Reviewer’s report

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I continue to have the same concerns noted in my previous review as to the very small patient numbers and heterogeneity of the patient population, with inclusion of both definitive and post-operative patients. Varying total dose/fractionation schedules were used. I also question why the authors cannot retrieve the GTV for each patient from the planning system as requested by reviewer #1, comment 1, as this is generally an easy clinical factor to retrieve retrospectively. The additions to the discussion section are helpful, and improve the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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