



**Place de la trabectedine (Yondelis®)  
dans la prise en charge des STM métastatiques**

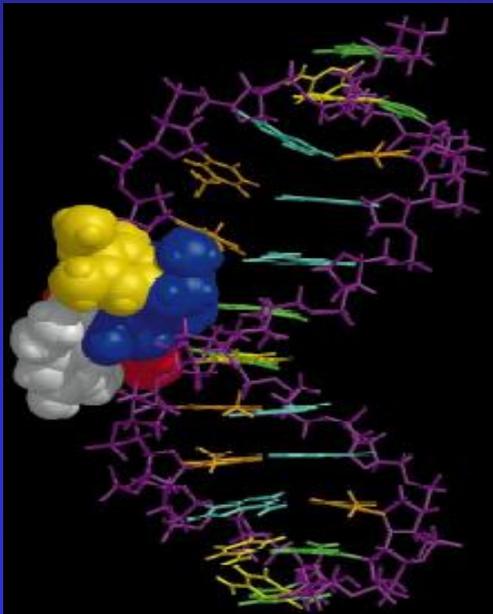
*Mandelieu, SFPO, 16 oct 09*

# Trabectédine – Mécanismes d'action



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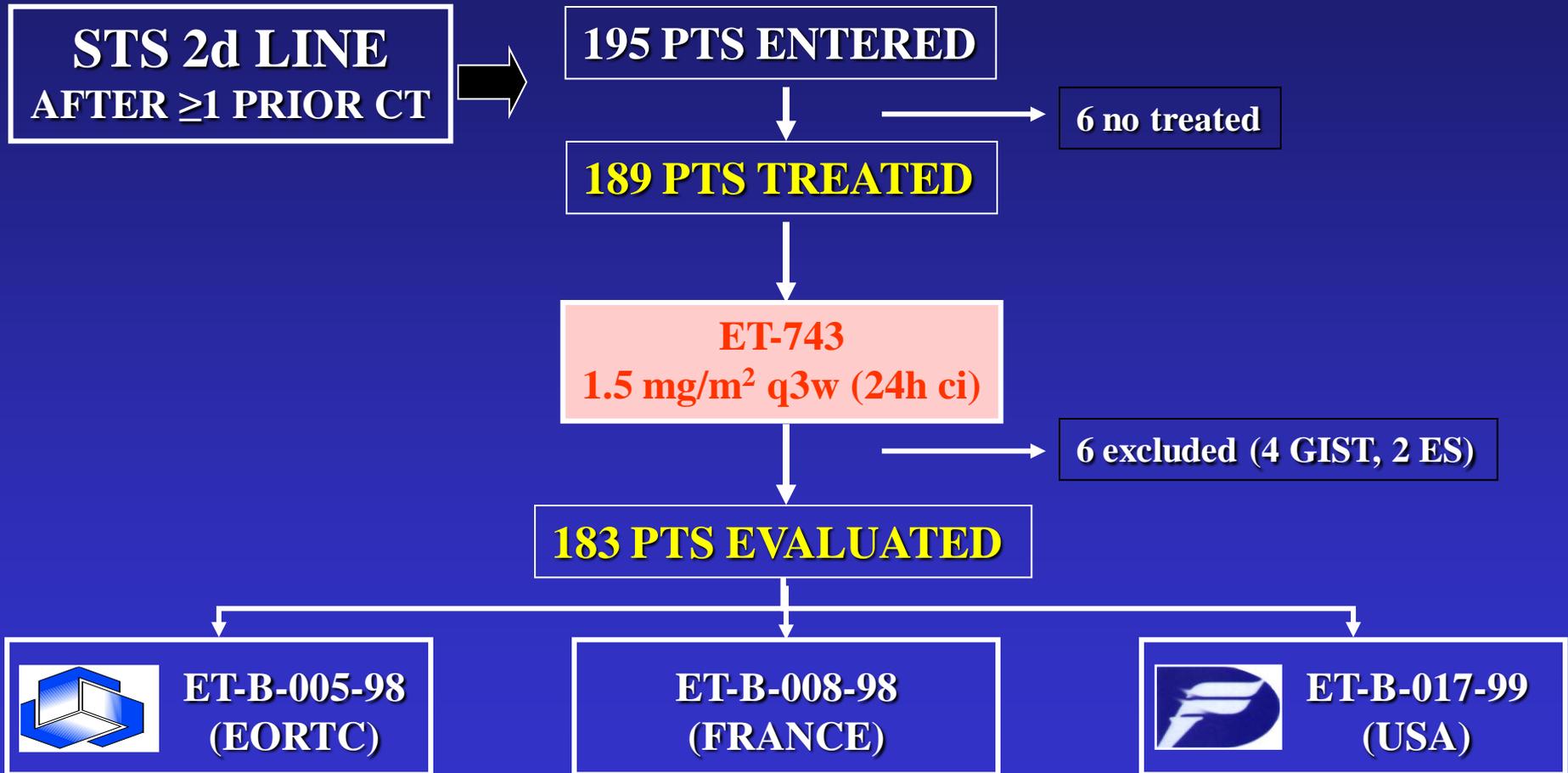
Source: Caribbean Sea



- Se fixe au petit sillon de l'ADN
- Interagit avec des facteurs de transcription de l'ADN
- Perturbe le cycle cellulaire: retarde S et bloque G2
- Activité indépendante de p-53
- interfère avec les mécanismes de réparation cellulaire (NER compétent pour son activité)



# Trabectedin: Phase II trials in STS 1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> 24 hours CI





# Trabectedin Activity: Phase II trials in STS

## Phase II

Response	N=189	(%)	Median reduction	PFS med
CR	1	0.5%	100%	
PR	13	7%	67%	7 months
MR	11	6%	35%	7 months
SD	75	40%		
SD >6 months	32	17%		8 months
CR post surgery	7	4%		

**Clinical Benefit / Tumor Control: PR+MR+SD**

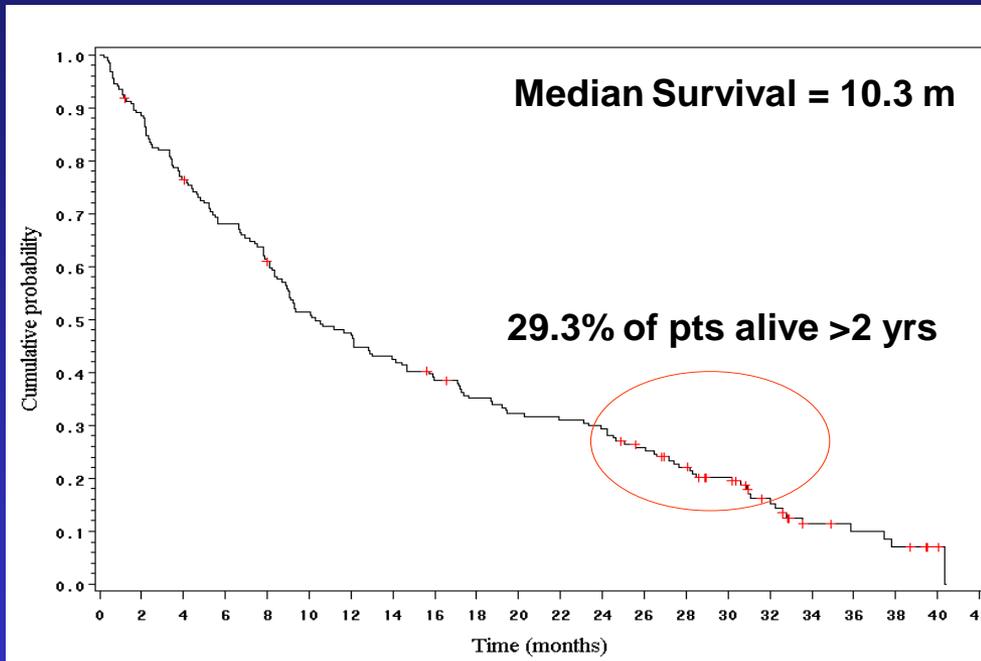
**51.5%**

*Pooled Data A.Le Cesne et al JCO-05, A.Yovine et al JCO-04,  
R.G.Carbonero et al JCO-04 J.Jimeno et al Current.Op. Orthop 2003*

# Trabectedin, phase II

## Promising survival outcome

...Despite an ORR < 10%...



**6-months PFS**

**25%**

**Pts alive at 1 year**

**45%**

**> 6 cycles**

**28%**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Purpose**  
This randomized multicenter phase II study was performed to evaluate the activity and safety of Ecteinascidin ET-743 administered at a dose of 1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> as a 24-hour continuous infusion every 3 weeks in patients with pretreated advanced soft tissue sarcoma.

**Patients and Methods**  
Patients with documented progressive advanced soft tissue sarcoma received ET-743 as second- or third-line chemotherapy. Antitumor activity was evaluated every 6 weeks until progression, excessive toxicity, or patient refusal.

**Results**  
One hundred four patients from eight European institutions were included in the study (March 1999 to November 2001). A total of 410 cycles were administered in 99 assessable patients. Toxicity mainly involved reversible grade 3 to 4 asymptomatic elevation of transaminase in 40% of patients, and grade 3 to 4 neutropenia was observed in 52% of patients. There were eight partial responses (PR), objective regression rate, 8%, 45 no change (NC; > 6 months in 26% of patients), and 38 progressive disease. A progression-free rate (PFR) = NC of 56% was observed in leiomyosarcoma and 61% in synovial sarcoma. The median duration of the time to progression was 105 days, and the 6-month progression-free survival was 29%. The median duration of survival was 9.2 months.

**Conclusion**  
ET-743 seems to be a promising active agent in advanced soft tissue sarcoma, with no cumulative toxicities. The 6-month progression-free survival observed in advanced soft tissue sarcoma compares favorably with those obtained with other active drugs tested in second-line chemotherapy in previous European Organisation for the Research and Treatment of Cancer trials. The median overall survival was unusually long in these heavily pretreated patients mainly due to the high number of patients who benefit from the drug in terms of tumor control.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Results of first-line chemotherapy in adult advanced soft tissue sarcoma remain disappointing. Only two drugs, doxorubicin and ifosfamide, have demonstrated a relatively consistent single-agent activity yielding response rates of 10% to 25%.<sup>1-4</sup> Importantly, despite higher response rates achieved in some studies using combination chemotherapy, no drug regimen has not demonstrated any advantage in terms of overall survival when compared with single-agent doxorubicin given at optimal doses.<sup>1</sup> In the



**STS-201**

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**Major impact (tumor control, 6-PFS) in:**

- **Leiomyosarcoma**      **56%**
- **Liposarcoma**      **40%**

**Advanced  
LipoS/LeioS**

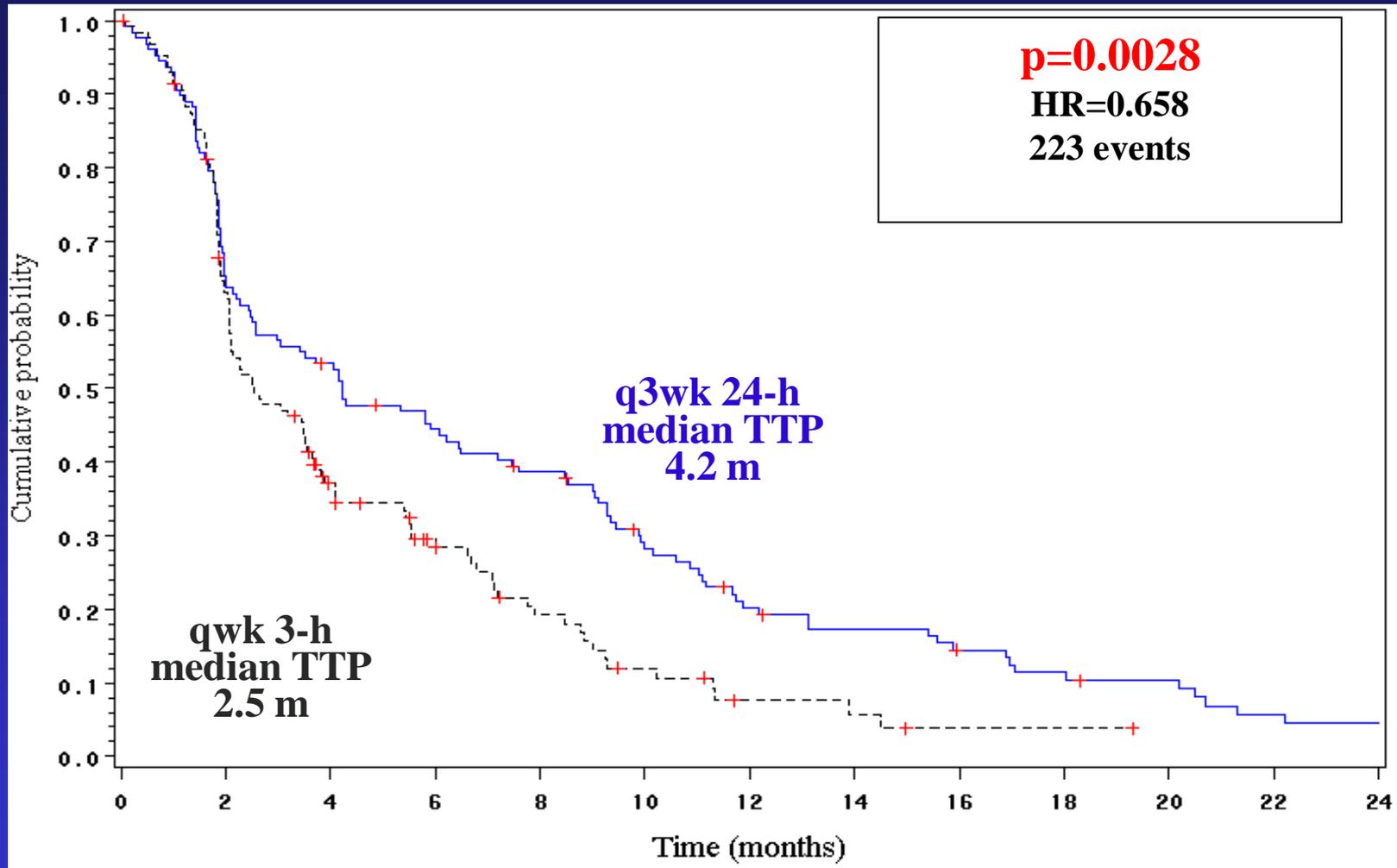
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**Trabectedin: 1.5 mg/m<sup>2</sup> 24 h CI q3w**

**Trabectedin: 0.58 mg/m<sup>2</sup> 3h wkly 3wks/4**

- 270 patients randomized (260 treated)
- Baseline characteristics well balanced between both arms
- 66% leiomyosarcomas / 34% liposarcomas
- Prior chemotherapy: PD after anthracyclines and ifosfamide  
2/3 of pts received additional agents (Gem, 32%; docetaxel, 24%....)

# STS-201: Updated TTP

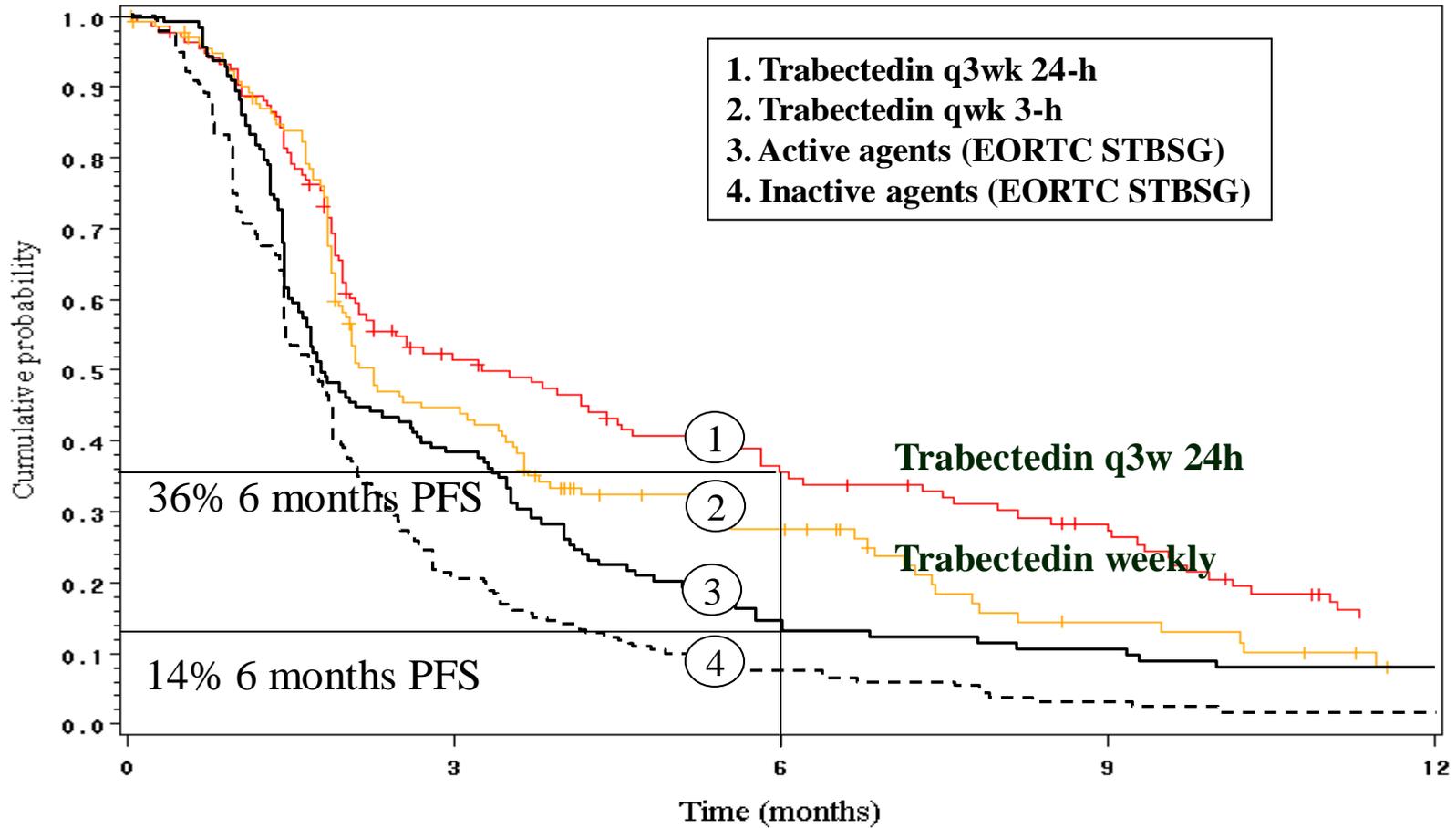


“Final survival data reinforce the internal consistency of efficacy endpoints showing better outcomes with trabectedin q3wk 24-h”



# STS-201-Historical Context (EORTC)

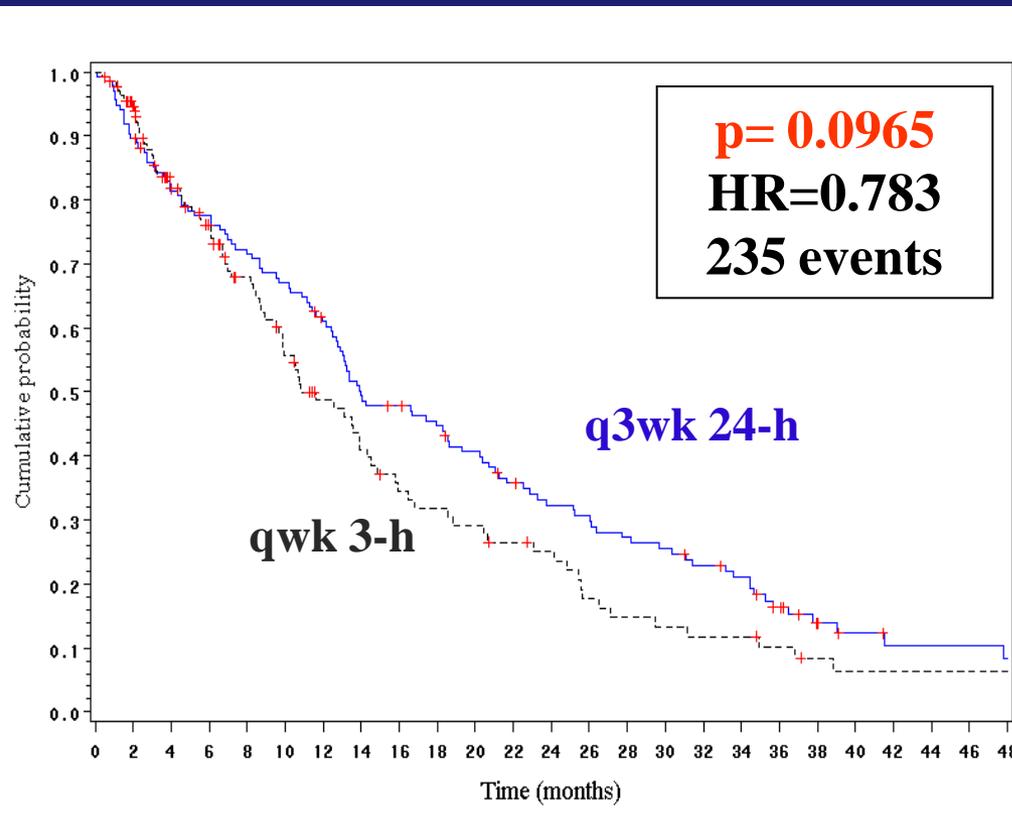
## PFS in Sarcomas



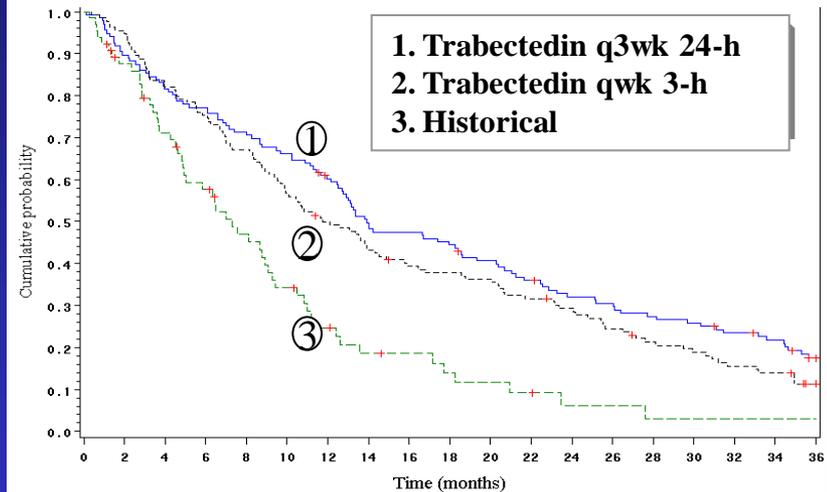
EMA approval in september 07

# STS-201 Overall survival

Censored at crossover



STS-201 vs. pooled EORTC trials in pretreated leiomyosarcoma/liposarcoma\*



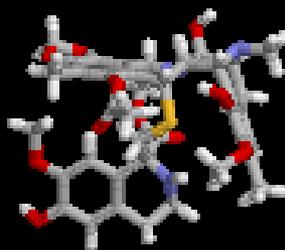
Acknowledging the limitations of historical comparisons, both trabectedin schedules showed substantially longer OS than other drugs in a similar setting

1-year survival:  
61% vs. 49%,  $p=0.06$

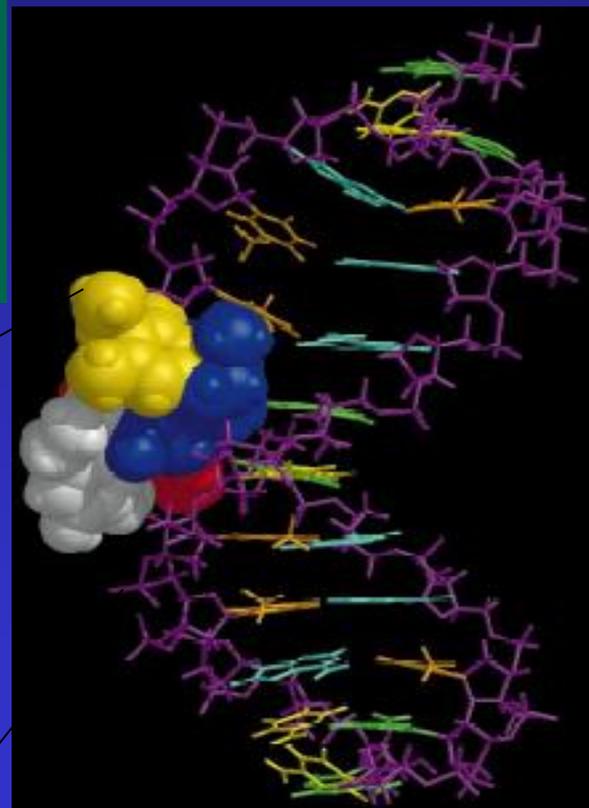
# Yondelis<sup>®</sup> (trabectedin): European Label

**A New Treatment Option for Sarcoma Patients  
Following European Commission approval on 20th  
September 2007:**

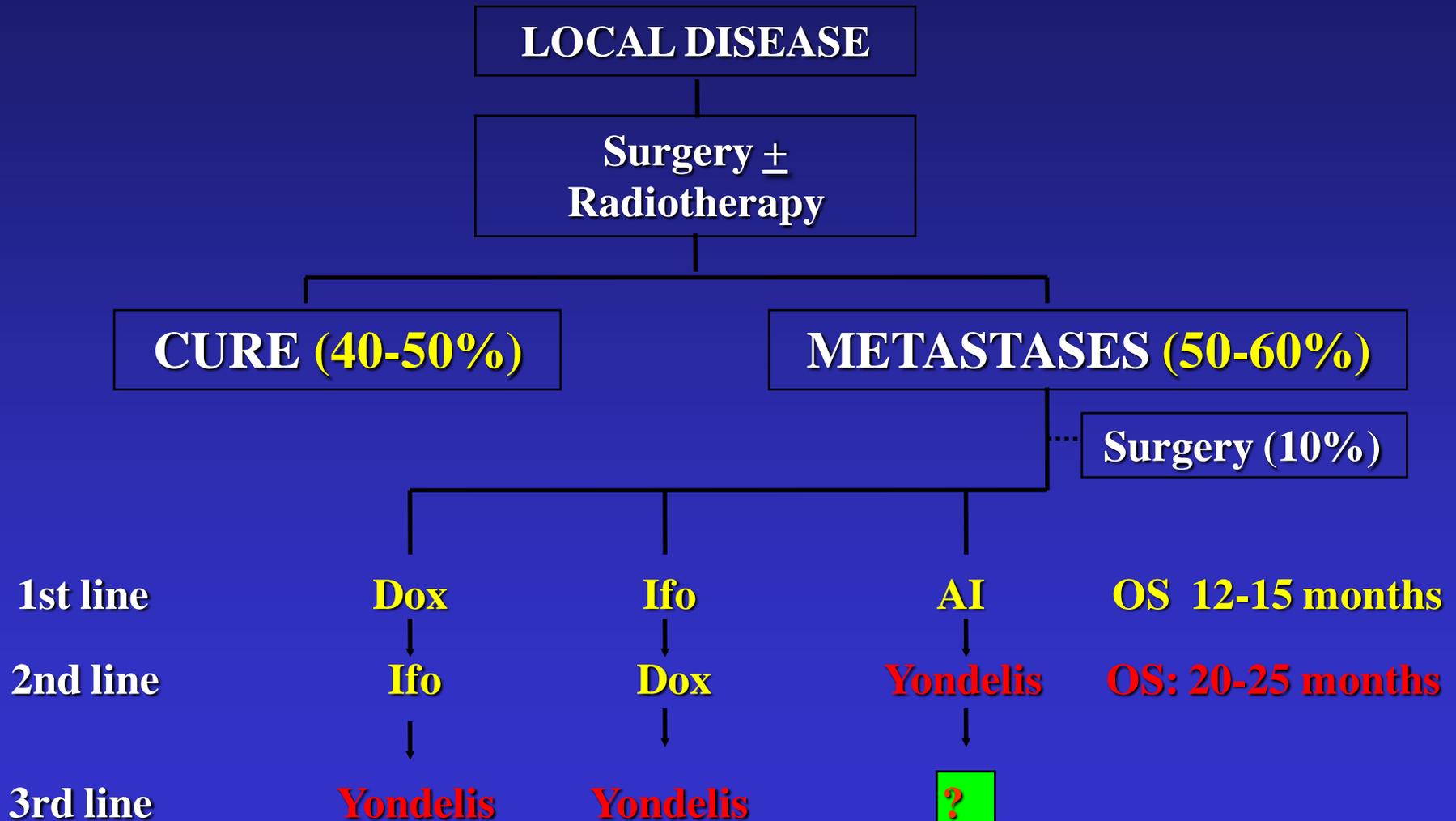
Yondelis<sup>®</sup> is indicated for the treatment of patients with advanced soft tissue sarcoma, after failure of anthracyclines and ifosfamide or who are unsuitable to receive these agents. Efficacy data are based mainly on liposarcoma and leiomyosarcoma patients.



Trabectedin



# Soft Tissue Sarcomas: Treatment algorithm





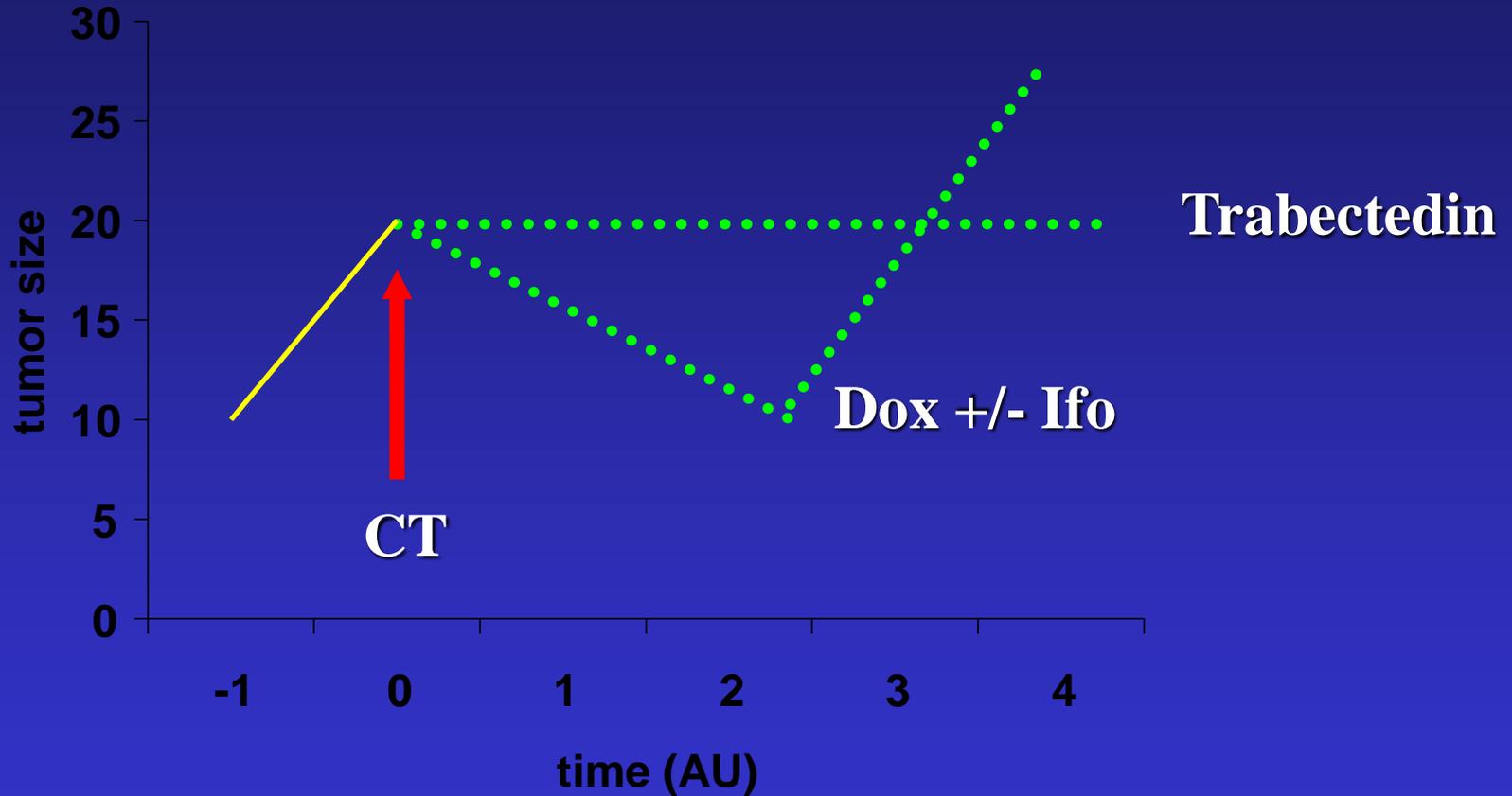
# Trabectedine: « take-home » messages en 2009



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- **Critères RECIST**
- **Thérapeutique ciblée**
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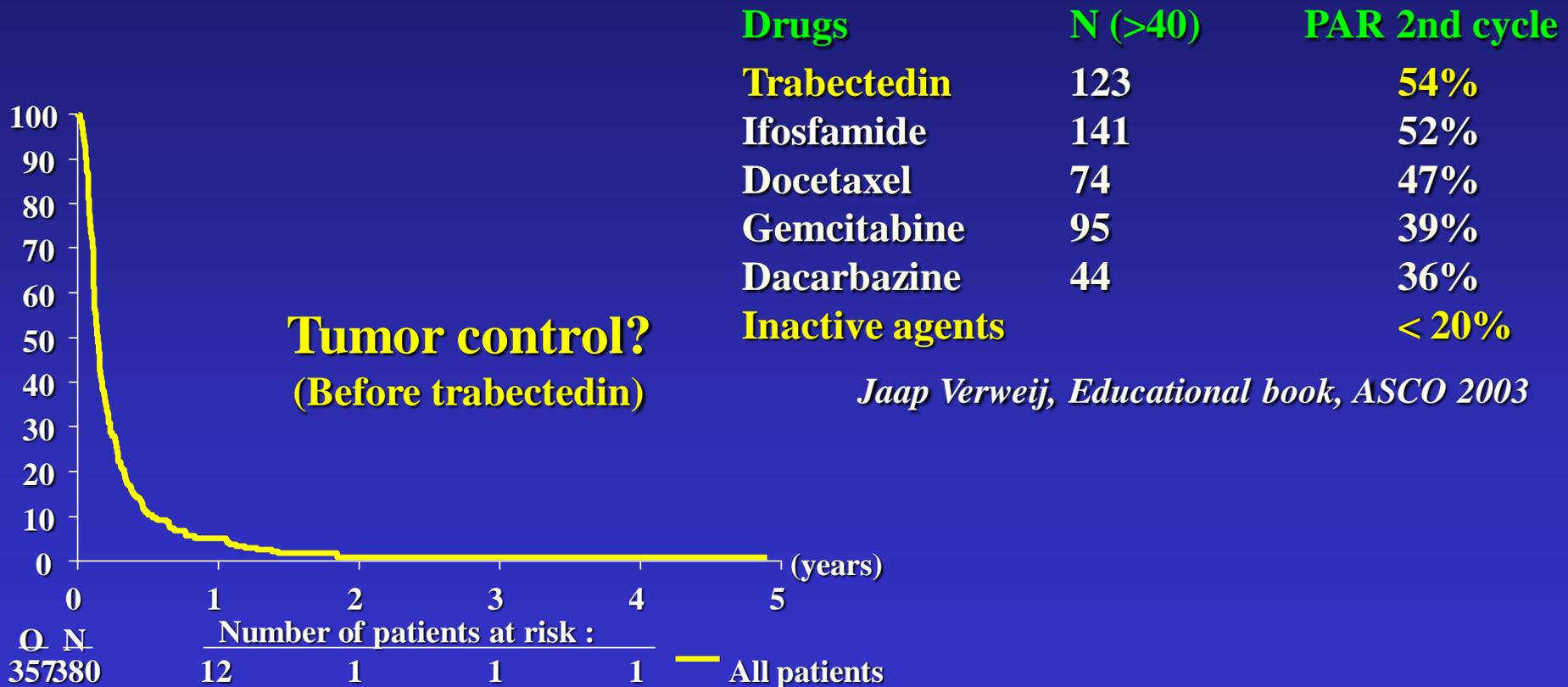
# Tumor evolution during treatment





# Progression Free / Tumor control

## 2nd line treatment





# Trabectedin, Phase II: Toxicity

Side effect	Doxorubicin (75mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Ifosfamide ( ≥10 gr/m <sup>2</sup> )	Trabectedin (1.5 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )
Neutropenia gr 3-4	85%	100%	52%
Neutropenic fever	29%	40%	5%
AST/ALT gr 3-4	NR	NR	51%
Cardiac toxicity	5-10%	-	-
Neurotoxicity	10%	30%	2%
Toxic deaths	0-4%	0-4%	1%
Alopecia	100%	100%	3%

**No cumulative toxicity with trabectedin**

\* From: Verweij et al JCO 18:2081, 2000; Nielsen et al EJC 36:61, 2000;  
Judson et al EJC 37:870, 2001; Le Cesne et al JCO 13:1600, 1995  
Demetri et al, ASCO 09



# Drug Delivery (STS-201)

	qwk 3-h n=130	q3wk 24-h n=130
Median tt duration (weeks)	11.5	15.4
Median N° cycles (range)	2 (1 – 21)	5 (1 – 37)
Patients with 7 or more cycles	19%	38%
Median relative dose intensity	86%	81%



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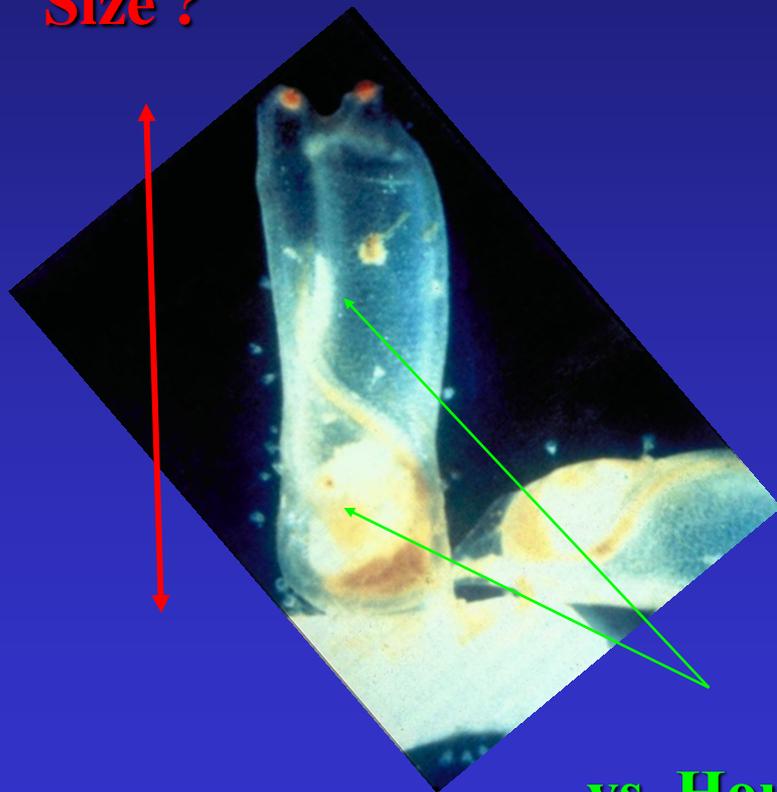


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# Trabectedin: the first « RECIST problem » in the evaluation of efficacy in STS?

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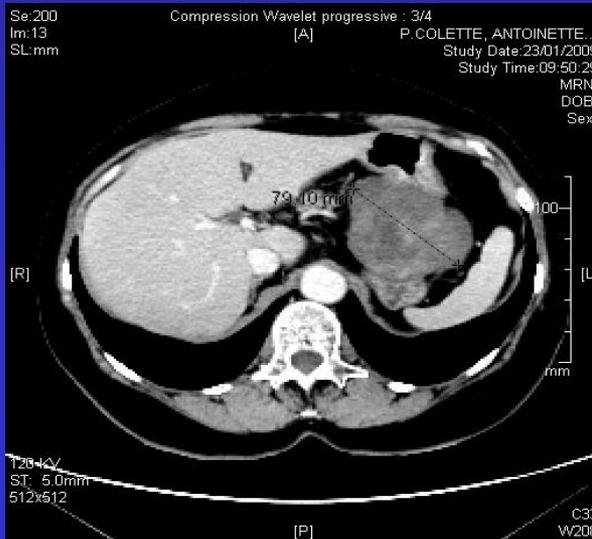
- Tissue Response
- Choi criteria in STS?

...vs Hounsfield Unit?

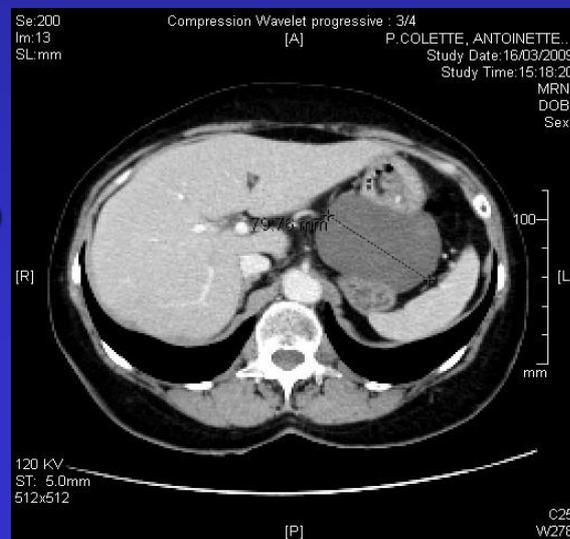
# Trabectedin: Responses RECIST vs CHOI ?



**LMS**  
→  
**PR (RECIST)**  
9 cy



**MLPS**  
→  
**SD (RECIST)**  
**PR (CHOI)**  
15 cy





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# Trabectedin in MLPS /Responses

*F. Grosso, Lancet Oncology, 2007*

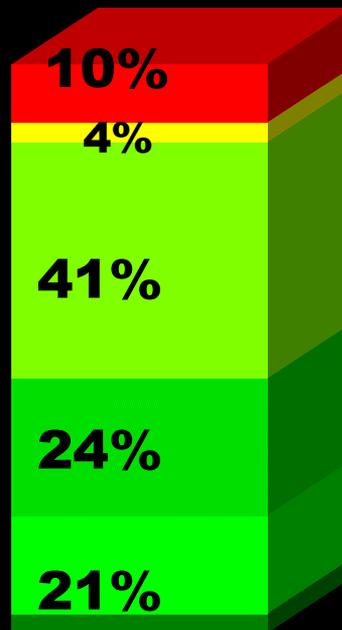
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- PD
- SD

▪ SD/MR  
+ tissue resp

▪ Delayed R

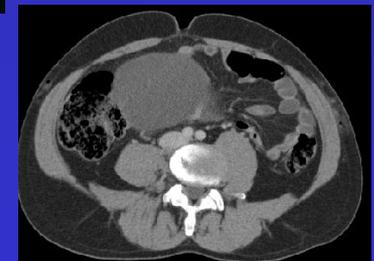
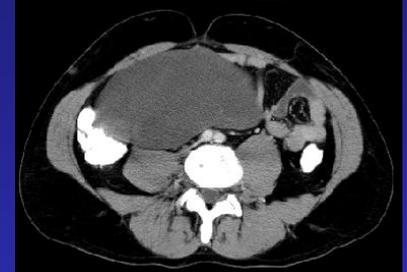
▪ PR, CR



**Tissue response = 65%**

**Tumor control = 90%**

**OR = 45%**



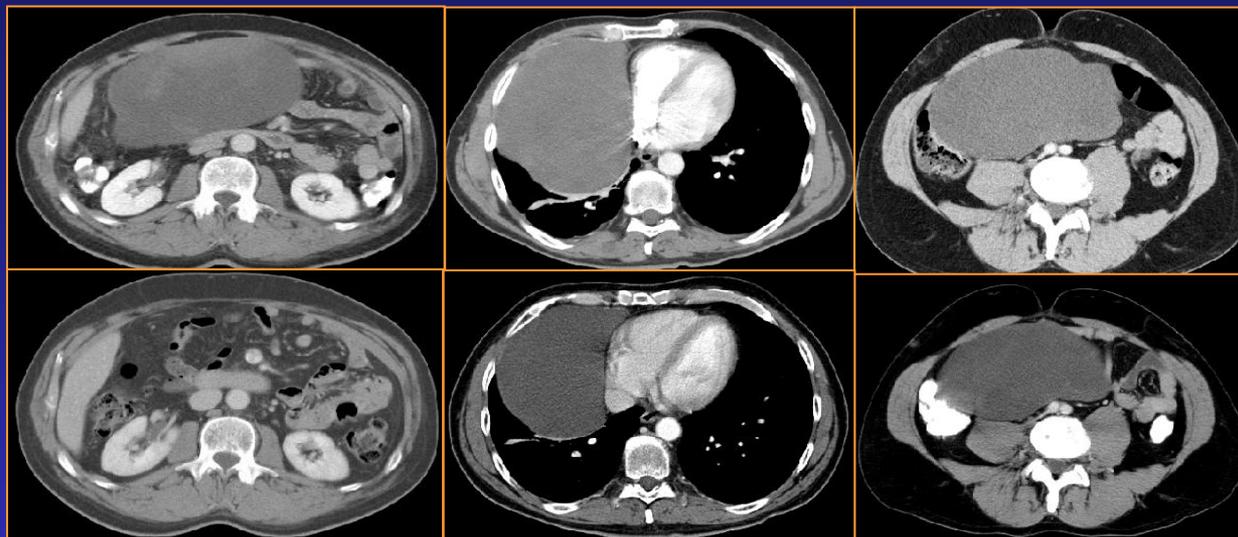


# Trabectedin in MLPS : Targeted therapy?

CR/PR

MR

NC-/+



Responders to trabectedin (90%) = all type of responses...except PD!



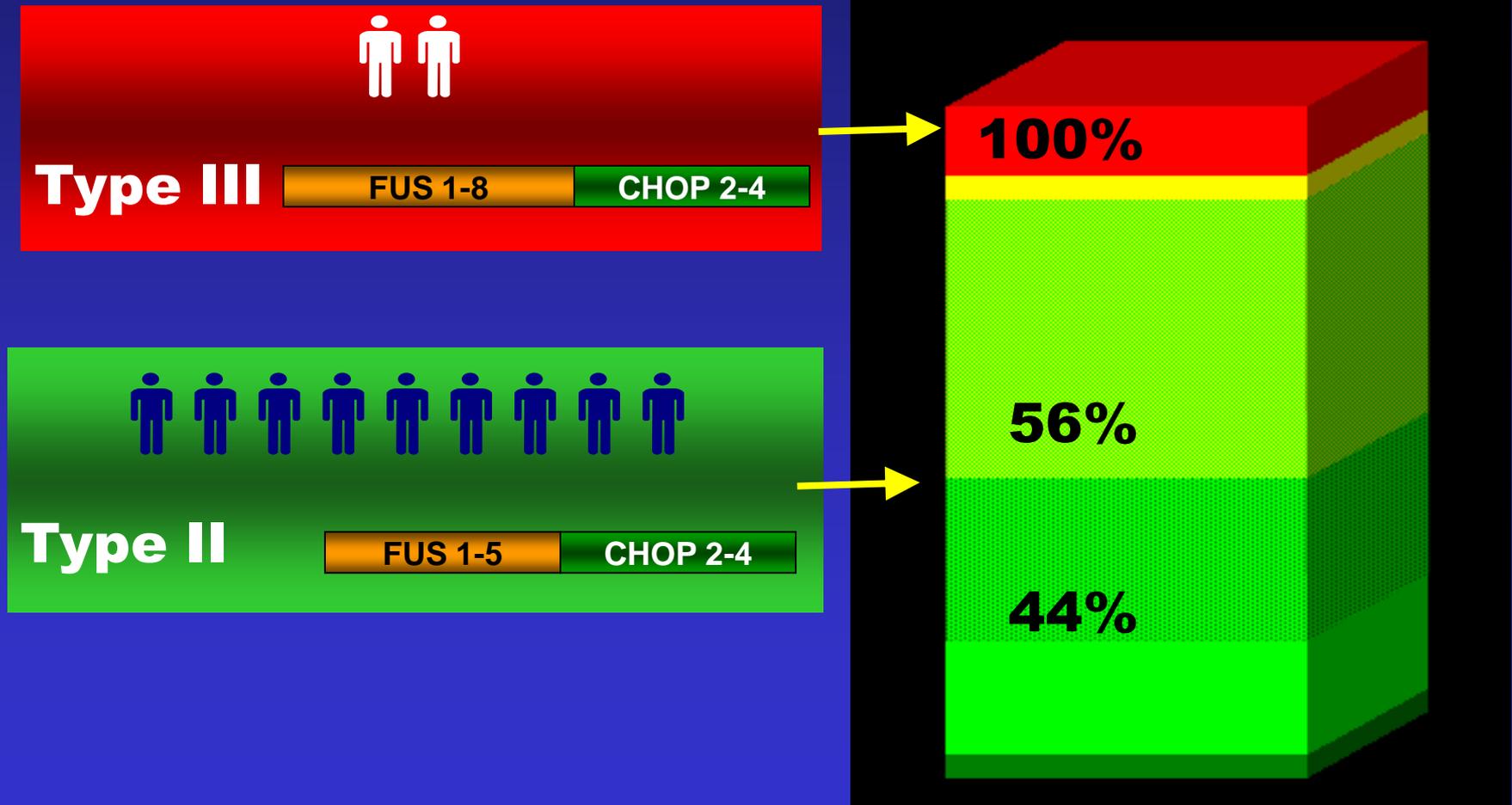
**PFS according to tumor response**

*F. Grosso et al., Lancet Oncology, 2007*

**...as imatinib in GIST**

*A.Le Cesne et al., JCO 2009*

# FUS-CHOP Fusion Transcript Molecular Variants → Response





# Trabectedin in MLPS : Induction CT in localized MLPS?

Multicenter Phase II (IGR/Milan/CLB/US)

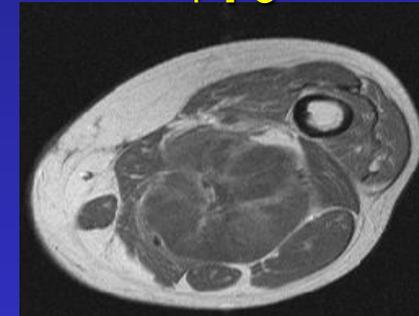
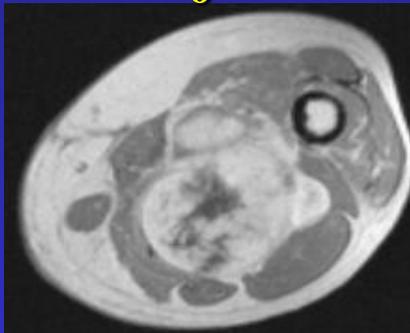


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Analysis of fusion  
Transcripts/  
Response



+4 c



**N = 23:**

4 to 6 cycles of trabectedin/Surgery/ RT  
no PD, 26% of PR (Recist), 74% of SD  
4 pCR, 10 pPR

*A. Gronchi et al, ECCO 09*

**Indication in other histological subtypes of STS?**



# Translocation-Related Approach Trabectedin in Sarcoma

Sarcoma type	Chromosomal transl.	Fusion gene
Clear cell sarcoma	t(12;22)(q13;q12)	<i>EWS-ATF1</i>
Extraskelletal myxoid chondroS	t(9;22)(q22;q12)	<i>EWS-CHN</i>
Myxoid liposarcoma	t(12;16)(q13;p11)	<i>TLS/EWS-CHOP</i>
Angiomatoid fibrous histiocytoma	t(12;16)(q13;p11)	<i>TLS-ATF1</i>
Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma	t(2;13)(q35;q14)	<i>PAX3/7-FKHR</i>
Desmoplastic small round cell tumor	t(11;22)(p13;q12)	<i>EWS-WT1</i>
Synovial sarcoma	t(X;18)(p11;q11)	<i>SYT-SSX1,2</i>
Inflammatory myofibroblastic T	t(2p23)	Various <i>ALK</i> fusions
Alveolar soft part sarcoma	t(X;17)(p11;q25)	<i>ASPL-TFE3</i>
Endometrial stromal sarcoma	t(7;17)(p15;q21)	<i>JAZF1-JJAZ1</i>



**55% reduction in the  
relative risk of PD  
or death**

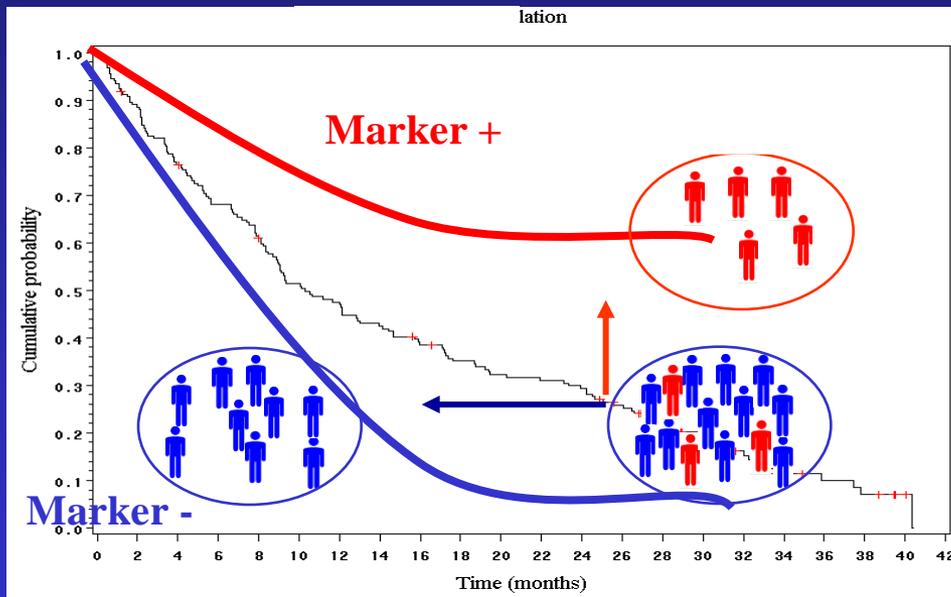


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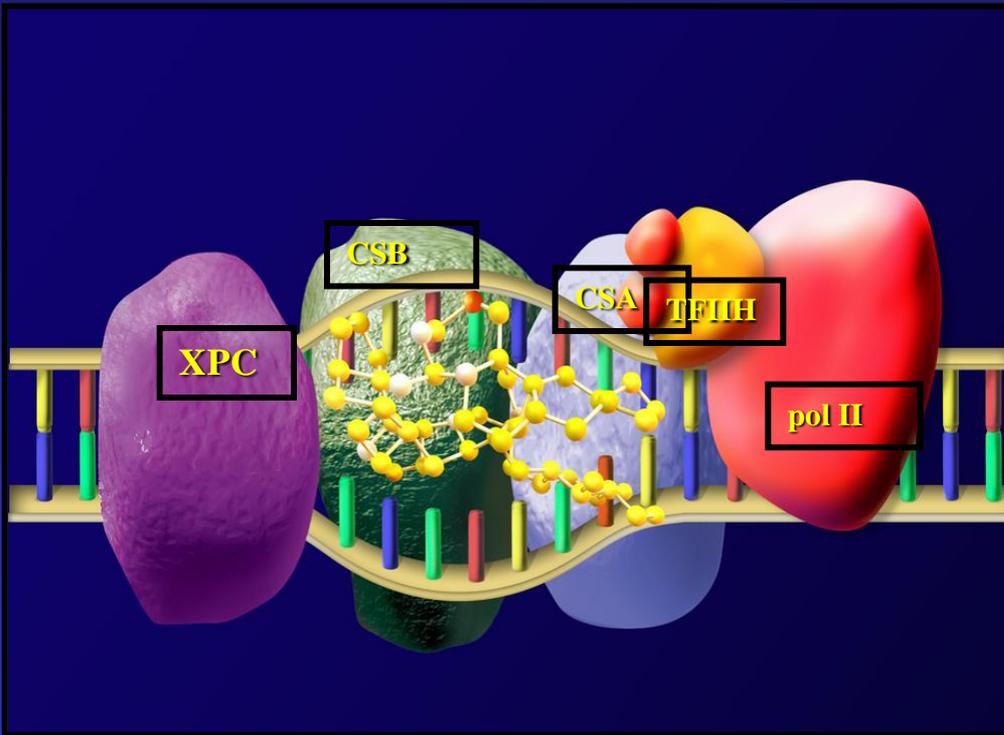
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# Future of trabectedin in STS



Personalised treatment with  
surrogate biological markers

# Transcription-Coupled Nucleotide Excision Repair



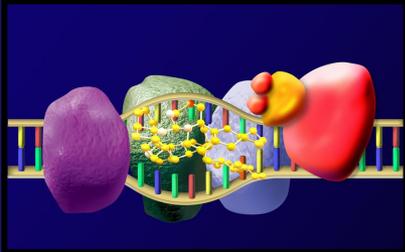
- ET-743 interacts with the NER system to induce cell death

- ERCC1, BRCA1 and XPG potential biomarkers of Yondelis efficacy

- 1) Proficient NER (high expression of ERCC1/XPG) is required for Yondelis cytotoxicity
- 2) In vitro low BRCA1 expression is associated with increased sensitivity to DNA damaging agents



Retrospective study to correlate mRNA expression levels of DNA repair related genes, in sarcoma patients treated with ET-743.



# Transcription-Coupled NER

## Outcome of patients treated with trabectedin

Parameter	BRCA1<3.26		P-value
	+	Other	
	(ERCC1>4.99 or XPG>1.55)		
CR + PR	6/29 (21%)	7/61 (12%)	<b>0.3361</b>
CR+PR+MR+SD <sub>≥</sub> 6	20/29 (69%)	18/61 (30%)	<b>0.0006</b>
PFS <sub>≥</sub> 6 Months rate	17/31 (55%)	16/62 (26%)	<b>0.0107</b>
Median PFS (KM)	7.1 m	2.4 m	<b>0.0015</b>
PFS6 (KM)	60.2%	25.6%	<b>0.0001</b>
Median Survival (KM)	25.7 m	9.3 m	<b>0.0107</b>

MPLS

# Trabectedin in STS: Conclusions

## Trabectedin:

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- 1) Is the first cytotoxic **drug approved** in the field of STS since 20 yrs
  - 2) Is the first active new drug highlighting the notion of **prolonged tumor control** in ASTS
  - 3) RECIST not adequate to evaluate Yondelis efficacy in STS
  - 4) Lacks **cumulative T** and is suitable for chronic administration
  - 5) May suggest a **targeted therapeutic approach** in MLPS and in other translocation-related mesenchymal tumors
  - 6) Identifies a STS patient subpopulation highly sensitive (**expression of a low BRCA1 and high ERCC1**) and could be used in adjuvant situation
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