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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, Thank you for your submitting the manuscript entitled, "Prognostic value of changes in serum carcinoembryonic antigen levels for preoperative chemoradiotherapy response in locally advanced rectal cancer" in WJG. The manuscript is well written and the topic is interesting and easy to understand for all the readers of WJG. However, some major criticisms should be addressed as below. Major 1) Page, 12, Limits of the study: Please change "Limits" into "Limitation". Further, add the "Future prospectives" as last paragraph. I think it will be better. Do not described the Limitation of this study as the last paragraph. 2) I think the study design of this retrospective, one institution cohort study will not be changeable, however, the presentation of the result of the study is so nice and compactly summarized. Please add the new table(s) described the results on the similar manuscripts that have been published to date, and add the new references and the more discussions on the published manuscripts on prospective studies, if possible.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Dear authors, Thank you for your resubmitting the manuscript. The manuscript has been properly revised as following the reviewer's comments. I think the manuscript will be accepted in WJG. Sincerely, Takuya Watanabe,M.D.,Ph.D. Watanabe Internal Medicine Aoyama Clinic Niigata,Japan