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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reviewed the "Watch and Wait" treatment algorithm of the rectal cancer, as well as the questions and uncertainty of this non-operation treatment. This is an interesting area which needs further in-depth research and more reliable data from randomized controlled trials. This review will arouse more attention towards this approach. However, the currently available data shows only 18-26% of patients may reach pathological complete response after CRT and may benefit from avoiding the radical surgery. In addition, no long term follow-up data exists. It is too early to make the call.

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The manuscript of Pozo and Fang has a complete structure and is of great interest. The topic of the review is truly innovative. The authors analyze current literature critically and let the reader get a real overview of today's evidence. All the aspects of the wait and watch strategies are carefully analyzed. All the most important trials published in the latest years are reported and cited. The conclusion is clearly presented.