

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

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Certainly, I'll provide a revised version of your manuscript review with improved clarity and structure. Here's the corrected review:

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****Introduction:****

The commentary provides a comprehensive analysis of the utilization of Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT) as a salvage treatment for head and neck cancer (HNC) patients in the world and in India. This review focuses on two primary aspects: the necessity of reirradiation and the available techniques for SBRT. While the author's efforts are commendable, there are opportunities for enhancing the overall quality and readability of the manuscript.

****Factors to Consider:****

SBRT is a valuable tool in the radiation oncologist's arsenal, but it is crucial to recognize that its effectiveness depends on a multitude of factors. These include the type of tumor, the location of the recurrence, the volume of the tumor, the proximity of critical organs with varying radiosensitivity, the biological equivalent dose (BED) resulting from prior radiation, anatomic considerations, and the equipment available within the radiooncology department (including brachytherapy, Linac, and advanced equipment for stereotactic radiotherapy or proton and heavy ion therapy).

****Challenges in Patient Selection:****

One of the prevailing challenges in the field is the absence of precise criteria for patient selection. This challenge is further compounded by the scarcity of high-quality evidence. Limited financial support for purely radiooncological trials, free from the influence of pharmaceutical companies, underscores the need for national and international registries and scientific consortia to bridge this gap.

****Citations and Recommendations:****

The manuscript appropriately cites several recommendations and guidelines relevant to the topic. To enhance the quality of the manuscript, it would be beneficial to incorporate discussions of recent, pertinent research, such as the meta-analysis by Lee et al. [1] and the comprehensive work of Alterio et al. [2, 3]. By integrating these studies, the manuscript

can provide a more robust context and support for its findings.

****Addressing Controversies:****

While the manuscript's title suggests controversies in the use of SBRT for recurrent HNC, the review does not expound upon these controversies in sufficient detail. It would be advantageous to clarify and discuss any areas of contention within the field.

****Recommendations for Manuscript Improvement:****

To enhance the manuscript's readability and overall quality, it is advisable to restructure it for a more coherent flow. A logical progression from the introduction to the conclusion can facilitate understanding and engagement for the readers.

****Conclusion:****

In conclusion, the manuscript presents an important analysis of the use of SBRT in recurrent HNC cases in India. Despite its commendable aspects, there are opportunities for improvement in terms of structure, clarity, and coverage of recent research findings. Addressing these recommendations can elevate the manuscript's quality and its contribution to the field.

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