

Dear Editors and reviewers,

The authors would like to thank all the editors and reviewers for the constructive comments and suggestions to improve the quality of our manuscript entitled " Mismatch Repair Proteins expression and intratumoral budding in rectal cancer are associated with increased of pathologic complete response to preoperative chemoradiotherapy. A case-control study." Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our research. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet.

All major amendments in the manuscript are highlighted in yellow.

Reviewer 1.

1. We found that 29% of our cases showed dMMR, a high number than most reported series" you mean "higher number than..."

**We corrected the sentence and sent the manuscript to a professional English editing service.**