



Disease biology and principles of biological therapies

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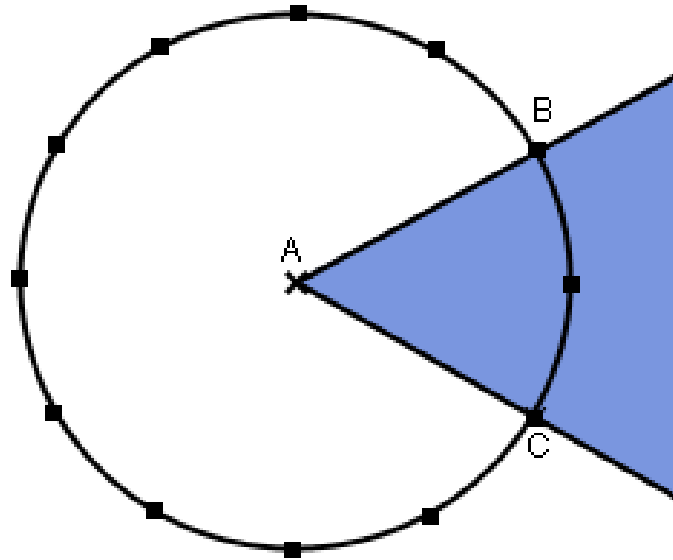
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Clinician angle



Prognostic , predictive roles or, surrogacy demonstrate the relevance of a target
Correlation with well defined NET characteristics as a preliminary step

Heterogeneity : focus on NETs

NETs and NECs are two distinct neoplasms

TABLE 2. Immunohistochemical Features of Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Neoplasms

Marker	Proliferation		Markers of PanNET ²⁰			Markers of Neuroendocrine Differentiation			Markers of Cell Cycle Regulation			PDAC Marker	Therapeutic Target
	Ki67 (%)	Mitotic Rate	DAXX	ATRX	Pten	CD56	Pdx1	PAX8	p53	Rb	p16	Smad4	Bcl-2
Small cell NEC*													
1	58.1	50	+	+	—	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	+
2	36.9	42	+	+	+	+	—	—	+	—	+	+	+
3	55.9	36	+	+	+	+	—	—	+	—	+	+	+
4	57.1	22	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	+	—	+	+
5	59.7	56	+	+	+	+	NA†	+	+	—	+	+	+
6	77.6	33	+	+	+	+		—	+	—	+	+	+
7	55.1	49	+	+	+	+		—	+	—	+	+	+
8	57.4	22	+	+	+	+	—	—	+	—	+	+	+
9	85.8	58	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	—	+	+	+
Large cell NEC*													
10	55.2	53	+	+	+	+	—	—	+	—	+	+	+
11	68.4	31	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	—
12	56.1	74	+	+	+	—	—	—	+	—	—	+	+
13	67.1	48	+	+	+	—	+	—	+	—	+	+	—
14	39.5	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	+
15	38.7	28	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	—	+	+	+
16	37.2	25	+	+	+	+	—	—	+	—	+	+	+
17	22.0	31	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	+	—	—	—
18	30.1	4	+	+	+	—	—	—	+	+	—	+	—
19	20.0	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	—	+	—	+	—
Well-differentiated NET (G2, intermediate grade)													
20	9.2	3	+	+	+	+	NA	—	—	+	+	+	+
21	8.9	2	+	+	+	—	+	+	—	+	+	+	+
22	3.3	2	+	—	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	+	—
23	5.7	1	+	+	+	—	+	—	—	+	+	+	—
24	2.3	2	+	+	+	+	+	—	—	+	+	+	—
Well-differentiated NET (G1, low grade)													
25	0.4	0	+	+	+	+	NA	+	—	+	+	+	—
26	1.3	0	+	—	+	—	+	+	—	+	+	+	—
27	1.7	0	+	—	+	—	+	+	—	+	+	+	—
28	0.8	0	+	—†	+	+	+	+	—	+	+	+	—
29	0.8	0	+	+	+	+	+	—	—	+	+	+	—
30	0.2	1	—†	—†	+	+	—	—	—	+	+	+	—

*P = 0.02, mean Ki67 labeling index of small cell NEC versus large cell NEC.

†Areas of both positive and negative immunolabeling present in the same section (heterogeneity).

NA indicates not analyzed or technical failure; NET, neuroendocrine tumor.

(Am J Surg Pathol 2012;36:173–184)

Yachida et al : surgical series of 19 pa NEC vs 11 paNET

“OMICS” and hypotheses

- Before the “OMICS”, 3 main druggable targets
 - NETs secrete hormones : Somatostatin analogues
 - NETs are hypervascularized : antiangiogenic
 - NETs are part of inherited syndromes : mTOR inh.and antiangiogenic
- After the “OMICS”:
 - “old “ and new targets

Medical Therapy in Advanced GEP NET: current status

	Bronchial	Ileum	Pancreas
 Somatostatin analogs	Expert consensus	Approved	Approved LAN 120
Chemotherapy	Expert consensus	Expert consensus	Approved STZ+Fu/DXR
PRRT	Expert consensus	Approval pending	Expert consensus
 Everolimus	Approved "nonfunctioning"	Approved "nonfunctioning"	Approved
 TKI	-	-	Approved sunitinib
Other options	Surgery/ablative Locoregional therapy IFN/ Chemotherapy	Telotristat ethyl (FDA- approved) Surgery/ablative Locoregional therapy IFN/Bevacizumab	Surgery/ablative Locoregional therapy Chemotherapy/ Bevacizumab

GEP NET, gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumor; IFN, interferon; LAN 120, lanreotide 120 mg; PRRT, peptide receptor radionuclide therapy; STZ+Fu/DXR, streptozotocin plus 5-fluorouracil/doxorubicin; TKI, tyrosine-kinase inhibitor

Different strategies of development according to NET primary

Somatostatine analogues (Clarinet)
Everolimus (Radiant 2-4)

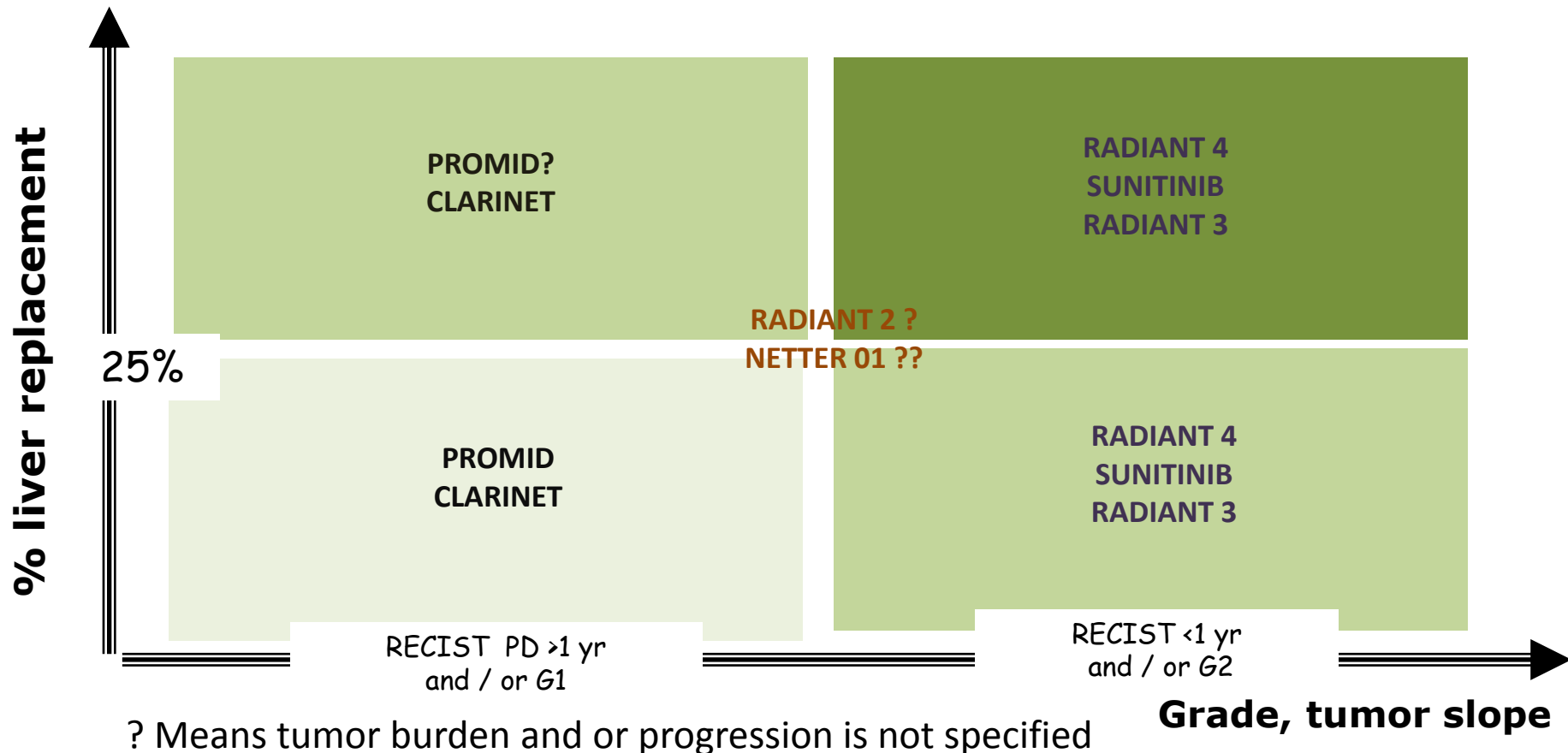


“All NET”
strategy

“NET Primary”
strategy

Sunitinib Trial
Everolimus (Radiant3)
Octreotide (Promid)
PRRT (Netter 01)

Different strategies of development according to NET tumor burden and Grade/slope



Somatostatin is an inhibitor of hormonal secretions

Hypothalamic Polypeptide That Inhibits the Secretion of Immunoreactive Pituitary Growth Hormone

Abstract. A peptide has been isolated from ovine hypothalamus which, at 1×10^{-9} M, inhibits secretion in vitro of immunoreactive rat or human growth hormones and is similarly active in vivo in rats. Its structure is

H-Ala-Gly-Cys-Lys-Asn-Phe-Phe-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-Ser-Cys-OH



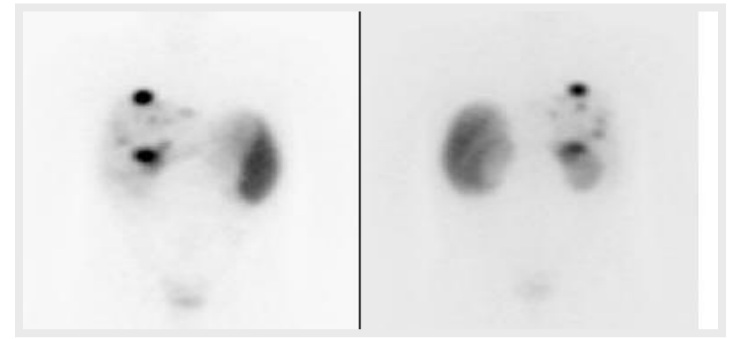
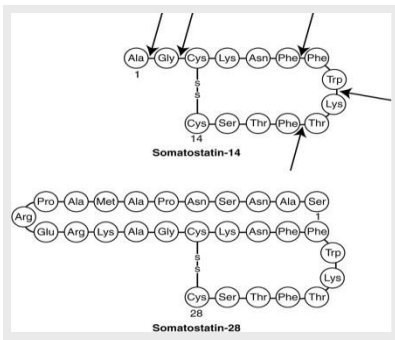
The synthetic replicate is biologically active.

Five somatostatin receptors : > 70% NET tumors express at least three sstr by immunohistochemistry which constitute targets for somatostatin analogs

	N pts	sst1	sst2	sst3	sst4	sst5
Asnacios A et al. 2008	60-81	2.5%	63%	28%	38%	63%
Volante M et al. 2007	70	-	79%	44%	-	71%
Nasir A et al. 2006	14	61%	83%	72%	56%	83%
Kulaksiz et al. 2002	104	33%	80%	77%	-	80%
Papotti M et al. 2002	81	-	75%	44%	-	69%

sst 2 > sst1 and 5 > sst 3 and 4



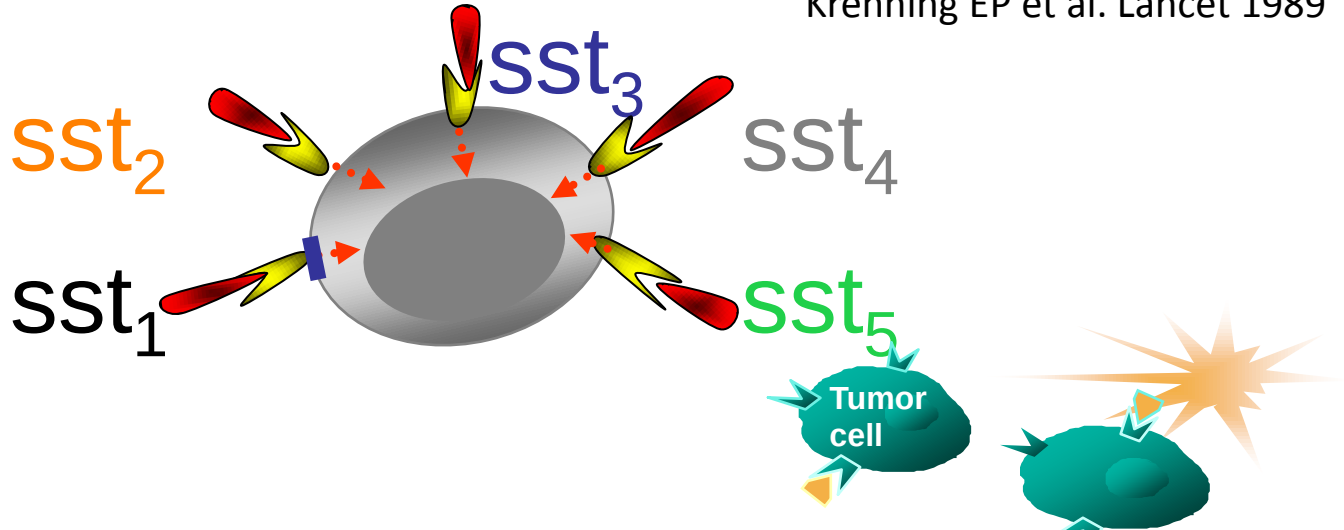


Synthetic SMS analogues

Bauer W et al.
Life Science
1982

Imaging : SRS

Krenning EP et al. Lancet 1989



Peptide Radiolabeled Radio Therapy : PRRT

Otte A et al. EJNM 1997, Kwekkeboom D et al EJNM 2003

Synthetic derivatives of SMS with high affinity for sst2 > 3-5

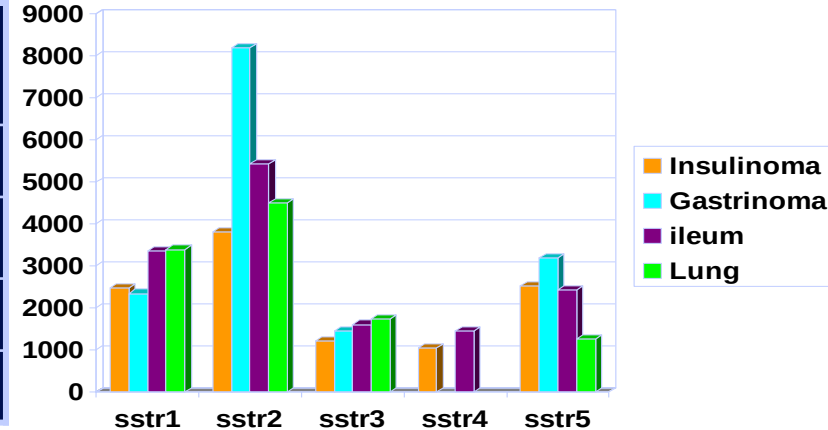
Analogs SMS	hsst/IC50	1	2	3	4	5
SRIF-14		0.93	0.15	0.56	1.5	0.29
Lanreotide		180	0.54	14	230	17
Octreotide		280	0.38	7.1	>10 ³	6.3
Pasireotide		9.3	1	1.5	>10 ³	0.2
In-DTPA-Octreotide		-	22	182	>10 ⁴	237
Y-DOTAT-Octreotide		-	11	389	>10 ⁴	114
Ga-DOTAT-Ocreotate		-	0.2	> 10 ₃	300	377

Brun C et al. Eur J Endocrinology 2002 / Reubi JC Eur J Nucl Med 2000

Somatostatin receptor expression and density depends on primary and hormonal secretion : autoradiography

Sstr expression	sstr 1	Sstr 2	Sstr 3	Sstr 4	Sstr 5
Insulinoma (26)	52%	69%	35%	4%	20%
Gastrinome (11)	10%	100%	20%	0%	33%
Ileal carcinoid (27)	52%	96%	15%	4%	48%
Lung carcinoid (28)	71%	68%	3%	0%	23%

Mean density



Somatostatin receptor scintigraphy positivity rate is affected by Ki 67....and differentiation (Grading)

TABLE 6. Functional Imaging Results Based on Proliferation Index

Ki67 value	SRS		¹²³ I-MIBG		¹⁸ F-FDG	
	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
<2%	87% (40)	13% (6)	48% (22)	52% (24)	41% (19)	59% (27)
2%–15%	96% (25)	4% (1)	73% (19)	27% (7)	73% (19)	27% (7)
>15%	69% (9)	31% (4)	46% (6)	54% (7)	92% (12)	8% (1)

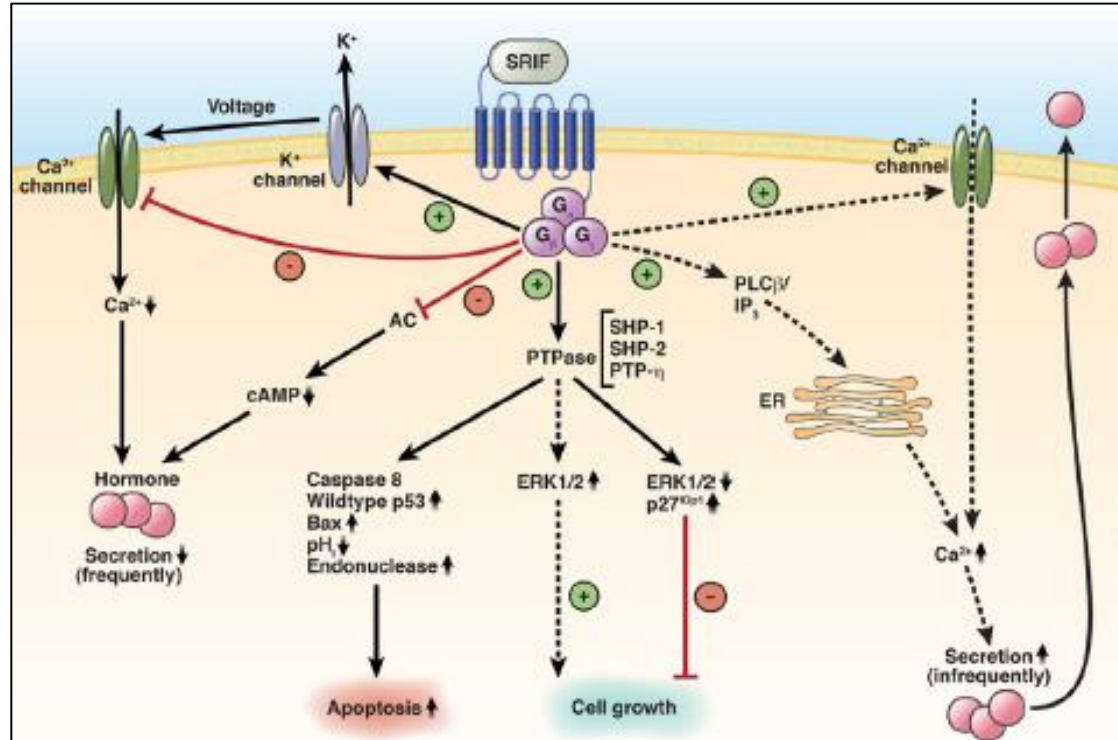
Data in parentheses are numbers of patients.

J Nucl Med 2010; 51:704–712

Binderup T et al

Volante M et al. 2007	<i>Sstr 2</i>	<i>Sstr 3</i>	<i>Sstr5</i>
NET (70 cases)	79%	44%	71%
NEC (18 cases)	44%	17%	28%

SMS analog therapy in NET : preclinical investigation mechanisms of antisecretory and antitumor effect



SMS analog therapy in NET :

mechanisms of antisecretory and antitumor effect

Inhibition of hormone
secretion

sst 1, 2, 4, 5

Dimeres sst 2, 3, 5

Heterodimeres sst 5 + D2/sst

Inhibition of proliferation

sst 1, 2, 3, 5 (4)

Trigger apoptosis

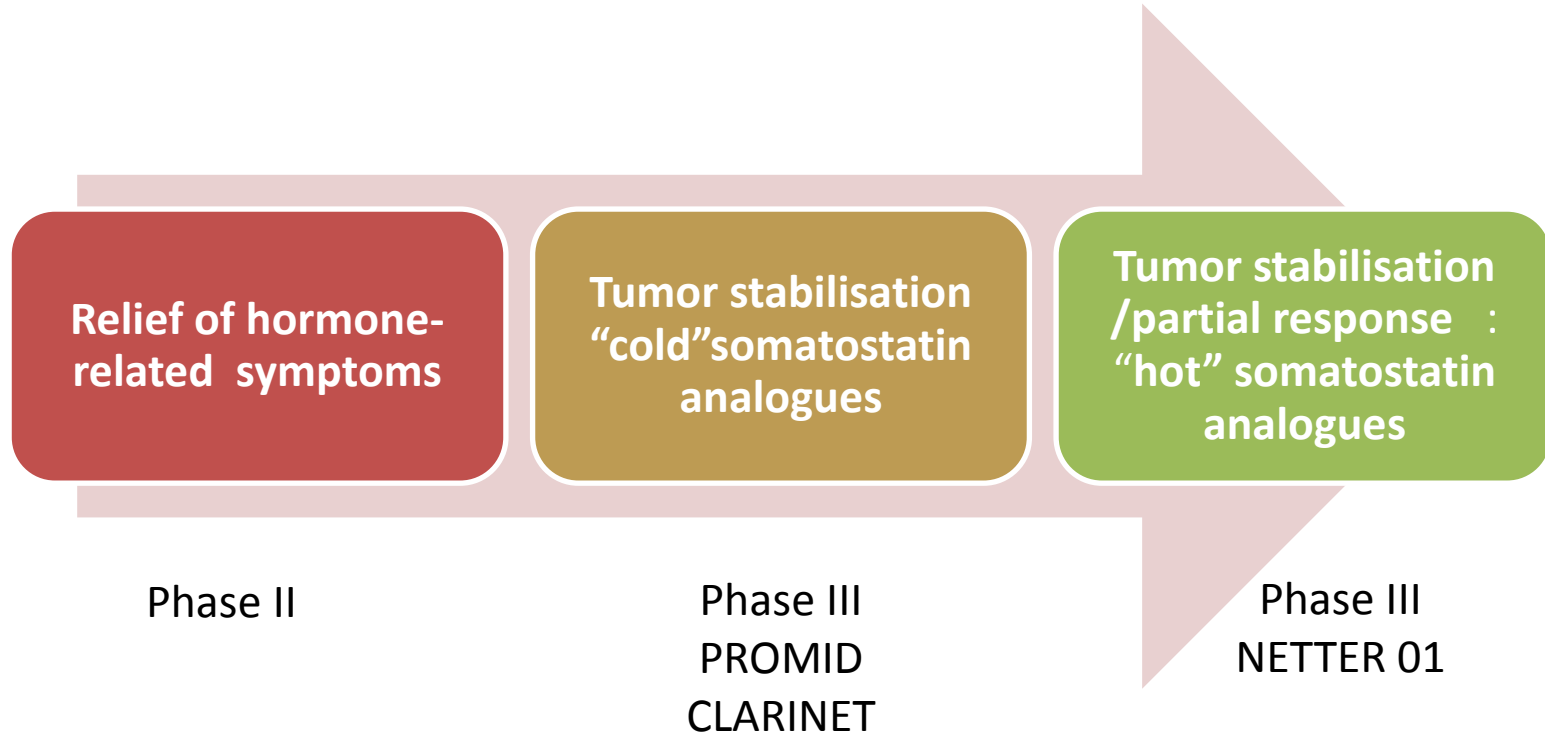
sst 2, 3

Inhibition of growth factor
secretion

sst 2, 3, 5

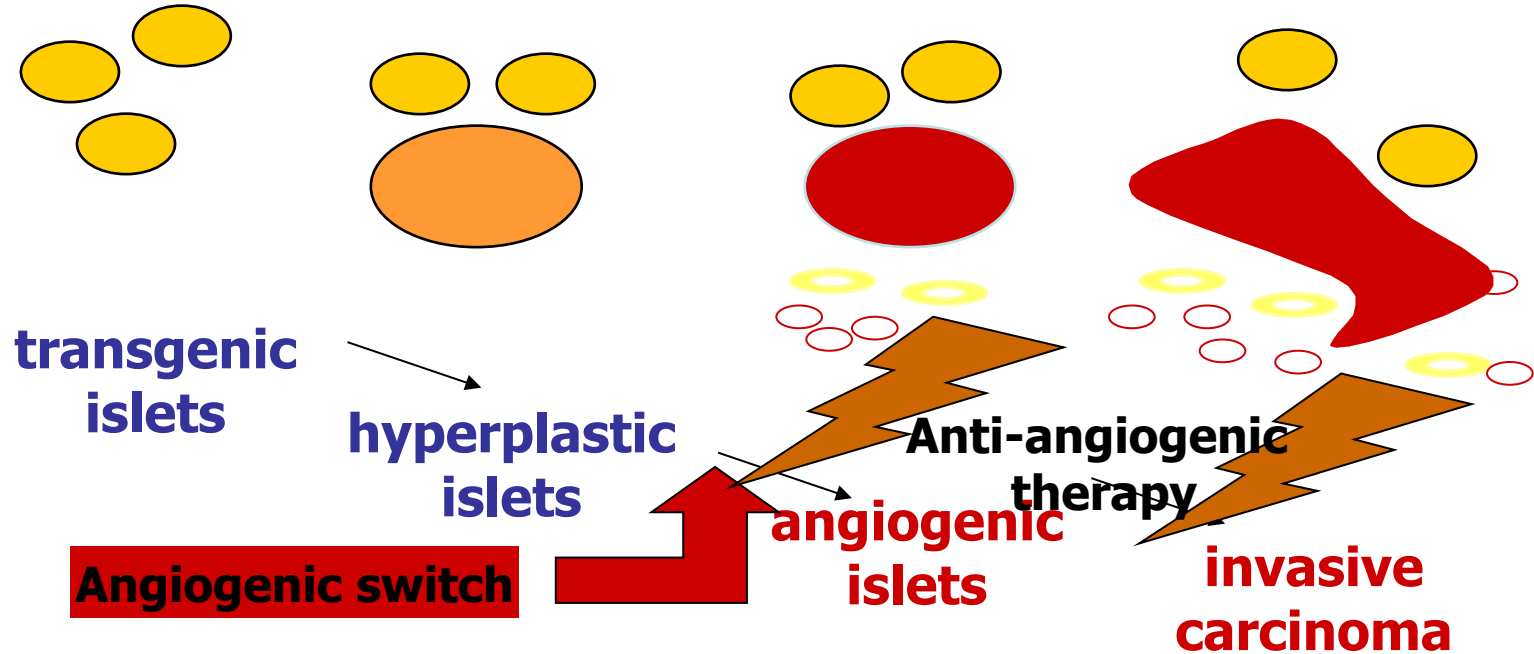
Inhibition of angiogenesis

History of somatostatin analogue therapeutic development

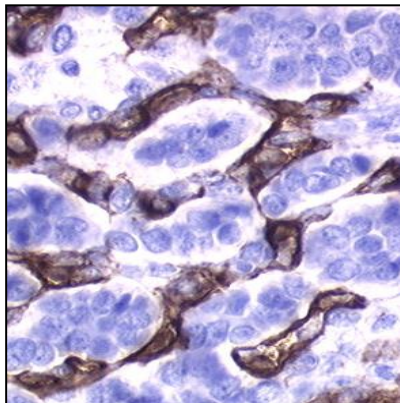


Anti-angiogenesis and endocrine tumors: a strong preclinical rational

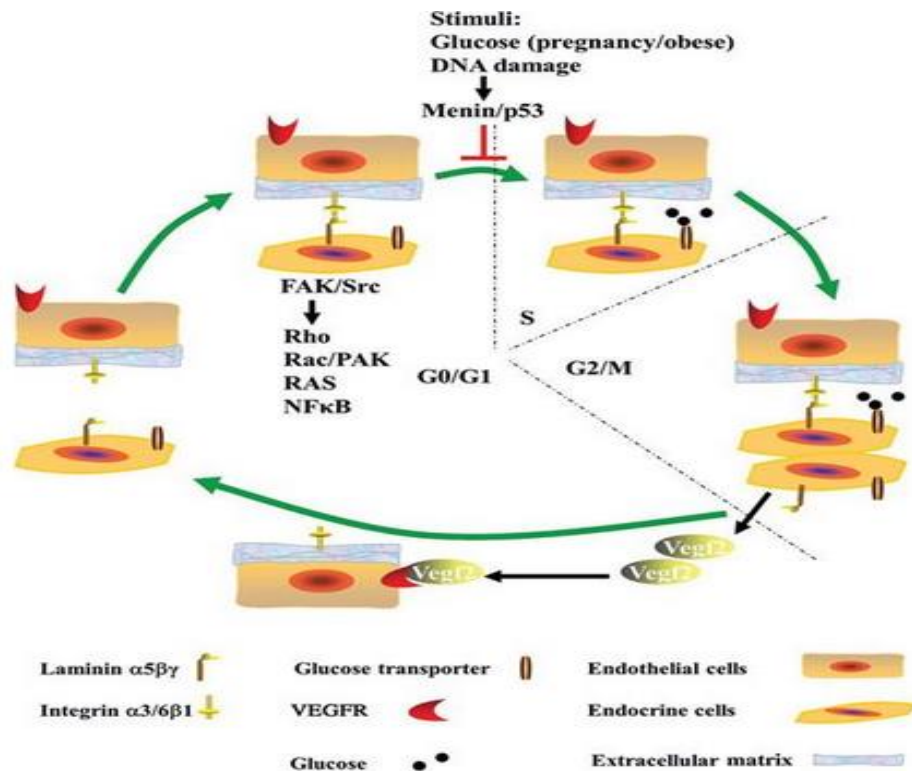
Transgenic animal models of beta cell pancreatic tumors (Hanahan)



NET cells are surrounded by an endothelial capillary network which constitutes the extracellular matrix, VEGF is constitutively expressed : pancreatic model



Scoazec courtesy



Zhang J et al JNCI , 2013

Terris B, Scoazec JY et al Histopathology 1998 : expression of VEGF in digestive NETs

Casanovas O et al . Cancer Cell 2005 : paNET also show strong expression of PDGFRs..

“NET paradox “: good prognosis is associated with NETs with high microvascular density (MVD)

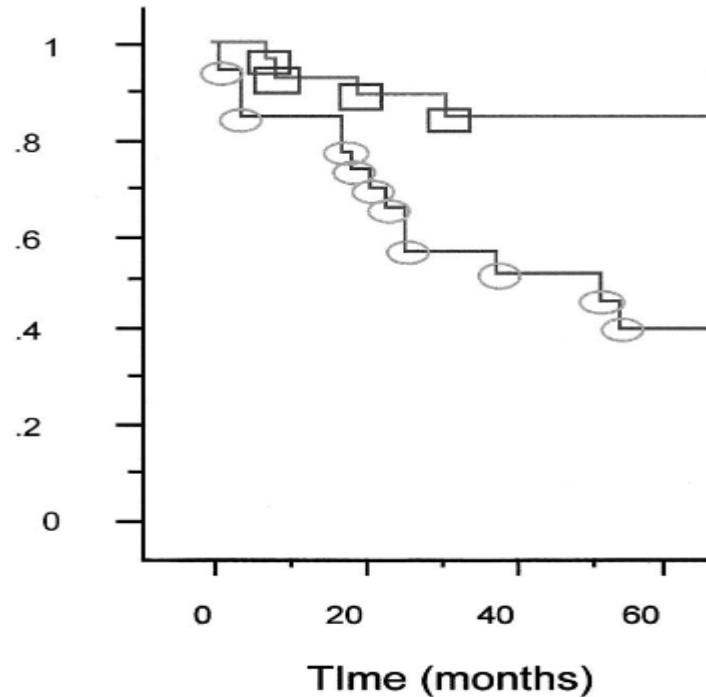


Figure 4. Survival curves (according to Kaplan–Meier) for all the patients of the study group according to intratumoral microvascular density < 30 (open circles) or > 30 (open squares); $P < 0.05$ (log-rank test).

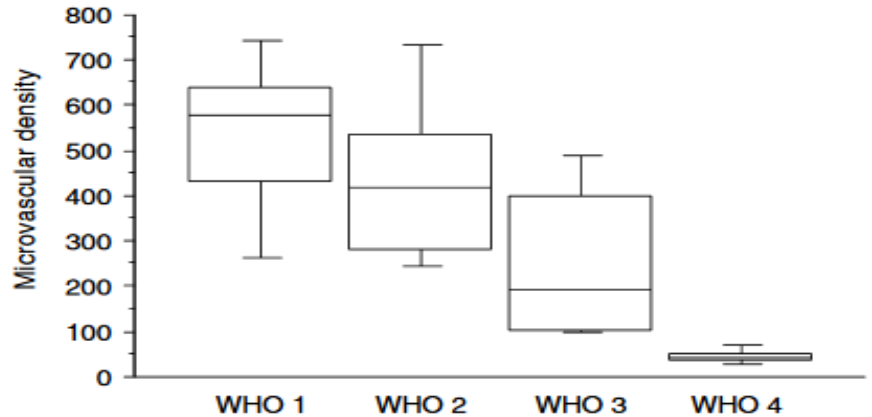
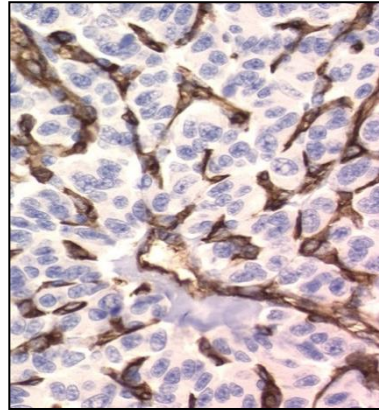


Figure 8 Box plot of MVD recorded in hotspots stratified according to the WHO classification. Differences between groups were statistically significant ($P = 0.0001$).

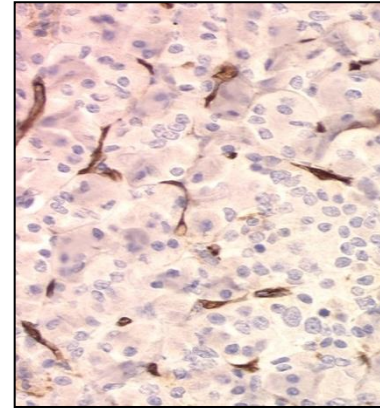
Vascular density in pancreatic endocrine tumors is differentiation dependent

**An inverted marker:
the most
vascular,
the least
aggressive**

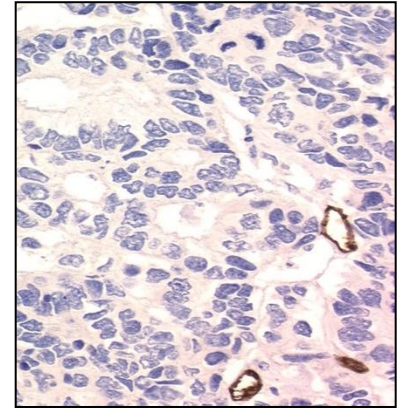
**The most
vascular,
the most
differentiated**



550 vessels/mm²
**Well differentiated tumor,
benign**



220 vessels/mm²
**Well differentiated
carcinoma
(low grade)**



50 vessels/mm²
**Poorly differentiated
carcinoma
(high grade)**

Lesson from VHL syndrome-PaNET model : significantly upregulated genes in VHL vs non VHL (matched)

Gene symbols	Gene definition	patients ^a (n = 18)	patients ^a (n = 16)	P ^b	AUC
HIF-related molecules					
<u>CA9</u>	Carbonic anhydrase IX	480 (1.5–1,907)	14 (0–502)	0.00095	0.843
<u>HIF2A</u>	Hypoxia-inducible factor 2, α subunit	2,393 (319–7,325)	593 (183–14,081)	0.0012	0.835
<u>GLUT</u>	Glucose transporter 1	448 (72–2,423)	138 (20–558)	0.005	0.781
Angiogenesis					
<u>CDH5</u>	VE-cadherin (vascular endothelium)	308 (144–1,151)	83 (18–768)	0.00027	0.878
<u>VEGFR1</u>	FLT1-vascular endothelial growth factor	716 (175–2,267)	235 (64–1,117)	0.0003	0.865
<u>EDNRA</u>	Endothelin receptor type A	213 (33–521)	38 (0–290)	0.0003	0.861
<u>ANGPT2</u>	Angiopoietin 2	148 (41–2,844)	26 (0–450)	0.00048	0.863
<u>CD34</u>	CD34 molecule	105 (29–433)	35 (17–114)	0.0009	0.833
<u>VEGFR2</u>	KDR-kinase insert domain receptor	275 (111–593)	122 (34–342)	0.005	0.781
<u>VEGFA</u>	Vascular endothelial growth factor A	2,688 (734–8,922)	1,118 (181–4,847)	0.008	0.767
<u>ANGPT1</u>	Angiopoietin 1	0.19 (0–2.96)	0 (0–0.61)	0.03	0.725
EMT					
<u>VIM</u>	Vimentin	7,047 (1,840–22,231)	2,110 (19–31,838)	0.00055	0.859
Metastasis-related genes					
<u>LAMA4</u>	Laminin α 4	447 (128–1,459)	176 (47–930)	0.0019	0.813
<u>CXCR4</u>	Chemokine (c-x-c) receptor 4	90 (19–257)	38 (16–1,157)	0.021	0.733
Growth factors and receptors					
<u>PDGFB</u>	Platelet-derived growth factor beta polypeptide	369 (55–1,050)	67 (21–2,485)	0.00048	0.863
<u>IRS1</u>	Insulin receptor substrate 1	209 (65–472)	134 (27–3,092)	0.011	0.765
<u>ERBB1</u>	Epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)	259 (10–1,388)	124 (3.8–4,063)	0.016	0.759
Cell cycle					
<u>CCND1</u>	Cyclin D1	2,515 (569–11,322)	559 (336–12,386)	0.0009	0.843
<u>CDKN2A</u>	Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 2A	2.4 (0–6)	0.44 (0–3.38)	0.003	0.799

VHL inactivation occurs also in 24 % of sporadic paNETs : Schmitt AM et al. ERC 2009

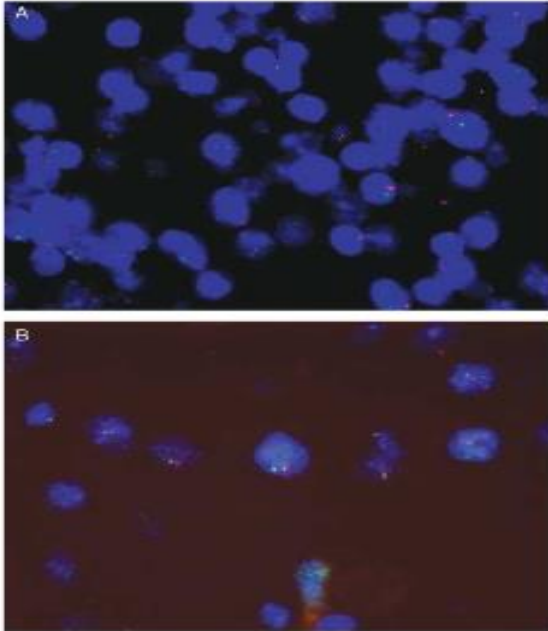


Figure 2 FISH shows a deletion of the 3p25 gene locus (red signal) and of the centromere of chromosome 3 (green signal) in most of the tumor cells in these two PET.

VHL deletion by FISH:
14/78 NETs (18%)

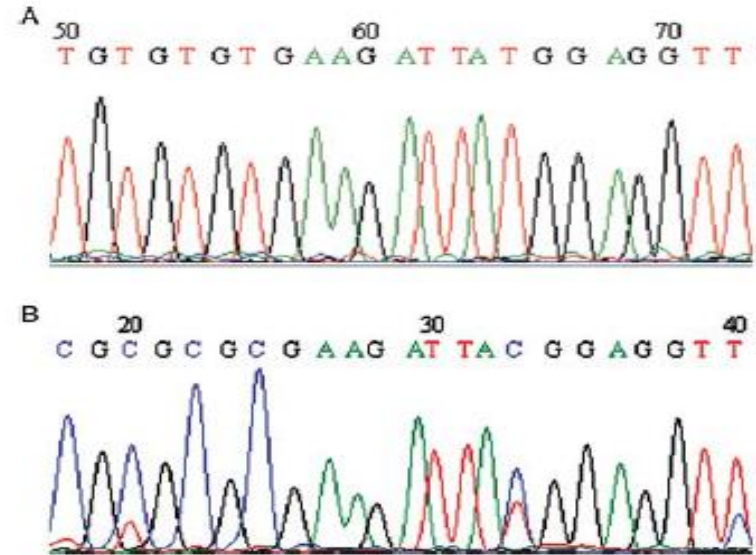


Figure 3 Sequence analysis of the largest CpG island of the VHL promoter: a PET without (A) and one of the two PET with methylation (B). Note that the conversion of cytosine to uracil by bisulfite treatment in the unmethylated tumor in contrast to the methylated tumor, in which all cytosine residues are retained.

Hypermethylation of VHL promoteur :
2/35 pts (6%)

Are genes of the angiogenic pathway mutated ?

Table 3. Commonly mutated genes in pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors in Taiwanese, Chinese, and Caucasian cohorts

Study	Current study (Taiwanese cohort) n = 40	Chinese cohort ⁷ n = 37	Caucasian cohort ⁶ n = 68
ATRX	11 (27.5%)	13 (35.1)	12 (17.6%)
MEN1	11 (27.5%)	13 (35.1)	30 (44.1%)
ASCL1	11 (27.5%)	n/s	0
TP53	8 (20%)	5 (13.5%)	2 (2.9%)
mTOR	8 (20%)	n/s	0
ARID1A	8 (20%)	n/s	0
VHL	8 (20%)	15 (40.5%)	0
NF1	7 (17.5)	n/s	0
TSC2	7 (17.5%)	16 (43.2%)	6 (8.8%)
DAXX	6 (15%)	11 (29.7)	17 (25%)
ANGPT2	5 (12.5%)	n/s	0
PIK3CA	3 (7.5%)	n/s	1 (1.5%)
PTEN	3 (7.5%)	7 (18.9%)	5 (7.4%)

n/s: no sequencing

Table 4. Mutation frequencies in cellular pathways in pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors in Taiwanese, Chinese, and Caucasian cohorts

Study	Current study (Taiwanese cohort) n = 40	Chinese cohort ⁷ n = 37	Caucasian cohort ⁶ n = 68
MEN1 pathway	48%	35% ^a	44%
DAXX/ATRX	38%	54%	43%
TP53 pathway	20%	14% ^b	3%
VHL pathway	45%	41% ^c	0%
mTOR pathway	48%	54% ^d	15%

^asequencing MEN1 gene only, ^bsequencing TP53 only, ^csequencing VHL gene only,

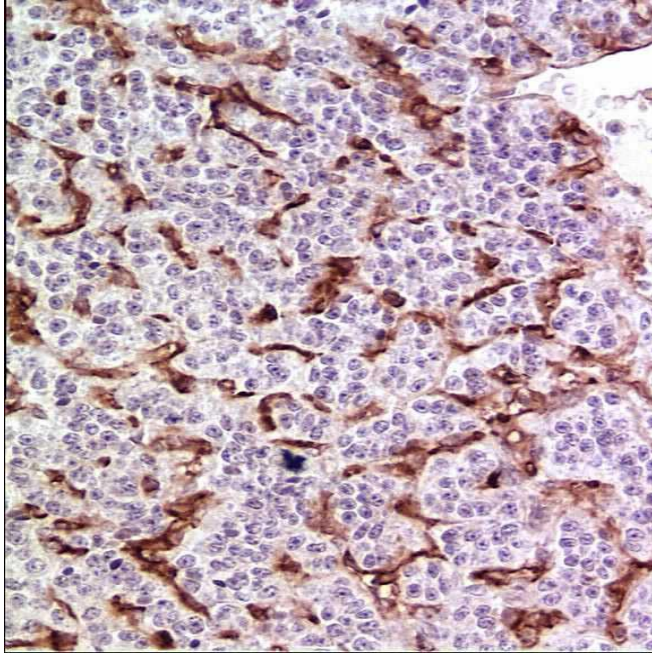
^dsequencing PTEN and TSC2 genes only.

Jiao I Science 2011 : 68 pa NETs, 41% stage IV, 45% G1

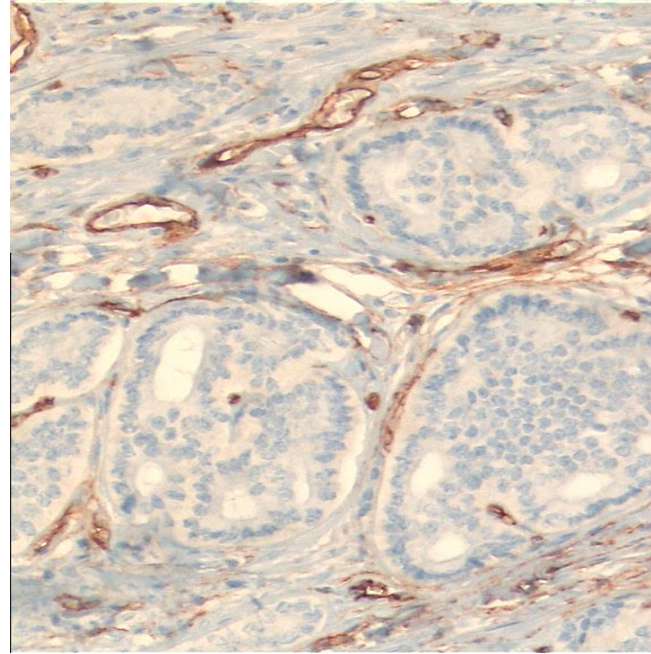
Yuan F et al. IJBS 2014 : 37 paNETs, 8% stage IV, 59% G1

Chou WC et al. IJBS 2016 : 40 paNETs ; 32% stage III/IV, 77%G1

Vascular architecture in GEP endocrine tumors is site-specific



Pancreas



Ileum : lower MVD,
vessels in the stroma/not admixed,
a few vessels penetrate tumor nests

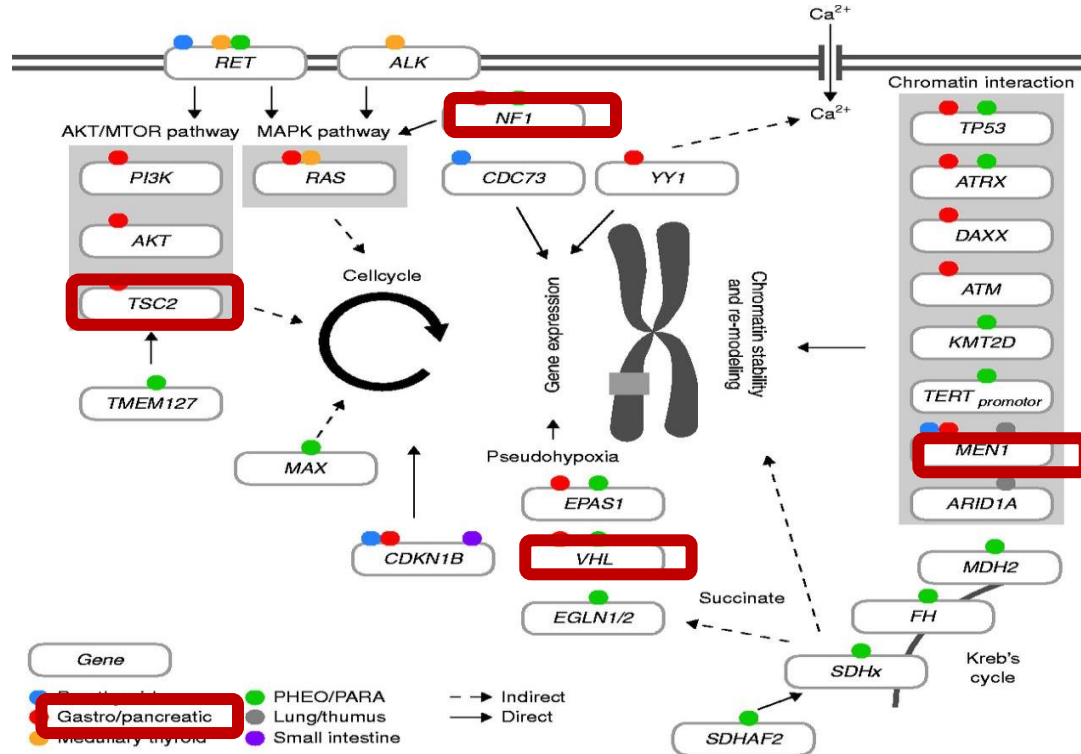
Biomarkers in RADIANT 3 : not predictive !

Table A4. Median OS of Subgroups Defined by CgA (2× ULN as cutoff), NSE (1× ULN as cutoff), PIGF, sVEGFR1, sVEGFR2, VEGF, bFGF (median values as cutoff)

Biomarker	Subgroup	No. Patients	No. Events	Median OS (95% CI), months
CgA	High	191	141	27.76 (22.34 to 33.41)
	Low	215	112	57.2 (47.05 to 62.59)
NSE	High	107	86	16.1 (13.57 to 22.08)
	Low	290	158	52.9 (43.1 to 60.91)
PIGF	High	197	140	27.83 (22.24 to 34.53)
	Low	196	105	55.26 (47.61 to 62.59)
sVEGFR-1	High	197	133	30.29 (22.24 to 39.33)
	Low	112	196	50.23 (40.87 to 58.58)
sVEGFR-2	High	195	122	34.76 (28.45 to 47.61)
	Low	195	121	43.83 (39.29 to 51.06)
VEGF-A	High	197	128	30.72 (23.75 to 39.56)
	Low	196	117	49.77 (40.87 to 56.15)
bFGF	High	197	122	37.68 (30.49 to 51.06)
	Low	196	123	42.41 (35.12 to 49.77)

Abbreviations: bFGF, basic fibroblast growth factor; CgA, chromogranin A; NSE, neuron-specific enolase; OS, overall survival; PIGF, placental growth factor; sVEGFR1 and 2, soluble vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 1 and 2; VEGF-A, vascular endothelial growth factor A; ULN, upper limit of normal.

NETs occur as part four of inherited syndromes (MEN1, VHL, TSC, NF1) : activation of pathways including AKT/MTOR



PI3K/Akt as a prominent mediator of physiological function regulation through tumor mass regulation (proliferation/apoptosis pathways)

Regulation of pancreatic β -cell growth and survival by the serine/threonine protein kinase Akt1/PKB α

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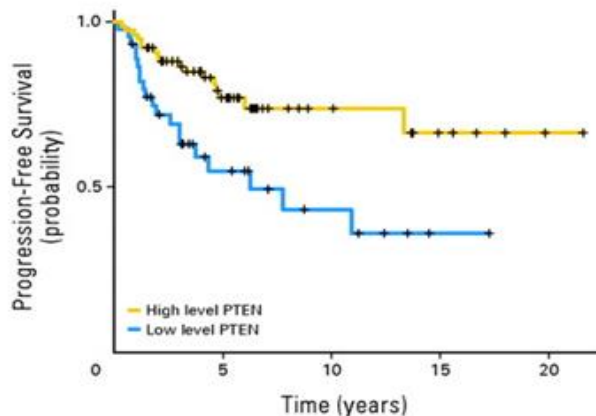
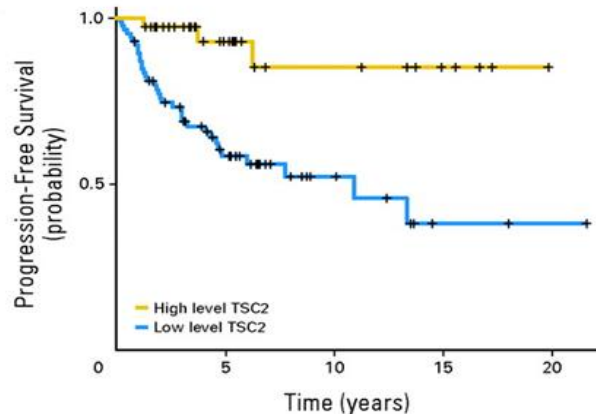
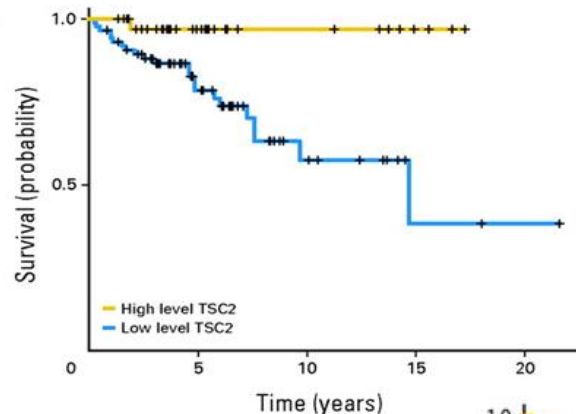
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The physiological performance of an organ depends on an interplay between changes in cellular function and organ size, determined by cell growth, proliferation and death. Nowhere is this more evident than in the endocrine pancreas, where disturbances in function or mass result in severe disease. Recently, the insulin signal-transduction pathway has been implicated in both the regulation of hormone secretion from β cells in mammals as well as the determination of cell and organ size in *Drosophila melanogaster*. A prominent mediator of the actions of insulin and insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) is the 3'-phosphoinositide-dependent protein kinase Akt, also known as protein kinase B (PKB). Here we report that overexpression of active Akt1 in the mouse β cell substantially affects compartment size and function. There was a significant increase in both β -cell size and total islet mass, accompanied by improved glucose tolerance and complete resistance to experimental diabetes.

Tuberous sclerosis 2 (TSC2) protein expression and phosphatase and tensin homolog (PTEN) protein expression : correlation with survival in pancreatic endocrine tumors (PETs).



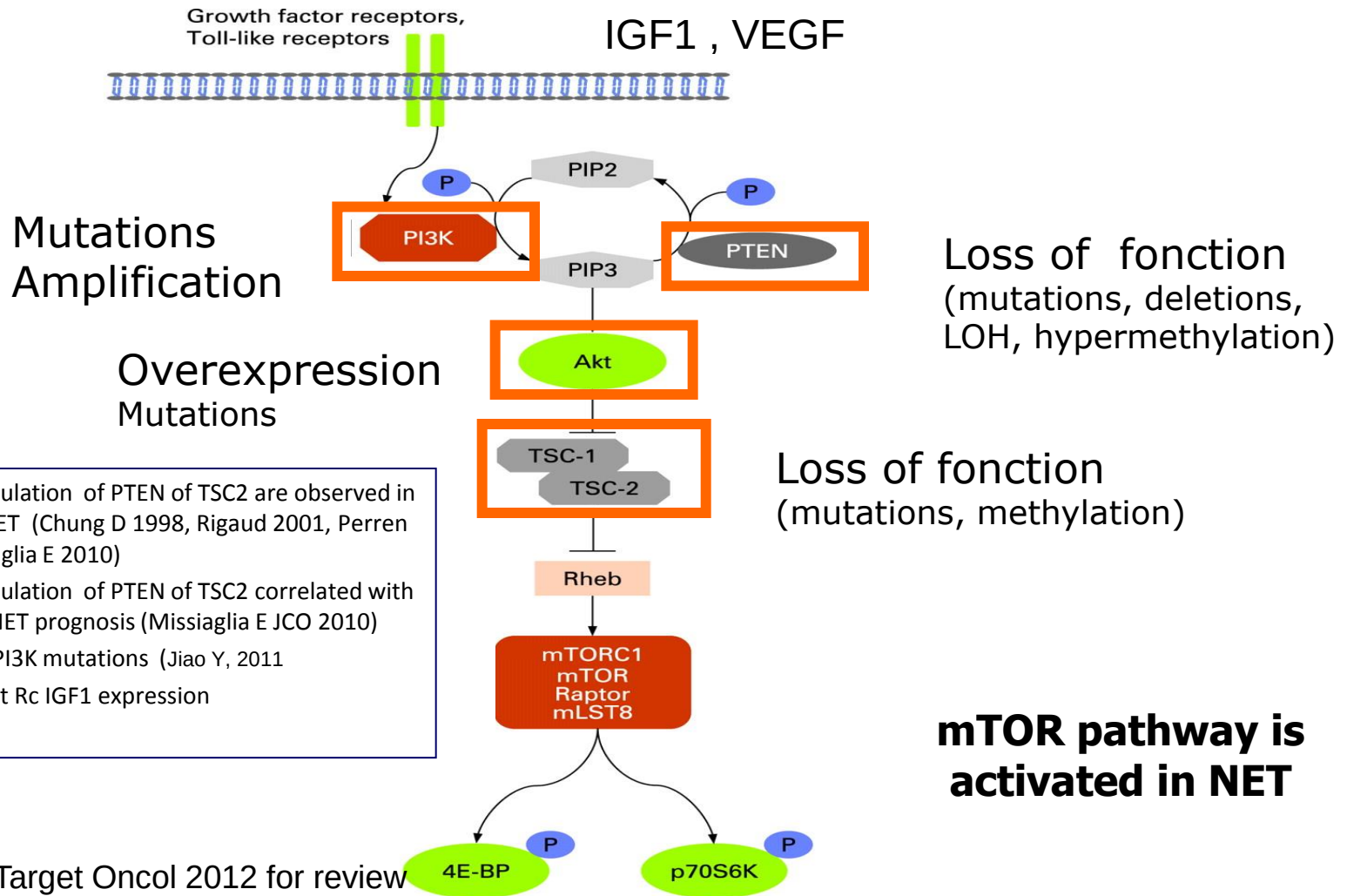
Genetic alterations in pancreatic NETS

Genetic alterations in PanNETs and potential targeted therapies

Voie mTOR	Gene	Mutation frequency (%) [*]	Protein function	Targeted therapy
	<i>MEN1</i>	44	Histone remodeling	NA
	<i>DAXX</i>	25	Chromatin assembly	NA
	<i>ATRX</i>	18	Chromatin assembly	NA
	<i>TSC2</i>	9	GTPase-activating protein	Everolimus, sirolimus, temsirolimus
	<i>PTEN</i>	7	Dual-specificity protein phosphatase	Everolimus, sirolimus, temsirolimus
	<i>PIK3CA</i>	1	Phosphoinositide 3-kinase	Everolimus, sirolimus, temsirolimus
	<i>TP53</i>	5	Cell-cycle arrest	NA

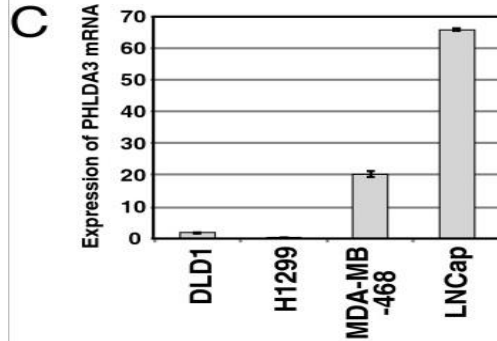
Jiao Y, Shi C, Edil BH, et al: DAXX/ATRX, MEN1, and mTOR pathway genes are frequently altered in pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors.

Science 331:1199-203, 2011



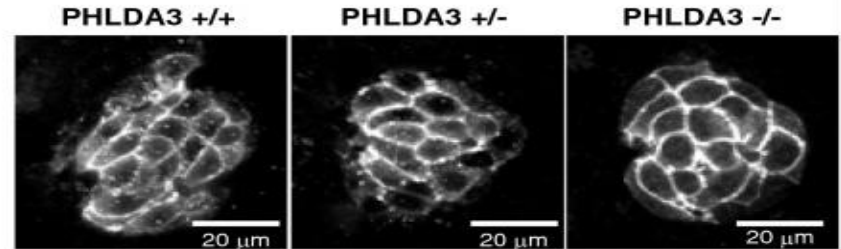
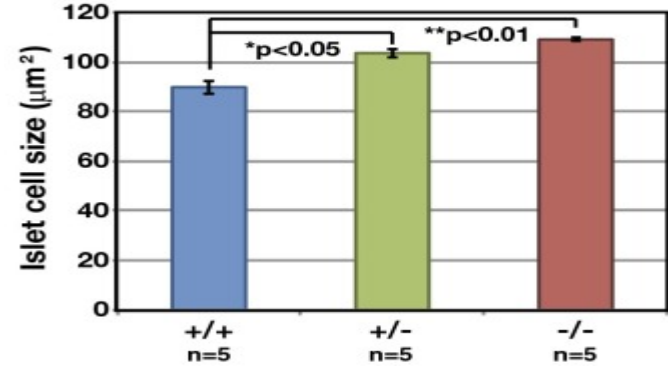
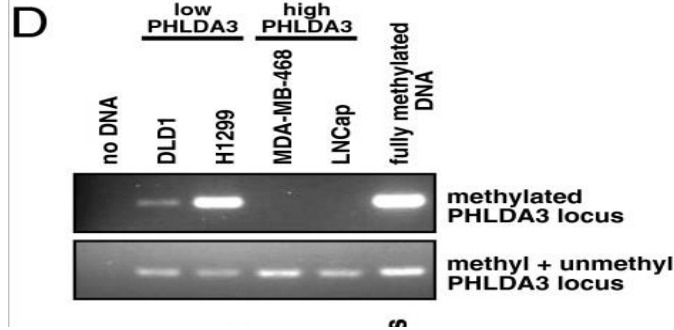
- Loss/dowregulation of PTEN of TSC2 are observed in 10-60% of NET (Chung D 1998, Rigaud 2001, Perren 2000, Missiaglia E 2010)
- Loss/dowregulation of PTEN of TSC2 correlated with pancreatic NET prognosis (Missiaglia E JCO 2010)
- TSC2, PTEN, PI3K mutations (Jiao Y, 2011)
- VEGF, IGF1 et Rc IGF1 expression

Alternative model : PHLDA3 (Akt supressor) is inactivated in 72% of paNETs (54 pts) and cell lines



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LOH and hypermethylation causes mRNA down regulation of PHLDA3 in cell lines

PHLDA3 deficiency is associated with increase cell size

Are genes of the mTOR pathway mutated ?

Table 3. Commonly mutated genes in pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors in Taiwanese, Chinese, and Caucasian cohorts

Study	Current study (Taiwanese cohort) n = 40	Chinese cohort ⁷ n = 37	Caucasian cohorts ⁶ n = 68
ATRX	11 (27.5%)	13 (35.1)	12 (17.6%)
MEN1	11 (27.5%)	13 (35.1)	30 (44.1%)
ASCL1	11 (27.5%)	n/s	0
TP53	8 (20%)	5 (13.5%)	2 (2.9%)
mTOR	8 (20%)	n/s	0
ARID1A	8 (20%)	n/s	0
VHL	8 (20%)	15 (40.5%)	0
NF1	7 (17.5)	n/s	0
TSC2	7 (17.5%)	16 (43.2%)	6 (8.8%)
DAXX	6 (15%)	11 (29.7)	17 (25%)
ANGPT2	5 (12.5%)	n/s	0
PIK3CA	3 (7.5%)	n/s	1 (1.5%)
PTEN	3 (7.5%)	7 (18.9%)	5 (7.4%)

n/s: no sequencing

Table 4. Mutation frequencies in cellular pathways in pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors in Taiwanese, Chinese, and Caucasian cohorts

Study	Current study (Taiwanese cohort) n = 40	Chinese cohort ⁷ n = 37	Caucasian cohorts ⁶ n = 68
MEN1 pathway	48%	35% ^a	44%
DAXX/ATRX	38%	54%	43%
TP53 pathway	20%	14% ^b	3%
VHL pathway	45%	41% ^c	0%
mTOR pathway	48%	54% ^d	15%

^asequencing MEN1 gene only, ^bsequencing TP53 only, ^csequencing VHL gene only,

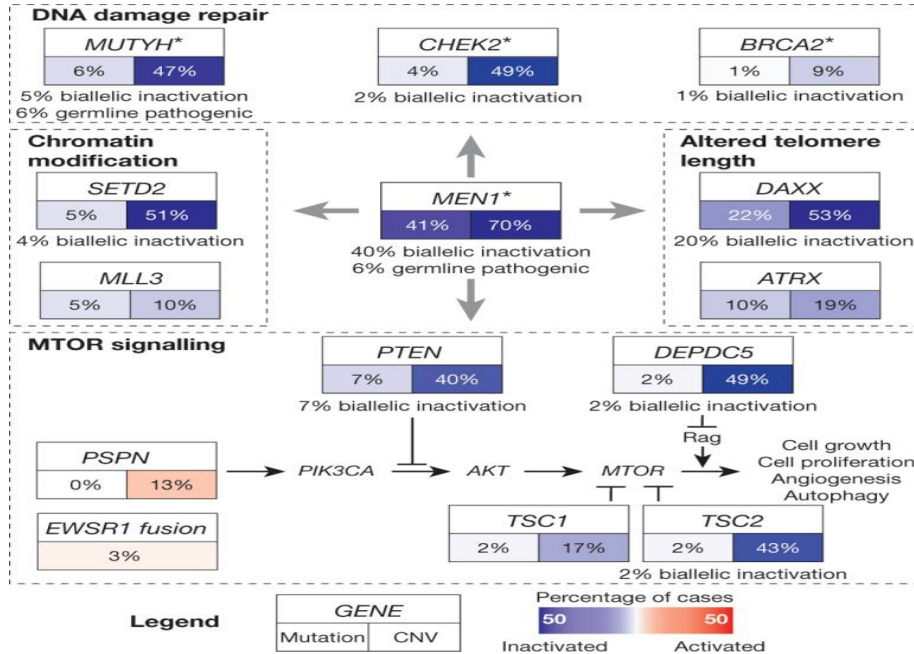
^dsequencing PTEN and TSC2 genes only.

Jiao I Science 2011 : 68 pa NETs, 41% stage IV, 45% G1

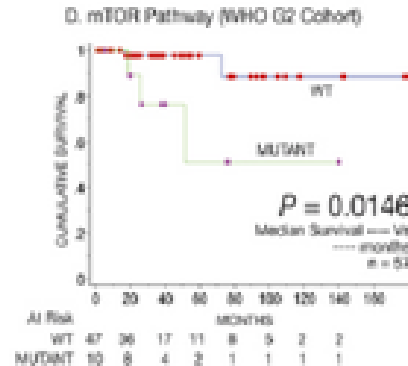
Yuan F et al. IJBS 2014 : 37 paNETs, 8% stage IV, 59% G1

Chou WC et al. IJBS 2016 : 40 paNETs ; 32% stage III/IV, 77%G1

Whole genome landscape of pancreatic NETs



mTOR pathway alteration
1.12% mutations : PTEN,
TSC2,TSC1, et DEPDC5
2.16% of EWSR1 fusion or PSPN
CN alterations



A Scarpa *et al. Nature* 1–7 (2016) :The frequency of somatic mutations and copy number change are shown for key genes

Genomic landscape of small intestine is different

CDKN1B: 10% of cases

Somatic mutation of *CDKN1B* in small intestine neuroendocrine tumors

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The genomic landscape of small intestine neuroendocrine tumors

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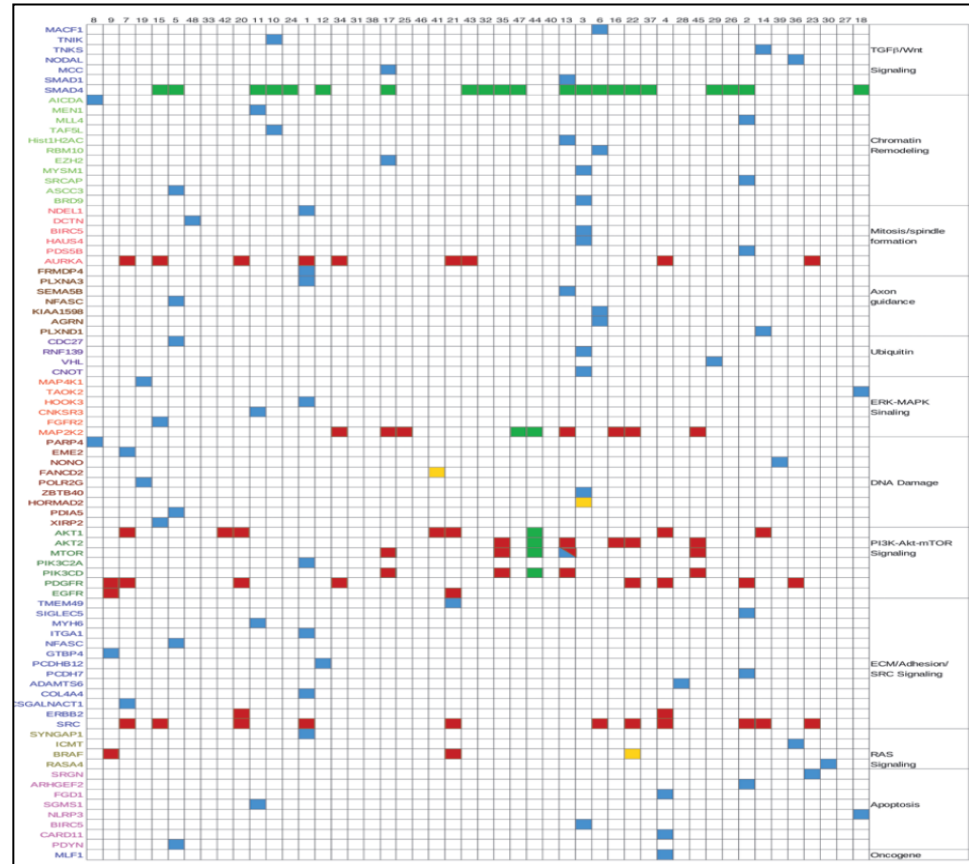
AKT/mTOR pathway: 16/48 (33%)

Other pathways: 35/48

PDGFR, *EGFR*, *HSP90*

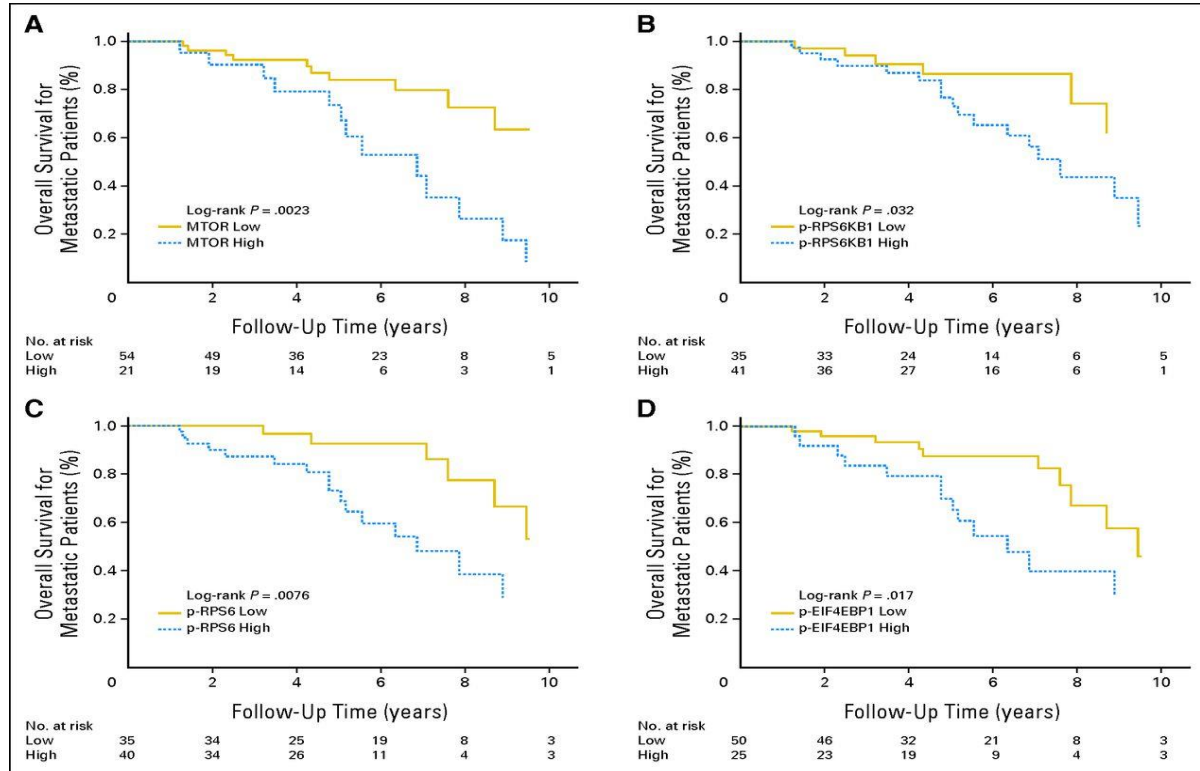
SRC, *SMAD*, *AURKA*

J Clin Invest. 2013;123(6):2502–2508.



mTOR pathway activation in small intestine is different:

mTOR and its activated downstream mTOR targets (but not PTEN, TSC2) play a prognostic role (OS) in metastatic small intestinal NET



Zhi Rong Qian et al. JCO 2013;31:3418-3425

Kasajima A 2011 : strong p6K expression correlates with short DSS in 39 stage IV ileum NETs

Conclusions

- Three “druggable” hypotheses led to positive phase III trials based on gain in PFS/TTP with placebo as a control arm
 - Mainly stabilisation
 - No prognostic / predictive role of each target has been confirmed or demonstrated
- Role and mechanisms of activated pathways/targets in NETS are primary specific
- Biology of NET tumors is increasingly understood but still insufficiently “integrated” : frequency of activation, first vs secondary event, organ specificity, NET characteristics, microenvironment...
- New hypotheses and models together with active translational research expected

Thank you



1 informative patient = 1 informative sampling