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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This paper review the current knowledge on NET treatment, is very well written, and Comprehensive of different aspects of the therapy. I would only suggest some minor change regarding the liver directed approach - I suggest better declare that the aim of such treatments is often to achieve control of the disease rather than the cure, and is generally aimed to the reduction of symptoms. Thus, it often occur to treat only the growing lesions instead of the larger one, in order to achieve the disease control. - I would suggest to expand a bit on the results of image-guided ablations. Nowadays, the most promising technique in liver ablations is microwave ablation, that should be mentioned and discussed. - in the paragraph regarding TACE and TAE I would suggest to better compare the two technique. Actually, there seems to be no rationale in performing conventional TACE or DEB-TACE, because use of doxorubicin has no proven effect in NETS, and the highest effect in liver transarterial treatments seems to be due to the embolization rather than the drug effect (see Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol. 2016 Jun;39(6):799-800.) - finally, a brief mention could be done of HIFU, which might have a higher relevance in the future.

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The manuscript details a summary of current advances in therapeutic options for uncommon gastroenteropancreatic NETs which are metastatic. The author has succinctly summarised the pathophysiology of the tumour, described the past and present management. I am also pleased to note the inclusion of monoclonal antibody therapy, mTOR inhibitors, interferon therapy as well as liver directed therapies, in the discussion. The literature discussed is adequate and current and the manuscript is well summarised. The only suggestion i would propose is to include some tables that provide the readers a quick and succinct overview of all the literature mentioned. This also allows quick comparison of the data and provides a better summary of the otherwise well written manuscript.