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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (ESPS Manuscript NO: 16799).

**Title:** GASTRO-ENTERO-PANCREATIC NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS: IS NOW TIME FOR A NEW APPROACH?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

- (1) We explained the role of PET to evaluate potential surgery or to detect occult metastases
- (2) We summarized data about sensitivity, specificity and predictive value of PET in GEP-NETs in comparison with CT scan and somatostatin receptor octreoscan.

Then, our aim is to focus the role of <sup>68</sup>Ga-DOTATATE and <sup>18</sup>F-FDG PET/CT and in particular their combination. We underlined the value of <sup>68</sup>Ga-DOTATATE and <sup>18</sup>F-FDG PET/CT rather than somatostatin receptor octreoscan, CT or other procedures, to identify NETs in patients with clinical, biochemical and imaging suspect for this kind of disease.

- (3) We added a little paragraph; further research is necessary to identify the best imaging procedures to monitor response to treatments in NETs. In fact, in trials, morphological imaging and RECIST criteria remain the procedures to evaluate response to treatments. Functional imaging, instead, is emerging as post-therapy assessment but not still validate.

- (4) We added a sentence according to reviewer's suggestion.

- (5) We added data about the accuracy of PET to identify metastases and to help the restaging. Moreover 3 references had been inserted.

3 The English was revised. The finding of the 3 studies was summarized into a table for comparison.

We hope that our manuscript could now be published in the *World Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RR' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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