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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions on improving our manuscript “Which is the best postoperative chemotherapy regimen in patients with rectal cancer after neoadjuvant therapy? Analysis of SEER-Medicare data” (1605246167129326). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have revised our manuscript according to the suggestions of the editor and reviewers. We also examined our paper carefully to ensure that our manuscript conforms to the journal style.

Following Editor’s Request:

1. Following Editor’s “Please clarify in the methods section of your manuscript, who granted you permission to obtain the data in the SEER Medicare database for the purposes of your study.” Thank you for your comments. We have added following words in the Methods-Data source part: “The approval and subsequent access to the data for this study were granted by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and Information Management Services (IMS), Inc. following submission of a formal data request outlining the research objectives. Also, this study was approved by the Institutional Review Board of the first hospital of China Medical University.”

Following Reviewer#1 Ruihua Shi’s comments and suggestions:

1. Following Reviewer#1 “Discretionary Revisions” We appreciate this kind suggestion very much. We have examined our paper carefully.

Following Reviewer#2 Vicente Alonso’s comments and suggestions:

1. Following Reviewer#2 “Concerning the review of the manuscript entitled Which
is the best postoperative chemotherapy regimen in patients with rectal cáncer after neoadjuvant therapy? I consider the changes made in the revised manuscript are suitable, and the points I wanted them to review have been revised and corrected properly."

Thank you for your comments.

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