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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I think this is an important and interesting field to investigate. However, pathological and mrTRG should be tested together in prospective trials. In my view, pTRG is important to the clinician, giving information about the chemo/radiosensitivity of the tumour for future treatment decisions. Preoperatively, we actually only need to know, whether the tumour is inoperable. As we know, even minor lesions may contain a large amount of viable tumor cells.

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Overall this is a comprehensive and an interesting review. Minor corrections: Page 2. Abstract. Data extraction: Change: by 2 authors, to: by two authors Page 6. Methods. Risk of bias & Quality assessment: Table 4. Please insert the table numbers in the correct order within the text or renumber the tables. Page 13. Discussion. Importance and implications for practice. Elaborate whether it is necessary to use the same MR unit before and after neoadjuvant treatment.

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This is an interesting review about neoadjuvant therapy for postoperative outcome in rectal cancer. However paper needs a clear revision for a-Terminology including title and running title b-English must be reviewed and corrected c-Presentation is not clear, must be more fluent