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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a timely review on an important topic. The review is generally well-written. The following suggestions are offered to improve the presentation: 1. The second sentence in the Abstract is UNNECESSARY. 2. Table 1 showing several definitions of Malnutrition is UNNECESSARY. The general idea may be articulated in the Text BRIEFLY. 3. The



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authors need to get some of the expressions of English language checked out by a Native English speaker. For example (Ekeblad reported in 324 patients with a pancreatic NET, that being underweight at diagnosis ($BMI < 20\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$), was related to a poorer prognosis [28].) is poorly expressed sentence. There are several others throughout the manuscript. 4. There is a typographic error on Page 6 "nutrititional" should be nutritional.

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The paper from Clement et al. covers a very interesting topic, which has been greatly developed in the last years. The paper is well-written and the literature review accurate, still few points should be addressed: Abstract: - The term GEP-NET refers to "Gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumors" and not gastrointestinal tumors,



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please amend it. - The terms GEP-NET has been used by the authors in the abstract, while GEP-NEN in the manuscript. I suggest the authors to use GEP-NEN consistently throughout all the manuscript Introduction: - "Due to their varied clinical behaviour... can be up to 50-70%" please consider re-phrase as possible suggestion is: " Although GEP-NEN may present a heterogenous clinical behaviour in a large part of well differentiated tumours (G1-G3) are indolent or slow growing with a 5 year survival can be up to 50-70%" - "Within this review we will focus on neuroendocrine tumours" please delete this sentence. - "Surgical removal of the primary ...have survival benefits" the main point in locally advanced or metastatic GEP-NEN is that surgery may not be feasible, please re-phrase this sentence. Malnutrition in patients with a GEP-NET - "There are several studies reporting malnutrition in NET at first or follow up visits which are summarized in table 1". Correct in table 2 General comments In the manuscript, the authors commented in detail the importance of appropriate screening for malnutrition, I think that should be mentioned also in the abstract session.

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