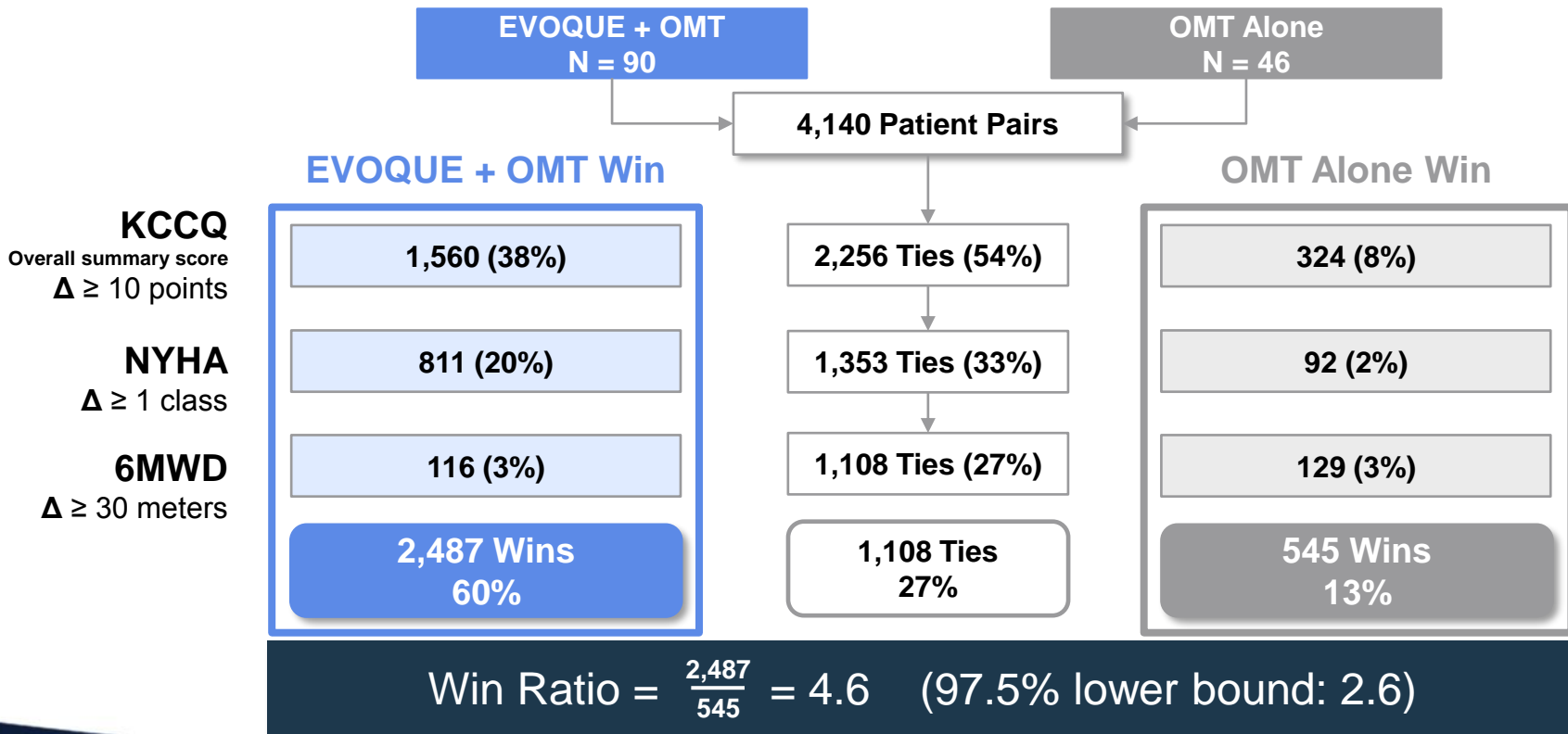
# Superior QoL and Functional Outcomes With EVOQUE System Compared to OMT

P-value <sup>a</sup>	Trial Result
< 0.001	<b>SUCCESS</b>

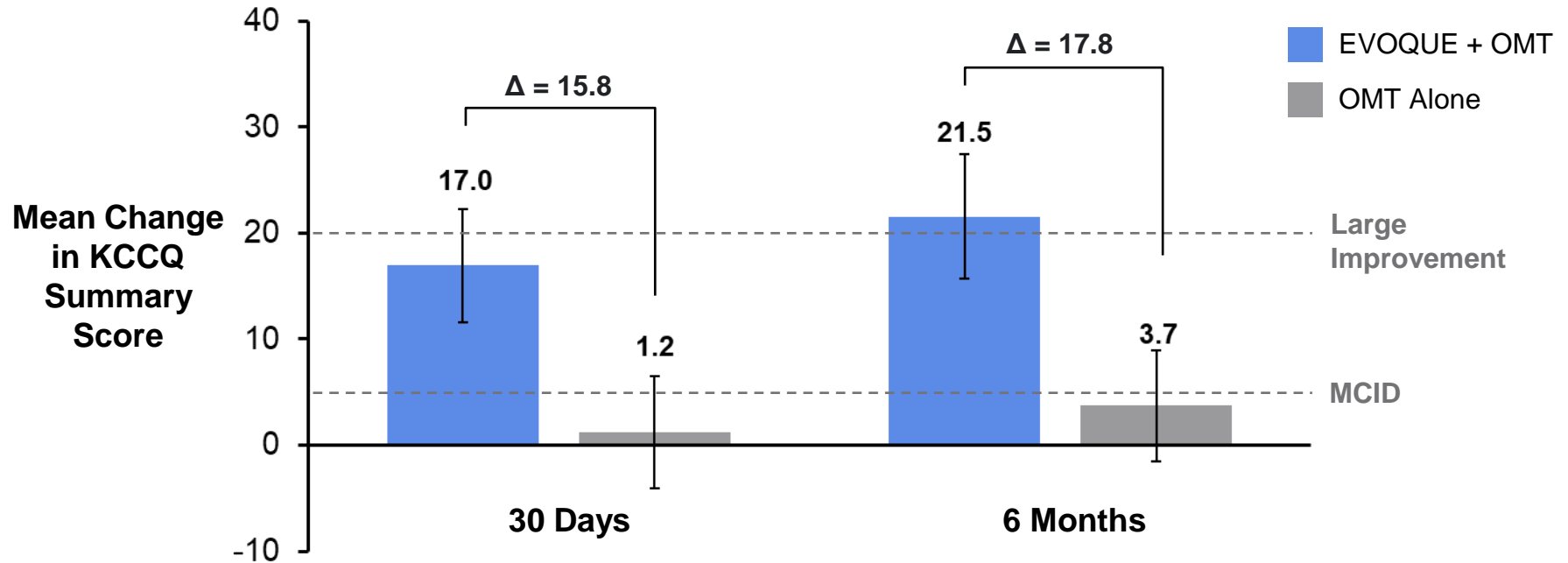
- Pairwise comparisons across all possible combinations of patients for each component in hierarchical order
  1. KCCQ:  $\Delta$  Summary score  $\geq$  10-point improvement
  2. NYHA:  $\geq$  1 class reduction
  3. 6MWD:  $\geq$  30-meter improvement
- Summary score for each patient used to compare treatment groups

<sup>a</sup>P-value calculated using Finkelstein-Schoenfeld method with one-sided significance level of 0.025. 6MWD, 6-minute walk distance; KCCQ, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire; NYHA, New York Heart Association; OMT, optimal medical therapy, QoL, quality of life

# Superior QoL Outcomes with EVOQUE System Compared to OMT



# Changes in KCCQ at 30 Days and 6 Months

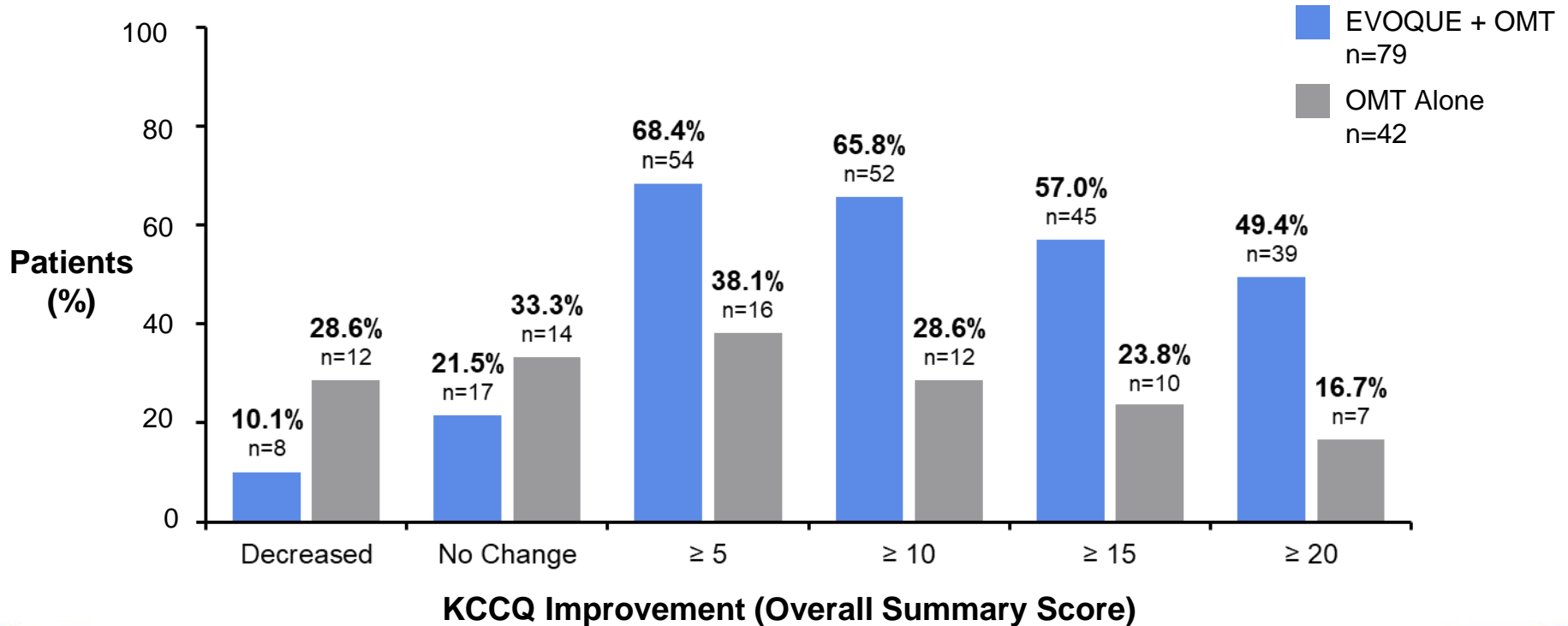


Baseline Mean KCCQ Score	50.6	48.0	50.7	51.2
	n=82	n=45	n=79	n=42

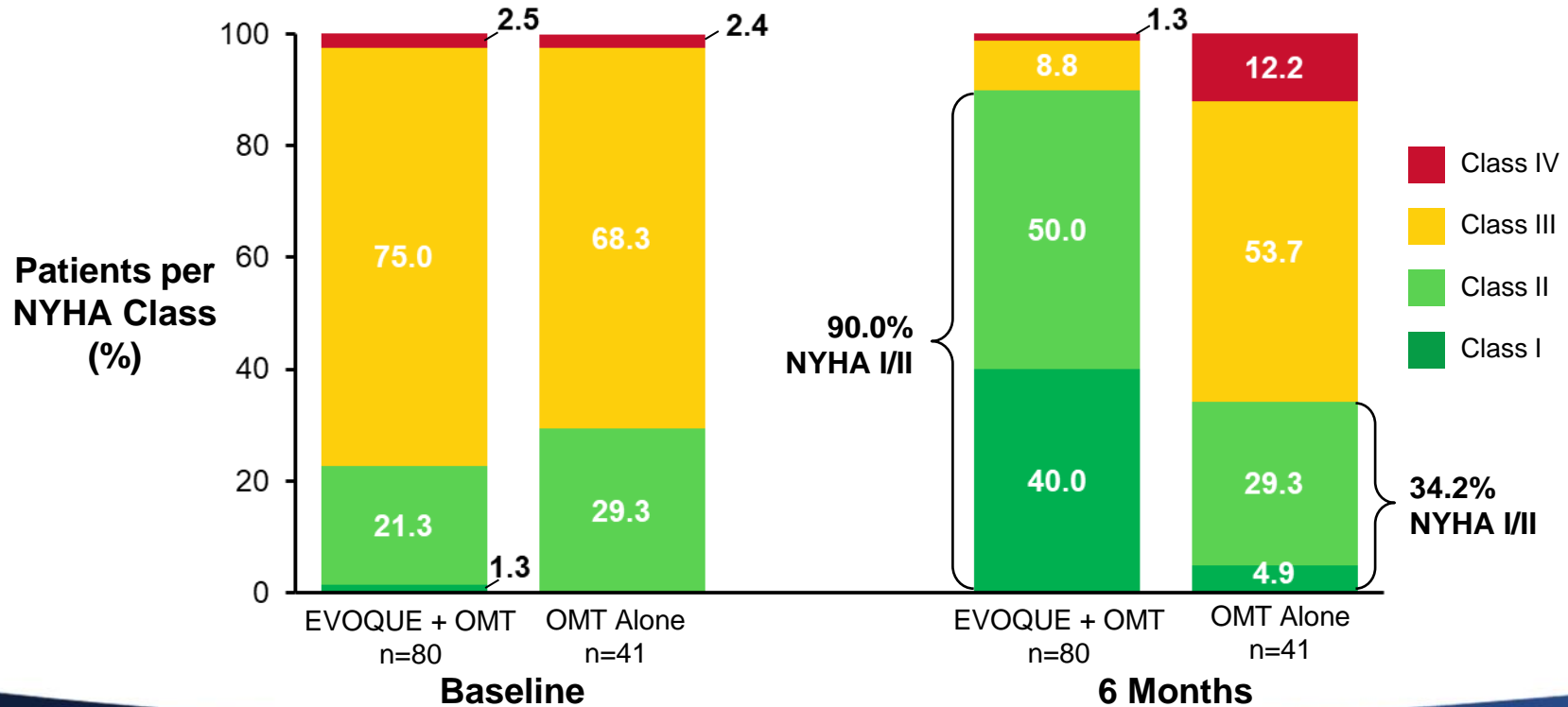
Graphs show paired analysis. Error bars show 95% CI. KCCQ, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire; MCID, Minimal Clinically Important Difference; OMT, optimal medical therapy



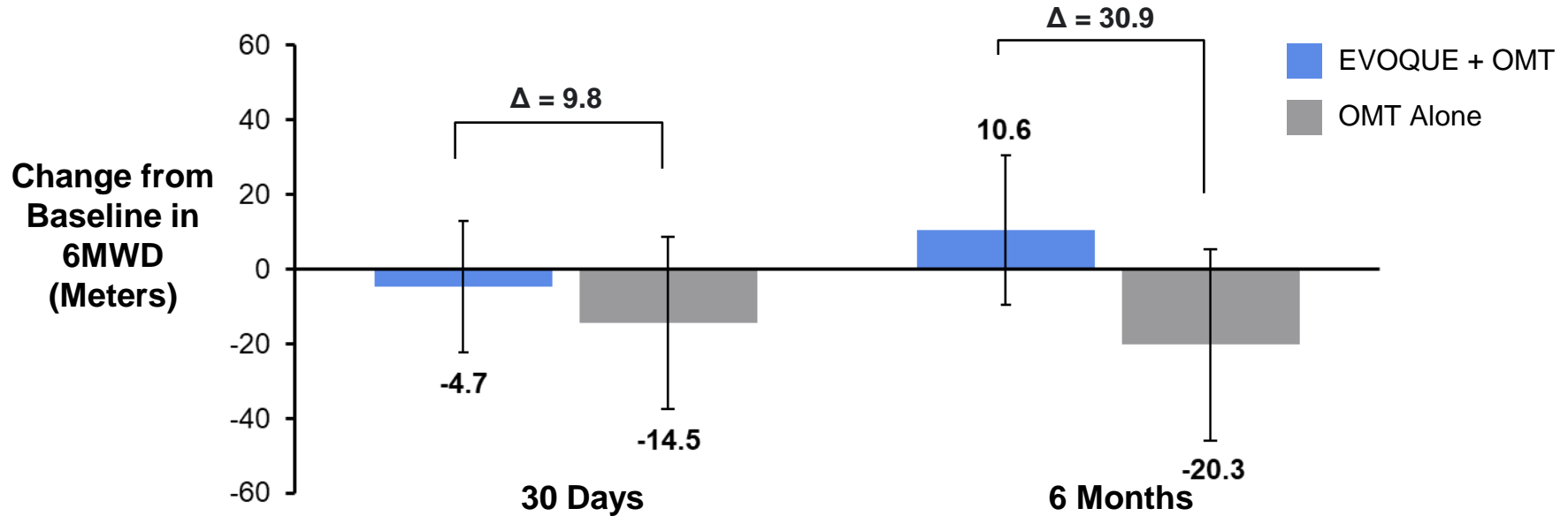
# Differences in Magnitude of KCCQ Improvement at 6 Months between EVOQUE and OMT Groups



# Changes in NYHA Class at 6 months between EVOQUE and OMT Groups



# Changes in 6MWD at 6 months between EVOQUE and OMT Groups



Baseline mean 6MWD (meters)	243.0	253.5	247.0	265.4
	n=81	n=39	n=73	n=34

# Conclusions

- TRISCEND II has demonstrated that transcatheter tricuspid valve replacement (TTVR) with the EVOQUE system is feasible with an acceptable safety profile in a highly comorbid patient population
  - MAE rate of 27.4% is less than the expected MAE rate of 43.8%
- TTVR with the EVOQUE system effectively eliminates TR in a vast majority of patients despite the presence of massive or torrential at baseline in more than 50% of population
  - Mild or less in 93.8%
  - None/trace in 77.8%
- Treatment of severe TR with the EVOQUE system resulted in meaningful improvements in functional status and symptoms at 6 months

# Final Thoughts

- The unique trial design of TRISCEND II, based on FDA breakthrough designation, provides an early look at the safety and effectiveness of the EVOQUE system in the first 150 patients
- Important clinical and echocardiographic endpoints including mortality and heart failure hospitalization from the full cohort of 400 patients will be presented in the future