

Review of: "[Commentary] SBRT (Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy) in Recurrent Head Neck Cancer - Boon or Bane?"

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I have read with interest the article entitled SBRT (Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy) in Recurrent Head and Neck Cancer - Boon or Bane?

The author does a good job in reviewing and summarizing in general terms the evidence of SBRT delivery in the scenario of recurrent Head and Neck malignancies. He also described the status of available evidence and guidelines in his country of practice, India. He also addressed the need of future studies to define a cohort of rHNC that will benefit from this technique.

Minor comments:

Last line, first paragraph: "the duration from previous RT, and especially 2 years or more, remains a key deciding factor" - please explain or add a supporting reference of this statement.

Line 4, second paragraph: "Rwigema et.al. have mentioned a dose of 40 Gy in 5 fractions or above, and smaller recurrent tumor volumes (<25 cc) to be associated with better survival" - please consider adding a clarification that this applies to head and neck tumors or consider using a different reference if speaking in general terms of SBRT treatments.

Line 5, second paragraph: "The similar data came out later" - when exactly?