

Dear Editor in Chief

Thank you very much for the very valuable comments of the reviewers. The criticisms have been appreciated and been fully taken into account in the revised version of the manuscript. The following changes have been made:

Reply to the comments of reviewer 1:

1: NEN has been replaced by NET.

2: "PNET" is now used.

3: Paragraph 1 of Results has been corrected.

4: "ones" has been deleted.

5: "Intervals" has been corrected.

6: 2821 has been corrected.

7: Figure 6 has been deleted.

8: Discussion has been shortened. The section on PPI has been omitted.

Reply to the comments of reviewer 2:

Pages 1 and 2: The title has been changed; the conclusion of the summary and the end of the discussion have been adapted to "detected GEP NET...". The pages of the manuscript have been numbered.

Page 3: All proportions are now expressed in percentages. The references reporting on the incidence of PNET are now limited to the period from 1997 to 2008.

Page 5: "Crude incidence rate" is now defined. A redundant phrase has been deleted. The reference "Doll, Payne et al. 1966" is now included in the reference list.

Page 6: Data from Berlin has not been included in the report. The paper only describes the data from the federal states of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Saxony, Brandenburg and Thuringia. This is now stated explicitly.

Page 7: The number of columns of Figures 2 and 3 have been reduced by 50%.

Page 15: The abscissa of Figure 5 has been corrected to “second, third and fourth”. Fig. 5A has been changed to Fig. 5B and conversely Fig. 5B to 5A. Fig. 6 has been deleted.

Page 21: First paragraph has been corrected.

The entire paper has now been read and corrected by a native speaking lecturer specialised in medical English (with a US-Harvard diploma). The corrections made are marked by red colour.

I hope that the revised paper can now be published in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Yours sincerely

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