PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology
Manuscript NO: 76232
Title: Lymph node regression grading of locally advanced rectal cancer treated with neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy
Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited manuscript; Externally peer reviewed
Peer-review model: Single blind
Reviewer’s code: 02728463
Position: Peer Reviewer
Academic degree: MD
Professional title: Doctor
Reviewer’s Country/Territory: Lithuania
Author’s Country/Territory: China
Manuscript submission date: 2022-03-08
Reviewer chosen by: AI Technique
Reviewer accepted review: 2022-03-09 06:13
Reviewer performed review: 2022-03-09 06:28
Review time: 1 Hour

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Scientific quality</th>
<th>Grade A: Excellent</th>
<th>[ ] Grade A: Excellent</th>
<th>[ ] Grade B: Very good</th>
<th>[ ] Grade C: Good</th>
<th>[ ] Grade D: Fair</th>
<th>[ ] Grade E: Do not publish</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Language quality</td>
<td>[ ] Grade A: Priority publishing</td>
<td>[ ] Grade A: Priority publishing</td>
<td>[ ] Grade B: Minor language polishing</td>
<td>[ ] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing</td>
<td>[ ] Grade D: Rejection</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conclusion</td>
<td>[ ] Accept (High priority)</td>
<td>[ ] Accept (High priority)</td>
<td>[ ] Accept (General priority)</td>
<td>[ ] Minor revision</td>
<td>[ ] Major revision</td>
<td>[ ] Rejection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Re-review</td>
<td>[ ] Yes</td>
<td>[ ] Yes</td>
<td>[ ] No</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, I would like to congratulate you with this fine review. I have only few minor issues. First of all, what was the literature extraction process? How have you chosen those articles you were reviewing? What were the inclusion/exclusion criteria? Secondly, I would like to see the Flow chart of your review. Moreover, you are using other authors Figures, aren't you? Have you got the approval of its usage? Also, I would like to see more tables summarizing the literature. Thank you once again.
Name of journal: World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology

Manuscript NO: 76232

Title: Lymph node regression grading of locally advanced rectal cancer treated with neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy

Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

Peer-review model: Single blind

Reviewer’s code: 05774393

Position: Peer Reviewer

Academic degree: MD

Professional title: Assistant Professor

Reviewer’s Country/Territory: Egypt

Author’s Country/Territory: China

Manuscript submission date: 2022-03-08

Reviewer chosen by: AI Technique

Reviewer accepted review: 2022-03-23 14:51

Reviewer performed review: 2022-03-23 17:28

Review time: 2 Hours

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Scientific quality</th>
<th>Grade A: Excellent</th>
<th>Grade B: Very good</th>
<th>Grade C: Good</th>
<th>Grade D: Fair</th>
<th>Grade E: Do not publish</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Language quality</td>
<td>Grade A: Priority publishing</td>
<td>Grade B: Minor language polishing</td>
<td>Grade C: A great deal of language polishing</td>
<td>Grade D: Rejection</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conclusion</td>
<td>Accept (High priority)</td>
<td>Accept (General priority)</td>
<td>Minor revision</td>
<td>Major revision</td>
<td>Rejection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Re-review</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

you have mentioned that some studies revealed partial regression of LN despite complete lysis of the primary and you did not give explanation. You have mentioned that it is difficult for pathologist to differentiate between compete fibrosis due to response and normal LN, so you mean that normal LN can develop fibrosis after therapy?? You did not mention any of the molecular or factors that can predict LN regression after therapy

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Peer-reviewer statements</th>
<th>Peer-Review: [Y] Anonymous  [ ] Onymous</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Conflicts-of-Interest: [ ] Yes  [Y] No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>