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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written paper about dMMR as a predictive factor for complete response after neoadjuvant CRT in locally advanced rectal cancer. It is a well elaborated work,



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and with consistent results. I have only detected a Little mistake, when you put "We found that 29% of our cases showed dMMR, a high number than most reported series" you mean "higher number than..." Congratulations for your work.

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