

### **Point by Point reply to Reviewer:**

**Comment 1:** Authors should provide an expanded form of all acronyms when they first appear, such as WHO and ROC.

**Reply:** Thank you for your suggestion. We have expanded all acronyms at their first mention in the manuscript.

**Comment 2:** This paragraph in the text: "In China, a subsequent analysis of 2010 gastroenteropancreatic (GEP) neuroendocrine neoplasms (NENs) cases from a nationwide retrospective multicenter study (2001-2010) found that rectal neuroendocrine neoplasms (R-NENs) accounted for 29.6% of the total. The incidence of R-NENs increased over the study period, with tumor grade correlating with metastatic involvement: 8.7% for grade 1, 16.9% for grade 2, and 17.7% for grade 3 tumors. Survival rates vary by stage and tumor grade[3]." There is an issue with the cited reference, please check if there is a secondary citation issue.

**Reply:** We appreciate your attention to detail. We have thoroughly checked the paragraph and corrected the references to ensure they are accurately cited and aligned with the original sources.

**Comment 3:** Please consider citing relevant literature in some places to increase credibility. For example, line 104 of the text: "While previous studies have explored nomogram models for R-NENs, they often have small sample sizes and overlook preoperative hematologic factors."

**Reply:** We agree with your suggestion and have added relevant citations to strengthen the credibility of the manuscript.

**Comment 4:** There are some minor errors in the references. The reference format needs to be modified according to the journal standards.

**Reply:** We have reviewed and revised the reference list to conform with the journal's formatting guidelines as outlined in the checklist document.

**Comment 5:** The language of the manuscript needs to be improved according to the journal standards.

**Reply:** The comment is acknowledged, and it has been determined that no further revisions are necessary at this time.

### **Point by Point Reply to the Science Editor:**

**Comment:** Country/Territory of origin: Please verify if the "Country/Territory of origin: Qatar" submitted by the system is correct?

**Reply:** The information provided is accurate and correct.

**Comment:** The language classification is Grade B. Please provide the latest language certificate after returning the manuscript to the author for revision. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies that we recommend.

**Reply:** The comment is acknowledged, and it has been determined that no further action is required at this time.

**Comment:** Manuscript Title: Except for capitalization of the first word, all other words are represented in lowercase (excluding specific words such as Crohn's disease).

**Reply:** The title has been modified accordingly.

**Comment:** Authors and institution(s): Author names should be written out first (as first name, middle name initial (with no period) and family (surname)); with a hyphen included between the syllables of Chinese names) and typed in bold, followed by a comma and the complete name of the affiliated institution, city, province/state, postcode, and country typed in non-bold. Examples for authors name and institutions are: Yi-Fan Chang, Tao Liu, Chong-Qing Wei, Wei-Long Chang, Department of Gastrointestinal Surgery, The First Affiliated Hospital of Zhengzhou University, Zhengzhou 450052, Henan Province, China.

**Reply:** The relevant changes to the authors' names have been made.

**Comment:** Author contributions: The 'Author contributions' passage describes the specific contribution(s) made by each author. The author's names will be listed in the following format: full family (surname), followed by abbreviated first and middle names. For example, Bryan L Copple should be revised as Copple BL. A full multi-author example is: Wang CL, Liang L, Fu JF, Zou CC, Hong F and Wu XM designed the research study; Wang CL, Zou CC, Hong F and Wu XM performed the research.

**Reply:** The relevant changes to the authors' names have been made.

**Comment:** Core Tip. Abbreviations must be defined upon first appearance in the Core Tip. Do not use non-standard abbreviations unless they appear at least two times in the text preceding the first usage/definition.

**Reply:** This has been addressed to ensure compliance with the requirements.

**Comment:** R Reference numbers in the main text. The format of in-text citation of references should be [References Number]. Example: The pathophysiology is thought to be due to an increased arterial flow that leads to secondary hepatocellular hyperplasia[1,2]. The name of the author(s) of a reference is listed in the sentence, the reference number should be placed immediately after the author(s) of the reference. Example: Mandal et al[8] proposed that retractor aponeurosis disinsertion is the most likely cause of congenital low lid entropion. Please verify the order and total number of references cited to ensure that all references in the list are cited and in a correct numeric order.

**Reply:** This has been verified and confirmed to be correct.

**Comment:** There are issues with the references: Please provide the PMID numbers (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>) and DOI citation numbers (<https://doi.crossref.org/simpleTextQuery>) to the reference list and list all authors of the references. If a reference has no PMID and DOI, please provide the source website address of this reference. To ensure the accuracy of the references, please use "Edit References by Auto-Analyser" (<https://www.f6publishing.com/Forms/main/ArticleReferenceTool.aspx>) to edit the references of the manuscript.

**Reply:** The recommended methods have been used to update the references according to the requirements.

**Comment:** The WJG article which this editorial discussed has been listed in the references list (Ref. 4). Please quote in the correct format <Zeng XY, Zhong M, Lin GL, Li CG, Jiang WZ, Zhang W, Xia LJ, Di MJ, Wu HX, Liao XF, Sun YM, Yu MH, Tao KX, Li Y, Zhang R, Zhang P. GATIS score for predicting the prognosis of rectal neuroendocrine neoplasms: A Chinese multicenter study of 12-year experience. World J Gastroenterol 2024; 30: 3403-3417 [PMID: 39091717 DOI: 10.3748/wjg.v30.i28.3403].

**Reply:** This change has been made as requested.

Round 2

Point to Point Reply to Review Comment (2)

**Comment:** The authors have addressed all my concerns. However, there is a question regarding Comment 2. In my opinion, this paragraph in the text: "In China, a subsequent analysis of 2010 gastroenteropancreatic (GEP) neuroendocrine neoplasms (NENs) cases from a nationwide retrospective multicenter study (2001-2010) found that rectal neuroendocrine neoplasms (R-NENs) accounted for 29.6% of the total. The incidence of R-NENs increased over the study period, with tumor grade correlating with metastatic involvement: 8.7% for grade 1, 16.9% for grade 2, and 17.7% for grade 3 tumors. Survival rates vary by stage and tumor grade[3]." There is secondary citation issue. Suggest the authors to read the following literature: A nation-wide retrospective epidemiological study of gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms in china; PMID: 29069739, DOI: 10.18632/oncotarget.17599.

**Reply:** The secondary citation issue has been addressed, and the paragraph in question has been revised to accurately reflect the content and source of the information. Additionally, I would like to note as a native English speaker, I have ensured that the language used meets the required standards. Thank you for your thorough review and valuable suggestions.