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Dear Dr. Lambert:

This serves as the re-revision as requested by you and Ms. Remoto—thank you. As before, I re-verified the updated detailed authors’ contributions for everyone AND used initials rather than full names as requested (see page 31). As previously mentioned, the Rectal Cancer Consortium authors have been listed and their contribution to the protocol and patient recruitment to the study has also been updated. The ABOVE changes are noted in blue for easy identification in the updated submission document.

All of the authors have contributed significantly to all aspects of this manuscript and the relevant protocol. All of the authors take responsibility for its contents, and have approved it for submission. Thank you for the review to date, and we look forward to hearing from you, and hope that you will now find this report suitable for publication in *BMC Cancer*.

Please email me and/or Dr. Smith with any questions regarding our updated submission.

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