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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study the prognostic impact of the LNR in rectal cancer patients with metastatic lymph nodes after radical resection was evaluated. It is found that the lymph node ratio (LNR) is an important prognostic predictor of RFS in rectal cancer patients especially treated with PCRT. 1. The errors in alignment of tables should be corrected. 2. Language needs minor revision

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This article is very important because it underlines the impact of neoadjuvant radiochemotherapy of rectal cancer and moreover can predict recurrence free survival . It would be useful to check these patients data according to tumor regression grade as well.

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I appreciate the opportunity to review your manuscript looking at LNR following neoadjuvant chemoXRT for rectal cancer. A few comments/questions 1. You should consider adding some more specific raw data of outcomes to the abstract to give the reader an idea of the major points that you found. 2. The bottom line is this is a fine paper, but I disagree with the major premise that it "is unclear whether the impact of the LNR on prognosis differs between rectal cancer patients treated with PCRT and those treated with upfront surgical resection". This study has been several times before looking at LNR in the preoperative group with TME for rectal cancer. Please clarify what you mean by unclear, or novel in this series other than it is your series.