

## **INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT**

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**A novel method ( a bilateral pedicled nerve flap ) for lymphadenectomy along the left recurrent laryngeal nerve during thoracoscopic esophagectomy in semi-prone position for esophageal carcinoma**

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**Informed consent statement:** Patients were not required to give informed consent to the study because the analysis used anonymous clinical data that were obtained after each patient agreed to treatment by written consent.

Sincerely,



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