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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the manuscript entitled “CANCER INCIDENCE IN KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS. STUDY PROTOCOL”, which we would like to submit for publication in *BMC Cancer* as a *Study Protocol*.

This is an observational follow-up study protocol, carried out in the health district of A Coruña (northwestern Spain) during the period 1981-2007. During this period 1967 kidney transplants were performed in the University Hospital Complex of A Coruña, corresponding to 1710 patients.

Spain has the highest cadaver donor rate in the world, and is the leading country at international level in terms of performance of renal transplantations per million population (pmp). The hospital in which we carried out this study, the University Hospital Complex of A Coruña, is situated in the Autonomous Region of Galicia, which has the same level of activity as the national average, at around 50 interventions per million population per year.

The study has received written approval from the region’s Ethics Committee for Clinical Research (CEIC Galicia) (2007/019), and a grant from the Ministry of Health, Carlos III Institute, Health Research Fund, no. PI070986.

The manuscript is original, has not been published in any other journals, nor is it currently under consideration by another journal.

We are researchers from the University Hospital Complex of A Coruña (Spain), which belongs to the Galician Health Service (Servizo Galego de Saúde), a member of BioMed Central.

All the authors have participated in the design of the study and we take responsibility for the integrity of the manuscript and the data that is analysed. All of the authors have read the paper and agreed to its content and submit it to *BMC Cancer*.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

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