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To whom it may concern,

The study by Burke et al entitled "Laparoscopic total colectomy for severe refractory ulcerative colitis: prospective single-port versus multi-port comparative cohort and case control analysis." was approved as an audit waiving the necessity for individual consent with for the purposes of access to records.

Please let me know if any other information is needed or would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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