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| OFF | Mean dMax to OAR (Gy) | | | Mean dMean to OAR (Gy) | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|-------|---------|
| | 3DCRT | VMAT | p-value | 3DCRT | VMAT | p-value |
| Floor of mouth | 64.89 | 62.22 | 0.00034 | 45.74 | 44.89 | 0.25014 |
| Genioglossus muscles | 61.17 | 58.71 | 0.00062 | 40.44 | 41.78 | 0.88076 |
| Hyoglossus/styloglossus muscles complex (right) | 64.15 | 63.62 | 0.13362 | 56.67 | 54.45 | 0.00374 |
| Hyoglossus/styloglossus muscles complex (left) | 64.42 | 63.28 | 0.06432 | 56.39 | 54.37 | 0.01390 |
| Intrinsic tongue muscles | 58.97 | 58.50 | 0.23014 | 25.02 | 30.84 | 0.07030 |
| Longitudinal pharyngeal muscles | 61.86 | 63.05 | 0.38430 | 49.63 | 46.05 | 0.00438 |
| Constrictor muscles | 65.03 | 65.89 | 0.39532 | 56.23 | 53.76 | 0.00120 |
| Thyrohyoid muscles (right) | 67.12 | 64.16 | 0.00072 | 64.36 | 60.42 | 0.00034 |
| Thyrohyoid muscles (left) | 67.06 | 64.28 | 0.00054 | 64.42 | 60.61 | 0.00024 |
| Arytenoids (right) | 62.55 | 59.98 | 0.00830 | 61.37 | 58.29 | 0.00374 |
| Arytenoids (left) | 62.51 | 60.37 | 0.01980 | 61.53 | 58.84 | 0.00960 |
| Pharyngeal axis | 65.83 | 65.61 | 0.40654 | 31.61 | 35.60 | 0.02510 |
| Base of tongue | 63.74 | 63.17 | 0.58920 | 56.18 | 52.36 | 0.00138 |
| Oral cavity | 62.00 | 62.13 | 0.81034 | 29.09 | 33.25 | 0.09296 |
| Esophagus | 58.78 | 61.47 | 0.12114 | 33.60 | 33.18 | 0.15560 |
| Submandibular gland (right) | 64.97 | 62.48 | 0.03400 | 62.33 | 56.79 | 0.00064 |
| Submandibular gland (left) | 65.58 | 64.16 | 0.00132 | 62.66 | 56.83 | 0.00054 |
| Remnant larynx | 67.88 | 65.88 | 0.00560 | 62.39 | 59.19 | 0.00128 |

Table 1 Comparison between 3D conformal Radiotherapy (3DCRT) and Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy (VMAT) techniques of the mean value of maximum doses (dMax) (2^{n4} and 3^{rd} columns) and the mean value of mean doses (dMean) (5^{th} and 6^{th} columns) absorbed to organs at risk. P-values from Wilcoxon-signed rank tests are also displayed (4^{th} and 6^{th} column), in bold if significant (p<0.05). Abbreviations: 3DCRT (3D Conformal Radiotherapy); dMax (Maximum dose); dMean (Mean dose); OAR (Organ At Risk); VMAT (Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy).



Conclusion

Severe long-term toxicity rate of CS followed by IMRT resulted to be low and seems to compare favourably with historical data of pts treated with the 3DCRT approach. The dosimetric analysis confirmed that IMRT allows a significant reduction of absorbed doses for the majority of analyzed structures compared to the 3DCRT approach.

PO-1115 First year survival data on COVID-19 outbreak during radiotherapy course in head and neck cancer

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Purpose or Objective

To evaluate the first year survival data of patients with head and neck cancer (HNC), whose radiation (RT) or chemoradiation (CRT) course was affected by second wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

Materials and Methods

We have performed a retrospective review and identified patients with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection or quarantine during RT/CRT of HNC who were treated in 3 radiotherapy departments form September 2020 till January 2021. The quarantine was imposed due to a close contact with COVID-19 positive person e.g. after hospitalisation in the same patient's room. None of the patients was vaccinated prior to the treatment because the population-based vaccination program started in Poland in January 2021.

Log rank and univariate Cox test were used for two endpoints: overall survival (OS) and time to progression (TTP).

Results

36 patients (pts) with tumours in head and neck region were identified. Patients with sarcoma, paraganglioma, thyroid cancer and palliative RT were excluded (n=6). In total a cohort of 30 patients including squamous cell carcinoma (n=27), adenocarcinoma (n=2) and undifferentiated nasopharyngeal carcinoma (n=1) was farther evaluated. 50% (n=15) patients were treated with primary RT and 50% with adjuvant RT. Additionally, nine patients were treated with induction and/or concomitant chemotherapy. The median overall survival was 10.7 month (Range: 1-13.5). Three patients progressed (n=2 loco-regional, n=1 distant metastases), 11 patients died. 50 f them were categorised as COVID-19 related death, n=6 died in median 7.6 month after beginning of the treatment. 23 patients (77%) had SARS-CoV-2 infection confirmed and in the case of 7 patients RT was interrupted due to imposed quarantine. The median overall treatment time yield 56 days (9-106). 12 pts discontinue RT due to death (5 pts), deterioration of performance status (2 pts) and patients decision (7 pts, they received in median 85 % of prescribed radiation dose).

We did not observe a significant difference neither in log-rank test results for OS and TTP between COVID-19 and quarantine group (p=0.605 and p=0.135 respectively) nor on Cox univariate analysis (p=0,589). In subgroup of COVID-19 positive group there was a significant correlation between OS and duration of treatment interruption (p=0.047). The age, hypertension, cardiac diseases, chemotherapy or radiation dose received before treatment interruption did not correlate with OS.

Conclusion

In our cohort of patients COVID-19 infection did not worsen the survival probability in comparison to patients with quarantine, however the death ratio at median follow-up of 10.7 month yield 37%, which is high for curative treatment setting in head and neck cancer patients. More than half of death cases were COVID-19 related. Farther observation and evaluation of larger cohorts of patients, especially in vaccinated population is planned.

PO-1116 Towards Privacy-Preserving Federated Deep Learning infrastructure : proof-of-concept

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Purpose or Objective

Deep learning (DL) has immense potential to revolutionise healthcare. Several Federated DL solutions have been proposed to access massive repositories of private data, without transferring subject data from the host devices. There remain concerns about potential privacy violation via "reconstructing" individually-identifiable subject data by exploiting model weights from host institutions. We propose a methodology for federated DL that addresses this risk through cloud-server architecture design.



Experiments 1 epoch x 200 iterations 2 epoch x 100 iterations 5 epoch x 40 iterations Training 0.76 (95% CI: 0.55-0.77) 0.70 (95% CI: 0.52- 0.75) 0.74 (95% CI: 0.57-0.82)