Reviewer's report

Title: Re-surgery plus chest wall re-irradiation for recurrent breast cancer - a second curative approach

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This is an interesting and important paper on a rare but important treatment. A few minor considerations:
Does ER status or chemotherapy use influence either recurrence or toxicity?
Please be more explicit about which endpoint are measured from time of re-irradiation vs time of diagnosis throughout the manuscript.
Was either the toxicity or control worse in patients initially treated with post-mastectomy radiation?
Lastly, the manuscript would benefit from a editing by an editor who speaks english as a first language. The english is technicaaly correct throughout but subtle editing would improve readability.

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 declare that I have no competing interests'