

Biostatistics statement:

Title: Short-term Efficacy of Robotic and Laparoscopic Surgery for Huang's Three-step Maneuver Spleen-preserving Splenic Hilar Lymphadenectomy for Advanced Upper Gastric Cancer. Results from a Propensity Score-Matched Study.

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