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From the Easter island

In 1964 a Canadian researchers expedition from the Ayerst-Wyeth Pharmaceuticals traveled to Easter island to gather soil samples and plants.

In 1972 the expedition team and a microbiology team identified and isolated RAPAMYCIN from the mycobacterium Streptomyces Hygroscopicus



Rapamycin properties

Several years later Rapamycin demonstrated antifungal activity blocking the G1 to S phase of the cell cycle.

The block of G1 to S phase of the cell cycle in T-lymphocytes revealed a potent immunosuppressant activity of Rapamycin in mammals.



The birth of the Rapalogs

Rapamycin demonstrated antiproliferative activity in vitro and in vivo in human tumor xenografts implanted into immunosuppressed mice

Rapamycin and its analogs (globally called RAPALOGS) were developed in organ transplantation and oncology, starting from the Biozentrum (Basel) and Sandoz Pharmaceuticals (now Novartis) laboratories.



The molecular target of rapamycin

Two classes of resistant yeast had mutations in genes named TOR1 and TOR2 in honor of the Spalentor, a gate of the city of Basel, where TOR was first discovered.

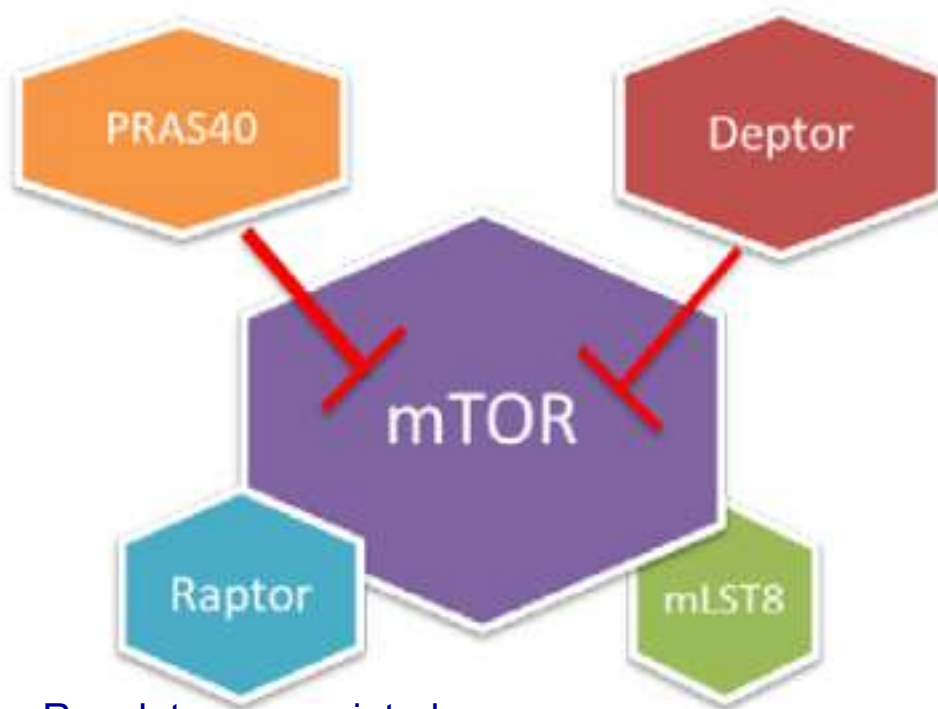


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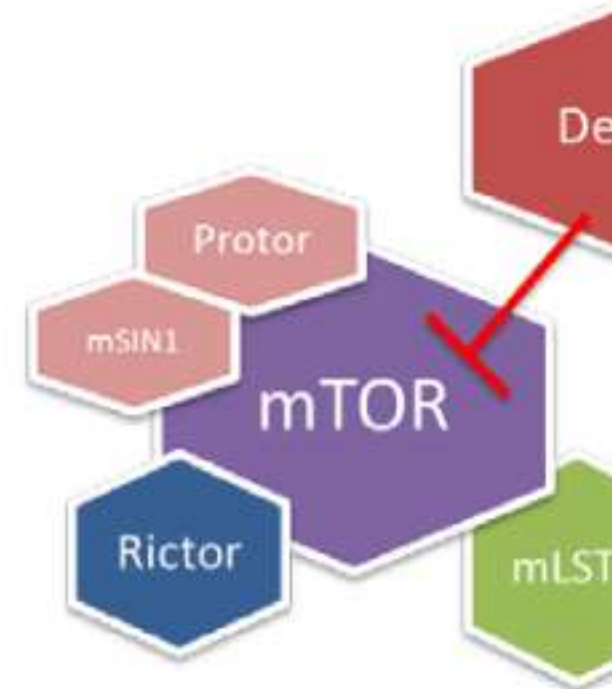
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mTOR complex 1 (mTORC1)



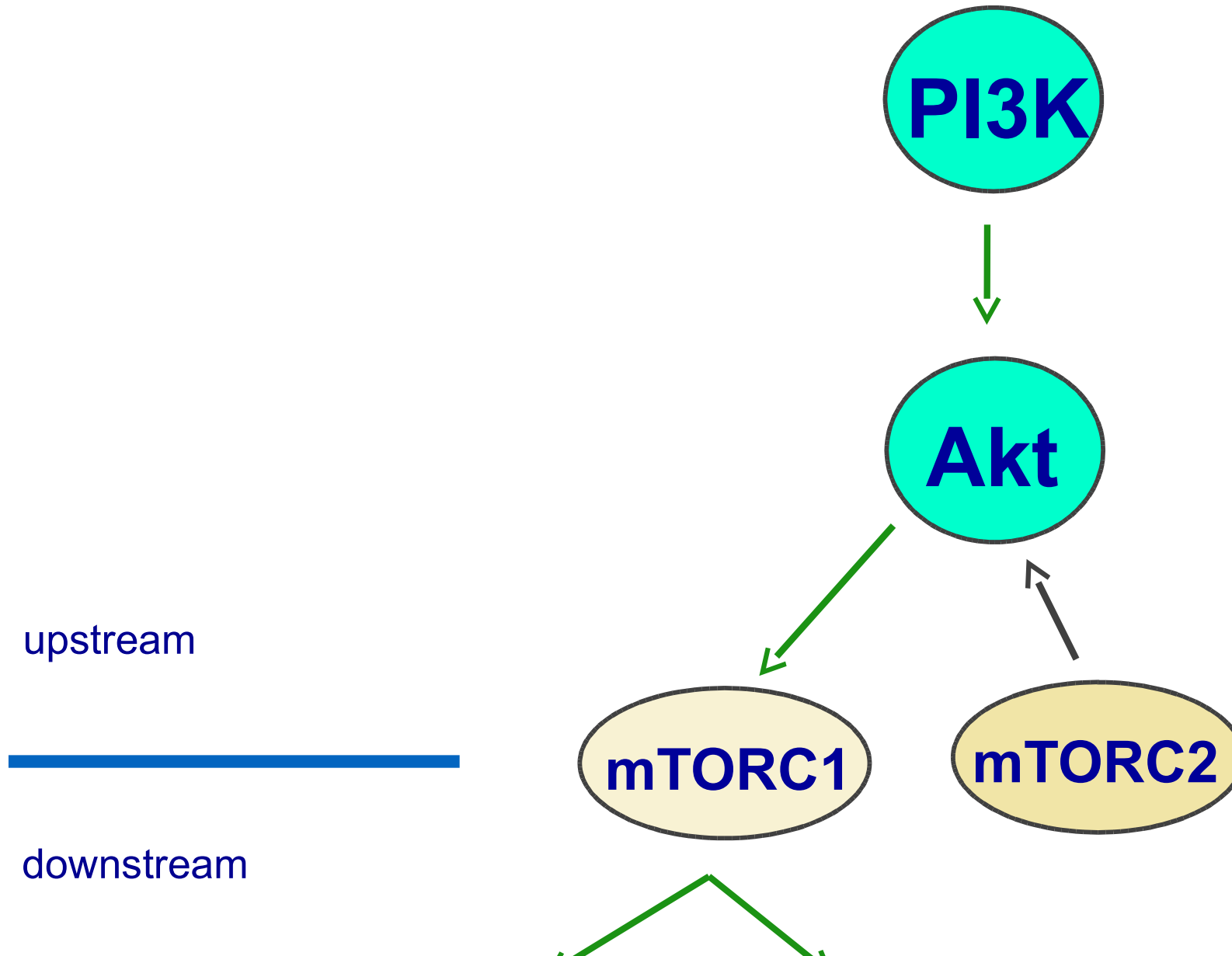
Regulatory associated
protein of TOR

mTOR complex 2 (mTORC2)



Rapamycin-insensitive
companion of mTOR

The pathway of mTOR



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mTOR = master switch

Oxidative stress

GROWTH FACTORS
(IGF, EGF, PDGF, VEGF)

NUTRIENT
(glucose, cholesterol)

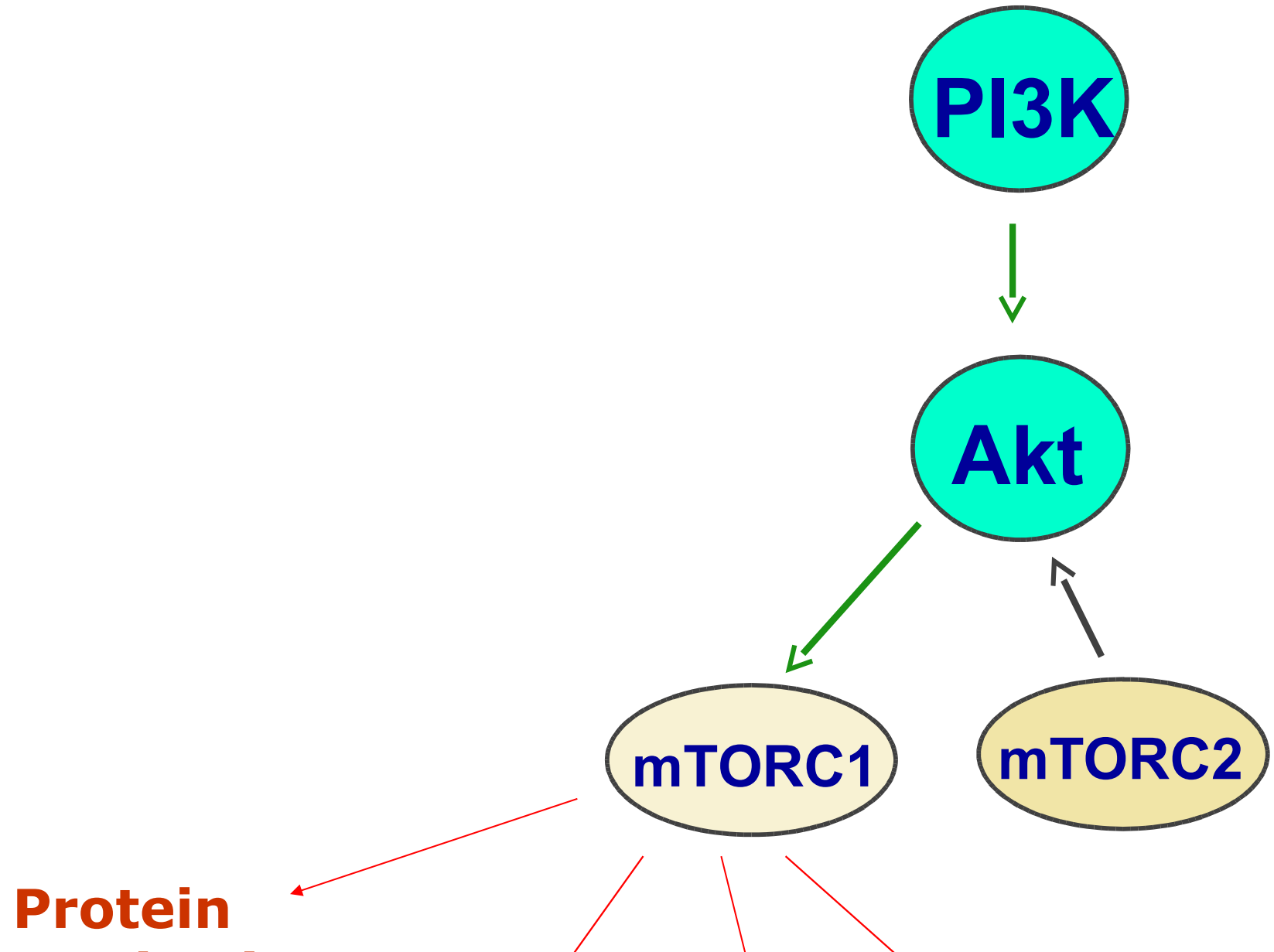
Insulin

mTOR

Ami



Functions of mTORC1



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mTOR regulation of autophagy

Chang Hwa Jung, Seung-Hyun Ro, Jing Cao, Neil Michael Otto, and Do-Hyung Kim

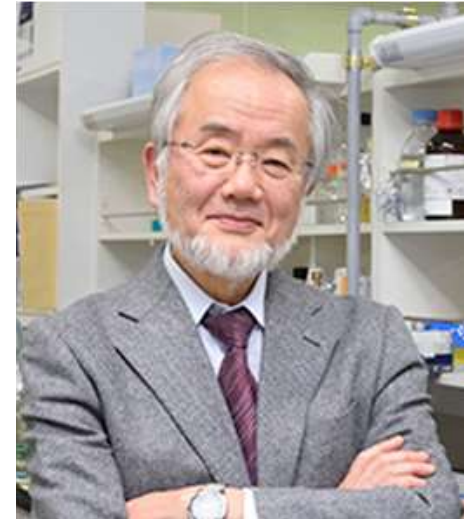
Autophagy is a self-degradative process that is important for balancing sources of energy at critical times in development and in response to nutrient stress.

2016 NOBEL PRIZE FOR PHYSIOLOGY OR MEDICINE TO YOSHINORI OHSUMI FOR AUTOPHAGY



Nobelförsamlingen

The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet



The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet has today decided to award

the 2016 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

to

Yoshinori Ohsumi

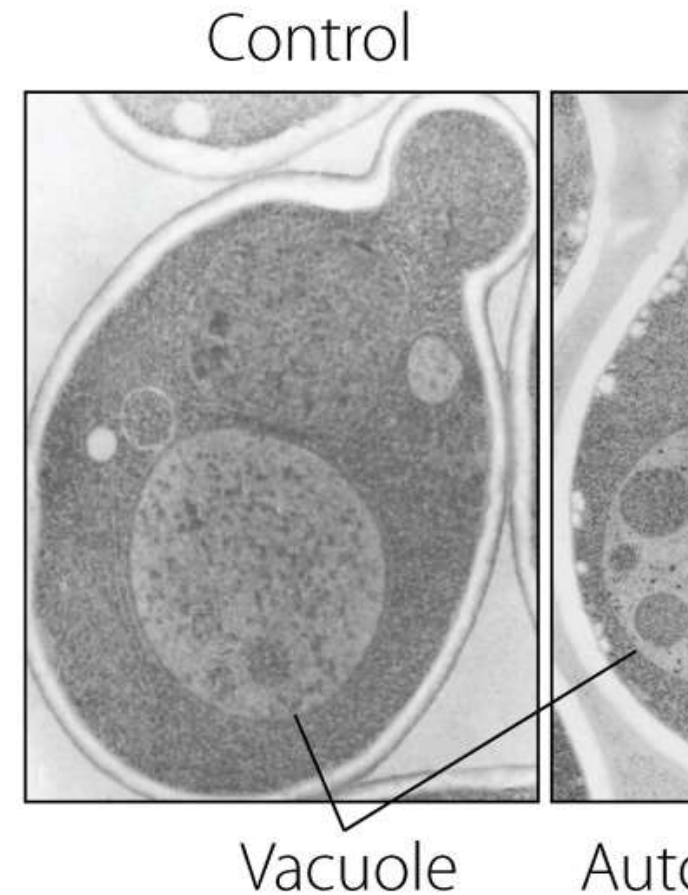
Autophagy = self eating

The cell can destroy its own components forming the lysosomes

Ohsumi identified genes involved in autophagy. Alterations in these genes can occur in cancer.

The Belgian Christian de Duve was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1974 for the discovery of the lysosome

“Proteasomes” represent another cellular



mTORC1 physiologically suppresses autophagy.

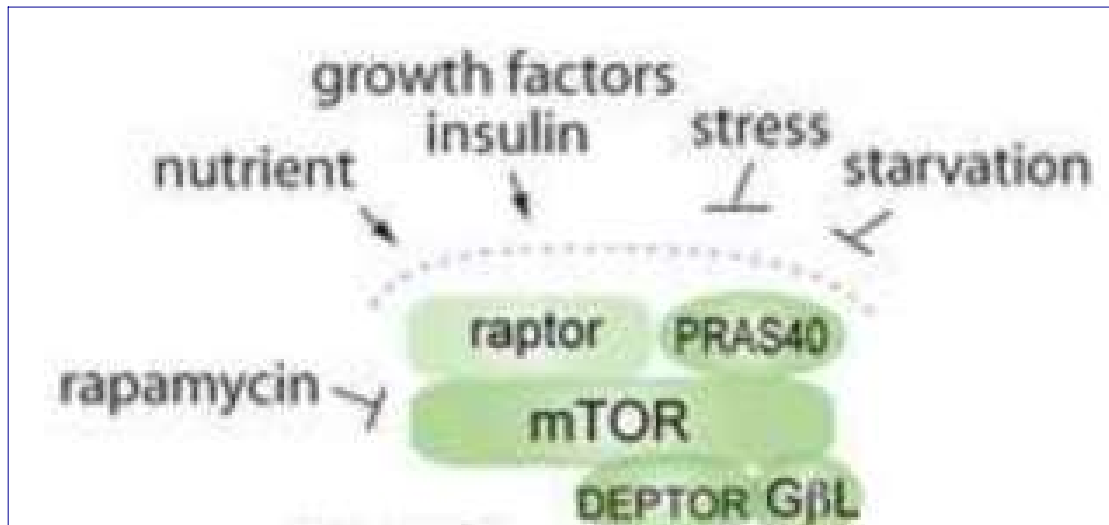
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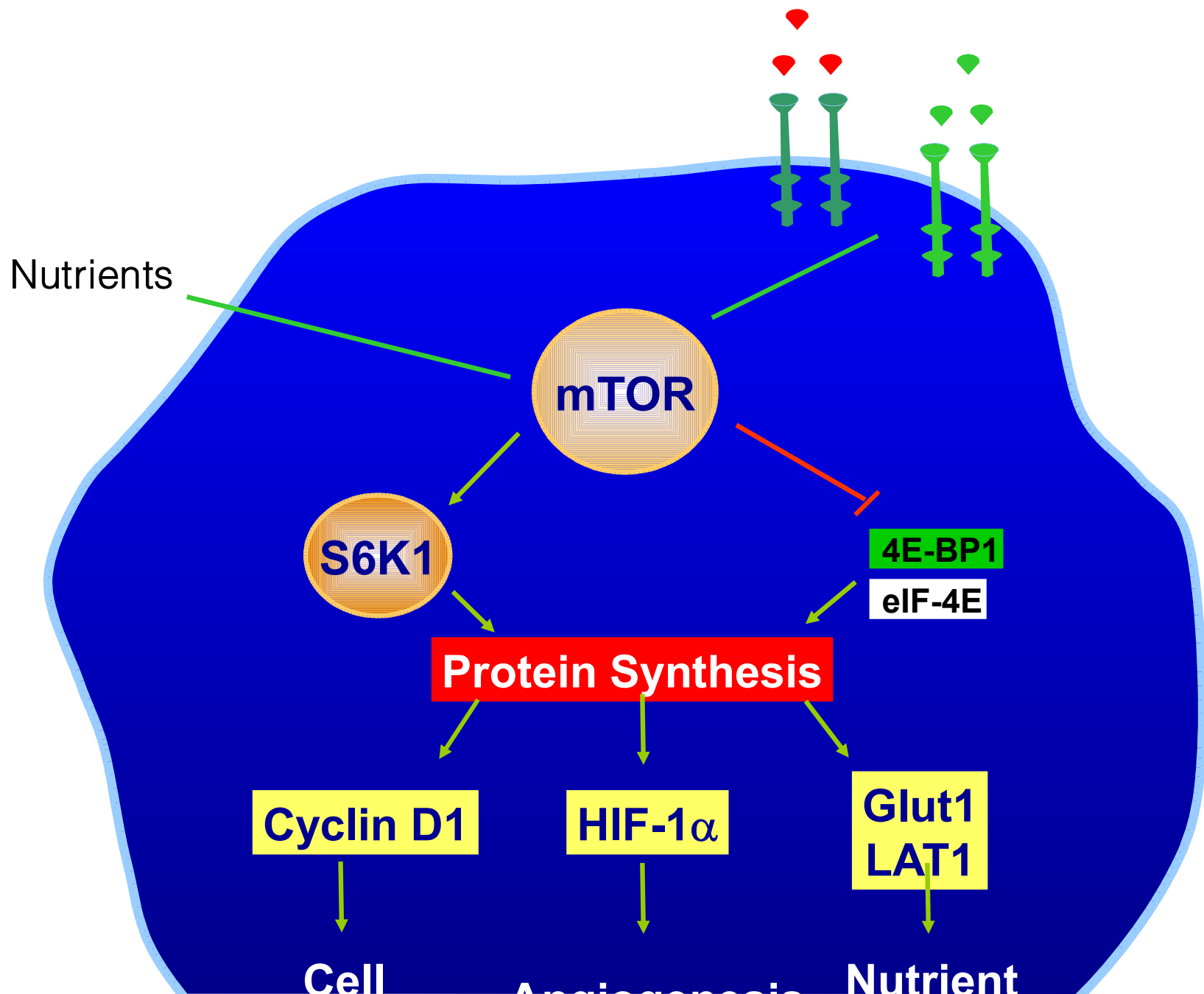
AUTOPHAGY



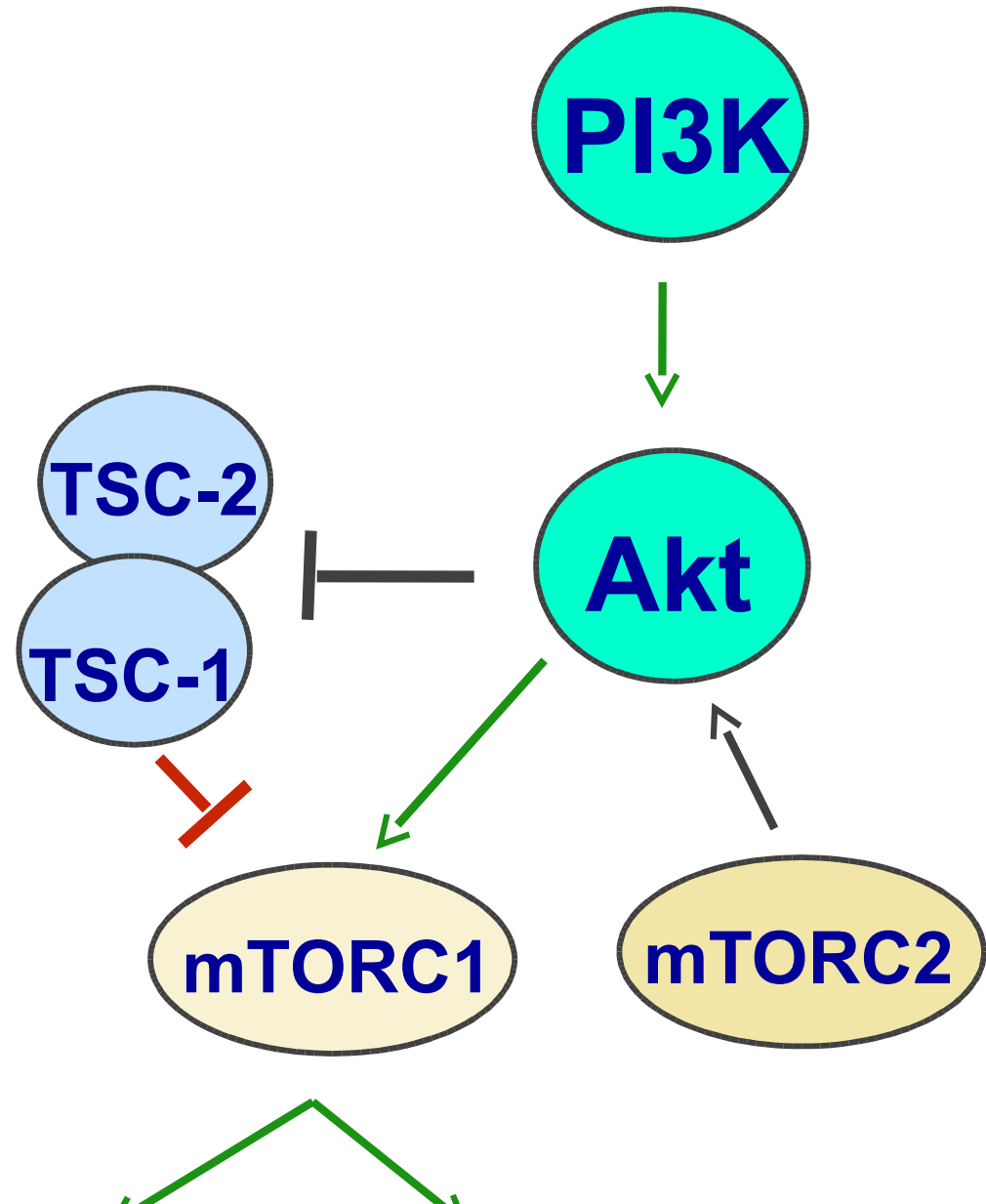
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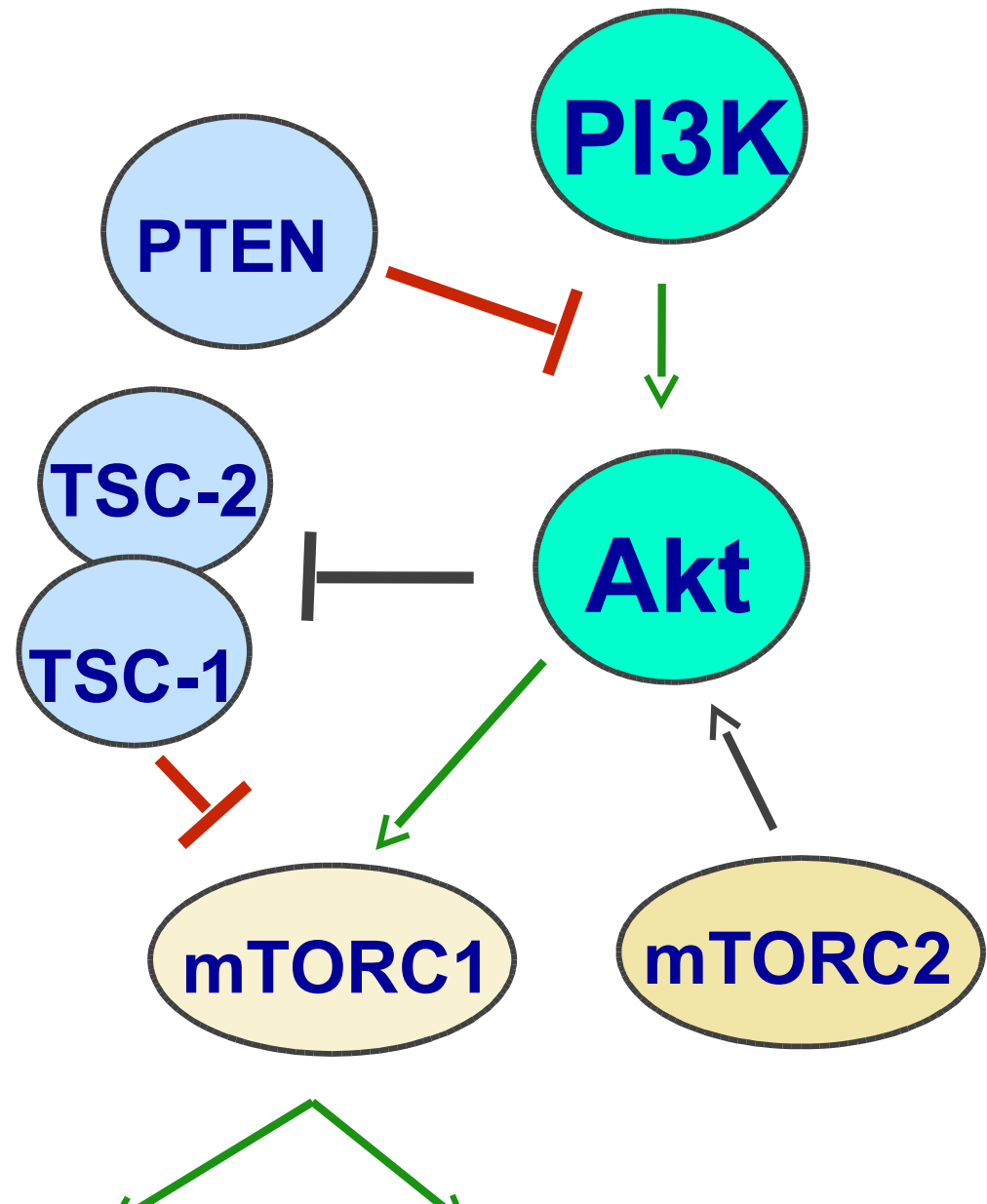
mTOR activation supports cancer cell growth



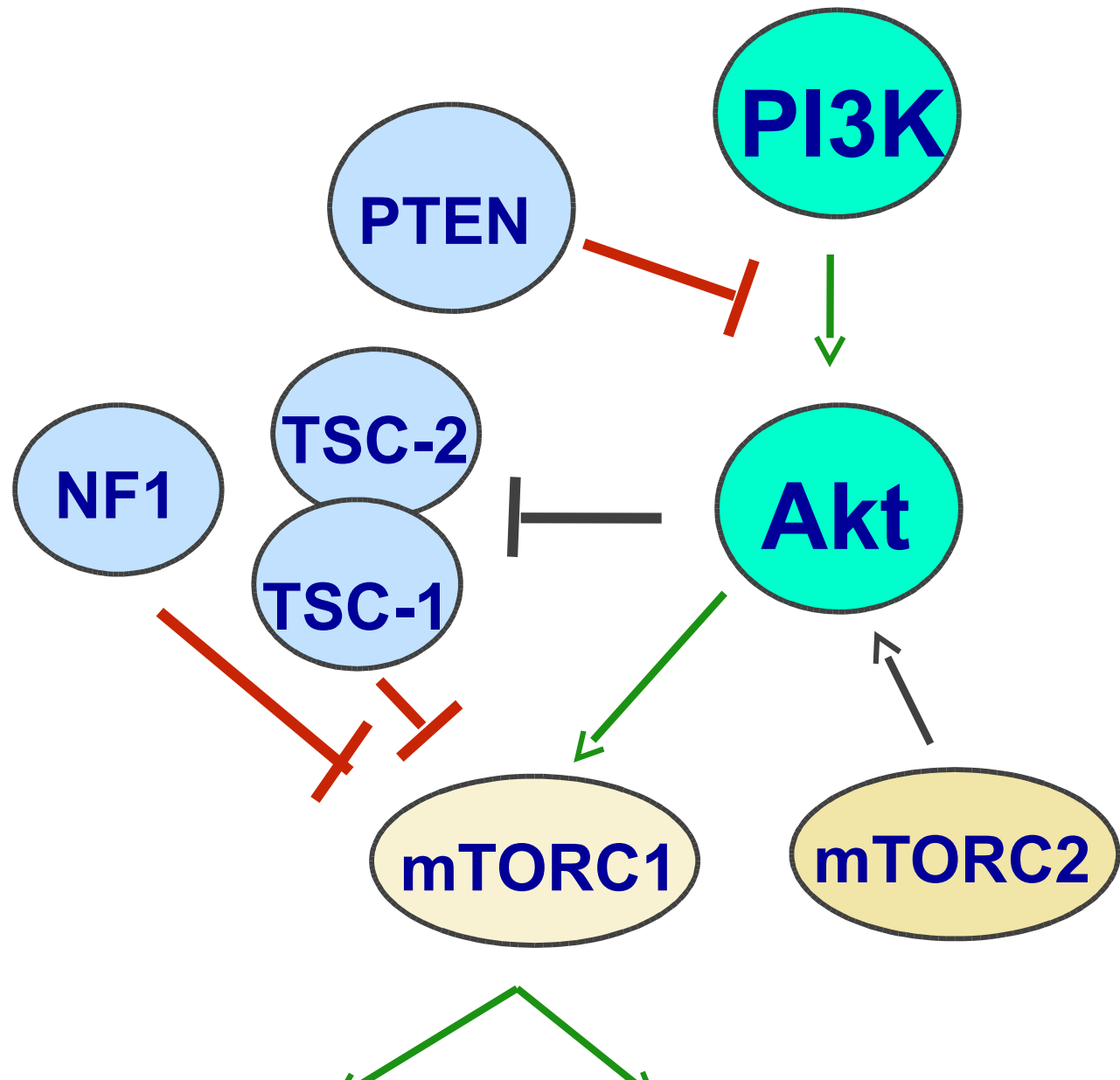
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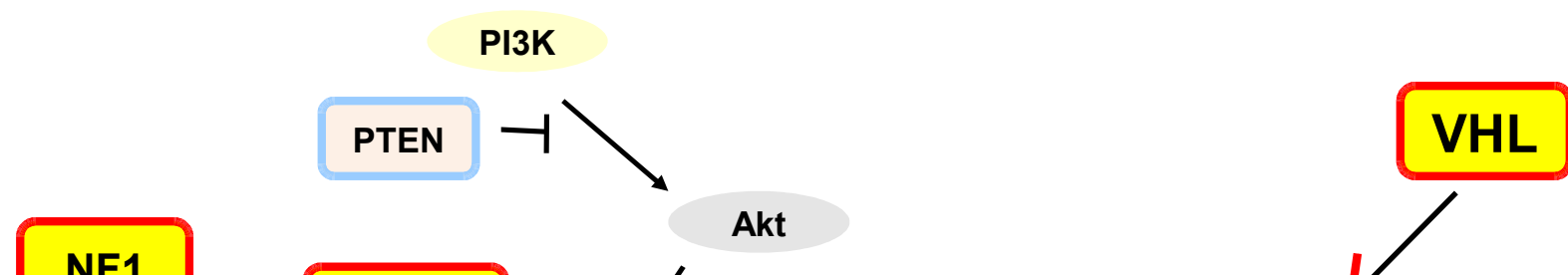


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mTOR pathway and NET-related inherited syndromes

Syndrome	Gene	NET
Tuberous sclerosis (TS)	TSC2	pancreas
Neurofibromatosis (NF)	NF-1	Ampulla, duodenum, mediastinum
Von Hippel Lindau (VHL)	VHL	pancreas

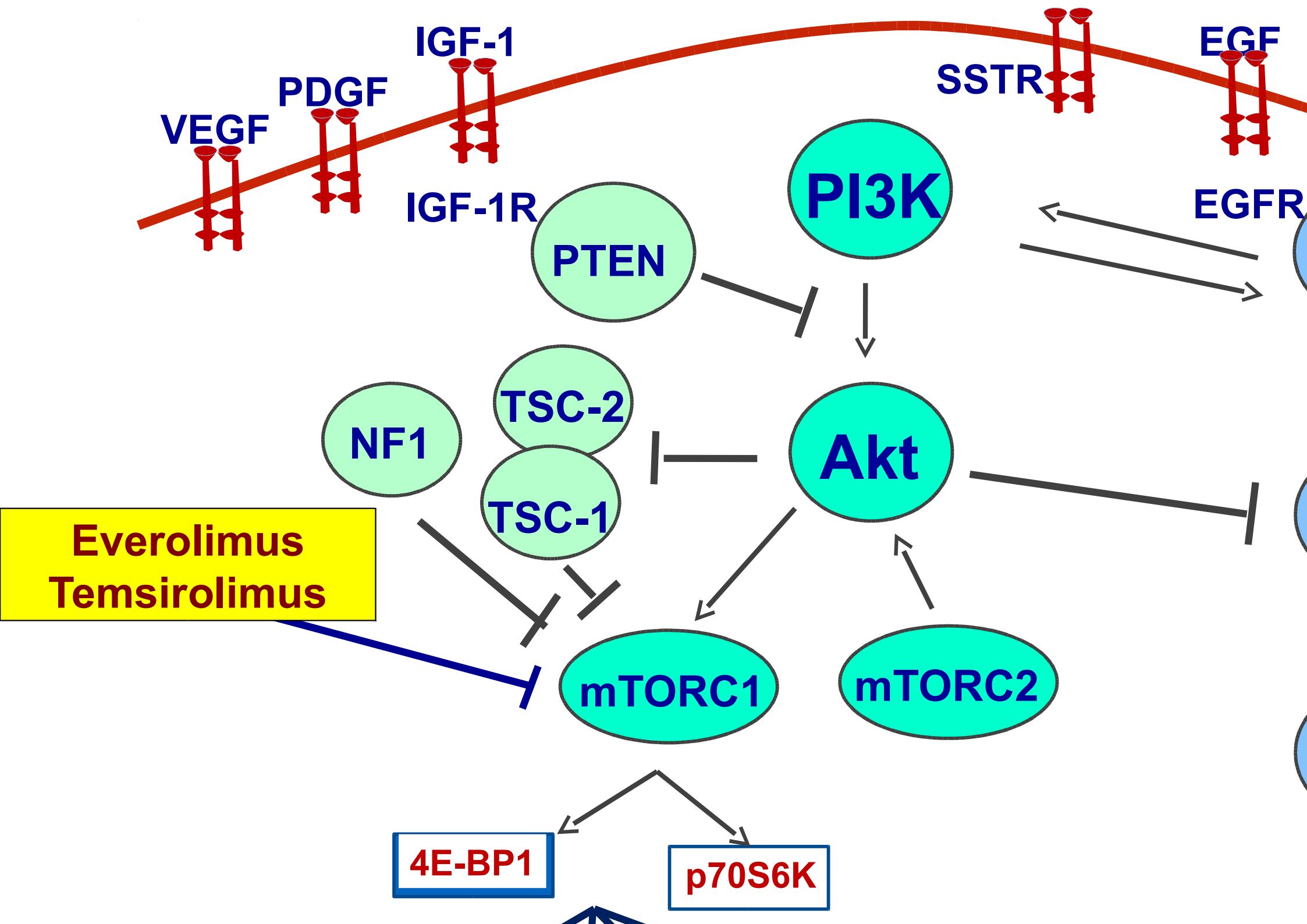


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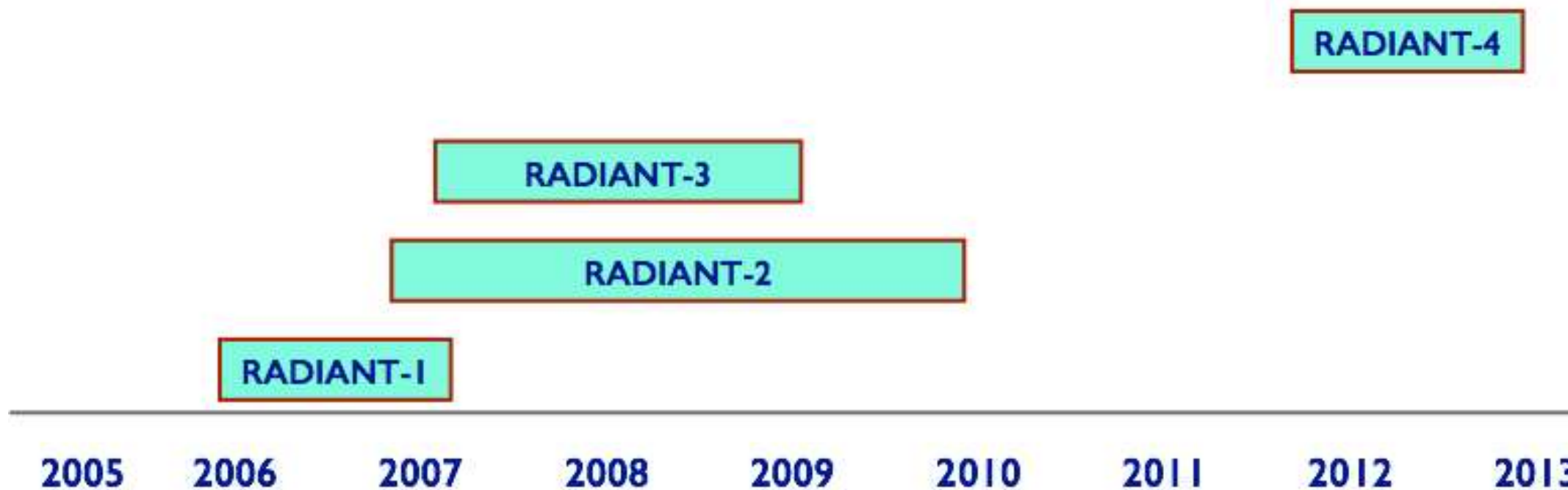
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mTOR inhibitors

	Sirolimus	Everolimus	Temsirolimus	Rida (Det
Brand name	Rapamune®	Certican® Afinitor®	Torisel®	Ta
Formulation	oral	oral	I.V.	
Indication	Prevent renal rejection	Prevent renal/heart rejection, NET, RCC, Breast cancer, SEGA, renal angiomyolipomas associated with TS	RCC, MLC	S s



Everolimus investigation in NETs



Randomised phase III trials with Everolimus in N

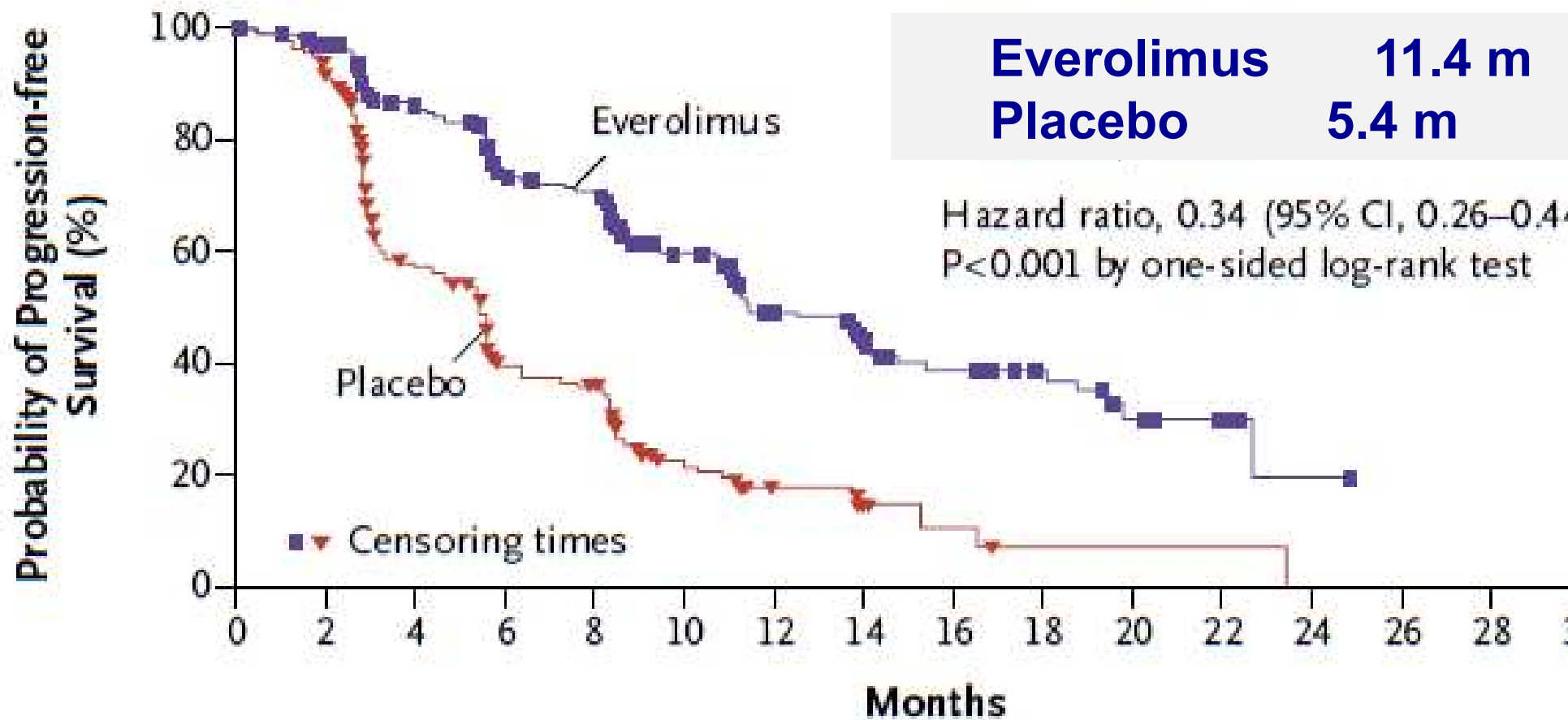
RADIANT (RAD001 in Advanced Neuroendocrine Tumors)

Trial	N. pts	Popul.	Therapy	Approval		
RADIANT-2	429	carcinoid syndrome NET		Not approved for carcinoid syndrome-related NET		
Arm A	216		EVE + OCT			
Arm B	213		PLB + OCT			
RADIANT-3	410	Pancreatic well/moderately differentiated NET		Approved for well/moderately differentiated, advanced, pancreatic NET		
Arm A	207		EVE			
Arm B	203		PLB			

RADIANT-3 trial

(410 pancreatic NET patients randomized 1:1)

B Progression-free Survival, Adjudicated Central Review



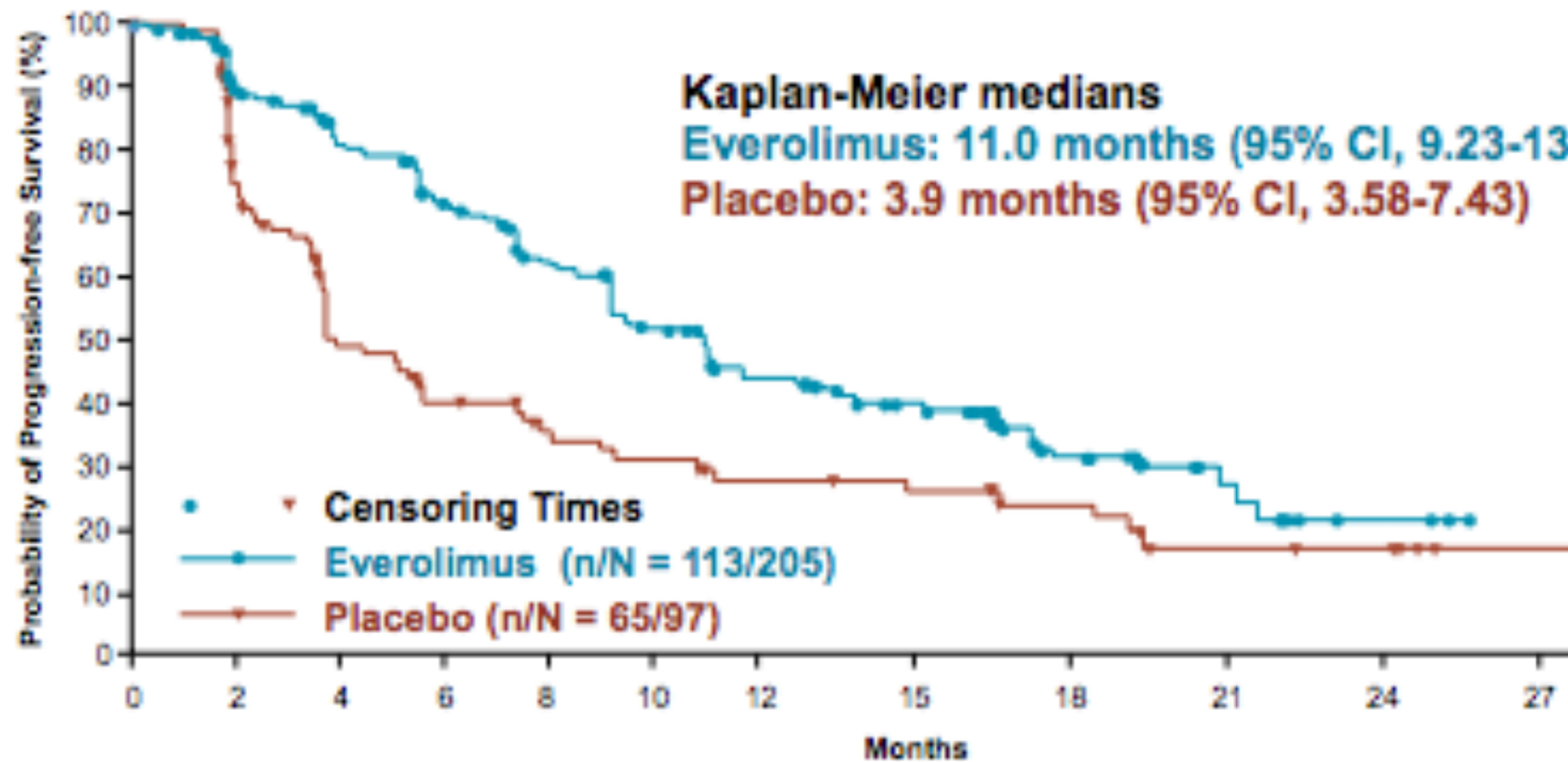
RADIANT-4 trial

(302 patients with GI and lung NET randomized)

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); $P < 0.00001$

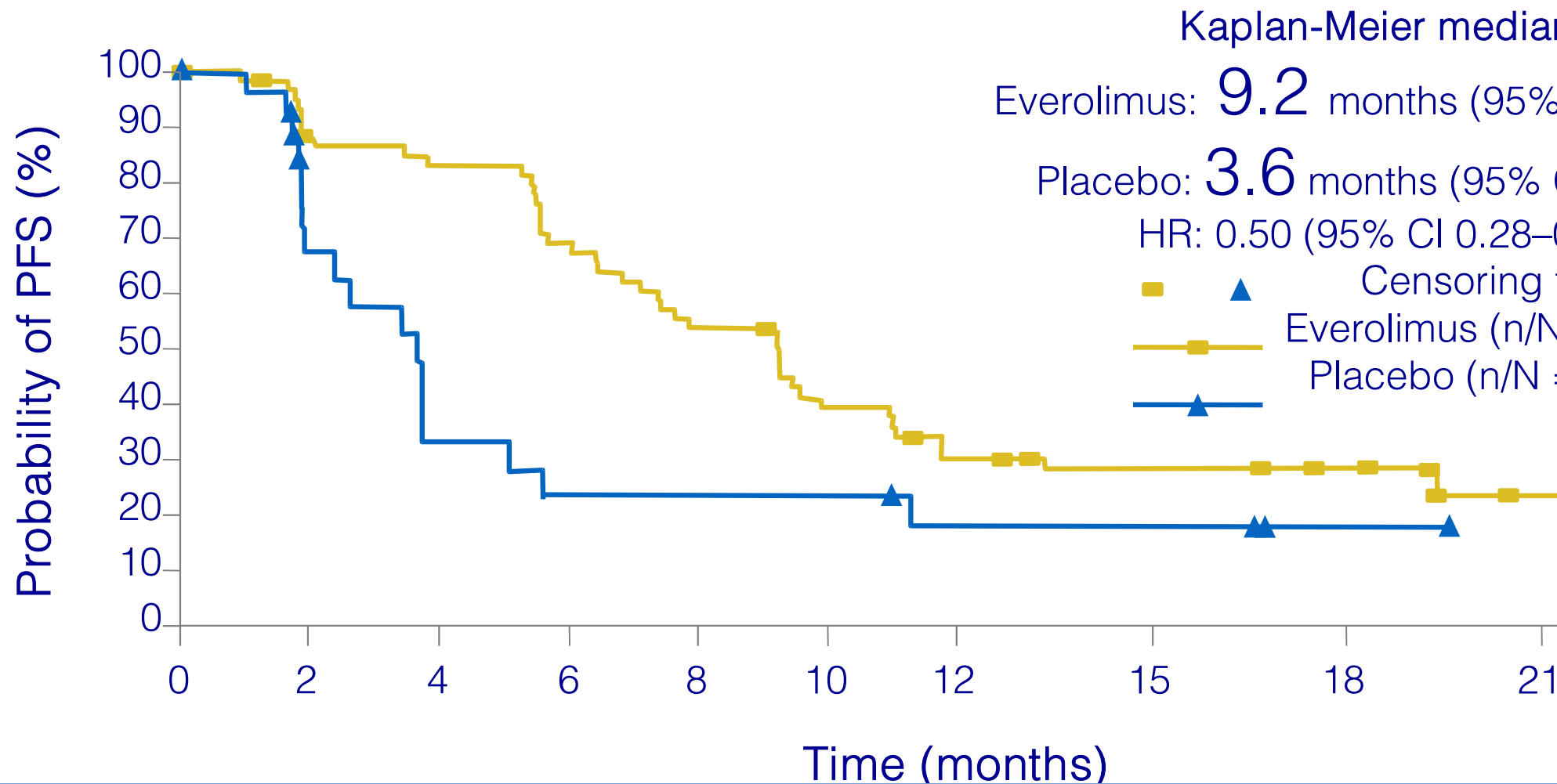


Trials with Everolimus in lung carcinoids

Trial	Experimental arm	Control arm	Type of study	Lung subgroup	Number of lung patients
RAMSETE	EVE	Placebo	Phase II	Non-functioning	22/73
RADIANT-2	EVE + Oct LAR	Oct LAR + Placebo	Phase III	Carcinoid syndrome	44/429
RADIANT-4	Everolimus	Placebo	Phase III	Non-functioning	90/302
LUNA	Pasireotide vs. EVE vs. Pasireotide/EVE	no	Phase II	Functioning and non-functioning	121/121

RADIANT-4 trial: lung subgroup, 90 pts

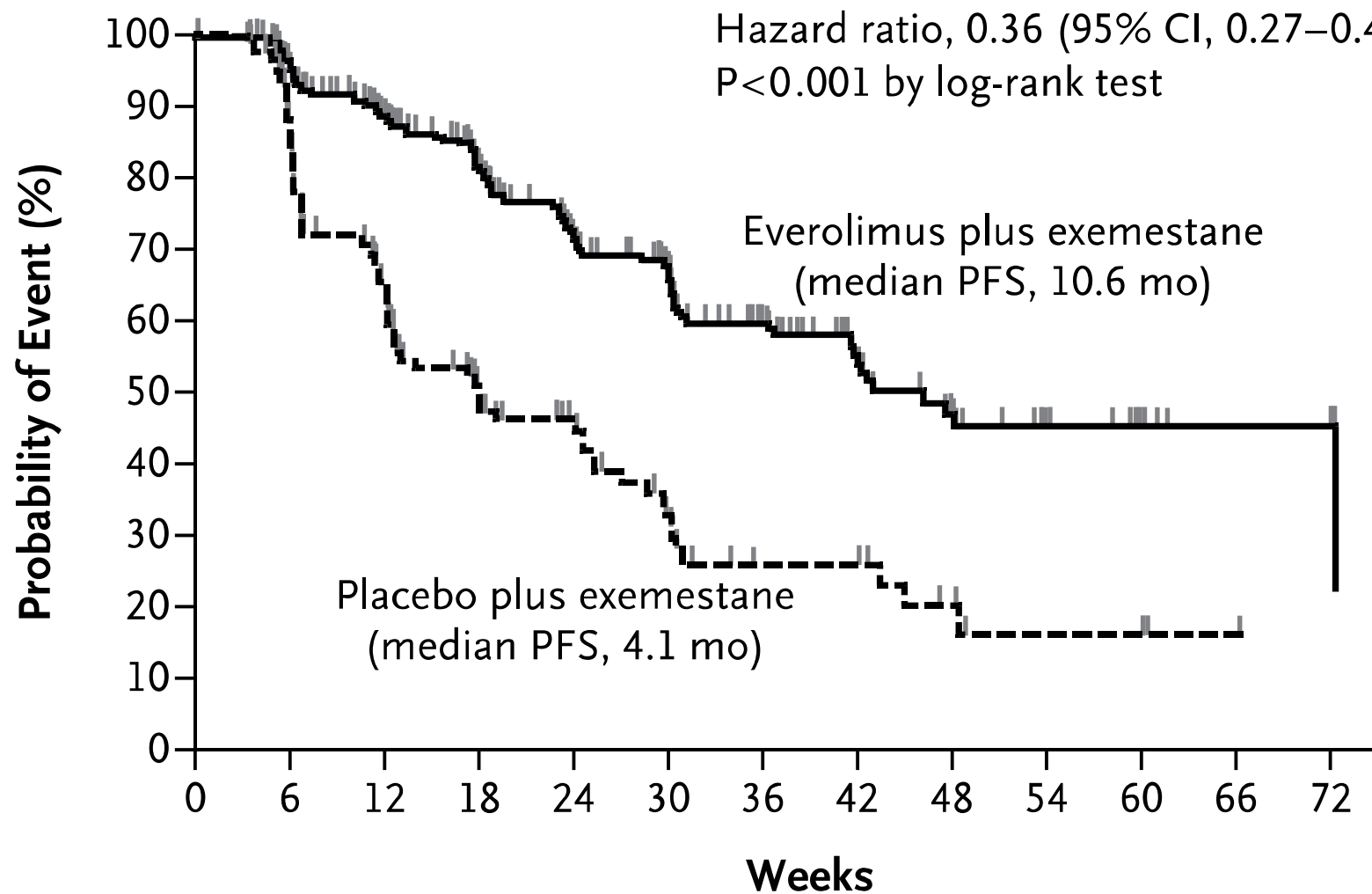
PFS treatment effect for lung NET subgroup by central review



Patients at risk, n

BOLERO-2 trial: 724 pts with HR+, HER-2 neg, advanced breast cancer, progressing on letrozole or anastrozole

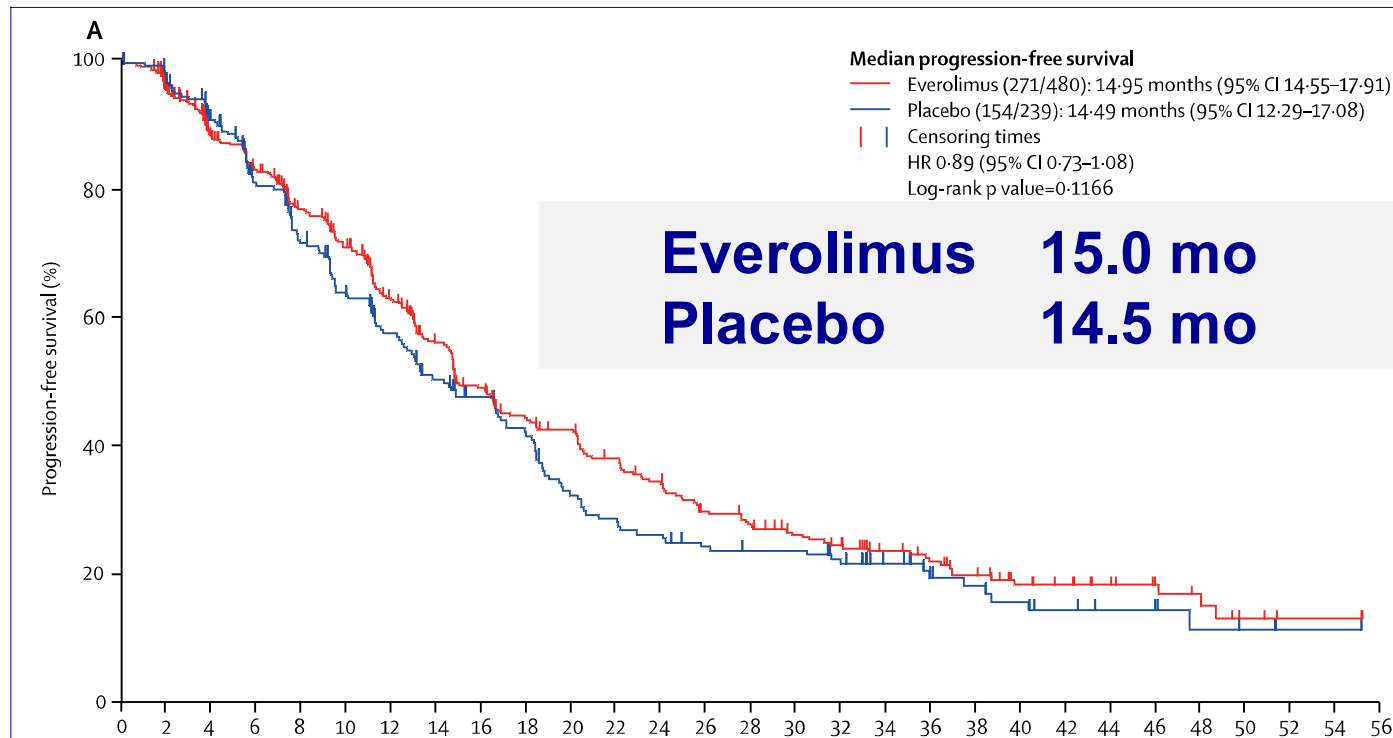
B Central Assessment



Resistance to trastuzumab has been attributed to aberrant
of PI3K pathway (loss or dysregulation of PTEN

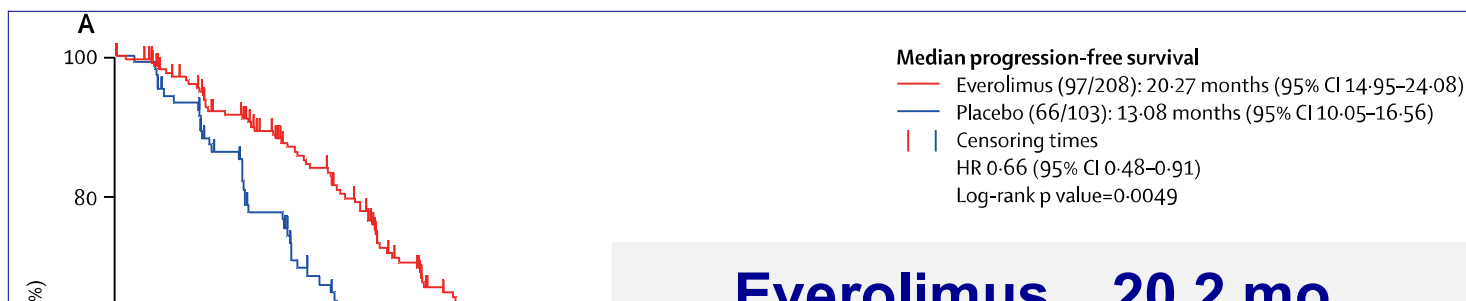
BOLERO-1 trial: 719 pts with HER-2+ advanced breast cancer

PFS in global population

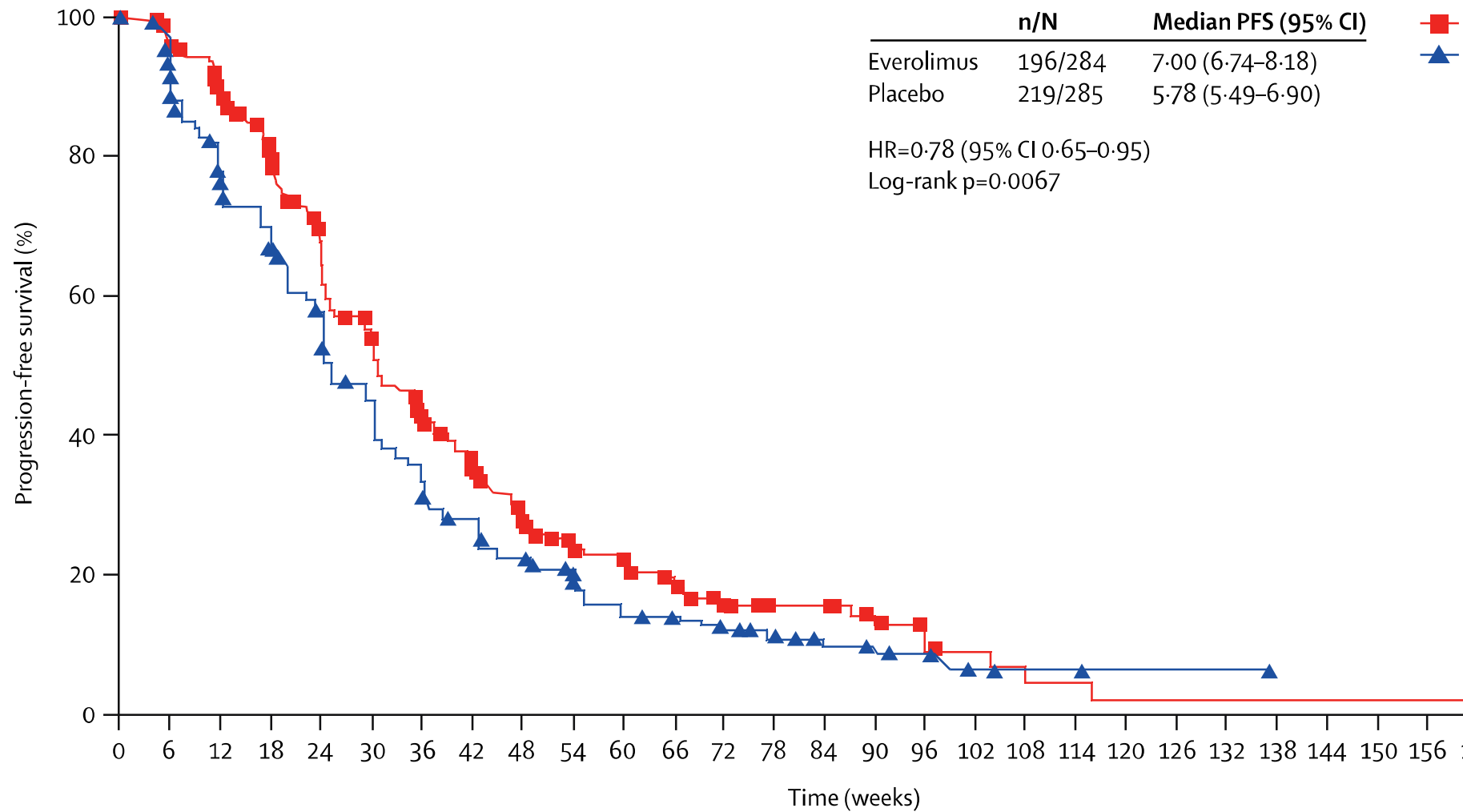


The p value did not meet the prespecified criterion for significance by a small

PFS in HR- sub-population



BOLERO-3 trial: 569 pts with HER-2+, trastuzumab-advanced breast cancer



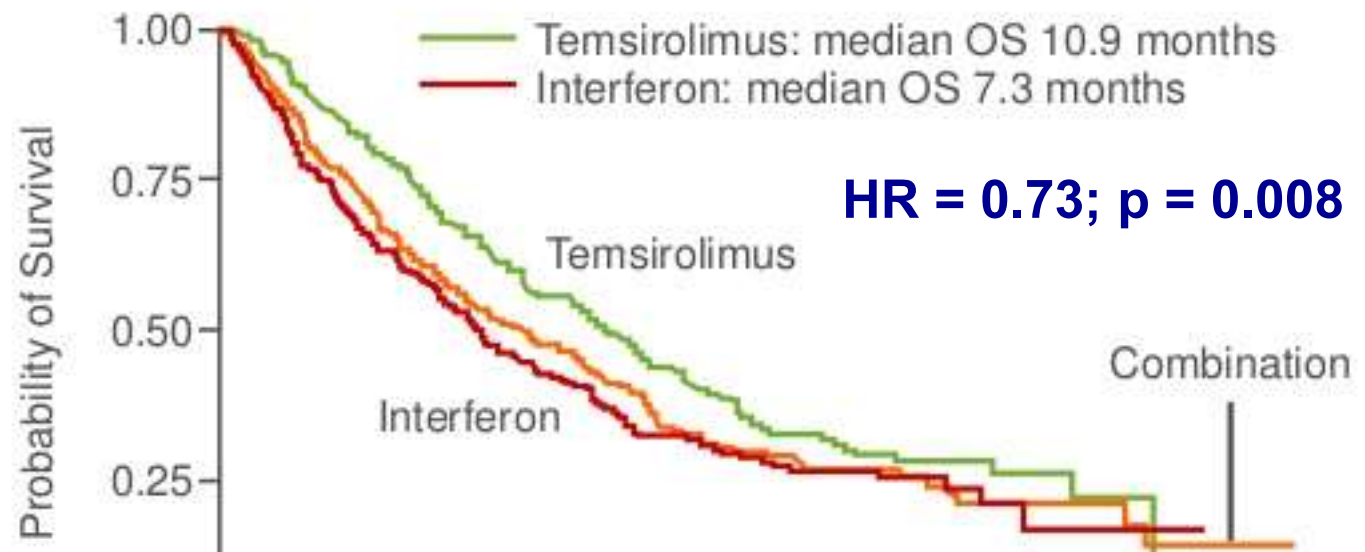
Randomised phase III trials with Everolimus in breast cancer

BOLERO (Breast Cancer Trial of Oral Everolimus)

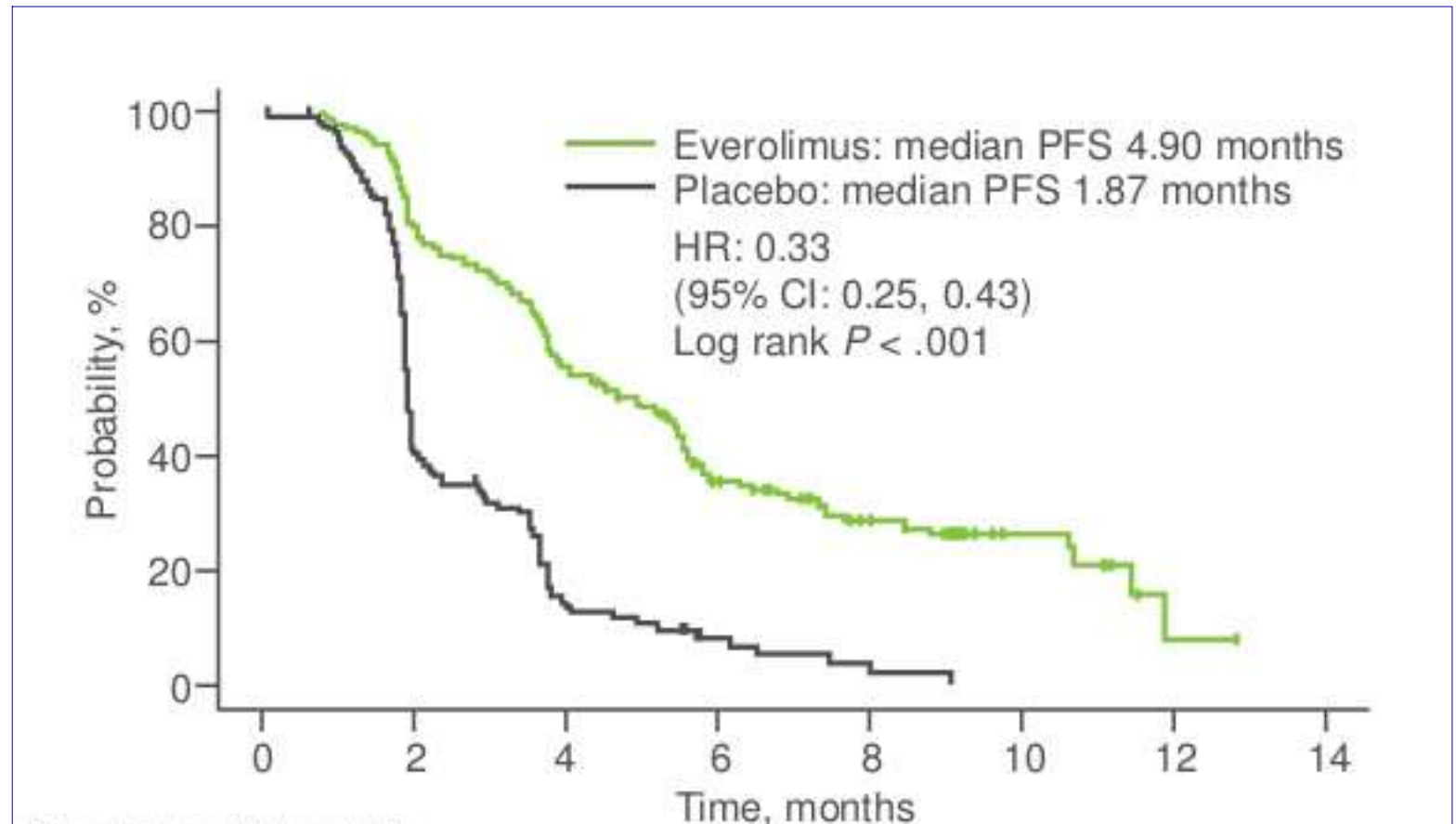
Trial	N. pts	Popul.	Therapy	Approval		
BOLERO-1	719	HER-2+ BC		Not approved for first-line advanced BC		
Arm A	480		Paclitaxel/Trastuzumab/EVE			
Arm B	239		Paclitaxel/Trastuzumab/PLB			
BOLERO-2	724	HR+ HER-2-BC progressive on letrozole/anastrozole		Approved for HR+ HER-2-BC progressing on letrozole or anastrozole		
Arm A	485		EVE + EXE			
Arm B	239		PLB + EXE			
BOLERO-3	569	HER-2+ BC progressing		Not approved for HER-2+ 1st line		
Arm A	284		EVE/Trastuz			

Temsirolimus, IFN-alpha or both for advanced renal carcinoma: a phase III trial

End Point	Interferon (N=207)	Temsirolimus (N=209)	Interferon + Temsirolimus (N=210)
Median overall survival — mo (95% CI)	7.3 (6.1–8.8)	10.9 (8.6–12.7)	8.4 (6.6–10.2)



RECORD-1 trial: 416 pts with pre-treated meta renal cell carcinoma



Positive results for cabozantinib and nivolumab compared with everolimus in pre-treated patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma

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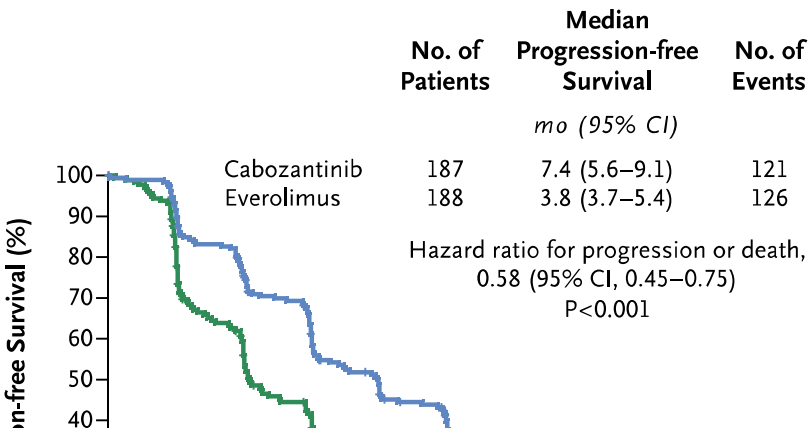
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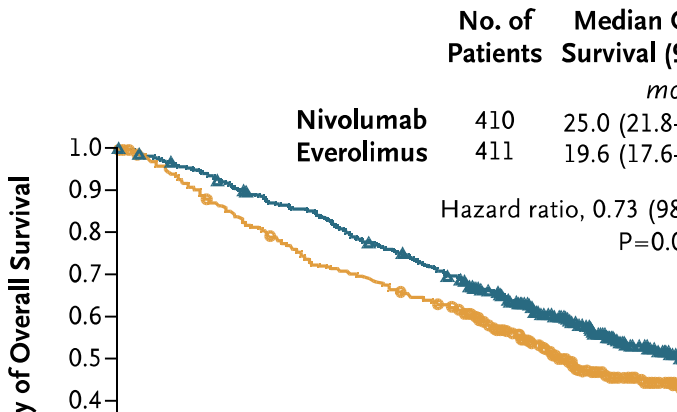
Cabozantinib versus Everolimus in Advanced Renal-Cell Carcinoma

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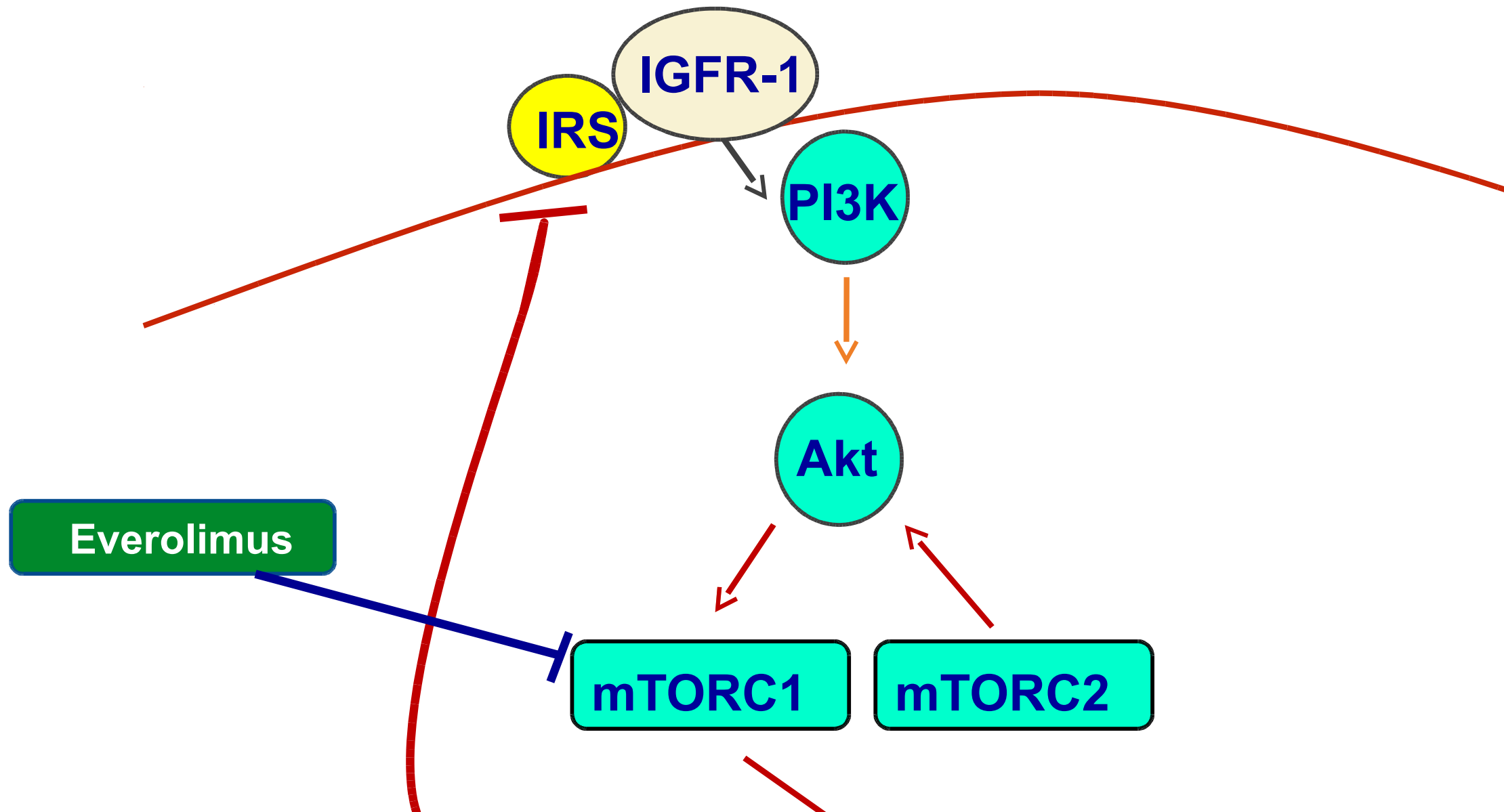
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Resistance to mTOR inhibitors

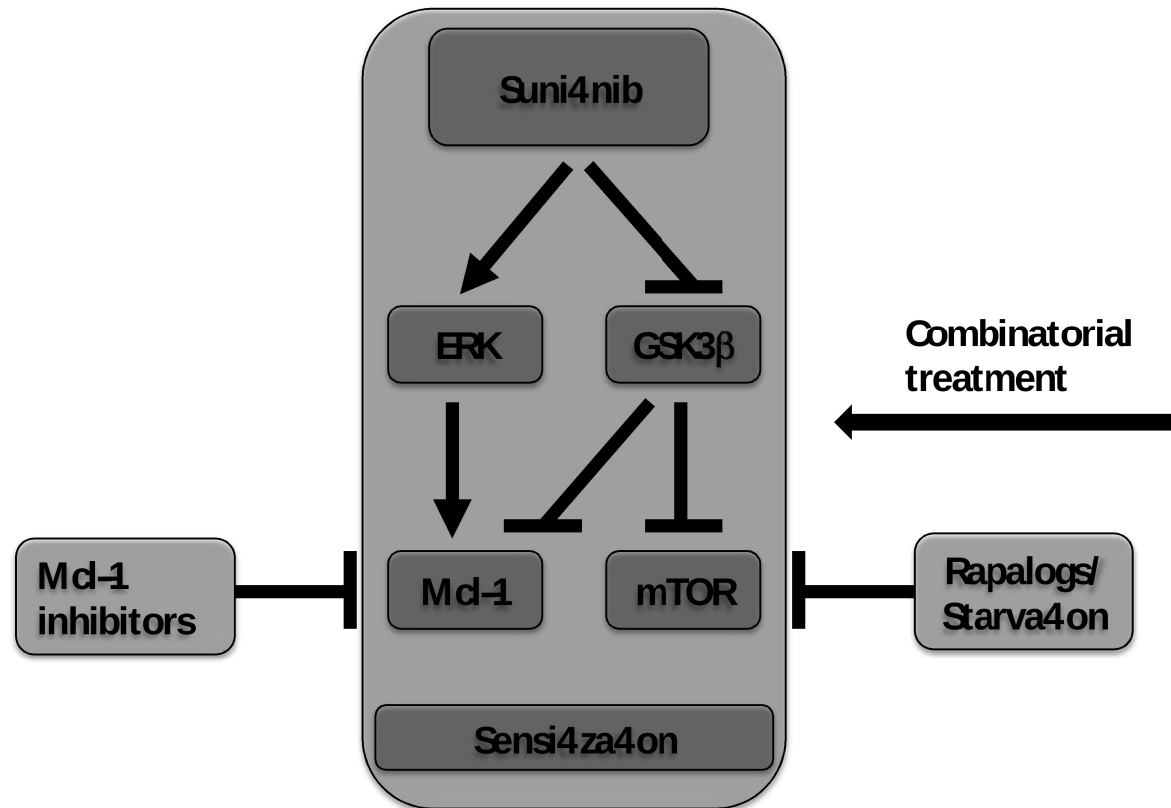
Deconstructing feedback-signaling networks to improve anticancer therapy with mTORC1 inhibitors

Arkaitz Carracedo¹, Jose Baselga², and Pier Paolo Pandolfi¹ *Cell Cycle*. 2008



Dual modulation of Mcl-1 and mTOR by sunitinib determines the response of cancer cells

Comparison of patient samples prior and post sunitinib treatment suggests that increasing Mcl-1 levels and mTORC1 activity correlates with resistance to sunitinib in patients



Toxicity of mTOR inhibitors

Toxicity of everolimus: data from phase III trials

Table 1. Incidence of key class-effect toxicities from phase III studies of everolimus in advanced solid tumors

	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma [8]		Neuroendocrine tumors of pancreatic origin [6]		Advanced breast cancer [7]
	Everolimus + best supportive care (<i>n</i> = 274), %		Everolimus (<i>n</i> = 204), %		Everolimus + best supportive care (<i>n</i> = 482), %
	All Grades	Grade 3/grade 4	All grades	Grade 3/4 ^a	All grades
Stomatitis	44	4/<1	64	7	59
Rash	29	1/0	49	<1	39
Noninfectious pneumonitis	14	4/0	17	2	16
Hyperglycemia	57 ^b	15/<1 ^b	13	5	14 ^c
Infections ^d	37	7/3	23	2	50 ^e

^aBreakdown by grade 3 and 4 not reported.

^bBased on laboratory values.

^cBased on investigator-reported adverse events.

^dIncidence based on system organ class (SOC); includes all infections.

^eData from Afinitor prescribing information [2].

The adverse event profile of everolimus is broadly similar across various approved indications

Outcomes in Patients With Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Who Develop Everolimus-Related Hyperglycemia and Hypercholesterolemia: Combined Subgroup Analyses of the RECORD-1 and REACT Trials

Petri Bono,¹ Stephane Oudard,² Istvan Bodrogi,³ Thomas E. Hutson,⁴
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Robert J. Motzer¹⁶

Clinical Genitourinary Cancer

Hyperglycemia and hypercholesterolemia were observed in low numbers of patients, and although these events might be associated with improved response to everolimus, the differences were not statistically significant.

Lung toxicity of mTOR inhibitors: a meta-analysis of published trials

Patients treated with mTOR inhibitors have an increased risk of pulmonary toxicity.

The high grade is a rare event but one in 10 patients experience grade G1-2 toxicity with a worsening of quality of life and interruption of therapy.

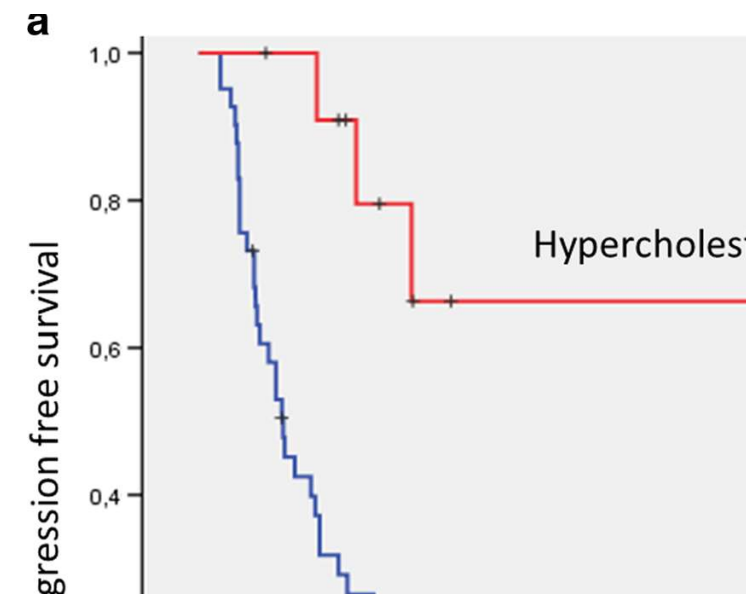
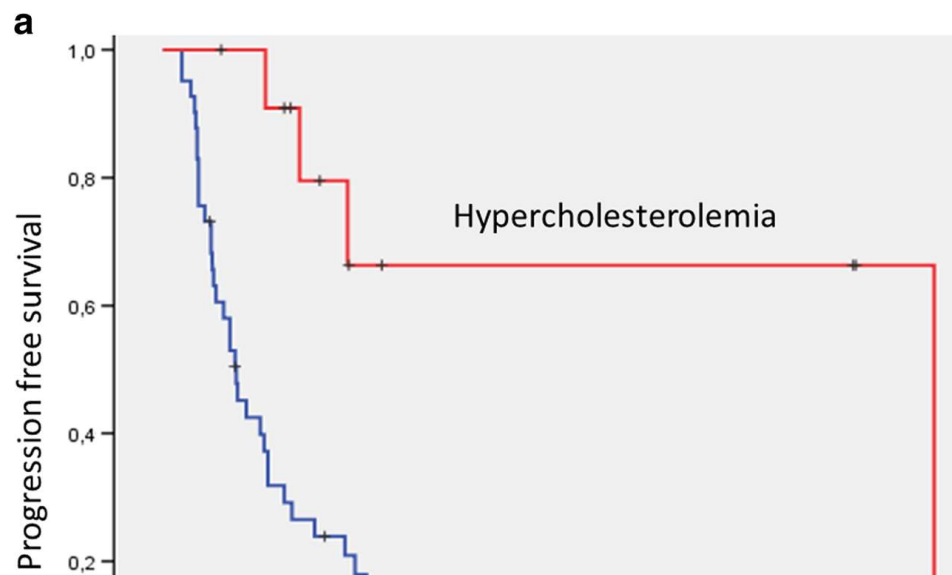
Predictive factors to everolimus

SHORT REPORT

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Prediction of response to everolimus in neuroendocrine tumors: evaluation of clinical, biological and histological factors

Noura Benslama^{1,2,3} & Julien Bollard² & Cécile Vercherat² & Patrick Massoma² & Colette Roche² & Valérie Hervieu^{2,3,4} & Julien Peron⁵ & Catherine Lombard-Bohas¹ & Jean-Yves Scoazec² & Thomas Walter^{1,2,3}





mTOR inhibitors response and mTOR pathway in pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors

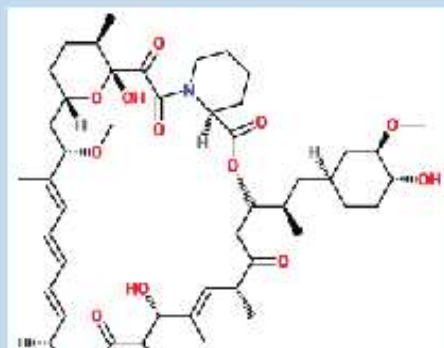
Primary cultures

*IHC characterization of **p-AKT** might help in
identifying human p-NET who can benefit from
Everolimus treatment*

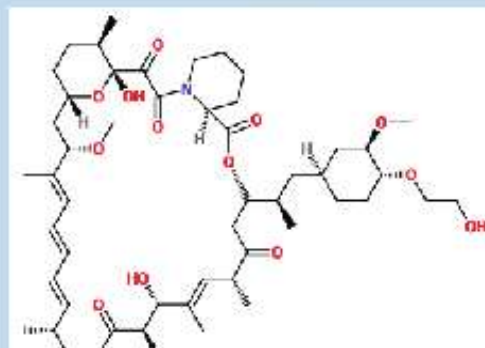
mTORC1 + mTORC2 inhibitors

First Generation: Rapalogs

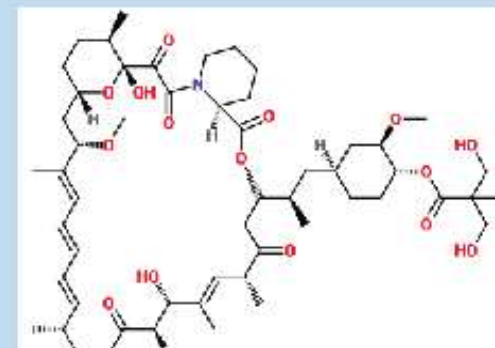
Rapamycin



RAD001



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2nd	INK128/MLN0128	Phase I/II (25)	Intellikine	Advanced solid tu myeloma/Walden macroglobulinem
2nd	OSI027	Phase I/II (1)	OSI Pharmaceuticals	Advanced solid t



Red sage

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Inhibition of PI3K/Akt/mTOR Signaling by Natural Products

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Nutraceuticals
Apigenin (flavonoid) (fruits, vegetables and beverages)
Cryptotanshinone (roots of the plant <i>Salvia miltiorrhiza</i> , also called red sage)
Flavonoids (fruits, vegetables and beverages)
Fisetin (fruits, vegetables and beverages)
Genistein (soybeans)
Quercetin (tea, red grapes, onions)
Resveratrol (red grapes)
Tocotrienols (vit. E)

Thanks !