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## Argentinian Registry of Gastric Neuroendocrine Tumors: A closer look at Type 1

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### BACKGROUND

Gastric neuroendocrine tumors (gNETs) are relatively uncommon. Type I represents 75–80% of all gNETs and are mostly related to chronic atrophic gastritis, which is reflected by the presence of multiple small lesions in about 65% of cases. They are usually of indolent behavior and characterized as non-functioning and well differentiated NETs. Nevertheless, rare cases of poorly differentiated tumors and metastatic spread prognosis have been described in the literature.

### METHODS

This study was part of a multicentric and retrospective register of patients with gNETs diagnosis from 2009 to 2023 in Argentina. The clinicopathological characteristics of type 1 gNETs and prognostic factors associated with progression free survival (PFS) were described. Descriptive statistics was used to summarize main patient characteristics, including mean and standard deviation. PFS was calculated considering the interval between tumor interventions, which included endoscopic resections. Survival data was analyzed using the Kaplan-Meier method, and we evaluated the presence of prognostic factors using uni and multivariate Cox regression models.

### RESULTS

Of the 81 assessable patients with gNETs, 61(75.3%) were type 1. Mean age at diagnosis was 53.5 years (SD +/-13.2), 45(73.7%) were women. Most frequent localization was gastric corpus 34(55.7%). Cromogranin A and synaptophysin were positive in 54(93.1%) cases. Histological grade was G1 in 29 (50.9%) patients. Anti-parietal and anti-intrinsic factor autoantibodies were positive in 35 (57.4%) and 8 (13.1%) patients, respectively. Mucosal and distant relapse were observed in 15(24.5%) and 2(5.6%), patients respectively. Median follow-up was 85.2 months (95% CI 40-NR). Median PFS(PFSm) was 42.73 months CI95% (30-74m). No differences in PFS were observed in patients according to different subgroups including high serum gastrin (p=0.14), localization (p=0.67; corpus 35.9 (18.4-NR) vs fundus 64.86 (23.1-NR)), and endoscopic vs surgical treatment (p=0.97). Distant relapse had been found in 3.2% (n=2) of this cohort.

Considering the median follow up of 86 months, a DRFS of 100% was estimated. Multivariate models did not show a specific prognostic factor associated with PFS.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Our study represents one of the largest gNETs cohorts reported in Latin America. No prognostic factors for PFS were identified in uni or multivariate models. Most patients received surgical or endoscopic treatment in at least one point of their treatment care plan, and only 2 events of distant recurrence were identified. The complexity of these tumors should be discussed in a multidisciplinary board of neuroendocrine tumors and further studies are required to facilitate the identification of the genetic and molecular information of the disease.

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