

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The author systematically narrates the surgical advancements in rectal and breast cancer. The article presents the following issues: 1. Definition of the article's title: The title suggests a parallel progression or similarity between the surgical histories of rectal and breast cancer. However, the content of the manuscript does not sufficiently demonstrate this parallelism. Therefore, a reassessment of whether the title accurately reflects the content and conclusions of the article is necessary. 2. Detailed description of milestone surgical advancements: The manuscript lacks adequate discussion on key advancements in the surgical histories of rectal and breast cancer. It fails to provide an in-depth analysis of the merits and drawbacks of these advancements. It is recommended to include more specific descriptions and analyze both the positive and negative aspects of these milestones. 3. In-depth exploration of the "watch and wait" strategy: A more comprehensive explanation is needed regarding the significance, advantages, disadvantages, and applicability of the "watch and wait" strategy for patients with rectal and breast cancer. This strategy's practical effectiveness and its suitability for different patient populations require a more thorough explanation. 4. Impact of immunotherapy

on surgical treatments: The evolution of modern medical technology, particularly immunotherapy, has significantly influenced cancer treatment. Reviewers are interested in understanding the implications of these innovative techniques on surgical treatments for rectal and breast cancer, including their role and position within treatment regimens. These identified issues aim to enhance the quality of the manuscript's content and overall coherence. A more comprehensive and in-depth discussion of the historical developments in rectal and breast cancer surgeries would augment the manuscript's persuasiveness and academic value.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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I have no comments on the article.