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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name : 52074-review.doc) .

Title: Calcitonin-negative neuroendocrine tumor of the thyroid with metastasis to liver-rare presentation of an unusual tumor: A case report

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviews:

1. Format has been updated.
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

Reviewer #1:

Comment 1: 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.

Revision 1: We thank the reviewer for this comment. Abbreviations have been revised.

Comment 2: Avoid negative writing: change “were not abnormal” to “were normal/within normal range” (10th line, case report section).

Revision 2: The change has been made in the manuscript as “tumor indices were normal”.

Comment 3: 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.

Revision 3: The extent of the bilateral neck lymph node dissection and related discussion have been added.

Comment 4: Which lobe of the left liver had the metastasis? Please mention it in the main text.

Revision 4: The site of liver metastasis has been revised.

Comment 5: Please provide information from the literature about the prognosis. What mean survival rates have been reported?

Revision 5: The prognosis has been added. The mean survival rates were not reported according to the literature.

Comment 6: 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.”

Revision 6: The change has been made in the manuscript as “Based on the combined medical history and imaging findings, metastasis was suspected. Biopsy findings confirmed/showed neurosecretory liver metastasis.”

Comment 7: 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?

Revision 7: The last sentence of the case presentation section has been corrected as “Then, patient was referred to a specialist hospital to seek better treatment.”

Comment 8: 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.

Revision 8: The format has been revised.

Comment 9: Please provide an explanation why all tumors are reported after 2008. Is this a modern disease? How were these tumors previously classified?

Revision 9: Calcitonin-negative neuroendocrine tumors of the thyroid does not have a uniform name. It can only be retrieved from PubMed after 2008. It may have been reported before, but the name is different, which makes it difficult to detect.

Comment 10: The manuscript's language is good, I did not find any linguistic errors, however, there are some punctuation issues: - The hyphen is missing in the "56-year-old female" (Abstract and main text).

Revision 10: The changes have been made in the manuscript as "56-year-old female".

Comment 11: 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.

Revision 11: Double spaces have been revised.

Reviewer #2:

Comment 1: Standard requirements should be fulfilled: manuscript page numbering. :The references' format should be verified, ex reference 23.

Revision 1: Format has been updated.

Comment 2: The Introduction should not contain case-related data.

Revision 2: The case-related data has been deleted.

Comment 3: The aims should be specified at the end of the introduction.

Revision 3: Research aims have been added at the end of the introduction.

Comment 4: The size of the lymph nodes and of liver metastases should be noted.

Revision 4: The size of the lymph nodes and of liver metastases have been added.

Comment 5: The Discussion could focus on CNET: TTF1+, TTF1-, TG+, TG-. The features of these groups could be resumed and compared: age, gender, size, similar.

Revision 5: Relevant discussions have been added in the discussion section.

Comment 6: Examples of phrases/words to revise "associated literature" associated medical literature? "pathological biopsy" "swollen hard lymph nodes" enlarged lymph nodes of hard consistency? Please note the size.

Revision 6: The change has been made in the manuscript as “associated medical literature”, “enlarged lymph nodes of hard texture”. The size has been added.

Reviewer #3:

I think that this manuscript is suitable and worth to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Revision: We appreciate the reviewer's comments.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in World Journal of Clinical Cases.

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