

## **Biostatistics statement**

Title: The Initial Experience of Single-Incision Plus One Port Left-Side Approach Totally Laparoscopic Distal Gastrectomy with Uncut Roux-en-Y Reconstruction

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 appropriate for the research.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

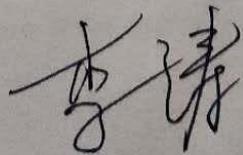
Sincerely,

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