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To Whom It May Concern:

EuroSurg is an international medical student driven research collaborative. EuroSurg enables students to participate in high-quality studies, developing skills that will help them to become research-active clinicians in the future. More than 400 students in the Czech Republic, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Turkey and the Netherlands have participated in EuroSurg's inaugural study. They collected prospective surgical outcomes data on over 2,500 patients undergoing major gastrointestinal surgery across 130 hospitals.

Brais Perez-Gandara has participated in the EuroSurg collaborative from February 2016 until June 2016 and showed a great effort in collecting data at their centre. With their help we are now able to present our first results at the European Society of Coloproctology in Berlin in September 2017, on postoperative complications in patients with obesity across Europe.

We are grateful for the significant and vital contribution that **Brais Perez-Gandara** has made to this first-ever international student collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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