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Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find attached the manuscript entitled “Total laparoscopic hysterectomy versus abdominal hysterectomy in the treatment of patients with early stage endometrial cancer: A randomized multi center study”, which we would like to submit for publication in BMC Cancer.

This paper is original and is not concurrently under consideration elsewhere. Each author has participated actively and sufficiently in the paper to take responsibility for the content. All authors have read and approved this manuscript.

In this manuscript we elaborately describe the study protocol of a well designed ongoing randomized controlled surgical intervention study. We believe that the design of our study may provide fellow researchers with a clear example of how to set up a successful randomized multi center study and how to safely implement a relatively new surgical technique.

Hopefully you will consider this manuscript relevant for publication in BMC Cancer and are looking forward to your reply.

On behalf of all authors,

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