**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Comparative Efficacy of Six Therapies for Hypopharyngeal and Laryngeal Neoplasms: a Network Meta-analysis

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**Reviewer:** Henry Park

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Thank you for performing this subgroup analysis of the 17 studies that included more than just the early-stage patients, which I believe is helpful. I understand that the 7 studies involving only early-stage patients may have had insufficient data to draw any significant conclusions, but I think that this should be stated explicitly in the manuscript. In addition, I believe that the first sentence of the conclusion should be modified to reflect this, since I don't think it is fair to suggest that RT alone is suboptimal in all circumstances (you still haven't proven that RT alone is not a very reasonable choice among the early-stage glottic larynx patients, who are treated under a completely different paradigm than the locally advanced patients).

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