Reviewer’s report

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I believe the authors have addressed the reviewer comments to the best of their ability. Overall, I still think that this manuscript is severely limited in scope. With only 10 patients and the heterogeneity of patients (widely different doses; 8 definitive and 2 post-operative; different locations of esophagus; different radiation dose fractions; different histologies) -- it is impossible to make any conclusions from these data. Given these limitations, the authors are not at all able to conclude anything from this manuscript other than "this is feasible." No comparison with patient outcomes (e.g. toxicity, survival) with other radiation techniques/doses is possible (or valid) given small numbers and patient heterogeneity in this study.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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