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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thanks for asking me to review this paper. It is a small study in patients with rectal cancer that compares ratios derived from the patients full blood count to a previously described outcome predictor (NAR) in rectal cancer. The paper is generally well written and the methods are well described. The graphical and tabular presentation of data is straightforward. I have a number of methodological questions about one area, and one major concern. Question - at what point is the blood taken for measurement of the NLR/MLR and PLR? Is it taken before chemo-radiotherapy, after chemo-radiotherapy just before surgery? Was the timing of the blood test standardised for all patients? Do the authors consider the timing of the blood test to be relevant to their findings? Concern - I am not sure how the authors intend to use the result of this study. If they were to perform a larger study and showed a statistical relevance to the NLR/MLR and PLR, how would that help clinicians treat the patients? There is already a proposed outcome measure - the NAR. How would a new outcome measure help?

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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