

### Radioisotope

Ac-225 Actinium-225  
actinide metal  
T<sub>1/2</sub> : 9.9 days

### Production

Th229 / Ac-225  
generators; other methods  
under development

### Radiation

alpha particle (α)

### Use

Treatment of advanced  
gastroenteropancreatic  
neuroendocrine tumors  
(GEP-NETs)

### Target/Mechanism

DOTA-TATE is an octapeptide with a high affinity for somatostatin receptors, mainly type 2 (SSTR2), overexpressed in NETs.  
<sup>225</sup>Ac-DOTA-TATE is internalized in the tumor cell and induces DNA breakage causing cell death

### Insight

The long-term outcome results of <sup>225</sup>Ac-DOTATATE , median follow-up of 24 mo, was published by the group of Dr Bal.

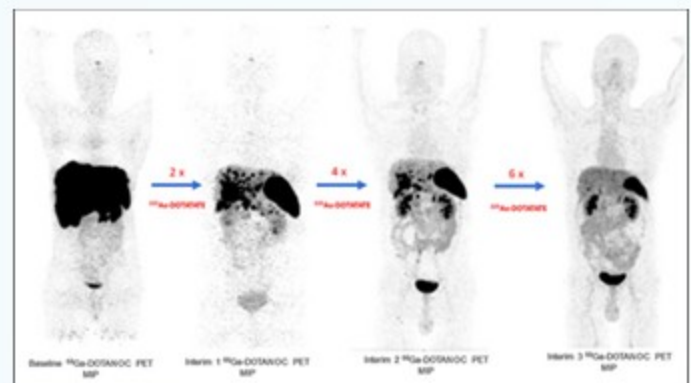
**N patients:** 91 with GEP-NET = 57 pre-treated with 177 Lu-DOTATATE and 34 patients without pre-treatment

**Treatment:** <sup>225</sup>Ac-DOTATATE (100-120 kBq/kg) i.v. with renal protection.  
~ 4 cycles with intervals of 8 weeks.

Capecitabine was given as a radiosensitizer (2 g/day) from day 0 to 14 of every <sup>225</sup>Ac-DOTATATE cycle.

### Results:

Of the 79 patients  
2 (2.5%) Complete Response;  
38 (48%) Partial Response;  
23 (29%) Stable Disease;  
16 (20.2%) Progressive Disease.



The authors found that “median OS was not attained, and the 24-mo OS probability was 70.8%. Median PFS was also not reached, with a 24-mo PFS probability of 67.5%. A significant clinical benefit was achieved after <sup>225</sup>Ac-DOTATATE therapy, with minimal treatment-related toxicities.”