Supplementary table 2. Anthropometric data reported in the articles involved in the qualitative analysis (large intestine and rectum), N/A – data not reported in the publication

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| *Study name* | *Subgroup within meta-analysis* | | *sample size* | | *Age mean (year)* | | *age range* | | *sex ratio* | | *Objective size* | | *Ref.* | |
| *Behjati, S., et al. (2009)* | *caecum* | *8* | | *9.3* | | *1.6-16* | | *0.63* | | *0.196 mm2* | | *(22)* | |
| *Saad, A. G. (2011).* | *caecum* | *41* | | *11.72* | | *3.3-17.9* | | *0.51* | | *0.28mm2* | | *(40)* | |
| *Chernestova E. (2016)* | *caecum* | *32* | | *11.66±4.63* | | *1-17* | | *0.41* | | *data given in cell/mm2* | | *(39)* | |
| *Morgenstern S. (2016)* | *caecum* | *50* | | *N/A* | | *N/A* | | *N/A* | | *data given in cell/mm2* | | *(41)* | |
| *DeBrosse, C. W., et al. (2006)* | *colon ascendens* | *14* | | *10.78 ±4.36* | | *2-17* | | *0.46* | | *0.28mm2* | | *(35)* | |
| *Saad, A. G. (2011)* | *colon ascendens* | *41* | | *11.72* | | *3.3-17.9* | | *0.51* | | *0.28mm2* | | *(40)* | |
| *Chernestova E. (2016)* | *colon ascendens* | *35* | | *11.8±4.72* | | *1-17* | | *0.37* | | *data given in cell/mm2* | | *(39)* | |
| *Morgenstern S. (2016)* | *colon ascendens* | *50* | | *N/A* | | *N/A* | | *N/A* | | *data given in cell/mm2* | | *(41)* | |
| *Saad, A. G. (2011).* | *colon descendens* | *41* | | *11.72* | | *3.3-17.9* | | *0.51* | | *0.28mm2* | | *(40)* | |
| *Chernestova E. (2016)* | *colon descendens* | *34* | | *11.79±4.81* | | *1-17* | | *0.41* | | *data given in cell/mm2* | | *(39)* | |
| *Morgenstern S. (2016)* | *colon descendens* | *50.00* | | *N/A* | | *N/A* | | *N/A* | | *data given in cell/mm2* | | *(41)* | |
| *Behjati, S., et al. (2009)* | *colon transversum* | *8.00* | | *9.3* | | *1.6-16* | | *0.625* | | *0.196 mm2* | | *(22)* | |
| *DeBrosse, C. W., et al. (2006).* | *colon transversum* | *14.00* | | *10.78 ±4.36* | | *2-17* | | *0.46* | | *0.28mm2* | | *(35)* | |
| *Saad, A. G. (2011)* | *colon transversum* | *41.00* | | *11.72* | | *3.3-17.9* | | *0.51* | | *0.28mm2* | | *(40)* | |
| *Chernestova E. (2016)* | *colon transversum* | *35.00* | | *11.83±4.75* | | *1-17* | | *0.40* | | *data given in cell/mm2* | | *(39)* | |
| *Morgenstern S. (2016)* | *colon transversum* | *50.00* | | *N/A* | | *N/A* | | *N/A* | | *data given in cell/mm2* | | *(41)* | |
| *Bass, J. A et al (2015)* | *rectum and sigmoid colon* | *20.00* | | *9.8* | | *0-16* | | *0.33* | | *0.15 mm2* | | *(42)* | |
| *Behjati, S., et al. (2009).* | *sigmoid colon* | *8.00* | | *9.3* | | *1.6-16* | | *0.63* | | *0.196 mm2* | | *(22)* | |
| *DeBrosse, C. W., et al. (2006).* | *rectum and sigmoid colon* | *14.00* | | *10.78 ±4.36* | | *2-17* | | *0.46* | | *0.28mm2* | | *(35)* | |