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I read the manuscript named " Calcitonin-negative neuroendocrine tumor of the thyroid with metastasis to liver：Rare presentation of an unusual tumor and literature review". (Manuscript NO: 52074) and my recommendations are as fallows. Title: It is accurately reflects the major topic and contents of the study. Abstract: Adequate, summarizing the topic. Cases report: Cases has been presented in detail. Topics has been discussed with all aspects. References: References are appropriate and updated. Table and figures are reflects the major findings of the study, and they are appropriately presented. This manuscript was well-written and documented. It is crucial that the author point out to rarely a case report. Calcitonin-negative neuroendocrine tumor of the thyroid is extremely rare and the distinction between calcitonin-negative NETs and MTCs of the thyroid may be important due to differences in their clinical course and management. This manuscript gives additional new knowledge to the literatüre. I think that this manuscript is suitable and worth to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

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The authors report a case of thyroid calcitonin-negative tumor, showing liver metastases. Standrad requirements should be fullfilled: manuscript page numbering. The references' format should be verifier, ex reference 23. The Introduction should not contain case-related data. The aims should be specified at the end of the introduction. The size of the lymph nodes and of liver metastases should be noted. The Discussion could focus on CNNET: TTF1+, TTF1-, TG+, TG-. The features of these groups could be resumed and compared: age, gender, size, similar. Examples of phrases/words to revise "associated literature" associated medical literaturer? "pathological biopsy" "swollen hard lymph nodes" enlarged lymph nodes of hard consistency? Please note the size.

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Cai et al present an interesting case of a patient with a rare calcitonin-negative neuroendocrine tumor of the thyroid with liver metastasis two months after surgical resection. The authors claim that the tumor is rare, with only 17 cases being published. A thorough literature review confirms this statement. The manuscript is well-written with a precise case presentation and a very strong discussion section with a very detailed literature review. I congratulate the authors on their excellent work. The article is worth publishing, however, some minor revisions are required: General comments: - Abbreviations should also be explained in the main text (not only in the abstract) before their first use, eg. CNNET in the first sentence of the text. - Avoid negative writing: change “were not abnormal” to “were normal/within normal range” (10th line, case report section). Case Presentation: - Please clarify the extent of the bilateral neck lymph node dissection (15th line, case report section). Is there evidence that the outcomes are related to this extent. - Which lobe of the left liver had the metastasis? Please mention it in the main text. - Please provide information from the literature about the prognosis. What mean survival rates have been reported? - Please revise the sentence: “Based on the combined medical history and imaging findings, metastasis was diagnosed. Biopsy findings indicated neurosecretory liver metastasis.” To: “Based on the combined medical history and imaging findings, metastasis was suspected. Biopsy findings confirmed/showed neurosecretory liver metastasis.” - There is a confusion in the last sentence of the case presentation section. Do you mean that the case patient was referred? Or do you speak generally? I would say the first one. Please define “at present”: how many months after surgery is that? Discussion - Add one more row in the table with the cases reported. This will make it easier for your article to be cited in the future. - Please provide an explanation why all tumors are reported after 2008. Is this a modern disease? How were these tumors previously classified? - The manuscript’s language is good, I did not find any linguistic errors, however, there are some punctuation issues: -

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The hyphen is missing in the "56-year-old female" (Abstract and main text). - Avoid Double spaces e.g. 8th line of the abstract ("and transcatheter"), 1st line of the sixth paragraph of the discussion ("significant advantages"), middle of the 7th paragraph ("However, in the"), second paragraph from the end ("limited existing") etc. Since it is a docx file, an easy way to find them and correct them, would be to search for " " (double space) and replace it with " " (single space) in the find and replace mode of Word.

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