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1.- As a previous BMC Cancer author, I know that if I submit my manuscript to BMC Cancer it will be handled by one of your internationally recognized Section Editors, who provide expertise across the cancer spectrum
2.- BMC Cancer offers high visibility for my research and articles are frequently among the most accessed of all BioMed Central content
3.- This is an original research without previous pre-publications
4.- Up till now, our case cohort is the most numerous one in the world
5.- The research topic has consisted of demonstrating the relationship between alfa-1 antitrypsin deficiency and tumour development in colorectal cancer
6.- This topic is currently controversial
7.- Despite de fact that case-control study design provides a medium level of quality of the scientific evidence, in this kind of research where the results of diagnostic tests are normally compared with standards of reference, the studies through observation as that of cohorts or that of case-control studies represent the best designs to consider

Yours sincerely,
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