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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

While this is a retrospective study, it raises an important issue regarding lymph node retrieval after neoadjuvant therapy, highlighting the need to retrieve a significant number of lymph nodes, even if there are smaller numbers of identifiable and positive lymph nodes in these patients. Statistics and figures seem to be well devised.