Reviewer's report

Title: Chemoradiotherapy with or without Consolidation Chemotherapy using Cisplatin and 5-fluorouracil in Anal Squamous Cell Carcinoma: Long-term results in 31 patients

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Reviewer: Prajnan Das

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General
The manuscripts appears significantly improved.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Abstract, Results: For clarity, I suggest stating that "Radiotherapy was administered at 45 Gy over 5 weeks, followed by a boost of 9 Gy ..."
2. Page 10, last sentence: This should be 25 fractions, not 30 fractions.
3. Page 22, last paragraph: More details should be provided, regarding the use on induction 5-FU and cisplatin in one of the arms of the RTOG 98-11 trial.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1. Page 19, 3rd paragraph: I suggest stating "No significant differences in 5-year OS and DFS ..."

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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