



# **Approved Systemic Treatments for GEP Neuroendocrine Tumours**

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- Treatment targets in GEP NETs
- Large clinical trials which resulted in approval of Somatostatin Analogues, Telotristat Ethyl, Everolimus and Sunitinib
- New data for those treatments
- Position of those treatments in "Guidelines"

### **Treatment of NETs**

- A) Medical control of patient's symptoms.
- B) Resection of tumor primary and if possible, metastatic lesions.
- C) Control of tumor growth in cases of advanced disease.
- D) Improvement and maintenance of patient's quality of life.



### **Somatostatin Analogues**

**Octreotide LAR** 





**Lanreotide Autogel** 





### Somatostatin analogues in "carcinoid syndrome"

- First & best choice medications
- Reduce flushing > 70%
- Reduce diarrhoea > 60%
- Biochemical response ~ 50%

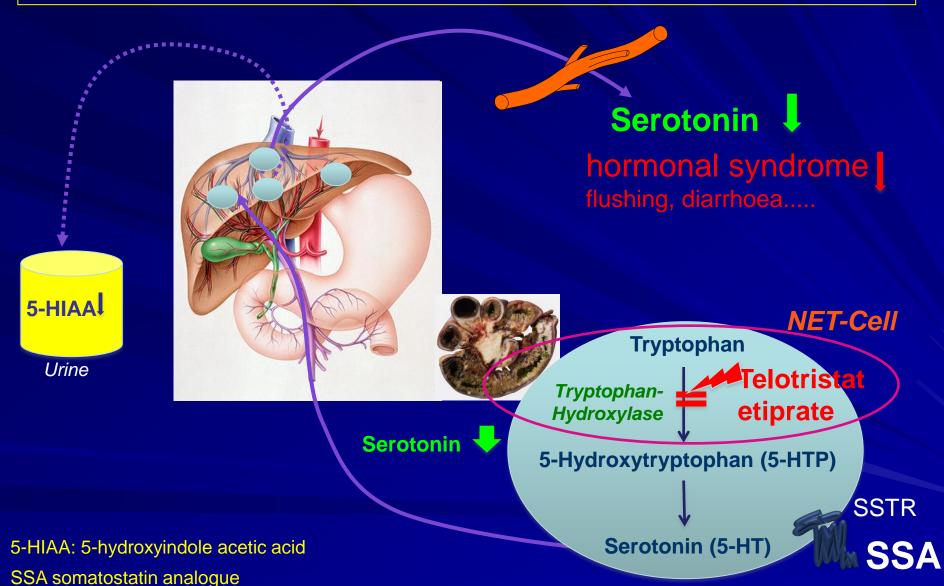
- Prospective cross over analysis of 33 patients
- No differences between octreotide and lanreotide in symptom control or biochemical response

O'Toole et al, Cancer 2000



Shah T & Caplin M, Best Pract Res Clin Gastroenterol. 2005 Plockinger U & Wiedenmann B, Best Pract Res Clin End Metab 2007

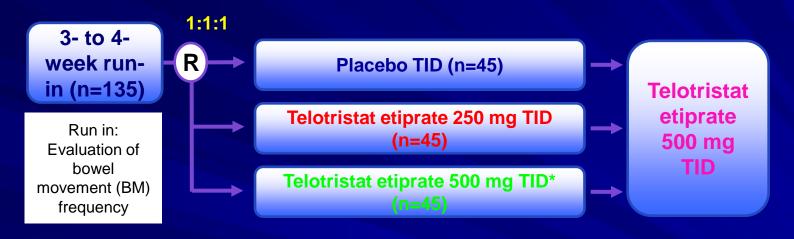
## In addition to SSA, telotristat etiprate inhibits serotonin production and alleviates symptoms



SSA somatostatin analogue SSTR somatostatin receptor

### **TELESTAR**

Phase 3 Study – Refractrory diarrhoea due to carcinoid syndrome (> 4 bowel movements / day)

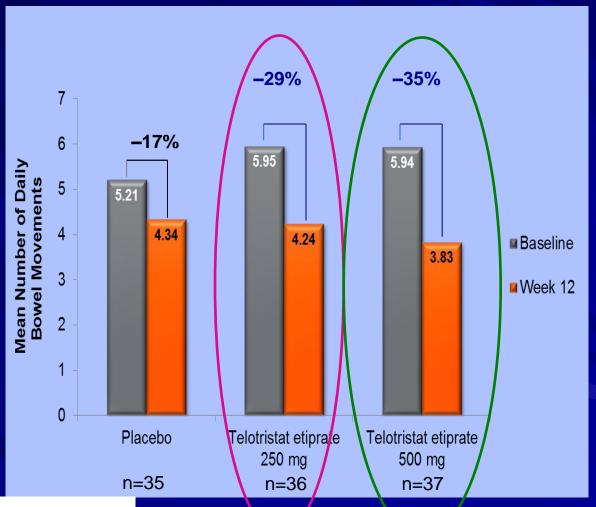


### **Evaluation of primary endpoint:**

Reduction in number of daily BMs from baseline (averaged over 12-week double-blind treatment phase)

All patients required to be on SSA at enrollment and continue SSA therapy throughout study period

# TELESTAR results: Reduction in Mean Daily Bowel Movement Frequency at Baseline and Week 12



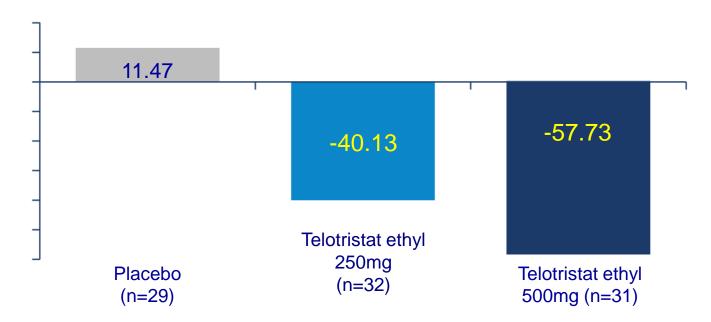
Mild nausea: 15%

Mild depression: 15-20 %

### Phase III TELESTAR



#### Mean change in u5-HIAA (mg/24 hours) from baseline to week 121



All patients continued SSA therapy throughout the study period.

Data include only patients for whom both baseline and week 12 assessments were available.

- Wilcoxan rank-sum test showed significant differences for each telotristat ethyl dose vs placebo (P<0.001)
- Baseline 5-HIAA levels across treatment arms ranged from 80.96-92.65 mg/24 h

### Phase III TELESTAR: conclusions



Telotristat ethyl significantly reduced BM frequency in patients with carcinoid syndrome inadequately controlled with SSA therapy<sup>1</sup>



Patients receiving telotristat ethyl demonstrated more durable responses compared with placebo and the difference was statistically significant<sup>1</sup>



Telotristat ethyl significantly decreased 24-hour u5-HIAA in a dose-dependent manner in patients with inadequately controlled carcinoid syndrome<sup>1</sup>



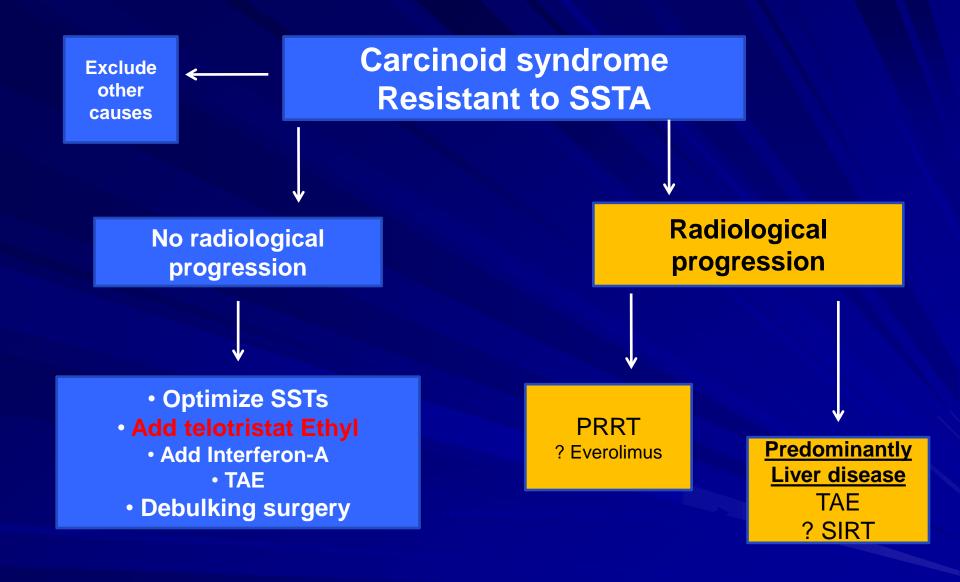
Inhibition of u-5HIAA is consistent with the proposed mechanism of action of telotristat ethyl



Reductions in flushing and abdominal pain were greater on treatment with telotristat ethyl (not statistically significant)<sup>1</sup>



Telotristat ethyl was well tolerated in the TELESTAR study<sup>1</sup>



## Carcinoid syndrome

With Carcinoid Heart Disease at presentation

Maximum dose of somatostatin analogues
+/- Telotristat Ethyl

Without Carcinoid Heart Disease at presentation

**Somatostatin Analogues** 

If 5-HIAA still > 300

**Add Telotristat Ethyl** 

# Control of tumour growth for advanced GEP-NET

### **Medical therapy**

- Somatostatin analogs (SSAs)
- Interferon-α
- Molecular Targeted therapies
  - mTOR inhibitors
  - VEGFR inhibitors
  - other TKIs
- Systemic Chemotherapy

MIBG, meta iodobenzylguanidine; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; PRRT, peptide-receptor radiotherapy; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; VEGFR, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor.

### **Locoregional therapy**

- Radiofrequency ablation (RFA)
- Embolization / chemoembolization / radioembolization

#### **Nuclear medicine and Radiation**

- Tumor-targeted, radioactive therapy: PRRT using e.g.
  - MIBG
  - 90Y-DOTATOC
  - 177Lu -DOTATATE
- External Radiation (for bone, brainmetastases)
- Brachytherapy (for liver metastases)

ENETS consensus guidelines for the management of NET. Neuroendocrinology. 2012;95:71-176. NCCN guidelines: Neuroendocrine tumors. V2.2013.

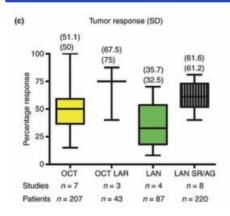
## Somatostatin analogues in the treatment of gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine (carcinoid) tumours

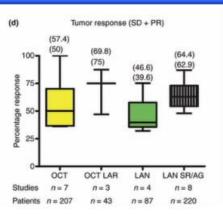
- Number of studies : 7

-Number of patients: 207

- Tumour shrinkage: 3 – 8 %

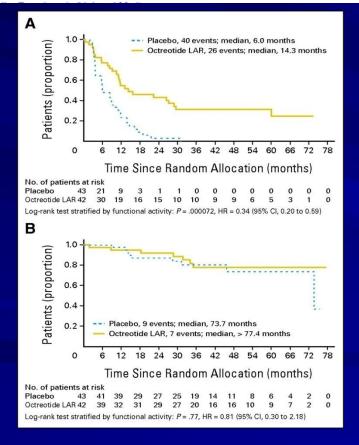
- Overall tumour responses : 60 – 70%





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

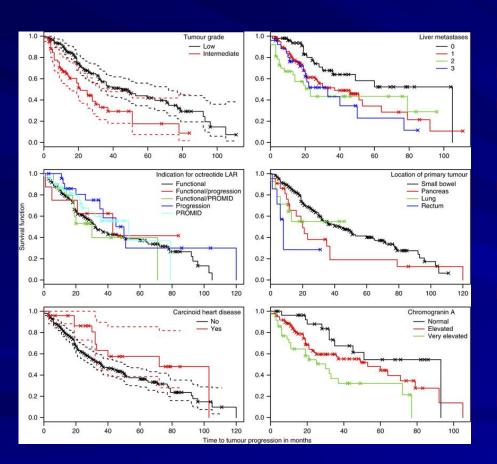
Anja Rinke, Hans-Helge Müller, Carmen Schade-Brittinger, Klaus-Jochen Klose, Peter Barth, Matthias Wied, Christina Mayer, Behnaz Aminossadati, Ulrich-Frank Pape, Michael Bläker, Jan Harder, Christian Arnold, Thomas Gress, and Rudolf Arnold



- Median time to progression in LAR group:
  - 14.3 m vs 6 months in placebo
- After 6 m of treatment : stable disease in 66.7% of LAR vs 37.2% of placebo
- Most favorable effect in patients with low-hepatic tumour load and resected primary tumour

# Predictive factors of antiproliferative activity of octreotide LAR as first-line therapy for advanced neuroendocrine tumours

Laskaratos et al, British J Cancer 2016



- 204 patients
- 5% Objective Response
- Median TTRP was 37 months (95% confidence interval, CI: 32–52 months).
- There was a statistically significant shorter TTRP in patients with pancreatic tumours, liver metastases and intermediate grade tumours.
- Extremely raised (>10 times the upper limit of normal) baseline Chromogranin A levels were associated with an unfavourable outcome.
- Male sex, carcinoid heart disease and initiation of treatment in the presence of stable disease were predictive of a better response.

#### **CLARINET**

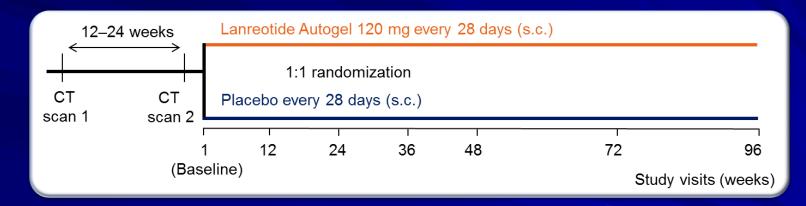
(Controlled study of Lanreotide Antiproliferative Response In NET)

Aim

 To compare effect of lanreotide Autogel 120 mg vs. placebo on PFS in well-/moderately differentiated non-functioning enteropancreatic NETs

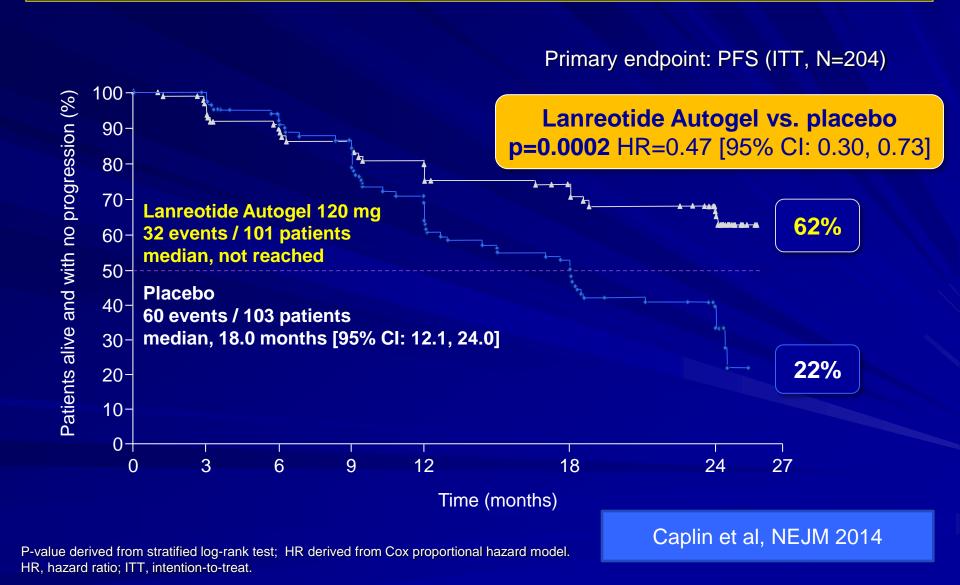
Design

 International multicentre randomized double-blind placebocontrolled phase 3 study

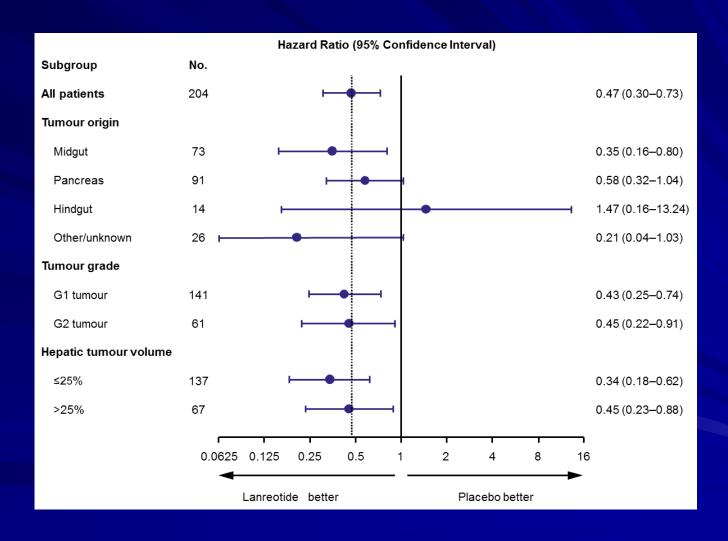


- Ki-67 < 10%
- Tumours measurable according to RECIST 1.0 (centrally assessed)
- 96% had NO progression before randomization
- 33% had hepatic tumour volumes > 25%

# Progression-free survival and tumor growth with Lanreotide Autogel in patients with enteropancreatic NETs: Results from CLARINET, a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study

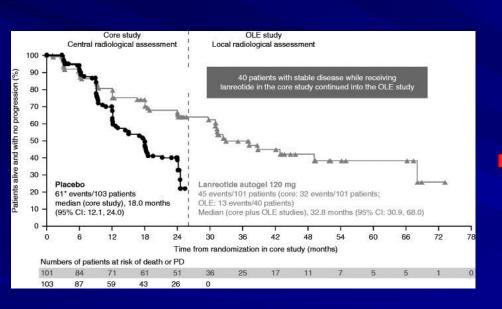


## PFS: therapeutic effect in pre-defined subgroups generally consistent with overall population



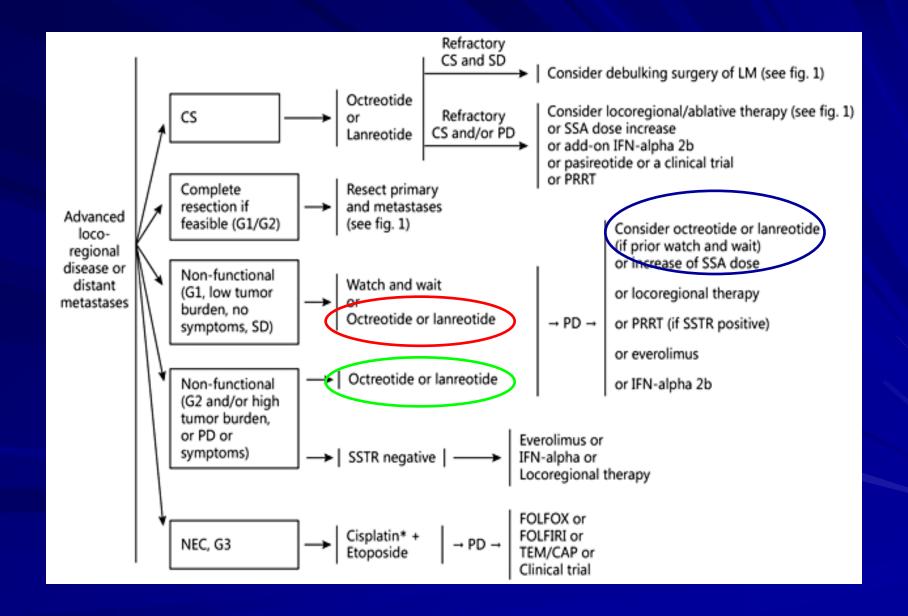
# Anti-tumour effects of lanreotide for pancreatic and intestinal neuroendocrine tumours: the CLARINET open-label extension study

Caplin et al, Endocr Rel Cancer 2016

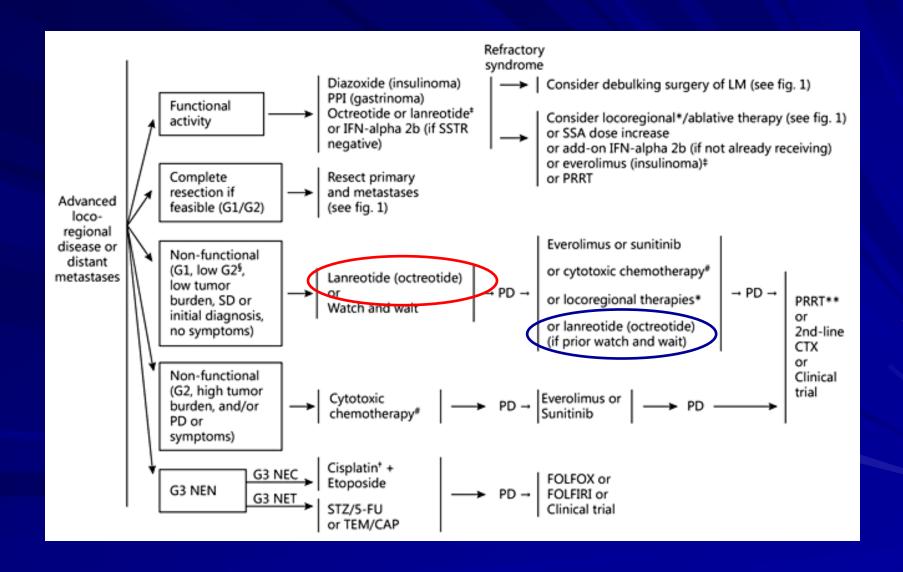


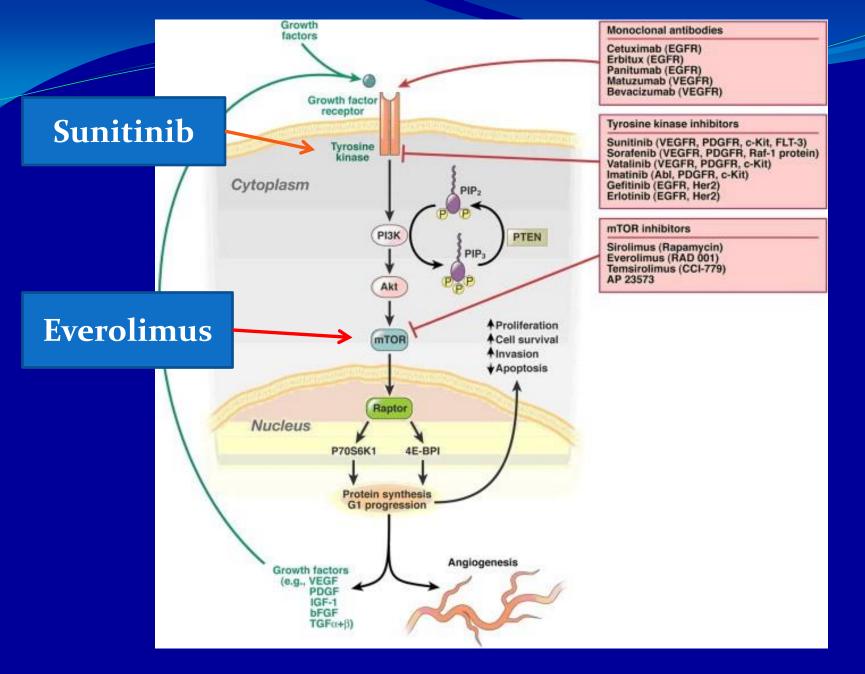
- Patients with stable disease (SD) at core study end (lanreotide/placebo) or PD (placebo only) continued or switched to lanreotide in the OLE.
- In total, 88 patients (previously: lanreotide, n=41; placebo, n=47) participated: 38% had pancreatic, 39% midgut and 23% other/unknown primary tumours.
- Median time to further PD after placebo-to-lanreotide switch (n=32) was 14.0 months.

### **ENETS 2016 Consensus Guidelines for intestinal NETs**



### **ENETS 2016 Consensus Guidelines for p NETs**





# Sunitinib Malate for the Treatment of Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

Eric Raymond, M.D et al, NENGL J MED 2011; 364:501-513

- Double blind randomized study
- 171 patients
- Progression within 12 months
- Ki67 ≤ 20%
- 69% had chemotherapy before
- Sunitinib 37.5mg vs placebo

	PFS	OR	Deaths
Sunitinib	11.4 months	9.3%	9 (10%)
Placebo	5.5 months	0%	21 (25%)

### **Adverse effects:**

30%: diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, fatigue 10-20%: Hypertension, neutropenia

With the exception of diarrhea, sunitinib had no impact on global HRQoL

Vinik A et al, Target Oncol 2016

Five years after study closure, **median OS was 38.6** (25.6-56.4) months for sunitinib and 29.1 (16.4-36.8) months for placebo (P = 0.094), with 69% of placebo patients having crossed over to sunitinib

Faivre et al, Ann Oncol 2016

# Everolimus for Advanced Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumours (RADIANT-3)

James C. Yao et al, N ENGL J MED 2011; 364:514-523

- Double blind randomized trial
- 410 patients 50% chemo-naive
- Ki67 ≤ 20%
- Progression within 12 months
- Everolimus 10 mg vs placebo

	PFS	OR
Everolimus	11 months	5%
Placebo	4.6 months	2%

#### Adverse effects:

> 30%: aphthous ulcers, rash, diarrhoea, fatigue

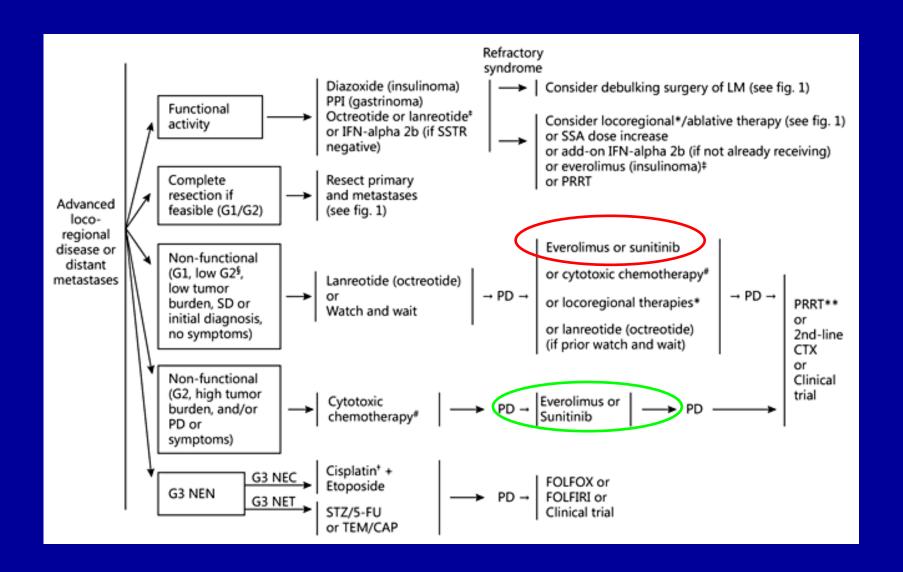
> 10 – 30%: lower respiratory infections, interstitial pneumonitis

>< 10%: cytopenias, hyperglycaemia

Everolimus prolonged PFS regardless of prior chemotherapy

Lombard-Bohas C et al, Pancreas 2015

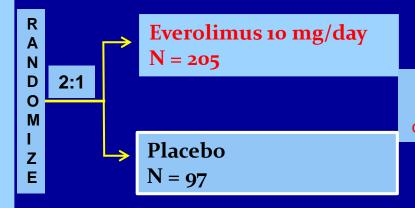
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### **RADIANT-4 Study Design**

Patients with welldifferentiated (G1/G2), advanced, progressive, nonfunctional NET of lung or GI origin (N = 302)

- Absence of active or any history of carcinoid syndrome
- Pathologically confirmed advanced disease
- Enrolled within 6 months from radiologic progression



Treated until PD, intolerable AE, or consent withdrawal

#### **Endpoints:**

- Primary: PFS (central)
- Key Secondary: OS
- Secondary: ORR, DCR, safety, HRQoL (FACT-G), WHO PS, NSE/CgA, PK

#### Stratified by:

- Prior SSA treatment (yes vs. no)
- Tumor origin (stratum A vs. B)\*
- WHO PS (o vs. 1)

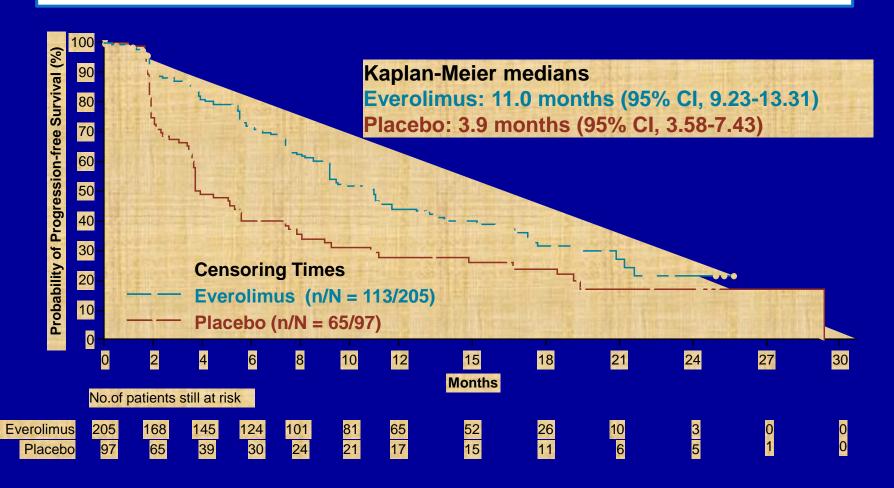
\*Based on prognostic level, grouped as: **Stratum A (better prognosis)** – appendix, caecum, jejunum, ileum, duodenum, and NET of unknown primary. **Stratum B (worse prognosis)** – lung, stomach, rectum, and colon except caecum.

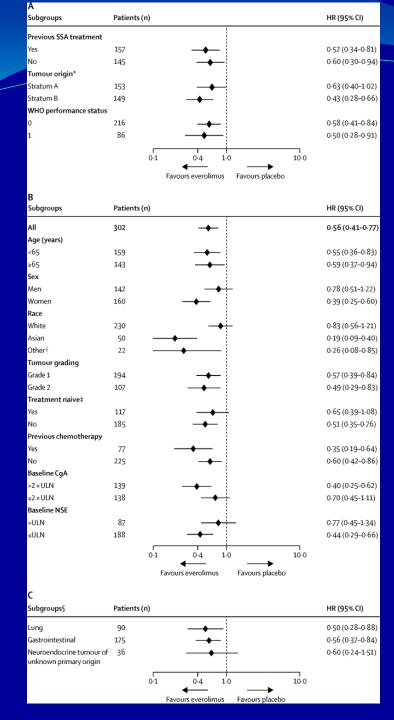
Crossover to open label everolimus after progression in the placebo arm was not allowed prior to the primary analysis.

### **Primary Endpoint: PFS by Central Review**

52% reduction in the relative risk of progression or death with everolimus vs placebo

HR = 0.48 (95% CI, 0.35-0.67); P < 0.00001



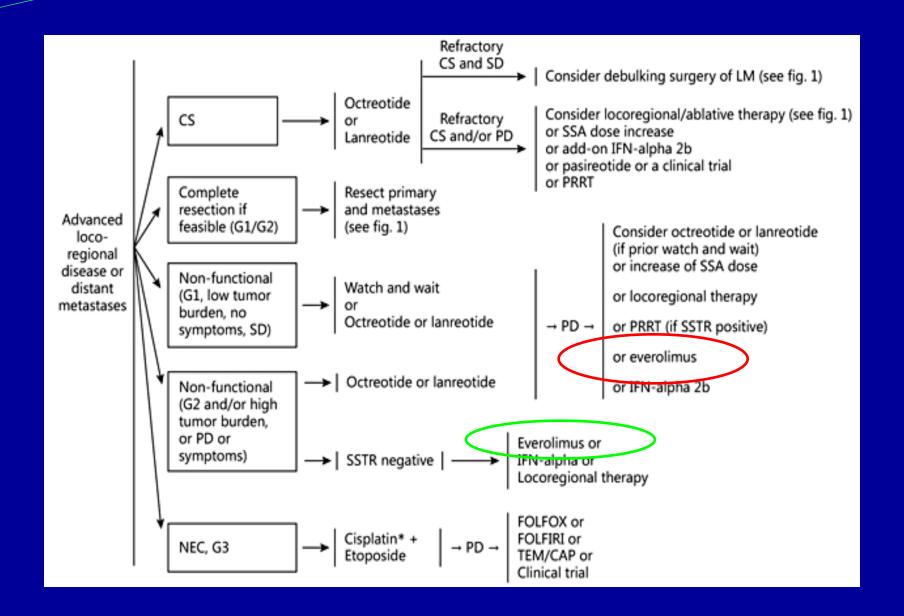


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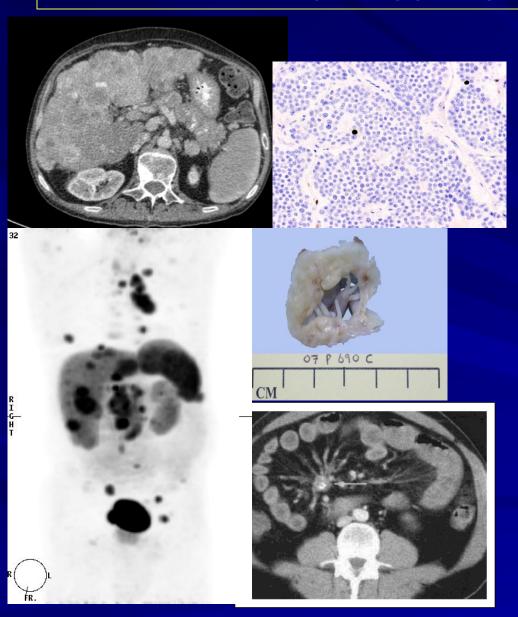
### interesting points

- Confirmed objective responses: four (2%) patients receiving everolimus and in one patient (1%) receiving placebo.
- Disease stabilisation was the best overall response in 165 patients (81%) in the everolimus group compared with 62 patients (64%) in the placebo group.
- The estimated progression-free survival rate at 12 months (according to central review) was 44% in the everolimus group and 28% in the placebo group, which suggests a durable benefit with everolimus.

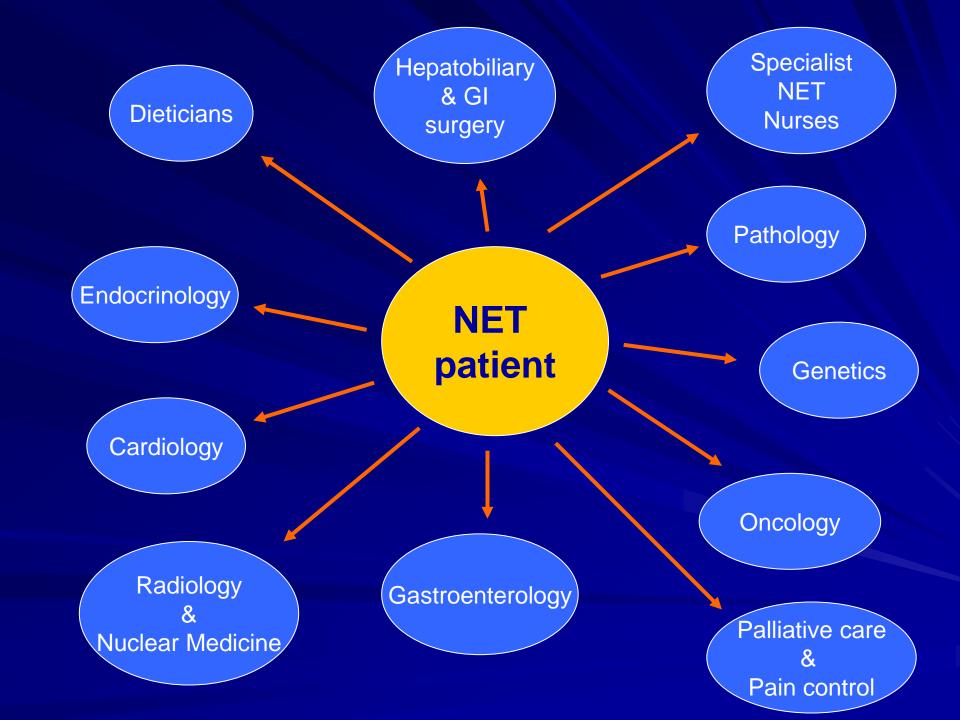
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### Which treatment and for Whom



- Patient's clinical status, comorbidities and preferences
- Tumour Histology
- Location of primary
- Positive uptake in Octreoscan or Ga-68 PET
- Tumour burden
- Tumour status
- Presence of carcinoid heart disease and/or mesenteric fibrosis
- Predictive molecular markers ?
- Cost??



# Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach for NETs



- Accurate diagnosis & staging
- Evaluation of performance status & quality of life
- Consensus agreement on treatment plan
- Continuous reassessment, discussion and peer review of the individualized treatment plan

### **Take Home messages**

- Somatostatin analogues are first line, established treatment for carcinoid syndrome.
- Telotristat ethyl is a promising new treatment for refractory diarrhoea, associated with carcinoid syndrome.
- Somatostatin analogues can also control tumour growth in advanced well-differentiated small bowel and pancreatic NETs.
- Everolimus can control tumour growth in progressing well-differentiated / non-functioning small bowel and pancreatic NETs.
- Sunitinib can control tumour growth in progressing welldifferentiated pancreatic NETs.

