

ESA – erythropoietin stimulating agent (Darbepoetin dose in mcg), Hb- Haemoglobin (gm/dl), ERI- erythropoietin resistive index (ESA/ Hb / Weight)

Outcome	Placebo (n=39)			Pentoxifylline (n=30)			p value
	Baseline	Follow up	Mean difference	Baseline	Follow up	Mean difference	Follow up groups (placebo & pentoxifylline)
<i>ESA /Hb</i>	<i>4.79 (2.34)</i>	<i>4.91 (3.49)</i>	<i>-0.12</i>	<i>4.08 (2.31)</i>	<i>3.98 (3.09)</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.26</i>

- Means of first two ESA / Hb values during run-in period (baseline) and last two ESA / Hb values during follow up phase*
- Mean difference = baseline value – follow up value in each cohort.*