Title: Hospital factors and patient characteristics in the treatment of colorectal cancer: a population based study.

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Dear Sir,

We would like to re-submit to your attention the enclosed manuscript entitled “Hospital factors and patient characteristics in the treatment of colorectal cancer: a population based study.”.

In the revised version of the paper we clarify in under the Methods Section that we used a data set de-identified at source. We also declared that the study was exempt from ethical approval because this is a retrospective observational study with the aim of monitoring the quality of treatment delivered to colorectal cancer patients, conducted, as recommended in the regional guidelines, by the CPO-Piemonte under the mandate of the regional health authority, using preexisting de-identified administrative data.

Study results are not under publication or consideration for publication elsewhere and there are no conflicts of interest in connection with the paper. Each author has substantially contributed to the study and the article and has approved the final version of the manuscript.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Best Regards,

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