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Dear editorial team and reviewers,

The authors would first like to thank the reviewers and the editorial team for their encouraging words and constructive comments. We have addressed the points raised as follows:

## **Reviewer 1:**

The authors discussed the current status and prospects of lateral pelvic lymph node management in rectal cancer while comparing therapeutic strategies in the Western and Far Eastern contexts, accompanied by a comprehensive review of the literature. I believe it is a well-examined mini-review article.

## Reply:

We thank the reviewer for the comments.

## **Reviewer 2:**

Thank you so much for the opportunity to review this paper: Current perspectives on the management of lateral pelvic lymph nodes in rectal cancer This is a mini-review of the current perspectives in Lateral Lymph nodes in rectal cancer. I have no other comment. Reply:

We thank the reviewer for the comments.