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We acknowledge the reviewers limitations of the study (page 15 and 16). Despite the small number of patients, our study illustrates the concept of integrating tumor imaging such as PET scan with image-guided radiotherapy to improve the therapeutic ratio in patients who have concurrent chemotherapy and high dose of radiation. The study heterogeneity reflects a real life situation as advanced esophageal cancer covers a wide range of different patients and tumor anatomy. We add a reference (ref 32) to illustrate the concept.