

# **Treatment landscape & ongoing clinical trials in NET**

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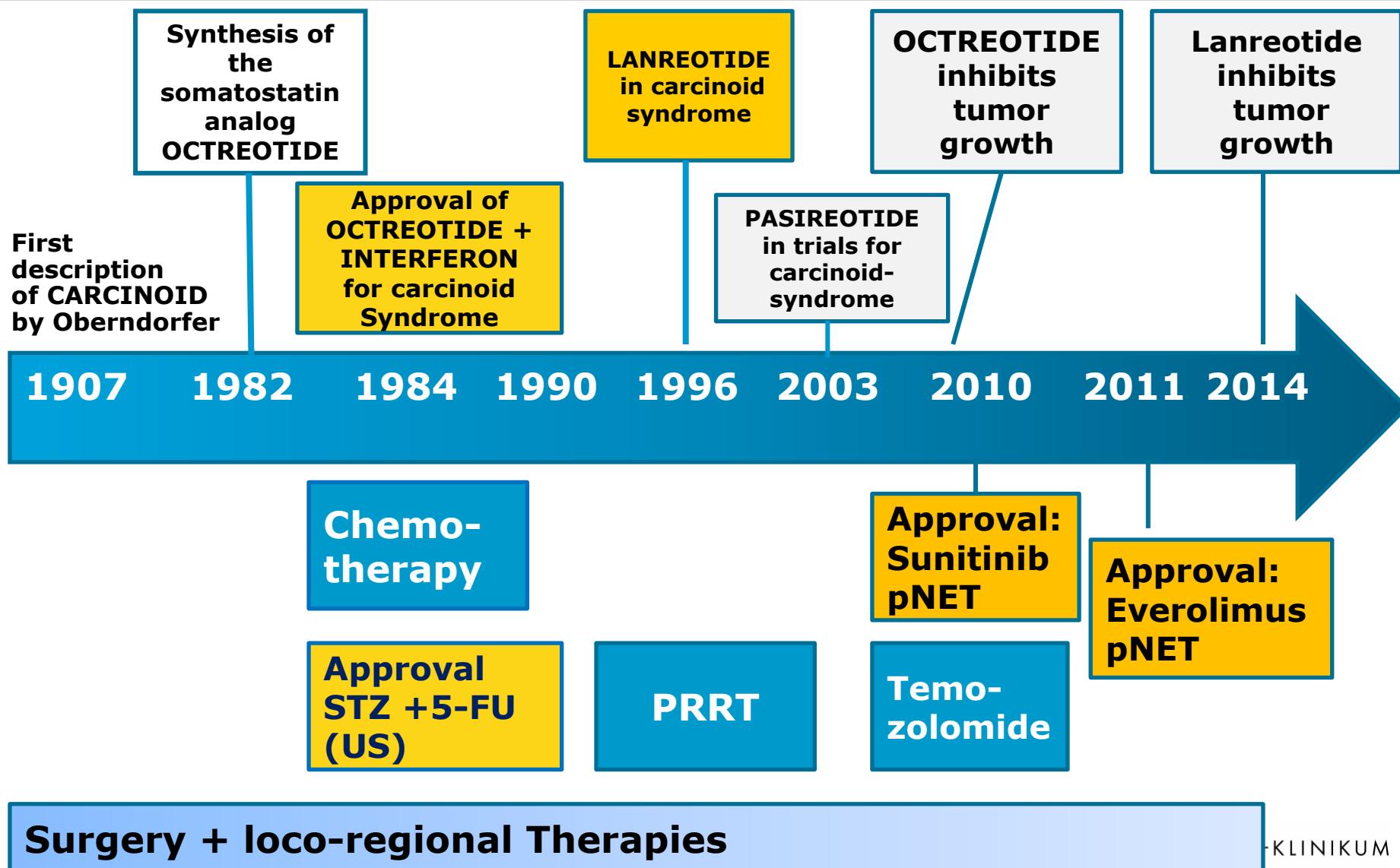
# Overview

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- Evolution of Therapies
- Therapeutic goals
- Therapeutic options
- Standard therapies for syndrome and tumor control  
(ENETS\* & ESMO\*\* Guidelines)
- Current clinical trials

\* Pavel et al, Neuroendocrinology 95, 2012; \*\*Öberg et al Ann Oncol 23, 2012

# Evolution of Therapies in NET



# Therapeutic goals

- „Cure“
- Symptom control  
(Diarrhea, Flushing, Bronchial obstruction,  
specific symptoms associated with pancreatic NET)
- Prevention of complications related to the carcinoid syndrome (carcinoid crisis, carcinoid heart disease)
- Inhibition of tumor growth / Prolongation of survival

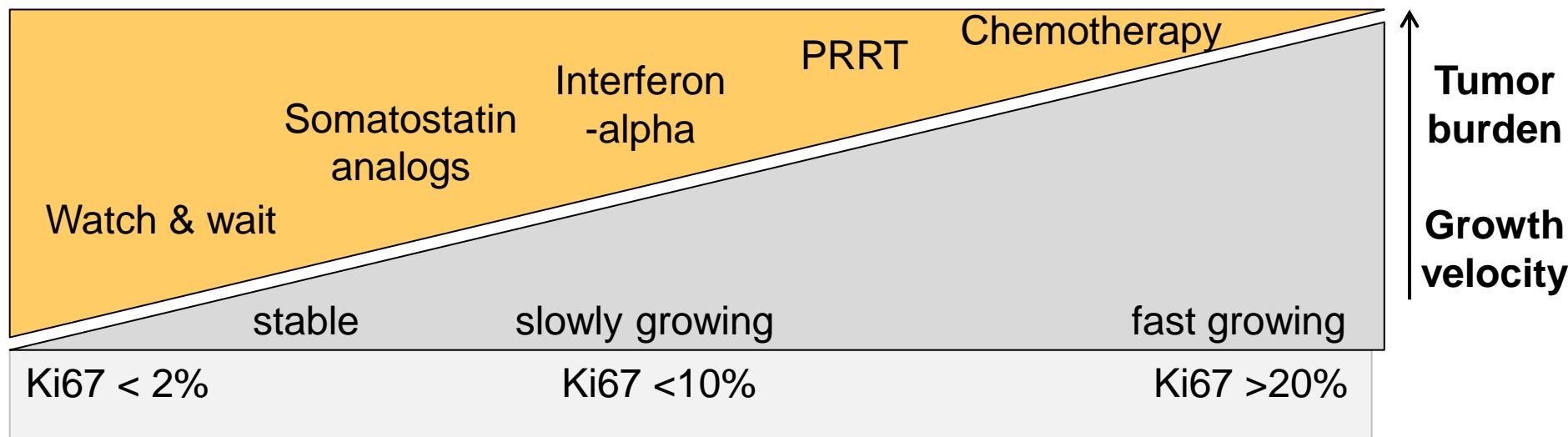
# Therapeutic Options for Patients with Advanced NET

## ■ Medical Therapy

- Somatostatin analogues
- Interferon- α
- Novel targeted drugs
- Chemotherapy
- Other drugs (e.g. PPI, diazoxide)

# Natural tumor biology of advanced NET: Factors with impact on decision making

## Therapeutic Options



## Grading (Ki67)

**Others: Functionality, Symptoms, SSTR expression profiles**

# **SSTR targeted therapies**

# Expression of sstr Subtypes

sstr<sub>2</sub> is most frequently expressed in NET

Prevalence on NET type <sup>1</sup> :	sst <sub>1</sub>	sst <sub>2</sub>	sst <sub>3</sub>	sst <sub>4</sub>	sst <sub>5</sub>
Carcinoid	76%	80%	43%	68%	77%
Gastrinoma	79%	93%	36%	61%	93%
Insulinoma	76%	81%	38%	58%	57%
Nonfunctioning islet cell tumour	58%	88%	42%	48%	50%
Inhibitory effect <sup>2,3</sup> :					
Hormone secretion	+	+			+
Proliferation	+	+	+		+
Induction of apoptosis		+	+		

Expression is very heterogeneous even among same tumor types

# Syndrome control: SSA & other therapeutic options

	SSA	Alternative (2nd choice)	Others
Carcinoid syndrome	++++	IFN-α	Pasireotide, Telotristat Etiprate (LX1606) Locoregional Therapy Surgery
Insulinoma	++ (50%)	Diazoxide	Everolimus Locoregional Therapy/ CTX
Gastrinoma	PPI	SSA	Locoregional Therapy CTX
Vipoma	+++	IFN-α	Locoregional Therapy CTX
Glucagonoma	+++	IFN-α	Locoregional Therapy CTX

Review: Modlin et al Alim Pharmacol & Therap 2010;

<sup>1</sup>Kvols et al, 2006, ASCO, <sup>2</sup>Kulke et al, NEJM 2009; Wolin et al ASCO 2013

# Somatostatin Analogs Antiproliferative Efficacy in GEP NET

**Table 2.** Antiproliferative Effect of Somatostatin Analogs in Patients With Progressive Disease

Study	No. of Patients	SA	SD %	PR/CR %
Arnold et al <sup>44</sup>	52	Octreotide	36	—
Saltz et al <sup>45</sup>	34	Octreotide	50	—
di Bartolomeo et al <sup>46</sup>	58	Octreotide	46	PR: 3
Ricci et al <sup>47</sup>	15	Octreotide	40	PR: 7
Aparicio et al <sup>48</sup>	35	Octreotide/lanreotide	57	PR: 3
Faiss et al <sup>49</sup>	30	Lanreotide	37	PR: 3.3
Faiss et al <sup>50</sup>	25	Lanreotide	28	PR: 4
Ducreaux et al <sup>51</sup>	39	Lanreotide	48.7	PR: 5
Bianchi et al <sup>52</sup>	23	Lanreotide autogel	65.3	8.7
Massuti et al <sup>53</sup>	30	Lanreotide autogel	88.9	3.7

Abbreviations: SA, somatostatin analogs; SD, stable disease; PR, partial response; CR, complete response.

# Placebo-controlled trials with SSA in advanced NET to assess antiproliferative efficacy

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ORIGINAL REPORT

Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind, Prospective,  
Randomized Study on the Effect of Octreotide LAR in the  
Control of Tumor Growth in Patients With Metastatic  
Neuroendocrine Midgut Tumors: A Report From the  
PROMID Study Group

Anja Rinke, Hans-Helge Müller, Carmen Schade-Brittinger, Klaus-Jochen Klose, Peter Barth, Matthias Wied,  
Christina Mayer, Behnaz Aminossadati, Ulrich-Frank Pape, Michael Blaker, Jan Harder, Christian Arnold,  
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84 patients with  
midgut NET

A randomized double-blind placebo-Controlled  
study of Lanreotide Antiproliferative Response  
In patients with gastroenteropancreatic  
NeuroEndocrine Tumors (CLARINET)

204 patients with entero-  
pancreatic NET

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Neuroendocrine Tumour Society, the European Neuroendocrine  
Tumor Society, and CLARINET Investigators

Caplin et al, NEJM 2014

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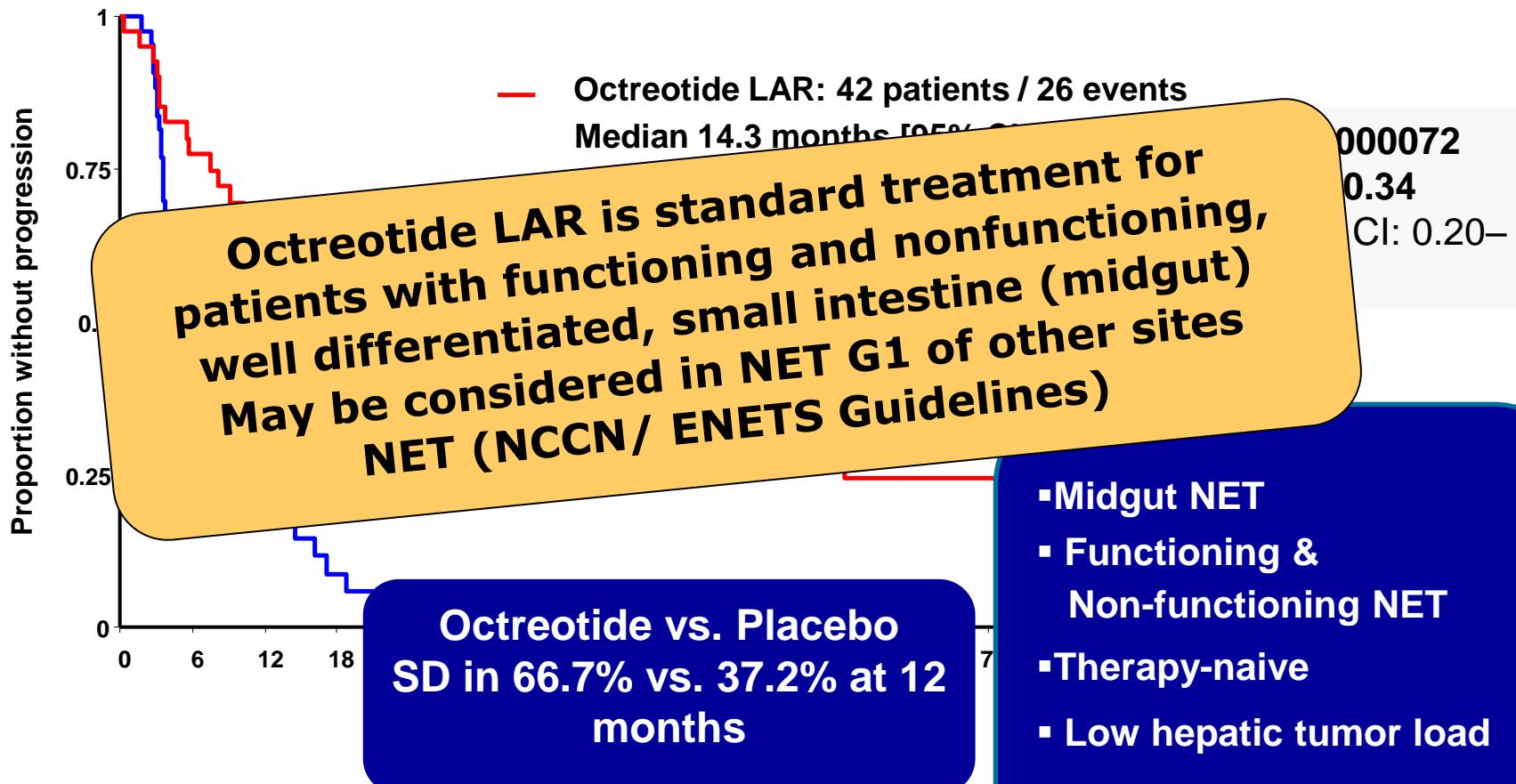
# PROMID & CLARINET

## Comparison of study designs

	PROMID Study	CLARINET Study
<b>SSA Dose</b>	Octreotide LAR 30 mg	Lanreotide AG 120 mg
<b>Patient population</b>	Midgut	Enteropancreatic
<b>Functionality</b>	+/-	Non-functioning
<b>Response assessment</b>	WHO	RECIST
<b>Primary endpoint</b>	TTP	PFS
<b>Disease status</b>	Unknown	<b>SD (95%)</b>
<b>Ki67</b>	<b>&lt; 2 % (95%)</b>	<2% (68%) <10% (32%)
<b>Liver involvement</b>	<b>&lt; 10% (77%)</b>	<10% (49%) <b>&gt;25% (39%)</b>

# Prospective placebo-controlled trial with Octreotide LAR in midgut NET: PROMID study

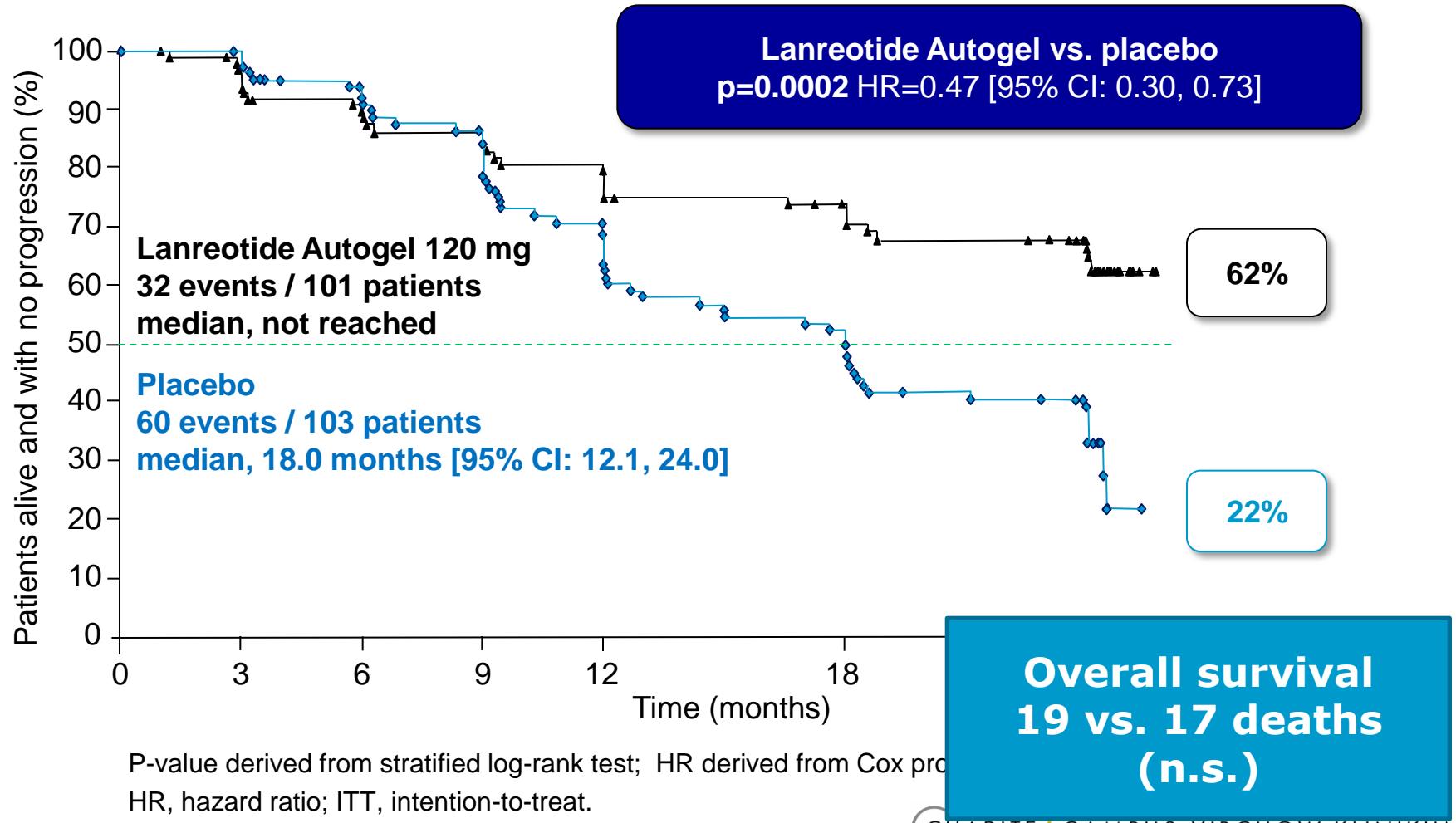
Octreotide LAR 30 mg increases Time to Progression



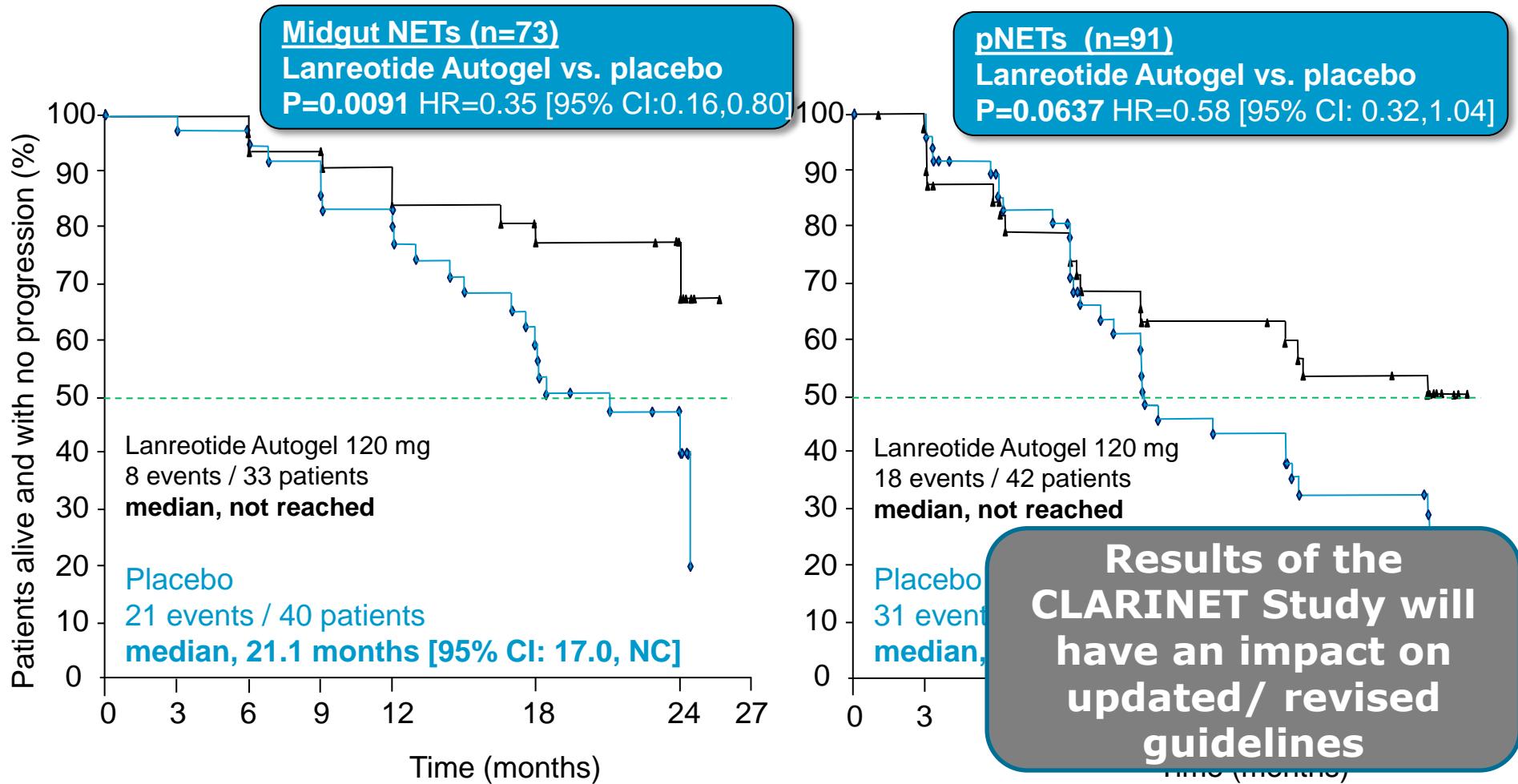
# CLARINET Study

## Lanreotide AG vs Placebo in NF enteropancreatic NET (Ki67 < 10%; 95% with stable disease prior to Tx)

Primary endpoint: PFS (ITT, n=204)



# Progression free Survival in Midgut vs. Pancreatic NETs



P-value derived from log-rank test; HR derived from Cox proportional hazards model.

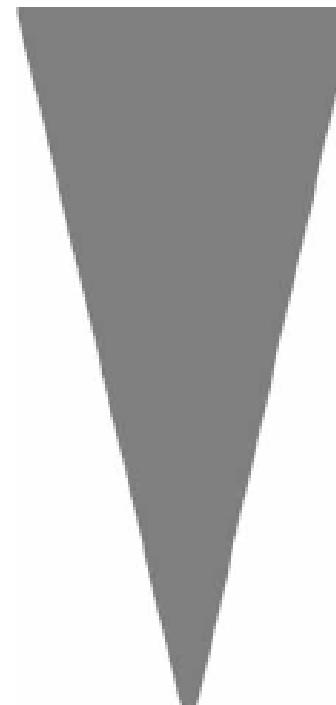
NC, not calculable.

# CLARINET Subgroup Analysis by Ki67 and hepatic tumor load (total cohort)

Subgroups	Median Progression free survival (PFS)	Statistical results
<b>WHO grade tumors: G1 (n=141)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lanreotide AG &gt; 27 months</li><li>• Placebo: 18.3 months</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HR 0.43</li><li>• 95% CI: 0.25 -0.74</li><li>• p=0.0016</li></ul>
<b>WHO grade tumors: G2 (n=61)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lanreotide AG &gt; 27 months</li><li>• Placebo: 12.1 months</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HR 0.45</li><li>• 95% CI: 0.22 -0.91</li><li>• p=0.0235</li></ul>
<b>Hepatic tumor load (<math>\leq 25\%</math>) (n=133)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lanreotide AG &gt; 27 months</li><li>• Placebo: 21.1 months</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HR 0.34</li><li>• 95% CI: 0.18 -0.62</li><li>• p=0.0002</li></ul>
<b>Hepatic tumor load (<math>&gt; 25\%</math>) (n=67)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lanreotide AG: 24.1 months</li><li>• Placebo: 9.4 months</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HR 0.45</li><li>• 95% CI: 0.23 - 0.88</li><li>• p=0.0170</li></ul>

# Tolerability of SSA

- Diarrhoea: 37,3%
- Steatorrhoea: 39,3%
- Flatulence: 28,1%
- Pain at injection site: 28,1%
- Gall stones: 17,9%
- Emesis: 11,5%
- Hyperglycaemia: 10,8%
- Bradycardia: 4,3%
- Cholangitis: 4,3%
- Septicaemia: <1%

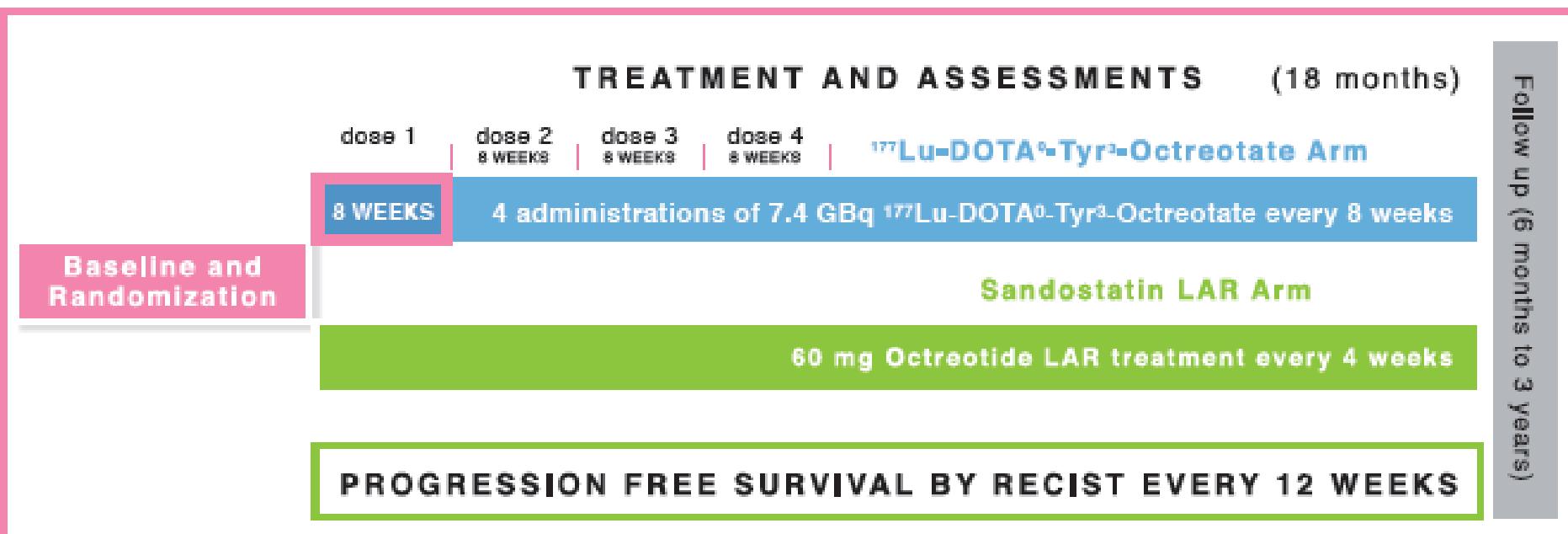


- Most side effects are transient
- More than 30 years of experience
- Very good long-term tolerability

# **Radiolabeled SSA – Do they promise more?**

# 177-Lu-DOTATATE PRRT vs. High-Dose-Octreotide Therapy (AAA Study)

- Patients with intestinal NET (Midgut)
  - with/ without Carcinoid Syndrome
  - with progressive disease (RECIST)
  - SRS positive



200 Patients: 29 EU + 14 US Sites

Sponsor : Advanced Accelerator Applications

# **Novel targeted drugs in neuroendocrine tumors**



-Angiogenesis Inhibitors

-mTOR inhibitors

(Novel Somatostatin analogs)

Objective Remissions < 10%

Stable Disease 60-80%

Temsirolimus  
Everolimus

Survival  
Proliferation  
Angiogenesis

Interferon- $\alpha$

Octreotide  
Lanreotide

Pasireotide

$^{90}\text{Y}$ -DOTATOC

$^{177}\text{Lu}$ DOTATATE

VEGF

Tumor vessel

# Novel Targeted Drugs in Neuroendocrine Tumors

- **Angiogenesis inhibitors:**  
VEGF-Receptor-Tyrosine-Kinase-Inhibitor PTK787/ZK,  
Anti-VEGF (**Bevacizumab**), Endostatin, Thalidomide
- **Single / multiple tyrosine kinase inhibitors:**  
Imatinib, Gefitinib, Sorafenib, **Sunitinib**
- **mTOR Inhibitors:** Temsirolimus, **Everolimus**
- **Novel Somatostatin analogues:**  
**Pasireotide** (SOM230), chimeric molecules (e.g. Dopastatin)
- **Others:** Tryptophan hydroxylase inhibitor (**Telotristat Etiprate**)  
IGF-1 R antagonists/ antibodies, HDAC inhibitors etc

# **Novel molecular targeted therapies**

## **Placebo-controlled Phase III- Studies**

- I. Sunitinib    pancreatic NET  
(n=171)
  
- II. Everolimus    pancreatic NET  
(n=410)    (RADIANT-3)
  
- III. Everolimus + Octreotide    NET of different site  
(n=429)    associated with carcinoid  
  syndrome (RADIANT-2)

**Endpoint - Progression free survival (RECIST)**

# Summary

## Efficacy of targeted drugs in pancreatic NET

Agents (Phase II/ III trials)	N	PD at Entry	Concurrent somatostatin analogues	RR (%)	Median PFS
Sunitinib <sup>1</sup>	66	Not required NR	27%	16.7	7.7 mo
Sunitinib <sup>2</sup> Placebo	86 85	Required	26.7%		1.4 mo 5.5 mo
Everolimus stratum 1					
Everolimus Octreotide stratum 2					
Everolimus Placebo	207 203	Required	100%	4.4	16.7 mo

Is combination therapy of Everolimus + Somatostatin  
 analogs superior to Everolimus alone ???  
 no.

**COOPERATE-2 in pNET:  
 Everolimus vs.  
 Everolimus + Pasireotide**

# Most frequent side effects of Sunitinib and Everolimus

## SUNITINIB

Adverse event	Frequency
Diarrhea	59%
Nausea	45%
Asthenia	34%
Emesis	34%
Fatigue	33%
Grey Hair	29%
Leucopenia	29%
Hypertension	27%

## EVEROLIMUS

Adverse event	Frequency
Stomatitis	64%
Exanthema	49%
Diarrhea	34%
Fatigue	31%
Infections	23%
Nausea	20%
Edema	20%

**Hyperglycemia 13% (5% G3-4)**

Raymond et al NEJM 2011, 364, 6

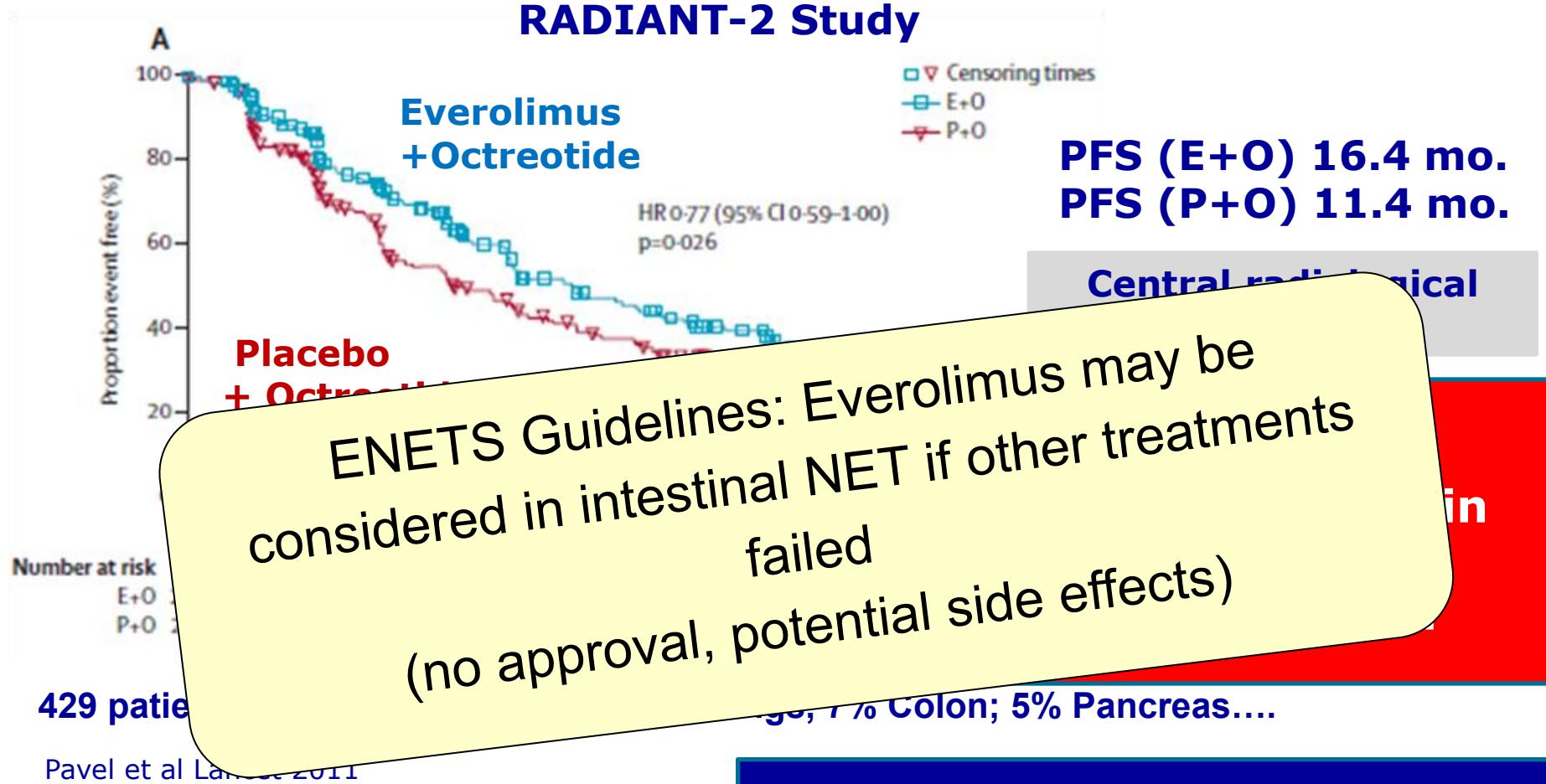
Yao et al, NEJM 364,6, 2011

Wolter et al Br J Cancer 2008

**rarely G3/4 side effects**

# **Is there a place for Targeted drugs in non-pancreatic NET?**

# Everolimus in non-pancreatic NET / Carcinoids ?



Sunitinib in carcinoids  
N= 41 pts, Kulke et al JCO 2008

**Sunland Study**  
**Lanreotide vs. Lanreotide + Sunitinib (ongoing)**

# Bevacizumab vs Interferon-alpha in advanced carcinoid (SWOG 0518)

Phase III Open Labeled

Advanced Carcinoid  
with poor prognosis

- Progressed
- Refractory
- G2 with

(N=400)

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Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg every 2 weeks

No significant difference between  
Interferon and Bevacizumab based on  
central radiology PFS  
Final data not available yet

Multiphasic CT or MRI performed every 9 wk

Primary end point:

- PFS (RECIST)

Secondary end points:

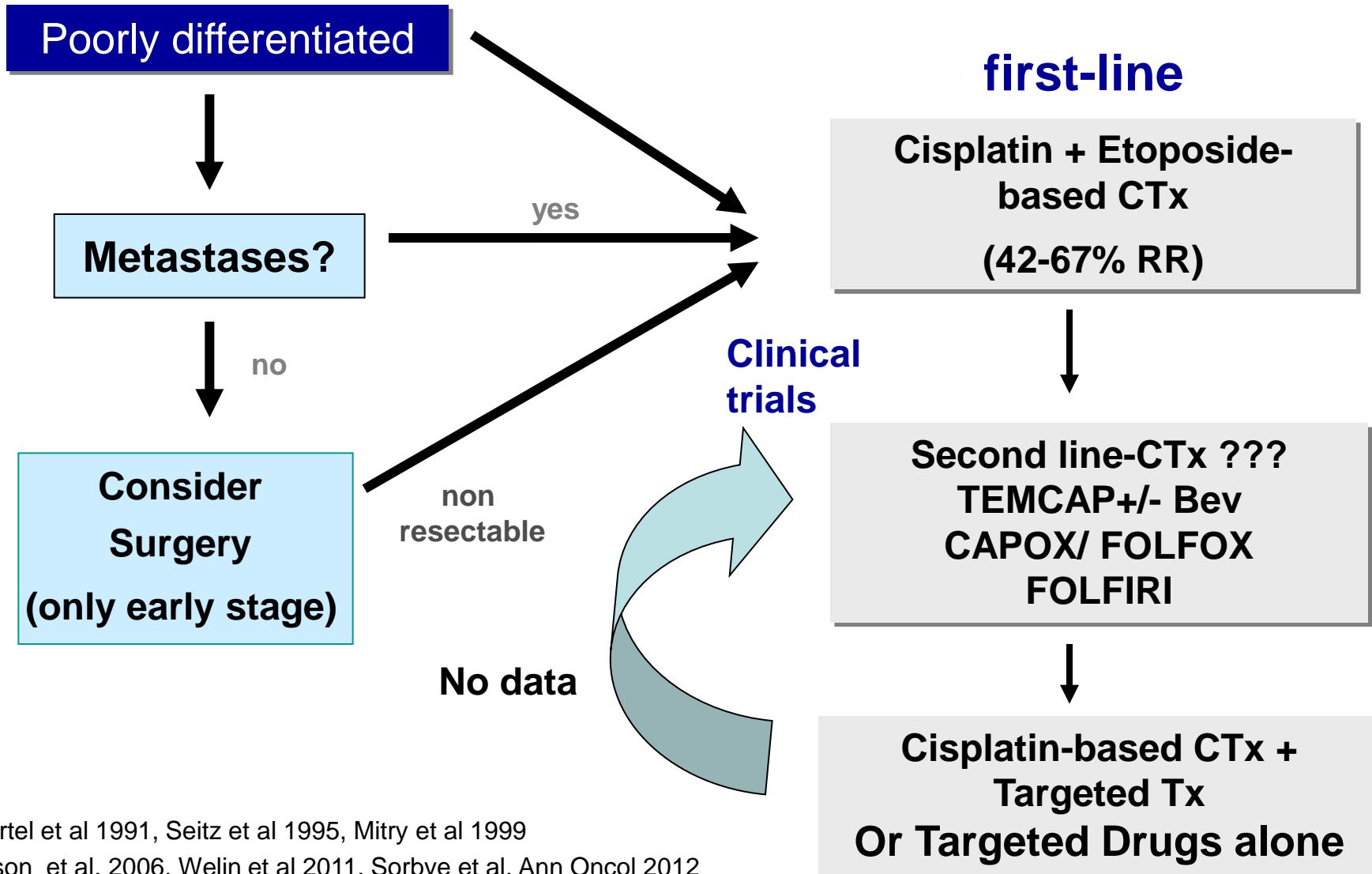
- Tumor response, OS, biomarkers, safety

# **Current status on new targeted drugs**

- Tumor remissions are rare with „old“ and novel targeted drugs incl. SSA, IFN- $\alpha$ , Everolimus and Sunitinib
- Everolimus and Sunitinib are approved antiproliferative drugs for pancreatic NET
- Added value is prolongation of PFS or TTP
- Limited/ lacking data on overall survival benefit
- Most patients undergo sequential therapies, the sequencing of therapies has further to be investigated

# **Is there still a place for systemic chemotherapy?**

# Management of poorly differentiated NEN (NEC G3)



Moertel et al 1991, Seitz et al 1995, Mitry et al 1999

Nilsson et al. 2006, Welin et al 2011, Sorbye et al, Ann Oncol 2012

# Efficacy of Streptozotocin + 5-Fluorouracil in pancreatic NET

Author	Chemotherapy	Tumor	Pt. (n)	RR (%)	mOS (mo)
Moertel et al.(1980)	<b>STZ + 5-FU</b> STZ	Pancreas	42	<b>63</b>	26
			42	<b>36</b>	16.5
Moertel et al.(1992)	<b>STZ + DOX</b> <b>STZ + 5-FU</b> CLZ	Pancreas	36	<b>69</b>	26.4
			32		16.8
Bukowski et al (1998)					3
McClintock et al (1999)					5
Cheung et al (2000)					2
Koufos et al (2001)					2
Fjällström et al (2002)					37
Turner et al (2010)	STZ/5-FU/DOX	Pancreas	17	<b>39</b>	31.5
		Mixed	32	<b>25</b>	
Sun et al (2005)	<b>STZ/5-FU vs FU/DOX</b>	Carcinoid	249	15.9 16.0	24.3 15.7

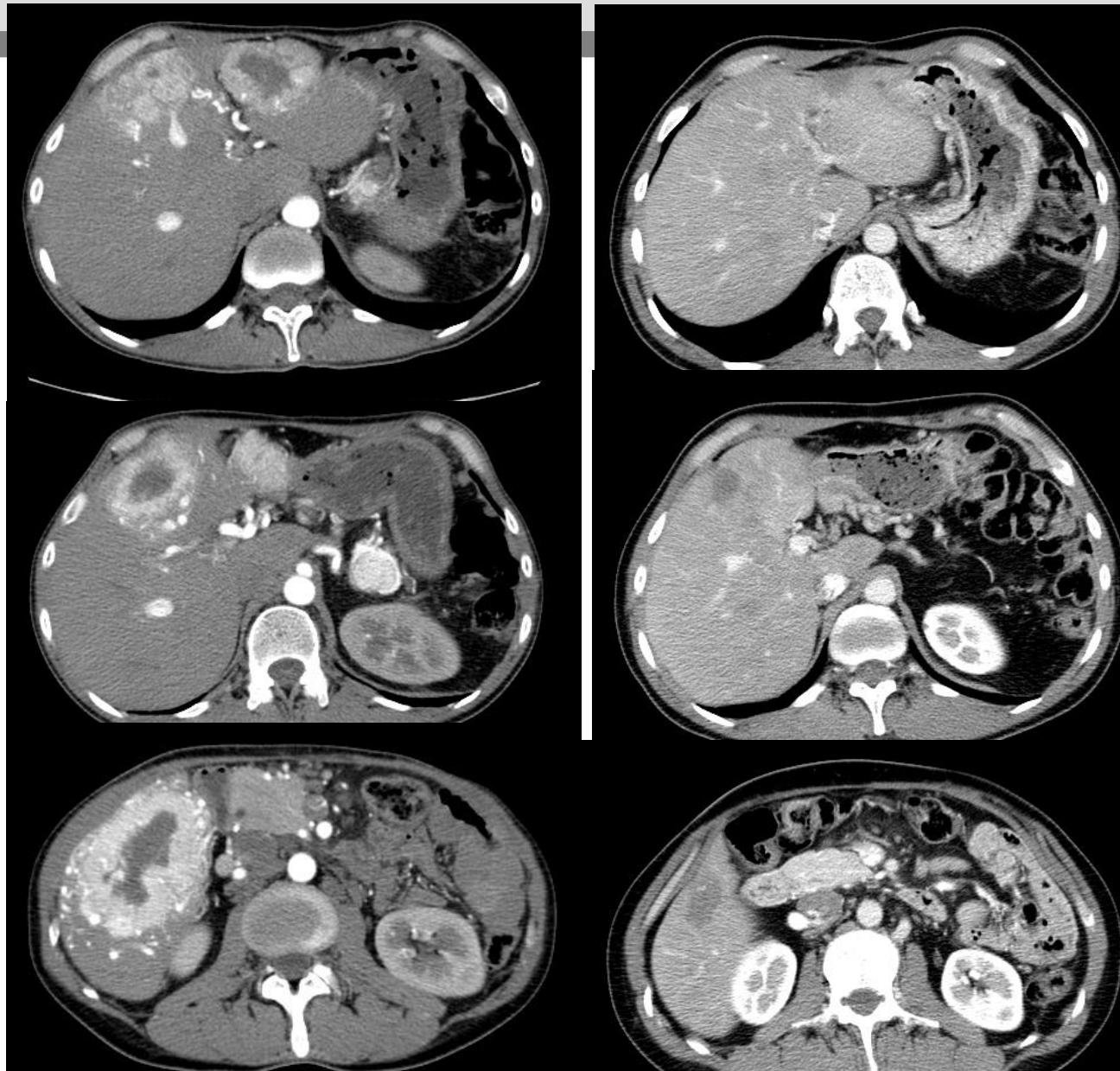
STZ/ 5-FU – standard therapy in pancreatic NET

Comparative Studies (MTT/ PRRT) required

\* 56/ \*\*57% stable

MTT= molecular targeted drugs

# **38 yr old patient with pancreatic NET G2, unspecific abdominal pain**



**Ki67: 5-10%**  
**HighTumor**  
**burden**

**Before and 1yr**  
**after systemic**  
**Chemotherapy**

# Systemic Chemotherapy in Pancreatic NET: New Developments

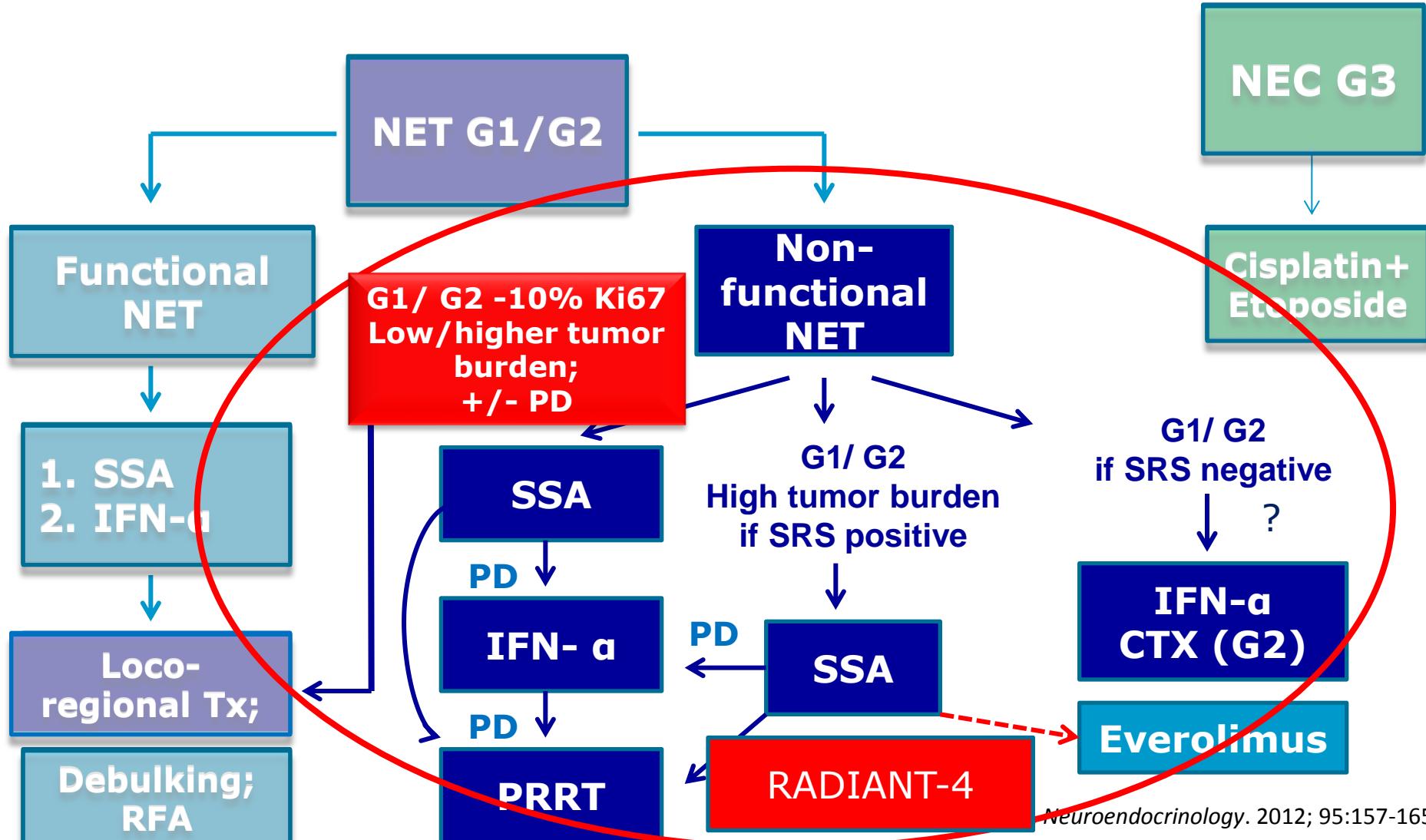
Author	Chemotherapy	Pt. (n)	RR (%)	Median PFS (mo)
Ramanathan et al. (2001)	<b>DTIC</b>	50	<b>34</b>	19
Ekeblad et al. (2007)	<b>Temozolomide</b>			NA
Kulke et al. (2008)				NA
Kulke et al. ASCO				NA
Fine et al (2008)	<b>Temozolomide + Capecitabine, retrospective</b>	18*	<b>6 CR 56 PR</b>	14
Strosberg et al. (2011)	<b>Temozolomide + Capecitabine, 1st line CTx, retrospective</b>	30	<b>70 PR 27 SD</b>	18

High ORR, esp. for Temozolomide + Capecitabine  
Low patient numbers!  
No prospective, randomized studies!  
Comparative trials required!

\*includes 4 carcinoids

# Pharmacological therapy in metastatic non-resectable intestinal NET

Modified ENETS Consensus Guidelines 2012



# Clinical Trials in “Carcinoids”

## Study Regimen

**Telotristat Etiprate (LX1606) in Patients with SSA refractory Carcinoid Syndrome (TELESTAR)** NCT01677910

**177Lu-DOTATATE PRRT vs. high dose octreotide (NETTER-1) in midgut NET** NCT01578239

**Sunitinib + Lanreotide vs. Placebo + Lanreotide in midgut NET (SUNLAND)** NCT01731925

**Pazopanib vs Placebo in progressive NET** NCT

**Axitinib + Octreotide LAR vs. Placebo + Octreotide LAR in non-pancreatic NET** NCT01744249

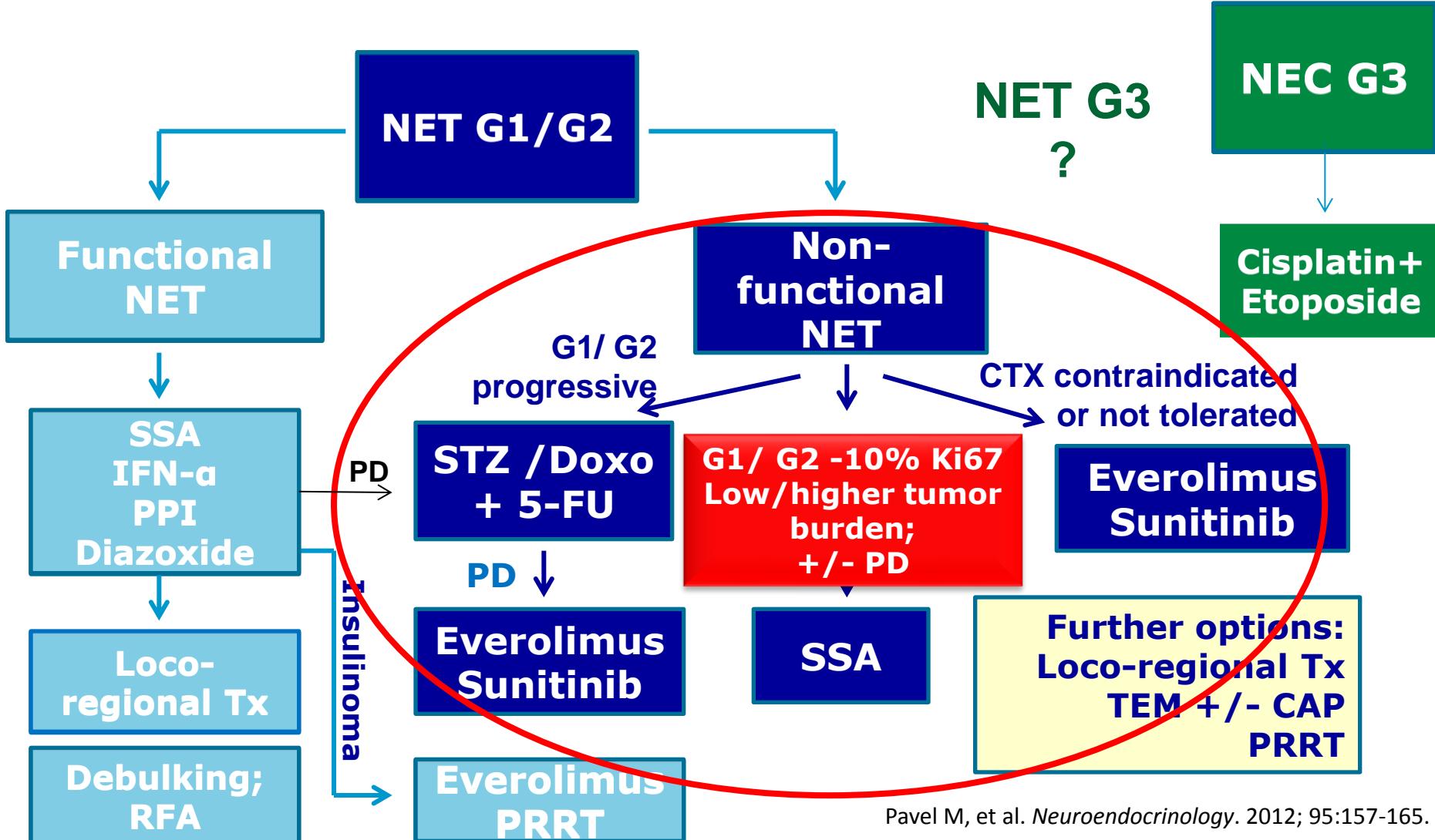
**Bevacizumab + Octreotide LAR vs. Interferon + Octreotide LAR (SWOG 0518)\*** NCT00569127

**Everolimus + BSC vs. Placebo + BSC in advanced GI or Lung NET (RADIANT-4)\*** NCT01524783

\* Enrollment completed

# Pharmacological therapy in metastatic non-resectable pancreatic NET

Modified ENETS Consensus Guidelines 2012



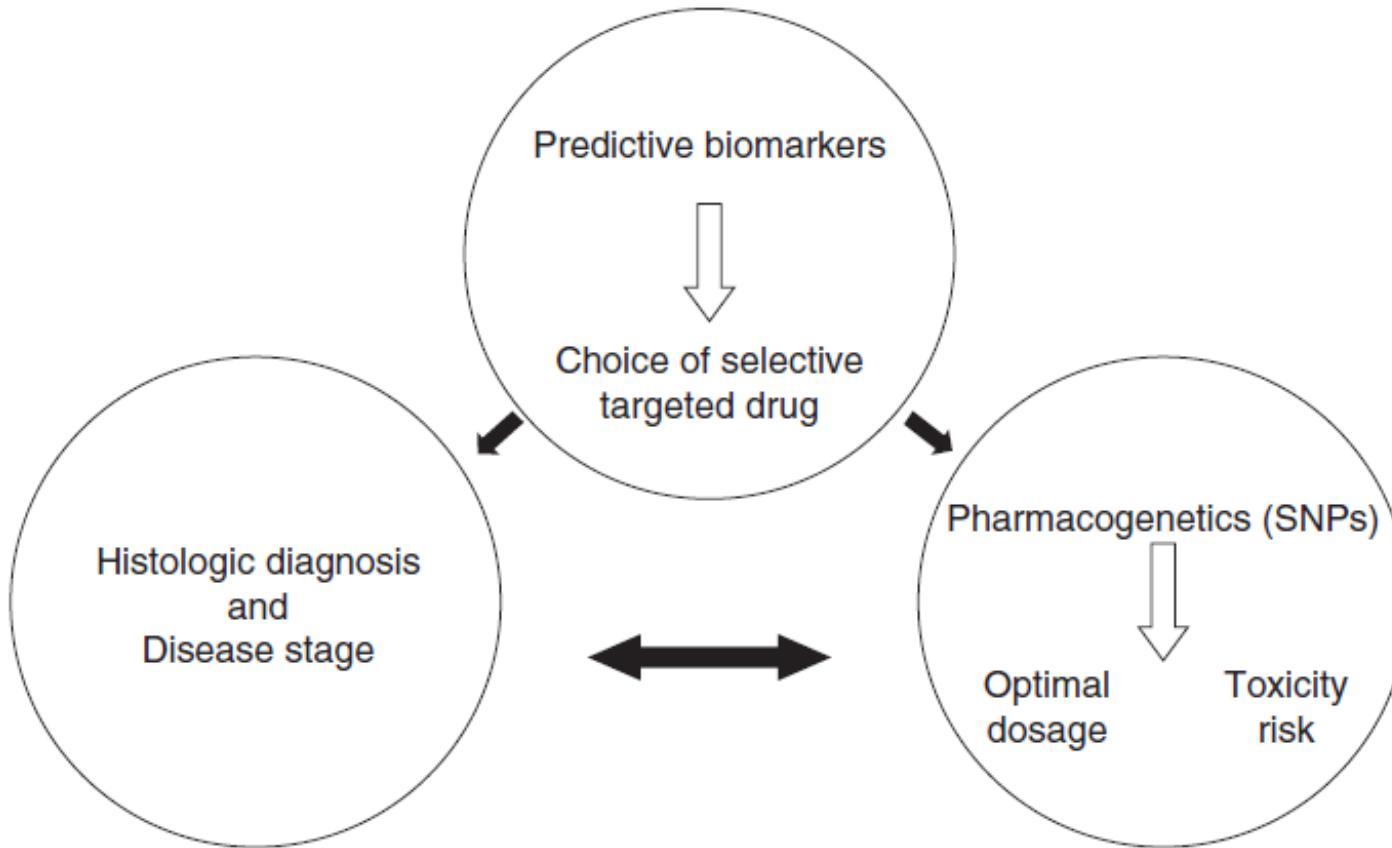
# Selected clinical trials in pNET

## Study Regimen

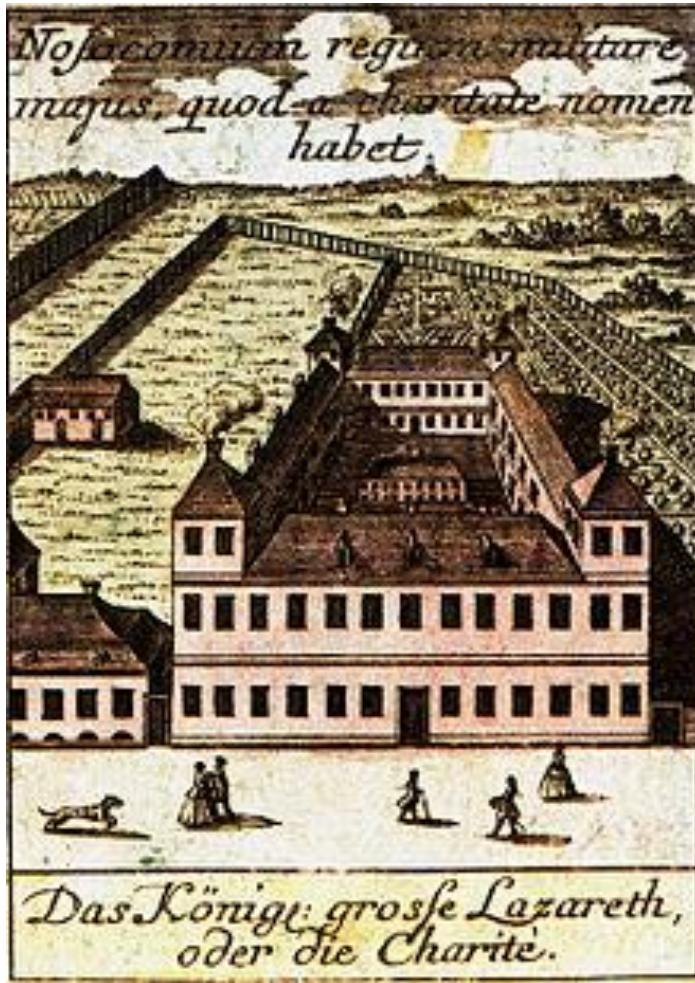
<b>Temozolomide</b> with or without capecitabine (ECOG)	NCT01824875
<b>Capecitabine + temozolomide + bevacizumab</b>	NCT01525082
<b>Temozolomide</b> + Pazopanib	NCT01465659
<b>Everolimus</b> + octreotide with or without bevacizumab (CALGB)*	NCT01229943
<b>Tensirolimus</b> + bevacizumab	NCT01010126
<b>Everolimus</b> +/- pasireotide LAR (COOPERATE-2)*	NCT01374451
<b>Everolimus</b> following resection of hepatic mets (ECOG)	NCT02031536
<b>Cabozantinib</b>	NCT01466036
<b>X-82 (VEGFR/PDGFR inhibitor)</b> + everolimus	NCT01784861

\* Enrollment completed

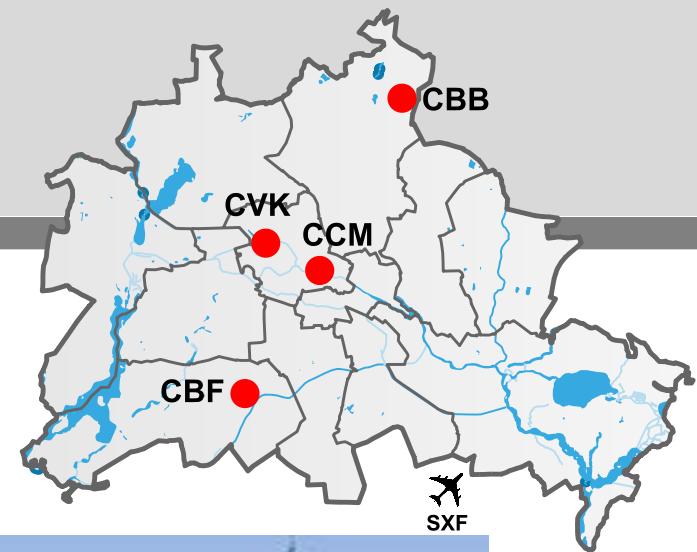
# Limitations of clinical trials & Future directions



# Thank You !



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# Antiproliferative Therapies NET G1/G2 (2014)

## Intestinal (Midgut)\* NET G1/G2

### ■ Somatostatin analogs

- Octreotide vs. Placebo (PROMID):  
TTP 14.3 mo. vs. 6 mo.
- Lanreotide vs. Placebo (CLARINET)  
PFS NR vs. 24 mo.

### ■ Interferon alpha

### ■ PRRT

RADIANT-4  
**Everolimus vs. Placebo**  
(Intestinal/ pulmonary NET)

\*carcinoids

## Pancreatic NET G1/G2

### ■ Somatostatin analogs

- Lanreotide versus Placebo (CLARINET)  
PFS NR vs 12 mo.

### ■ Chemotherapy

- Streptozotocin + 5-FU: RR~40%
- Temozolomide + Capecitabine: RR 25-70% (retrospective study)

### ■ Everolimus, Sunitinib vs Placebo

- RADIANT-3: PFS 11 vs. 4.6 mo
- Sunitinib Study: 11.4 vs. 5.5 mo.  
+ 6 Mon

### ■ PRRT

### ■ Interferon-alpha

# Therapeutic options in NET

## Placebo-controlled Studies

- Surgical resection
- Loco-regional and ablative procedures
- Somatostatin analogs
- Peptid-Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT)
- Molecular targeted therapy (Everolimus)
- Systemic Chemotherapy



# Many open questions...



- Which drug in which line?
- Monotherapy or combination therapy?
- What to combine?
  - Efficacy versus Toxicity!
  - Crosstalk of receptors
- When to treat?
  - Upon progression (escape) or
  - Prevention of tumor progression; adjuvant therapy
- How (and how long) to treat ?
  - Sequential (horizontal) inhibition; maintenance therapy

Novel promising  
drugs at the  
horizon?

# Tumor Responses in pts. with GEP-NET treated with different radiolabeled SSA

Lack of randomized trials !

	Ligand	Patient number	CR	PR	MR	SD	PD	CR+PR (%)
Center (reference)								
Rotterdam (Valkema et al. 2002)	[ <sup>111</sup> In-DTPA] <sup>0</sup> octreotide	26						0
New Orleans (Anthony et al. 2002)	[ <sup>111</sup> In-DTPA] <sup>0</sup> octreotide							8
Milan (Bilezikian et al. 2002)	[ <sup>111</sup> In-DTPA] <sup>0</sup> octreotide							29
Basel (Wilkens et al. 2001, 2002)	[ <sup>111</sup> In-DTPA] <sup>0</sup> octreotide							24
Basel (Wilkens et al. 2002b)	[ <sup>111</sup> In-DTPA] <sup>0</sup> octreotide							33
Rotterdam (Valkema et al. 2002)	[ <sup>111</sup> In-DTPA] <sup>0</sup> octreotide							9
Rotterdam (Valkema et al. 2008)	[ <sup>111</sup> In-DTPA] <sup>0</sup> octreotide							29
Bushnell Imhof et al	(90Y-Edotreotide) (90-Y DOTA-TOC)	90 1109	5 (2%)	86 (28%)	51 (16%)	107 (35%)	61 (20%)	0-34 %
								4 34 %

**PRRT is indicated  
after failure of medical treatment  
Potentially serious side effects !  
(ENETS Guidelines 2012)**

Serious Side effects: MDS, AML, G3-4 renal failure (up to 9%), liver failure