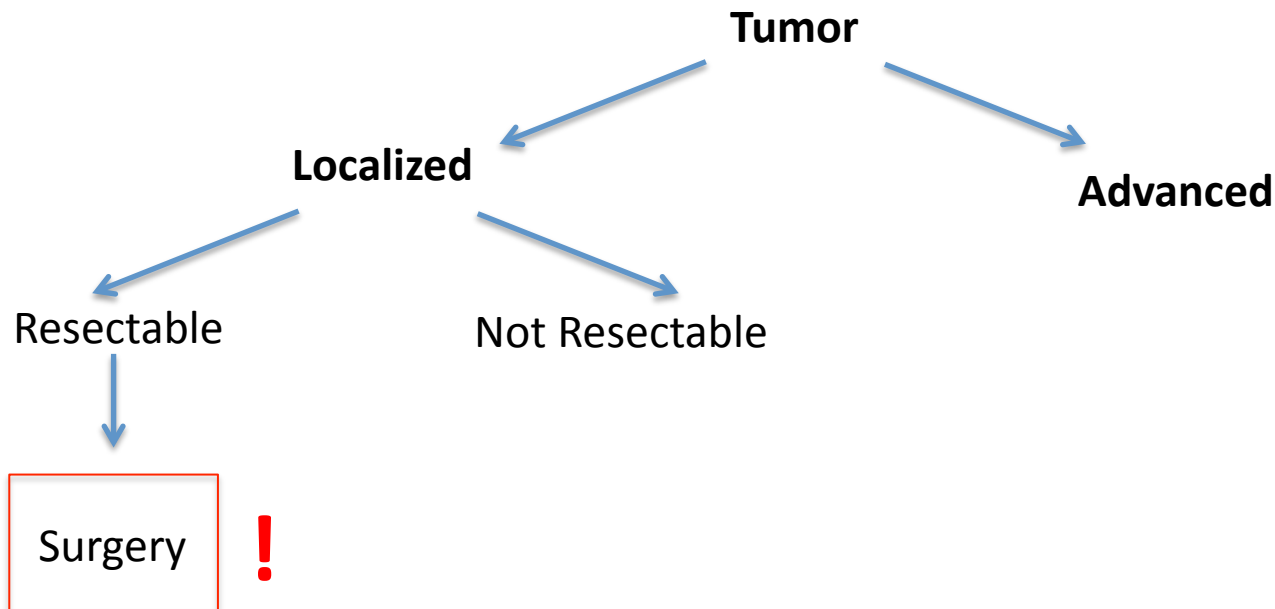




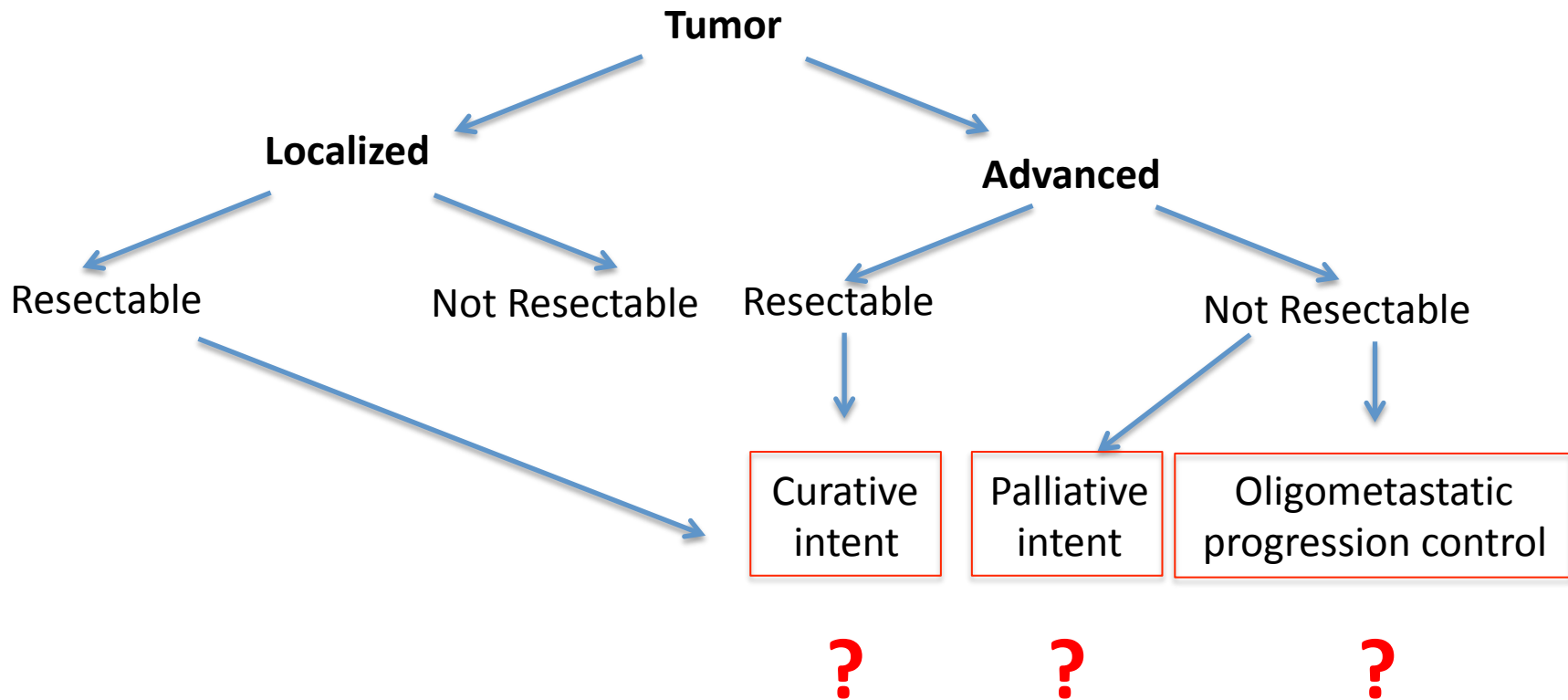
NEN del pancreas: la chirurgia è sempre necessaria?

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(Typical) Surgical Oncology Paradigm



(NET) Surgical Oncology Paradigm



Is surgery for PanNEN always necessary?

For what?

For localized PanNEN?

For advanced PanNEN?



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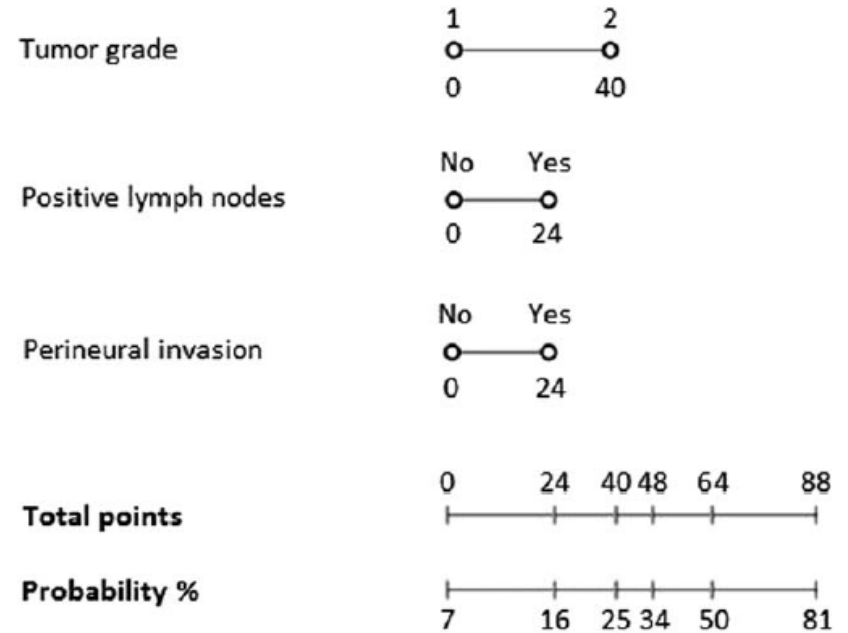
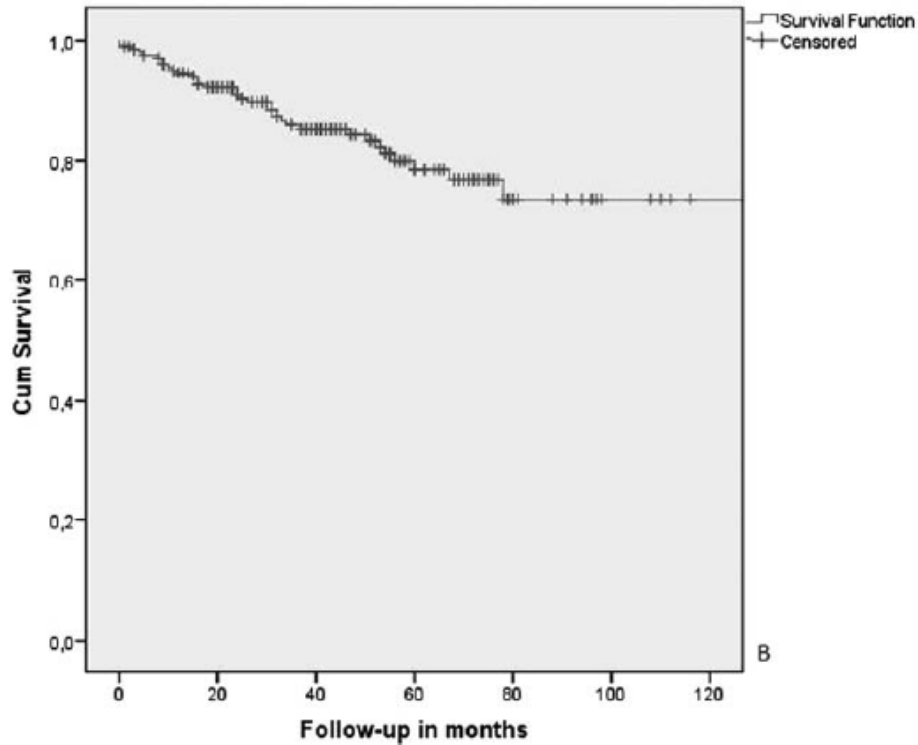
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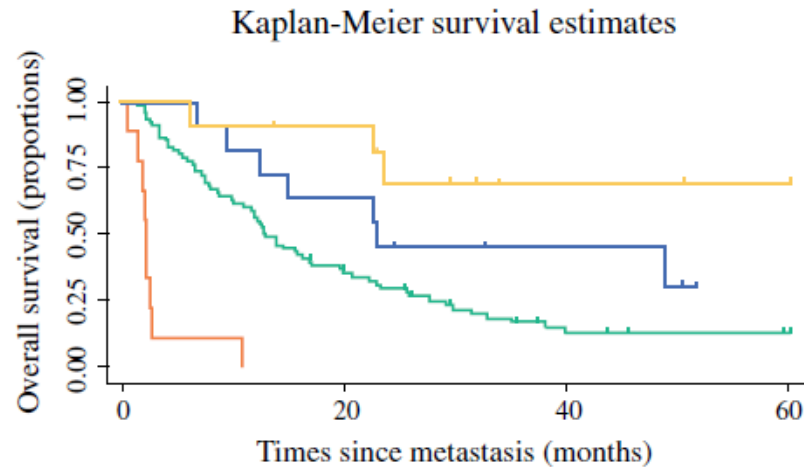
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Radical Surgery for localized G1-G2



Radical Surgery for localized G3



Number at risk

SURG1 11	9	5	3	3	0
SURG2 11	10	6	3	3	2
CT2 76	43	21	9	4	3
BSC 9	0	0	0	0	0

Localized non-metastatic
n=18

Surgery of primary tumor

SURG 1
n=14

Recurrence rate: 100%

Median DFS: 7 months

Chemotherapy
1-4 courses, n=5
>4 courses, n=9

Is surgery always necessary for localized PanNEN?

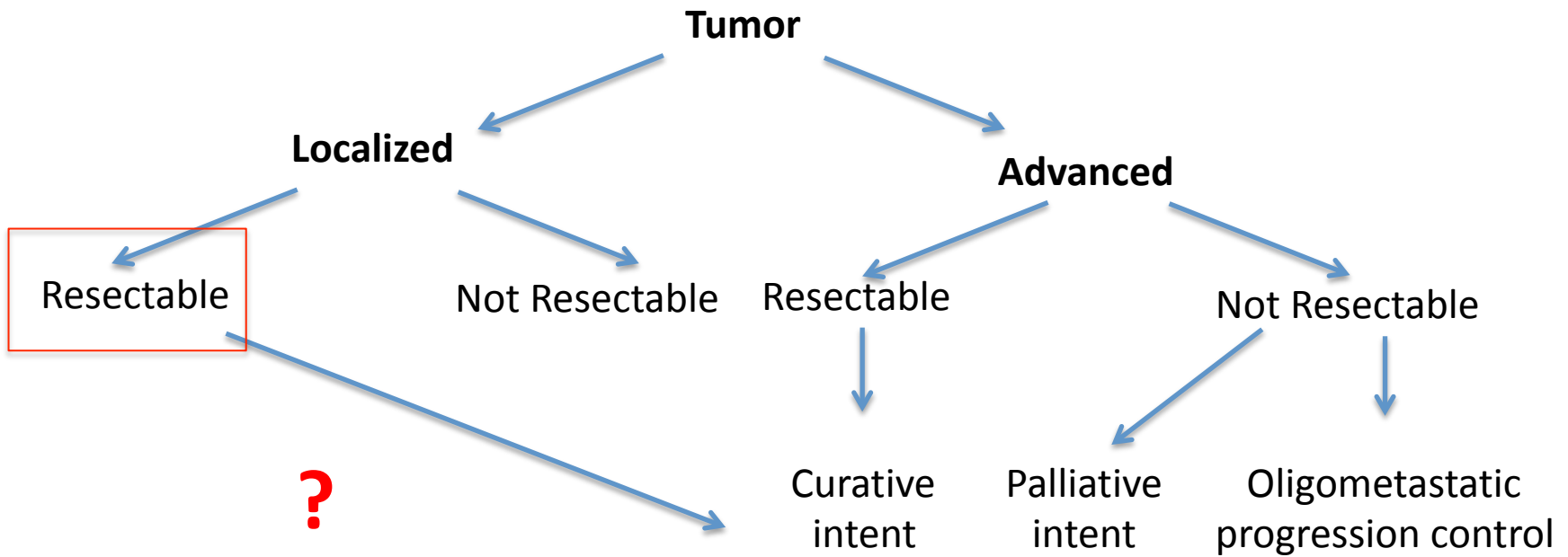
Yes

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Low probability to cure PanNEN-G3



(NET) Surgical Oncology Paradigm



Risk of Overtreatment

Incidence of small PanNET

Variable	n (%)
Localization	
Head	24 (58)
Body	6 (14)
Tail	1 (2)
≤ 0.5 cm (PanNET)	12 (28)
Ki67, %	
1	8 (20)
2	1 (2)
Not measured	32 (78)

An incidental PanNEM/PanNET was found in the pancreatic

2,400,000 patients with small PanNET in Italy

The median diameter of incidental PanNEM/PanNET was **3 mm**

Surveillance for small PanNET

REVIEW ARTICLE

Surveillance strategy for small asymptomatic non-functional pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors – a systematic review and meta-analysis

Ville Sallinen^{1,2}, Tessa Y.S. Le Large³, Shamil Galeev⁴, Zahar Kovalenko⁵, Elke Tieftrunk⁶, Raphael Araujo⁷, Güralp O. Ceyhan⁶ & Sebastien Gaujoux^{8,9}

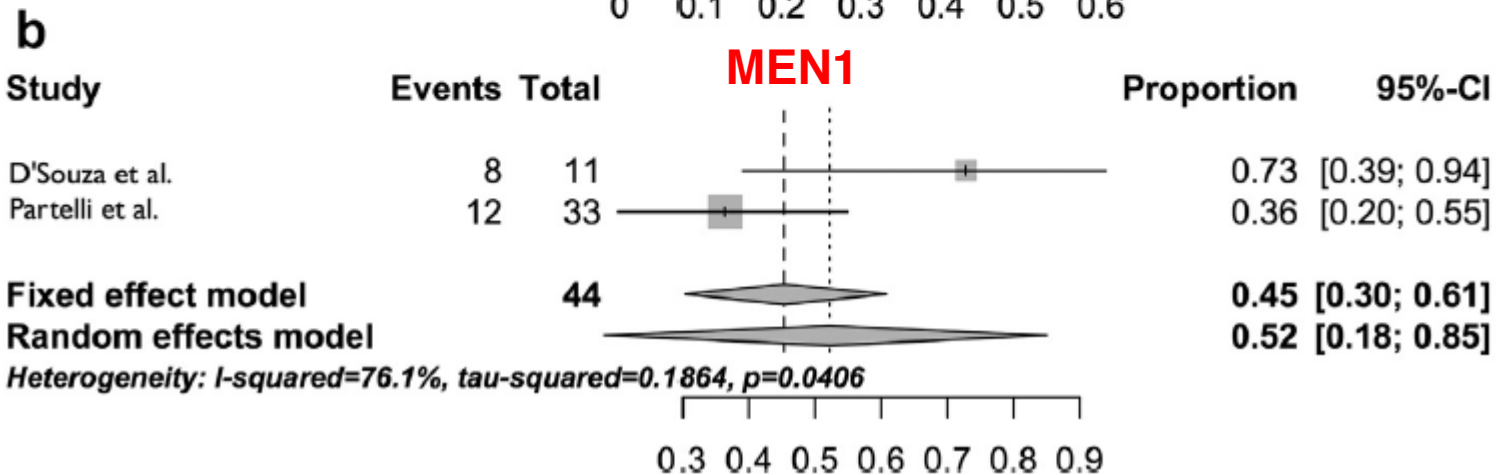
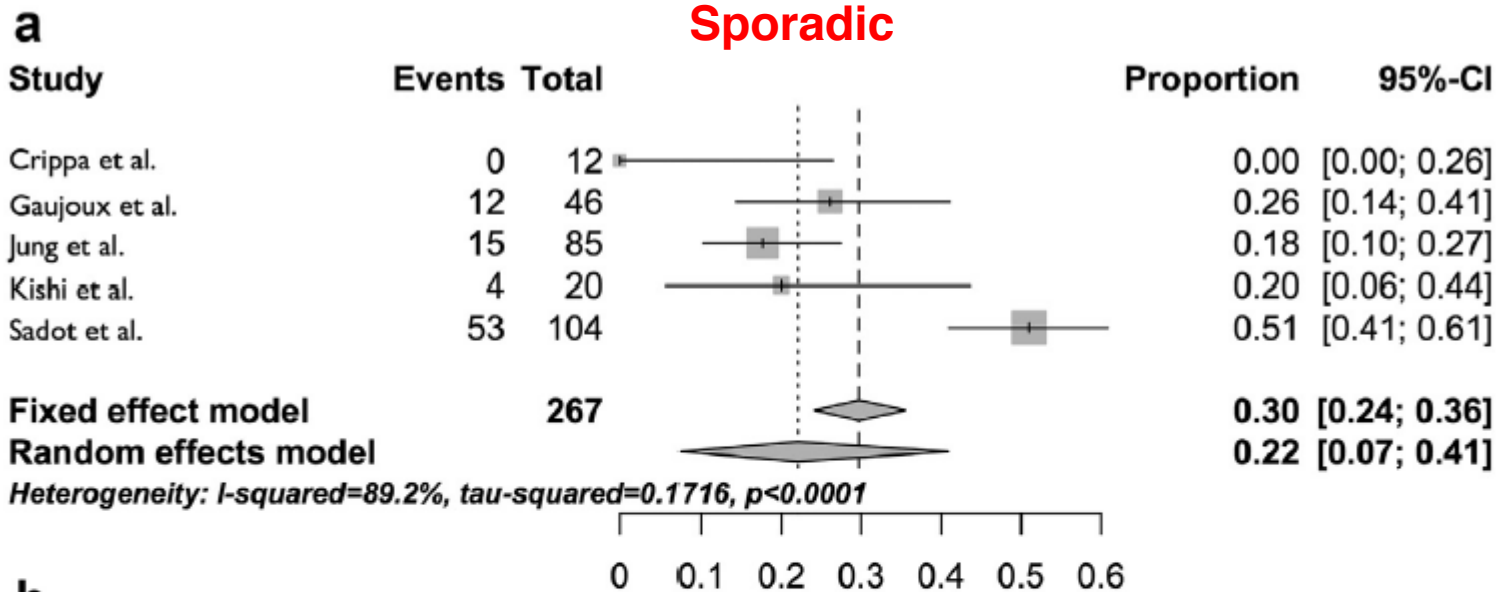
Systematic review

Systematic review of active surveillance *versus* surgical management of asymptomatic small non-functioning pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms

S. Partelli¹, R. Ciocchi², S. Crippa¹, L. Cardinali³, V. Fendrich⁴, D. K. Bartsch⁴ and M. Falconi¹



Risk of Tumor Growth in PanNET <2 cm



Surveillance is safe...

Authors	Type of Management	Disease-specific death n (%)	Lymph-node recurrence n (%)	Distant metastases n (%)	Local recurrence after surgery n (%)
Lee et al.	AS (n=77)	0	NR	NR	-
	SM (n=52)	0	NR	NR	NR
Gaujoux et al.	AS (n=46)	0	0 (0)	0 (0)	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Kishi et al.	AS (n=19)	0	0 (0)	0 (0)	-
	SM (n=71)	NR	2 (3)	14 (29)	1 (1)
Rosenberg et al.	AS (n=15)	0	0 (0)	3 (7)*	-
	SM (n=20)	2 (10)	0 (0)	2 (1)*	0(0)
Jung et al.	AS (n=85)	0	0 (0)	0 (0)	-
	SM (n=60)	0	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Sadot et al.	AS (n=104)	0			-
	SM (n=77)	0	3 (4)	2 (3)	

*PanNET >2 cm

** Any size



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**... and excluding from surgery asymptomatic PanNEN
<2cm**



It sounds easy...

but it's not



The Real Life-Our Experience

ENETS Consensus Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Digestive Neuroendocrine Neoplasms of the Digestive System: Well-Differentiated Pancreatic Non-Functioning Tumors

Massimo Falconi^a Detlef Klaus Bartsch^b Barbro Eriksson^c Günter Klöppel^d
José M. Lopes^e Juan M. O'Connor^f Ramón Salazar^g Babs G. Taal^h
Marie Pierre Vulliermeⁱ Dermot O'Toole^j
all other Barcelona Consensus Conference participants¹



- ✓ Management based on ENETS GL (2012)
- ✓ Conflict of interest (for “wait and see”)



Reasons for Surgery

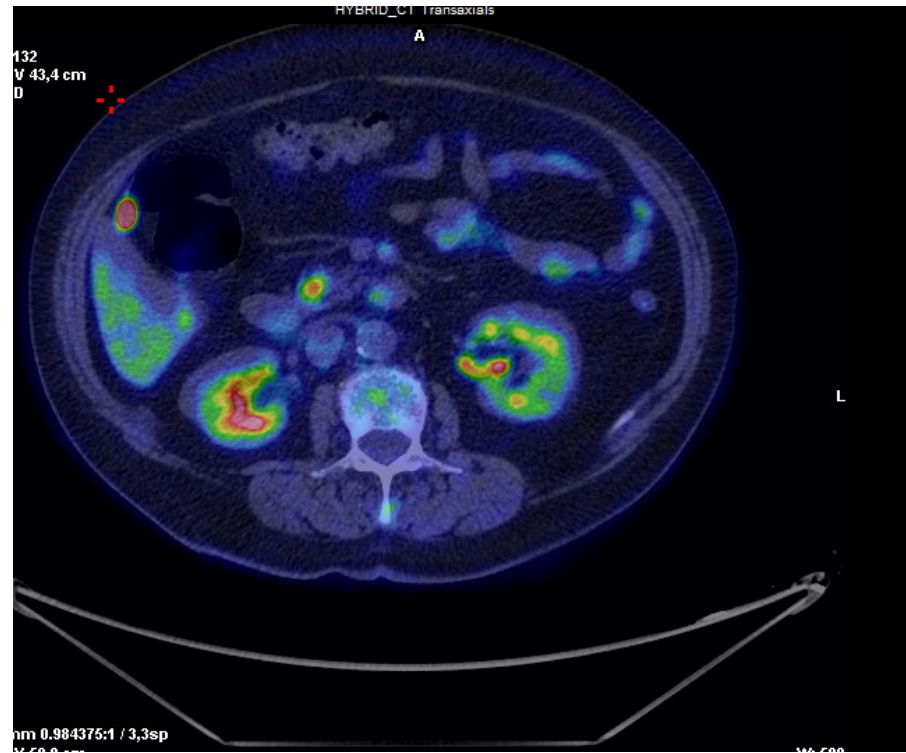
	Active Surveillance n = 73	Surgery n = 28	P value
Age, years *	60 (\pm 4)	53 (\pm 13)	0.013
Largest Radiological diameter, mm *	12 (\pm 4)	16 (\pm 4)	< 0.0001

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Negative	5 (7)	2 (7)	1.000
Positive	46 (63)	17 (60)	
Not performed	22 (30)	9 (32)	
18F-FDG PET			
Negative	16 (22)	2 (7)	0.003
Positive	13 (18)	14 (50)	
Not performed	44 (60)	12 (43)	
FNA			
Diagnostic for NET	35 (48)	12 (43)	0.329
Undetermined/misdiagnosed	9 (12)	7 (25)	
Not performed	29 (40)	9 (32)	
Cytological grading[^]			
G1	20 (27)	5 (18)	0.008
G2	0 (0)	4 (14)	
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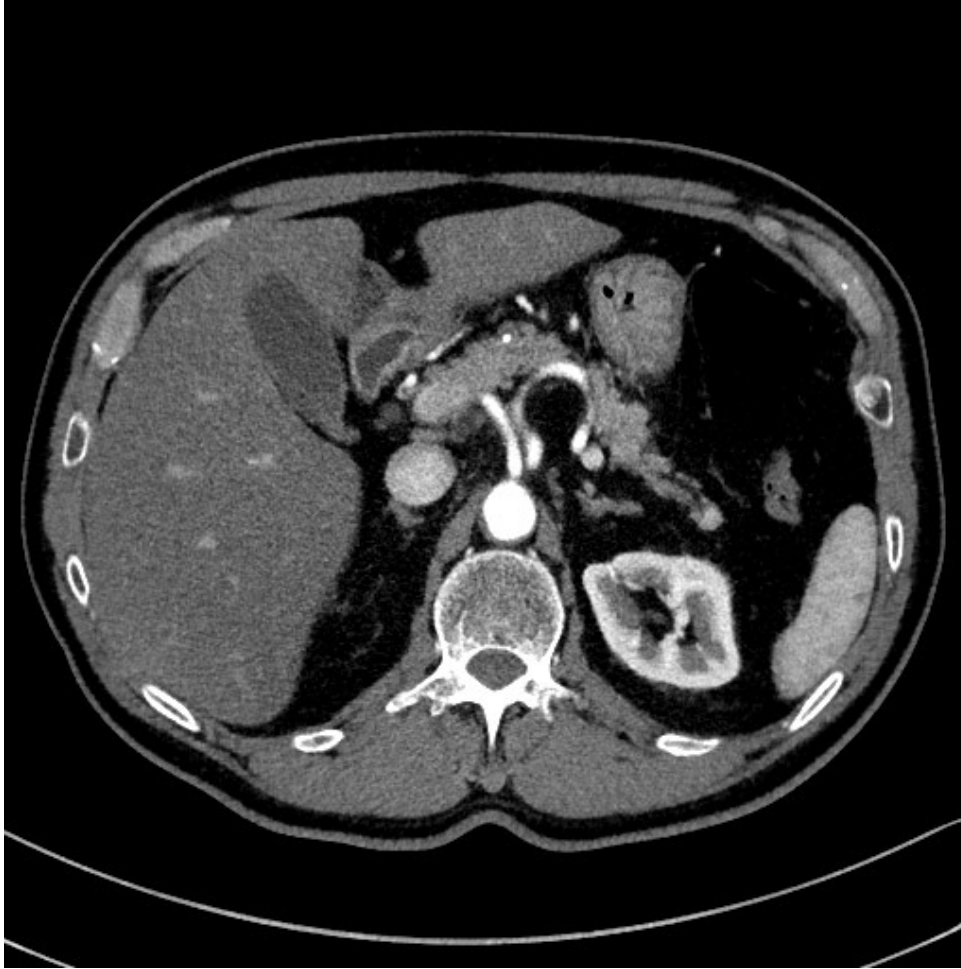
Role of ^{18}F FDG in small PanNET

Among the cases with a positive ^{18}F -FDG PET (n=14), only 5 had at least one pathological feature of aggressiveness: G2 tumor (n=5), microvascular invasion (n=3), perineural invasion (n=1) or nodal metastasis (n=1).



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EUS+FNA: G2 (n = 4)



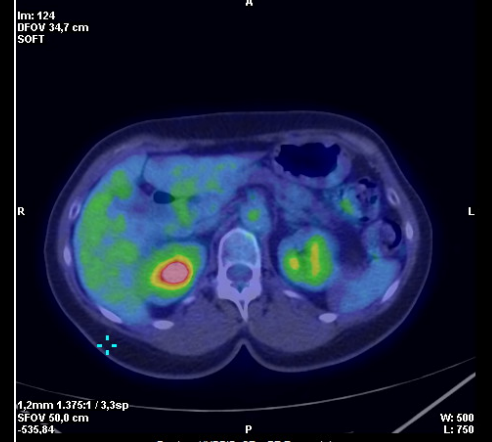
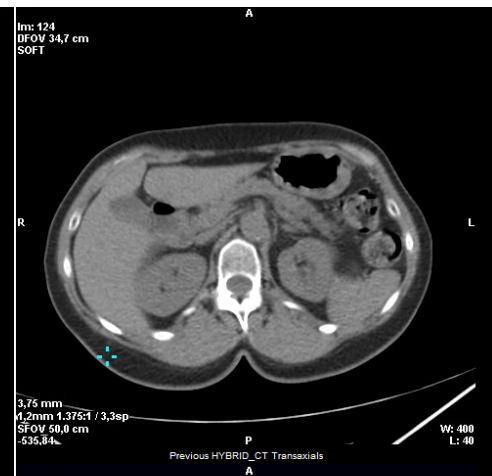
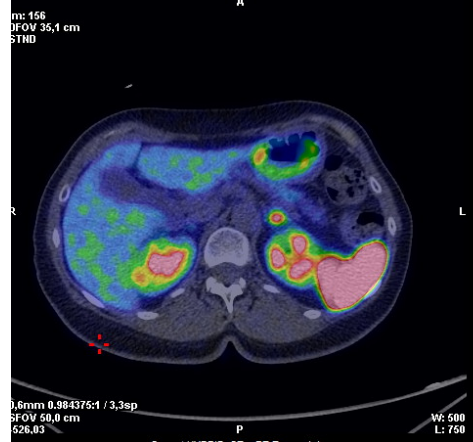
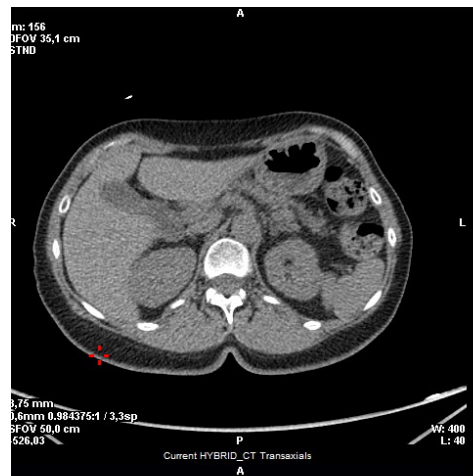
Surgery



Histology: G2 (n = 1)

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MPD dilatation			
No	73 (100)	22 (79)	
Yes	0 (0)	6 (21)	< 0.0001



Small and aggressive

#	Serotonin	Symptoms	\$TNM	Stage
1	+	Yes	T3N1M1	IV
2	+	Yes	T1NXM1	IV
3	+	Yes	T1N0M0	I
4	+	Yes	T1N0M0	I
5	+	Yes	T1N0M0	I
6	+	No	T2N0M0	Ila
7	+	No	T2N0M0	Ila
8	+	Yes	T1N0M0	I

29% operated for patients' preference in our series!

39% in published series!

Reference	Type of follow-up	Follow-up (months)*	No change in tumour size	Tumour growth $\leq 20\%$	Tumour growth $> 20\%$	Surgery during follow-up	Reason for surgery	Time to surgery (months)*
Lee <i>et al.</i> ²³	Clinical and radiological	45	77 (100)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	–	–
Gaujoux <i>et al.</i> ²⁴	Clinical and radiological	34 (24–53)	40 (87)	n.r.	6 (13)	8 (17)	Tumour growth 3 Patient choice 5	41 (27–58)
Jung <i>et al.</i> ²⁵	Clinical and radiological (at 3, 6 and 12 months)	n.r.	70 (82)	12 (14)	3 (4)	12 (14)	Tumour growth 8 Patient choice 3 Symptoms 1	34(18)†
Sadot <i>et al.</i> ²⁶	Radiological	44 (4–223)	51 (49.0)	n.r.	n.r.	26 (25.0)	Tumour growth 8 Patient choice 10 Physician preference 7 Pancreatic duct dilatation 1	30 (7–135)
Rosenberg <i>et al.</i> ²⁷	Radiological	28 (19–113)	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.	0 (0)	–	–

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... still in selected cases



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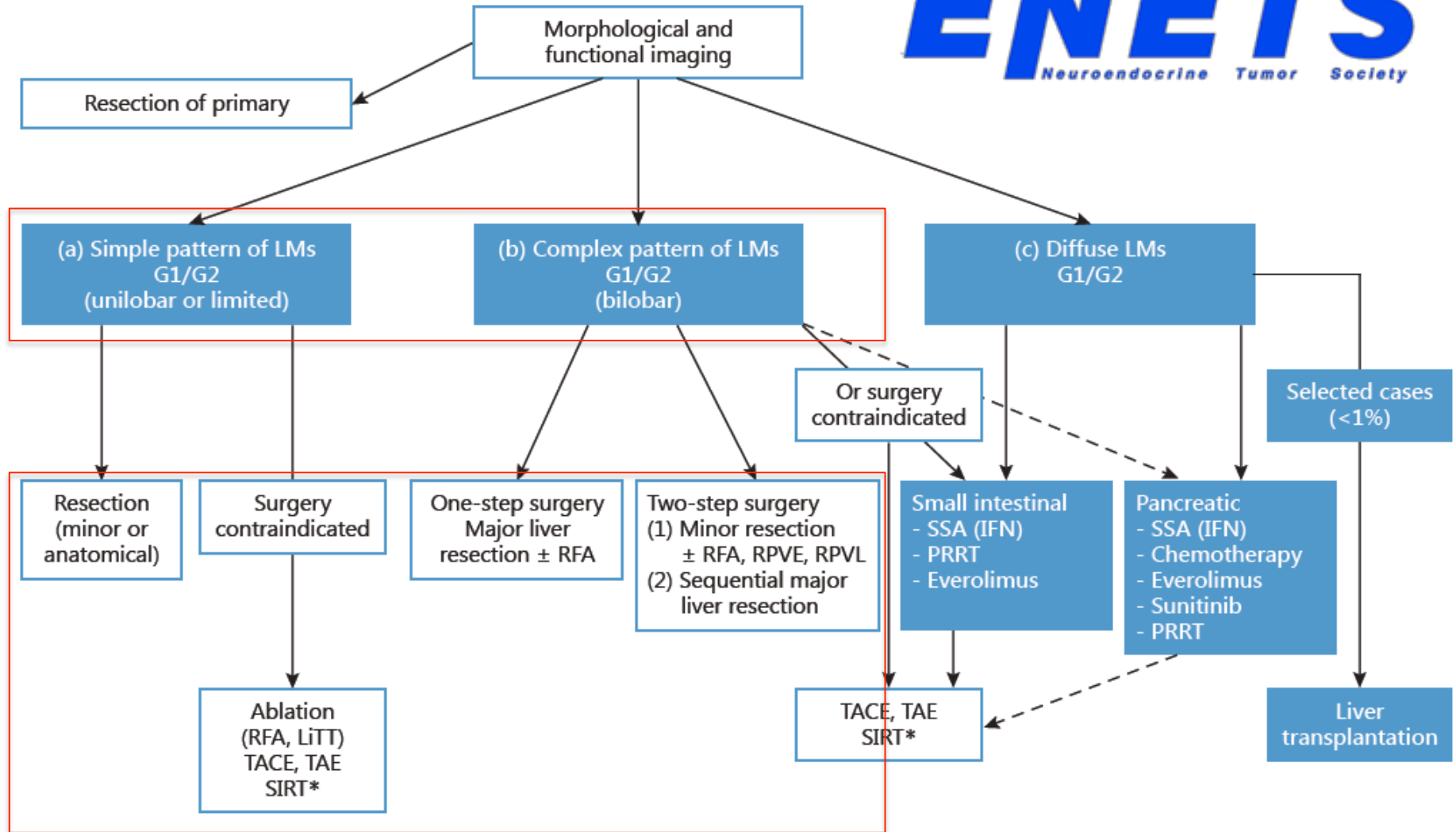
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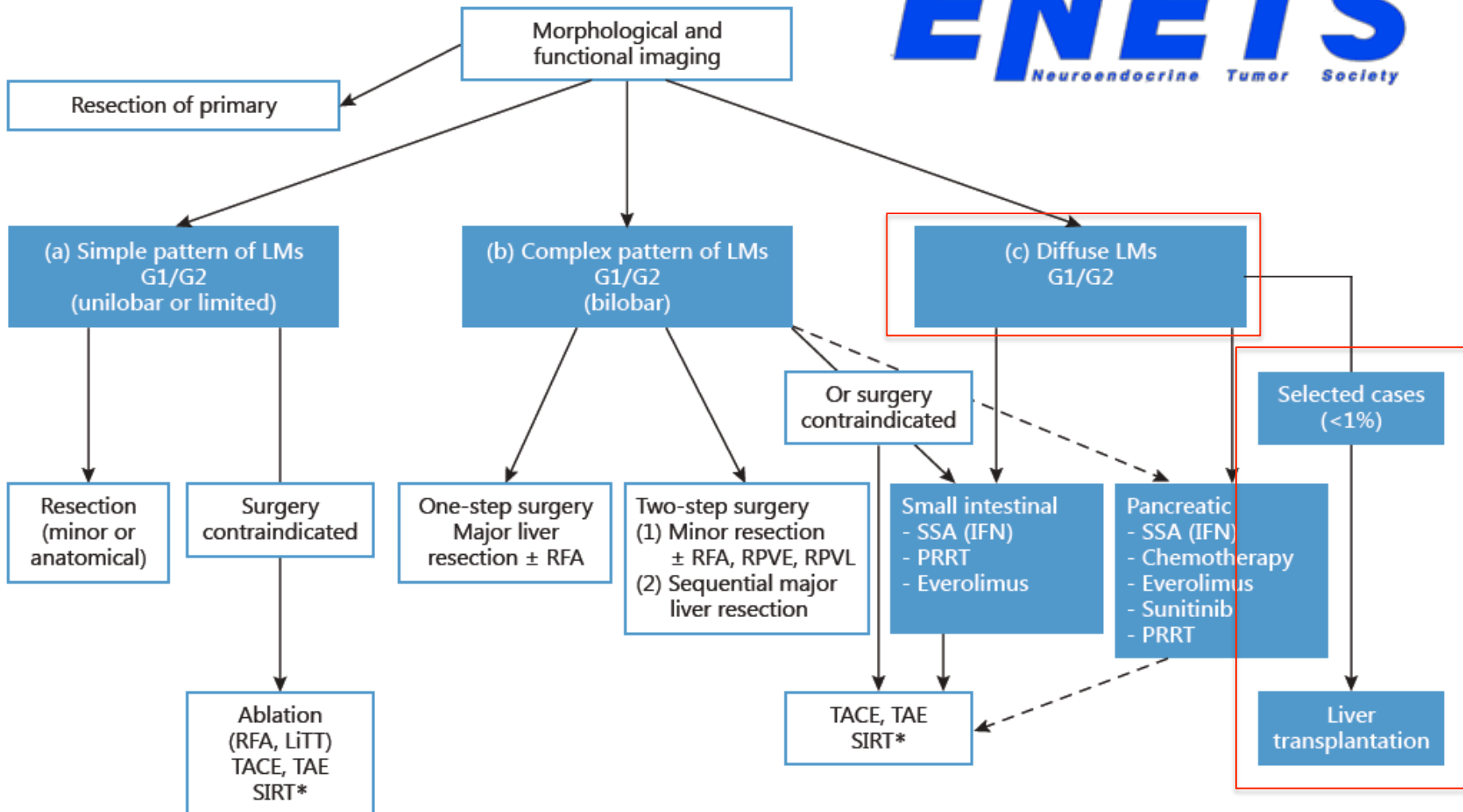
PanNET G1-G2

Main localization: body/tail

No extra-abdominal disease

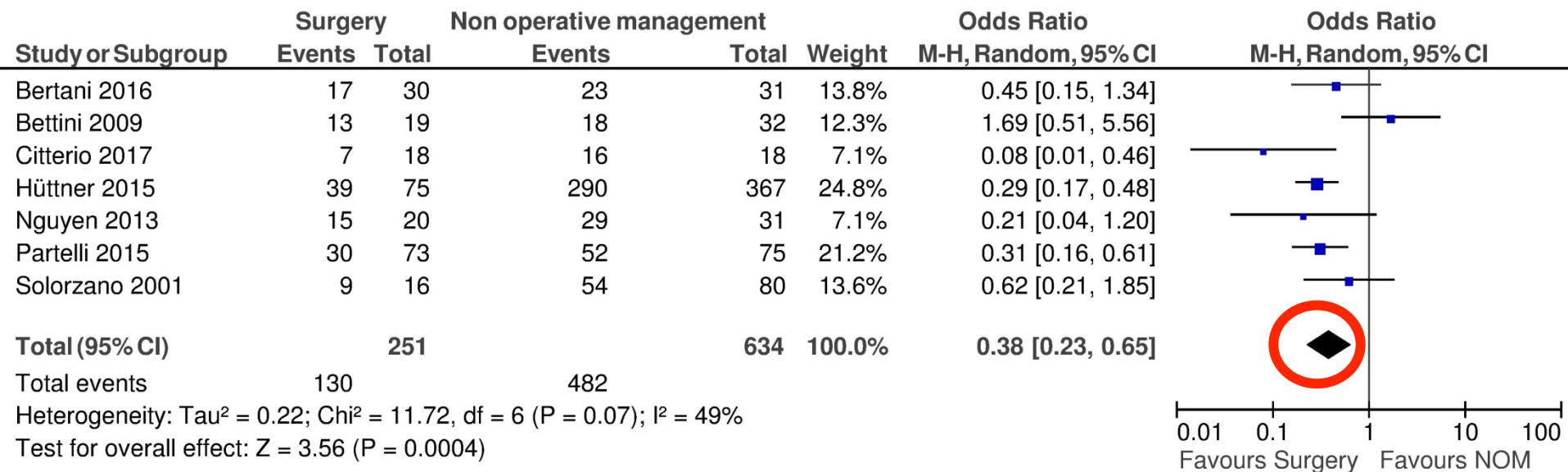






Role of palliative pancreatic resection

Overall survival



Value of palliative primary resection

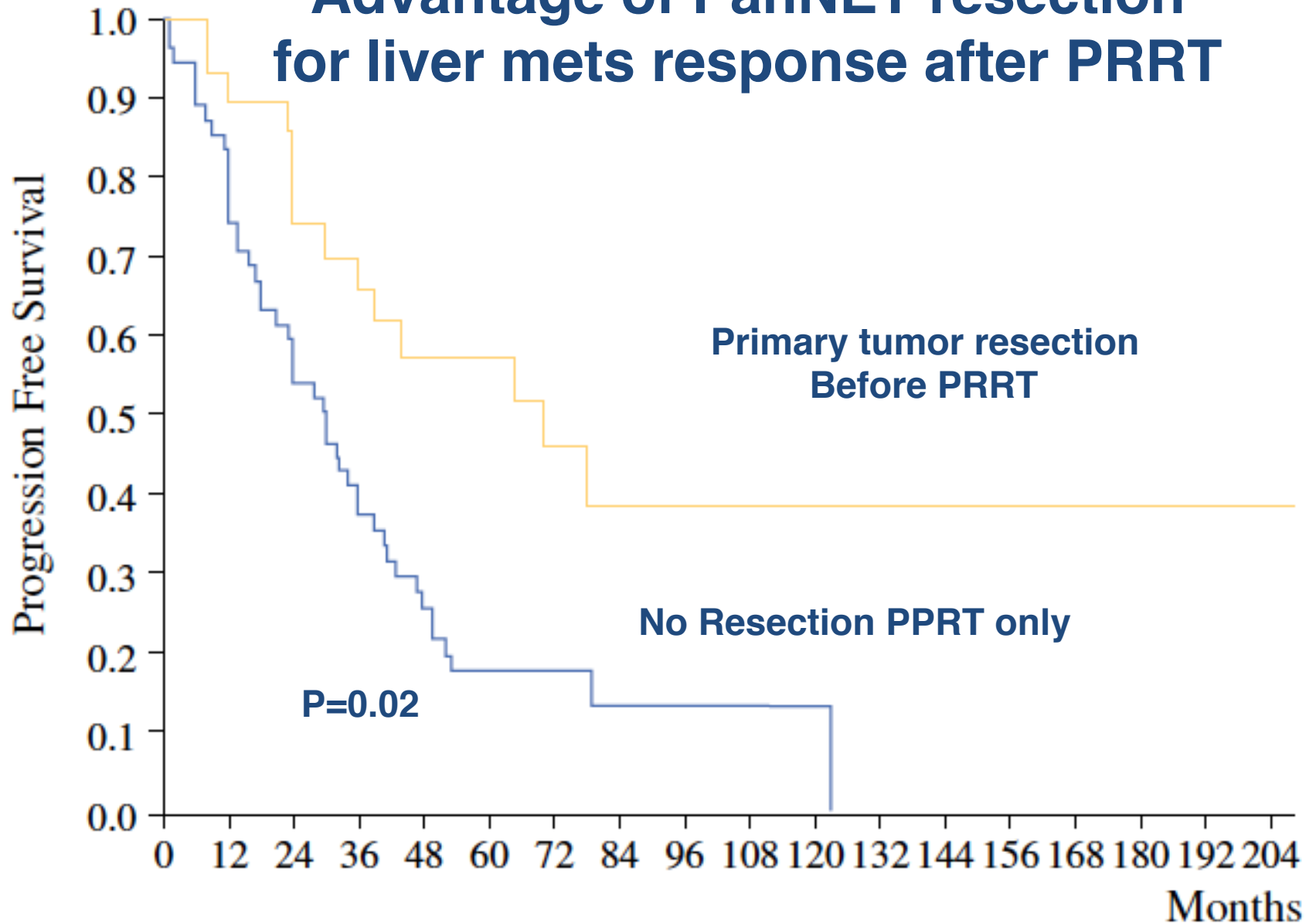
To allow treatments only to liver metastases

To reduce the disease burden

To favor further systemic therapy



Advantage of PanNET resection for liver mets response after PRRT

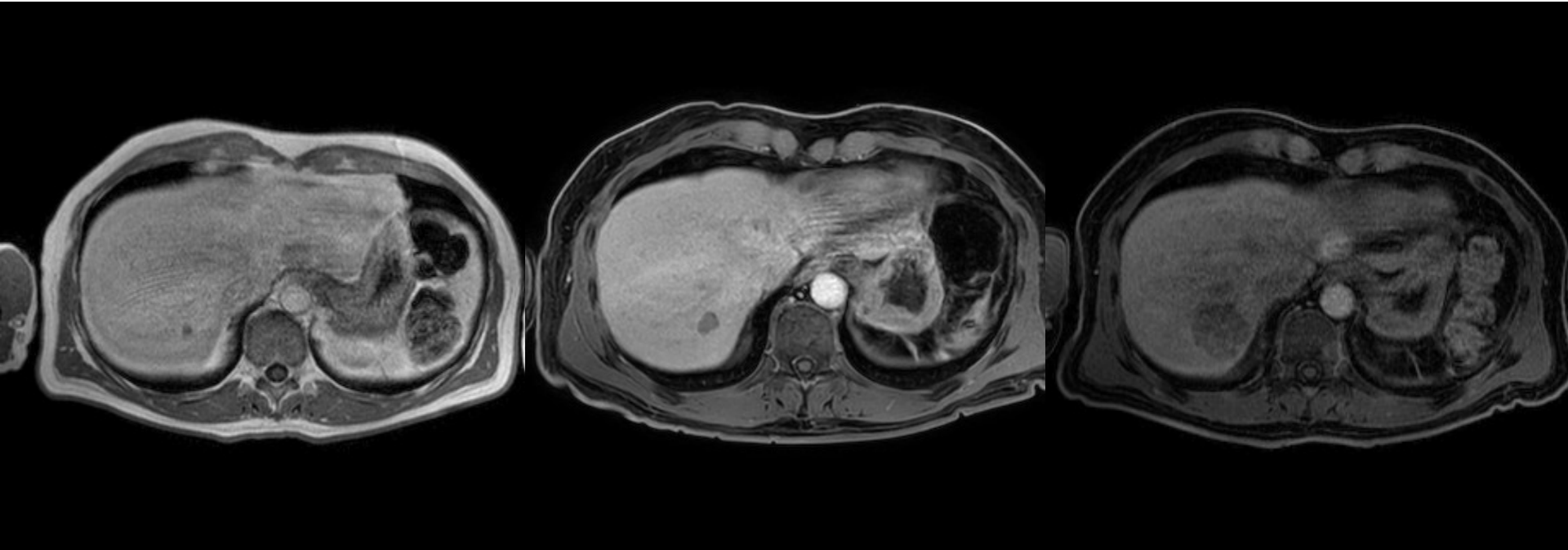


Single metastasis progression

2015

2016

2018



Somatostatin
Analogues

Everolimus

Surgery

Single metastasis progression

Local treatment can control discrete sites of progression



To allow patients to continue their existing therapy

Is surgery always necessary for advanced PanNEN?

Yes

in VERY selected patients



Conclusions

Surgery is necessary to cure (>70%) localized PanNET G1-G2 >2cm

**Surgery is necessary to improve DFS in selected patients
with advanced PanNEN G3**

Surgery should be avoided in most of asymptomatic PanNET <2cm

**Surgery may be necessary to improve PFS in selected patients with
advanced PanNEN**

