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Manuscript No.: 64856 Title: Optimal postoperative surveillance strategies for stage III colorectal cancer In this study, the author has studied "Optimal postoperative surveillance strategies for stage III colorectal cancer." A lot of studies have already been carried out on a similar topic, and comprehensive data is available in the literature. Sentence making is good in this manuscript. The English language used in the manuscript is good but needs minor improvements as there are a few punctuation and grammatical mistakes. Overall, this study will be very helpful for improving PRS by early detection of recurrence. This manuscript is very well written and organized in a good way. I would like to recommend publishing this in the World Journal of Gastroenterology after some minor revisions. The authors are advised to address the following specific comments carefully. Specific comments: 1. The Abstract needs to be critically revised and concise. 2. Please add more strong keywords. 3. Page 3: Authors are advised to revise the introduction section carefully and add more data to support the problem statement and make a connection between each paragraph. Authors jumped from one discussion to another without any authentic information, please revise it carefully and add more sentences. The introduction section should contain a minimum of 500 words. 4. Page 4: What is the research gap and novelty of the present study? 5. Page 4: Why authors select too old data for study? 6. Page 9: The authors are advised to add a reference in the statistics section. 7. Page 10: "Patients who experienced recurrence were divided into those with intra-abdominal recurrence and those with intra-thoracic recurrence." Please revise the sentence. 8. The conclusion section should be in a single paragraph and contain the main findings and future recommendations. 9. Figures and Tables: Captions need to be revised. 10. The headings need to be revised especially the methodology section. 11.

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