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Dear Editors-in-Chief:

My co-authors and I are submitting an original research article for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*, titled **“**Appropriateness of Systemic Treatments in Unresectable Metastatic Well-Differentiated Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors.”

We used the blinded RAND/University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) modified Delphi process to develop consensus around the appropriateness of various systemic treatments for pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (PNETs). The Delphi process allowed the experts to quantify complex qualitative data in order to arrive at consensus. Since this research did not involve human subjects, did not involve an intervention, and did not involve collection of any patient information, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval was not required.

Sincerely,

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