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Title: The Influence of the Treatment Response on the Impact of Resection Margin Status after Preoperative Chemoradiotherapy in Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer

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Dear Editor:

I feel privileged to submit a manuscript entitled “The Influence of the Treatment Response on the Impact of Resection Margin Status after Preoperative Chemoradiotherapy in Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer” for consideration of publication in BMC Cancer.

Resection margin of rectal cancer is a well-known prognostic factor, but preoperative chemoradiotherapy, one of standard perioperative treatment, could affect the prognostic significance of pathologic findings, including resection margin. However, few previous studies assessed the relation between resection margin and preoperative treatment. Present study describes the relation, as well as the optimal cut-off value in the setting of preoperative chemoradiotherapy. We believe our study is original and can contribute in optimizing further treatment strategy for patients with positive resection margin.

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Your kind consideration would be greatly appreciated.

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