Author's response to reviews

Title: Intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT) for previously untreated malignant gliomas

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Response to reviewer Dr Michael Brada

1.1 I have changed according to you suggestions.
1.2 I have changed according to you suggestions.

2.1 I added that this study is retrospective study.
2.2 I added that patients were asked informed consent.
2.3 I explained why only a few patients received IORT.
2.4 I added the timing of IORT and EXRT and information about GTV.
2.5 I checked old clinical records but to determine performance status was difficult in many of the patients because the description of clinical status was poor. I explained about this in the literature.
2.7 Toxicity was evaluated by regular follow up by CT and/or MRT. It was difficult to determine a special method to evaluate toxicity of this treatment.

3.1 I have changed according to you suggestions
3.2 I added references