Reviewer's report

Title: Low Mmp 9 and VEGF levels predict good oncologic outcome in mid and low rectal cancer patients with neoadjuvant chemoradiation

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Dear Colleagues,
Thank you for the corrections.
My only comment is about the term PPR (partial pathological response) that does not seem appropriate because unless I'm mistaken, included patients with partial response but also nonresponding patients. Perhaps the term patients without complete response (noPCR) is more appropriate.

Best regards

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

None