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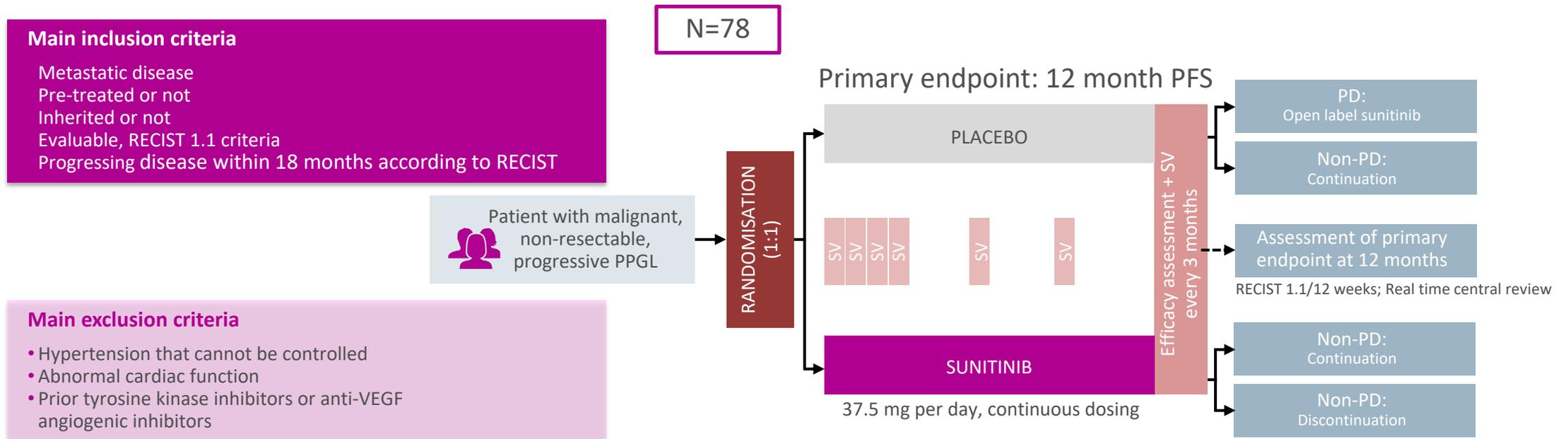
**FIRST INTERNATIONAL RANDOMISED STUDY IN  
MALIGNANT PROGRESSIVE  
PHEOCHROMOCYTOMA AND PARAGANGLIOMAS  
(FIRSTMAPPP): AN ACADEMIC DOUBLE-BLIND  
TRIAL INVESTIGATING SUNITINIB**

**Baudin E, et al.**

**Abstract #5670\_PR. ESMO 2021**

# FIRSTMAPPP: BACKGROUND AND STUDY DESIGN

- **Malignant pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma (MPPGL)** are **very rare cancers** (annual incidence <1 per million) and have a very high unmet medical need
- Pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma tumours (PPGL) have been **shown to overexpress VEGF**
- **FIRSTMAPPP** is the first academic randomised double-blind phase 2 study results **assessing sunitinib efficacy compared to placebo** in MPPGL



## PRIMARY ENDPOINT: PFS AT 12 MONTHS

- FIRSTMAPPP met its primary endpoint of PFS at 12 months

### PFS AT 12 MONTHS PER CENTRAL REVIEW (ITT)

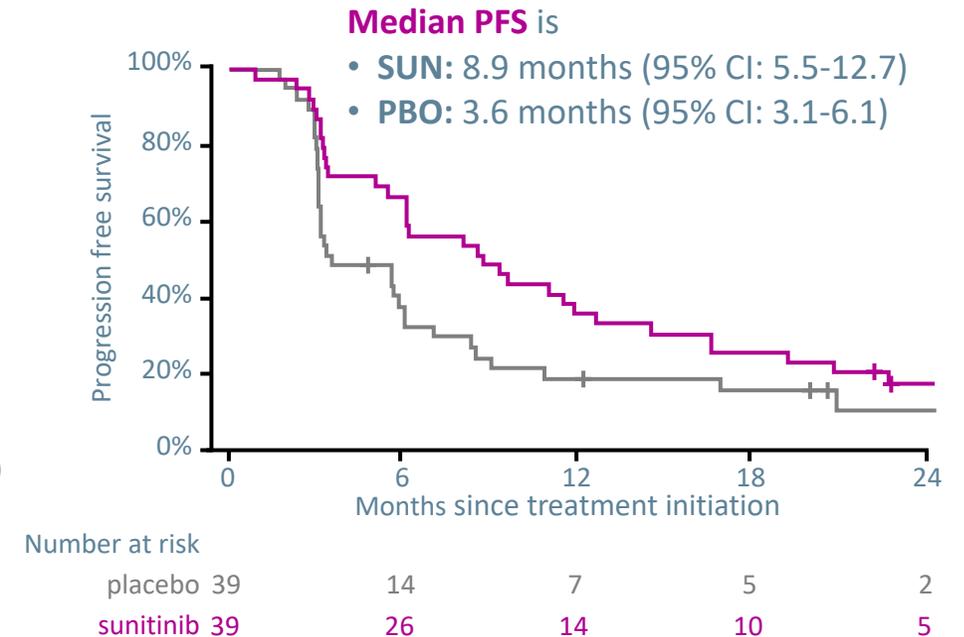
Patients in the sunitinib arm	N	%
No progression at 1 year	14	35.9
Progression or death at 1 year	25	64.1

The placebo group served as an internal control: 12 month PFS (90% CI) was **18.9% (10.7-31.4)**

## SAFETY

- Drug withdrawal due to adverse events (AEs): 14% SUN and 0% PBO
- Serious AEs experienced by 54% SUN vs 49% PBO patients
- Most frequent grade 3 or 4 AEs were asthenia/fatigue (18% SUN vs 3% PBO) and hypertension (10% SUN vs 6% PBO); 3 deaths in SUN arm and 1 death in placebo arm

## MEDIAN PFS IN BOTH ARMS



# FIRSTMAPPP: SUMMARY

- **FIRSTMAPPP is a positive trial** and showed that sunitinib is active in MPPGLs
- First randomised study in the field of MPPGLs and **provides the highest level of evidence ever reached in this very rare cancer**
- **Safety profile manageable** and similar to other sunitinib trials
- Sunitinib is the therapeutic option for these patients with the most robust data in MPPGLs
- **Sunitinib becomes the first-line option in patients with progressive MPPGL**

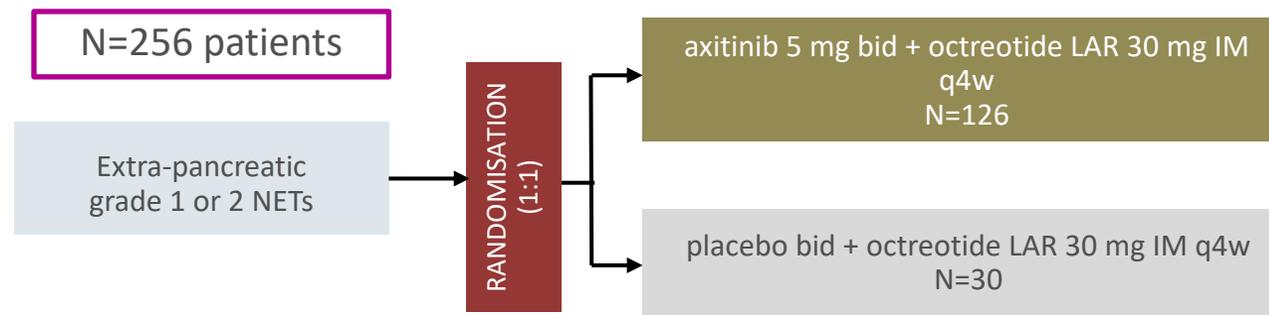
**THE AXINET TRIAL (GETNE1107): AXITINIB PLUS  
OCTREOTIDE LAR IMPROVES PFS BY BLINDED  
CENTRAL RADIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT VS  
PLACEBO PLUS OCTREOTIDE LAR IN GRADE 1 OR  
2 EXTRAPANCREATIC NETs**

**Garcia-Carbonero R, et al.**

**Abstract #10970. ESMO 2021**

# AXINET: BACKGROUND AND STUDY DESIGN

- Neuroendocrine tumours (**NETs**) are highly vascular neoplasms **overexpressing VEGF** as well as VEGF receptors (**VEGFRs**)
- **Axitinib is a potent and selective VEGFR-1,-2,-3 inhibitor** with proven activity against other vascular-dependent solid tumours
- **AXINET** is a double-blind phase 2/3 randomised study **investigating the efficacy of axitinib in patients with advanced grade 1 or 2 extra-pancreatic NETs**
  - Study did not meet primary endpoint of PFS per investigator assessment (ASCO 2021)



## Study endpoints

**Primary:** PFS per investigator assessment  
**Secondary:** PFS per central blinded reading, ORR, DoR, OS, safety, biochemical response, biomarkers

## ECOG PS 0-2

Up to 2 prior systemic treatment lines  
No prior antiangiogenics  
PD within prior 12 months

## Stratification factors:

- Time from diagnosis to study entry (> or ≤12 months)
- Primary tumour site (GI tract vs non-GI)
- Ki-67 index (≤5% vs >5%)

## EFFICACY

### Central vs investigator assessment

Assessment	Tx arm	ORR	OR	p value	PFS	HR	p value
Central	axitinib	13.2%	4.58	0.0045	16.6 m	0.71	0.017
	placebo	3.2%			9.9 m		
Investigator*	axitinib	17.5%	5.29	0.0004	17.2 m	0.82	0.169
	placebo	3.8%			12.3 m		

\*presented at ASCO GI 2021

- Safety profile consistent with known profile of axitinib and octreotide

## BEST OVERALL RESPONSE

### Central blinded assessment

Best overall response	axitinib-SSA N=114, n (%)	placebo-SSA N=125, n (%)	OR p value
<b>ORR</b>	<b>15 (13.2)</b>	<b>4 (3.2)</b>	<b>OR 4.58</b> <b><math>\chi^2</math>: 0.0045</b> <b>Fisher: 0.007</b>
CR	2 (1.8)	0 (0.0)	
PR	13 (11.4)	4 (3.2)	
SD	98 (86.0)	109 (87.2)	
PD	1 (0.9)	12 (9.6)	
NE	3 (2.6)	1 (0.8)	
NA*	9	4	

\*Images not available

- **Axitinib in combination with octreotide LAR** vs placebo and octreotide LAR in patients with advanced progressive grade 1 or 2 extra-pancreatic NETs:
  - **Significantly improved PFS** as per central blinded radiological review
  - **Significantly improved ORR**
- Combination treatment had a **tolerable safety profile** in line with the known safety profiles for axitinib and octreotide

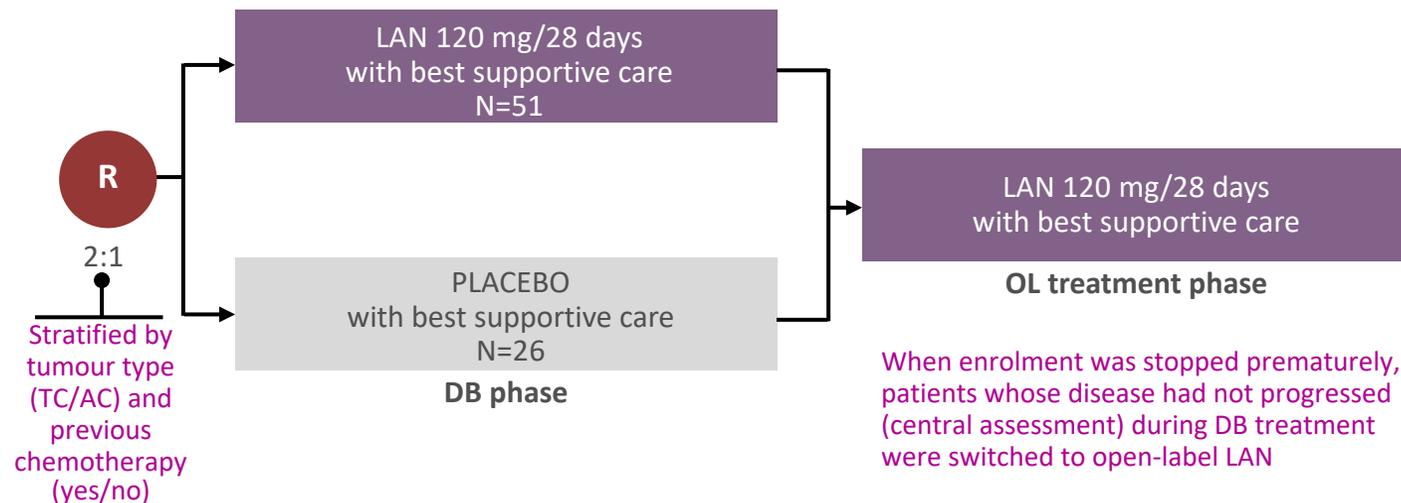
# **LANREOTIDE AUTOGEL/DEPOT IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED BRONCHOPULMONARY NETs: RESULTS FROM THE PHASE 3 SPINET STUDY**

**Horsch D, et al.**

**Abstract #10960. ESMO 2021**

# SPINET: BACKGROUND AND STUDY DESIGN

- Well-differentiated bronchopulmonary neuroendocrine tumours (**BP-NETs**) (**typical and atypical carcinoids; TC and AC**) account for **~25% of all NETs**<sup>1</sup>
- **Somatostatin analogues (SSAs)** are among targeted treatments that have **demonstrated increased PFS among patients with NETs**, particularly those with gastroenteropancreatic NETs<sup>2</sup>
- **High levels of expression of the somatostatin receptors (SSTR)2A and 3 in BP-NET malignancies provide a rationale for treatment with SSAs**<sup>2</sup>; however, there is a lack of prospective data with SSAs in BP-NETs<sup>1</sup>
- SPINET evaluated lanreotide (LAN) in advanced SSTR-positive BP-NETs<sup>1</sup>



## Endpoints

- **Adapted primary endpoints:** PFS (centrally assessed, RECIST 1.1) during DB and OL phases in patients randomised to LAN

## Adapted after enrolment stopped

- **Secondary endpoints** included:
  - PFS, ORR, and TTF in LAN and placebo groups during DB phase
  - Safety

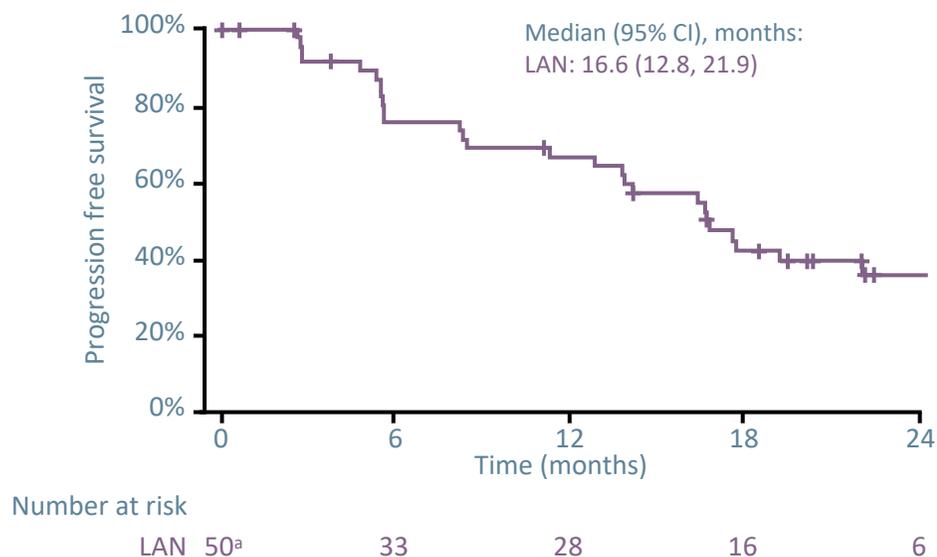
BSC, best supportive care; DB, double blind; NET, neuroendocrine tumour; OL, open label; ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression free survival;

R, randomisation; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours; TTF, time to treatment failure

1. Horsch D, et al. Abstract #10960. ESMO 2021. Oral presentation; 2. Reidy-Lagunes D, et al. NANETS 2016. Poster presentation

## PRIMARY ENDPOINT - PFS in all patients

During DB and OL treatment phase in patients randomised to LAN (ITT)  
Centrally assessed (RECIST 1.1)



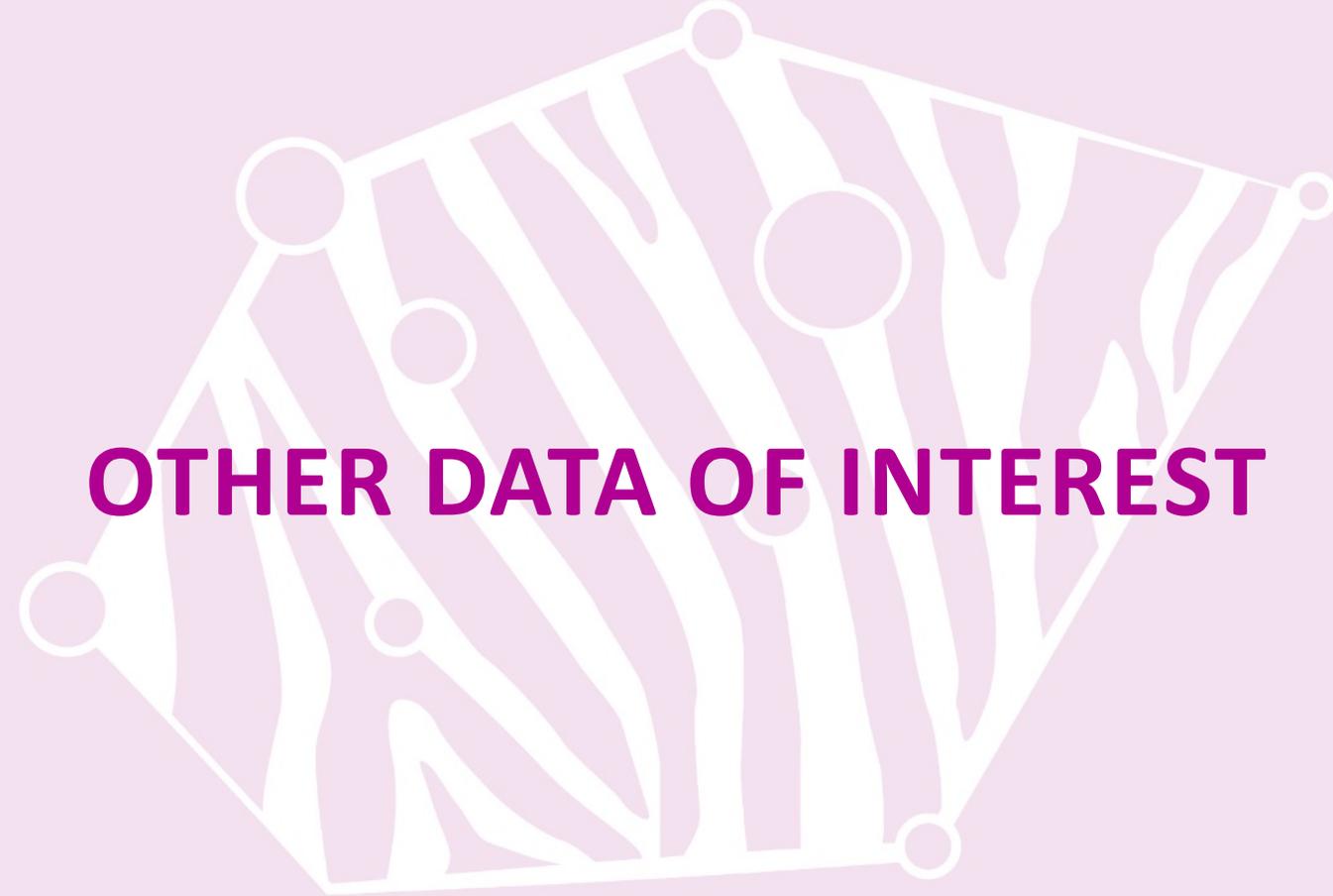
## SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

	Double-blind period		
	LAN (N=51)	PBO (N=26)	HR [95% CI] <sup>b</sup>
PFS (all patients), median (95% CI), mo	16.6 (11.3–21.9)	13.6 (8.3–NC)	0.90 [0.46–1.88]
PFS (AC), median (95% CI), mo	13.8 (5.6-16.6)	11.0 (2.8-16.9)	–
PFS (TC), median (95% CI), mo	21.9 (13.8-NC)	13.9 (13.4-NC)	–
ORR, % (95% CI)	14.0 (5.8–26.7)	0 (0.0–13.7)	–
TTF, median (95% CI), mths	13.3 (5.6–14.1)	9.8 (5.4–13.6)	0.86 [0.50–1.50]
	Double-blind period		OL-LAN
TEAEs, n (%) <sup>c</sup>	LAN (N=51)	PBO (N=26)	All patients (n=40)
Any	49 (96.1)	25 (96.2)	26 (65.0)
Related	38 (74.5)	14 (53.8)	13 (32.5)
Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	44 (86.3), 37 (72.5), 13 (25.5), 1 (2.0), 1 (2.0)	23 (88.5), 19 (73.1), 8 (30.8), 00	25 (62.5), 14 (35.0), 3 (7.5), 00
Leading to study treatment withdrawal	2 (3.9)	3 (11.5)	0
Serious AEs	10 (19.6)	7 (26.9)	1 (2.5)
Related	2 (3.9)	1 (3.8)	0

<sup>a</sup>one patient excluded from analysis because he/she was censored at baseline; <sup>b</sup>LAN vs PBO; <sup>c</sup>excludes death/progression (part of PFS assessment)

# SPINET: SUMMARY

- **SPINET**, the largest prospective study to date with an SSA in SSTR-positive BP-NETs
- **LAN 120 mg was associated with a median PFS of 16.6 months**
  - The effect on median PFS was greater in patients with TC than AC
- Safety profile of LAN was consistent with known profile of LAN
- Results suggest that **LAN 120 mg could be an appropriate treatment option for BP-NETs**, especially for TCs



# **OTHER DATA OF INTEREST**

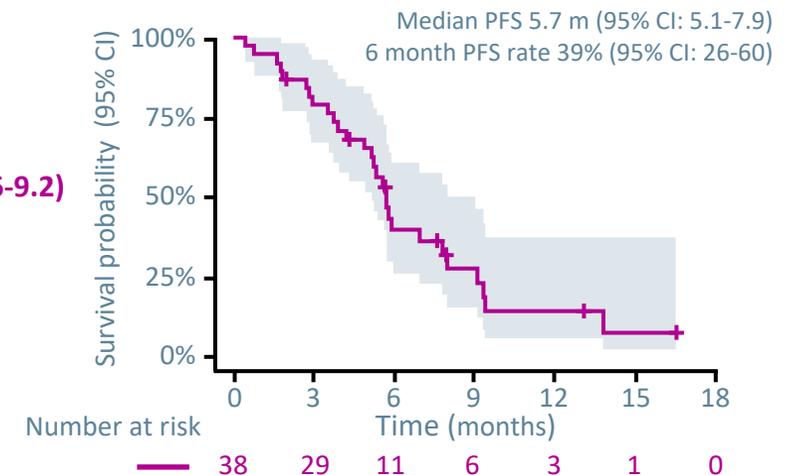
# NIVOLUMAB PLUS PLATINUM-DOUBLET CT AS 1L THERAPY IN UNRESECTABLE, LOCALLY ADVANCED OR M1 GRADE 3 NENs OF THE GEP TRACT OR UNKNOWN ORIGIN: NICE-NEC TRIAL

- The phase 2, **NICE-NEC trial** assessed the safety and synergy of the **combination of CT plus immunotherapy (IT) in advanced CT-naïve grade 3 NENs**
  - Standard front-line platinum-based CT has limited efficacy
  - Grade 3 NENs are associated with a high mutational burden and PD-L1 expression that might lead to a favourable response to IT

EFFICACY RESULTS	
DCR	84%
ORR	50%
<b>Best ORR*, n (%)</b>	<b>N=38</b>
CR	0 (0)
PR	20 (52.6)
SD	12 (31.6)
PD	3 (7.9)
NE	3 (7.9)

**Median follow up to 8.2 months (95% CI: 6-9.2)**

\*According to RECIST 1.1



- Preliminary results show **promising activity of adding nivolumab to CT as 1L therapy for grade 3 NENs**
  - Nivolumab did not significantly increase the toxicity profile of standard CT
  - Final survival results require further follow-up and translational studies are ongoing

# DEVELOPMENT OF CAR T-CELLS FOR FUTURE TREATMENT OF NETs

- NETs overexpress SSTRs. The antitumor activity of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cells directed against SSTRs was investigated

## RESULTS

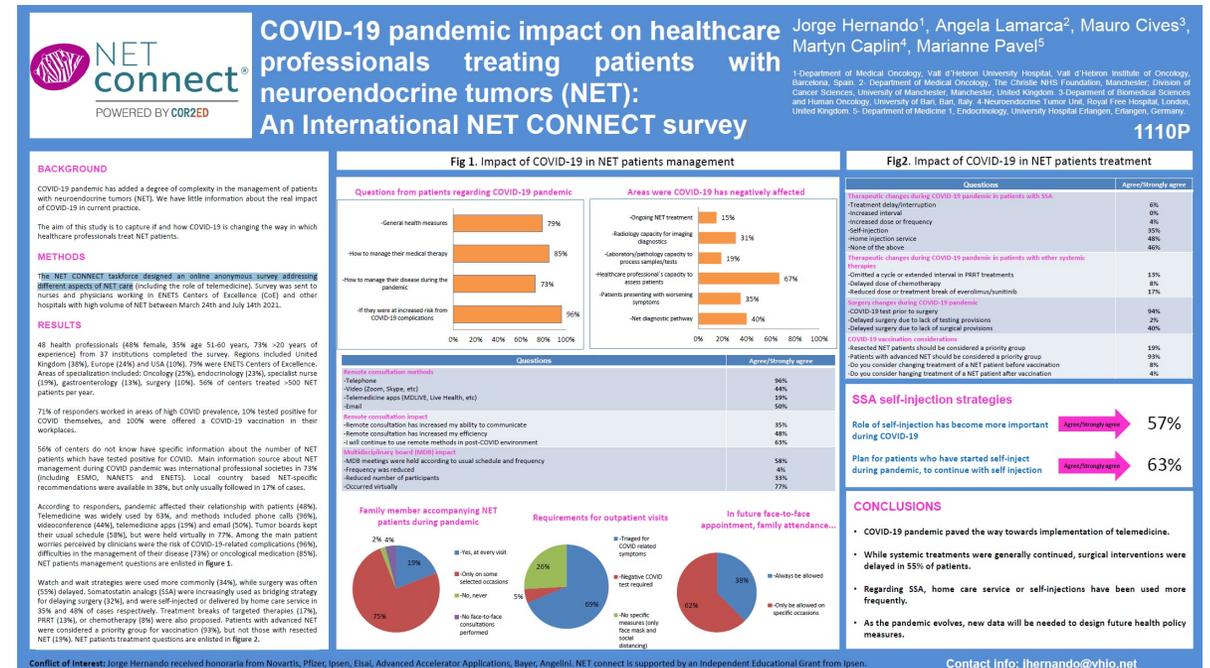
- Tumour cell death was induced in ~40% ( $\pm 8\%$ ) of CM and BON1 cells at E:T ratio of 1:1
  - Tumoricidal effect of CAR T-cells was time-dependent and peaked at 72 hours
  - Compared with untransduced T-cells, CAR T-cells secreted significantly higher levels of IFN- $\gamma$  and IL-2 after co-incubation with NET cells ( $p < 0.01$ )
  - Anti-SSTR CAR T-cells effectively infiltrated tumours and significantly reduced the growth of subcutaneous CM ( $p = 0.01$ ) and BON1 xenografts ( $p = 0.02$ ) in mice by *in vivo* bioluminescence imaging
  - No pathological alterations were seen in the brain and pancreas of mice treated with CAR T-cells
- Anti-SSTR CAR T-cells exert antitumor activity against SSTR<sup>+</sup> NET cell lines, both *in vitro* and *in vivo*
  - Early phase clinical testing is warranted

# COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACT ON HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TREATING PATIENTS WITH NET

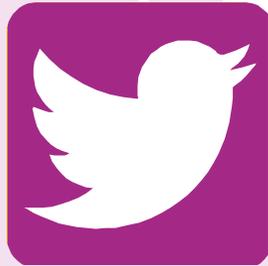
## AN INTERNATIONAL NET CONNECT SURVEY

- NET CONNECT initiated an anonymous survey for healthcare professionals addressing different aspects of NET care during the COVID pandemic

- COVID-19 pandemic paved the way towards implementation of telemedicine
- While systemic treatments were generally continued, surgical interventions were delayed in 55% of patients
- Regarding SSA, home care service or self-injections have been used more frequently
- As the pandemic evolves, new data will be needed to design future health policy measures



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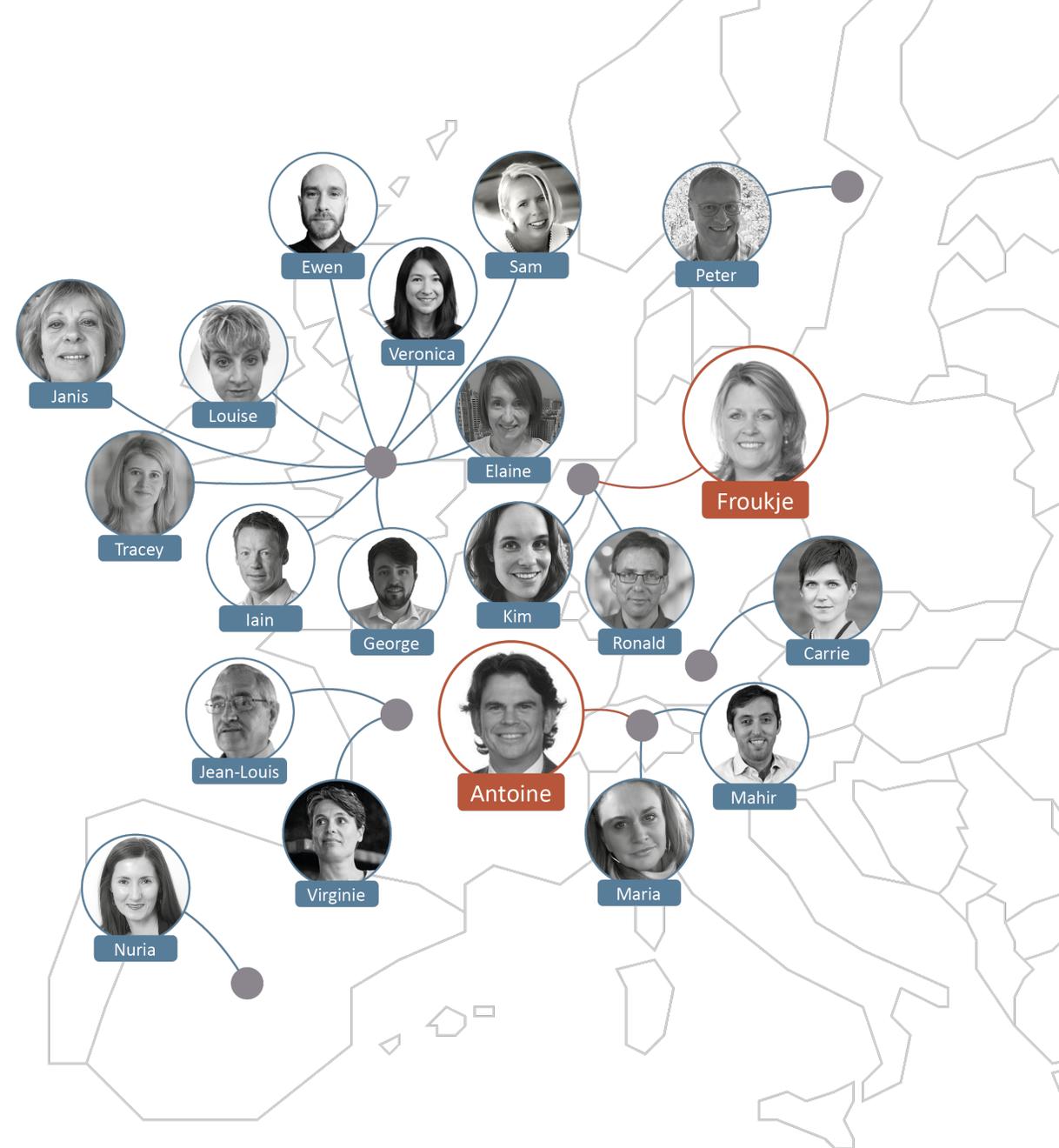
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