

### **Reviewer comments**

**This is a well written, important review on the diagnosis and treatment of small cell lung cancer (SCLC). As a scientist who is familiar with the pathobiology of the disease but does not treat it, the paper fills in a great deal of essential clinical information. However, the manuscript is quite long, and this reviewer ran out of steam about two-thirds of the way through. Perhaps the authors could streamline several of the more lengthy sections, particularly where specifics are presented in the tables.**

### **Response to reviewers and editor comments**

We sincerely thank the reviewers for very constructive and encouraging comments, and for acknowledging the quality of our article. In addition, we have addressed the comments and notes of the reviewers and editor, and modified our manuscript accordingly.