

Certificate of Biostatistics

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To whom it may concern

Title of Study: Short- and long-term results of open versus laparoscopic multisegmental resection and anastomosis for synchronous colorectal cancer located in separate segments

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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 appropriate for the research.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely,

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