

Supplementary Table 1. Summary of limitations of previous studies

Study (meta-analysis)	Comparator
Yu et al. [32] (2021)	
Included studies that does not have cCR as comparator	pCR
Habr-Gama et al. [14] (2004)	
Maas et al. [33] (2011)	
Smith and Garcia-Aguilar [36] (2015)	
Studies not included	cCR
Beard et al. [22] (2020)	
Han et al. [24] (2021)	
Lee et al. [26] (2015)	
Zhao et al. [18] (2020)	
Included studies that does not have cCR as comparator	
Habr-Gama et al. [14] (2004)	pCR
Maas et al. [33] (2011)	pCR
Smith et al. [34] (2012)	pCR
Renehan [35] (2016)	Matched non-cCR
Studies not included	cCR
Han et al. [24] (2021)	
Wang et al. [30] (2021)	

cCR, complete clinical response; pCR, pathologic complete response.