Reviewer’s report

Title: Biological Characteristics and Treatment Outcomes of Metastatic or Recurrent Neuroendocrine Tumors: Tumor Grade and Metastatic Site is Important for Treatment Strategy.

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The authors present a study of recurrent/metastatic of NETs in Korea. They primarily present the clinical characteristics associated with different outcomes. A weakness of the manuscript is the very heterogeneous groups of NETs from multiple different anatomical sites. Although this is a drawback, the relative rarity of NETs makes it difficult to collect sufficient numbers of homogenous groups. Overall the manuscript provides useful information on NETs, and documents the clinical characteristics for these rare tumors in Korea.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'