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Dear editorial board of World Journal of Meta-analysis

We thank you for the opportunity to re-submit our study entitled: "Watch and wait in locally advanced rectal cancer: Past, present and future." We thank the reviewers for their insightful comments, which we have addressed in the following pages. We believe the manuscript is now much improved and hope you will now find it suitable for publication in World Journal of Meta-analysis.

Sincerely,

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