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Reviewer comments: The authors have nicely addressed the concerns raised in the prior review. The only changes recommended is on page 12, line 29 which should read: Patients in ypStage II might consist of two groups: one group were those downstaged by NACT from stage III, and the remainder were patients who did not respond well to NACT; the mixture of these two groups resulted in a non-significant hazard ratio. Page 13, line 43: Secondly, as previously mentioned, because information on cTNM was unavailable for this study, we cannot confirm the explanation of our results.

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