Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinicopathological features and prognosis of gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms in a Chinese population: a large, retrospective single-centre study

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The authors reported a large number of patients with a rare disease. Generally, the paper was well written.

Abstract: Conclusion-"Thus, early recognition and treatment is important ...." this was not reflected in the report as there was no data on delayed diagnosis.

Result: Acceptable

Discussion: It would be interesting if the authors could attempt to explain why carcinoid was not detected in this dataset as it is the commonest NET.

Line 53- “The distribution of GEP-NENs in our population was similar to....and other Chinese population..” Reference 4 seem to be from the same institution thus would explain the similarity.

Conclusion: "It is our hope .... GEP-NENs will improve physicians' knowledge of the tumors and result in earlier recognition..." similarly, this was not reflected in the result. Distant metastases was found in 20.5% of patients. The authors commented that "Limited financial resources... infrequent use of newer and experimental therapies..." Perhaps this could be a more probable explanation on poorer prognosis compared to Western data.

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