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Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very nice meta-analysis with a relevant conclusion for modern operative therapy of patients with rectal cancer.



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- Abbreviations not all explained. e.g. DR - Authors must argue more cautiously, the quality of the TME must also be specified - The prognosis may be better if more than 12 lymph nodes are removed, but the initial situation before adjuvant therapy is not described (Tumor stage, radiation dose, time between adjuvant therapy and surgery). Whether the collectives are comparable is completely open. - The authors need to argue more cautiously: dissecting at least 12 LNs after neoadjuvant therapy may improve the patients' OS, DFS, and DR.



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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