

## Key information

We are very pleased to inform you that the cleaning of the POSE study database is completed! Our expected database lock is now 2 months delayed, but it was really important to gather meticulously verified high quality data for the POSE study. Thanks for your availability, efforts, patience and reactivity during this process!

Without your contribution, we would have never reached this great number of finally **9498** enrolled patients throughout Europe!

## The next steps

### 1. Statistical analysis

The statistical analysis will start next week. We will keep you informed on the process!

### 2. Main manuscript publication

A core writing team consisting of Mark Coburn, Andreas Hoefft, Ana Kowark, Idit Matot, Serge Molliex, Steffen Rex, Rolf Rossaint, Mihai Stefan, Jacob Steinmetz, and Jos Tournoy will be responsible for the whole process of publication. These colleagues will have full access to the data set, prepare the manuscript, take the decision on its submission, and be responsible for the handling process. Mark Coburn will be the corresponding last author and Ana Kowark the first author.

Manuscript preparation has already started and we expect to stay in our timeline with a first draft manuscript in October 2019.

Your final *End of study reporting form* will be used to identify the names of the **Collaborators** and the **Co-authors** for your centre.

In order to comply with the ICMJE policy (<http://www.icmje.org>) **all Co-authors** should meet the following 4 criteria for authorship:

- a. Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
- b. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
- c. Final approval of the version to be published; AND
- d. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

That means, we will contact all **Co-authors** for their feedback on the manuscript during the drafting process. For the moment, you do not need to act.

Following our authorship policy, we will ask the target journal to include all **collaborative authors = Collaborators** under the name “POSE-study group” on the front page. The individual names of the collaborators will be listed at the end of the manuscript and they will be searchable via PubMed, allowing search machines to find your name linked to POSE.

### 3. Data from each participating centre

If you are interested in the analysis of your own centre’s data, please send an inquiry to [akowark@ukaachen.de](mailto:akowark@ukaachen.de). We will endeavour to send you your data extract in an OpenClinca excel export file in a timely manner. **Please note that any publication or presentation of the individual data is not allowed until the main results of POSE have been published. This refers also to the approved substudies, which were performed in some centres.**

### 4. POSE-Secondary analyses are welcome!

If you aim to perform a secondary analysis of the complete or portion of the POSE dataset, please send a detailed study proposal (including authorship rules) to [akowark@ukaachen.de](mailto:akowark@ukaachen.de). A guideline and the study proposal template can be found on our website [www.POSE-trial.org](http://www.POSE-trial.org) >> Study documents. **Please note that any publication or presentation of the secondary analysis data is not allowed until the main results of POSE have been published.**

### 5. Results of the POSE survey

We thank you all for the participation in our online POSE survey and the thoroughly positive feedback. The results of the feedback will now be summarised and analysed by Tamar Macharadze (NC Georgia) and Peter Lee (NC Ireland). We plan to submit the results as an Editorial to the EJA, in order help future research groups with similar approaches. Also, we will consider your feedback carefully for the planning of a following POSE II study. We will keep you informed on this process.

## EuroPOWER study information

On behalf of our colleagues Javier Ripollés-Melchor and José M Ramírez-Rodríguez from Spain, we would like to introduce you to the **EuroPOWER** study:

-European Postoperative Outcomes within/without an Enhanced Recovery After Surgery protocol in Colorectal Surgery-

### Objectives:

The aim of the study is to provide detailed data describing post-operative complications and associated mortality, just like to provide detailed data describing adherence to ERAS protocol and its association to morbidity and length of stay.

### Methods:

30 days European Multicentre observational cohort study of postoperative complications following elective colorectal surgery within any compliance of an ERAS protocol (including patients with 0 compliance) in a participating hospital during the 30-day cohort period with a planned overnight stay.

Study duration per centre: 30 days recruitment period

Total study duration: 6 months from October 2019 to March 2020

You can find more information and the registration to this study here:

[www.grupogerm.es/europower](http://www.grupogerm.es/europower)



Have a nice summertime!

Best wishes

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Ana Kowark (Study Coordinator)

