

What is the best  
treatment for  
PNETS?

Surveillance

Everolimus

SSA

PRRT

Chemotherapy

Sunitinib

# Chemotherapy for pancreatic NETs

## Randomised Controlled trials

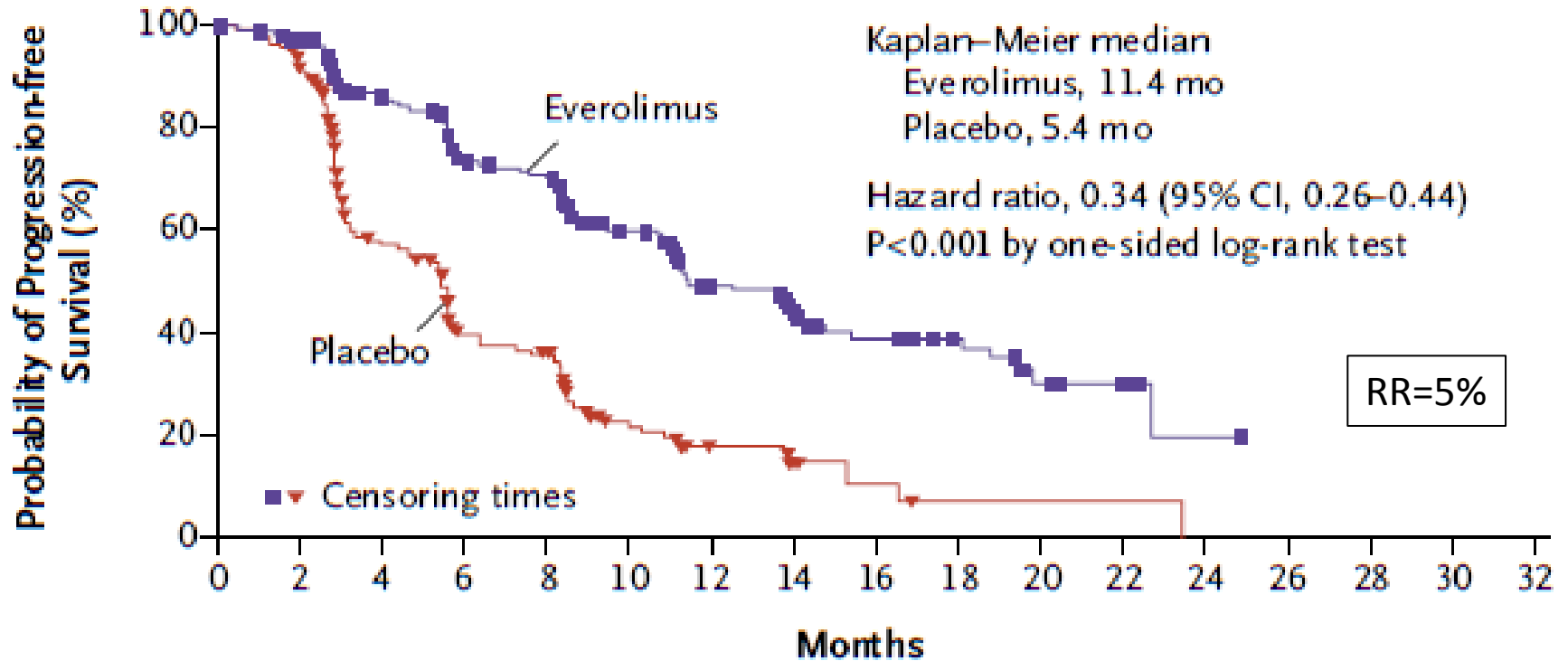
Author	Date	Regimen	Number Patients	Response %	Survival months	P value
Moertel	1980	STZ	42	36	16.4	NSD
		5FU/STZ	42	63	26	
Moertel	1992	CZT	33	30	18	P<0.03
		5FU/STZ	34	45	17	P<0.004
		DOX/STZ	38	69	26	

## Case Series

Author	Date	Regimen	Number Patients	Response %	Survival months
Delaunoit	2004	DOX/STZ	45	36	24
Kouvaraki	2004	5FU/DOX/STZ	84	39	37
Turner	2010	5FU/CIS/STZ	49	38	32

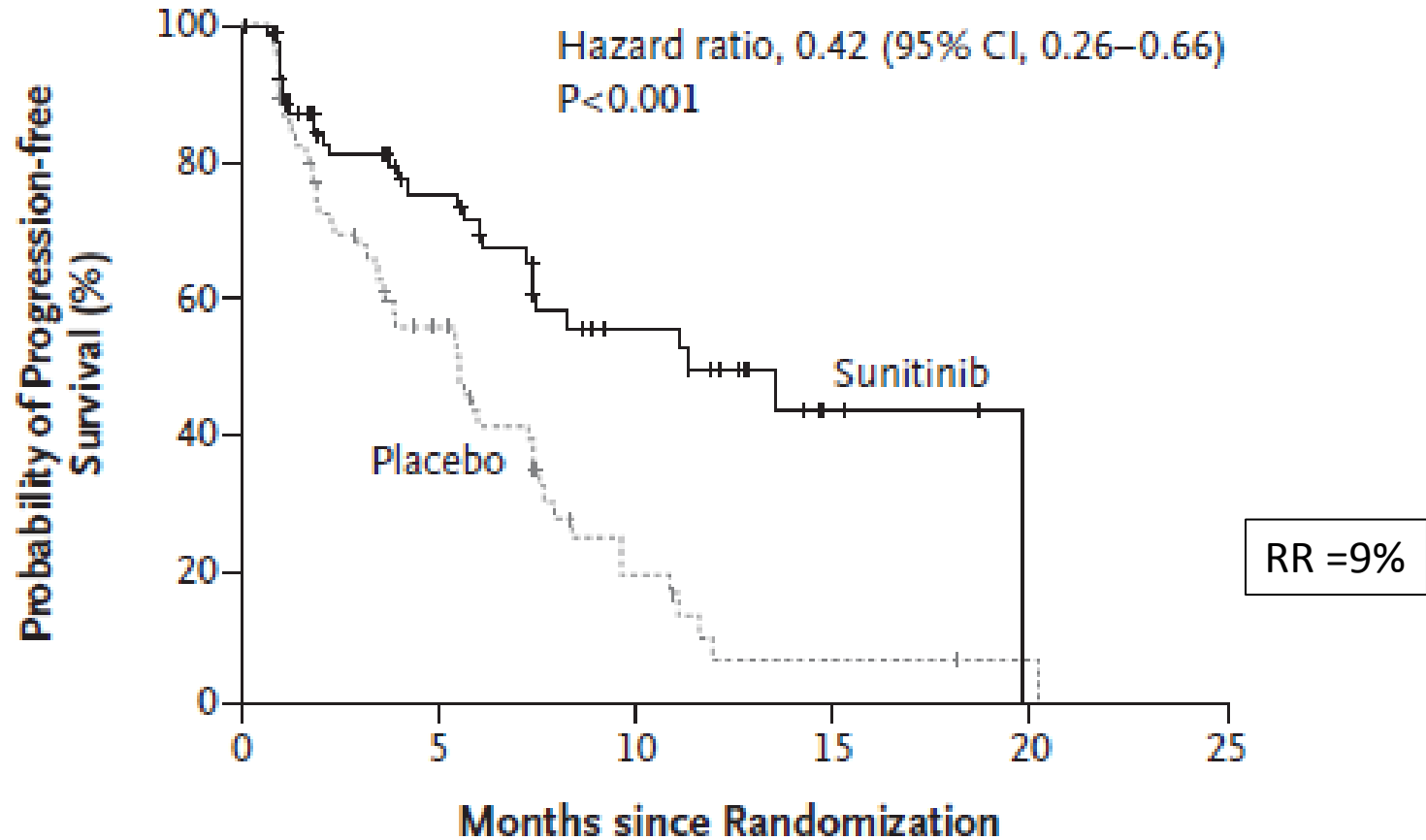
# Everolimus for WDPNET (Yao NEJM 2011)

## Progression-free Survival, Adjudicated Central Review



# Sunitinib for WDPNET (Raymond NEJM 2011)

## Progression-free Survival



# What do we need to know?

1. Who needs treatment?
2. What is the anti-tumour effect ?
3. Which patients benefit?
4. What are the side effects?

# What is the survival benefit?

- Everolimus
  - 73% crossover
  - Median OS not reached HR 1.05; 95% CI, 0.71 to 1.55; P = 0.59
  - Final analysis when 250 deaths occur

# Abstract 11550 - Faivre et al

What is the real survival benefit from Sunitinib for WDPNET?

# OS - Secondary endpoint

- Initial report (Raymond NEJM 2011)
  - Deaths; S: 9 vs P: 21
  - HR 0.41 95% CI, 0.19 to 0.89;  $P < 0.02$
- 2 year report (59/85 crossed over = 70%)
  - Deaths; S: 40 vs P: 47
  - Median OS S: 33.0 m vs 26.7m
  - HR: 0.71 95% CI: 0.47–1.09  $P = 0.115$



# Analysis of OS with Adjustment for Crossover

OS analysis/treatment group	Deaths	Median (months)	HR <sup>a</sup>	95% CI	P
<b>ITT – no adjustment for crossover</b>					
Sunitinib (n=86)	40	33.0			
Placebo (n=85)	47	26.7	0.713	0.468–1.088	0.115
<b>Adjustment for crossover (placebo; n=85)</b>					
Censoring at crossover	20	16.3	0.428	0.239–0.767	0.004
Time-dependent Cox model	47	26.7	0.492	0.285–0.851	0.010
RPSFT model	41 <sup>b</sup>	16.4	0.431	0.170–1.200 <sup>c</sup>	0.115 <sup>d</sup>
Extended RPSFT model adjusted for crossover time <sup>e</sup>	40 <sup>b</sup>	19.1	0.568	0.184–1.086 <sup>c</sup>	0.115 <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Sunitinib vs. placebo

<sup>b</sup>After recensoring

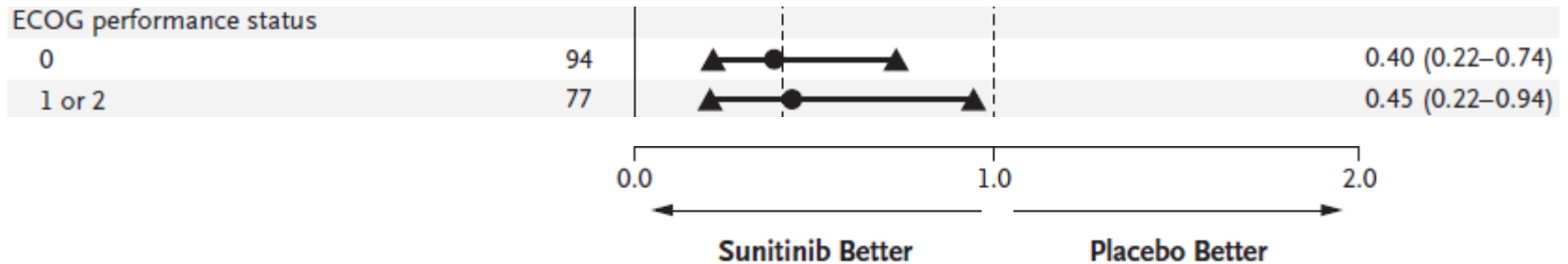
<sup>c</sup>From 20,000 bootstrap samples

<sup>d</sup>The RPSFT method does not alter the P value obtained using the ITT method

<sup>e</sup>Assuming active treatment effect was reduced by 30% if crossover occurred 3 months after start of placebo treatment

# Possible Bias

- Performance status ?
  - PS 0 ; S 62% vs P 48%



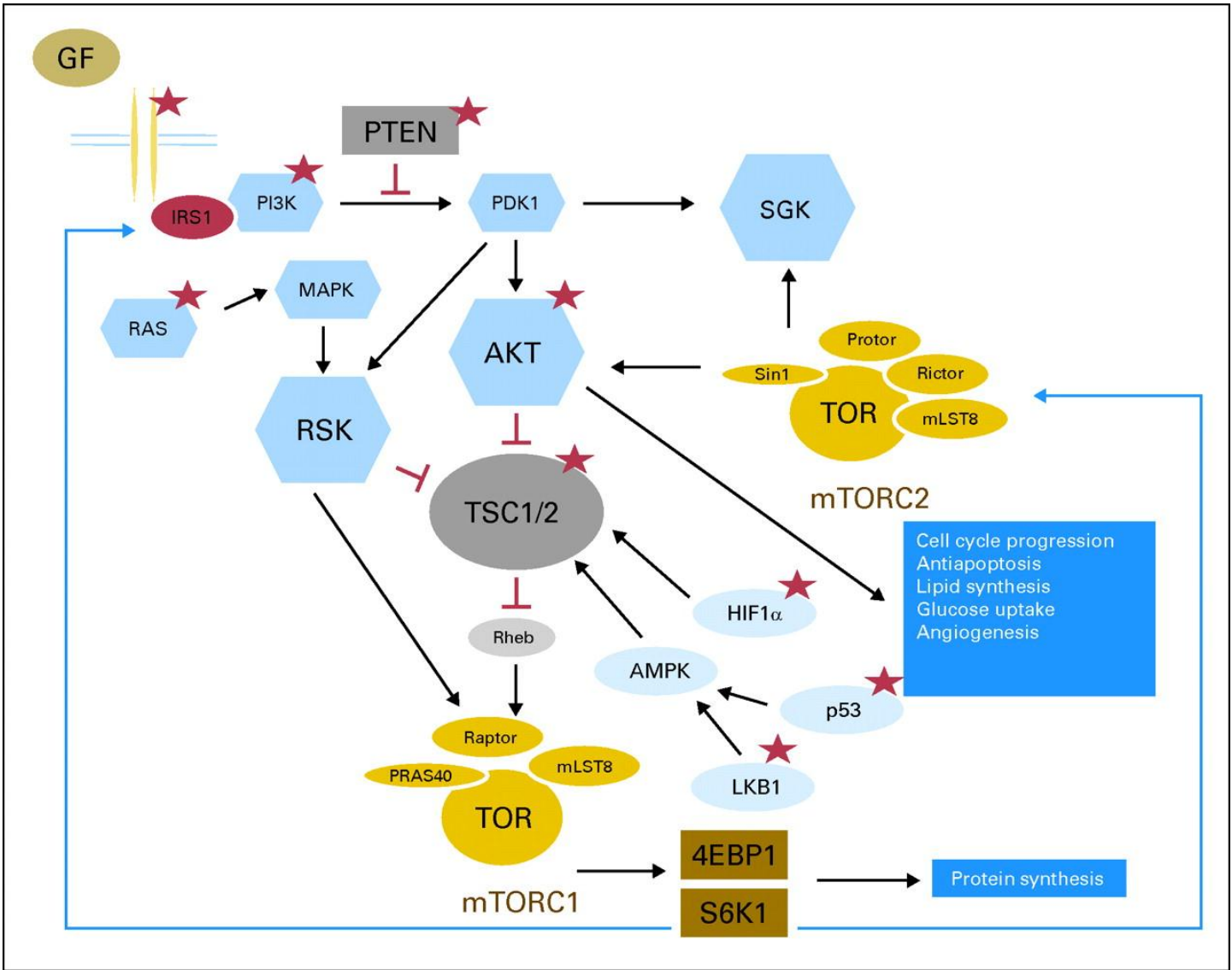
# Conclusion

- OS benefit from sunitinib
  - Worst case 6.3 months
  - Best case 16.7 months
  - In this case PFS seems to be surrogate for OS
- Need comparative analysis for everolimus

# Abstract 11540 – Yao et al

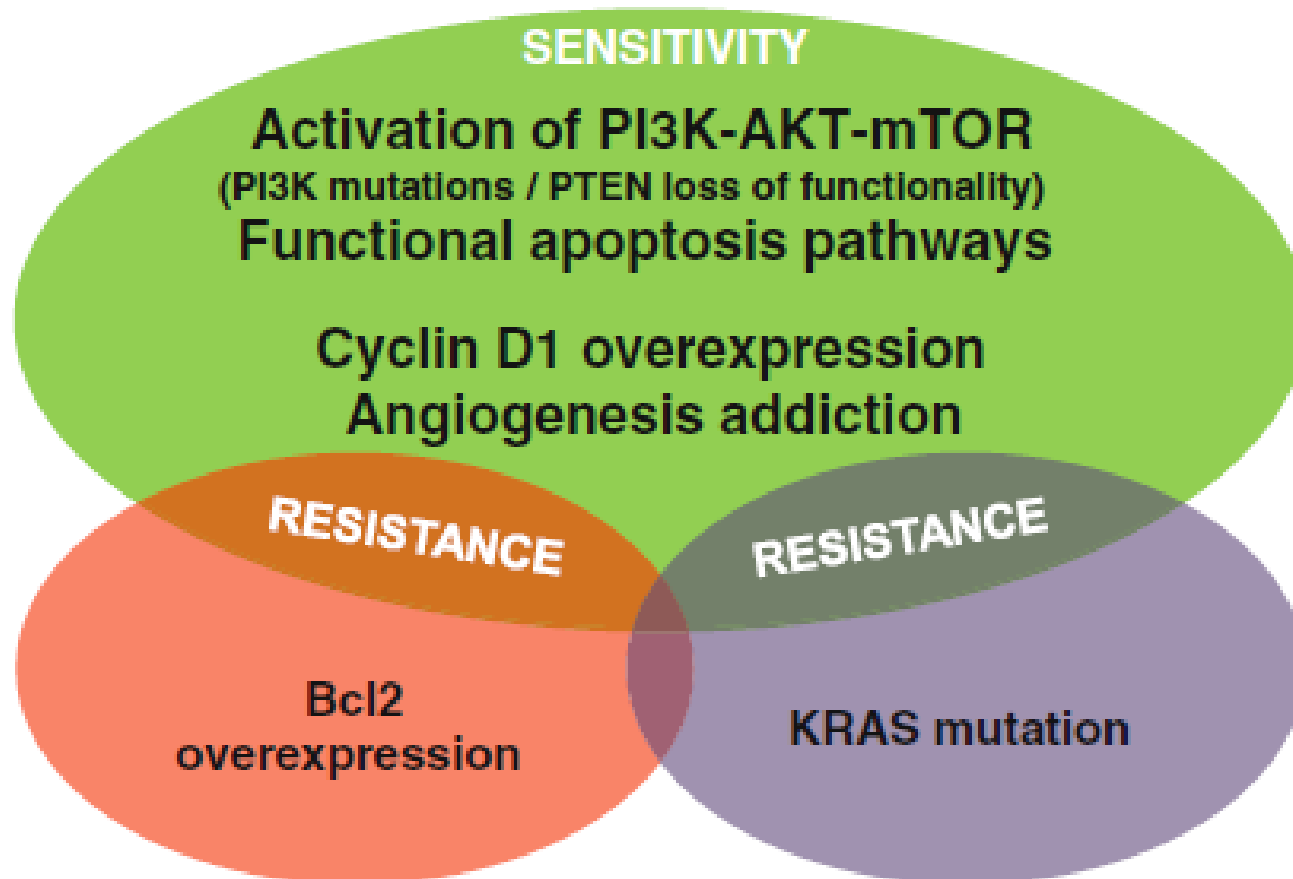
Two questions regarding circulating angiogenic cytokines in PNETs

1. Can they predict benefit from everolimus?
2. Are they prognostic?



Hidalgo M JCO 2012;30:85-87

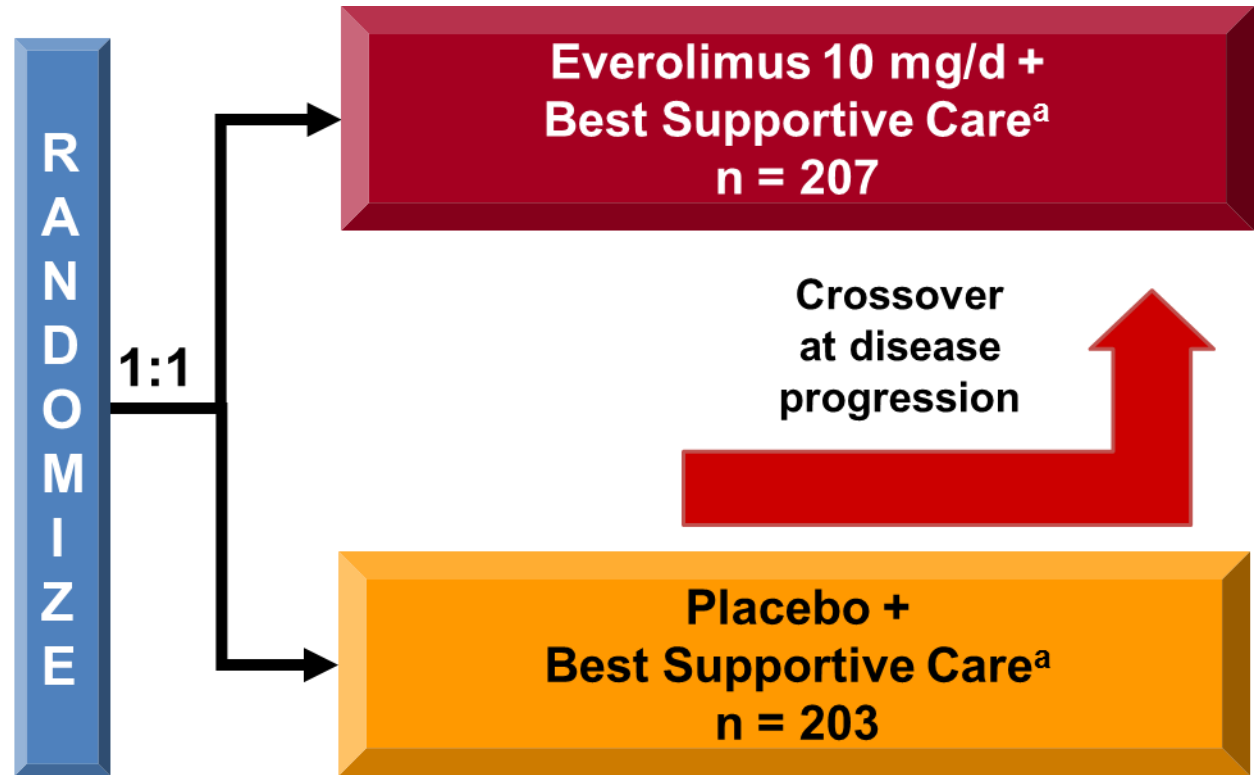
# Response to mTOR inhibitors



# RADIANT-3

Low- or intermediate-grade advanced pNET  
(N = 410)

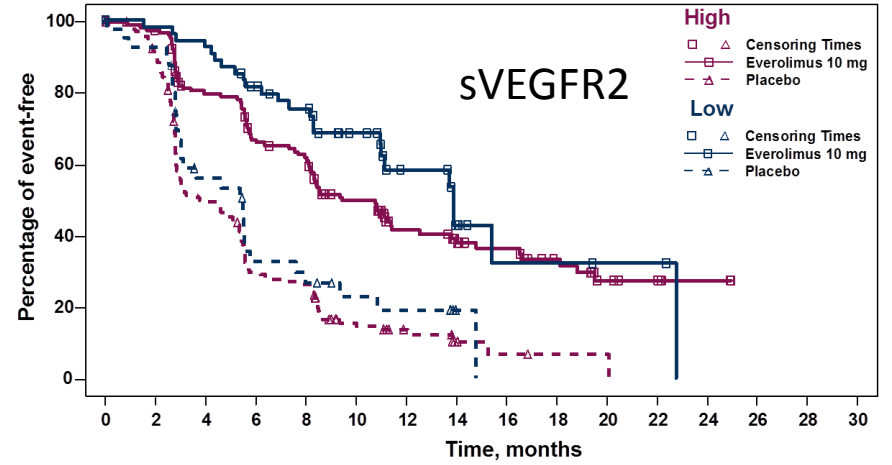
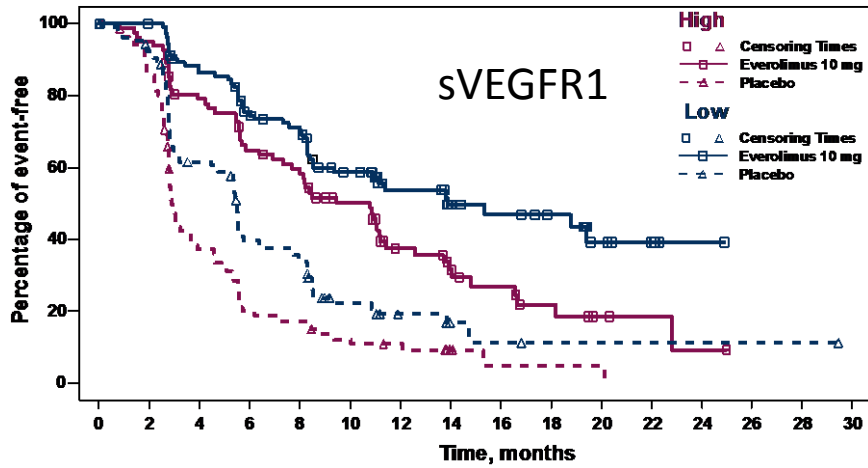
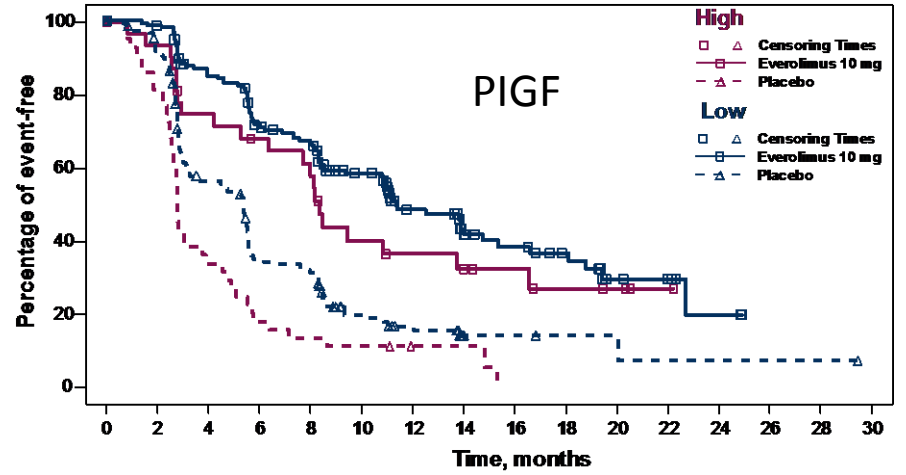
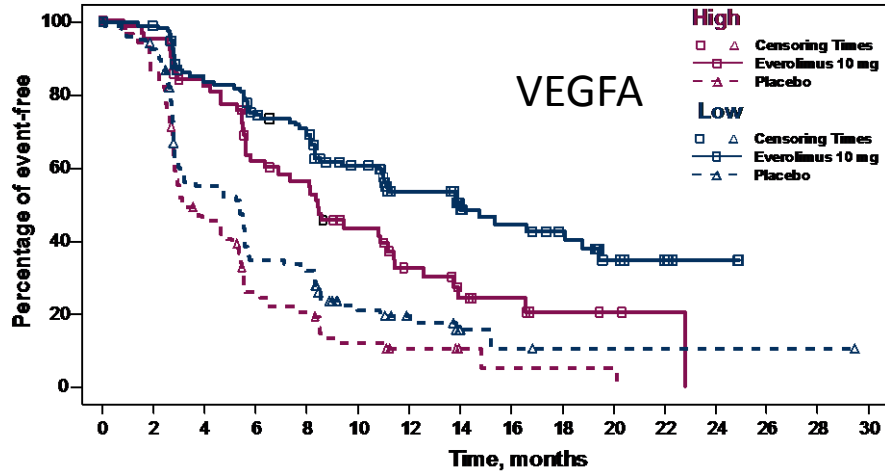
- Radiologic progression within 12 months
- Previous antitumor therapy allowed
- WHO performance status (PS)  $\leq 2$



# Ideal for Biomarker study

- Large
- Prospective
- Multicentre
- Placebo controlled





Pre-treatment plasma levels of VEGF-A, PlGF, sVEGFR1,2 do not predict benefit from everolimus in patients with PNET

# Why not?

- All patients benefit
- Angiogenesis is not the main target
- Circulating cytokines are not a good indicator of angiogenesis in the tumour microenvironment.

# Prognosis in NETs

## Current markers

1. Proliferation markers; Ki67
2. Chromogranin A
3. Circulating tumour cells (CTCs)

# Prognosis PNET – Ki67

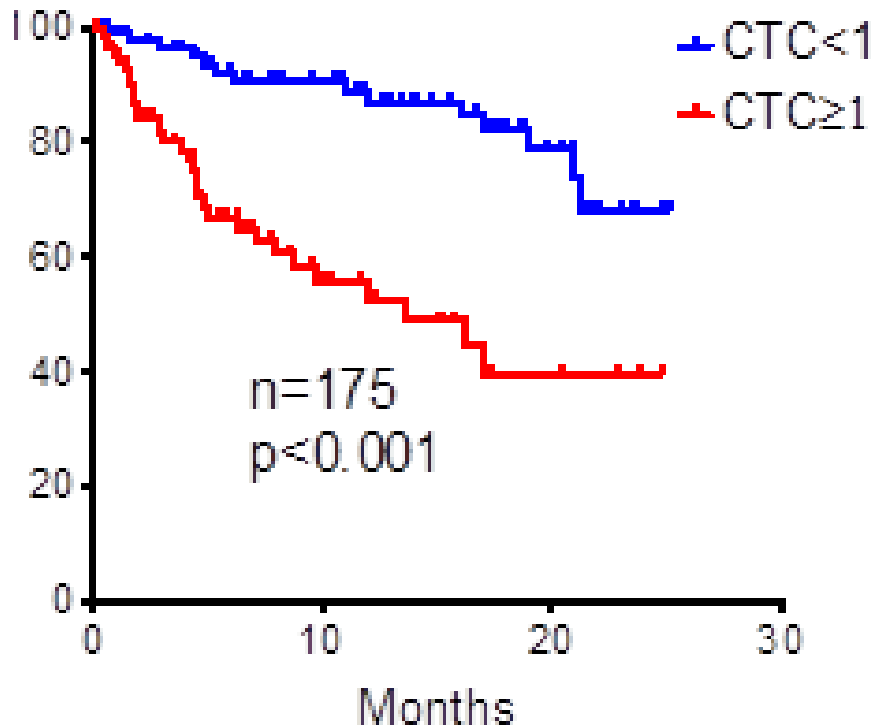
Author Date	Number Patients	Ki67 cut-off	HR	P value	Analysis
Ekeblad 2008	324	>2%	5.2	0.002	MV
Panzuto 2011	202	>5%	1.73	0.003	MV
Rindi 2012	1072	>4.7%	6.81	<0.001	UV

Radiant-3: Ki 67 not reported

# Chromogranin A

- Non-specific
- PNET on Everolimus (Yao JCEM 2011)
  - MVA Cga >2x ULN (HR 0.7; CI, 0.37, 1.32 NSD)
- Radiant-2 (non-PNET) (Yao GI ASCO 2012)
  - MVA Cga >2x ULN (HR, 0.47; CI, 0.34-0.65;  $P<.001$ )

# Prognosis PNETs - CTCs



Risk Factor	PFS HR (95% CI)	P - value
<b>CTC</b>		
<1 (n=89)	1.0	
≥1 (n=86)	3.3 (1.6-6.6)	0.001
<b>CgA</b>		
CgA≤120 (n=75)	1.0	
CgA>120 (n=100)	1.1 (0.5-2.2)	0.844
<b>Grade (Ki67)</b>		
1 (n=83)	1.0	
2 (n=63)	2.0 (0.9-4.2)	<0.001*
3 (n=29)	5.5 (2.4-12.3)	
<b>Burden</b>		
<25% (n=83)	1.0	
≥25% (n=92)	1.3 (0.6-2.6)	0.484
<b>Age</b>		
For every 10yrs	1.3 (1.1-2.1)	0.034

# RADIANT-4

Marker	Cutoff <sup>1</sup>	Median PFS <sup>2</sup> Low vs high (months)	Prognostic HR [95% CI]	P value
<b>VEGF-A</b>	246.1	8.3 vs 5.5	1.50 [1.17-1.92]	<.001
<b>PIGF</b>	32.06	8.0 vs 4.2	1.52 [1.14-2.02]	.004
<b>sVEGFR1</b>	226.2	8.3 vs 5.5	1.62 [1.27-2.07]	<.001
<b>sVEGFR2</b>	24503.1	10.8 vs 5.7	1.30 [0.96-1.76]	.090

Marker	HR [95% CI]	P value
<b>sVEGFR1</b>	<b>1.54 [1.20, 1.98]</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>PIGF</b>	<b>1.35 [1.01, 1.81]</b>	<b>0.046</b>



# Conclusion

- Largest circulating biomarker study in NETs
- Need to include known prognostic factors in the MV model
- What is the best method to stratify patients?