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

Congratulations for your work. Your study is very important for clinical practice, since it is one question of our daily basis. I really appreciated to read the manuscript, it is very clear, not too long, concise, and contain applicable knowledge. I only have one question: how do you explain that patients who did adjuvant chemotherapy had higher recurrence rate?