Erratum to: Randomized clinical trial on preoperative radiotherapy 25 Gy in rectal cancer—treatment results at 5 year follow-up

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Tables 1 and 2 did not precisely reflect the results of the randomized trial made by the authors.

Proper number of patients in the first column of Table 1 should be 77.

First row in Table 2 should show the numbers of patients with R0 resections for only R0 patients were taken into consideration when recurrence rates were established. Correct Tables 1 and 2 are shown on the following page.

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Table 1 Patients characteristics in analysed groups

	Preoperative Radiotherapy 25 Gy+Surgery N=154		p
	Time interval 7–10 days N=77	Time interval 4–5 weeks N=77	
Age, yr (median(range))	61 (30–92)	62 (26–83)	0.87 ^a
Women	28 (36.4%)	38 (49.4%)	0.10 ^b
Men	49 (63.6%)	39 (50.6%)	
Clinical staging of rectal cancer according to UICC (AJCC 2002)			
I	9 (11.7%)	14 (18.2%)	0.686 ^b
II	45 (58.4%)	44 (57.1%)	
III	23 (29.9%)	19 (24.7%)	
Tumor localisation (distance from anal verge)			
< 6 cm	28 (36.4%)	37 (48.1%)	0.14 ^b
7–12 cm	49 (63.6%)	40 (51.9%)	
Mean resection margins (cm)			
Proximal	15.83±7.27	14.67±6.30	0.303 ^a
Distal	4.30±1.89	4.20±2.36	0.778 ^a
Circumferential radial	1.11±1.1	1.27±1.13	0.618 ^a
Resected lymph nodes			
Median (range)	16 (1–79)	15 (0–57)	0.204 ^a
Patients with ≥12 lymph nodes resected	56 (73%)	51 (66%)	0.382 ^b
Adjuvant chemotherapy			
No of pts (percentage)	53 (68.8%)	51 (66.2%)	0.731 ^b
Types of resection			
Anterior resection	40 (51.9%)	40 (51.9%)	0.391 ^b
Abdomino-perineal amputation	31 (20.1%)	25 (16.2%)	
Hartmann procedure	5 (6.5%)	8 (10.4%)	
TEM	0	4 (5.2%)	
Other (hemicolectomy + anterior resection)	1 (1.3%)	0	
Type of resection acc. to Hermanek			
R0	65 (84.4%)	71 (92.2%)	0.239 ^b
R1	7 (9.1%)	2 (2.6%)	
R2	5 (6.5%)	4 (5.2%)	
Sphincter saving operations			
Number (percentage)	41 (53.2%)	44 (57.1%)	0.627 ^b
Response to radiotherapy			
Downstaging	10 (13%)	34 (44.2%)	0.0001 ^b
Complete response	0	8 (10.4%)	0.003 ^b
Histological staging after radiotherapy (ypTNM, AJCC 2002)			
0	1 (1.3%)	11 (14.2%)	0.003 ^b
I	20 (26%)	25 (32.5%)	
II	18 (23.4%)	23 (29.9%)	
III	34 (44.1%)	15 (19.5%)	
IV	4 (5.2%)	3 (3.9%)	

^aU Mann–Whitney test^bChi-square test**Table 2** Pattern of recurrences in analysed groups

	Time interval 7–10 days N=65 (R0)	Time interval 4–5 weeks N=71 (R0)	p
Local	1 (1.5%)	5 (7%)	0.119
Systemic	8 (12.3%)	2 (2.8%)	0.035
Local + Systemic	0	2 (2.8%)	0.271
Altogether	9 (13.8%)	9 (12.7%)	0.520