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To Whom it May Concern

I wish to certify that I have gone over the original article entitled: Watch and wait in locally advance rectal cancer: Past, present and future - by Miriam Alvarez-Aguilera and Rosa Jiménez-Rodríguez. This is a paper prepared for the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

I am an Australian-born native English speaker who is a past Academic Professor of Surgery. I have made cosmetic corrective changes to the English of this article at the request of the lead author Dr Rosa M Jimenez-Rodriguez so that it will be suitable for publication.

With Kindest Regards,

Yours truly,

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