

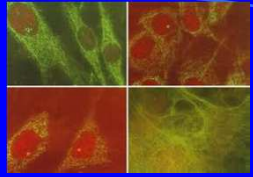
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**BIOTECNOLOGIE DI LABORATORIO E MEDICINA  
TRASFUSIONALE**

**COLTURE CELLULARI**  
*Colture primarie*

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# Colture primarie



## Colture cellulari

### DEFINIZIONE

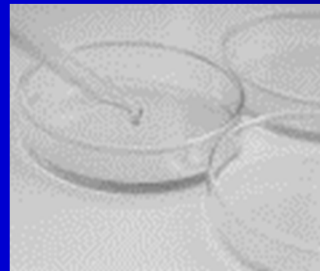
Procedimento complesso mediante il quale le cellule sono coltivate in condizioni controllate, al di fuori del loro ambiente naturale.

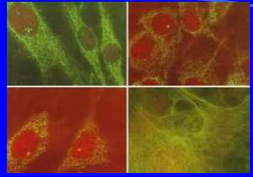
organismi multicellulari

cellule animali  
piante  
miceti

organismi unicellulari

virus  
batteri  
protozoi





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## Isolamento delle cellule

### Purificazione da sangue

↳ Leucociti

↳ proliferazione in vitro



↳ Eritrociti

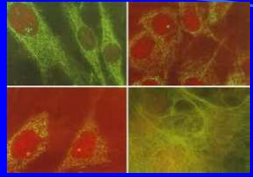
### Digestione enzimatica di tessuti molli

↳ Cellule nucleate

### Coltura di espianto

↳ Frammenti di tessuto in terreno di coltura



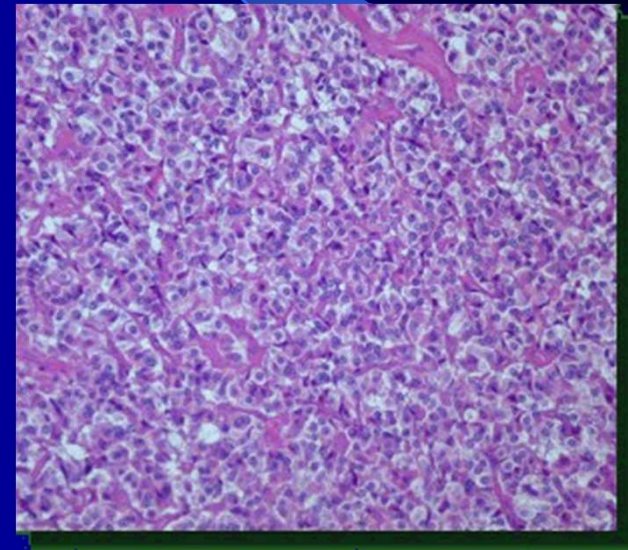


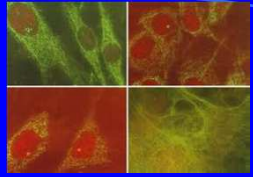
Colture primarie



## Colture cellulari

- Colture primarie
- Linee stabilizzate
- Linee trasformate
- Linee ingegnerizzate





# Colture primarie



## Colture primarie

Colture cellulari derivanti da un singolo individuo

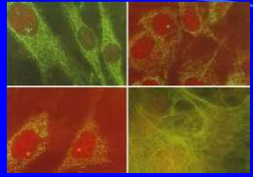
→ durata limitata

→ sviluppo di senescenza - interruzione della proliferazione

## Linee stabilizzate

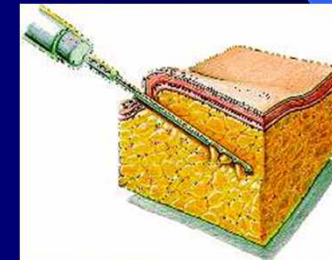
Le linee cellulari immortalizzate hanno acquisito la capacità di proliferare in modo indefinito grazie a mutazioni casuali o modifiche apposite

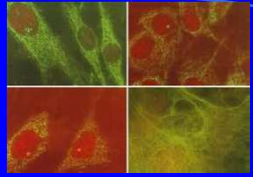




## Colture primarie

- Organo e/o tessuto disgregato meccanicamente o enzimaticamente in cellule singole o clumps
- Coltura in sospensione e/o su substrato solido
- Capacita' proliferativa limitata





# Colture primarie

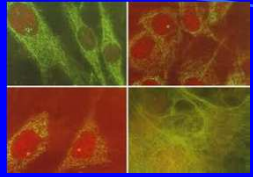


## Perché si coltivano?



- Per espandere i cloni cellulari da indagare
- Per investigare le caratteristiche biochimiche e fisiologiche delle cellule (endocrine)
- Per capire le basi molecolari e cellulari delle patologie d'organo
- Per valutare l'efficacia di agenti terapeutici
- Per testare e sviluppare nuovi materiali





# Colture primarie



## Cosa serve?

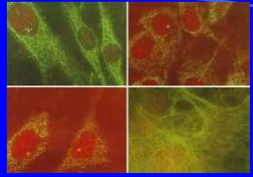
Incubatore per colture cellulari

Temperatura = 37°C

Atmosfera controllata = 5% CO<sub>2</sub> e 95% aria per le cellule di mammifero







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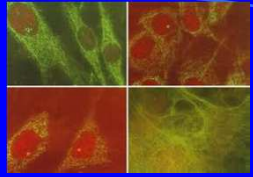
Cappa a flusso laminare "biohazard"

flusso continuo

garanzia di sterilità all'interno della cappa

sterilizzazione mediante UV





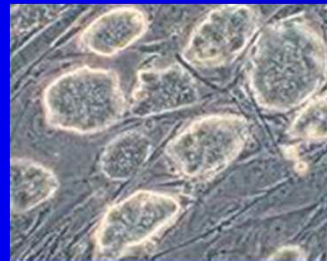
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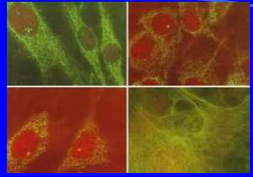


## Cosa serve?

### Microscopio ottico

visione invertita  
contrasto di fase  
possibilità di fotografare





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## Cosa serve?

### Terreno di coltura

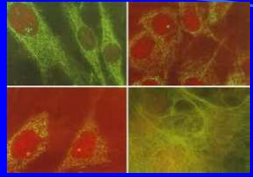
A seconda delle caratteristiche del tessuto è possibile preparare (o acquistare) uno specifico terreno di coltura, Le variabili più importanti sono



pH  
concentrazione di glucosio  
presenza di fattori di crescita  
concentrazione del siero  
(solitamente siero fetale bovino)  
altri nutrienti (aminoacidi, vitamine)

Potenziale  
contaminazione  
con virus o prioni



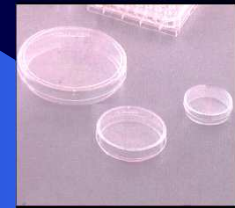


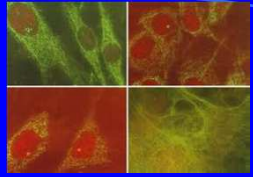
# Colture primarie



## Come si fa?

- Prelevare il tessuto fresco in condizioni di sterilità
- Trasferire il tessuto fresco in una petri
- Lavare con PBS
- Dissezionare eliminando grasso e tessuto necrotico





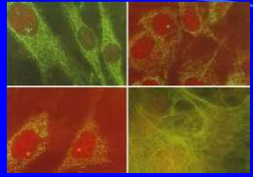
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## Come si fa?

- Lavare ripetutamente
- Rimuovere il terreno in eccesso e ricoprire con terreno di coltura



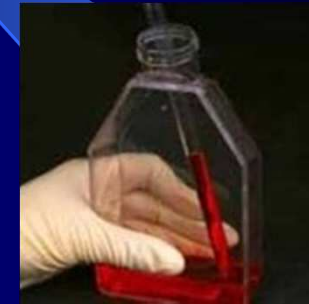


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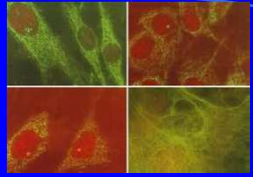
## Come si fa?

- Trasferire i pezzi in una fiasca da 25 cm<sup>2</sup>



- Aggiungere enzimi e porre in orbital incubator a 37° per 1-2 ore





# Colture primarie

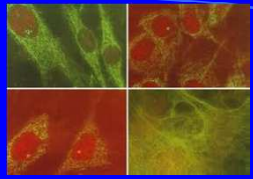


## Enzimi



- **Tripsina** : (idrolasi) massima attività a 37°, induce una maggiore disgregazione ma può danneggiare le cellule. Per minimizzare il danno è possibile usare tripsina a 4°C per permettere all'enzima di penetrare nel tessuto con poca attività
- **Collagenasi** : (metallo-proteinasi) determina una minore disgregazione ma è meno aggressiva
- Ogni tessuto richiede condizioni diverse





# Colture primarie



## Come si fa?

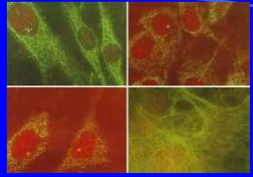
- Passaggi in aghi di diametro sempre minore (18 - 22 g)



Si ottiene una sospensione cellulare mista







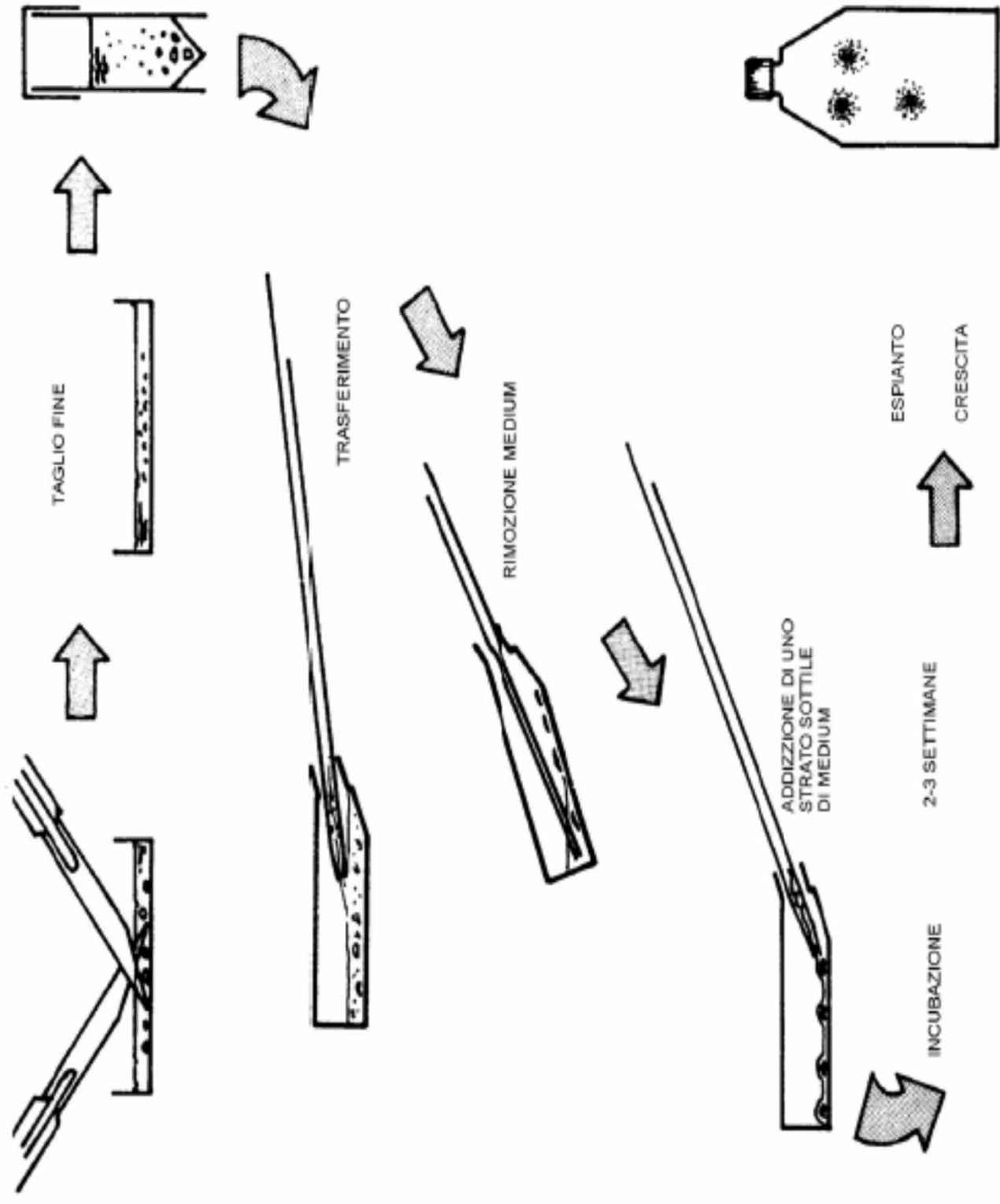
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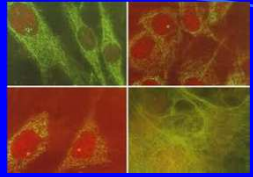


- Centrifugare ed eliminare il surnatante
- Risospendere il pellet in 1-5 ml di RPMI
- Prelevare 10  $\mu$ l della sospensione cellulare e contare in camera di Burker



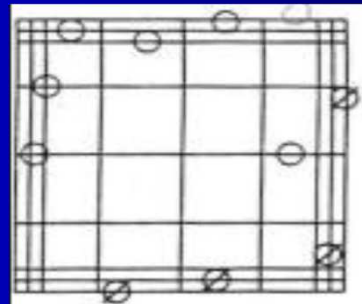
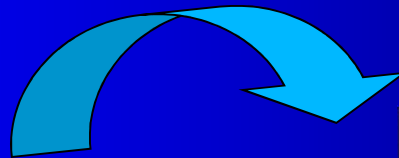
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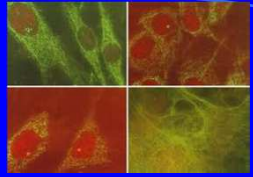




## Camera di burker

- E' caratterizzata da una griglia standardizzata costituita da 9 quadrati.
- La media del numero di cellule che si contano nei 4 quadrati viene moltiplicata per un valore fisso  $10^4$  (poichè ogni quadrato rappresenta un volume totale di  $0,1 \text{ mm}^3$ ) e si ottiene quindi il numero di cellule in 1 ml di soluzione



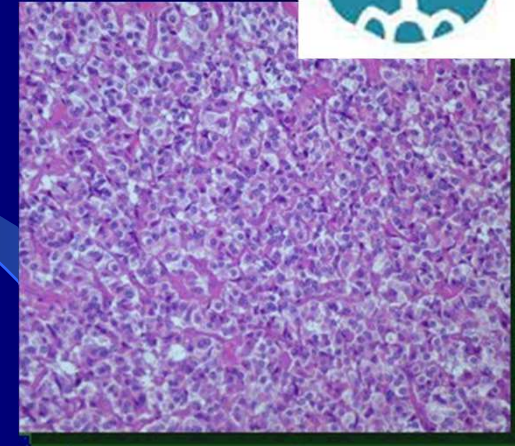


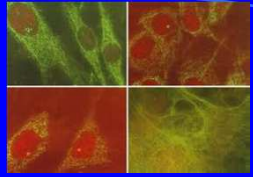
# Colture primarie



## Come si fa?

- Osservare al microscopio ottico le cellule galleggianti nel mezzo di coltura, in modo da valutare la congruità delle cellule piastrate
- Seminare nelle piastre da 96 well 20.000 cells/wells
- Porre nell'incubatore termostato a 37°C e 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, dopo circa 2-3 ore è possibile osservare le cellule che iniziano ad attaccarsi alla piastra ed acquisire la propria forma





# Colture primarie



## Come si fa?

Densità di semina (numero di cellule/ml di terreno di coltura)  
→ Influenza le caratteristiche e la differenziazione cellulare

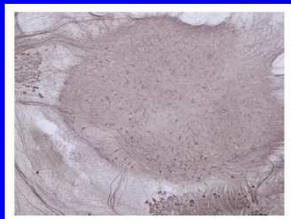
Coltura in sospensione vs. in adesione

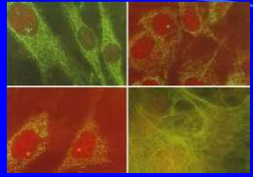
↓  
alta densità

↙  
colture  
organitipiche

↘  
Superficie di crescita:  
plastica  
microcarriers  
coating

Crescita cellulare in 3-D  
Più simile al tessuto in vivo  
Tecnicamente molto complessa





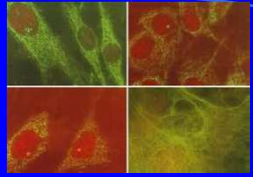
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## Come si fa?

**Attenzione alla cross-contaminazione!!!**





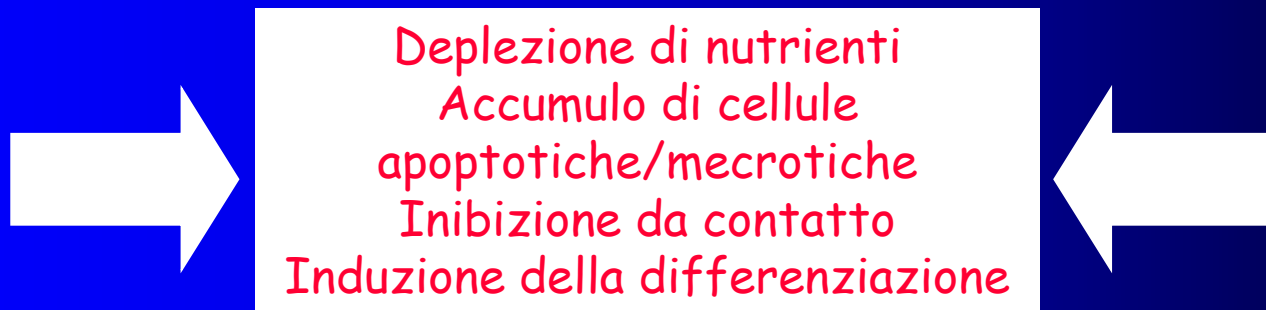
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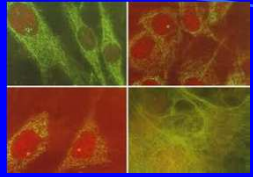


## Come si fa?

➔ sospensione/monostrato

Le cellule continuano a crescere fino a riempire tutto lo spazio disponibile

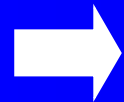




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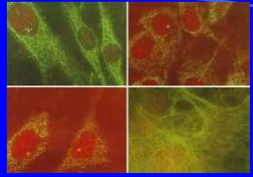


sospensione/monostrato

Tutte le operazioni  
(cambio del mezzo di coltura, passaggio delle cellule, trasfezioni)  
devono essere svolte in  
**CONDIZIONI DI STERILITA'**







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## Come si fa?

➔ Cappa a flusso laminare

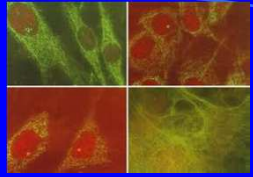


Antibiotici  
Antimicotici



Indicatori di variazione del pH





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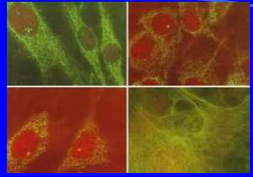
## Sostituzione del mezzo di coltura

### Passaggio

Trasferimento di un piccolo numero di cellule in una nuova fiasca

Se fatto regolarmente evita la senescenza





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## E ora ?

Semina in  
piastra



Incubazione



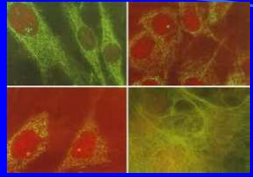
Raccolta del  
mezzo di coltura



Dosaggi  
(ormonali)

Saggi di  
Vitalità  
Apoptosi  
Attivazione vie  
del segnale





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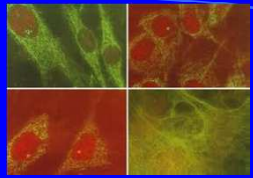


Lettura allo  
spettrofotometro/fluorimetro



**RISULTATI!!**





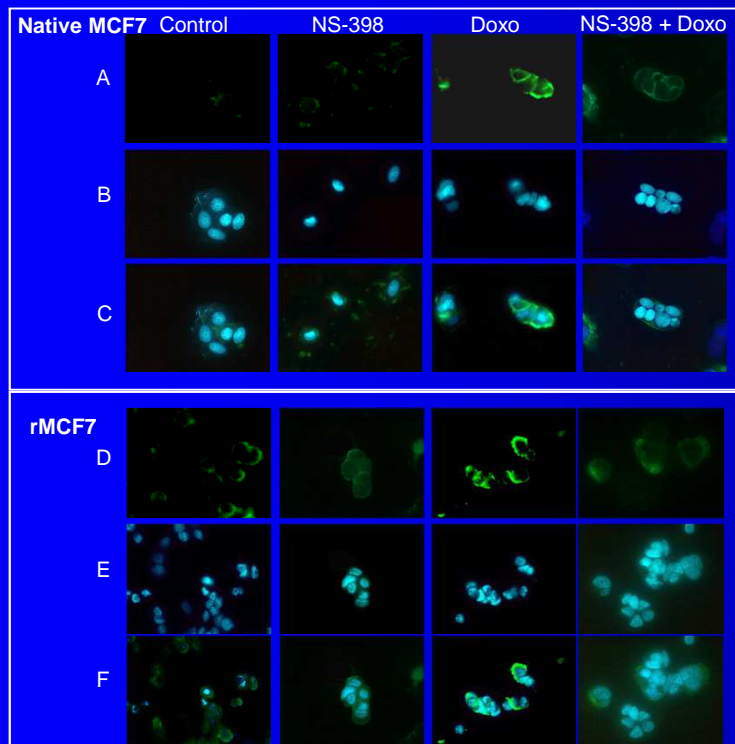
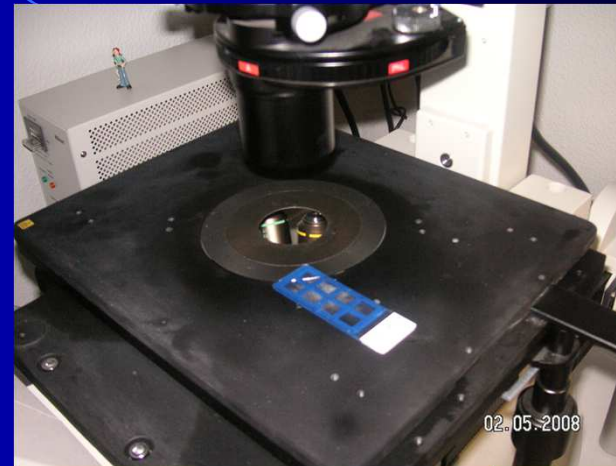
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Fissazione su vetrino

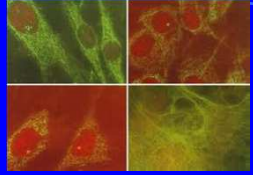


Immunofluorescenza



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## Applicazioni

Produzione di vaccini

Produzione biotecnologica con tecnica del DNA ricombinante di

enzimi

ormoni

anticorpi monoclonali

interleuchine

linfocine

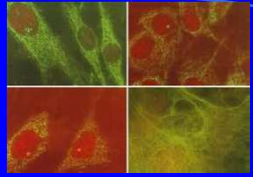
agenti antineoplastici

→ Soprattutto per proteine glicosilate e/o dotate di modifiche post-traduzionali che non possono essere riprodotte in ambiente batterico

ERITROPOIETINA

L'alternativa alle colture cellulari di mammifero sono costituite da cellule di insetto, cellule vegetali, cellule embrionali

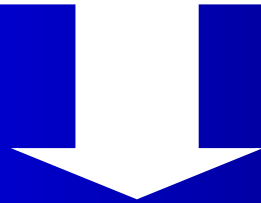




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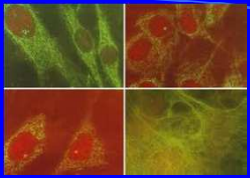


New biotechnology approaches



NEW MOLECULAR TARGETS



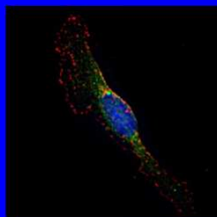
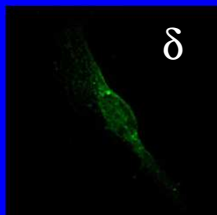
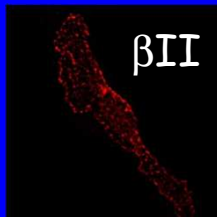


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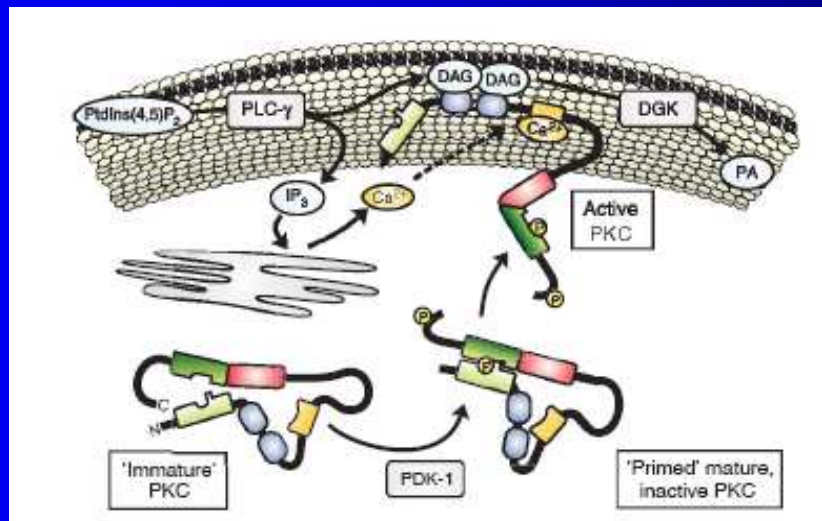
## Pancreatic endocrine tumors

PKC



Does targeting Protein Kinase restrain proliferation in human pancreatic endocrine tumors?

PKC: key enzymes of cellular dynamics



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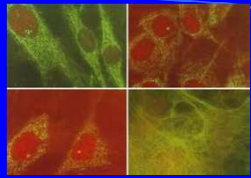
APOPTOSIS

ANGIOGENESIS

PROLIFERATION







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## Pancreatic endocrine tumors

### ENZASTAURIN

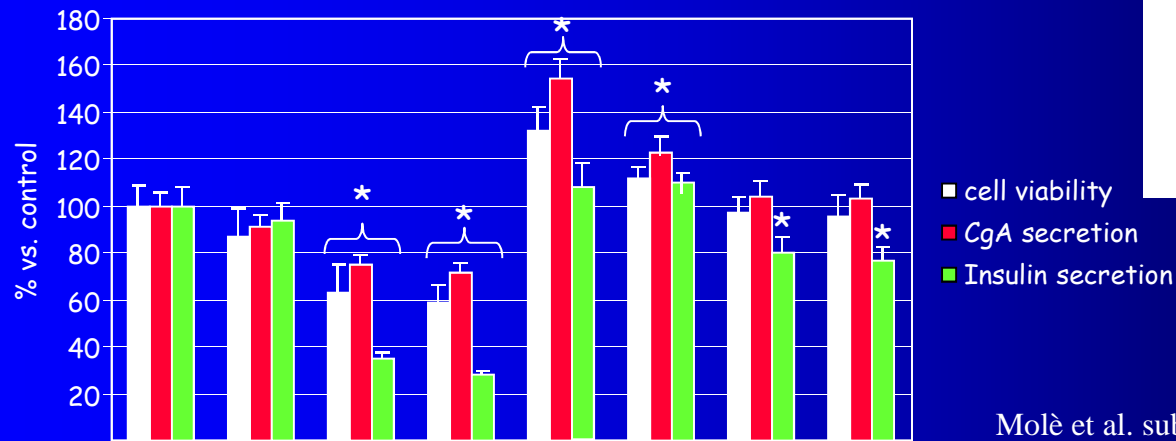
PKCβII inhibitor

Riduces neoplastic cell division

Enhances apoptosis

Inhibits tumor vascularization

Reduces PNN primary culture cell viability and CgA secretion

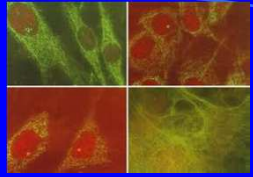


Enzastaurin (μM)	0	1	5	10	0	1	5	10
IGF-I (nM)	0	0	0	0	100	100	100	100

Molè et al. submitted to Endocr-Relat Can

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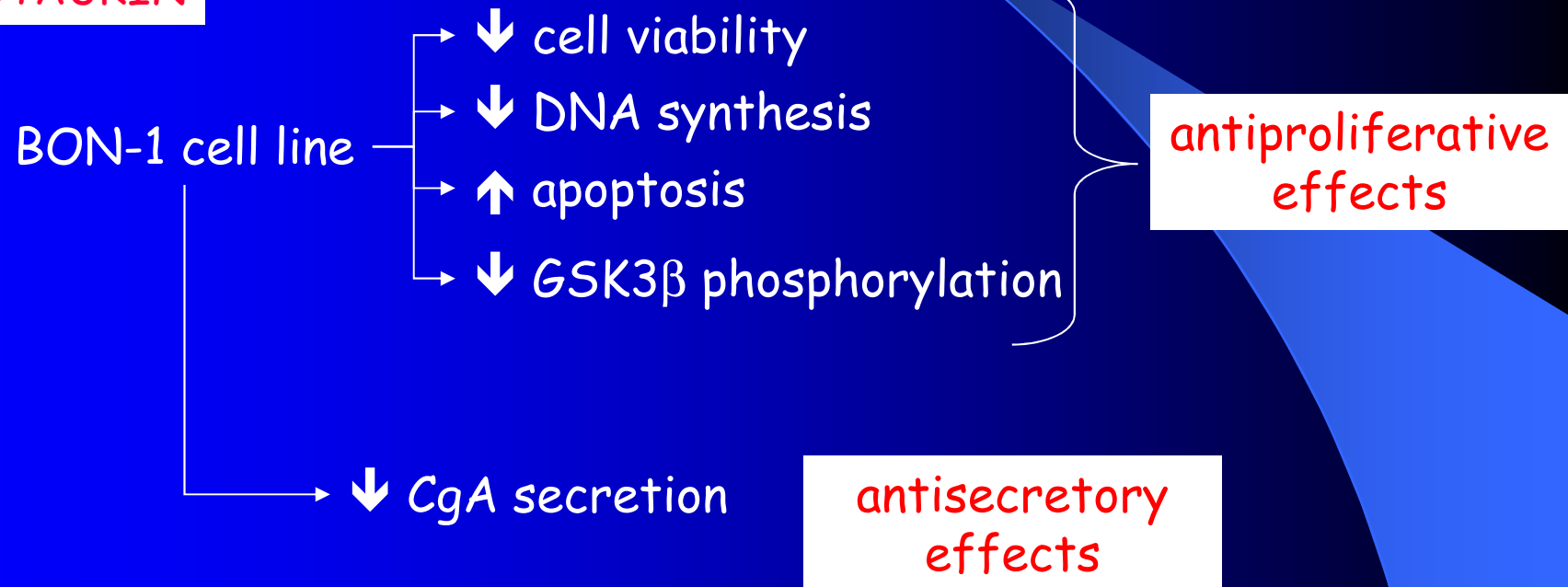


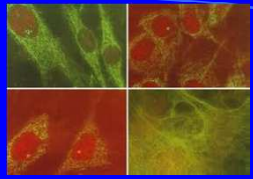
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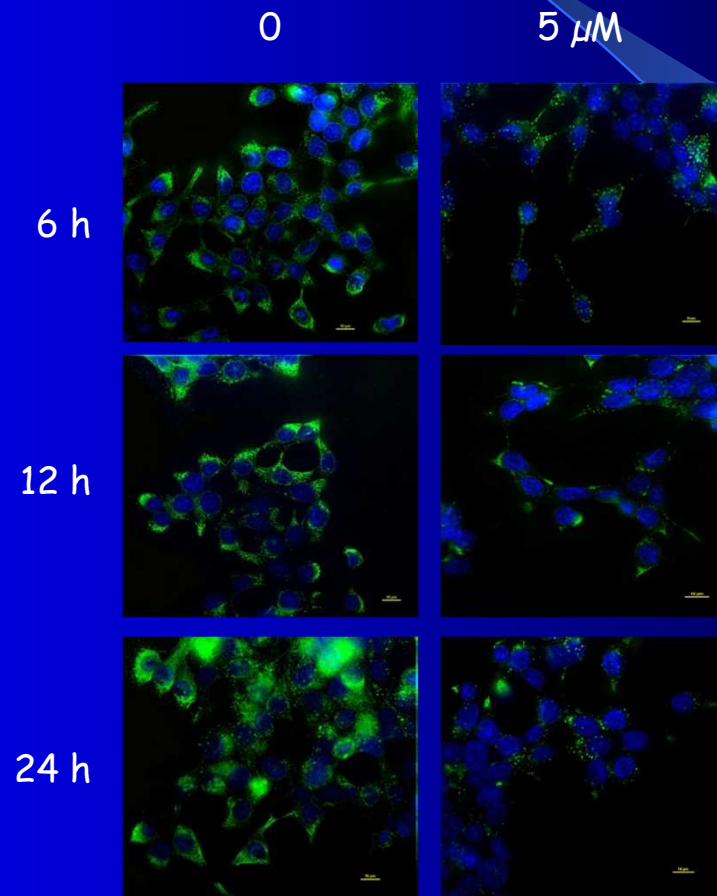
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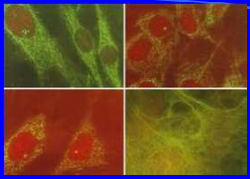


## Pancreatic endocrine tumors

ENZASTAURIN

BON-1 cell line  
↓  
CgA expression





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## Pancreatic endocrine tumors

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BON-1 cell line

isoform delocalization

PKC- $\beta$ II

PKC- $\delta$

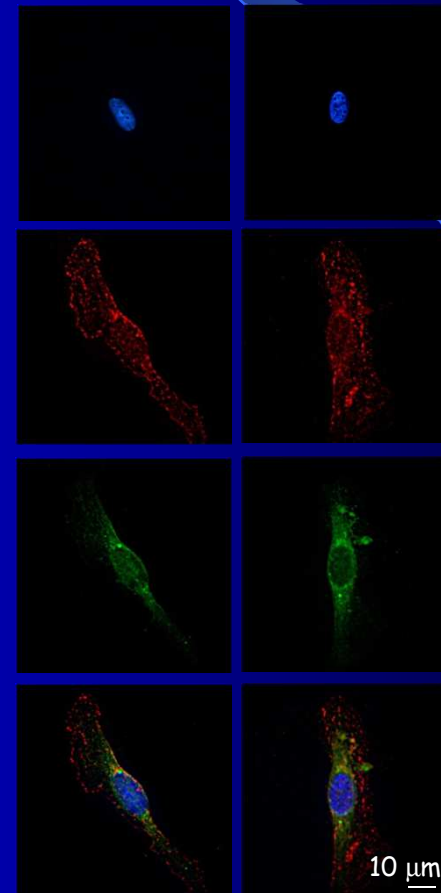
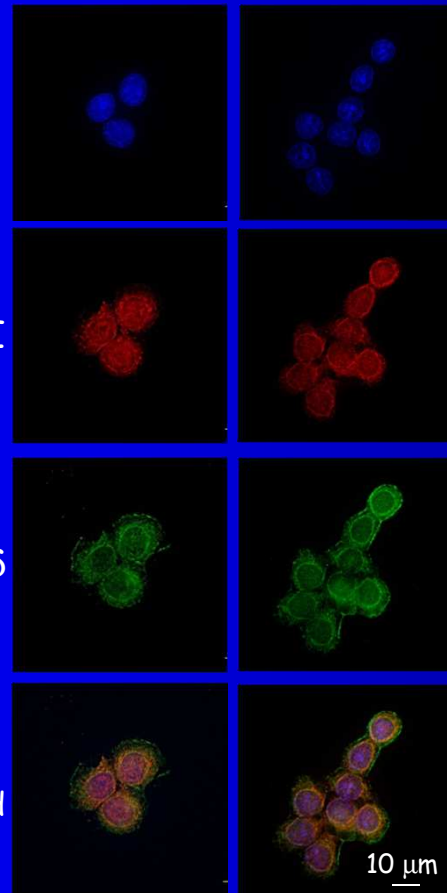
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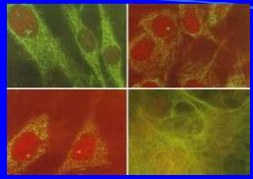
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5  $\mu$ M





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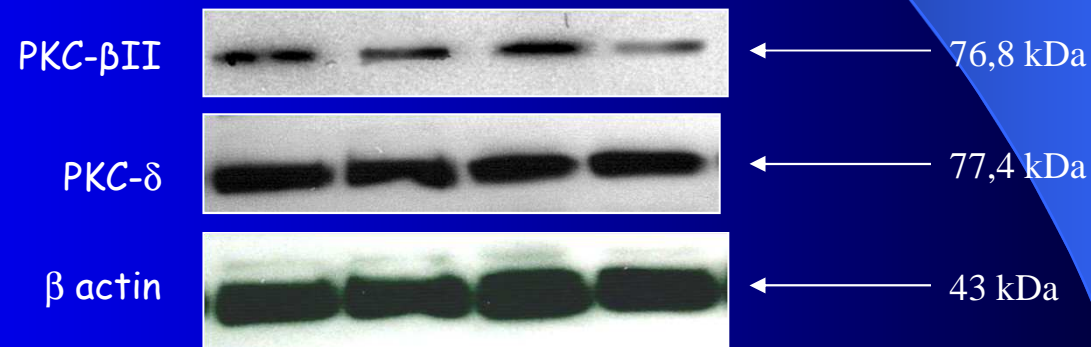


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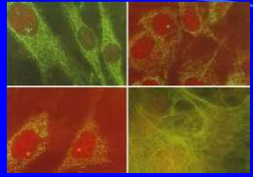
BON-1 cell line

no protein changes



Enzastaurin (μM)	0	5	0	5
IGF-I (nM)	0	0	100	100





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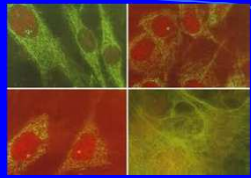


## Pancreatic endocrine tumors

ENZASTAURIN

PKC may represent  
a new pharmacological target  
for pancreatic endocrine tumors  
medical therapy



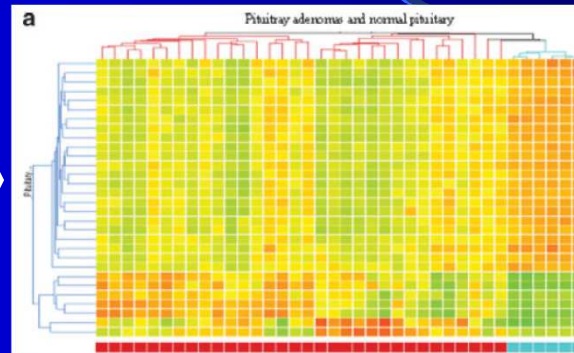


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## Pancreatic endocrine tumors

72 primary PETs  
7 matched metastases  
10 normal pancreatic samples



validation by  
QPCR or IHC

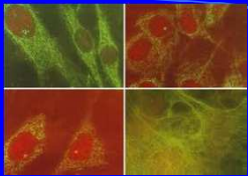
Absent or low SSTR2  
in insulinomas  
vs. nonfunctioning tumors

FGF13 expression  
↑ liver metastases  
↓ disease-free survival

↓ TSC2 and PTEN  
↳ ↓ disease-free  
and overall survival

### possible molecular signatures?

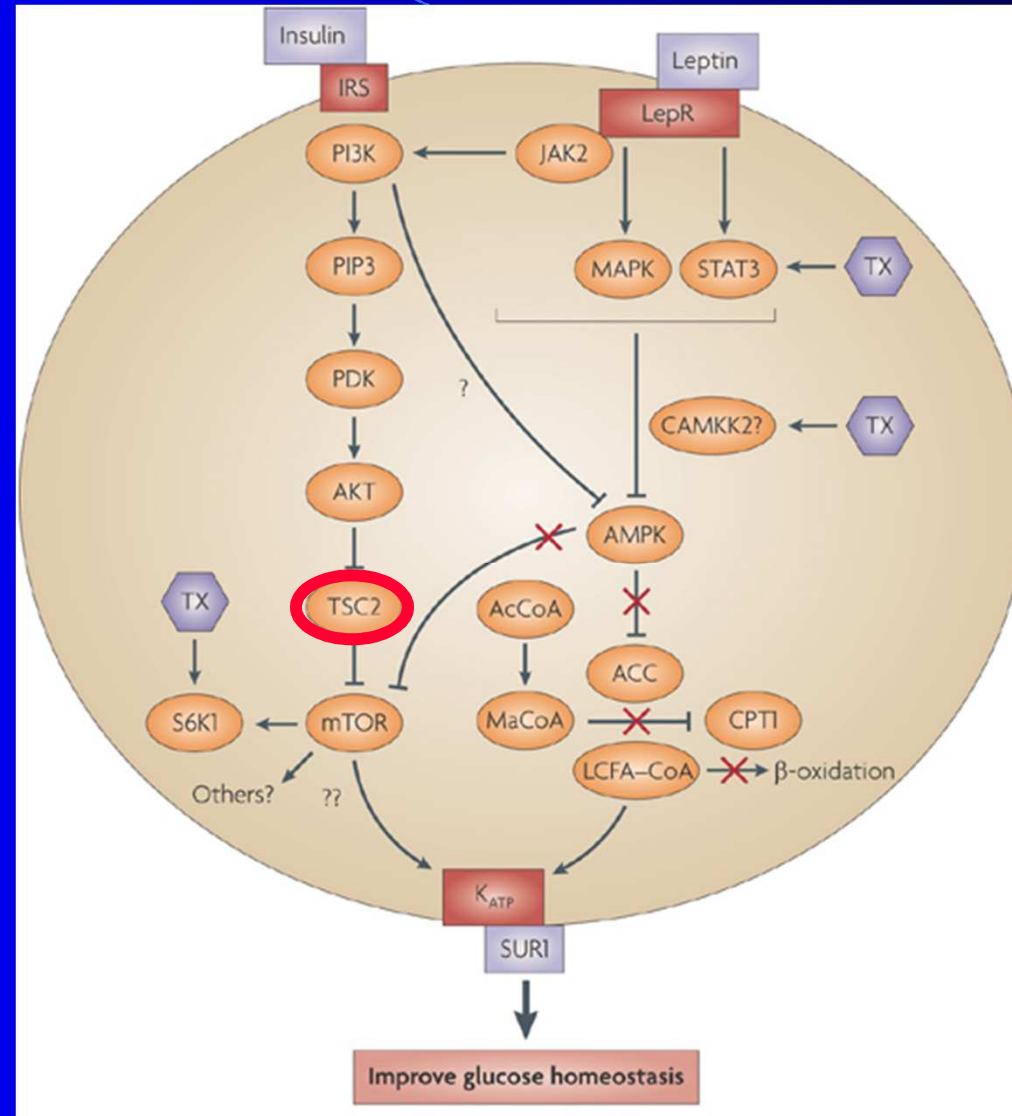




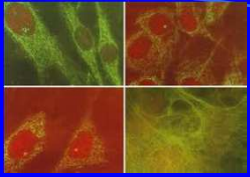
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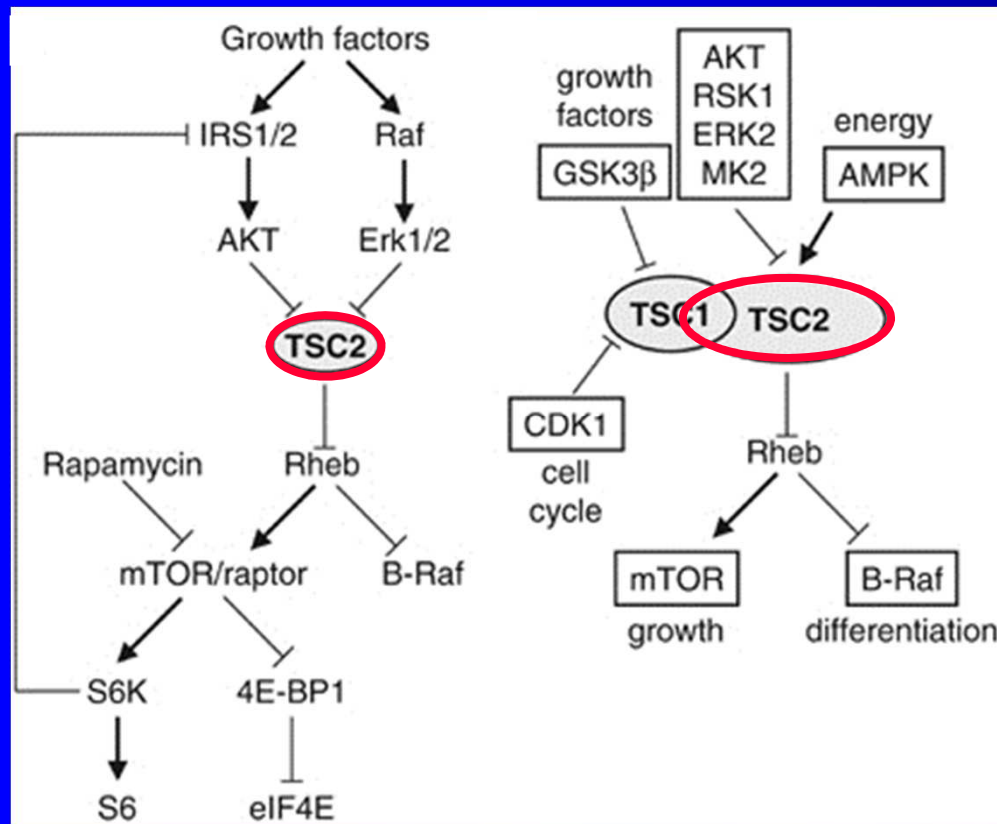
**TSC2**  
mTOR up-stream  
signalling pathway







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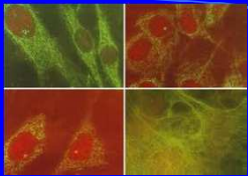


TSC2 physiologically inhibits mTOR activation

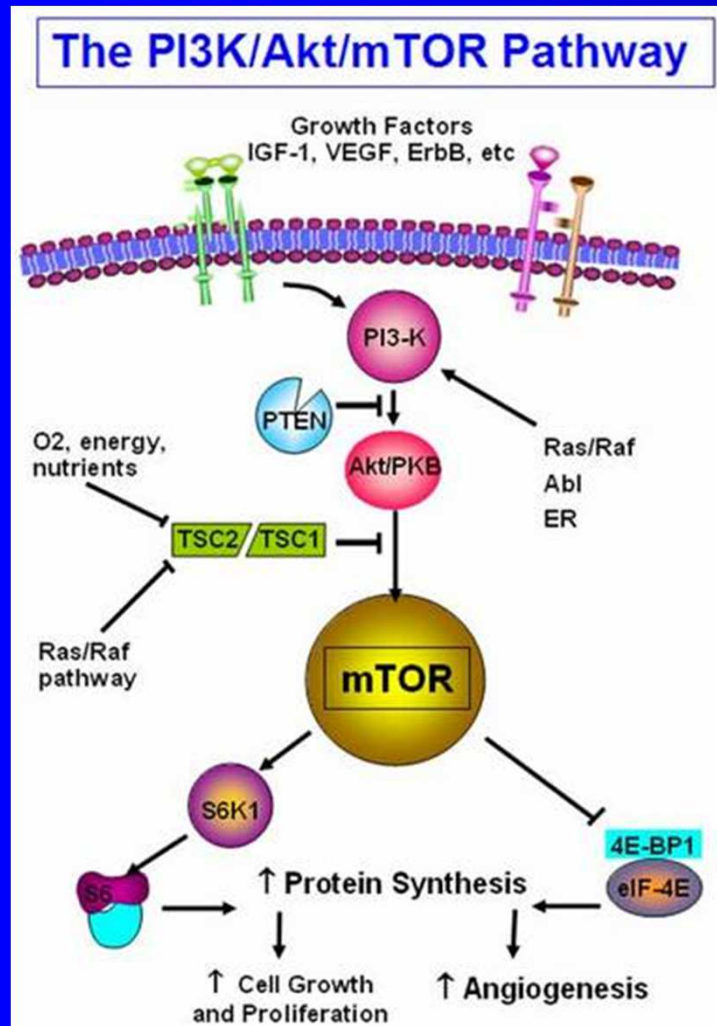
Astrinidis et al. 2005 Oncogene 24: 7475-7481

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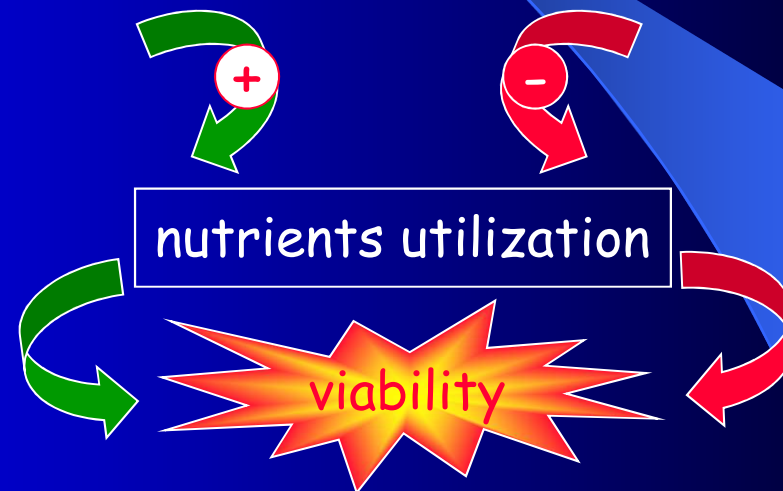


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# mTOR

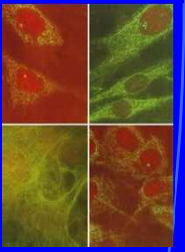
large serine-threonine kinase



biological switch sensing changes  
in the cellular environment and  
helping cells respond

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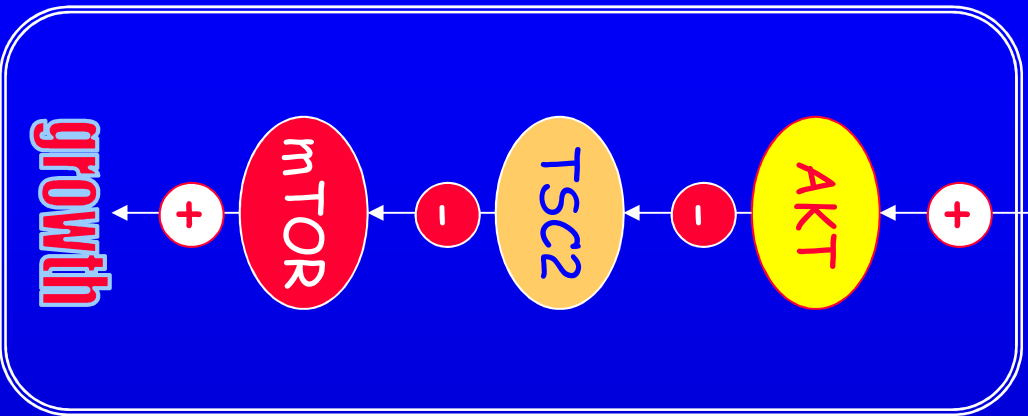


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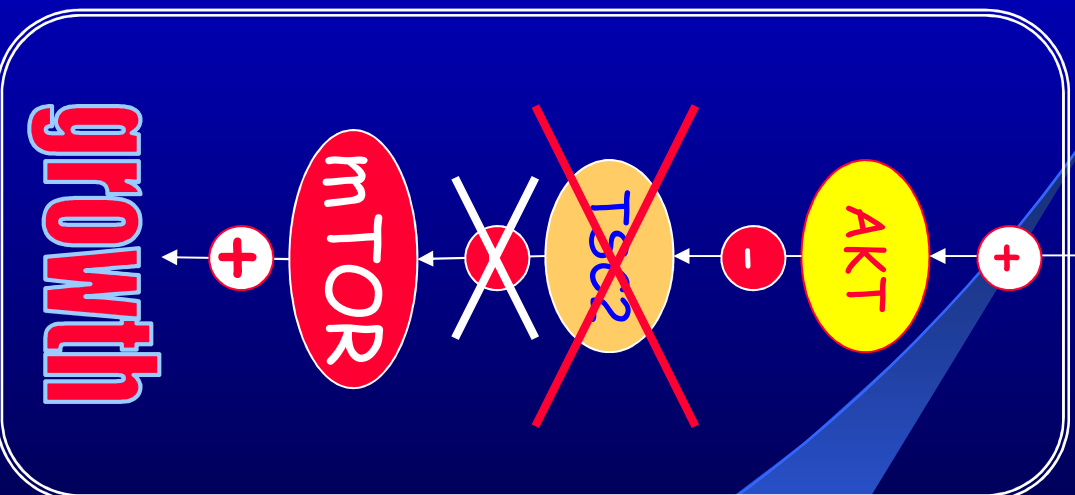
## Normal neuroendocrine cell

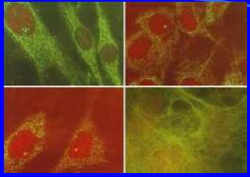
growth signals



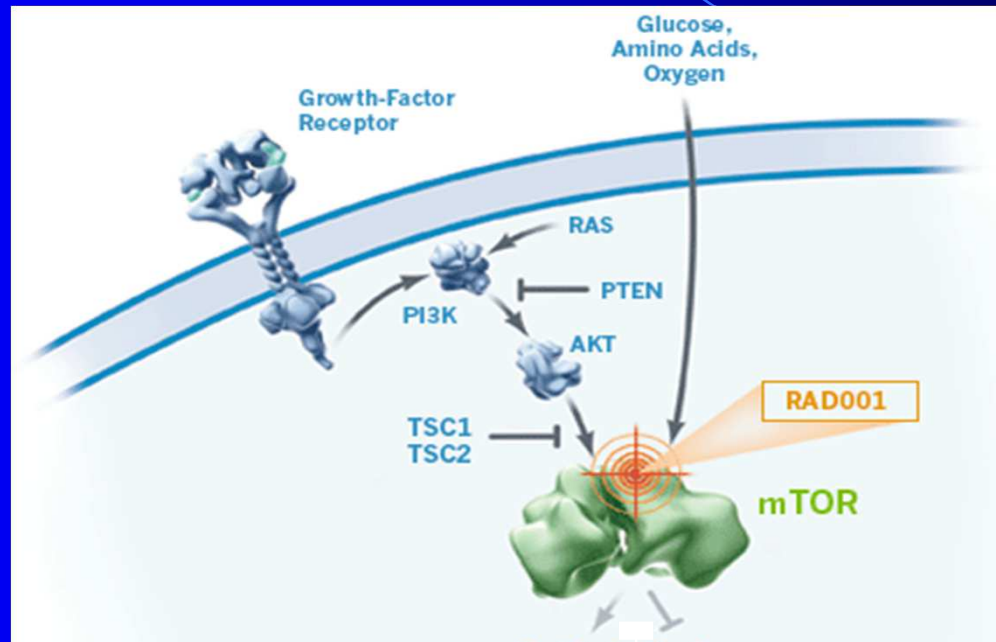
## TSC2 mutated neuroendocrine cell

growth signals





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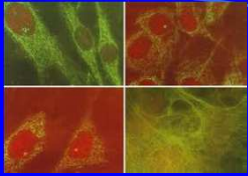


↓ nutrient uptake

↓ cell growth and proliferation rate

↓ angiogenesis

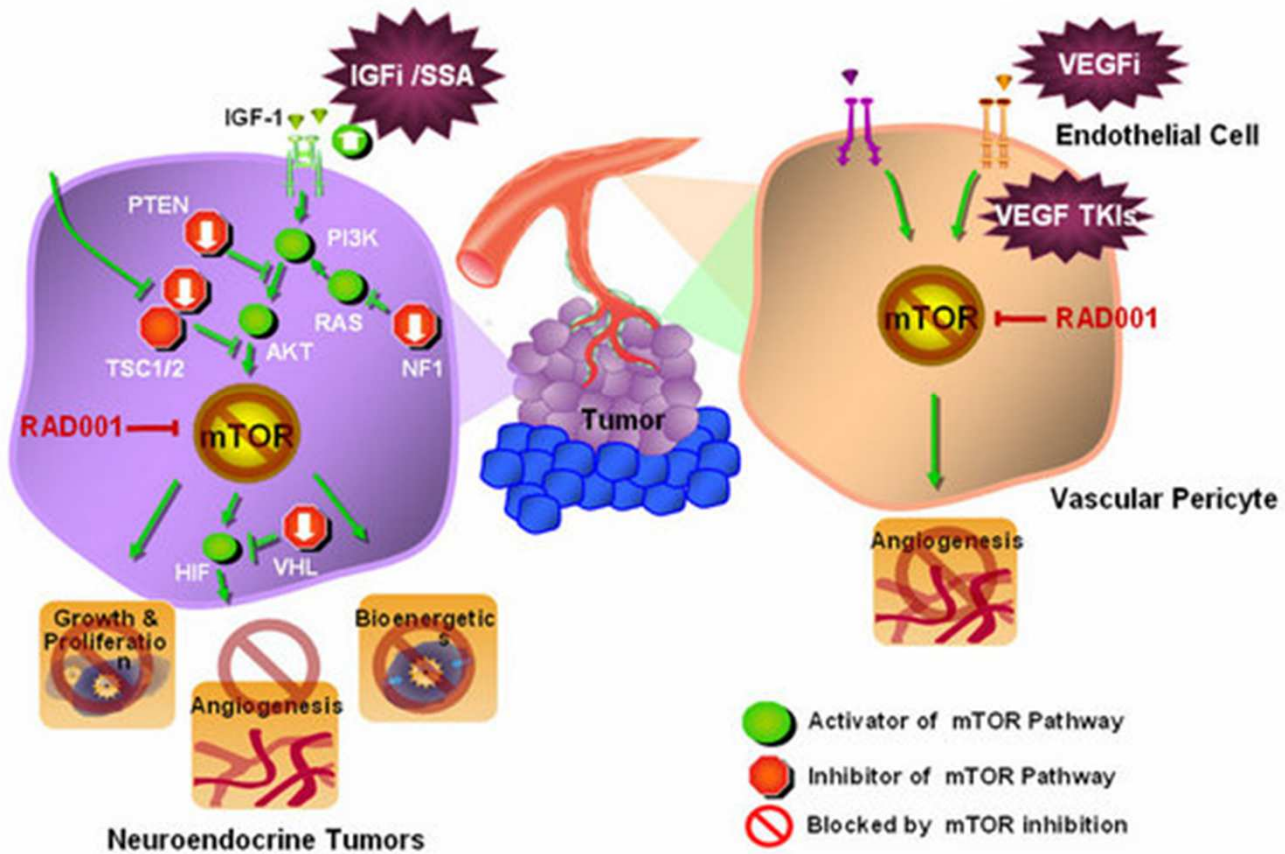


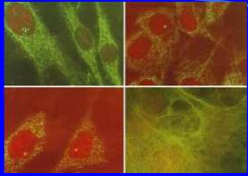


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## Rationale for mTOR Inactivation in NET





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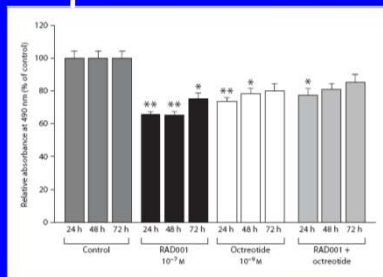
High p-mTOR expression in poorly differentiated neuroendocrine carcinomas

WHO classification	p-mTOR (high)	p-m1 (low)	
Well-differentiated neuroendocrine tumor and well-differentiated neuroendocrine carcinoma	3	8	11
Poorly differentiated neuroendocrine carcinoma	6	3	9
Total	9	11	20

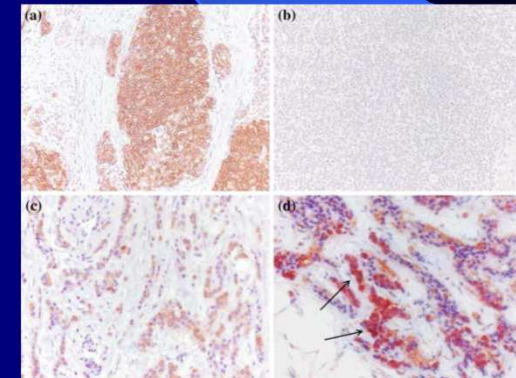
Shimizu et al 2010 Cancer Chemother Pharmacol 65:889-93



RAD-001 inhibits neuroendocrine cell proliferation



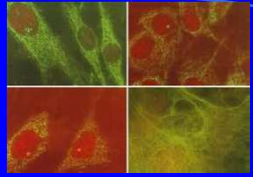
potential therapeutic role for mTOR inhibitors in neuroendocrine tumors



Grozinsky-Glasberg et al 2008 Neuroendocrinology 87:168  
 Zitzmann et al. 2007 Neuroendocrinology 85:54-60

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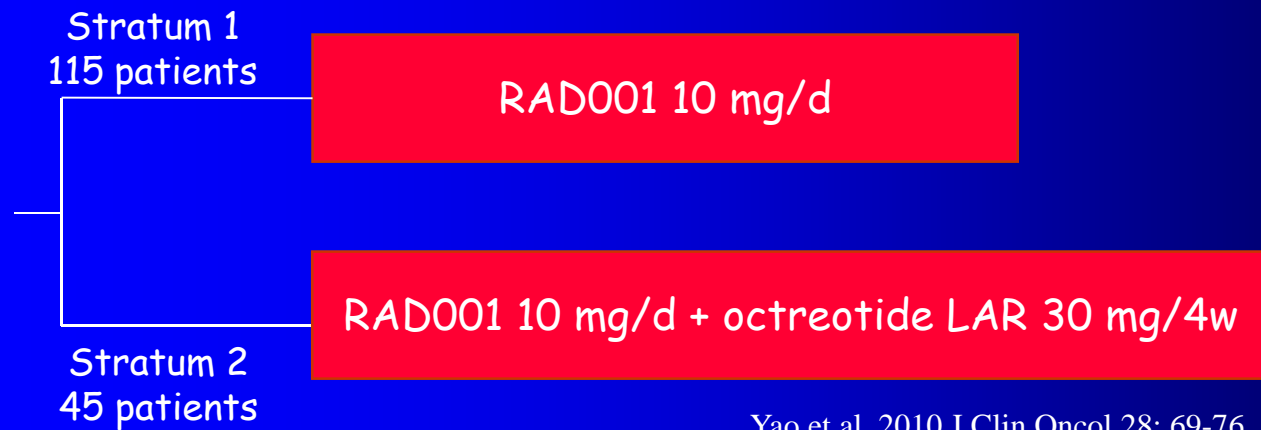


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## RAD-001 In Advanced Neuroendocrine Tumors (RADIANT)

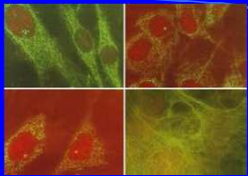
**RADIANT-1:** Phase 2 open label study of RAD-001 in advanced pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors after failure of chemotherapy



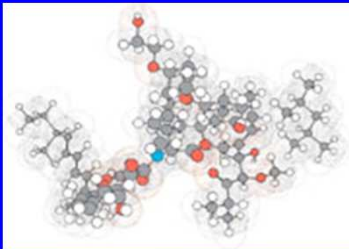
clinical benefit

Yao et al. 2010 J Clin Oncol 28: 69-76

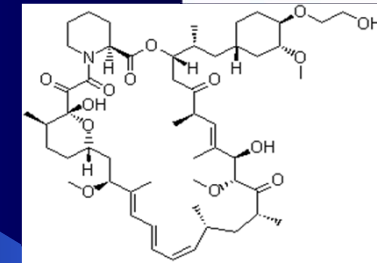




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## Everolimus (RAD001) derivative of Rapamycin



immunosuppressant agent

antineoplastic activity

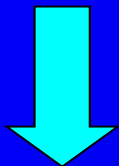


↓ organ transplants rejection

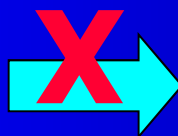


↓ VEGF secretion

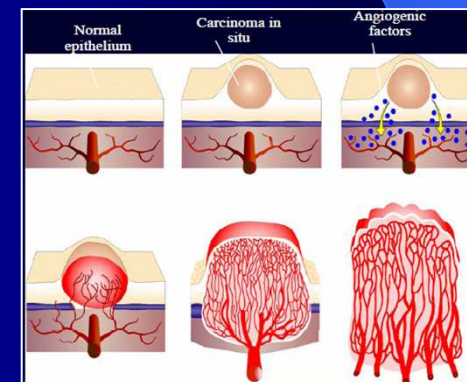
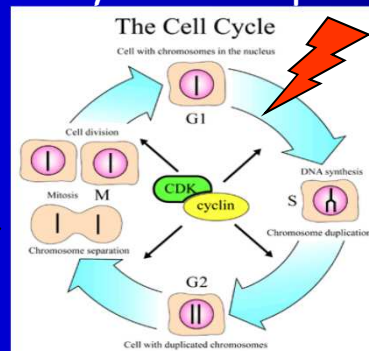
mTOR inhibitor



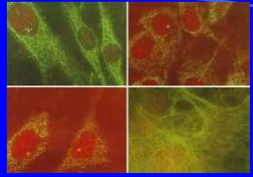
mTORC1 protein



cell cycle G1-S phase







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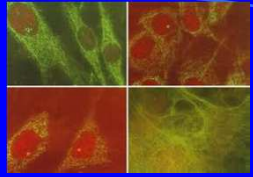


What about other endocrine tumors?

**BRONCHIAL CARCINOIDS**

**Inoperable bronchial carcinoids are still orphan  
of medical therapy**





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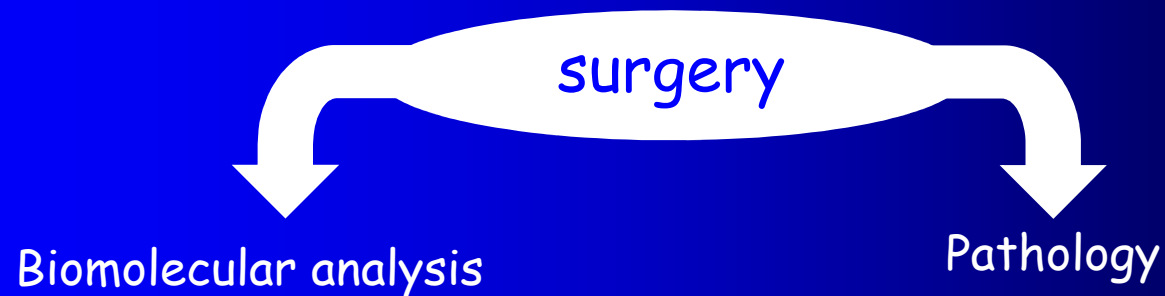


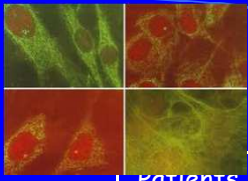
BC

Multidisciplinary  
group

Section of Endocrinology, Department of Biomedical Sciences and Advanced Therapies - University of Ferrara  
Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences, University of Padova  
Department of Thoracic Surgery, University of Padova  
Department of Diagnostic Medical Sciences and Special Therapies, University of Padova  
Institute of Clinical Surgery, University of Ferrara

24 bronchial carcinoids





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Patients characteristics

Patients	Age	Sex	Diagnosis	TNM
1	49	F	Typical	T2N2
2	36	F	Atypical	T2N1
3	49	F	Typical	T3N0
4	29	M	Typical	T2N0
5	45	M	Typical	T2N0
6	52	M	Typical	T1N0
7	36	F	Typical	T2N1
8	74	F	Typical	T1N0
9	68	M	Atypical	T2N0
10	39	M	Atypical	T3N0
11	47	F	Typical	T2N0
12	76	M	Typical	T1N1
13	42	M	Typical	T2N0
14	30	M	Typical	T2N0
15	72	F	Typical	T1N0
16	72	M	Typical	T1N1
17	39	F	Typical	T2N0
18	72	M	Typical	T1N1
19	68	M	Typical	T2N0
20	41	M	Atypical	T3N0
21	50	F	Typical	T1N0
22	57	M	Typical	T2N1
23	45	M	Typical	T1N0
24	49	F	Atypical	T2N0

14 ♂, 10 ♀  
 51.5 ± 3.1 y  
 19 typical carcinoids  
 5 atypical carcinoids

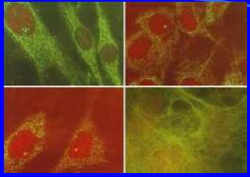
primary cultures

Cell viability response to RAD001

responders

non responders

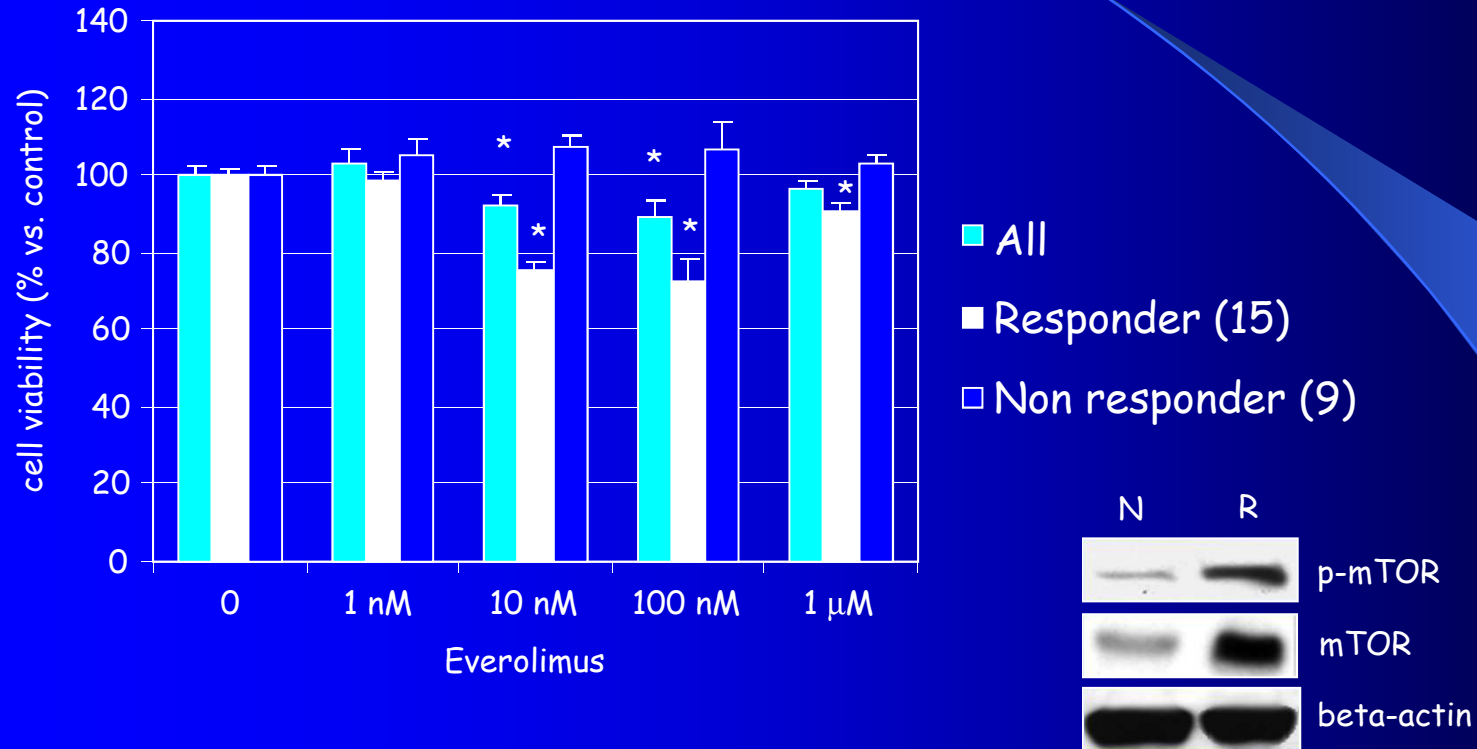




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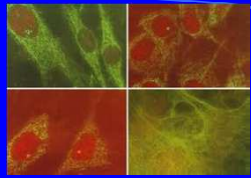


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**RAD001 reduces cell viability in BC with higher total and phosphorylated mTOR**





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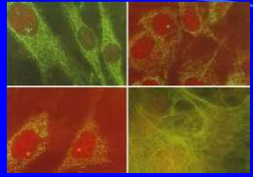


BC

## BC characteristics according to response to everolimus

	Responders	Non responders	p (responders vs. non responders)
Age	53 ± 5.4	48 ± 4.7	n.s.
Gender (M/F)	8/7	5/4	n.s.
Smoking history (yes/no)	6/9	4/5	n.s.
Diameter (cm)	3.6 ± 0.4	2.16 ± 0.3	< 0.05
Lymphnode metastases (%)	10.4	3.1	< 0.02
Typical /atypical	10/5	9/0	< 0.05
Mitotic figures/mm <sup>2</sup>	1.7 ± 0.2	0.8 ± 0.1	< 0.01
CD105 (counts/mm <sup>2</sup> )	43.3 ± 9	25.3 ± 4.3	< 0.05
Plasma CgA levels (ng/ml)	496.8 ± 144	57.6 ± 2.1	< 0.05
Plasma PP levels (ng/L)	116.6 ± 21	51.2 ± 7.6	< 0.05
mTOR mRNA expression (fold vs. non responders)	900	1	< 0.01





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BC

Cell viability

24 BC

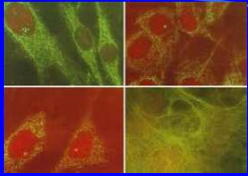
Everolimus

15 RAD-responders

tumor diameter  
% local metastases  
mitoses  
angiogenetic marker  
CgA and PP plasma levels  
mTOR expression

BC responding to everolimus are more aggressive

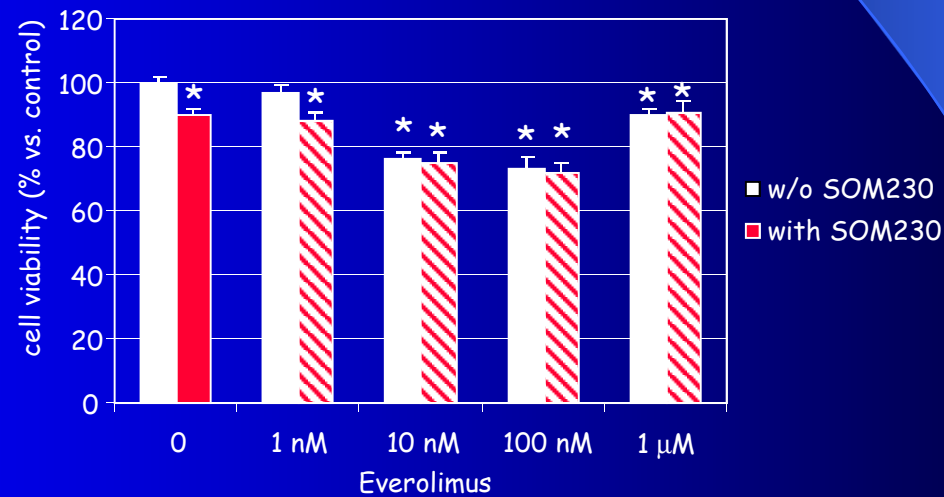
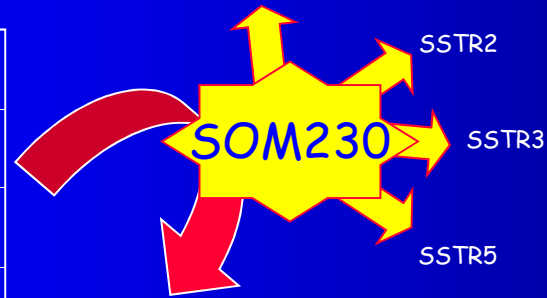
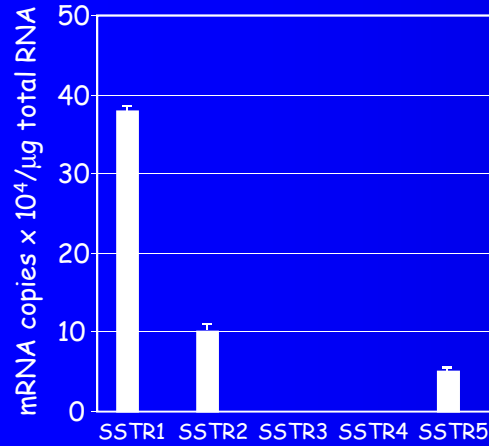




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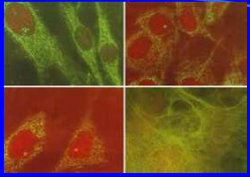


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SOM230 reduces cell viability  
but  
has no cooperative effect

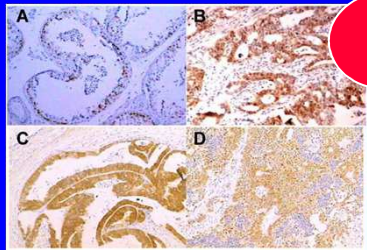




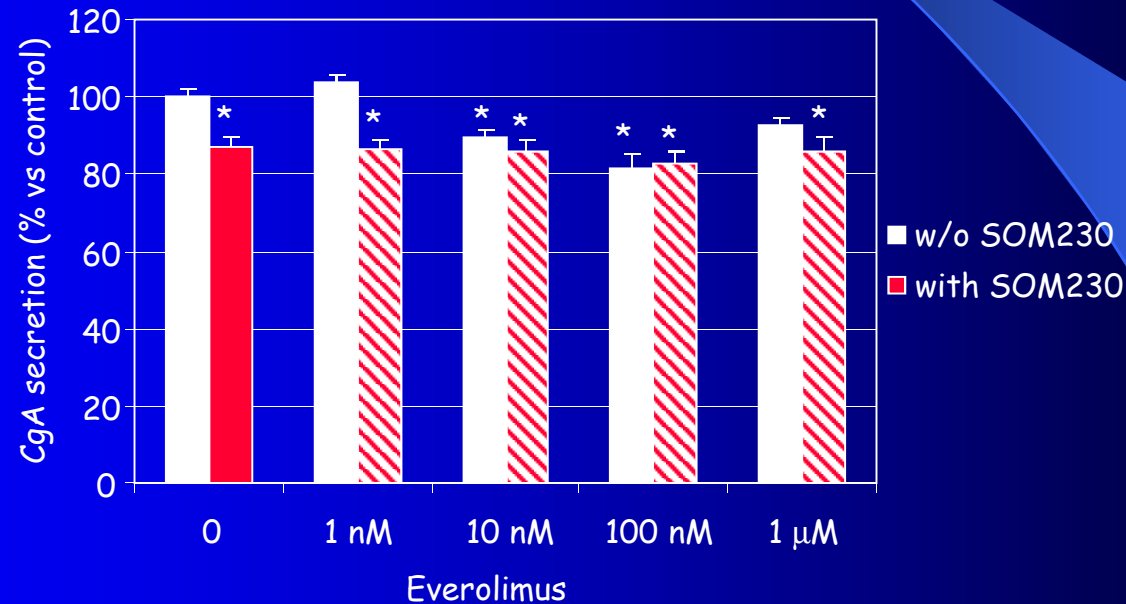
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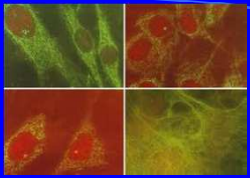
differentiation



Everolimus and SOM230 reduce CgA secretion without cooperative effects



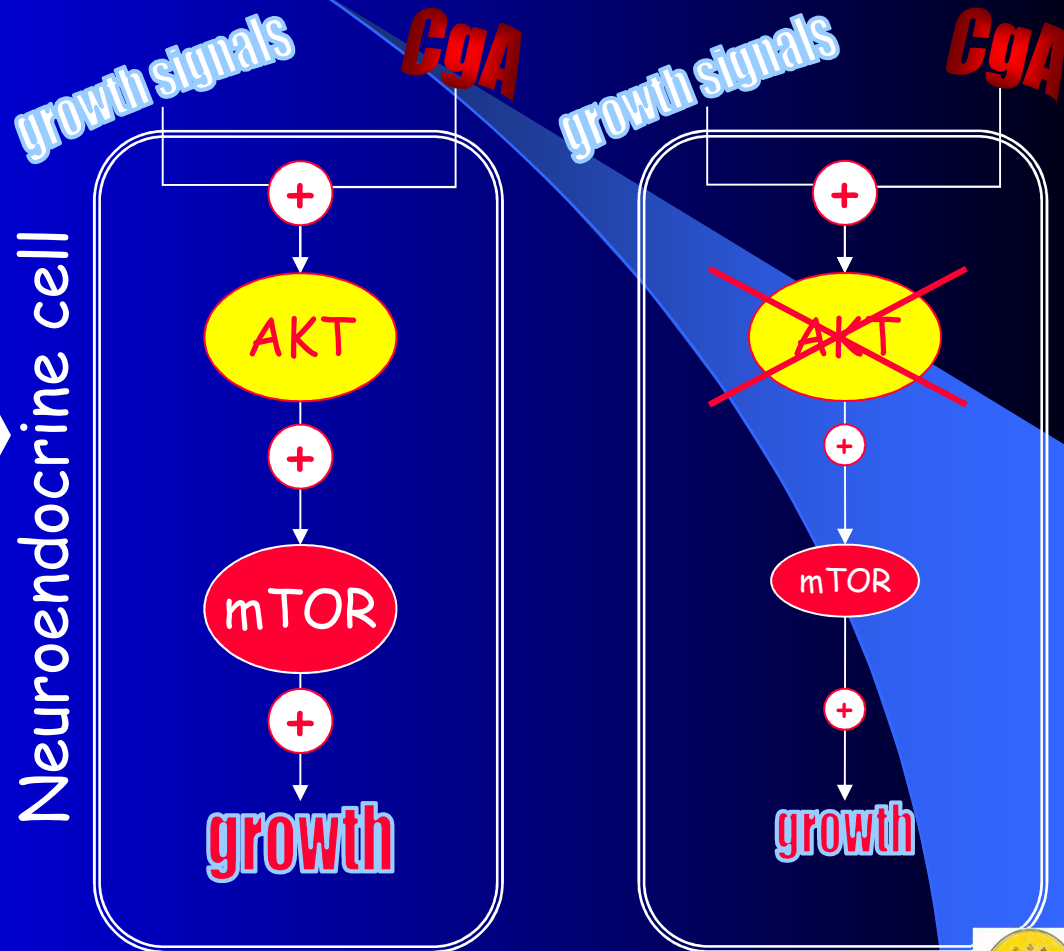
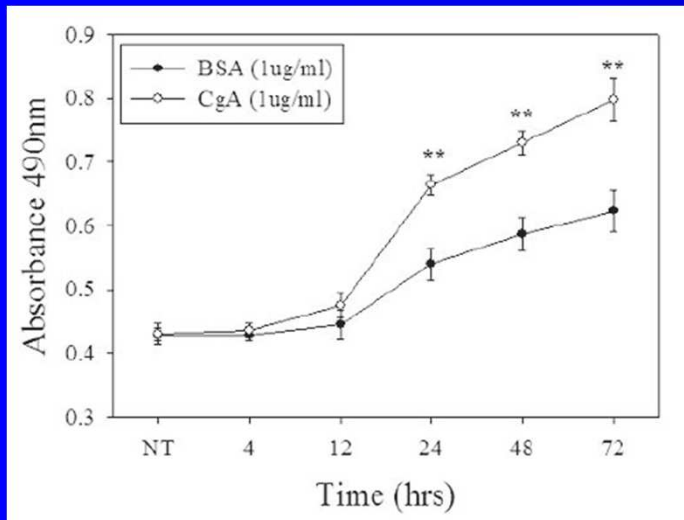
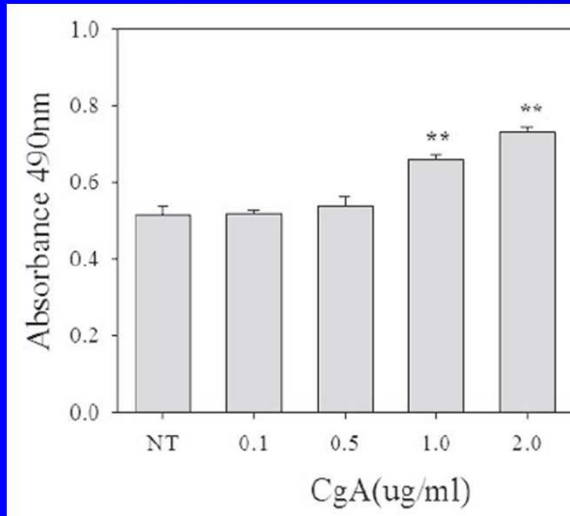


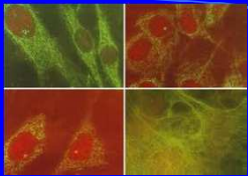


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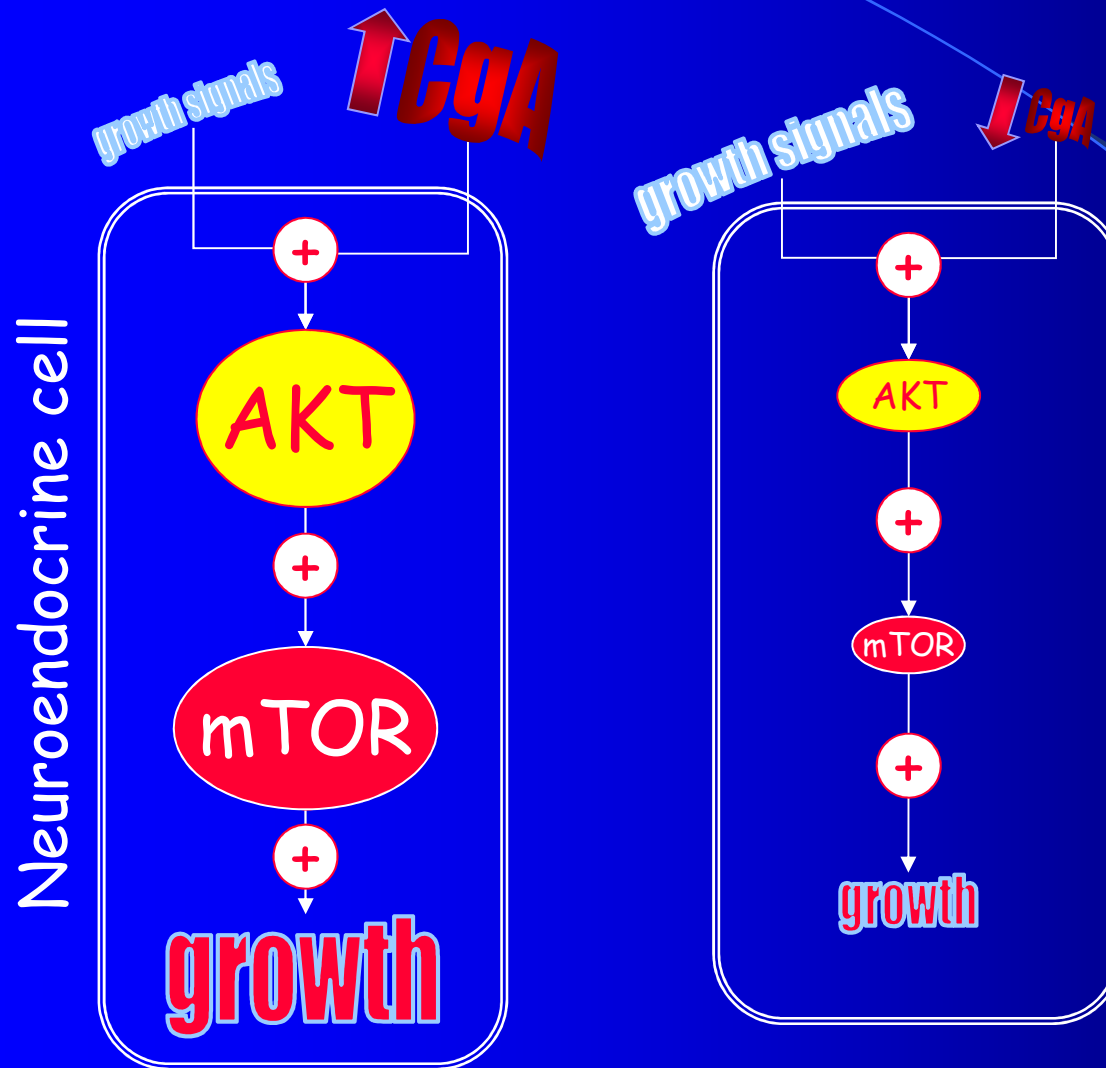


but not only differentiation.. !!



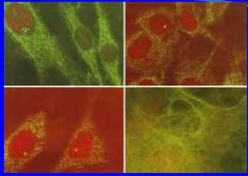


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lower CgA secretion might result in reduced cell growth





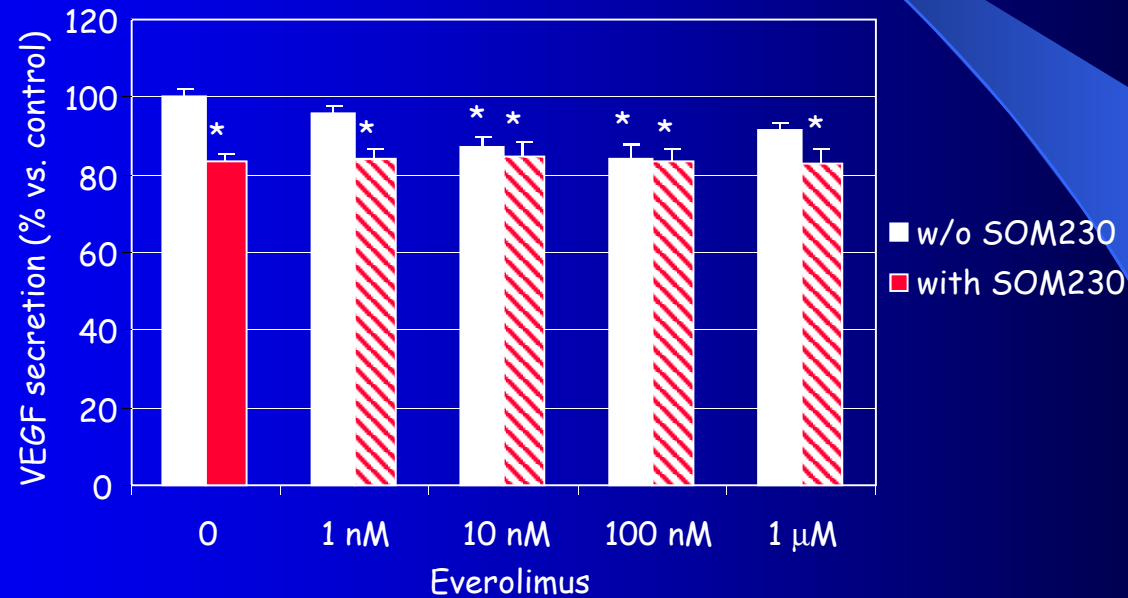
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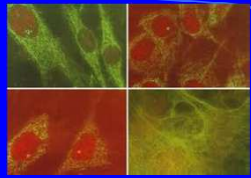


angiogenesis



Everolimus and SOM230 reduce VEGF secretion without cooperative effects

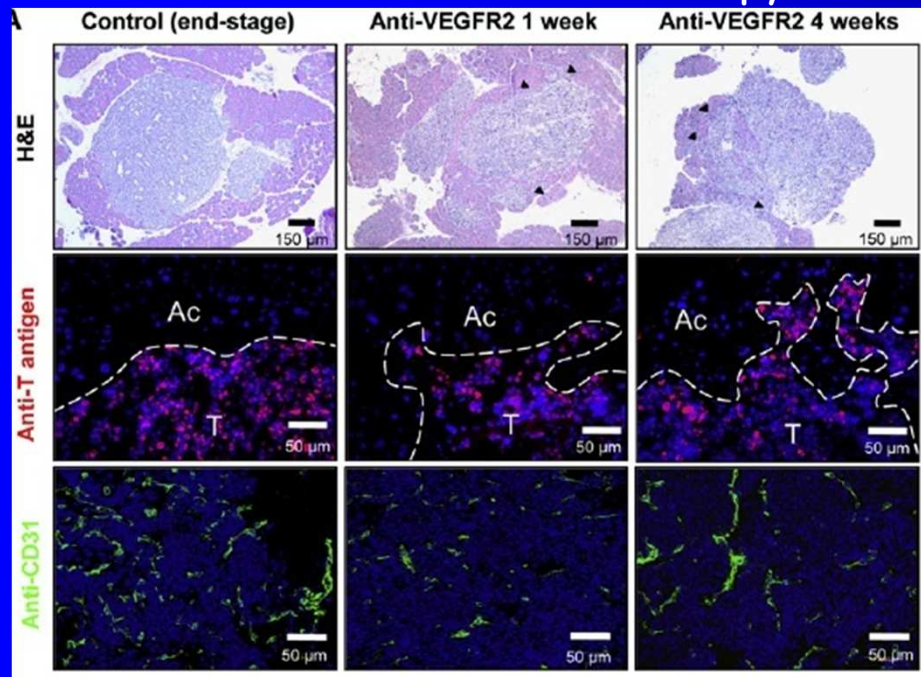




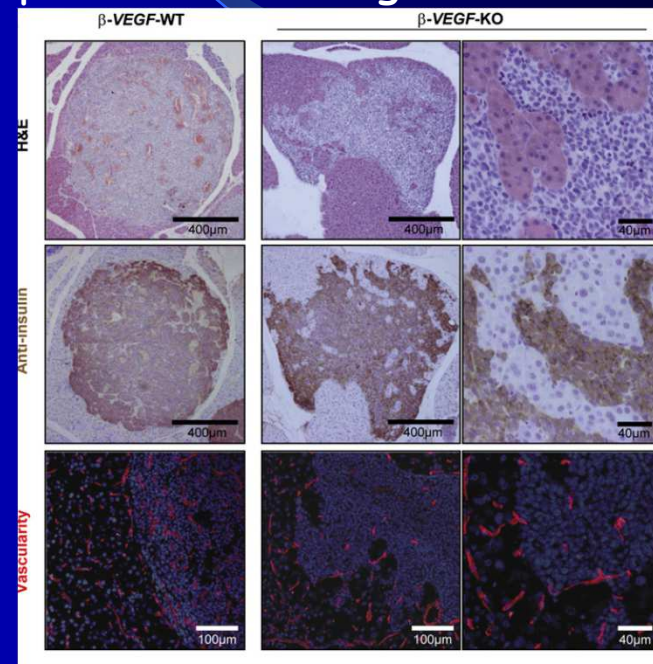
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Increased invasive phenotype  
after anti-VEGFR2 therapy



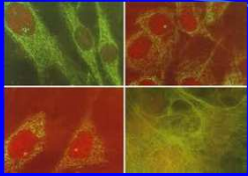
Increased tumor invasion after tumor-specific VEGF-A gene deletion



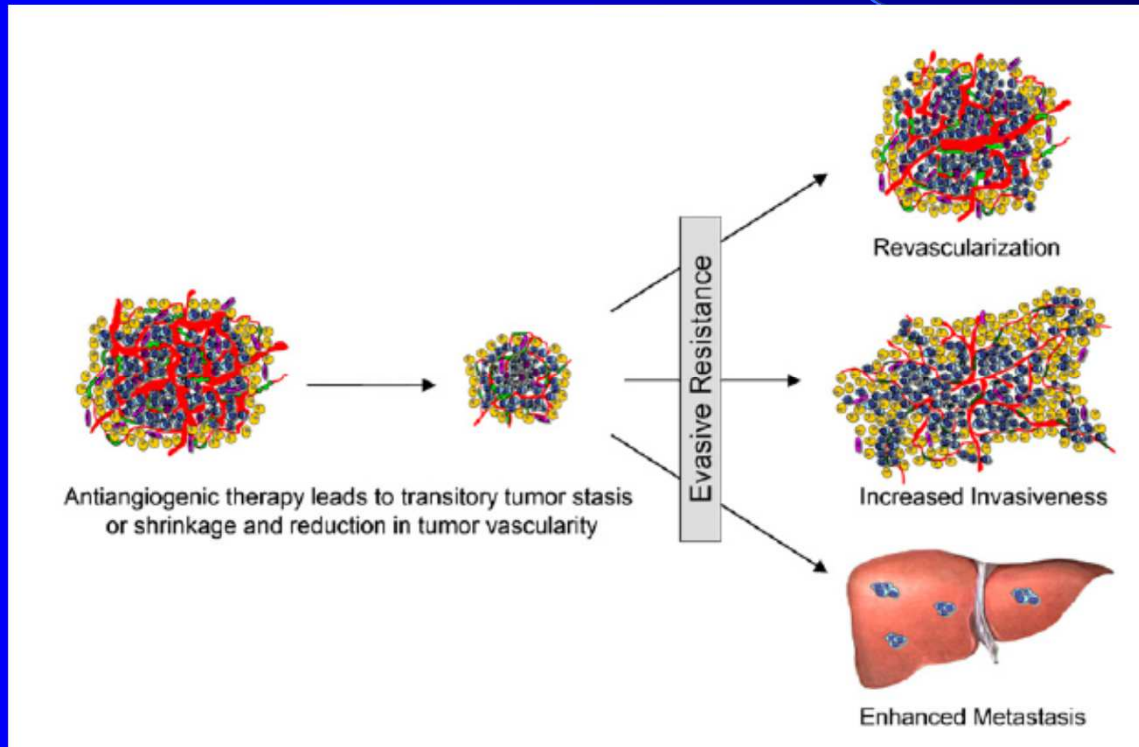
Paez-Ribes et al. 2009 Cancer Cell 15: 220–231

“...potent angiogenesis inhibition can alter the natural history of tumors by increasing invasion and metastasis ...”





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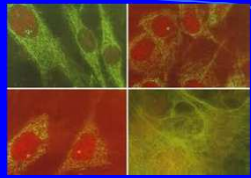


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***combined therapy!***

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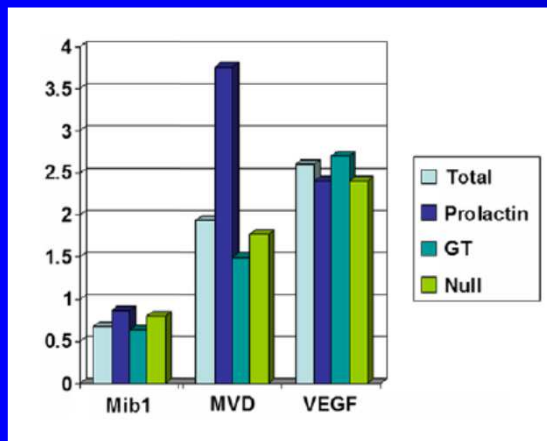


Everolimus



angiogenesis

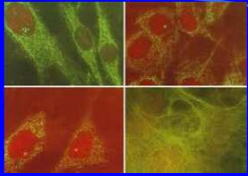
Angiogenesis is enhanced in aggressive pituitary adenomas



Chacko et al. 2009 J Clin Neurosci 16: 660-665

mTOR inhibitors in invasive pituitary adenomas??





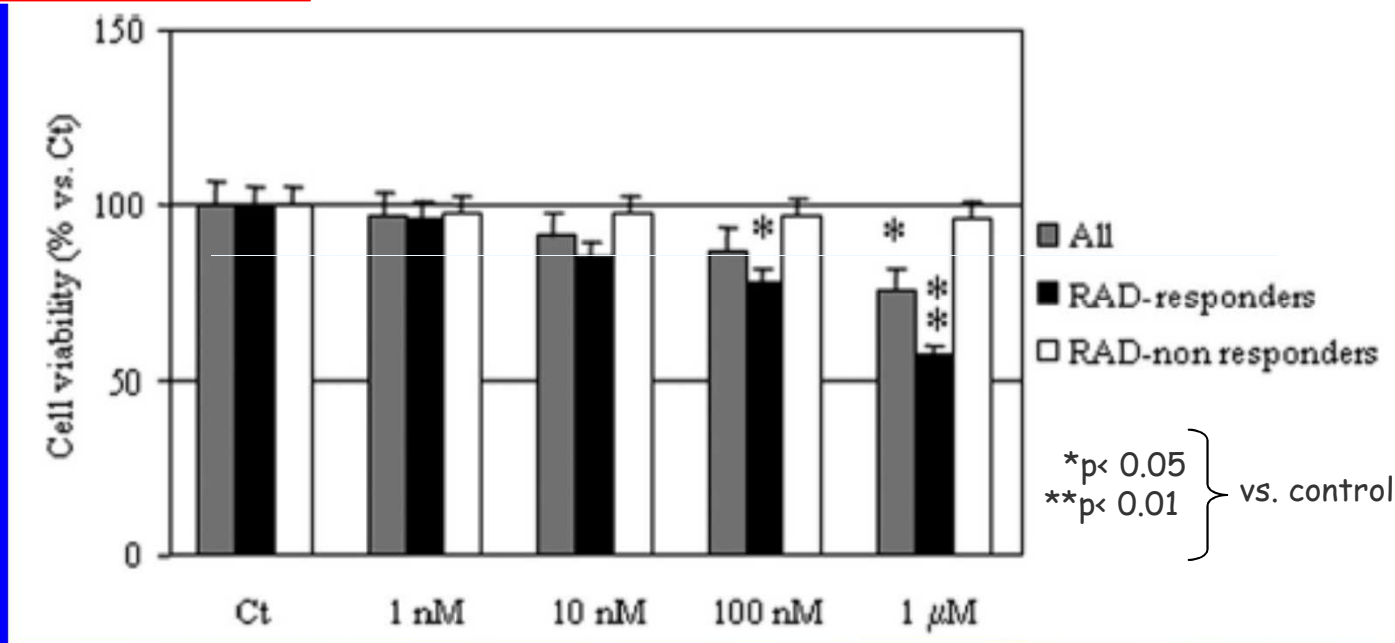
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NFA

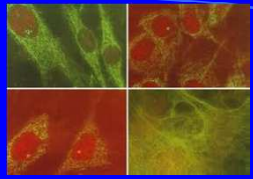
## Cell viability

Everolimus



Everolimus dose-dependently reduces NFA cell viability in vitro





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Cell viability

40 NFA

Everolimus

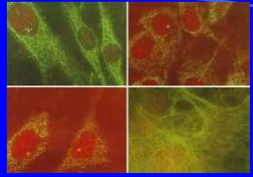
28 RAD-responders

12 RAD-non responders

median age (yr)	57	69
M/F	0.65	1.4
invasive	20 (71%)	7 (58%)







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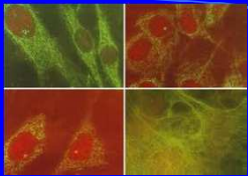
NFA

## RAD-responders

70% of the examined tumors  
deriving mostly from younger female  
patients with  
invasive macroadenomas

patients likely not cured by surgery could  
be eligible for medical therapy with  
mTOR inhibitors

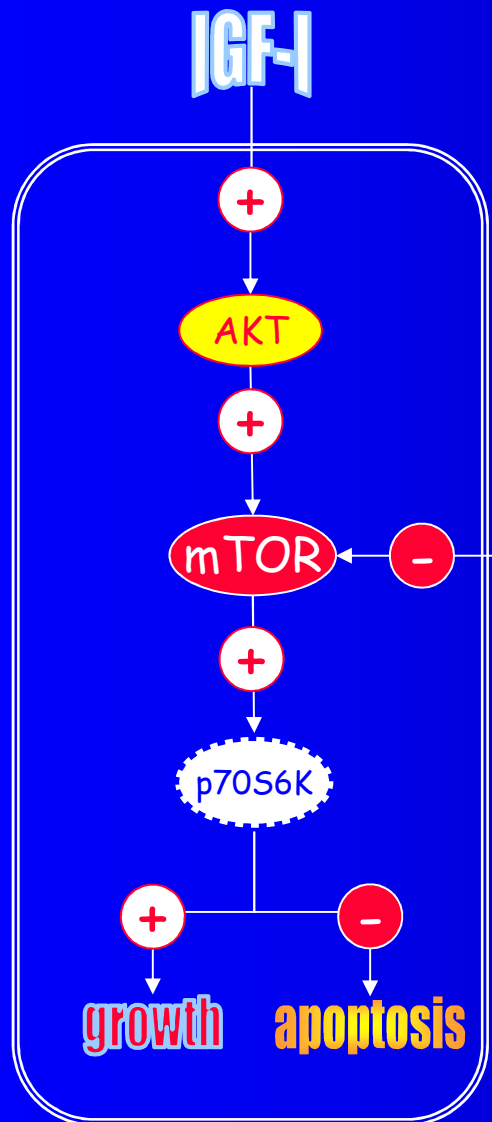




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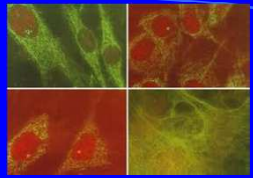


- reduces NFA cell viability
- promotes apoptosis
- reduces p70S6k activity

blocking IGF-I stimulatory effects

Zatelli et al. 2010 J Clin Endocrinol Metab 95:968



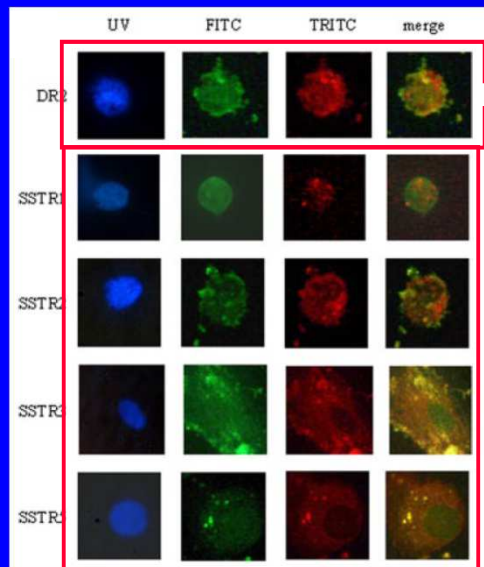


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**NFA**

Any synergism with DA and SSTR agonists?



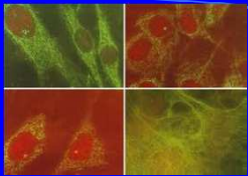
Cabergoline significantly reduces NFA cell viability but

no additive effects with RAD001

SOM230 significantly reduces cell viability in SSTR5- NFA

with additive effects with RAD001

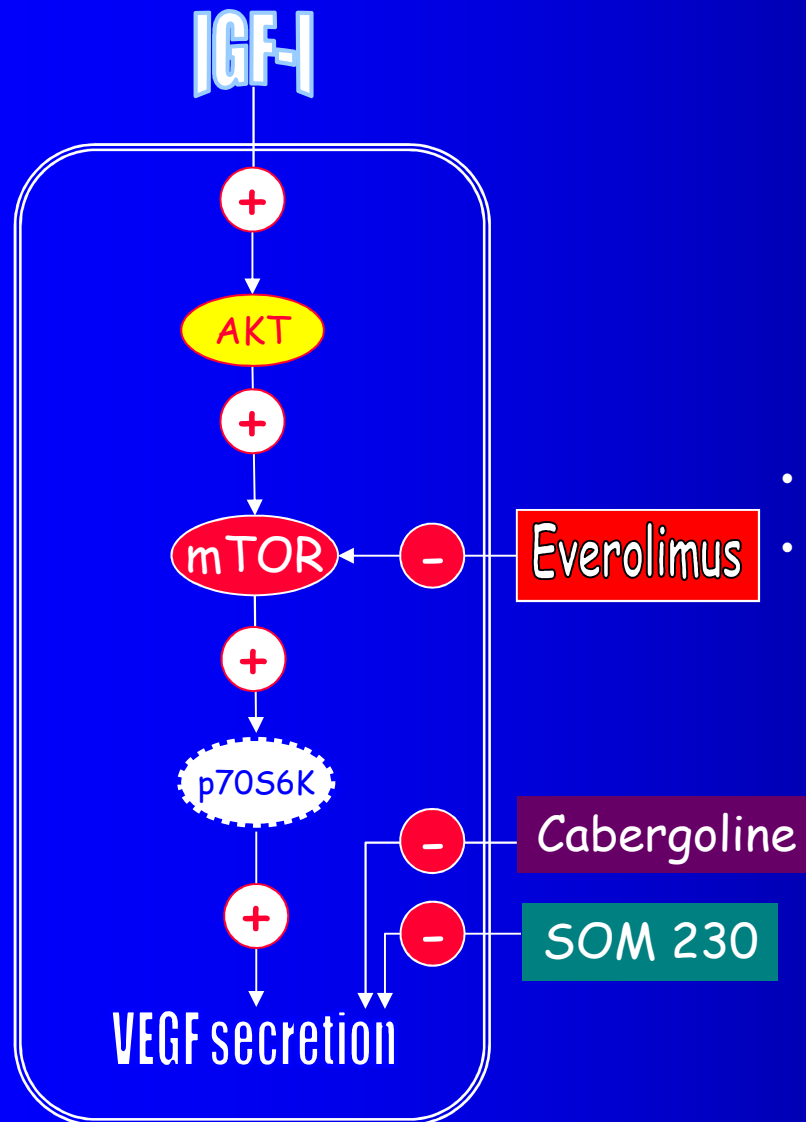




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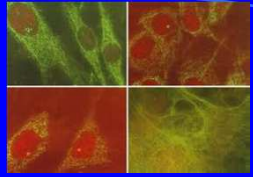


NFA



- blocks IGF-I induced VEGF secretion
- does not enhance the antisecretory effects of DR and SSTR agonists





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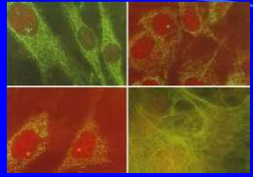


NEMA BC

everolimus reduces cell viability of  
invasive neuroendocrine tumors in vitro  
with possible cooperative effects with SOM230

mTOR inhibitors may represent  
a possible medical therapy for  
aggressive neuroendocrine tumors





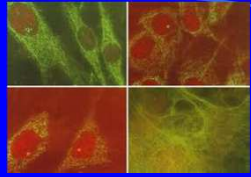
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Everolimus

clinical trials are needed to confirm  
these promising pre-clinical findings





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Phase 2 Open Label Study of Everolimus in Advanced Pancreatic Neuroendocrine tumors after Failure of Chemotherapy

Primary end-point: Response Rate; Recruitment closed: 160 patients  
(PUBLISHED JCO)



Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled Study of Everolimus in Patients Receiving Sandostatin LAR for Advanced Carcinoid Tumors

Primary end-point: PFS; Recruitment closed: 415 patients  
(PRESENTED AT THE ASCO GI 2011)

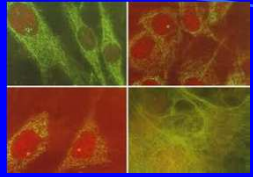


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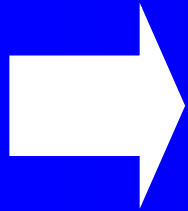
Primary end-point: PFS; Recruitment closed: 410 patients  
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Prolongation of progression-free survival in several NETS

everolimus slows tumor growth and improves progression free survival

**RAMSETE**

efficacy and safety of daily everolimus for the treatment of advanced patients with nonfunctioning NETs, including bronchial carcinoid





# APPLICATIONS OF RADO01 IN ENDOCRINE-RELATED TUMORS

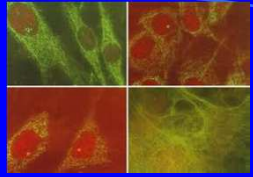
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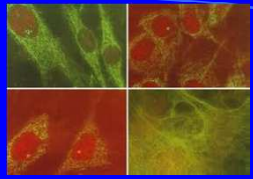


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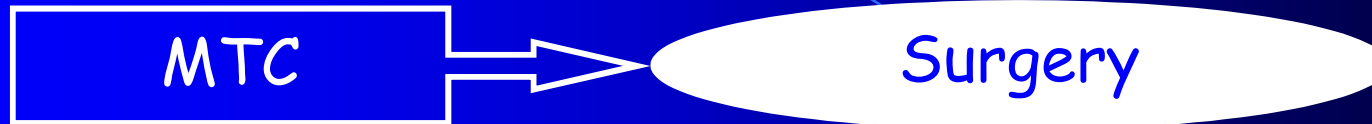


# MTC





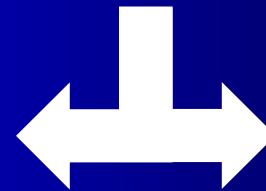
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20 patients: 6 ♂ and 14 ♀  
age =  $50 \pm 3.8$  yr  
19 primary tumors  
1 metastatic lymph node



Biomolecular analysis

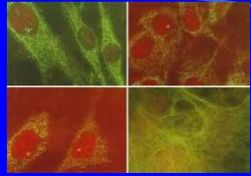


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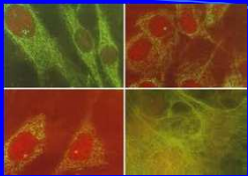
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## Patients

N°	Sex	Age	Plasma CT (pg/ml)	TNM	Stage	Inheritance
# 1	M	46	157	T2N0Mx	II	SP
# 2	M	40	1500	T2N0Mx	II	FMTc
# 3	F	35	97	T2N0Mx	II	SP
# 4	F	31	306	T1N0Mx	II	SP
# 5	M	47	940	T2N0Mx	II	MEN2A
# 6	M	39	1500	T2NxMx	II	SP
# 7	F	35	700	T2N0Mx	II	SP
# 8	F	32	28	T1N+M0	II	MEN2A
# 9	F	35	74	T1N0Mx	I	SP
# 10	F	33	19	T1N0M0	I	FMTc
# 11	F	42	153	T2N0Mx	II	SP
# 12	M	52	207	T2N0Mx	II	SP
# 13	F	44	2350	T2N0Mx	II	SP
# 14	M	56	1258	T2N0Mx	II	SP
# 15	F	79	1500	T2N+Mx	III	SP
# 16	F	71	2578	T4N+M+	III	SP
# 17	F	73	3848	T1N+M1	IVc	SP
# 18	F	75	1500	T3N0Mx	III	SP
# 19	F	69	3405	T2N+Mx	III	SP
# 20	F	70	9227	T4N1bM+	IVb	SP





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20 MTC

**Tissue bank**

Freezer -80°C

**Tissue**

Primary coltures

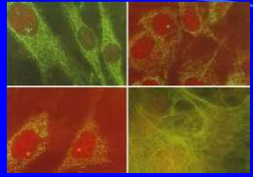
In vitro experiments:  
cell viability  
(colorimetric method)

1 nM to 1  $\mu$ M RAD001

50 nM IGF-1

10 nM SOM230



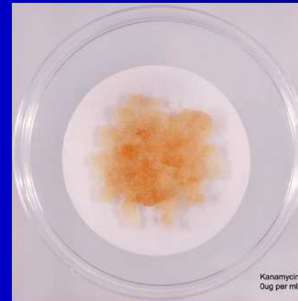


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## Human MTC primary cultures

20 samples



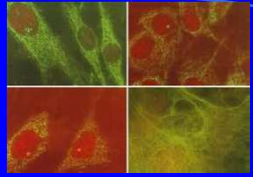
primary cultures

Cell viability  
response to  
RAD001

14 responders

6 non responders





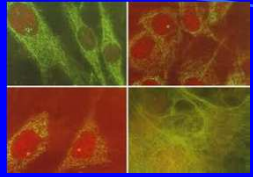
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## Patients

	Responders	Non responders	p
Age (yr)	40,5 ± 2,1	72,8 ± 1,7	<0,01
F/M	8:6	6:0	-
Plasma calcitonin (pg/ml)	663,5 ± 203,8	3676,3 ± 1289,8	<0,01
Stage	I or II	III or higher	-

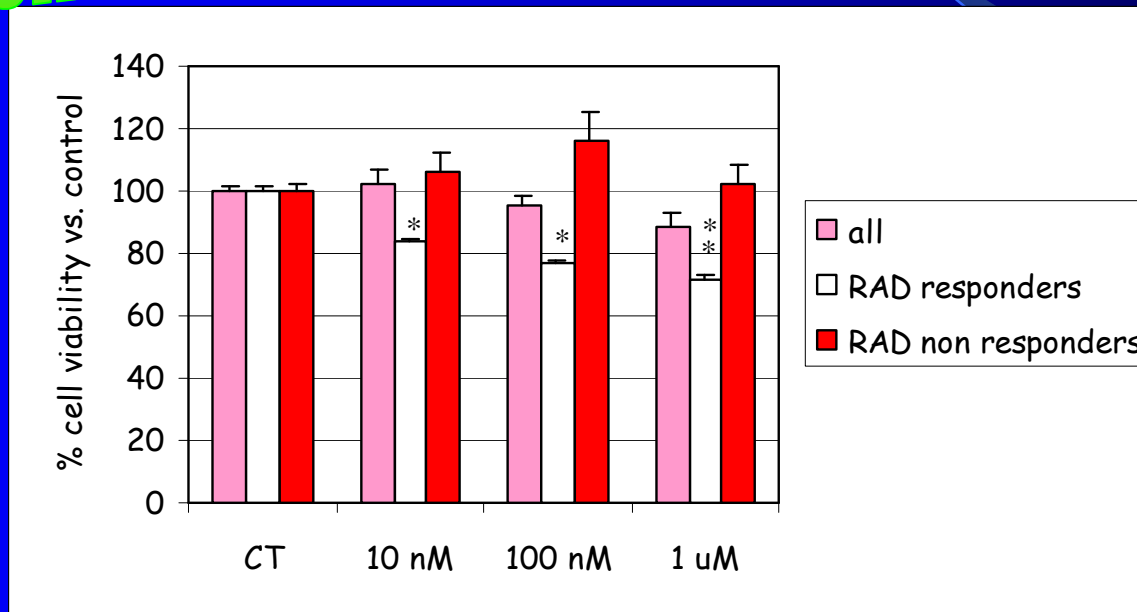




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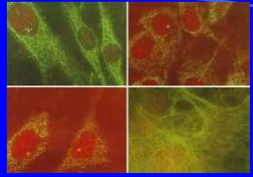
cell viability



**RAD001 significantly reduces cell viability in responder MTC**



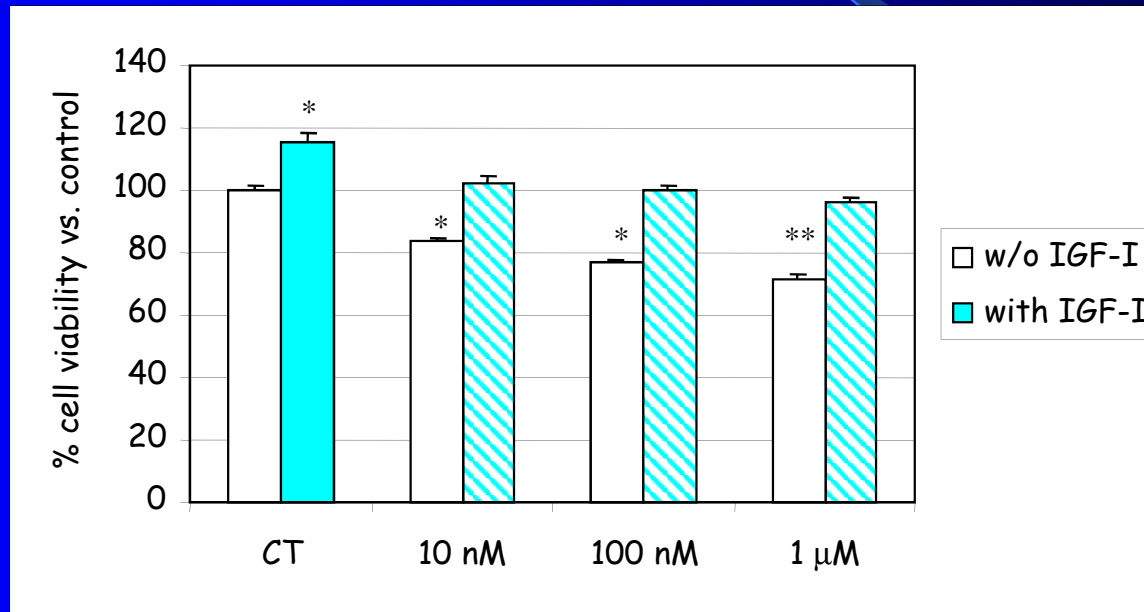




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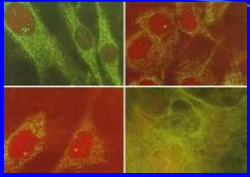


cell viability



**RAD001 abrogates the proliferative effect of IGF-I**

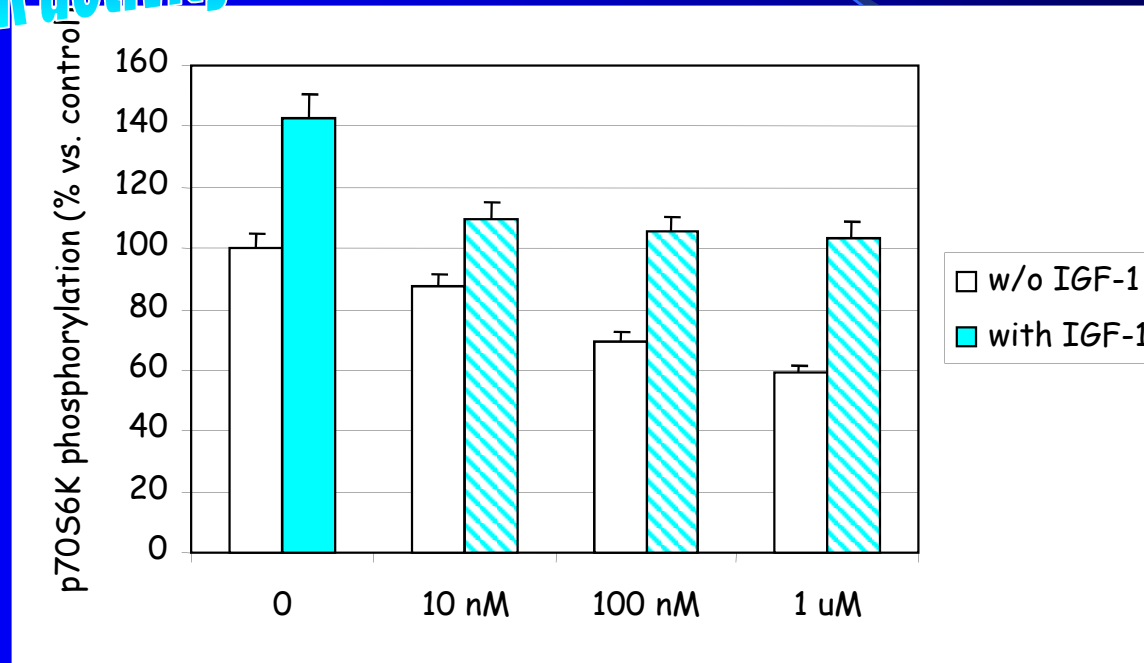




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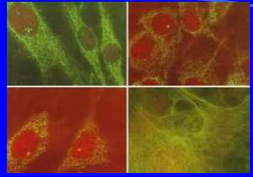


p70S6K activity



**RAD001 significantly reduces p70S6K phosphorylation and abrogates the stimulatory effects of IGF-I**



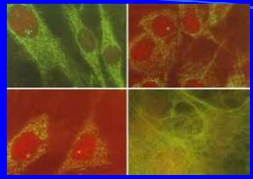


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Any synergistic effect with  
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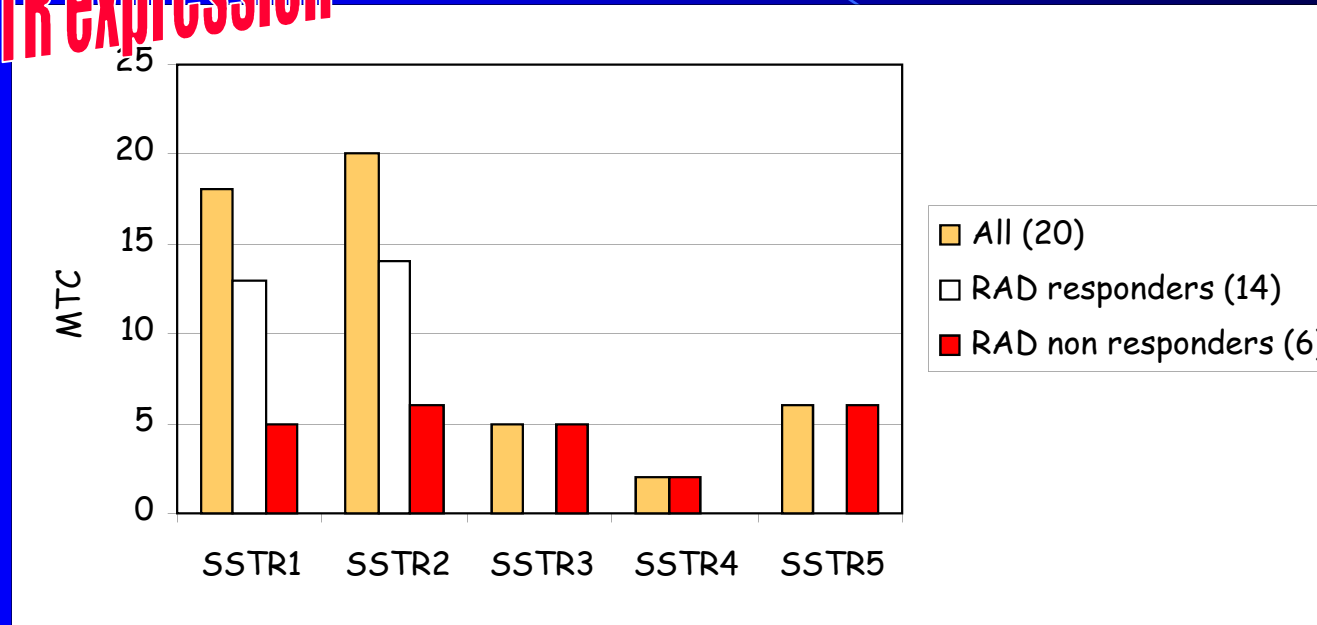




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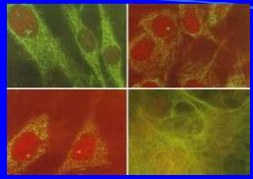
## SSTR expression



MTC predominantly express  
SSTR1 and SSTR2

Responder MTC lack SSTR5 expression

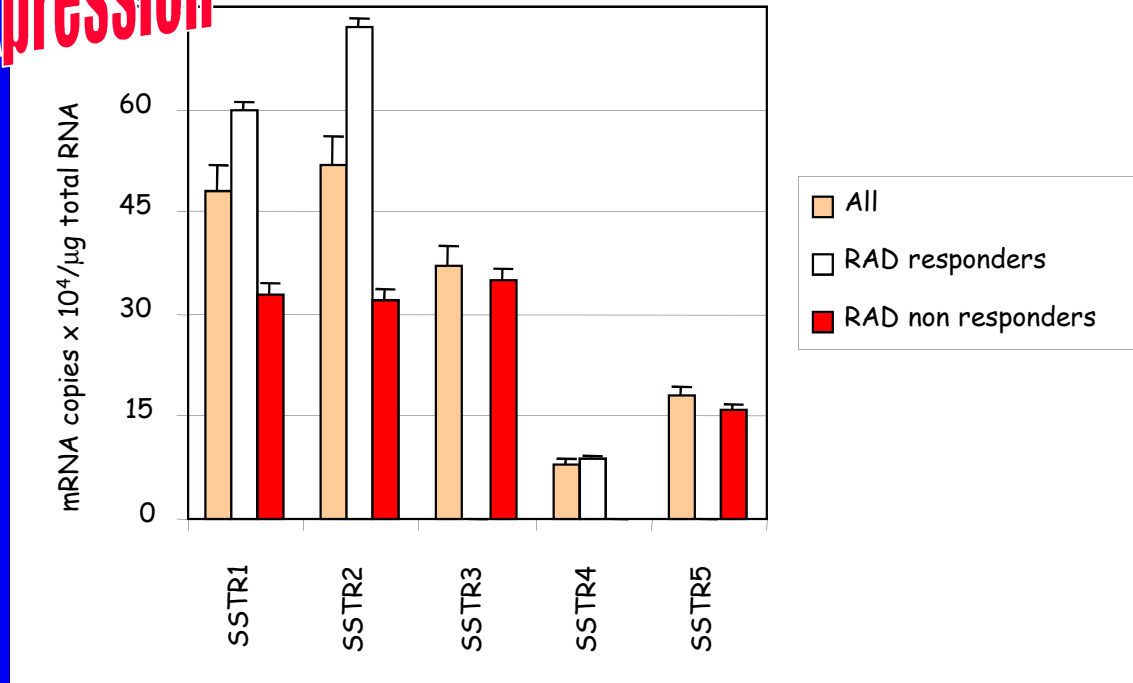




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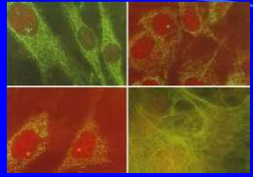
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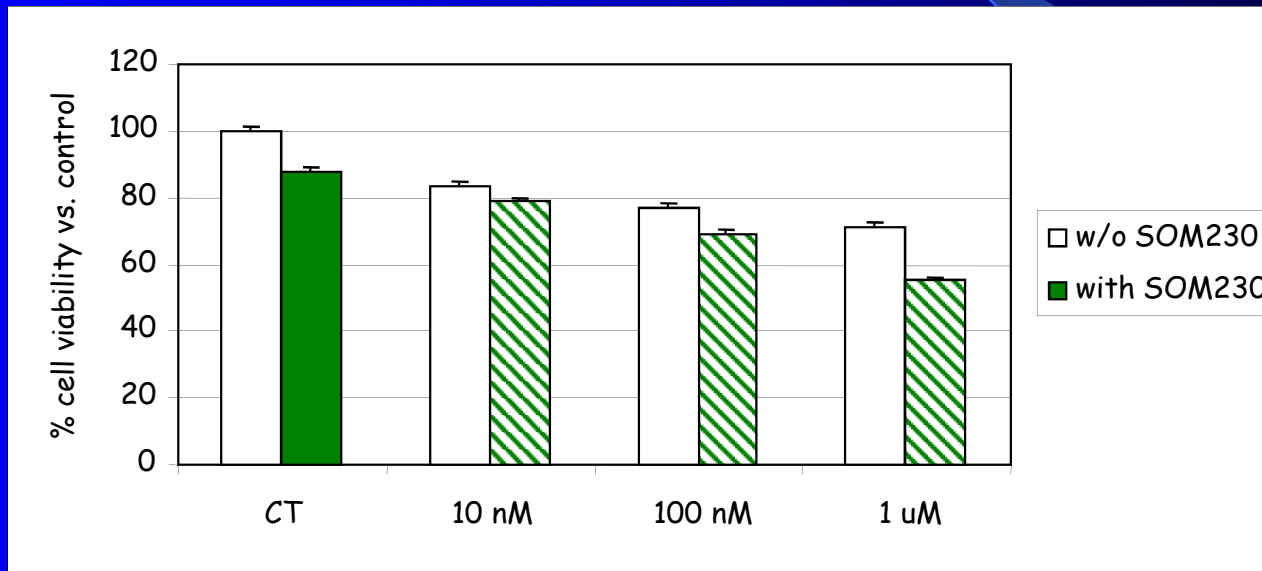




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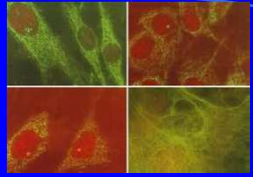


cell viability



SOM230 potentiates  
RAD001 antiproliferative effects





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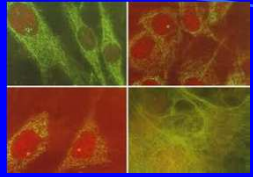


## In conclusion

- RAD001 reduces cell viability in 70% of MTC primary cultures
- MTC responder coltures do not express SSTR5
- the antiproliferative effect of RAD001 is blocked by IGF-1 and enhanced by co-treatment with SOM230

Everolimus might represent a possible therapeutic tool in MTC, also in association with SRIF analogs





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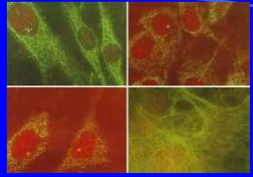


# GH-omas



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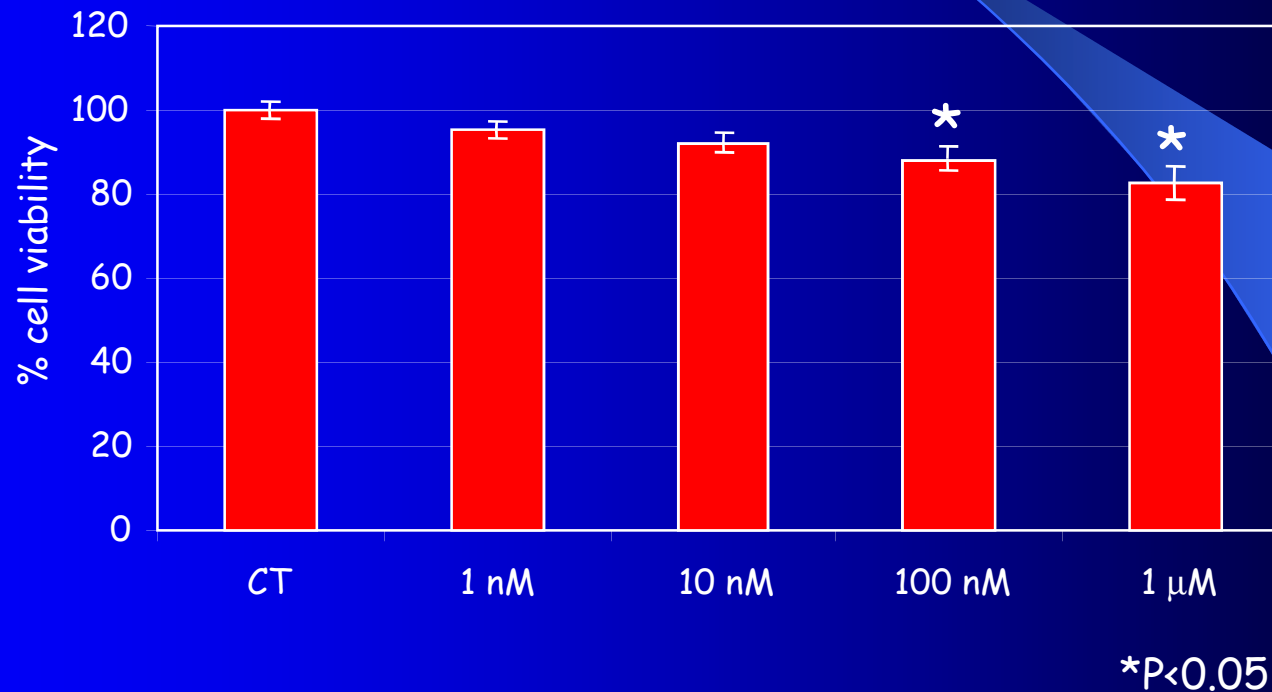


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pituitary adenoma

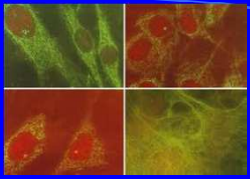


RAD001 in 7 GH-omas



RAD001 dose-dependently reduced somatotropinoma cell viability in vitro

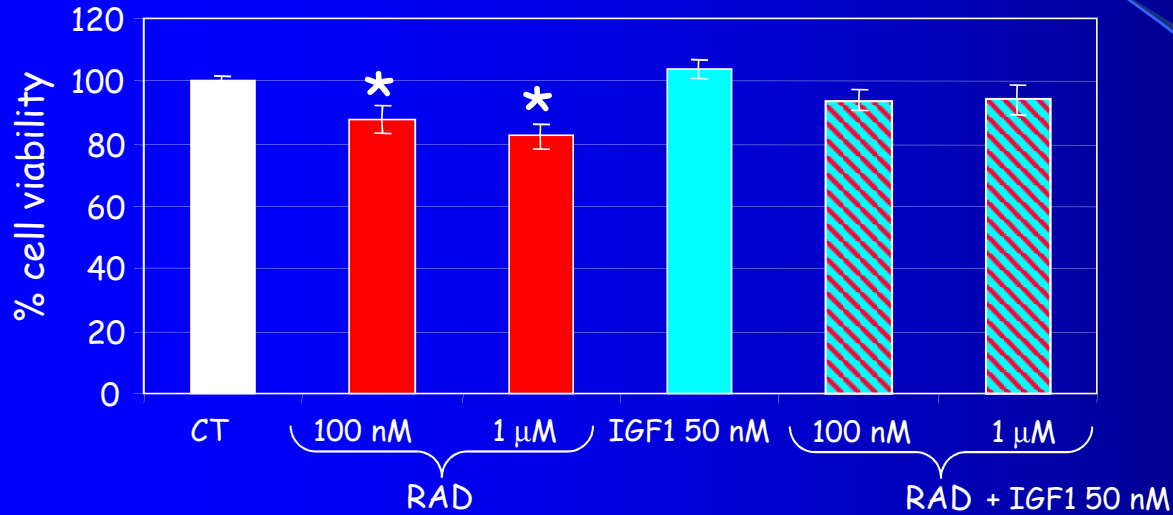




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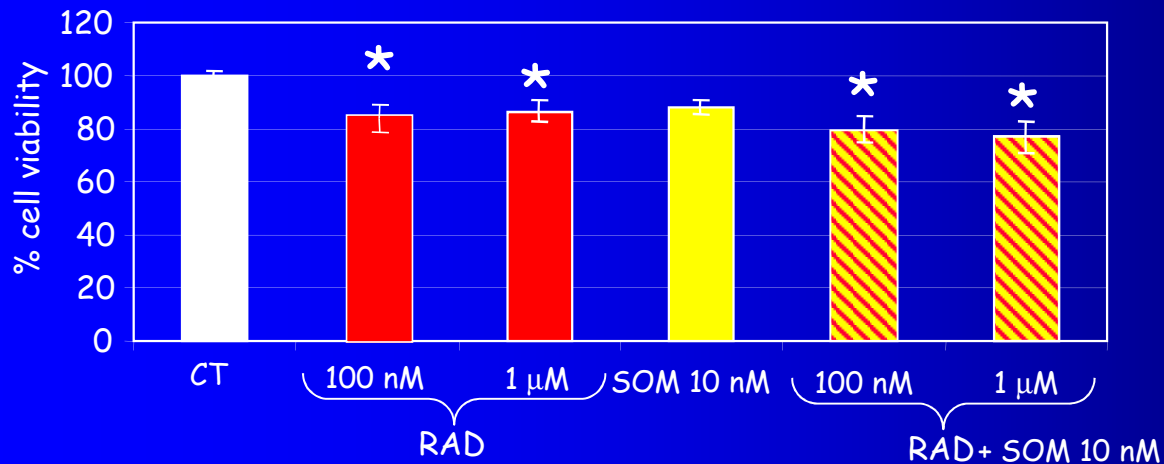
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### RAD001 in GH-omas



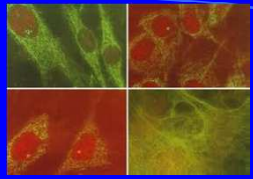
RAD001 is blocked by IGF-1

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SOM230 enhances RAD001 effects





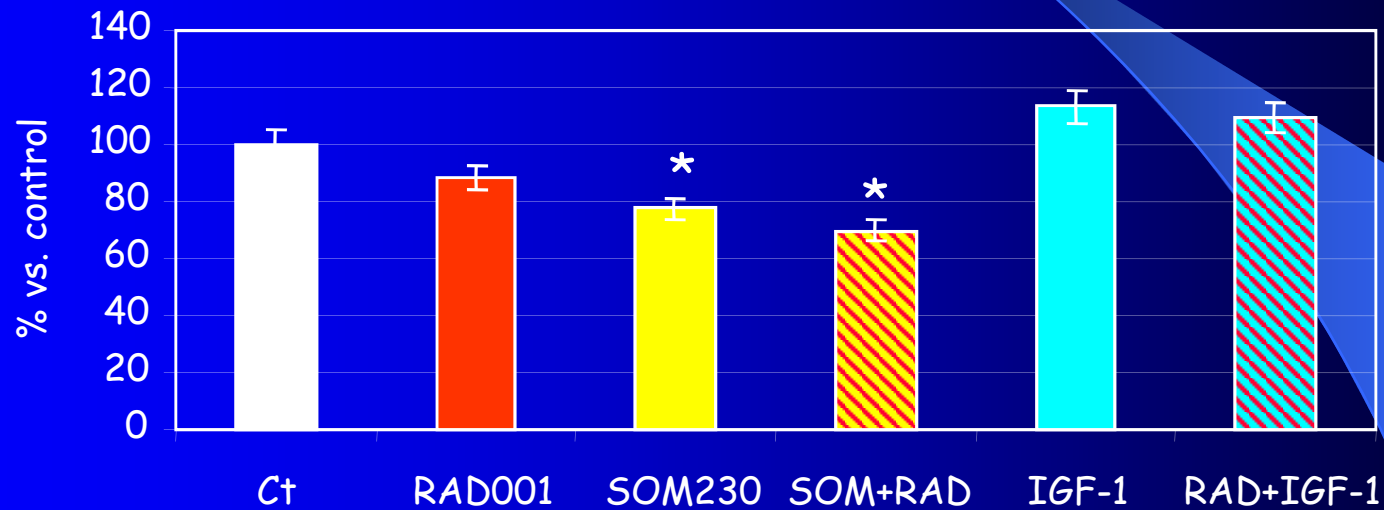
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**pituitary adenoma**



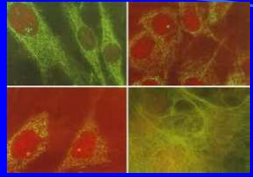
## RAD001 in GH-omas

GH secretion



**RAD001 reduces GH secretion  
IGF-1 co-treatment blocks this effect**





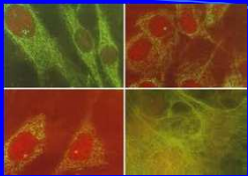
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# ACTH-omas



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## pituitary adenoma



Pituitary Unit

TNS surgery

10 ACTH-secreting  
pituitary adenomas



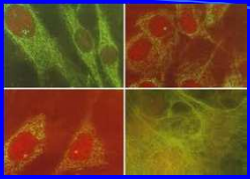
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## pituitary adenoma



**Tissue bank**

Freezer -80°C

**Tissue**

Primary coltures

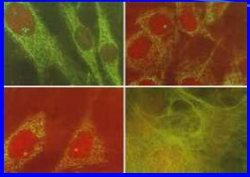
In vitro experiments:  
cell viability (colorimetric method)  
apoptosis with caspase 3/7 assays  
mTOR phosphorylation by ELISA

50 nM IGF-1

10 nM -1  $\mu$ M RAD001

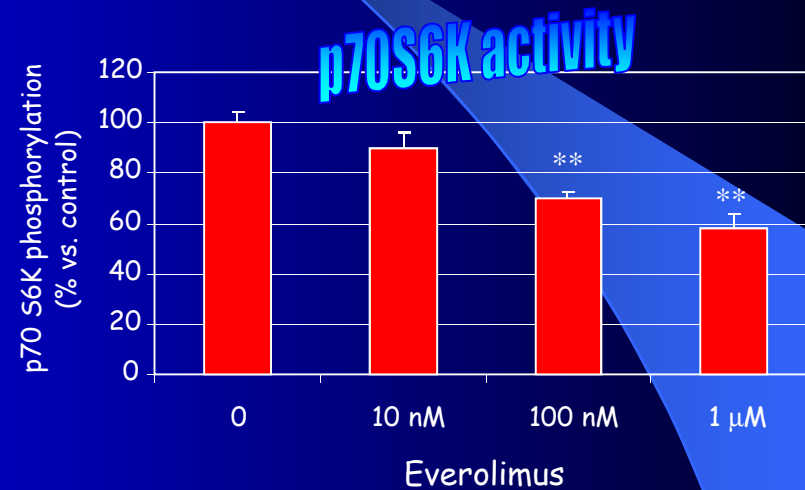
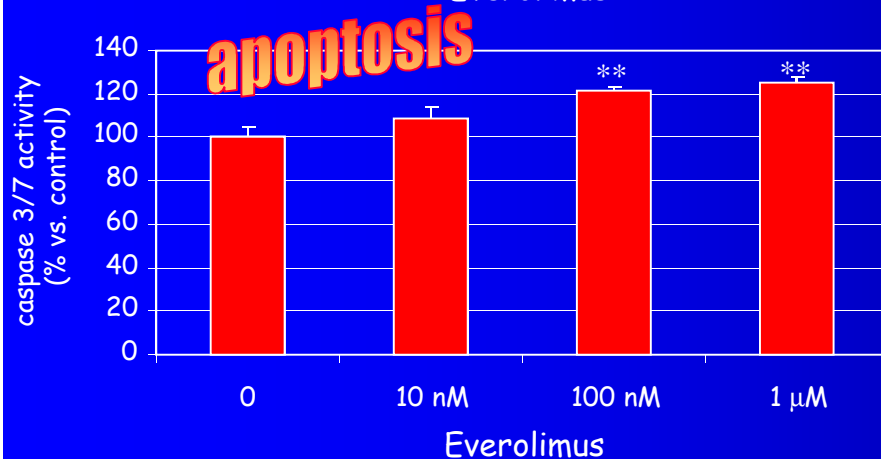
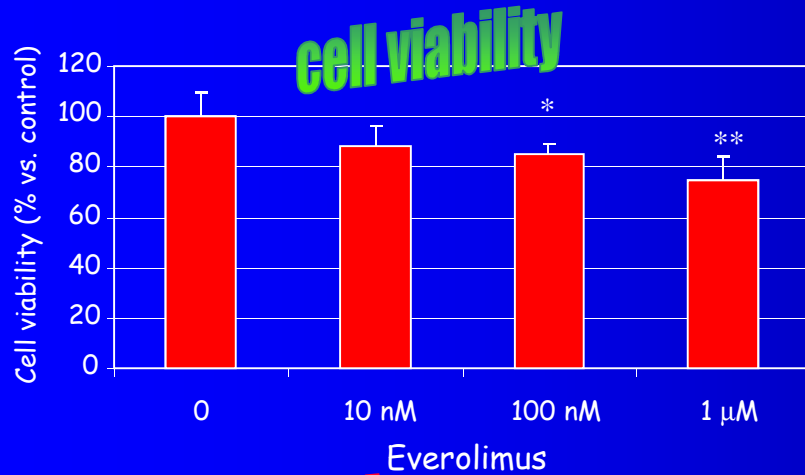
10 nM SOM230





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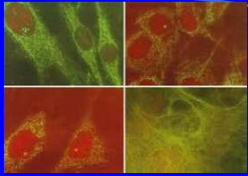
## pituitary adenoma RAD001



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RAD001 dose-dependently reduces cell viability, induces apoptosis and inhibits p70S6K phosphorylation



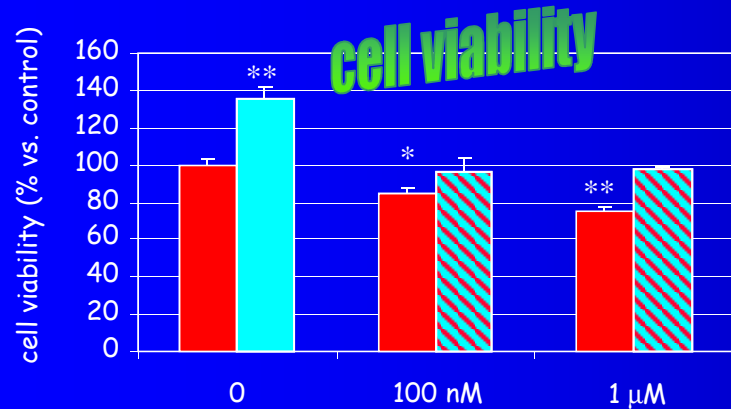


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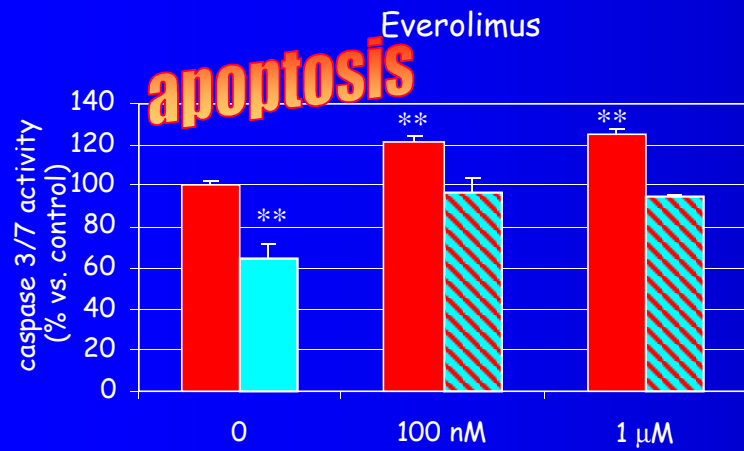
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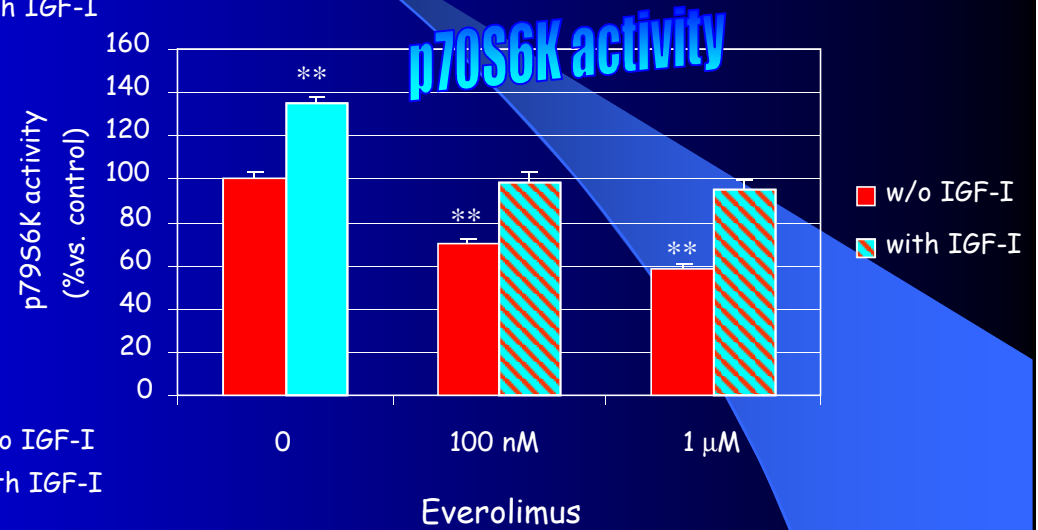
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■ w/o IGF-I  
■ with IGF-I



■ w/o IGF-I  
■ with IGF-I



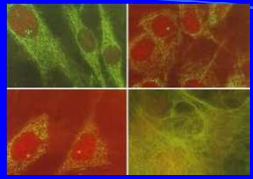
■ w/o IGF-I  
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RAD001 blocks the effects of IGF-I on cell viability, apoptosis and p70S6K phosphorylation





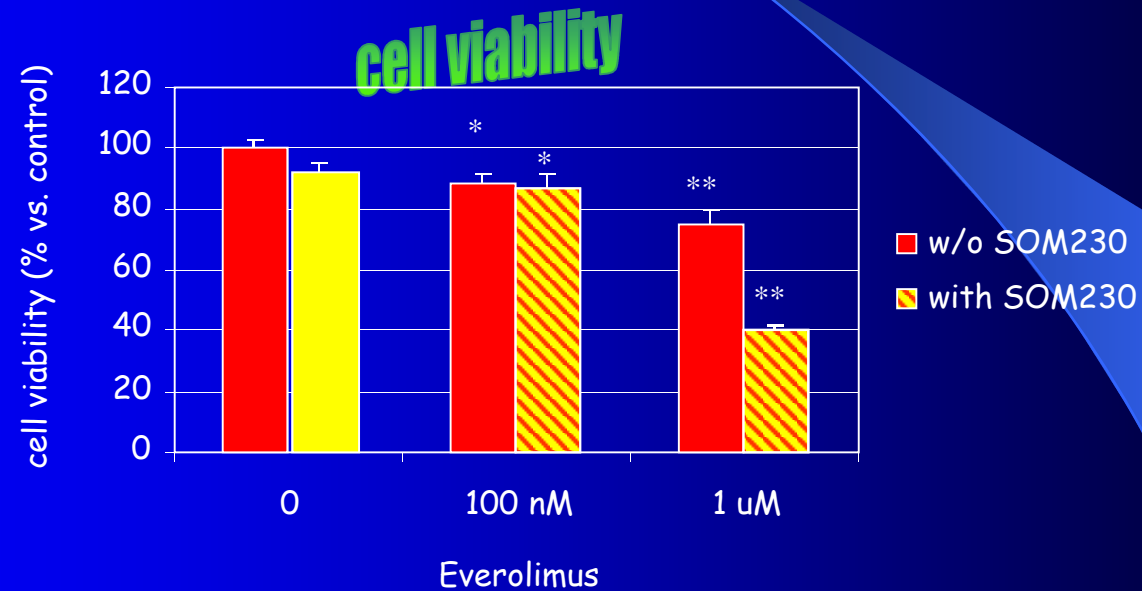


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pituitary adenoma



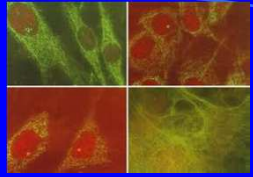
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SOM230 enhances the antiproliferative effects of RAD001





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## pituitary adenoma

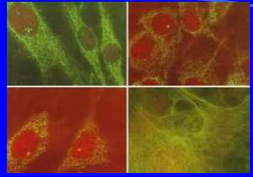


### CONCLUSION

- RAD001 dose-dependently inhibits ACTH-secreting pituitary adenoma cell viability in primary culture by inducing apoptosis and inhibiting p70S6K activity
- These effects are blocked by IGF-I
- SOM230 enhances RAD001 effects

everolimus might represent a possible medical treatment aiming at controlling ACTH-secreting adenomas





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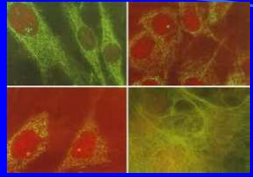
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## CONCLUSION

These preliminary results indicate that everolimus might represent a possible medical treatment aiming at controlling pituitary adenoma growth





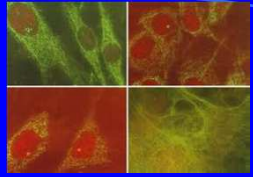
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## FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

- Evaluate antisecretory activity on GEP NETs
- Evaluate the possible influence of RAD001 on chemoresistance
- Evaluate the possible influence of mTOR inhibition of GH peripheral effects



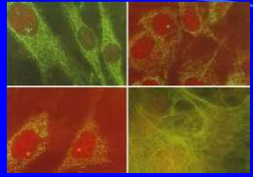


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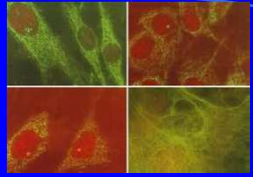
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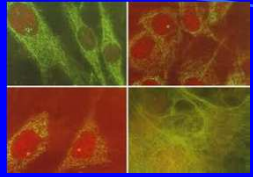


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