Reviewer's report

Title: Aggressive Local Treatment Containing Intraoperative Radiation Therapy (IORT) for Patients with Isolated Local Recurrences of Pancreatic Cancer: a retrospective analysis

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The result of this retrospective analysis is encouraging, with the median survival reached 19 months in recurrent pancreatic cancer patients. But we should bear in mind that this excellent result was achieved in selected patient population, those whose physical state were good enough to accept operation and radiation therapy. Because of this, the conclusion of this paper should be made with careful consideration, this treatment strategy is not universally applicable to all recurrent pancreatic patients.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Please supply the treatment plan of neoadjuvant therapy
2. the result of the pathological examination of the second operation should be added.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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