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)* |