

# **RADIONUCLIDE THERAPY AND ALLIED SCIENCE**

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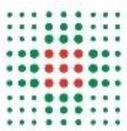
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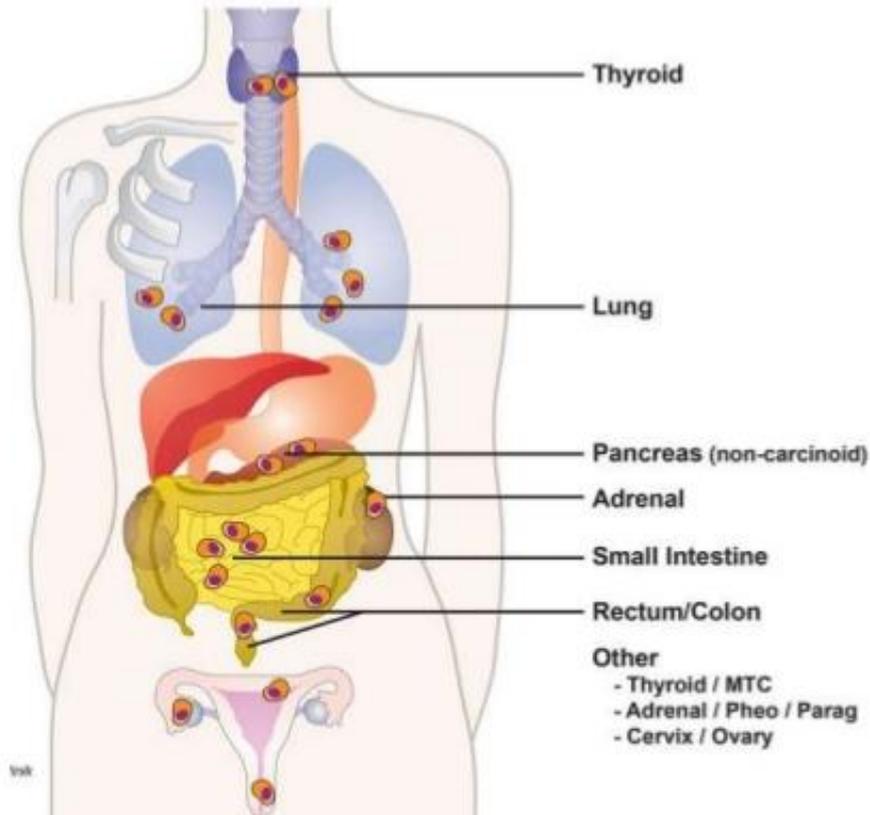
## **A New Proposal for Metabolic Classification of NENs**

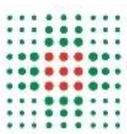
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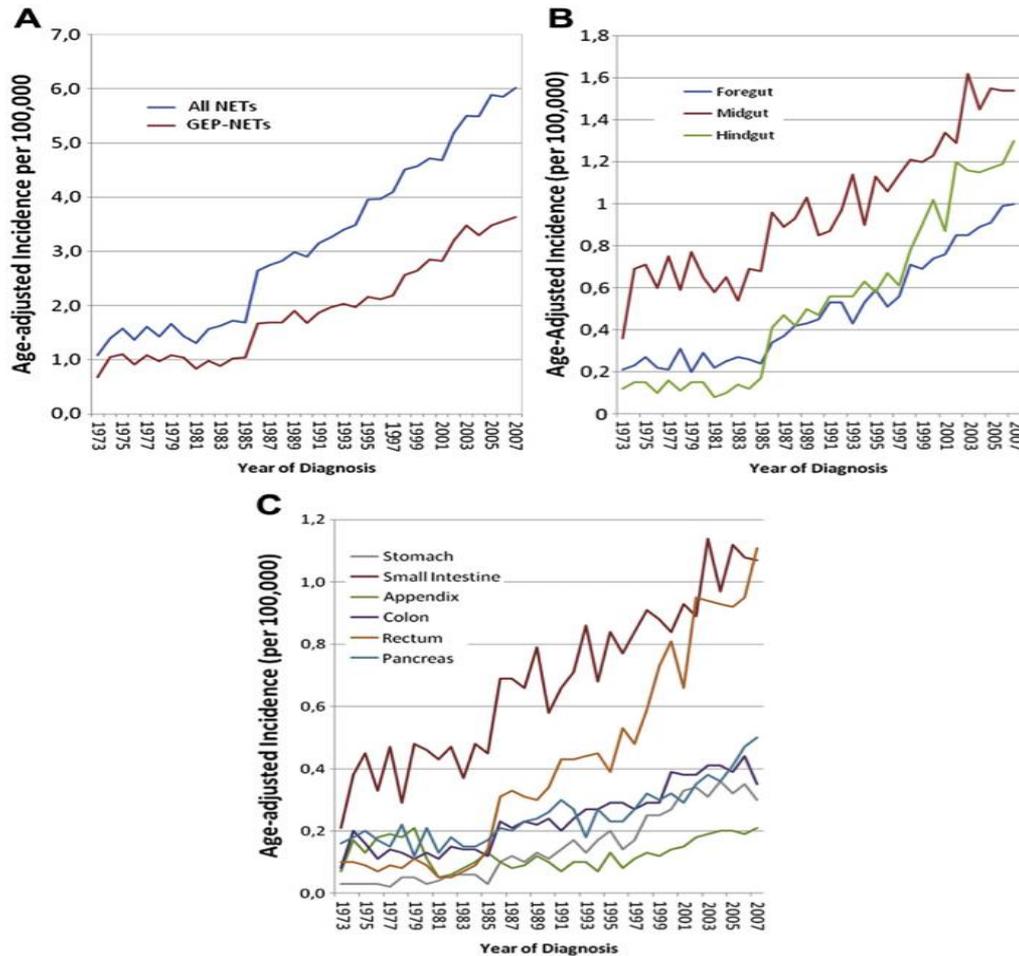


Neuroendocrine tumors are heterogeneous family of cancer with different prognosis according to histotypes and biological features





# NETs: Incidence and Prognosis

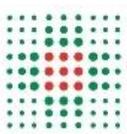


GEP-NETs overall incidence has raised from 10 (1973-1977) to 36,5/million (2003 to 2007) in US.

In the most recent SEER registry analyses (SEER 17 up to 2007), 61.0% of all NETs were GEP-NETs, with highest frequencies in the rectum (17.7% of NETs), small intestine (17.3% of NETs) and colon (10.1% of NETs).

Pancreatic, gastric, and appendiceal sites accounted for 7.0%, 6.0%, and 3.1% of NETs, respectively.  
*Lawrence B et al. 2011*

*NETs incidence has increased between 1973 and 2007. The most substantial change in incidence over time occurred in small intestinal and rectal NETs, and these are now the most common GEP-NETs.  
Figure taken from Lawrence B. et al. Endocrinol Metab Clin N Am, 2011*



# Classification

The 2010 WHO classification is based on tumor volume, localization, cell proliferation index, local or vascular invasivity, presence of metastases and biological active hormone production

## NENs

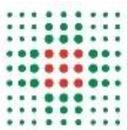


### GRADING GEP-NETs (ENETS - WHO)

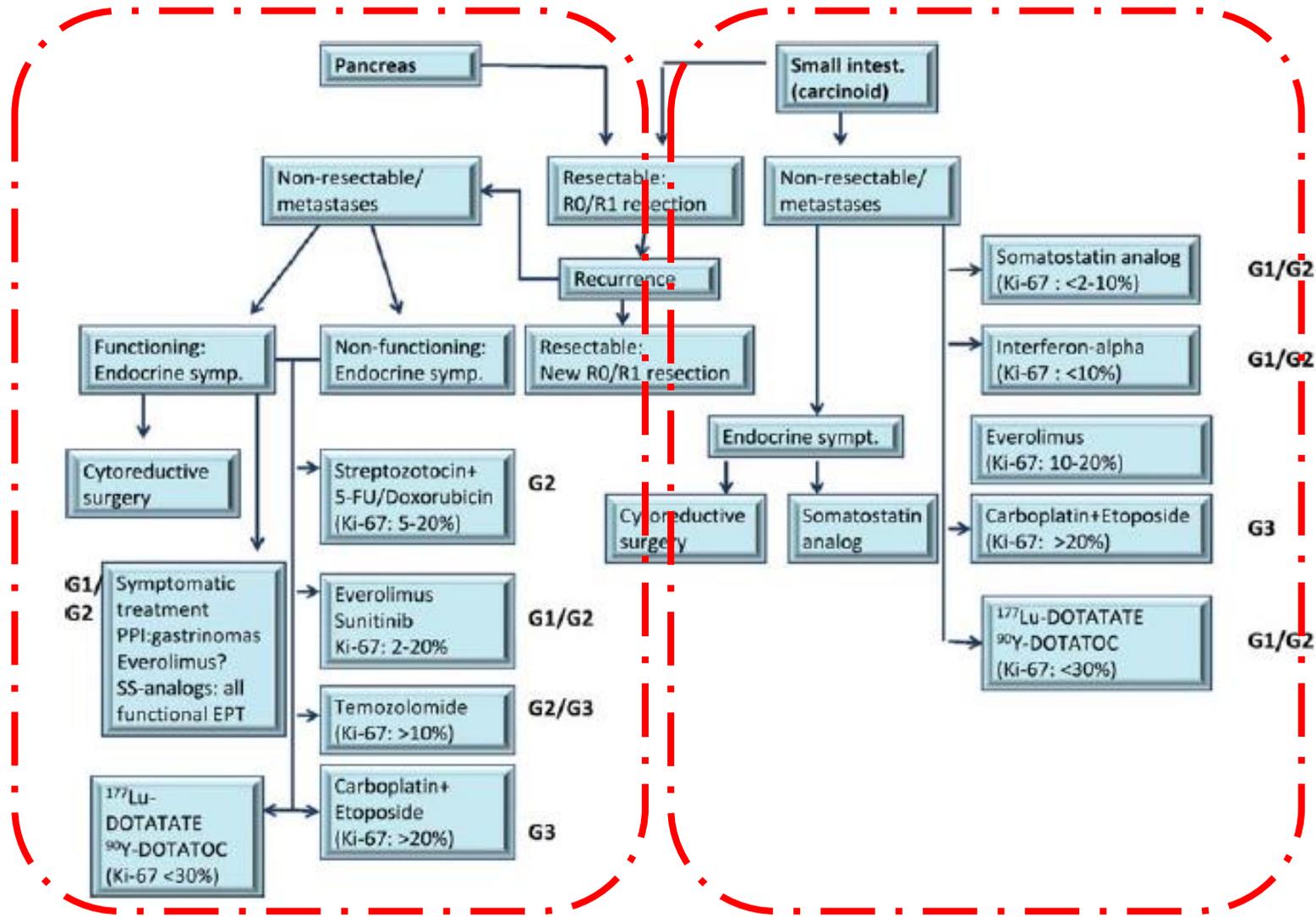
**G1**  $\leq 2$  mitosis / 10hpf  
<3% Ki67 index

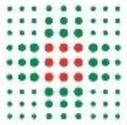
**G2** 3 - 20 mitosis / 10hpf  
3%-20% Ki67 index

**G3** >20 mitosis / 10hpf  
>20% Ki67 index



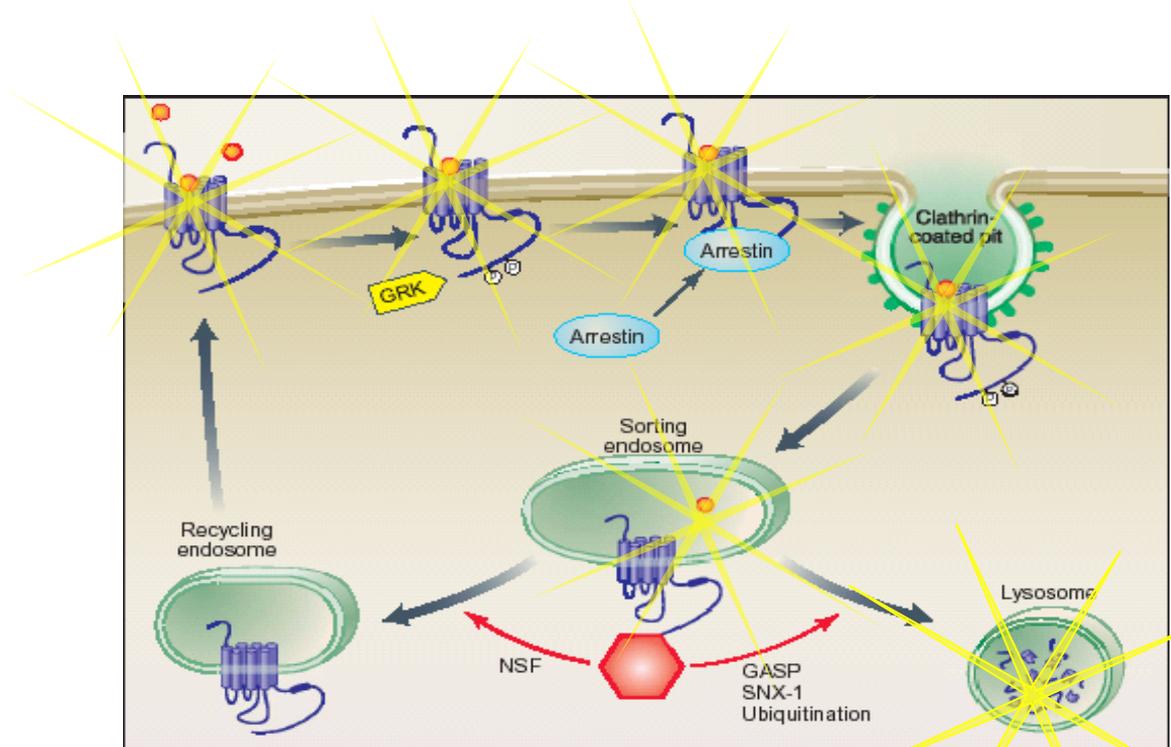
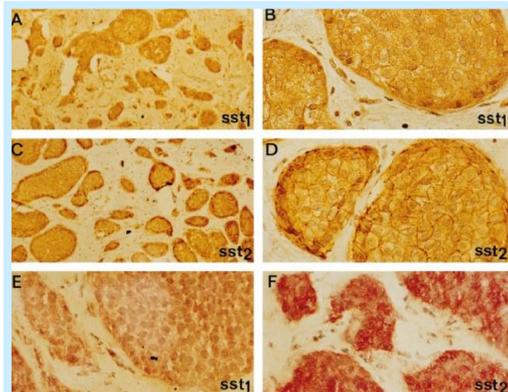
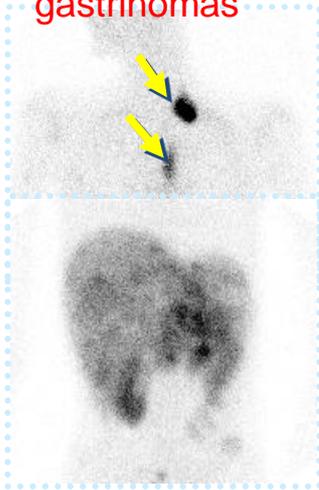
# ESMO 2012 GEP-NETs Guide Line



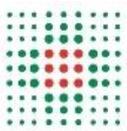


# PRRT: rationale basis of the radioligand binding

Metastatic gastrinomas



By Gray JA and Roth BL, Science 2002



## PRRT: the IEO-IRST experience

1997

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

Dosimetry ( $^{111}\text{In}$  modelling)  
Phase I studies  
Efficacy

2004

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

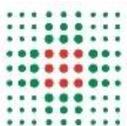
Dosimetry  
Phase I-II study

2008

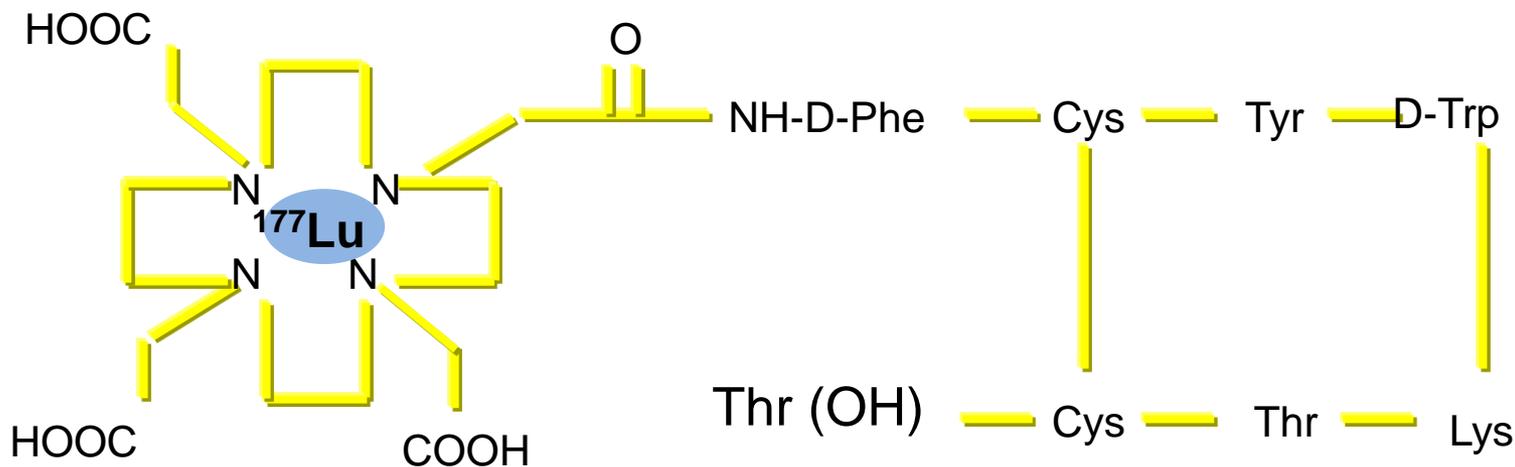
**Safety and efficacy**

Renal and Bone Marrow Toxicity  
Phase II study of  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -TATE in GEP-NETs  
FDG-PET in GEP NETs

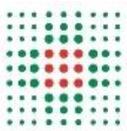
TODAY



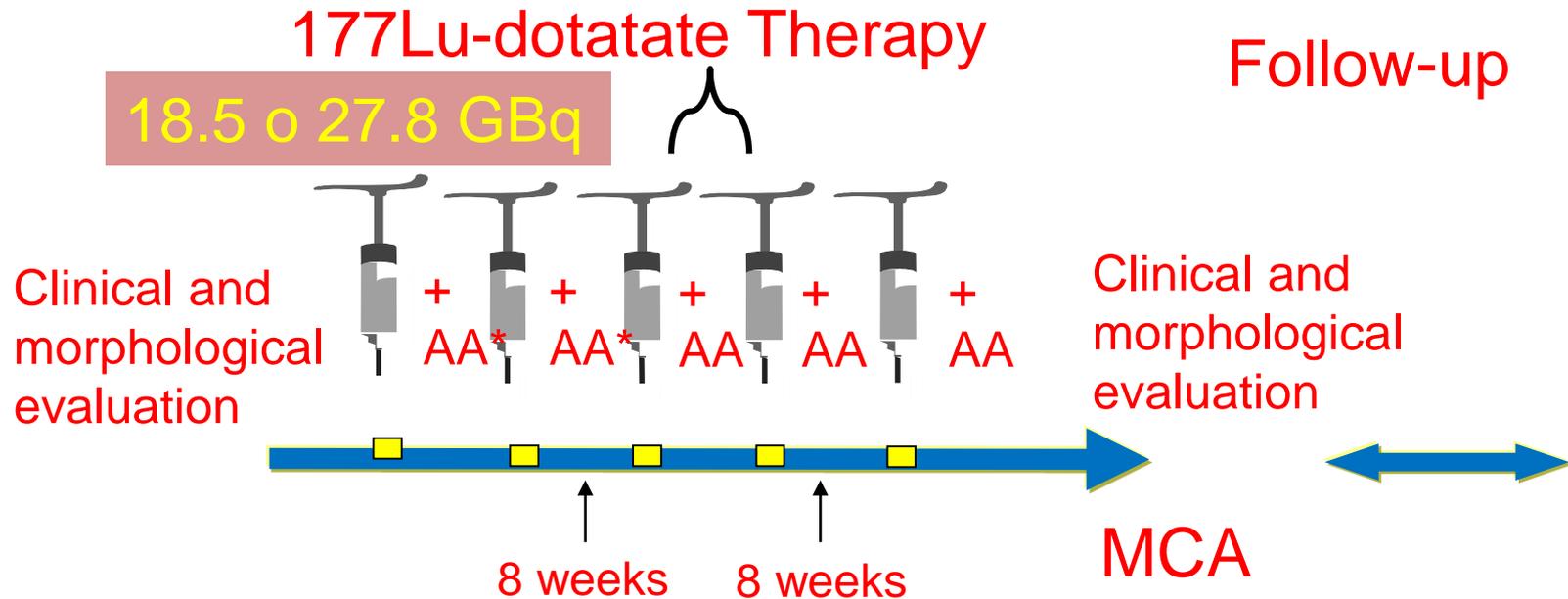
# [<sup>177</sup>Lu-DOTA<sup>0</sup>-Tyr<sup>3</sup>]-octreotate (<sup>177</sup>Lu-DOTATATE)



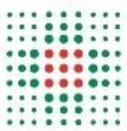
Affinity (IC <sub>50</sub> , nM)				
<i>sst</i> <sub>1</sub>	<i>sst</i> <sub>2</sub>	<i>sst</i> <sub>3</sub>	<i>sst</i> <sub>4</sub>	<i>sst</i> <sub>5</sub>
>10,000	1.6 ± 0.4	>1,000	523 ± 239	187 ± 50



# Therapy scheme

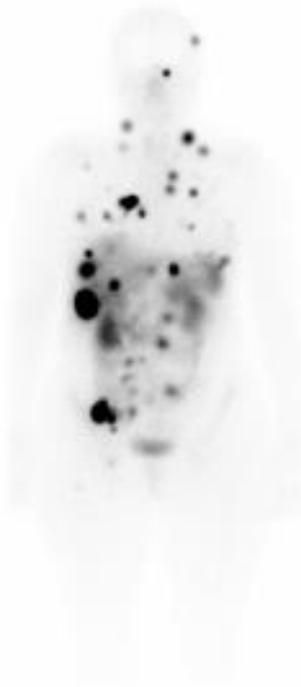


Lisine 70 MEq in 500 ml saline: 250 cc pre therapy and 250 cc in course of therapy  
Lisine 70 MEq in 500 ml salina 3 ours after  
Lisine 70 MEq in 500 ml salina x 2 the day after therapy.

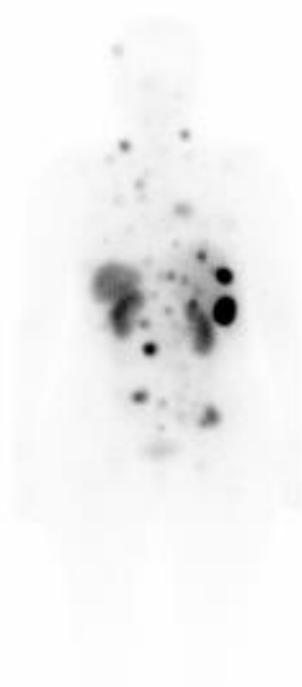


# $^{177}\text{Lu}$ Dotatate; Total Body

I Cycle



Anterior

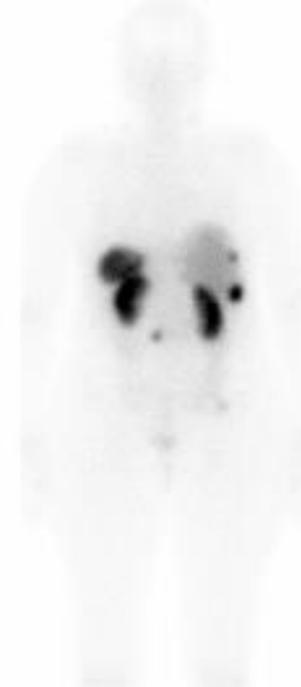


Posterior

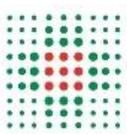
IV Cycle



Anterior

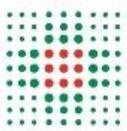


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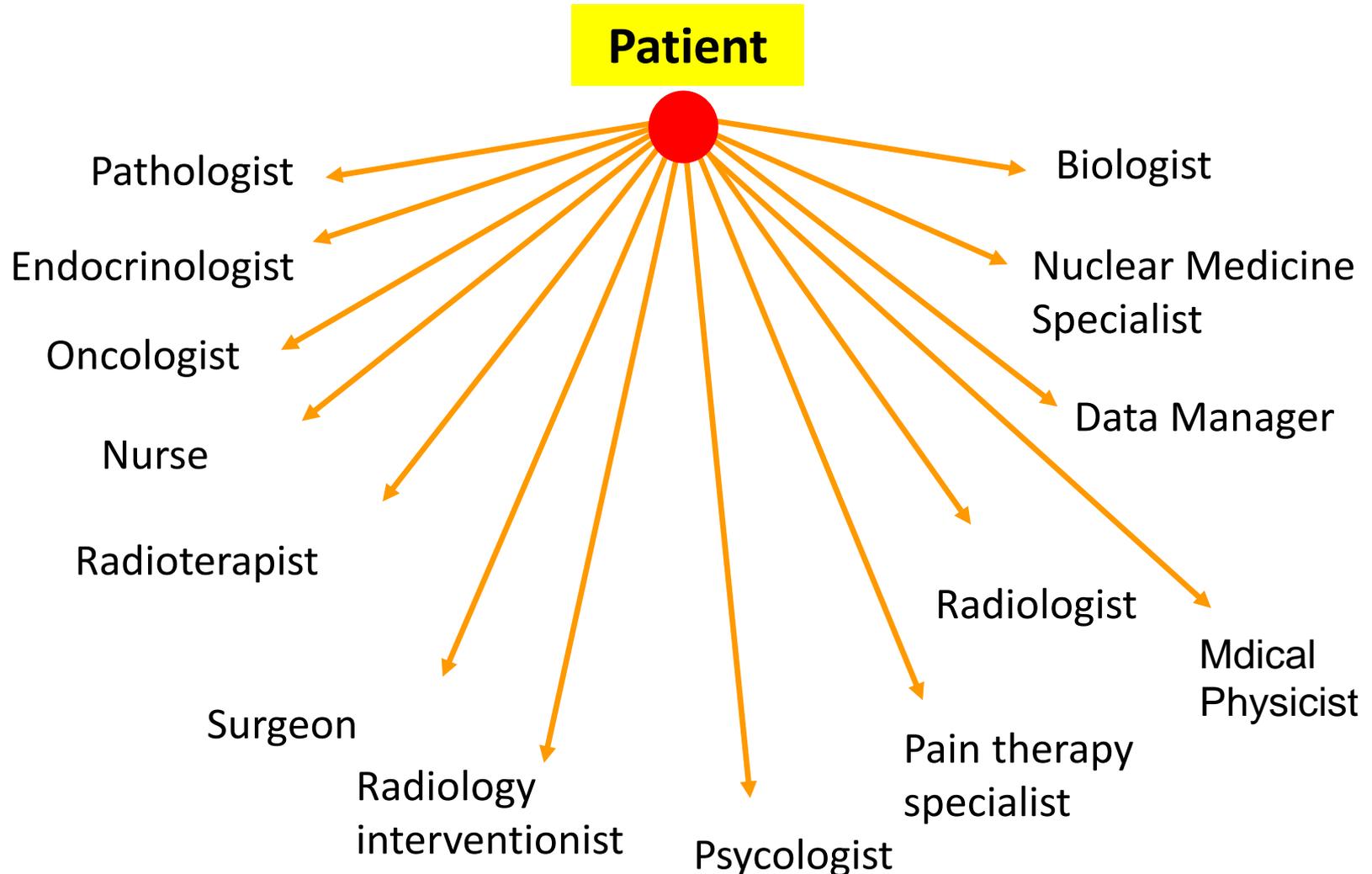


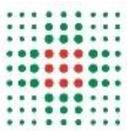
# Overall Response: PRRT and other therapies

Treatment	Tumor type	N. Patients	PR + CR	PFS/OS	Reference
STZ+ Doxorubicin+FU	p-NET	84	39%	PFS 18m OS 37m	Kouvaraki (2004)
Temozolomide	p-NET	53	34%	PFS 14m OS 35m	Kulke (2009)
Temozolomide + Capecitabine	p-NET	30	70%	PFS 18m	Strosberg (2010)
Everolimus	p-NET	207	5%	11m	Yao (2011)
Sunitinib	p-NET	86	9%	11m	Raymond (2011)
<sup>177</sup> Lu-DOTATATE	midgut / p-NET	310	30% p-NET 44%	PFS 33m OS 46m	Kwekkeboom (2008)
<sup>177</sup> Lu DOTATATE IRST	p-NET	52	29%	29 m	Sansovini et al Neuroendo2013

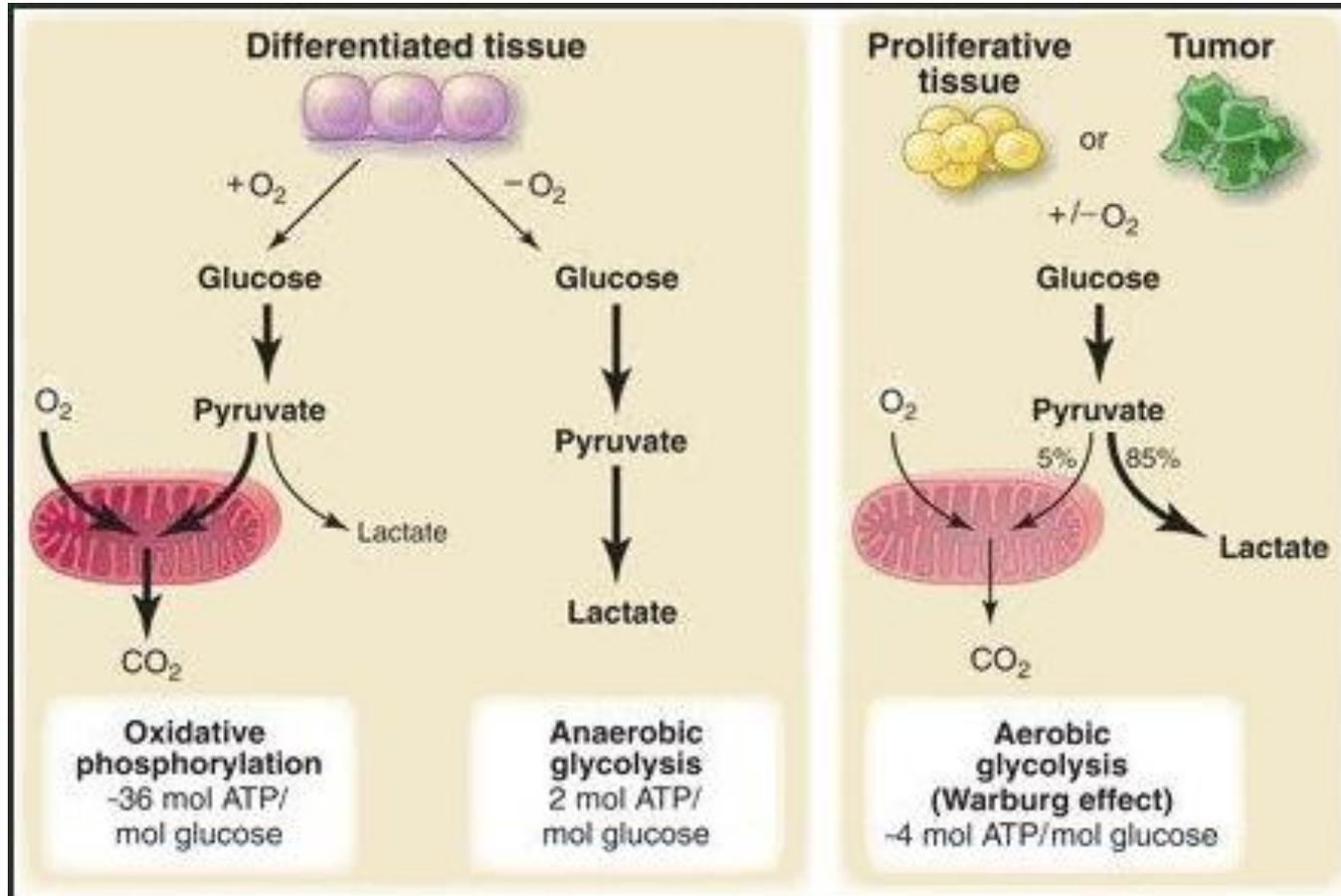


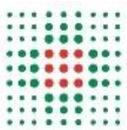
# Multidisciplinary team of NENs





# Warburg Effect





# FDG – PET with a prognostic purpose in NET

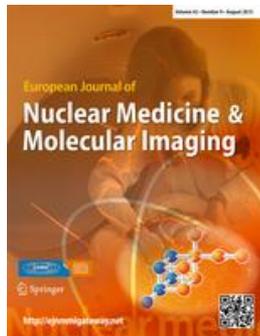
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Clinical  
Cancer  
Research

## *Imaging, Diagnosis, Prognosis*

## **$^{18}\text{F}$ -Fluorodeoxyglucose Positron Emission Tomography Predicts Survival of Patients with Neuroendocrine Tumors**

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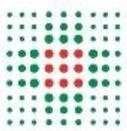


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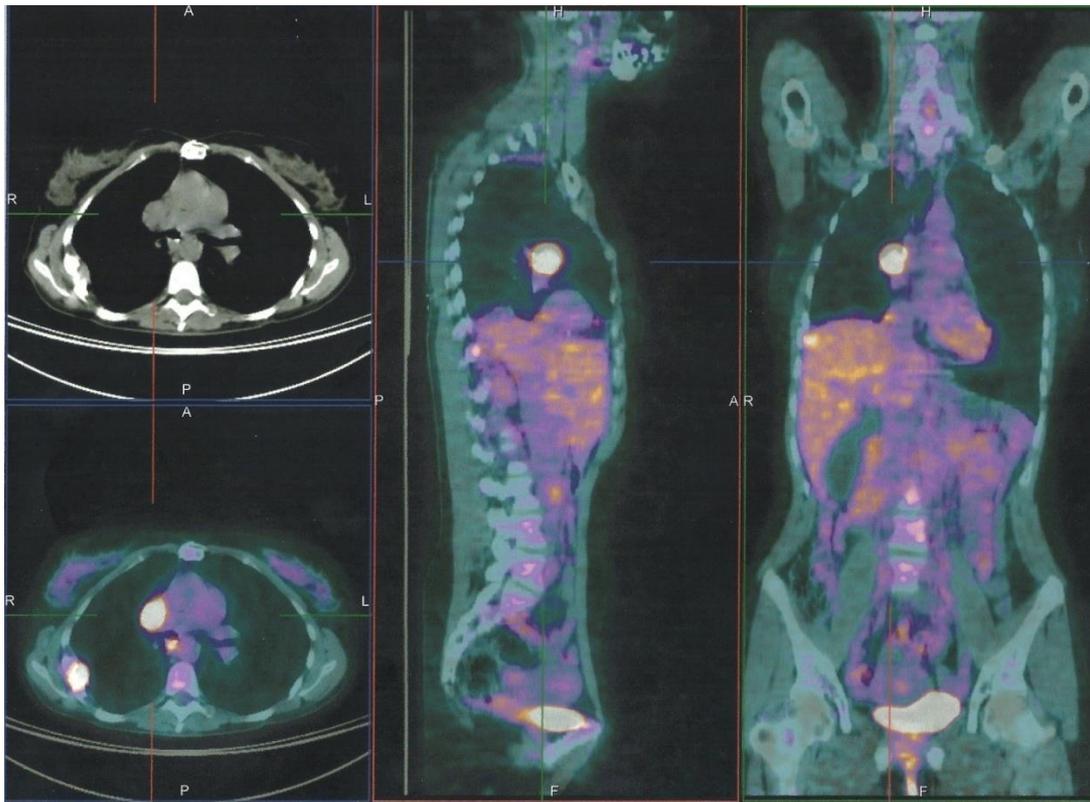
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## **Role of $^{18}\text{F}$ FDG PET/CT in patients treated with $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -DOTATATE for advanced differentiated neuroendocrine tumours**

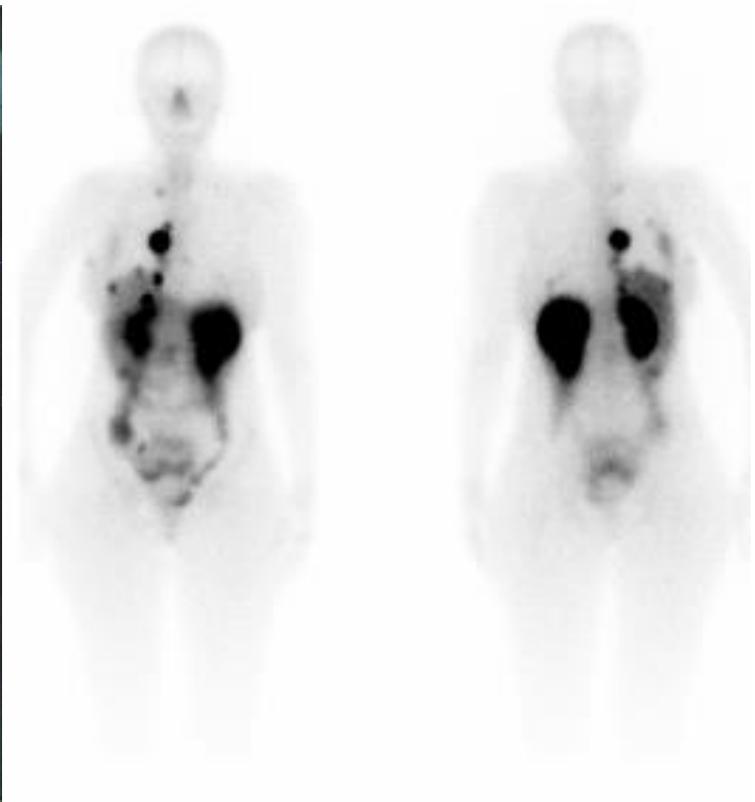
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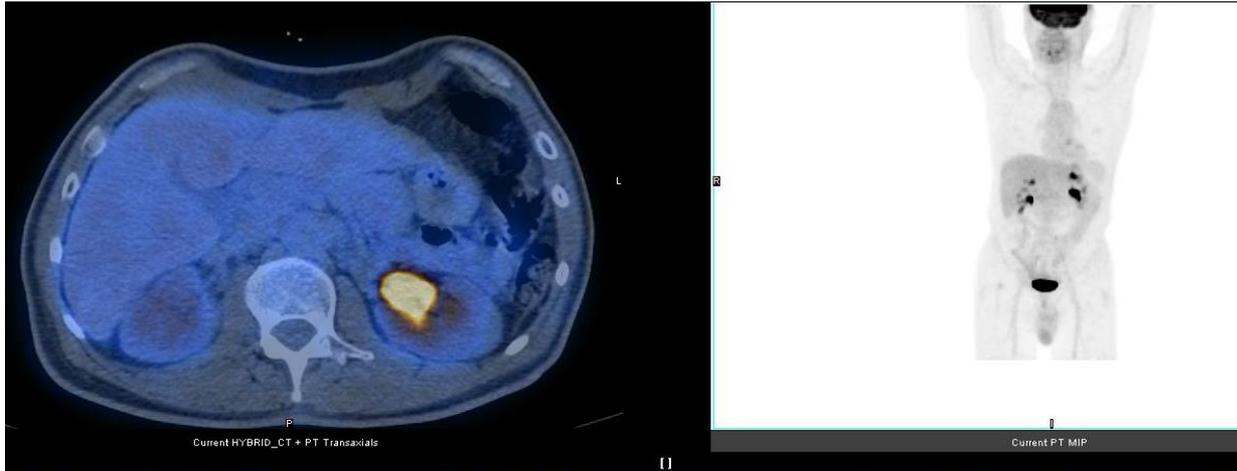
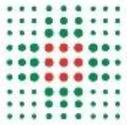
# PET-CT FDG e TB post terapia con $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate



FDG PET

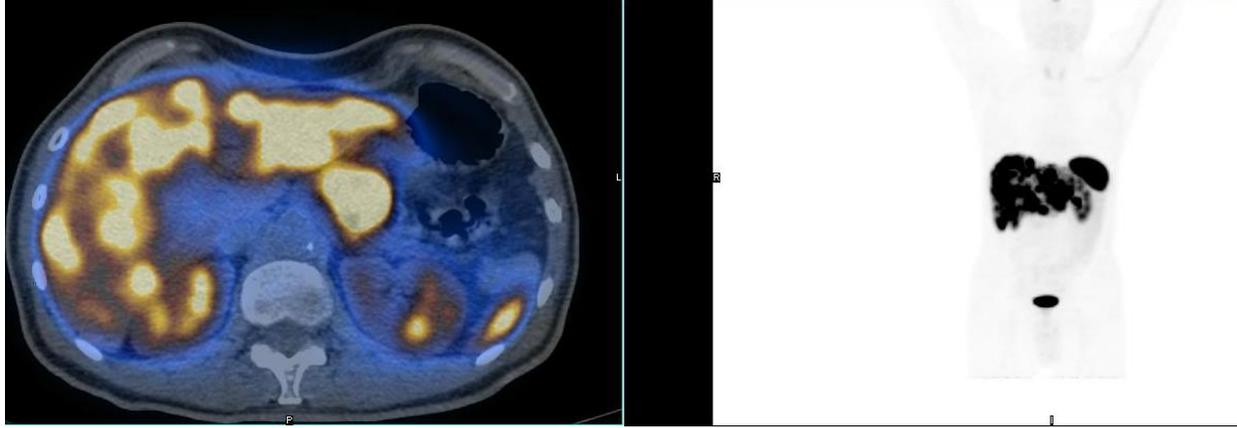


Post  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate TB



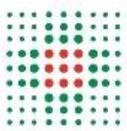
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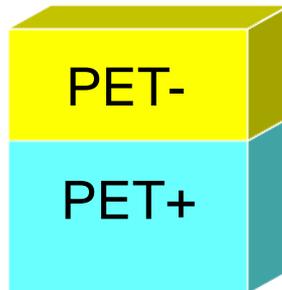
**Ki67 5 %**



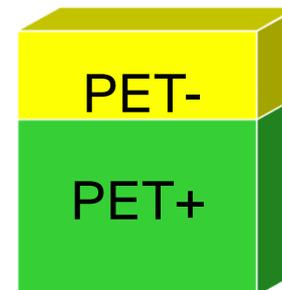
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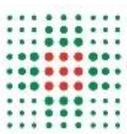
**FDG PET+ Ve**

**57% G1**

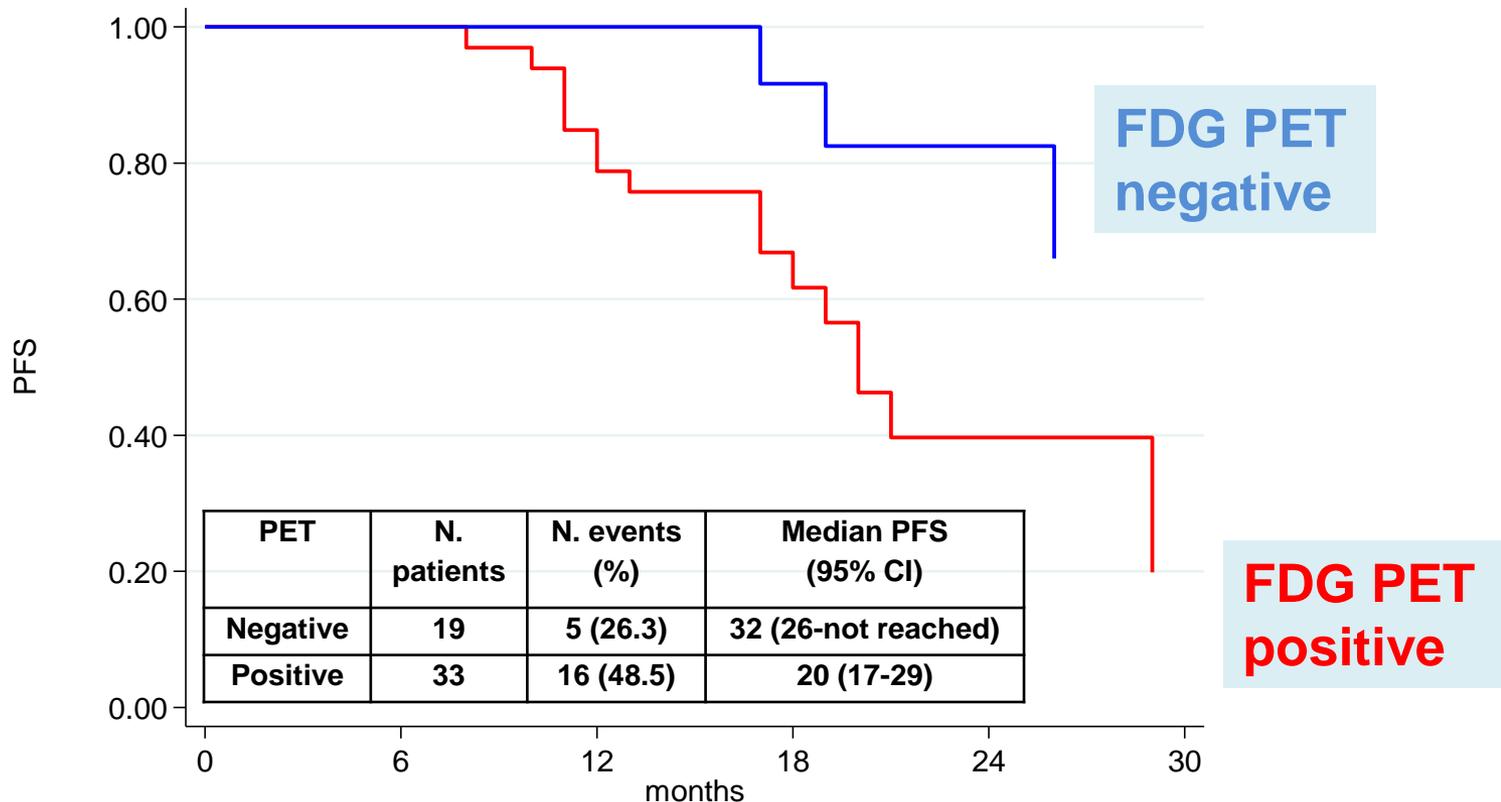


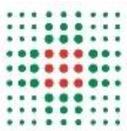
**66% G2**





# Median PFS according to FDG PET (n=52)

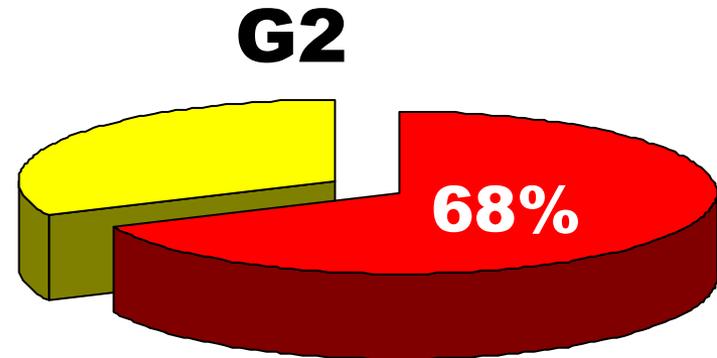
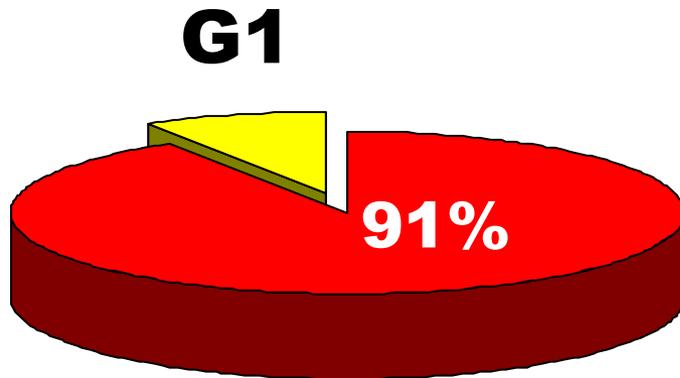




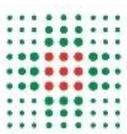
## In PET+ cases we had

In G1 patients DCR 91% PFS n.r.

In G2 patients DCR 68% PFS 19 months.



**PFS analysis was statistically significant**



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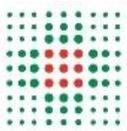
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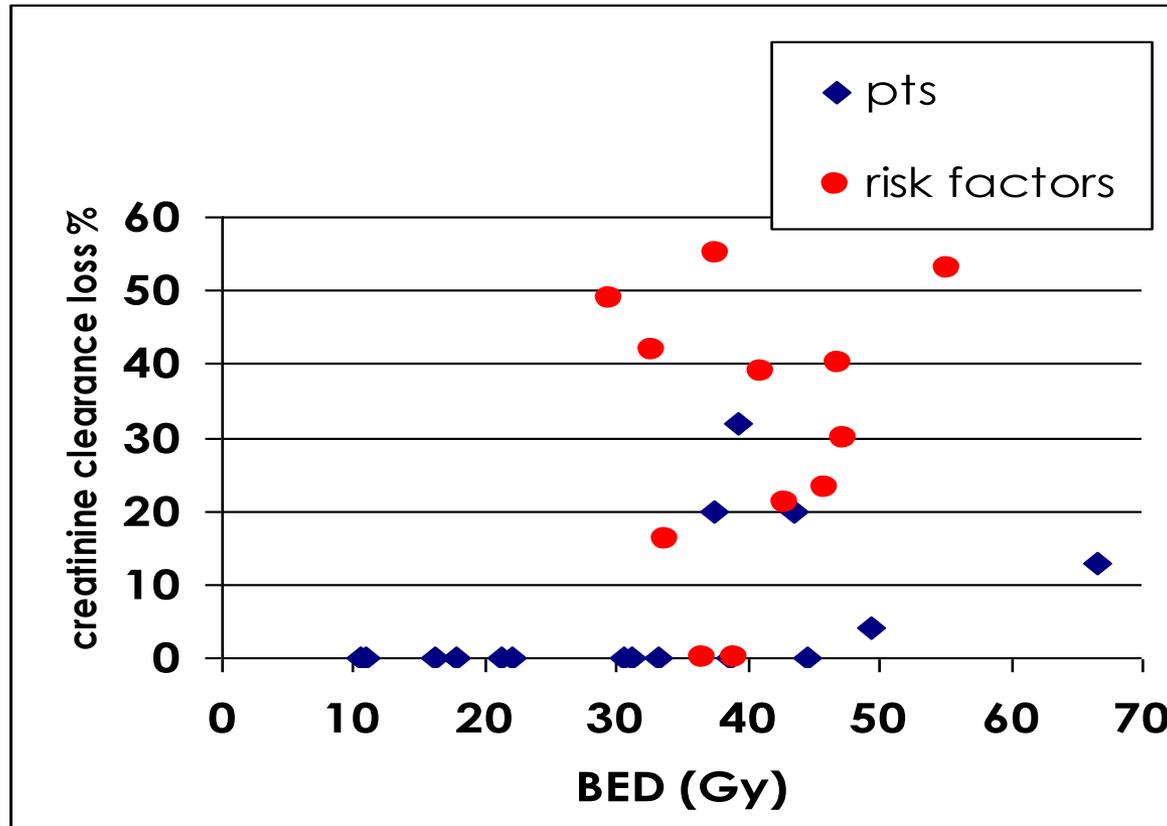
# Long-term evaluation of renal toxicity after peptide receptor radionuclide therapy with $^{90}\text{Y}$ -DOTATOC and $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -DOTATATE: the role of associated risk factors

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**Risk factors for kidney and bone marrow toxicity:**  
diabetes, hypertension, previous chemotherapy,  
previous PRRT

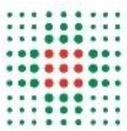


# Creatine Clearance % Decrease vs BED and Risk factors



BED threshold of 28 Gy in patients with Risk Factors

BED threshold of 40 Gy in patients without Risk Factors



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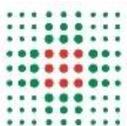
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# 177 Lu-Dota-octreotate radionuclide therapy of advanced gastrointestinal neuroendocrine tumors: results from a phase II study

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## GEP-NETs SSTR2 Positive



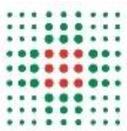
Risk factors for Kidney and Bone Marrow toxicity

No Risk factors

Risk Factors

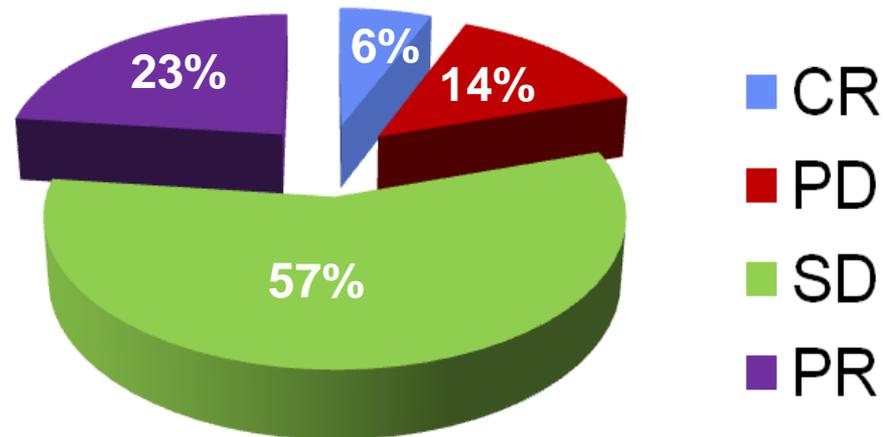
$^{177}\text{Lu}$  750mCi in 5 cycles

$^{177}\text{Lu}$  500 mCi in 5 cycles

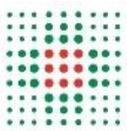


# Results in 65 Pancreatic patients

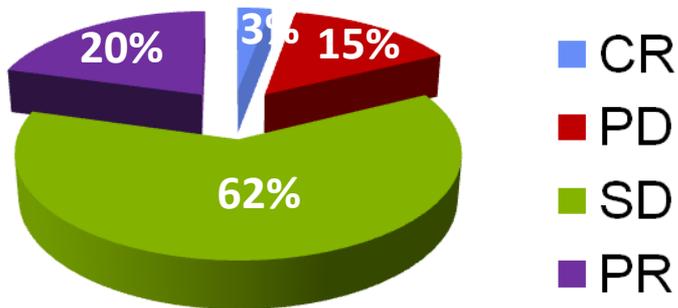
## OVERALL RESPONSE



**Median PFS 35 months (22-54)**  
**Median OS nr**



## REDUCED DOSAGE GROUP



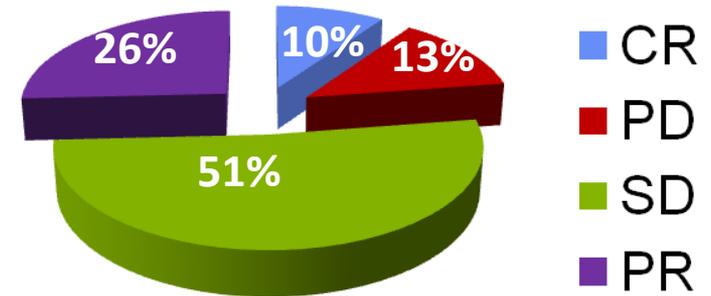
34 patients had **17.8 GBq**  
(range 11.1-19.9)

DCR 85%

Median PFS 25 mesi (20-nr)

**Median OS 50 (28-nr)**

## FULL DOSAGE GROUP

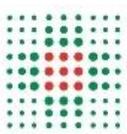


31 patients had **25.5 GBq**  
(range 20.7-27.8)

DCR 87%

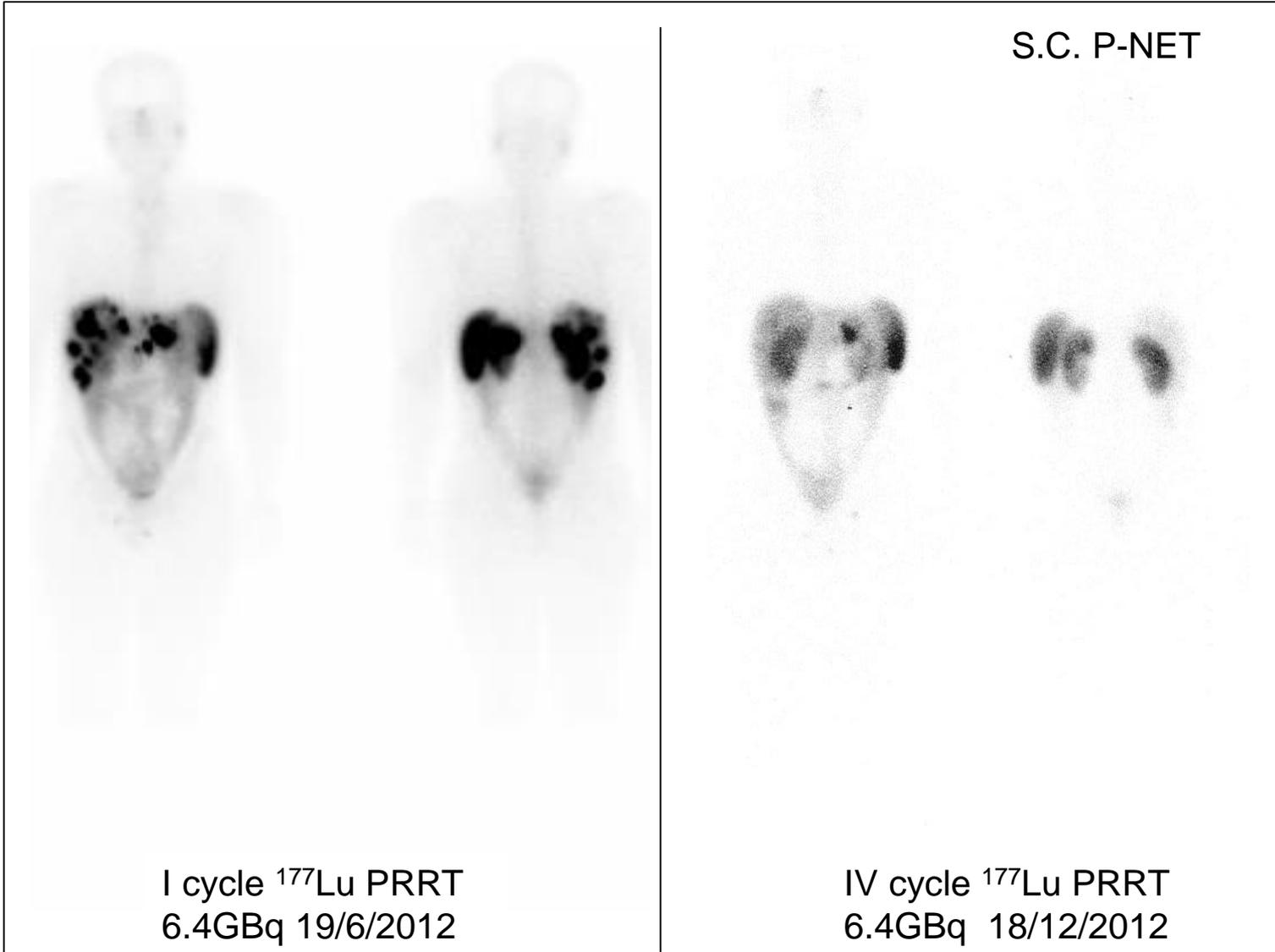
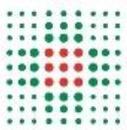
Median PFS 46 mesi (26-69)

**Median OS nr**



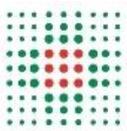
## No major haematological toxicity. One G3 kidney toxicity in a patient with risk factors

Toxicity	Overall (%)			FD Group (%)			RD Group (%)		
	G1	G2	G3	G1	G2	G3	G1	G2	G3
WBC	10 (15)	5 (8)	0	2 (6)	5 (16)	0	8 (23)	0	0
PLT	12 (18)	1 (2)	0	5 (16)	0	0	7 (21)	1 (3)	0
HB	18 (28)	4 (6)	0	10 (32)	2 (6)	0	8 (23)	2 (6)	0
CREATININE	4 (6)	1 (2)	1 (2)	0	0	0	4 (12)	1 (3)	1 (3)

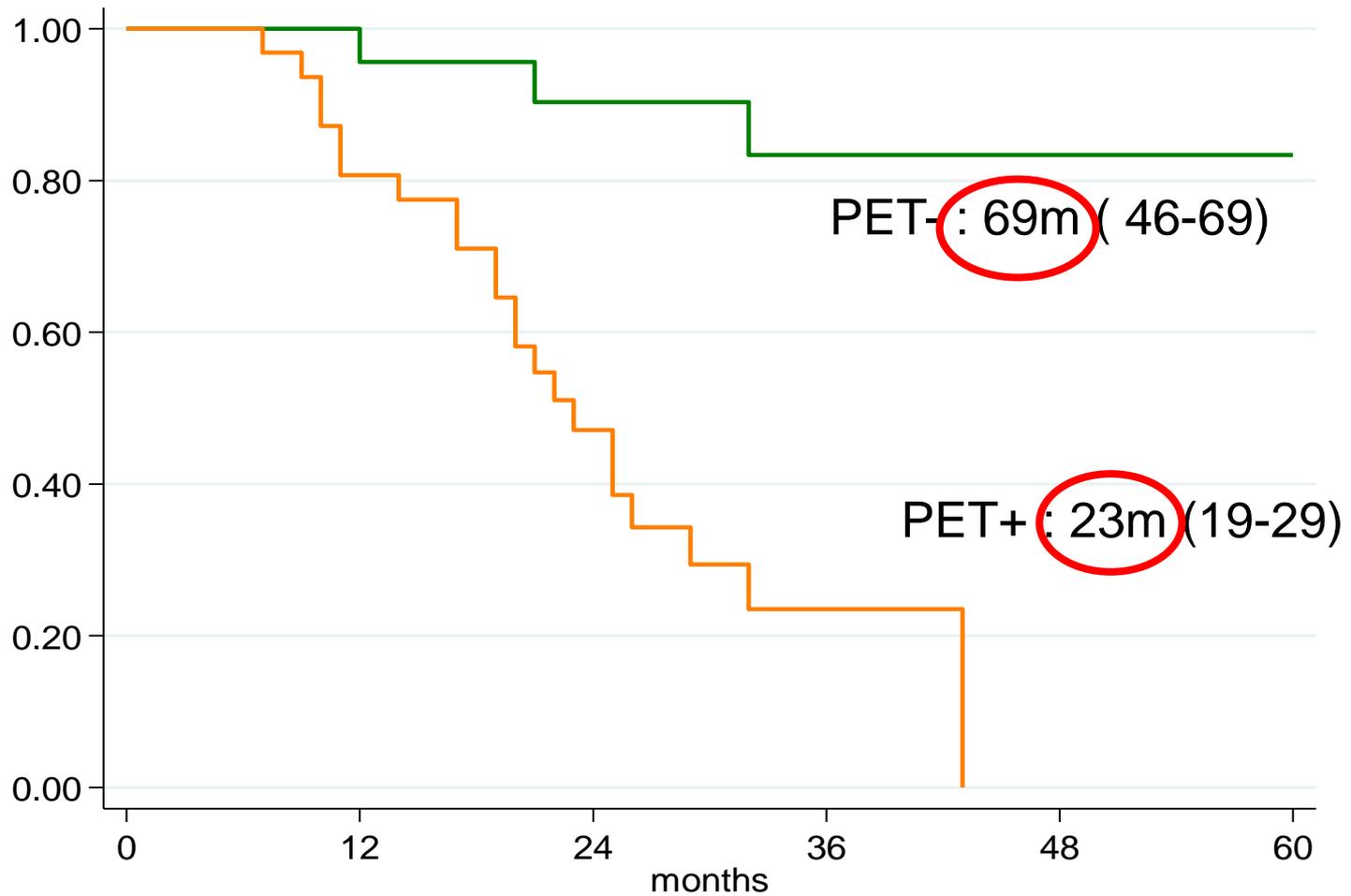


I cycle <sup>177</sup>Lu PRRT  
6.4GBq 19/6/2012

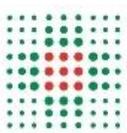
IV cycle <sup>177</sup>Lu PRRT  
6.4GBq 18/12/2012



# Median PFS according to FDG-PET in p-NET

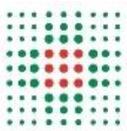


$p < 0.0001$



## Fase II prospective Protocol: High Grade Ki67 GEP-NENs patients treated with <sup>177</sup>Lu- Dotatate to evaluate activity and toxicity

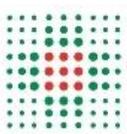
- 26 consecutive patients with **Ki67 >15%** treated with 4-5 cycles <sup>177</sup>Lu dotatate therapy 6 ± 2 weeks apart
- Reduced dosage for patients with factors
- 20/26 patients had FDG PET positive



## 26 High Ki67 Grade GEP-NENs patients

Median follow-up: 30 months (range 3-69)

	n. pts	DCR	Median PFS (95% CI)	p	Median OS (95% CI)	p
Overall	26	16 (61%)	18.4 m. (7.1-26.3)	-	36.6 (16.3-55.8)	-
Ki67 15-35%	16	13 (81%)	20.9 m. (10.8-28.0)		52.9 (17.1-68.9)	
Ki67 >35%	10	3 (19%)	6.8 m. (2.1-27.0)	0.050	12.6 (3.4-55.8)	0.054

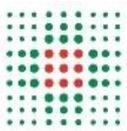


# 177Lu-DOTATATE PRRT ASSOCIATED WITH METRONOMIC CAPECITABINE IN PATIENTS AFFECTED BY AGGRESSIVE GEP-NENs (LuX).

Phase: I-II n. IRST 100.19

- **38** pts. enrolled, (2 withdrawn for early toxicity)
- **17** concluded the PRRT protocol, **19** are ongoing
- no kidney or bone marrow toxicity  $\geq$ G2 (personalized PRRT and capecitabine dosage )
- 17 pts. (WHO Grading : 4 G1, 10 G2, 3 G3),  
The post therapy result was **10 SD, 7 PR**

**Preliminary scintigraphic results**

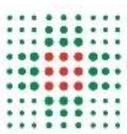


# GRADING PROPOSAL FOR GEP-NENs

GRADE (KI 67 index)	PRRT	PRRT + Chemo
<b>G 1 (&lt;5%)</b>	<b>G1<sup>-ve</sup></b>	<b>G1<sup>+ve</sup></b>
<b>G 2a (6-15%)</b>	<b>G2a<sup>-ve</sup></b>	<b>G2a<sup>+ve</sup></b>
<b>G 2b (15-35%)</b>	<b>G2b<sup>-ve</sup></b>	<b>G2b<sup>+ve</sup></b>
<b>G 3a (36-55%)</b>	<b>G3a<sup>-ve</sup></b>	<b>G3a<sup>+ve</sup></b>
<b>G 3b (&gt;55%)</b>	<b>G3b<sup>-ve</sup></b>	<b>G3b<sup>+ve</sup></b>

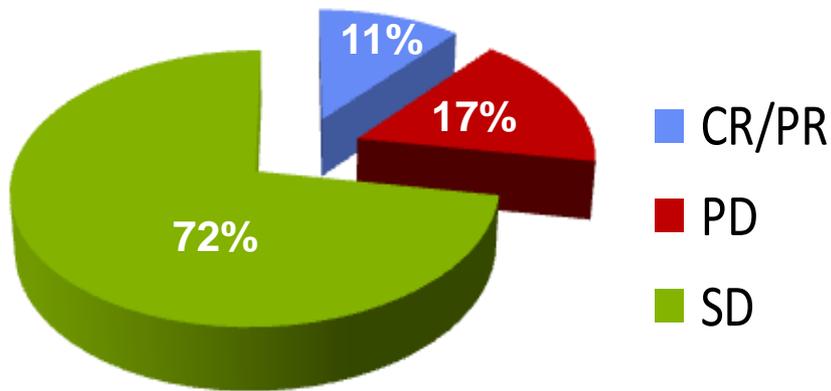


**Thanks for your attention**

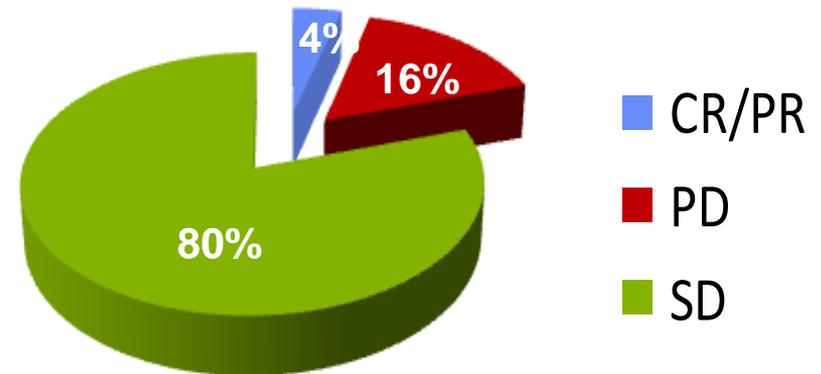


## 43 gastrointestinal patients (GI-NETs)

### REDUCED DOSAGE GROUP



### FULL DOSAGE GROUP

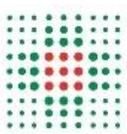


18 patients had 17.8 GBq

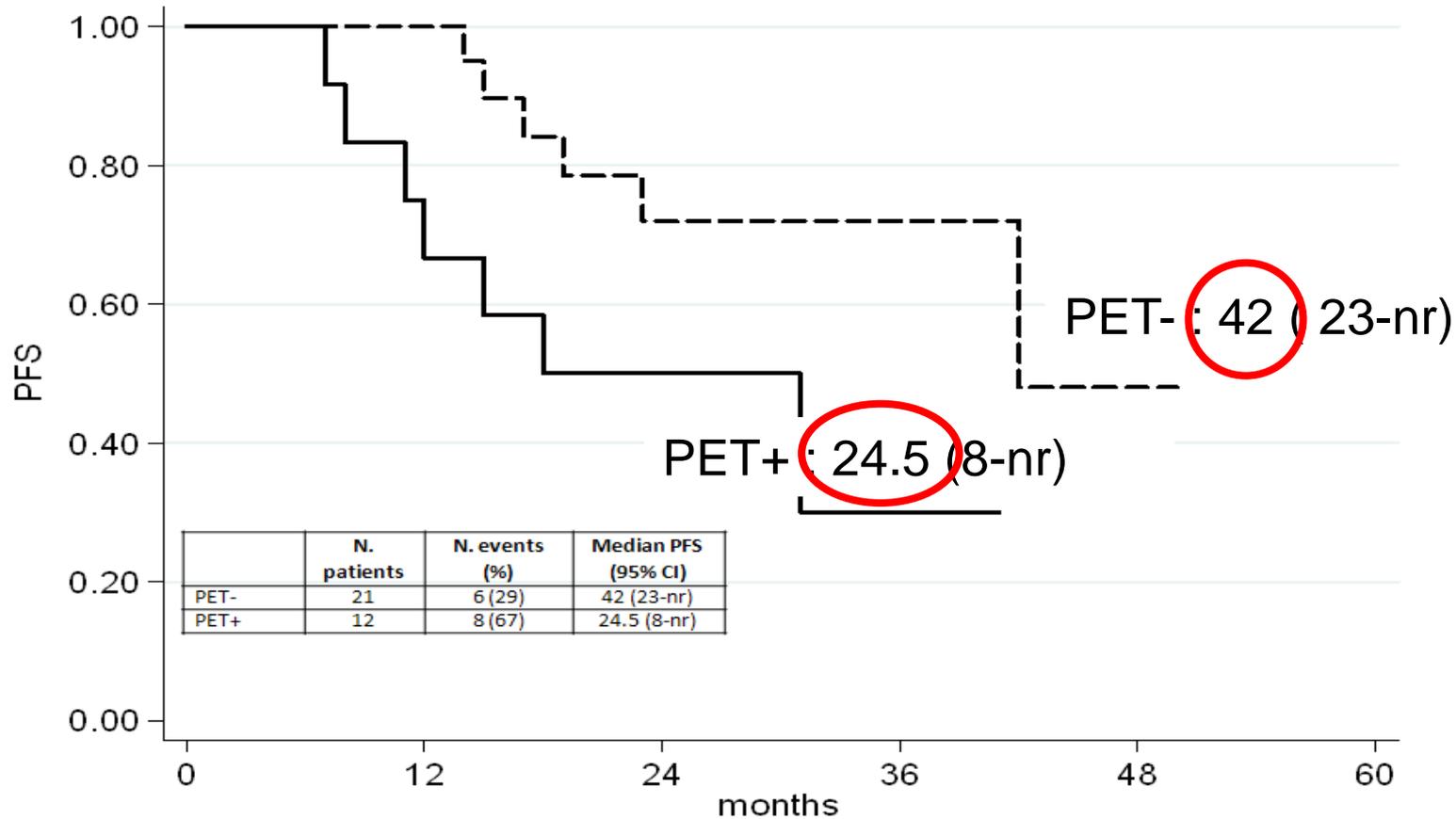
**DCR 83%**

25 patients had 25.5 GBq

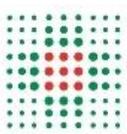
**DCR 84%**



# Median PFS according to FDG PET 43pz. GI-NETs



$p = 0.025$



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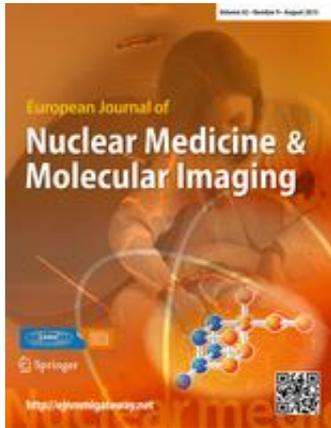
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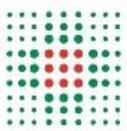
## **Measurement of circulating transcripts and gene cluster analysis predicts and defines therapeutic efficacy of Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT) in neuroendocrine tumors.**

Bodei L., Kidd M., Modlin IM., Severi S., Drozdov I., Nicolini S., Kwekkeboom D., Krenning EP., Baum RP., Paganelli G..

The predictive quotient (a combination of circulating gene cluster analysis and grading) accurately predicted PRRT efficacy.

Blood gene transcript levels accurately identified PRRT responders and non-responders, while CgA was non-informative.





# Circulating BIOMARKERS in GEP-NET

Protocol Code: IRSTB056

**Circulating Endotelial Cells** as marker of vascular damage and altered endothelial turnover and a large pannel of **miRNA** involved in GEP-NETs will be evaluated to test a possible use as predittive or prognostic factors.

Sampling will be done at baseline, in course of therapy, during the follow up and variation of response will also tested in relation to FDG PET response.