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We are hereby submitting our manuscript, ID UJ-3041 “Impact of Body Habitus on Operative Difficulties during Extraperitoneal Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy” to be considered for publication in *Urology Journal*

We believe this paper may be of particular interest to your readers, as our study demonstrates body habitus of the patients affected the operative difficulties during extraperitoneal laparoscopic radical prostatectomy.

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