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We are very grateful for the opportunity to address the editor and reviewers’ comments and submit a revised manuscript. Point-by-point responses are presented below.
Editor Comments:

1) Please change the heading “Consent to publish” to “Consent for publication” and refer to our Submission Guidelines for how to complete this section (https://bmcendocrdisord.biomedcentral.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/study-protocol#declarations). The statement in this section can be moved to the section “Ethics approval and consent to participate”.

Response: Thank you for pointing out this. We have changed the heading “Consent to publish” to “Consent for publication”, and complete this section (Declarations section, Line 1-4, Page 16); furthermore, some statement in this section has been moved to the section “Ethics approval and consent to participate”. (Declarations section, Line 25-27, Page 15).

2) At this stage, please upload a single final, clean version of the manuscript (including all relevant tables/figures) that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.

Response: Thank you for kindly reminding this, and we have made a clean version of the manuscript containing no tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.

Reviewer reports:

Delphine Vezzosi (Reviewer 1): The authors answered all my previous comments. I have no additional remark.

Response: Many thanks.

Labrini Papanastasiou (Reviewer 2): The authors have significantly improved their manuscript. However, the following points need further revision.

Table 3 that shows the correlations between tumor size and glucose, insulin and c-peptide levels are not needed, since statistically significant correlations were not found in this analysis. The authors are advised to state in the text their findings and add into parenthesis both the r and p values for these 2 correlations (ie tumor size and glucose levels and tumor size and insulin levels)
Response: Thank you for pointing out this. We have deleted the previous Table 3, and stated the related information in the text and added into parenthesis both the r and p values for these correlations (Biochemical analysis and lesion localization section, Line 16-17, Page 8 and Line 1-4, Page 9).

…Two received transcatheter arterial (chemo) embolization (TAE/ TACE)…, …one patient received distal pancreatectomy…, or …one received surgery….. (page 10, line 7, 12, 18) …Five patients received cytoreductive surgery … (page 15, line 17) Please rephrase because some terms are not correct; for instance a patient undergoes pancreatectomy.

Response: Thank you for pointing out these mistakes, and we have rephrased some of these terms (Treatment and efficacy section, Line 18, Page 9; Line 5, 11, Page 10; and Follow-up visits section, Line 4, Page 11).

Punit Sharma, MD, FEBNM, FANMB (Reviewer 3): The authors have made the necessary modifications. I think the manuscript is suitable for publication.

Response: Many thanks.