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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In my opinion the paper needs some revisions. Although - as mentioned several times - the analysis is done according to the new WHO classification and there are limited data regarding NEN in China, it should be clearly stated that it is just a retrospective analysis of one hospital. The comparisons made in the discussion includes population based data (like SEER) and hospital series which of cause are not comparable because of selection bias. It should be discussed that functionality may be a favorable prognostic marker in this series as the great majority of functioning tumors were insulinomas which are benign in most cases.

Please also see my comments on the paper.

The paper needs language corrections (e.g. singular/plural forms...).

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I got honraries for presentations or attendance in advisory boards by Novartis, Ipsen and Pfizer.

This does no influence the interpretation of this paper.