

To address the reviewer's comment which was the following:

Reviewer #1: This is a review on anorectal leiomyosarcoma, which is a very rare entity. Prospective study on treatment is difficult for its rarity, so it is unclear that which treatment approach is the best, including adjuvant therapy. The author concluded that the current mainstay treatment is surgery. Which resection do you recommend local or radical? How about adjuvant therapy? Radiation or chemotherapy? These are what we would like to know.

The answer: All treatment approaches including radical resection and wide local excision are valid options, and it depends on the patient's and disease related factors to determine which is appropriate. In addition, it is hard to choose one of those treatment options based on retrospective studies with no randomized controlled trials or prospective studies for accurate comparison. Regarding adjuvant treatment, the evidence supports using neoadjuvant radiotherapy over adjuvant radiation, therefore we have specified this point in both the conclusion and discussion of the manuscript. As for adjuvant chemotherapy, the choice depends on patient related and disease related factors.

Let us know if you have any questions.