

## ESPS Peer-review Report

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have the following comments: ? The article is timely and nicely-written except for several grammar and typographical mistakes which need to be corrected. For examples: "will not beneficiate , MERCURY study GROUP, invariable malignant, MERCURY study GROUP, muscolaris propria, the complementarity, downstaging response, the Stockholm III trial , could underwent delayed, and in a overall survival, may be not benefit, alone is indicate in, extramesorectal lymph-adenopathy, the significative response, etc." ? Under PET-CT scan: rephrase this sentence for clarity as it is unclear and confusing: "Moreover , the above -mentioned limitations in the spatial resolution of PET (4-6 mm), which enables the research of lymph-nodes less than 5 mm, poses the accuracy of FDG-PET-CT in the evaluation of lymph-nodes similar to the one of MRI with a reported sensitivity of 72 % [35-36]." ? Moreover, I would have liked you to include in this review: 1. An elaborated account on updates on the impact of chemoradiation in reducing the rate of abdominoperineal resection of low rectal cancers and increasing the rate of sphincter-sparing resections. Also in rendering non-resectable rectal cancer feasible for resection. 2. The routine vs. selective defunctioning stoma formation in case of low rectal cancer and irradiated pelvis. 3. A brief account on pelvic exenteration in locally advanced rectal cancer after chemoradiation.

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A comprehensive review on rectal cancer imaging and pre-operation staging. It would help the readers to understand the review if the authors includes a table summarizing the pros and cons of each imaging systems.