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Dear Yaun Qi and Reviewers,

Attached please find my revised manuscript titled "Current Debate in the Oncologic Management of Rectal Cancer." This submission was in response to the provided invitation (Number ID: 03538138). We are pleased to have this manuscript accepted to the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*.

We appreciate the time spent in review of the manuscript and the thoughtful reviewer comments. As reviewer 00180872 pointed out, this review focuses primarily on the oncologic principles of management of locally advanced rectal cancer. To this end, we have modified the title of the manuscript to be more specific to include the descriptive term of oncologic management.

We believe that the attached revised manuscript includes an appropriate response to the comments made by the reviewers. It is our intention to provide a unique and practical review of a complicated topic that will serve as a useful contribution to the medical literature on rectal cancer management.

All authors on this manuscript concur with the submission. Material submitted in this manuscript for publication has not been previously reported nor is it under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Sincerely,

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