Dear reviewer:

Thanks for your comments concerning our manuscript titled “Combining lymph node ratio to develop prognostic models for postoperative gastric neuroendocrine neoplasm patients” comments. Appropriate changes are made and highlighted in the revised manuscript.

Q1: Some abbreviations are not spelled out: DCA; MANEC
A1: Thank you for your detailed suggestion. Following your valuable advice, we have spelled out the full English names of the two words in the revised manuscript when they first appeared.

Q2: Methods, missing definition of DSS: how was time defined? What were the events/censoring criteria?
A2: Thank you for your valuable suggestion. Following your constructive advice, we added the detailed definition of DSS in the revised manuscript. DSS was calculated from the date of surgery to the date of last contact or death caused by the primary tumor. The event criterion was defined patients were dead caused by the primary tumor during follow-up. The censoring criteria was divided into three types:1. The patients were still alive when we conducted the last follow-up. 2. The patients were lost to follow-up during the research. 3. The patients were dead not due to the primary tumor.

Q3: Figure 7: missing the levels and reference level of T-stage and Marital. For the other, are their levels the same as Figure 2?
A3: Thank you for your asking. The reference level of T-stage and Marital were shown in the Table 1. In addition, we had illustrated that we classified the separated, divorced, unmarried, domestic partner, single (never married), and widowed into unmarried groups in the part of ‘Method’. Their levels in the RSF model were the same as in the CoxPH model. Figure 2 exhibited the results of multivariate Cox regression analysis.
Q4: survival curves are provided for the SEER data, but are missing for the Test. Consider providing the information on the overall survival of the SEER patients as compared with the authors' institution patients.

A4: Thank you for your asking. Figure 3 depicted the Kaplan–Meier survival curves of different LNR groups in the training set (A) and the test set (B). The test set represented our own institution patients’ data. We had illustrated that patients from our hospital were designated as a test set in the part of the ‘Method’.