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Conclusion	[ ] Accept (High priority) [Y] Accept (General priority) [ ] Minor revision [ ] Major revision [ ] Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting study reporting positive results of neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy for locally advanced colon and rectal cancer. Neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy is a common treatment for locally advanced rectal cancer with a complete pathologic response of 15-30% reported in many clinical reports. There is no consensus of neodjuvant treatment for colon cancer. This study showed an improved R0 resection rate after neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy both in rectal cancer and colon cancer. Their results may support the benefits of neoadjuvant therapy in the treatment of locally advanced colon cancer.

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This is an outstanding manuscript with excellent data. However, two points needs to be tackled by the authors. FOLFOX regimen needs to clarified better also with literature historical and perspective data. Moreover, the authors report that partial organ resections were required when needed and the specimens were sent to the pathology department to ascertain the status of surgical margins. They also mention that two pathologists examined specimens and evaluated treatment response. In all these actions, the k-value of interindividual variability needs to be provided being this data crucial for the treatment response. Moreover, they authors need to mention if the pathologists used an ancillary tool (e.g., immunohistochemistry) to reach an agreement.

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In my opinion, the overall level of the paper is very good structured: it is well written and several important considerations are highlighted. The discussion sections provide useful information for the readers and the conclusions appear rationale, emphasizing the needed to validate their data with further prospective randomized studies Check the few spelling grammatical errors.