

Certificate of biostatistics

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To whom it may concern,

Title of Study: Vascular anatomy of inferior mesenteric artery in laparoscopic radical resection with the preservation of left colic artery for rectal cancer

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This letter is to confirm that I have read the ethics application prepared for this study, and that in my opinion the statistical methods and techniques mentioned are appropriated for the research.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wen Hongbing', with a stylized Chinese character to the left.

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