

## Certificate of Biostatistics

Dear editors:

This letter is to confirm that I have read the ethics application prepared for this study, and that in my opinion the statistical methods mentioned are appropriate for the research. The continuous variables, which are shown as mean (standard deviation, SD) with range. The title of study: **Robotic- versus laparoscopic-assisted proctectomy for locally advanced rectal cancer based on propensity score matching: short-term outcomes at a colorectal center from china.**

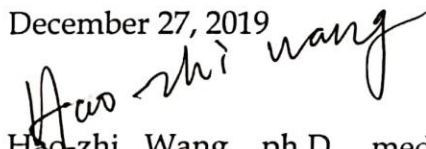
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Sincerely,

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