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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting paper which deserves publication. Several points to be made: -The study should be registered in one of the major research registry. According to the declaration of Helsinki 1964, all prospective studies in human beings should be registered. -There are few English grammar mistakes. The Authors should check the paper more carefully, asking the help of a native English speaking expert. -It is important in these types of studies to have some quantification of the quality of life, using already standardized questionnaires. -In this type of studies it is important also to monitor white and red blood cell counts. I am sure the Authors have done so. Can they report these data? -They used a 4 weeks schema, using a large and then a restricted radiation field. Are there special reasons why they choose this schema?. It is quite cumbersome for the patients to undergo such a long schema. Is it not possible to have a shorter schema, using a more restricted irradiation field with higher acceleration Radiation? -Is it not possible that some of Stage II, initially considered not resectable, after chemio-radiotherapy could be resected radically? -What the Authors mean for Stage II not resectable locally? -How many patients had a stent for dysphagia and what was the effect of chemotherapy and



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radiotherapy on the stent? Any possible perforation?

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The authors report the long-term results of a combined chemoradiation regimen for esophageal cancer. Although this is not a RCT and no conclusive evidence of the superiority of this approach compared to conventional neoadjuvant therapy can be inferred, the authors should be congratulated for the long-term follow-up data which show acceptable toxicity.