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The paradoxical expression pattern of the epithelial mesenchymal transition-related biomarkers CD44, SLUG, N-cadherin and VSIG1/Glycoprotein A34 in gastrointestinal stromal tumors

The Local Ethical Committee of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Tirgu-Mures, Romania approved the retrospective evaluation of the cases.

Based on the local rules, no informed consent is necessary for retrospective studies.

No biostatistic was necessary.

The English quality was checked by a professional team and a certificate was provided.