Reviewer's report

Title: Long-term Results of Intensity-Modulated Radiotherapy Concomitant with Chemotherapy for Hypopharyngeal Carcinoma Aimed at Laryngeal Preservation

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Minor Essential Revisions
*include explanatory note why 2 different chemotherapy regimens were used
*include how many patients had follow-up MRI and the time interval from RT completion to MRI and assessment of response
*How was complete response defined? By clinical assessment only?
*Were any PET scans done for assessment of response?
*please include any additional information on late side effects - ie. what was the specific complication in the "one patient died of pharyngeal late effects 10 months after treatment"
*the 7 patients who required tracheostomy should be scored as NOT retaining a functional larynx

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests