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Goblet cell carcinoids (GCC) tumors are a special group of heterogeneous appendiceal neoplasm that exhibit quite unique clinical and pathologic features. Kulkarni KP reviewed the appendix carcinoid in children and should be mentioned (long-term experience at a single institution in Western Canada and systematic review. *Pediatr Int.* 2013 Apr; 55 (2): 157-62. doi: 10.1111/ped.12047. Review. PubMed PMID: 23279208) With regard to the pathogenesis also Kulkarni et al. reported a familial adenomatous polyposis with concurrent metastatic appendiceal carcinoid and ovarian cystadenoma. *Pediatr Blood Cancer.* 2011 Oct; 57 (4): 702-3. doi: 10.1002/pbc.23150. Epub 2011 Jun 16. PubMed PMID: 21681927. This case opens some discussion about FAP pathway and B-catenin as mentioned from the authors and should be expanded. Moreover, it has been stressed only on epithelial-epithelial interaction, the interaction between epithelium and mesenchyme should be emphasized as well. Some of the signaling pathways mentioned are involved in the ECM.

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This review is designed to spread the knowledge of goblet cell carcinoids (GCC) of the appendix, especially pertaining to tumor biology, mutations and management strategies. It is the reviewer's opinion that the contents of the review are quite novel and the manuscript is easy to follow. The authors also provide apposite analysis and comprehensive discussion on the basis of the latest literature. GCC tumors are rare and the treatment management is in many situations difficult, however; the treatment algorithm for GCC the author proposed in Figure 3 appears to be extremely useful in clinical practice.