

## Point-by-point Review

1. Page. 10

Tables should be self-explanatory, so please explain all the abbreviations in table legends (eg. CR, PR, SD etc)

Reply: New version is applied in the latest manuscript.

2. Page.12

c. **No cases with two or more complications were observed** ??? unclear  
**b marker should be placed before c marker in the table**

Reply: The markers have been reassigned in the latest manuscript and the unclear c marker was considered dispensable and has been deleted.

3. Page.19

**Try to merge Figure 1 and 2**

Reply: Figure 1 and 2 are now merged in the latest manuscript.

4. Page.24

**6 cases firstly received organ-preserved operation in the research had permanent stoma due to different reasons lately implying potential function loss after NAT.** Rewrite the sentence is unclear !

Reply: The sentence has been deleted since it cause confusion.

5. Page. 24-25

**Otherwise, the follow-up schedule. Is rather an interval than a successive as we choose only one due time.** The sentence is unclear !

Reply: The sentence has been deleted since it cause confusion.

6. Page.25

**However, more prospective evidence waits to be revealed to confirm the**

**result.** English polishing is required!

Reply: The whole manuscript has been resent to AJE for polishing as seen in the latest version.