**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 goal of the study is to evaluate the use of intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT) in the multimodality treatment of patients with isolated local recurrences of pancreatic cancer. The authors retrospectively analyzed 36 patients with isolated local recurrences of pancreatic cancer who have been treated with a combination of surgery, IORT and EBRT. The result turn out that combination of surgery, IORT and EBRT in patients with isolated local recurrences of pancreatic cancer resulted in encouraging local control and overall survival in the cohort with acceptable toxicity.

The experiment was neatly organized and the manuscript was well written. The result is sound. So I would suggest Minor Essential Revisions.

Minor comment:

EBRT should be given the full name when first used in the manuscript.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.