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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

**Re: Conflict-of-Interest Statement; Manuscript ESPS Number 21986;**

**Title: Assessment of lymph node involvement in colorectal cancer - current  
concepts and controversies**

We declare we have no relevant conflicts of interest.

Yours sincerely,



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