

Milan, 03.01.22

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your interest in considering a revised version of our manuscript.

Please find herewith enclosed a copy of our revised manuscript entitled “**Endoscopic techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of gastro-entero-pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms: where we are.**”

We hope the revised version will now be suitable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Here is our point-by-point response to your comments:

POINT TO POINT RESPONSE

Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Endoscopic techniques for the diagnosis and treatment of gastro-entero-pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms: where we are

- 1 Title. The title reflects well the main subject of the manuscript.
- 2 Abstract. The abstract summarizes and reflects the work described in the manuscript.
- 3 Key words. The key words reflect the focus of the manuscript.
- 4 Background. The authors describe well the background, present status, and significance of the study.
- 5 Methods. The manuscript describes methods in adequate detail.
- 6 Results. The authors highlight the role of EUS, capsule endoscopy and double balloon enteroscopy in different GEP NENs in very detail. All the options of endoscopic treatment for GEP-NENs are summarized, as well as indications for it.
- 7 Discussion. Lots of references to recent studies in this field are given and discussed in the results part. The lack of investigations in some issues are pointed. The optimal diagnostic and treatment tactics are figured out.
- 8 Illustrations and tables. In my opinion for figure 2 it would be better to use more spectacular image there the fine-needle tip is well visualized within the lesion.
- 9 Biostatistics. The manuscript meets the requirements of biostatistics.
- 10 Units. The manuscript meets the requirements of use of SI units.
- 11 References. The citations are correct.
- 12 The manuscript is well, concisely and coherently organized and presented. The style, language and grammar are accurate and appropriate.
- 13 Research methods and reporting. The authors prepared the manuscript according to the appropriate research methods.
- 14 The manuscript met the requirements of ethics. Comments on writing. GEP-NENs is very relevant subject in clinical

practice. The authors systematized all the diagnostic and treatment endoscopic modalities, depending on GEP-NEN's type and location. The issues that are needed to be farther investigated are also pointed. This is the manuscript of a great quality and of a high importance. The endoscopic diagnostic and treatment approaches described in this manuscript can be successfully used in clinical practice. Further investigations are needed in the field of endoscopic confocal laser endomicroscopy in diagnostics of Pan-NENs and radiofrequency ablation as a modality of its endoscopic treatment.

We thank the Reviewer for going into depth with our paper and the positive comments. We do appreciate him/her noticing both the potential relevance of this topic and the application in routine clinical practice. We fully agree that further studies are needed in the field of endoscopic confocal laser endomicroscopy in diagnostics of Pan-NENs and radiofrequency ablation as a modality of its endoscopic treatment.

Regarding Figure 2, we provided a different image where the fine-needle tip is well visualized within the lesion as reasonably suggested.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: No comments

We thank the Reviewer for appreciating our paper.

EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

(1) Science editor:

This is a comprehensive review that summarizes the various endoscopic techniques and associated considerations for the diagnosis and treatment of gastro-entero-pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms.

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

We thank the Science Editor for appreciating our paper.

(2) *Company editor-in-chief:*

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, "Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...". Please provide decomposable Figures (in which all components are movable and editable), organize them into a single PowerPoint file. Please authors are required to provide standard three-line tables, that is, only the top line, bottom line, and column line are displayed, while other table lines are hidden. The contents of each cell in the table should conform to the editing specifications, and the lines of each row or column of the table should be aligned. Do not use carriage returns or spaces to replace lines or vertical lines and do not segment cell content.

We thank the *Company editor-in-chief* for appreciating our paper. As requested, Table 1 has been edited and Figures have been organized into a single PowerPoint file.