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Thank you so much for your comments to our manuscript entitled “Clinical pathological characteristics and prognosis of 132 cases of rectal neuroendocrine tumors” and greatly appreciates for your suggestions. We revised the paper according to the reviewer’s suggestions and all these revisions were marked with red. Also the STROBE has been uploaded and the original decomposable figures have been put into a PowerPoint file.

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