

# Improving consumption compliance and satisfaction with quality coffee to enhance bowel recovery after colorectal surgery

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

Colorectal surgery is frequently followed by a prolonged absence of bowel function called post-operative ileus (POI). Recent studies have shown that coffee consumption after surgery leads to a faster recovery of bowel function. However, such a protocol with coffee served at the hospital is not always the most pleasant experience and compliance is unknown. This study looks at issues that are key to ensuring widespread implementation and routine use of a standardized coffee for POI prevention, such as choosing a freshly made quality coffee “at the patient’s bedside”, according to personal preference (flavour and amount). This study aims to measure patients’ compliance and satisfaction with tasty, freshly made and high-quality coffee made using a capsule system to enhance compliance for POI prevention after colorectal surgery.

### Who can participate?

Patients aged 18 years old and over who are scheduled for elective colorectal surgery or stony closure in our hospital

### What does the study involve?

The study involves drinking 3 coffees per day. The participant can choose among a selection of 4 different types of coffee ensuring a variety of flavours to satisfy different tastes and add a ludic dimension. The participant is asked to complete a diary about consumption and satisfaction with the experiment.

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

The participant will benefit from the effect and the satisfaction of freshly brewed coffee, with no specific risk.

### Where is the study run from?

January 2021 to October 2022

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?  
The visceral surgery service at Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV) in Lausanne, Switzerland

Who is funding the study?  
Nestlé Health Science

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**Clinical Trials Information System (CTIS)**

Nil known

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Nil known

**Protocol serial number**

Nil known

**Study information**

**Scientific Title**

Improving compliance and satisfaction with quality coffee in-take to enhance bowel recovery after colorectal surgery

**Acronym**

Coffee trial

**Study objectives**

The key to ensure widespread implementation and routine use of a standardized coffee for post operative ileus prevention is to choose a freshly made quality coffee "at the patient's bedside", according to personal preference (flavour and amount).

**Ethics approval required**

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**Ethics approval(s)**

approved 07/09/2021, CER VD (Avenue de Chailly 23, Lausanne, 1012, Switzerland; +41 21 316 18 30; secretariat.CER@vd.ch), ref: CER-VD 2021-01430

**Study design**

Prospective monocentric single-arm feasibility study

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Other

## **Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Compliance to coffee in the post operative setting after elective colorectal surgery or ostomy closure

## **Interventions**

Daily doses of freshly made coffee with a capsule coffee system will be proposed and served to participants 3 times a day, starting from the first day after surgery, for a total of 3 days. This protocol and schedule are based on studies demonstrating the effectiveness of coffee intake in POI prevention. Doses are scheduled on a standard basis (8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.) but remain flexible and can be adapted according to the wishes of each patient. Participants will also be able to use the coffee machine themselves, thus stimulating early mobilization. A selection of different types of coffee is also proposed, ensuring a variety of flavours to satisfy every participant's taste and add a ludic dimension. In addition, the coffee will be offered in two ways: Espresso (40 ml) or Lungo (110 ml), at the patient's discretion. The dose of caffeine is standardized and equal in each capsule, varying between 60 and 80 mg depending on the type and variety of coffee. Finally, to guarantee an optimal sensory and visual experience, the coffee will be offered in glass cups. The day before surgery, participants will receive a diary to self-assess postoperative compliance to the suggested schedule, resp. its reasons and reasons for non-compliance. After every coffee proposal, compliance and/or reason for non-compliance will be reported by the patient and controlled by nurses. At the end of the 9 doses planned by the study, a survey will be conducted to evaluate the experience and satisfaction of each participant (patient-related experience measure PREM). Secondary outcomes such as time to first transit, complication and length of hospital stay are systematically assessed in a prospective enhanced recovery (ERAS) database and will be extracted for this study. Post-operative surveillance and care will not deviate from the standard protocol for colorectal procedures in the Department of Visceral Surgery. These consist of standardized postoperative controls (dedicated care maps and clinical itineraries). There is no exclusion criterion for patients after enrolment. No material will be sampled for this study and no particular biases are expected.

## **Intervention Type**

Supplement

## **Primary outcome(s)**

1. Compliance with coffee measured using a capsule system at the suggested schedule using a self-report diary during the three first postoperative days (ie a total of 9 possible coffees)
2. Reason for non-compliance to coffee measured using a self-report diary during the first three days

## **Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. Satisfaction and the experience felt by each participant measured using a specific and dedicated Patient-Related Experience Measure (PREM) questionnaire after 3 postoperative days
2. Bowel recovery (time to first flatus and first bowel movement), measured using data documented by a nurse during hospitalisation
3. Length of hospital stay (interval from the day of operation until the day of discharge) measured using medical records at the end of the study
4. Post-operative 30-day complication measured using the Dindo-Clavien classification during hospitalisation and 30 days follow-up

## **Completion date**

31/10/2022

# Eligibility

## Key inclusion criteria

Scheduled for elective colorectal surgery or stony closure in our hospital

## Participant type(s)

Patient

## Healthy volunteers allowed

No

## Age group

Mixed

## Lower age limit

18 years

## Upper age limit

100 years

## Sex

All

## Total final enrolment

53

## Key exclusion criteria

1. Impaired cognitive status
2. Intolerance to coffee
3. Pregnancy
4. Pre-existing ileus
5. Need for post-operative surveillance in intensive or intermediate care units

## Date of first enrolment

01/11/2021

## Date of final enrolment

31/08/2022

# Locations

## Countries of recruitment

Switzerland

## Study participating centre

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

University Hospital of Lausanne

### ROR

<https://ror.org/05a353079>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Industry

### Funder Name

Nestlé Health Science

### Alternative Name(s)

Nestlé Health Science S.A.

### Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

### Funding Body Subtype

For-profit companies (industry)

### Location

United States of America

## Results and Publications

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The Datasets generated during and/or analyses during the current study will be available upon request from Constant Delabays, [constant.delabays@chuv.ch](mailto:constant.delabays@chuv.ch)

### IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
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<a href="#">Basic results</a>			28/11/2024	No	No
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes