Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This study of the role of HER-2 overexpression in rectal cancer is very interesting. The study is well performed and the results are very interesting. After a minor editing, this study can be accepted.

Answering reviewer #1: The English language was revised accordingly.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This is an interesting study about the HER-2 overexpression the long-term prognosis of rectal cancer. In this study, total 151 samples of rectal cancer tissues were obtained by rigid proctoscopy before neoadjuvant therapy, followed by immunohistochemical and FISH tests to determine HER-2 expression status. The sample was selected properly, and the methods were described in detail. The results are discussed with updated references. The reviewer recommends to accept this study for publication after a minor editing. No specific comments.

Answering reviewer #2: The English language was revised accordingly.

Reviewer #3:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: HER-2 is a member of the epidermal growth factor receptor family of receptor tyrosine kinases, has been demonstrated to be highly expressed in a variety of tumor cells and can inhibit tumor cell apoptosis. HER-2 is also found highly expressed in CRC cells, and which is currently considered as a potential target for colorectal cancer therapy. In this study, the authors assessed the value of HER-2 overexpression in the long-term prognosis of rectal cancer. The study was very well designed and research was performed well. The results are very interesting. A minor revision is required. Comments: (1) There are some minor language polishing should be corrected. (2) Please change the Chinese words to English below Table 2. (3) The title is too long, please short it.

Answering reviewer #3: The English language was revised accordingly, and the Chinese words has been corrected. The title has been shortened.