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Dear editor,

We thank the editorial board of *BMC Surgery* for the opportunity to revise and improve our manuscript. Hereby we present a detailed response to the comment raised by reviewer regarding our manuscript: MS: 1517988716166643: *Multicentre randomized controlled trial comparing Ferric(III)carboxymaltose infusion with oral iron supplementation in the treatment of preoperative anaemia in colorectal cancer patients.*

**Reviewer #1**

*Comment 1:* 
*Main limitation is the financial support by Vifor Pharma, that might influence the results of the trial. The authors must stress in the protocol if it will (hopefully not) have any impact on the study.*

Author’s response:
The grant received from Vifor Pharma is used to pay the salary of the Phd-candidate that is coordinating the trial. As it is an investigator initiated study Vifor Pharma didn’t have any influence on the formation of the trial-protocol. Nor will they intervene in the accrual of patients or the analyses of the data. The presentation of the results is free of any obligations towards Vifor Pharma. There are no other competing interests to be declared by any of the authors. *This statement was inserted at line 240 to 244.*

If you have any further questions or requests, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours, on behalf of all co-authors,

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