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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the duplicate manuscript containing an electronic copy of the full-text manuscript in Word format (file name: Primary Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Rectum.docx).

**Title:** Primary Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Rectum

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We have undertaken an extensive review of the current literature on the topic of rectal squamous cell carcinoma as part of an invited review. This has included an in depth summary of the current body of knowledge surrounding the aetiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, staging and prognosis of this rare disease. Given the current paradigm shift in the treatment of rectal squamous cell carcinoma away from traditional surgical management towards definitive chemoradiotherapy, we have focused attention on the evidence supporting this change.

The content of the manuscript is original and it has not been published or accepted for publication, either in whole or in part, in any form. No part of the manuscript is currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

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