Reviewer’s report

Title: Prognostic value of the distance between the primary tumor and brainstem in the patients with locally advanced nasopharyngeal carcinoma

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This manuscript studied association of prognostic value of the distance between the primary tumor and brainstem in locally advanced nasopharyngeal carcinoma. It is an interesting study. However, there are three questions.

Material and methods: You should offer the dose constraints for the critical structure, especially for the brain stem.

Results: How many cases in these two group (Dbs > 4.75mm & Dbs ≤ 4.75mm), and how is the comparability?

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