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Please find attached our manuscript entitled Enhanced recovery in colorectal surgery: a multicentre study which we would like to submit for publication in BMC Surgery.

This prospective study, performed at 12 Spanish hospitals during last two years, involved 300 patients. All patients underwent elective colorectal resection for cancer.

An Enhanced recovery program, based on best scientific evidence available was used in their health care. Perioperative morbidity/mortality data were collected, and the length of hospital stay and protocol compliance recorded in a common web data base.

Forty-nine surgeons and anesthetists colaborated on data collection Each named author contributed to the conception/design and analysis/interpretation of the results as well as the writing of the paper. Each author has also approved the final version of the manuscript. The content of this article has not been previously published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. The authors have no interests that might conflict with the aim of this work or that might influence their professional judgment.

We have just send this paper (numbered as BMC Surgery 1326245965434288), as you request we have registered the study (ISRCTN16397735) and we have added the information about the bioethical comitee approval as you can see in the methods item of the manuscript.

We hope that this article will be of interest to you and look forward to hearing from you.