

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Both the merits and demerits of the article are outstanding. This article aims to explore the clinical outcome of different diagnosis and treatment modes of locally advanced rectal cancer, which is novel and closely related to the clinic. And the sample size of the article is very large. The disadvantage is that the content is too complicated, the author's content and discussion results are not discussed around the main outcome index, the explanation of the results is not clear, the outcome of the article and the main line of discussion are not clear. Authors need to establish their own main outcome index, and according to this index to conduct data analysis and results discussion.

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In this study, the authors wanted to show the trend of changes in surgery, but the evidence is too weak. Regarding overall survival, the authors have shown that minimally invasive surgery has a better overall survival rate compared with open surgery. If so, it can be seen that the wrong procedure was chosen when open surgery was performed in more than 2/3 of cases in 2010.

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This is an interesting and meaningful study. The paper aims to explore the clinical efficacy of diagnosis and treatment modes of stage II/III rectal adenocarcinoma. However, there exist some problems that need to be solved. The outcome indicators were too complex and the discussion did not highlight the key points. It is suggested that the author focus on the analysis of the main indicators in the discussion part. Simultaneously, please compare it with the literature, and analyze the reasons for this phenomenon so as to get the final conclusion.