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Editors’ requests:

1. **Ethical**: being a retrospective study no ethical approval was needed. We clarified this more formally in the revision.
2. **Language**: we made a careful editing of the manuscript to improve the language.

Reviewer’s report

The manuscript has been very much improved, and there are only minor comments. The introduction and methods section have been much improved. VMAT and CRT have been thoroughly described, as well as chemotherapy delivered, and methods for evaluating toxicity. The results are clearly presented in text, tables and figures.

R: thanks!

The discussion could be organised in proper paragraphs, for more comprehensive reading.

R: done

Results of treatment interruptions are presented in discussion, this should be confined to the results section.

R: done

Finally, the manuscript could profit from English language editing, as there still are some grammatical errors.

R: extensive editing was done