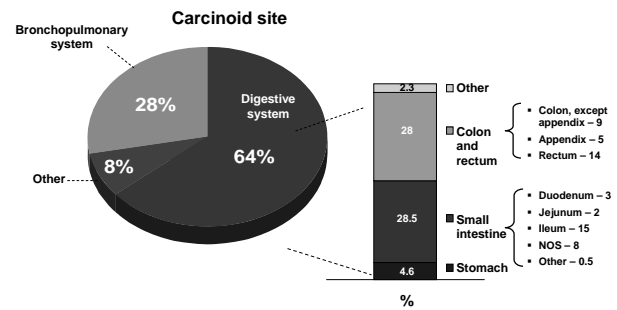


# Neuroendocrine Tumors

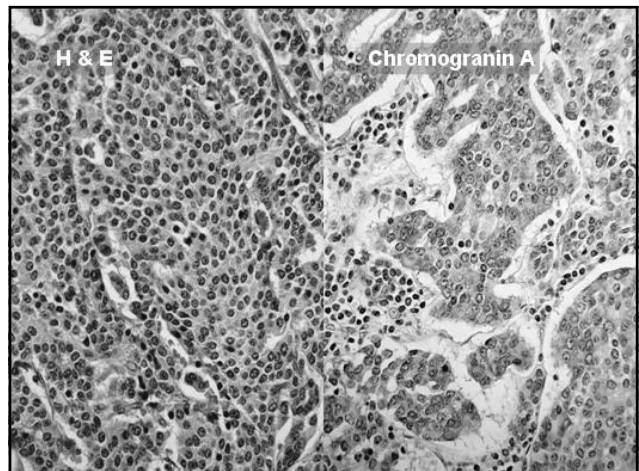
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## Carcinoid tumours: origin



## Definitions

- Neuroendocrine: High Grade or Low grade
- Carcinoid is low grade: WDNT
- In Pancreas : Islet cell carcinoma
- In Lung: Further divided
  - Typical – few mitoses, no necrosis
  - Atypical – 2 mitoses per 10 HPF





## Molecular biology to clinical features

Primary site (Pt with met dz)	Median survival (months)	Described molecular abnormalities
Lung	13.1	Chr 11q, 3p loss
Stomach	8.7	Chr 11q, 18, X loss
Pancreas	31.0	Chr 11q deletion, karyotypic instability, MEN1
Small bowel	58.7	Chr 18 loss, 16q loss
Appendix/cecum	42.0	Chr 18 loss, 16q loss
Colon/rectum	8.8	NRP-2 loss

## Outline

- 1. Presentation
- 2. Diagnostic Work up and Follow
- 3. Role of Surgery/ RFA/ Cryo
- 4. Role of Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy
- 5. Role of Biologics and Somatostatin Analogs
- 6. Role of Systemic Therapy
  - Chemotherapy and Novel drugs

## Outline

- 1. Presentation

## Presentation

- Many discovered incidentally
- Symptoms due to:
  - Local tumour mass
  - Tumor-engendered fibrosis
  - Carcinoid Syndrome:
    - Secretion of biologically active amines and peptides
    - Carcinoid crisis
    - Carcinoid heart disease

## Hormonal Syndromes

Disease	Hormone/peptide	Syndrome	Management
Carcinoid	Serotonin, 5HIAA, CgA, ...	Flushing, diarrhea, asthma, valvular disease	Octreotide
Insulinoma	Insulin, C-peptide, proinsulin	Hypoglycemia	Diet, diazoxide, ?octreotide, steroid, glucagon drip
Glucagonoma	Glucagon	DM, migratory necrolytic erythema, thrombosis	Octreotide, ?perioperative anticoagulation, zinc
VIPoma	VIP	WDHA (watery diarrhea, hypokalemia, achlorhydria)	Octreotide
Gastrinoma	Gastrin	Diarrhea, peptic ulcer, reflux	PPI, octreotide

## Carcinoid Crisis

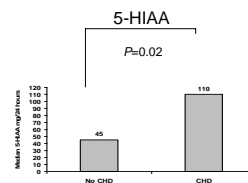
- Life-threatening
- Spontaneously or precipitated by anesthesia, chemotherapy, infection or embolization procedures
- Severe flushing, diarrhea, hypo/hyper tension, tachycardia
- Immediate therapy iv octreotide
- Close monitoring before, during, and after surgical treatment

## Carcinoid Heart Disease

- 40% metastatic carcinoid tumors usually with liver metastases
- Pathology:
  - Thickening of right heart valves: fibrotic plaques
  - Valve insufficiency, RHF

## Carcinoid Heart Disease: Mechanisms

- Serotonin plays important role
  - Serotonin receptors subtype 1B present in subendocardial cells
  - Significant correlation between carcinoid heart disease and urinary 5-HIAA

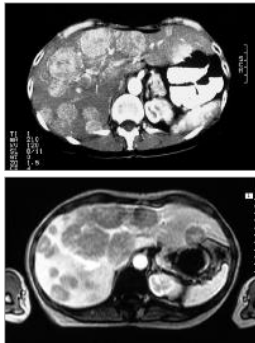


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## Work Up

- Biopsy
- Pathology: Ki 67 < or > 10 %
- CT/ MRI/ Ultrasound
- Octreotide and MIBG Nuclear Scans
- 24 hour urine 5HIAA
- Serum Chromogranin A
- PET (Europe)

## Diagnosis: CT/MRI

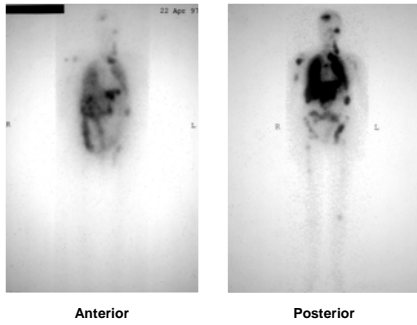


Contrast-enhanced CT scan (top) and MRI (bottom) of patient with metastatic small bowel carcinoid

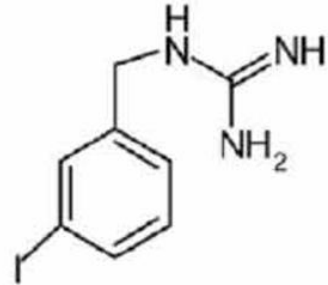
## Nuclear Peptide Scans

- Both MIBG and somatostatin receptors are on carcinoid tumors and overexpressed
- Diagnostic Studies
- Indium 131 or I123 MIBG: sens 50%
- Indium 111 Octreotide sens 80%

## Diagnosis: OctreoScan



MIBG



## Diagnosis: Biochemical markers

- 5-HIAA Urine
  - Normal 3–15 mg/24 h urine
  - Baseline and 3- to 4-month in first year
  - Repeat if:
    - Disease progression is found
    - Change in therapy is being considered
- CgA Serum
  - Measure every 3 months in first year, then as per disease progresses

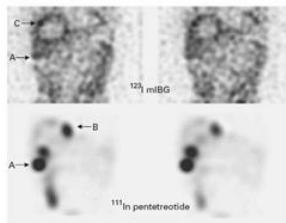
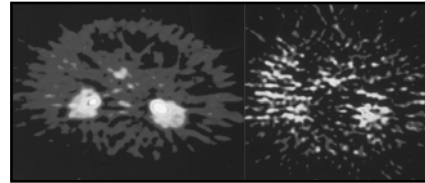


Fig. 4. Different lesions. Lesion B seen only on <sup>111</sup>In pentetreotide. Lesion C only seen on <sup>125</sup>I mIBG. Lesion A seen with both tracers.

## PET

- FDG-PET helpful in localizing high grade neuroendocrine but not low grade
- 18F-DOPA PET better but less available
- Swiss : 11C-5HTP (5-hydroxytryptophan) for PET 5HTP precursor in serotonin
- 90% localized but 20 min half life

PET with 11C-5-hydroxytryptophan showing insulinoma in head of pancreas



1. Presentation
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## Definition of the Problem

- 75% will develop liver metastases
- 80% with liver mets will die < 5 years
- Progressive liver mets leading cause of mortality (replaced hormone excess)
- Surgery :
  - Local tumor obstruction, bleeding, perforation
  - Symptoms from fibrosis

## Controversial

- **Role of extended, radical or en bloc resection of the primary tumor**
- **Role of metastatic resections?**
  - **Morbidity and mortality?**
  - **Symptom control?**
  - **Survival benefit**

## Aggressive Resections

- Norton et al. 2003: 20 patients with advanced WDET
  - 15/20 (75%) underwent complete resections
  - Pancreaticoduodenectomy – 8
  - Superior mesenteric vein resection/reconstruction – 3
  - Splenectomy – 11
  - Nephrectomy – 2
  - Liver resections – 6
- Morbidity = 30%
- Mortality = 0
- Actuarial 5 yr-survival = 80%
- Disease free-survival: all recurred by 7 years

Author/Institution	Year	Patients	Operative Mortality(%)
• Que/Mayo	1995	74	3
• Doussett/Paris	1996	17	6
• Chen/Hopkins	1998	15	0
• Chamberlain/MSKCC	1999	34	6
• Yao/Northwestern	2001	16	0
• Elias/Institut Gustave	2002	47	5
• Sarmiento/Mayo	2003	170	1.2

Author/Institution	Year	Patients	Symptom Control(%)
• Que/Mayo	1995	74	90
• Doussett/Paris	1996	17	88
• Chen/Hopkins	1998	15	---
• Chamberlain/MSKCC	1999	34	90
• Yao/Northwestern	2001	16	71
• Elias/Institut Gustave	2002	47	---
• Sarmiento/Mayo	2003	170	96

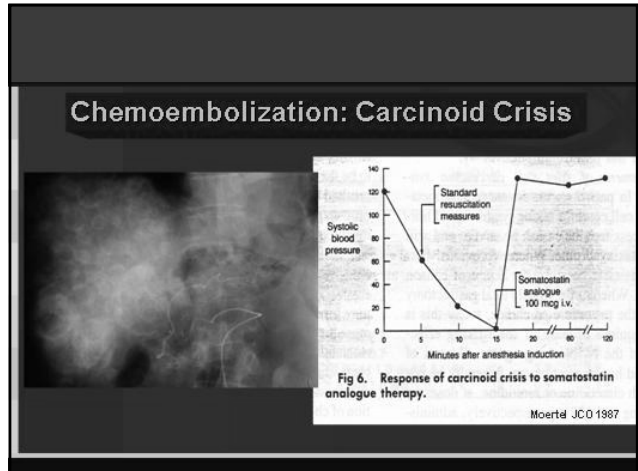


• Author/Institution	Year	Patients	Survival(%)
• Que/Mayo	1995	74	73% at 4y
• Doussett/Paris	1996	17	46% at 4y
• Chen/Hopkins	1998	15	73% at 5y
• Chamnerlain/MSKCC	1999	34	76% at 5y
• Yao/Northwestern	2001	16	70% at 5y
• Elias/Institut Gustave	2002	47	71% at 5y
• Sarmiento/Mayo	2003	170	61% at 5y

• Author	Func/Non	Sync/Metac.	#Mets	%Liver	Comp/Inc
• Que	no	no	no	-	no
• Doussett	no	no	no	no	yes
• Chen	no	-	-	-	-
• Chamnerlain	no	no	no	no	yes
• Yao	no	yes	yes	no	-
• Elias	-	no	no	no	yes
• Sarmiento	no	-	-	no	yes

### Hepatic Artery Embolization

	n	RR	Dur
<b>Moertel et al, 1994</b>	n=111		
Embolization		60%	4 mo
Chemoembolization (Doxo, DTIC, STZ, 5FU)		80%	18 mo
<b>Eriksson B et al, 1998</b>	n=29		
Embolization		38%	7 mo
<b>Kim YH et al, 1999</b>	n=30		
Chemoembolization		37%	24 mo
<b>Diamandidou et al, 1998</b>	n=20	78%	
Chemoembolization			



## Radiofrequency Ablation: Results

Percutaneous: 43 neuroendocrine metastases in 21 pts

- 2 complications
- 5% recurrence at 6 months
- 4/15 had no residual tumor

» Hellman et al. World J Surg 2002;26:1052-6

■ Laparoscopic RF: 34 neuroendocrine metastases

- 80% had decreased symptoms
- 65% decreased hormonal/tumor markers
- 28% developed new lesions
- 41% stable disease

» Berber et al World J Surg 2002;26:385-90

## Liver transplantation in malignant neuroendocrine tumors

(Lehnert T. Transplantation 1998;66:1307)

Total no. of patients	103
EPT	48
Carcinoids	43
2-year survival	60%
5-year survival	47%
Recurrent free survival	24%

## Surgical Conclusions

- Aggressive resections can be done, acceptable morbidity and mortality
- Improved symptom control and extended survival likely
- Patients to benefit the most are those rendered disease free
- Precise patient selection and disease extent
- Ultimate disease recurrent and progression likely
- An initial period of medical therapy is often recommended to allow time for observation and make surgery or ablation safer

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## Nuclear Peptide Targeted Therapy

- Diagnostic I131 MIBG: If positive: potential treat with high dose 131-iodine-MIBG
- I111 Octreotide: If positive: potential treat with high dose
  - 111 Indium-octreotide
  - 90 Yttrium-octreotide
  - 177 Lutetium-octreotide
- RR 10-40% Survival Benefit?
- Considered Investigational

## Tumor targeted irradiation in neuroendocrine tumors

<sup>111</sup> Ind-DTPA-octreotide	n=38	(Krenning et al, 1999)
Total dose 20 Gbq		
Radiological response	30%	
Disease stabilization	40%	
<sup>90</sup> Y-DOTATOC	n=22	(Valkemaa et al, 2000)
Phase I		
Radiological response	10%	
Disease stabilization	45%	
<sup>90</sup> Y-DOTATOC (6000 MBq/d)	n=41	(Waldherr et al, 2001)
CR+PR	24%	
MR+SD	61%	

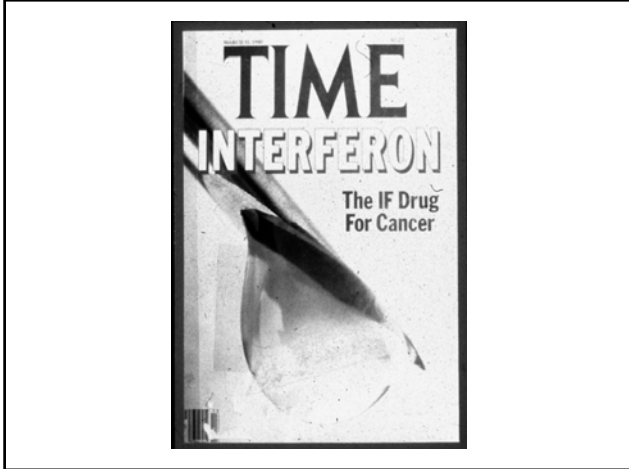
## [<sup>177</sup>Lu-DOTA<sup>0</sup>,Tyr<sup>3</sup>]Octreotate Therapy in GEP Tumors: AntiTumor Effects 3 months follow-up

Progressive at baseline	PR/CR/MR	SD	PD	Total
Yes	55 47%	30 26%	32 27%	117
No	30 40%	33 45%	11 15%	74
Unknown	40 44%	37 41%	14 15%	91
Total	125 44%	100 36%	57 20%	282

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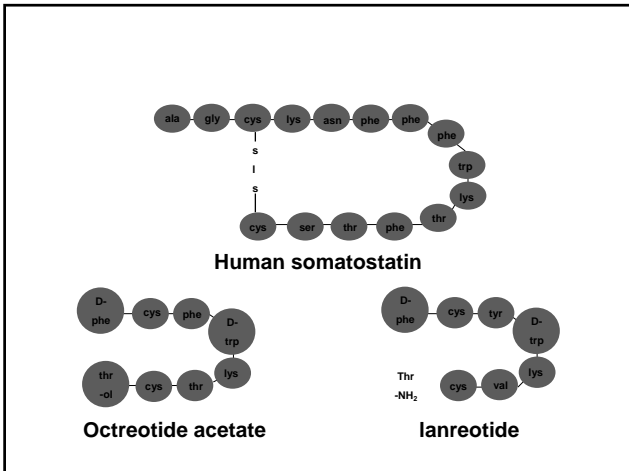

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### Biologics: Interferon

- Biochemical response in 40%
- Tumor response seen in <10%
- Side effects: fever, fatigue, anorexia, weight loss, alopecia, myelosuppression, liver dysfunction, clinical depression
- Used in Europe not North America



### Somatostatin Analogs: SSA

- Somatostatin analogs bind to somatostatin receptors
- Biochemical responses > 70%
- Objective response < 5 %
- No survival benefit ? Cytostatic
- ? Super high doses

## Sandostatin BCCA 2007

- Symptomatic, 5HIAA high: Approved
- Symptomatic, 5HIAA low: Approved
- No symptomatic, 5HIAA high: Approved
  - Goal: prevent carcinoid heart
- No symptomatic, 5HIAA low: Not Approved
  - Goal: Improve survival
  - Controversial not proven

## Somatostatin Analogs

- Start with Octreotide 100 ug sc tid for 4 weeks
- At two weeks over lap with Sandostatin LAR at 20 mg q 4 weeks
- Increase at 10 mg increments q3-4 weeks if symptoms not improving or 5 HIAA not dropping

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## Cytotoxic therapy in carcinoids

Drug	Dose, regimen	Pts	OR(%)	Median duration (mo)
<b>Single agents:</b>				
Doxorubicin (DOX)	60 mg/m <sup>2</sup> q 3-4 w	81	21	6
5-FU	500 m/m <sup>2</sup> /d x 5 d q 5 w	30	17-26	3
Streptozotocin (STZ)	500-1500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d x 5 d q 3-5 w	14	0-17	2
Dacarbazine (DTIC)	250 mg/ m <sup>2</sup> /d x 5 d q 4-5 w	15	13	4.5
Cisplatin	45-90 mg/ m <sup>2</sup> q 3-4 w/16	6	4.5	
<b>Combinations:</b>				
Streptozotocin + 5-FU	STZ 500 mg/ m <sup>2</sup> /d x 5 q 3-6 w 5-FU 400 mg/ m <sup>2</sup> /d x 5 q 3-6 w	175	7-33	3-7
Streptozotocin + Doxorubicin	STZ 1000 mg/ m <sup>2</sup> /w for 4 w DOX 25 mg/ m <sup>2</sup> /w then q 2 w	10	40	5
Streptozotocin + Cyclophosphamide (CTX)	STZ 500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d q 6 w CTX 100 mg/ m <sup>2</sup> once q 3 w	24	39	6.5
Etoposide + Cisplatin	Etop 130 mg/ m <sup>2</sup> /d x 3 d Cispl 45 mg/ m <sup>2</sup> /d d 2 and 3 cycle q 4 w	13	0	-

## **Carcinoid: Chemotherapy**

- Chemotherapy
  - E1281 (JCO 2005)
  - 5FU/doxorubicin
    - PFS = 4.5 months, OS = 15.7 months
  - 5FU/streptozocin
    - PFS = 5.3 months, OS = 24.3 months

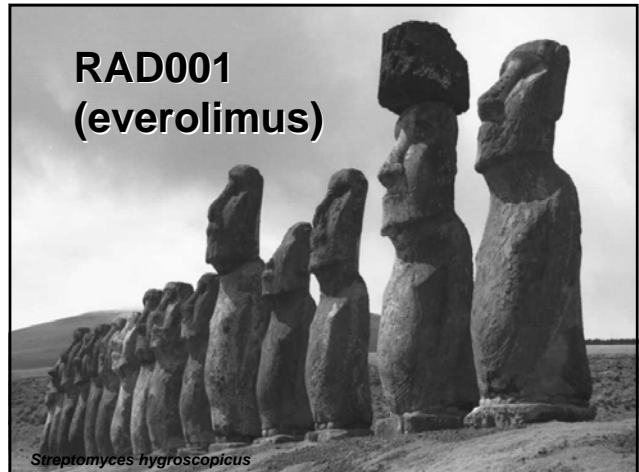
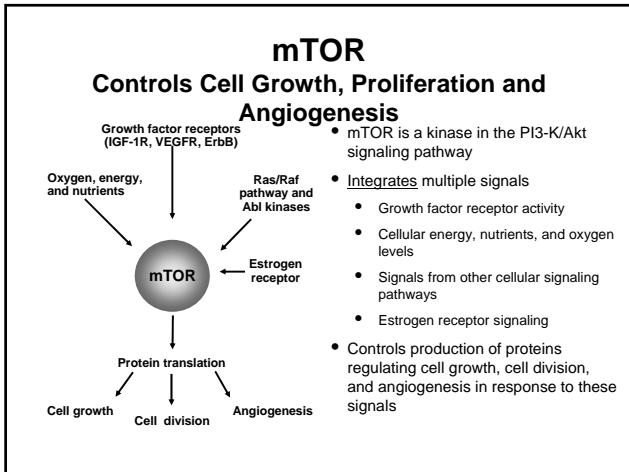
## **BCCA**

- ENDO 1:
  - Streptozotocin/ Adriamycin
  - Streptozotocin/ 5 FU
- ENDO 2:
  - Carmustine/ 5 FU

## **New Drugs**

## **mTOR**

**mTOR (mammalian target of rapamycin) is an intracellular protein (enzyme) that acts as a central regulator for cell growth, transcription, proliferation, and angiogenesis in cancer**



### RAD001

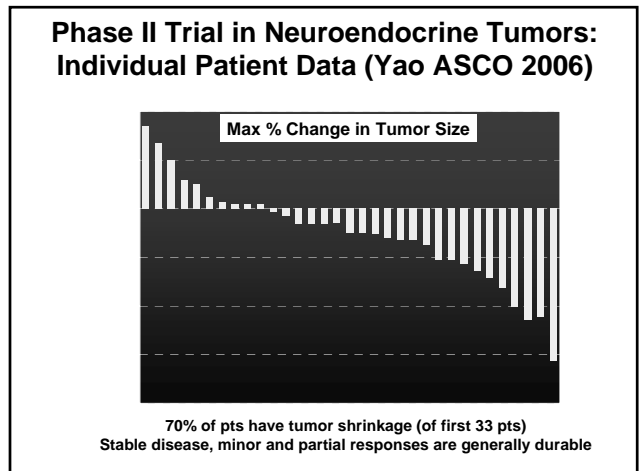
#### Single Agent Activity in NET

ASCO 2006: Dr J. Yao, MD Anderson (IIT)

**17 patients with disease progression at study entry**

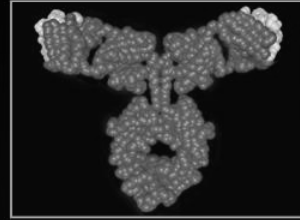
- 3 PR, 10 SD, 4 PD with RAD001 5 mg/d (10 mg/d ongoing)
- 11 (65%) progression-free at 6 mos

Phase II RADIANT 1 Study in Advanced Pancreatic Islet Cell after Chemotherapy Failure, started in 2006  
Ph III in 2007, post-interim analysis of RADIANT 1



Increased VEGF expression is associated with poor prognosis in neuroendocrine tumors

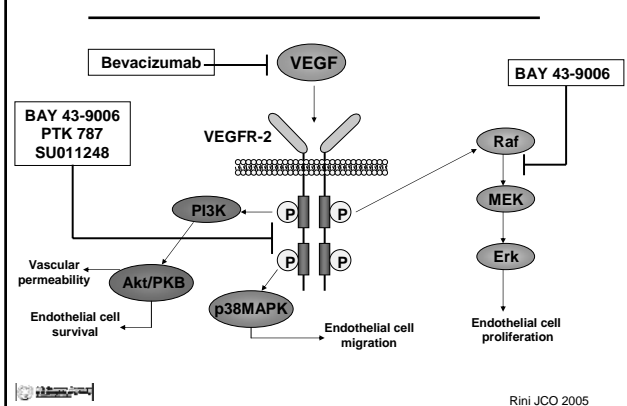
## Bevacizumab (BV; rhuMAb VEGF)



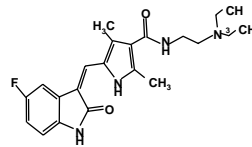
- Recombinant humanized anti-VEGF MAb
- Binds and neutralizes all forms of VEGF A
- $T_{1/2}$  17-21 days

Avastin™ (bevacizumab) [package insert]. San Francisco, Calif. Genentech, Inc; 2004.

## Inhibiting VEGF



## SU011248 - Sunitinib

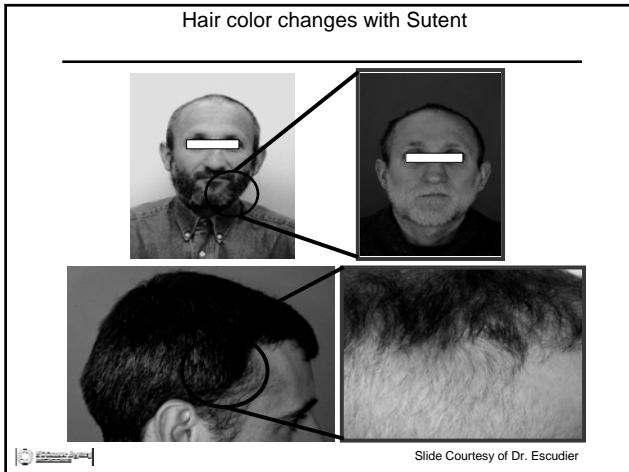


- Small molecule TKI
- 50mg daily 4 weeks on – 2 weeks off
- Good oral bioavailability, unaffected by food
- Metabolized in liver via CYP4503A4 ( $t_{1/2}$  40hr, metabolite 80 hr)
- Potential CYP4503A4 interactions
- Active metabolite SU012662
- Linear PK within tested doses (25-150mg)
- ATP site-directed competitive inhibitor
  - ❖ Directly binds to kinase domain to prevent phosphorylation and activation of substrates



Sun L, et al. *J Med Chem.* 2003;46:1116-1119.





- ### Other VEGF Inhibitors
- Other targeted agents in trial or about to start trials in neuroendocrine tumors
    - SU011248
    - PTK/ZK
    - BAY 43-9006
    - GW786034

**Conclusion:  
Neuroendocrine  
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- ### Conclusion
- **Multimodality approach: Surgery, Medical Oncology, Nuclear medicine, radiology**
  - **Somatostatin Analogs has resulted in significant advances in the management of neuroendocrine tumors**
  - **Therapeutic nuclear treatments evolving and encouraging**
  - **Future lies in new drugs**