Reviewer's report

Title: Relationship between clinical characteristics and survival of gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms: A single-institution analysis (1995 - 2012) in South China

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Reviewer's report:

Please send the following comments to the Authors

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Have the Authors screened the patients for MEN-1 syndrome? If yes, what was the incidence of MEN-1 in their patients' population?

2. What was the response of non-surgical therapies that the patients had? Did those responses have any impacts on survival?

3. The Authors stated that distant metastases also contributed to the prognosis. Do they mean distant metastases at presentation or during the course of the disease?

4. Did hepatic tumour load have any impact on survival?

Minor essential revisions

1. As Somatostatin Receptor Scintigraphy is almost mandatory in the initial work-up of patients with advanced NENs, the Authors need to explain why this was not performed in any of their patients.

2. The Authors need to clarify which isotope was used in PET scan. Was it 16F-FDG?

3. I would suggest that the term "G phase" need to be replaced with G grade.

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

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.