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Medical Therapy Options in NETS. The Somatostatin Analogues

Where we have come from?
Where are we going?

History of Somatostatin Analogues

- ▶ 1973 -Somatostatin isolated from sheep brain.
 - $t_{1/2} < 2$ minutes. Not useful clinically in its native form.
- ▶ 1980 – Octreotide. (Somatostatin Analogue)
First stable synthetic form. Binds somatostatin receptors on neuroendocrine cells and inhibits secretion of hormones. (Most NET cells bear somatostatin receptors on their surface).
- ▶ 1986– Octreotide administered subcutaneously with excellent results in control of “carcinoid” related symptoms. (Introduction into clinical practice 1987).

Carcinoid Syndrome

▶ Somatostatin Analogues

- Improved control of carcinoid syndrome and changed the natural history of NETs.
- Carcinoid crisis – severe flushing, diarrhea, and hemodynamic instability was a common cause of death in the past and occurs rarely with use of SSA's today.
- Appropriate use of the somatostatin analogues over the last 30 years has improved patient quality of life and contributed, along with other treatment advances to improved survival.

Somatostatin Analogues (SSA's)

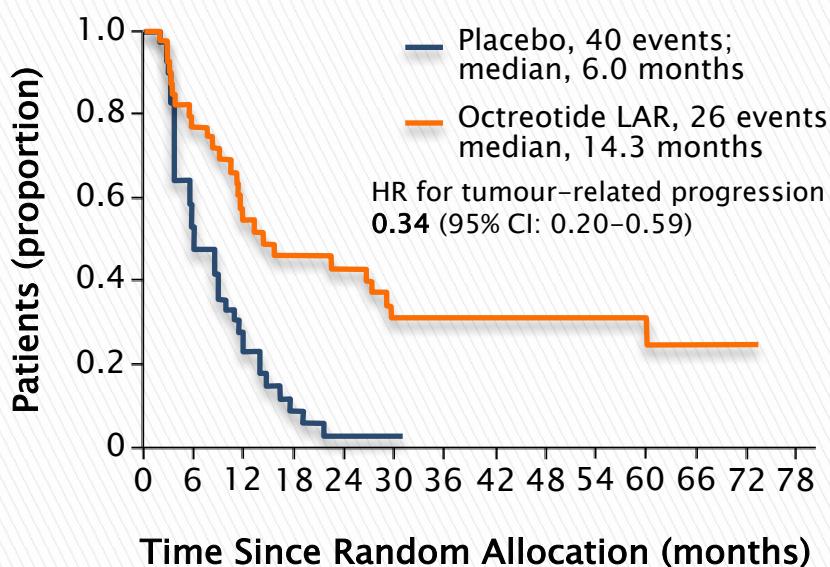
- ▶ Long acting SSA's
 - Octreotide LAR, Lanreotide
 - Consistent therapeutic levels.
 - Significant symptom relief in majority of patients with “functional” tumors.
 - Regular (often monthly) administration has dramatically improved patient care and patients QOL.

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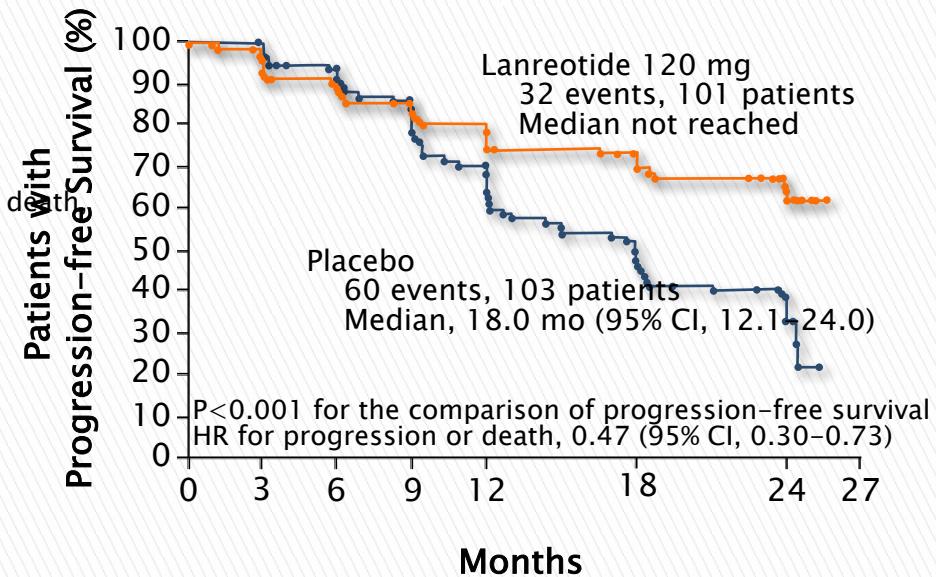
- ▶ Importantly for many patients with NETS, Octreotide and Lanreotide are also effective in slowing growth of tumors and progression of disease (whether the tumor is functional or not).
 - PROMID
 - CLARINET

Evidence Demonstrating Anti-Tumour Effect of Somatostatin Analogues in NETs

Long-acting octreotide vs. placebo: Time to progression or tumour-related death (PROMID)¹



Prolonged-release lanreotide vs. placebo: Progression-free survival (CLARINET study)



HR: hazard ratio

Adapted from: 1. Rinke A, et al. J Clin Oncol 2009;27(28):4656-63.

2. Caplin M, et al. N Engl J Med 2014 Jul 17;371(3):224-33.

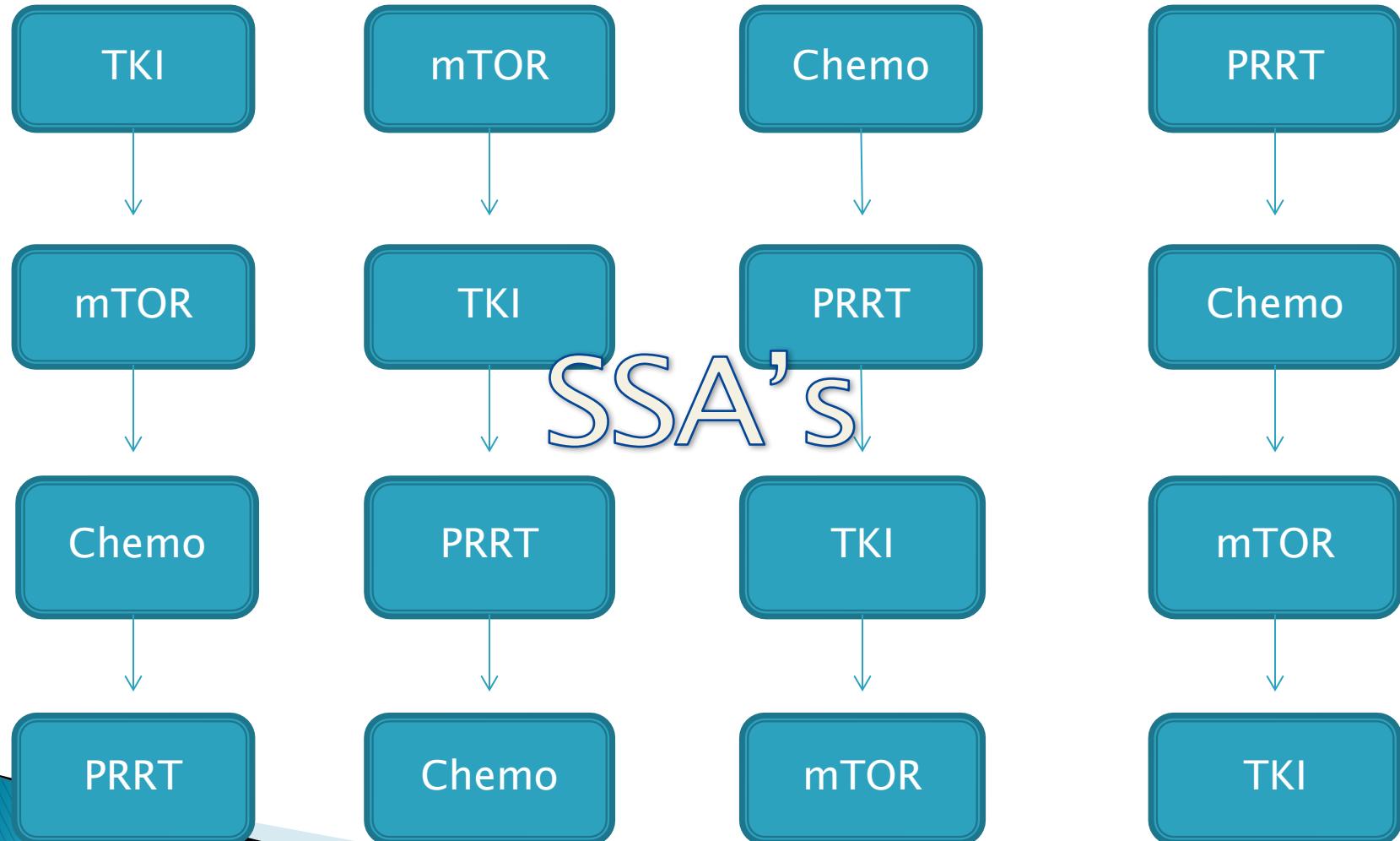
Systemic therapy in NET'S

- ▶ Targeting the somatostatin receptor is foundational to the care of patients with NETS.
- ▶ Modification of the somatostatin molecule has led to:
 - Improvements in diagnostic imaging & staging (Octreotide scans).
 - Systemic Therapy
 - Somatostatin Analogues
 - Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT).

Systemic therapy in NET'S

- ▶ Targeting the somatostatin receptor is foundational to the care of patients with NETS.
- ▶ Appropriate access to somatostatin analogues is problematic in Canada.
- ▶ **We need your help!**
 - Varying accessibility across the country for treatment of endocrine syndromes caused by NETS
 - Inconsistent access to SSA's for their benefits in tumor control
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- ▶ **Access to new systemic therapy**
 - Canadian approval processes are slow
 - Costly treatments

Systemic Treatment – Sequencing?



Questions remain

- ▶ When to start treatment? When to stop?
- ▶ Sequencing of treatment?
 - Is there a best option?
- ▶ Treatment combinations?
 - SSA's + PRRT
 - SSA's + Targeted therapy
 - PRRT + Targeted therapy
 - Better treatment or more toxic?

Questions remain

- ▶ We need access to large data bases that will help us to learn from “real world” experience.
 - The data from clinical trials does not always reflect what happens in the day to day clinical environment.