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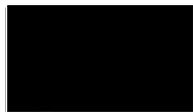
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Dear Dr. Li,

**The Modified Rectus Muscle Repair: An Alternative to Mesh Repair for  
Ventral Hernias**

We have submitted the manuscript captioned above to be considered for publication in the World Journal of Surgical Procedures. We confirm that appropriate statistical methods have been used in this study.

Best Regards



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