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Protocol #2015-25 Total mesorectal excision for mid and low rectal cancer: Laparoscopic vs robotic surgery

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The Santo Stefano Hospital Institutional Review Board have examined the request for reviewing and publishing data of the patients who underwent minimally invasive rectal resection with total mesorectal excision between January 2008 and December 2014.

After a careful review the study “Total mesorectal excision for mid and low rectal cancer: Laparoscopic vs robotic surgery” was approved by the Nuovo Ospedale Santo Stefano Institutional Review Board. No ethical issues have been found.

On the behalf of the Santo Stefano Hospital Institutional Review Board

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