

Dear reviewer:

We are grateful to you for your valuable comments and suggestions, which have helped improve the quality of the paper. We have carefully evaluated your comments and have made the appropriate modifications. We have revised the manuscript according to your helpful advice and detailed suggestions. Below is our description of the revisions.

Comments to the Author:

Reviewer #1:

Q1 : Abstract should be re-written without abbreviations and should be summarized.

Response: We have rewritten the abstract without abbreviations. The details above are in the Abstract (page 2-3).

Q2: All of the abbreviations in the main text should be thoroughly explained.

Response: We have listed all the abbreviations in the main text. The details have been added to the Abbreviations section (page 1-2).

Q3: The cohort is formed of heterogeneous patients and are mostly of malignant patients (19% NET, 32% NEC and 49% MANEC). These groups do not represent a specific progression of unique pathologic process. Heterogeneity of the cohort cases should be mentioned in the discussion section.

Response: There is some heterogeneity in this study, such as the inclusion of different histological tumor types (including NET, NEC and MANEC), which do not represent a specific progression of a unique pathologic process. Due to the low incidence of g-NENs and the limited number of samples in the study, statistical analysis could not be conducted for any one histological type. We will focus on each of the three histological types in the future, after more cases have been collected. The details above have been added to the Discussion (page 12, lines 16-22).

Q4: The references should be revised according to WJG style (details can be found in author guidelines).

Response: We have revised the references according to the WJG style, as seen in the References section (pages 15-19).

Q5: Figures should be re-checked for resolution and other technical requirements indicated in the WJG website.

Response: We have provided high-resolution figures in the text, and other technical requirements were revised according to the guidelines on the WJG website.