Reviewer's report

Title: A multidisciplinary clinical treatment of locally advanced rectal cancer complicated by rectovesical fistula

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

A post neadjuvant therapy reassessment including a cystoscopy could have excluded residual tumor in the bladder, as showed by pathologic analysis, so avoiding PTE and limiting surgical procedure to a Miles. In this case, after postoperative chemotherapy, a strict urologic follow-up could have shown eventual vesical relapse and a secondary total cystectomy could be performed with the same guarantee of definitive radicality.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests