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Amsterdam, August 19th 2008.

Dear Editor,

Please find the online resubmission of the study protocol entitled:

Laparoscopic ileocolic resection versus infliximab treatment of distal ileitis in Crohn’s disease: a randomized multicenter trial (LIR!C-trial) Your ref number:1549143772145376

We are delighted to hear that BMC Surgery will publish our manuscript. With this letter we provide a point-by-point description of the changes made, as you requested:

1. Author list:
The list of authors in the manuscript and the list of authors in the submission system are synchronized, so all names are written exactly the same. This is done by adapting several names in the submission system, for the names were written correctly in the manuscript.

2. Affiliations:
Affiliations are adjusted as requested

3. Endnote
The discrepancy between the number of references in my manuscript reference list and the number extracted by your system is corrected. One of the reference
articles was cited twice, this caused the discrepancy.

4. Figure cropping
The figure is cropped as closely as possible

5. Additional files
During the first submission (7th of August) I uploaded -mistakenly- as additional files two scanned letters we received on (1) medical ethical approval and (2) external funding from the Dutch Organisation for Health Research and Development.

However, these files are NOT for publication, so with this resubmission they are removed from the total submission-file. Therefore all changes requested on this subject could not be met, since there are no additional files anymore. I apologize if this caused confusion

We hope the revisions are corrected rightly and we are looking forward to finding our study protocol published on your website.

With best wishes, on behalf of the LIR!C study group,

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