

## Value of histomorphometric tumour thickness and smoothelin for conventional m-classification in early oesophageal adenocarcinoma

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