

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Provenance and peer review: Invited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation

Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear author First, this paper focuses on how to correctly restage tumors for patients with locally advanced rectal cancer who are receiving neoadjuvant therapy. Secondly, the topic selection of this manuscript is great and complements the relevant knowledge content of the clinicians. Finally, the content summarized in this article has great guidance for clinical treatment, which can benefit a proportion of patients with locally advanced rectal cancer who are receiving neoadjuvant therapy. For example, patients with large local side reactions after radiotherapy can continue to receive chemotherapy and then choose surgical treatment. It is expected that after more clinical trials appear, the author can collate the relevant data and get the specific time of tumor restaging for different populations. This article could be accepted and published.

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Thank you for a great review of the Up to Date data on a very important topic, especially now that TNT is gaining ground

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The authors systematically described the clinical problems of the re-stage of patients with locally advanced rectal cancer after neoadjuvant treatment. The innovation of relevant research is general, and many similar studies have been published. However, the author's description is relatively systematic and comprehensive, which has certain guiding significance for clinical practice. Relevant evaluation methods are also commonly used in clinical examination at present, without introducing laboratory indicators, such as the progress of liquid detection technology such as ctDNA MRD, which can also provide evidence for tumor re-stage after neoadjuvant treatment. What's more, is the neoadjuvant therapy due to long-term or short-term radiotherapy? Whether chemotherapy is combined with immunotherapy at the same time varies. Therefore, it is difficult to unify at present, and can only be studied individually. The readability of the writing is acceptable, and some languages need to be modified. The editorial department is requested to decide whether to hire or reject the manuscript according to the source situation.



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