

# Innovations in Treatment of Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

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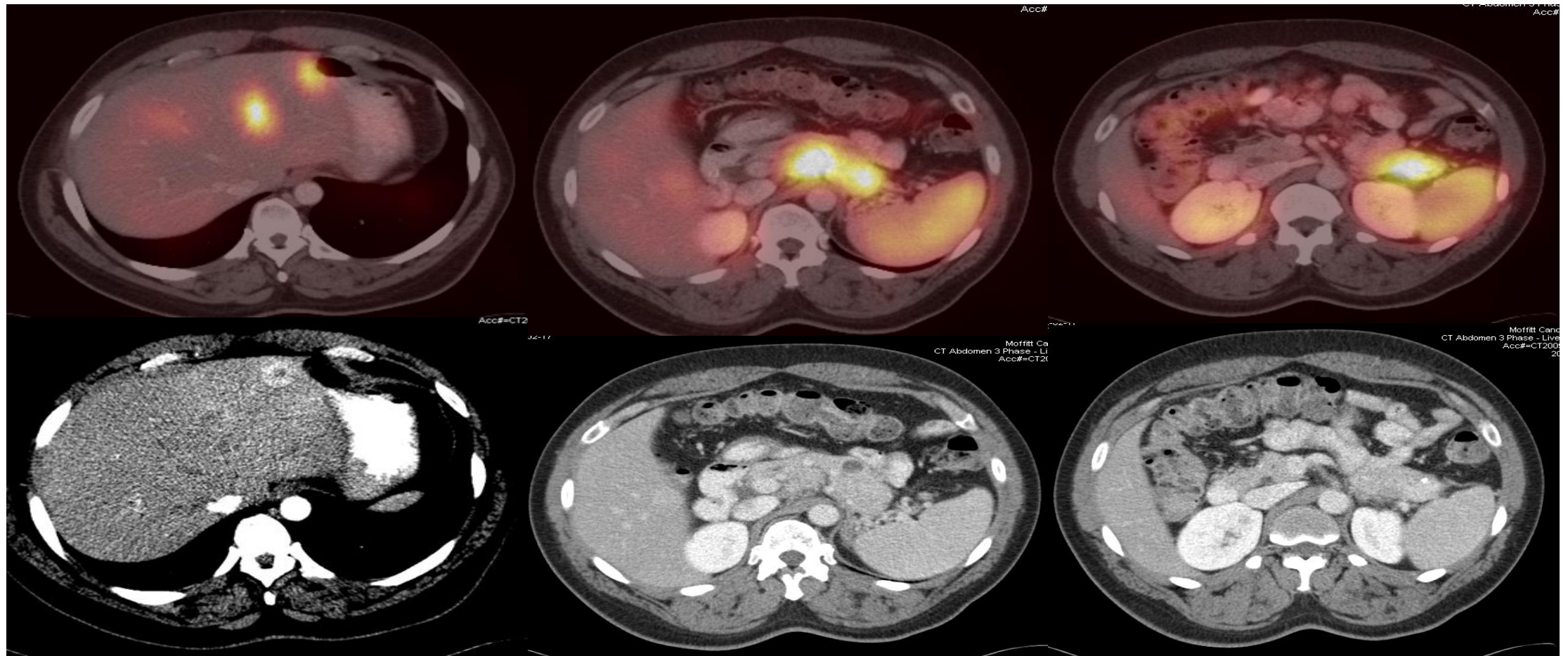
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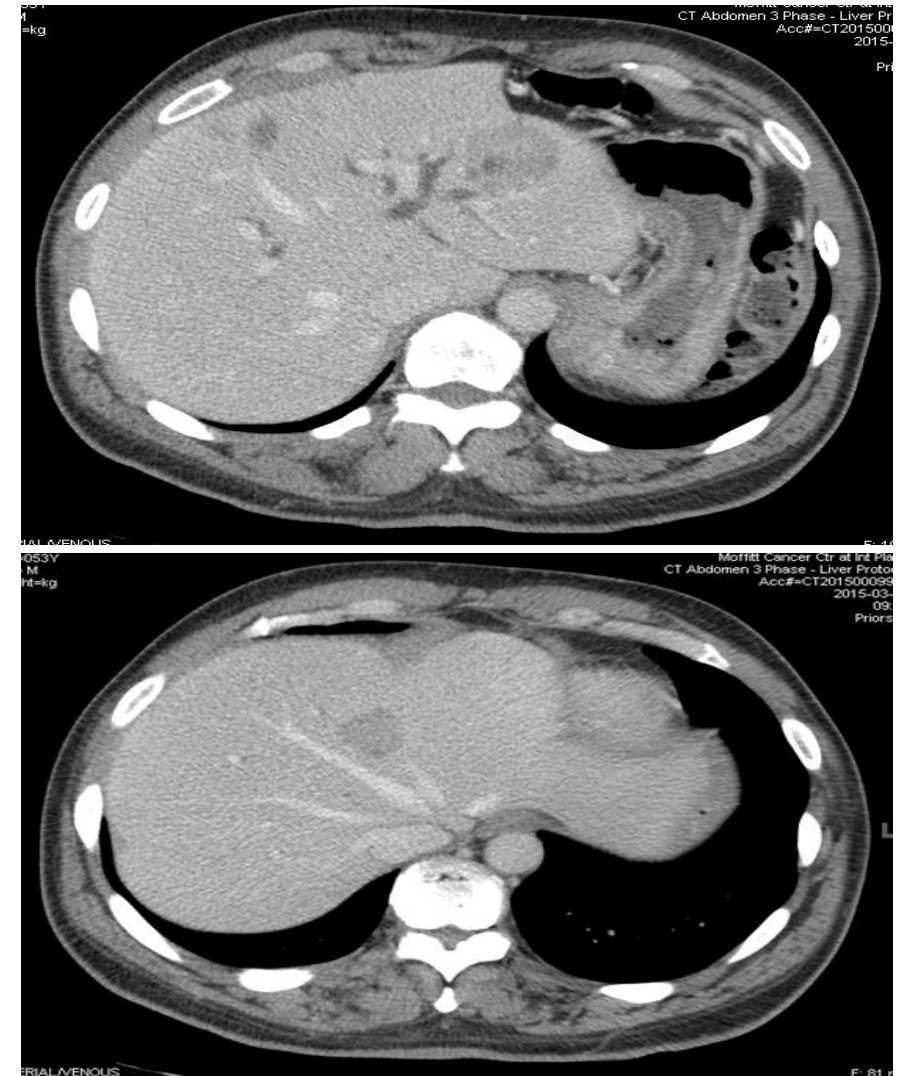
Case: Patient with metastatic well-differentiated  
pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor

- 47-year-old man presented in 2009 with intermittent abdominal pain for 12 months and night sweats.
- CT scan: 5x2 cm pancreatic tail tumor with large retroperitoneal lymph nodes and several scattered hypervascular lesions in left hepatic lobe.
- Liver biopsy: well-differentiated neuroendocrine tumor with 1 mitosis per 10 HPF, ki-67 4%
- OctreoScan: Avid radiotracer uptake

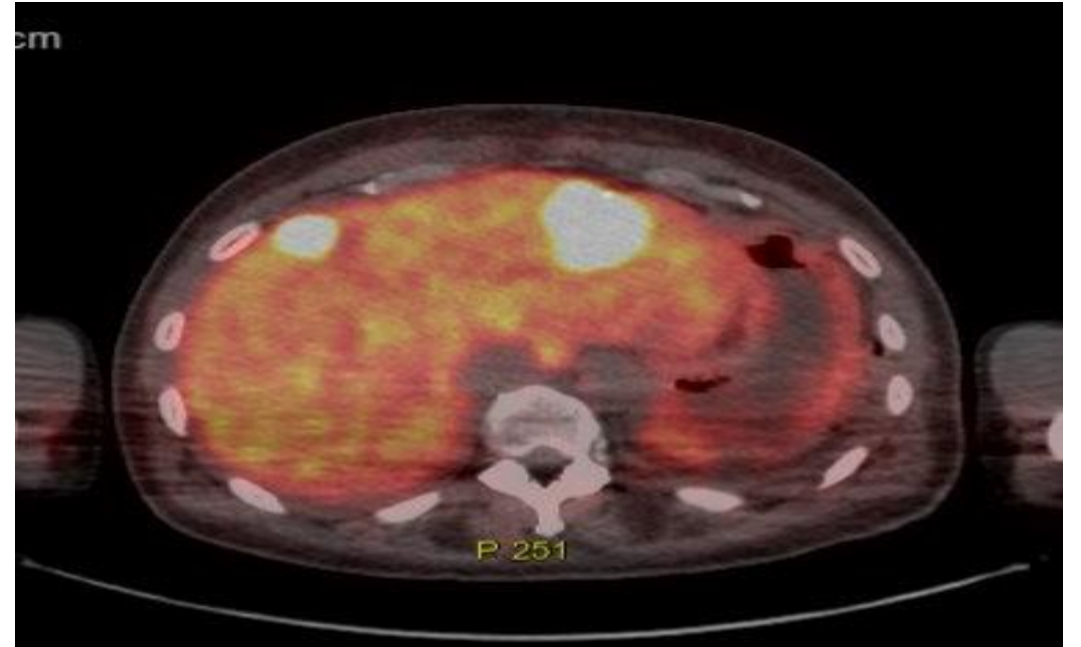


- Started on Octreotide LAR. Stable disease after 3 months.
- Case discussed in multidisciplinary tumor board. Surgery recommended if response to neoadjuvant treatment.
- 3 cycles of capecitabine/temozolomide administered: minor response.
- Distal pancreatectomy/splenectomy, lymph node dissection, wedge resection of liver tumor, and radiofrequency ablation x 3

- Patient maintained on octreotide LAR
- Disease remained stable x 5 years.
- Scans in 4/2015 demonstrated growth of 5 left lobe liver metastases

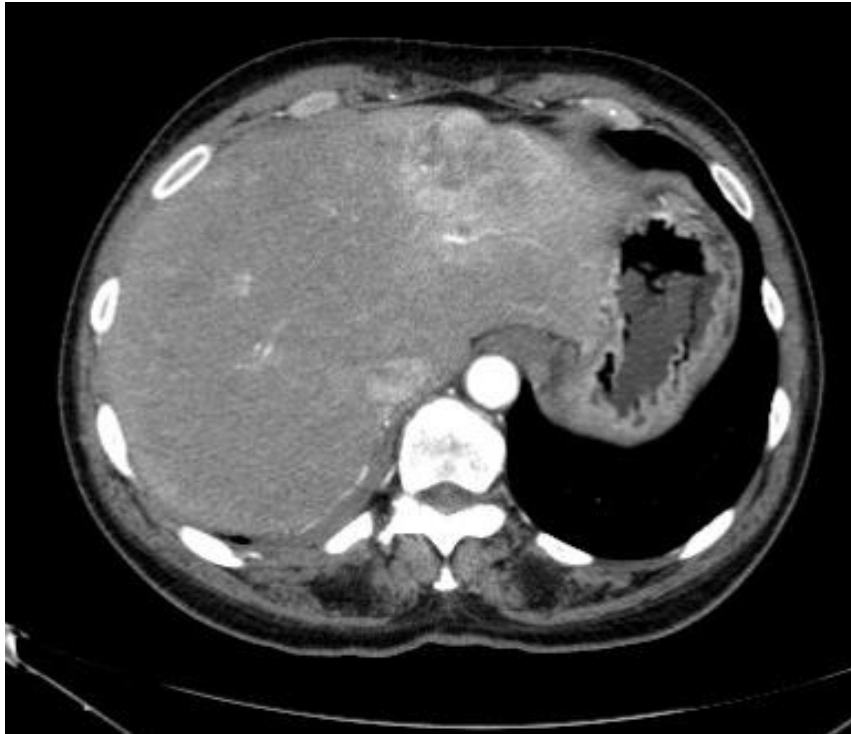


- Declined operation: underwent left liver bland embolization. Progressed in right liver lobe and lymph nodes in 10/2016.
- Resumed capecitabine/temozolomide with progression.
- Started everolimus in 1/2017 and progressed in 3/2018
- $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -Dotatate PET showed strong somatostatin receptor expression. Treated with  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate x 4 treatments between 8/2018 and 1/2019

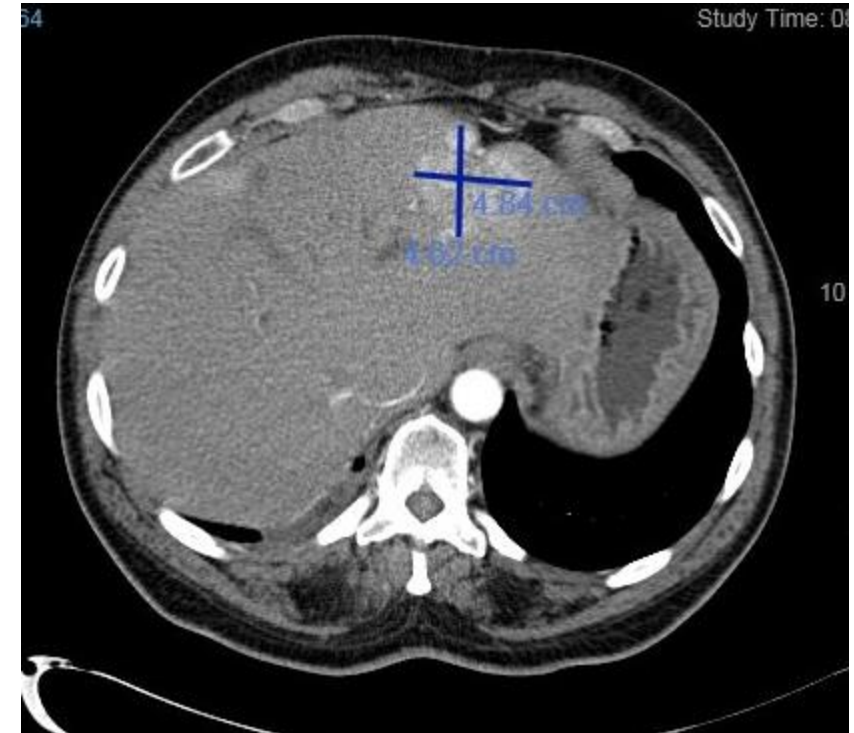


$^{68}\text{Ga}$ -Dotatate PET scan

# Response to $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate

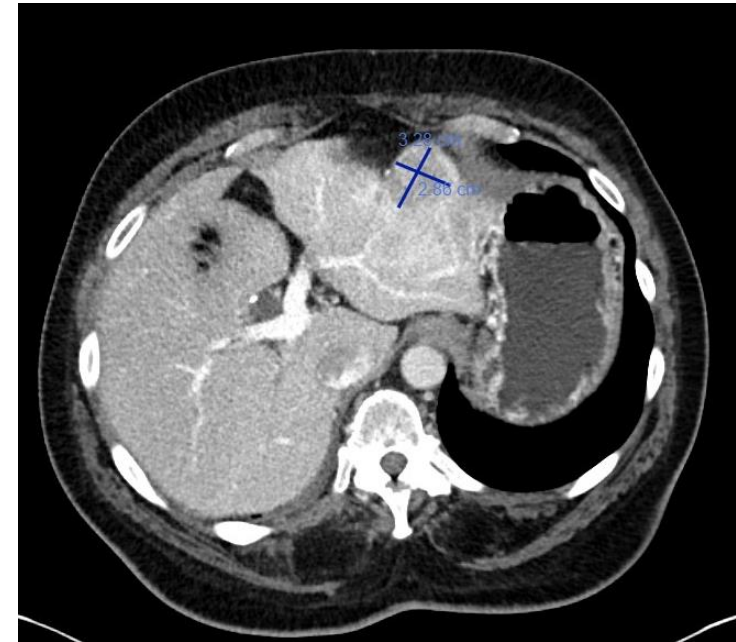


Pre-PRRT (8/2018)



Post-PRRT (3/2019) Partial response

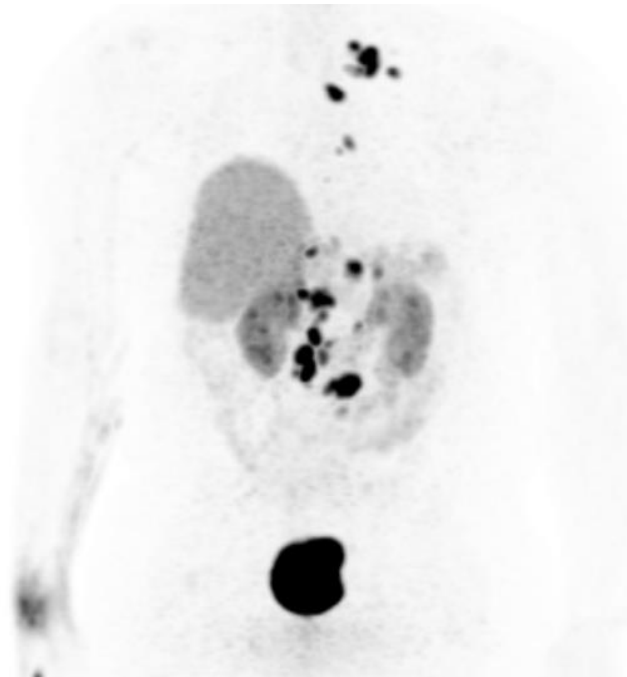




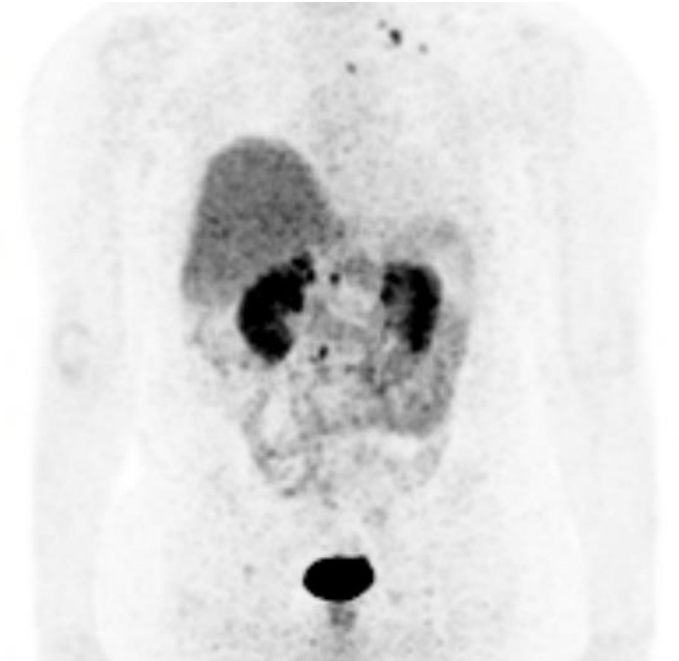
Progressed 1/2022. Left lateral hepatectomy in 2/2022: 3 metastases measuring up to 5cm with ki-67 of 40% (grade 3).



- 11/2022: Extensive new lymphadenopathy on CT and Dotatate PET with pains and sweats
- $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate re-treatment x 4 cycles: 1/2023-7/2023



Dotatate PET MIP  
images 11/2022



Dotatate PET MIP  
images 4/2024

- 10/2024: Patient developed new right flank pain
- Dotatate PET reveals intensely avid RUQ peritoneal lesions
- Discussed palliative radiation and cabozantinib. Patient elected to proceed with radiation
- 12/2024: radiated tumors responded, but new perihepatic lesions.
- Starting Cabozantinib

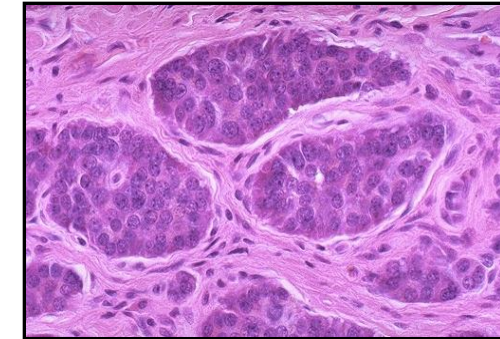


# Principles of Therapy

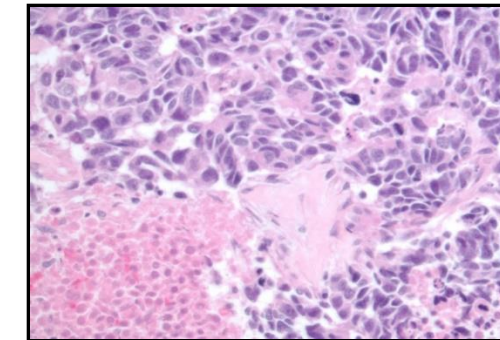
- Multi-disciplinary management
- Systemic therapy not always necessary: consider local therapy for local progression
- Optimal treatment sequencing to maximize overall survival is unclear

# Differentiation/Grading

Differentiation	Grade	WHO grading	WHO nomenclature
Well differentiated	Low (G1)	<2 mitoses/10 HPF and <3% Ki67 index	NET grade 1
	Intermediate (G2)	2 to 20 mitoses/10 HPF or 3%-20% Ki67 index	NET grade 2
	High (G3)	>20 mitoses/10 HPF or >20% ki-67 index	NET grade 3
Poorly differentiated	High	>20 mitoses/10 HPF or >20% Ki67 index	Neuroendocrine carcinoma, grade 3 (large-cell or small-cell type)



Well-Differentiated NET



Poorly-Differentiated NEC

- IHC: chromogranin (80-90%) and synaptophysin (~100%)
- INSM1 is emerging as sensitive and specific marker
- For Ki-67,  $\geq 500$  cells recommended (in hotspots).
- If difficult to distinguish G3 NET from NEC, consider IHC or molecular testing for MEN1 (NET), DAXX/ATRX (NET), p53 (NEC), Rb1 (NEC)

# ‘Functioning’ Tumor Types: approximately 10-20% of total

Tumor	Hormone	Symptoms	Labs
<b>Insulinoma</b>	Insulin	Hypoglycemia	Glucose, insulin, proinsulin, C-peptide
<b>Gastrinoma</b>	Gastrin	ZES: Peptic Ulceration, GERD, Diarrhea	Gastrin
<b>VIPoma</b>	Vasoactive Intestinal Polypeptide	Watery Diarrhea, Hypokalemia	VIP
<b>Glucagonoma</b>	Glucagon	Necrolytic Migratory Erythema, Diabetes, Cachexia	Glucagon
<b>ACTHoma</b>	ACTH	Cushing’s Syndrome	ACTH, cortisol, dexamethasone suppression test

- Definition: Secrete hormone and cause clinical syndrome
- IHC staining NOT diagnostic for functional tumor and should not be routinely performed

# Genetic Syndromes

- Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Type 1 (MEN1)
- Von Hippel Lindau Syndrome (VHL)
- Tuberous Sclerosis Types 1 and 2 (TSC)

Prevalence of classical genetic syndrome about 2-5%

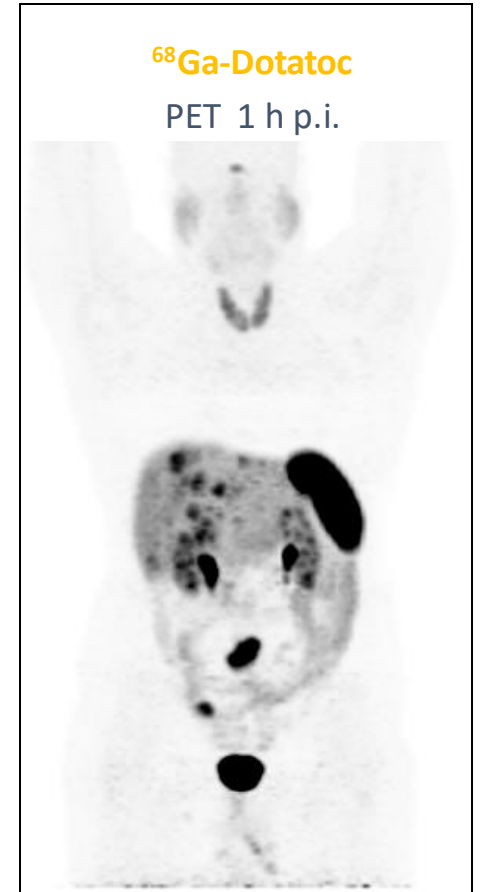
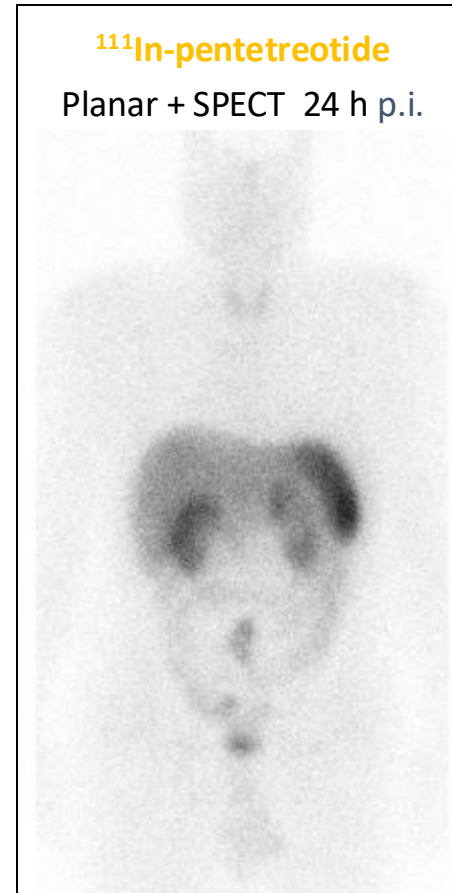
Recommend thorough personal and family history

Universal germline testing for pancreatic NETs?

# Imaging

- Pancreatic protocol CT (arterial and venous phases)  
*OR*
- MRI with gadoxetate (Eovist) optimal for liver metastases
- SSTR-PET (e.g.  $^{68}\text{Ga}$  or  $^{64}\text{Cu}$ -Dotatate PET)
- EUS in particular circumstances (need biopsy, assess for multifocal disease).

Anatomic imaging preferred for routine monitoring of disease. SSTR-PET useful in particular situations (e.g. bone, peritoneal metastases).





# Incidental Non-functional Tumors <2cm

- Observation appropriate for tumors <1cm
- Can consider observation in tumors 1-2cm based on patient factors (age, comorbidities) and tumor factors (ki67, location, etc.)
- Surgery recommended for most patients with tumors >2cm or associated with main pancreatic duct dilation
- Role for enucleation of small tumors?

# Surgery in MEN 1

- Non-functional tumors <1cm should be observed and tumors >2cm should generally be resected if there is dominant lesion
- Goal is to resect dominant/progressive tumors while preserving pancreatic tissue
- Management of functional tumors depends on symptoms: gastrinomas can often be managed medically (i.e. PPI)

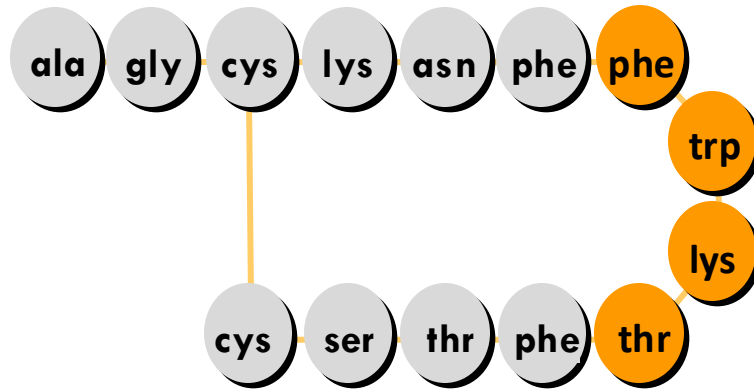
# Cytoreductive Surgery in Patients with Liver Metastases

- Evidence is strongest for patients with oligometastases where >90% of disease can be resected
- No consensus on >70% cytoreduction threshold
- Can combine with resection of primary pancreatic tumor in select cases
- Recurrence more rapid in patients with pancreatic NETs versus small bowel NETs: associated with grade.
- Weak evidence to support resection of primary tumor in patient with unresectable metastases. Can consider in select cases.
- Patients with poorly differentiated NEC should NOT undergo cytoreductive liver surgery. Can consider in select cases of NET G3.

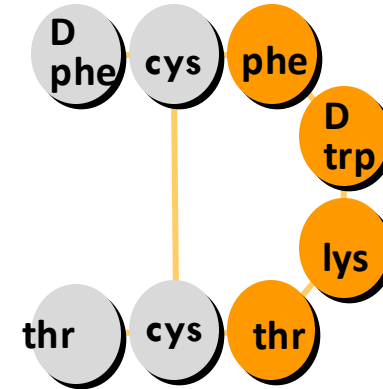
# Systemic Treatments for Metastatic Disease

# Somatostatin Analogs

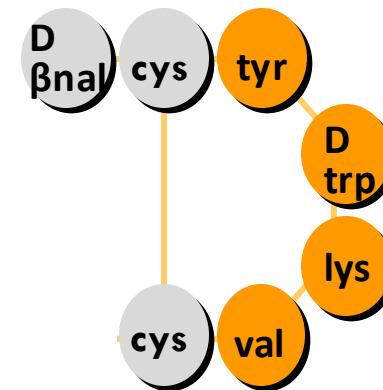
**Human somatostatin**



**Octreotide**



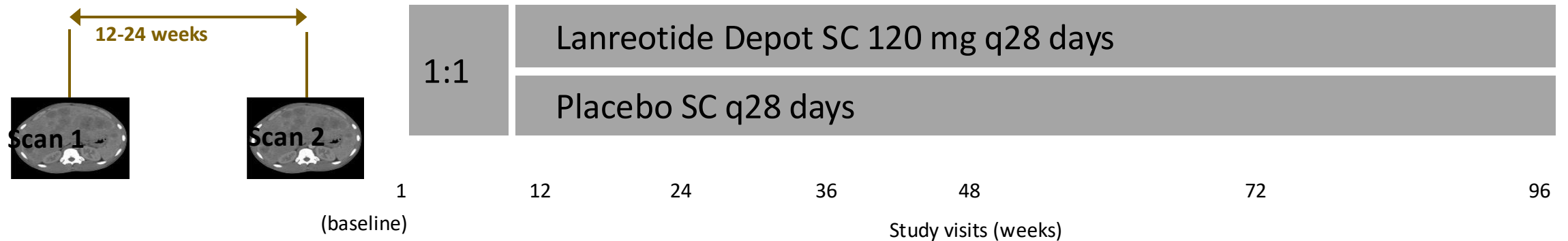
**Lanreotide**



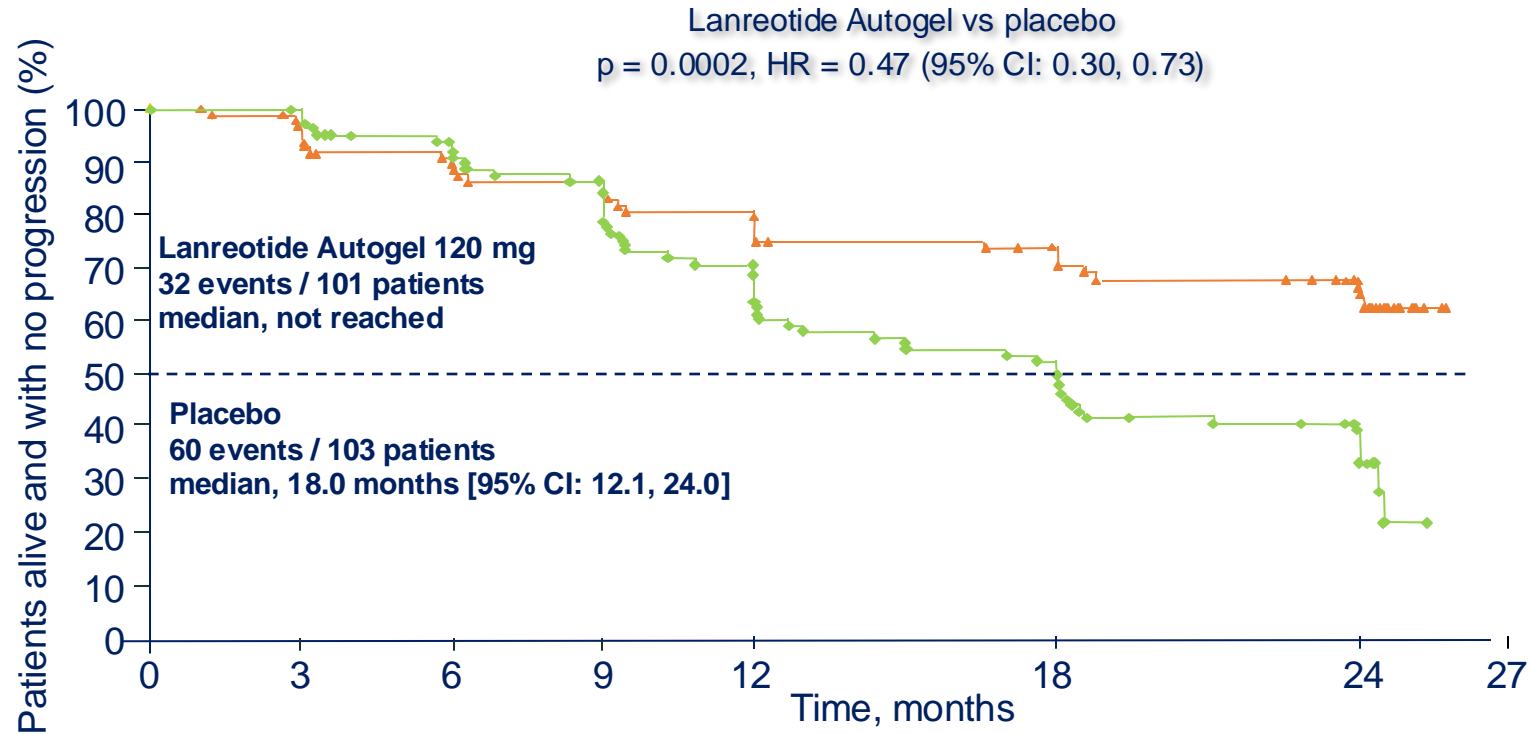
# CLARINET Study

**Study design:** Phase 3, 96-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled

**Population:** N=204 adults with metastatic nonfunctional GEP-NETs, Ki-67 <10%, OctreoScan positive

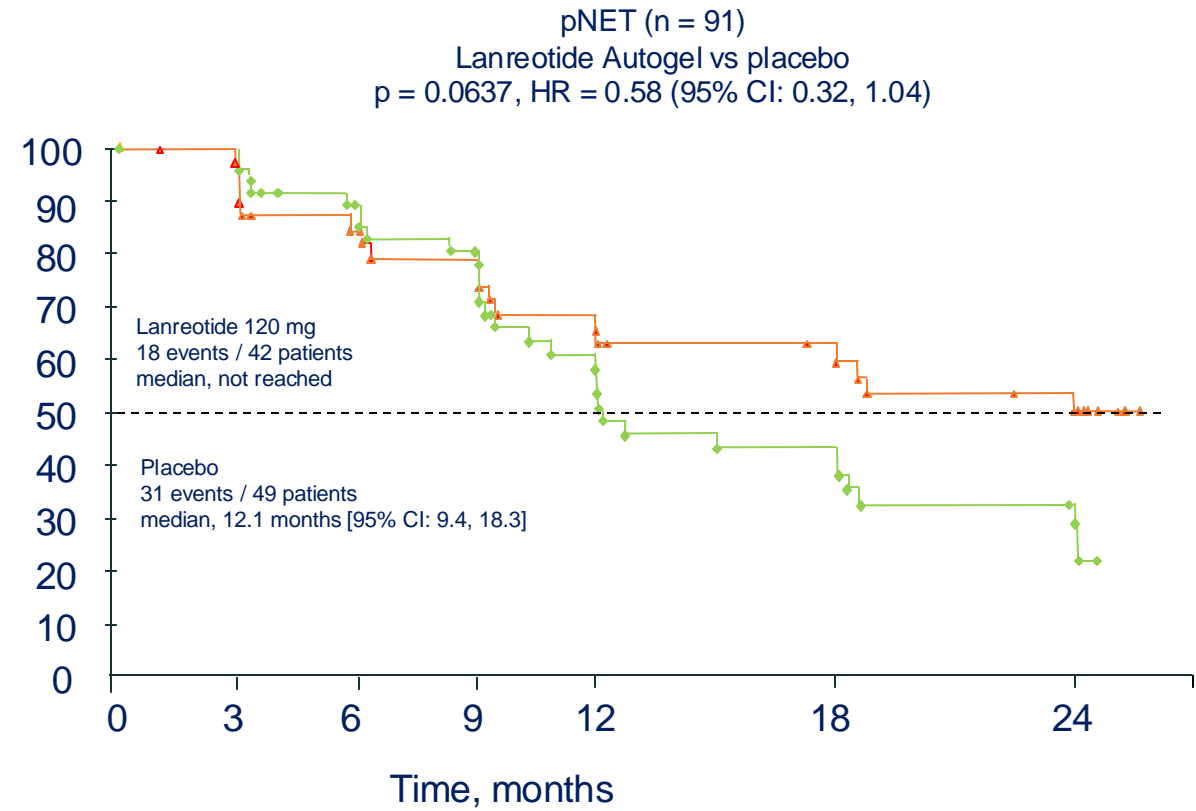
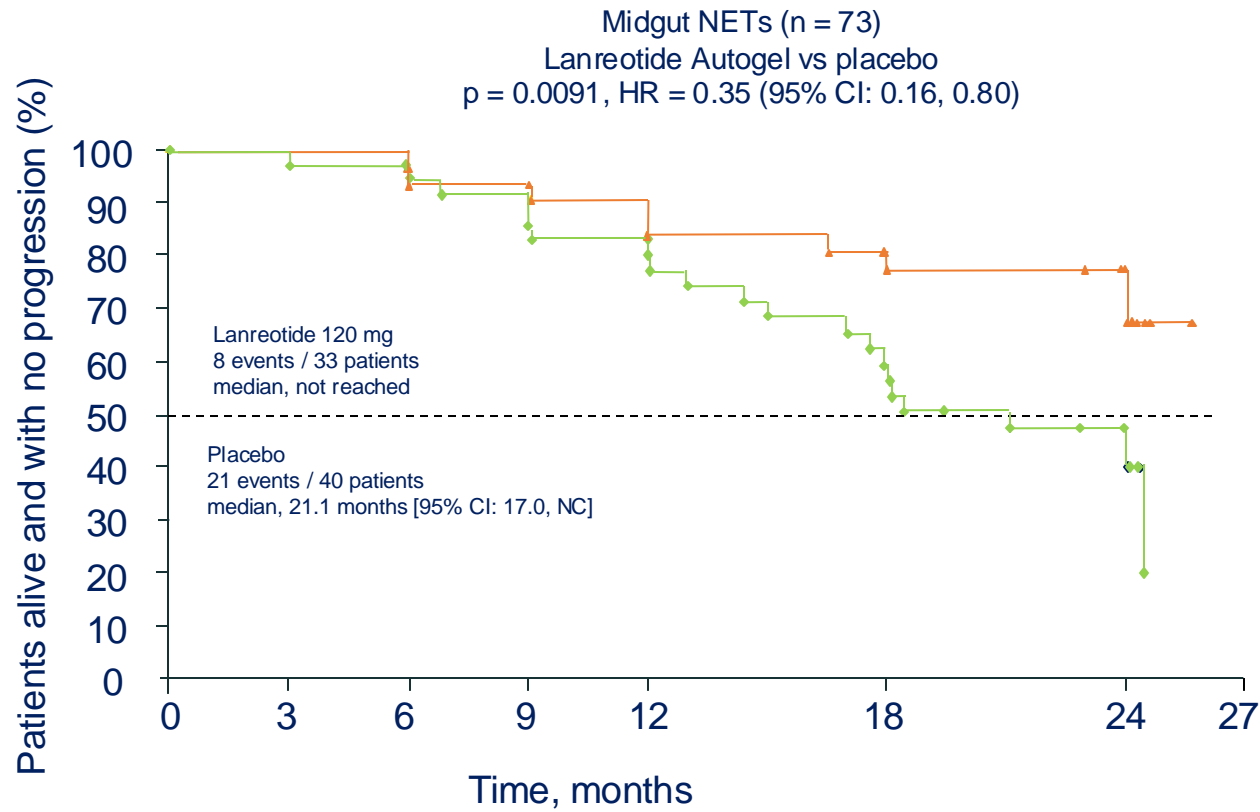


# Primary Endpoint: PFS (N=204)





# Subgroup Analysis (ITT): Midgut vs. pNET

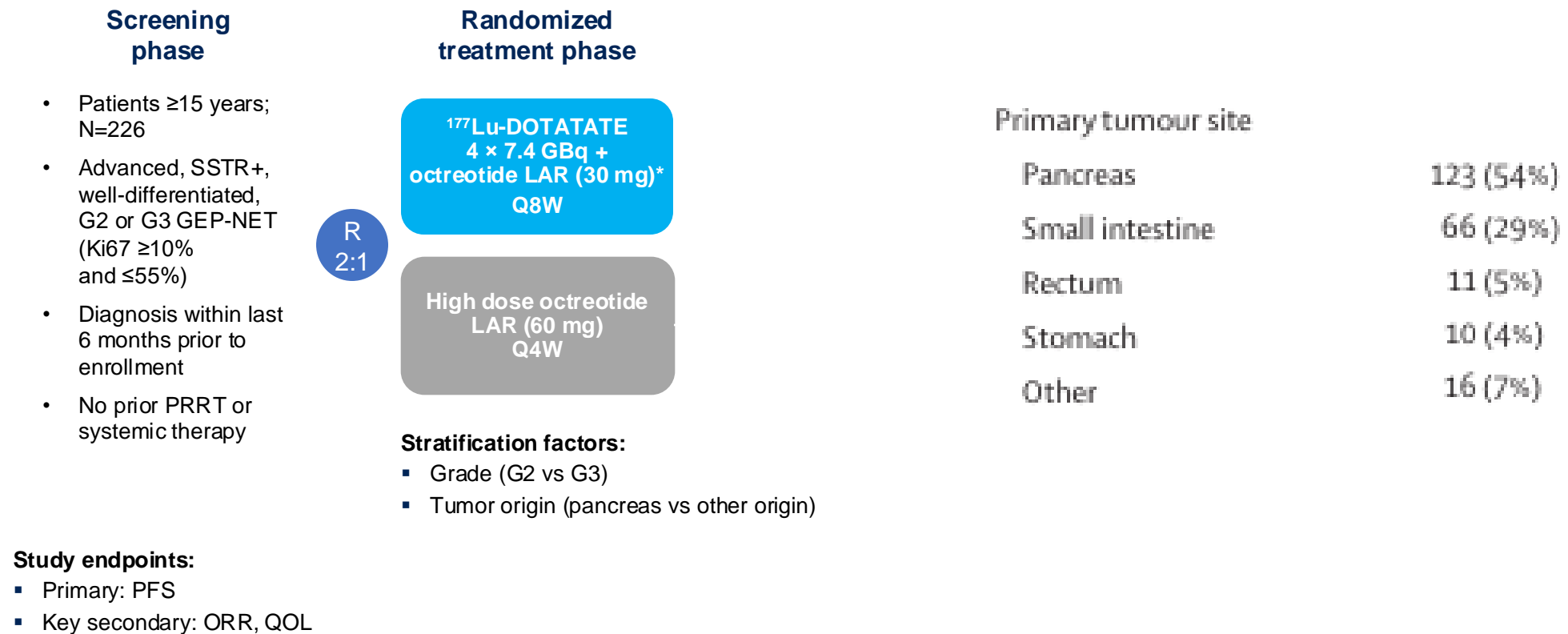


# Peptide Receptor Radiotherapy (PRRT)

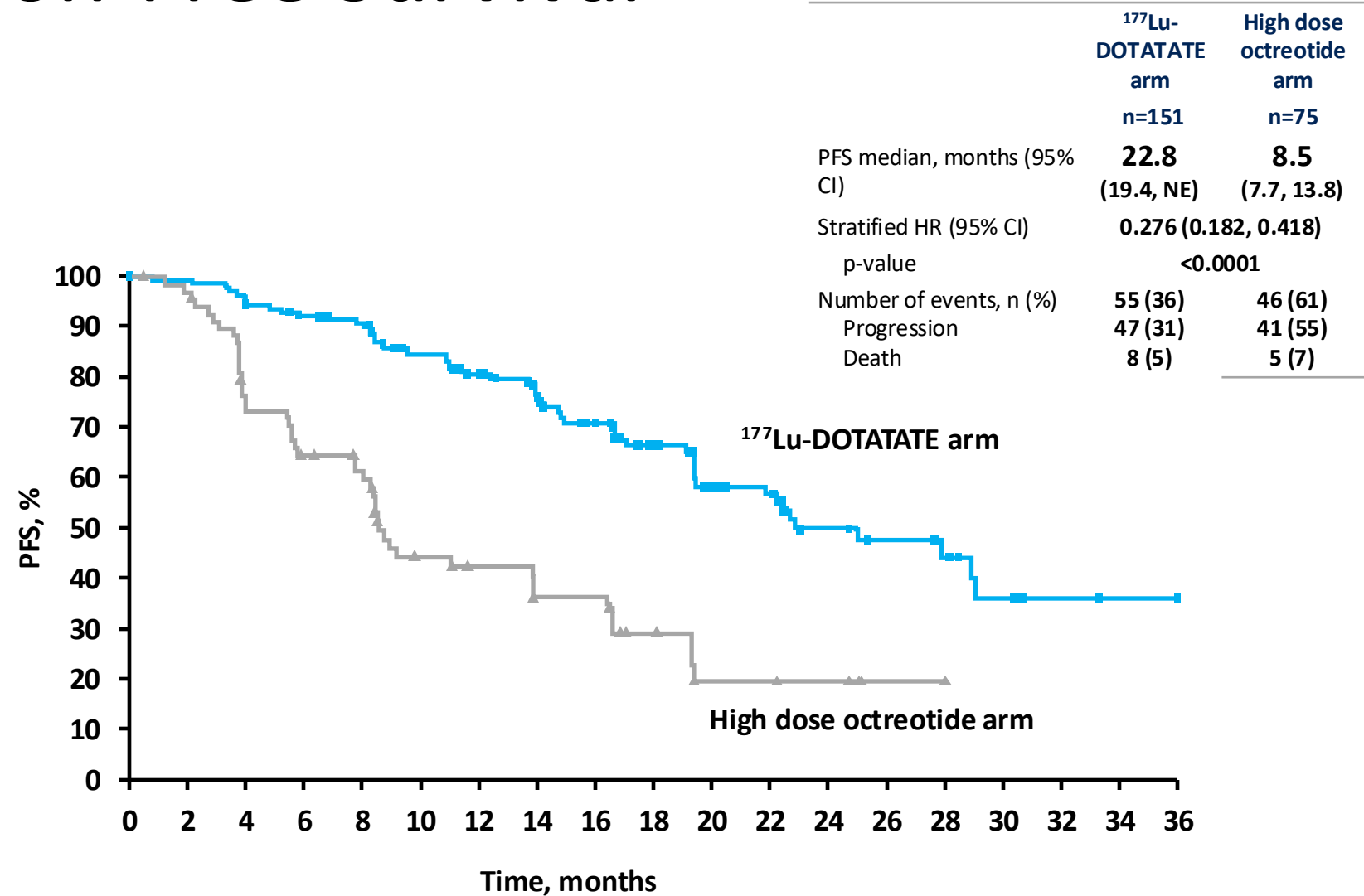


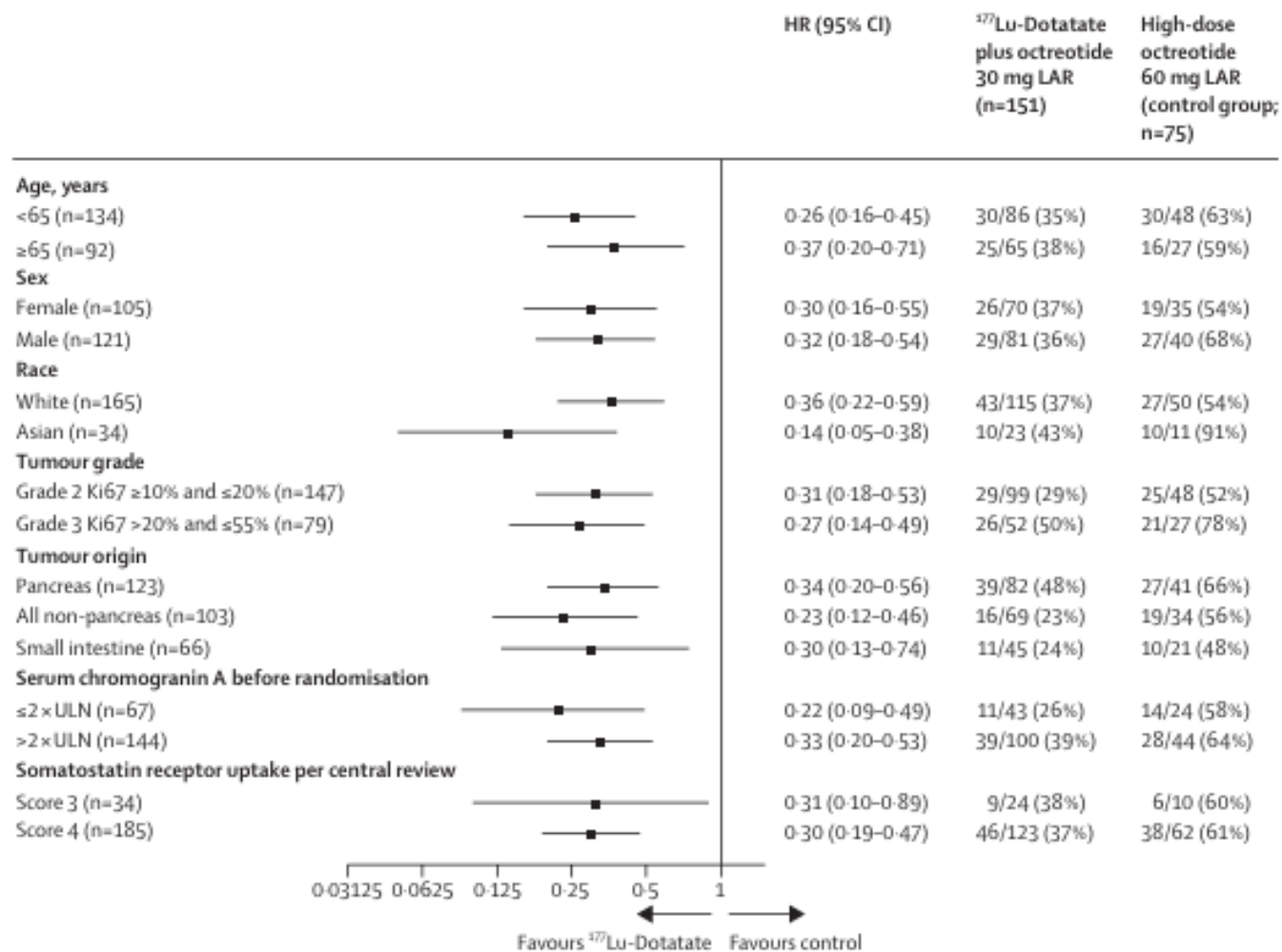
Isotope	Emission	Tissue penetration	Maximum energy	Half life
<sup>111</sup> Indium	Auger electron, gamma	0.02-10 µm	<30 KeV	64h
<sup>90</sup> Yttrium	beta	12mm	2.27 MeV	64h
<sup>177</sup> Lutetium	gamma and beta	2mm	0.5 MeV	160h

# NETTER 2: First-line $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -DOTATATE vs. high dose octreotide for well-differentiated GEP-NET with ki-67 10-55%



# Progression-Free Survival





# Objective Response

	<sup>177</sup> Lu-DOTATATE arm n=151	High dose octreotide arm n=75
Best overall response, n (%)		
CR	8 (5.3)	0 (0)
PR	57 (37.7)	7 (9.3)
SD	72 (47.7)	42 (56.0)
Non-CR / Non-PD	0 (0)	1 (1.3)
PD	8 (5.3)	14 (18.7)
Unknown	6 (4.0)	11 (14.7)
ORR, n (%)	<b>65 (43.0)</b>	<b>7 (9.3)</b>
[95% CI]	[35.0, 51.3]	[3.8, 18.3]
Stratified odds ratio (95% CI)	7.81 (3.32, 18.40)	
p-value	<0.0001	
Responders, n	65	7
Duration of response median (95% CI), months	23.3 (18.4, NE)	NE (2.3, NE)

# Does NETTER 2 change the treatment paradigm for high G2 and G3 NET?

- Data provide strong rationale for early PRRT in this population.

## However...

- PRRT carries more risk than SSA. Survival benefit of early PRRT is unclear. There may be patients (especially G2) who could be started on SSA and wait until progression before switching to PRRT.
- Was octreotide legitimate comparator? There are other potential treatments that are more active than SSA in this population (e.g. capectabine/temozolomide)

**First line  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -DOTATATE should be *considered* for WD-GEPNET with ki-67 >10% but other options exist, including SSA monotherapy for patients with relatively low-volume disease**



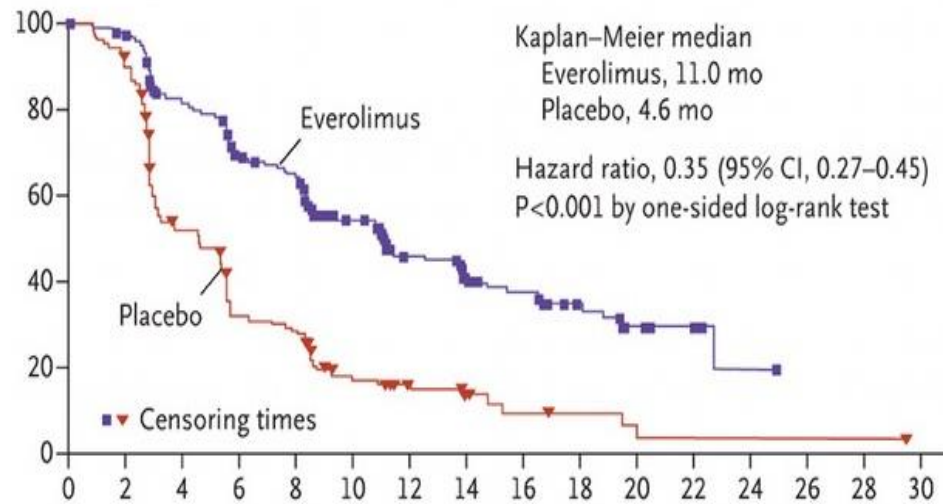
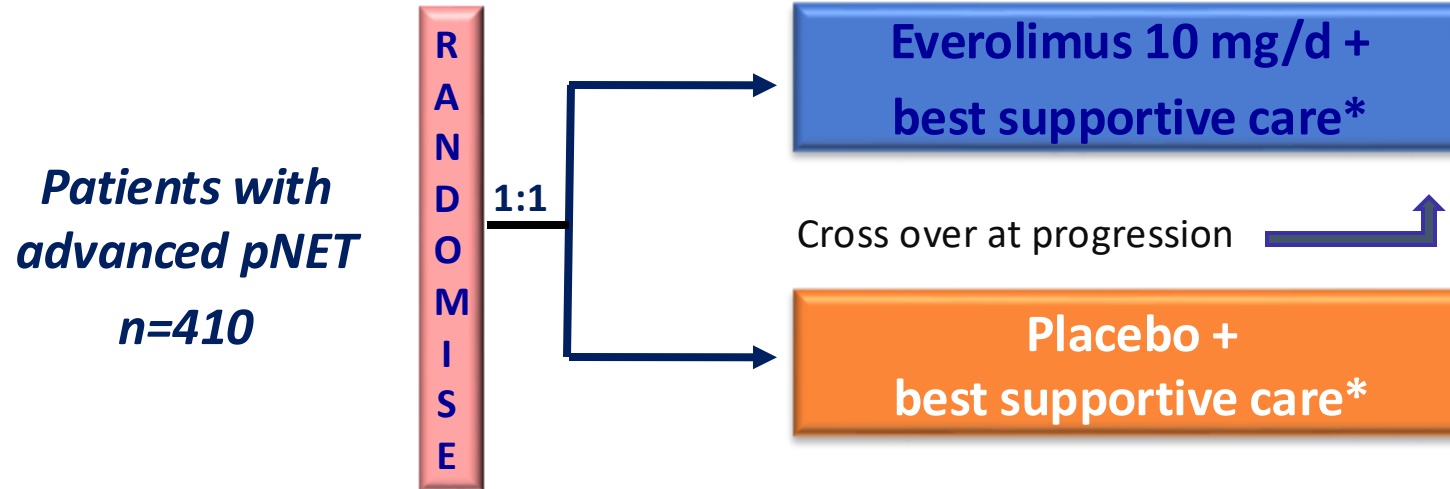
# Randomized Trials for Progressive Pancreatic NET

Trial	N	Arms	PFS	OS	RR
RADIANT 3	410	Everolimus vs. Placebo	11.0 vs. 4.6	44.0 vs. 37.7	5% vs. 2%
Su011248	171	Sunitinib vs. Placebo	12.6 vs. 5.8	38.6 vs. 29.1	9% vs. 0%
ECOG 2211	133	Cap/Tem vs. Tem	22.7 vs. 14.4	58.7 vs. 53.8	40% vs. 34%
Oclurandom*	84	<sup>177</sup> Lu-Dotatate vs. Sunitinib	20.7 vs. 11.0	N/A	N/A
CABINET (pNET)	95	Cabozantinib vs. Placebo	13.8 vs. 4.4	40.0 vs. 31.1	19% vs. 0%

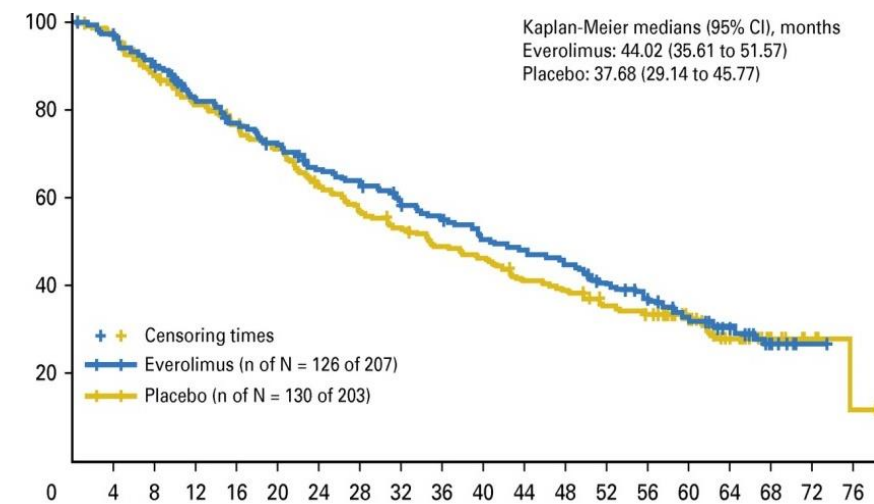
\*Oclurandom not powered for comparison between arms

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# RADIANT 3 Study



Progression-free survival

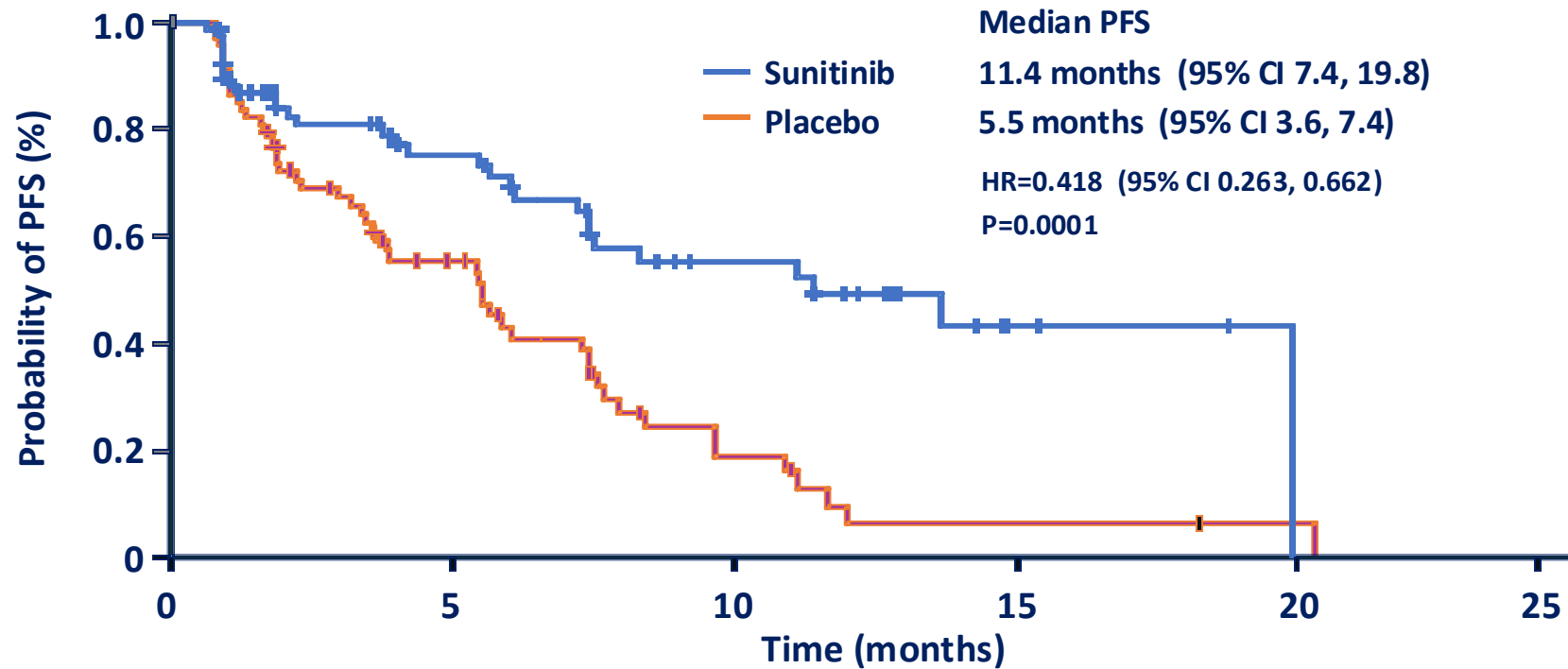


Overall-survival

# Adverse Events

Adverse Event	Everolimus (N = 204)		Placebo (N = 203)	
	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4 no. of patients (%)	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4
Stomatitis*	131 (64)	14 (7)	34 (17)	0
Rash	99 (49)	1 (<1)	21 (10)	0
Diarrhea	69 (34)	7 (3)	20 (10)	0
Fatigue	64 (31)	5 (2)	29 (14)	1 (<1)
Infections†	46 (23)	5 (2)	12 (6)	1 (<1)
Nausea	41 (20)	5 (2)	37 (18)	0
Peripheral edema	41 (20)	1 (<1)	7 (3)	0
Decreased appetite	40 (20)	0	14 (7)	2 (1)
Headache	39 (19)	0	13 (6)	0
Dysgeusia	35 (17)	0	8 (4)	0
Anemia	35 (17)	12 (6)	6 (3)	0
Epistaxis	35 (17)	0	0	0
Pneumonitis‡	35 (17)	5 (2)	0	0
Weight loss	32 (16)	0	9 (4)	0
Vomiting	31 (15)	0	13 (6)	0
Pruritus	30 (15)	0	18 (9)	0
Hyperglycemia	27 (13)	11 (5)	9 (4)	4 (2)
Thrombocytopenia	27 (13)	8 (4)	1 (<1)	0
Asthenia	26 (13)	2 (1)	17 (8)	2 (1)
Nail disorder	24 (12)	1 (<1)	2 (1)	0
Cough	22 (11)	0	4 (2)	0
Pyrexia	22 (11)	0	0	0
Dry skin	21 (10)	0	9 (4)	0

# Phase III Study of Sunitinib vs. Placebo in Pancreatic NETs



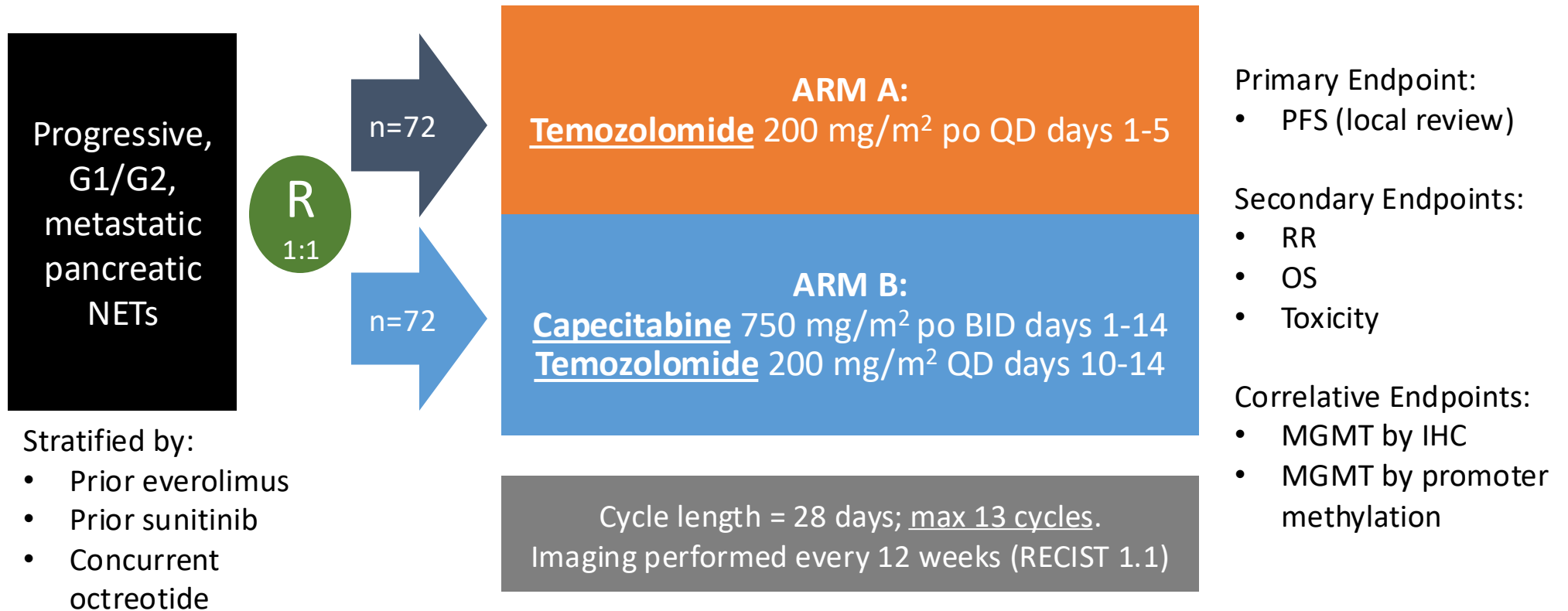
# Adverse Events

Event	Sunitinib (N=83)			Placebo (N=82)		
	All Grades	Grade 1 or 2	Grade 3 or 4	All Grades	Grade 1 or 2	Grade 3 or 4
	<i>number of patients (percent)</i>					
Diarrhea	49 (59)	45 (54)	4 (5)	32 (39)	30 (37)	2 (2)
Nausea	37 (45)	36 (43)	1 (1)	24 (29)	23 (28)	1 (1)
Asthenia	28 (34)	24 (29)	4 (5)	22 (27)	19 (23)	3 (4)
Vomiting	28 (34)	28 (34)	0	25 (30)	23 (28)	2 (2)
Fatigue	27 (32)	23 (28)	4 (5)	22 (27)	15 (18)	7 (8)
Hair-color changes	24 (29)	23 (28)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0
Neutropenia	24 (29)	14 (17)	10 (12)	3 (4)	3 (4)	0
Abdominal pain	23 (28)	19 (23)	4 (5)	26 (32)	18 (22)	8 (10)
Hypertension	22 (26)	14 (17)	8 (10)	4 (5)	3 (4)	1 (1)
Palmar-plantar erythro- dysesthesia	19 (23)	14 (17)	5 (6)	2 (2)	2 (2)	0
Anorexia	18 (22)	16 (19)	2 (2)	17 (21)	16 (20)	1 (1)
Stomatitis	18 (22)	15 (18)	3 (4)	2 (2)	2 (2)	0

# Sunitinib vs. Everolimus in Pancreatic NETs

Comorbidity	Favors sunitinib	Favors everolimus
Hypertension		✓
Cardiovascular disease		✓
Bleeding diathesis		✓
Risk of perforation/fistula		✓
Diabetes	✓	
Underlying lung disease	✓	

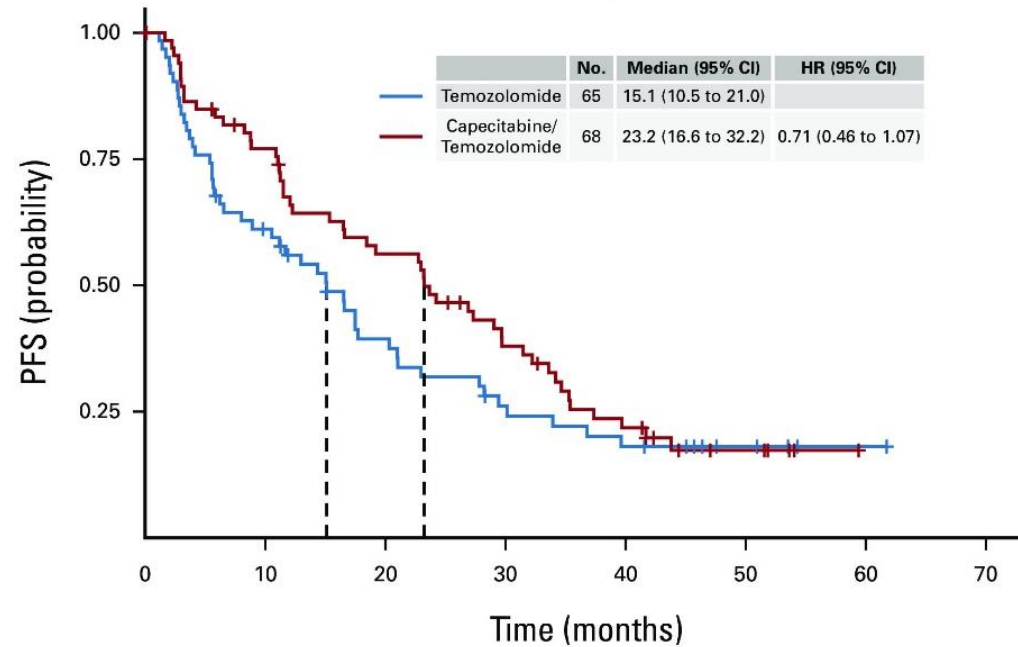
# E2211 Capecitabine/Temozolomide vs. Temozolomide



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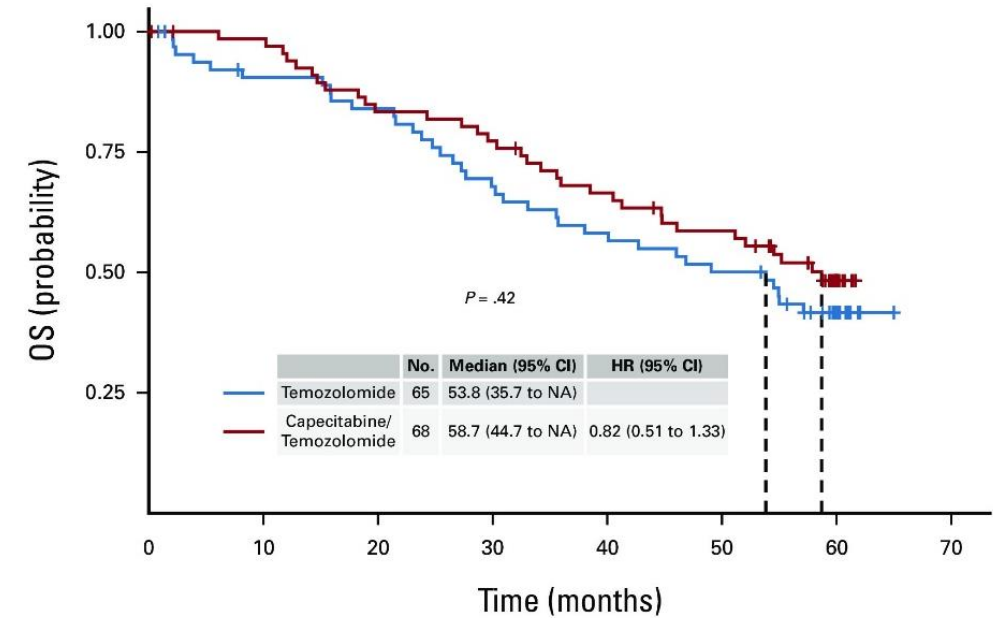
# Final PFS and OS data



No. (%) at risk:

—	65 (100)	36 (55)	21 (32)	13 (20)	9 (14)	4 (6)	1 (2)	0 (0)
—	68 (100)	49 (72)	35 (51)	22 (32)	12 (18)	5 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)

PFS



No. (%) at risk:

—	65 (100)	56 (86)	52 (80)	42 (65)	36 (55)	31 (48)	13 (20)	0 (0)
—	68 (100)	65 (96)	55 (81)	51 (75)	43 (63)	37 (54)	11 (16)	0 (0)

OS

# Safety Profile

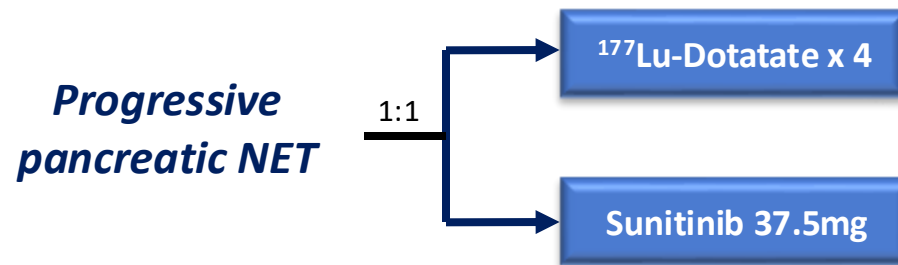
AE Category	AE Term	Temozolomide (N= 68)	Temozolomide + Capecitabine (N= 71)	p-value
<b>Worst degree for all treatment-related, Grade 3-4 AEs</b>				
		22%	44%	p=0.007
<b>Treatment related, Grade 3-4 AEs ≥ 5%</b>				
Hematologic	Neutropenia	4%	13%	
	Lymphopenia	4%	5%	
	Thrombocytopenia	13%	8%	
Gastrointestinal	Nausea	0	8%	
	Vomiting	0	8%	
	Diarrhea	0	8%	
Constitutional	Fatigue	1%	8%	

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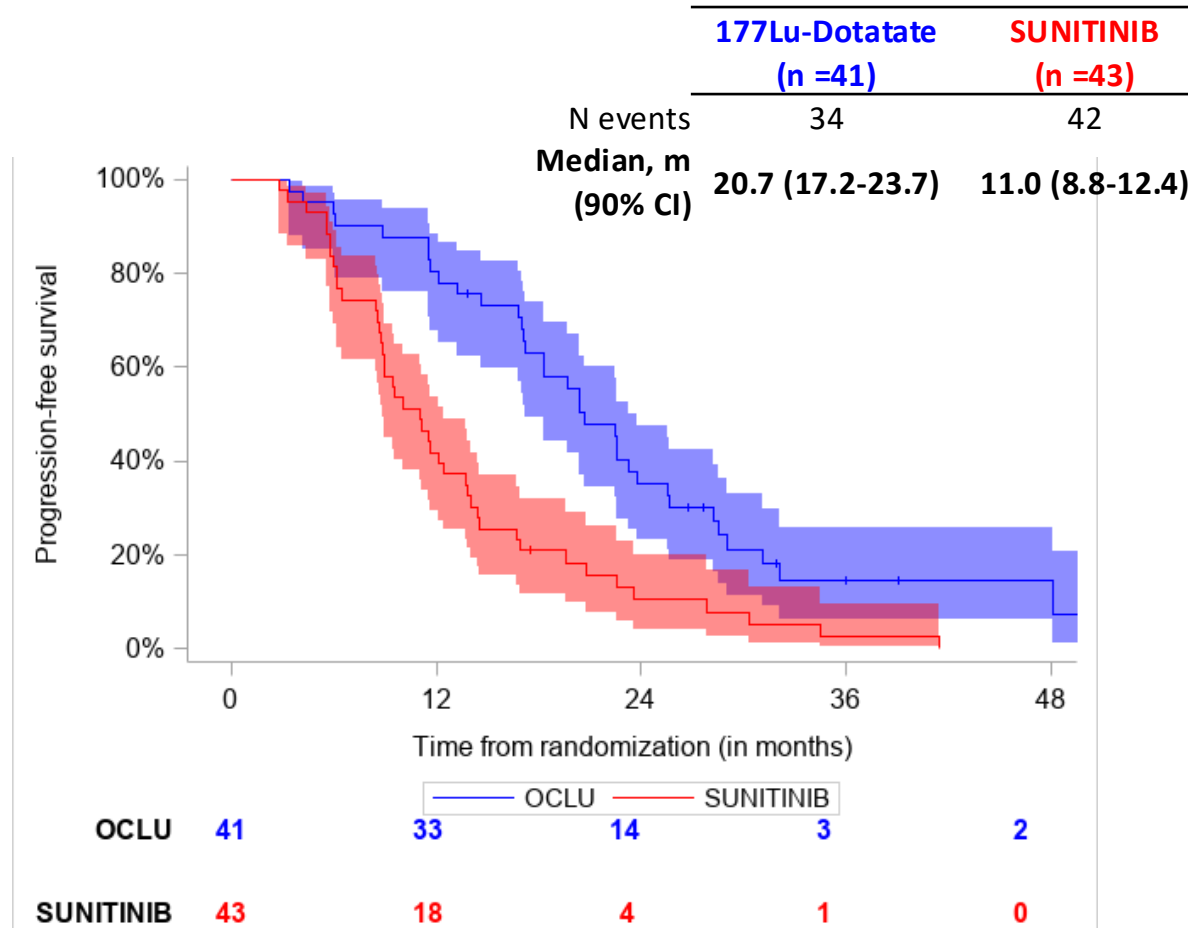
# Oclurandom Trial: $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate vs. Sunitinib



Primary endpoint: PFS rate at 12 months

- **Non comparative randomized phase II** with single-stage Fleming design ( $\alpha$ :5% - power:95%)
- **Hypothesis:** Increase in 12-months PFS rate from 35% to 60%)
- **N=40 patients in the  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate arm**
- Number of patients without progression at 12m required to consider  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate as effective (**Fleming design conclusion**): **at least 19 out of 40 pts**
- SUN arm : internal control to validate the hypothesis
- If 35% is included in the 90% Confidence Interval (CI) of the **12-months PFS rate of the SUN arm, the final conclusion will be the Fleming design conclusion**

# Progression-Free Survival



# Efficacy and safety of [<sup>177</sup>Lu]Lu-edotreotide vs everolimus in patients with grade 1 or grade 2 gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumours: COMPETE Phase 3 trial

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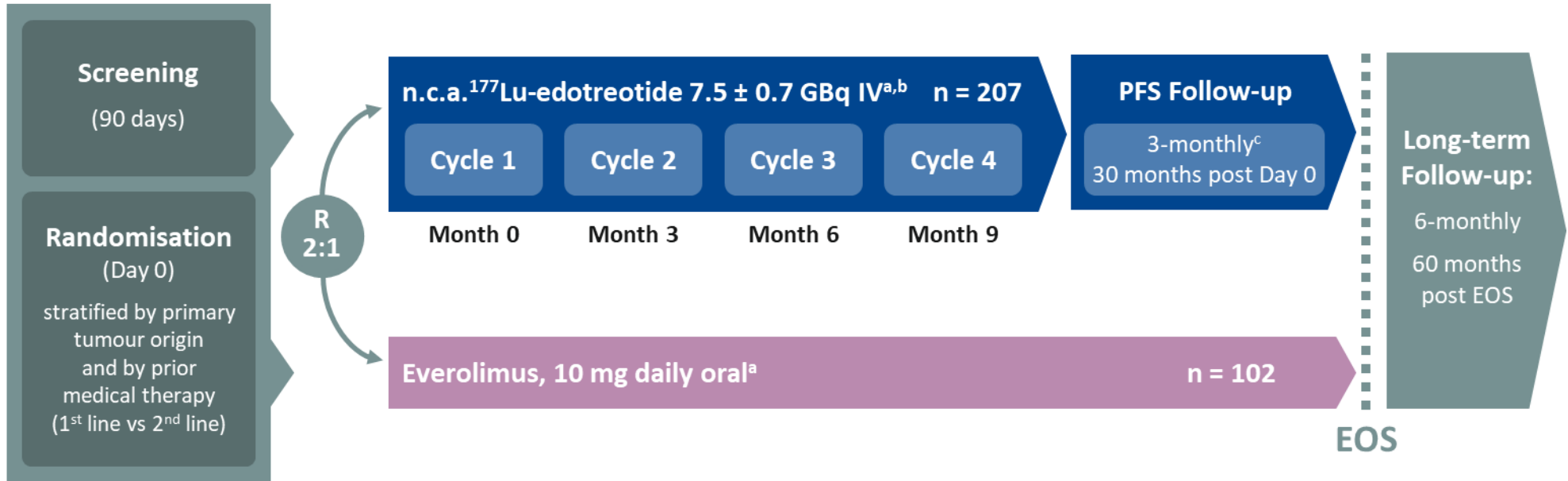
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# COMPETE trial design

Prospective, randomised, controlled, open-label, multi-centre phase 3 trial

## Key inclusion criteria

- ✓ ≥18 years of age
- ✓ Well-differentiated, non-functional GE-NET, or functional/non-functional P-NET
- ✓ Grade 1 or 2 (Ki-67 ≤20%), unresectable or metastatic, progressive, SSTR+ disease (evidenced by SSTR imaging)
- ✓ Treatment naïve (1<sup>st</sup> line) or progressed under prior therapy (2<sup>nd</sup> line)
- ✓ GFR ≥60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>



**Primary endpoint:** PFS<sup>d</sup> (per RECIST 1.1 by BICR)

**Secondary endpoints:** ORR, OS, DCR, DDC, HRQoL, safety, and tolerability

<sup>a</sup>Until diagnosis of progression or EOS; <sup>b</sup>With concomitant infusion of a nephroprotective amino acid solution (starting 30–60 minutes before administration of n.c.a. <sup>177</sup>Lu-edotreotide, and lasting 4–6 hours); <sup>c</sup>Or until diagnosis of progression, whichever is earlier; <sup>d</sup>PFS was determined from randomisation until disease progression or death and analysed using a stratified log-rank test to confirm the hypothesis of a PFS benefit with n.c.a. <sup>177</sup>Lu-edotreotide vs everolimus with a power of 0.8 and a significance level  $\alpha=0.05$  (two-sided)

BICR, Blinded Independent Central Review; DCR, disease control rate; DDC, duration of disease control; EOS, end of study; GE-NET, gastroentero neuroendocrine tumour; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; IV, intravenous; n.c.a., non-carrier-added; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; P-NET, pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour; R, randomisation; RECIST 1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours, version 1.1; SSTR, somatostatin receptor

# Baseline patient demographics and disease characteristics

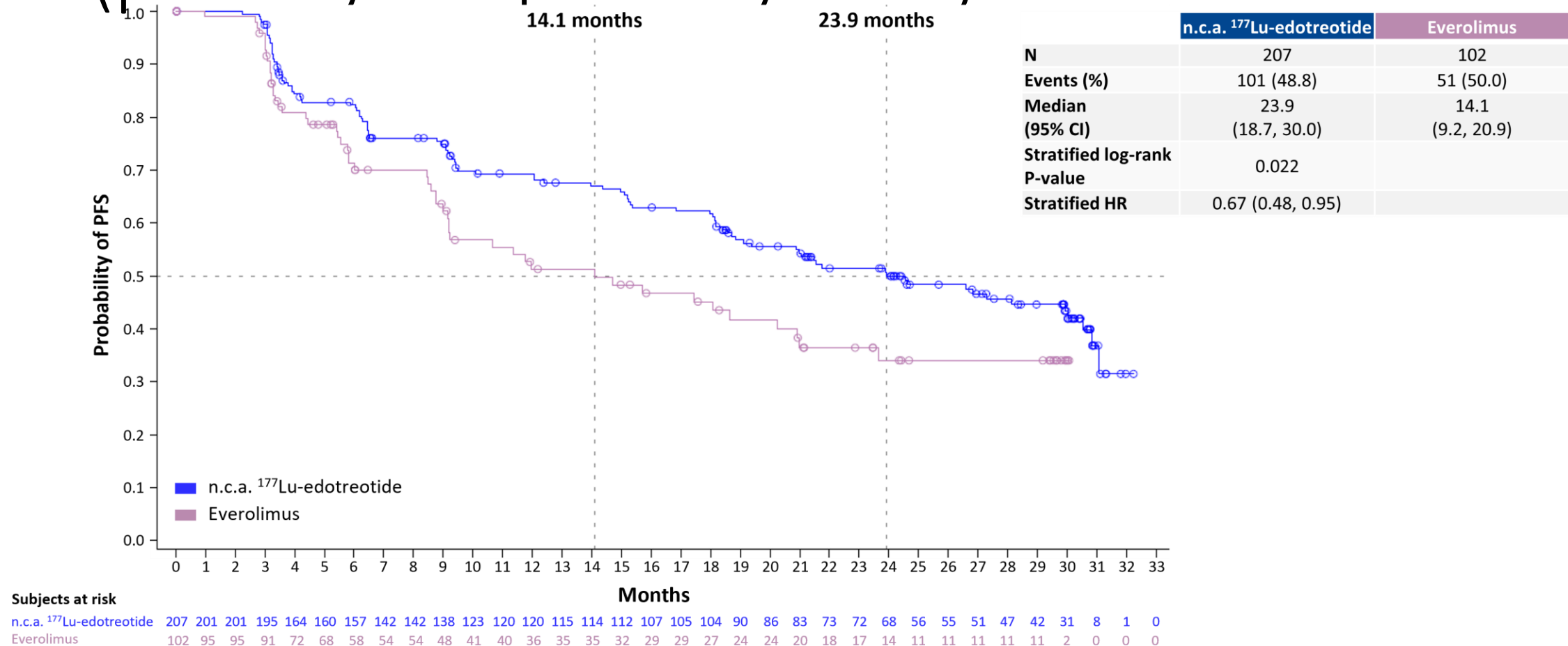
Characteristic	n.c.a. <sup>177</sup> Lu-edotreotide (N = 207)	Everolimus (N = 102)
<b>Age, years, mean (SD)</b>	62.8 (11.6)	59.7 (12.2)
<b>Sex, n (%)</b>		
Female	97 (46.9)	44 (43.1)
Male	110 (53.1)	58 (56.9)
<b>WHO GEP-NET classification,<sup>a</sup> n (%)</b>		
Grade 1	43 (20.8)	29 (28.4)
Grade 2	164 (79.2)	73 (71.6)
<b>Primary tumour origin, n (%)</b>		
GE-NET (non-functional)	88 (42.5)	43 (42.2)
P-NET	119 (57.5)	59 (57.8)
Functional	20 (16.8)	8 (13.6)
Non-functional	99 (83.2)	51 (86.4)
<b>Treatment history, n (%)</b>		
Treatment naïve (1 <sup>st</sup> line)	30 (14.5)	17 (16.7)
One prior therapy (2 <sup>nd</sup> line)	177 (85.5)	85 (83.3)

<sup>a</sup>Local assessment

GE-NET, gastroenteric neuroendocrine tumour; GEP-NET, gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumour; n.c.a., non-carrier-added; NET, neuroendocrine tumour; P-NET, pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour; SD, standard deviation; WHO, World Health Organization



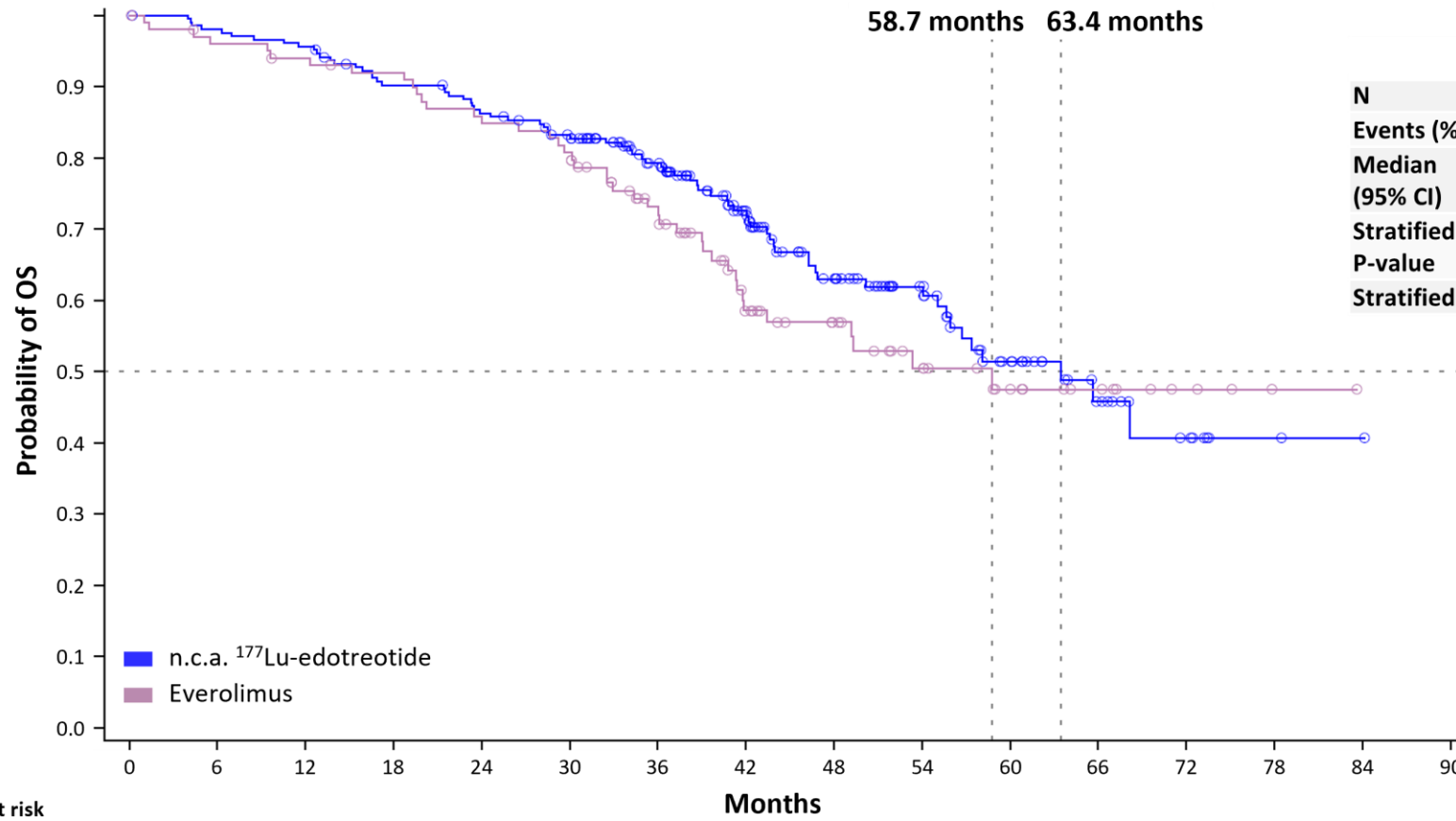
# PFS (primary endpoint by BICR)



Median PFS was significantly longer with n.c.a. <sup>177</sup>Lu-edotreotide vs everolimus  
(23.9 vs 14.1 months; p=0.022; HR 0.67, 95% CI [0.48, 0.95])

BICR, Blinded Independent Central Review; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; n.c.a., non-carrier-added; PFS, progression-free survival

# Interim OS (key secondary endpoint)



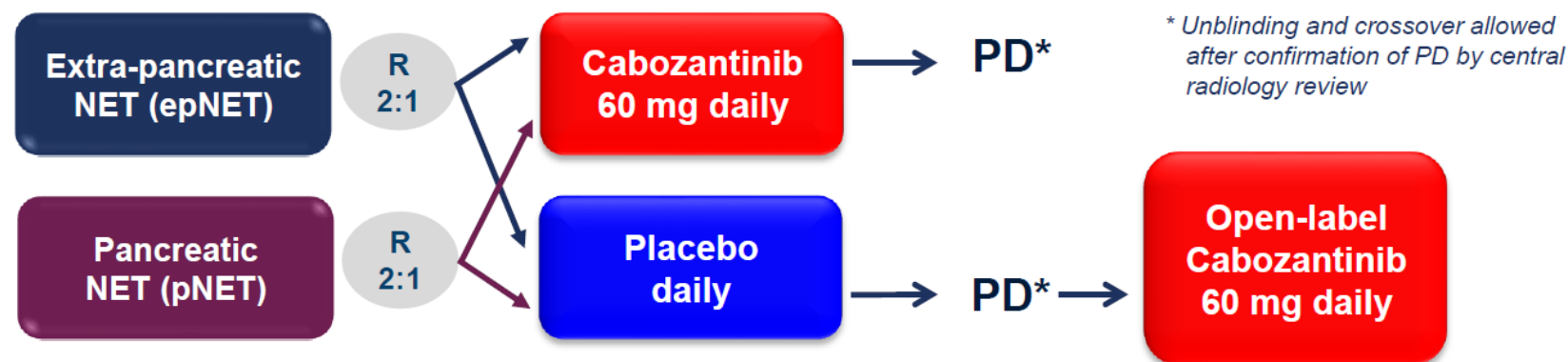
	n.c.a. <sup>177</sup> Lu-edotreotide	Everolimus
N	207	102
Events (%)	73 (35.3)	42 (41.2)
Median (95% CI)	63.4 (55.7, NE)	58.7 (41.8, NE)
Stratified log-rank P-value	0.206	
Stratified HR	0.78 (0.53, 1.15)	

Interim median OS was numerically higher, but not conclusive for n.c.a. <sup>177</sup>Lu-edotreotide vs everolimus (63.4 vs 58.7 months; p=0.206; HR 0.78, 95% CI [0.53, 1.15])

# Cabozantinib: how does the phase III CABINET trial impact treatment?

- TKI targeting VEGFR as well as MET and RET.
- Shown encouraging activity in phase 2 NET trials leading to the phase III CABINET trial

# CABINET Trial Study Design



## Stratification factors:

- epNET: Concurrent SSA & Primary site (midgut GI/unknown vs. non-midgut GI/lung/other)
- pNET: Concurrent SSA & Prior sunitinib

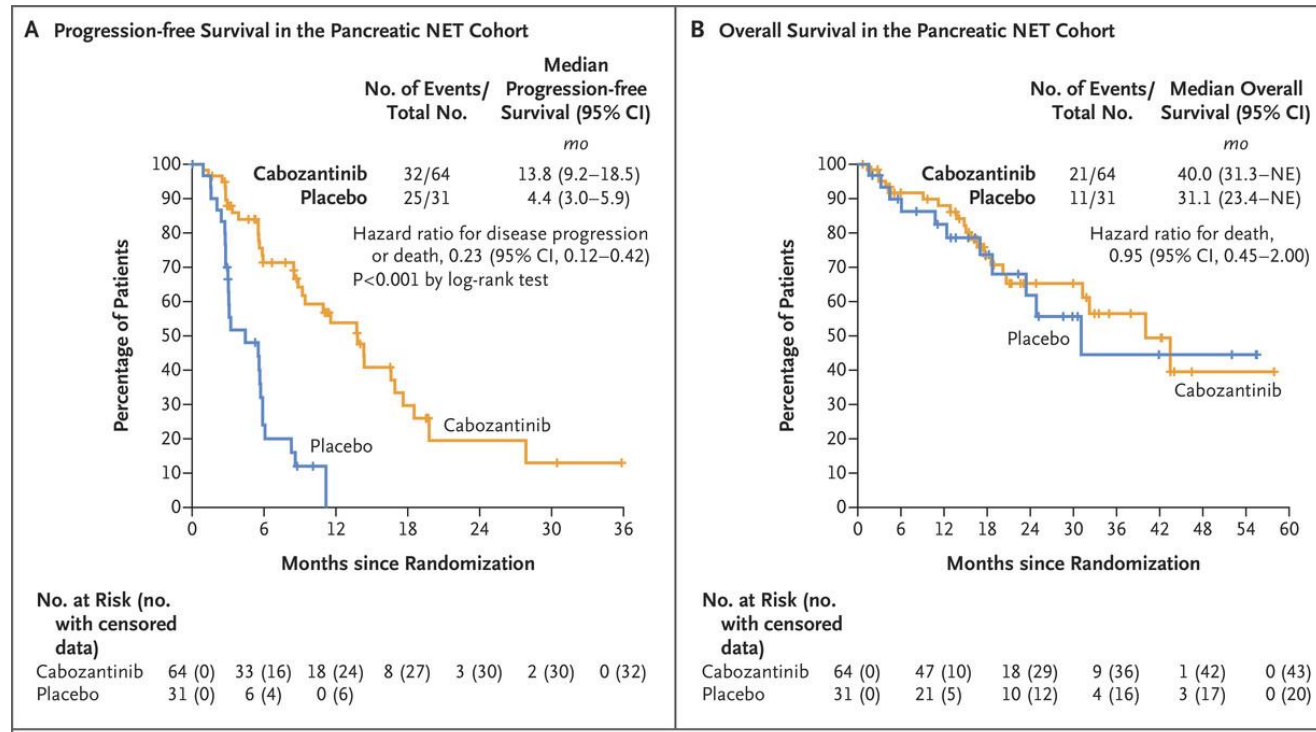
Extrapancreatic = GI,  
lung, thymus, unknown

## Study Endpoints:

- Primary Endpoint per cohort:
  - Progression-free survival (PFS) by blinded independent central review
- Secondary Endpoint per cohort:
  - Overall survival
  - Objective response rate
  - Safety and tolerability



# Progression-free and Overall survival pancreatic NET



# Objective Response

**Table 2. Objective Tumor Response.\***

Response	Extrapancreatic NET Cohort		Pancreatic NET Cohort	
	Cabozantinib (N=134)	Placebo (N=69)	Cabozantinib (N=64)	Placebo (N=31)
Objective response — % (95% CI)	5 (2 to 10)	0 (0 to 5)	19 (10 to 30)	0 (0 to 11)
Best overall response — no. (%)				
Partial response	7 (5)	0	12 (19)	0
Stable disease	87 (65)	37 (54)	39 (61)	17 (55)
Progressive disease	15 (11)	24 (35)	5 (8)	12 (39)
Not evaluable	25 (19)	8 (12)	8 (12)	2 (6)

\* Objective response was defined as the percentage of patients who had a confirmed complete or partial response as assessed by blinded independent central review according to Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors, version 1.1. All responses were partial responses. Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding.

# Adverse Events

**Table 3. Treatment-Related Adverse Events.\***

Adverse Event	Extrapancreatic NET Cohort				Pancreatic NET Cohort			
	Cabozantinib (N=132)		Placebo (N=67)		Cabozantinib (N=63)		Placebo (N=31)	
	Any Grade	Grades 3–5†	Any Grade	Grades 3–5	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4
Any event at least possibly related to treatment	130 (98)	82 (62)	55 (82)	18 (27)	62 (98)	41 (65)	26 (84)	7 (23)
Common treatment-related event‡								
Fatigue	82 (62)	17 (13)	28 (42)	5 (7)	47 (75)	7 (11)	10 (32)	1 (3)
Diarrhea	74 (56)	14 (11)	20 (30)	3 (4)	37 (59)	4 (6)	4 (13)	0
AST increase	86 (65)	4 (3)	12 (18)	0	40 (63)	1 (2)	9 (29)	0
ALT increase	77 (58)	1 (1)	9 (13)	0	39 (62)	1 (2)	9 (29)	0
Hypertension	70 (53)	28 (21)	13 (19)	2 (3)	36 (57)	14 (22)	7 (23)	3 (10)
Thrombocytopenia	62 (47)	1 (1)	5 (7)	1 (1)	21 (33)	0	3 (10)	0
Nausea	46 (35)	2 (2)	10 (15)	0	24 (38)	5 (8)	7 (23)	1 (3)
Oral mucositis	48 (36)	5 (4)	6 (9)	0	30 (48)	5 (8)	1 (3)	0
Palmar–plantar erythrodysesthesia	48 (36)	4 (3)	5 (7)	0	28 (44)	6 (10)	4 (13)	0
Anorexia	40 (30)	2 (2)	6 (9)	0	13 (21)	1 (2)	3 (10)	0
Dysgeusia	45 (34)	0	1 (1)	0	19 (30)	0	3 (10)	0
Neutropenia	40 (30)	4 (3)	2 (3)	0	17 (27)	1 (2)	2 (6)	0
Alkaline phosphatase increase	—	—	—	—	13 (21)	0	3 (10)	0
Vomiting	—	—	—	—	13 (21)	4 (6)	3 (10)	0
Hypophosphatemia	—	—	—	—	13 (21)	0	2 (6)	0
Thromboembolic event	—	—	—	—	11 (17)	7 (11)	0	0
Leukopenia	46 (35)	4 (3)	2 (3)	0	—	—	—	—
Anemia	28 (21)	2 (2)	8 (12)	0	—	—	—	—
Lymphopenia	31 (23)	5 (4)	6 (9)	0	—	—	—	—
Hypothyroidism	36 (27)	0	1 (1)	0	—	—	—	—
Maculopapular rash	30 (23)	0	2 (3)	0	—	—	—	—
Weight loss	28 (21)	3 (2)	2 (3)	0	—	—	—	—

\* The safety population included all patients who underwent randomization and received at least one dose of cabozantinib or placebo. The presence or absence of the following adverse events was solicited for each treatment cycle: neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, alanine or aspartate aminotransferase increase, palmar–plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome, maculopapular rash, hyperglycemia, hypothyroidism, hypertension, fatigue, diarrhea, and oral mucositis. ALT denotes alanine aminotransferase and AST aspartate aminotransferase.

† Grade 5 events in the cabozantinib group were possibly related to treatment (gastrointestinal hemorrhage in one patient, cardiac arrest in one patient, and death not otherwise specified in two patients).

‡ Shown are all adverse events that were considered by the investigators to be at least possibly related to cabozantinib or placebo that were reported in 20% or more of the patients in the cabozantinib group across all grades, or common grade 3 or higher treatment-related adverse events that were reported in 10% or more of the patients in the cabozantinib group.

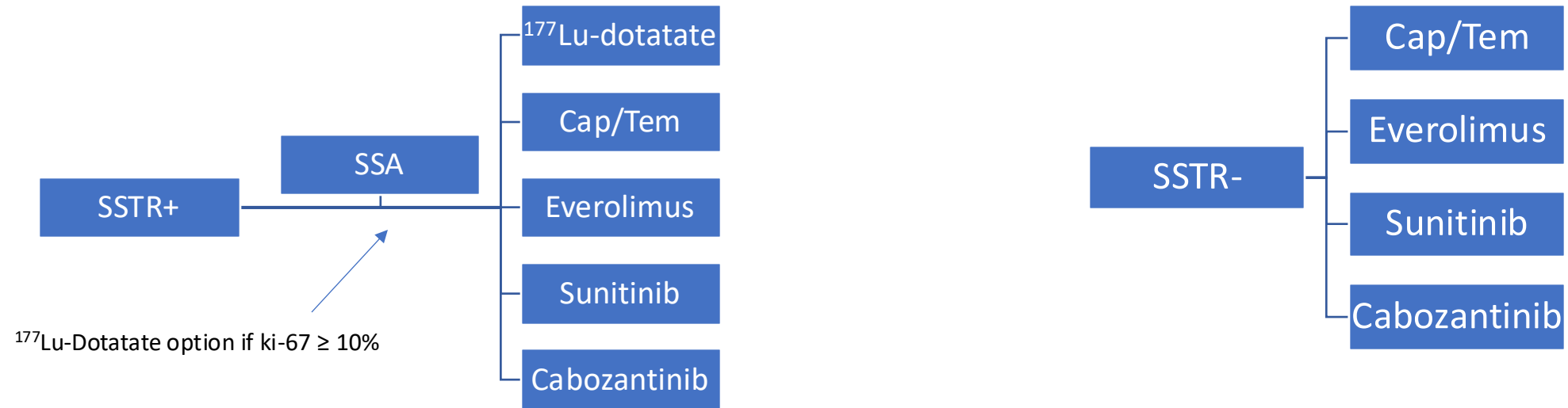
# Exposure

- Dose reductions in 66% randomized to cabozantinib vs. 10% placebo
- Median exposure 38.4mg/day
- 31% discontinuation for adverse events



- Cabozantinib significantly improves PFS both in extrapancreatic and pancreatic NETs
- OS impact hard to gauge: not powered for OS, crossover allowed
- Effective in pretreated patients
- PFS hazard ratios slightly superior to sunitinib or everolimus: is this clinically meaningful?
- Need to carefully monitor patients: esp. frail, elderly.
- Most patients unable to tolerate 60mg dose. Consider starting at lower doses

# Pancreatic NET Systemic Treatments: sequencing

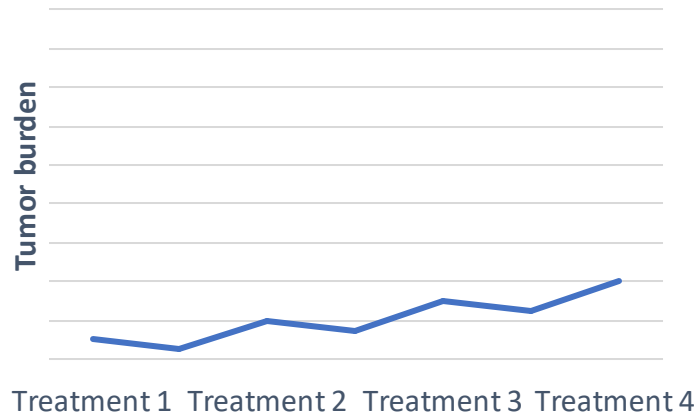


Trial	N	Arms	PFS	OS	RR
RADIANT 3	410	Everolimus vs. Placebo	11.0 vs. 4.6	44.0 vs. 37.7	5% vs. 2%
Su011248	171	Sunitinib vs. Placebo	12.6 vs. 5.8	38.6 vs. 29.1	9% vs. 0%
ECOG 2211	133	Cap/Tem vs. Tem	22.7 vs. 14.4	58.7 vs. 53.8	40% vs. 34%
Oclurandom*	84	<sup>177</sup> Lu-Dotatate vs. Sunitinib	20.7 vs. 11.0	N/A	N/A
CABINET (pNET)	95	Cabozantinib vs. Placebo	13.8 vs. 4.4	40.0 vs. 31.1	19% vs. 0%
COMPETE		<sup>177</sup> Lu-Dotatoc vs. Everolimus	23.9 vs. 14.1	63.4 vs. 58.7	

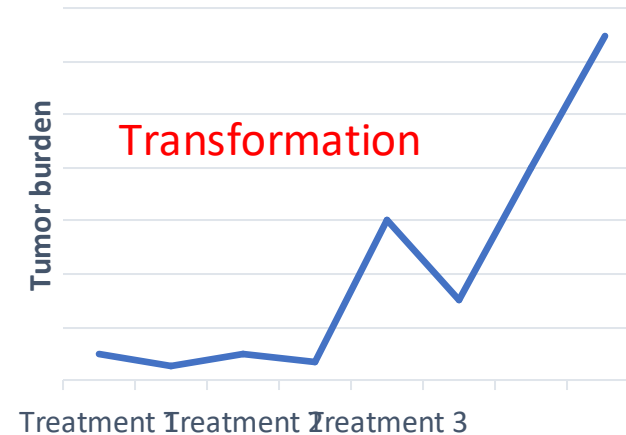
# Does Treatment Influence Pattern of Progression?

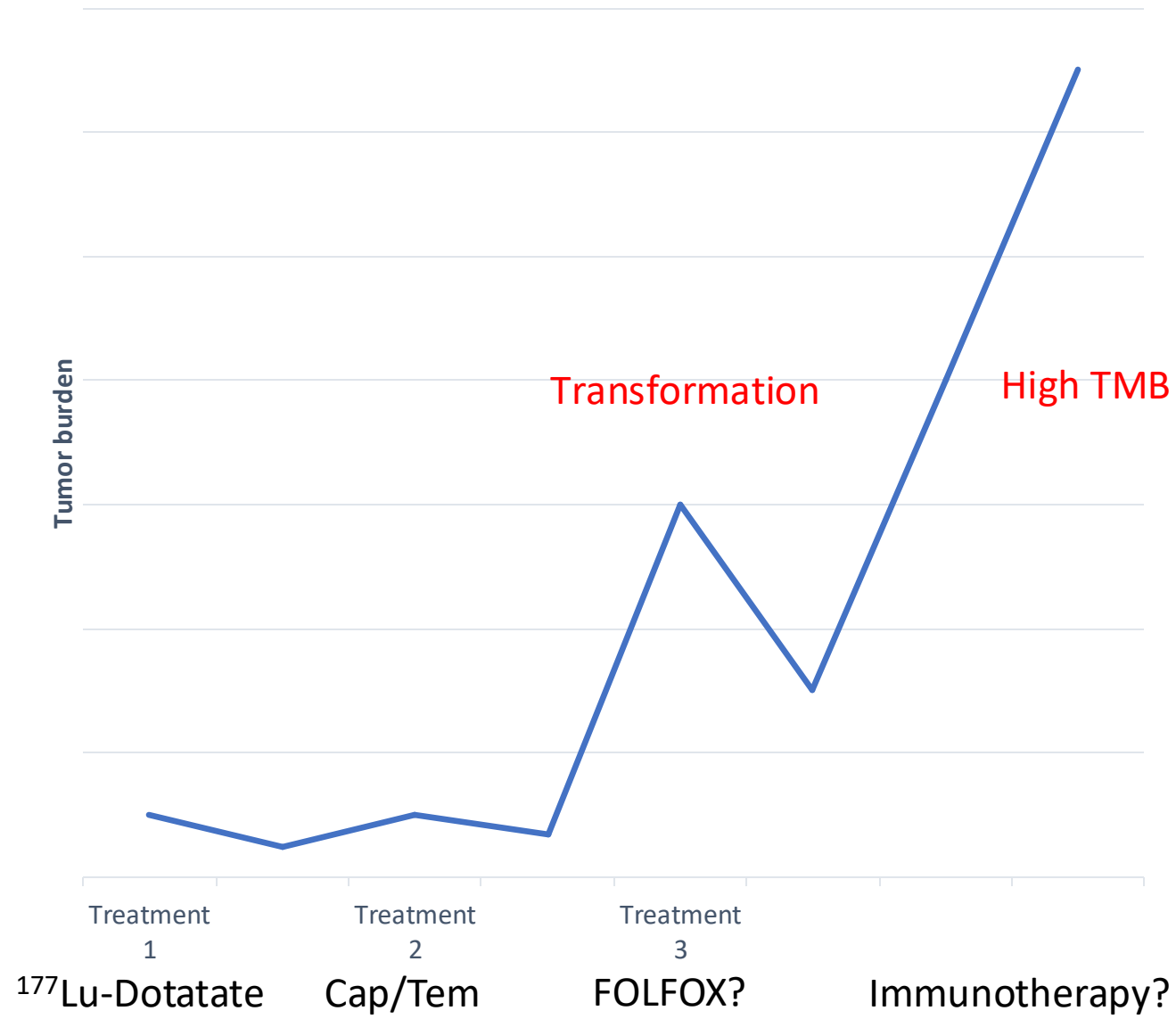
Alkylating agents (e.g. temozolomide) can lead to hypermutator phenotype  
PRRT may induce clonal mutations

## Typical Progression Pattern



## Atypical progression pattern





# Local treatments for local progression

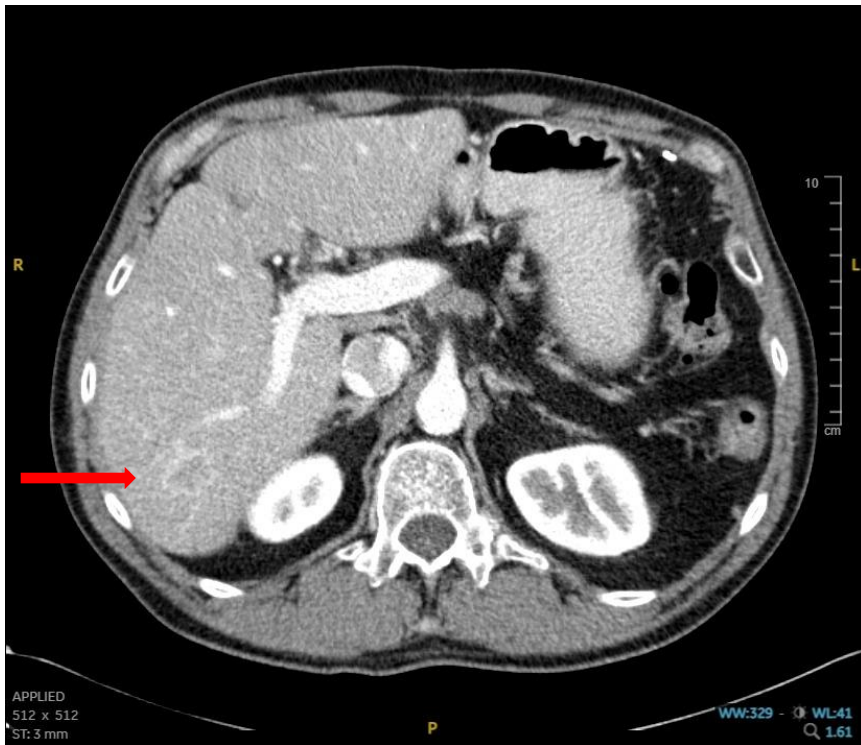
Metastatic grade 2 pancreatic NET to the liver. Primary resected



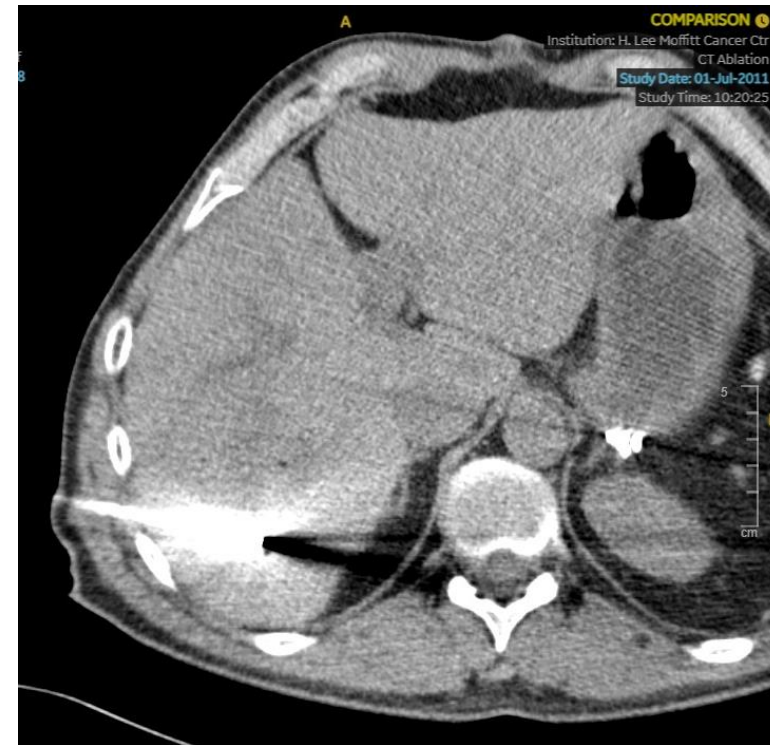
11/2009: Started  
capecitabine/temozolomide



3/2011: near CR



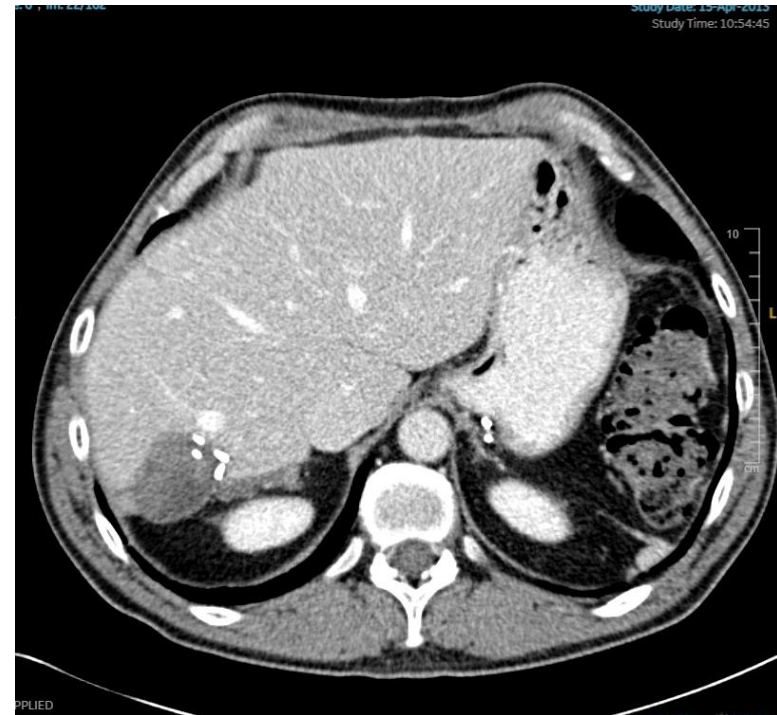
6/2011: solitary progression  
segment 6



Radiofrequency ablation



3/2012: recurrence  
adjacent to ablation site



Resection





4/2013: another recurrence  
next to resection site and  
two other subcm  
hypervascular lesions

- Operative ablation x 3
- Continued cap/tem until 2019 (10 years total)
- Stopped treatment and remains in remission

Conclusion: Think about  
locoregional treatments  
for local progression.