Reviewer's report

**Title:** Free moving abdominal mass successfully treated with radiation therapy using Cone beam CT

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**Reviewer:** C-M Charlie Ma

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an interesting case report on a rare radiation therapy treatment that involves a moving abdominal mass. The treatment target volume could have been missed significantly without daily imaging guidance using CBCT. It would be useful to show or at least discuss CBCT images/findings before and after a treatment fraction to assess the treatment margins used. The discussions on the CBCT accuracy issues seem to be a bit off topic whereas an analysis of the overall uncertainty on the dose distribution received by the patient would be valuable. The manuscript is poorly written with many editorial and grammatical errors that makes it unacceptable for publication in its current form.

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.