Reviewer's report

Title: Chemoradiation versus Oesophagectomy for Locally Advanced Oesophageal Cancer in Chinese patients: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Reviewer's report:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this protocol. It is certainly an interesting study and the protocol is very clear and well-written. The figures are especially helpful!

I have a few minor points which I feel would improve the clarity of the statistical analysis section:

1. It is not recommended to perform significance testing to compare treatment arms at baseline. Please consider removing this from your planned analysis.

2. It is misleading to state that your analysis will only be descriptive due to the number of participants and then later describe conducting significance testing at follow-up. Please revise this.

3. When describing doing t-tests, please replace 'parametric' with 'normally distributed'. Parametric refers to the type of analysis performed, not the properties of the data.

4. How will missing data be handled for the QoL outcome?

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