

MITRAL VALVE REPAIR WITH REVASCULARIZATION
STRATEGY VERSUS REVASCULARIZATION ALONE IN
ISCHEMIC CARDIOMYOPATHY WITH MILD TO MODERATE
MITRAL REGURGE

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