

## Answering reviewers

**Reviewer's code:** 06120670

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Radical surgery remains the primary treatment for early esophageal cancer, and neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy followed by surgery and radical chemoradiotherapy are the standard treatments for locally advanced esophageal cancer. It is important to explore how elderly esophageal cancer patients benefit from radical radiochemotherapy regimens, including the target area of radiotherapy, radiation dose and fraction, and choice of chemotherapy drugs. In this study, the authors compared the efficacy of involved-field intensity-modulated radiotherapy combined with S-1 versus radiotherapy alone in the treatment of elderly esophageal cancer patients in terms of safety, short-term response, and survival. The study is very well designed, and the methods are clearly described. The results are interesting, and well discussed. After a minor editing, it can be accepted for publication. Comments: 1. The abstract is too long, please short it. Please only keep the most important contains in the methods, and results section. 2. Some minor language polishing should be corrected. 3. The figures and tables are good. However, the structure of the tables should be checked. And figures and tables should be moved to the end of the manuscript. 4. The references list should be edited.

**Answer:**

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**Answer:** The abstract has been revised, and shorted.

2. Some minor language polishing should be corrected.

**Answer:** Language was proofed again.

3. The figures and tables are good. However, the structure of the tables should be checked. And figures and tables should be moved to the end of the manuscript.

**Answer:** The figures and tables have been removed to the end of the manuscript.

4. The references list should be edited.

**Answer:** The references have been edited.

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This is an interesting study of the comparison of involved-field intensity-modulated radiotherapy combined with S-1 vs radiotherapy alone for elderly patients with esophageal cancer. The study is well performed, and the results are very interesting. The reviewer recommends to accept this study after a minor editing of the manuscript.

**Answer:** Thank you very much for your comments. The manuscript was edited carefully.