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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Revision by a native English speaker:
Following this recommendation manuscript has been revised by a native English speaker. His contribution has been included into the manuscript as: “ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The authors wish to thank Mr. David Wallace for his technical support in editing the final manuscript”.

2. Transferability to humans:
DMH-induced colonic cancer model in animals has been used for more than 3 decades since 1975. Its transferability has been proved by several authors. More over, when searching “DMH+colon+cancer” in PubMed (US National Library of Medicine), 698 articles have been found up today. In our manuscript Banerjee (Dis Colon Rectum 1998), Barkla (J Natl Cancer Inst 1978), and Druckrey (J Natl Cancer Inst 1978) have been mentioned (ref 10, 11, 12) in references section, despite several authors could have been cited also.

3. This work being part of a body of work:
This work belongs to the same experiment cited all along the manuscript: Into the methods section, in the first paragraph it has been mentioned that: “This work belongs to the same experiment published previously, in which end-to-side ileorectal anastomosis, constructed with 4-0 silk suture, were performed in rats, as described [13]”.
We think that some results that have been already obtained and published should not be repeated. These surgical methods may be checked in: Perez-

4. Rats who did not complete the study:
Into the results section, in the first paragraph it has been mentioned that: “Twenty-five rats (36.8%) died prior to completion of the study, 10 rats (38.5%) in group A and 15 (35.7%) in group B. These deaths have been described in previous studies [13].”
We think that some results that have been obtained and published should not be repeated. If necessary data could be included, but this issue can be read in link cited above.

5. Anastomosis versus mucosal trauma:
Following this recommendation, ”mucosal trauma” has been changed into “anastomosis” all along the manuscript.

**Comments**

I am expecting to have answered all the questions and suggestions cited in Reviewer’s report.
I am very grateful for the Reviewer’s interest showed in the report.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Changes into the manuscript has been pointed up.