Reviewer's report

Title: The Impact of Tumour Size on the Probability of Synchronous Metastasis and Survival in Renal Cell Carcinoma Patients. A Population-Based Study.

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Major Revisions:

1: this is a well-written manuscript that assesses the incidence of synchronous metastases in RCC
2: the materials/ methods section should simply explain how patients were collected, but the actual patient numbers/ distribution should be summarized in the results section
3: this analysis also includes "clinically diagnosed RCC"; however, the authors comment that the multivariate analysis did not change if only pathologically proven RCC were included. This study should really only include an analysis of only pathologically proven RCC.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.